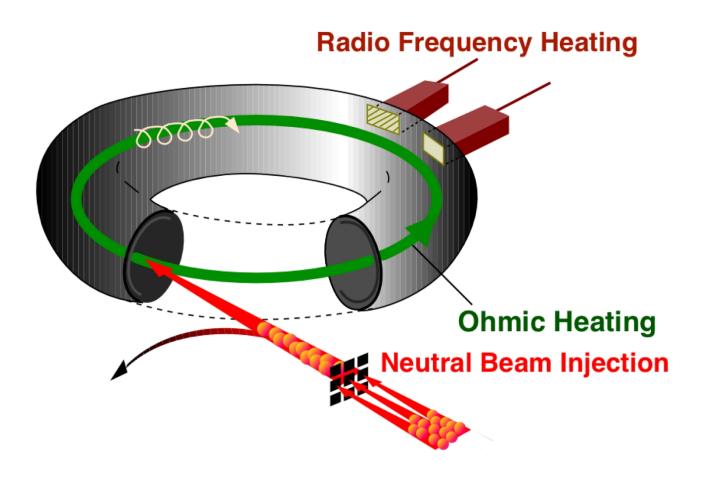
Introduction to Nuclear Fusion

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How to heat up a plasma?

Plasma Heating

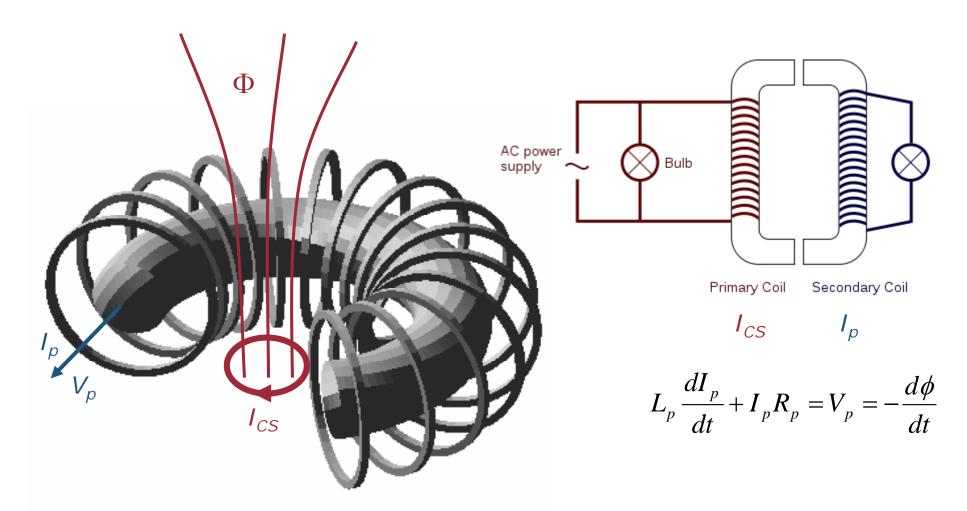






Auction (Korea)

- Intrinsic primary heating in tokamaks due to Joulian dissipation generated by currents through resistive plasma: thermalisation of kinetic energies of energetic electrons (accelerated by applied E) via Coulomb collision with plasma ions
- Primary heating due to lower cost than other auxiliary heatings



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- Z_{eff} limited by radiation losses
- High *T* required for enough fusion reactions

 q_0 , q_a limited by instabilities



Magnetic field limited by engineering

→ compact high-field tokamak

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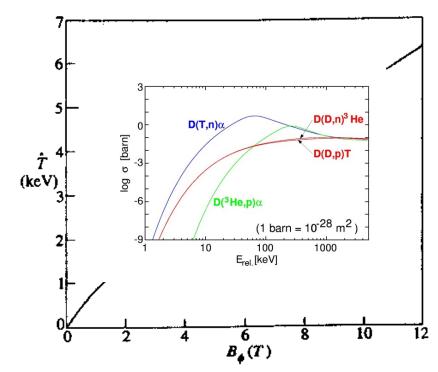
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Average temperatures above ~ 7 keV are necessary before alpha heating is large enough to achieve a significant fusion rate.

