

# Latest advances in active control of H-mode detachment & phys on EAST & DIII-D for ITER/CFETR

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## ➤ Introduction

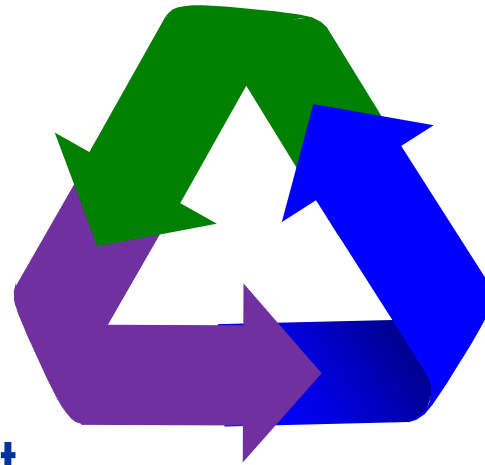
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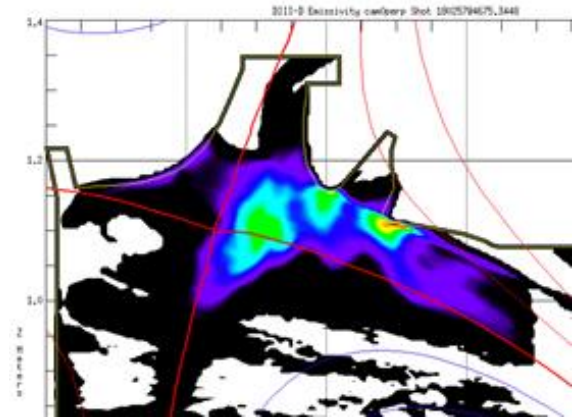
# Key PWI Issues for Long-Pulse High Performance Operations with W divertor

Heat Load  
on Target Plates



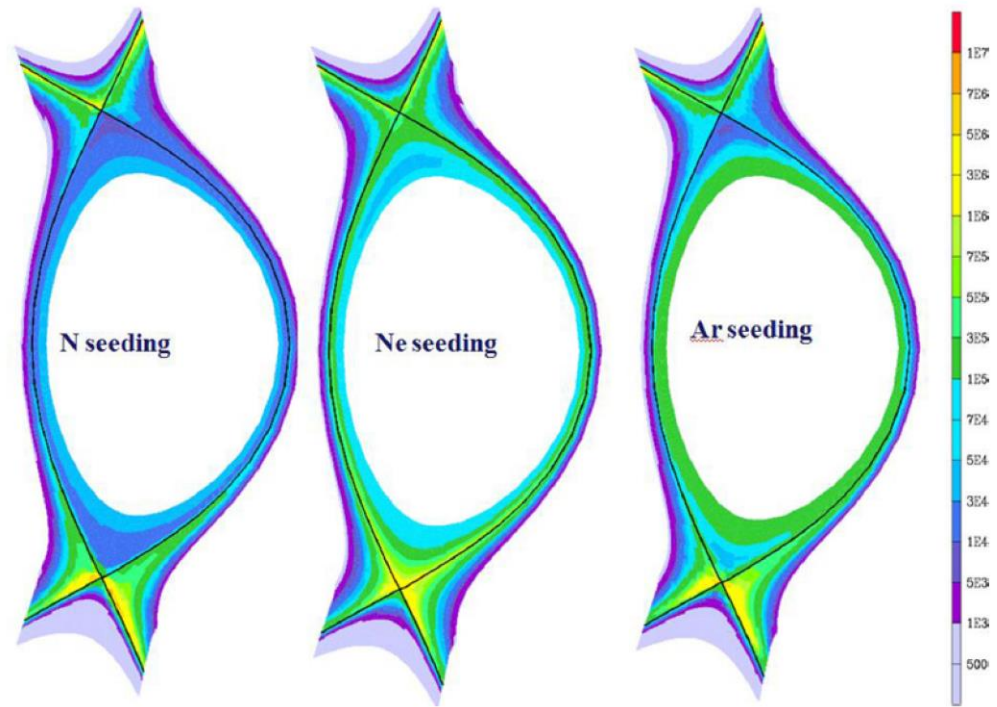
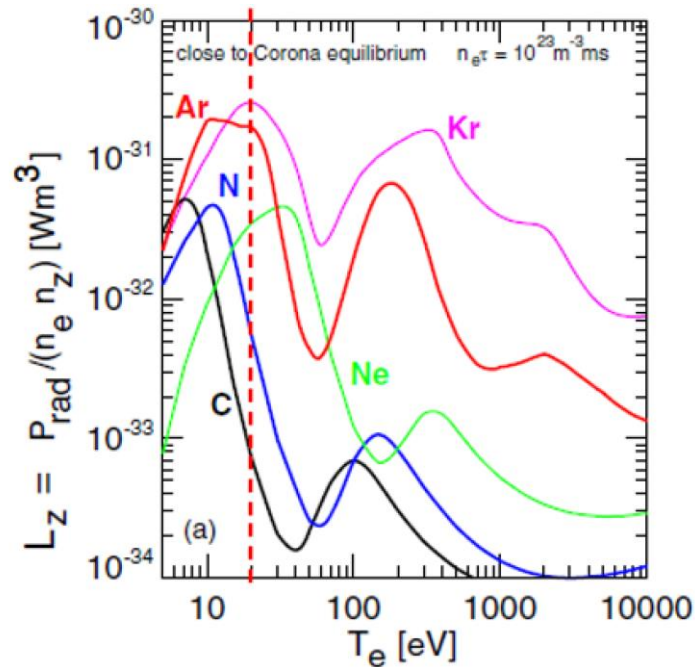
Particle Exhaust  
& Neutral Recycling

Edge & Core  
Impurity Control



- ❑ Critical challenges for **Steady State Operation**
- ❑ Radiative divertor induced detachment is acknowledged as the most promising means for steady-state PWI control.
- To provide a solution on integrated Div&PWI control, compatible with core plasma, for EAST → CFETR & ITER

