

Analysis of the heat flux characteristics in the helical scrape-off layer of Wendelstein 7-X start up scenarios by 3-D modeling

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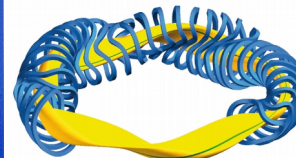
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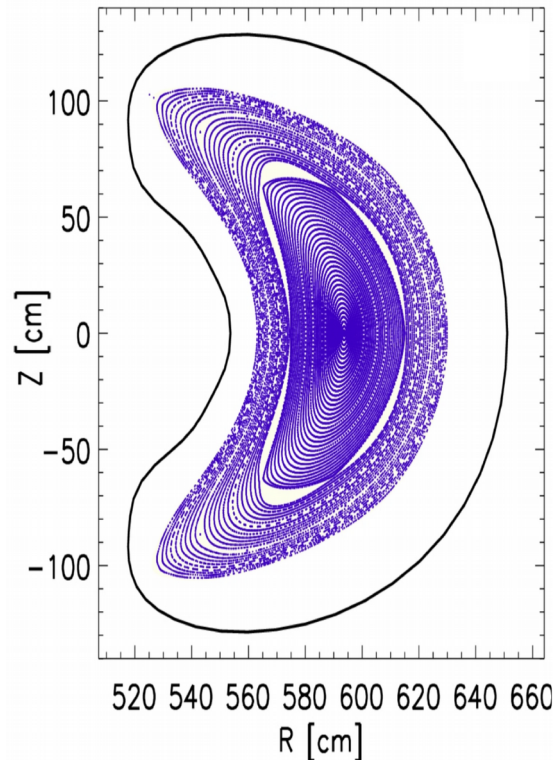


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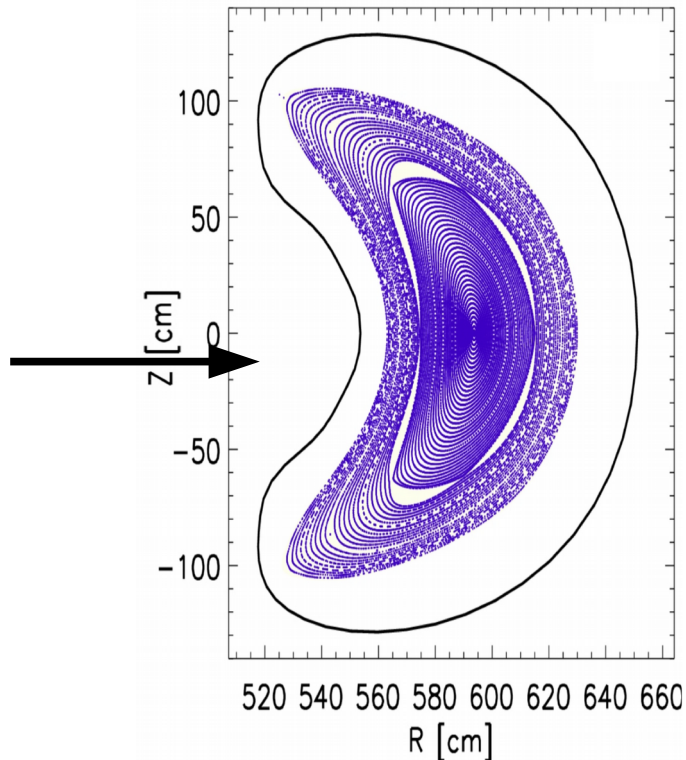


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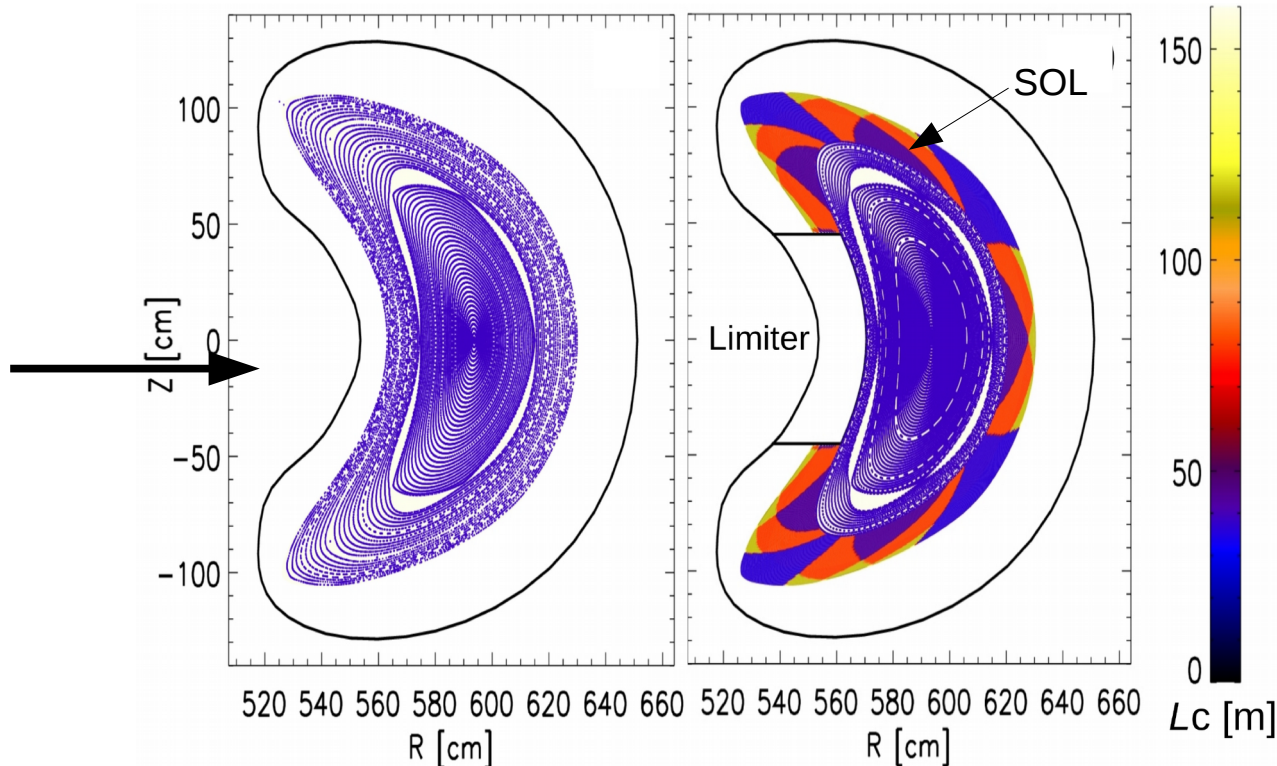
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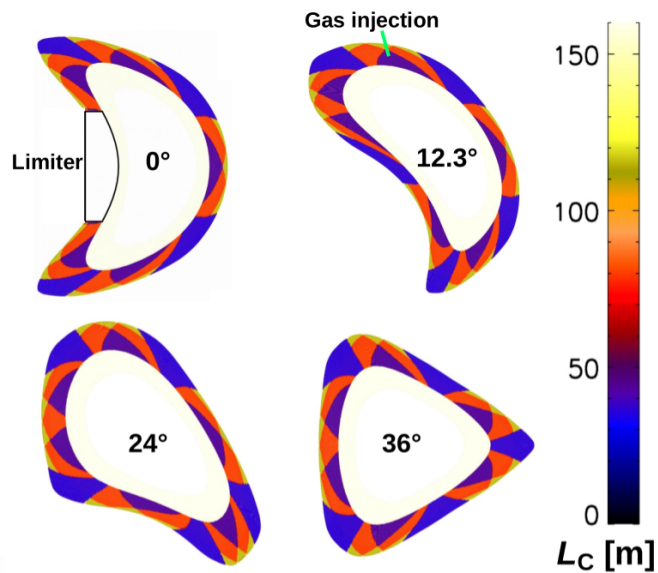


