

# Power Threshold Scaling of L-H Transition

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**Objective:** understanding power threshold scaling and its minimum as a function of density - **priority question for ITER operation**

**Hypothesis:** On low-density branch of  $P_{th}(n)$  *electrons* absorb heat and as they transfer it to ions more efficiently with growing density,  $P_{th}(n)$  decreases on this branch. On high-density branch *ions* are heated and as the ZF damping is growing with  $n$ ,  $P(n)$  also grows.

**Method:** Extending numerical 1D model of Miki&Diamond 2012 to evolve electron and ion heat fluxes separately and use heating mix as a control parameter

**Result:** Scans of power threshold in density and e-i heating mix show **minimum in  $P_{th}(n)$**  for broad class of relations between these parameters