# Radiative loss parameters for different seed impurities



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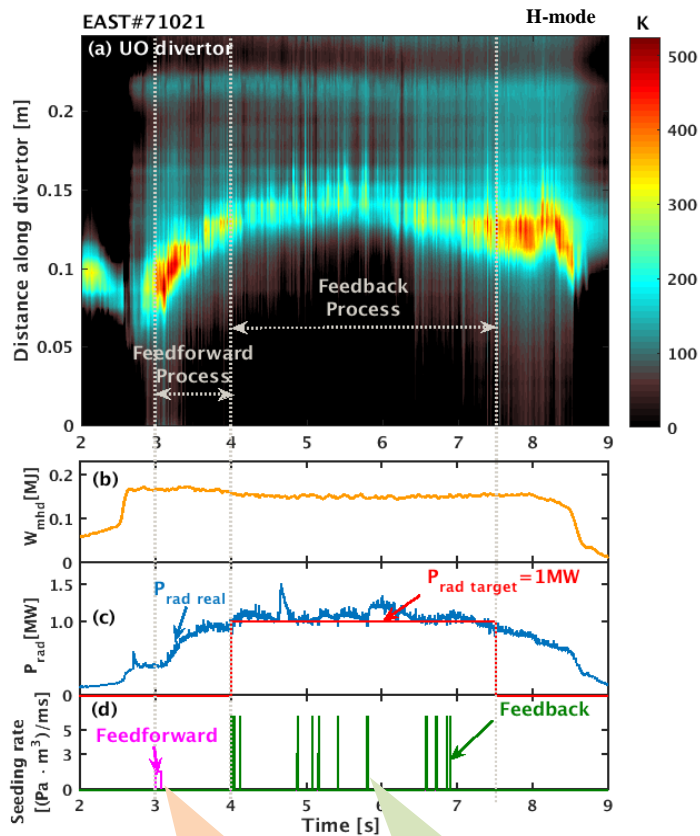
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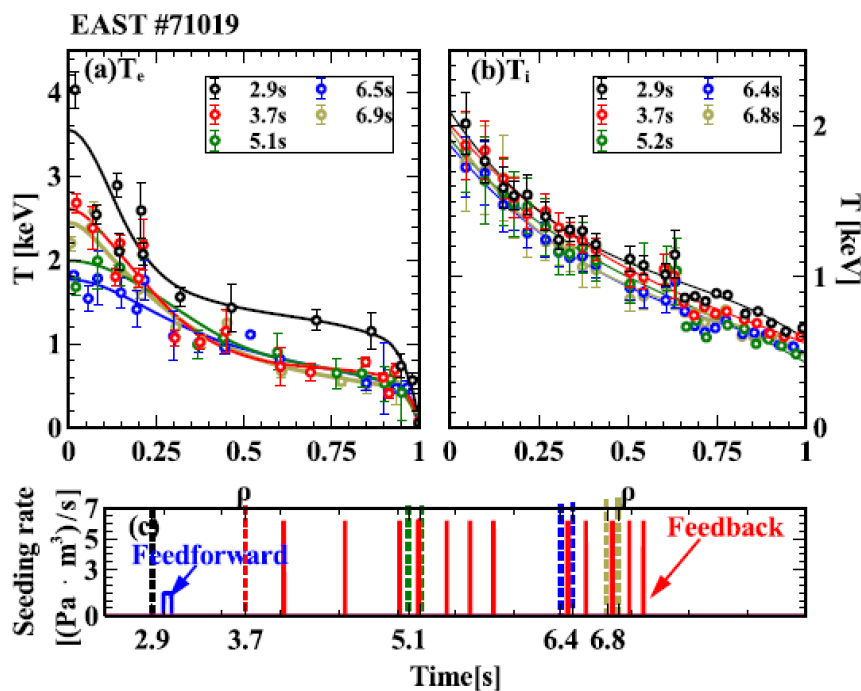
# Success on active feedback control of radiation to reduce heat flux into SOL-Divertor

- Total radiation power was actively controlled by feedback of LFS neon-SMBI seeding.
  - Power/Particle flux on the divertor clearly decreases.
  - Slight loss of plasma stored energy: 7 - 11%



Neon puffing from top divertor

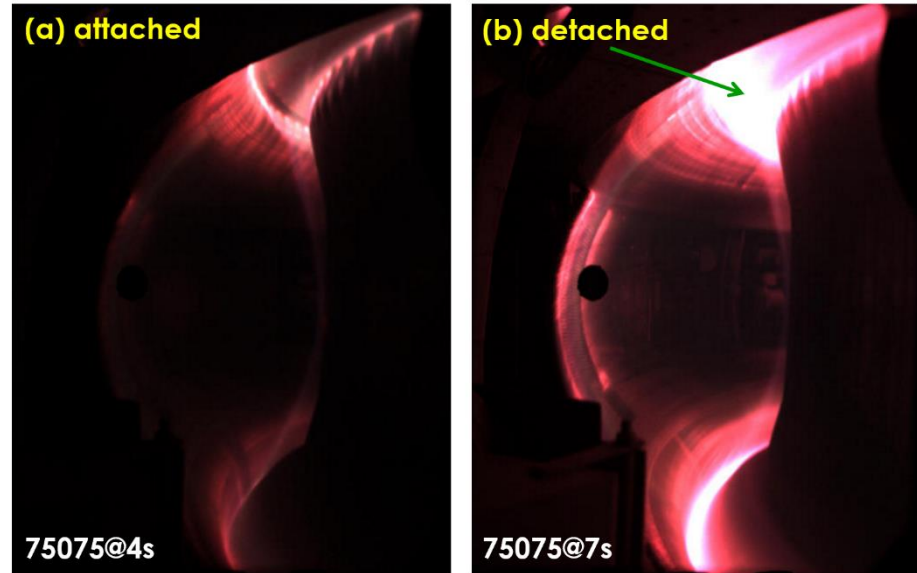
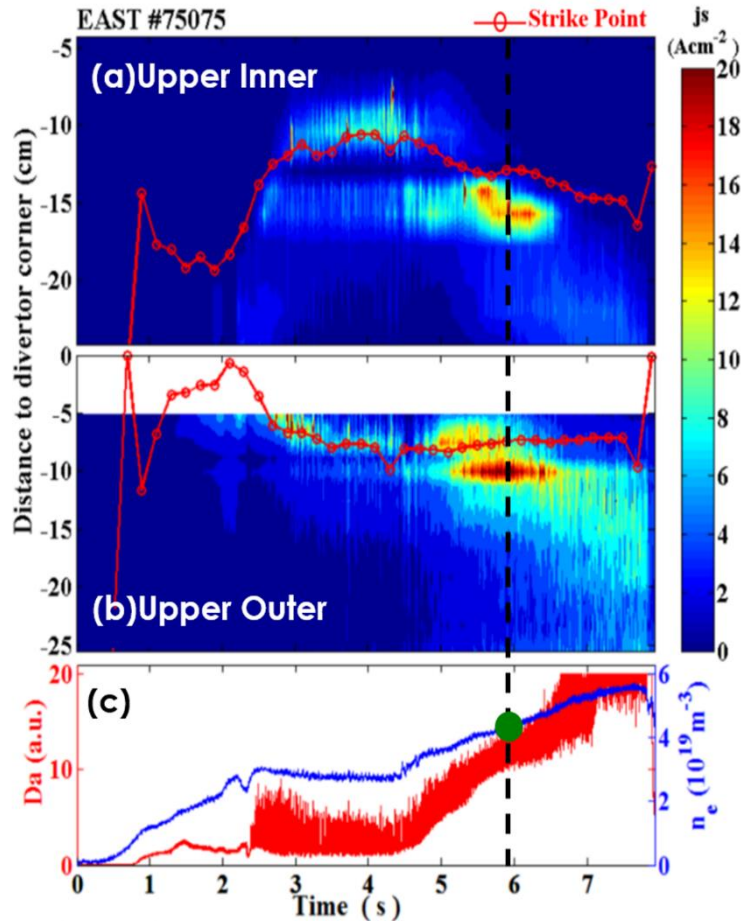
Neon-SMBI from LFS mid-plane



- Total radiation fraction can be flexibly controlled within 18-36%, in H-mode regime.  $f_{rad}$  extended to 41% in 2018.

