Integrated Operation of Steady-state Long Pulse H-mode in EAST

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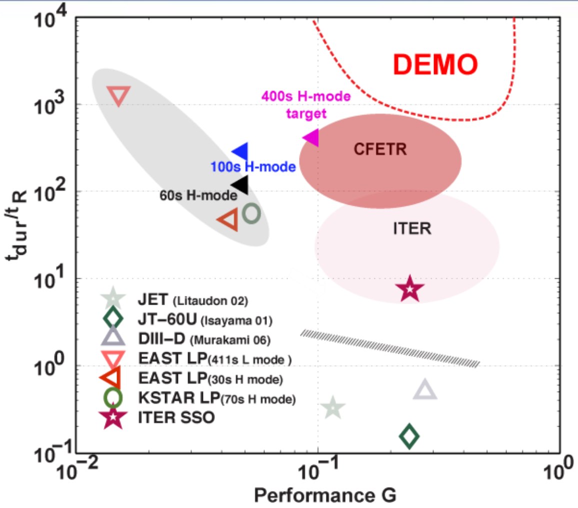

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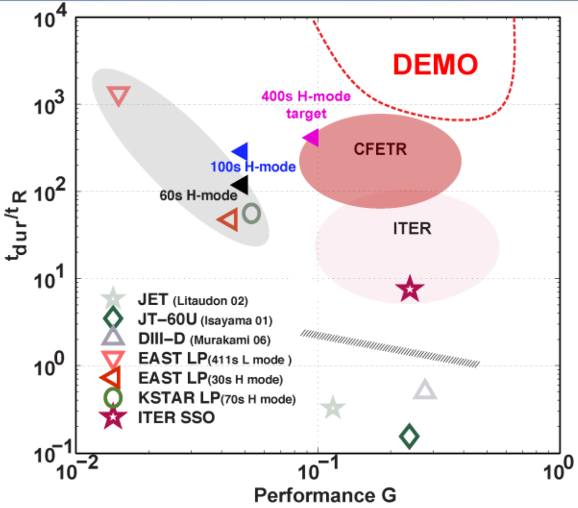

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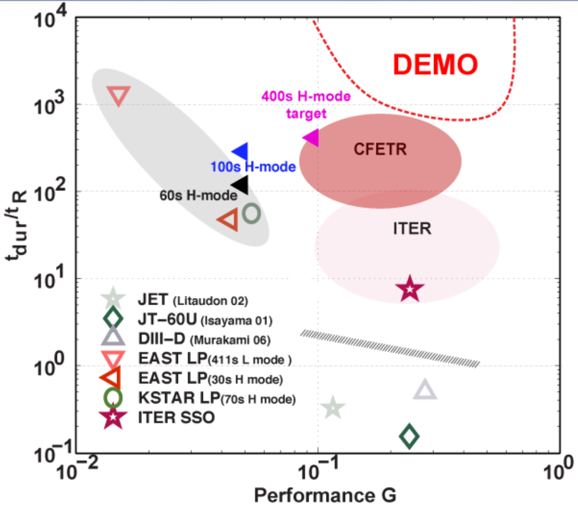

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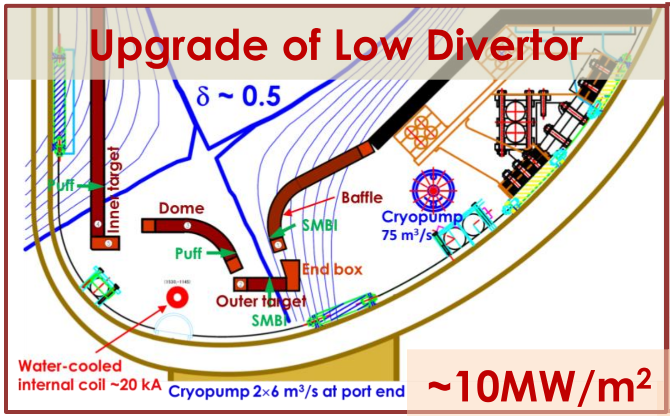

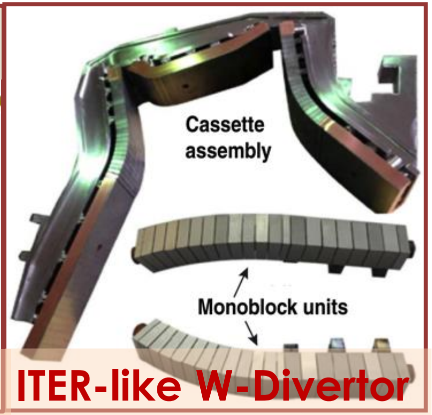

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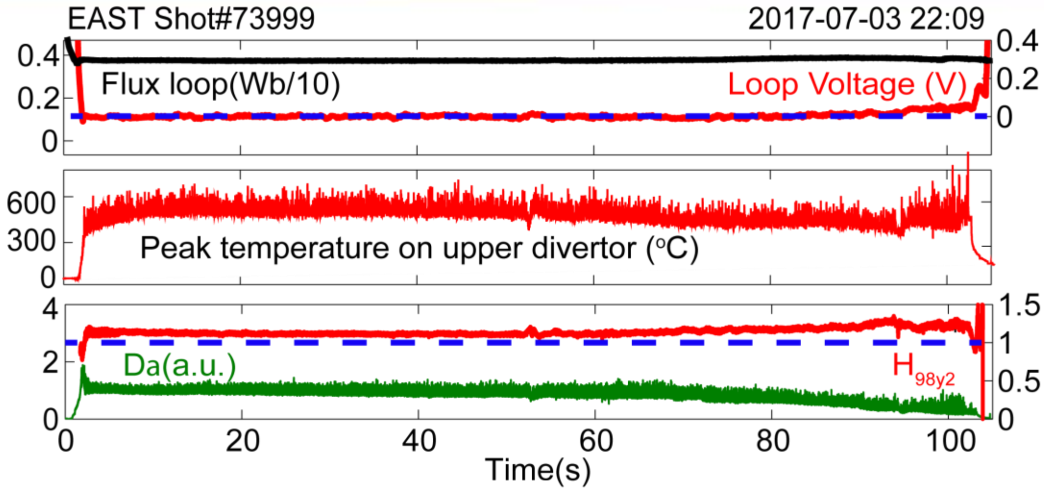