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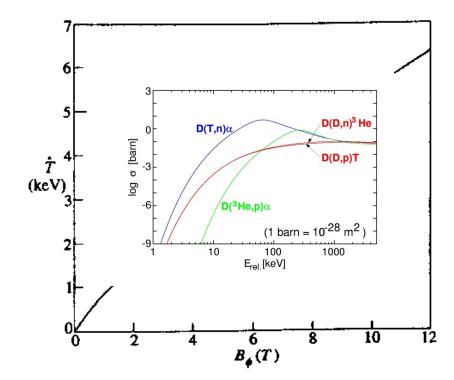
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It seems unlikely that tokamaks that would lead to practical reactors can be heated to thermonuclear temperatures by Ohmic heating!

Neutral Beam Injection (NBI)



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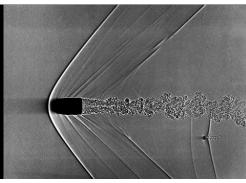
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Plasma



Neutral beam



Andy Warhol

- Supplemental heating by energy transfer of neutral beam to the plasma through collisions
- Requirements
- Enough energy for deep penetration
- Enough power for desired heating
- Enough repetition rate and pulse length > τ_{E}

Injection of a beam of neutral fuel atoms (H, D, T) at high energies*

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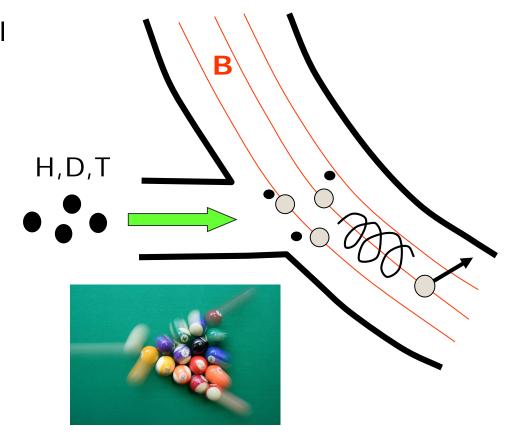
Ionisation in the plasma

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Beam particles confined

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Collisional slowing down



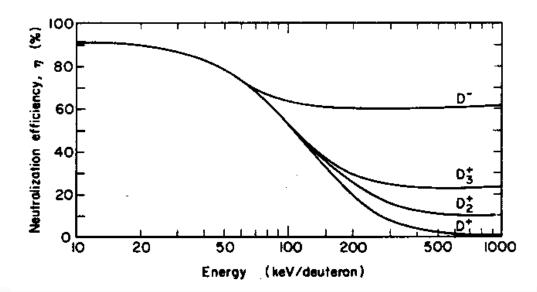
* E_b = 120 keV and 1 MeV for KSTAR and ITER, respectively

Neutraliser

- Charge exchange:
$$\underbrace{D}_{fast}^+ + \underbrace{D}_{2}_{gas}^- \rightarrow \underbrace{D}_{fast}^+ + \underbrace{D}_{2}^+_{slow}^+$$

- Re-ionisation:
$$\underbrace{D}_{fast} + \underbrace{D_2}_{gas} \rightarrow \underbrace{D}_{fast}^+ + \underbrace{D_2}_{gas} + e^-$$

- Efficiency: (outgoing NB power)/(entering ion beam power)



Energy Deposition in a Plasma

Charge exchange: $D_{fast} + D^+ \rightarrow D_{fast}^+ + D$

Ion collision: $D_{fast} + D^+ \rightarrow D_{fast}^+ + D^+ + e^-$

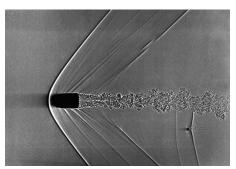
Electron collision: $D_{fast} + e \rightarrow D_{fast}^+ + e + e$