# First H-mode detachment with W divertor in EAST

- The particle flux rollover was clearly observed with  $B \times \nabla B \uparrow$ , NBI plasma

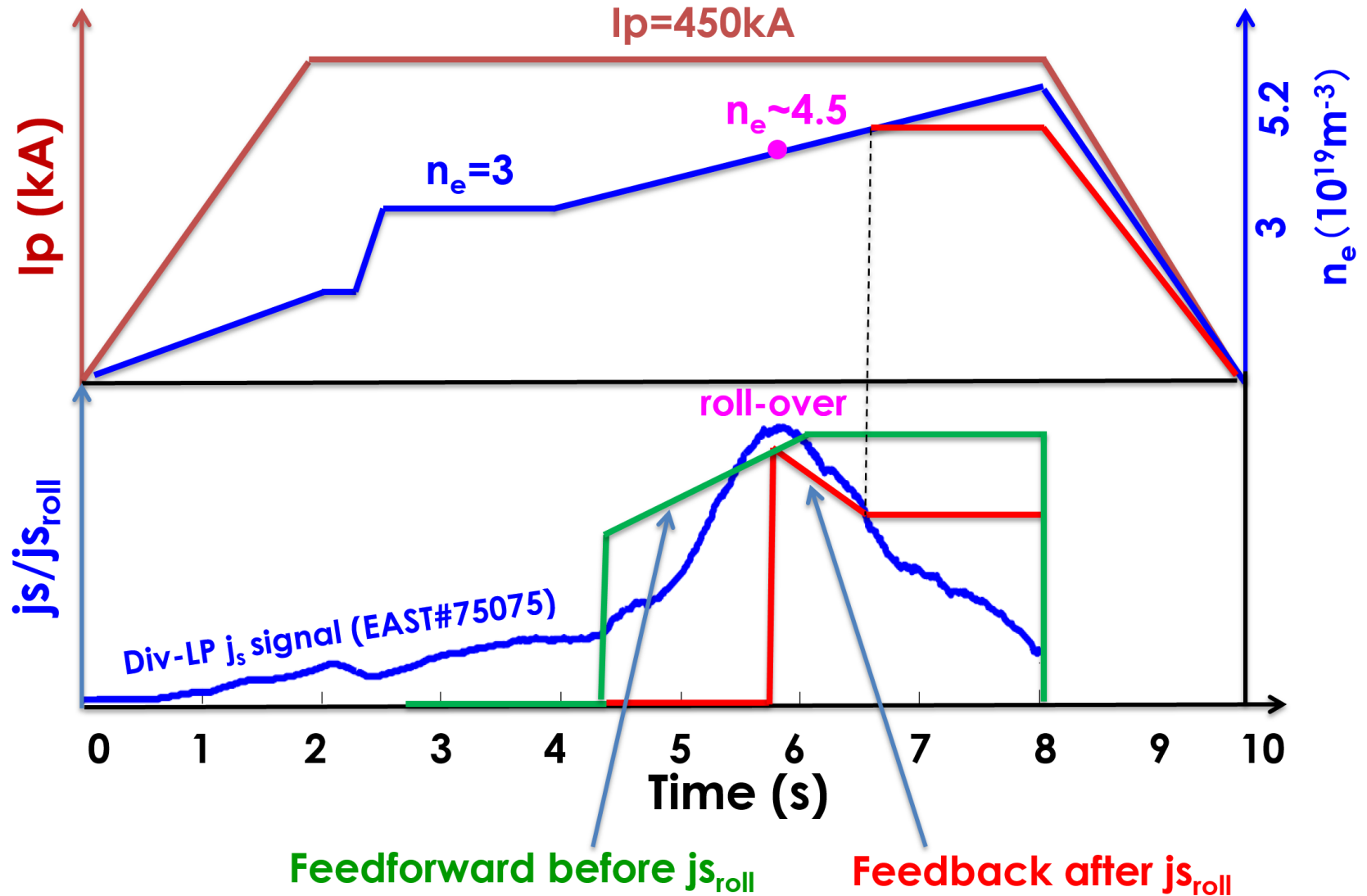


- Neutral density increase during detachment

J. B. Liu et al., Nucl. Fusion 2019

- The H-mode detachment has  $n_e$  threshold ( $4.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $n_e/n_G \sim 0.65$ ,  $I_p = 0.45 \text{ MA}$ ), higher than previous L-mode in EAST.

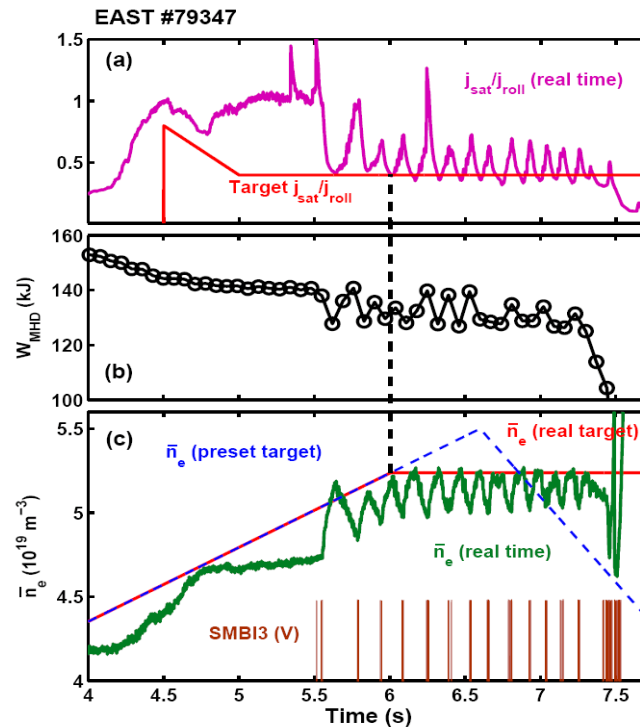
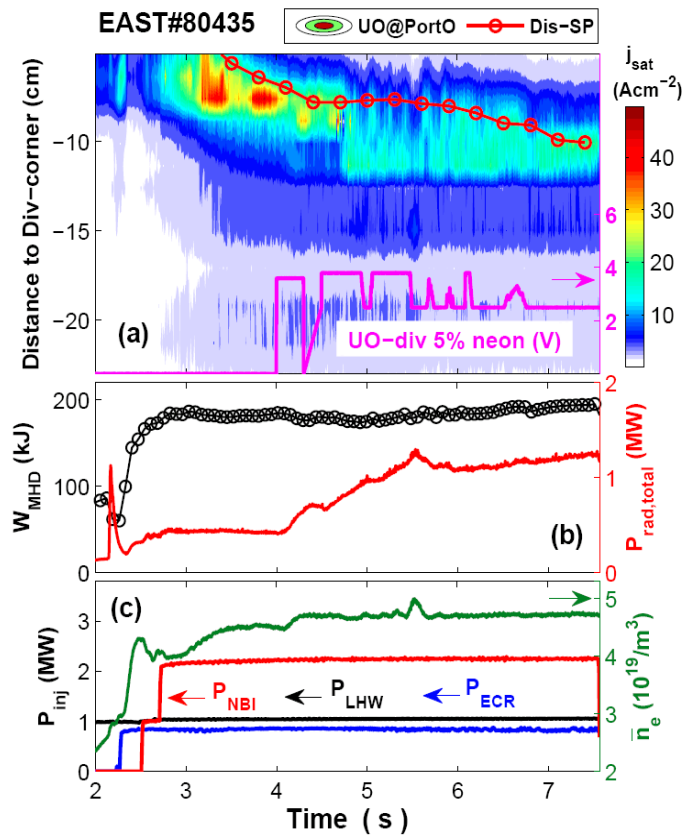
# Detachment feedback control module via divertor particle flux





