



Strategy of an integrated limiter design for EU-DEMO first wall protection from plasma transient events

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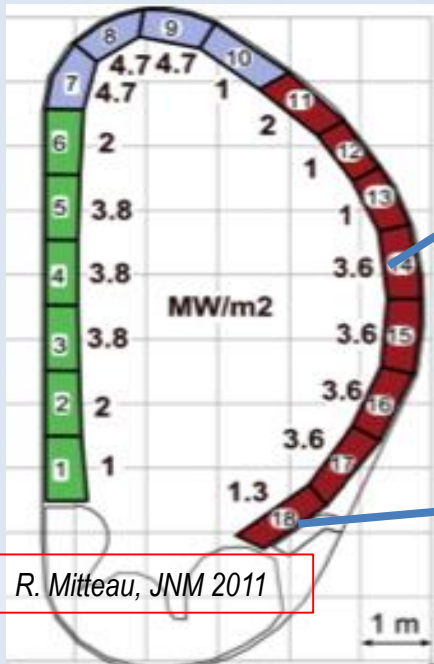


KDII1: ITER and DEMO heat load requirements

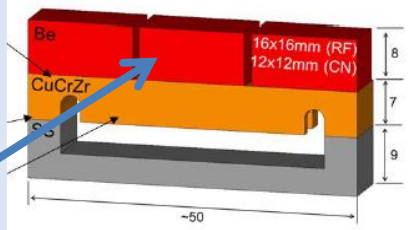


ITER:

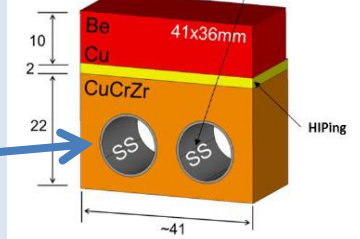
- FW has no tritium breeding requirements.
- A large fraction of ITER's Cu-alloy first-wall can be designed for up to **~5 MW/m²**. (CuCrZr has extremely high $K \sim 300$ W/mK but irradiation lifetime of only ~ 10 dpa)



“enhanced” heat flux technology



“normal” heat flux technology

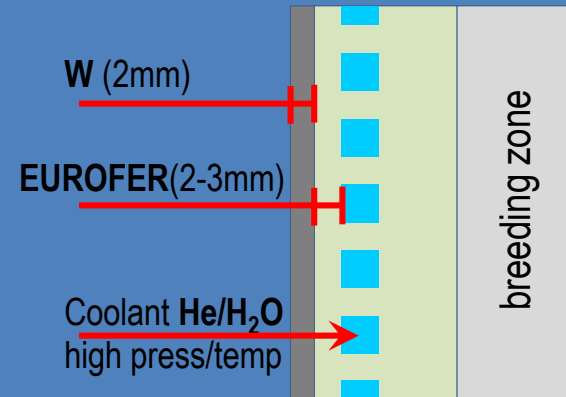


R. Mitteau, JNM 2011

DEMO:

- Tritium breeding: FW with thin layer of materials.
- DEMO FW structural material: EUROFER (much lower thermal conductivity $K \sim 30$ W/mK, but high irradiation lifetime) \rightarrow Steady state heat loads limited to **~1-2 MW/m²**.
- W armour (high melting point) conducts heat to the heat sink overheating the cooling channels, evaporation only at very high T \rightarrow poor resistance against heat load transients.

First wall - breeding blanket



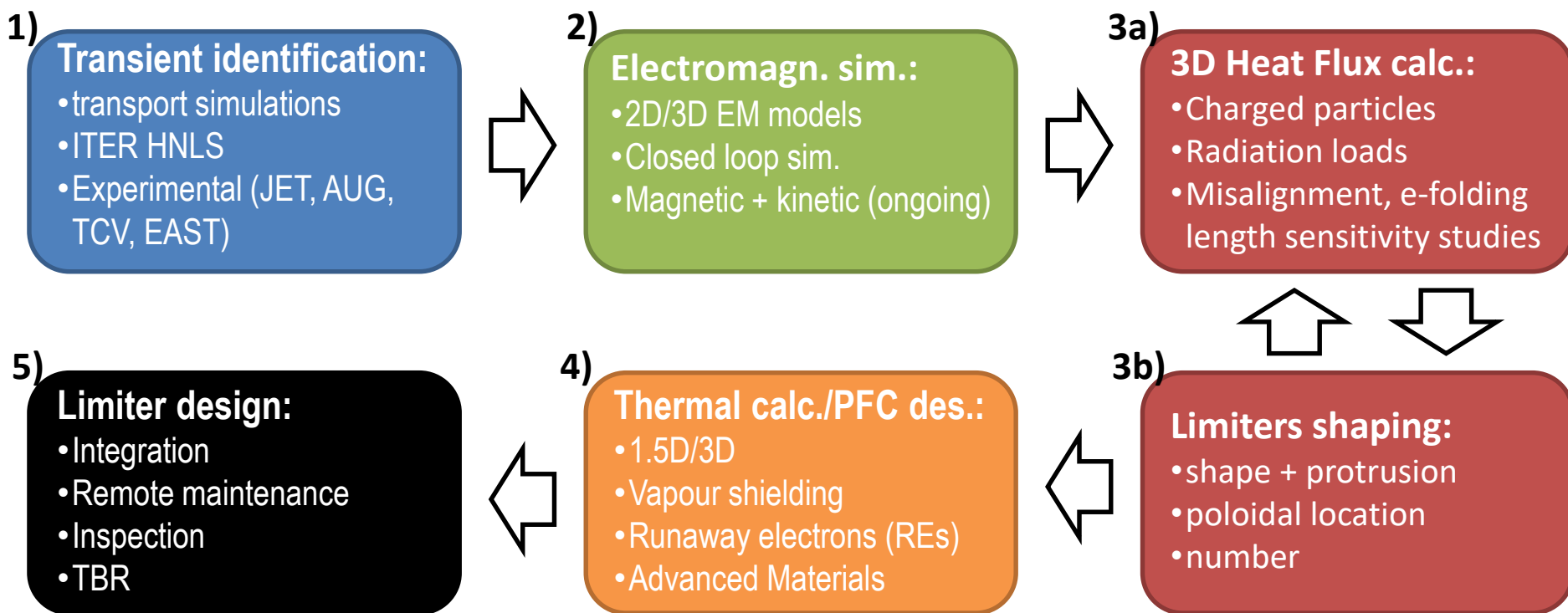
ITER conformal wall: precision required difficult to achieve with DEMO ≈ 9 m tall BB segments

Present ITER SS limit up to 4.7MW/m²: DEMO ($\sim 1-2$ MW/m²)load specification developed independently



Design, performance and feasibility of wall protection limiters during plasma transients

Design process:



Plasma transient identification

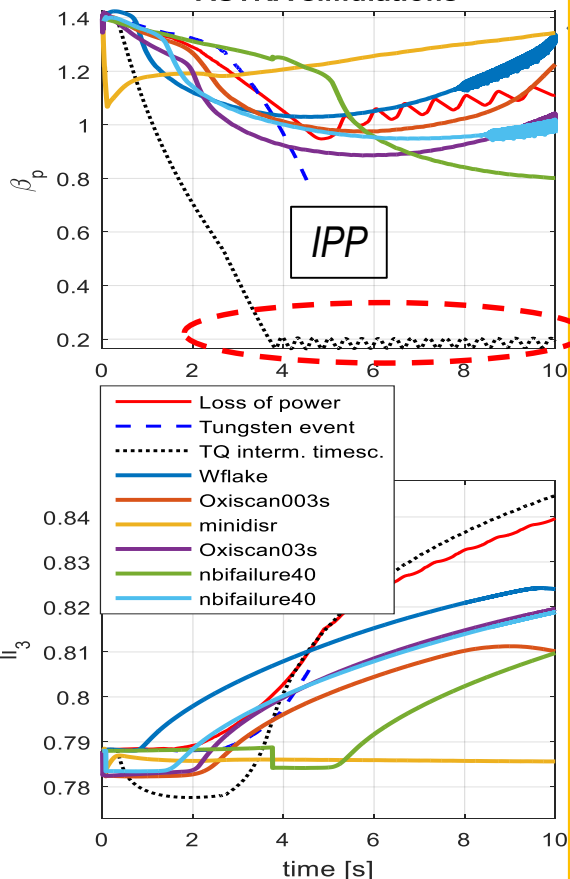


Several activities launched to predict possible contact points:

- ❑ Transport simulations (ASTRA code) to evaluate plasma perturbations ($\Delta\beta_{pol}$, ΔI_p , ΔI_p)
- ❑ Inter-machine perturbation database: JET, ASDEX, EAST, TCV (ongoing)
- ❑ ITER Heat and Nuclear Load Specifications: e.g. U/D-VDE, unmitigated/mitigated disruptions

Synthetic

ASTRA simulations



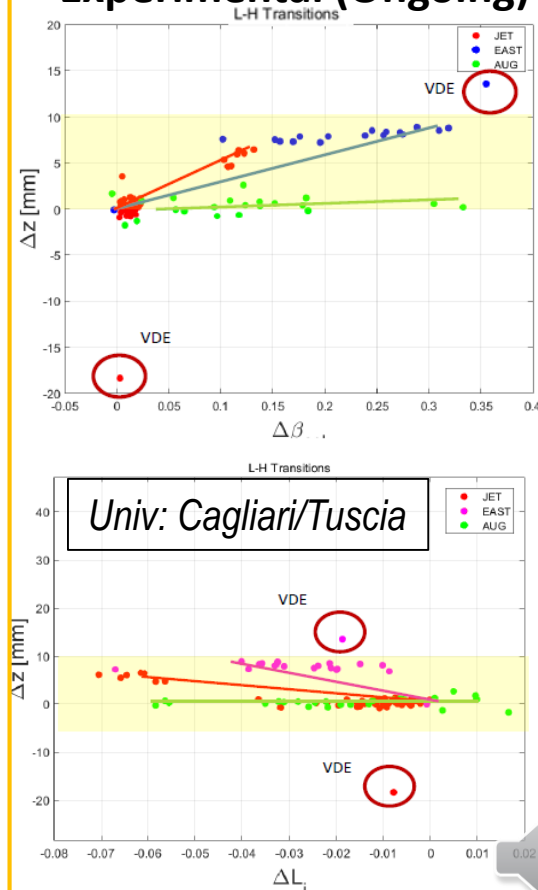
Synthetic (ASTRA) database, perturbations generated for:

- ❑ Loss of confinement
- ❑ ntm-like
- ❑ W influx
- ❑ H₂O influx
- ❑ ELM like
- ❑ Minor disruption
- ❑ TQ interm. timesc. (conserv.)