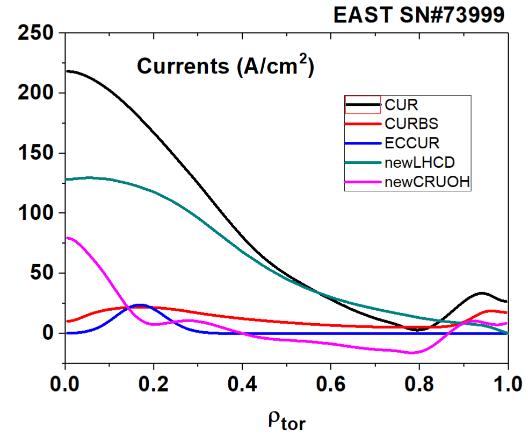

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USN @ W/Cu Divertor

- **Up to 101.2s sustained with v_{Loop}~ 0**
- **Saturated W-Div. surface temperature**
- **Good confinement (LHW+ICRF+ECH)**
  - H_{98y2} ~1.1-1.2 with e-ITB

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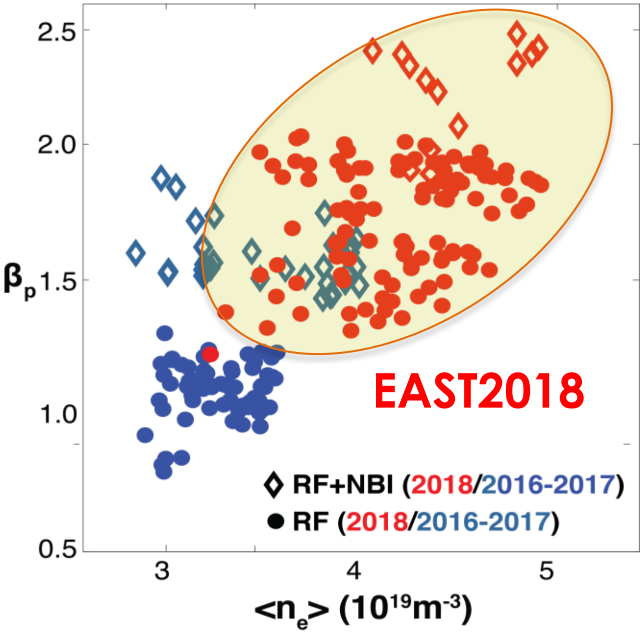

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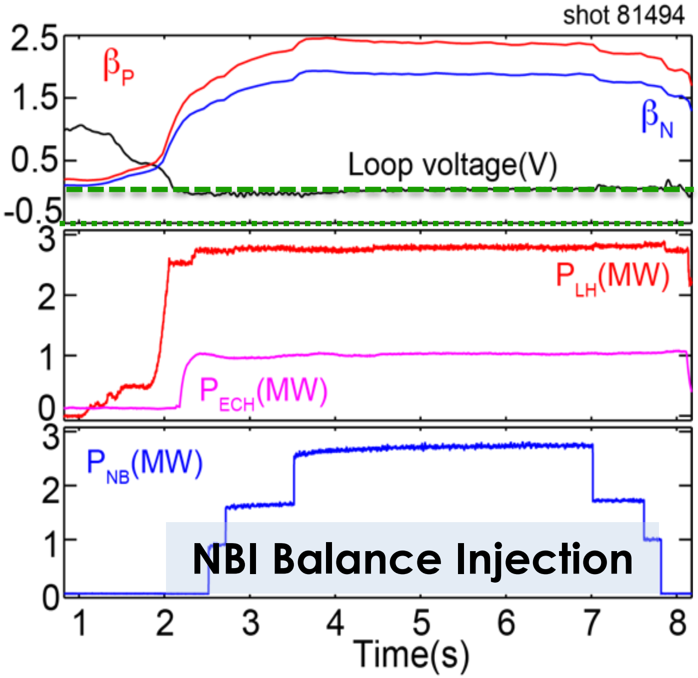

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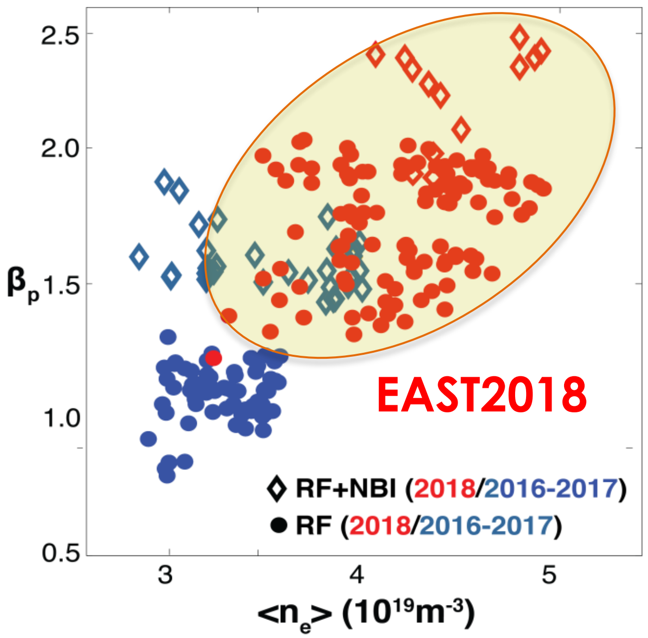

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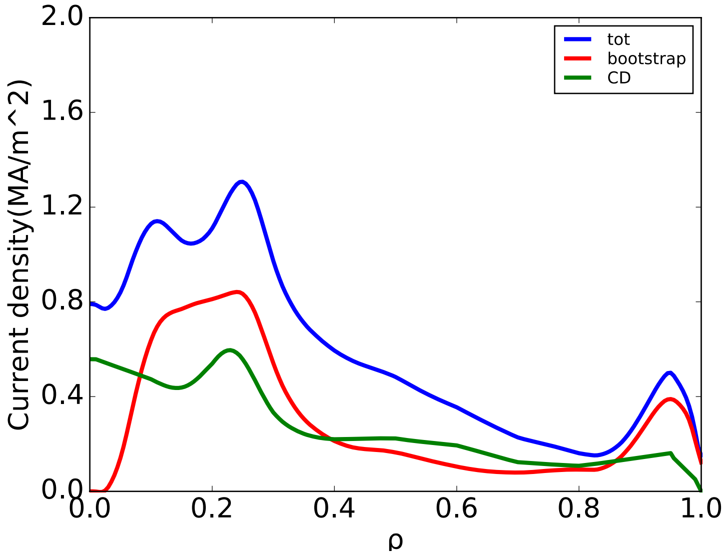