# Active feedback control of H-mode detachment via $j_{\text{sat}}$

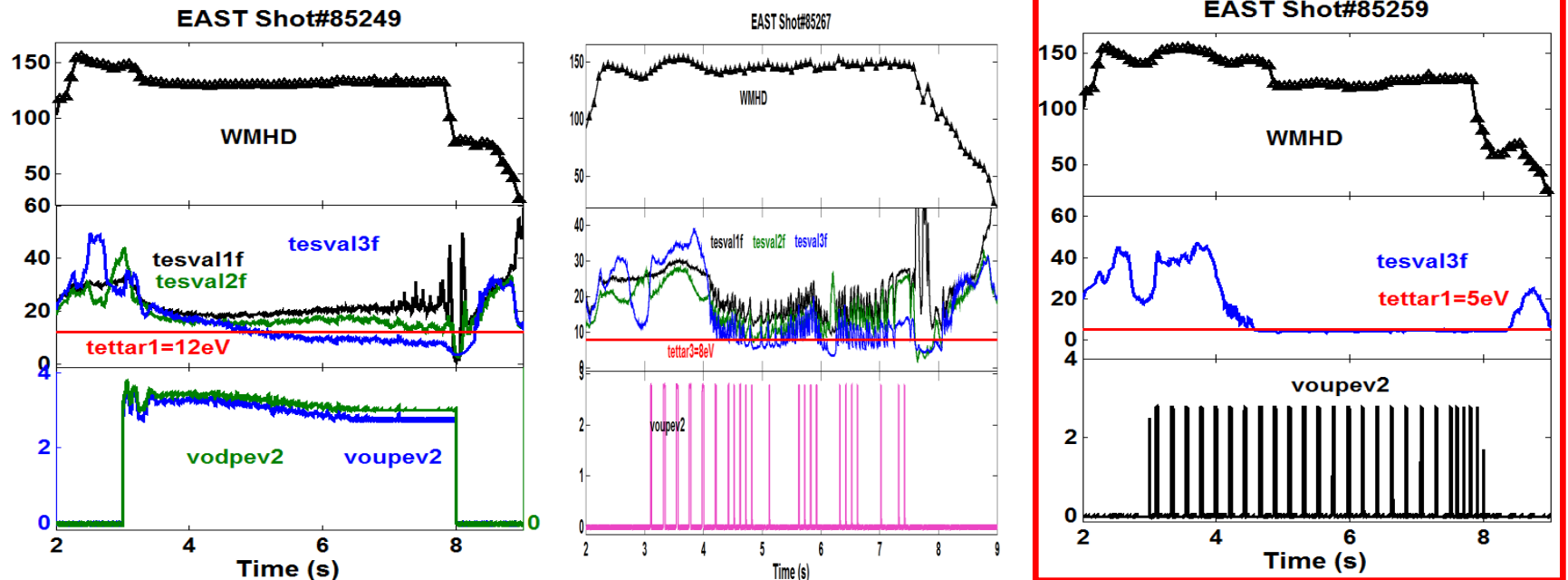
- The feedback was achieved with two separate means,  $T_{e,\text{div}} < 5\text{eV}$ 
  - ✓ Divertor neon seeding
  - ✓ LFS SMBI D<sub>2</sub> fueling
- Excellent compatibility with core plasma performance,  $\Delta W_{\text{mhd}} < 10\%$



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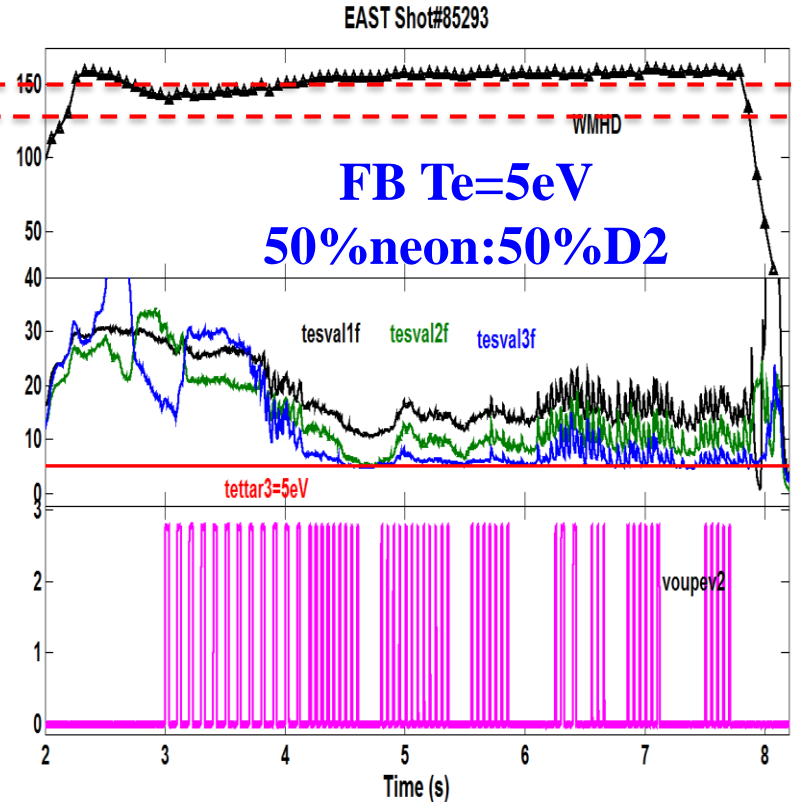
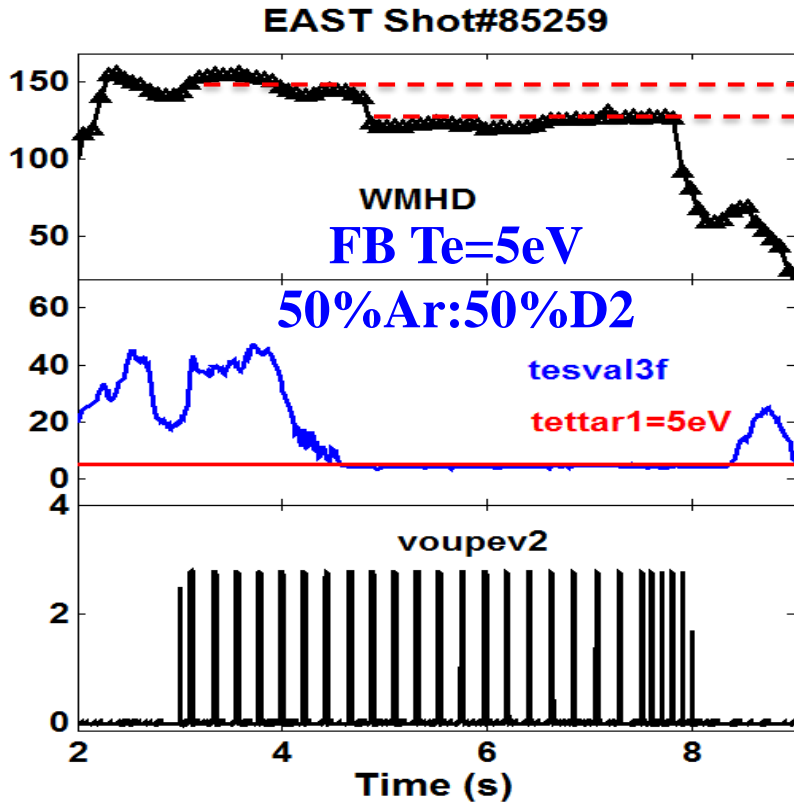
- Demonstrated in DIII-D high  $\beta_p$  scenario with  $H_{98} \sim 1.5$ , Sep. 2019

