JET Neutron yield studies in JET H-modes

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- Measured neutron rates in NBI-only discharges (mostly from beam-thrmal reactions) in JET-C and JET-ILW are ~50-100% of predictions by orbit codes TRANSP/NUBEAM and ASCOT
- This 'neutron deficit' scales with plasma parameters and is smallest or absent for high Te,Ti, beta, such as in hybrid scenarios
- A large number of potential candidates was examined, including:
 - unaccounted for dilution by impurities
 - lower than expected NBI power
 - systematic errors in beam deposition
 - fast ion transport similar to thermal
 - fast ion transport by MHD modes



CONLUSIONS

- The candidate causes examined can contribute at most a few % to the 'deficit' or are inconsistent with the observed parameter dependencies
- 'Neutron deficit' unexplained so far