Experimental database,

- ❑ JET, ASDEX, EAST, TCV:
- ❑ H-L, L-H
- ❑ ELMs
- ❑ Minor disruption
- ❑ SN/DN

Experimental (Ongoing)

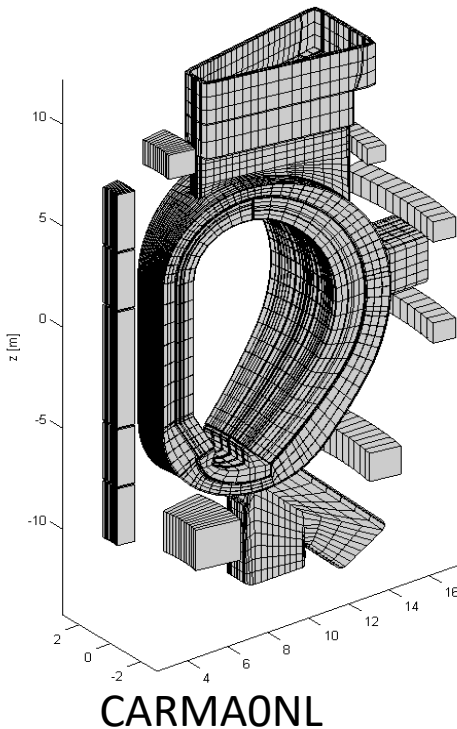


Plasma simulations: Electromagnetic model

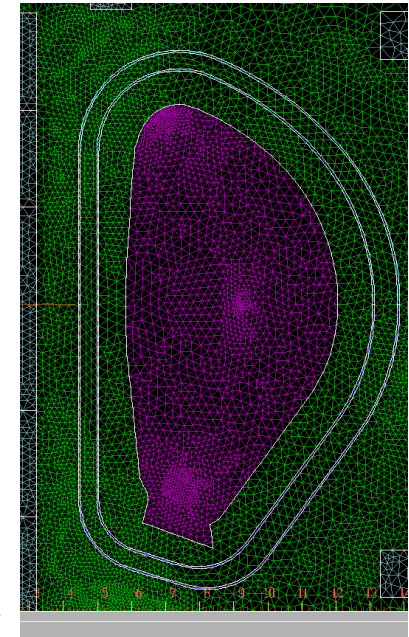
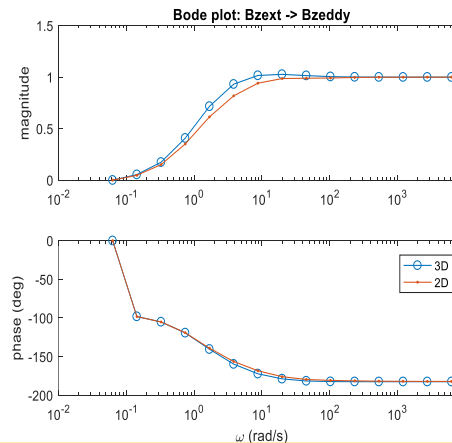
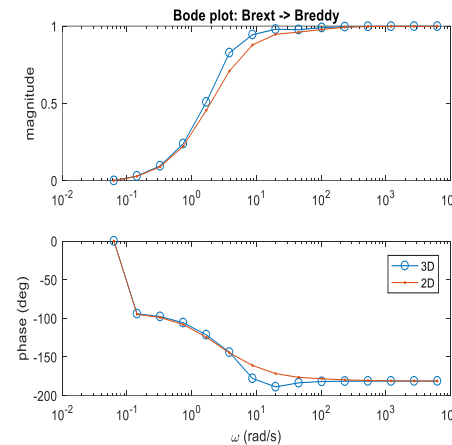
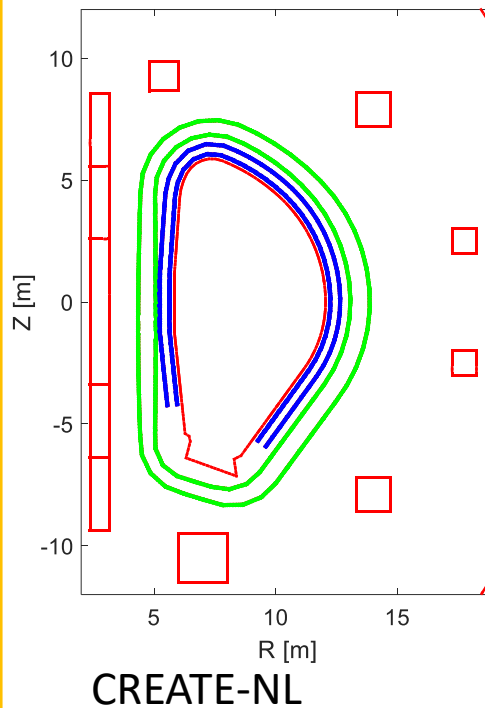


3D code **CARMA0NL** (computationally expensive), and 2D codes **CREATE-NL** and **MAXFEA** codes. **2D equivalent structures** and **vacuum vessel** tuned on 3D model features (e.g. vacuum vessel ports, non toroidally continues breeding blanket and divertor). The more precise and faster 2D simulations used to predict possible plasma-wall impact locations. These codes are benchmarked with each other and experimentally.

3D



2D, with 3D corrections



MAXFEA

R. Albanese, et al. [2019 FED](#)

P. Barabaschi, 1993 [Naka](#)

F. Villone et al. 2018 [EPS](#)
S.L. Chen, et al. [NF 2019](#)

3D HF calculations and limiter surface design



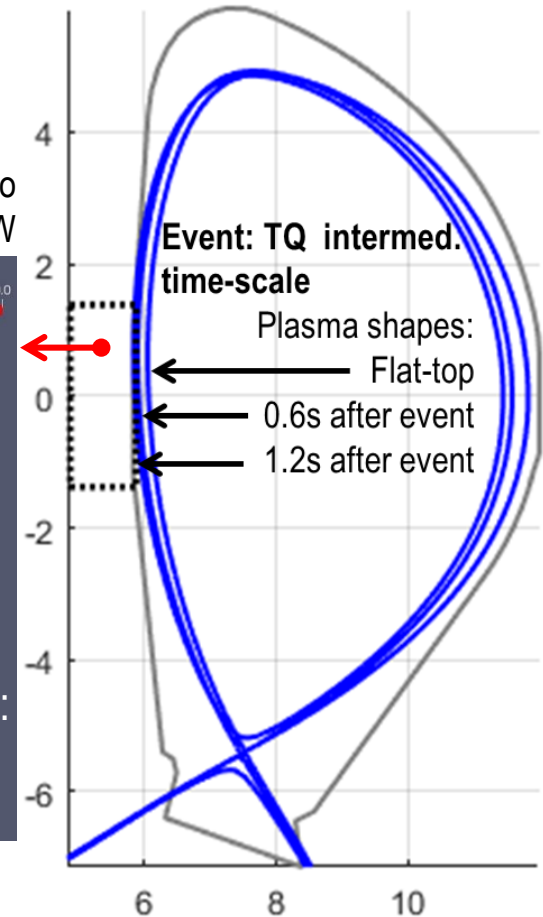
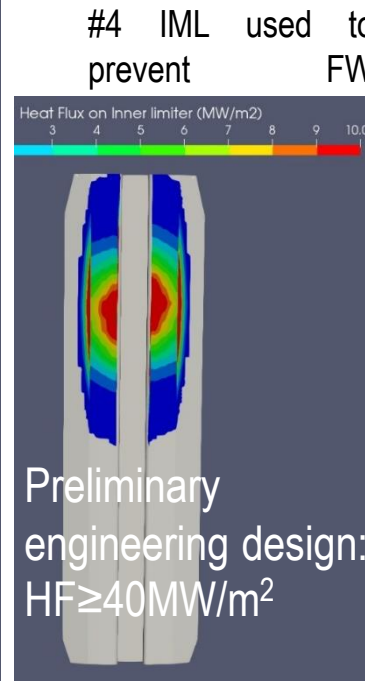
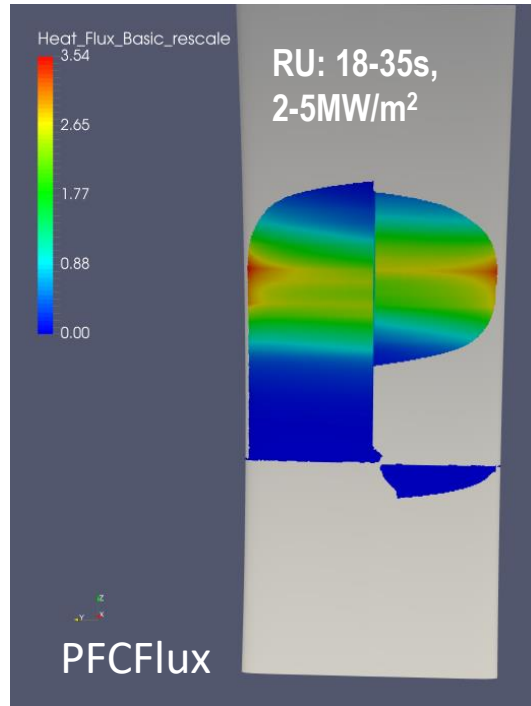
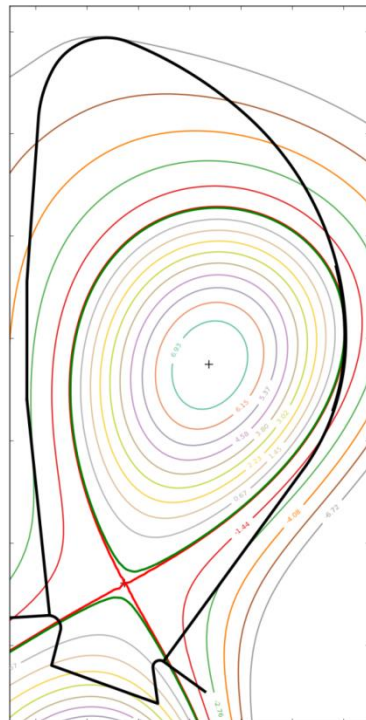
Normal transients: ramp-up/down on Outer Midplane Limiter (OML)

- ❑ Plasma ramp-up/down assumed [0.1; 0.2]MA/s.
- ❑ $\lambda_q = 6\text{mm}$, $P_{\text{sol}}[\text{MW}] = I_p[\text{MA}]$ assumption (ITER like)
- ❑ RU: x-point formation in range at [3.5; 6]MA: $t_{\text{RU}} = 18$ to 60s

Off-normal transients

Loss of confinement: Conservative case on Inner Midplane Limiter (IML)

RU: Limited eq. 6MA, #4 OML



$P_{\text{SOL}} = 6\text{MW}$ $\lambda_q = 6\text{mm}$ Max HF = 3.5MW/m² (ITER rescale)

Misalignments may be reduced if limiter adjustable at OMP port. Bare wall HF $\approx 3\text{-}4\text{MW/m}^2$

No relevant HF found on other BB modules, nor on the limiter during flat-top phases

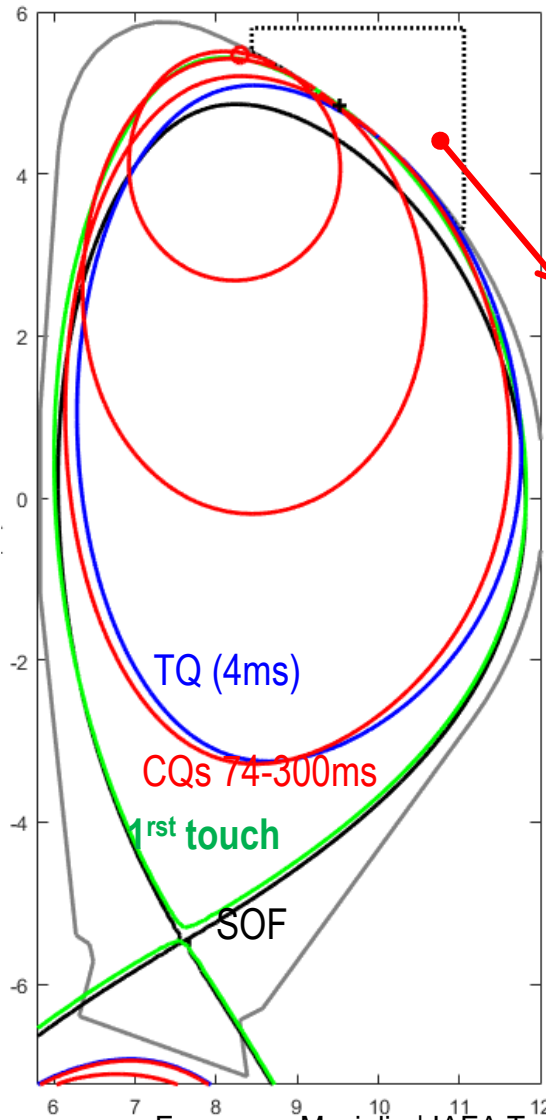


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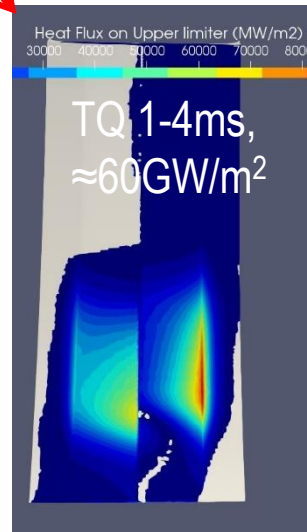
Off-normal transients: Upward/Downward Vertical Displacement Event

U-VDE on Upper Limiter (UL)



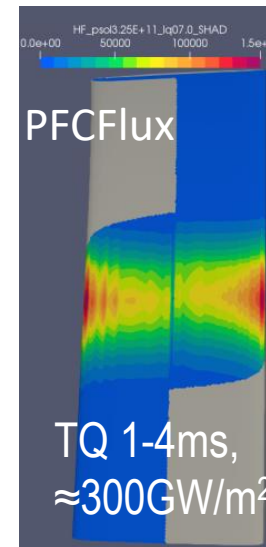
Typical plasma VDE evolution:

