Fusion Reactor Technology I
(459.760, 3 Credits)

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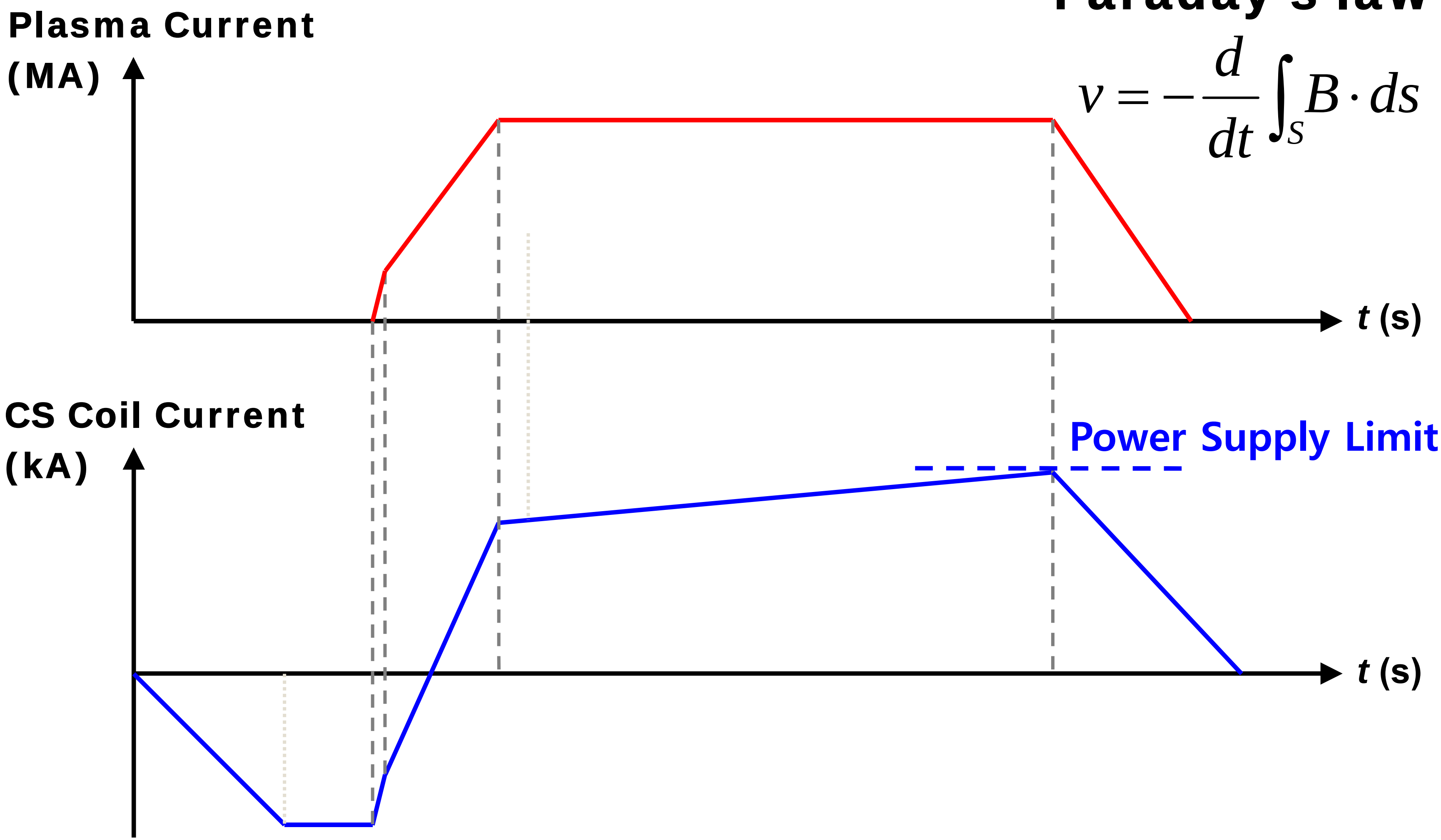
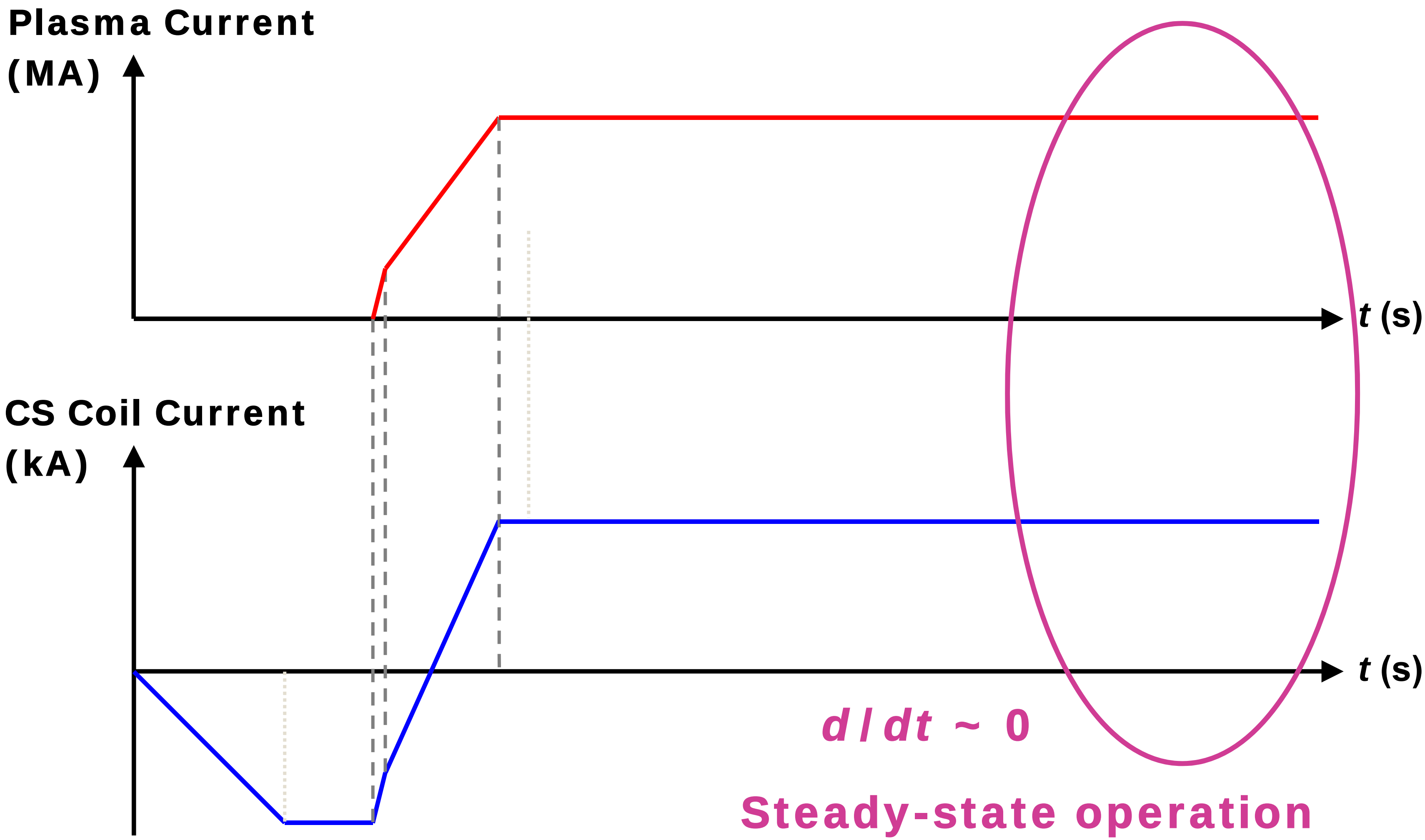
Faraday's law

$$v = -\frac{d}{dt}\int_S B \cdot ds$$



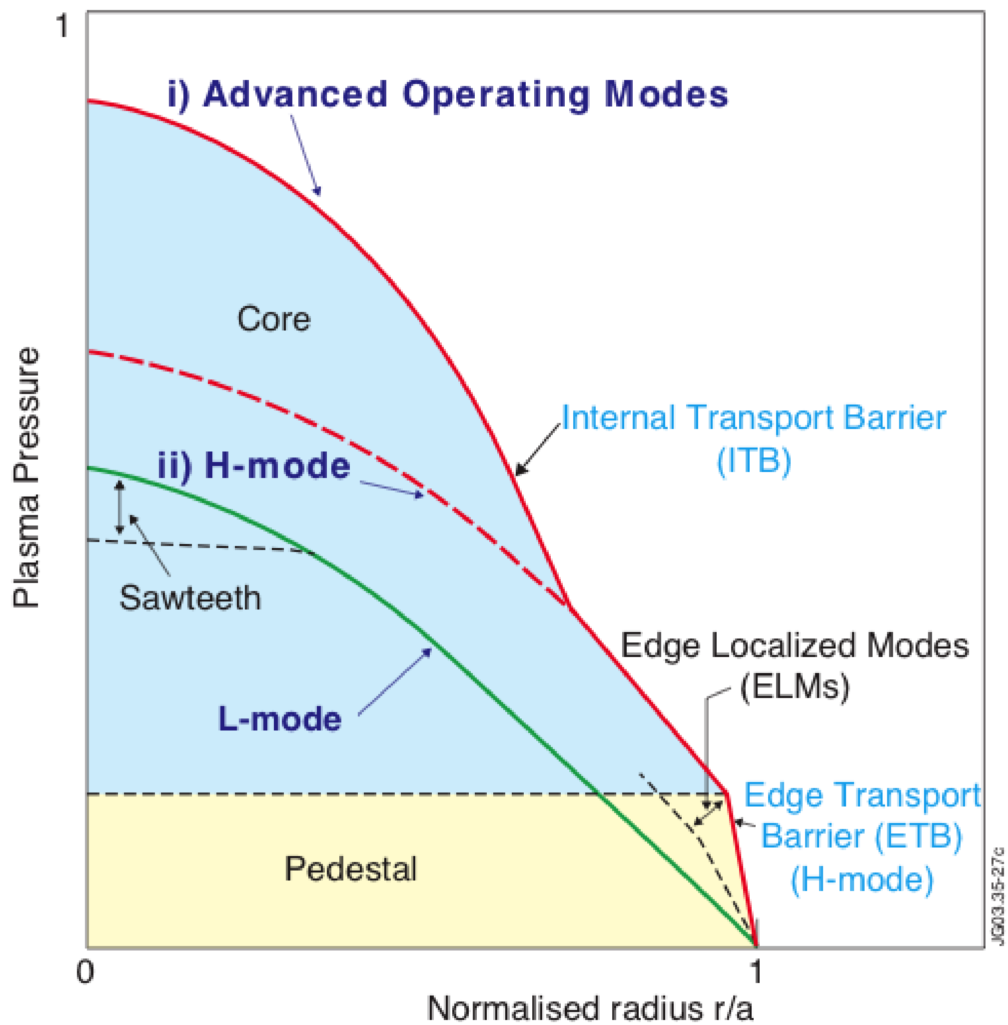
Inherent drawback of Tokamak!

