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**HOW/WHY - Can we tend the fire?**

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# Can we tend the fire?

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Three lectures course on plasma surface interaction and edge physics

III.) WHY ? Understanding plasma surface interaction

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*Thanks to: V. Kotov, P. Börner*

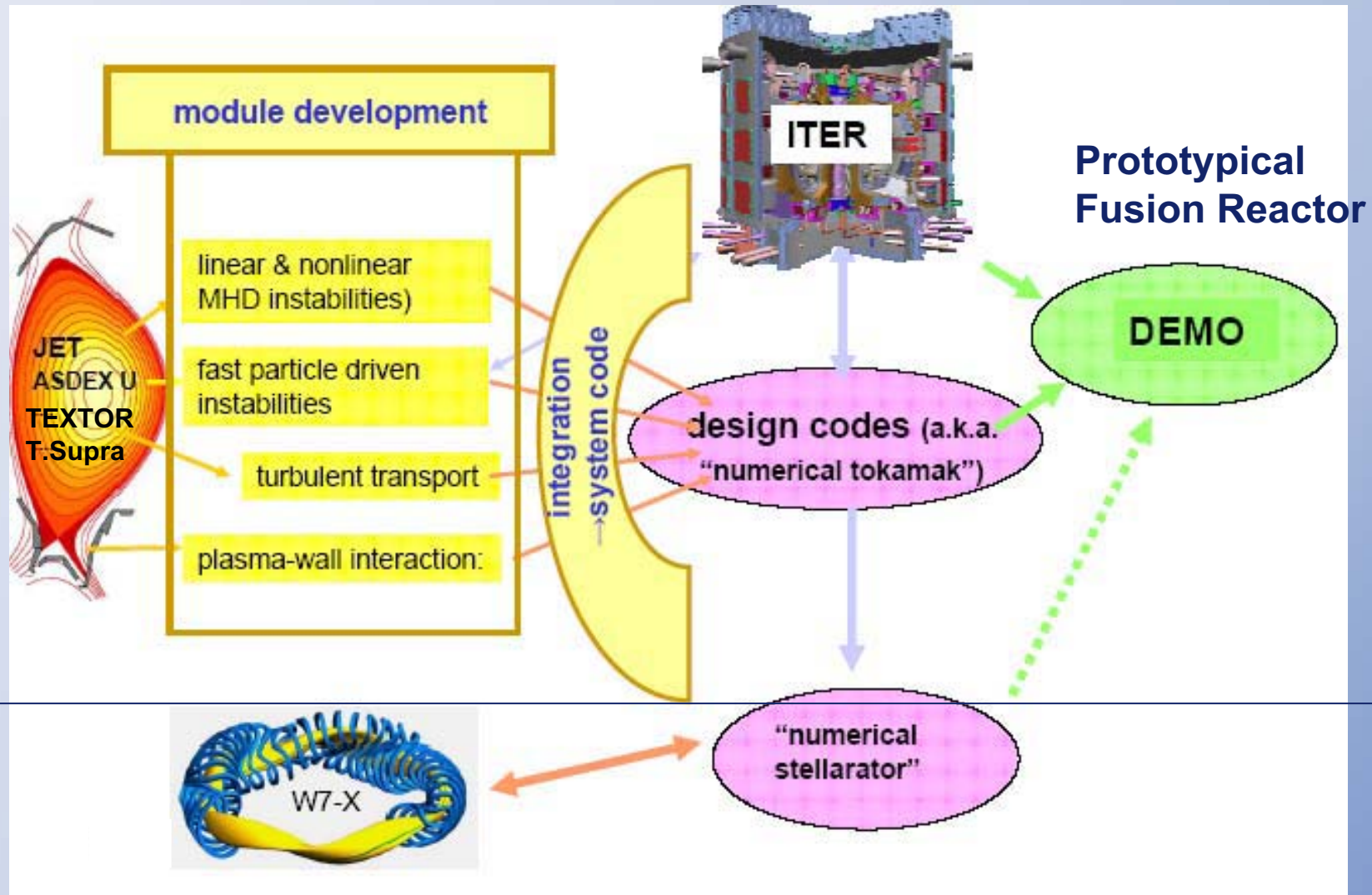


# The vision.....

NOW

2015-2025

2025 .....



**Computational Science Workflow**  
**“Waterfall Model” (1960-th...)**  
**(the dream of code development managers)**

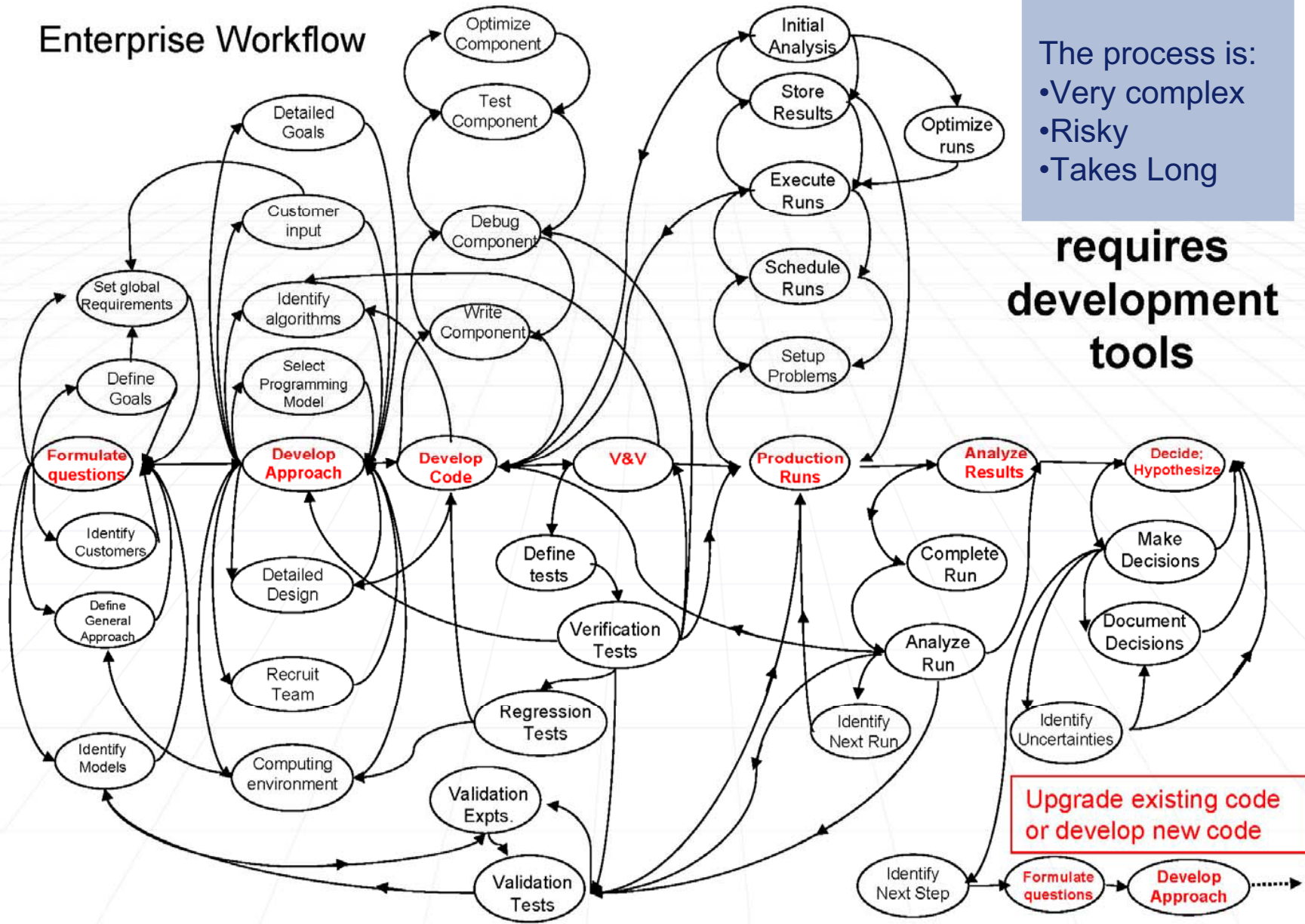
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- 1) Requirement (e.g.: integrated fusion code for ITER)
  - 2) Planning and design
  - 3) Code (Programming)
  - 4) Test
  - 5) Run

Computational Science and Engineering is moving from “few effects” codes developed by small teams (1-3 scientists) to “many effect codes” codes developed by larger teams (10-20 or more).



# The reality in large scale code development projects

## Enterprise Workflow

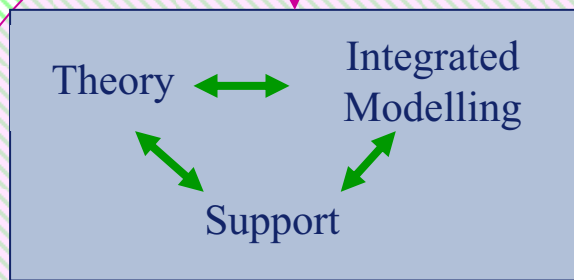


The process is:  
•Very complex  
•Risky  
•Takes Long

requires  
development  
tools

Upgrade existing code  
or develop new code

**EU ITM Task Force**



Gateway

Code Repository

Data Servers

GRID Technology

**Associations**

Associations' Computers & Clusters

EU-Fusion-HPC (2008)

IFERC (B.A. 2012)

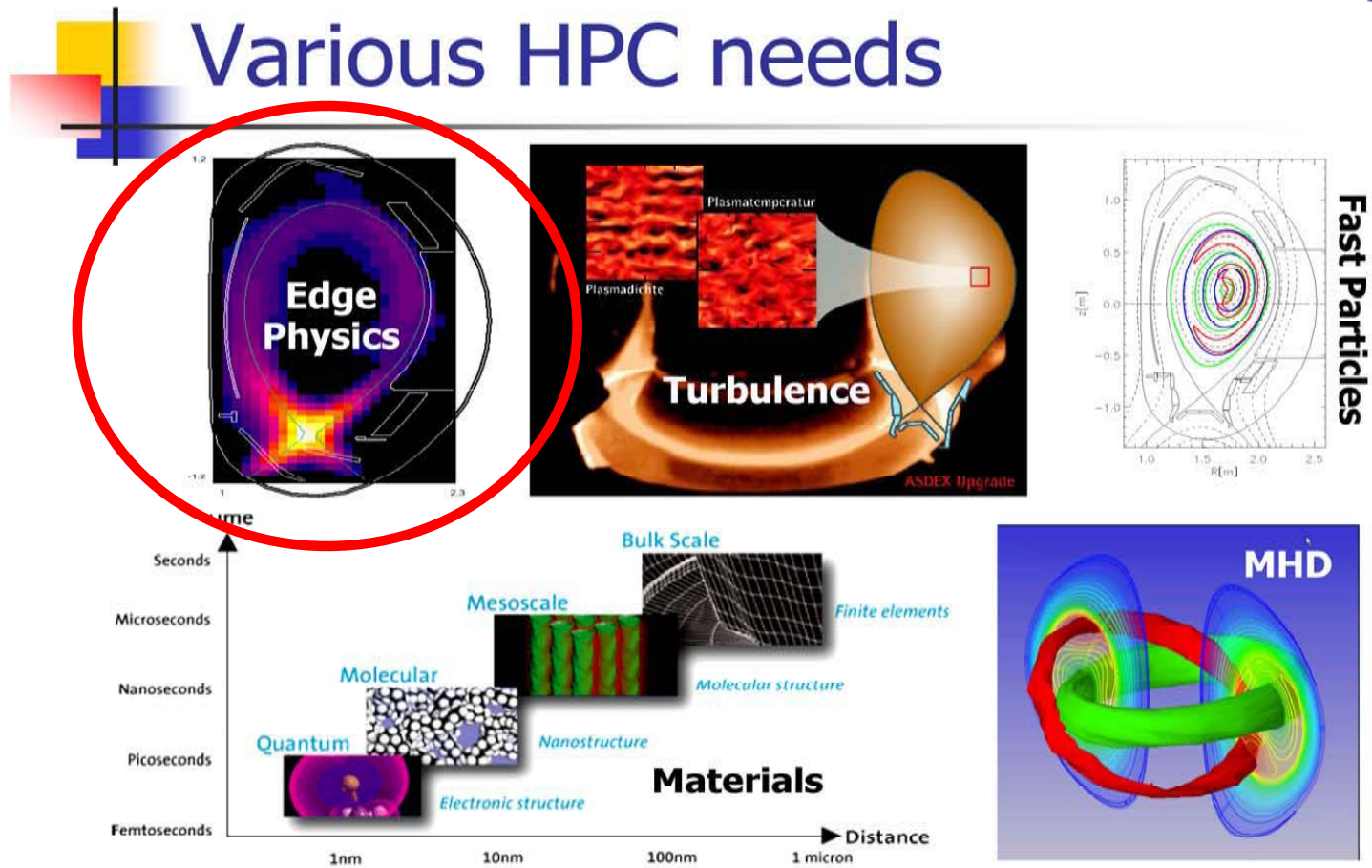
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**EUFORIA** 

EU-Super Computers ("PRACE" 2010)

# The EU 100 TF HPC-FF will start operation in spring 2009

## Fusion and materials modeling: Various HPC needs



# ***Supercomputer for Fusion Science @ Jülich***



**Institute for Advanced Simulation  
Jülich Supercomputing Centre  
(JSC)**



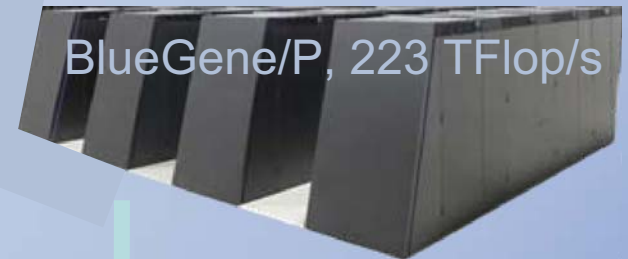
# Present Supercomputer Environment FZJ

## General Purpose Supercomputer



JUMP, 1312 processor Regatta p690+,

## High Scalable Supercomputer



No. 2 in Top500-List  
Nov. 2007

## On-line Storage, 1 PByte



## Robot Silo, 4 PByte



# Supercomputer Environment by End of 2008

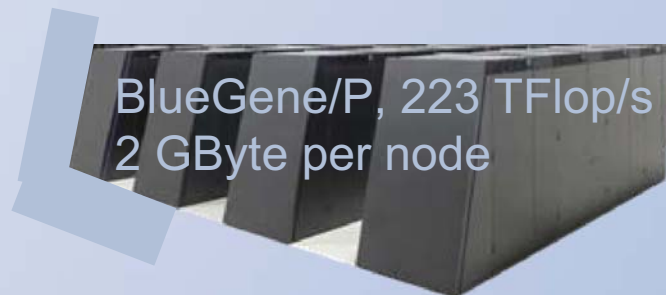
## Flexible swapping of resources

Jülich's next General Purpose Supercomputer to be installed in 2008

- 2048 nodes @ 8 cores
- 24 GByte per node
- Intel NEHALEM
- Network: QSnet<sup>III</sup>
- Peak Performance about 200 TFlop/s

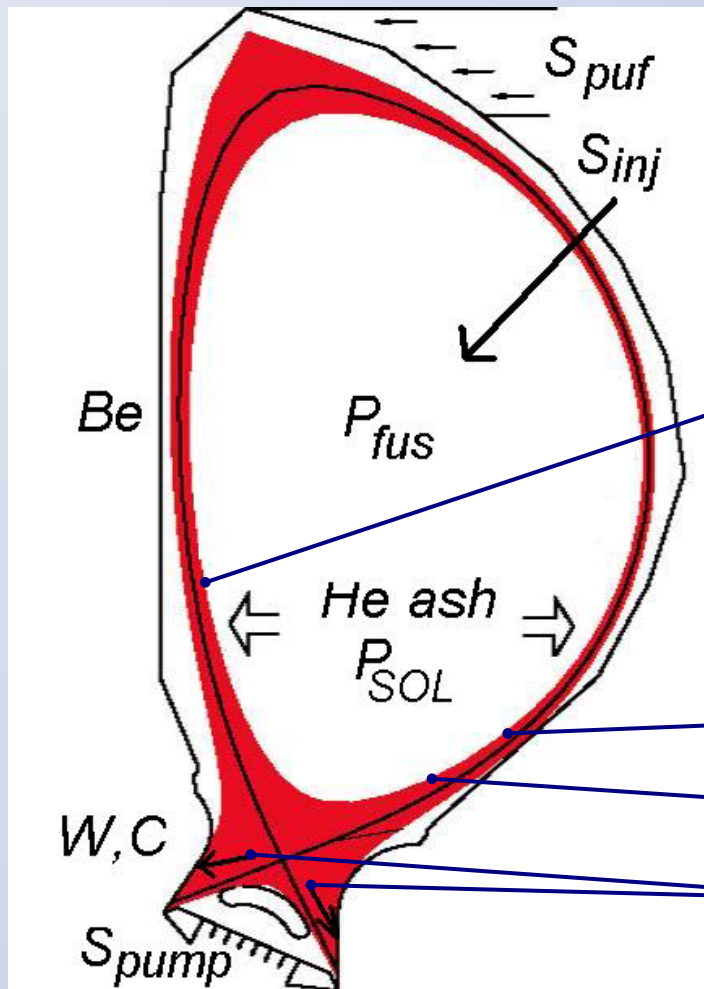
Supercomputer for Fusion Science

- 1000 nodes @ 8 cores of same architecture
- Estimated Peak Performance about 100 TFlop/s



Storage Environment

Provide sufficient convection without accumulating tritium and with sufficiently long divertor lifetime (availability).



$$P_{fus} \approx 540-600 \text{ MW}$$

⇒ He flux

$$\Rightarrow P_{SOL} \approx 86-120 \text{ MW}$$

$$n_s \approx (2-4) \cdot 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$$

$$S_{inj} \leq 10 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$S_{pump} \leq 200 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}/\text{s}$$

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$$Z_{eff} \leq 1.6$$

$$C_{He} \leq 6\%$$

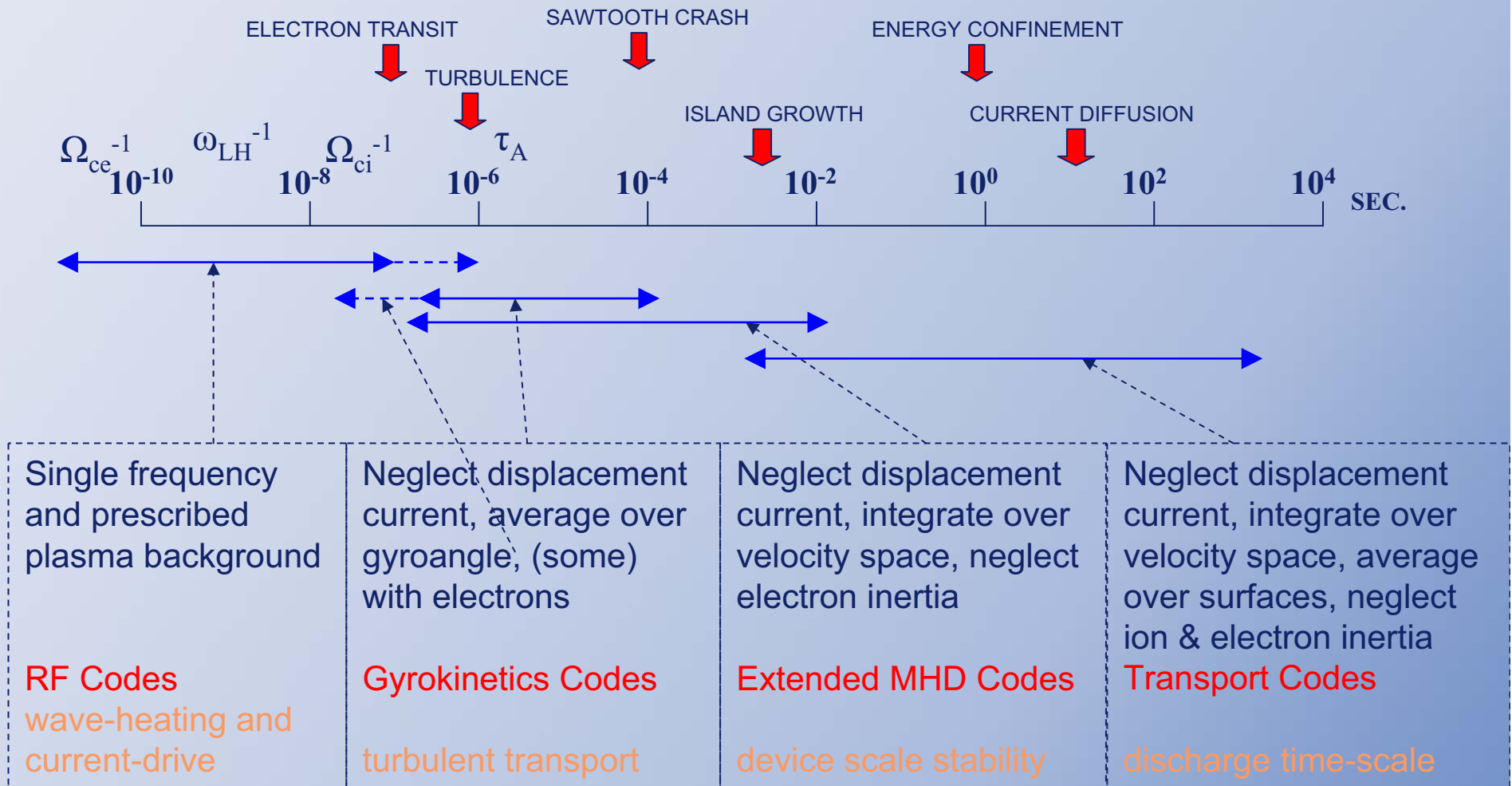
$$q_{pk} \leq 10 \text{ MW}/\text{m}^2$$

?

