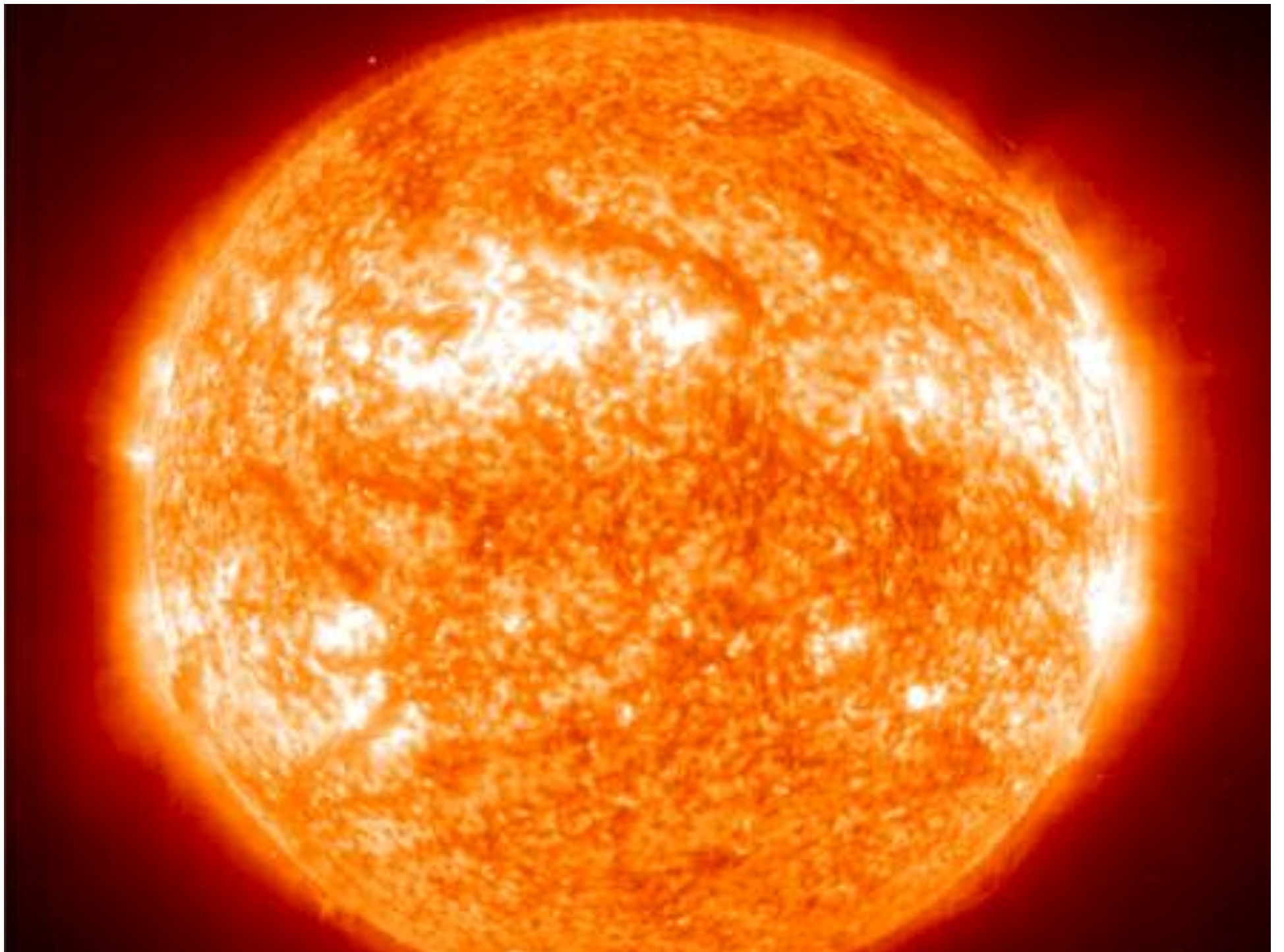
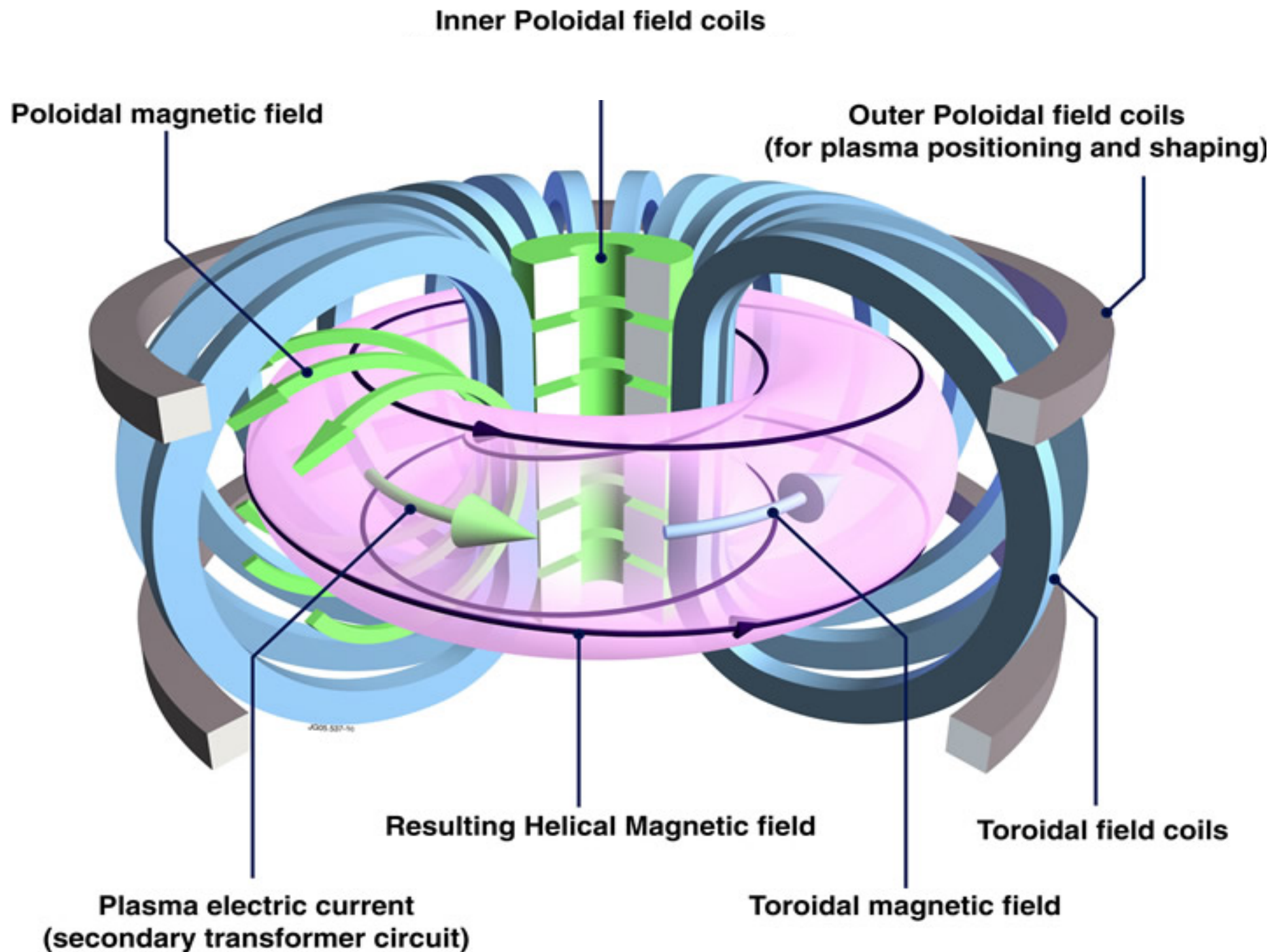


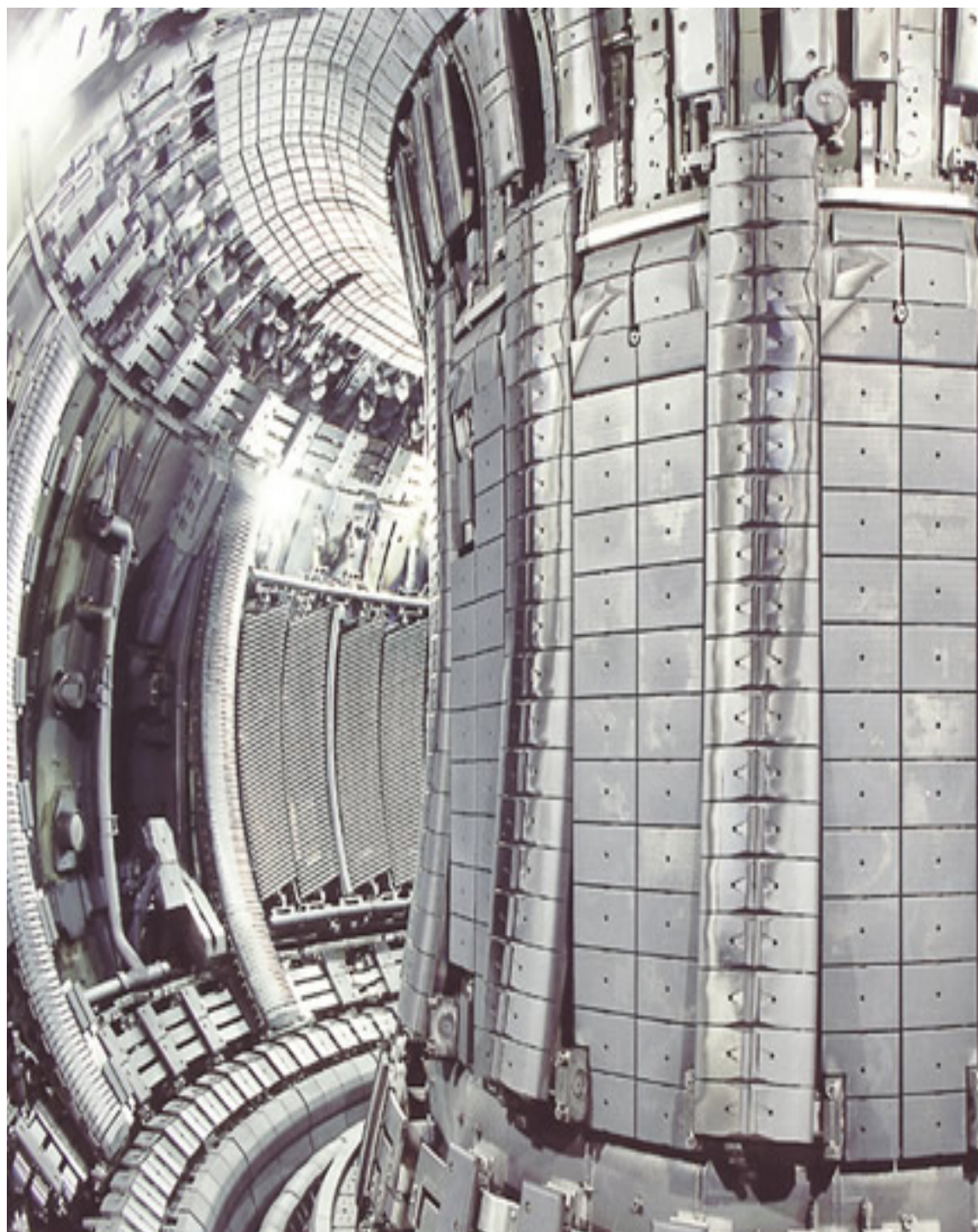
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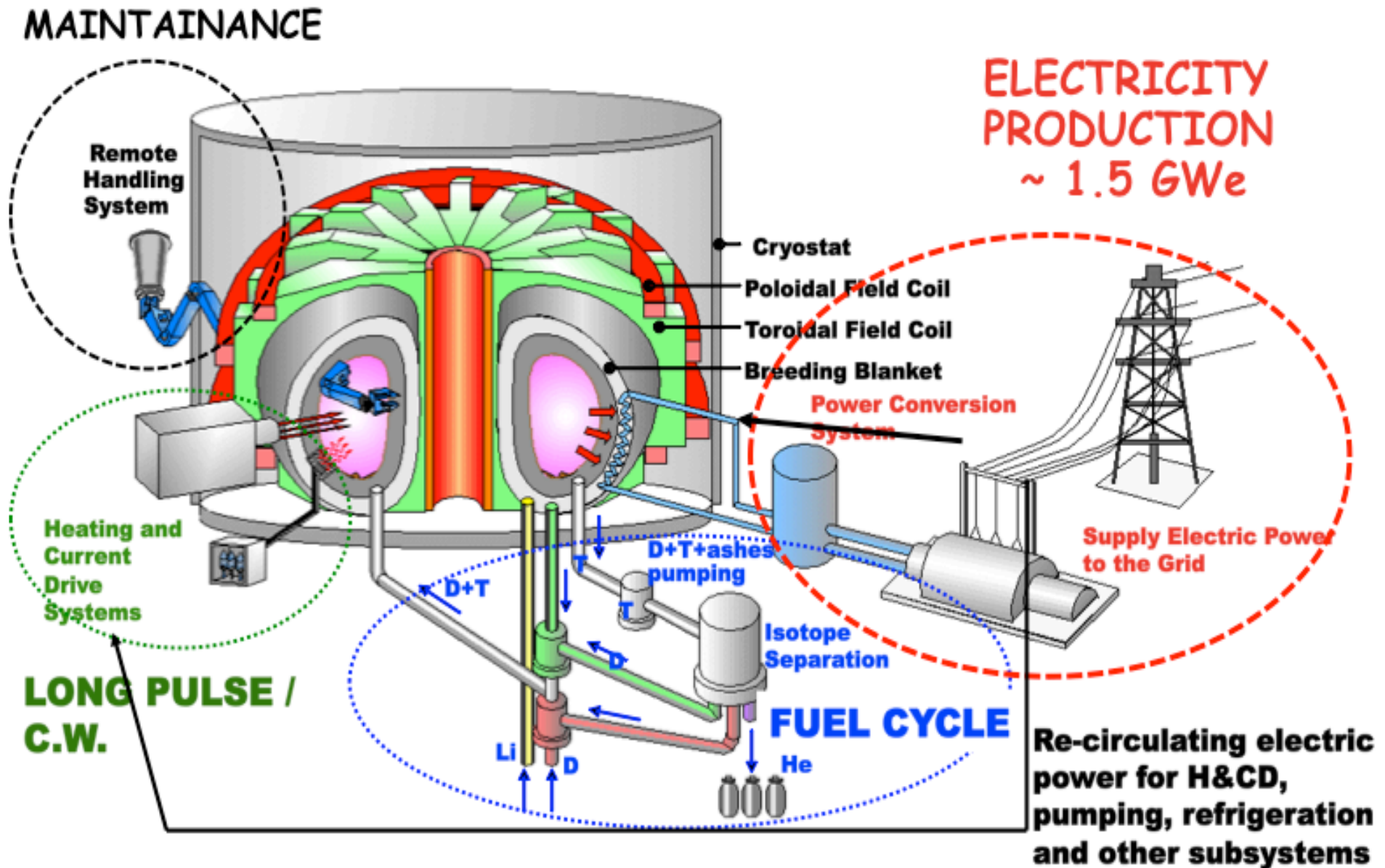
The real breakthrough was the invention of the Toroidal Ring of stones to contain the fire. Chemistry Review. Volume 16, 2006/07, p.18.





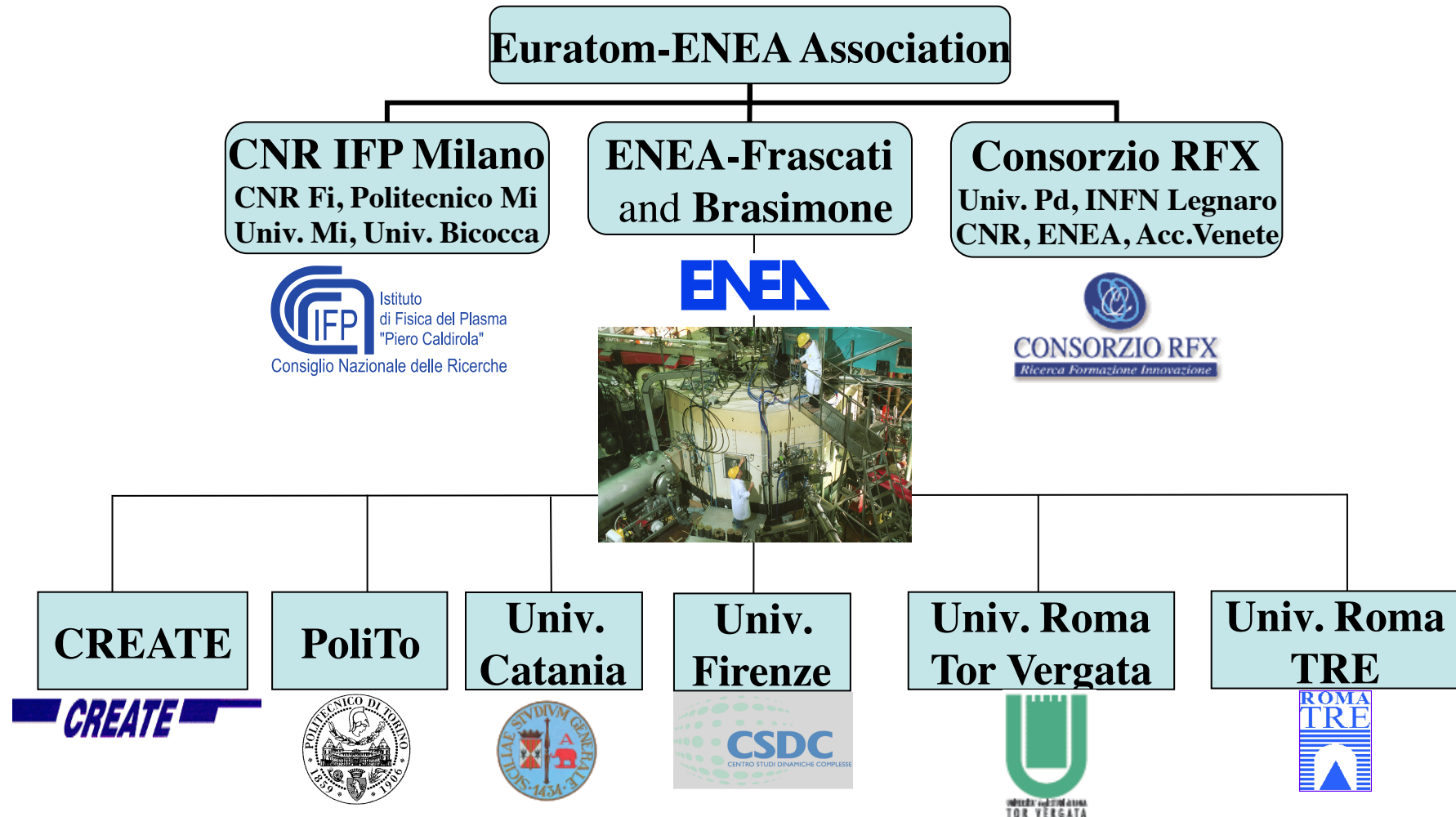


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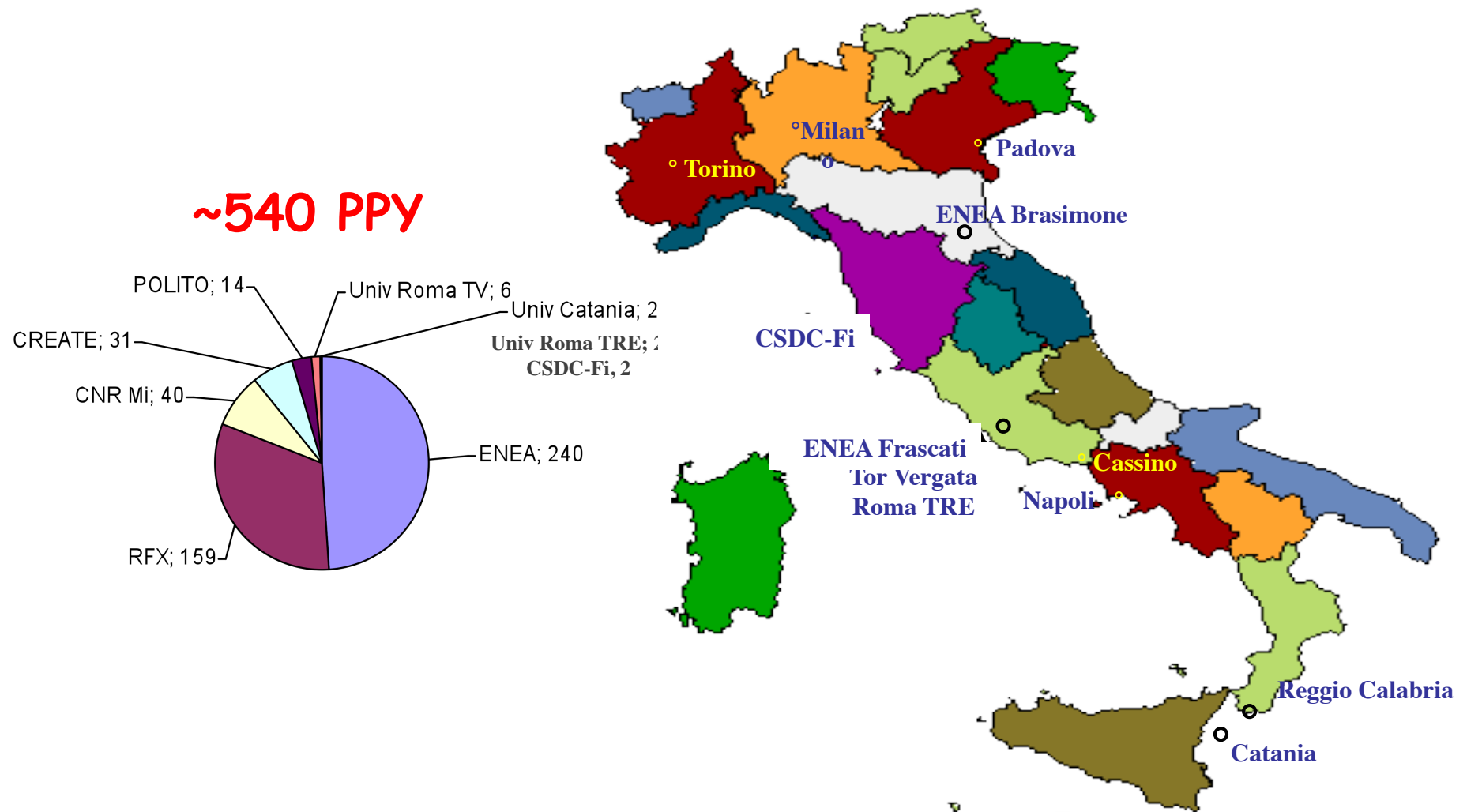