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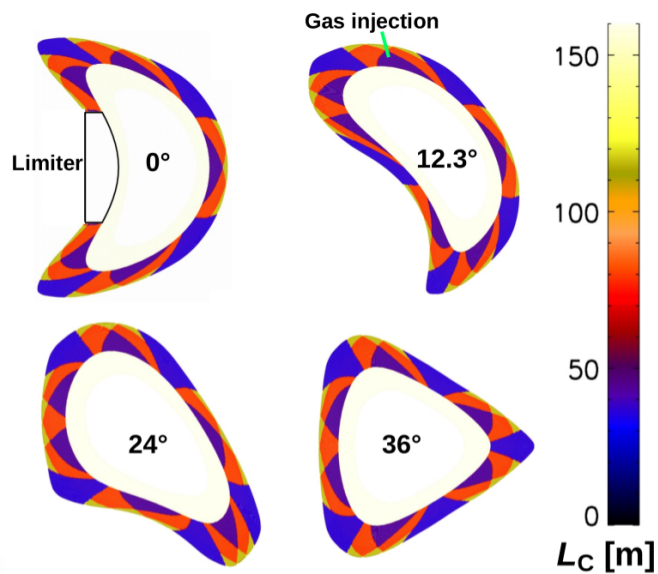
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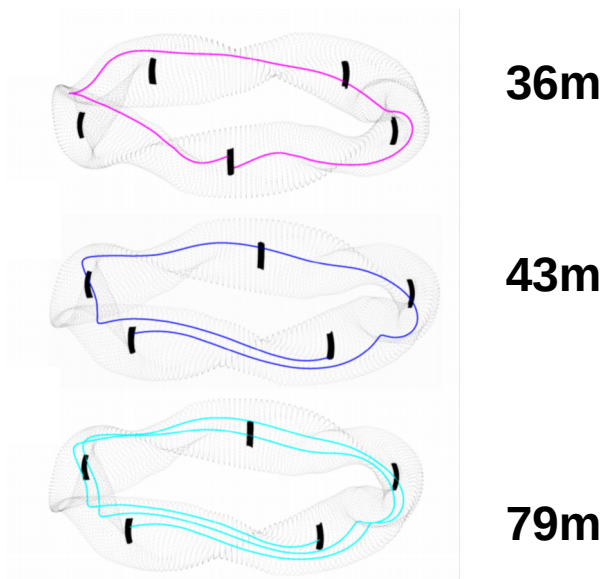


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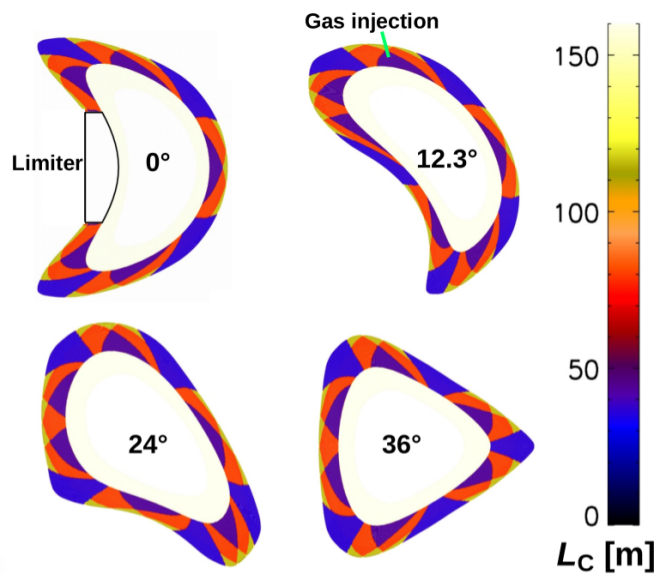


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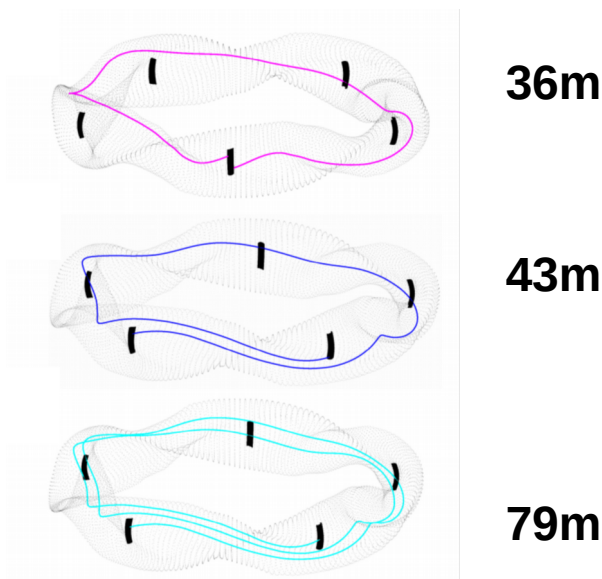