Engineering parameter :  $S_{puff} \sim (1 \dots 13) \cdot 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1}$

# core plasma

Typical Time Scales in a next step experiment  
with  $B = 10 \text{ T}$ ,  $R = 2 \text{ m}$ ,  $n_e = 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = 10 \text{ keV}$

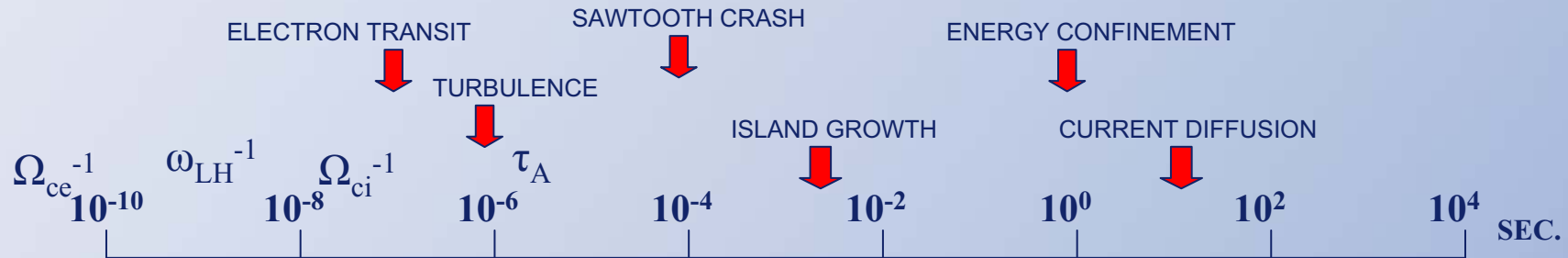




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Well separated: transport – turbulence: good !

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Atomic & molecular processes

Neutral particle codes, kinetic imp. transport codes  
plasma chemistry

Ion drift waves Transients (ELMs)

ITM  
Edge turbulence

Parallel dynamics: Ion transit, Ion collisions Parallel sound wave Ditto, electrons

2D transport codes

Neglect displacement current, integrate over velocity space, average over surfaces, neglect ion & electron inertia

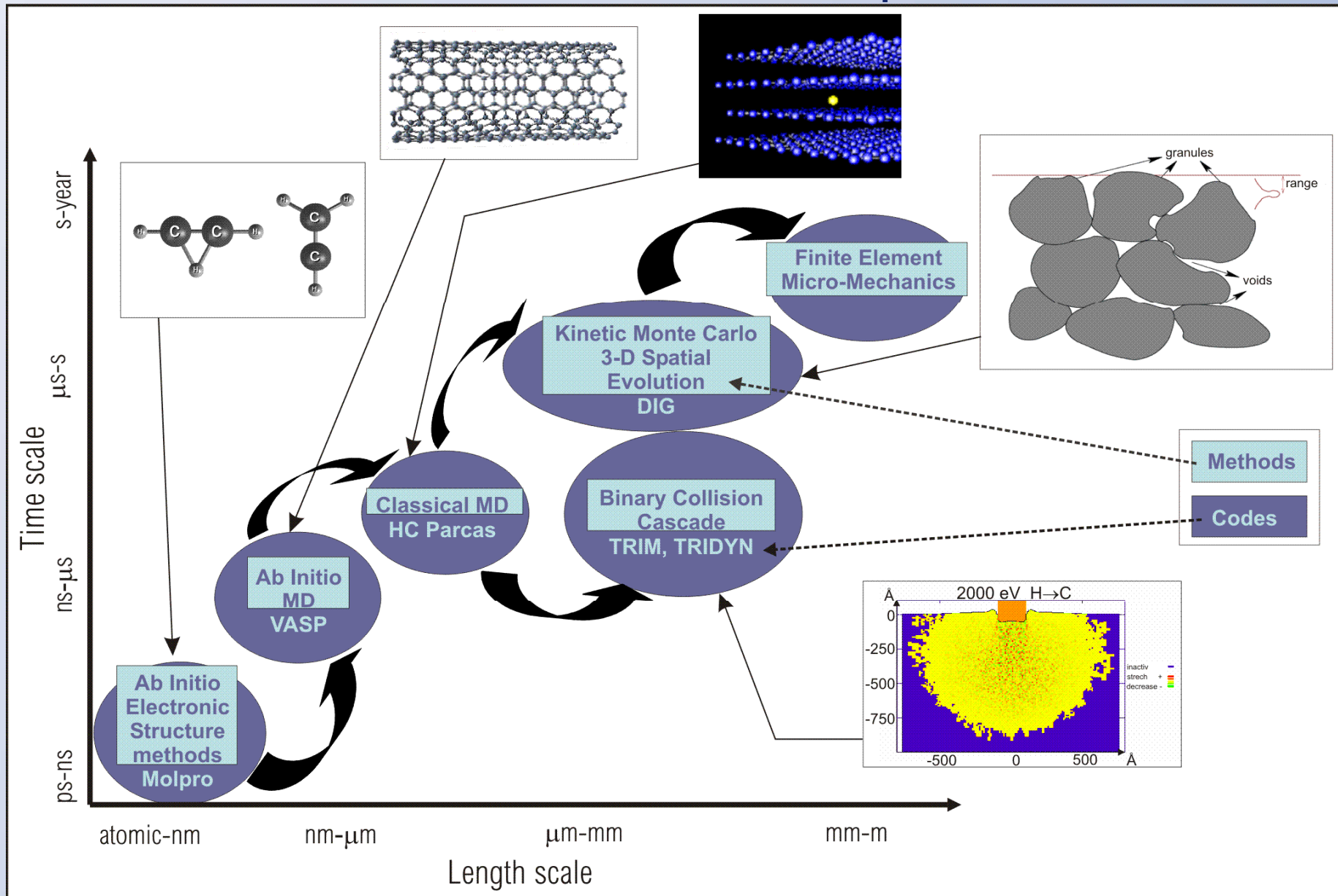
Core Transport Codes

discharge time-scale

# EDGE plasma

- **No clearly separated timescales, i.e. no natural separation into reduced sub-models.**
- **Far more challenging than at inito core plasma transport: There turbulence and transport time scales are clearly separable.**
- **Similar situation: Computational material and PWI science**

# Material and PSI time- and spatial scales



Thanks to: R.Schneider, IPP Greifswald

# Generic kinetic (transport) equation (L. Boltzmann, ~1870)

- for particles travelling in a background (**plasma**) between collisions
- with (**ions**) or without (**neutrals**) forces (**Lorentz**) acting on them between collisions

Basic dependent quantity: distribution function  $f(\vec{r}, \vec{v}, t)$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(E, \vec{\Omega})}{\partial t} + \underbrace{v\vec{\Omega} \cdot \nabla f(E, \vec{\Omega})}_{\text{Free flight}} + \underbrace{Forces}_{\text{External source}} = \underbrace{S(E, \vec{\Omega})}_{\text{External source}} - \underbrace{v\sigma_a(E)}_{\text{Absorption}} f(E, \vec{\Omega}) \\ + \int_0^\infty dE' \int_{4\pi} d\vec{\Omega}' \left[ \underbrace{v'\sigma_s(E' \rightarrow E, \vec{\Omega}' \cdot \vec{\Omega})}_{\text{Collisions, boundary conditions}} f(E', \vec{\Omega}') - v\sigma_s(E \rightarrow E', \vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{\Omega}') f(E, \vec{\Omega}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Characteristics (=Trajectories) of kinetic transport equation here: MAST, Culham, UK

\* CMOD (DSM-EIRENE INTERFACE) TEMPLATE

SCALING FACTORS

FACT-X= 2.300E+02

FACT-Y= 2.300E+02

ORIGIN

CH2XD= 8.000E+01

CH2Y0= 0.000E+00

PLOTTED AT

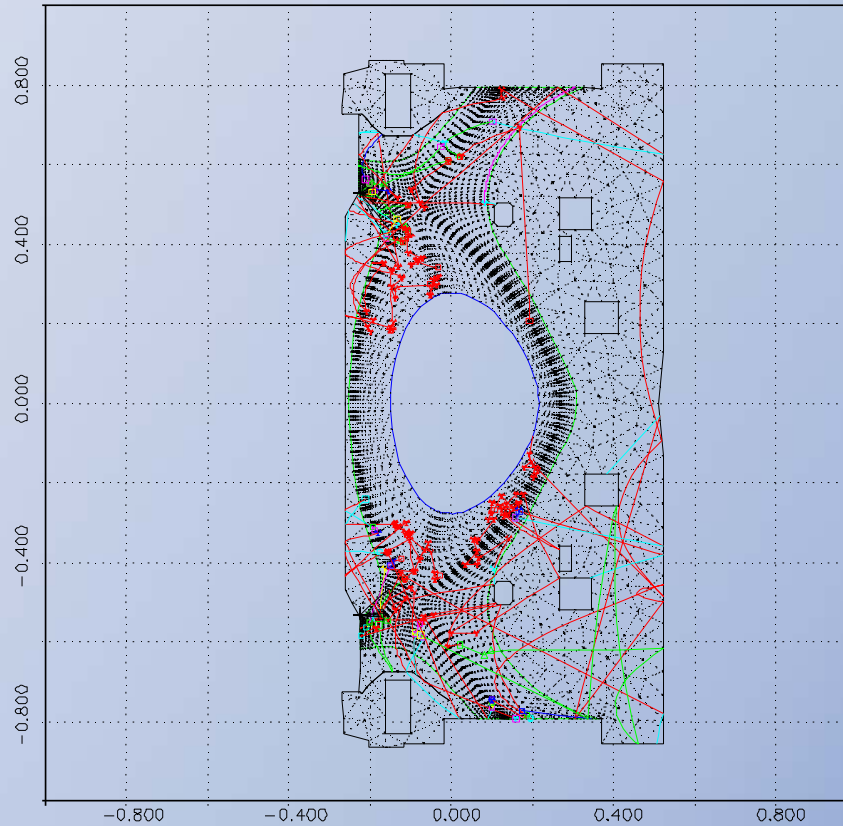
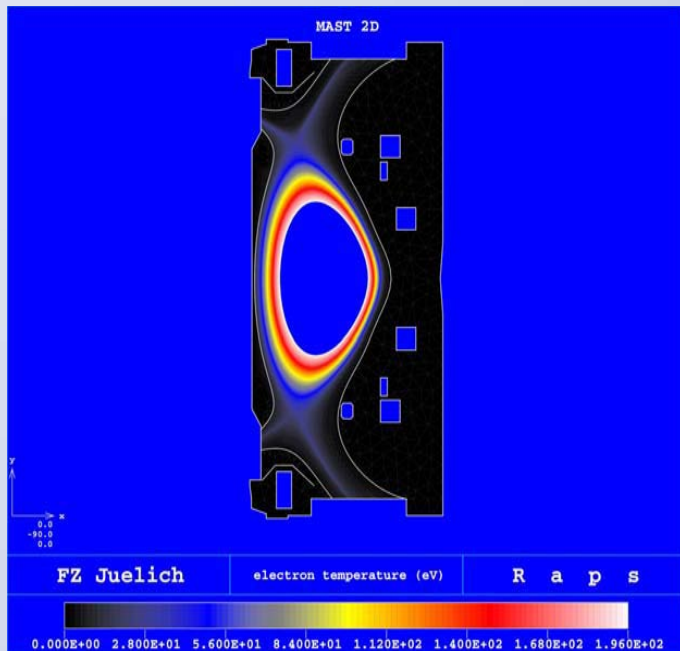
Z = -7.500E+02

EIRENE TEST PARTICLES

- D
- C
- D2
- CD
- CD2
- CD3
- CD4
- D2+
- CD+
- CD2+
- CD3+
- CD4+

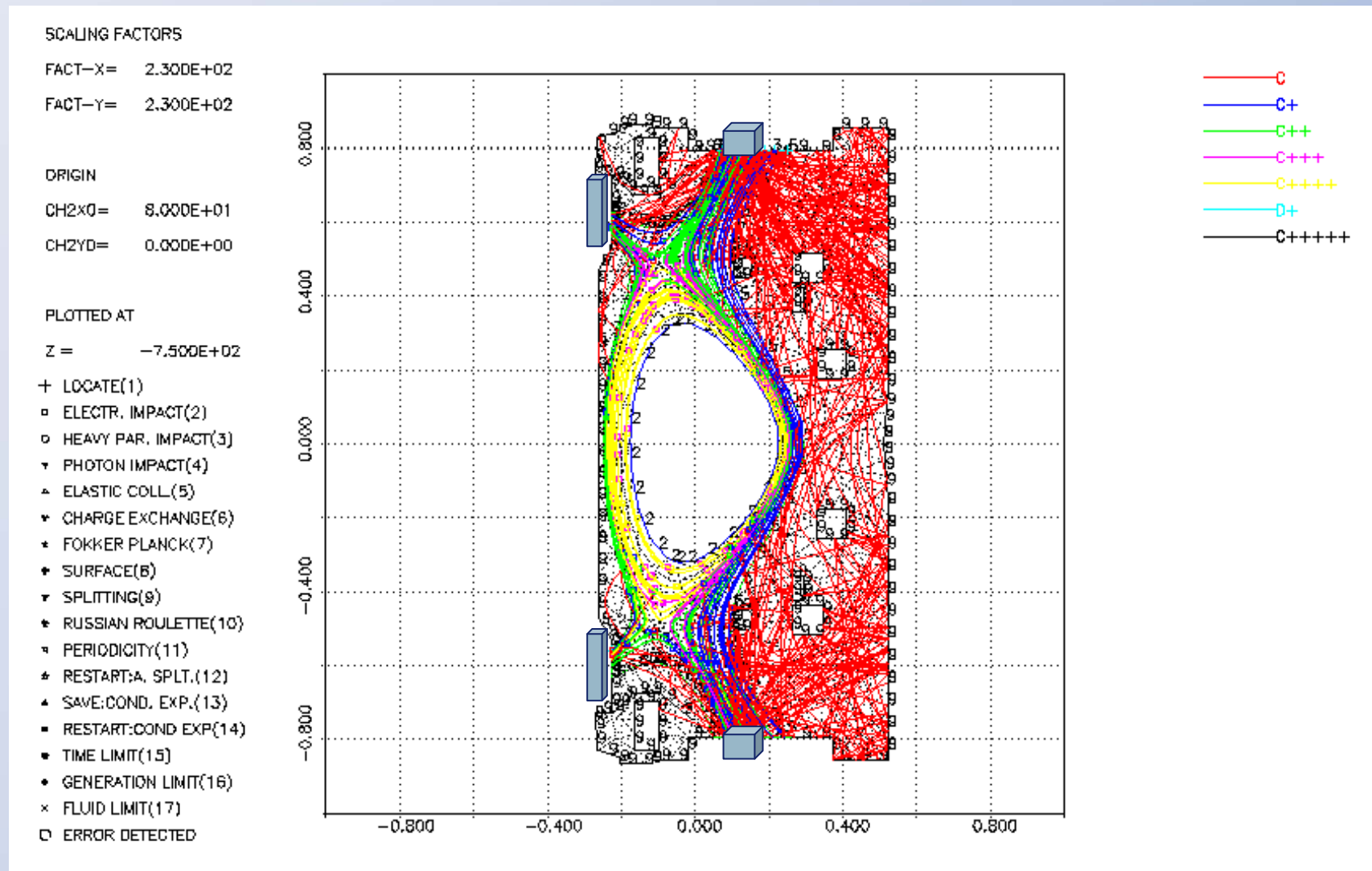
HOST MEDIUM (BACKGROUND)

- D+
- D(B)
- D2(B)
- D2D(B)
- D2D(B)
- C+



Here: mainly H, H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub> neutrals

EIRENE kinetic transport code ([www.eirene.de](http://www.eirene.de)):  
gyro averaged ion kinetic up to edge-core interface



Here: C, C<sup>+</sup>, C<sup>2+</sup>, ... atomic carbon neutrals and ions

Collisionality → plasma fluid approximation

multi-ion fluid ( $\alpha$  ion species,  $T_\alpha = T_i$ , and electrons)

multi-species Boltzmann eq. for neutrals ( $n$  neutral species)

Braginskii, Reviews of Plasma Physics, 1965

### Continuity equation for ions and electrons

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_i + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (n_i \vec{V}_i) = S_{n_i}$$

~~$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_e + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (n_e \vec{V}_e) = S_{n_e}$$~~

### Momentum balance for ions and electrons

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (m_i n_i \vec{V}_i) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (m_i n_i \vec{V}_i \vec{V}_i) = -\vec{\nabla} p_i - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\Pi}_i + Z_i e n_i (\vec{E} + \vec{V}_i \times \vec{B}) + \vec{R}_i + \vec{S}_{m_i \vec{V}_i}$$

$$-\vec{\nabla} p_e - e n_e (\vec{E} + \vec{V}_e \times \vec{B}) + \vec{R}_e = 0$$

### Energy balances for ions and electrons

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{3}{2} n_i T_i + \frac{m_i n_i}{2} \vec{V}_i^2 \right) + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{5}{2} n_i T_i + \frac{m_i n_i}{2} \vec{V}_i^2 \right) \vec{V}_i + \vec{\Pi}_i \cdot \vec{V}_i + \vec{q}_i \right] = (e n_i Z_i \vec{E} - \vec{R}) \cdot \vec{V}_i - Q_{ei} + S_E^i$$

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## ASIDE

### Momentum balance for ions and electrons (Navier Stokes „Braginskii“ equations)

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In edge codes often used only for  $v_{\alpha \parallel}$  the **flow parallel to B-field**

The cross field momentum balance is replaced by diffusion-convection ansatz:

$$v_{\alpha \perp} = -\frac{D_n^\alpha}{h_\perp} \partial_\perp (\ln n_\alpha) - \frac{D_p^\alpha}{h_\perp} \partial_\perp (\ln p_\alpha) + V_\perp$$

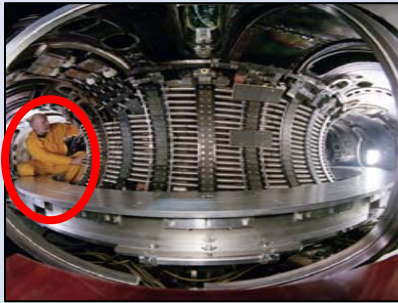
with ad hoc (anomalous?)  $D_\perp, V_\perp, \kappa_\perp, \eta_\perp,$

e.g. Strahl code,.....

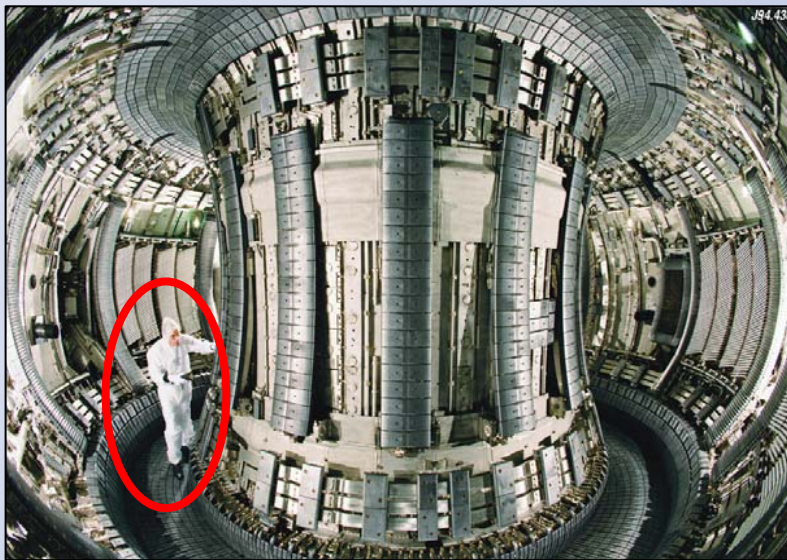


## Fusion devices

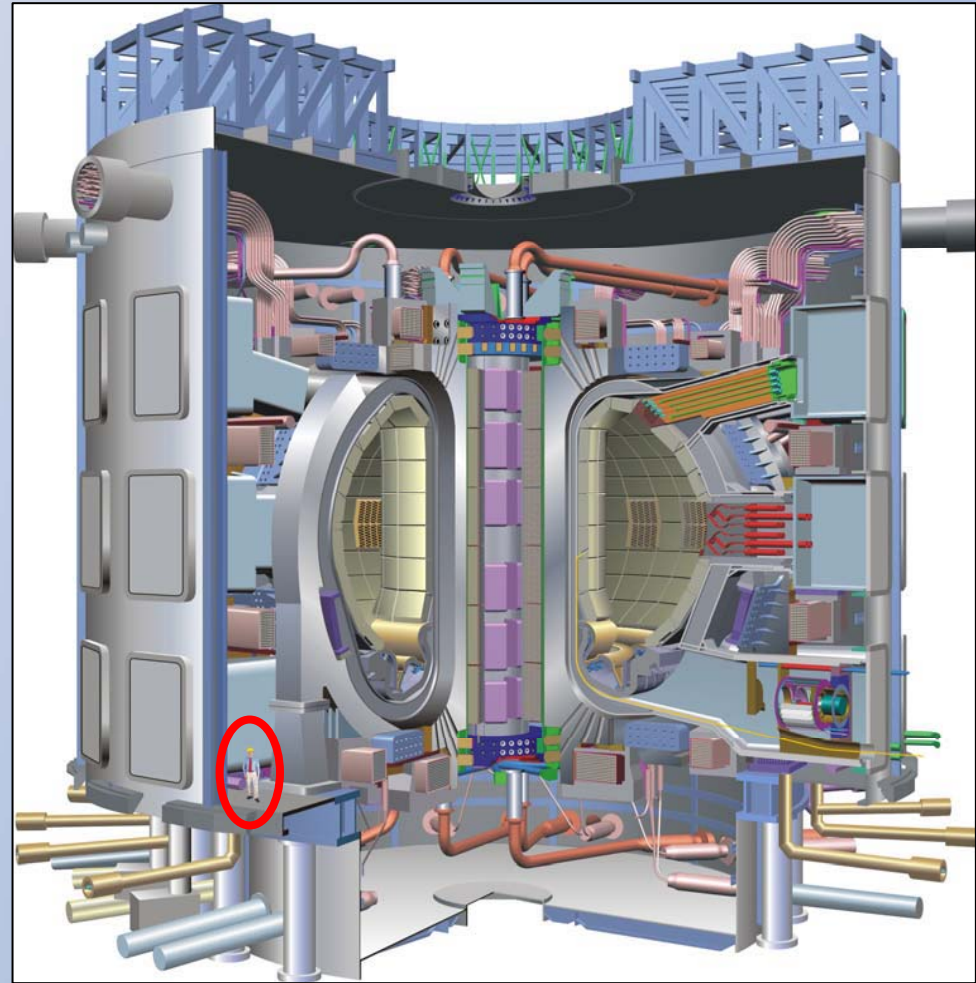
TEXTOR (R=1.75 m), Jülich, GER    ITER (R=6.2 m), Cadarache, FRA