Italian Fusion Association = ENEA-Euratom

Born in 1960, formed by 3 coordinated Research Groups each with scientific autonomy and associated partners:
is the second largest after Germany (~17% as France)



Distribuzione Geografica dei laboratori Italiani sulla fusione e relative risorse umane



High power RF in Fusion Plasmas: from 10s of MHz to 100s of GHz

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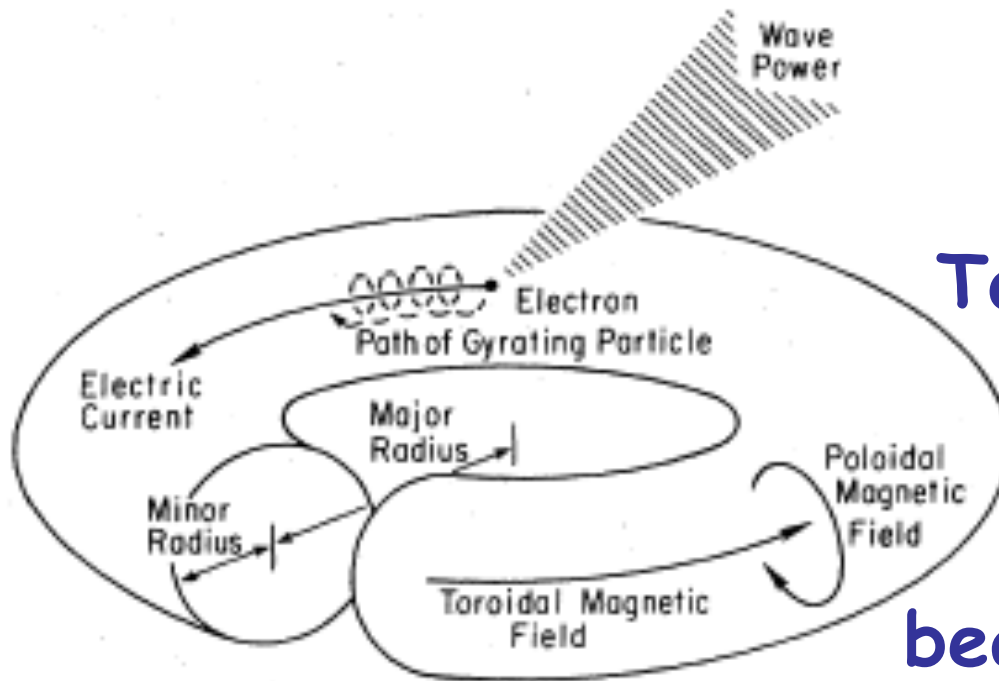
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Fusion could be an answer to the **Planet Energetic Demand**. A **Steady State Fusion Reactor** would be the most economically advantageous solution (no downtimes)



To have a CW **Tokamak** non-inductive current must be driven, i.e. by injecting neutral beams or travelling waves

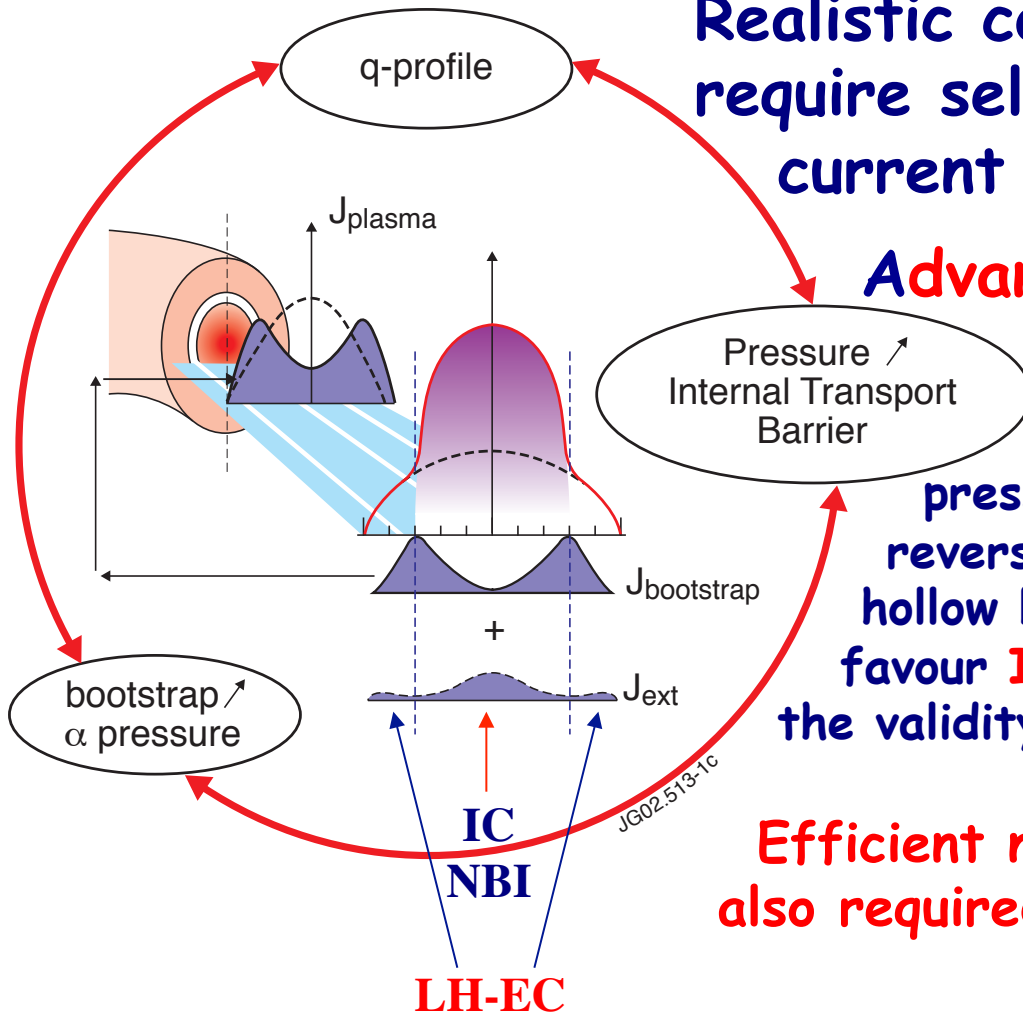
Steady State Fusion Operations

Realistic continuous operations
require self-generated bootstrap
current $I_{\text{Boot}}/I_p > 60-70\%$

Advanced Regime plasmas with
Internal Transport Barrier
best candidates: steep

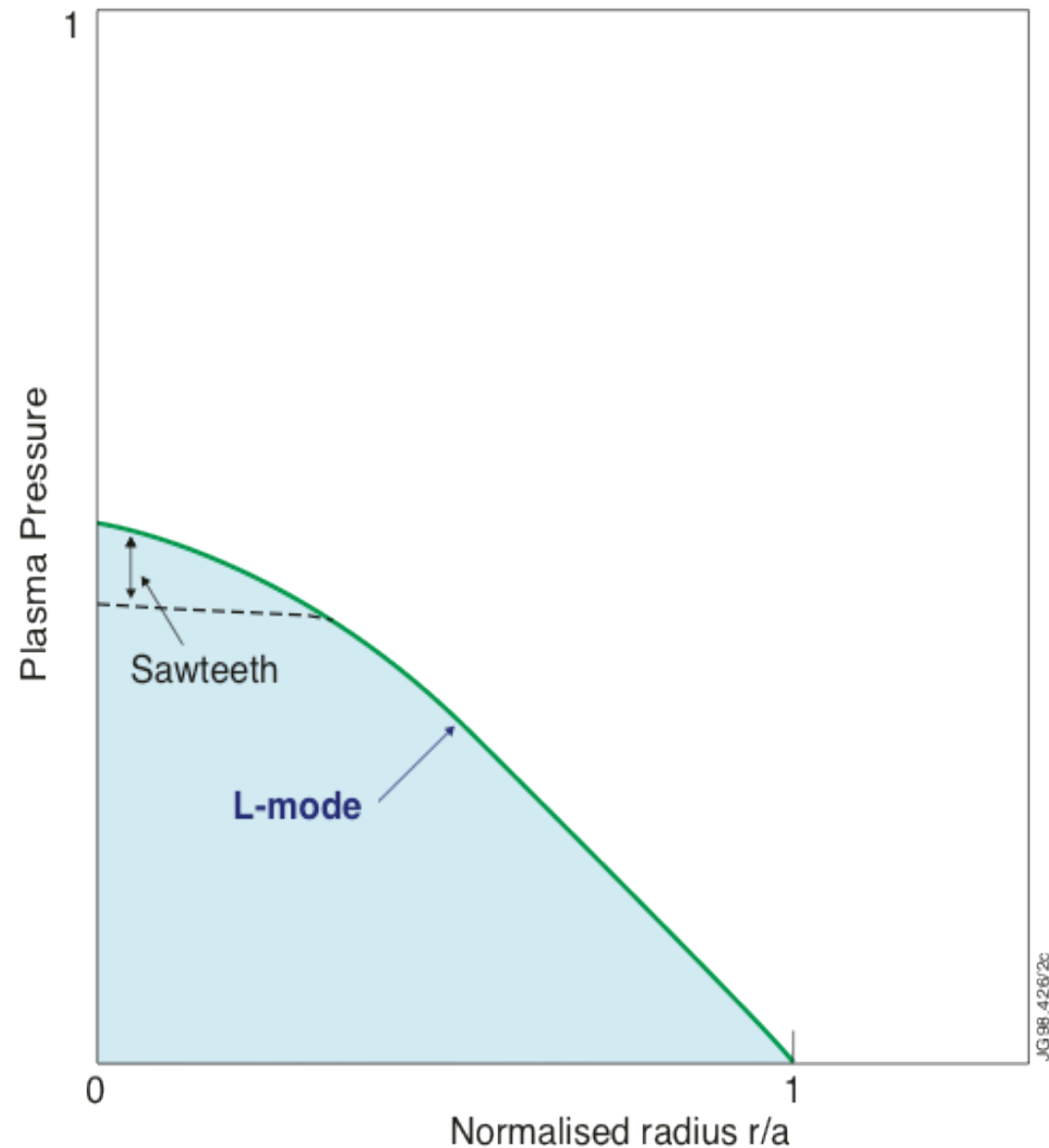
pressure gradients, associated with reversed/flat q-profiles, favour large hollow bootstrap current that in turn favour **ITB** formation. **ITER** could test the validity of this approach

Efficient non inductive off-axis CD is also required for profile and MHD control



Plasma Regimes: till early 80s

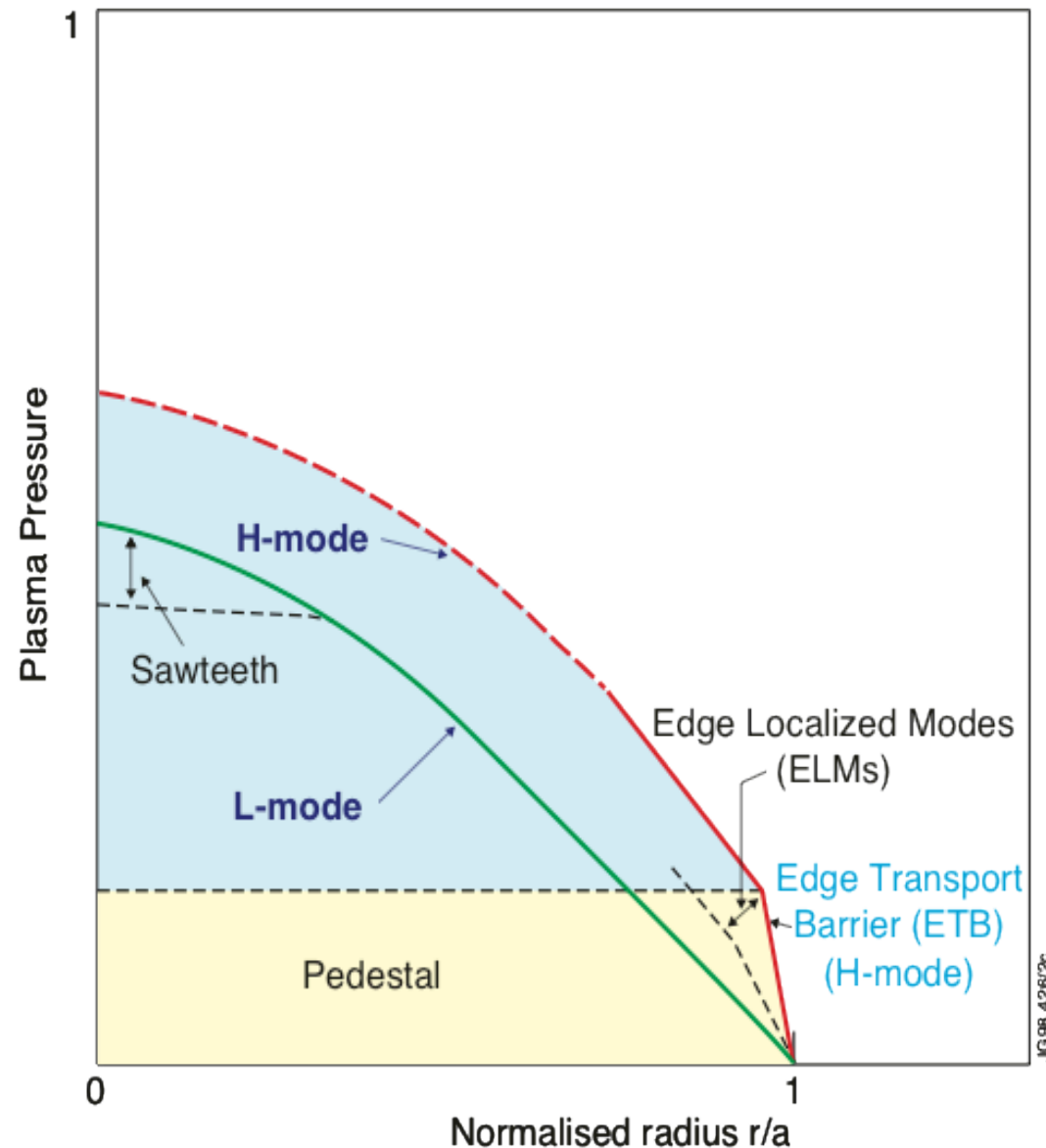
Basic Confinement: L-mode



Plasma Regimes: from mid 80s up to now

**Basic Confinement:
L-mode**

**Improved Confinement:
H-mode →
Higher Performance =
More Compact Reactor →
ITER**



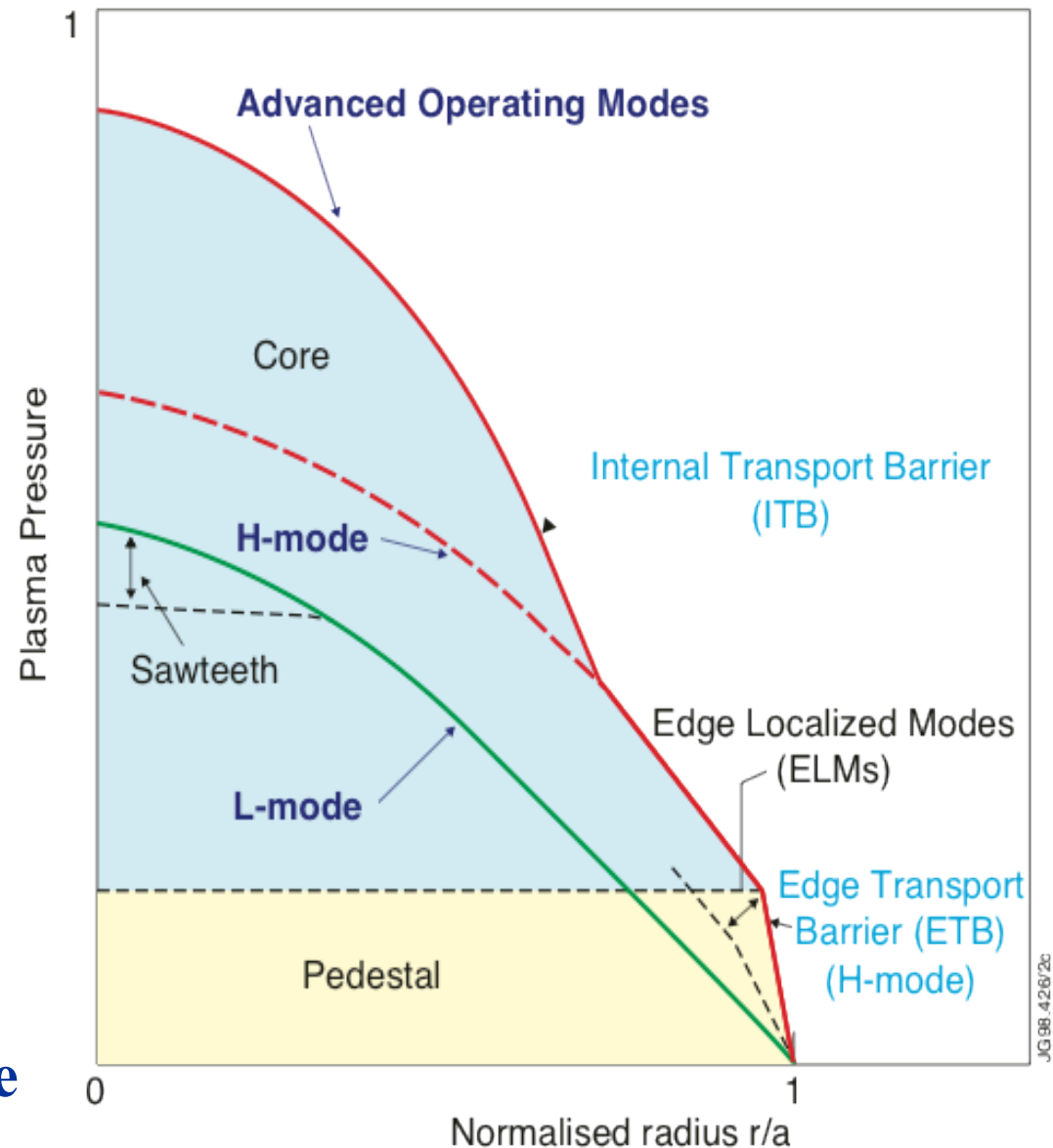
Plasma Regimes: from early 2000 onward

Basic Confinement:
L-mode

Improved Confinement:
H-mode →

Higher Performance =
More Compact Reactor →
ITER

Further improvement:
(ITB) Internal Transport
Barriers → **better central**
confinement → **Stady State**



