

First wall heat flux estimations with THEODOR – recent updates



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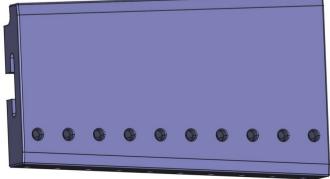
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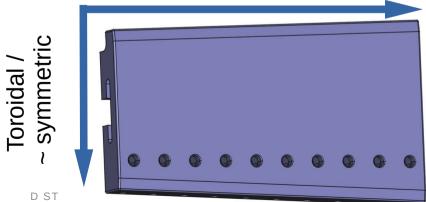
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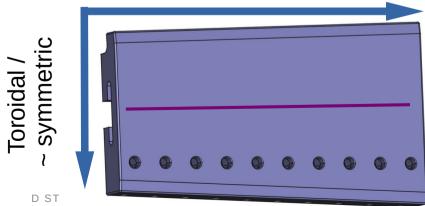
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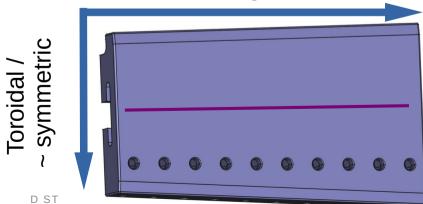


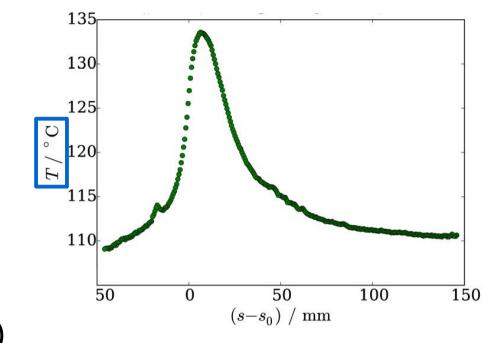


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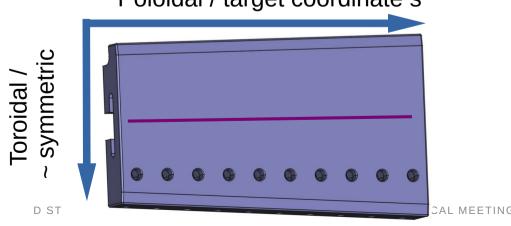


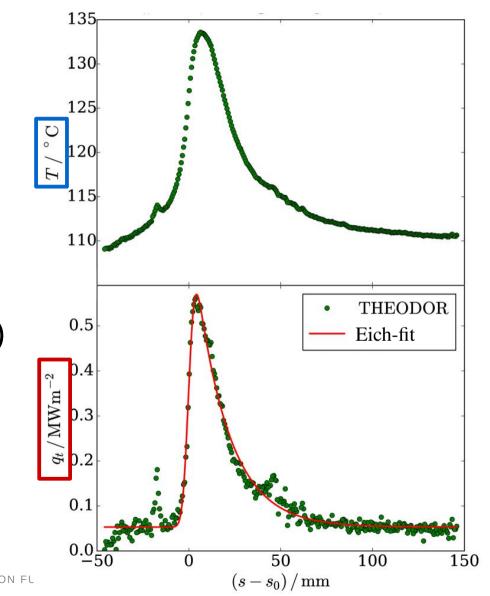
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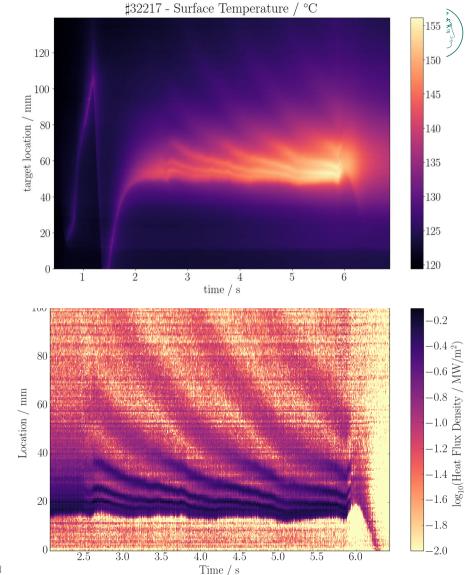