Steady-State Operation



Steady-state operation
by external current drive

Tokamak Operation Modes



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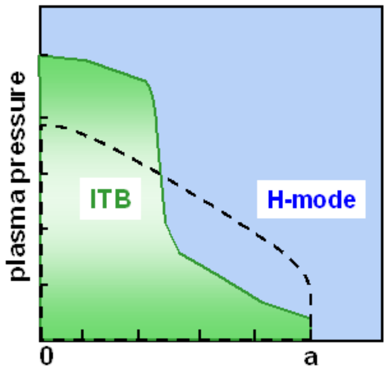

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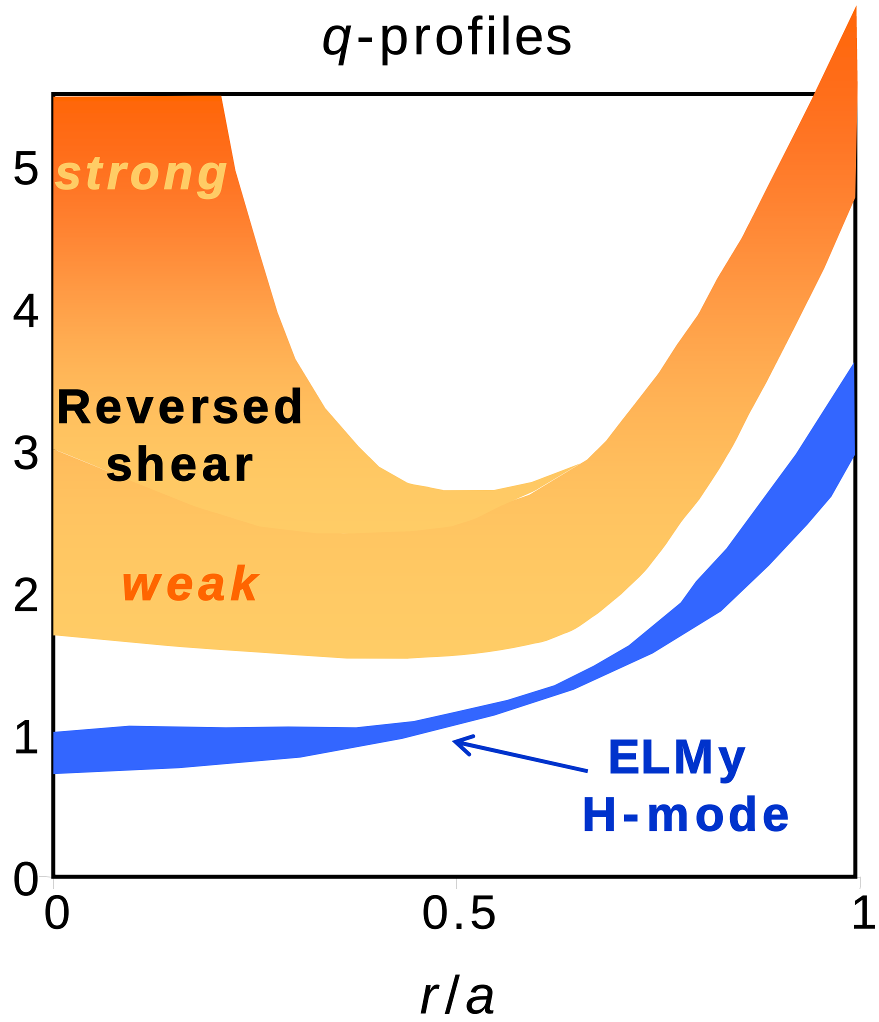

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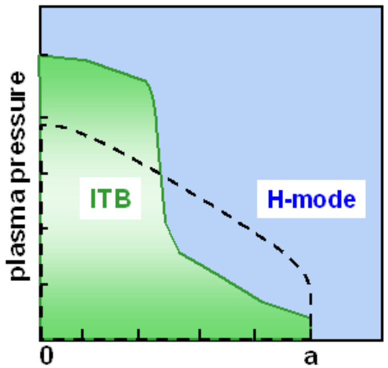

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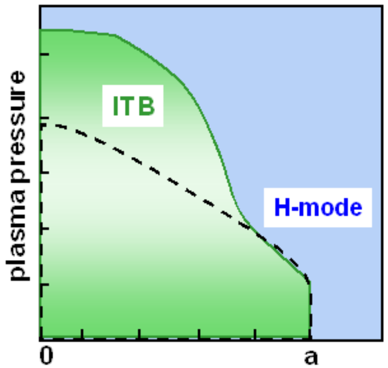
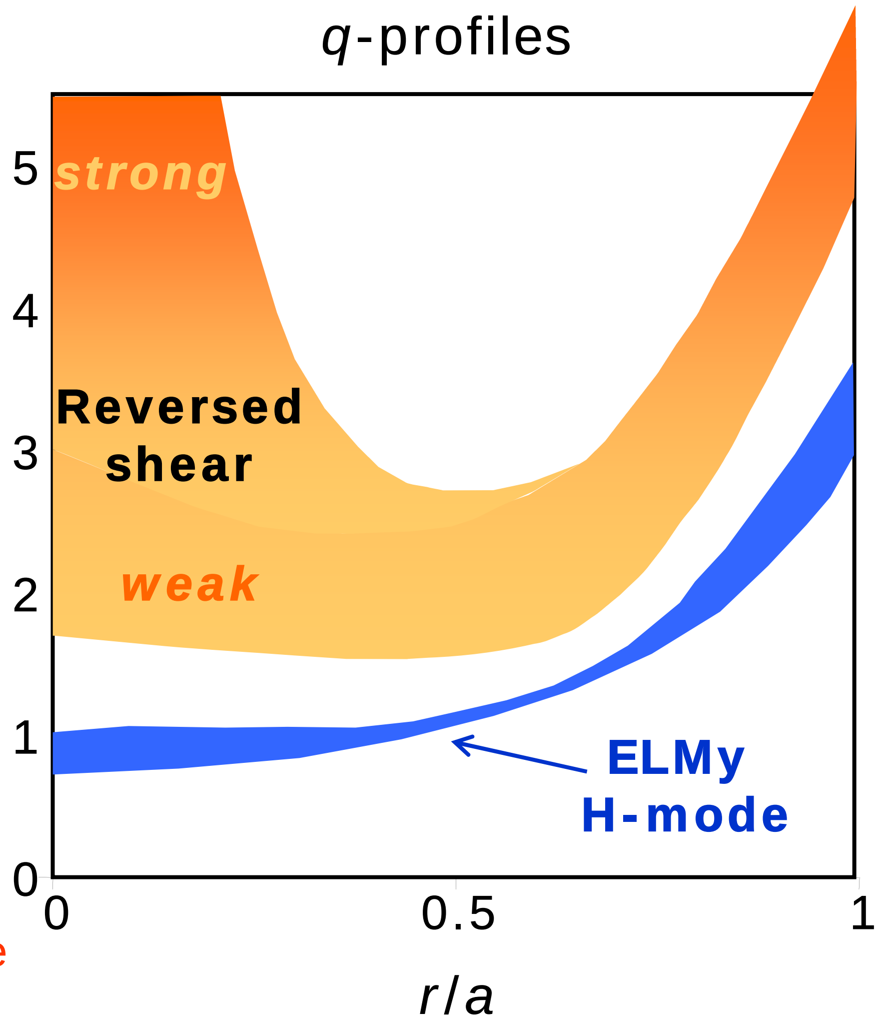


- Only “weak” RS plasmas are stable but they require a delicate active control



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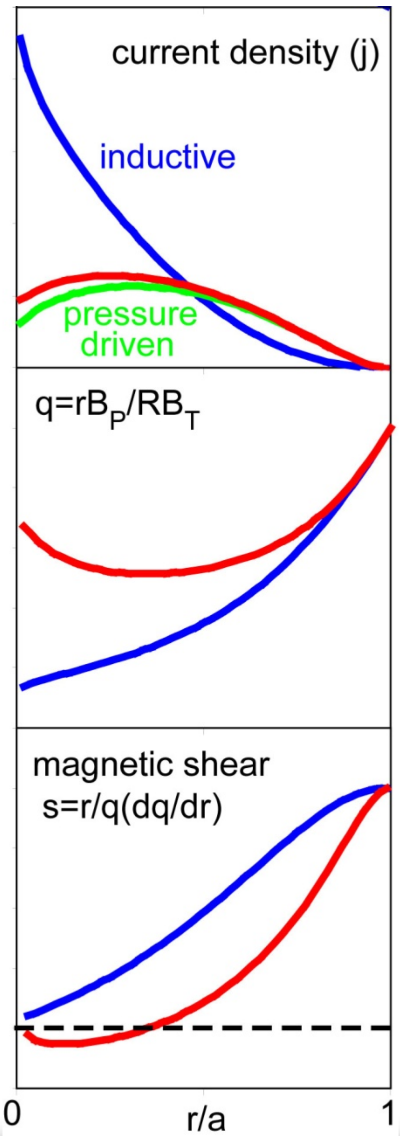
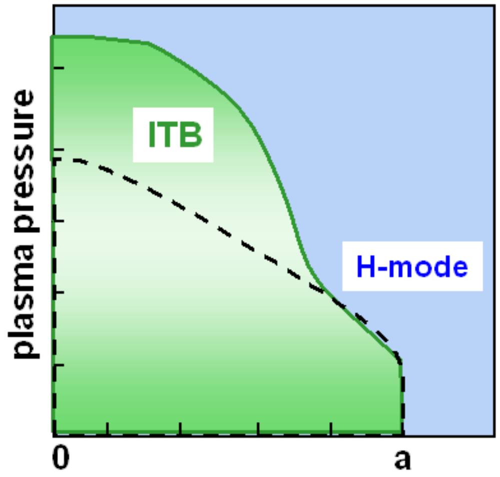


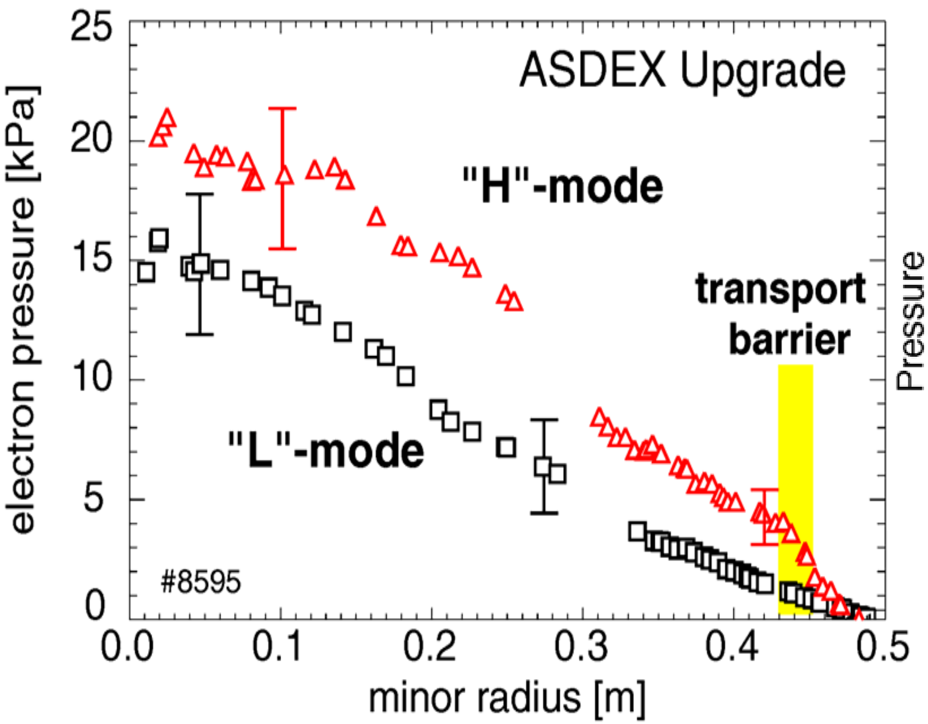


High bootstrap current!