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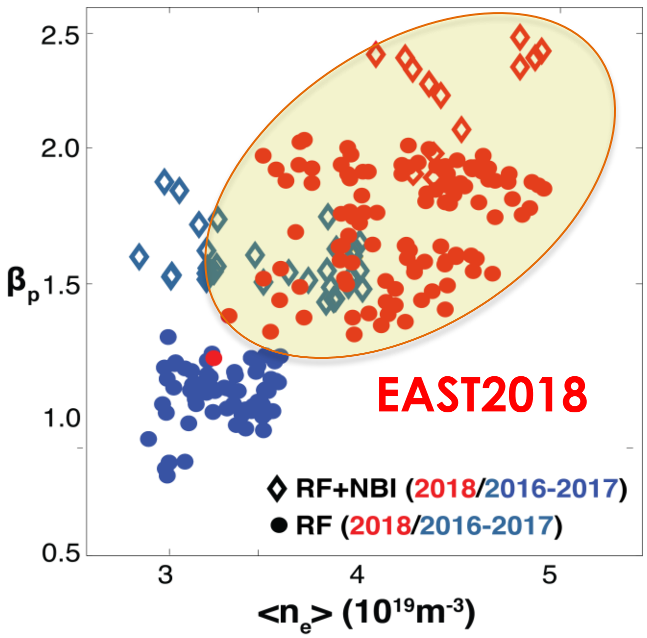

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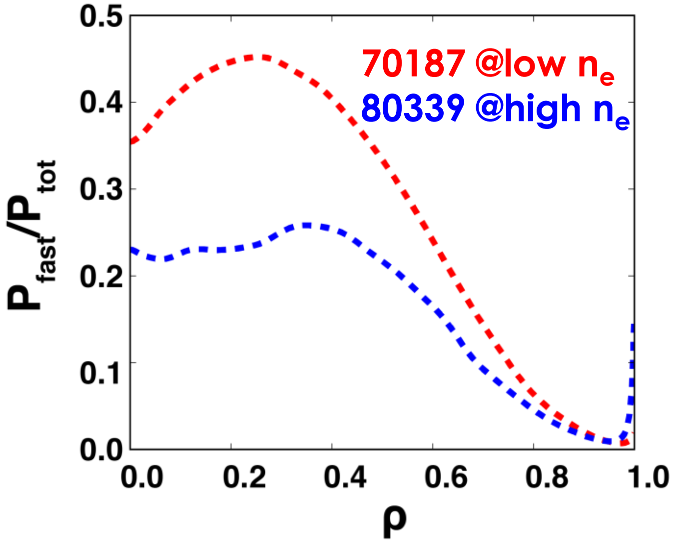

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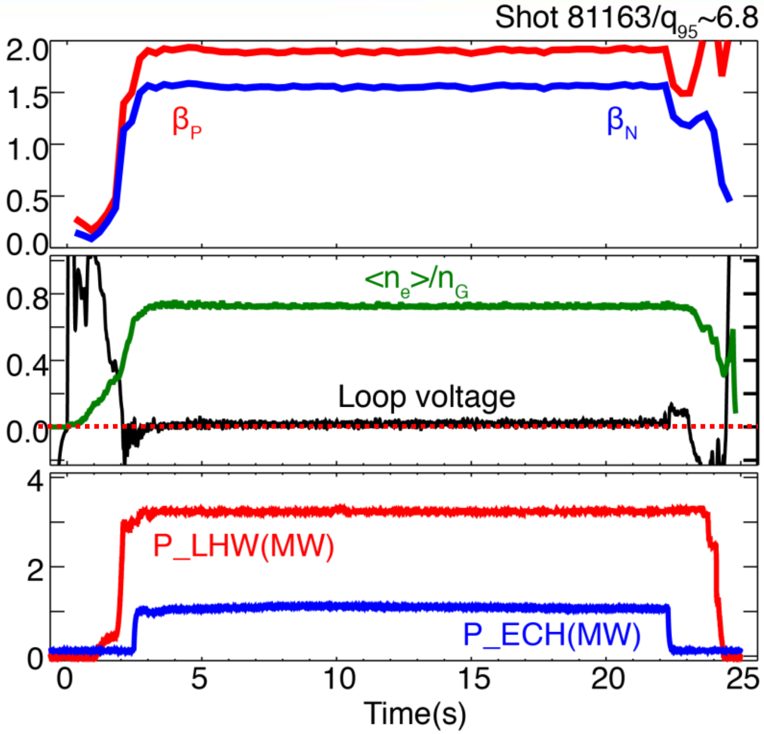

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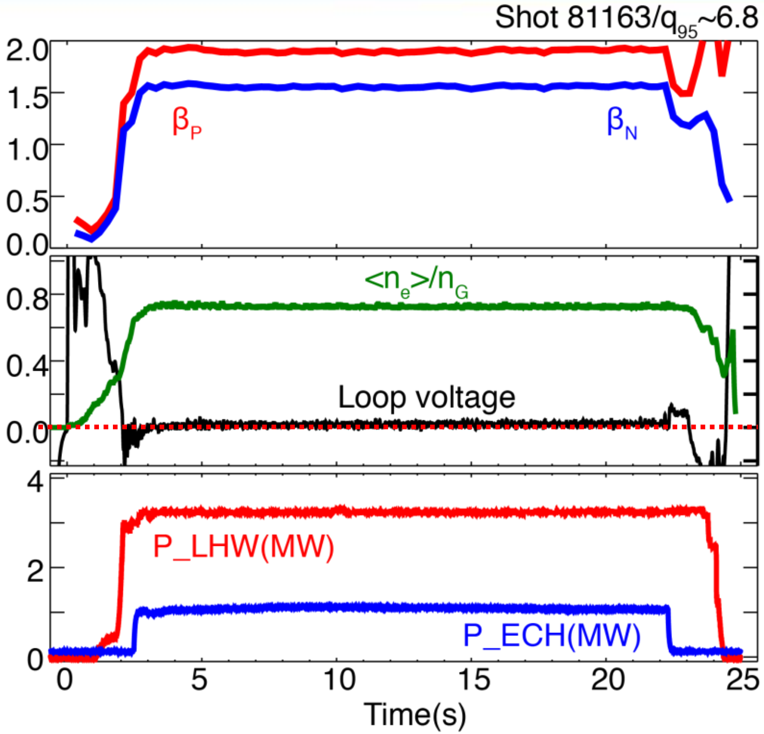