Plasma Waves Interaction

- Waves interact with plasma through **resonance** processes:

$$\omega = n\omega_c + k_{\parallel}v_{\parallel} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \quad \omega_c = \frac{\text{charge} \times \text{magnetic field}}{\text{mass}}$$

- Selecting **particle species**:

$$\omega \approx n\omega_{ce} \quad \text{or} \quad \omega \approx n\omega_{ci} \quad e, i = \text{electron, ion}$$

- Localising in **space**:

$$\text{At location where: } \omega \approx n\omega_c(R)$$

- Localising in **velocity** space:

$$\omega \approx k_{\parallel}v_{\parallel} \quad (n = 0) \quad (\parallel, \perp \text{ with respect to the magnetic field})$$

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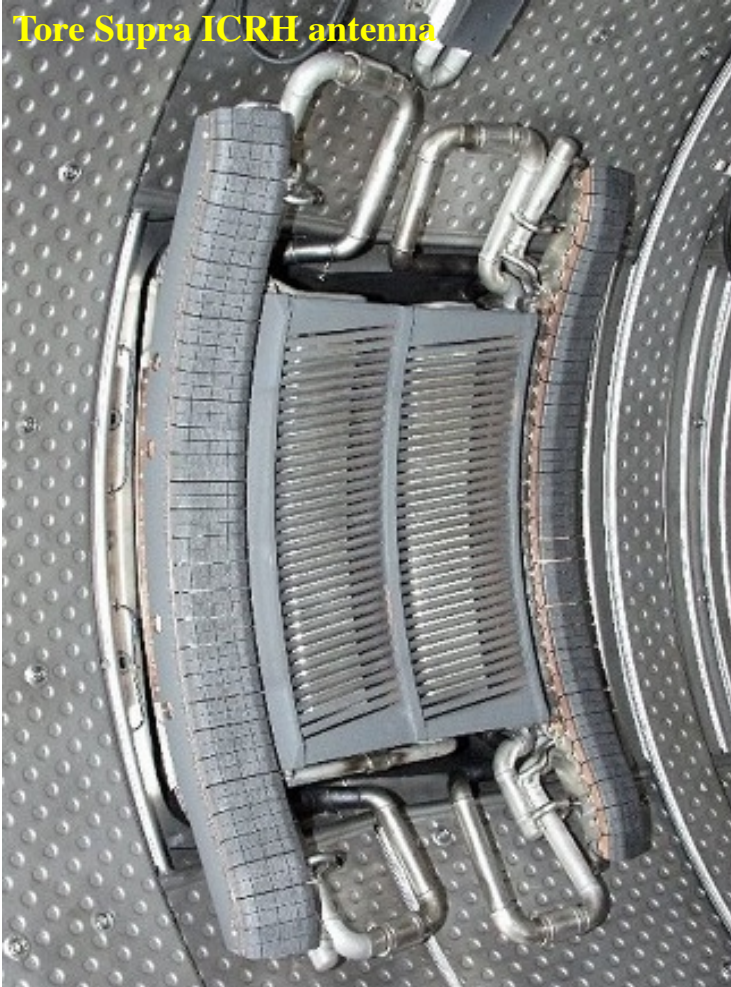
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Ion Cyclotron Resonance Heating

$$\omega - n_h \omega_{ci} - k_{||} v_{||} = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \omega_{ci} + k_{||} v_{||} \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega \approx \omega_{ci}}$$

Tore Supra ICRH antenna



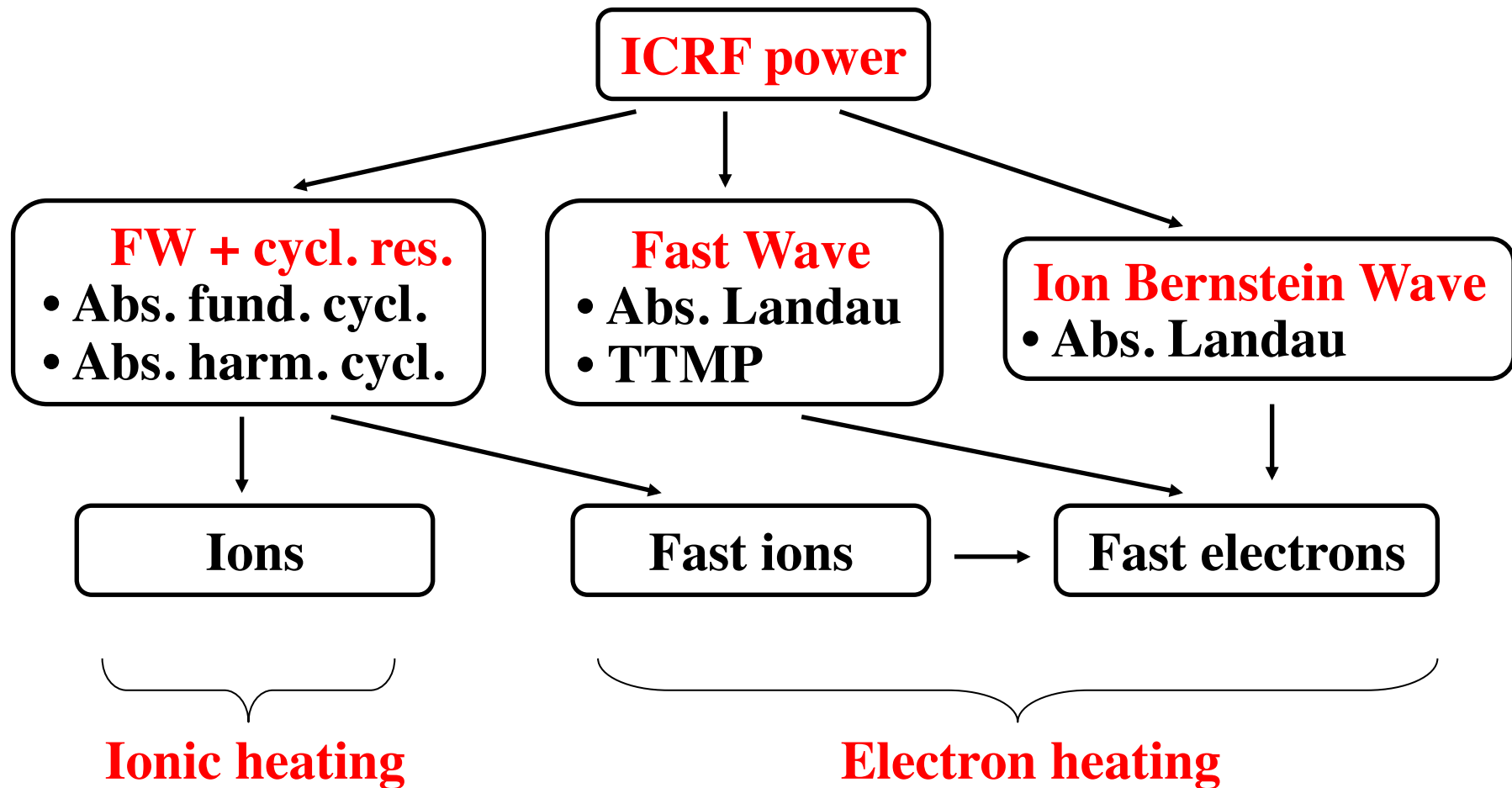
$$\nu_{ci} = \frac{q_i B}{2\pi m_i} \approx 15.2 \left(\frac{Z_i}{A_i} \right) B_T [MHz] \approx \mathbf{30-120\ MHz}$$

Minority Scheme most used
Propagation and **polarization** are
determined by the majority ions

Absorption determined by minority
ions, higher their concentration
lower the resulting tail energy

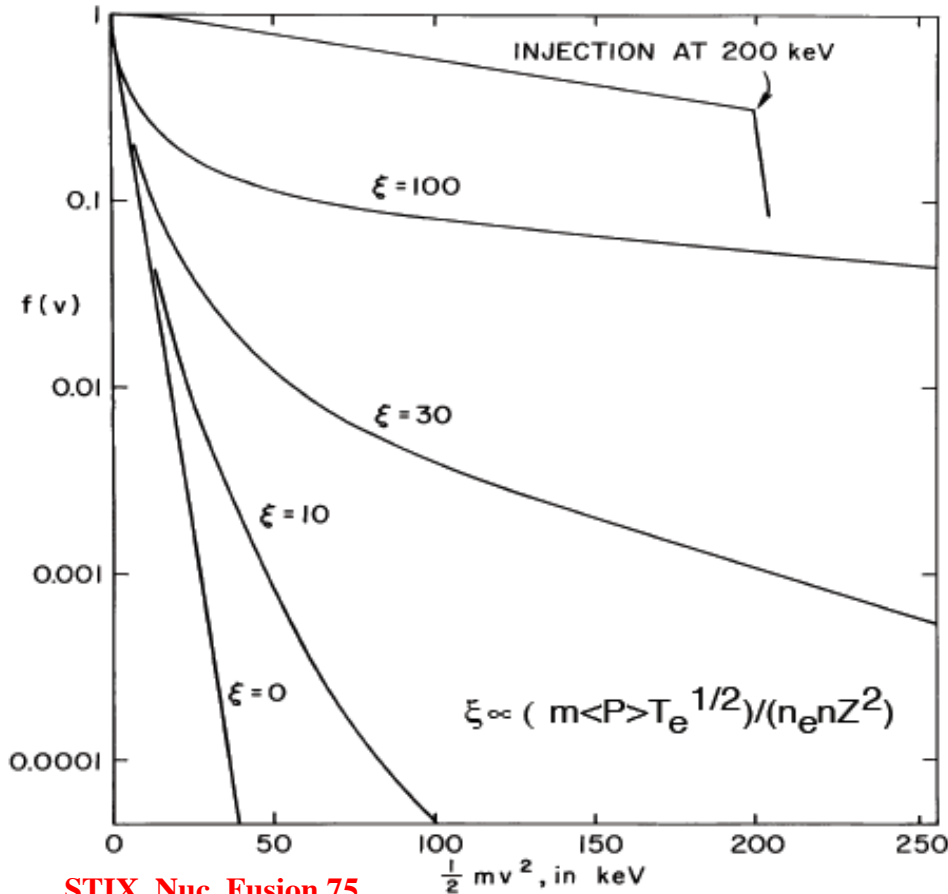
But further increasing minority
concentration → **Mode Conversion**
to Ion Bernstein Waves (IBW) CD (?)

ICRF Power Scheme



PLT early results: Minority Heating H Tail

Fokker-Planck Energy Distribution Calculated for RF Excitation at the Minority Ion Cyclotron Frequency

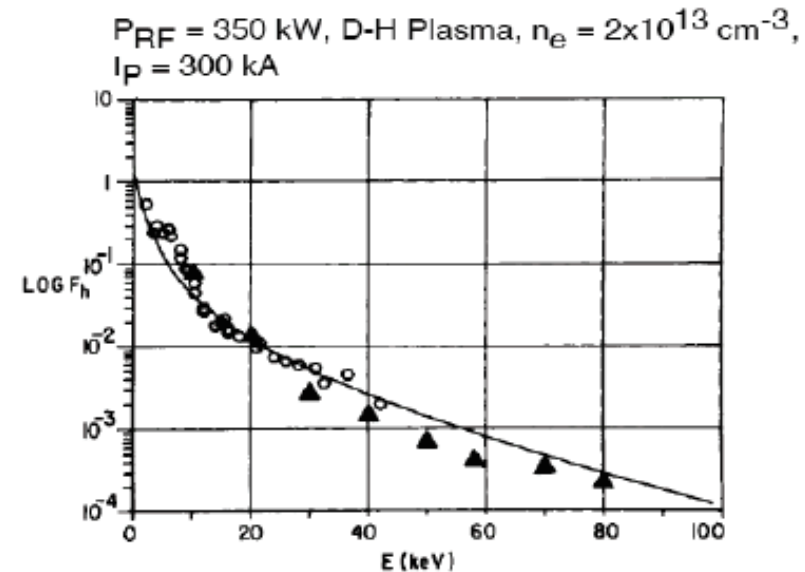


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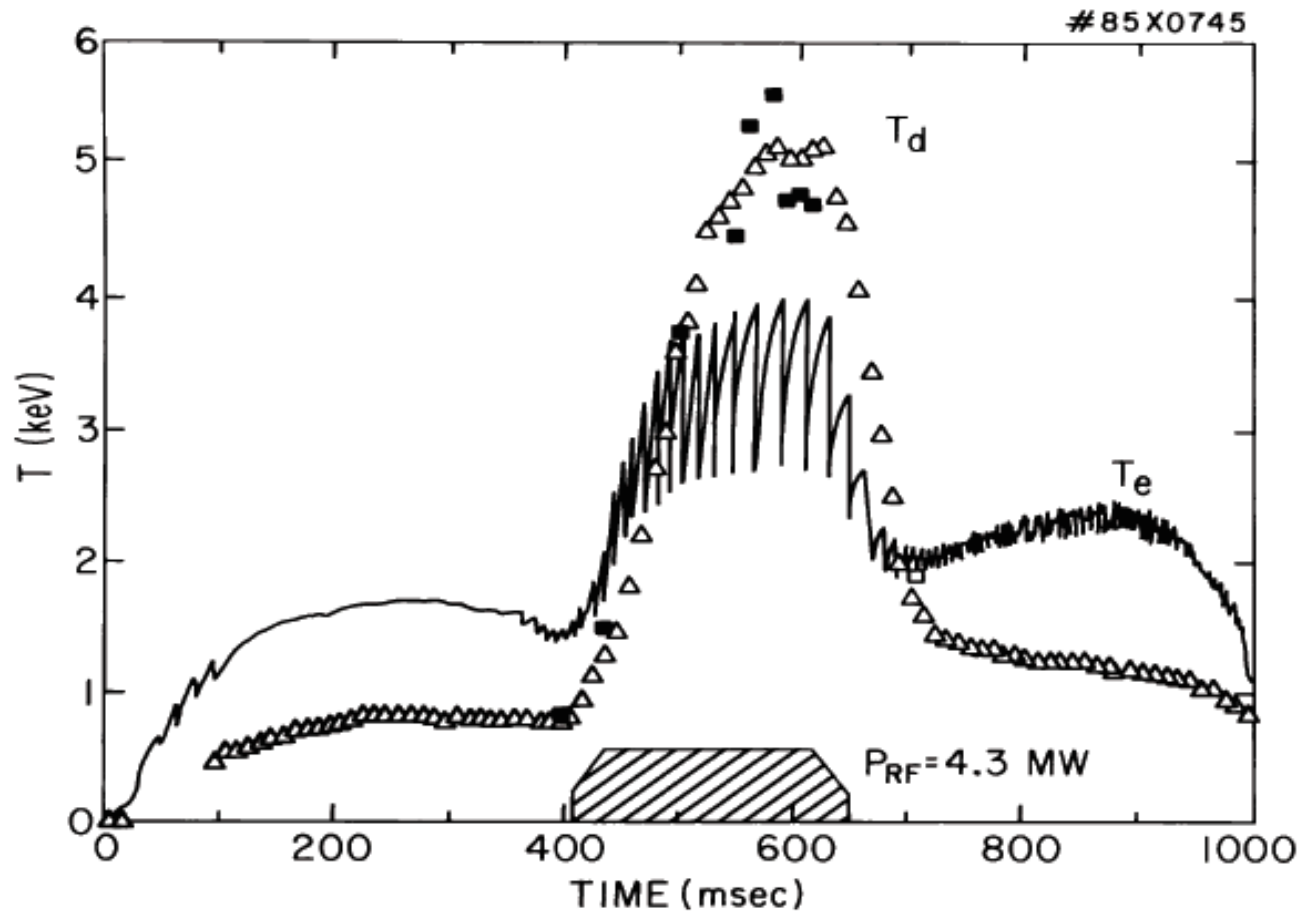
Hosea et al, 1982

PLT Hydrogen Ion Energy Distribution Compared with Theory

$P_{RF} = 350$ kW, D-H Plasma, $n_e = 2 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $I_p = 300$ kA



PLT early results: High T with IC FW- $^3\text{H}_e$



Deuterium plasma with ^3He
minority cyclotron damping
 $n_e = 3.7 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 $I_P = 600 \text{ kA}$
 $B_\Phi = 32.5 \text{ kG}$

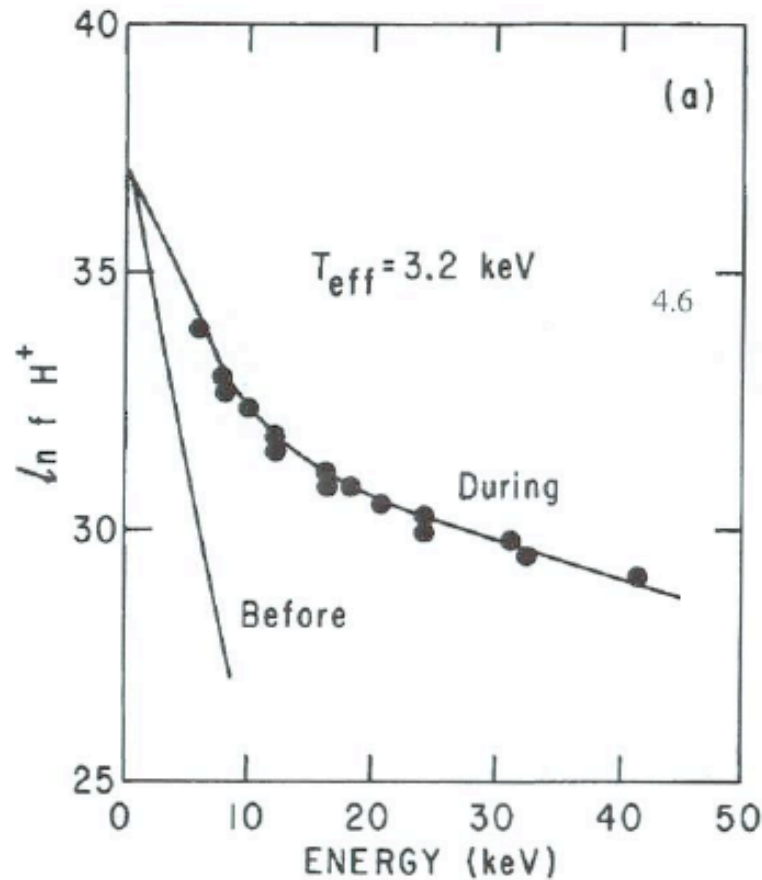
**High heating
efficiencies (80%
or more)
established for
minority heating**