- 1) SOF (Start Of Flat-top)
- 2) 1st touch (+ plasma moves vertically)
- 3) TQ (W_{th} from 1.3GJ to 0, in 4ms, $\lambda_q=7mm$)
- 4) CQs (I_p from 19MA to 0, in 74-300ms)

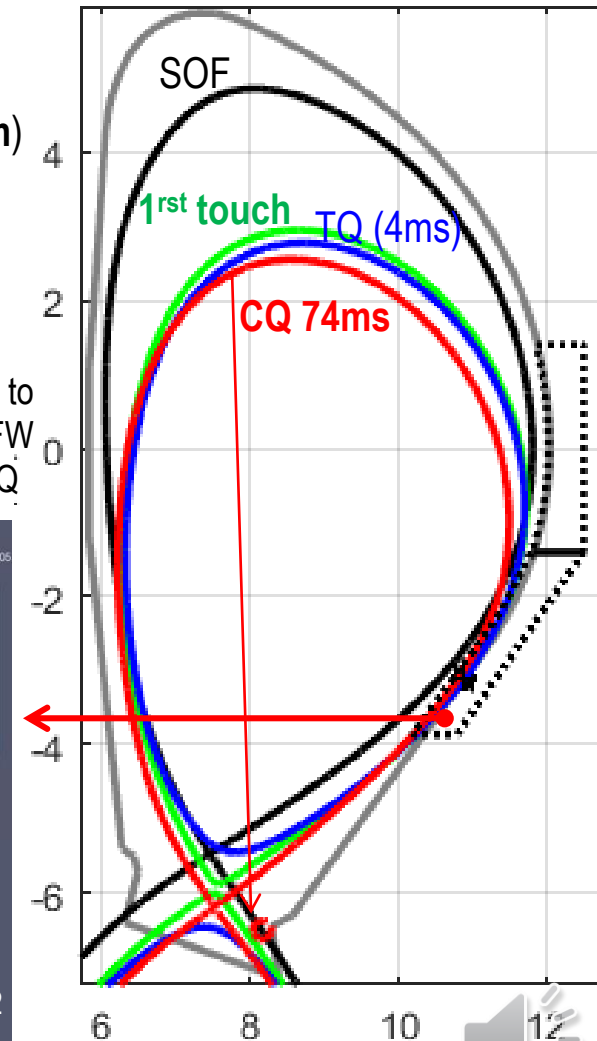


#8 UL used to prevent large charged particle reaching FW at TQ

#4 OLL used to prevent FW damages during TQ



D-VDE on Outer Lower Limiter (OLL)



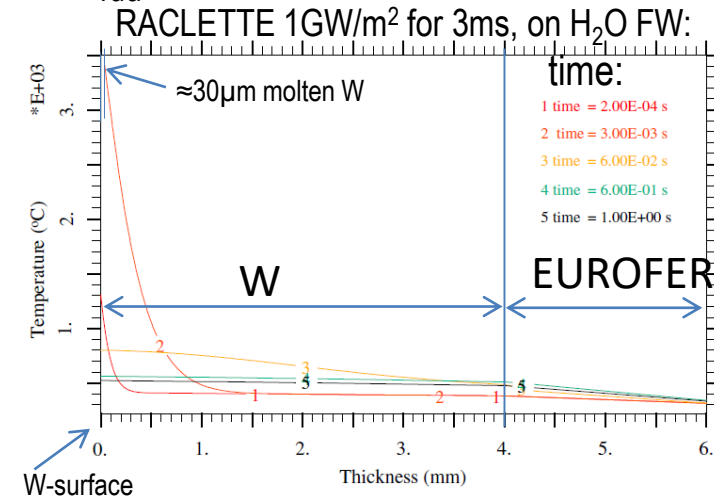
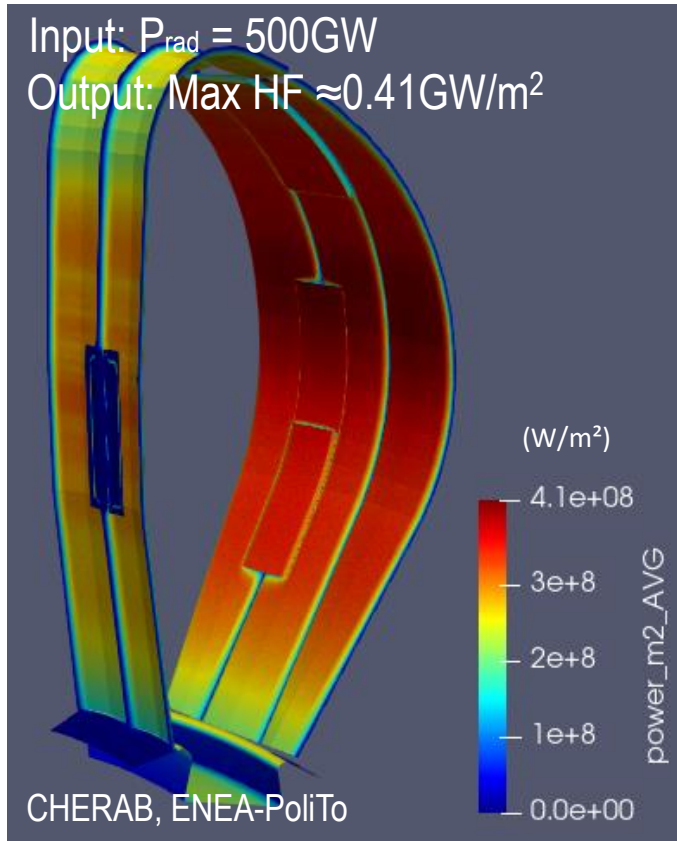
Radiation during mitigated disruptions



Calculations on TQ mitigated disruption started (mainly based on ITER HNLS scaling)

Preliminary results: Mitigated Major Disruption or U-VDE :

- ❑ Initial thermal energy $W_{th}=1.3\text{GJ}$: 20% radiated at pre-TQ at MGI/SPI: remaining $\approx 1\text{GJ}$
- ❑ At TQ ITER aims at radiating 80% in 1-3ms (controllable) $\rightarrow P_{rad} \approx 800\text{GW}$



80% radiation in 3ms may be above FW W-limit

TQ radiation time may be slowed down with MGI/SPI

Mitigation techniques to consider FW damages (limiters ineffective)

Cooling pipe below limits



If Tor. & Pol. peak. fact.(TPF)*=2.8, for $P_{rad} = 800\text{GW}$ (hence $P_{rad} = 2.2\text{TW}$) \rightarrow max HF $\approx 2\text{GW/m}^2$

*ITER uses TPF= 1.8 (tor.) and 1.5-4.5 (pol.).

3D HF calculations and limiter surface design



DEMO essential requirement to operate minimizing disruptions.
All considered perturbations and relative HF on limiters and FW:

Inputs for: 3D field-line tracing charged particle HF (PFCflux, SMARDDA)					Outputs: max HF (MW/m ²)	
Scenario (main limiter)	Case(s)	P _{SOL} (MW)	λ _q (mm)	Deposition time (s)	On limiters (ρ-rescaled)	On FW (ρ-rescaled)
SOF/EOF (all)	Diverted	69	50	Steady state	2.11	0.67
Min. discr. & ELM (all)	Diverted	69	50	15 – 50 ms	1.31	1.48 ⁽¹⁾
Ramp-Up (OML)	Limited	3.5	6	17.5 - 35	2.40	0.32
Ramp-Down (OLL)	Limited	5	6	25 - 50	3.61	0
			50	25 - 50	4.51	0.47
		7.5	6	37.5 - 75	4.19	0
			50	37.5 - 75	3.14	0.42
U-VDE (UL) <i>unmitigated</i>	First touch	69	1	20 – 35 ms	100 ⁽⁵⁾	0
			5	20 – 35 ms	15.9	0.04
	TQ	325GW	7	1 - 4 ms	58,800 ⁽⁶⁾	286 ⁽²⁾
	CQ1 & CQ2	10	10	74 – 200 ms	4.68	0.05
30			74 – 200 ms	6.07	0.22	
D-VDE (OLL) <i>unmitigated</i>	First touch	69	1	15- 35 ms	623 ⁽⁷⁾	0
			5	15 - 35 ms	51.8 ⁽⁸⁾	0
	TQ	325GW	7	1 - 4 ms	300,000 ⁽⁹⁾	5.9 ⁽³⁾
	CQ1 & CQ2	10	10	74 – 200 ms	10.8	0
30			74 – 200 ms	19.2	0.14	
H-L transition (IML)	Limited (inboard)	30	2	1 - 5	39.56 ⁽¹⁰⁾	0.12
			4	1 - 5	14.78	1.81
Inputs for: 3D radiation HF (CHERAB)				Outputs: max HF (MW/m ²)		
	Case	P _{SOL} (MW)	Deposition time (s)		On limiters & FT, with TPF 2.8	
Mitigated disruption (all)	Mitig. - TQ	800GW	1-3 ms		≈3,000-1,000 ⁽⁴⁾	

Preliminary misalignment studies ongoing for penalty factors.

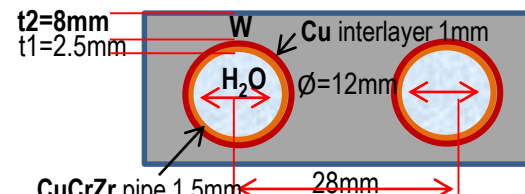
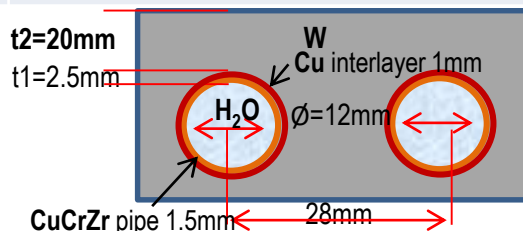
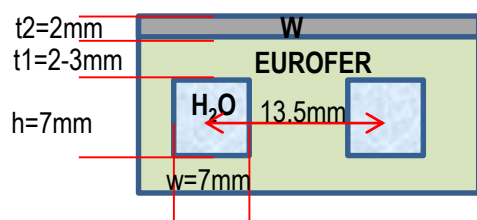
critical cases in **red**

Thermal calculations



RACLETTE code used to quickly simulate thermal behaviour of PFC designs:

1 BB FW simplified model	2 Sacrificial limiter model	3 Divertor like limiter model
H ₂ O coolant, <u>EUROFER</u> heat-sink	H ₂ O coolant, <u>CuCrZr</u> heat-sink	H ₂ O coolant, <u>CuCrZr</u> heat-sink
Coolant parameters: Vel = 8m/s Pres = 15 MPa T_coolant = 300°C	Coolant parameters: Vel = 8m/s Pres = 5 MPa T_coolant = 160°C	Coolant parameters: Vel = 8m/s Pres = 5 MPa T_coolant = 160°C



Case	W-Evap. (µm)	W-Melt. (µm)	Heat sink temp. (°C)
1 → First Wall			(EUROFER limit 550°C)
(1) Control. Pert.	0	0	394
(2) U-VDE TQ	0	0	448
(3) D-VDE TQ	0	0	384
(4) Mitig. Disr.	0	38	545
2 → Sacrificial limiter:			(CuCrZr limit 350°C)
(4) Mitig. Disr.	0	38	172
(5) U-VDE 1 st touch	0	0	171
(6) U-VDE TQ	2560	988	176
(7) D-VDE 1 st touch	82	698	179
(8) D-VDE 1 st touch	0	0	171
(9) D-VDE TQ		Not converged	
(10) H-L conservative	120	3470	280
3 → Divertor like limiter:			(CuCrZr limit 350°C)
(4) Mitig. Disr.	0	23	184

• All heat sink below limits

• FW armour protected, mitig. disr., to be tuned

• For VHVF sophisticated codes are being used

RACLETTE is conservative when W vaporisation ≥ tens µm: possible mitigation from vapour shielding