JET (R=2.96 m), Oxford, UK



joint: EU



joint: world-wide

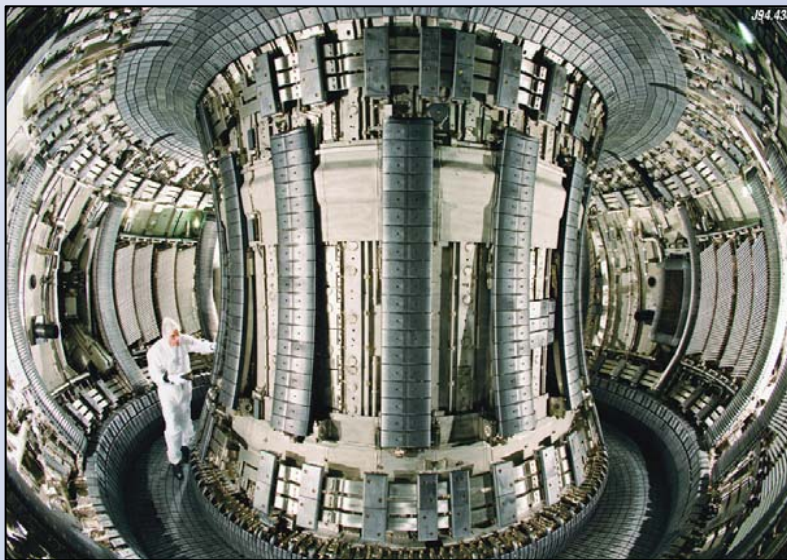
## Fusion devices: typical transport code runtime

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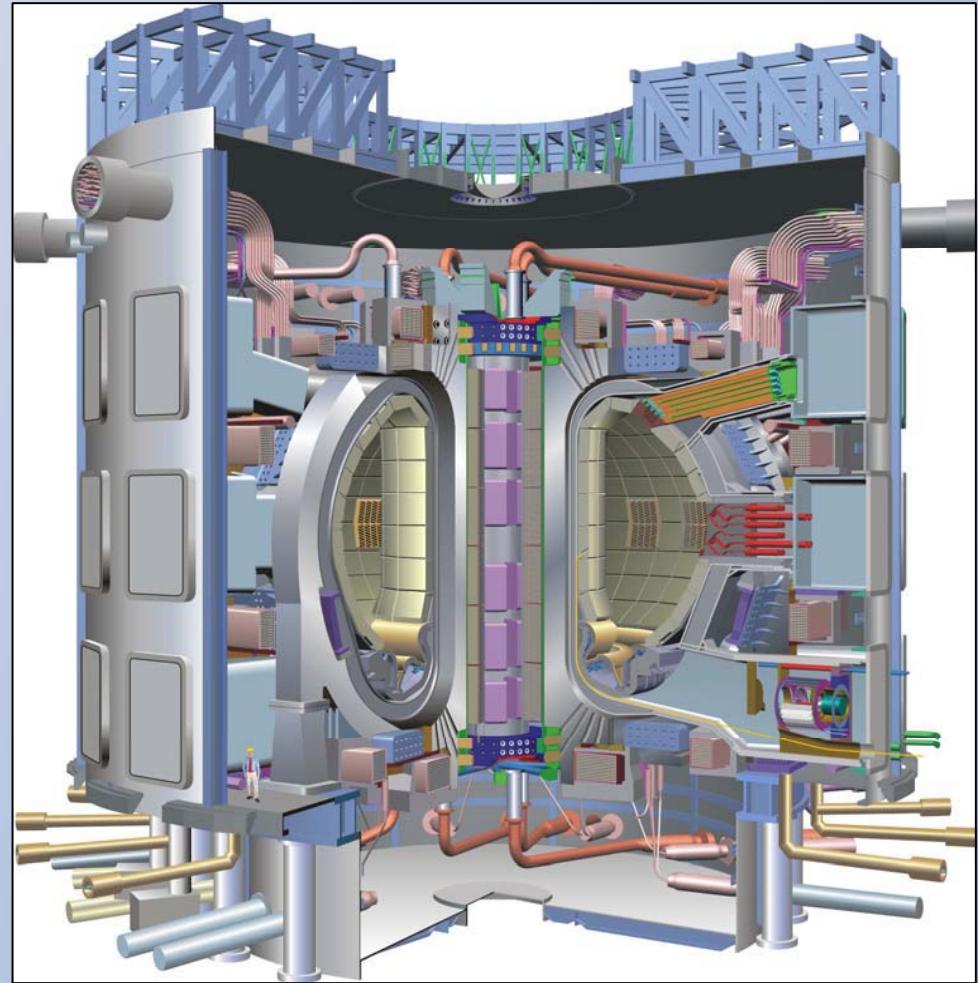
1 day

JET (R=2.96 m), Oxford, UK



joint: EU

1-2 weeks



joint: world-wide 3 months



Why become transport codes so slow for ITER sized machines?  
(for same model, same equations, same grid size)

Because of more important  
**plasma chemistry**  
(increased non-linearity,  
non-locality, in sources).

# Fluid equations for charged particles

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System of PDGL's with locally increasing dominating sources:  
"diffusion-reaction-equations" rather than pure CFD

## Separating time scales in plasma chemistry:

Kinetic (transport) equation, one for each species

$$\frac{\partial f(E, \vec{\Omega})}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f(E, \vec{\Omega})}{\partial t} + \frac{f}{\tau} = S(E, \vec{\Omega}) - \nu \sigma_a(E) f(E, \vec{\Omega})$$

System then becomes analogous to:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial t} = \vec{M} \vec{f} + \vec{S}$$

for those  $f_i$ , for which the transport has been removed from kinetic equation

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Transport

External source Absorption

$$+ \int_0^{\infty} dE' \int_{4\pi} d\vec{\Omega}' [v'\sigma_s(E' \rightarrow E, \vec{\Omega}' \cdot \vec{\Omega})f(E', \vec{\Omega}') - v\sigma_s(E \rightarrow E', \vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{\Omega}')f(E, \vec{\Omega})]$$

Collisions

$$\frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial t} = \vec{M}\vec{f} + \vec{S}$$

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## CR Models in Transport Codes (“bundled states”)

- 1) System of  $N$  kinetic (or fluid) equations (PDGL, IGL)
- 2) select  $M$  species, remove transport term and explicit time derivative  
(Interpretation: their lifetime is short compared to transport time)
- 3) System reduced to  $N - M$  transport equations plus one linear algebraic system (CR Model), of order  $M$

The  $M$  states are in quasi steady state with the  $N - M$  transported species.

CR models are QSS models

(this is also known as “bundled state model”)

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\* CMOB (DSM-EIRENE INTERFACE) TEMPLATE

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FACT-Y= 2.300E+02

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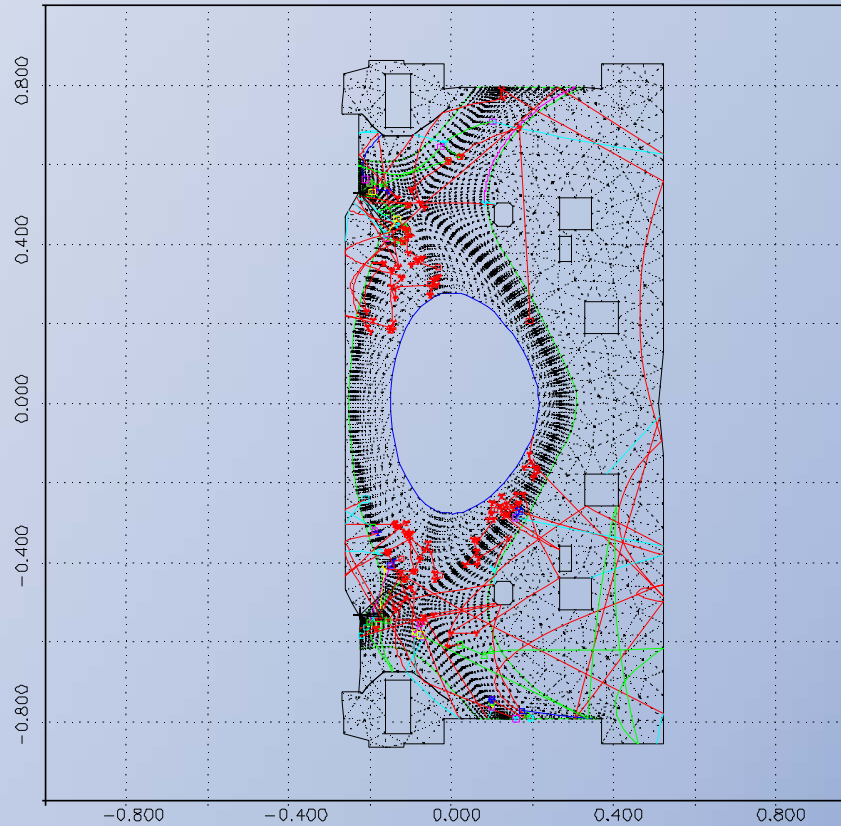
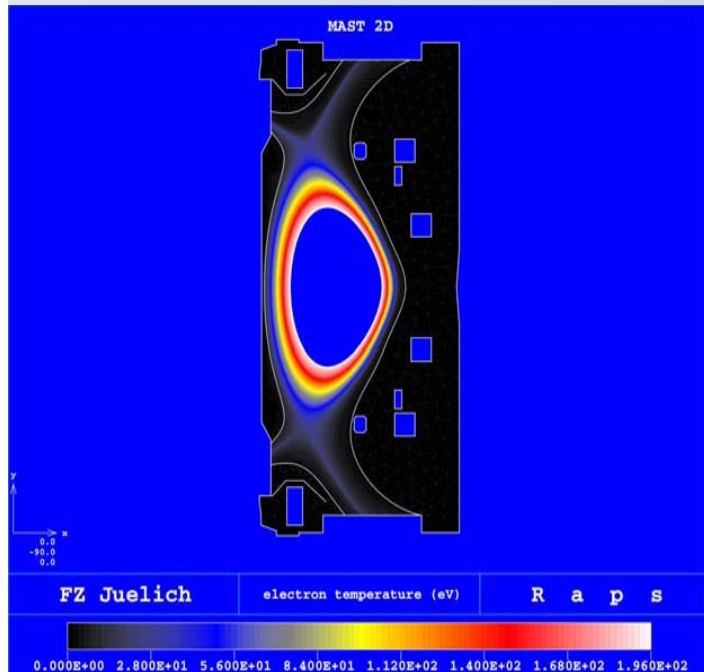
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- CD3+
- CD4+

HOST MEDIUM (BACKGROUND)

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- D(B)
- D2(B)
- DD2(B)
- DD2D(B)
- C+



Here: mainly H, H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub> neutrals

QSS (condensed): H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, and all excited states



## EXAMPLE

Collision-radiative model (CR) [K. Sawada, T. Fujimoto, 1995]  
for H,p,H<sub>2</sub>,H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (and H\*, H<sub>2</sub>\*, H<sub>2</sub><sup>++</sup> as fast QSS-species)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn_{p>1}}{dt} = 0 = & \sum_{q<p} C_{qp} n_e n_q - \sum_{q>p} C_{pq} n_e n_p - \sum_{q<p} F_{pq} n_e n_p - \sum_{q<p} A_{pq} n_p \\ & - S_p n_e n_p \\ & + \frac{C_{1p} n_e n_1}{\phantom{+}} + \frac{R_p n_e n_+}{\phantom{+}} + \frac{D_{H_2 p} n_e n_{H_2}}{\phantom{+}} + \frac{D_{H_2^+ p} n_e n_{H_2^+}}{\phantom{+}} \end{aligned}$$

Similar for nH<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>, nH<sub>2</sub><sup>++</sup>, total: ~ 100 species, N – M = 4

**C:** electronic excitation; **F:** electronic de-excitation;

**A:** radiative decay;

**R:** recombination; **S:** ionization; **D:** dissociation.

# How to select M “fast” states

H<sub>2</sub>: are H<sub>2</sub>(v) “metastable” or QSS species

In C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub> brake-up: which are QSS?

A sound mathematical procedure

(from combustion and flame science):

The **I**ntrinsic **L**ow **D**imension **M**anifold (**ILDM**) technique.

(but: very cumbersome to implement in transport codes)

Based on spectral analysis of reaction system.

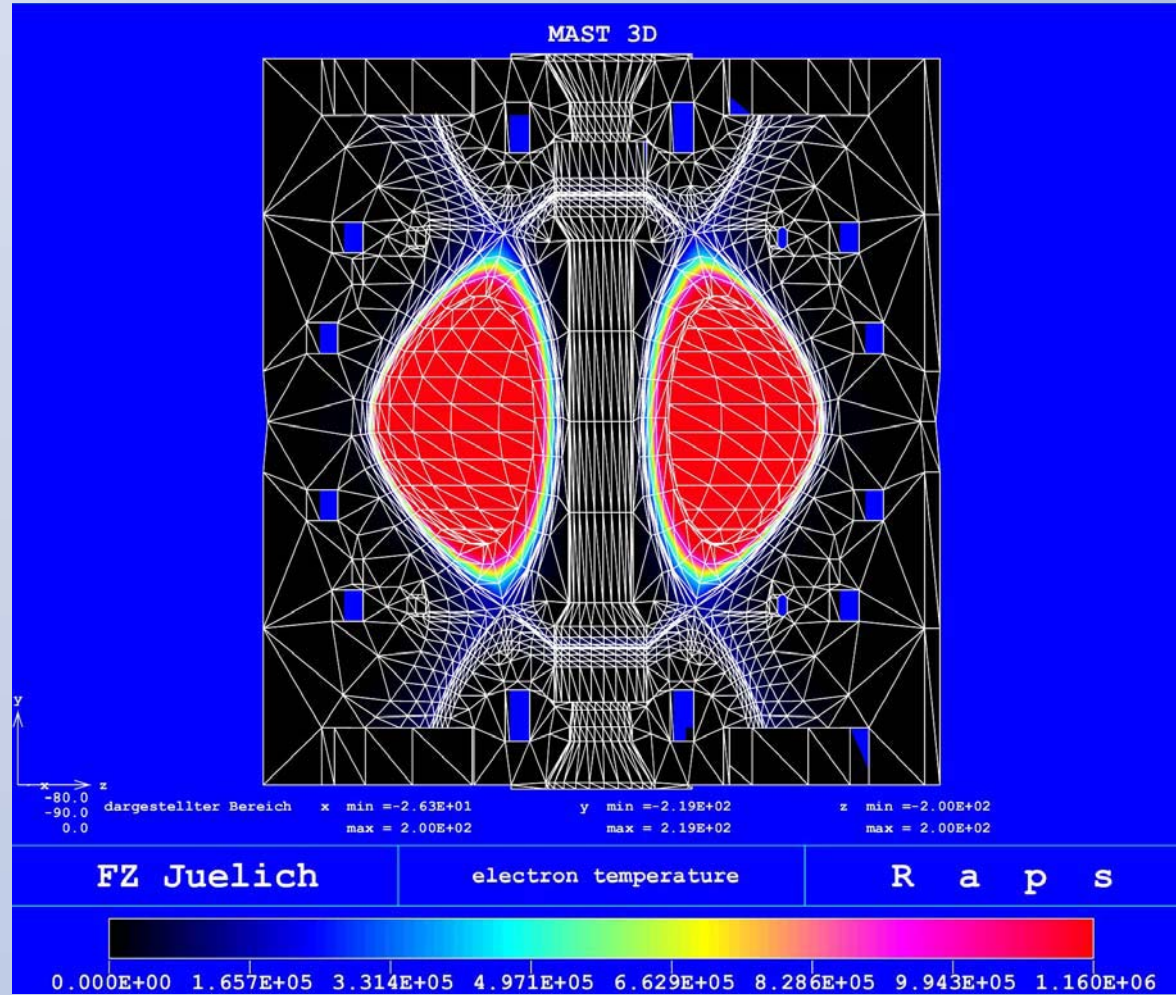
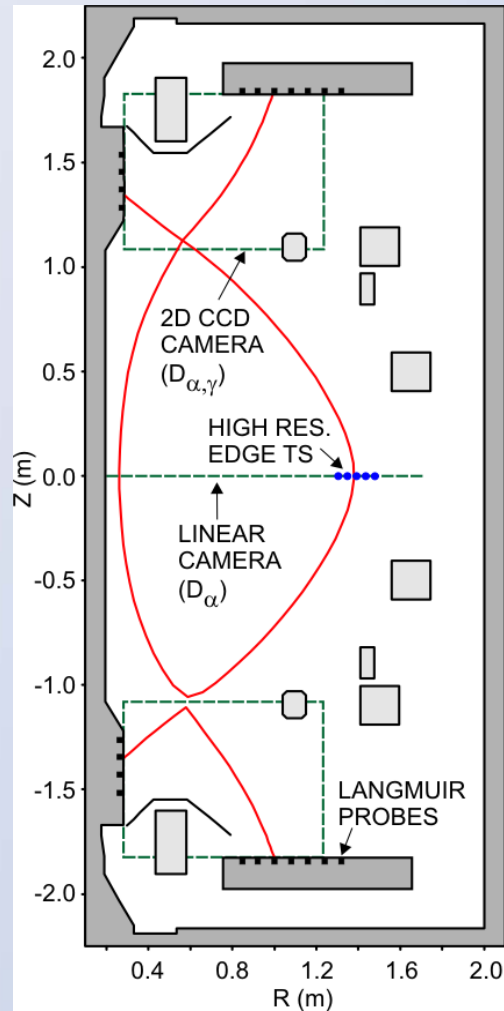
See :

Dauwe, Tytgadt, Reiter: “Automatic reduction of the hydrocarbon reaction

Mechanisms in fusion edge plasmas, JUEL-4299, Nov. 2006, ISSN 0944-2952

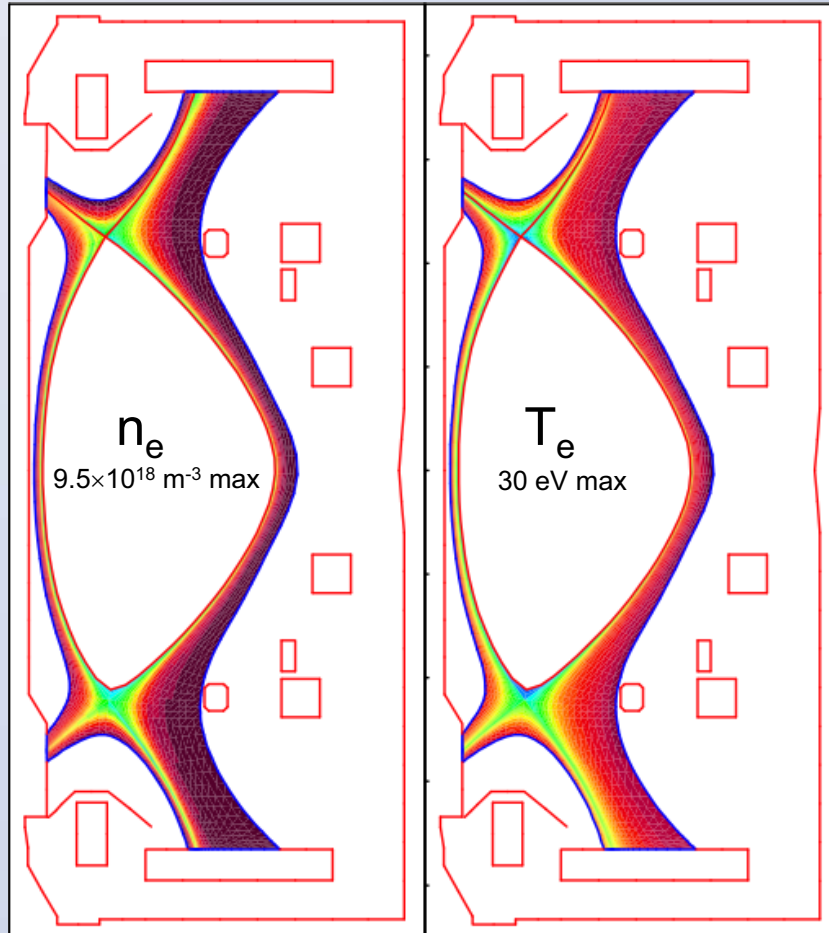
and: [www.eirene.de/recentreports](http://www.eirene.de/recentreports)