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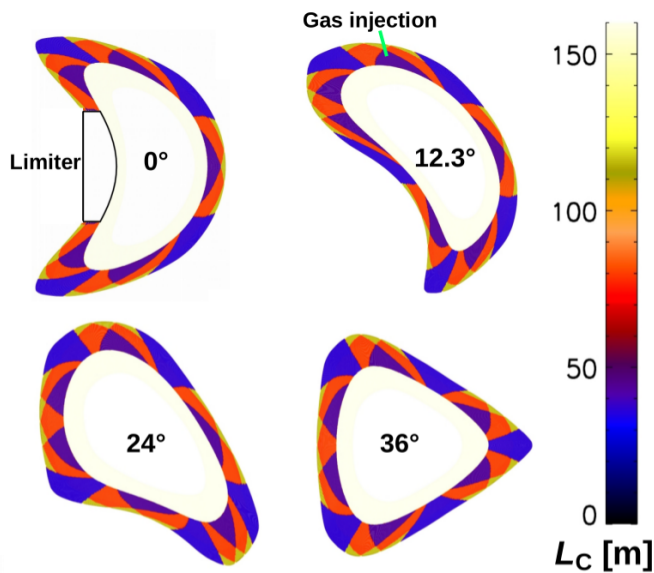


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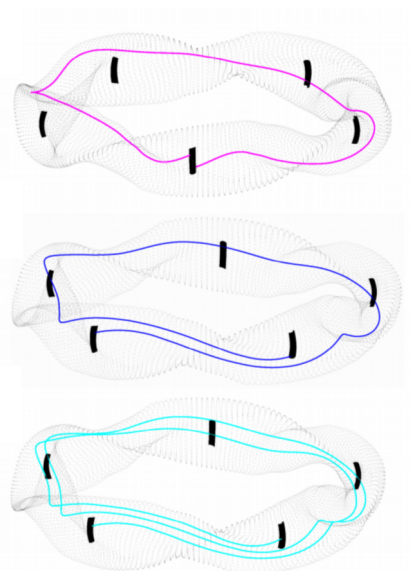


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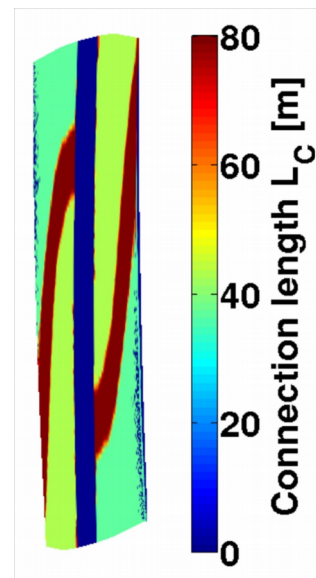


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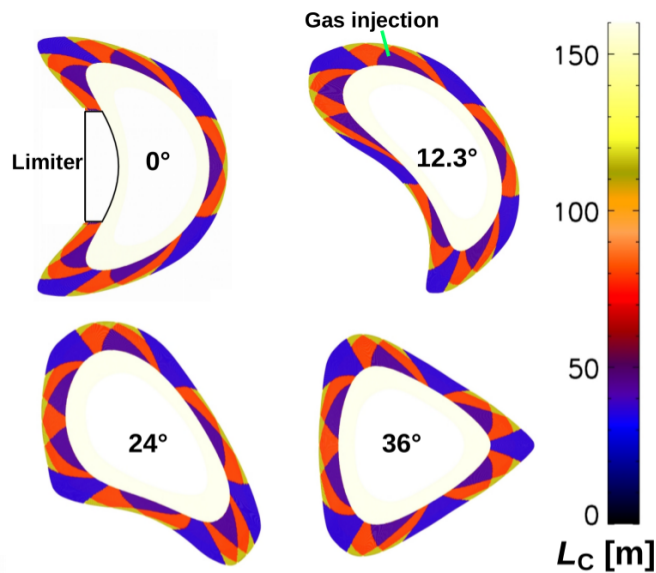
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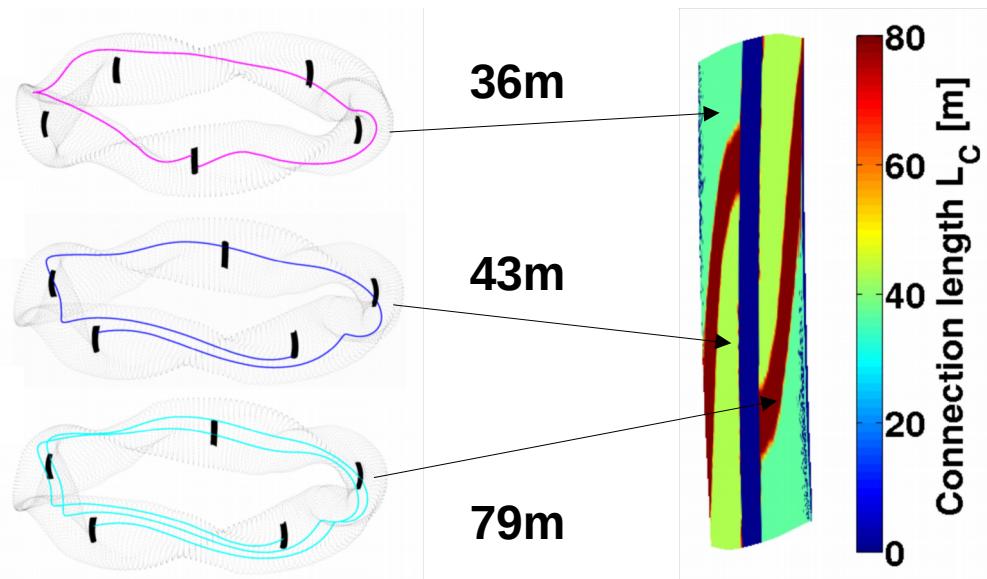