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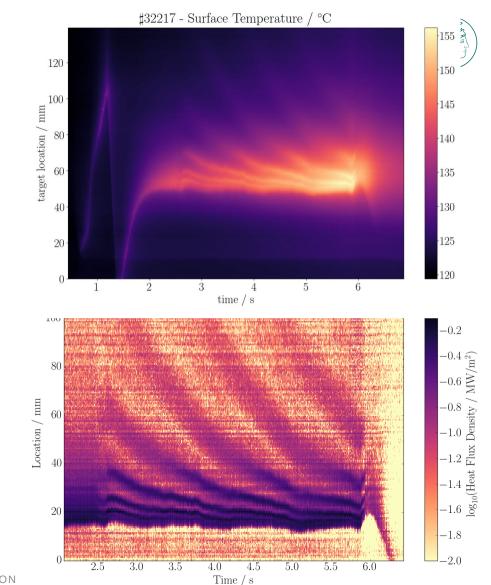
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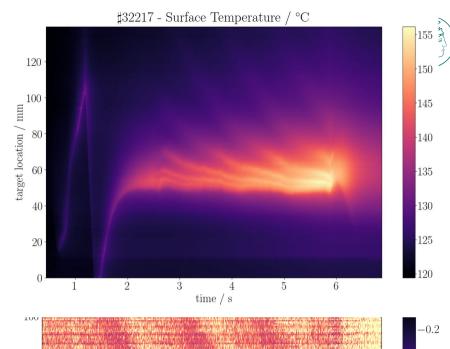
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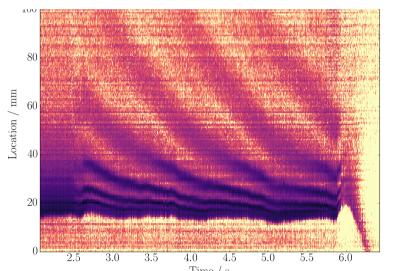


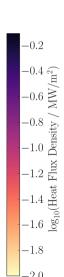
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- Used at AUG, W7X, TCV, JET, MAST,
 DIII-D, Proto-MPEX, ...
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Soon: Python THEODOR will be made Open Source



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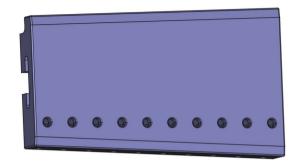
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    theo_inst.solve_backward(ref_dt, temperature[idx, :])
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Reference points are [0, 500, 1000] C
'AUG_Graphite': # material name
K: the conductivity in W/(K*m)
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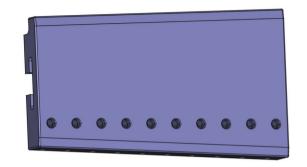
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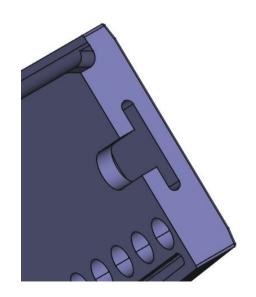




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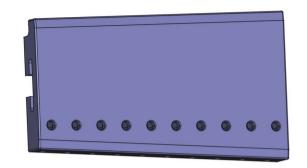


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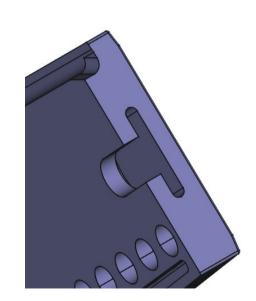


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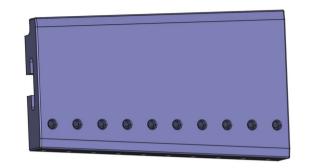