# Example: MAST (UK)

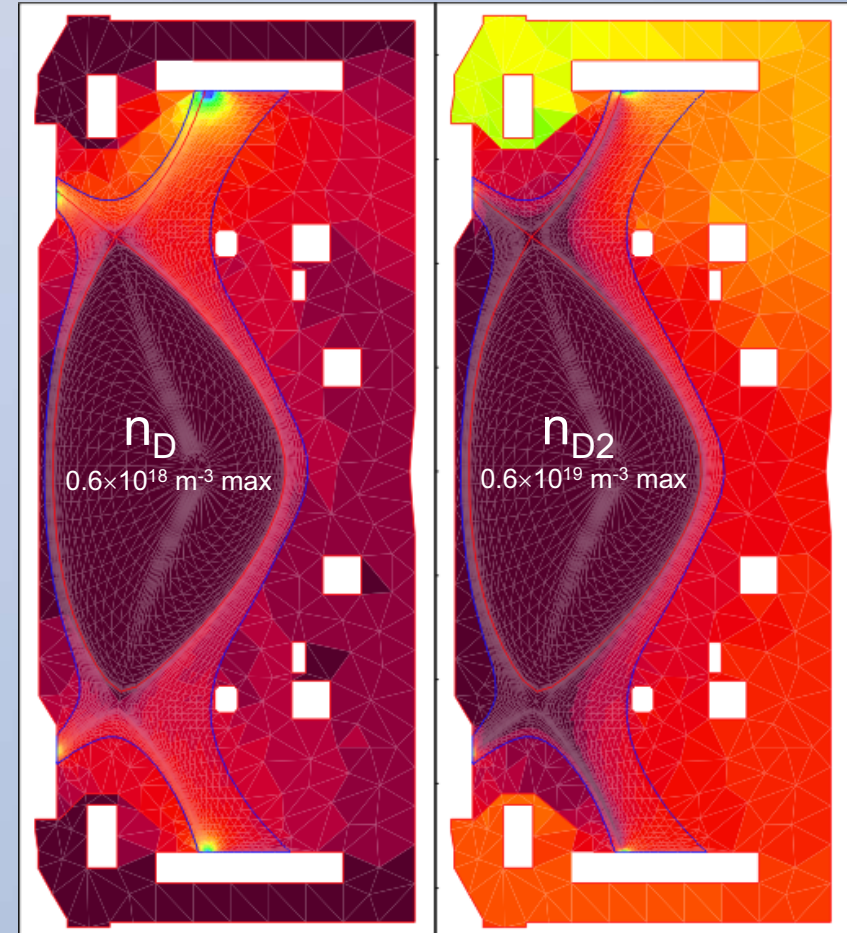


Plasma temperature in K

Consistent Plasma-Gas-Radiation fields in MAST edge

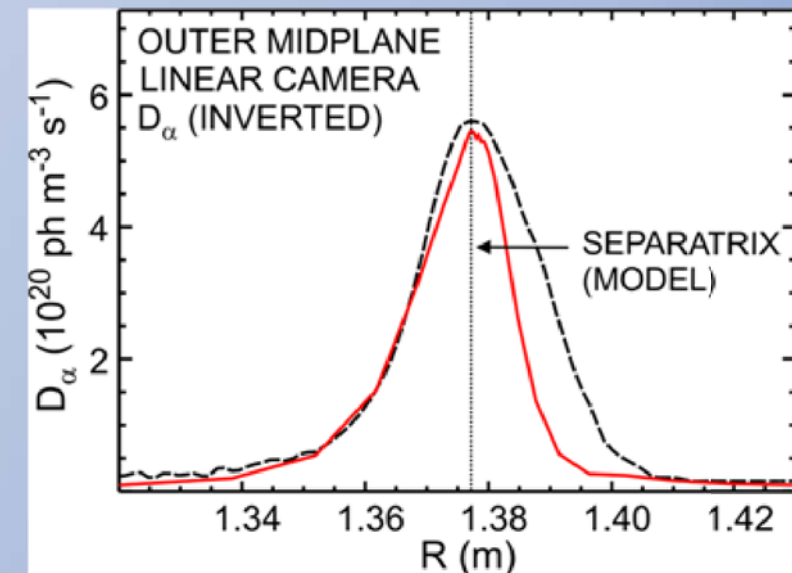
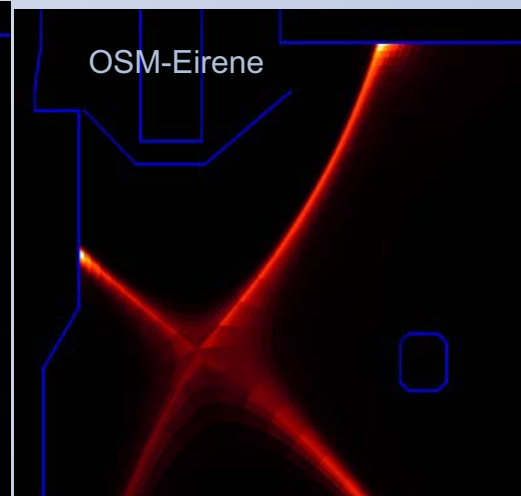
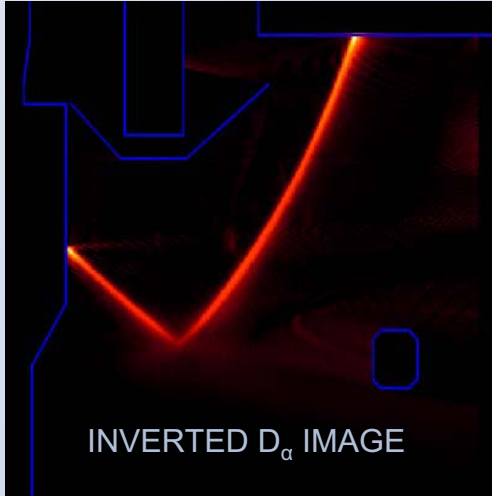
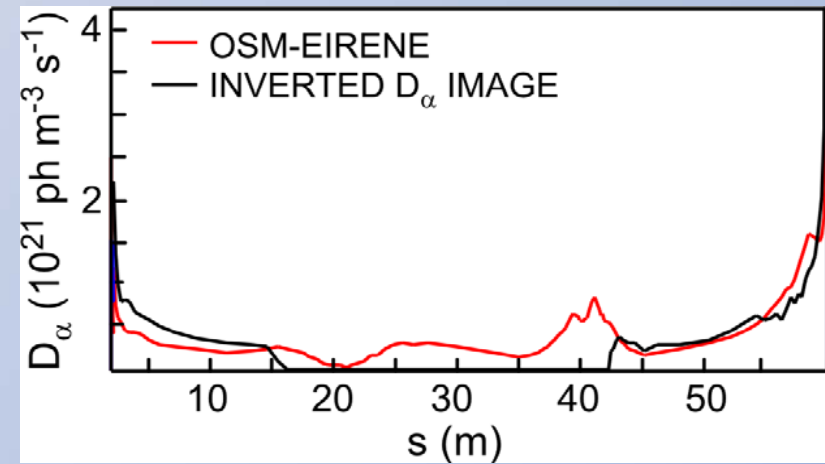
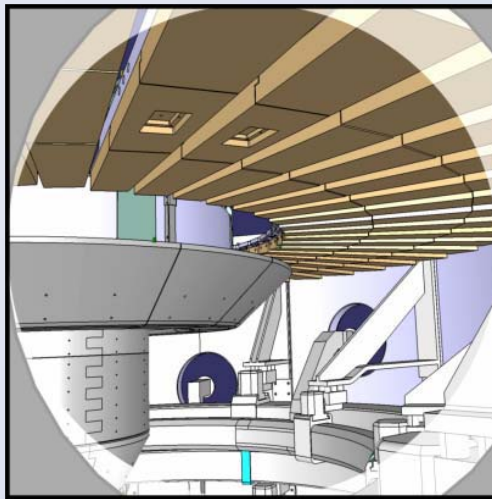


Plasma flow (experiment + OSM Modelling)



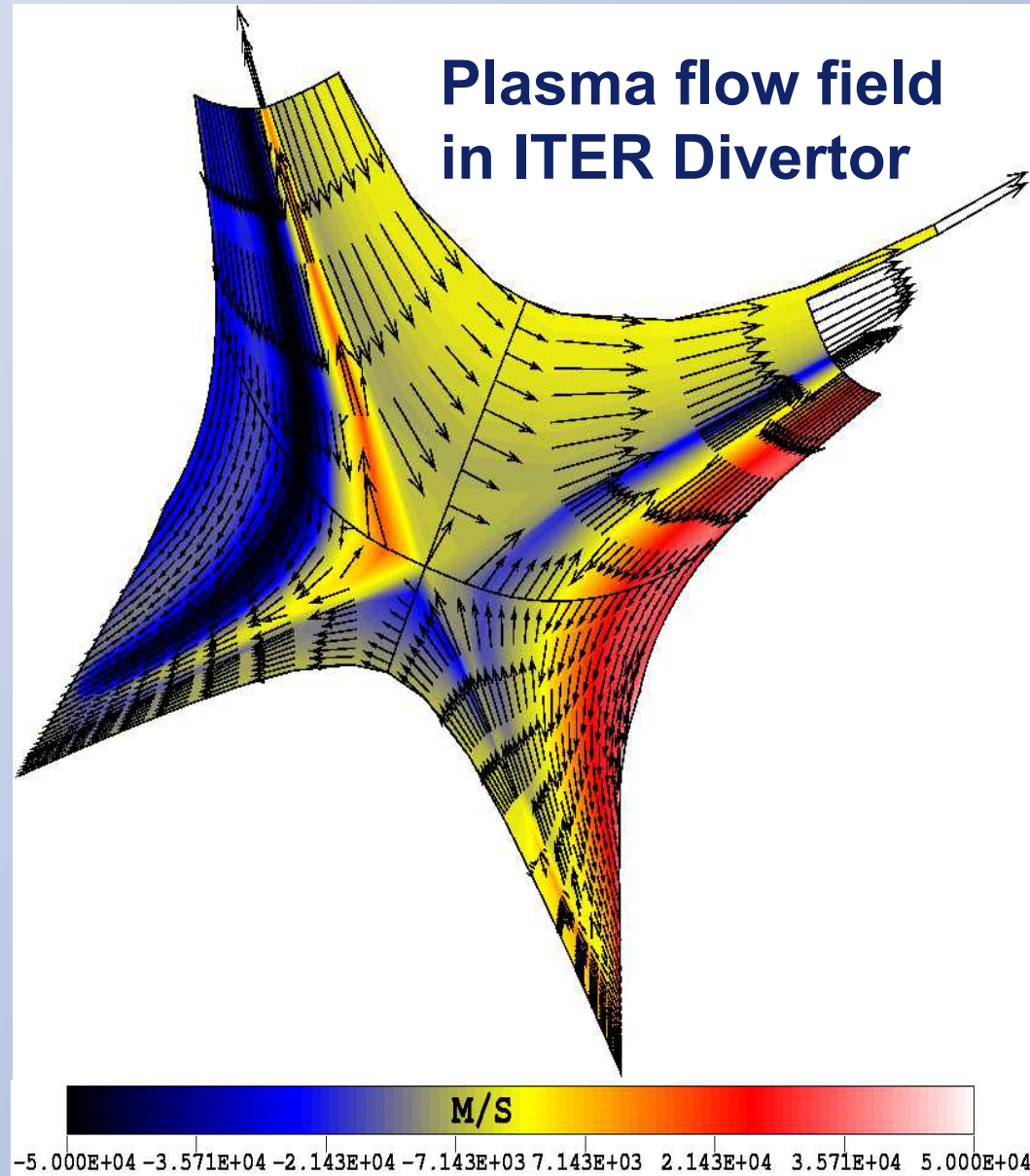
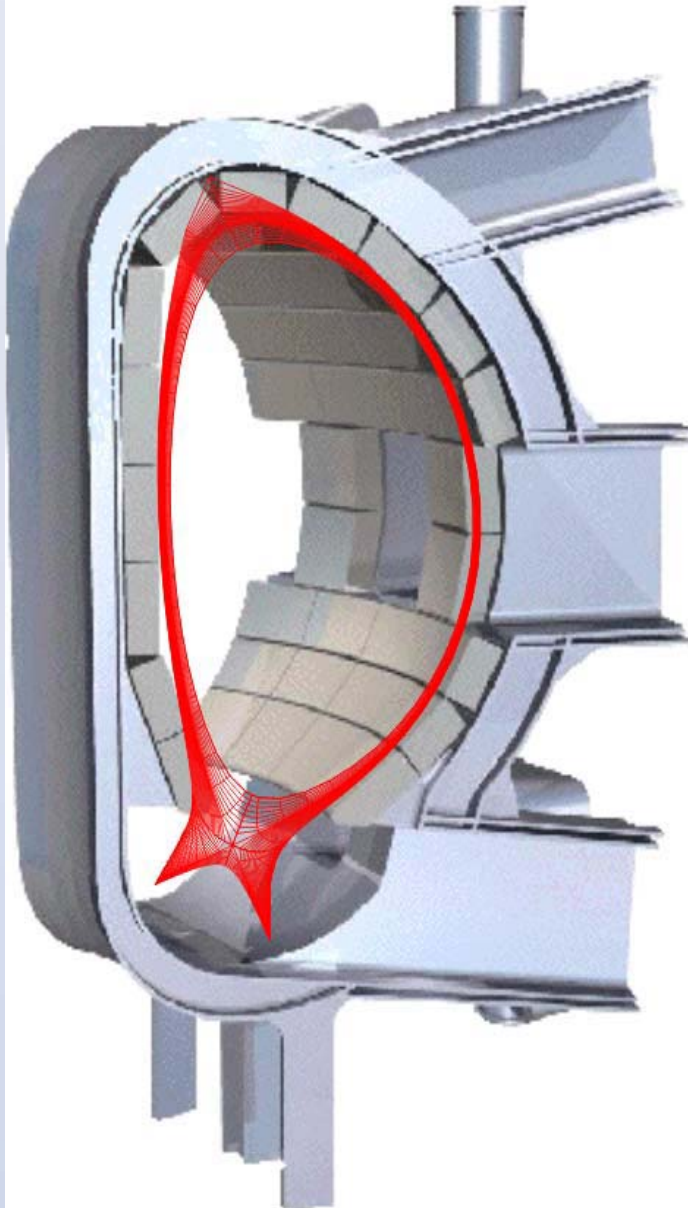
Gas flow (atomic and molecular) EIRENE





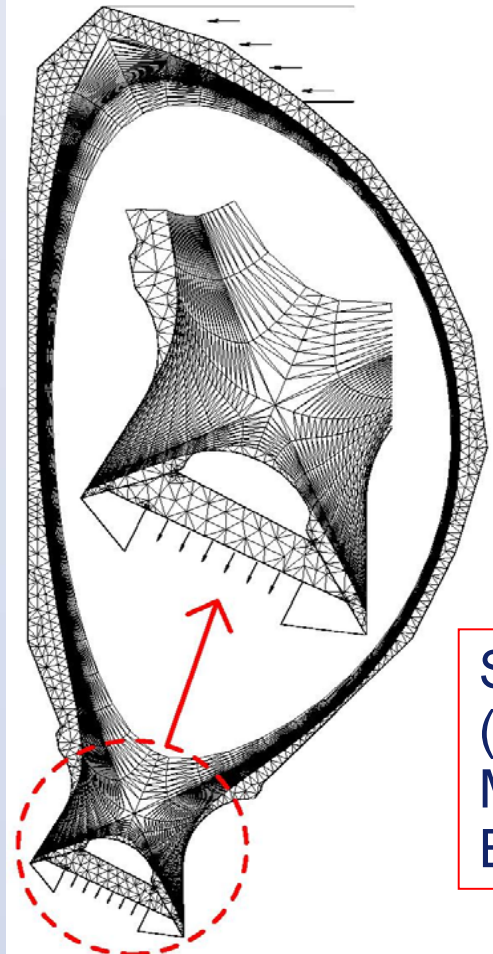
Spectroscopy → OSM transport modelling → CR plasma chemistry modelling →  
 → Quantitative comparison → experimental validation of tokamak edge chemistry

# Transport-Simulations for ITER



# Numerical tool for the edge plasma science: B2-EIRENE code package (FZJ-ITER)

Reiter, D., et al., Fusion Science and Technology 47 (2005) 172.



Computational Grid

Self-consistent description of the magnetized plasma, and neutral particles produced due to surface and volume recombination and sputtering

**B2:** a 2D multi species ( $D^+$ ,  $He^{+,++}$ ,  $C^{1+..6+}$ , ...) plasma fluid code

Source terms (Particle, Momentum, Energy)

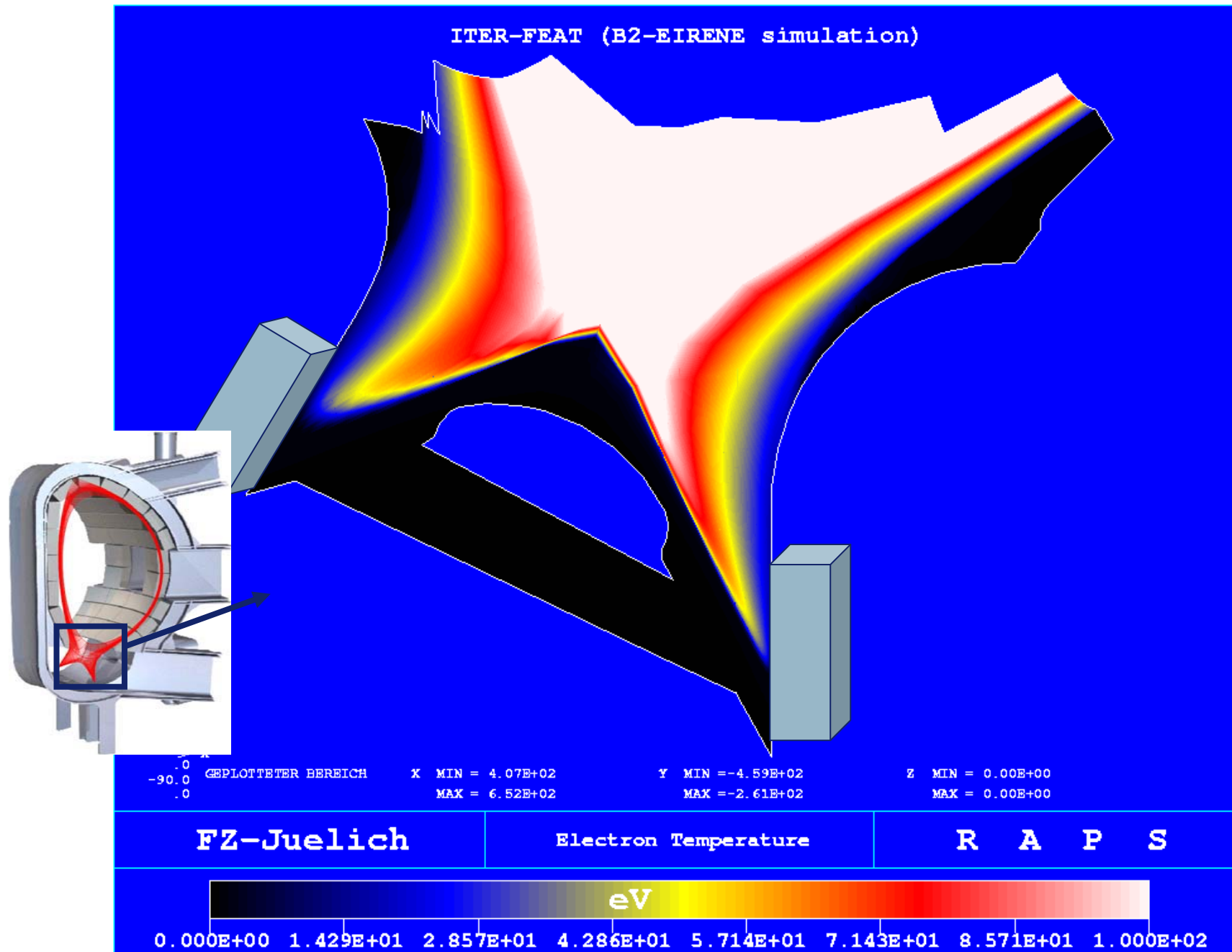
Plasma flow Parameters

CR codes: HYDKIN

**EIRENE:** a Monte-Carlo neutral particle, trace ion and radiation transport code.

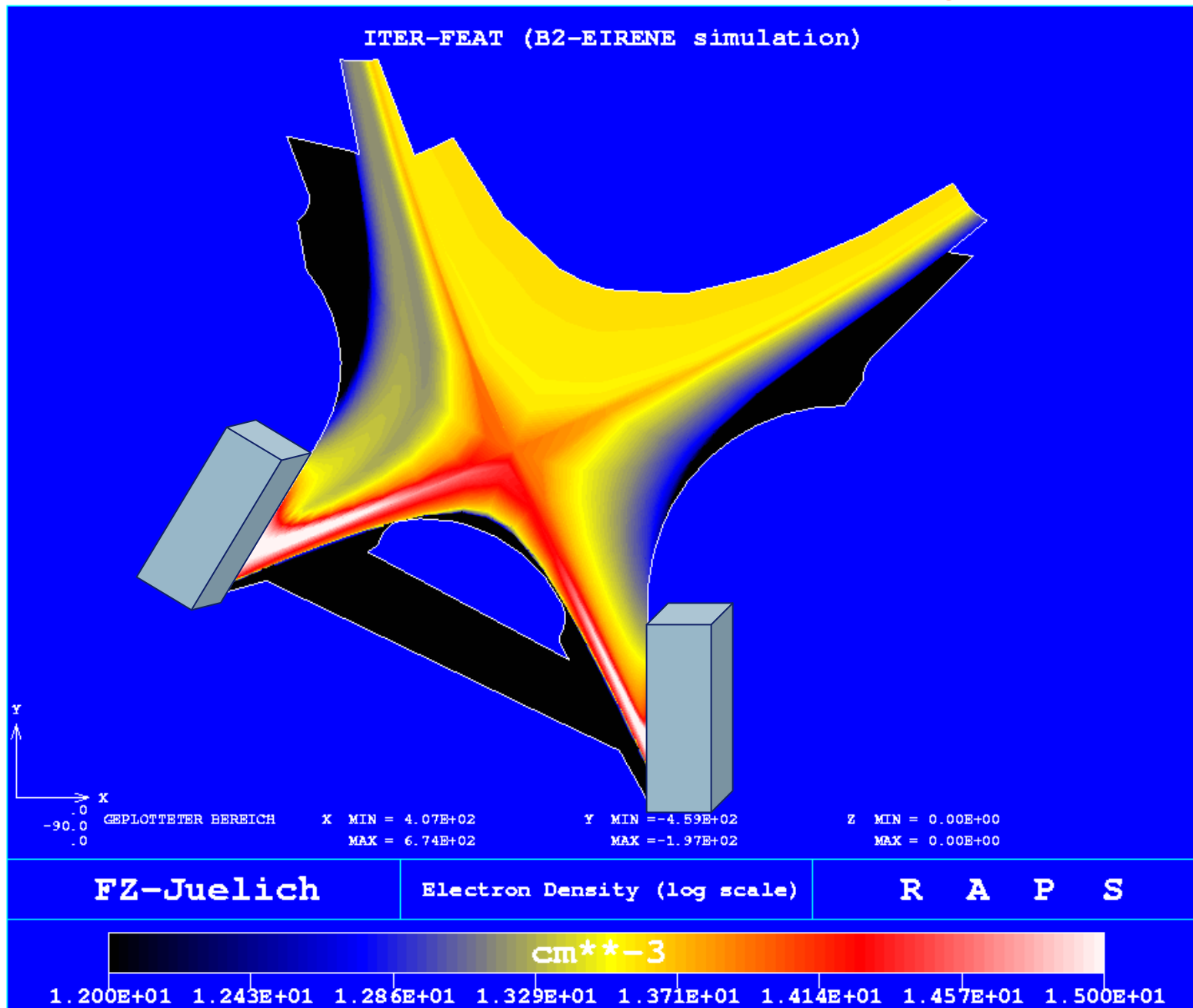
see [www.eirene.de](http://www.eirene.de)