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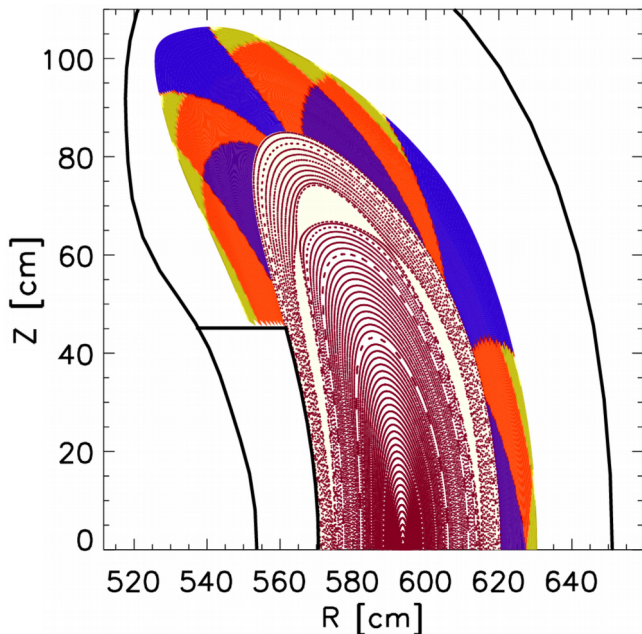
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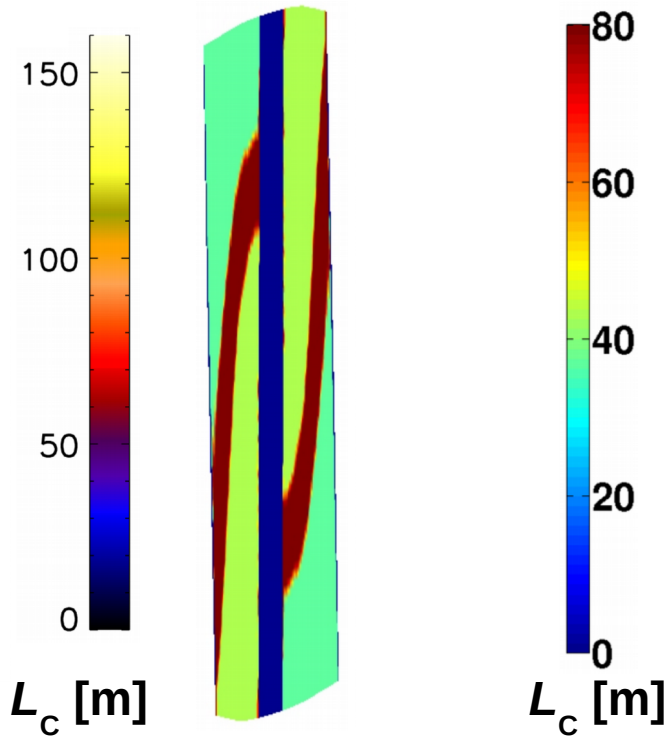
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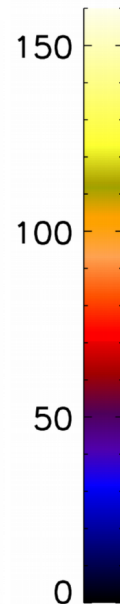
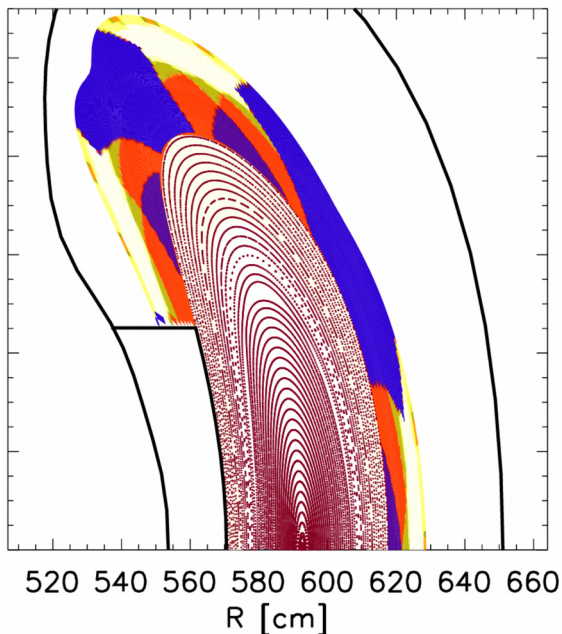
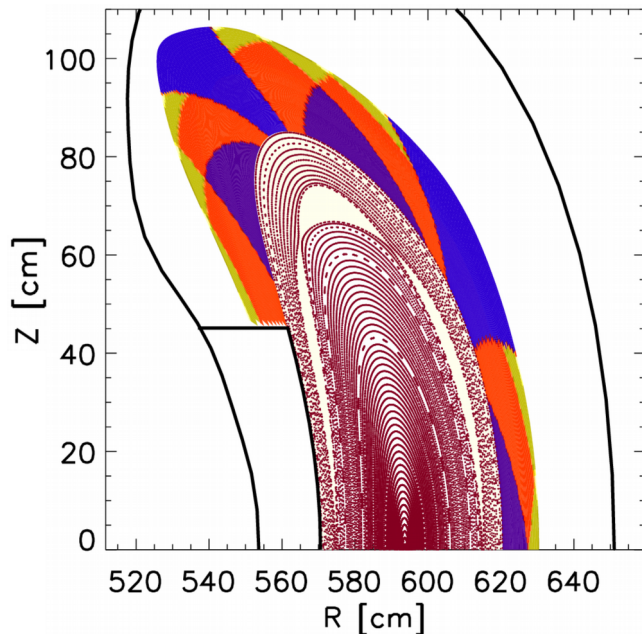
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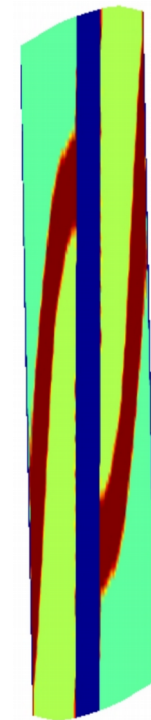
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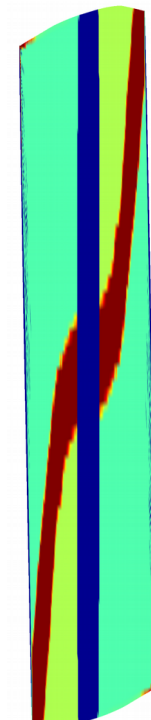