Vapor shielding model in Major Disruption

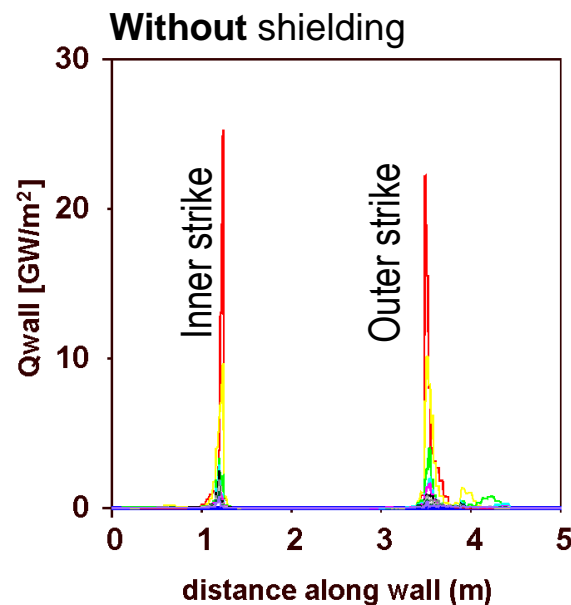
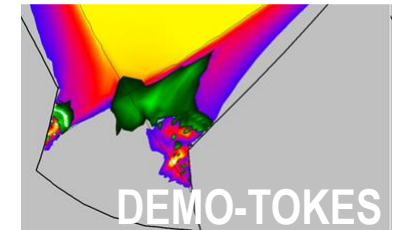


Preliminary simulations including vapor shielding have been performed on DEMO using TOKES code on:

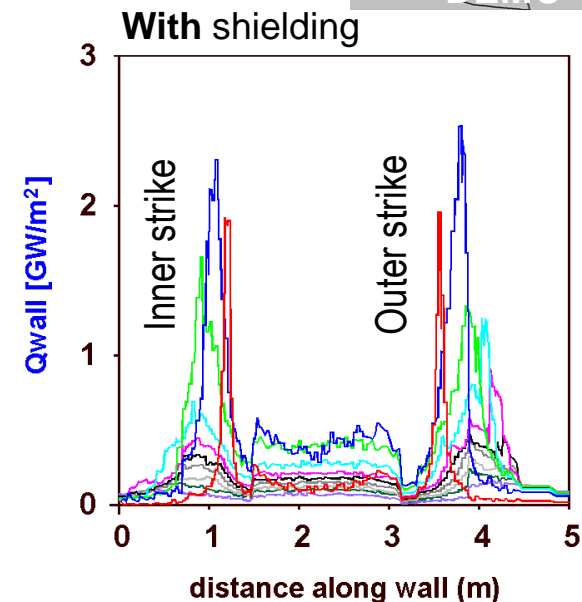
Major (Central) Disruption (plasma in diverted configuration):

- Thermal quench duration **4ms**
- Charged particles energy = **0.65GJ** ($1/2 E_{\text{KIN_tot}}$) (to 1.3GJ)

S. Pestchanyi, et al., [FST \(2019\)](#)
S. Pestchanyi, et al., [NME \(2020\)](#)



Colors represent different instants from 1 to 10ms



With vapor shielding factor 10 reduction in Q_{wall} (from 25 GW/m² to 2.5 GW/m²).

Max vaporization is reduced from 700 μm (in line with RACLETTE[▲]) to 4 μm , melting from 400 μm to 150 μm

Preliminary results. In line with ITER modelling [1] and (old) exp. Validation [2]

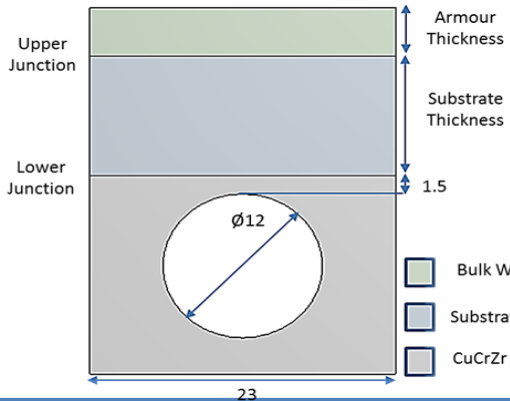
[1] S.Pestchanyi, et al., FED, vol. 109, p. 141, 2016

[2] S.Pestchanyi, et al., FED, vol. 124, p. 401, 2017

Further DEMO experimental validation requested in QSPA



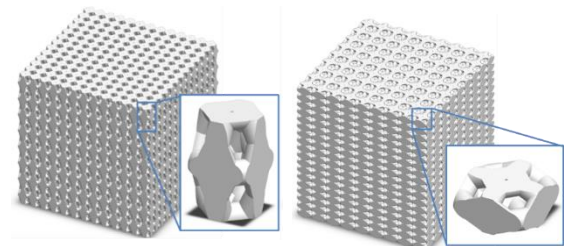
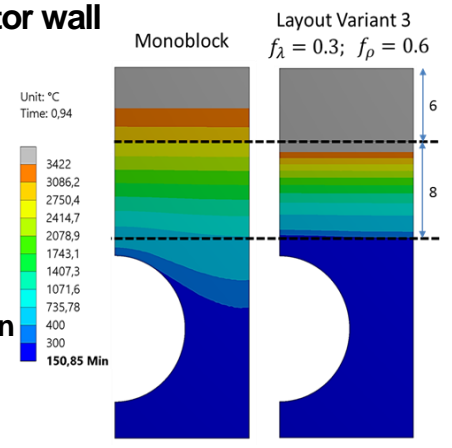
Sacrificial limiter as the last protection resource of the reactor wall



Heat Flux Reduction + Longer lifetime

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| <p>I. Prompt vapour shielding</p> <p>II. Acceptable thermal conductivity</p> <p>III. High S/V ratio</p> | <p>I. Less thermal stress and more ductile behaviour</p> <p>II. Avoid overloading of the heat sink</p> <p>III. Hindered crack propagation</p> |
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W lattice: tailored metamaterial designed to get desired characteristics and realized in additive manufacturing

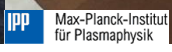
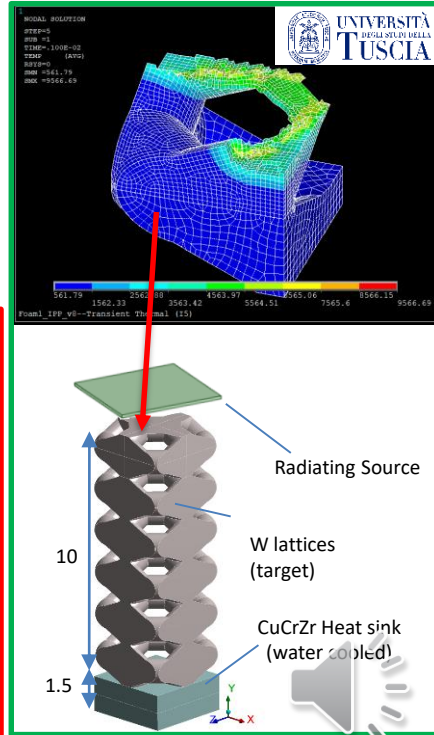
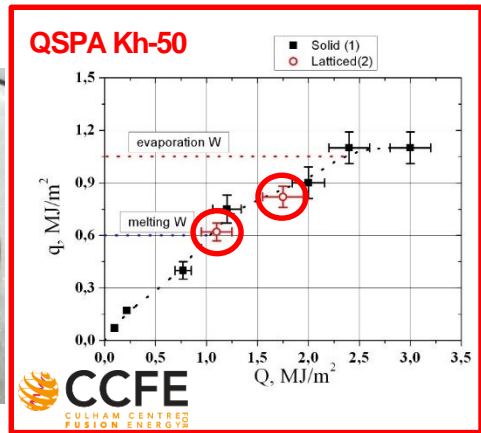
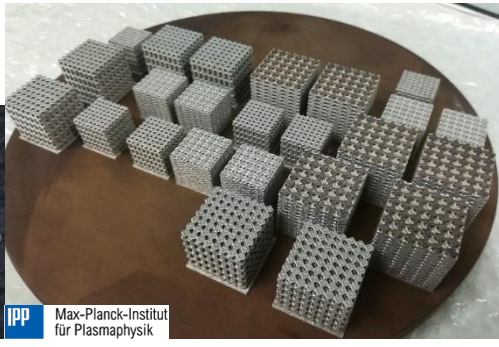
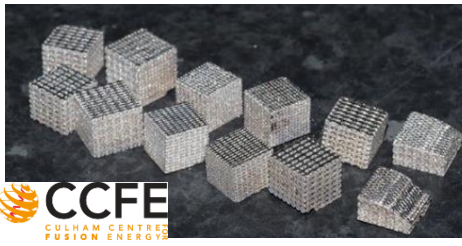


e.g.: Anisotropy $A=0.5$
 Constant profile ligament
 ligament length $L=0.33\text{mm}$
 ligament radius section $R=0.15\text{mm}$
 Relative density 53.3%
 Thermal Conductivity 48.8 W/mK



Ongoing activities:

- Different geometries samples production
- Microscopic inspection
- Material characterization (density, thermal diffusivity, mechanical testing)
- Plasma compatibility and H-retention tests
- **HHF experiments on linear plasma devices (QSPA Kh-50)**
- **FEM-based tools for thermal simulation with melting / vaporization**



Runaway Electrons preliminary calculations

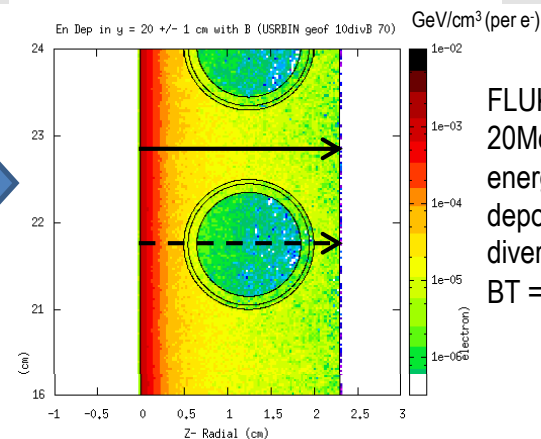


The [FLUKA](#) code [1-3] is used to estimate the REs energy deposition profile for different PFC. Simplified assumptions:

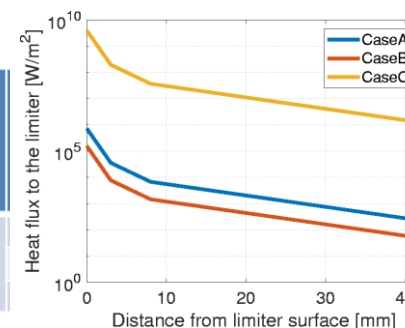
- REs **current = 4MA** (EU-DEMO max curr. =20MA),
- **e⁻ energy 20MeV** (mono-energetic), incidence angle $\alpha=[1,10]^\circ$
- **R_{RE}=9m, a_{RE}=1.5m** (1/2 of pl.), **cross section 7m**;

Beam duration: wide range: **A) 1ms (E_{KIN} = 15MJ)** **B) 100ms (≈CQ time E_{KIN} + E_{MAG} = 305MJ)**. **C) Conservative τ=16μs (E_{KIN} = 1.3GJ)**

Case	RAE current I _{RA} (MA)	Electron flux Γ _e (s ⁻¹)	Energy per electron E (MeV)	Beam duration τ (s)	Magnetic energy (J)	Kinetic energy (J)	Total beam energy (J)	Beam cross section A (m ²)
A	4	2.50 × 10 ²⁵	20	1 × 10 ⁻³	0	1.5 × 10 ⁷	1.5 × 10 ⁷	7.1
B				1 × 10 ⁻¹	3.05 × 10 ⁸	1.5 × 10 ⁷	3.2 × 10 ⁸	
C				1.6 × 10 ⁻⁵	-	-	1.3 × 10 ⁹	



FLUKA: single
20MeV e⁻
energy
deposition in the
divertor (α= 10°,
BT = 5.8 T)



Heat load per unit
surface for cases **A,**
B, **C,** rescaling
FLUKA

Input table used to run FEM analysis of PFCs (with W armor 8 and 20mm).