Attenuation of a beam of neutral particles in a plasma



n: density

 σ : cross section



beam energy

NBI



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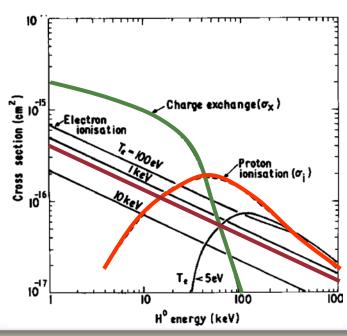
$$\frac{dN_b(x)}{dx} = -N_b(x)n\sigma_{tot} \quad N_b(x) = N_b(0)\exp(-n\sigma_{tot}x)$$

Ex. beam intensity:
$$I(x) = N_b(x)v_b = I_0 \cdot \exp(-x/\lambda)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n\sigma_{tot}} \approx 0.4m$$
 Penetration (attenuation) length

$$n = 5 \cdot 10^{20} \, m^{-3}$$
 $E_{b0} = 70 \, keV$ $\sigma_{tot} = 5 \cdot 10^{-20} \, m^2$

In large reactor plasmas, beam cannot reach core!



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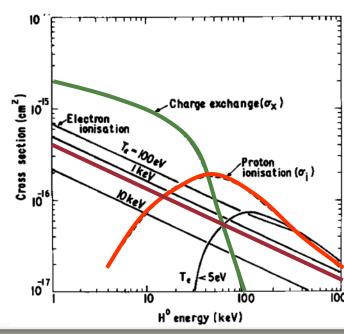
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General criterion for adequate penetration

$$\lambda \equiv \frac{1}{n\sigma_{tot}Z_{eff}^{\gamma}} = \frac{5.5 \times 10^{17} E_b(keV)}{A(amu)n(m^{-3})Z_{eff}^{\gamma}} \ge a/4$$