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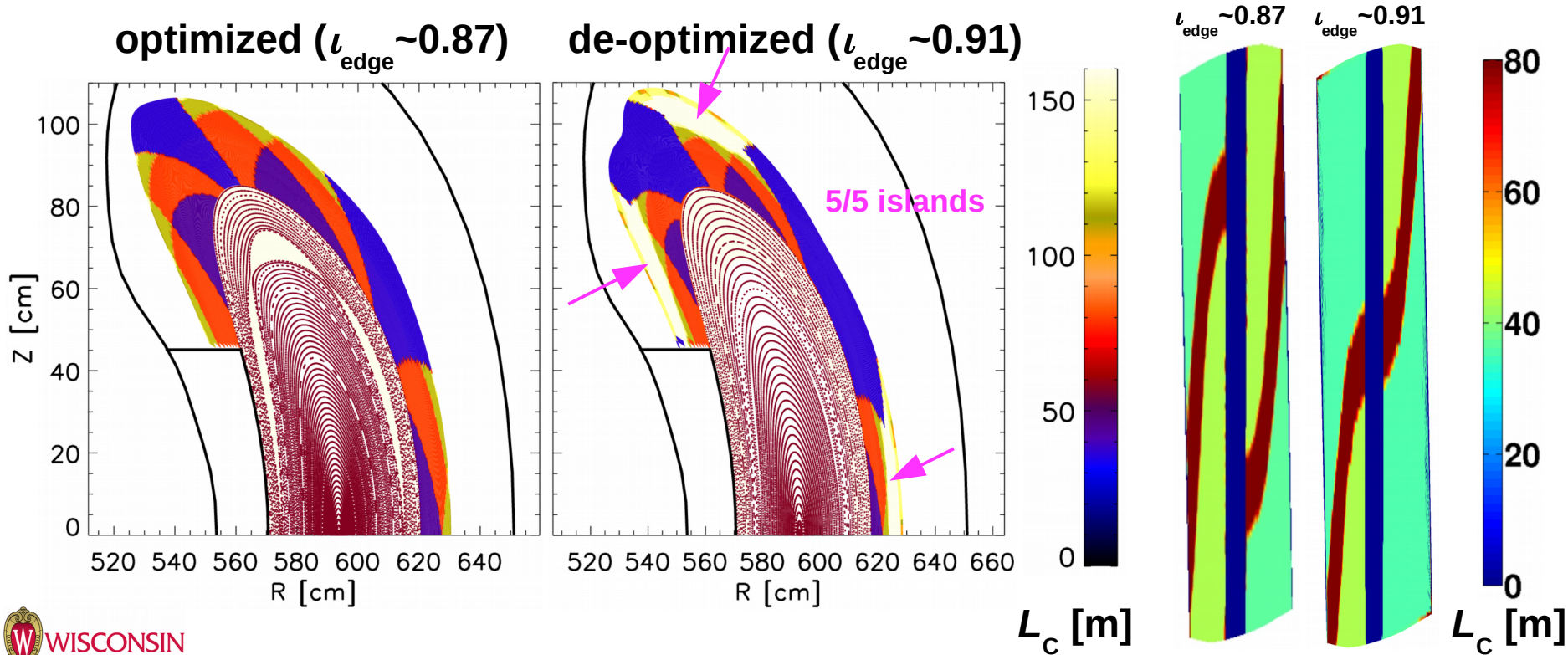