No cooling pipe melting observed in sim. (with present assumptions)

FLUKA being benchmarked with stopping power ([ESTAR](#)), and MEMOS-ENDEP[4]

[1] T. Böhlen, et al., "The FLUKA Code: Developments and Challenges for High Energy and Medical Applications" Nuclear Data Sheets 120, 211-214 (2014)

[2] A. Ferrari, et al. "FLUKA: a multi-particle transport code", CERN-2005-10 (2005), INFN/TC_05/11, SLAC-R-773

[3] G. Maddaluno et al., "Energy deposition and thermal effects of runaway electrons in ITER-FEAT plasma facing components" JNM (2003)

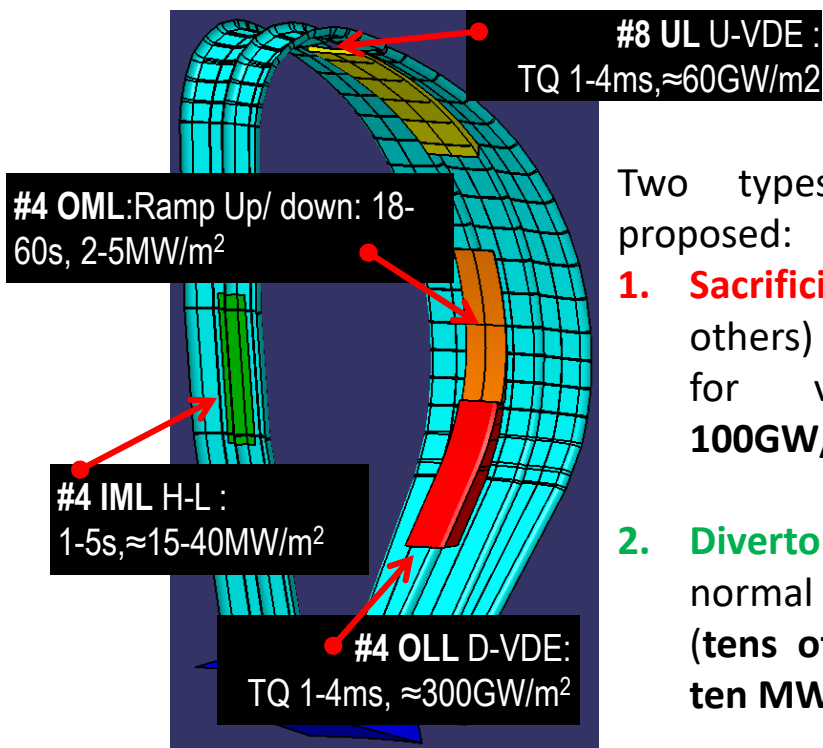
[4] Y. Igitchanov, B. Bazylev, S. Pestchanyi, "EFFECT OF RUNAWAY ELECTRONS ON THE DEMO WALL EROSION", ICFRM-(2019).



Limiters design

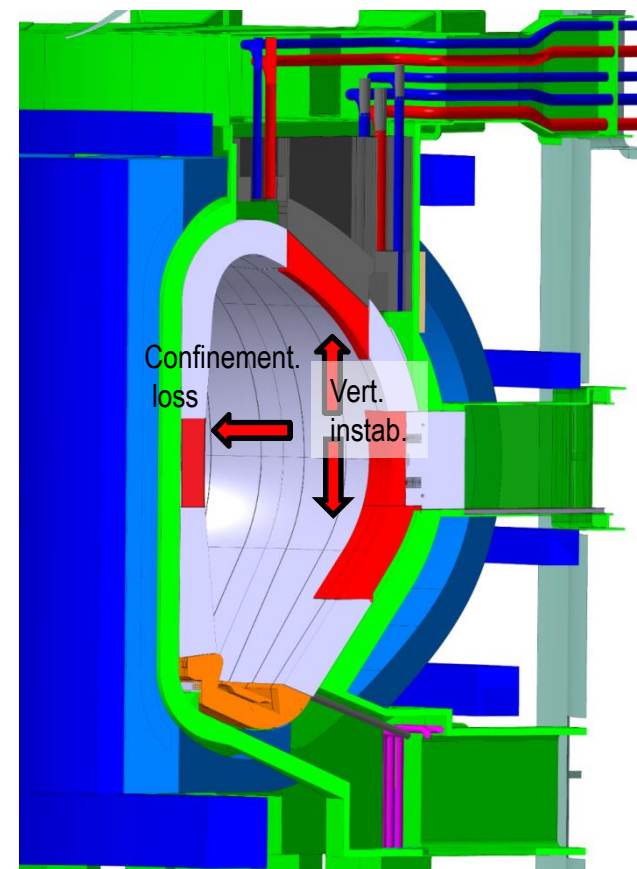


- 1) **#8 Upper Limiters** (UL), designed for U-VDE.
- 2) **#4 Outboard Lower Limiters** (OLL), designed for D-VDE.
- 3) **#4 Inboard Mid-plane Limiters** (IML), designed for H-L transitions, and in general for all the events characterized by a sudden loss of the plasma confinement energy.
- 4) **#4 Outboard Mid-plane Limiters** (OML), designed for plasma ramp up and down.



Two types of limiters are proposed:

1. **Sacrificial limiters** (for the others) with **20mm W- armor** for very high $\approx 0.1\text{-}100 \text{GW/m}^2$ up to $\approx 100 \text{ms}$
2. **Divertor-like** (for OML), for normal transients RU/RD (tens of seconds and up to **ten MW/m^2**):



Sketch of proposed limiter locations. Arrows indicate plasma movement due to **vertical instability (up/down)**, and **loss of energy (inwards)**



- ❑ DEMO requirements are different from ITER: wall load specification being developed independently.
- ❑ Present DEMO first wall heat load limits of $1\text{MW}/\text{m}^2$
- ❑ Radiation and charged particles heat loads are evaluated, and four poloidal location proposed for limiters (divertor-like and sacrificial).
- ❑ Proposed discrete limiters able to protect the BB FW in all the considered cases. Some requirements are needed on the mitigated disruptions.
- ❑ Misalignment studies started on Limiters and FW.
- ❑ More sophisticated simulations (e.g. vap. shielding, REs), and hardware R&D and testing proposed for proposed PFC.
- ❑ Limiter design and integration initiated

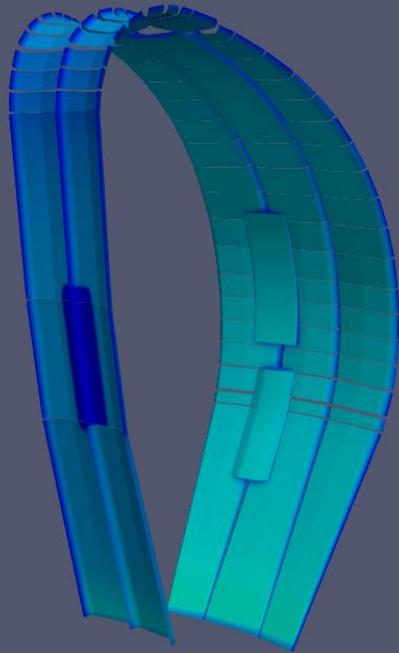
Thank you for your attention!



Results : SOF, Total heat flux

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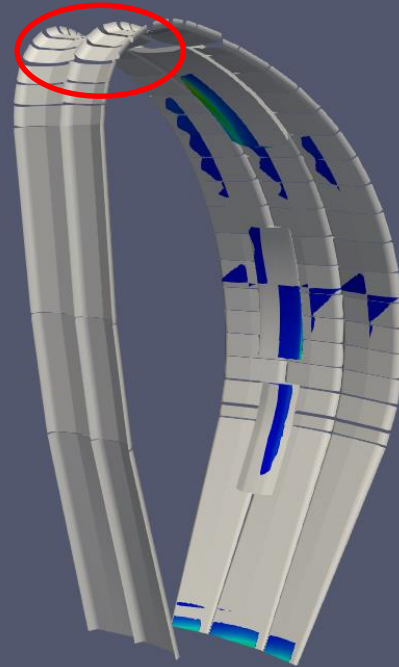
Radiative HF: CORE+SOL



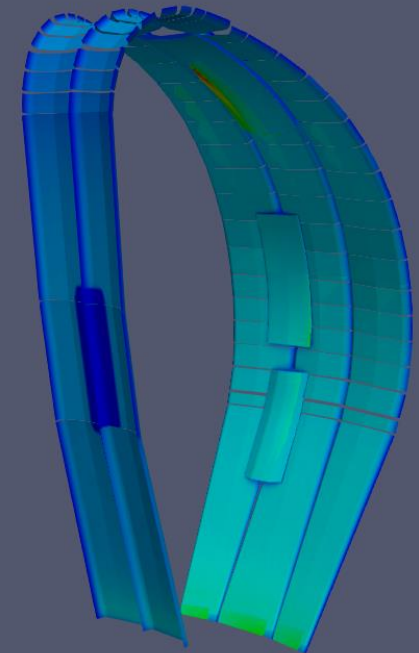
Far SOL Charged particles HF



No HF
at 11
o'clock
Nor IB



Total HF



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3D HF maps produced (and continuously updated) with WPBB, and WPDIV for FW + Limiter design

- Maximum total heat flux located on upper limiter : 1.1MW/m²
- Module 7-8 shadowed from charged particles HF by limiter, and upper x-point rotation

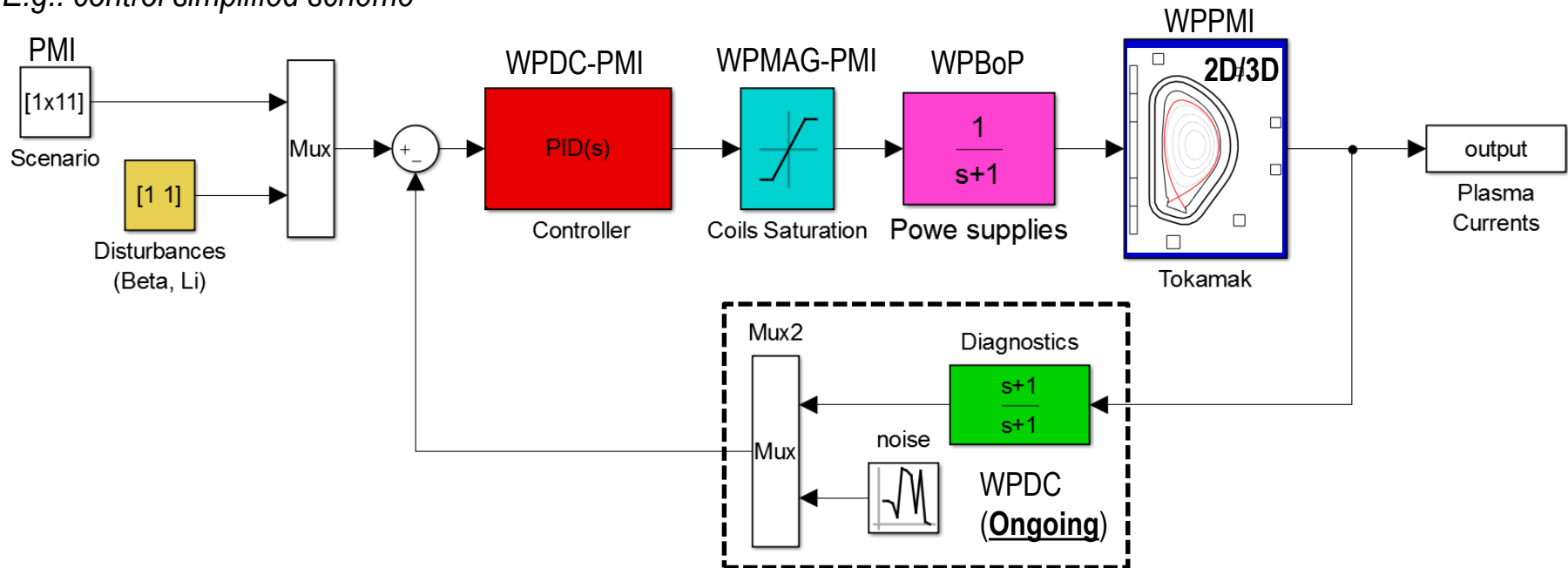
Plasma simulations: control loop

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Definition of disruption cases, and relative inputs, e.g.:

- perturbation time evolution B_{pol} , L_j , I_{pla}
- Control perturbations
- Electromagnetic simulations
- 2D heat flux (HF) calculation of radiated and charged particle
- Plan to use realistic diagnostics from end 2019