# Demonstration of detachment control via $T_{e,div}$



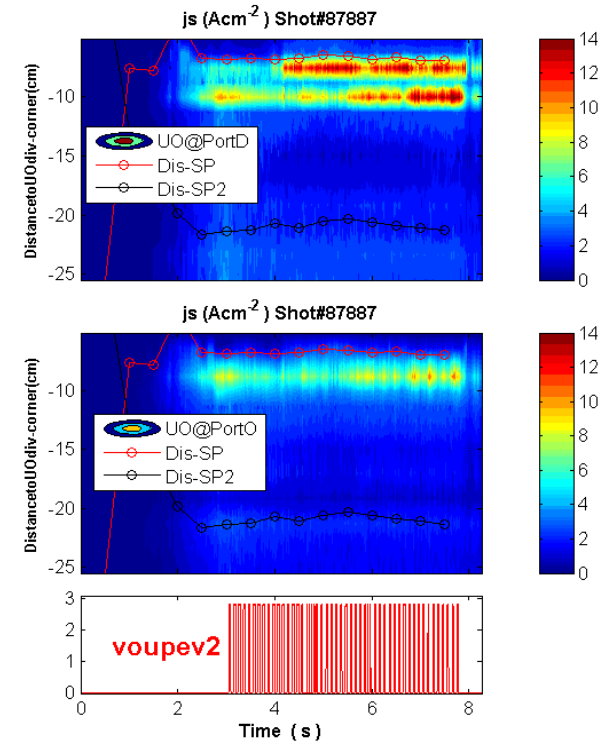
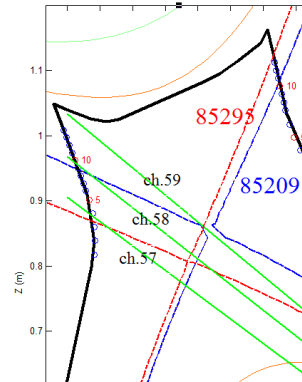
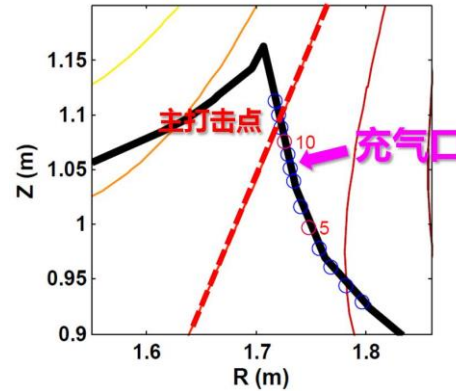
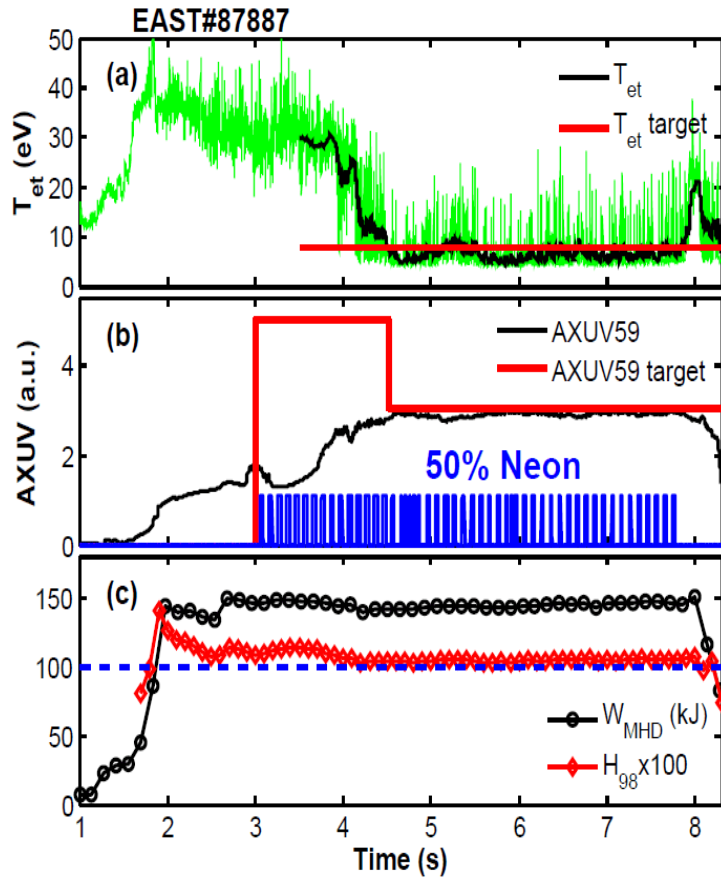
- Achievements of FB control of  $T_e = 12, 10, 8, 5 \text{ eV}$ , respectively
- Feedback control of  $T_e = 8 \text{ eV}$  is most promising
  - ✓ Detached-attached dithering facilitating long pulse operation
  - ✓ Excellent divertor-core integration w/o performance loss
- $T_e$  dithering disappears once  $T_e < 5 \text{ eV}$