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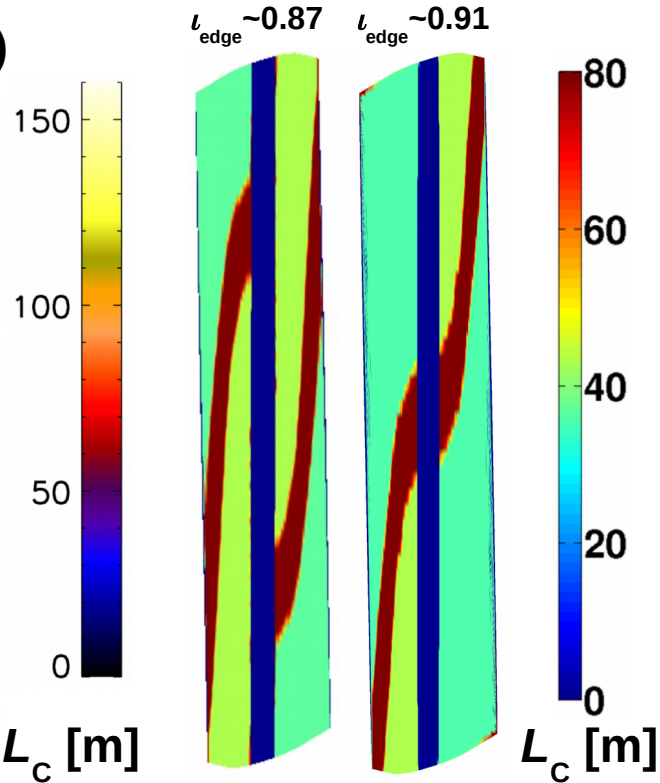
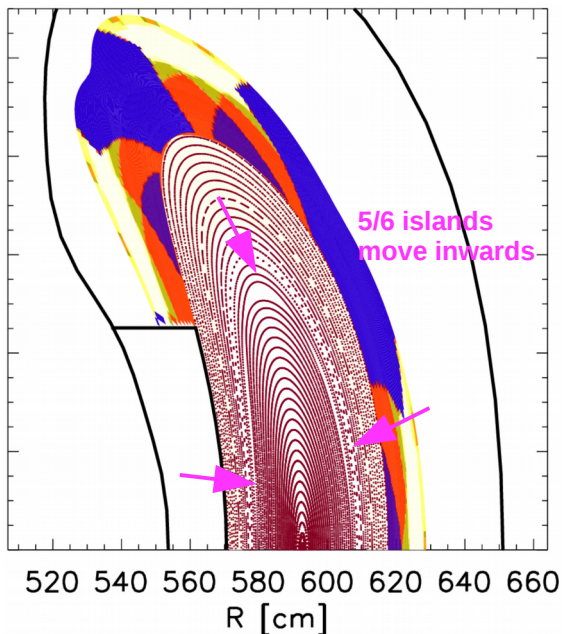
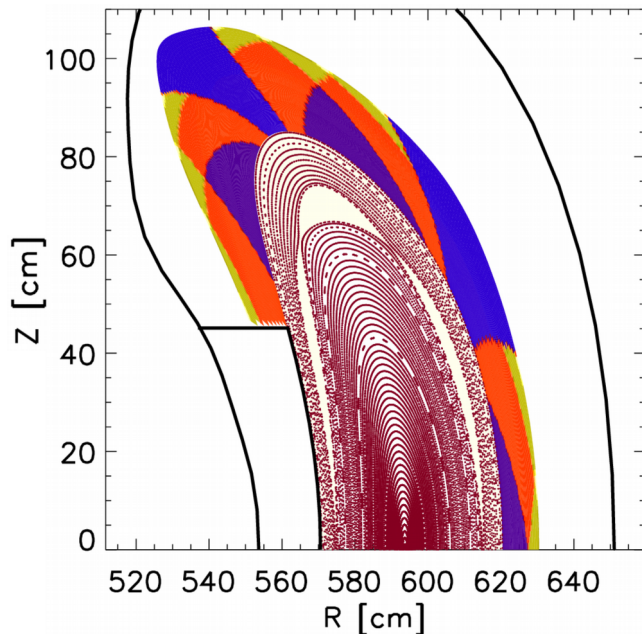
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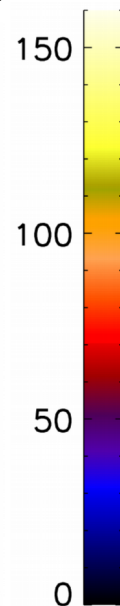
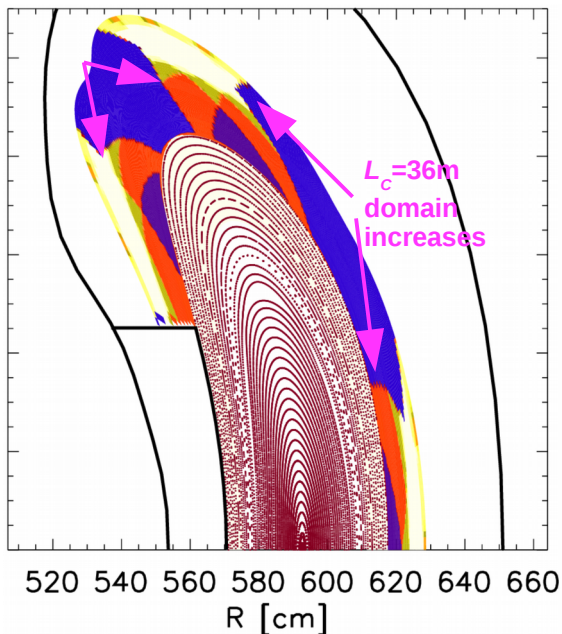
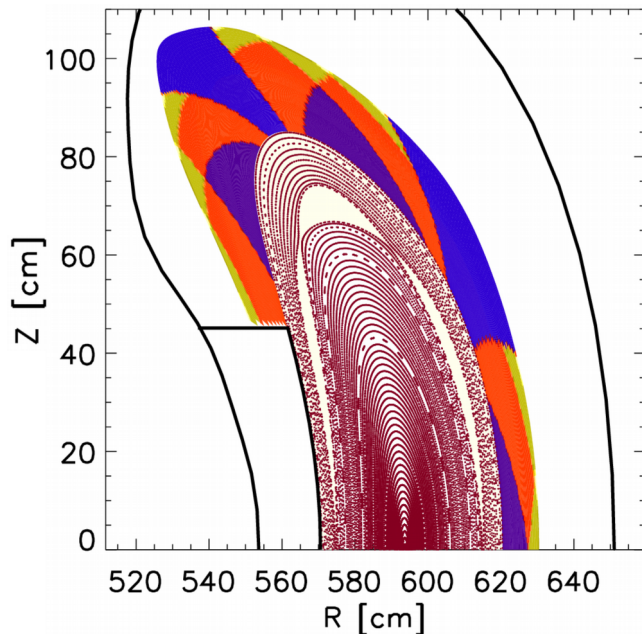
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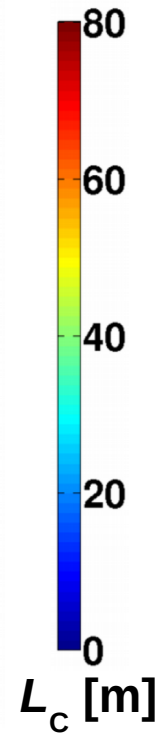
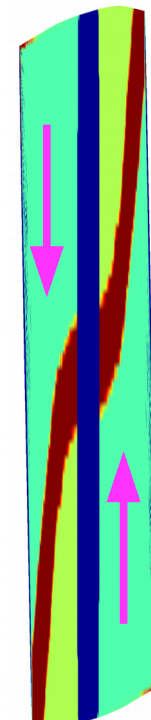
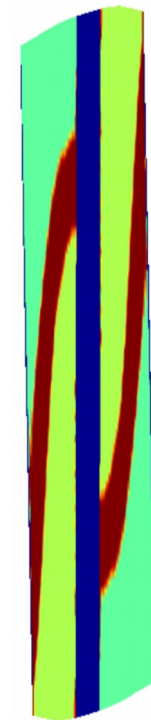
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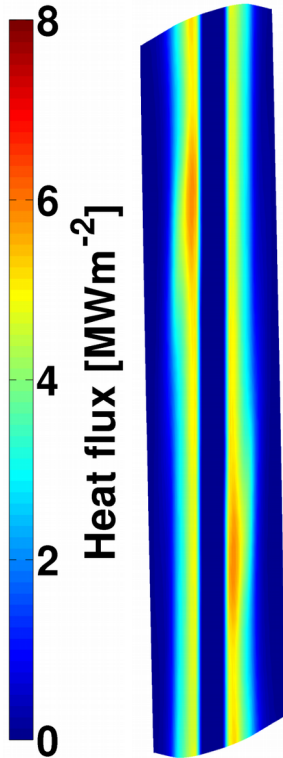