Wilson et al, 6th AIP-RF, GA 1985
Hosea et al, EPS Budapest 1985

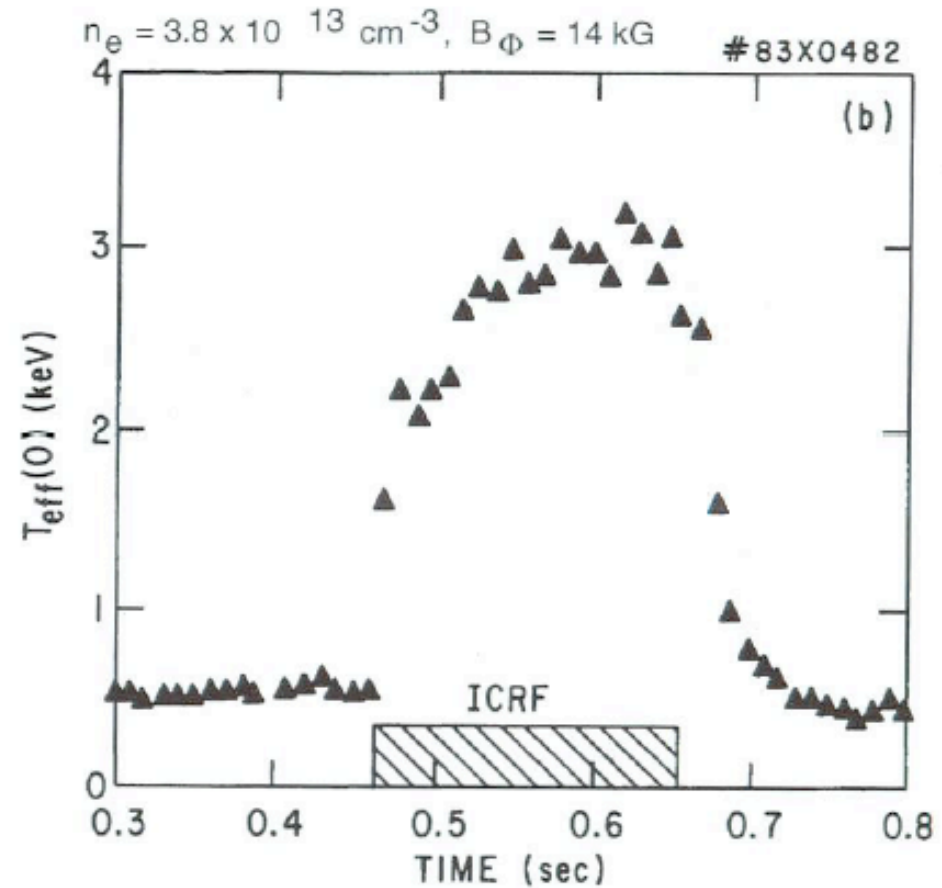


Second Harmonic Hydrogen heating

- $2 \Omega_H$ with $P_{RF} = 2.8$ MW



Charge-exchange distribution



T_{eff} versus time

Hwang et al, PRL 1983

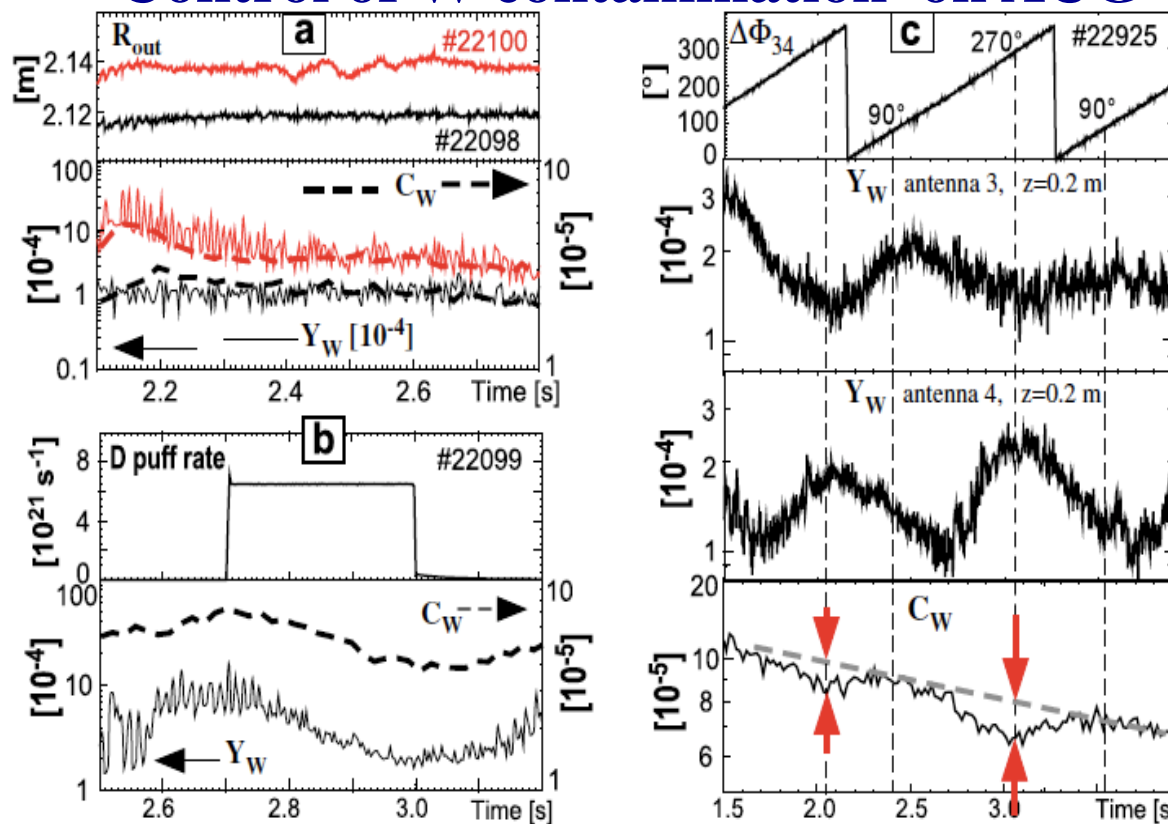


ICRF side effect: Rectified fields $\rightarrow Z_{eff}$

Main problem for next generation machine:

High exhaust power $P \geq 50 \text{ MW/m}^2 \rightarrow$ High Z material "W"
 \rightarrow Low sputtering threshold \rightarrow Plasma Contamination.....

Control of W contamination on AUG



RF induced sheaths strongly enhances sputtering and Self-sputtering of high z PFs

~300 eV E threshold for D sputtering on W, E_{||} can be kVs on present antennae, not forget antennae cross talk

Integrated design is needed (RF in real antenna and torus Geometry) minimising unwanted Effect

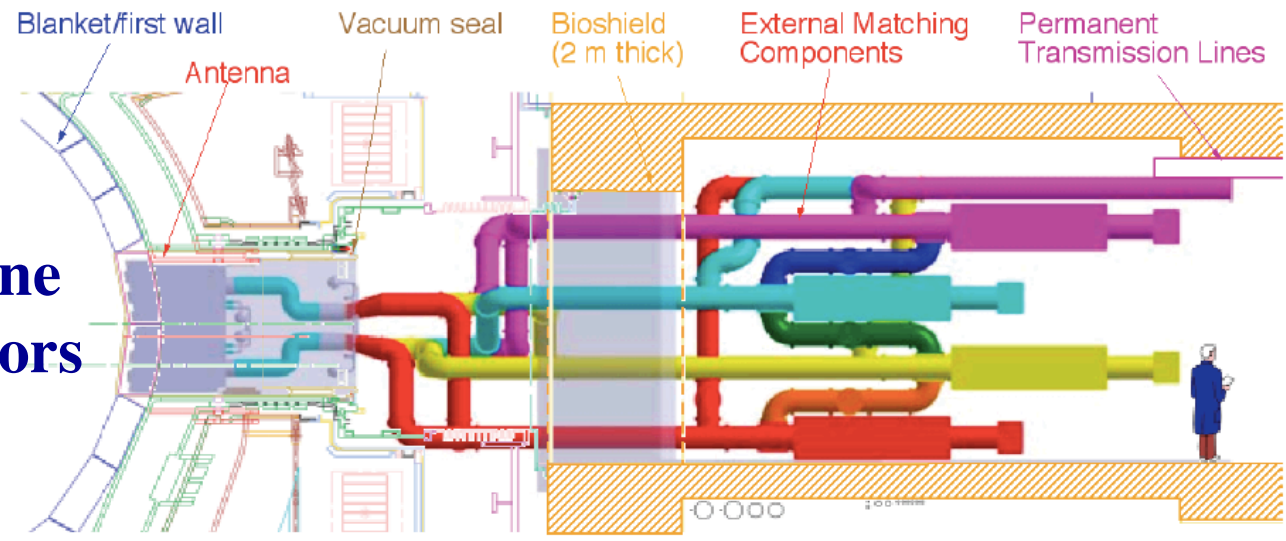
AUG good candidate for testing (comparing) ITER extrapolable solution, including reliable arc detections

VI. Bobkov et al, J. Nuc. Mat. **390-391** 2009 900-903



ITER: ICRF antenna Design

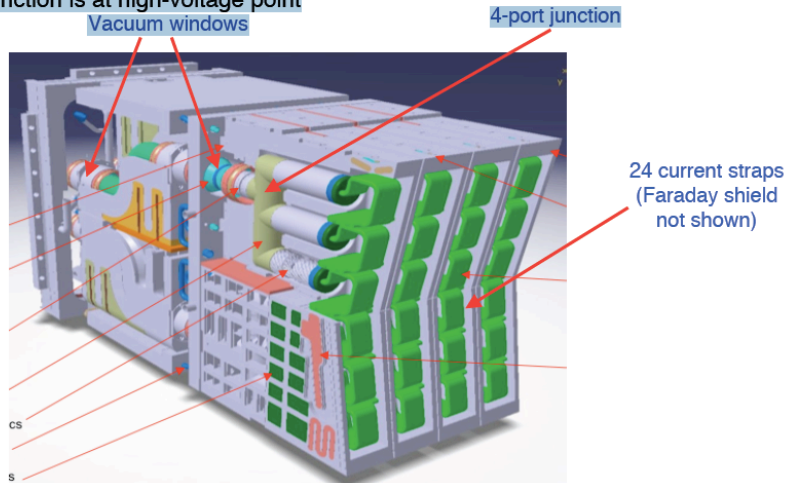
EU Antenna
US Transmission line
India PS and generators



No moving parts in antenna

"4-port junction" - drives 3 current straps from 1 input

- Junction is at high-voltage point



1 antenna x 20 MW coupled
4 columns x 6 rows straps
External matching, but inside Bioshield
All external components must be removed to extract the antenna

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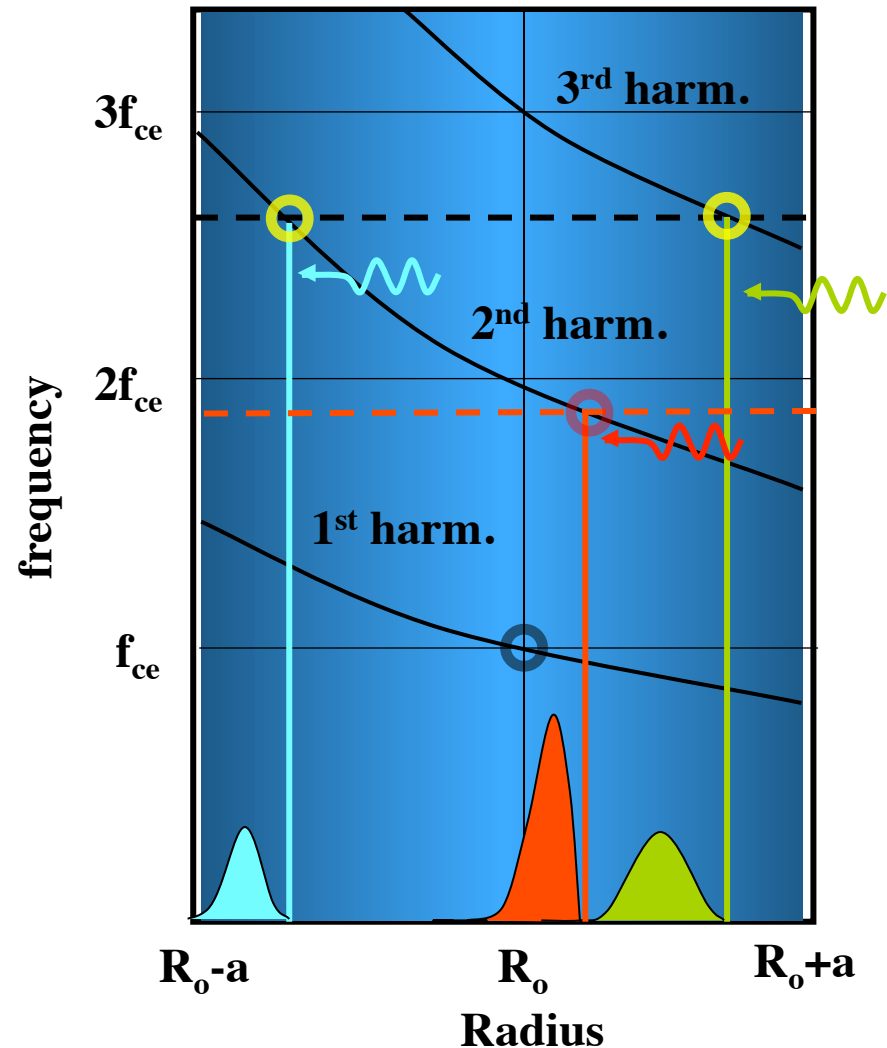
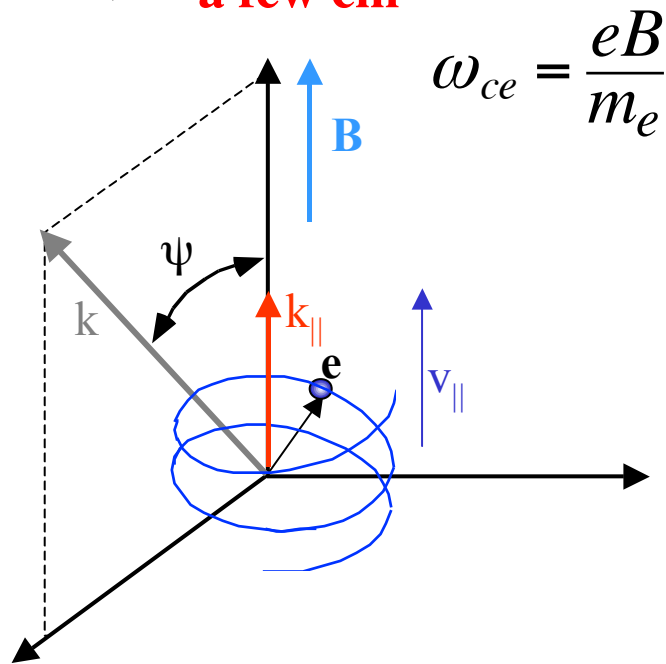
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Main properties of EC waves

- Quasi-optical propagation:
 $f \leq 170 \text{ GHz} \Rightarrow \lambda \leq 6 \text{ mm}$
- Resonance at the harmonics of the electron Larmor frequency
 $\omega_{ce} = 2\pi f_{ce} = eB/m_e$
- Spatially localised absorption

→ a few cm



Cyclotron absorption

RESONANCE CONDITION

$$\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} = l \left| \omega_{ce} \right| / \gamma$$

Doppler
shift

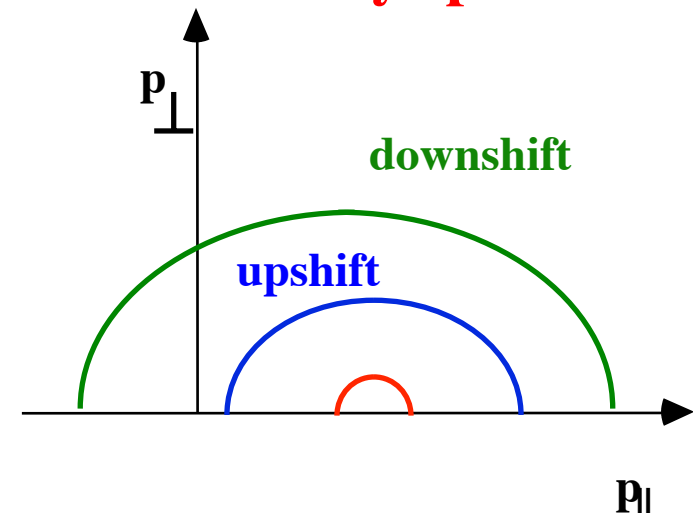
Harmonic

Relativistic
factor

$$\nu_c = \frac{ZeB}{m} \approx 28 \left(\frac{Z}{A} \right) B_T [GHz]$$

Wave absorption only
arises as a result of full
kinetic treatment
(‘hot’ plasma theory)

Resonance is an ellipse
in velocity space



Relativistic effects must be included even for
moderate T_e

X1 mode damping complicated \Rightarrow absorbed
even for $T_e = 0$ (effective for pre-ionisation)

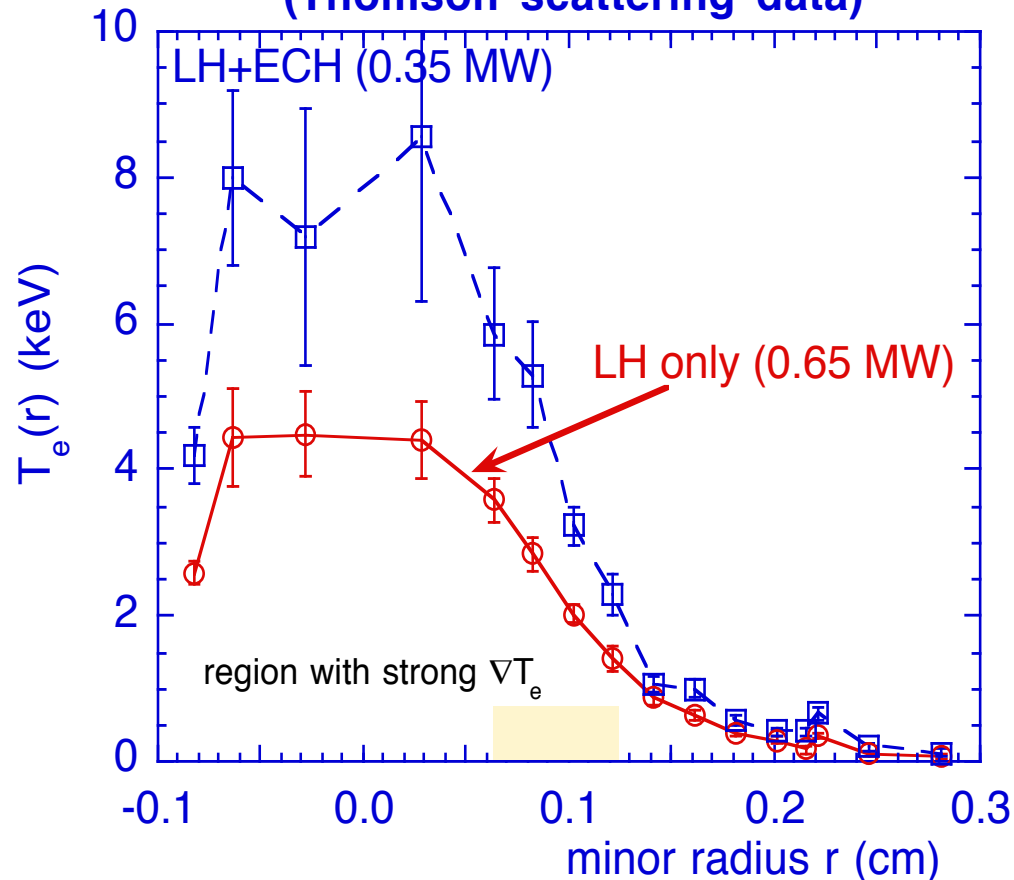
O1, X2 mode strongly absorbed for $T_e \geq 1keV$