$$E_b \ge 4.5 \times 10^{-19} Ana Z_{eff}^{\gamma}$$



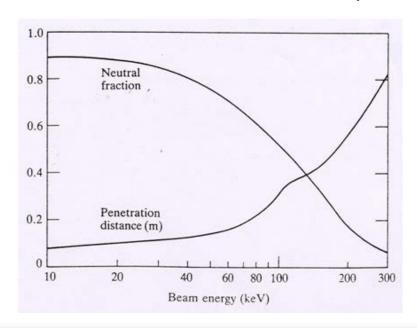
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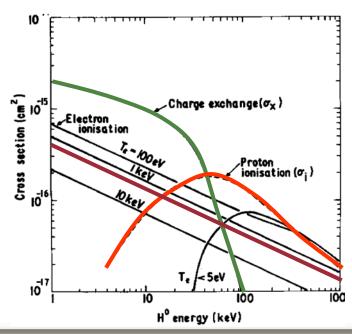
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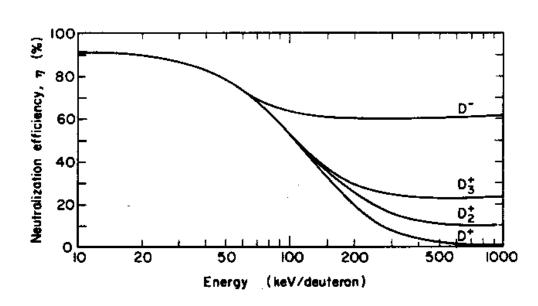
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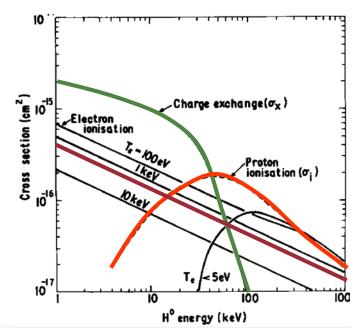
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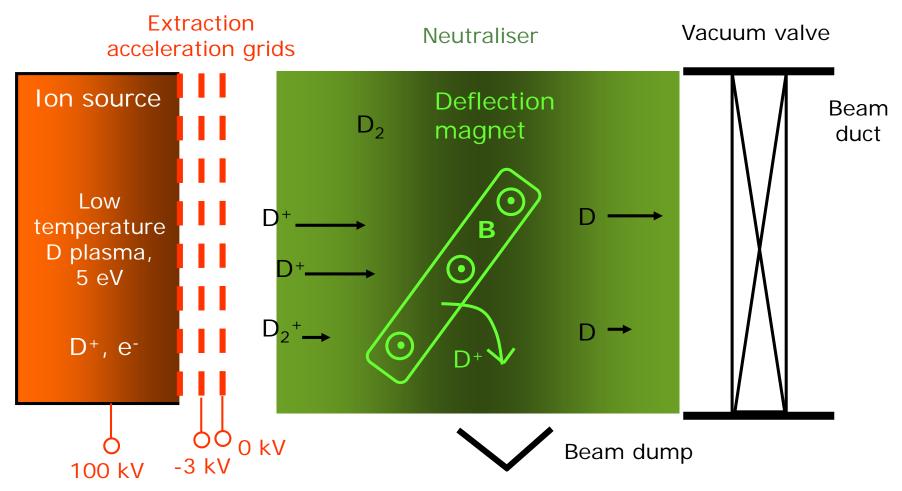
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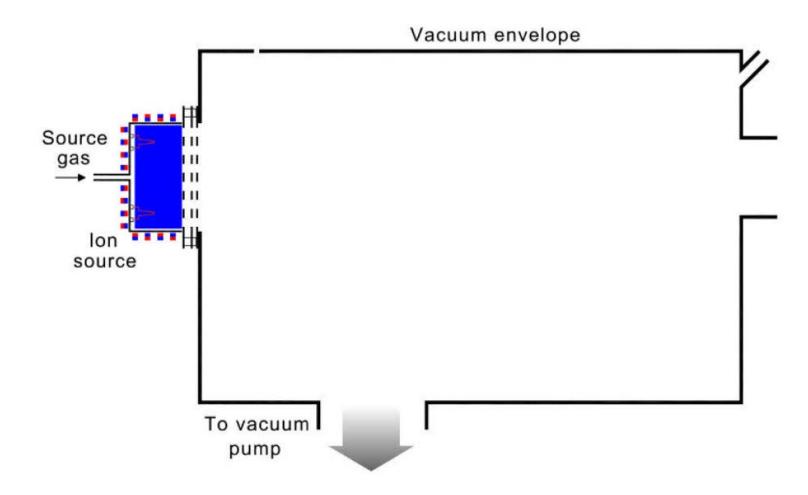