# Detachment-Te FB control with Argon VS neon in EAST



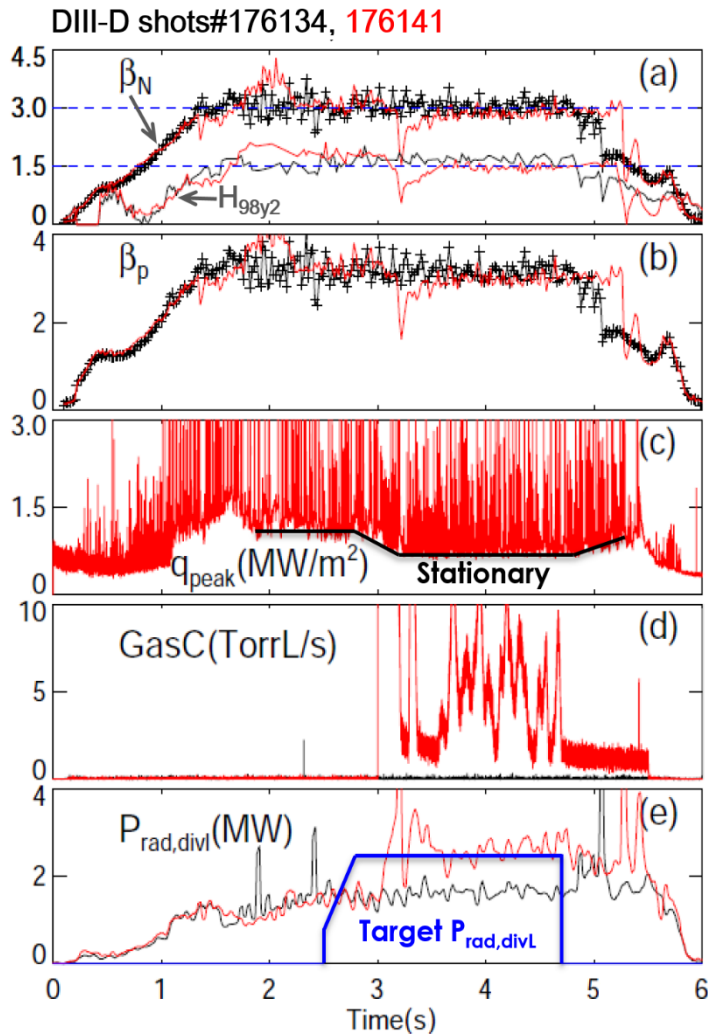
- For  $T_{e,div} = 5\text{eV}$ , neon is more compatible with core plasma,  $H_{98} > 1$
- For ITER&CFETR, Ar seeding also performed, more easily to access detachment than Neon, while slight performance loss in EAST
- Neon case needs much more particles than Ar for cooling Te

# Demonstration of detachment control via $Te+P_{rad}$

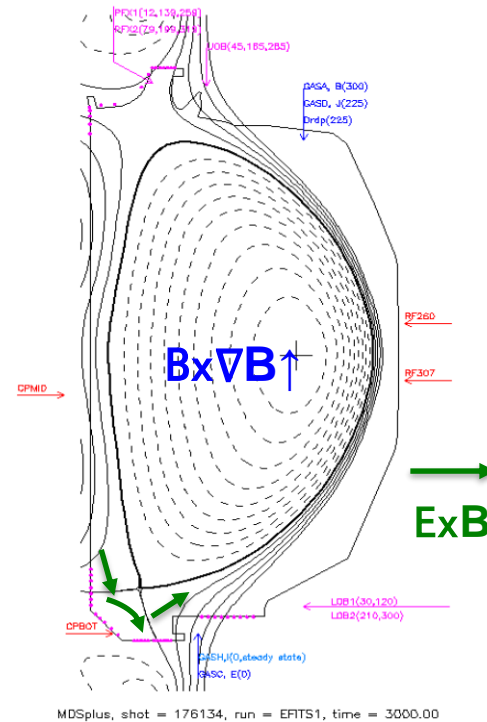


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# Active feedback control of divertor radiation in DIII-D



➤ Feedback control of  $\beta$  & divertor radiation simultaneously.



- High  $\beta_p > 3$  is stable
- SS heat flux  $\downarrow$  50%
- $P_{rad,divl}$  follows the target line accurately
- $f_{rad} \sim 0.62$
- $H_{98} \sim 1.5$  with stable ITB

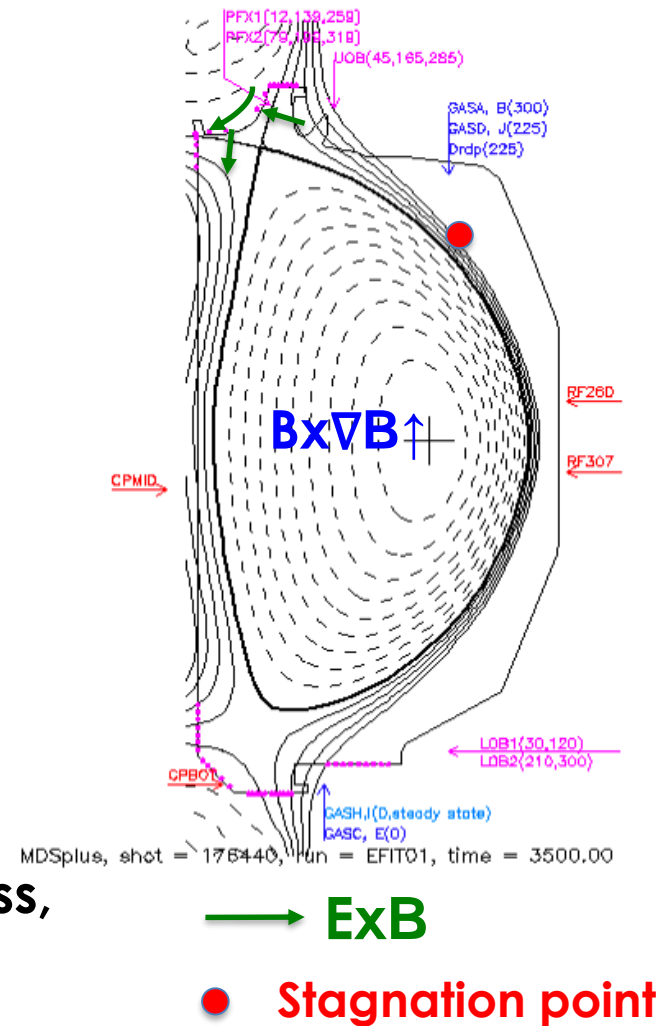
➤ Still attached with  $T_{e,divl} \sim 10$  eV at the target