E.g.: control simplified scheme

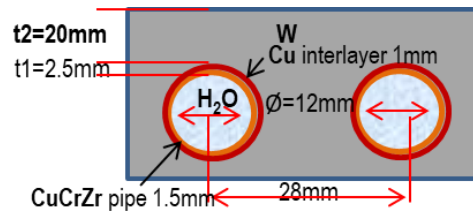


Energy density [MJ/m²]- deposition time [ms] maps

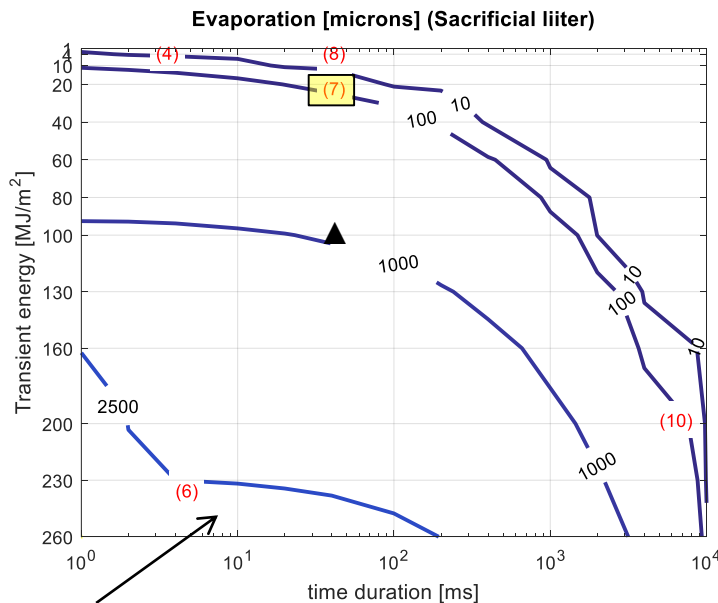
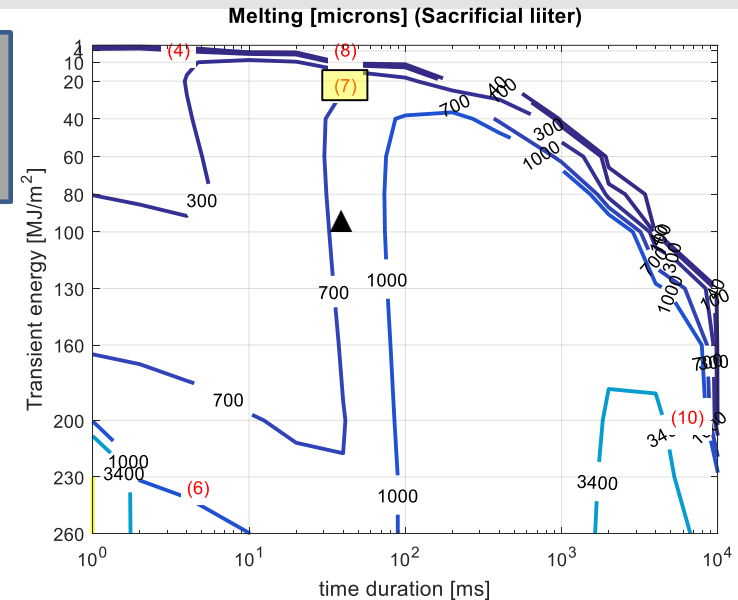
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E [MJ/m²]/ τ [ms] scan created for each PFC, to quickly assess vap./melt./temp./CHF

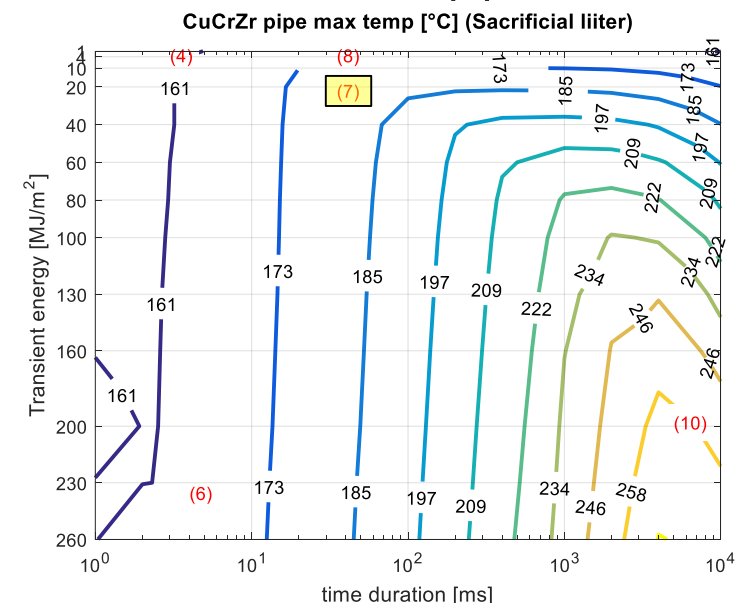
Example: Sacrificial limiter



Case	W-Evap. (μm)	W-Melt. (μm)	Heat sink temp. ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)
Sacrificial limiter: (CuCrZr heat sink temp. lim. 350 $^{\circ}\text{C}$)			
(4) Mitig. Disr.	0	38	172
(5) U-VDE 1 st touch	0	0	171
(6) U-VDE TQ	2560	988	176
(7) D-VDE 1 st touch	82	698	179
(8) D-VDE 1 st touch	0	0	171
(9) D-VDE TQ	Not converged		
(10) H-L conservative	120	3470	280



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RACLETTE is conservative when W vaporisation \geq tens μm : possible mitigation from vapour shielding

Preliminary misalignment studies

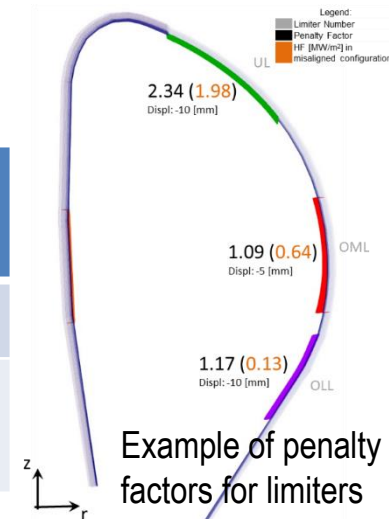
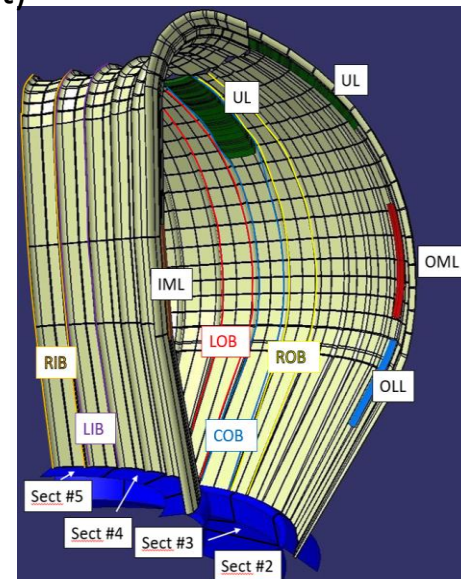
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Vertical/radial misalignment studies ongoing to evaluate **penalty factors** ($= HF_{\text{misaligned}}/HF_{\text{nominal}}$):

- First wall: $\pm 20\text{mm}$, $\pm 10\text{mm}$ (Left/Central/Right Outer, & Left Right Inner Blanket)
- OLL and UL: $\pm 10\text{mm}$, $\pm 5\text{mm}$, $\pm 2\text{mm}$.
- OML: $\pm 5\text{mm}$, $\pm 2\text{mm}$.

Test Matrix										
SOF (PSOL=69 [MW] - $\lambda q=50$ [mm])					RU (PSOL=3.5 [MW] - $\lambda q=6$ [mm])					
Components	Rigid radial translation [mm]					Rigid radial translation [mm]				
LOB	-20	-10	10	20	20	-20	-10	10	20	20
COB	-20	-10	10	20	20	-20	-10	10	20	20
ROB	-20	-10	10	20	20	-20	-10	10	20	20
LIB	-20	-10	10	20	20	-20	-10	10	20	20
RIB	-20	-10	10	20	20	-20	-10	10	20	20
	Rigid vertical translation [mm]					Rigid vertical translation [mm]				
LOB	-20	-10	10	20	20	-20	-10	10	20	20
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LIB	-20	-10	10	20	20	-20	-10	10	20	20
RIB	-20	-10	10	20	20	-20	-10	10	20	20
	Rigid radial translation [mm]					Rigid radial translation [mm]				
OML	-5	-2	2	5	5	-5	-2	2	5	5
	Rigid radial translation [mm]					Rigid radial translation [mm]				
UL	-10	-5	2	5	10					
	Rigid radial translation [mm]					Rigid radial translation [mm]				
OLL	-10	-5	2	5	10					
	Flexible deformations [mm]					Flexible deformations [mm]				
Component	TBD									

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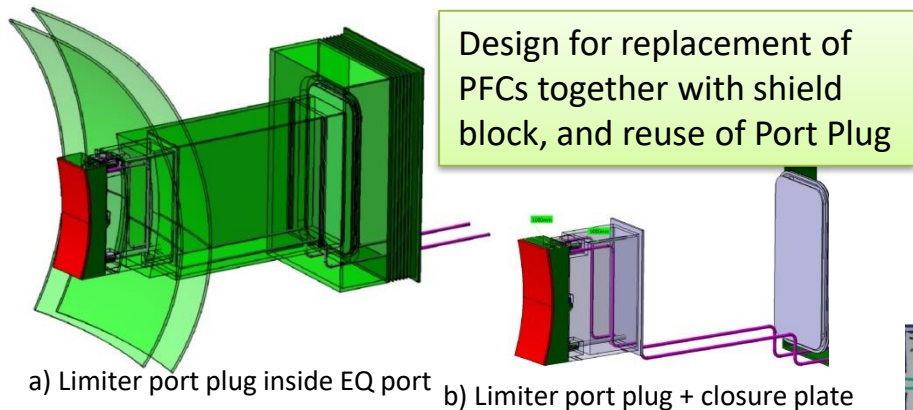
Limiters shadow FW in critical areas (close to 2nd inactive x-point, & baffles) also in SOF/EOF (DEMO plasma-FW clearance ≥ 23 cm)

Misalignments mainly affects limiter edge exposure to HF

Limiter protrusion (chosen at the moment for FW protection) can be revised if BB tolerances require it. Flexible deformation ongoing.

Equatorial Port Limiter (Outboard Limiter)

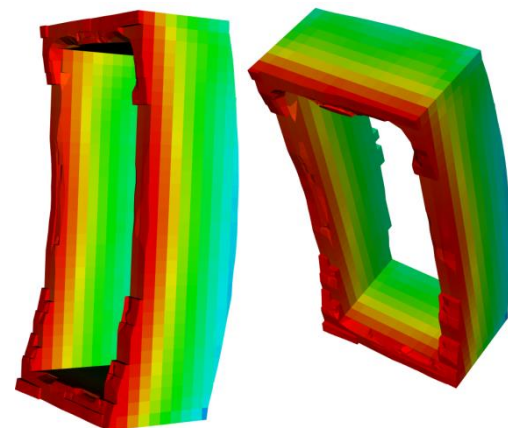
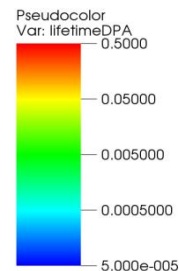
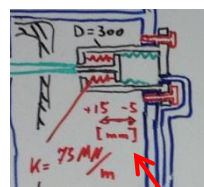
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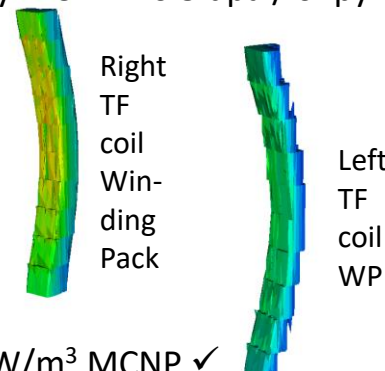
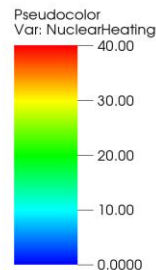
- Radial protrusion to FW 2 cm (at assembly in Port Plug under B-field) with radial alignment from control room without physical access requirement of alignment ± 3 mm variation with 0.2 mm precision!
- Actuators by spring + He-filled bellow w/o motor!