- Higher pressure gradient region in the core with steep edge pedestal
- Hollow current profile
- Reversed *q*-profile
- With negative magnetic shear

Reversed Shear Mode

H-mode



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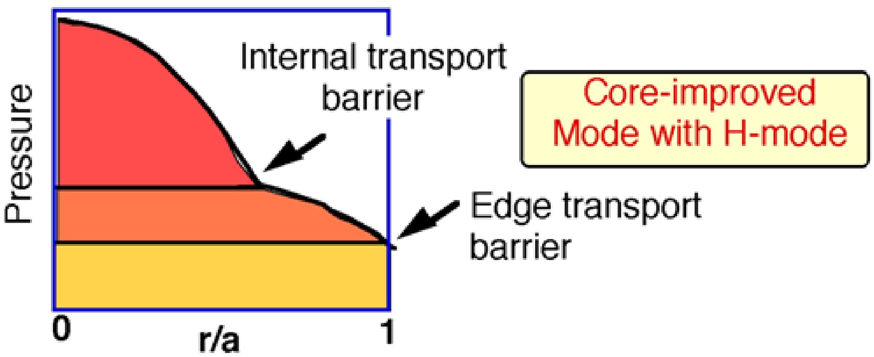

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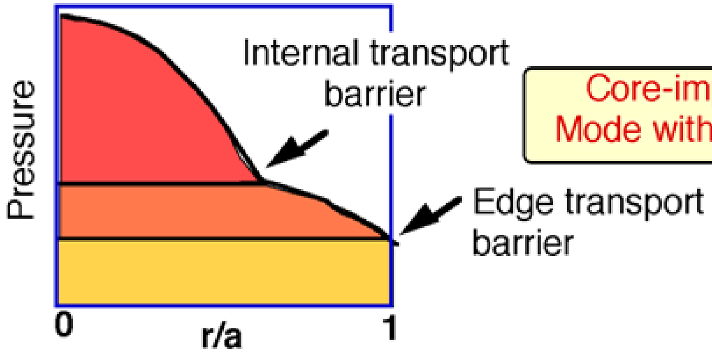
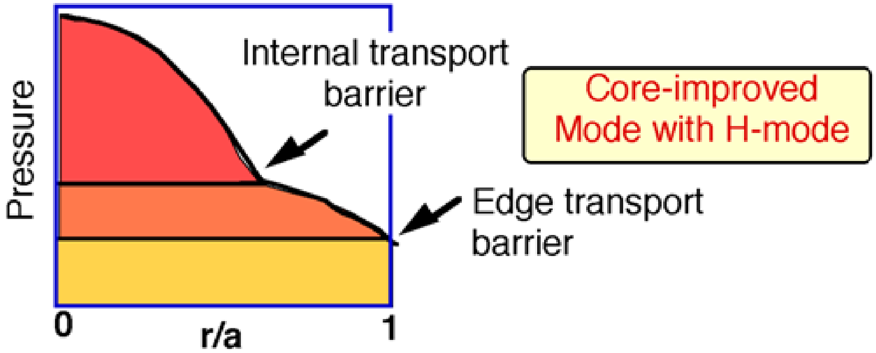


Core-improved Mode with H-mode

Reversed Shear Mode



Turbulence Stabilisation

- **Formation of internal transport barriers to improve confinement**

- Reversed magnetic shear
- Differential rotation (input power)
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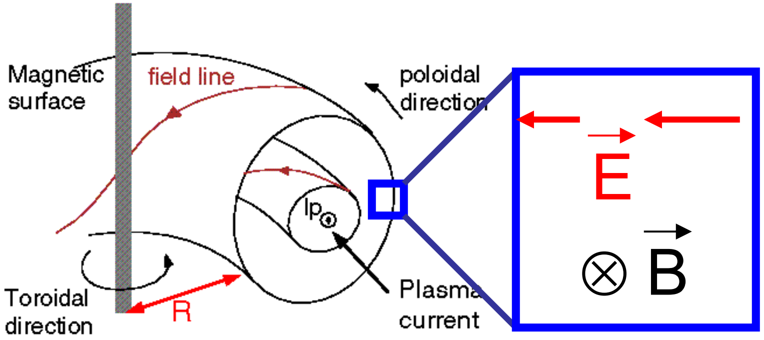
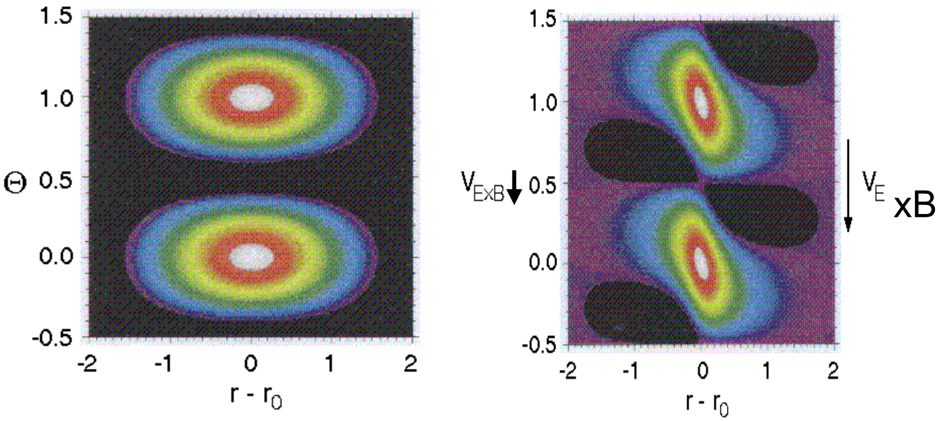


- **One reason:**
Losses of fast ions at the plasma edge
➔ sheared radial electric field
➔ sheared ExB rotation
➔ eddies get tilted and ripped apart
cause turbulence suppression!



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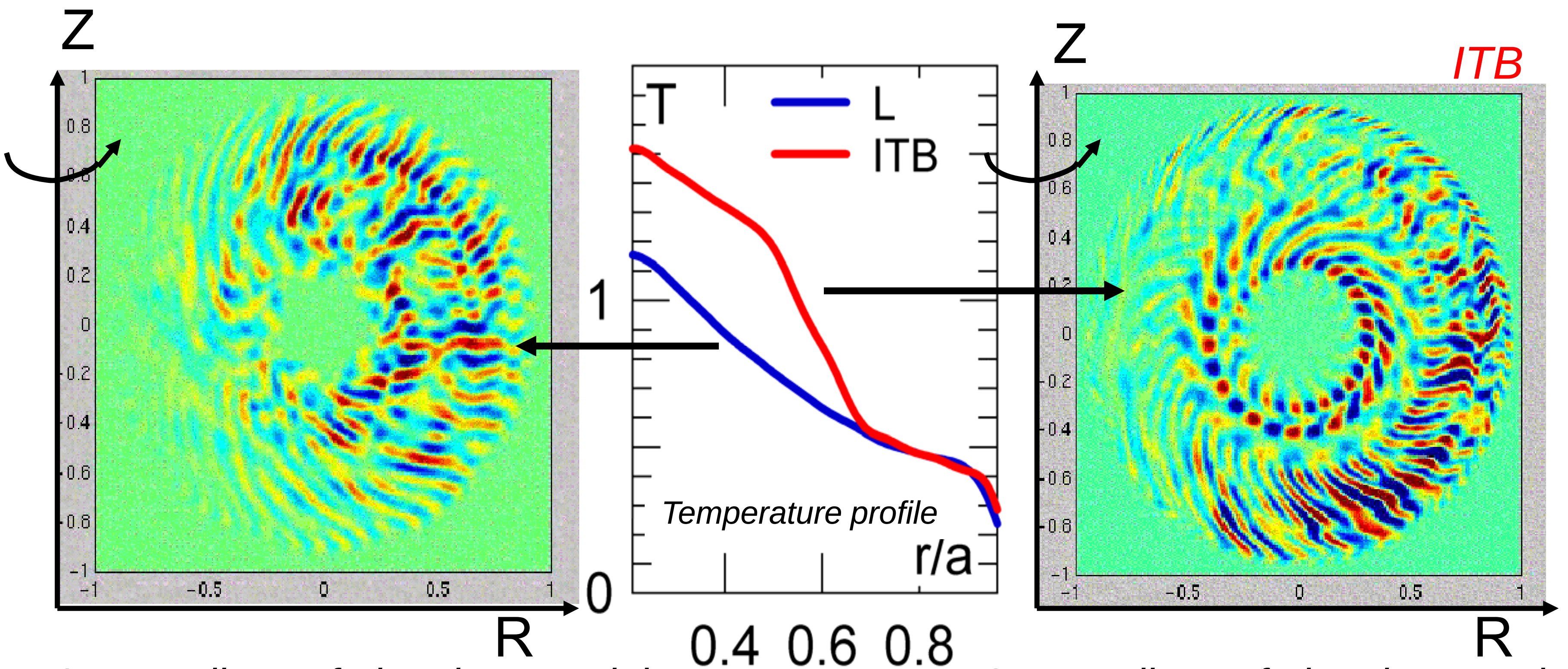


Contour lines of electric potential. *Contour lines of electric potential.*

Turbulence Stabilisation

Gyrokinetic Simulations of Plasma Microinstabilities

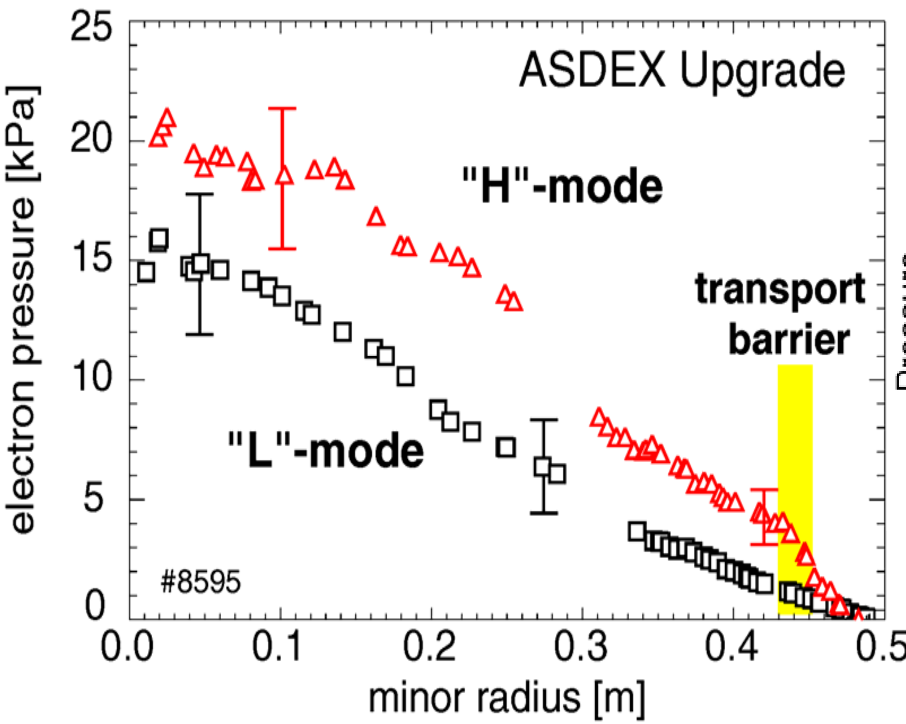
simulation by

Zhihong Lin et al.