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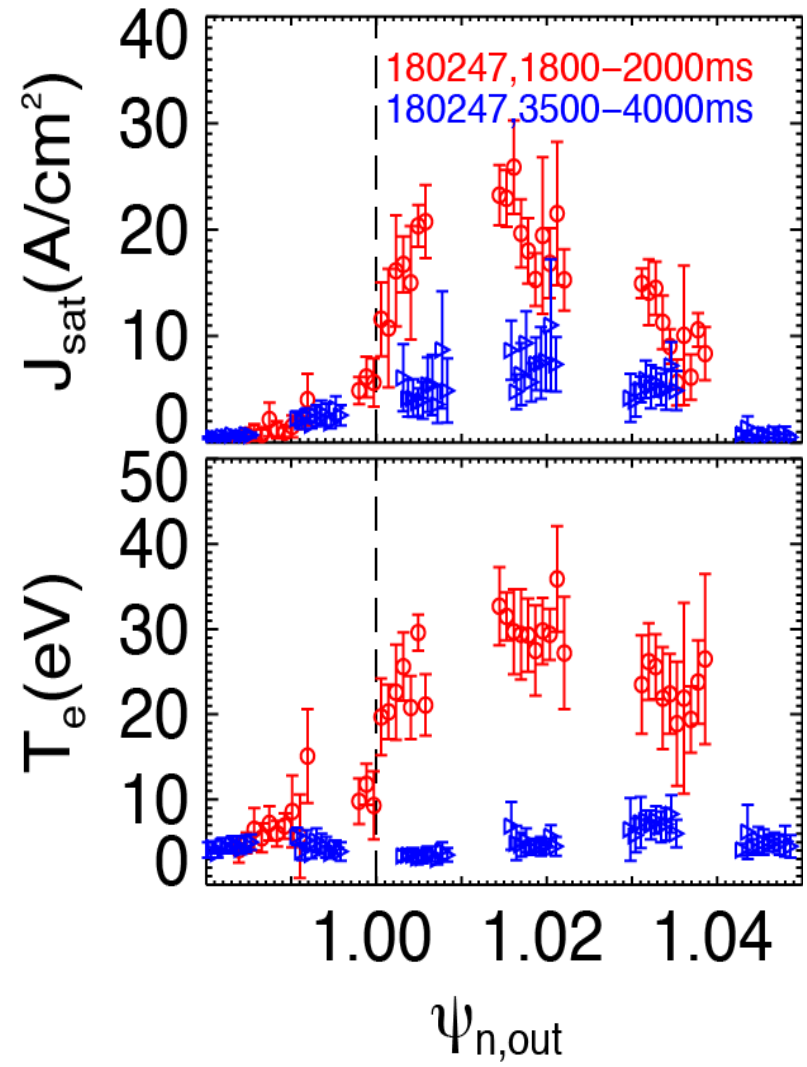
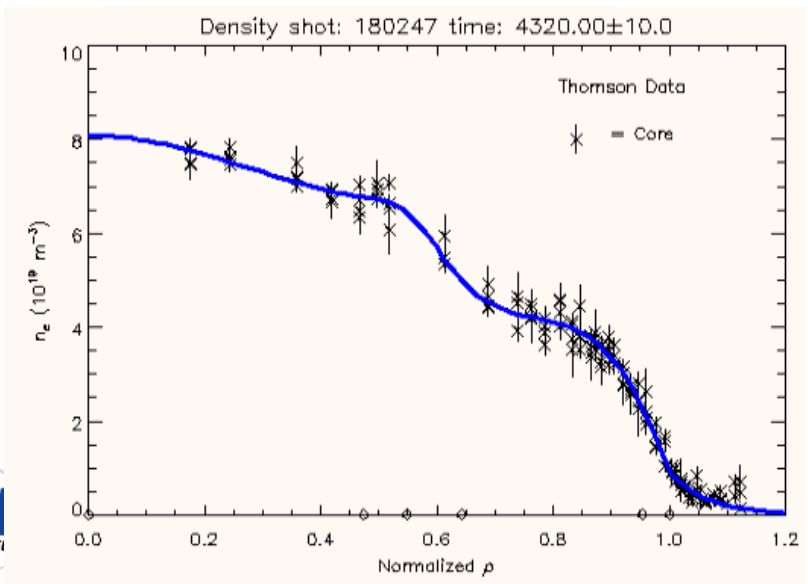
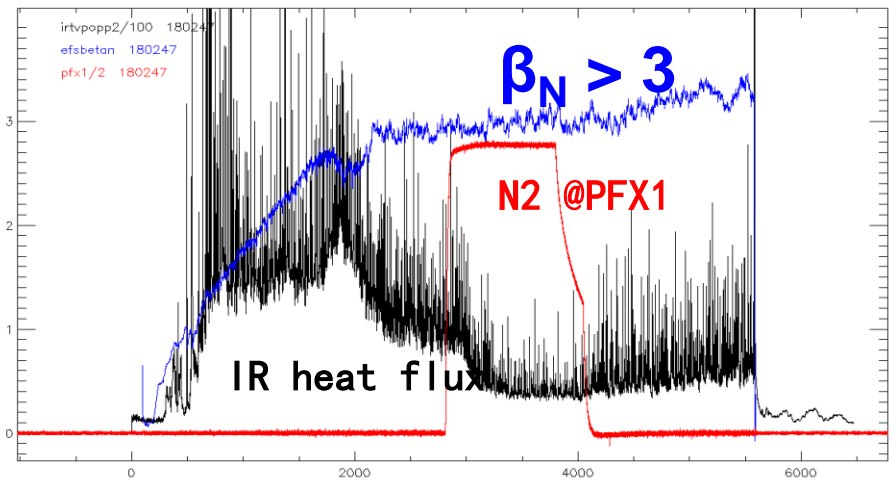
# Latest experimental progress in USN (September, 2019)

- ✓ • Detachment feedback control algorithm
- ✓ • More closed USN configuration
  - Constant  $I_p \sim 0.72$  MA &  $B_t$  w/o ramping
  - Increase  $\beta_N \sim 3$  &  $dR_{sep}$  to  $> 5$  mm
- ✓ • Feedforward **N2** seeding  $\rightarrow T_{e,div} < 5$  eV
  - N2 seeding through PFX1
- ✓ • Feedback detachment control with **N2** seeding, GASB/PFX1
  - Target  $j_{sat}/j_{roll} = 0.3$  ( $T_{et} \leq 5$  eV)
  - Target  $j_{sat}/j_{roll} = 0.6, 0.3$  in one shot
- ✓ • **Neon** seeding for USN detachment access, & feedforward control