From 6 degrees of freedom, 2 are needed:

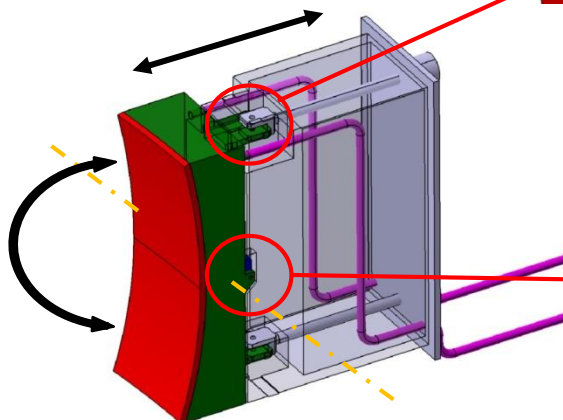
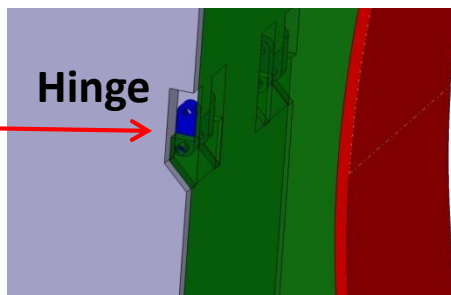
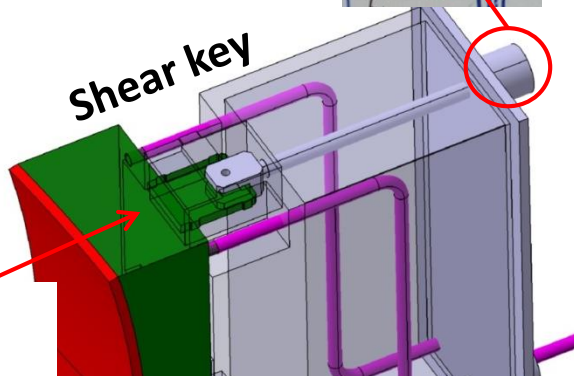
MOVEMENT	TILTING
Radial – YES	Radial axis – NO
Vertical – NO	Vertical axis – NO
Toroidal – NO	Toroidal axis – YES



Lifetime limit 2.75 dpa / 6 fpy in VV around the limiter confirmed by MCNP < 0.5 dpa / 6 fpy ✓



TF coil heating < 50W/m³ MCNP ✓





TBR preliminary estimation with limiters

Present preliminary assumptions: : The change of the neutron spectrum also in the BB due to the presence of water in the limiters is not considered in this simple estimate and will be assessed by Pavel Pereslavytsev in 2019.

16 equatorial and 16 upper port plugs. In addition 4 top limiter, 4 inboard limiters, 4 lower inboard limiters, and 8 lower outboard limiters

Required TBR of hypothetical blanket configuration dependent on:

- TBR requirement for final BB design configuration, see previous req., i.e. 1.05
- Assumed fraction of FW not covered by BB, i.e.:

Component	Surface
8 upper port plugs, ~1.0 m ² each	8 m ²
3 NB ducts, ~1.3 m ² each	4 m ²
4 EC launchers, ~4 m ² each	16 m ²
5 Diag. plugs, ~4 m ² each	20 m ²
Total 1	48 m²
4 equat. limiters, ~3 m ² each	12 m ²
8 upper port limiters, ~4.5 m ² each	36 m ²
4 inboard limiters, ~2.5 m ² each	10 m ²
4 lower mid-plane limiters, ~3 m ² each	12 m ²
Total 2	70 m²
Total 1 + Total 2	118 m ²

FW surface area (excl. BB penetrations): 1473 m².

Non-breeding fraction = $118/1473=8.0\%$ → TBR increase factor = 1.087. → required TBR = $1.087*1.05 = 1.14$

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3D HF calculations and limiter surface design

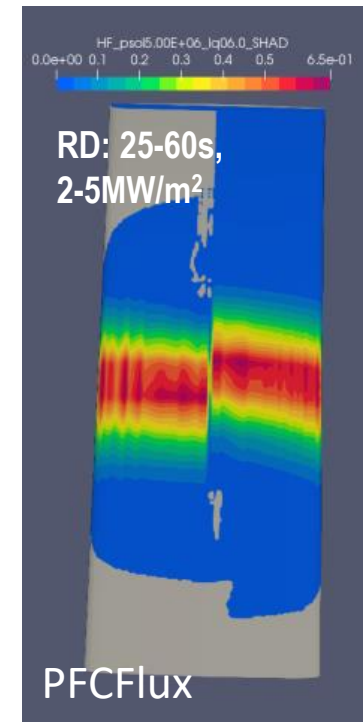
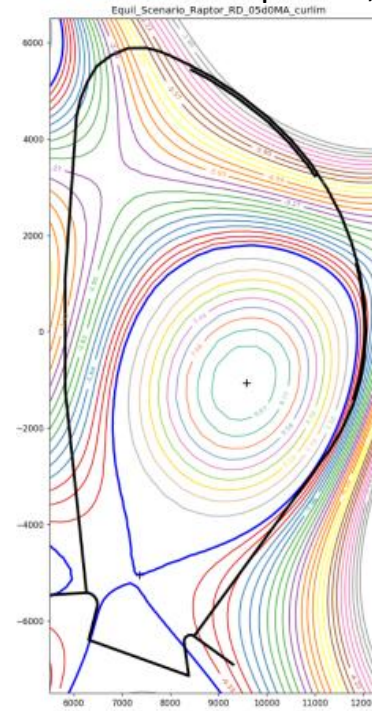
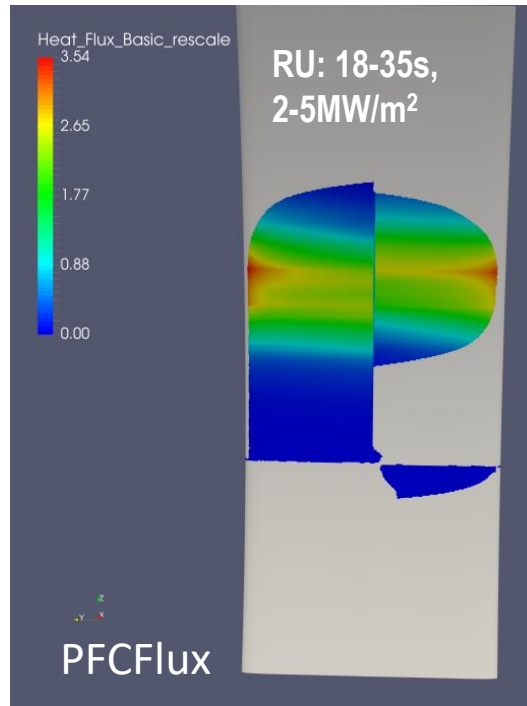
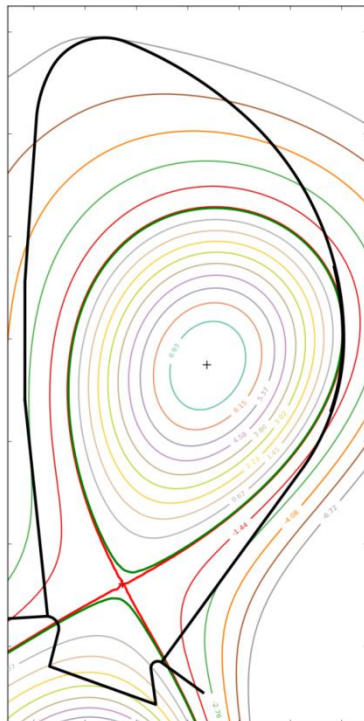
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Normal transients: ramp-up/down

- ❑ Plasma ramp-up/down assumed from +0.1 MA/s up to + 0.2 MA/s.
- ❑ $\lambda_q = 6\text{mm}$, $P_{\text{sol}}[\text{MW}] = I_p[\text{MA}]$ assumption (ITER like)
- ❑ RU: x-point formation in range at 3.5MA to 6MA: $t_{\text{RU}} = 18$ to 60s
- ❑ RD: x-point kept down range 7.5MA – 5 MA: $t_{\text{RD}} = 20\text{s}$ to 80s

RU: Limited eq. 6MA, 4 limiters

RD: Limited eq. 5MA, 4 limiters

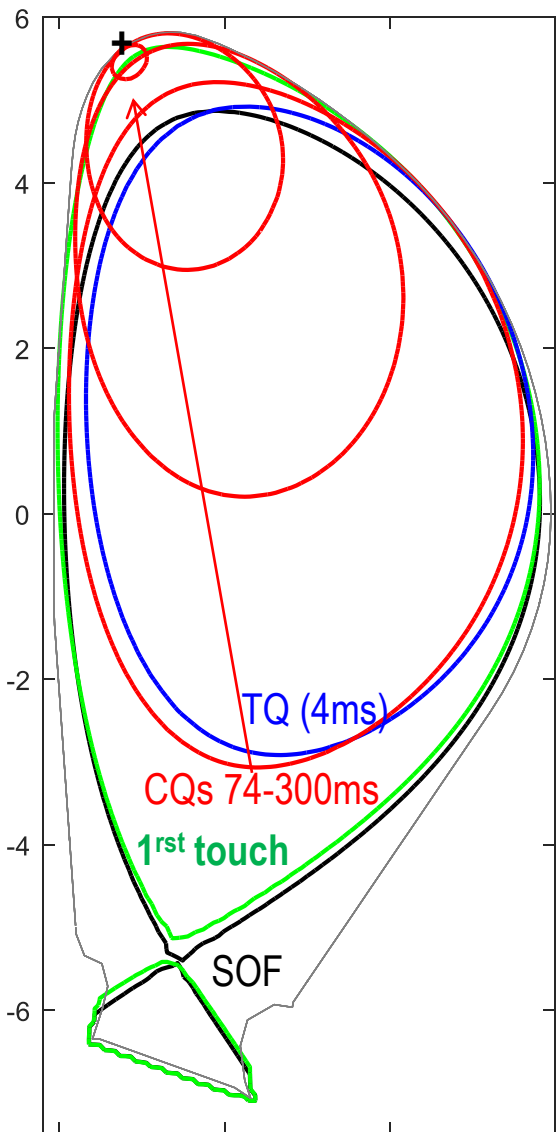


$P_{\text{SOL}} = 6\text{MW}$ $\lambda_q = 6\text{mm}$ Max HF = 3.5MW/m² (ITER rescale)

Misalignments may be reduced if limiter adjustable at OMP port. Bare wall HF $\approx 3\text{-}4\text{MW/m}^2$

No relevant HF found on other BB modules, nor on the limiter during flat-top phases

Off-normal transients: Upward Vertical Displacement Event and scenario optimization



Typical plasma VDE evolution:

- 1) SOF (Start Of Flat-top)
- 2) **1st touch** (+ plasma moves vertically)
- 3) **TQ** (W_{th} from 1.3GJ to 0, in 4ms)
- 4) **CQs** (I_p from 19MA to 0, in 74-300ms)

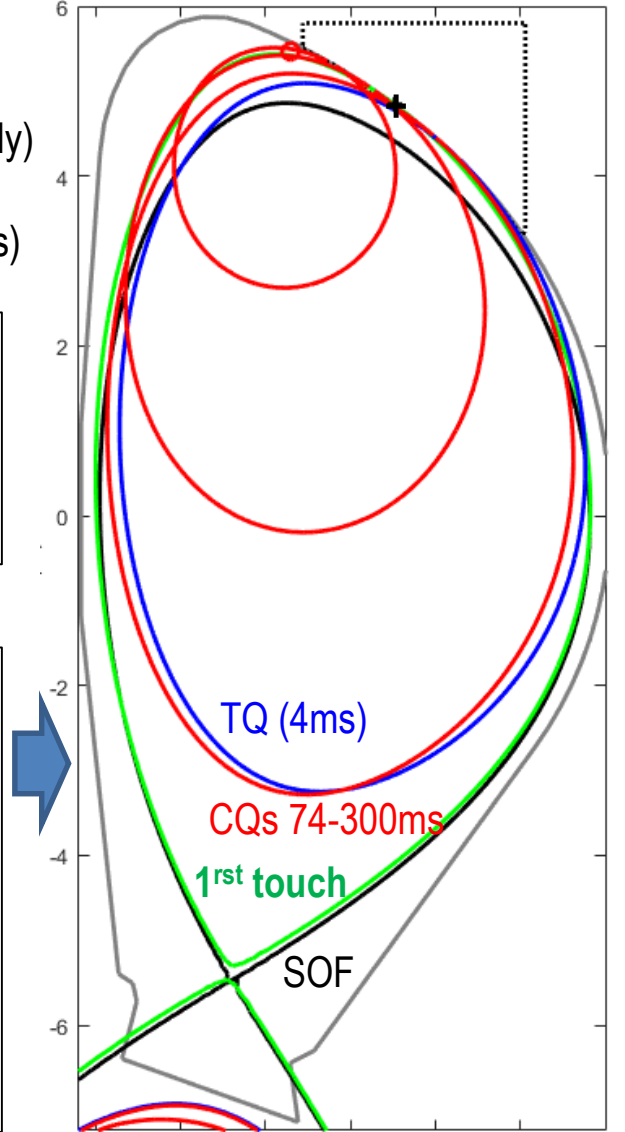
Baseline

- **1st touch** close or at 11 'O clock
- **CQ** ends up at 11 'O clock

Optimised scenario

- **1st touch**, **TQ** and **CQ** moved towards upper port area.