Absorption of succeeding harmonics decreases
by a factor T_e/mc^2

Note that poloidal beam steering allows control
of absorption location at fixed B_{ϕ}

ECRH applied at plasma centre in full LHCD FTU plasma,
MHD stable. Magnetic shear appears reversed at centre

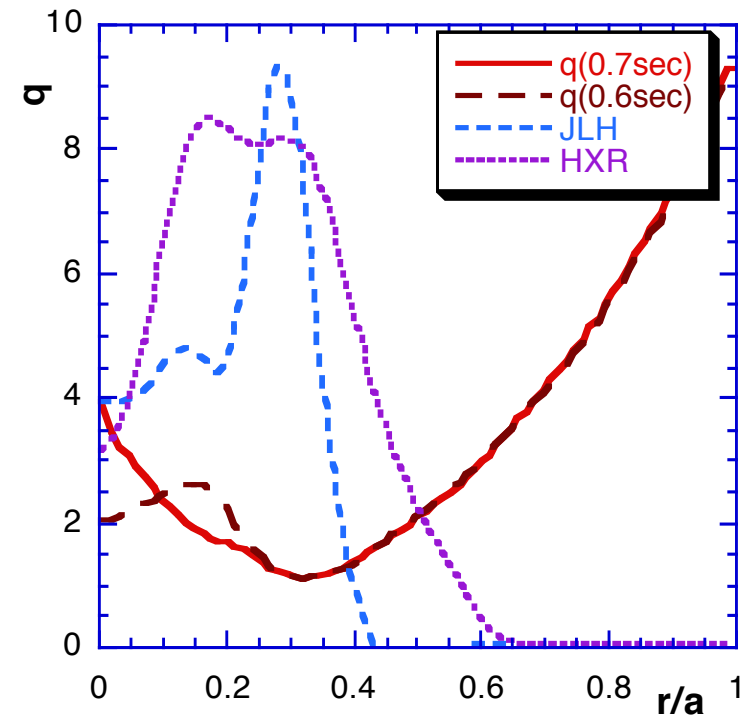
Electron temperature profiles at $B_T=5.3$ T
(Thomson scattering data)



T_e increase on a region (15 cm) much
wider than EC resonance (~ 2 cm)

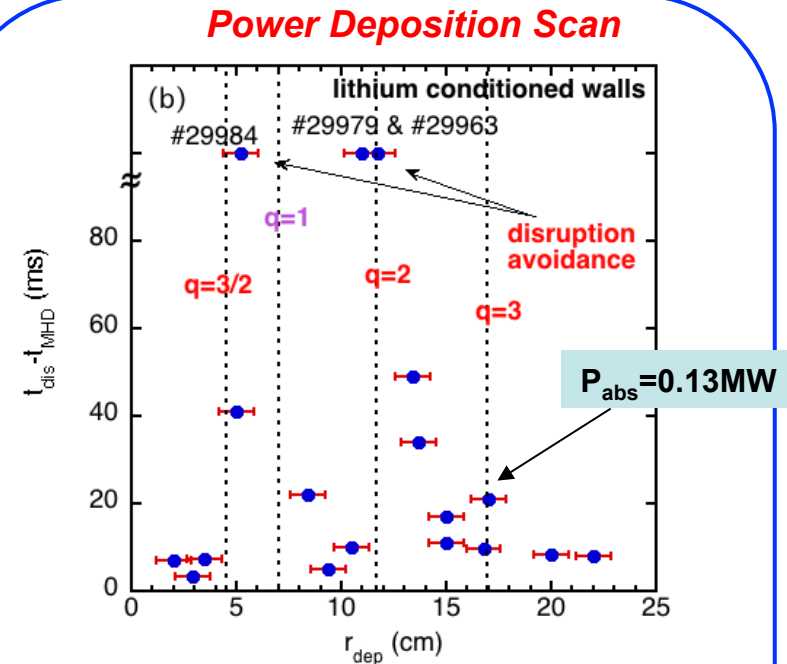
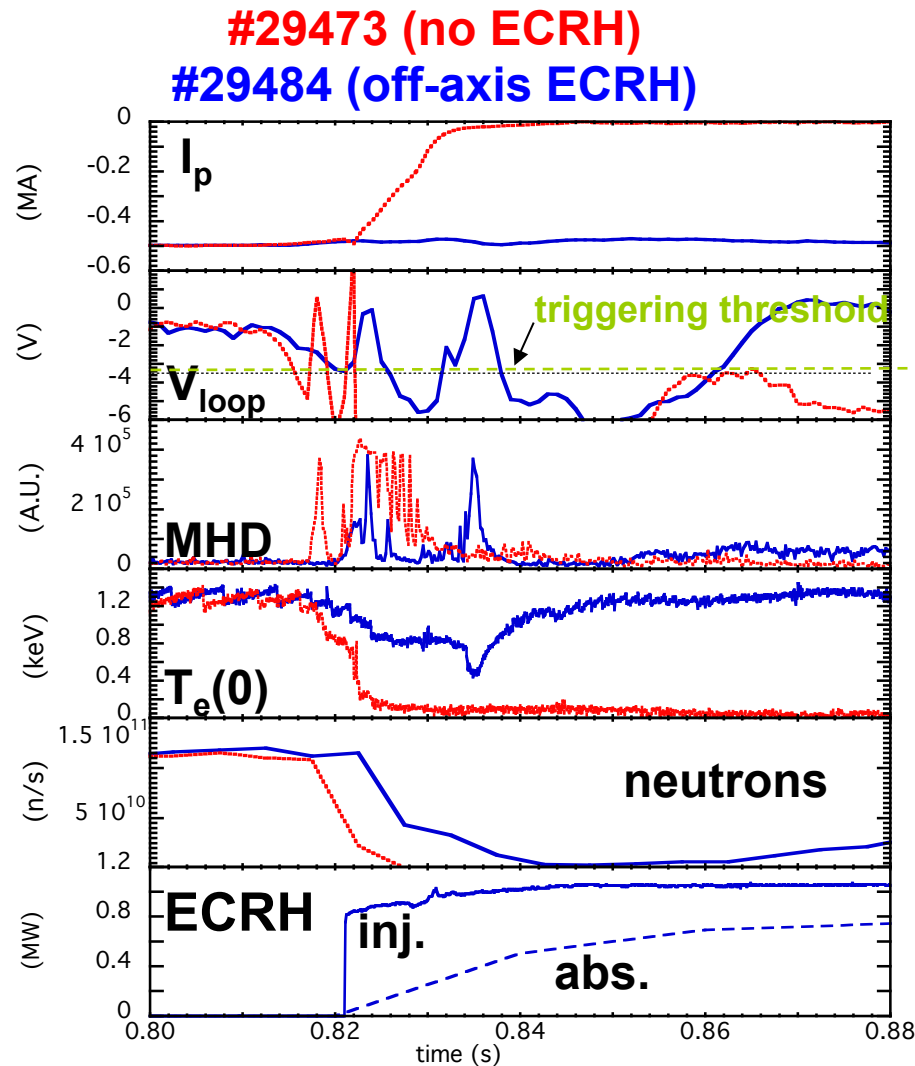
$I_p = 350$ kA full LHCD

$\langle n_e \rangle = 0.35 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$



Effective e^- ITBs produced
in these conditions

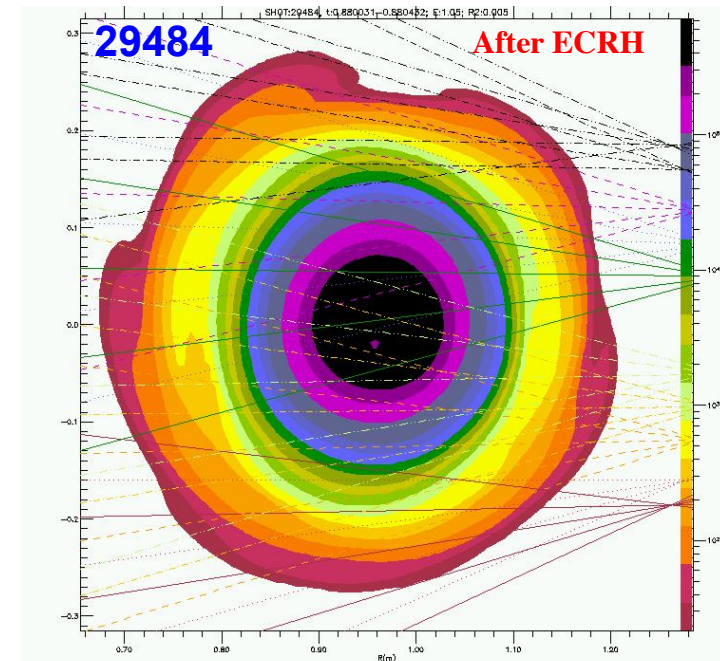
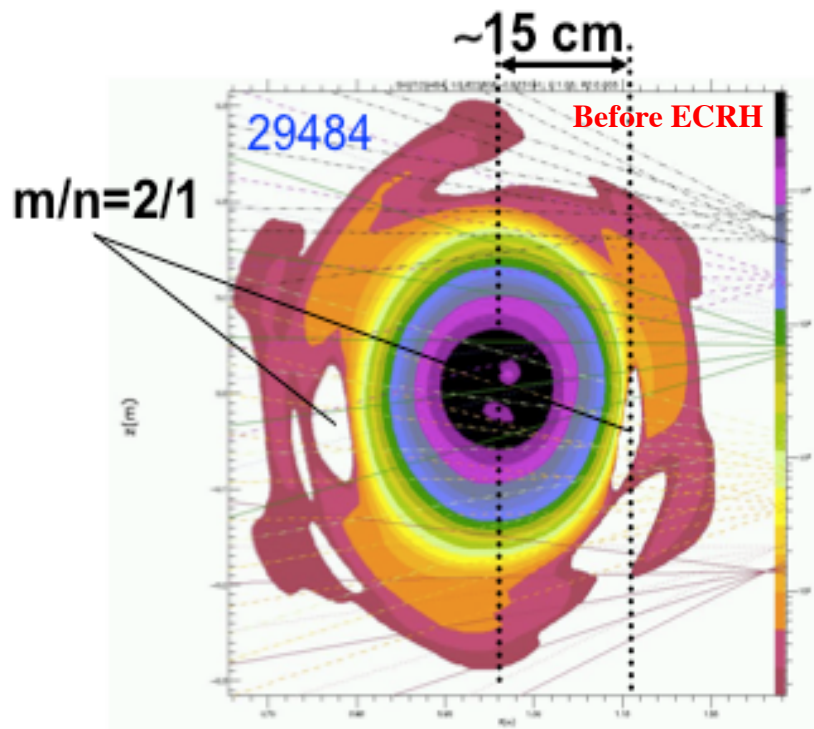
Avoidance in LBO disruptions with ECRH



Delay between MHD onset and I_p quench versus r_{dep} indicate that ECRH produces avoidance when $r_{dep} = r_{q=m}$

Modes are coupled also in stabilizing phase

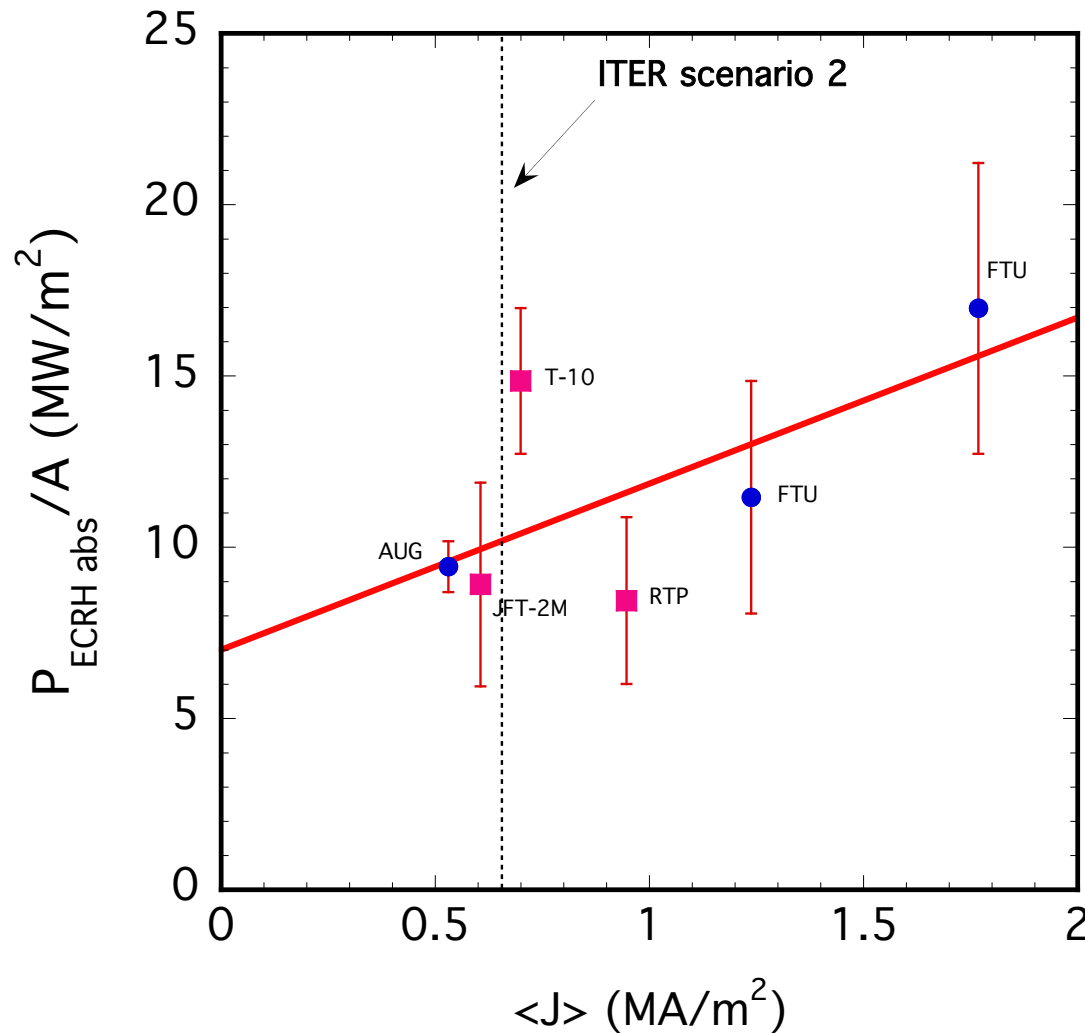
Disruption Avoidance with ECRH-I



Disruption avoidance: when ECRH (no CD) is deposited (ECWGB 3D code, *S. Nowak et al., PoP 1 1242 1994*) at resonant surface ($q=3/2$, $q=2$, $q=3$ in LBO induced disruptions) by poloidally steering 1-3 beams in constant magnetic field plasmas

However current quench delayed when deposition radius is close to the MHD resonant surface

Power Threshold Analysis



Data considered are for
 $q=2$ stabilization

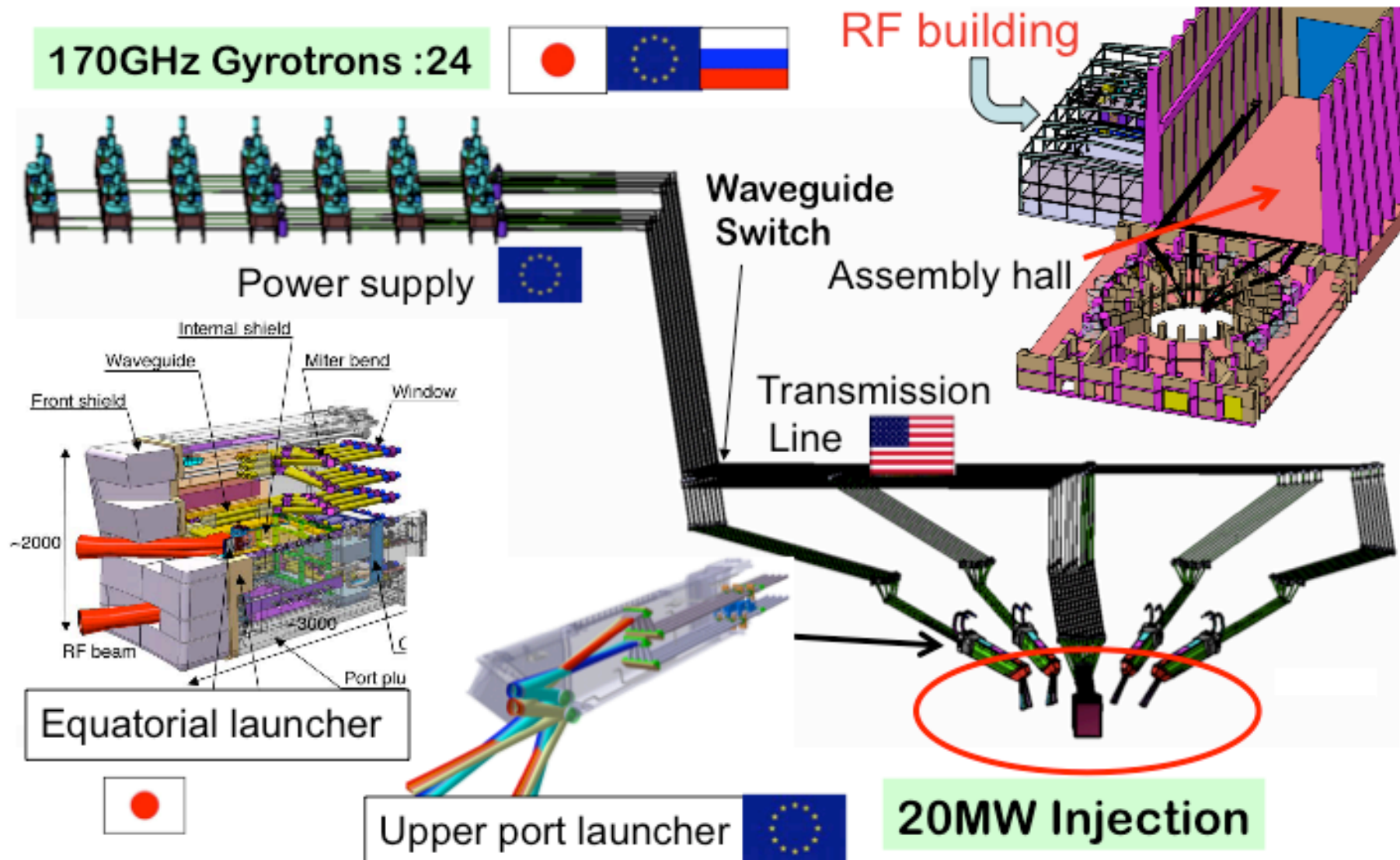
Error bars indicate the
range between the saved
case and unsaved case

The EC power density is
taken from the absorbed
power divided by the $q=2$
corona (width=hwhm)

The minimum required
absorbed power in ITER
is 4 MW (assuming
hwhm~3.75 cm)



ITER ECRH system: Technical and Logistic Complexity



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LH wave absorption

- $\omega \approx \omega_{\text{LH}}$: resonant absorption by ions
 - requires very high densities
 - scheme abandoned in modern applications

- $\omega > \omega_{\text{LH}}$: absorption by electrons

- via **Cerenkov resonance**: $\omega = k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} \quad \left(n_{\parallel} = \frac{c}{v_{\parallel}} \right)$
- mechanism: **Landau damping**