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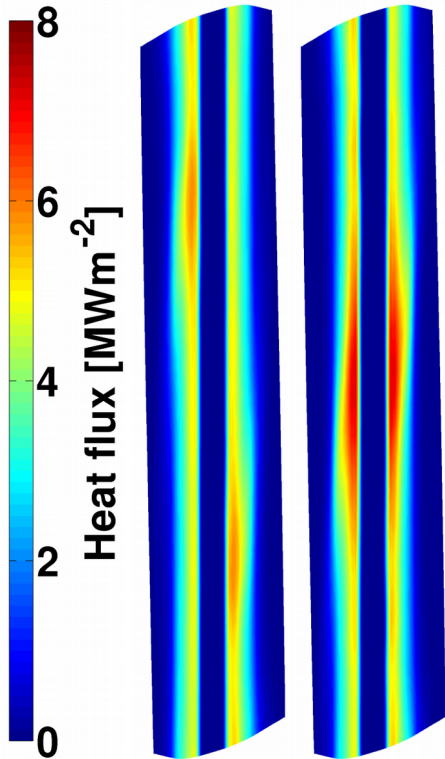
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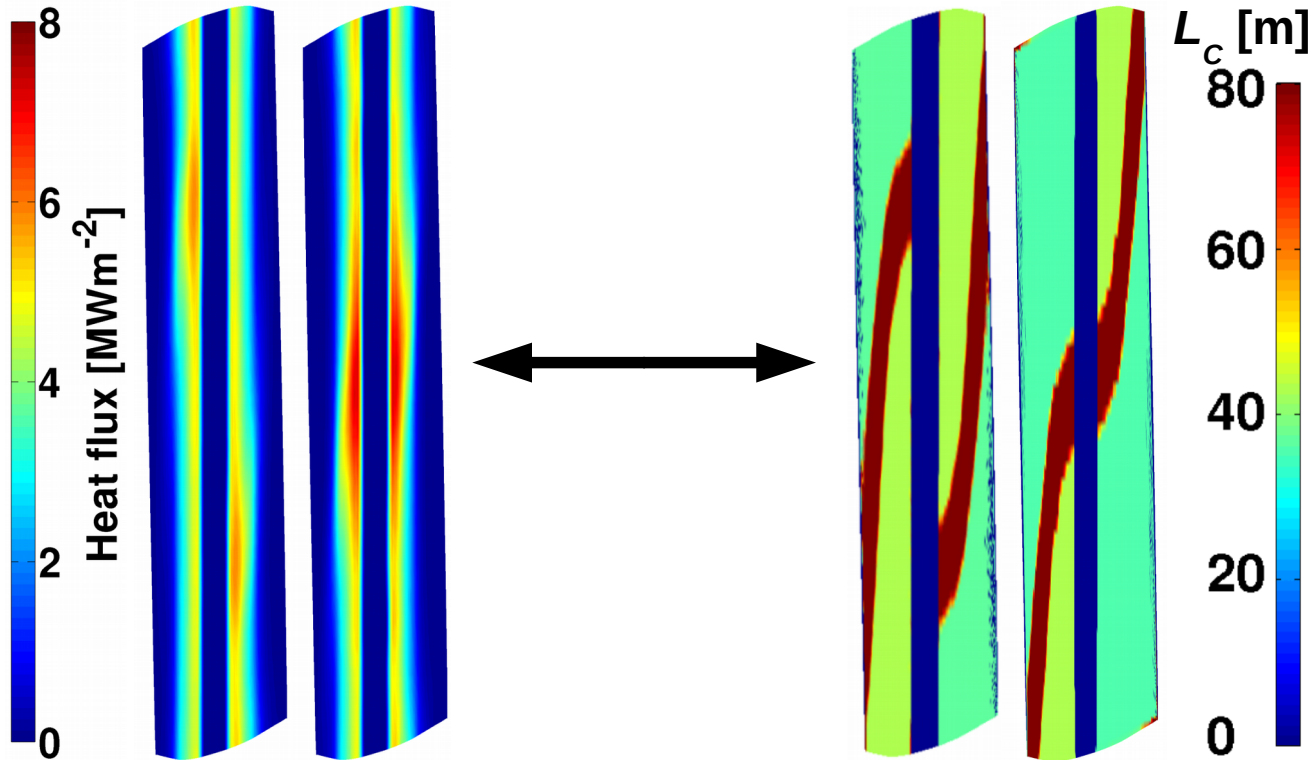
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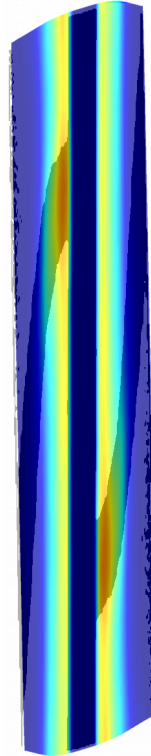


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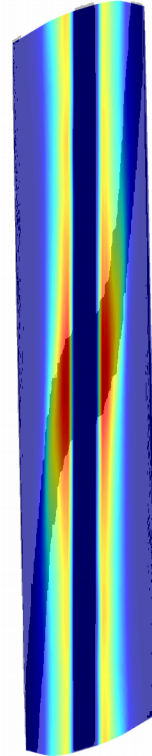