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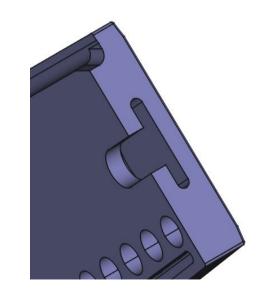
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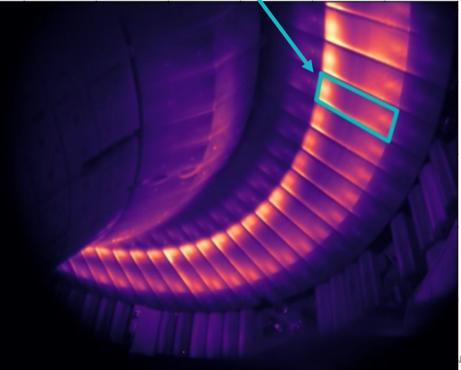
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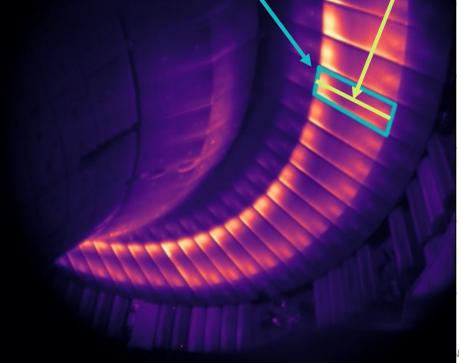


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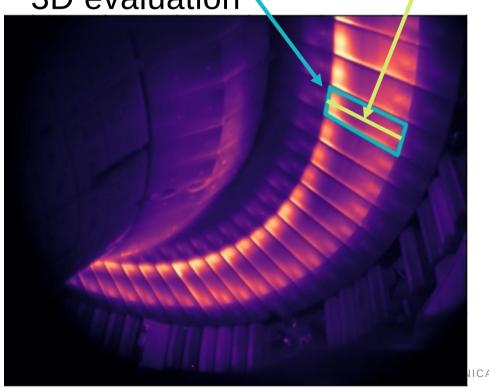


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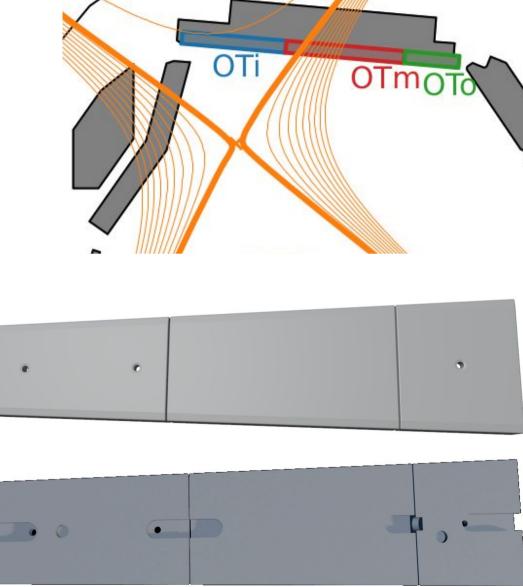