Science 281, 1835 (1998)

Reversed Shear Mode

H-mode



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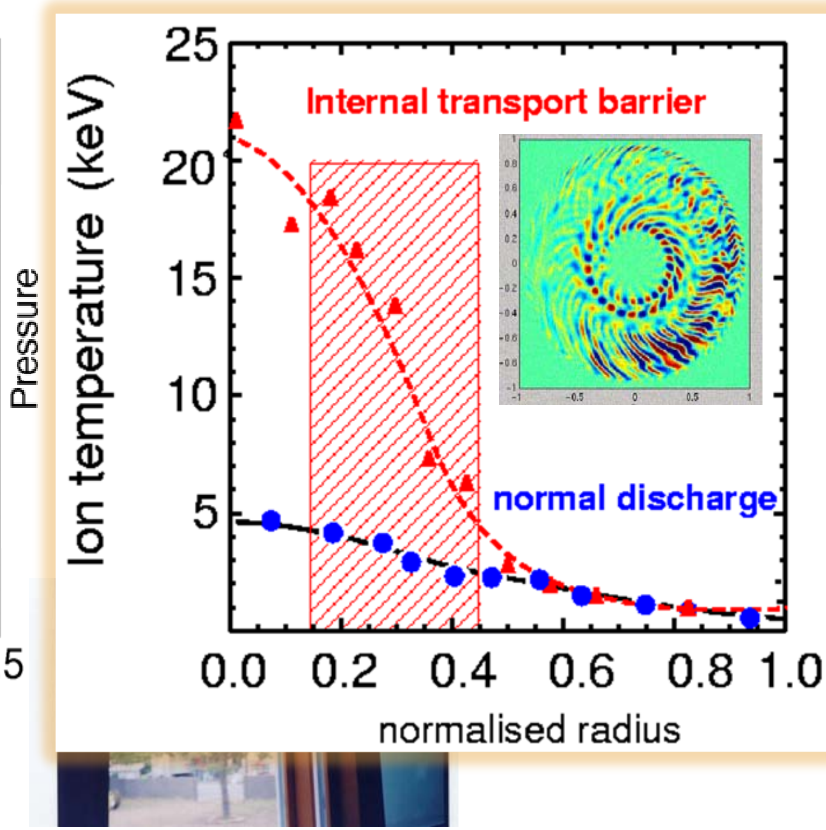
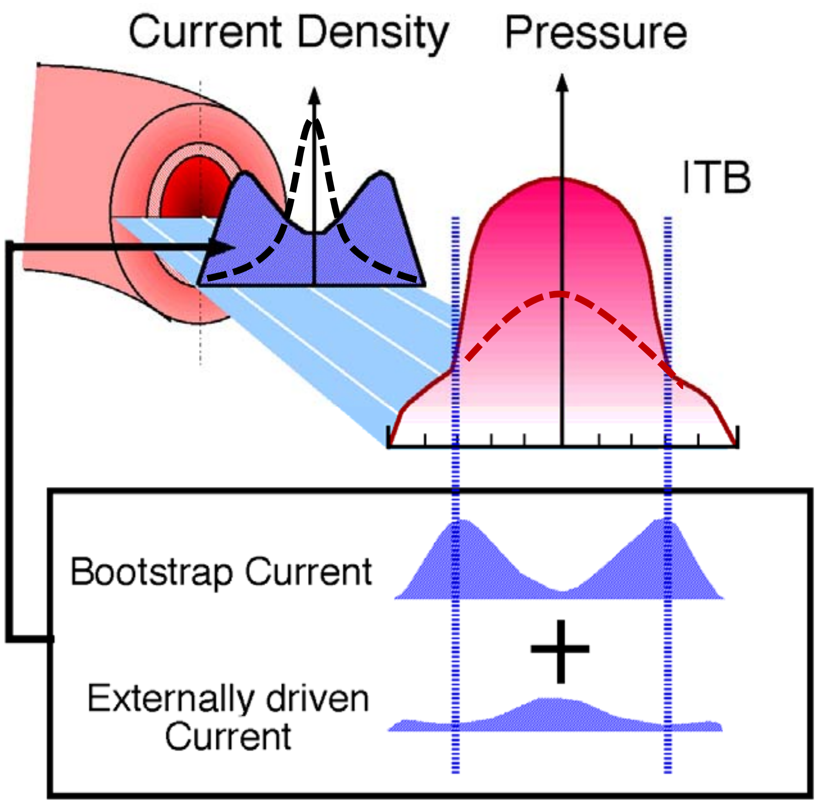


Reversed Shear Mode

- Operation at lower plasma current: $f_{BS} \sim \beta_p \sim I_p^{-2}$
  → Confinement degradation: $\tau_E \sim H_{98}(y,2)\ I_p^{0.93}$
  → To get enough fusion power: $H_{98}(y,2) > 1$ (advanced)



Non-monotonic current profile

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Turbulence suppression

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High pressure gradients

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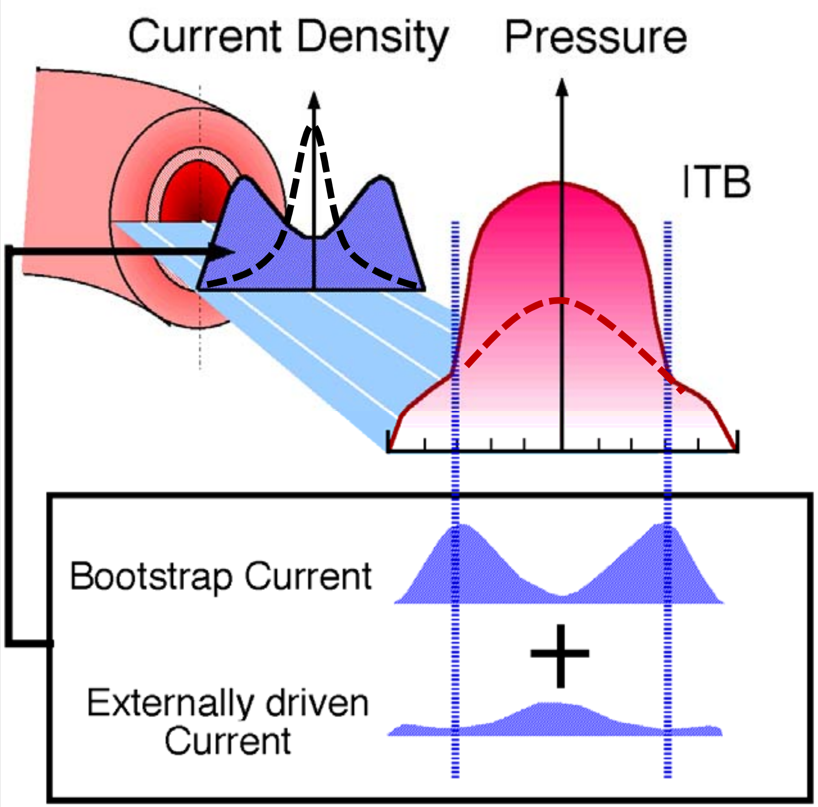
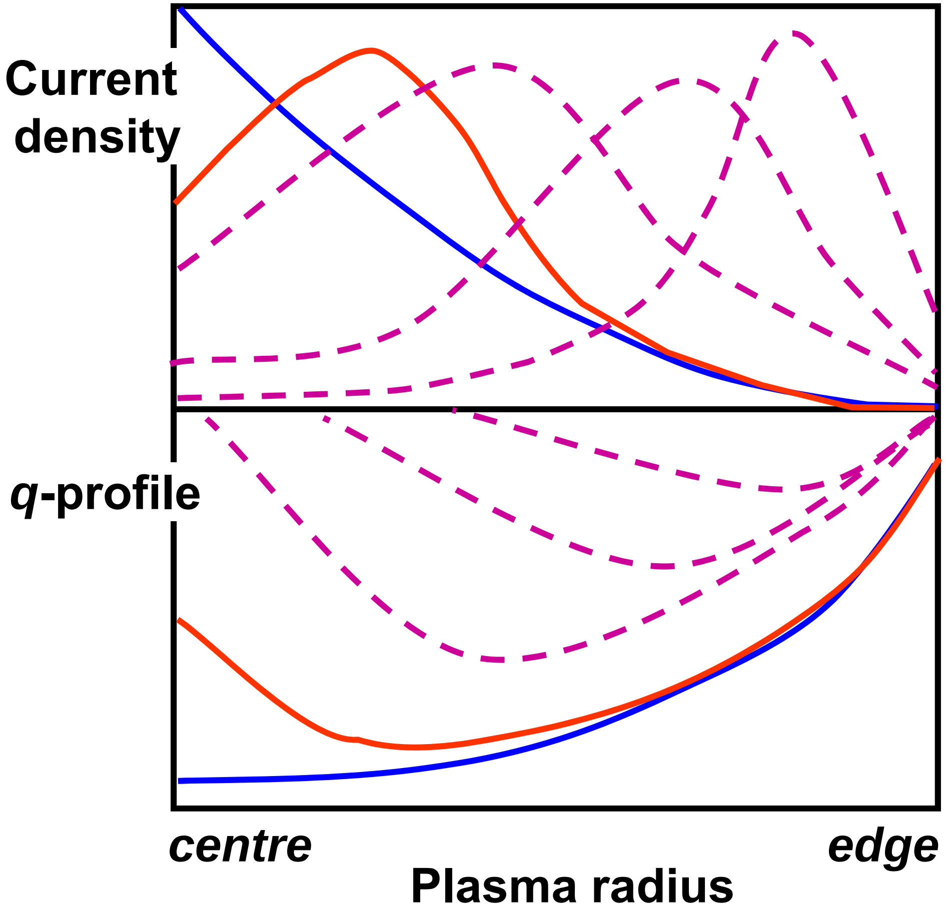
Large bootstrap current

Sustainment of Non-monotonic Current Profile

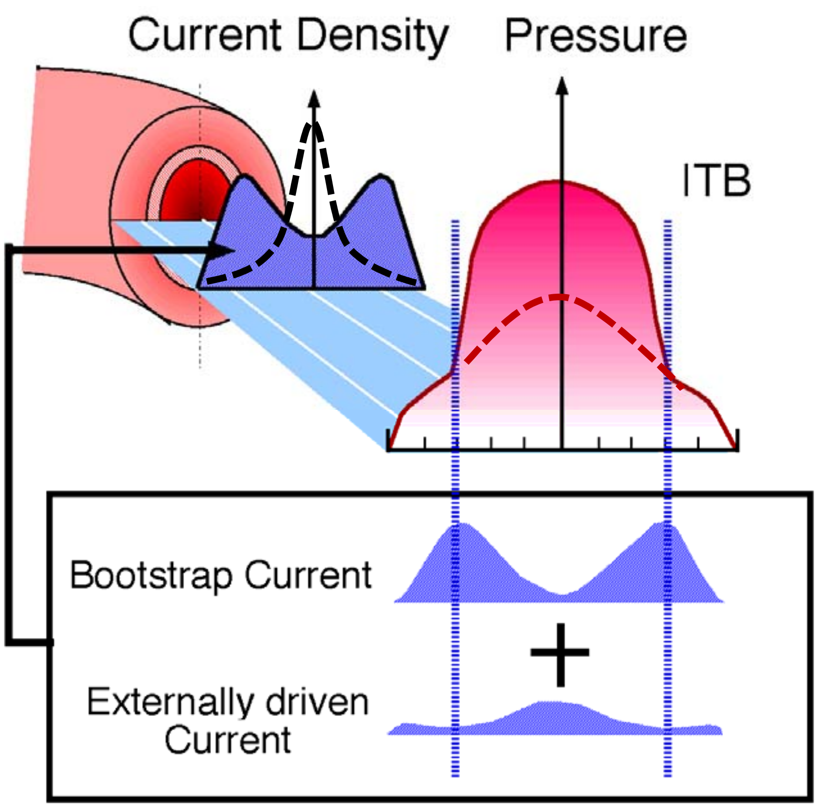
- Plasma current diffusion into the core from the edge





Current and pressure profile control !

