Non-axisymmetric fields affect ELM stability

- RMPs reduce $\nabla P$, so why are there more type-I ELMs?
- $\pm 2\text{cm}$ midplane corrugation, modelled by 3d equilibrium
- 3d field confirmed by observation of lobes near X-point
- Ballooning modes more unstable, hence “ELM mitigation”

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