# Demonstrated the excellent compatibility of complete detachment with high $\beta_p$ scenario with sustained ITB+ETB

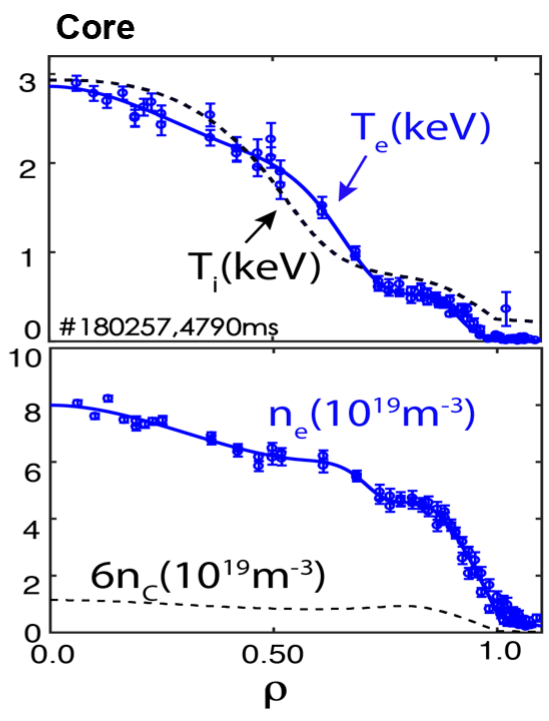
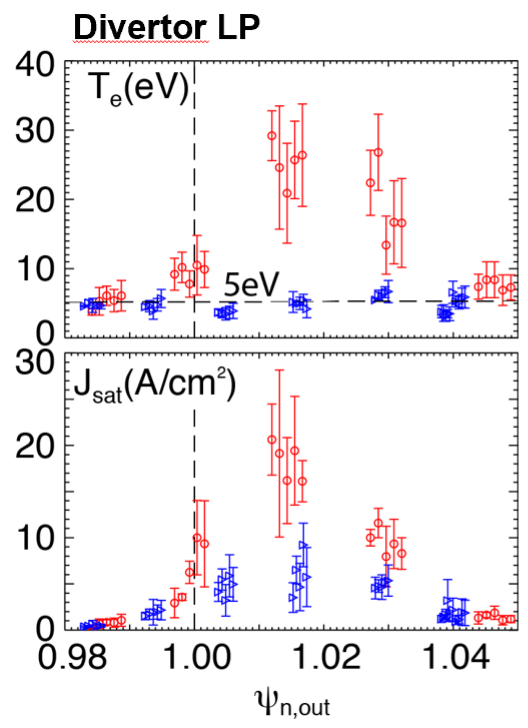
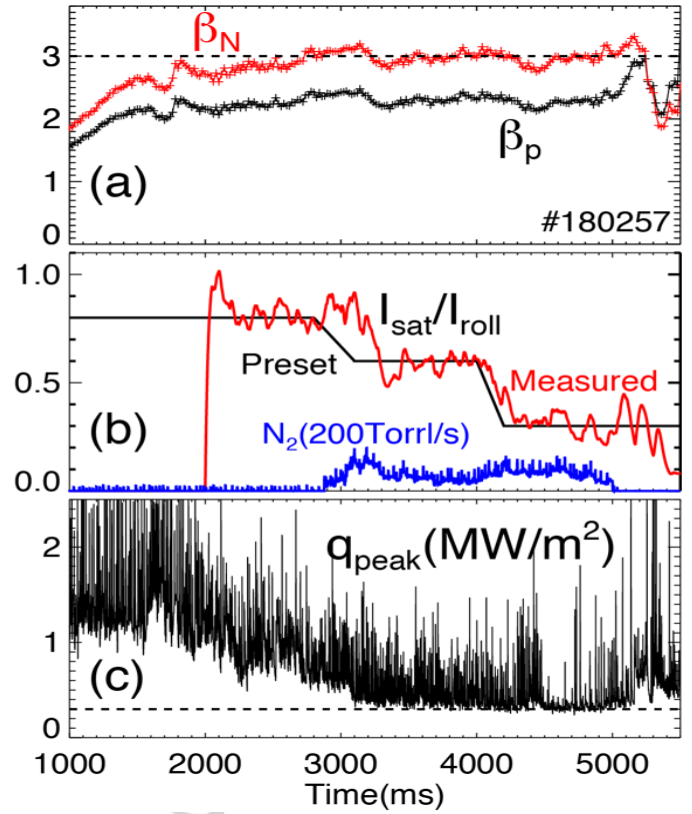
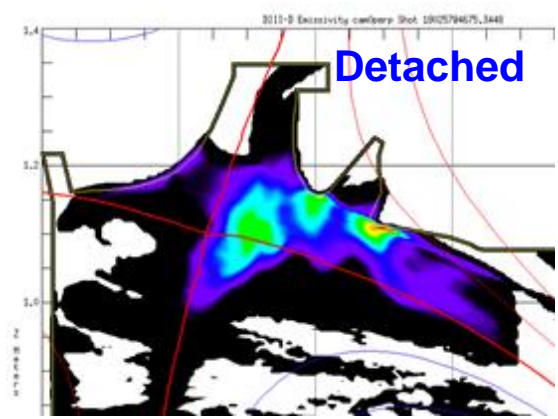
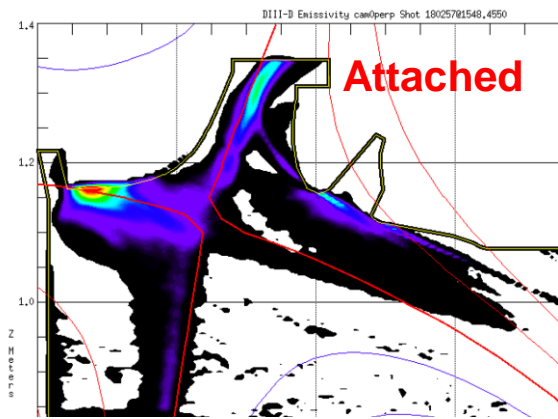
## ➤ Excellent core-edge-divertor integration





# Achieved feedback control of detachment in high $\beta_p$ scenario successfully, excellent core-edge integration

- $\beta_N \sim 3$ ,  $\beta_p > 2$ ,  $H_{98} \sim 1.5$ ,  $q_{95} \sim 8$ ,  $V_{loop} < 100\text{mV}$ : ITER-SS relevant scenario
  - ITB & ETB
- $DoD > 3$ , Div-LP  $T_{e,div} \leq 5\text{eV}$



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# Summary & outlook

- **EAST: Active feedback control of H-mode detachment/radiation**
  - $P_{\text{rad}}$  (2017), **Particle flux** (2018),  $T_{\text{e,div}}$  (2019),  $T_{\text{e,div}}+P_{\text{rad}}$  (2019)
  - Excellent compatibility with core performance:  $H_{98} > 1$
- **DIII-D: Demonstration of detachment feedback control for the first time in DIII-D on Sep. 13, 2019**
  - $T_{\text{et,div}} \sim 5\text{eV}$ ,  $H_{98} \sim 1.5$ : excellent core-edge integration
  - Degree of detachment (**DoD**) can be controlled actively

## Next step → In support of CFETR & ITER

- **Demonstration of stable H-mode detachment control > 1 minute**
  - **Integrated Div&PWI control means compatible with core plasma**
- EAST bottom divertor upgrade for enhanced heat/particle exhaust compatible with high-performance
  - More advanced & reliable divertor diagnostics
    - Long pulse H-mode  $\geq 400$  s w/  $H_{98} > 1$ ,  $f_{\text{bs}} > 50\%$
    - High power injection  $\geq 1\text{GJ}$  (10MW X 100s)
- Joint physics experiments on more tokamaks

**Thank you for your attention**