Current drive and current profile control



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Non-inductive current drive

Current drive and current profile control

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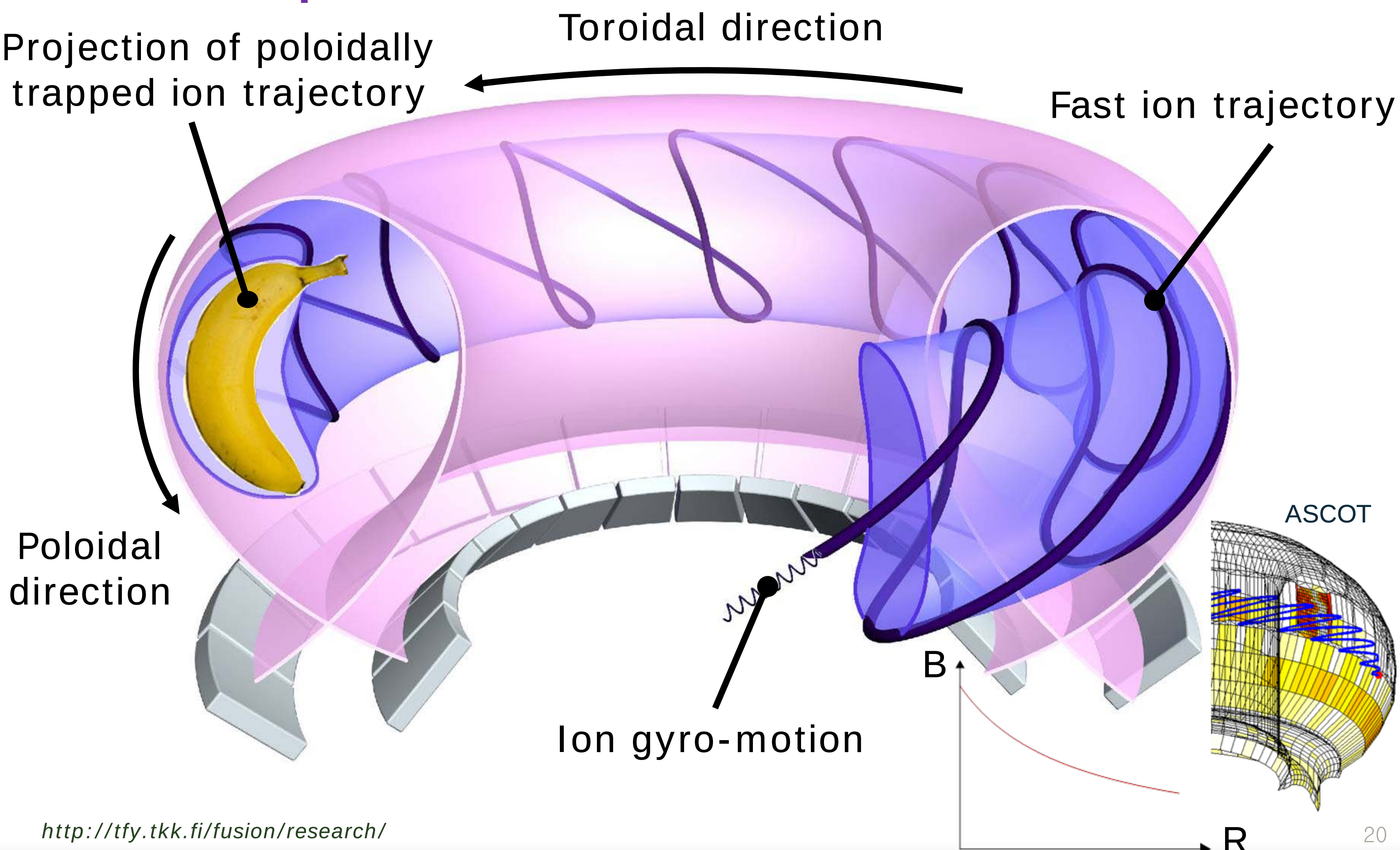
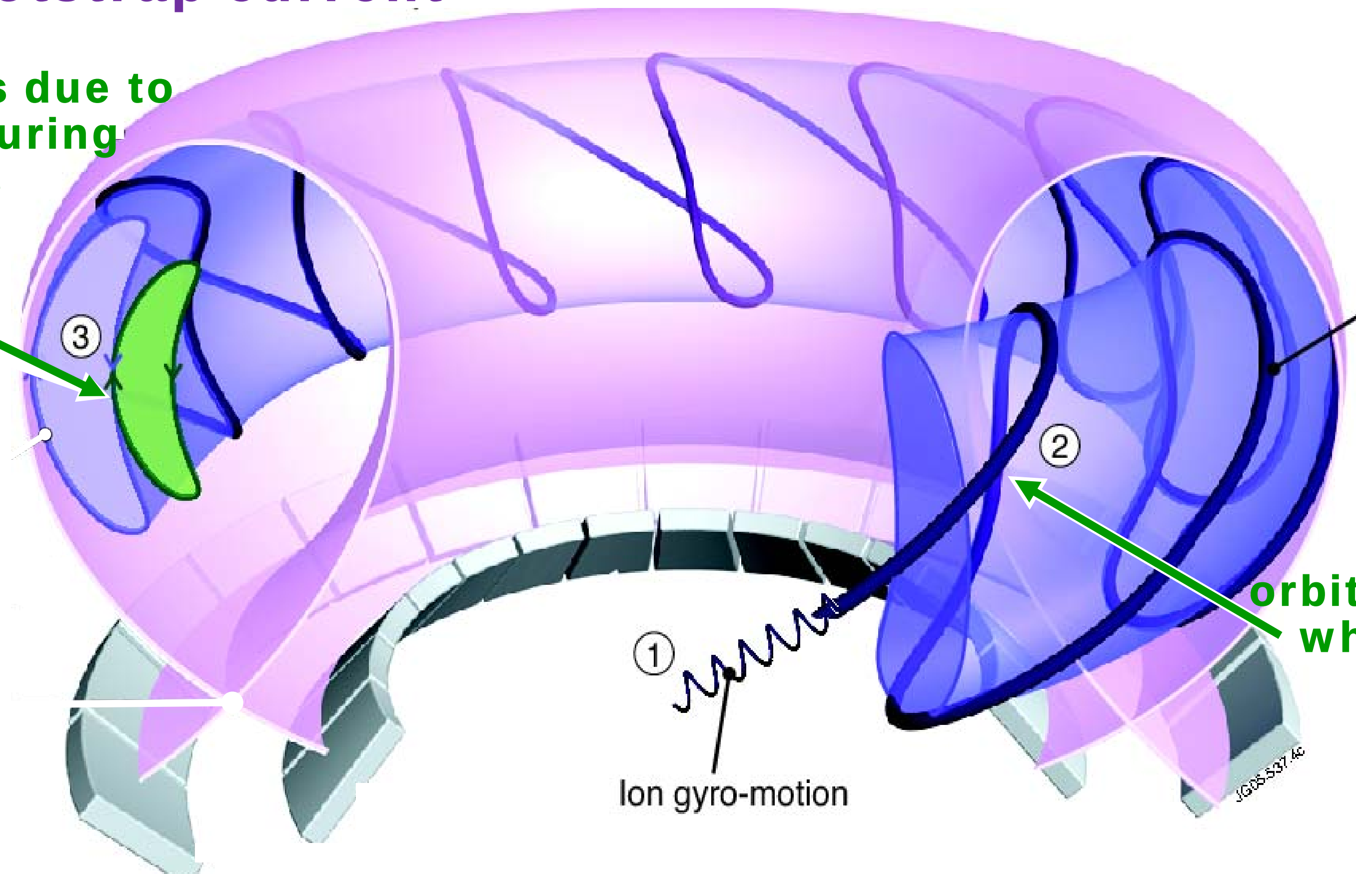


http://tfy.tkk.fi/fusion/research/

Current drive and current profile control

- **Bootstrap current**

Currents due to neighbouring bananas largely cancel



orbits tighter where field stronger

- But more & faster particles on orbits nearer the core (green cf blue) lead to a net "banana current"
- this is transferred to a helical bootstrap current via collisions

$$J_{boot} \sim \frac{dP}{dr}$$

Current drive and current profile control

- **Bootstrap current**

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Diffusion Driven Plasma Currents and Bootstrap Tokamak

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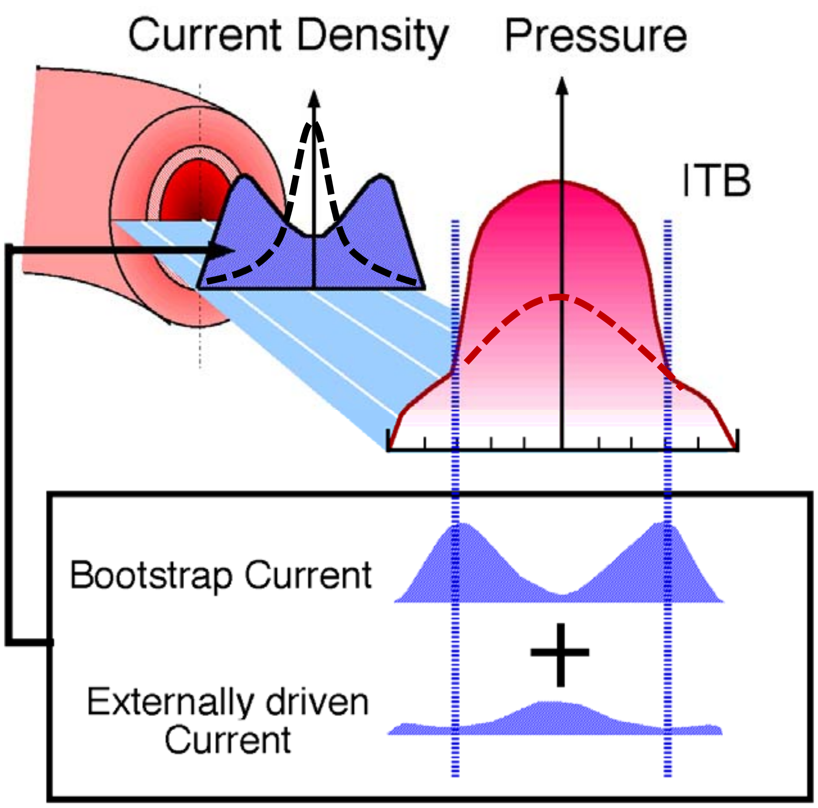
In toroidal systems of plasma confinement the intrinsic diffusion driven toroidal current modifies estimates of the maximum ratio of plasma pressure to magnetic field pressure. This intrinsic current may also make possible a type of Tokamak machine which operates in a steady state, unlike present pulsed designs.

in what we call a "bootstrap" Tokamak. Such a machine could operate in a steady state, unlike present pulsed designs, because refuelling and thermonuclear reactions provide a continuous source of plasma to diffuse across the lines of force.