# ITER, B2-EIRENE simulation, fully detached, $T_e$ field

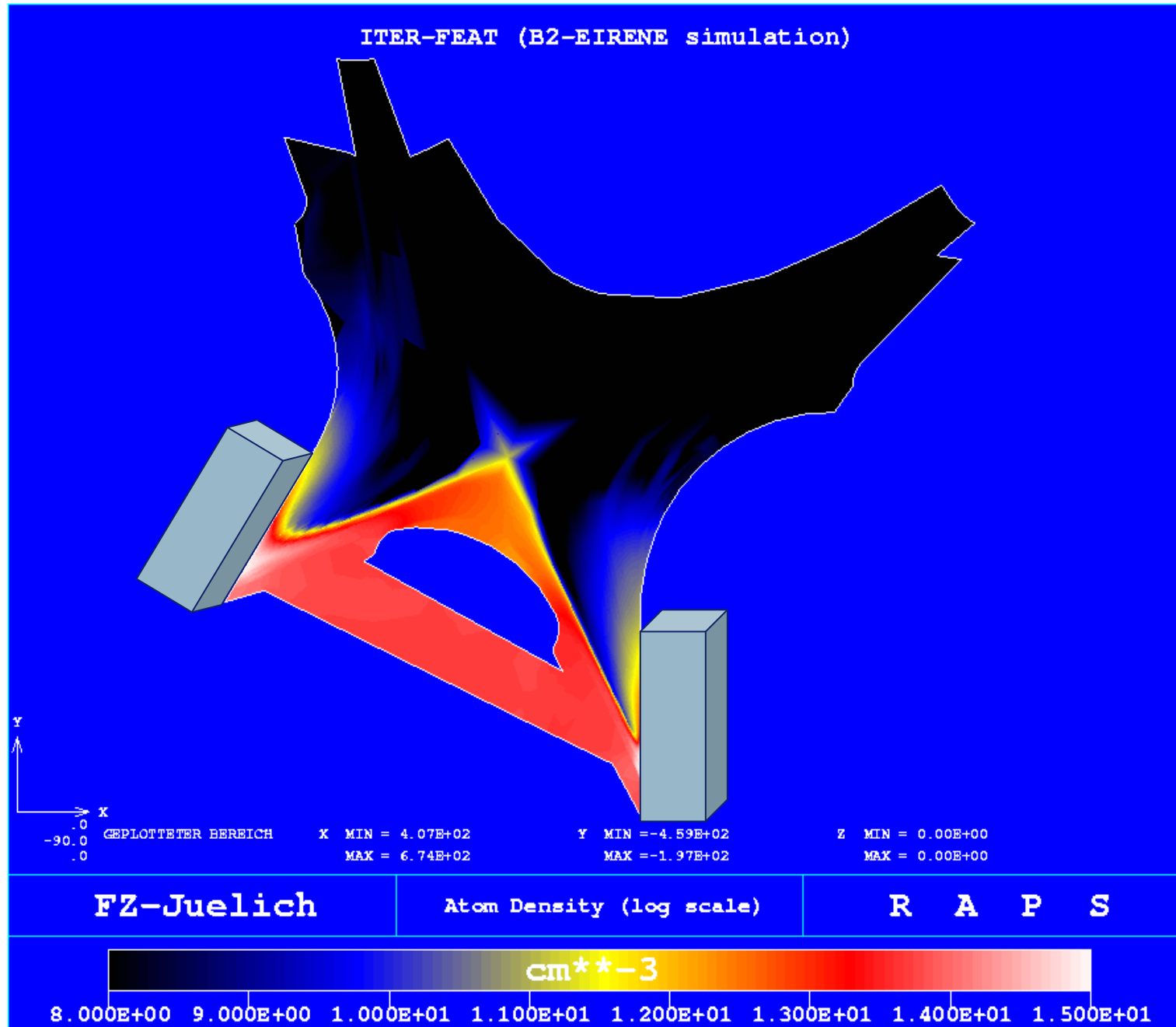




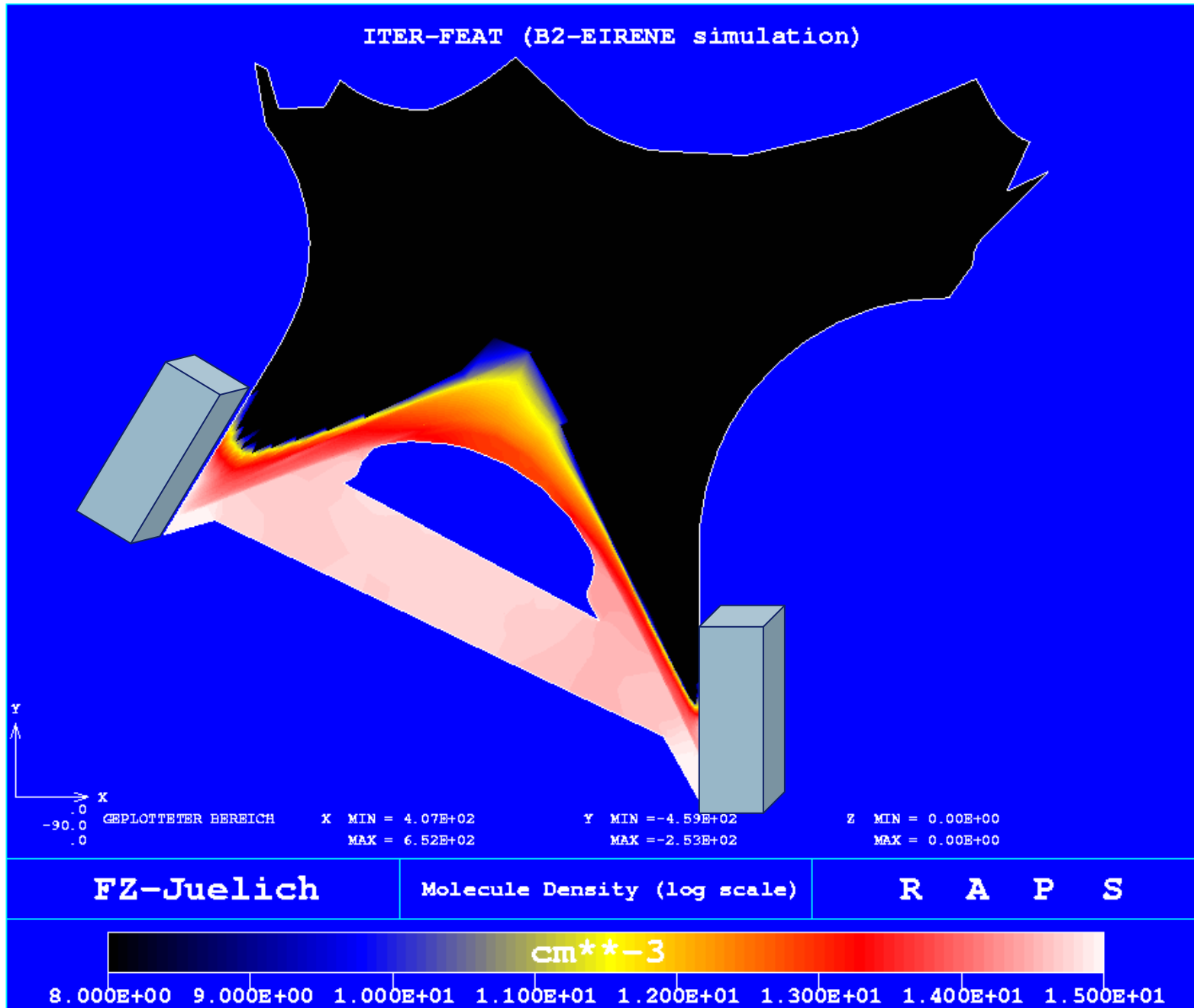
# ITER, B2-EIRENE simulation, detached, $n_e$ field



# ITER, B2-EIRENE simulation, detached, $n_A$ field

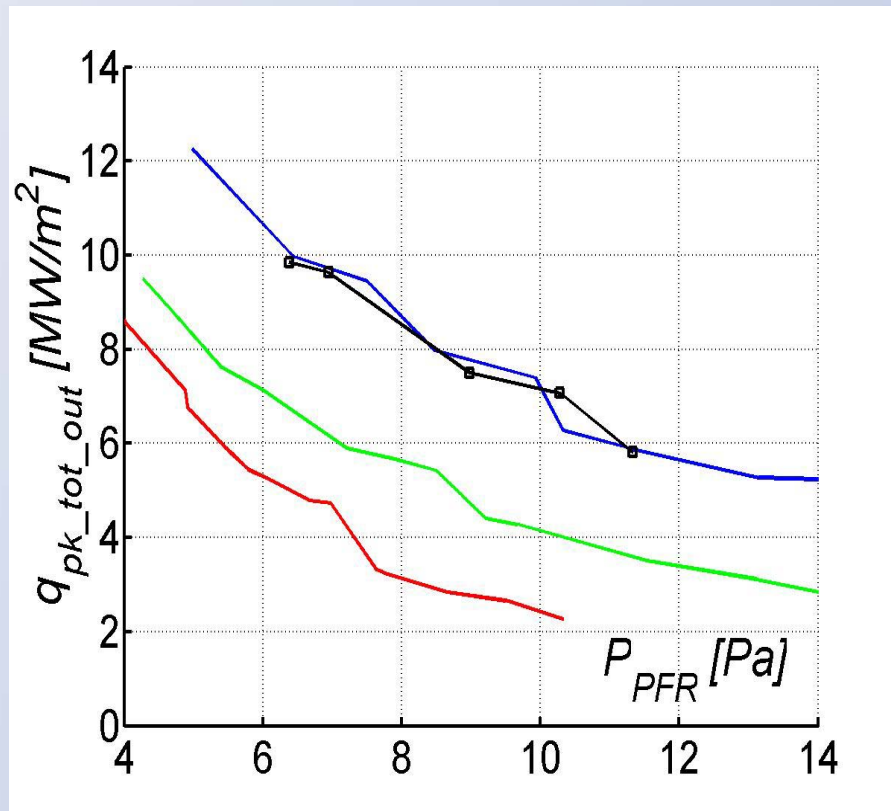


# ITER, B2-EIRENE simulation, detached, $n_{H_2}$ field

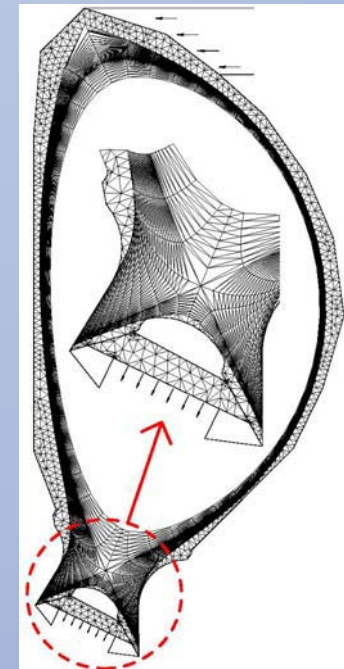


# Consequences for ITER design (B2-EIRENE): shift towards higher divertor gas pressure to maintain a given peak heat flux (Kotov et al., CPP, July 2006)

ITER divertor engineering parameter:  
target heat flux vs. divertor gas pressure



- **1996**  
(ITER physics basis 1999)
- **2003, neutral - neutral collisions**
- **....+ molecular kinetics (D<sub>2</sub>(v)+D<sup>+</sup>, MAR)**
- **2005, + photon opacity**



$P_{PFR}$ : average neutral pressure in Private Flux Region

ITER design review  
2007-2008:  
“Dome” re-design  
now considered

ITER Divertor design is based upon “detachment”

Detachment is a chemically complex plasma state: “unknown territory” in fusion, but well known in low temperature plasma physics

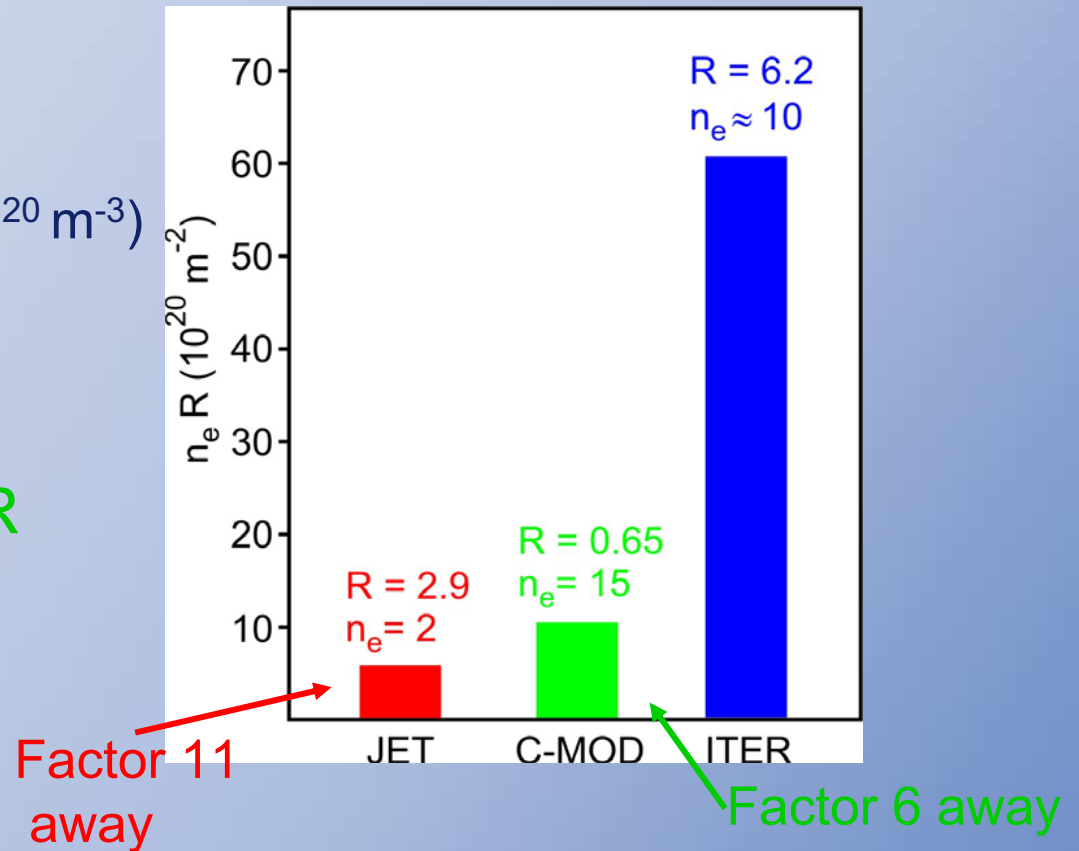
- gas-plasma friction,
- recombining plasmas,
- plasma cooling (radiation)



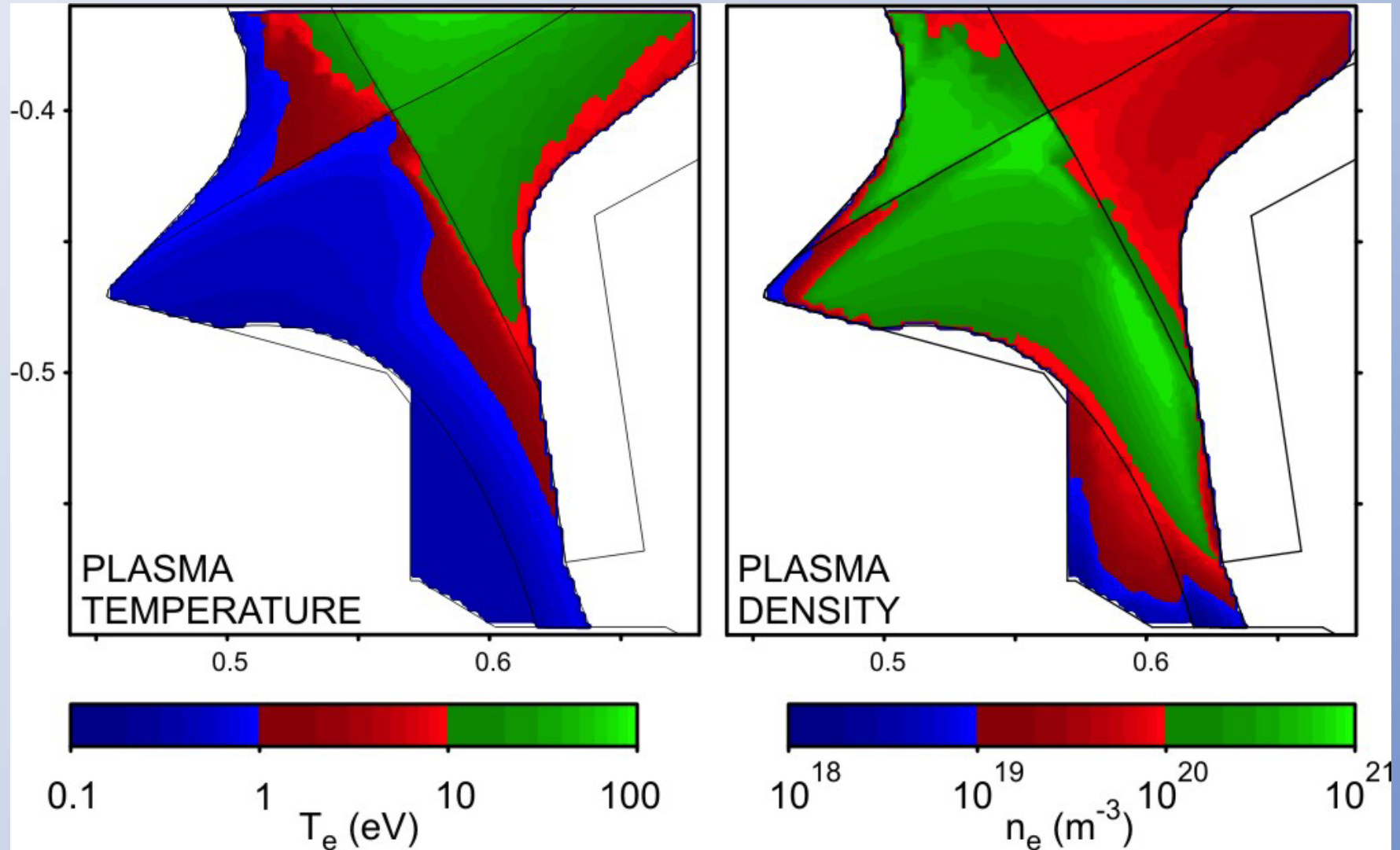
# Current hypothesis: in the “detached state” is the divertor dynamics and chemistry is controlled by “Collisionality” (inv. Knudsen number)

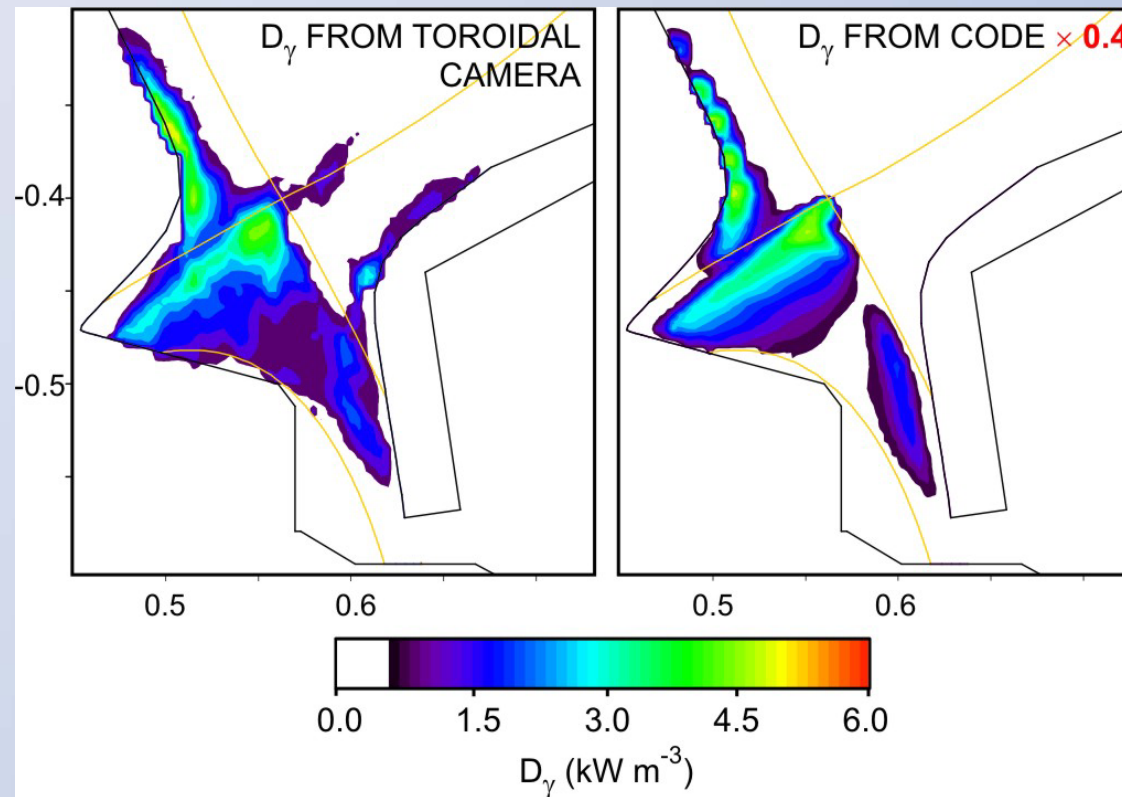
Estimate “Collisionality”:  $n_e R$   
- $n_e$ -Divertor Plasma density ( $\times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$ )  
- $R$ - Major Radius (m)

**Alcator C-Mod (MIT)**  
10 times smaller than ITER  
similar shape  
higher density



Shot: 990429019, at 950ms,  
 $\langle n_e \rangle = 1.5 \cdot 10^{20}$ ,  $I_p = 0.8$  MA,  $B_{\text{tor}} = 5.4$  T  
OSM reconstruction (Lisgo et al., 2004)





$D_\gamma$  (from  $D$ ,  $D_2$ ,  $D^+$ ,  $D_2^+$ ):

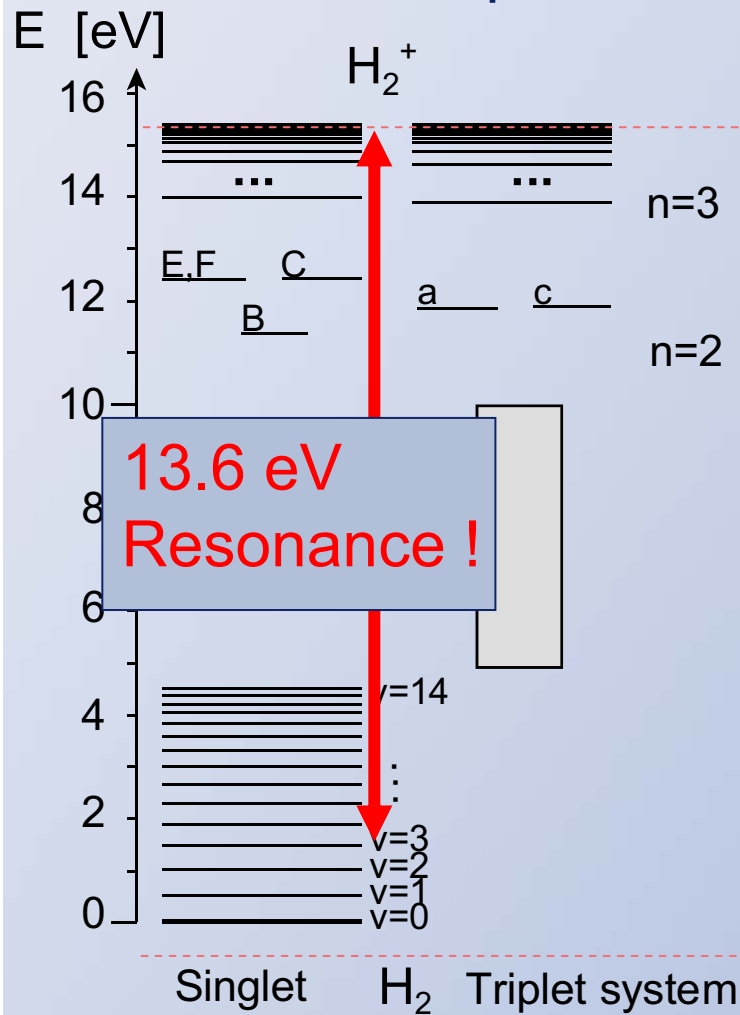
Profile matched, but high by factor 2

Calibration? Atomic Data? Plasma reconstruction?