Generation of a Neutral Fuel Beam

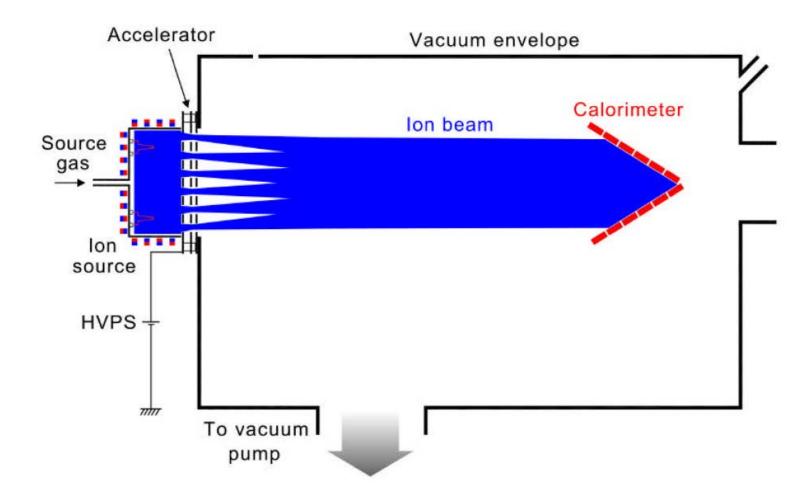


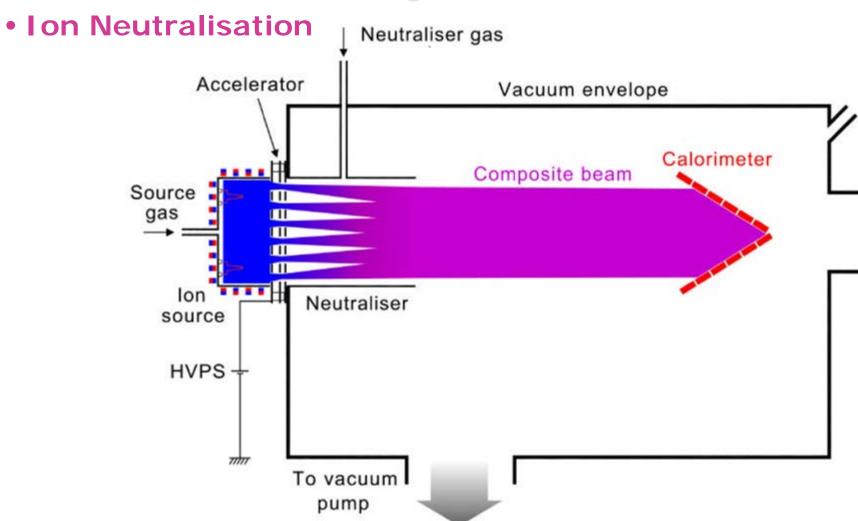
Ex) W7-AS: V = 50 kV, I = 25 A, power deposited in plasma: 0.4 MW

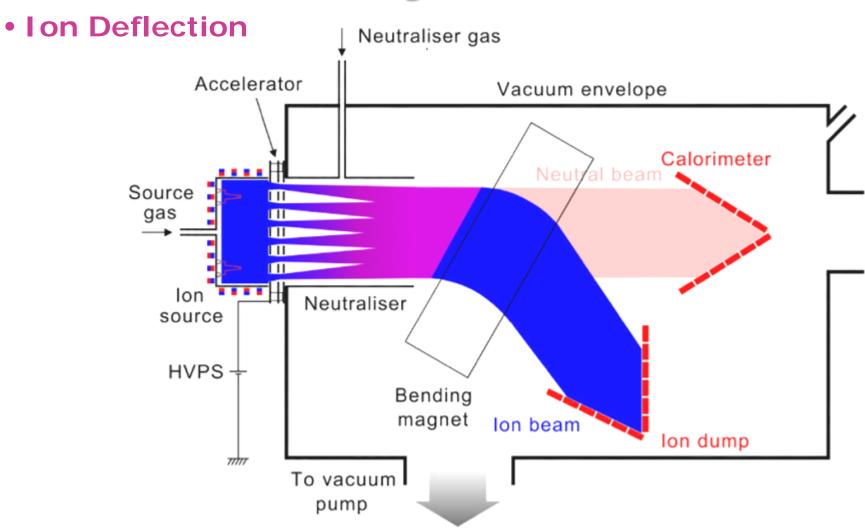
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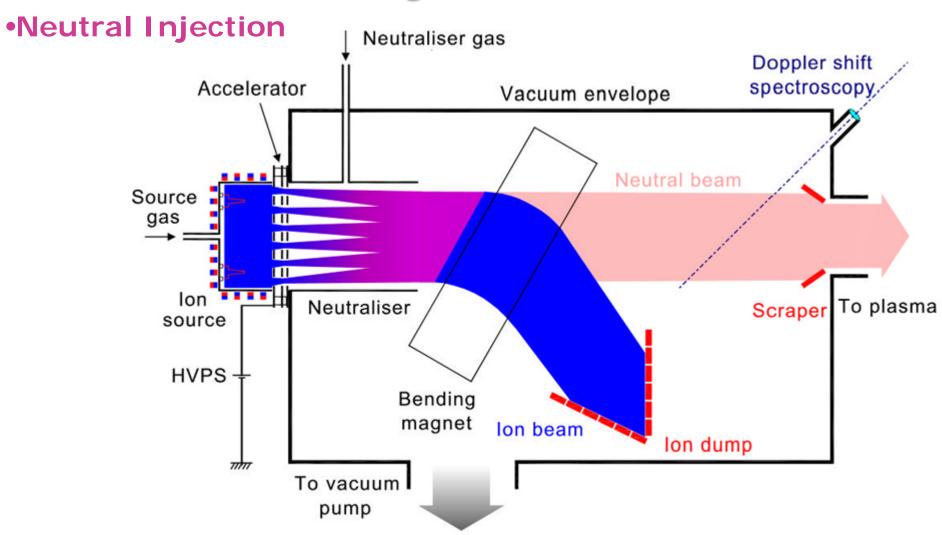