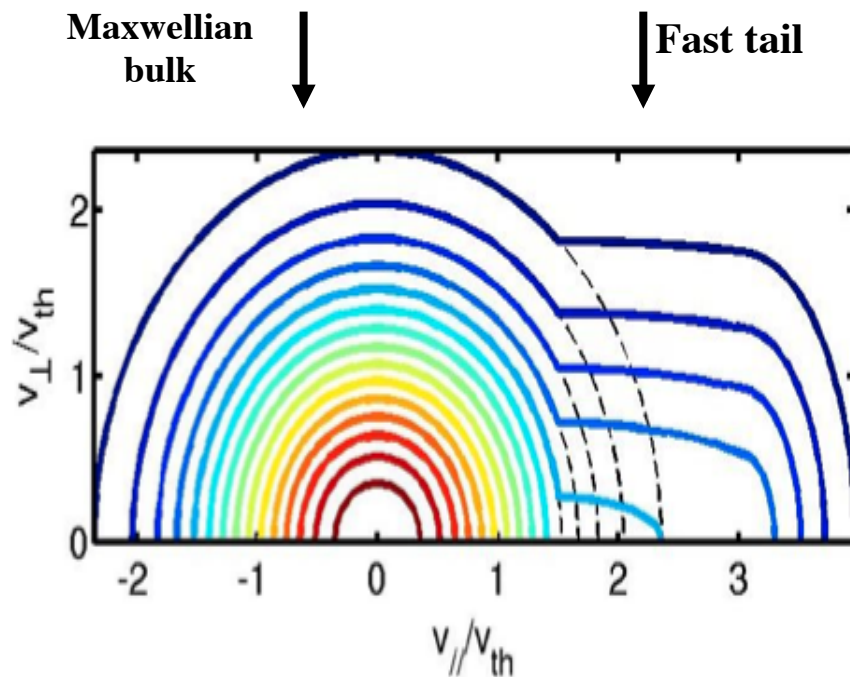
$$\text{power absorbed per particle} \propto \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_{\parallel}} \right|_{v_{\parallel} = \frac{\omega}{k_{\parallel}}}$$

- main application: **non-inductive current drive**



LH waves drive fast electron tail

$$f \approx 10^7 \text{ Hz} \quad \omega_{ci} \ll \omega \ll \omega_{ce} \quad (\lambda \sim 3\text{-}10 \text{ cm})$$

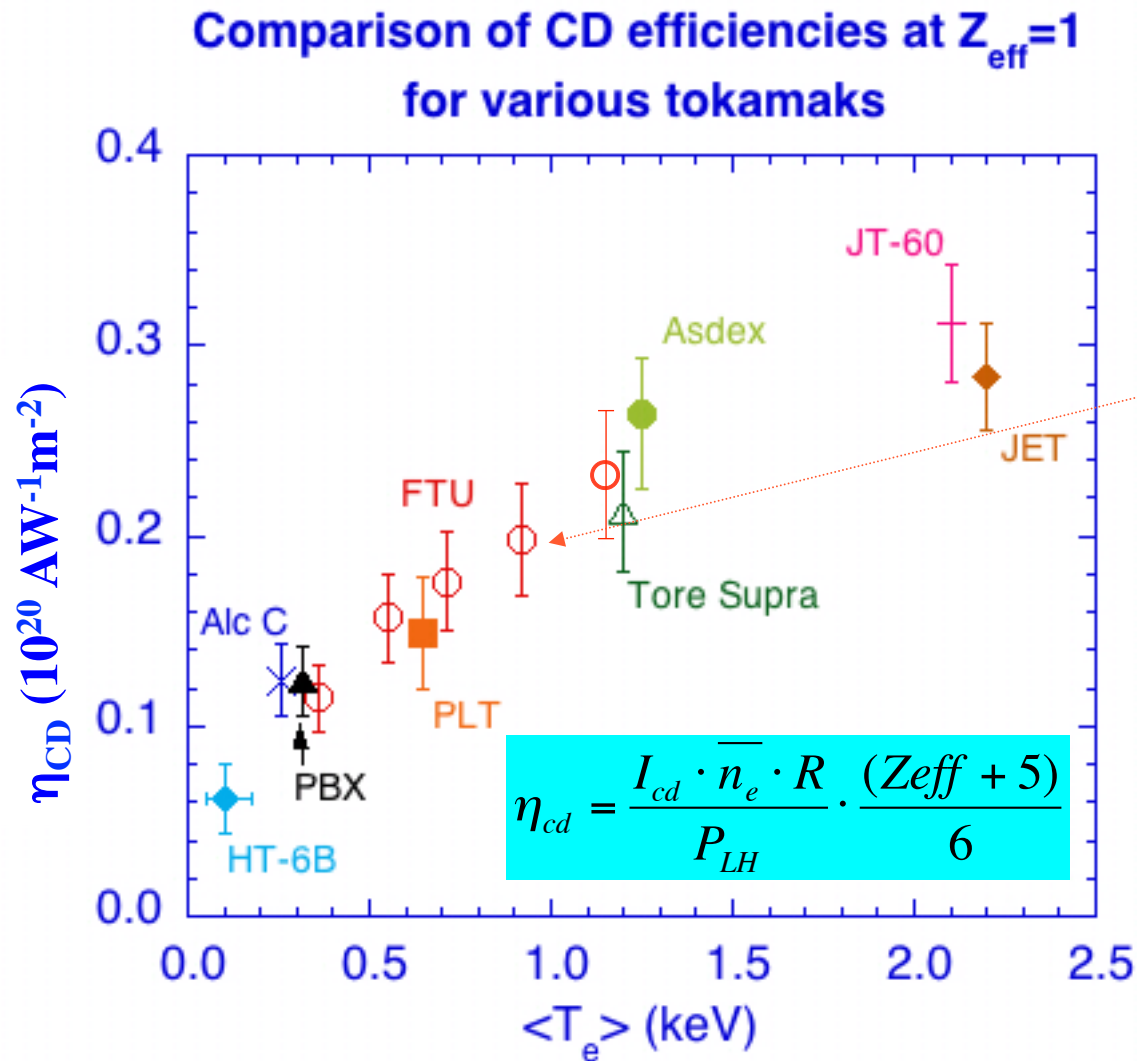


Electron absorption via Landau damping $v_{||} = c/n_{||} \rightarrow$ tail electrons \rightarrow high n_{CD} at given $T_e \rightarrow$ Off Axis CD

Cannot penetrate plasma centre at high n_e (accessibility) or strongly absorbed at high T_e (cannot penetrate in ITER plasmas $r/a \geq 0.8$)

Wave evanescent in vacuum \Rightarrow coupling requires finite density at antenna mouth \rightarrow antenna-plasma interaction

LH CD: Highest experimental efficiency



CD Efficiency at values
foreseen for ITER:

- at ITER density
 $n_{e0}/n_{el}=1.3/0.75 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- at $T_e \leq T_e$ ITER off-axis
- with different launchers
- and frequencies

$$\nu_{\text{exm}} \leq \nu_{\text{ITER}} < \nu_{\text{exM}}$$

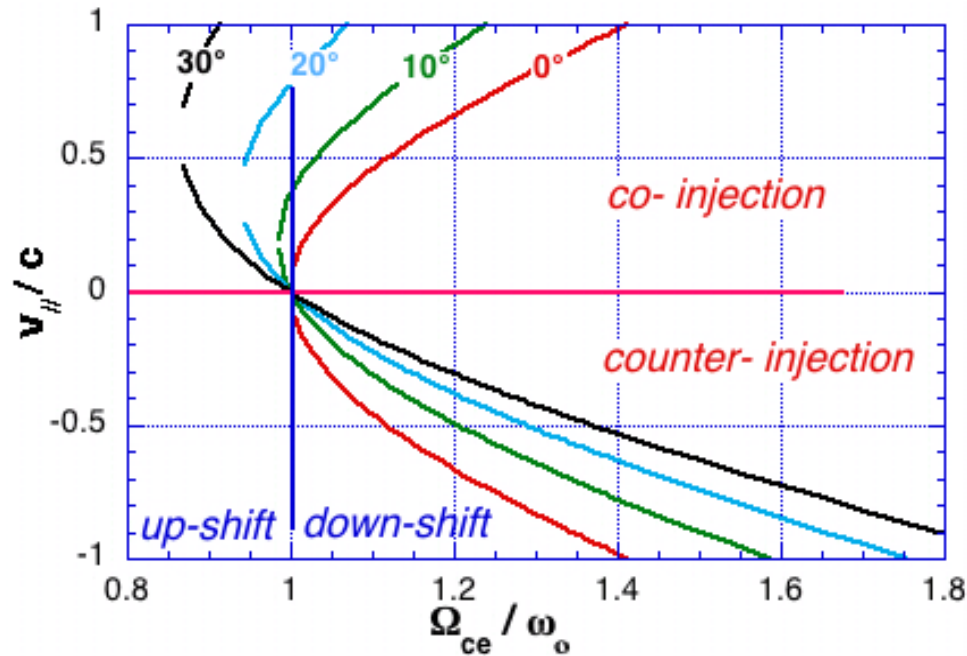
0.8-4.6GHz 8GHz

V. Pericoli-Ridolfini et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 82, 1, 93 (1999)



LH+EC Synergy Scenarii

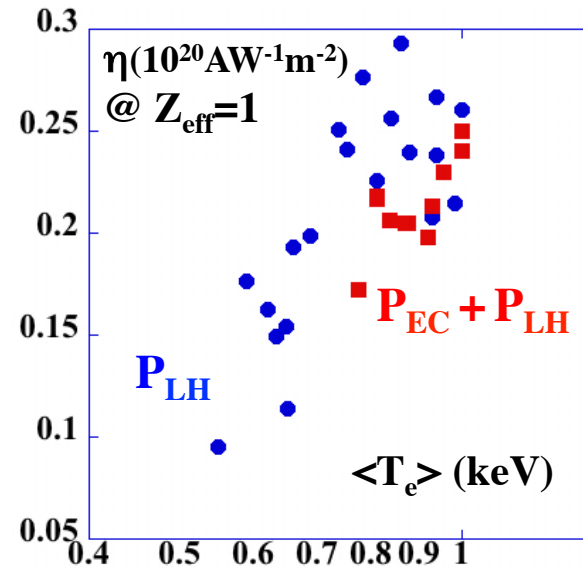
$$\frac{\Omega_{ec}}{\omega_0} = \frac{n_{\parallel}^{LH}}{\sqrt{n_{\parallel}^{LH 2} - 1}} \left(1 - \frac{N_{\parallel}^{EC}}{n_{\parallel}^{LH}} \right)$$



Down-Shifted: $B > B_{Res}$

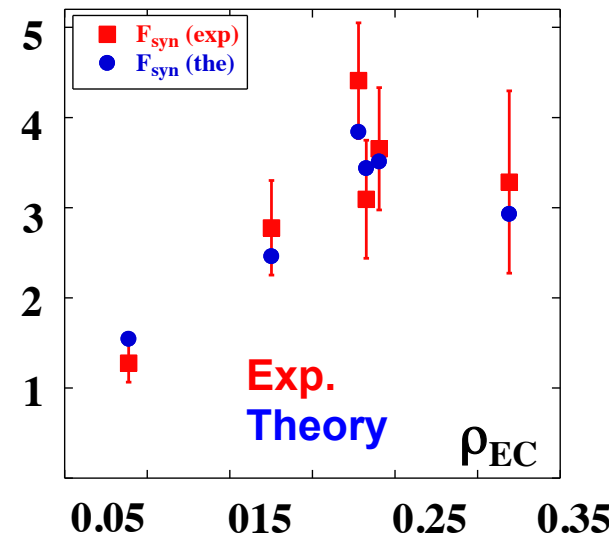
Up-Shifted : $B < B_{Res}$ only co-cd injection

Driven current always co-direction



**FTU
Down Shifted**

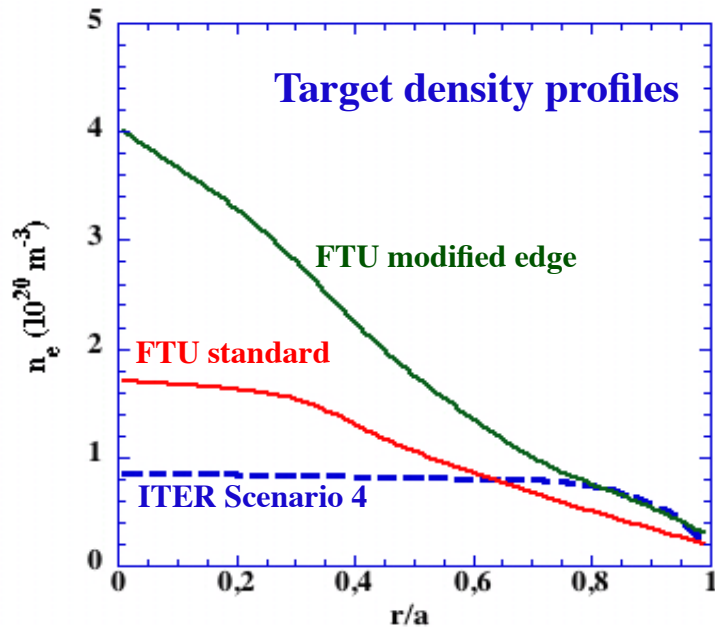
$\eta_{EC} \sim \eta_{LH}$



**Tore Supra
UP Shifted**

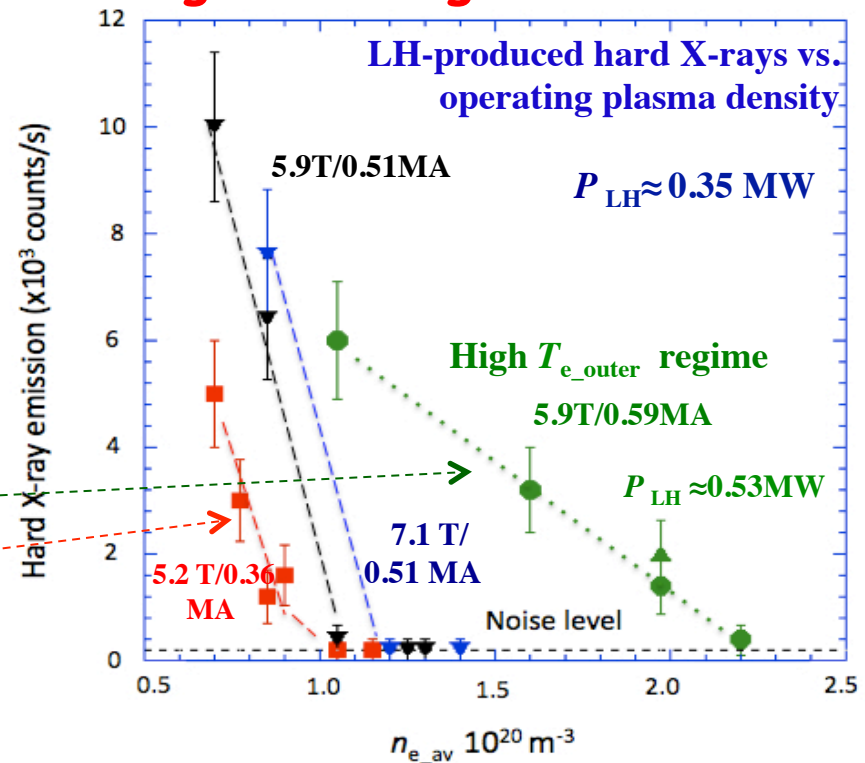
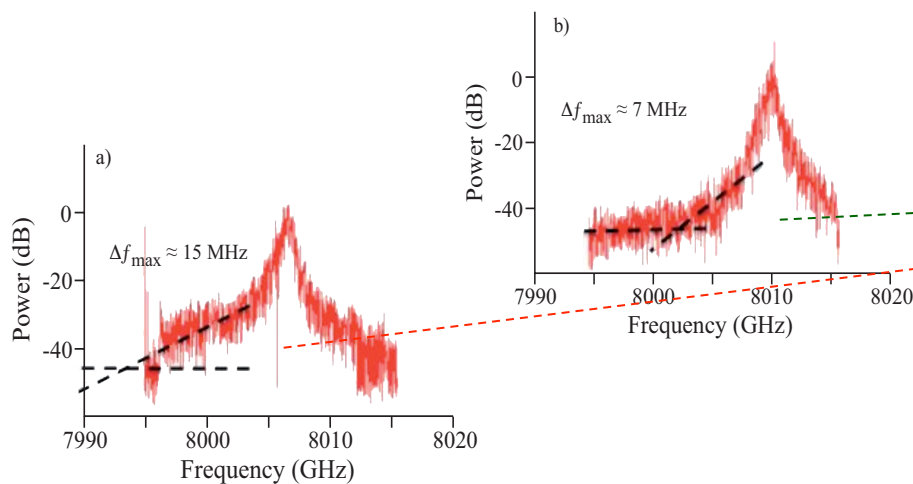
$I_{syn} > 4 * I_{lin}$

LHCD in FTU at ITER relevant n_e



Regime high T_{e_Out} ($T_e \approx 250 \text{ eV}$ @ $r/a \approx 0.8$):
 Lithized vessel, pol. limiter ops,
 gas fuelling + pellet

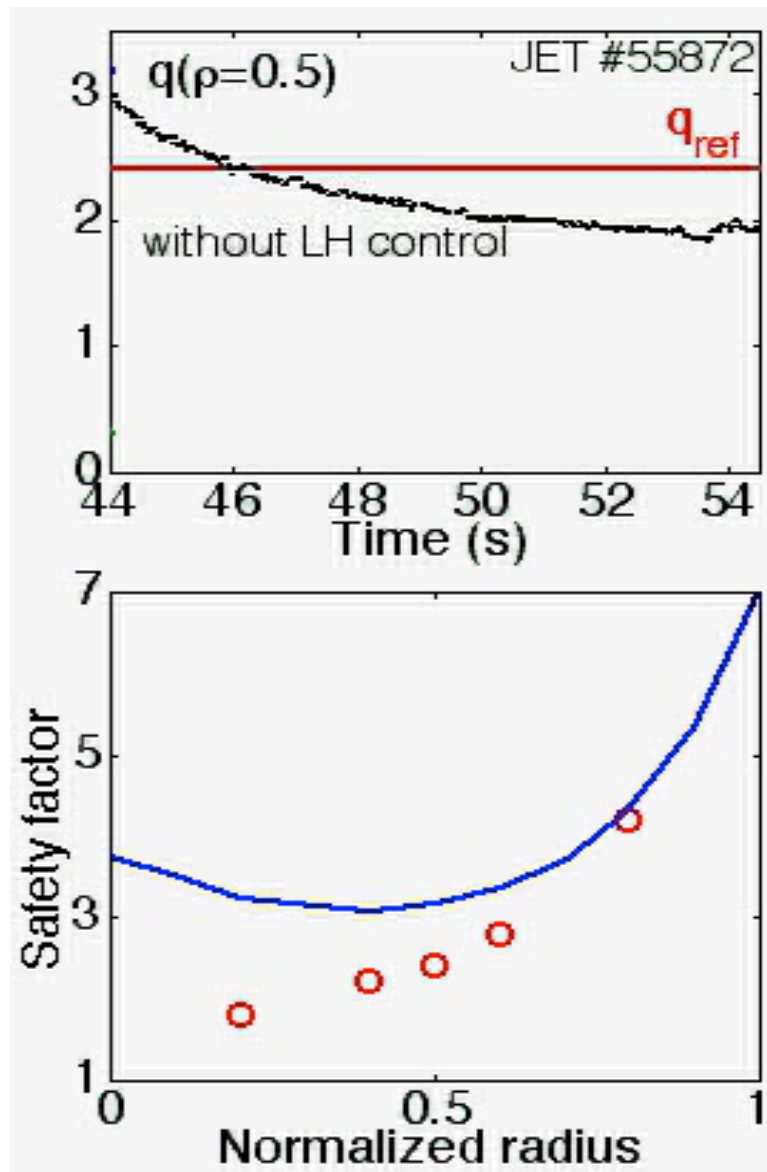
Standard regime ($T_e \approx 100 \text{ eV}$ @ $r/a \approx 0.8$):
 Boronized vessel, toroidal limiter ops,
 gas fuelling