Results very sensitive eg. to  $T_e$  profile

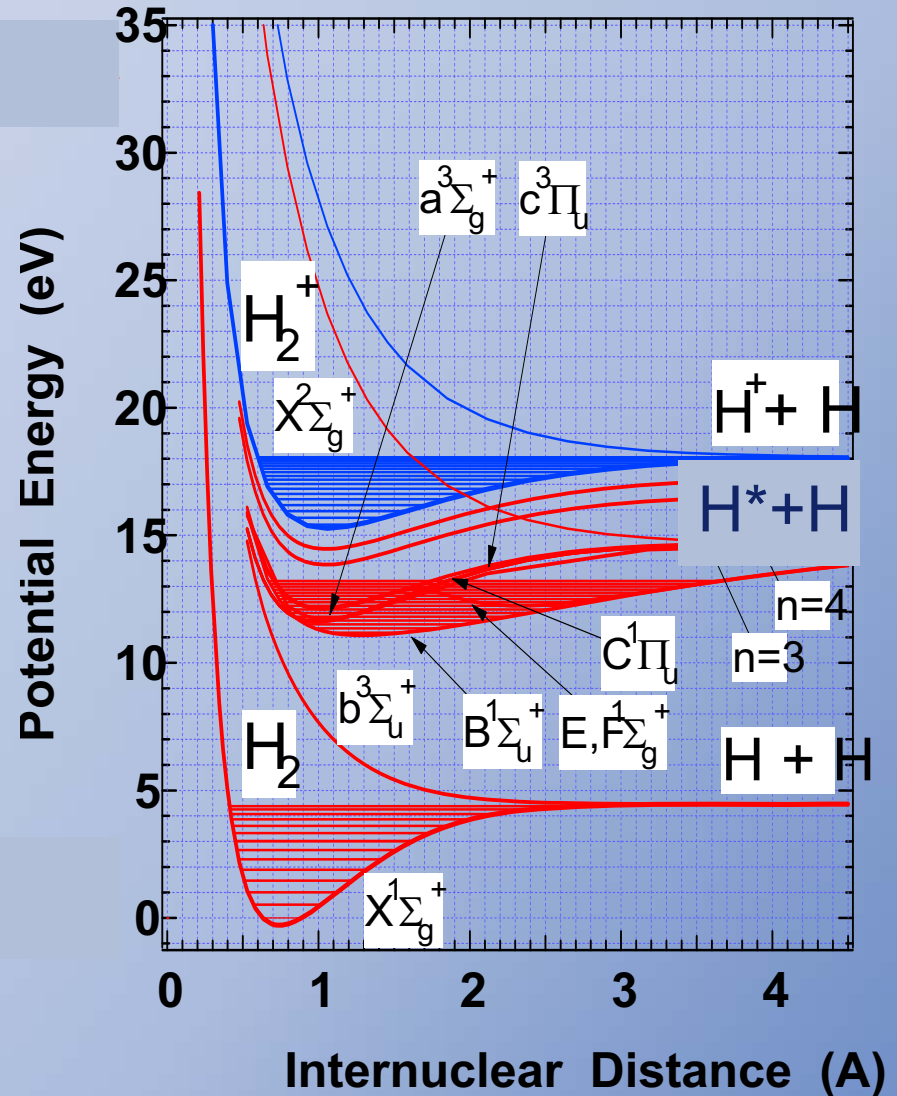
H<sub>2</sub> molecule, status in present divertor code

compiled 1997



More complete models available, still need to be integrated

compiled 2005

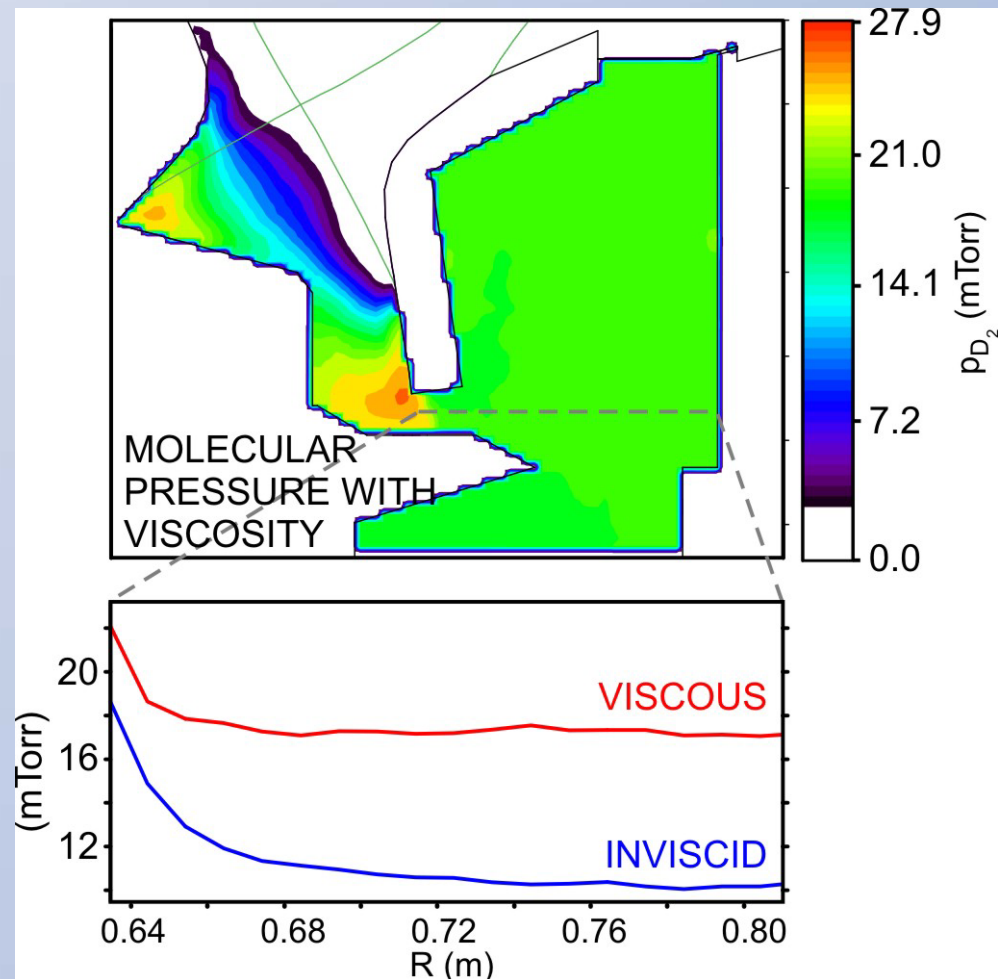


Critical for particle throughput (convection):

## Neutral Plenum Pressure

Exp:	25 mTorr
Calc 2D (2000)	3 mTorr
Calc 2D (2003)	27 mTorr

(better A&M data,  
better Plasma data,  
better codes)



Very good match: code - experiment

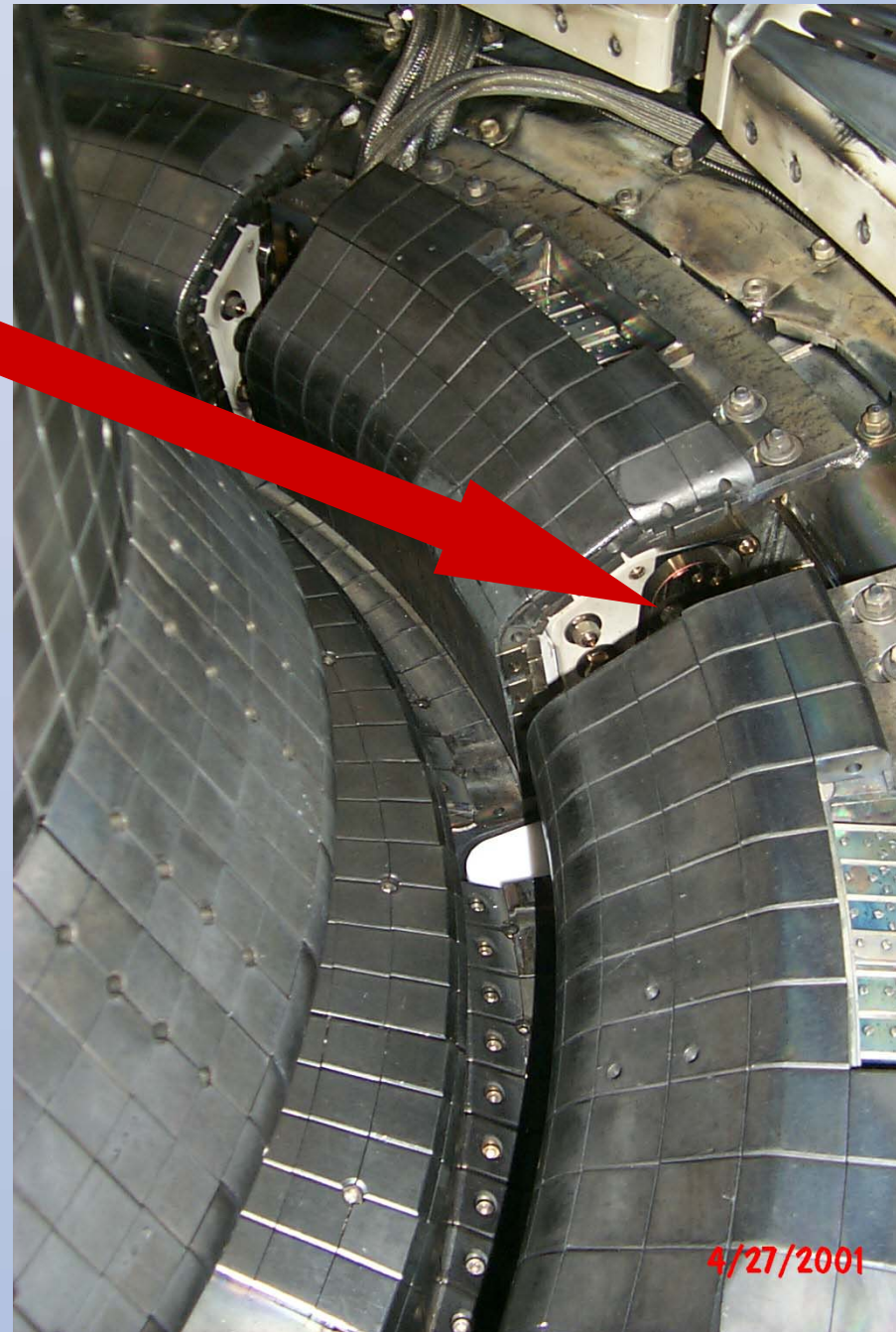
But:

Is there further edge physics that we are sure must be operative?



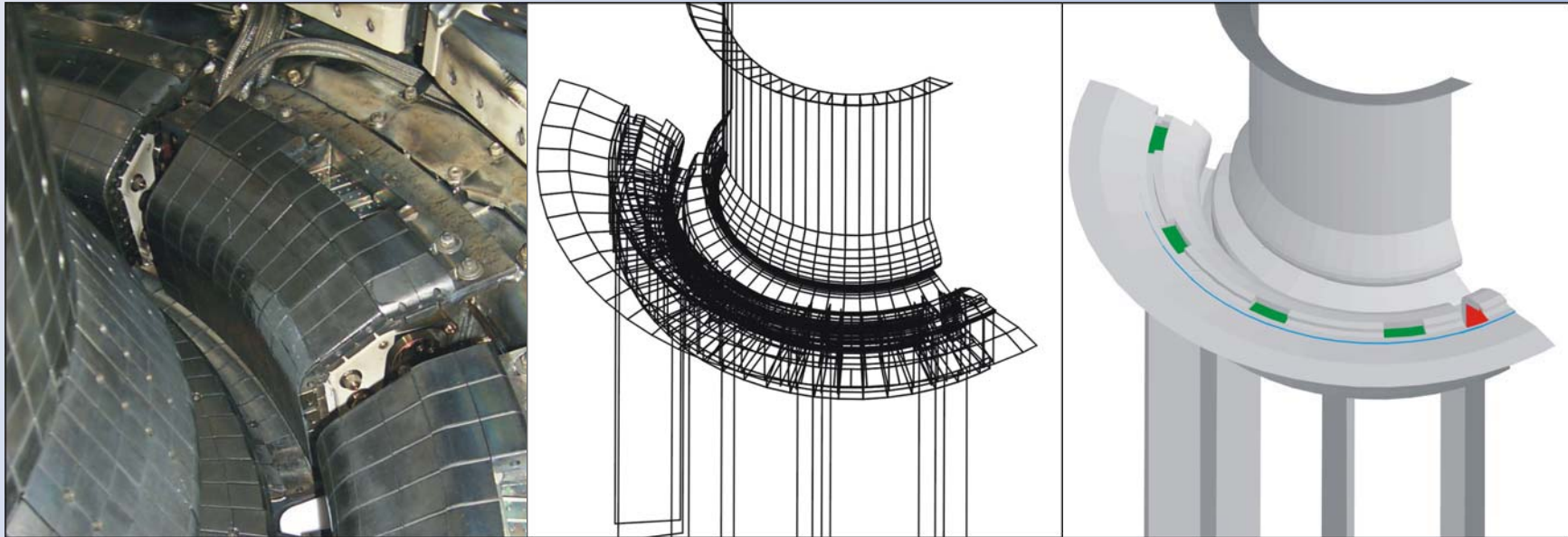
Additional  
leakage pathways:

2D → 3D  
(see later)



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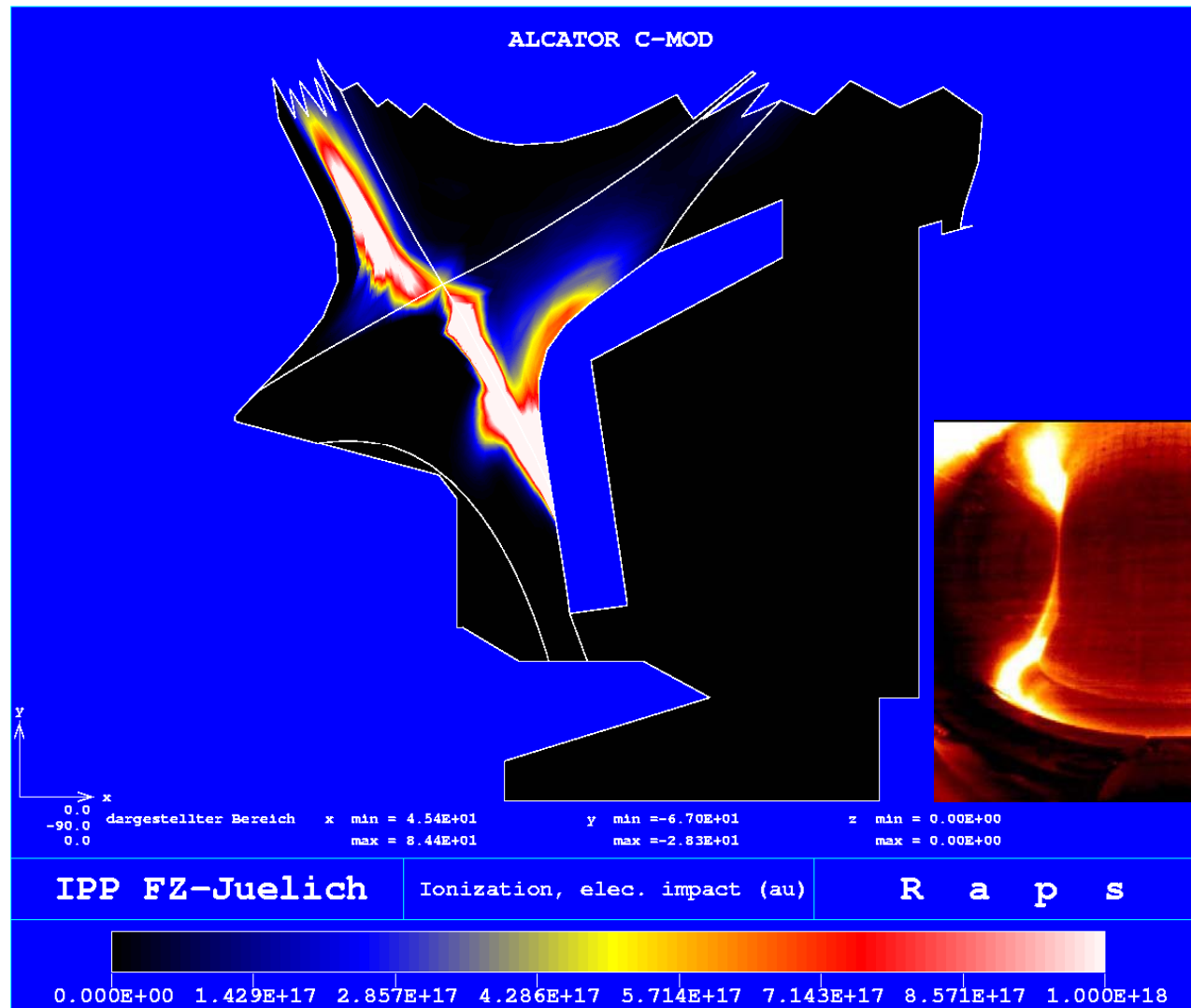
## 3D Neutral Gas, A&M and PSI Modelling



3D divertor structures (**toroidal gap and gussets**, **bypass** and **poloidal gap**)

→ strong toroidal variations in the divertor neutral pressure

# Ionization by electron impact on neutral gas

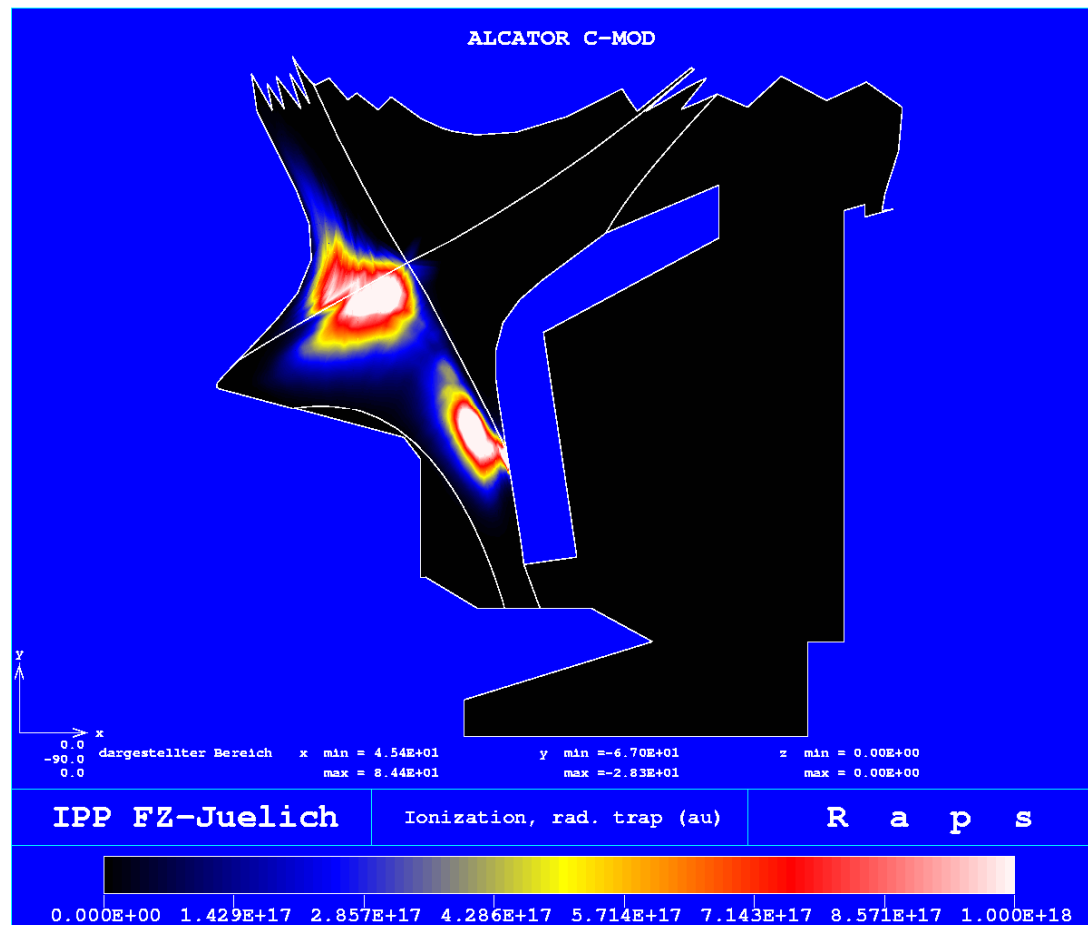


# Radiation transfer: opacity of Ly-lines

(though completely elementary, has long remained unnoticed in edge modelling)