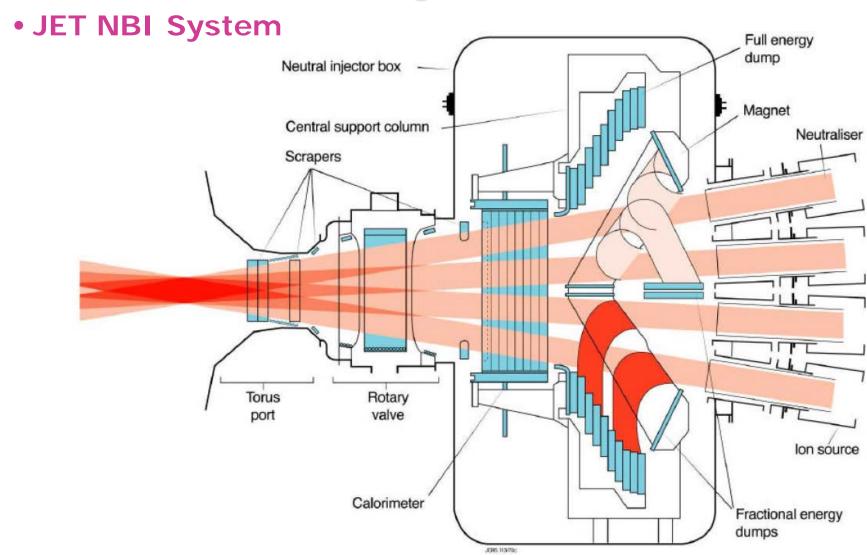
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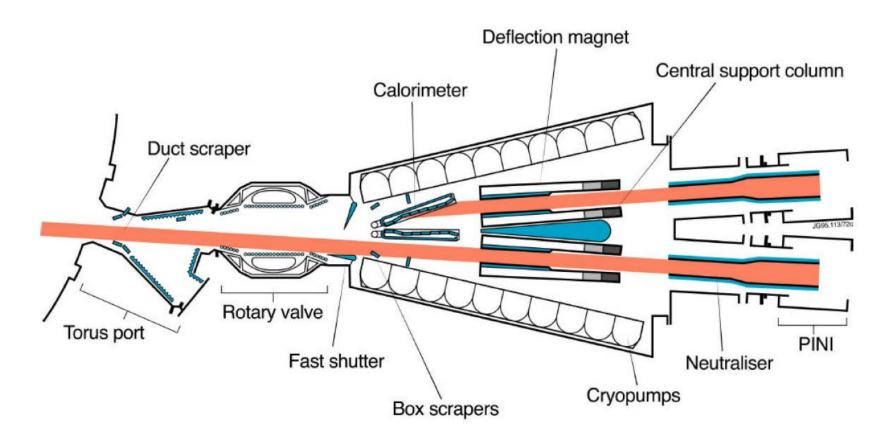