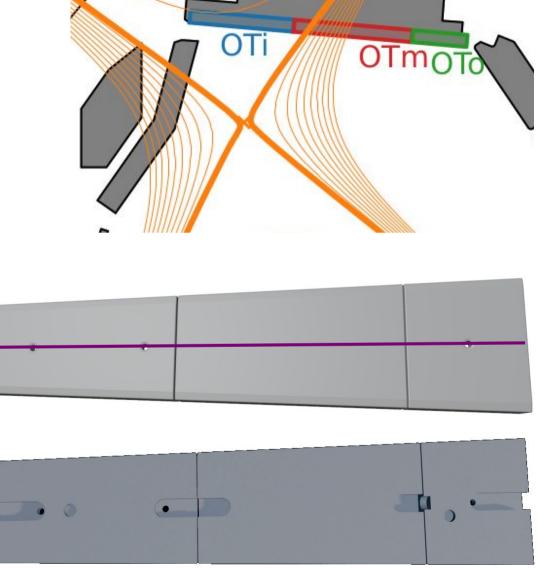


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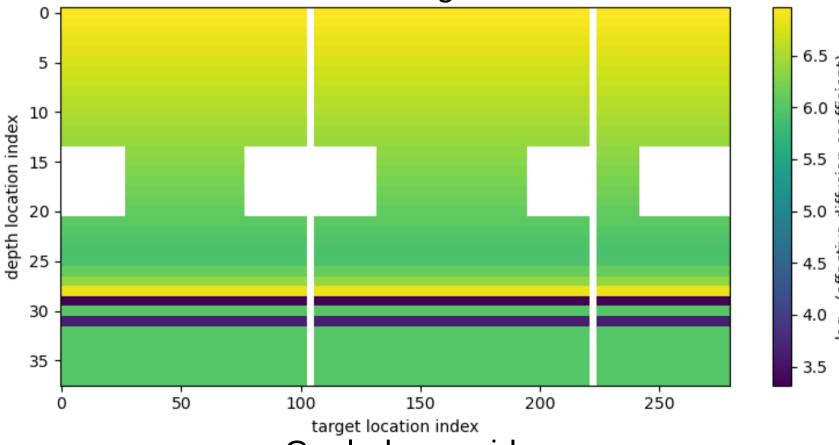
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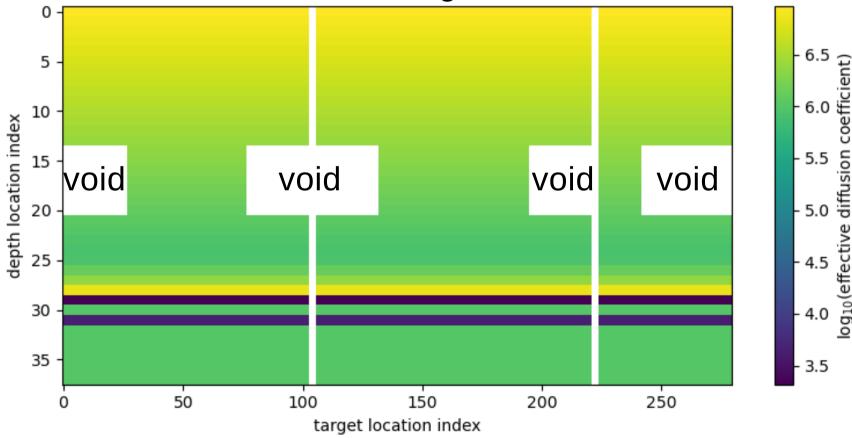