R Cesario et al., Nature coms1052, Aug 2010



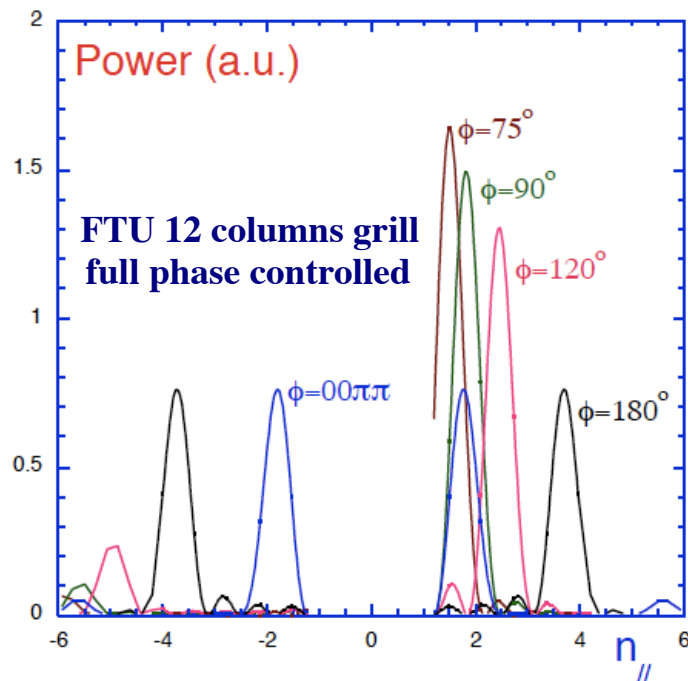
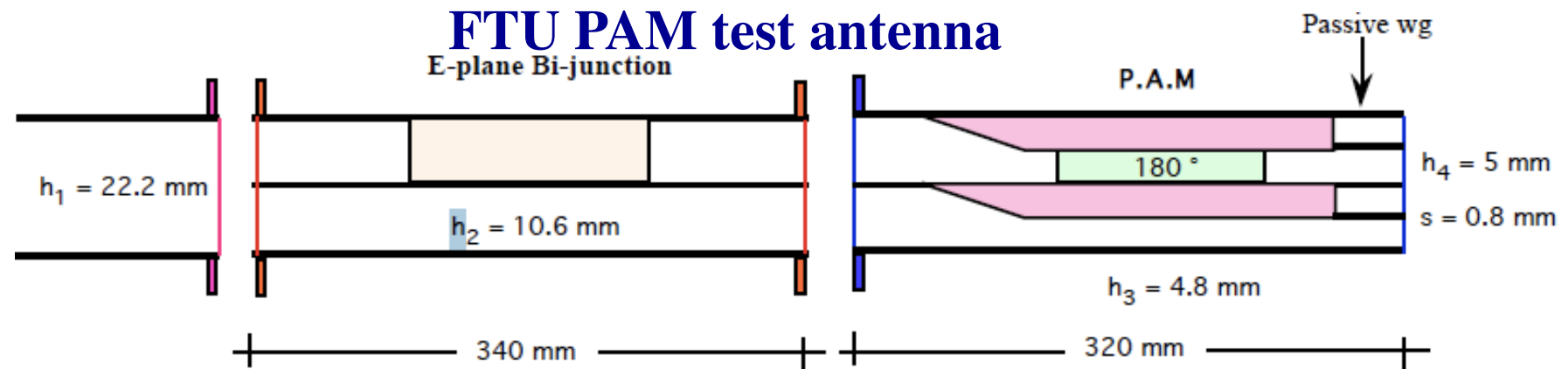
LHCD in Advanced Regimes: Real Time Control



Successful RTC experiments in JET and JT-60U have shown the **essential & unique role of LH CD** for reaching and maintain a reference, monotonic or reversed **q-profile**

LH power under real time feedback to control the desired q-profile in a long prelude phase at JET

LH Launchers: Phased Array, MJ, PAM



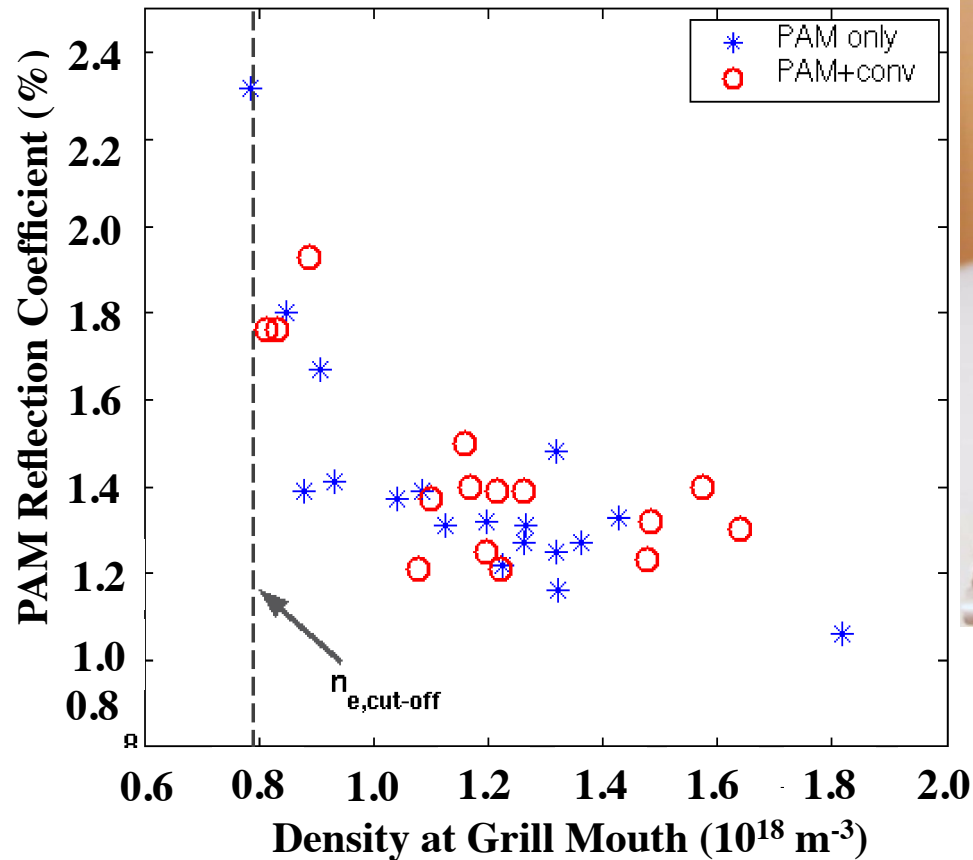
Only **PA** can continuously adjust $n_{//}$ spectrum from symmetric to very directive $n_{//0} = \lambda_0 \phi / 2\pi \Delta$, but need $n_g \sim n_{// \text{cutOff}}^2 (\sim f^2)$ for coupling with $R \leq 5\%$

MJ (Nguyen and Moreau SOFT 1982) is designed for re-circulating reflected power at splitting section ($R_{\text{gen}} \sim R_{\text{grill}}^2$)
Better coupling at low density, less flexibility

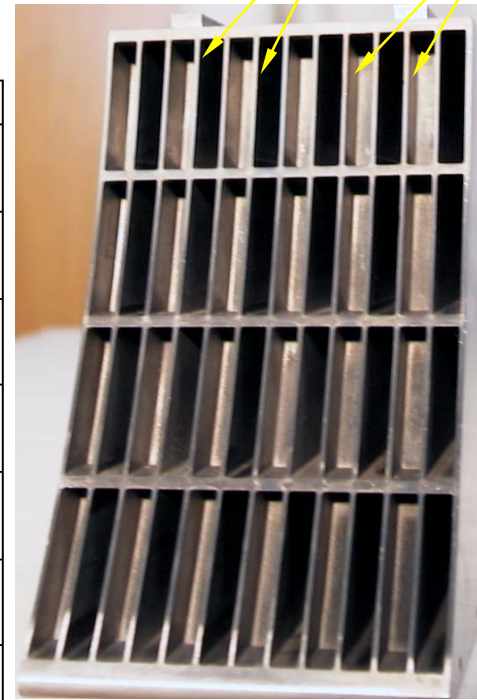
PAM (Bibet et al., NF 35 1995) has half guides not radiating: more the reflection more they contribute → coupling at very low density, efficient cooling, half surface, lower directivity.

LH Coupling: PAM Test on FTU (2003)

Very good coupling even at density close to the slow-wave cut-off: PAM flush to FTU wall



FTU PAM: 6 active/6 passive wgs



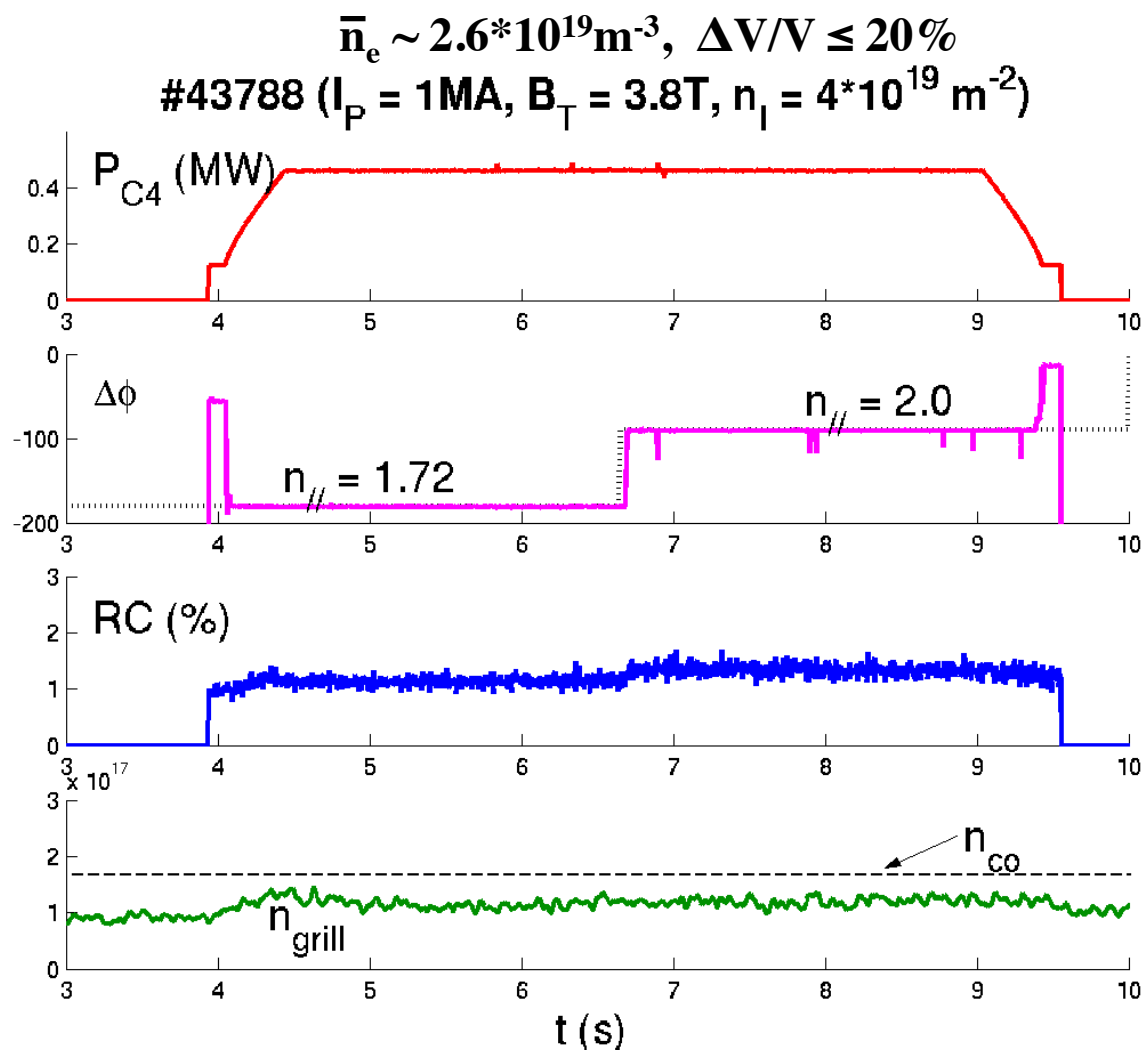
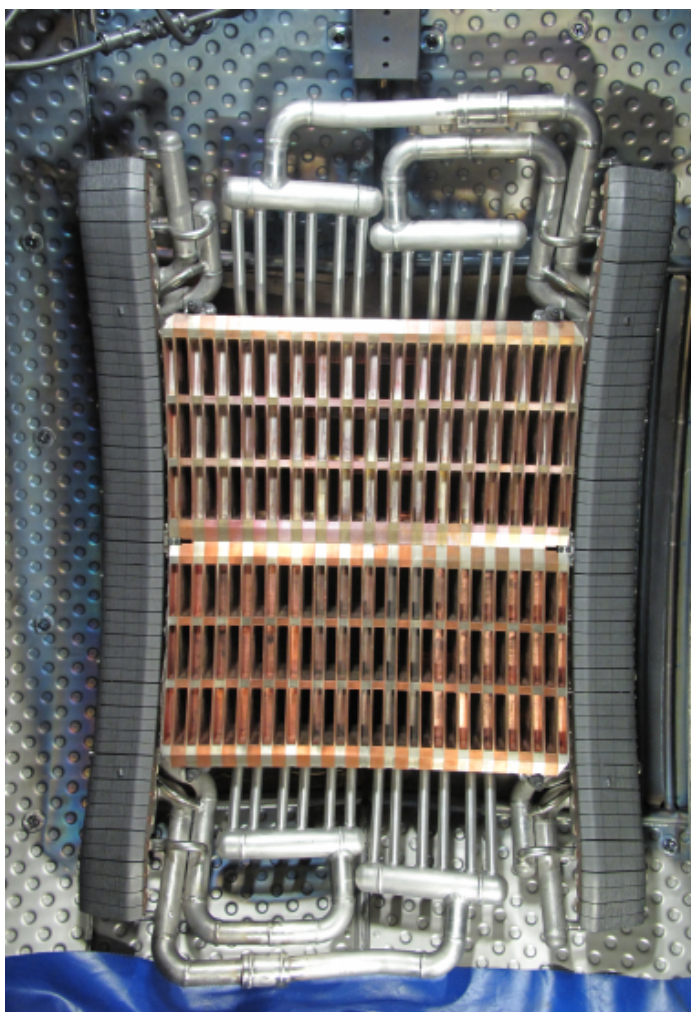
- 1) FTU:
PAM Concept demonstrated
- 2) Tore Supra:
To test PAM Technological performance
- 3) (??):
PAM test on ITER relevant coupling Conditions

Next Step in China
→ EAST?

Pericoli et al, PPCF 28 2004



First PAM launcher results on Tore Supra - 28/10/2009

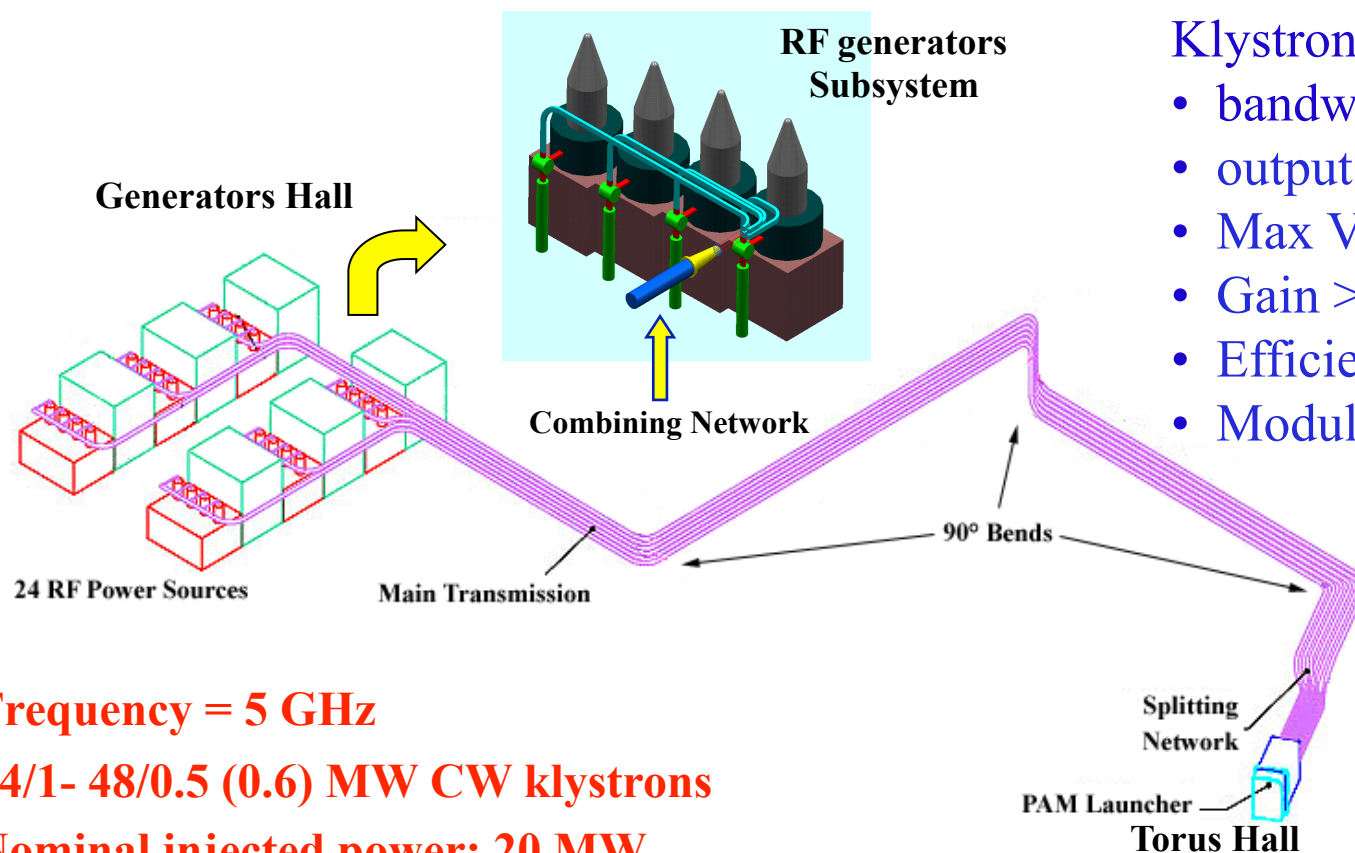


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PAM performance best in once feared conditions



ITER LH (TBD): System overview



Klystron characteristics:

- bandwidth: ± 10 MHz
- output power: >500 kW
- Max VSWR all phase: 1.4
- Gain > 50 dB
- Efficiency $> 45\%$
- Modulating anode

- Frequency = 5 GHz
- 24/1- 48/0.5 (0.6) MW CW klystrons
- Nominal injected power: 20 MW
- Power combination by hybrid junction
- 4 klystrons powered in parallel
- No circulator considered

Estimated cost: 24 klystron ~ 3 €/W
48 klystron ~ 5 €/W

MTL Average Length ≈ 70 m
Transmission mode TE_{01}^0

P. Bibet et al - CEA
F. Mirizzi et al - ENEA

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New and future experiments/References

Summary and a word on the future



RFs: Summary of capabilities, pro & cons

- IC (ITER frequency 55 MHz)

Generators: Tetrode(10-120 MHz), Dycrode higher frequency

Transmission: Coaxial cable; Launcher: antennae

Pros: ion H, localised H&CD, broad B, flexible and cheap

Cons: edge plasma → Coupling, Sheat rectification → Impurity → PFCs

- EC (ITER frequency 170 GHz)

Generators: gyrotron (28, 60-84, 110, 118, 140, 170 GHz)

Transmission: wg, optical; Launcher: open wg, steerable mirrors

Pros: propagate in vacuum, physics understood, very localised → surgical tool

Cons: B dependent, Mirrors close to plasma, expensive, high f generators

- LH (ITER frequency 5 GHz, not approved yet)