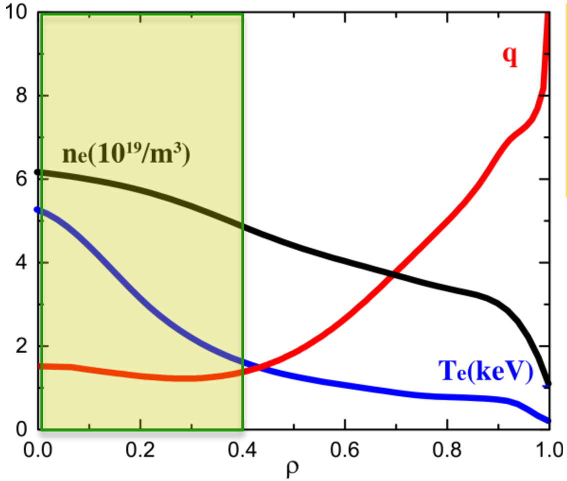

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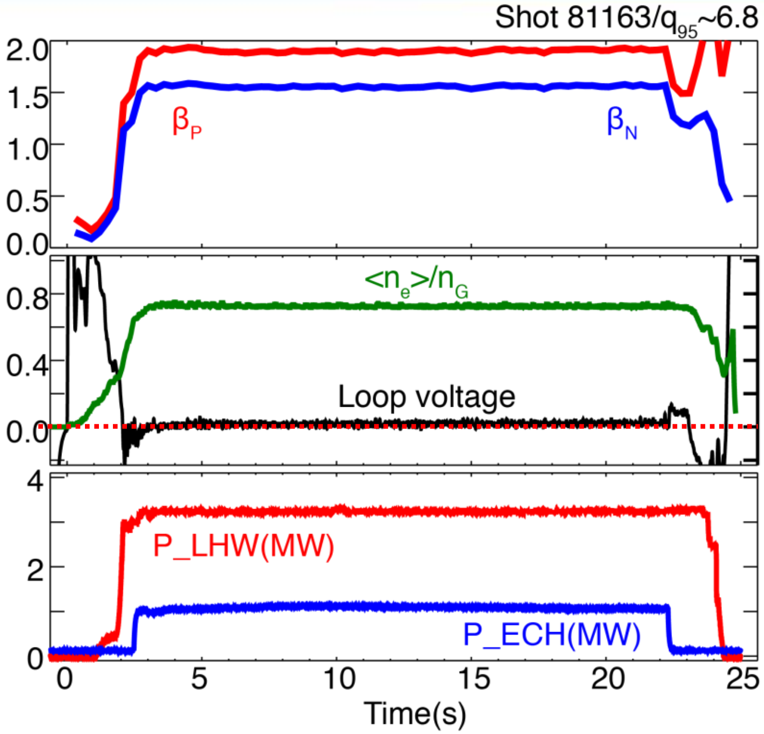

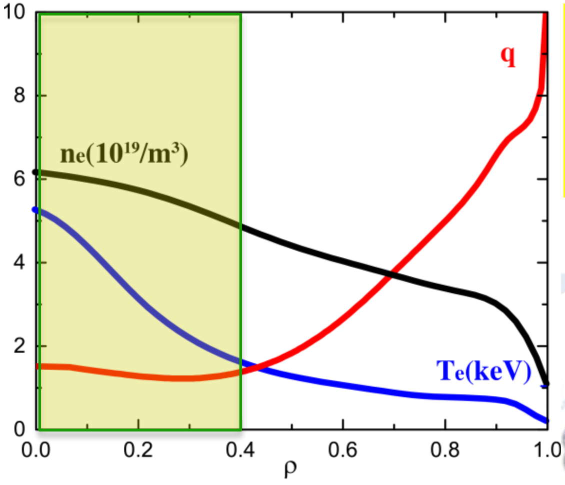

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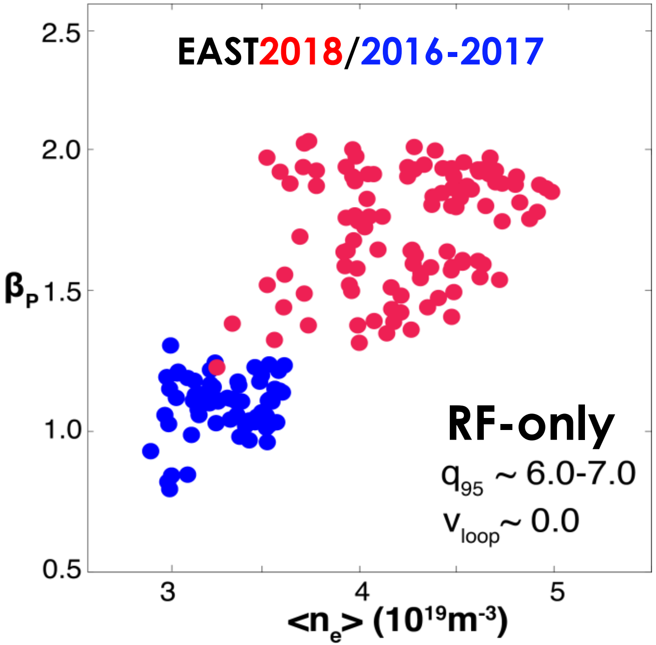

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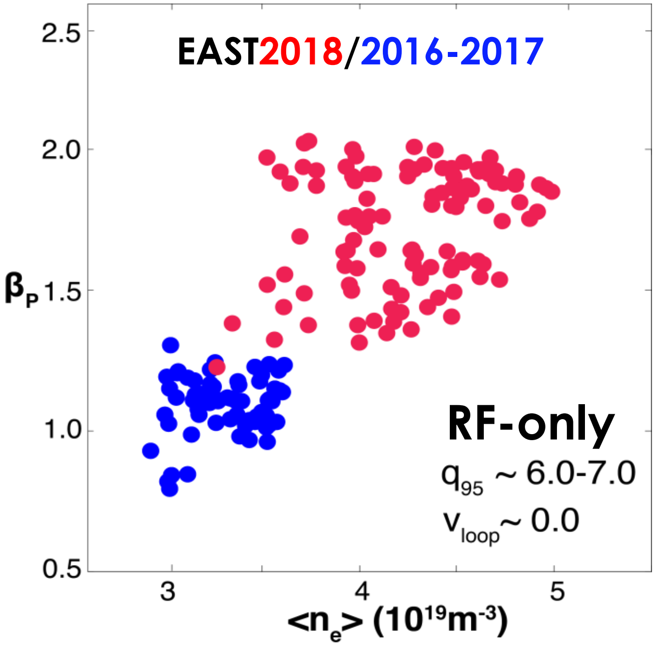