The existence of the intrinsic toroidal current is implicit in all calculations of toroidal diffusion and its value may be obtained easily from such calculations, so that only the result need be quoted here. For simplicity we consider the usual axisymmetric system with concentric magnetic surfaces $B_\varphi = B_0/h$, $B_\theta = \Theta B_\varphi$ with

$$\Theta = \varepsilon \frac{\iota}{2\pi} \ll 1,\ h = 1 + (r/R)\cos\theta, \text{ and } r, \theta, \varphi$$

Current drive and current profile control



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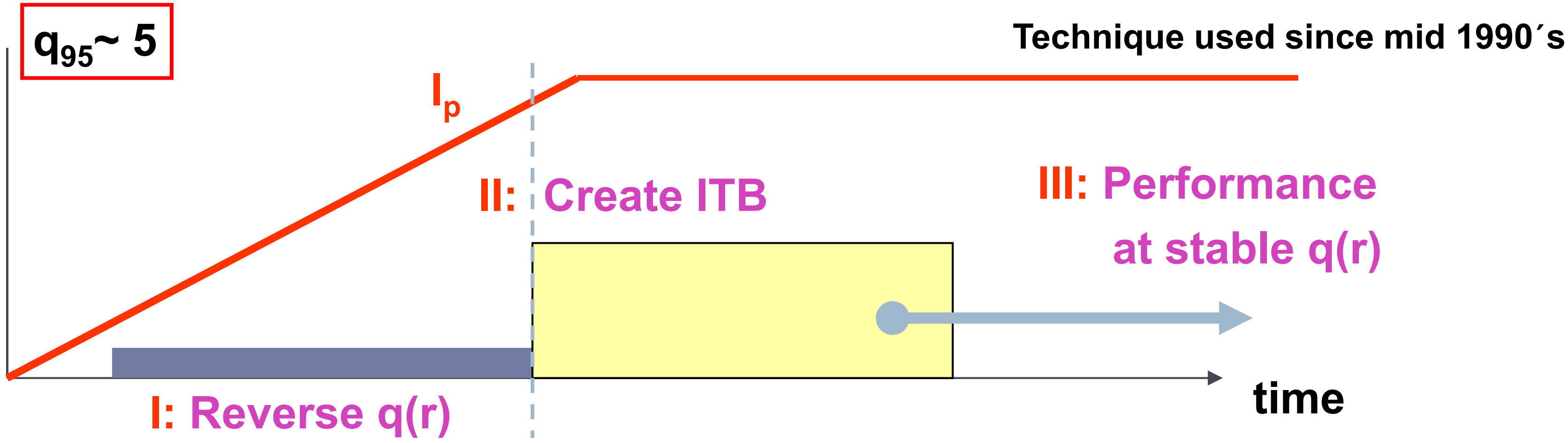
Cf. NTM control

HW: Which heating & CD sources for fusion reactors?

Reversed Shear Scenario



I: Heat during current rise, external current drive (reverse q).

II: Increase heating power to stabilise turbulence (ITB).

Improve plasma confinement, try to increase pressure (β_N)

III: Keep going: ITER non-inductive regime: $H_H \approx 1.6$; $\beta_N \approx 3.0$

(ITER: 9MA, 50% external current drive (73MW), 50% bootstrap fraction)

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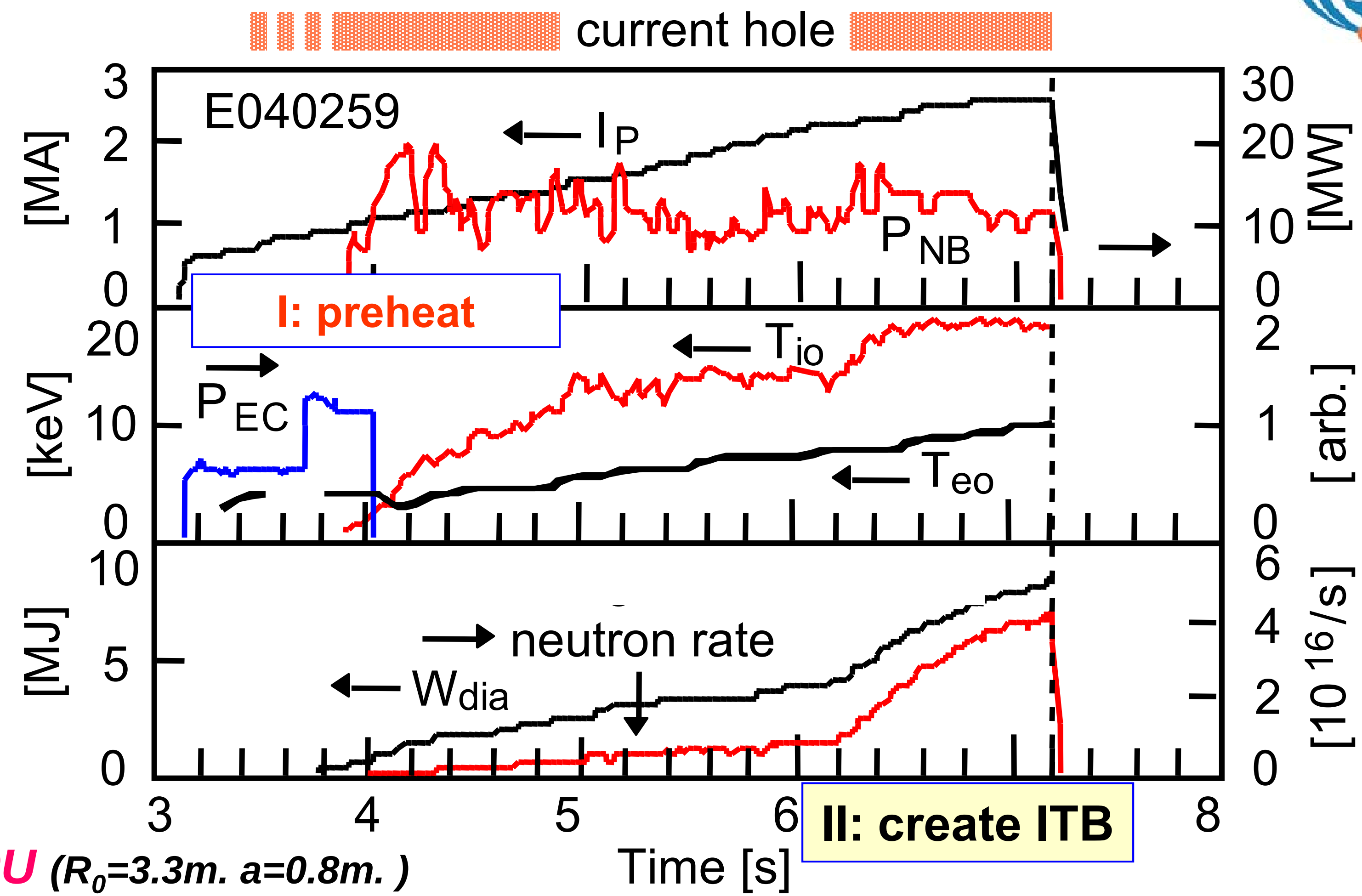

JT-60U ***(R_0=3.3m. a=0.8m.)***

I: Form q(r), II: create ITB, III: But discharge terminates (unstable)

Fukuda T and the JT-60U team 2002 *Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion* 44 B39–B52

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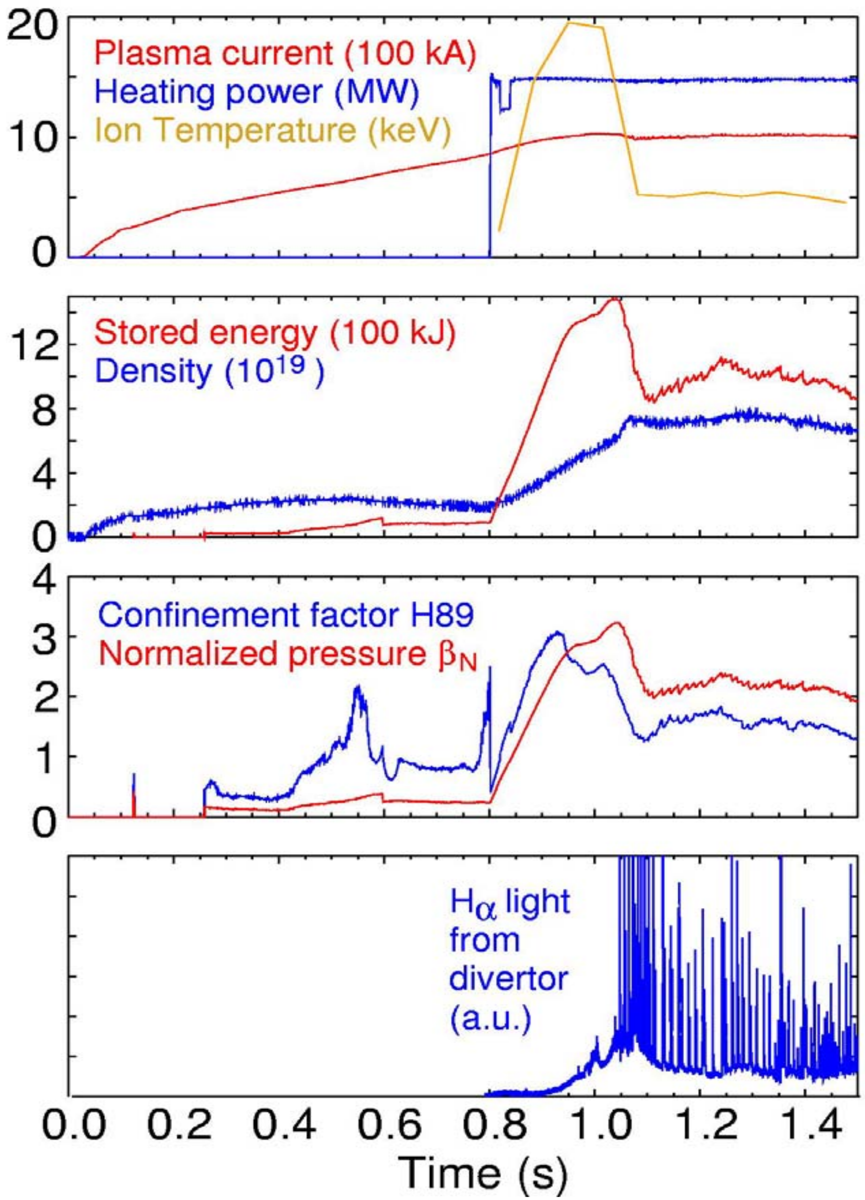