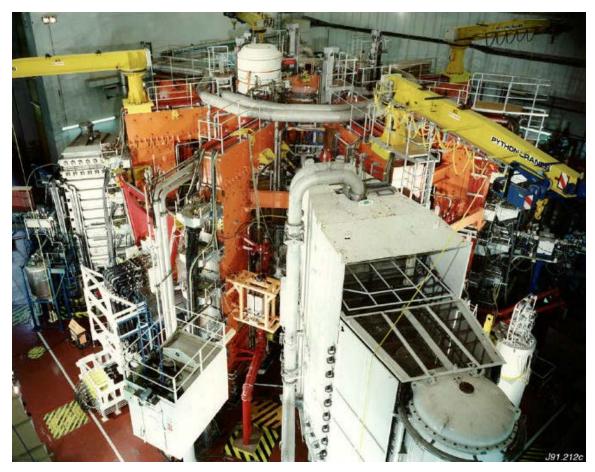




JET NBI System

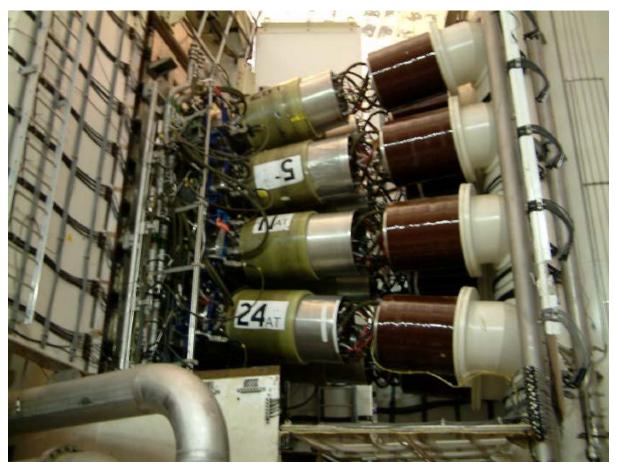


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JET with machine and Octant 4 Neutral Injector Box

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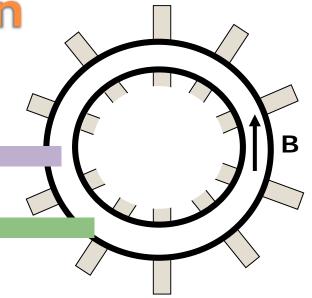


Octant 4 Neutal Injector Box

Injection Angle

Radial (perpendicular, normal) injection

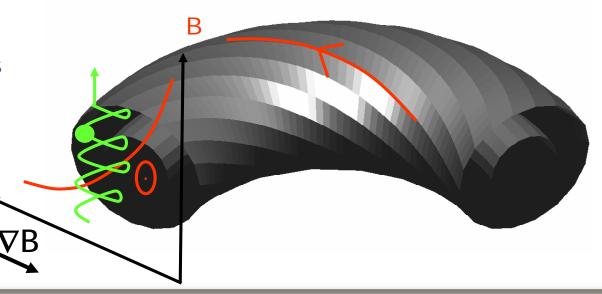
Tangential injection



Radial injection:

- standard ports
- particle loss
- shine-through

$$\mathbf{v}_{D,\nabla B} = \pm \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp} r_{L} \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla B}{B^{2}}$$

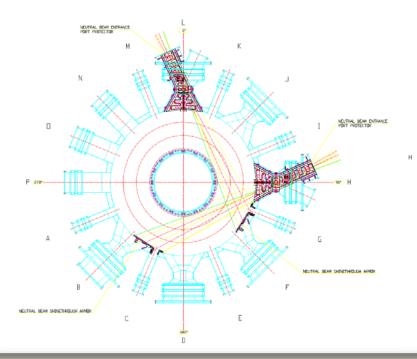


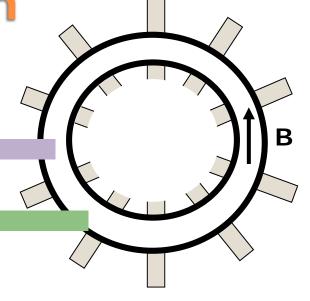
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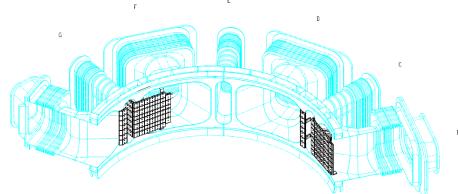
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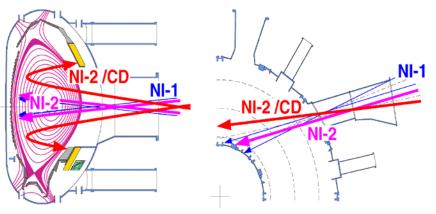






KSTAR NB shine-through armor

ASDEX Upgrade



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