Obtained by moving upper x-point clockwise (reduced upper-triangularity, $\delta_{95\%}$ from 0.33 to 0.25)

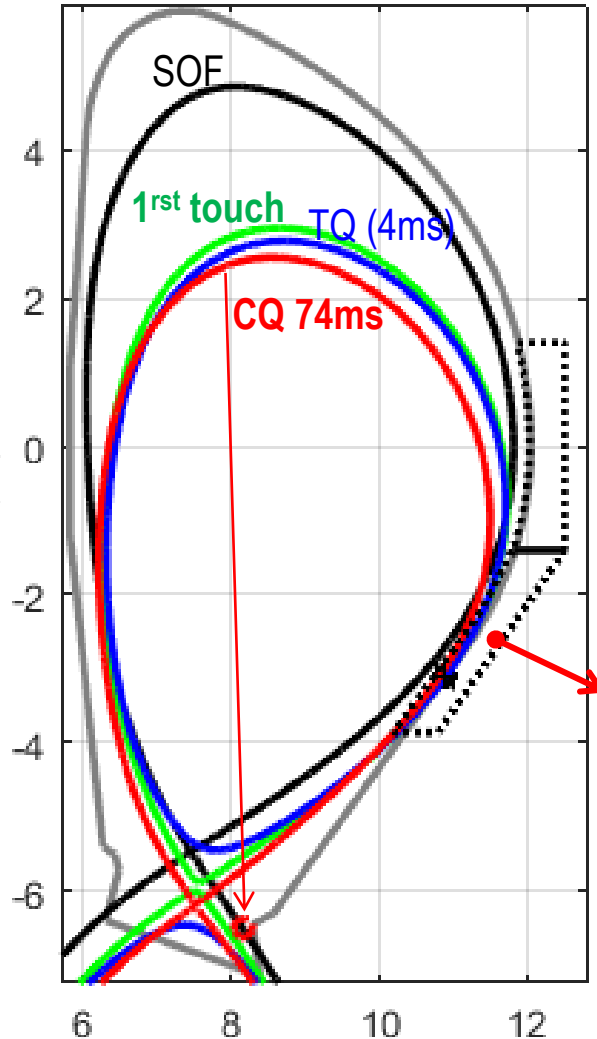


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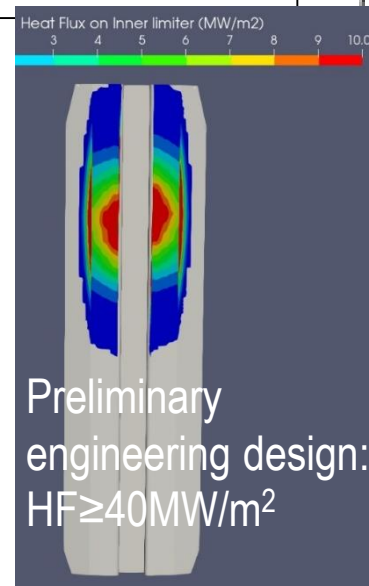
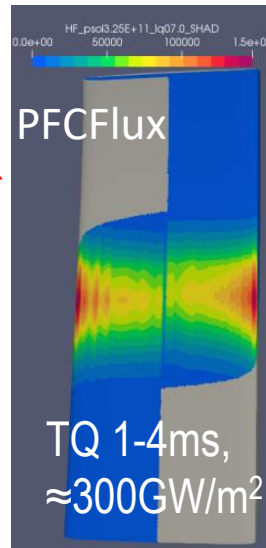
Off-normal trans.: Downward-VDE and conservative loss of confinement

D-VDE (unmitigated)

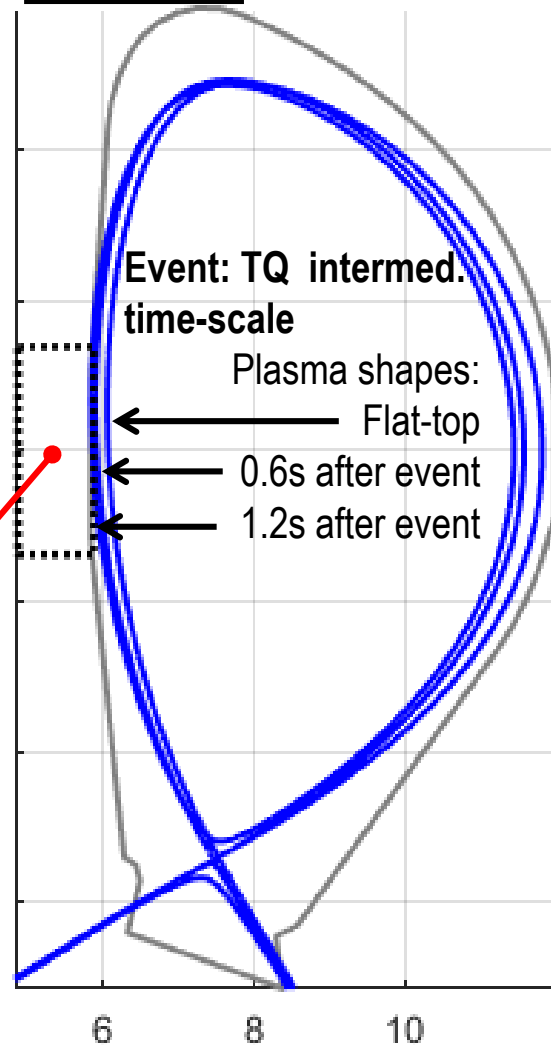


- **1st touch** right below OMP at 4 'O clock, Far from baffle
- **TQ** shrinks plasma which become diverted again.

None on the presently considered **loss of confinement** leads to inboard plasma contact: conservative case chosen deliberately above limits



Loss of confinement: Conservative case



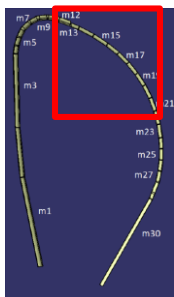
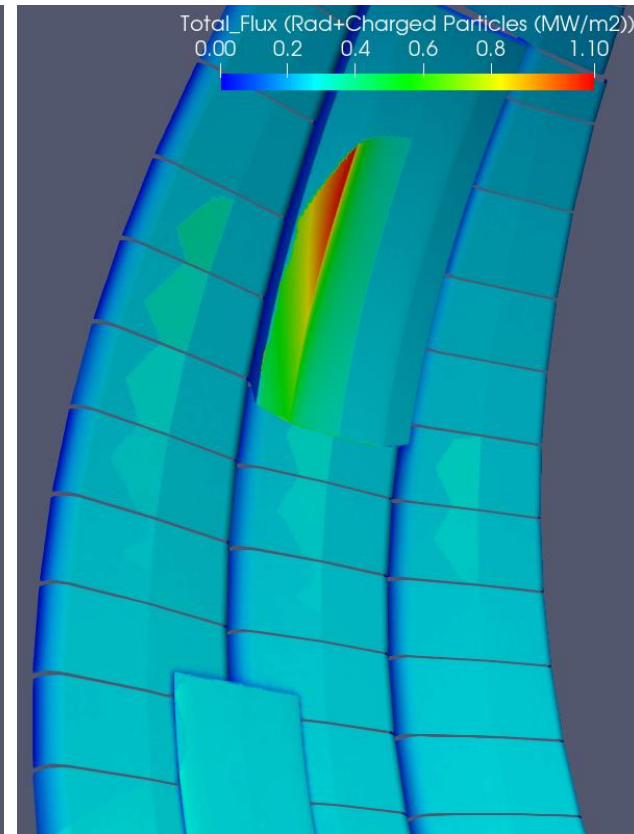
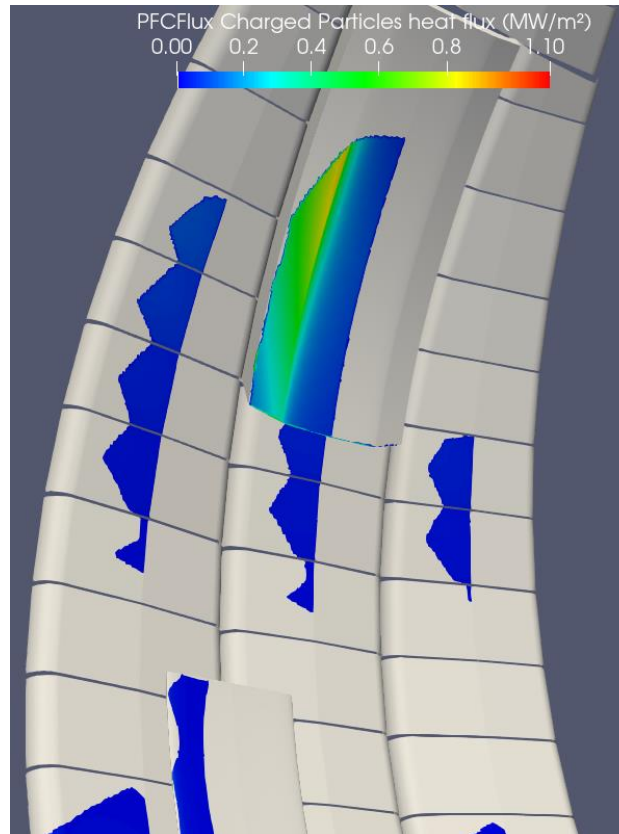
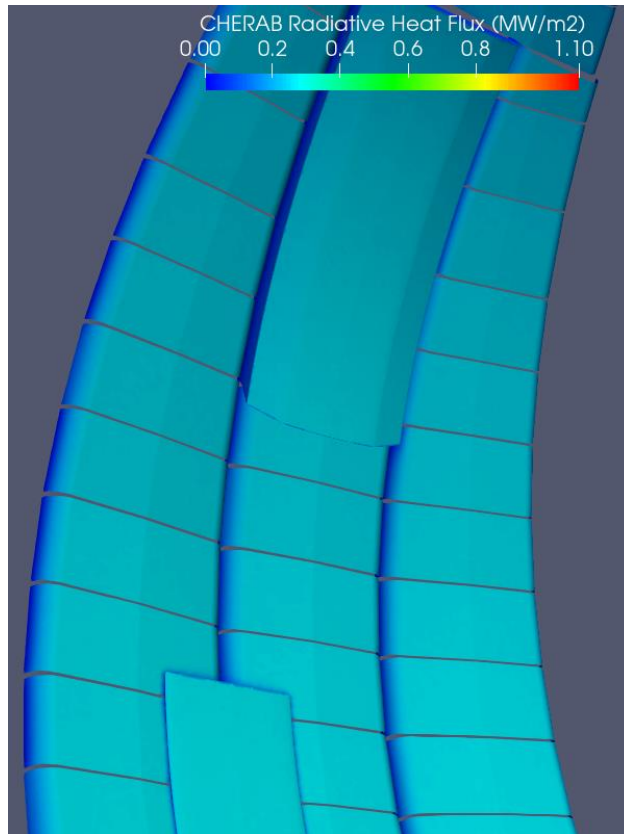
Results : SOF, Total heat flux

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Radiative heat flux

Charged particles heat flux

Total heat flux



- Maximum total heat flux located on upper limiter : 1.1MW/m²
- Module 7-8 shadowed from charged particles HF by limiter, and upper x-point rotation