(additional path for ionization in dense, low  $T_e$  divertors)

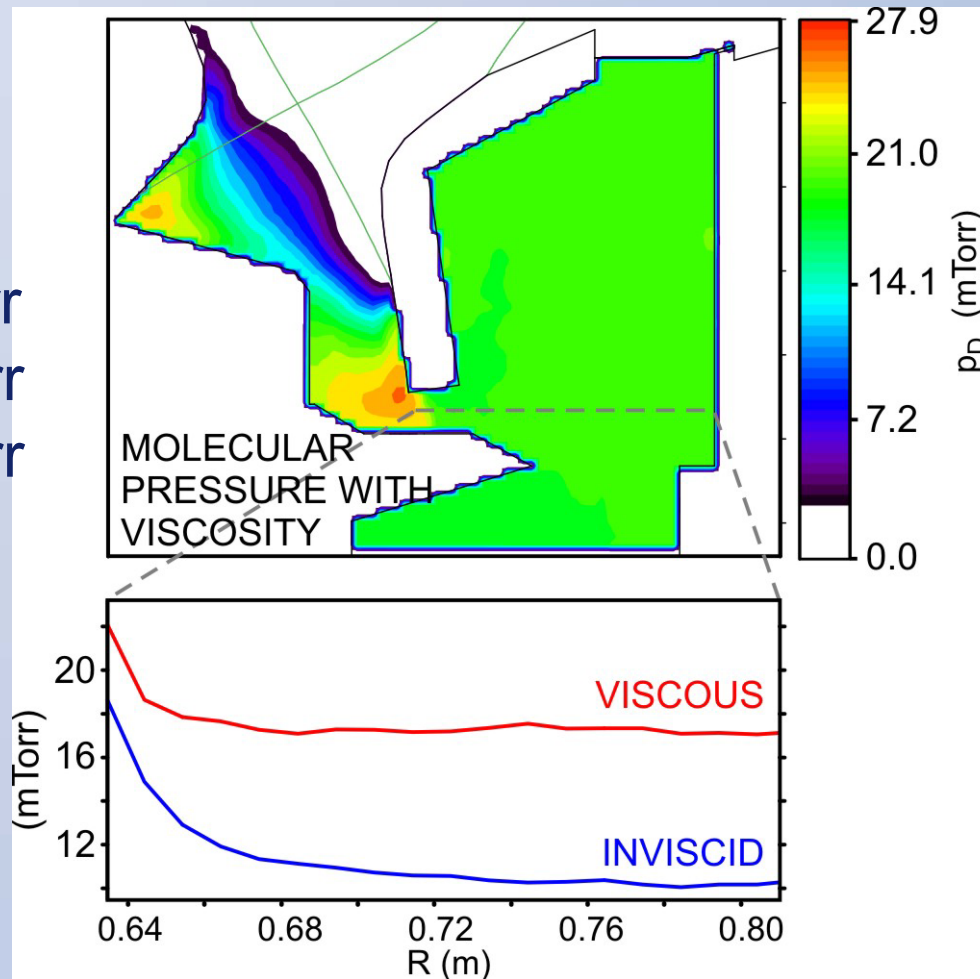


## Neutral Pressure

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Calc 2D (2000) 3 mTorr  
Calc 2D (2003) 27 mTorr  
(better A&M data,  
better Plasma data)

However

Ly-opacity: 17 mTorr  
3D: 11 mTorr



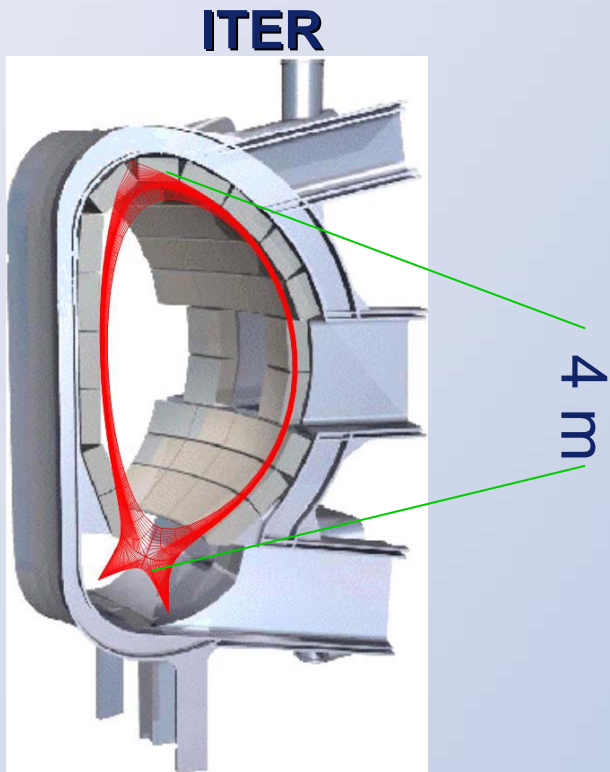
Model validation in the presence of many free parameters:

include ALL edge physics that we are sure must be operative even while our capability to confirm these directly remains limited

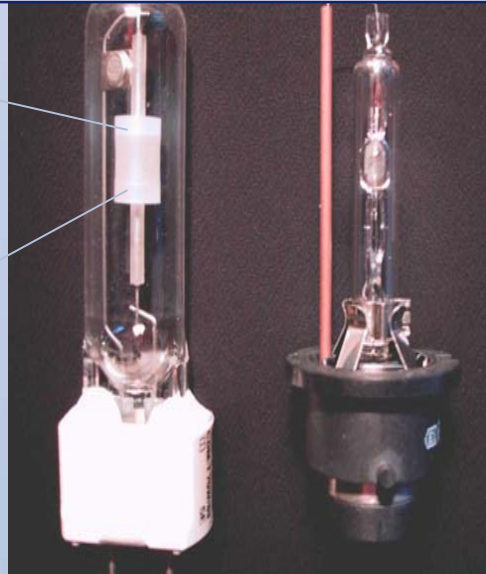


# Radiation transfer module: verification and validation using HID lamps

## High Intensity Discharge Lamps



4 mm

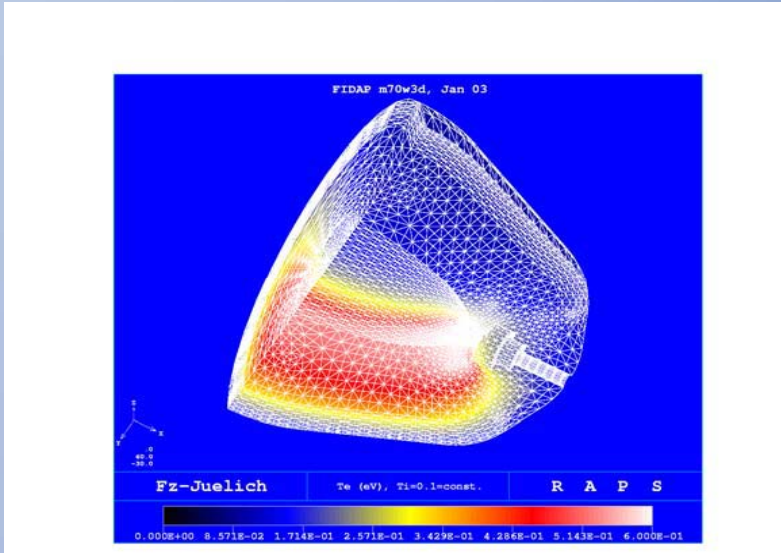
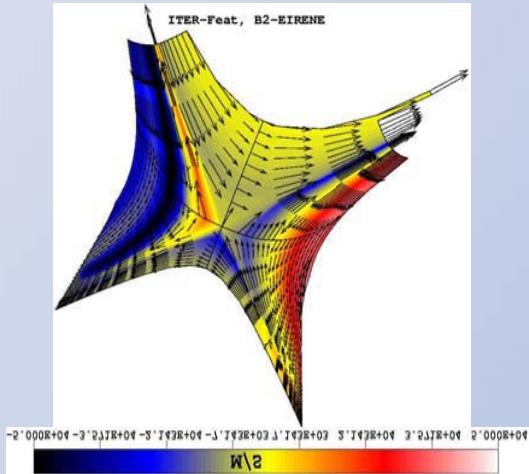


D2-36 W  
Automotive  
Material: Quartz

CDM-75 W  
Shop-Lighting  
Material: PCA

## FIDAP-EIRENE

## B2-EIRENE



## 2D → 3D

- Extending edge models towards predictive quality is a theoretical and experimental task
- Going from 2D CFD to 3D CFD is a computational physics task

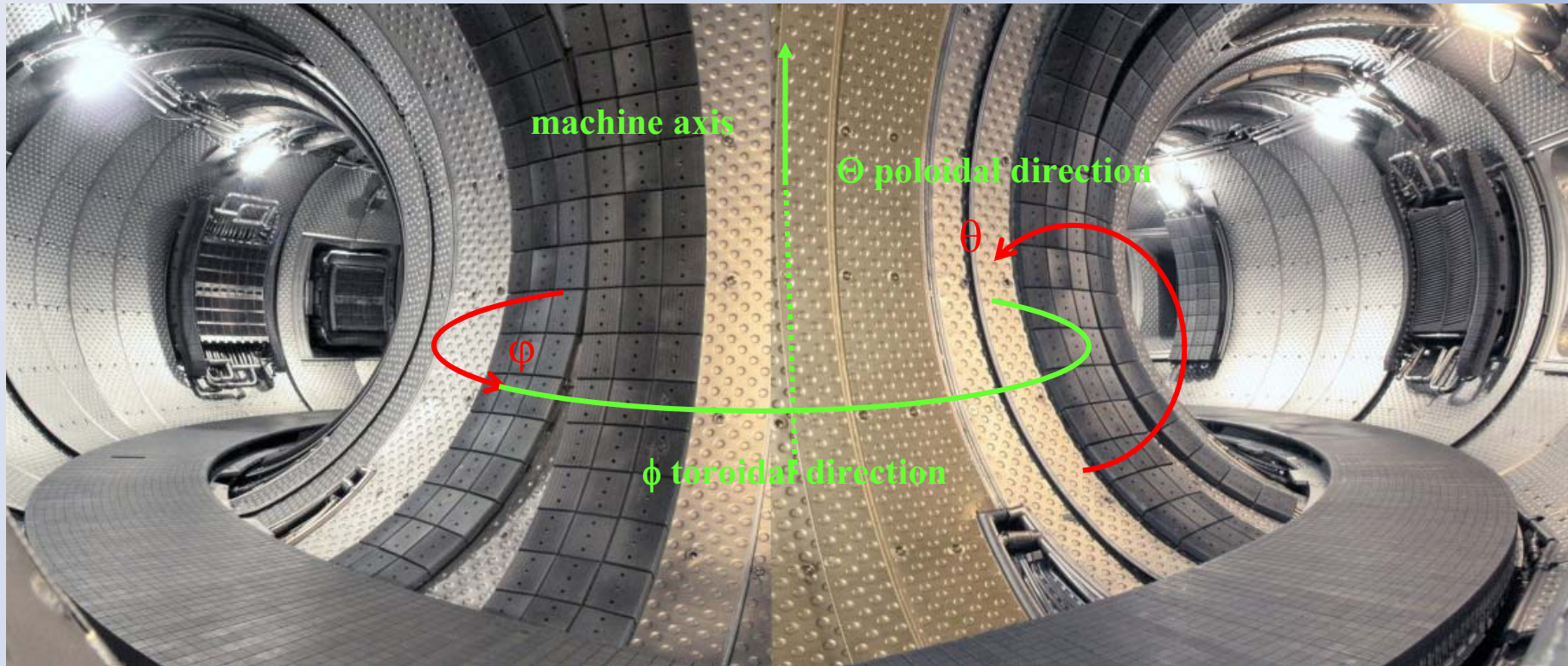
0 3D recycling, reaction-diffusion problems: in hand

1: smooth particle hydrodynamics+ random walks (ITER, W7X, LHD)

2 Edge ergodization (TEXTOR-DED, DIII-D: C-Coils, ELM-mitigation)

# Tore Supra

## Interior view of Tore Supra



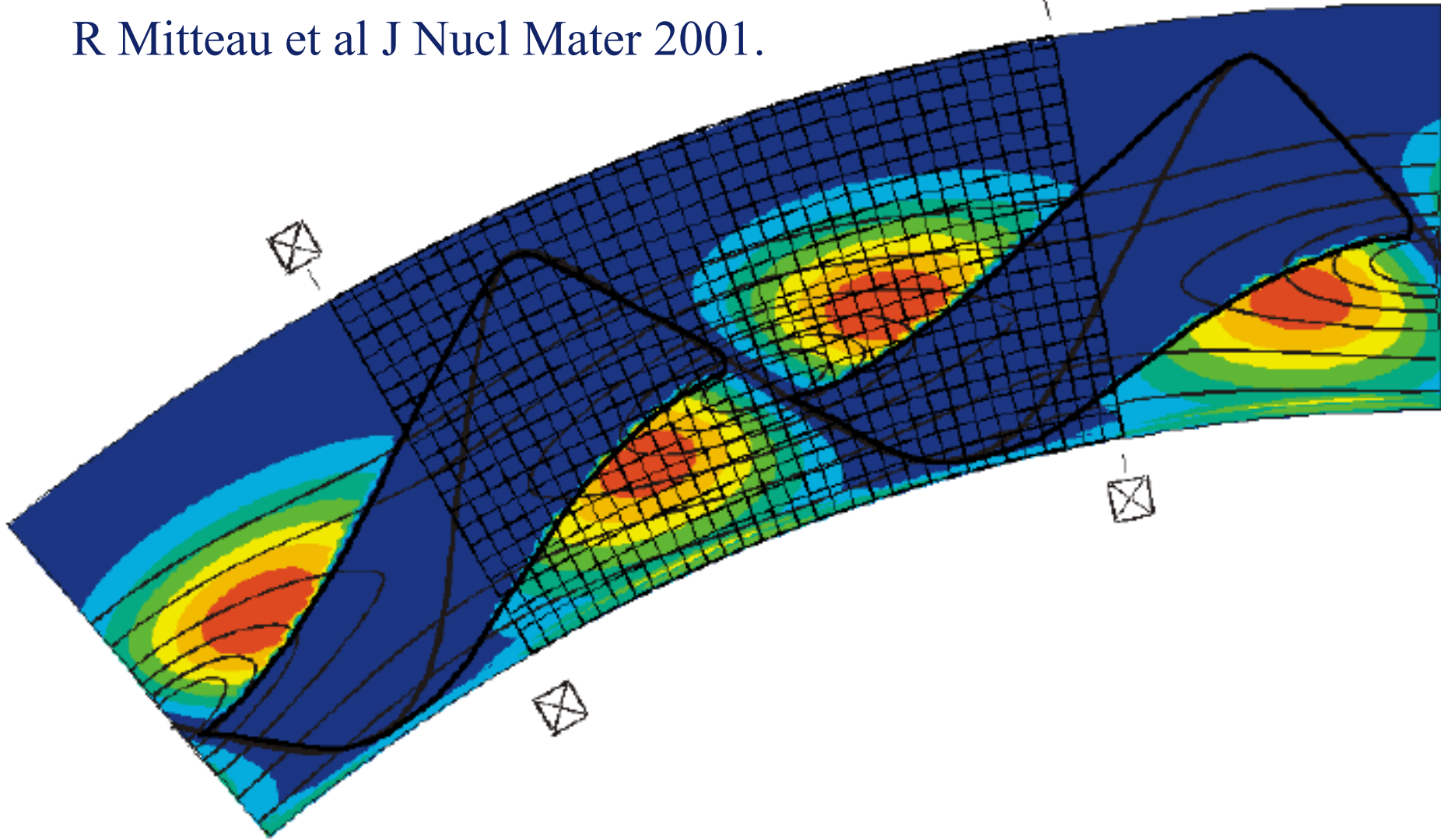
## Full toroidal limiter CIEL



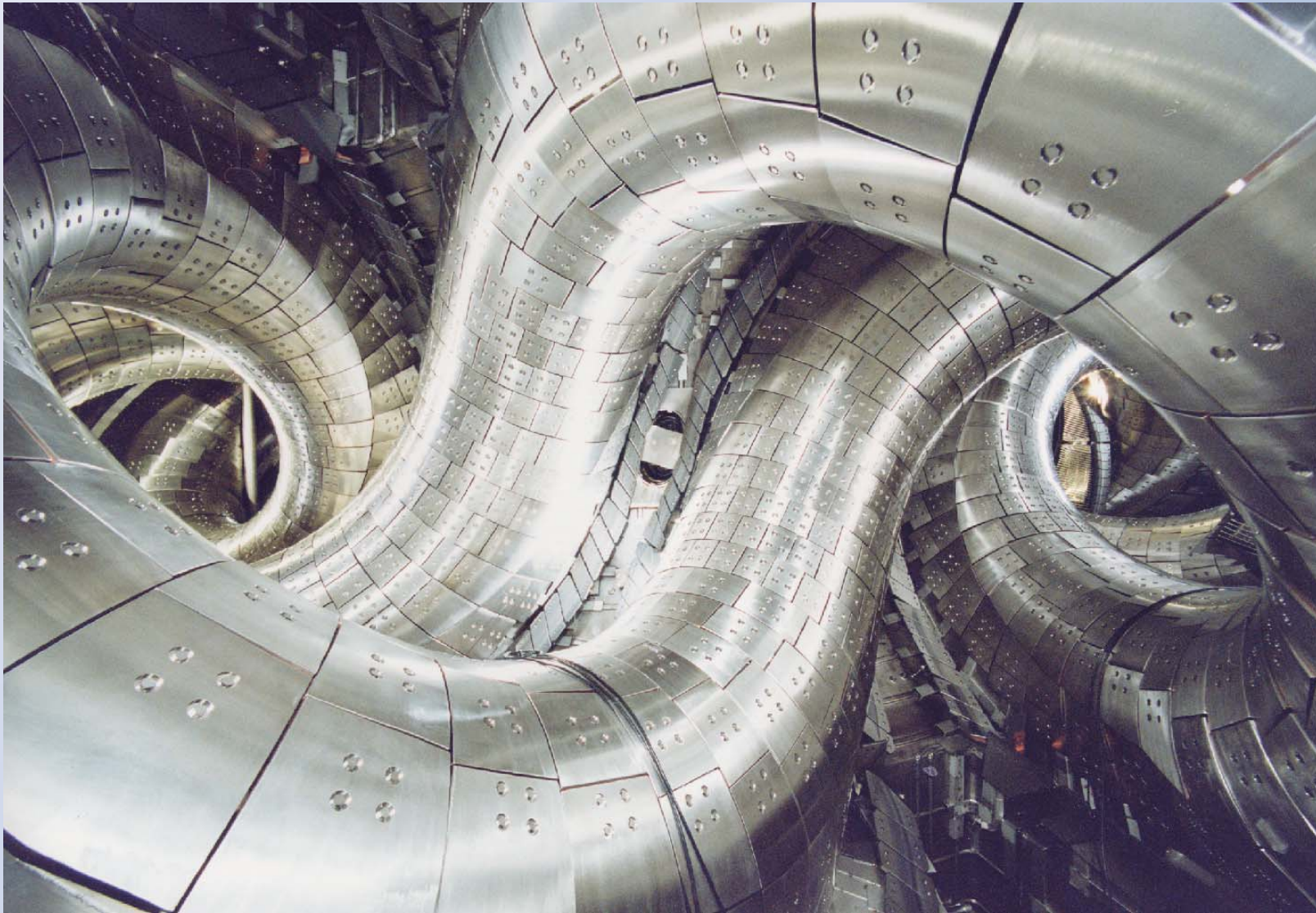
# dépôt de flux LPT avec TOKAFLU/OMBRAGE

Tore Supra heat, particle flux deposition is strongly influenced by magnetic field ripple ( $\sim 7\%$ )

R Mitteau et al J Nucl Mater 2001.