- Formation of an ITB at low n_e, with 15 MW NBI power $T_i > T_e$, high rotation shear
- ITBs are relatively short lived, only few τ_E
- Good, transient performance: H_{89}~3, β_N ~ 3
- ITB not compatible with H-mode edge barrier and large ELMs

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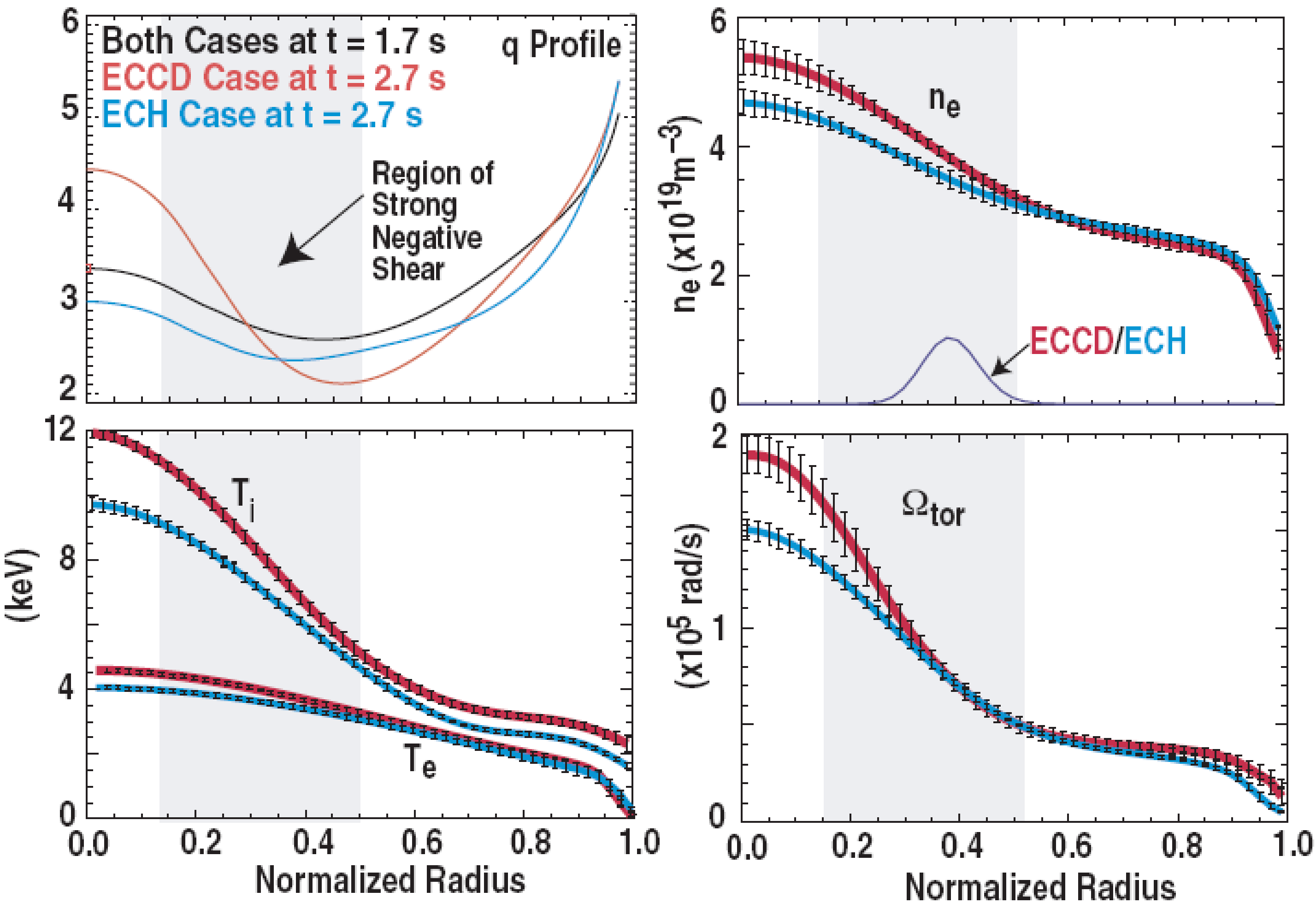

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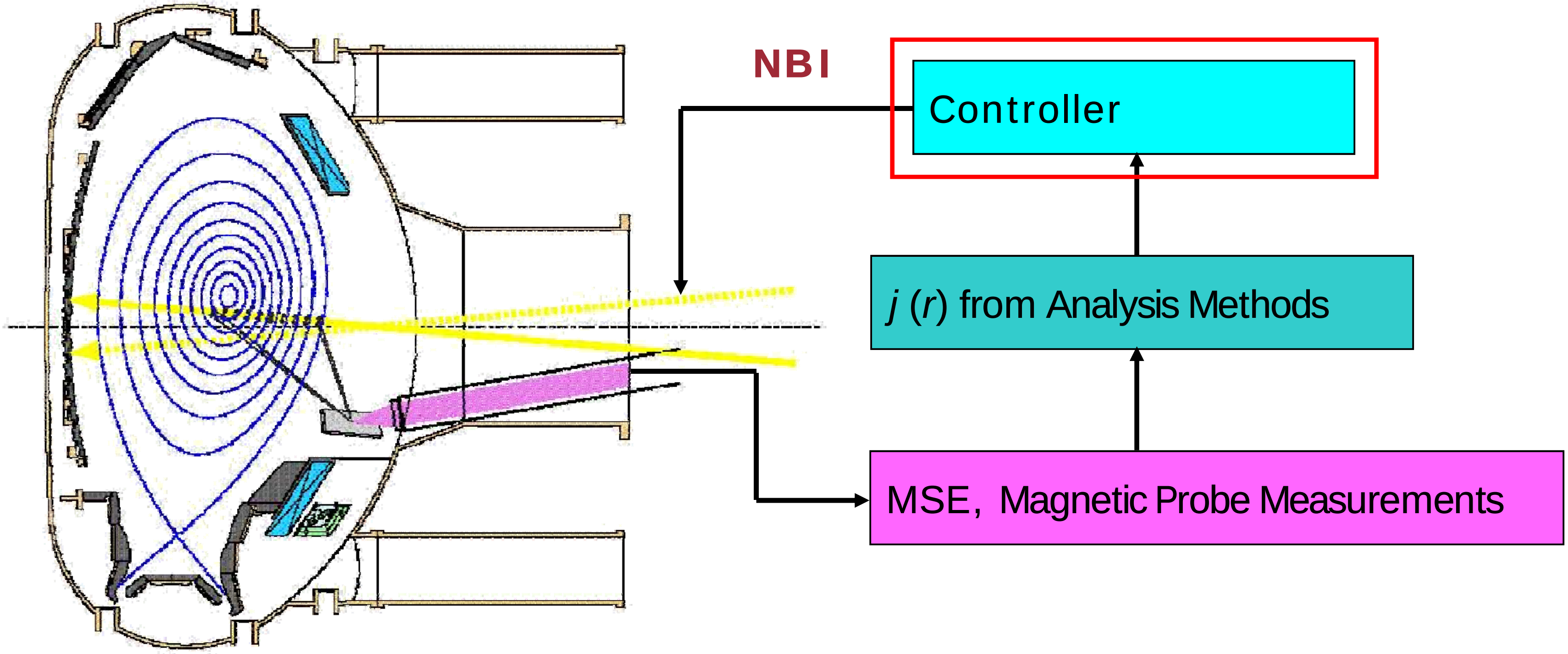
(R_0=1.7m. ,a=0.6m.)

- Less RS
- $H_{H98(y,2)}$ = 1.37
- β_N = 2.62
- q_{95} = 5
- „Weak“ ITBs

Wade, Nucl. Fusion 43 (2003) 634–646

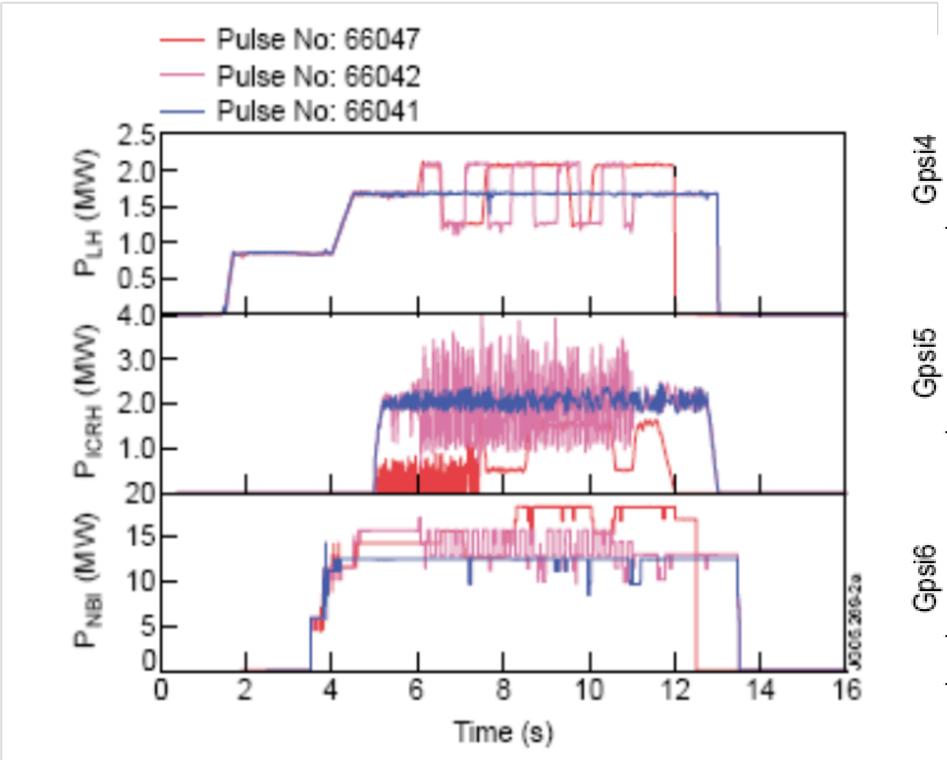
Reversed Shear Scenario

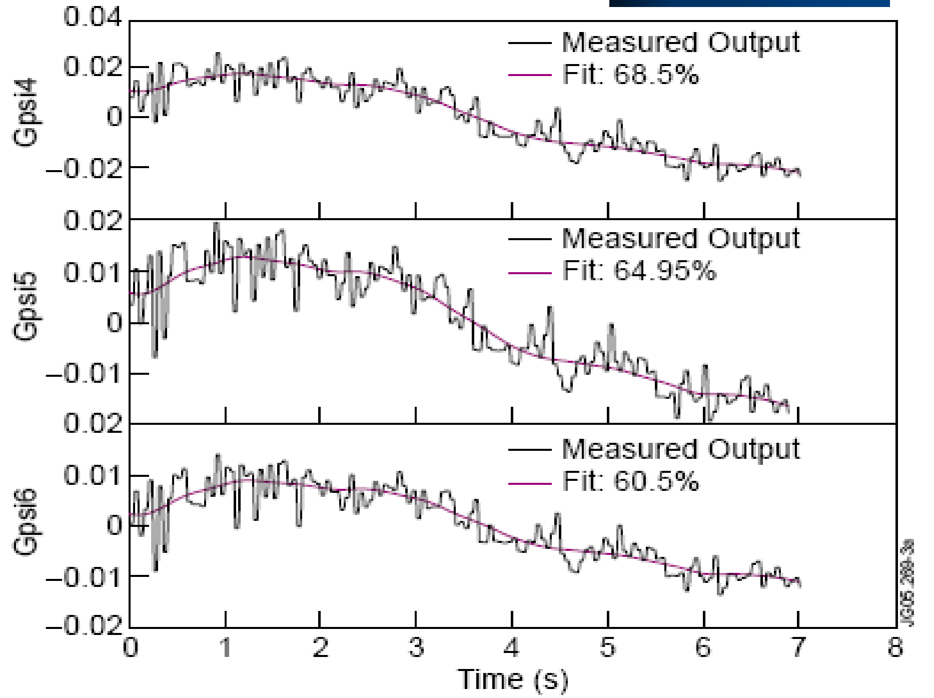
- Current density profile control at ASDEX Upgrade