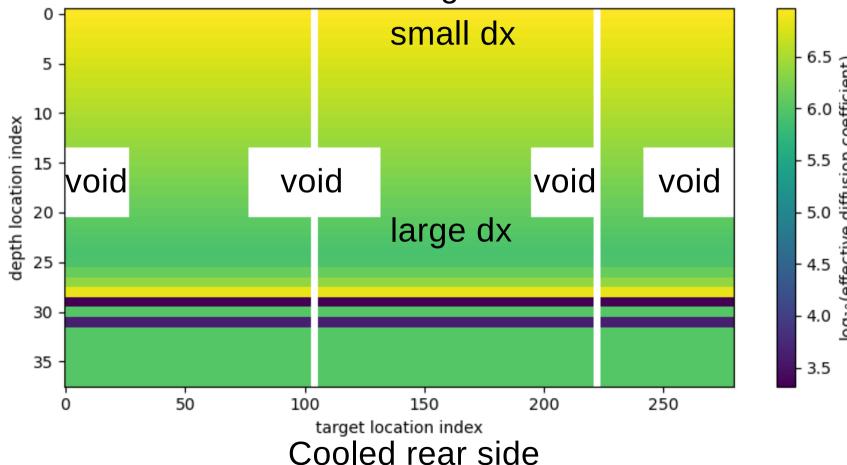








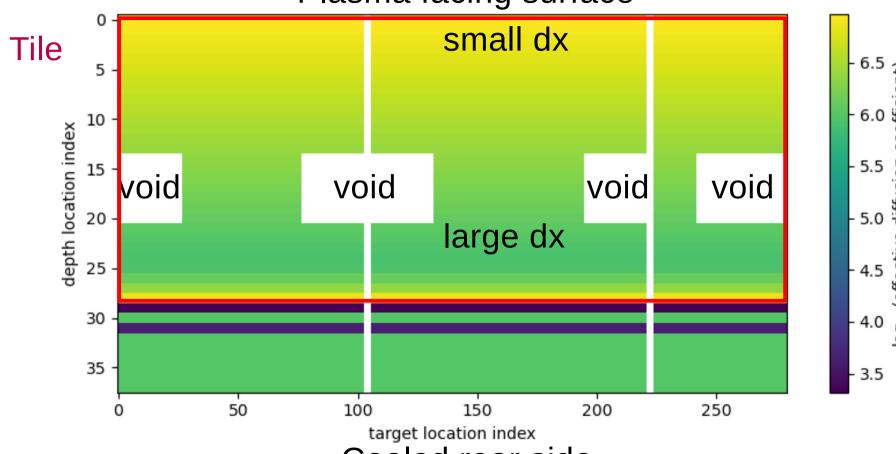








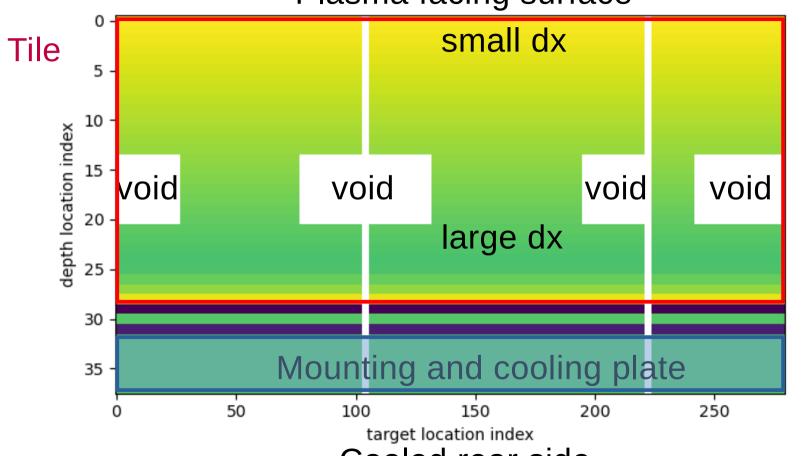


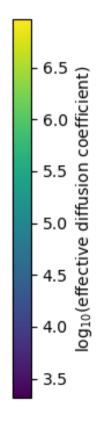






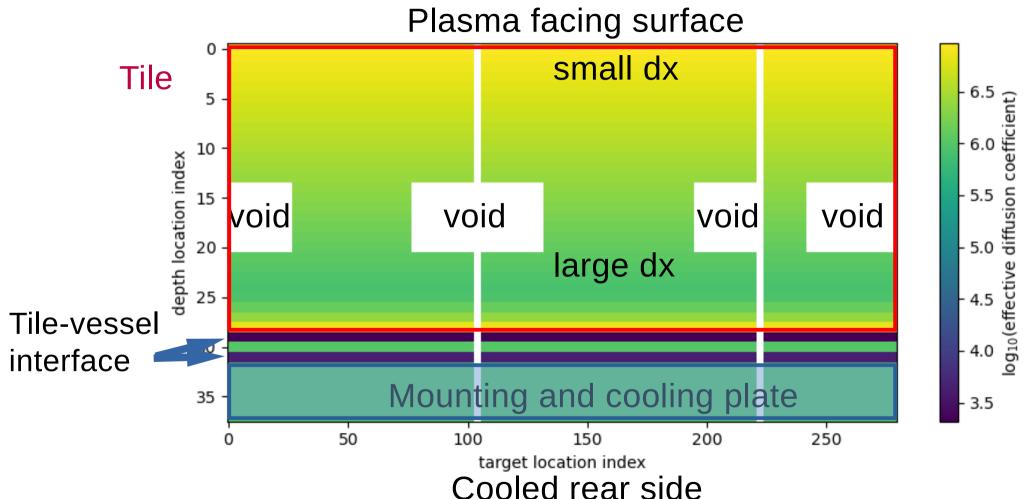


















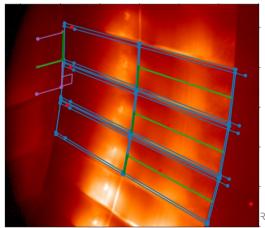




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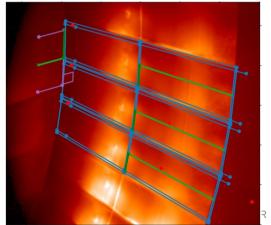