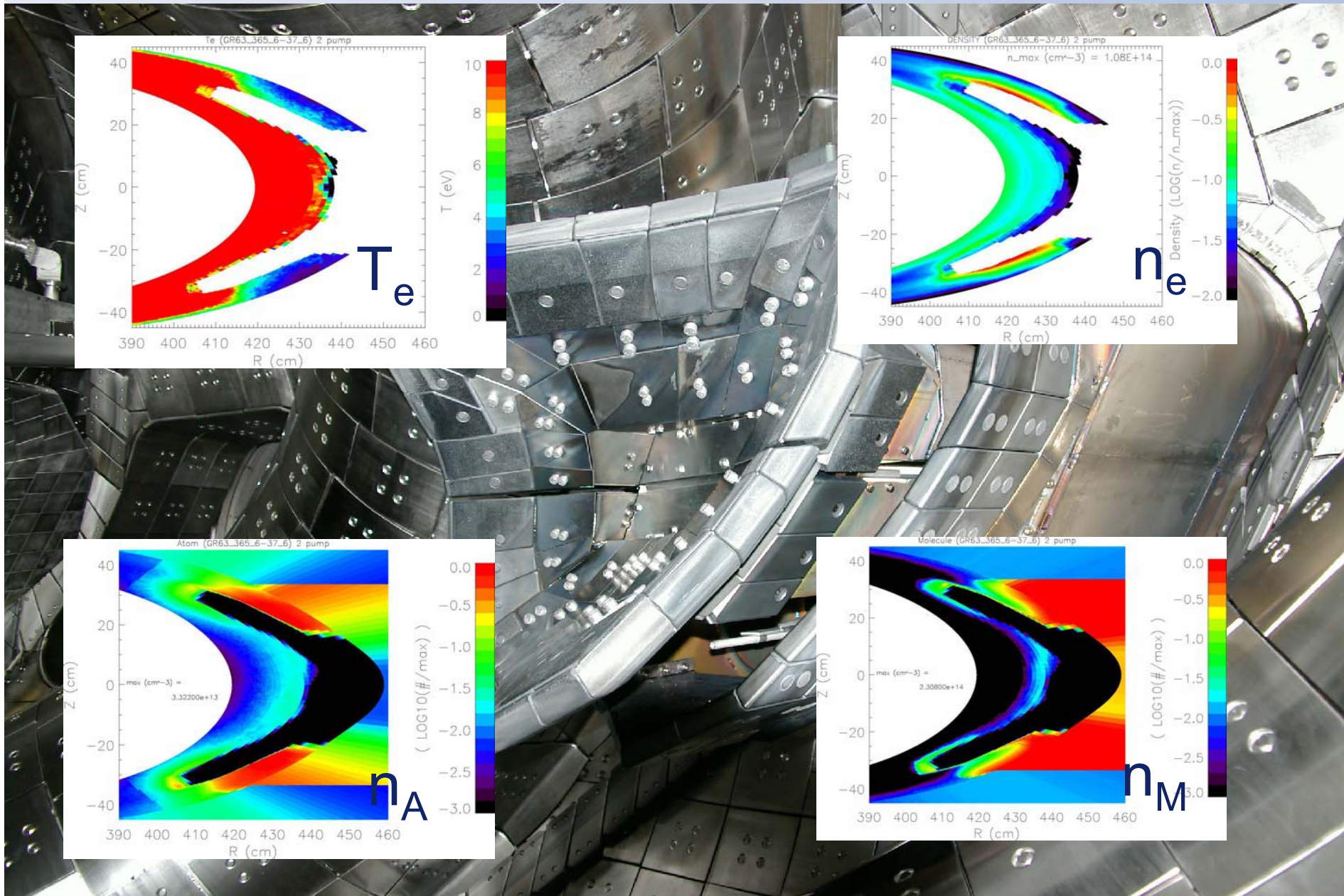


# Large Helical Device (LHD), Toki, Japan





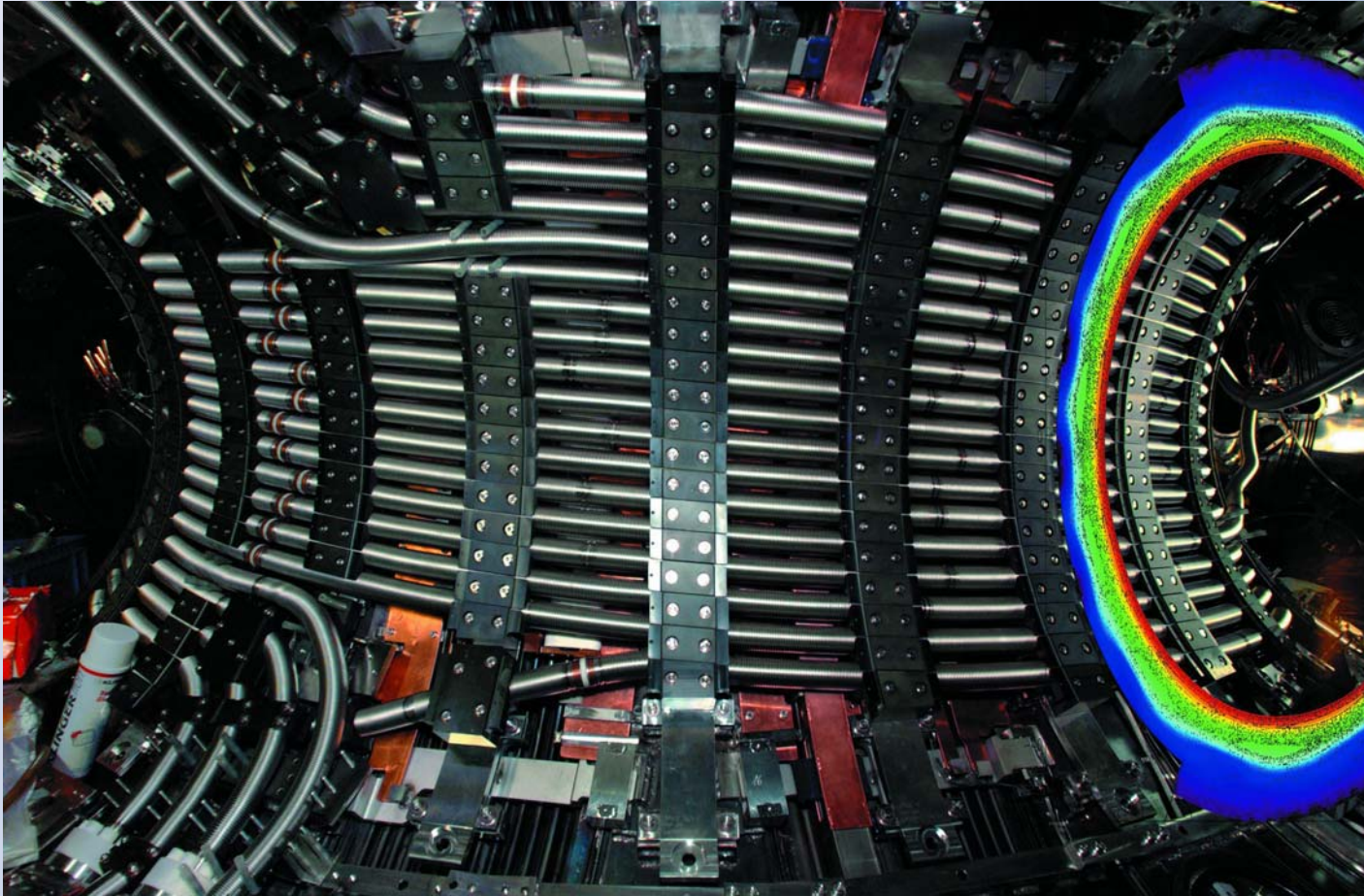
# 3D LHD Plasma Edge Simulation (Kobayashi, Reiter, Feng, 2005)



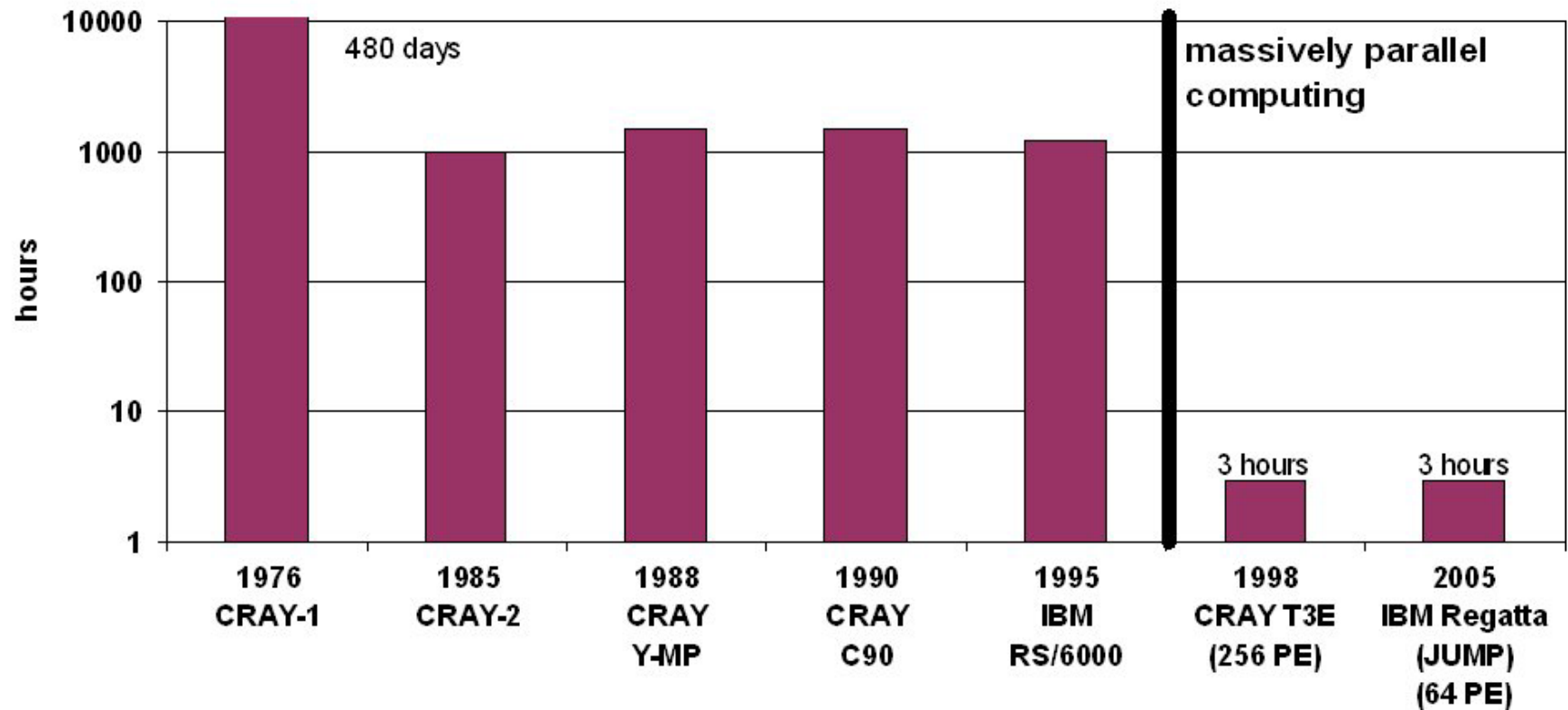
Prediction: high source upstream, high flow speed, low T near target



TEXTOR-DED: smooth particle hydrodynamics  
Monte Carlo for non convective terms  
interpolated cell mapping for stochasticity



### Typical runtime for a 3D edge modelling job (TEXTOR-DED case, single transport equation)



0.5 Million particles  
256 processors

grid size 20 x 20 x 40  
600000 iterations

## Conclusions/Outlook

**Similar to previous steps: progress to ITER is based mainly on experimental and empirical extrapolation**  
guided by theory and aided by modelling

### **Present goal:**

include all of edge physics that we are sure must be operative (opacity, A&M physics, surface processes, drifts..., even while our capability do confirm these directly remains limited.

### **Present upgrading:**

- low temperature plasma chemistry
- consistent wall models
- drifts and electrical currents in the edge
- 2D → 3D
- coupling to first principle edge turbulence codes
- code integration: Core- ETB – edge (ELM modelling)

# Summary: Edge Theory and Modelling

Where are we? A reality check

Compare with aircraft aerodynamics

## Things in Common:

- Both use fluid models/codes as primary analysis tool
- In both cases one can get fairly far with 2D (ITER design) but in the end: 3D is needed
- Both involve a powerful controlling fluid-solid interaction/interface
- Both involve turbulence in an important way
- Both are applied sciences:  
**What, Why, How** (how can we make this application work?)

# Summary: Edge Theory and Modelling

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Compare with aircraft aerodynamics

## The differences:

- Aero: involves 2 states of matter. The Edge: minimum 3, sometimes all 4
- Aero: involves no B or E fields, no currents, Maxw. Eq. play no role.  
Edge: Maxwells eqs. as important as fluid eqs.
- Sub-sonic aero: largely incompressible flow. Our fluid is compressible
- Aero: one fluid. We: many fluids (electrons, ions, impurities...)
- Aero: no exchange of matter. For us: the exchanges are dominating
- Aero: some unsteady effects, but no equivalent to our powerful effects: ELMs...
- Aero: 2D flow field can be studied in small, cheap, wind tunnels,  
done 1000's of times over 100 years

We need 2D (3D) fluid field for all fluids, around the entire edge (when? cost?)



## Summary: Edge Theory and Modelling

### Where are we? A reality check

Computational aircraft aerodynamics is still an active field of research.

Edge plasma: orders of magnitude more complex,  
orders of magnitude less R&D

If computational edge plasma science would be “largely in hand”,  
it would be a miracle.

A major computational edge plasma science effort is needed,  
in order to avoid major code failures in the ITER design and operation

## The JET divertor design philosophy

Michael Pick has used to describe the design of the JET divertor:

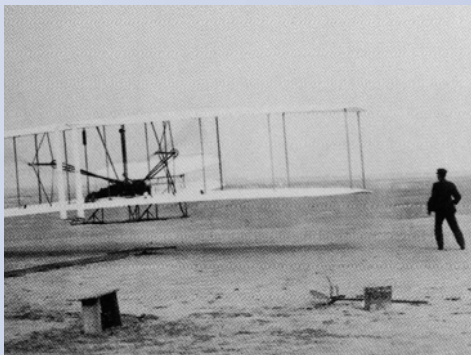
*"The only way to do research is to tell the complete truth. And the truth is that research is often based partially on intuition, which is a perfectly acceptable basis for research in the face of a lack of evidence and verified predictive models."*

*We built the divertor based on what we thought would be a reasonable solution, based on simple extrapolation, models and intuition, leaving open the possibilities to change."*

**Still true for ITER, despite significant progress in edge plasma science and in predictive quality of models**

- One and a half decade ago we lacked a credible solution to the divertor problem.
- With the discovery of the **cold, detached, radiating divertor** in the 1990s, we now have (the makings of) a divertor solution for high power magnetic confinement devices.

We now have enough understanding of „WHAT“ (JET, Tore-Supra, D-IIID, ASDEX, LHD, W7AS,.....) to proceed with the „HOW“ (to build ITER,...) Very little on the „WHY“ question still, see lecture III  
**But we are ready to go: Bring on ITER!**

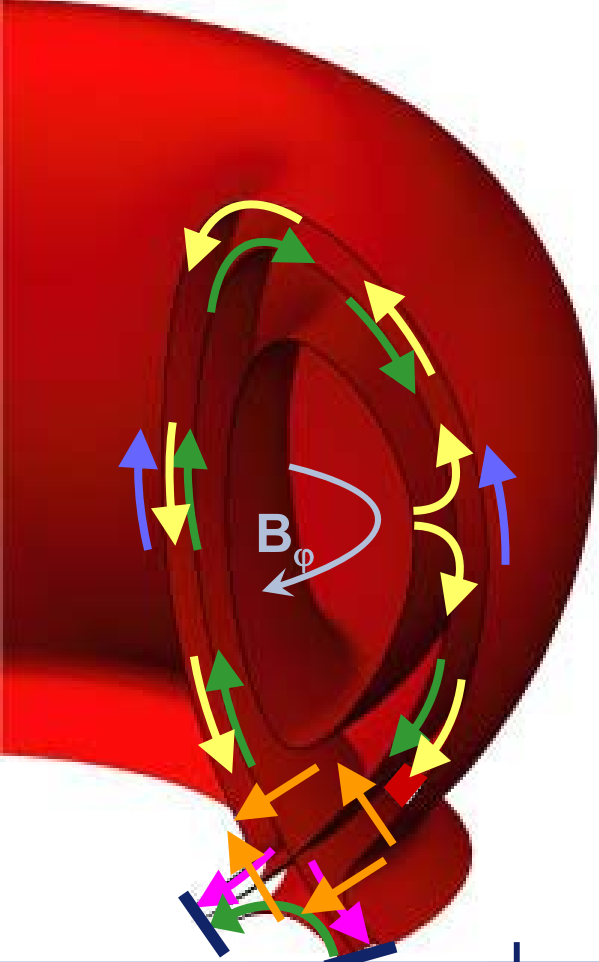


Compare to similar situation after first flight of Wright brothers

**The End**

## **Reserve slides**

Simplified – flow components in poloidal plane only



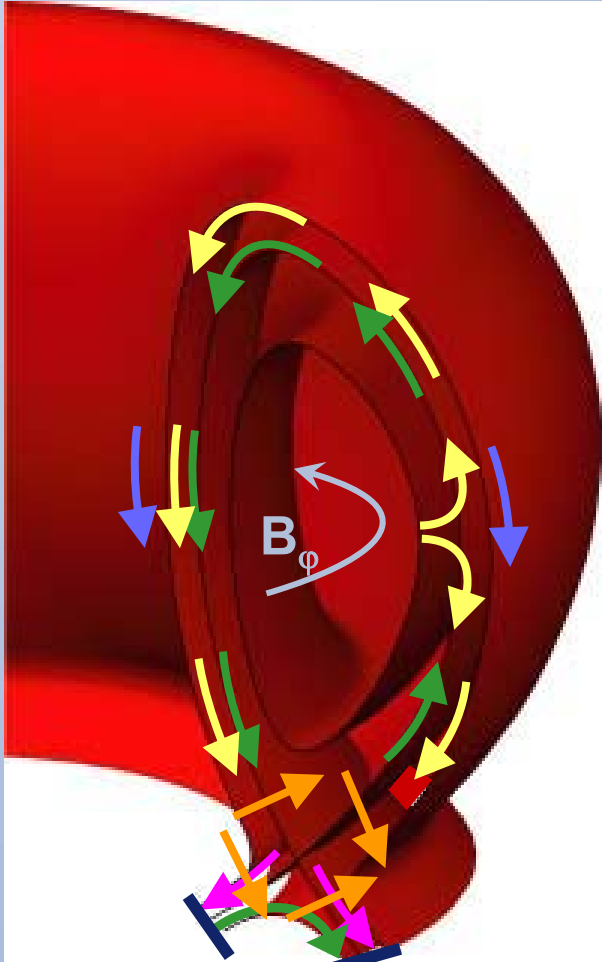
FWD  $B_\phi$   $B_x \nabla B$  ↓

- $E_r \times B, \nabla p \times B$  →
- $E_\theta \times B$  →

Poloidal

- Pfirsch-Schlüter →
- Divertor sink →
- Ballooning →

Parallel



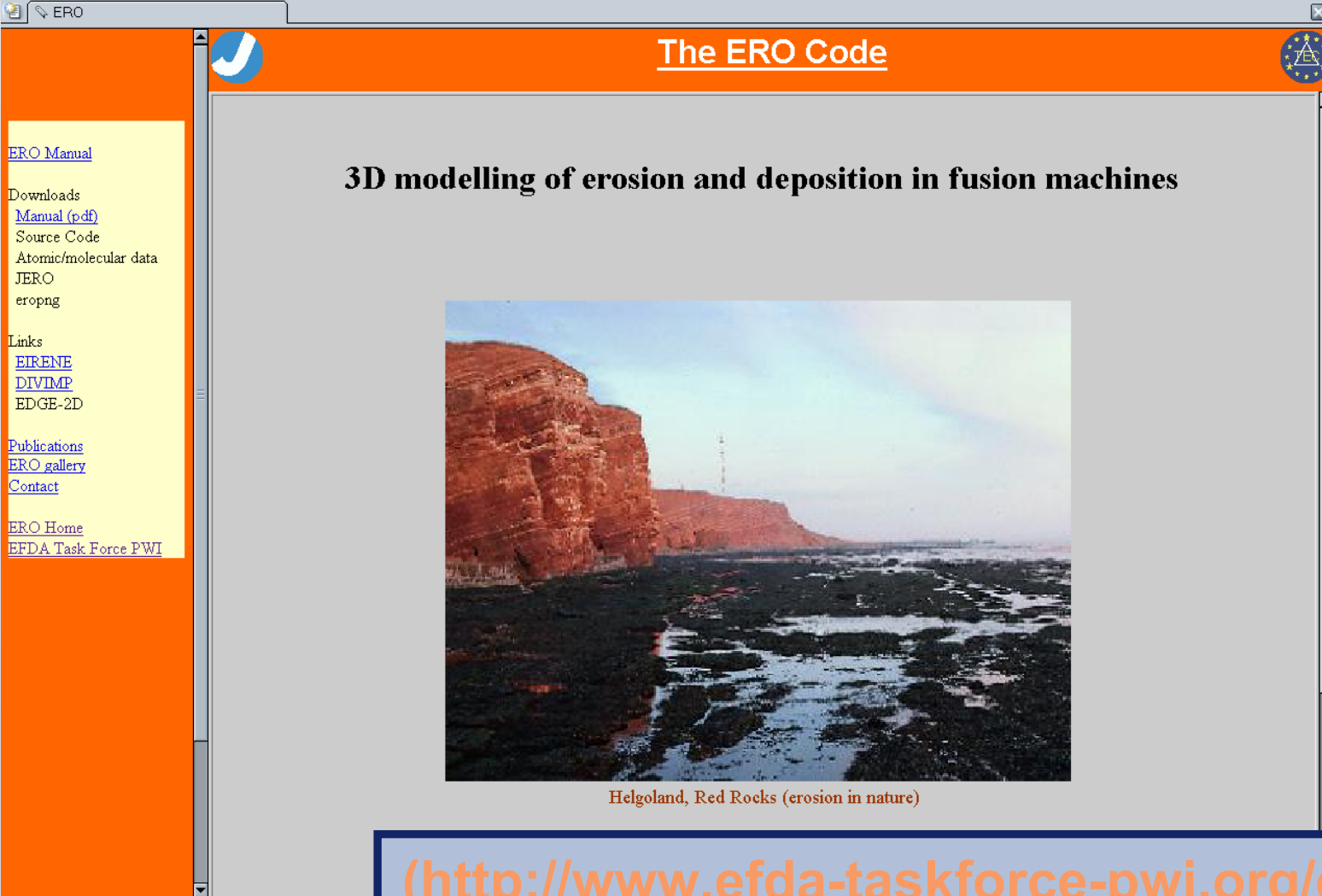
REV  $B_\phi$   $B_x \nabla B$  ↑



# The Impurity Transport Code ERO

## IV.) Applications of ERO

*The ERO webpage – still under development ...*



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "ERO" with the address bar containing "http://www.efda-taskforce-pwi.org/ero/". The page has an orange header with the text "The ERO Code" and a logo on the right. The main content area features the heading "3D modelling of erosion and deposition in fusion machines" above a photograph of a coastal landscape with red rock cliffs and a lighthouse. Below the photo is the caption "Helgoland, Red Rocks (erosion in nature)". A left sidebar contains a navigation menu with links for "ERO Manual", "Downloads" (Manual (pdf), Source Code, Atomic/molecular data, JERO, eropng), "Links" (EIRENE, DIVIMP, EDGE-2D), "Publications" (ERO gallery, Contact), and "ERO Home" (EFDA Task Force PWI). The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Dokument Done (0.3 Sek.)".

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