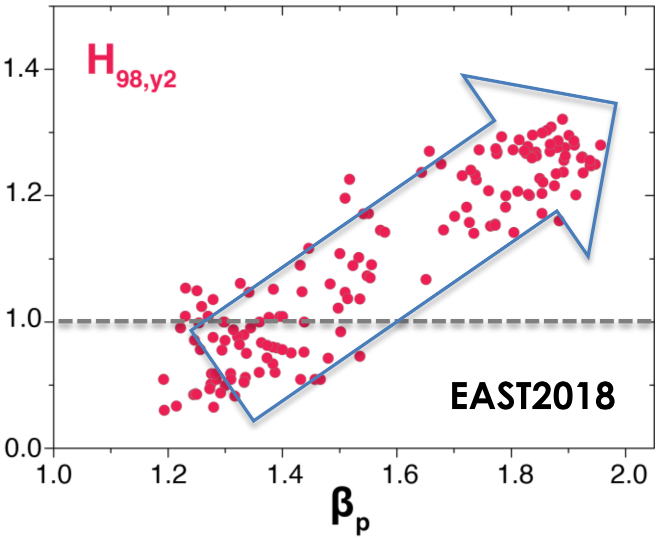

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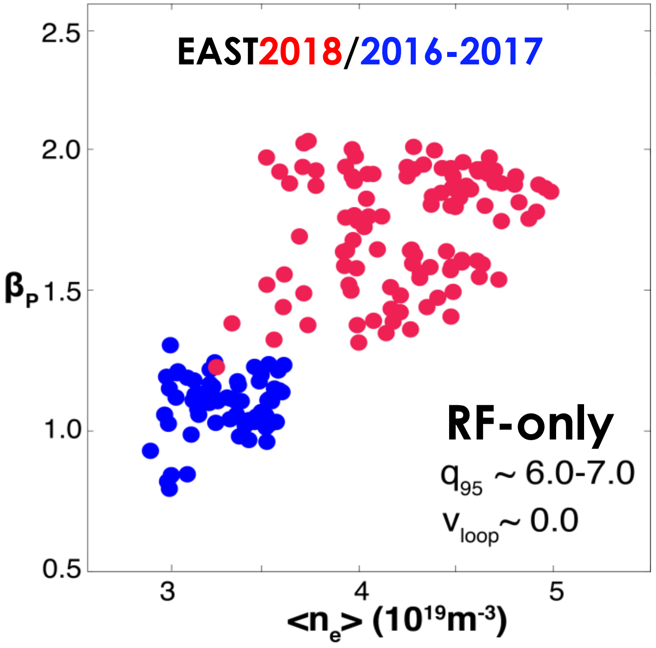
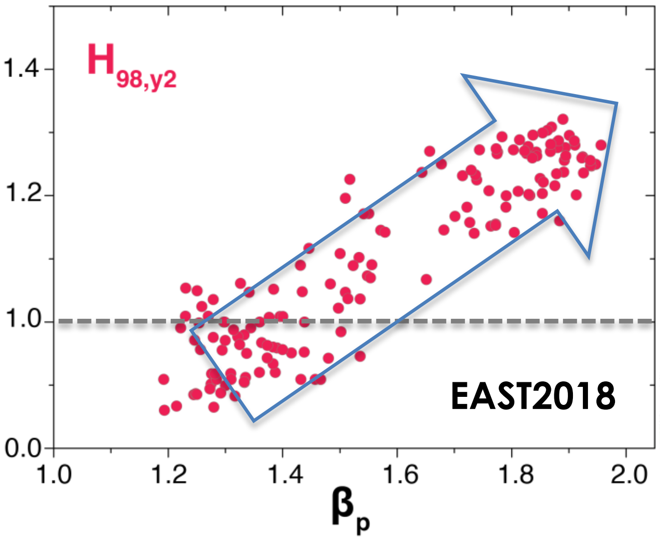
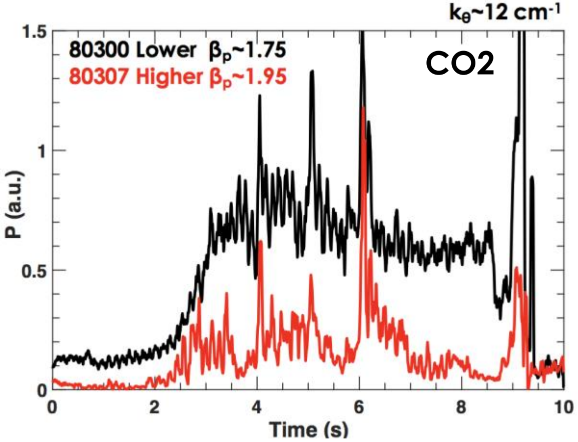




Turbulence is suppressed at higher β_p - Shafranov shift effect?



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- ***More effective heating is required to raise β_N***
- ***Active kinetics control for stabilities***

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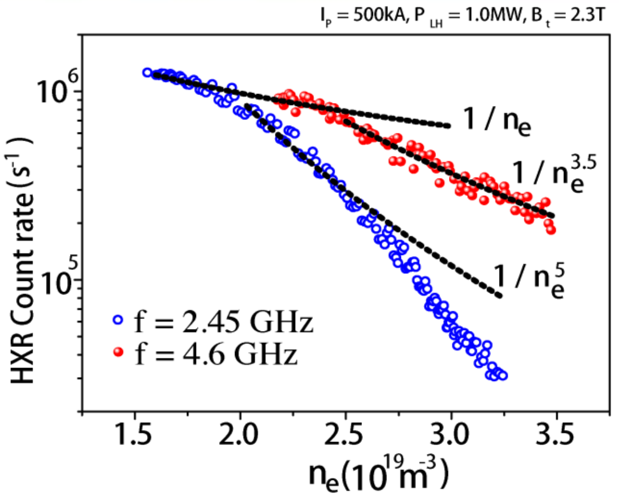

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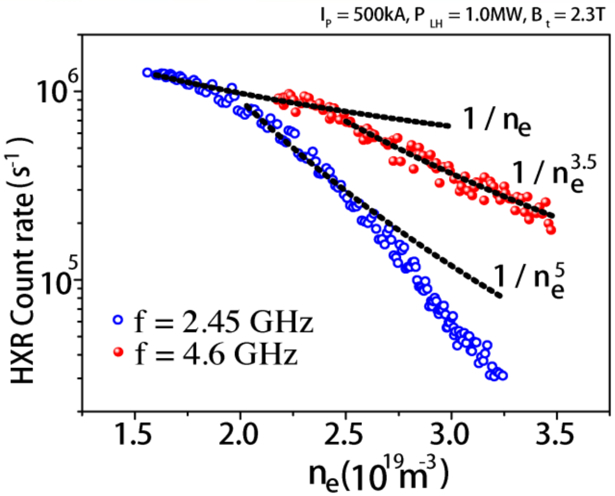

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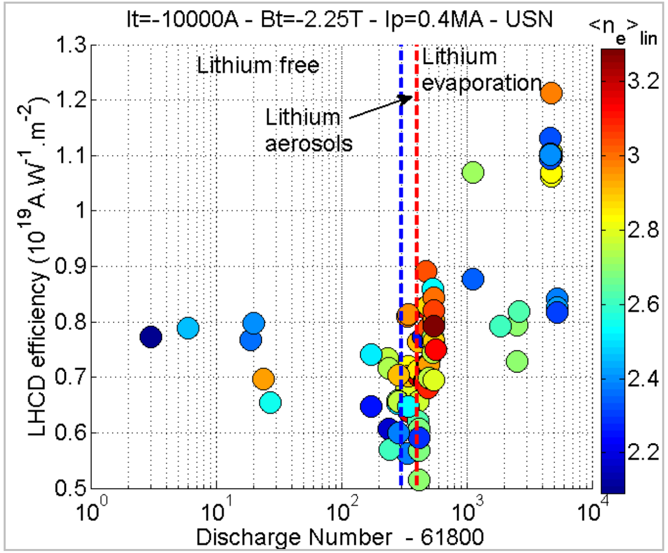