Generators: Klystron (0.8, 1.2, 2-2.45, 3.7, 4.6 GHz), Gyrotron (8 GHz)

Transmission: wg; Launcher: Phased array, Multijunction, Passive Active Mj

Pros: off Axis CD, no B dependence, HW sound

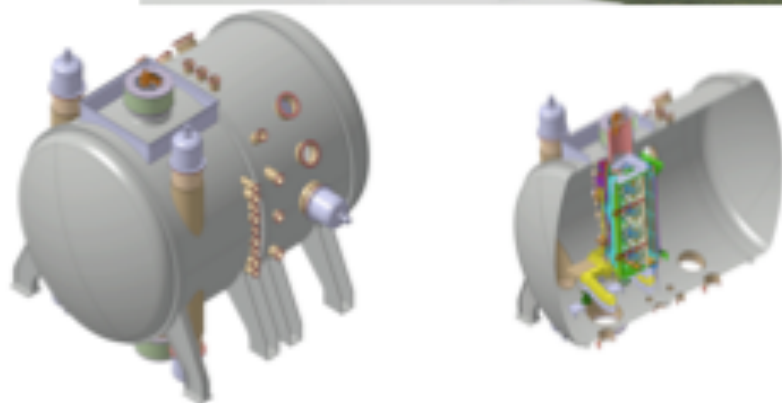
Cons: vacuum evanescent → PFC, α' 's absorption, High freq klystrons

- Negative Neutral Beam (ITER E=1MeV)

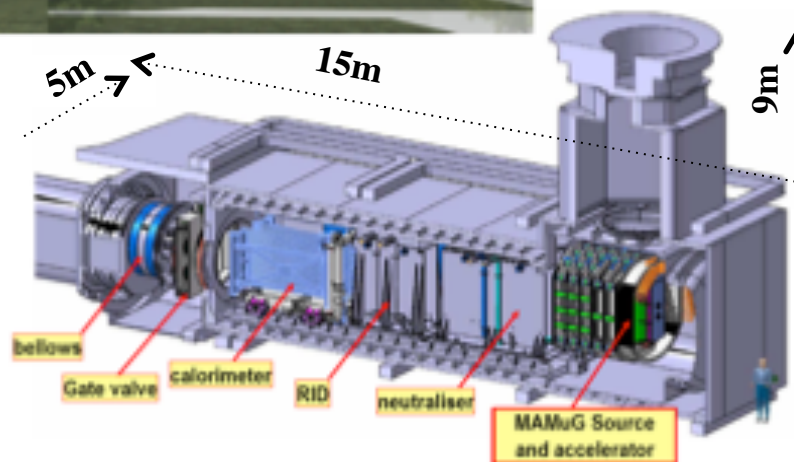


RFX Consortium: ITER Neutral Beam Test Facility

PRIMA
Padova Research on Injector Megavolt Accelerated



SPIDER
Source for Production of Ion
of Deuterium Extracted
from Rf plasma

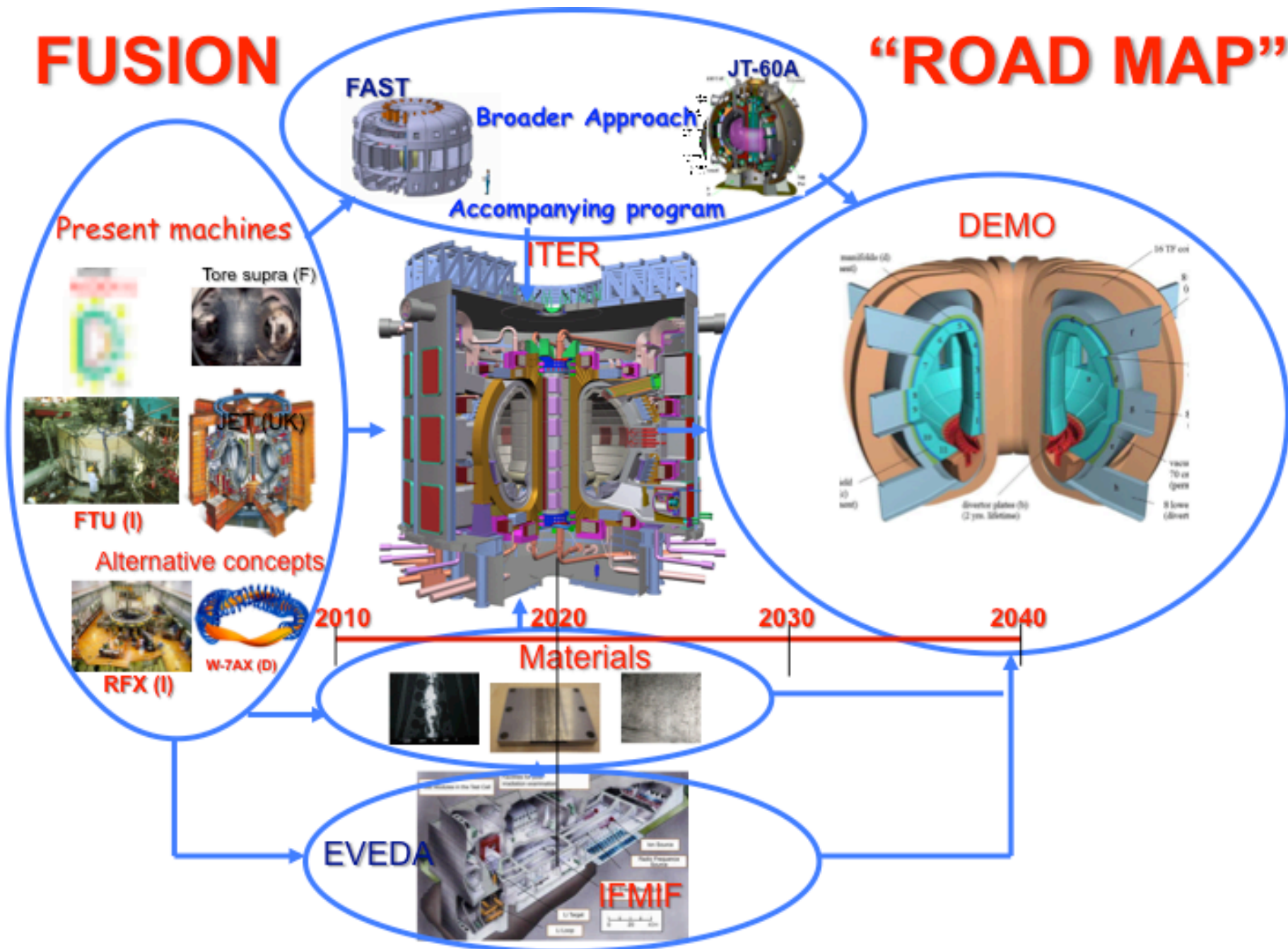


MITICA
Megavolt ITER Injector
&
Concept Advancement



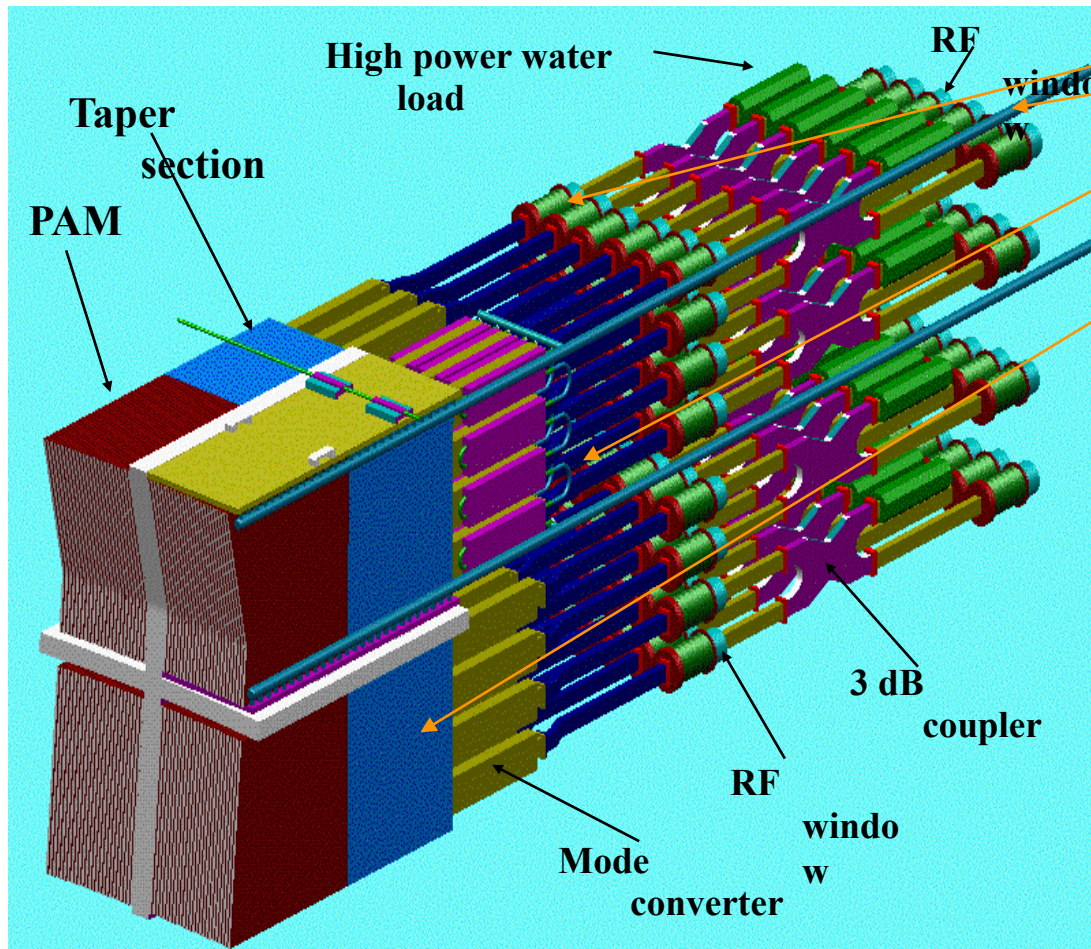
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"ROAD MAP"



ITER LH: Launcher design

- PAM Grill Efficiently water cooled
- Power density: 33 MW/m² at 5 GHz
- 4 blocks (4 x 12 x 24a/25p waveguides) Each block:

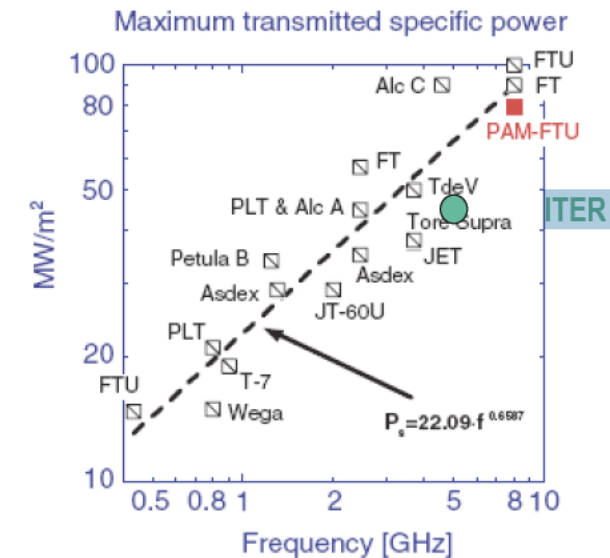


- 3x4+3x2 RF windows
- 3x4TE₁₀ toTE₃₀ mode converter
- E plane 270°- 8 waveguides MJ

$$n_{//} = 1.9 \text{ to } 2.1$$

directivity ~0.7 (lowest density)

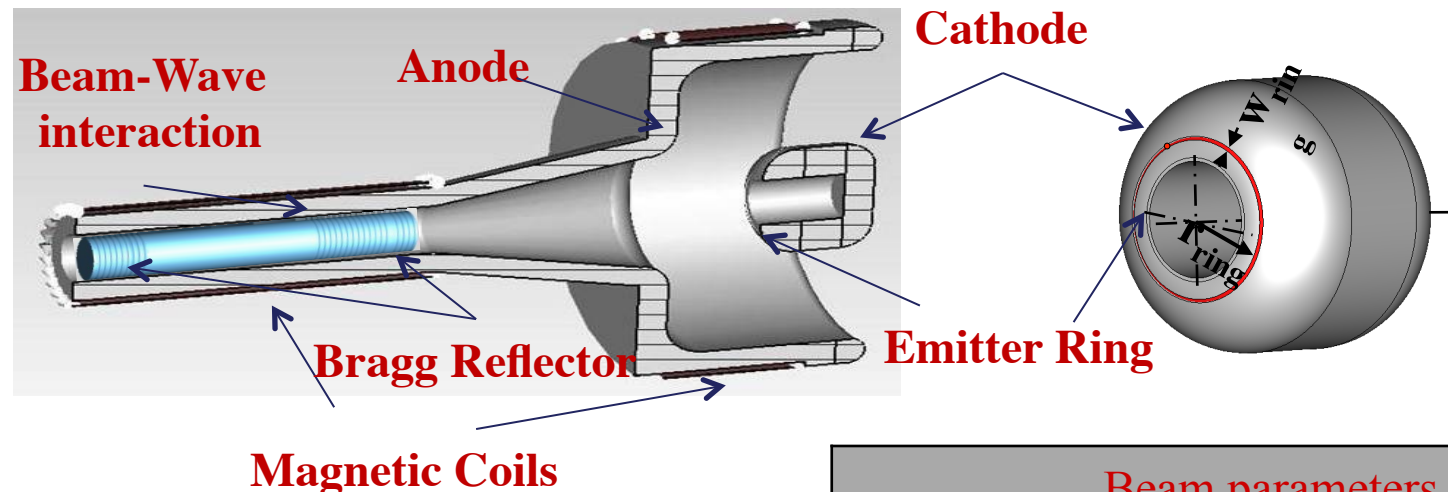
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Next step in Electron Cyclotron high frequency generator

Demonstrative Tokamak "DEMO" will have so high electron temperature $T_e > 50$ keV that Electron Cyclotron absorption will be shifted outward by tail resonance. Heating plasma core will require frequency in excess of 250 GHz: New sources need to be developed

To this purpose ENEA Colleagues of **FEL Team in Frascati** are developing a generator based on the **CARM (Cyclotron Auto-Resonance-Maser)** concept

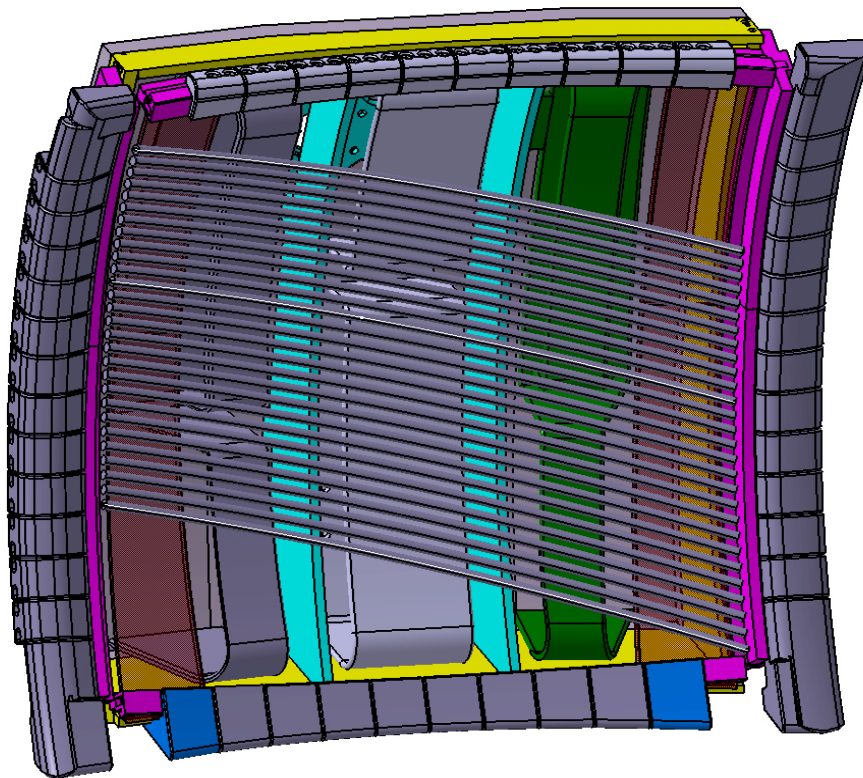


Device Efficiency	
Beam – Wave interaction efficiency	30 %
Efficiency due to energy recovery	20 ÷ 30 %
Total projected efficiency	50 ÷ 60 %

Beam parameters	
Beam Current	3 ÷ 10 A
Pitch ratio $\alpha = v_{\perp} / v_{\parallel}$	<0.5
Axial and transverse velocity spread	<0.1 ÷ 0.3 %
Beam Energy Recovery	20 ÷ 40 %

New ICRF Antenna 3 Straps Antenna

A collaboration between ENEA-I, ASIIPP-Cn, IPP-D to test a low parallel electric field ICRF antenna on Asdex-UpGrade

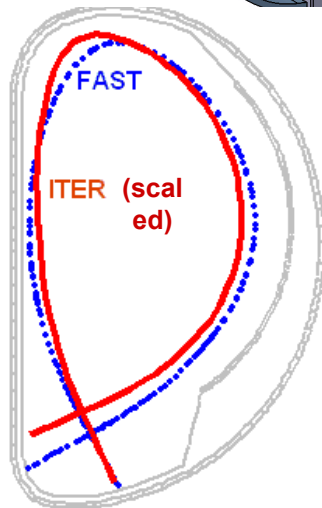
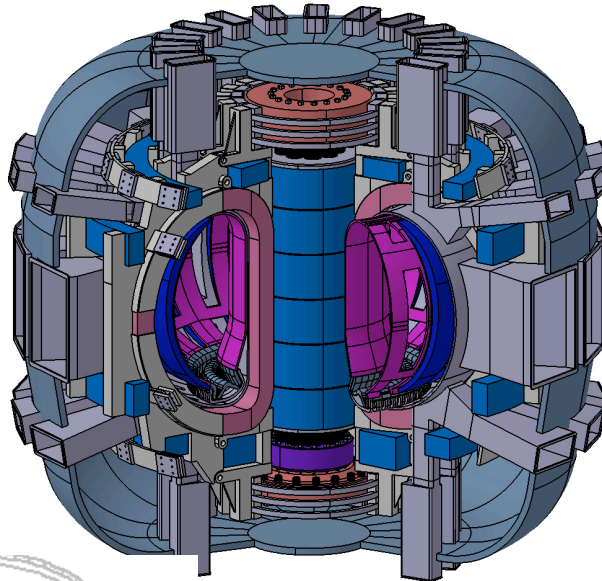


Designed with 3D RF code **TOPICA** developed at PoliTo, antenna matching computed with real plasma load (HFSS, Microwave studio use dielectrics)

The collaboration aims at finding solution for next generation high power ICRF experiments in presence of high Z material (W, Mo)

FAST: an Integrated Experiment

Also testing high RF power issues



The ITER magnetic Topology (plasma shape) is guaranteed, for any Plasma Scenarios, by using the Extreme Shape Controller

Plasma Current (MA)	≤ 8 (10)
B_T (T)	≤ 8.5
Major Radius (m)	1.82
Minor Radius (m)	0.64
Elongation k_{95}	1.7
Triangularity δ_{95}	0.4
Safety Factor q_{95}	~ 3 (2.3)
V_p (m ³)	23
$\langle n \rangle$ (m ⁻³)	$\leq 5.5 \times 10^{20}$
Flat-top B_T (s)	15 -> 170
H&CD power (MW)	40 (->50)
ICRH	30 (->15)
ECRH	4 (->15)
LH	6 (->10)
NNBI	10 (tbd)
P/R (MW/m)	22
Q	~ 1.5 (3)