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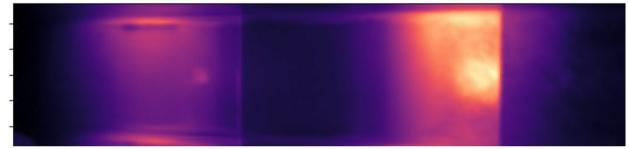


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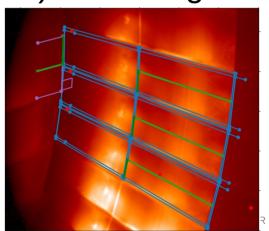


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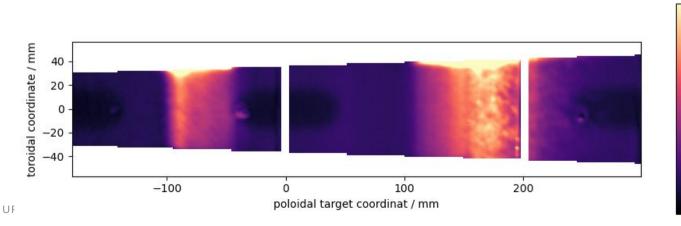
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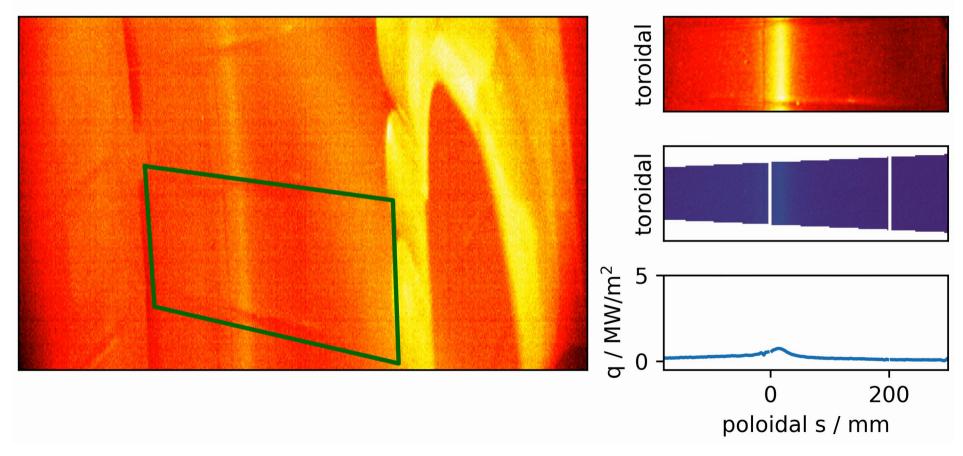


First results for new upper divertor





43638 row 53 at t = 1.000 s



Thermocouple comparison – first steps



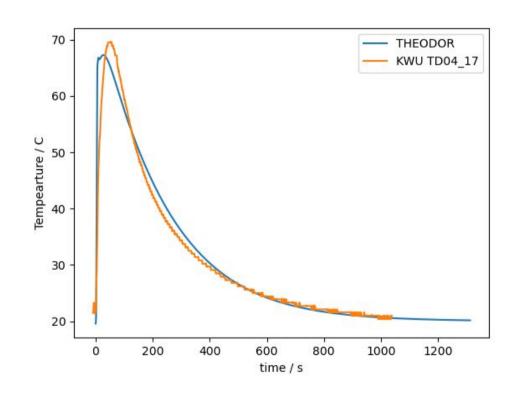


THEODOR models T-distribution

→ just read at TC location

To check/validate

- Thermal contact of TC to tile (graphite/ceramic based glue)
- Thermal contact tile to vessel
- IR emissivity
- Rear boundary condition



Outlook





- Open Sourcing Python THEODOR
 - → people using THEODOR should update!
- Validation of thermal model (GLADIS heat flux tests with IR)
- Testing and validating of surface layers, thermal bridges/brakes, jumps in material properties → collaboration
- Proof: surface layers → improved resolution, no low pass

Summary / Conclusions





- THEODOR gained many abilities, established and improving
- Adapted to non-trivial geometry of new divertor in AUG
- Same tool for all geometries: validated and consistent