- **Higher CD efficiency due to lower Z_{eff}: $n_{LH} \sim 1/(5+Z_{Eff})$**
- **Reduced edge neutral density improves accessibility (weaken non-linear effect)**

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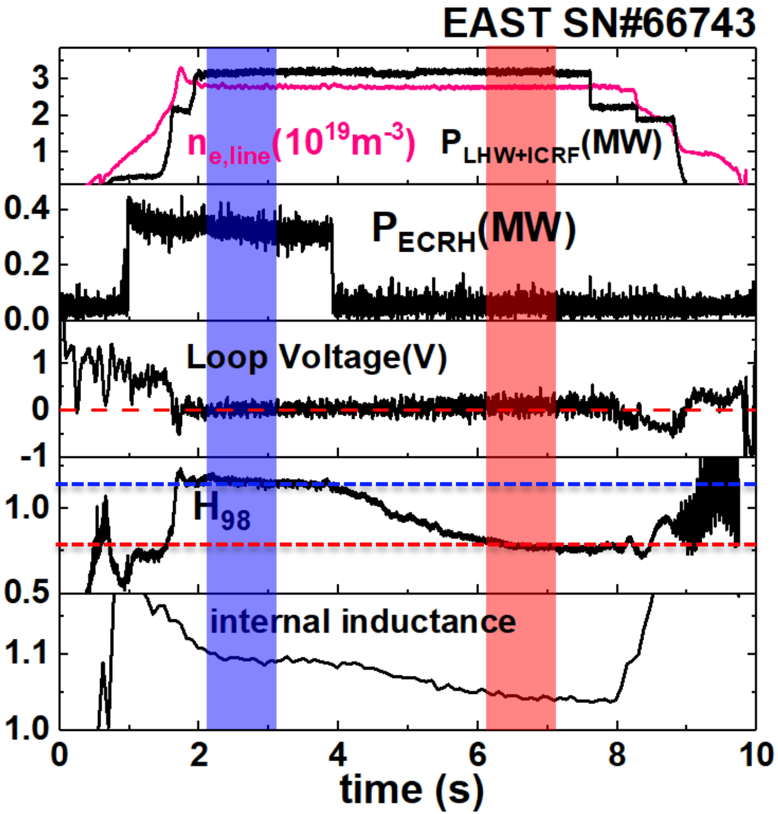
- **RF discharges**
  - P_{LHW}~2.0MW, P_{ICRF}~1.0MW
    P_{ECH} ~0.4MW @ on-axis
  - Confinement decreased from **H_{98y2} ~1.15 to 0.75** when ECH turned off

H.F. Du et al., Nucl. Fusion 58, 066011 (2018)



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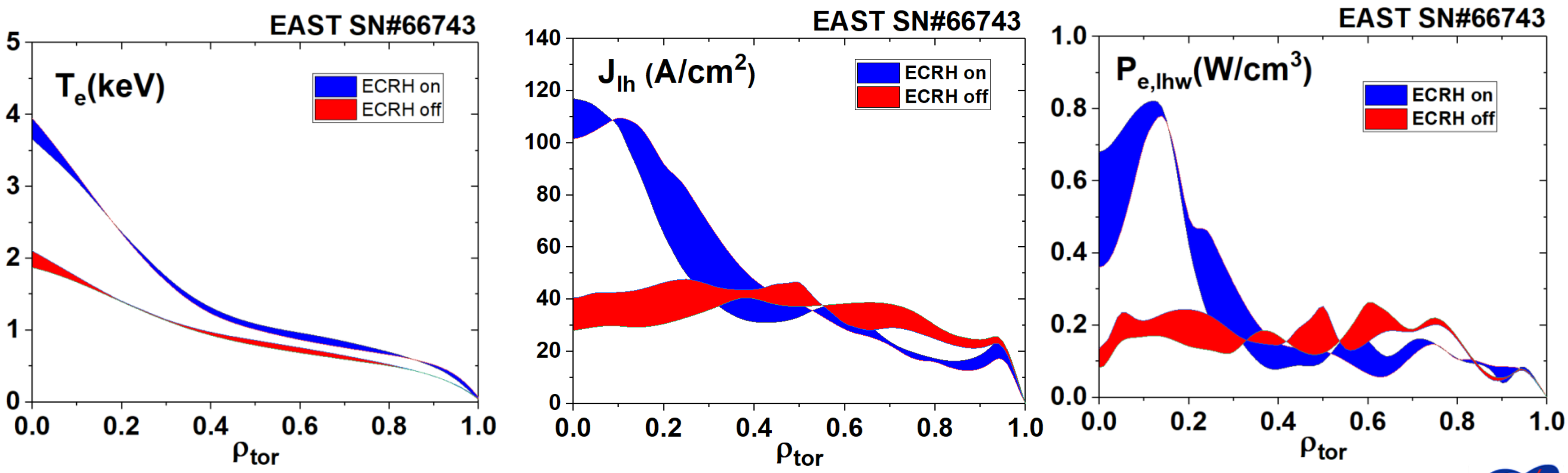

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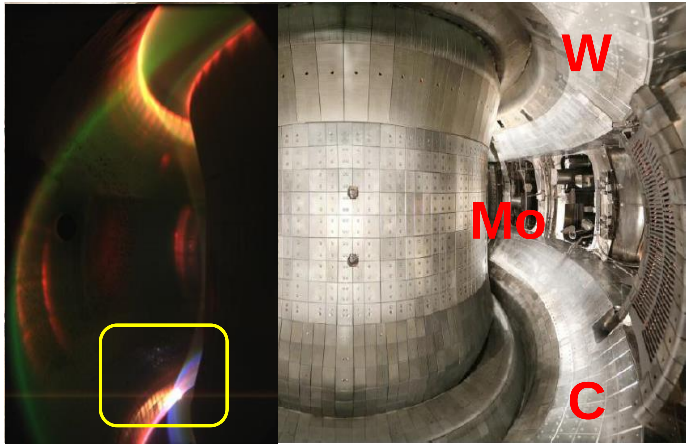