RT Current and Pressure Profile Control

- Simultaneous control of distributed magnetic and kinetic paramters
- Dedicated experiments to identify controller coefficients





- Modulation combinations of actuators (NBI, LH, ICRH) to infer the coefficients of the state space model of the slow loop.
- Two control loops, 4 actuators (NBI, LH, ICRH, PF)

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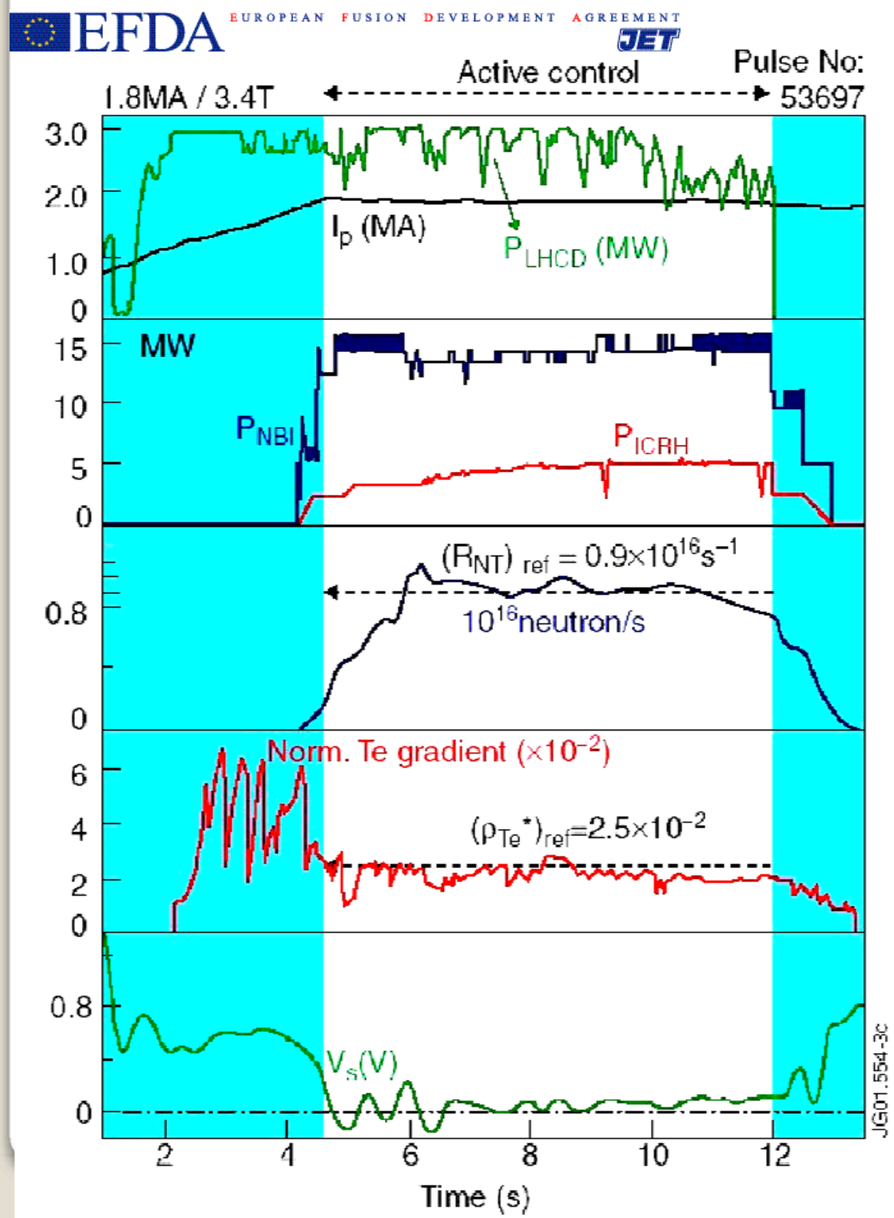
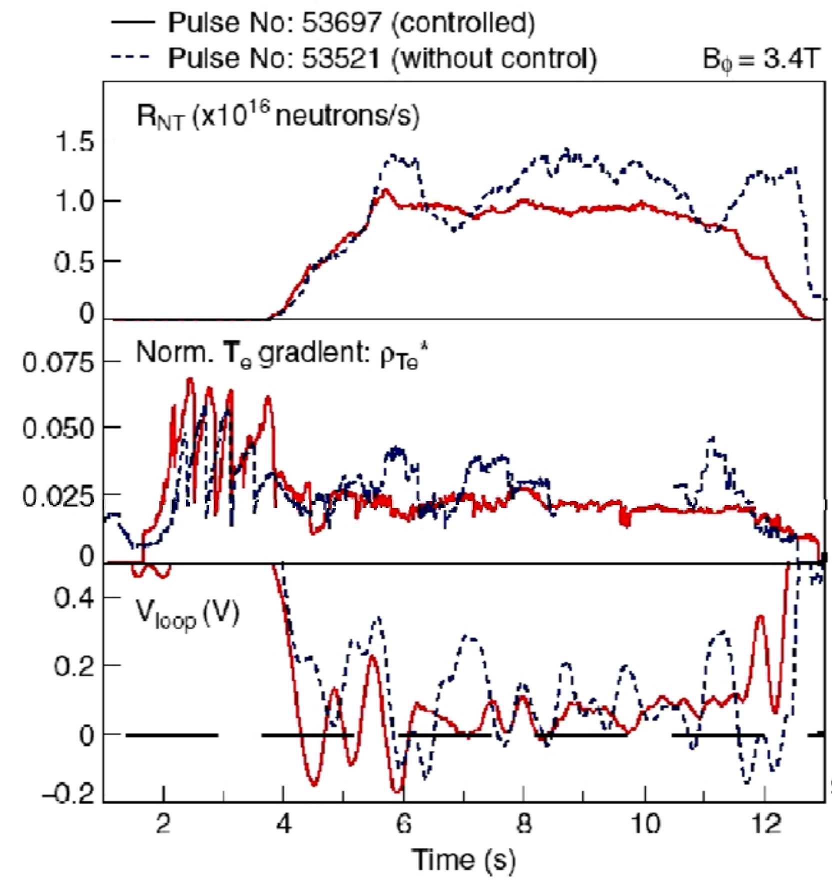


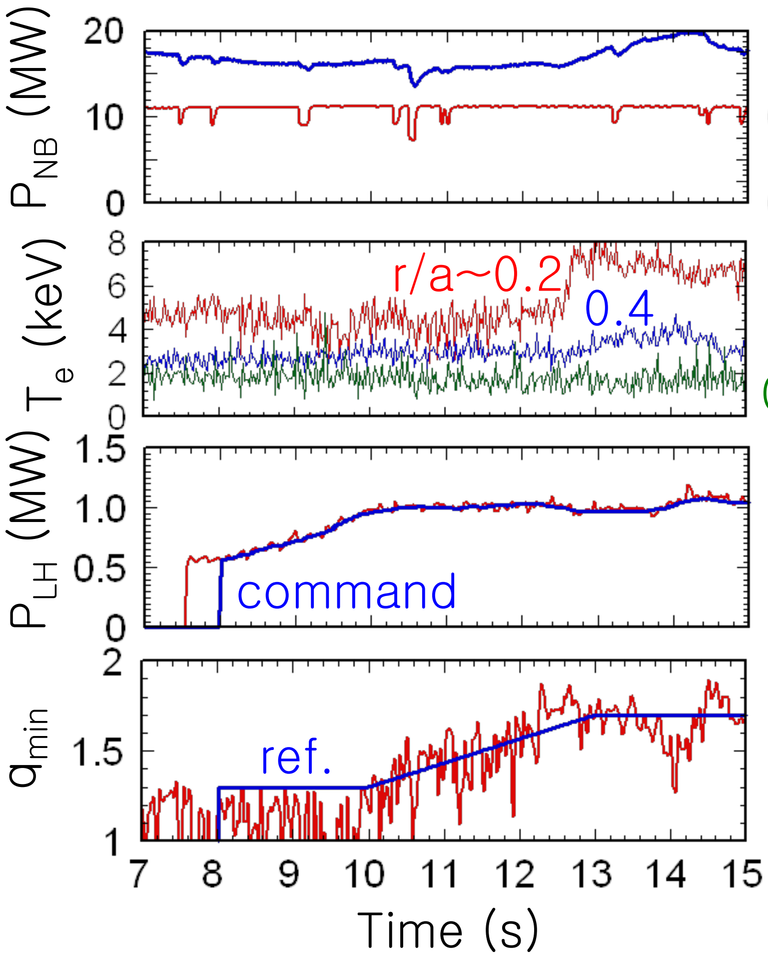


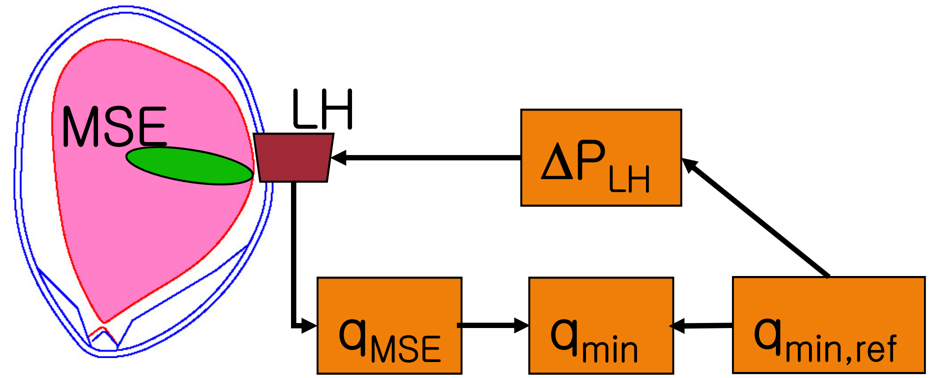
- Real time pressure profile and *q*-profile control to keep ITB steady

Mazon et al, PPCF 2002

RT Current and Pressure Profile Control

- JT60-U: Real time q_{min} control with MSE diagnostics and LHCD





- Transport reduction at t = 12.4 s
- Time delay in response of q_{min}