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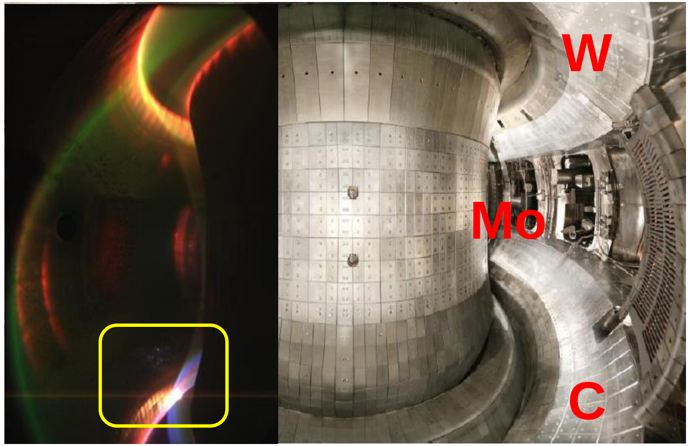

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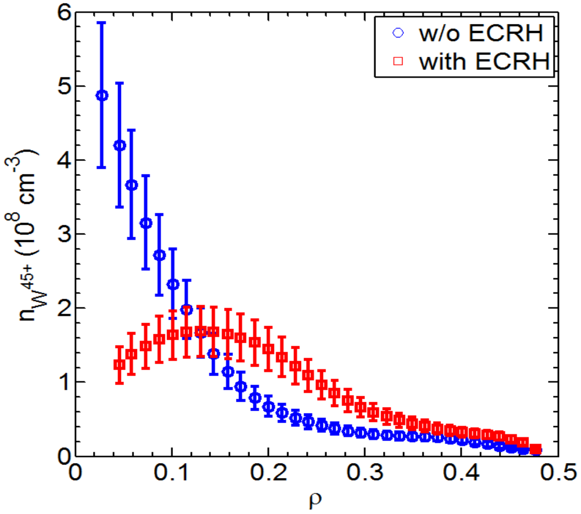

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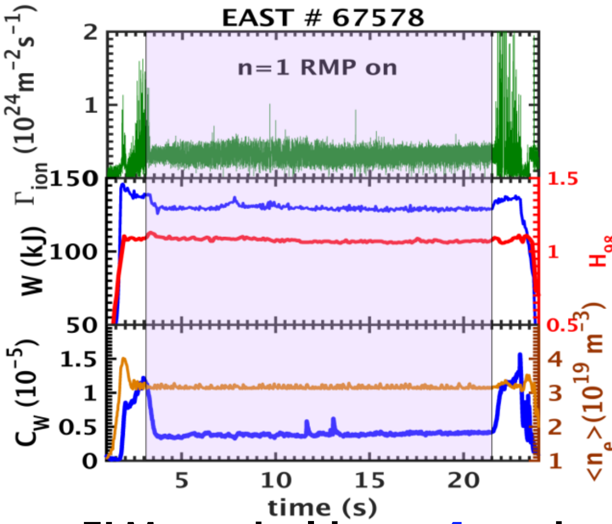

- ELM control by n=1 and rotating n=2 and static n=3 RMP in low rotating plasmas
- W-impurities pump-out and heat flux reduced

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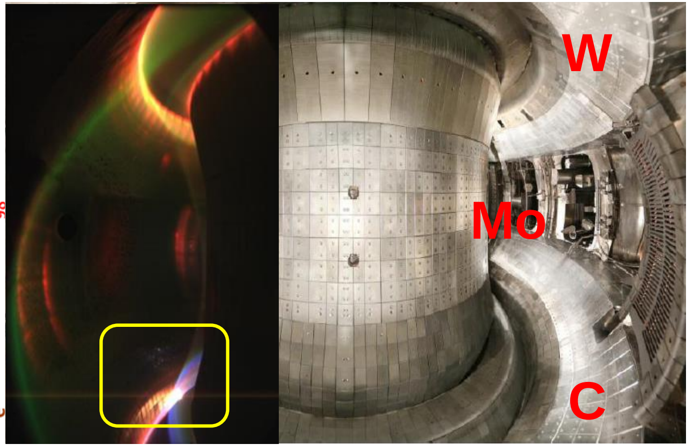

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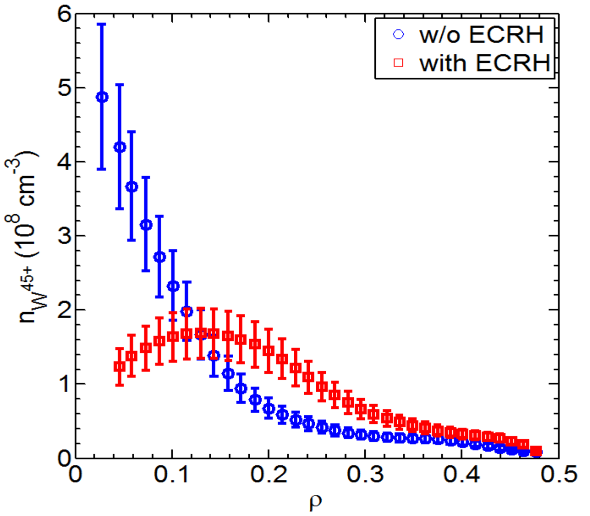

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- **Plasma Configuration for RF-coupling**
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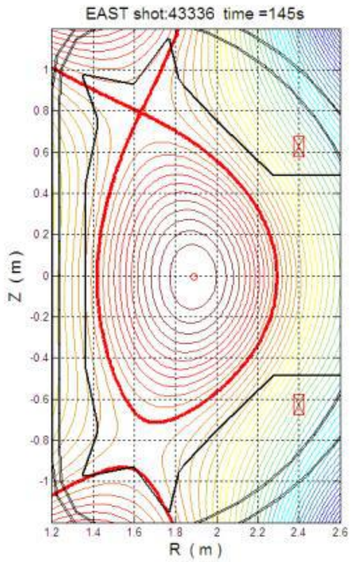
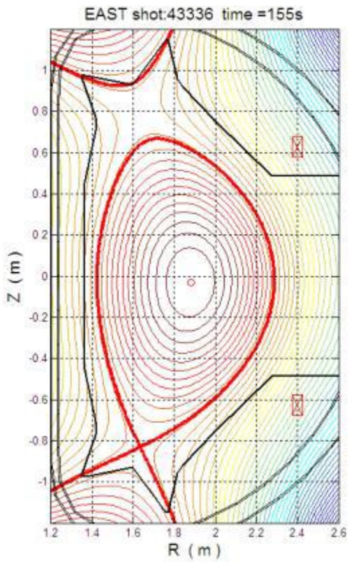
- **Divertor Heat flux and Particle Exhaust**
  - Sweep of X point
  - Strike point for pumping





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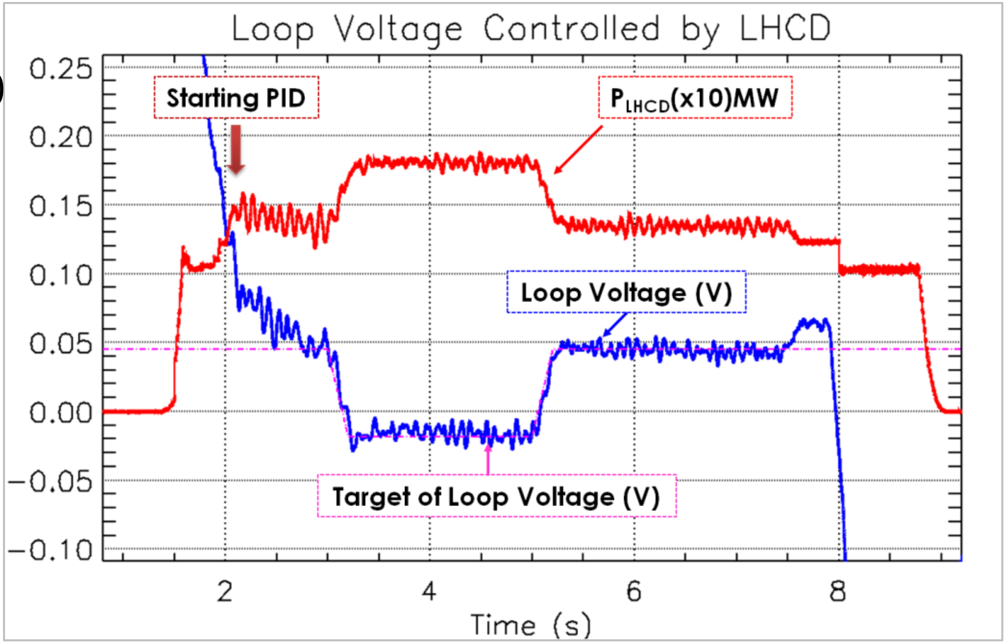
  - True steady-state , I_{OH}~ 0
  - PF-coils Consumption



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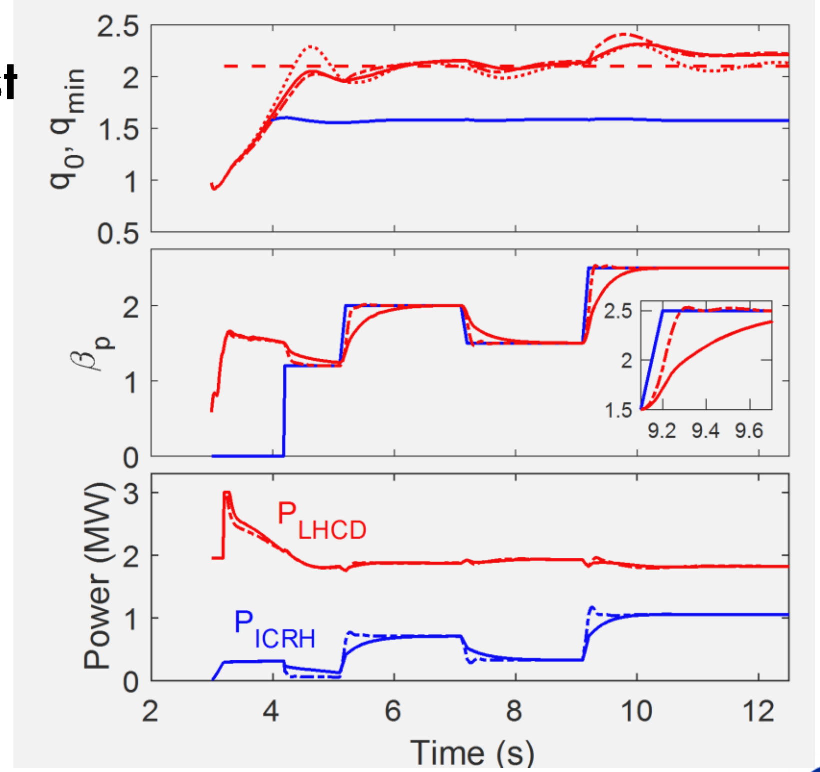

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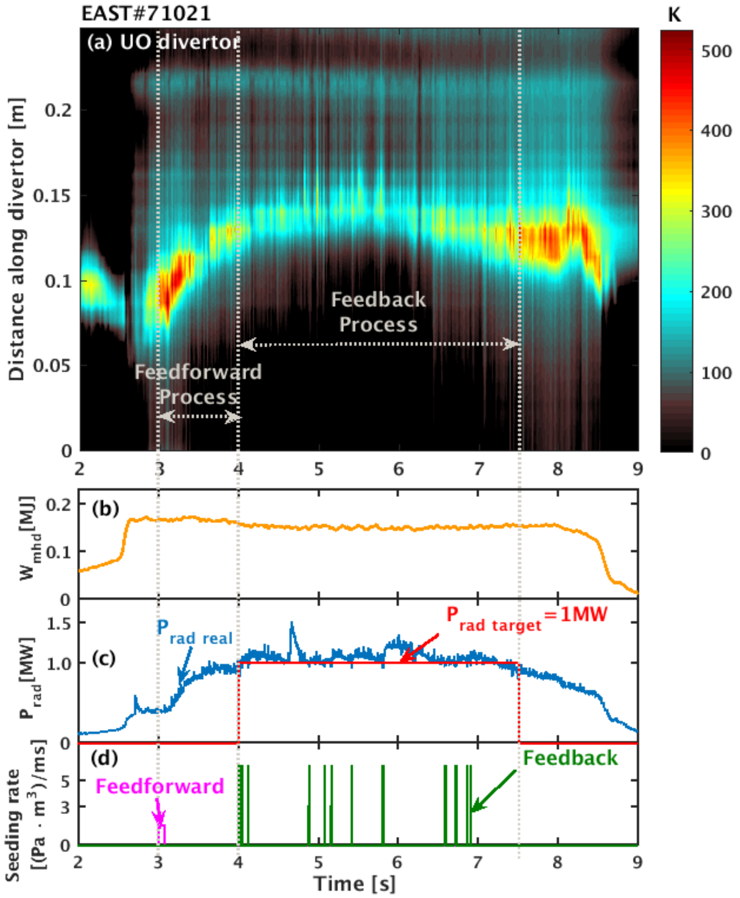
K. Wu et al., Nucl. Fusion 58, 056019 (2018)



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Summary

- **A world record discharge of 101.2 s H-mode achieved on EAST**
- **Steady-state fully non-inductive scenarios demonstrated with extension of fusion performance**
  - High f_{BS}~40-50% with improved energy confinement ($H_{98,y2}$ >1)
  - Energy confinement improves with increasing BetaP (Broad q-profile, Shafranov shift, e-ITB)
  - Zero/low NBI torque, high performance experiments on EAST offer unique contributions toward ITER and DEMO
- **Further research on integration of core performance and edge-divertor plasma for scenarios development and resolving heat flux issues is essential to extrapolate to steady-state reactor**

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