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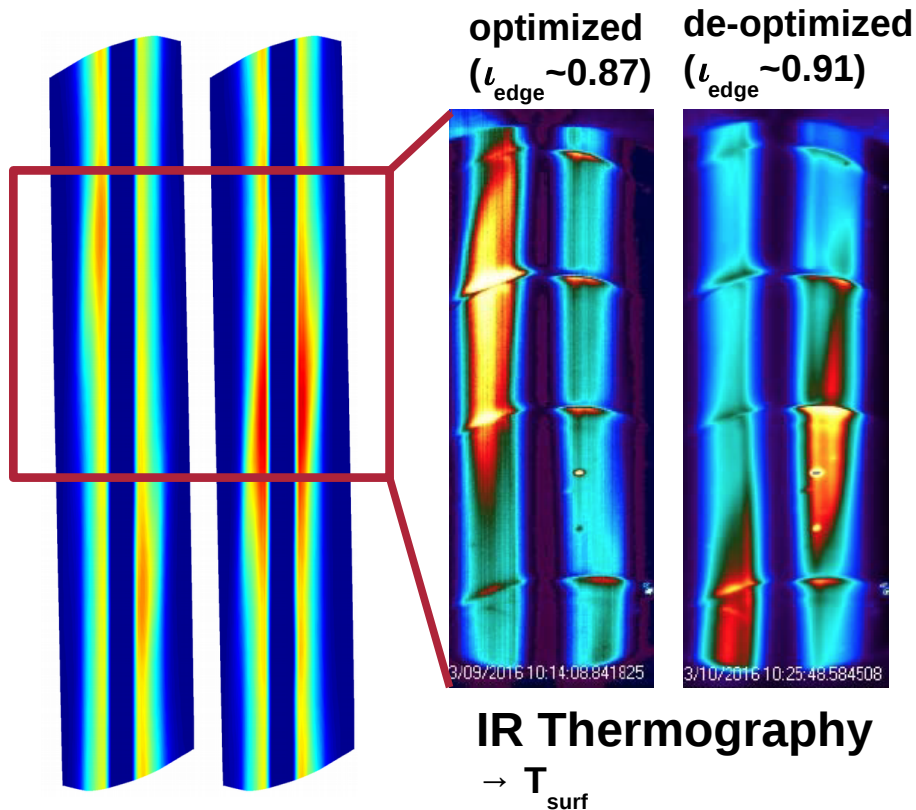


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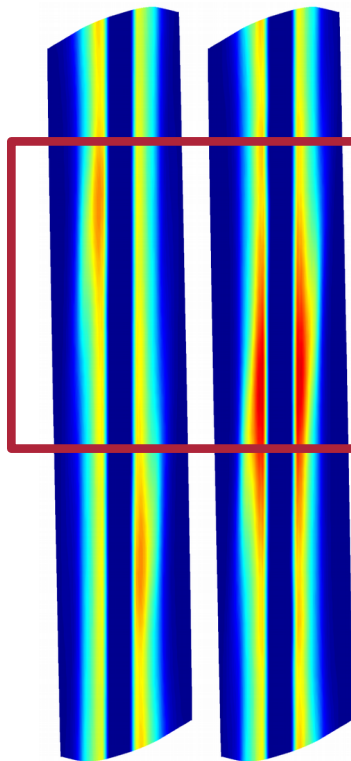
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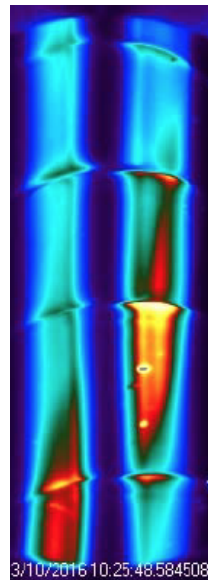
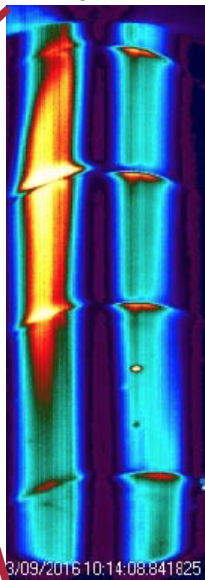
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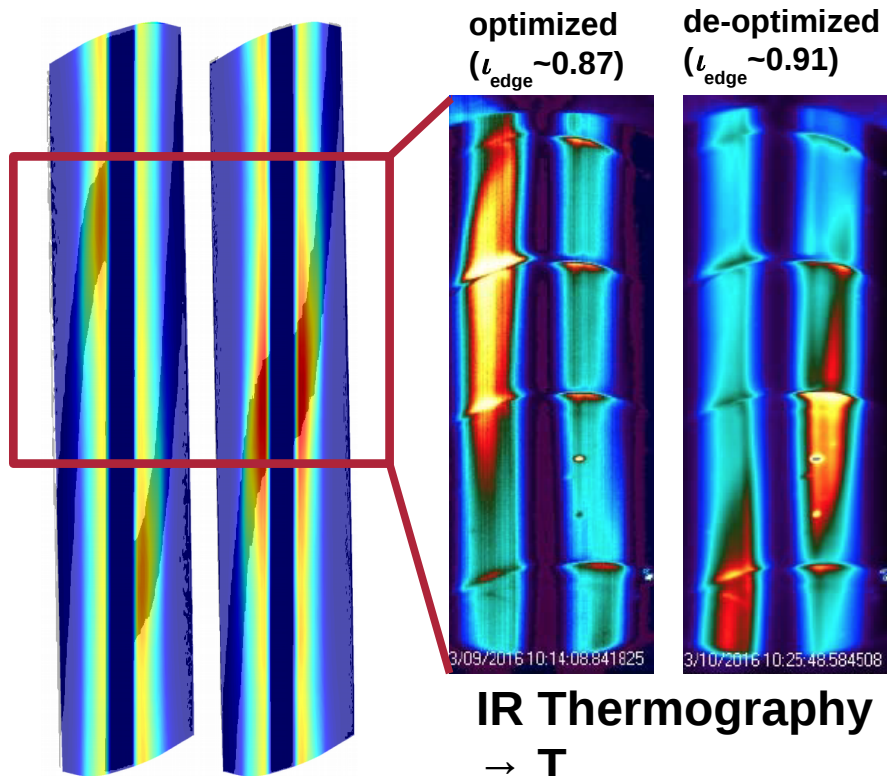
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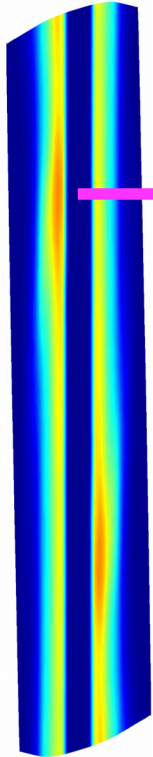
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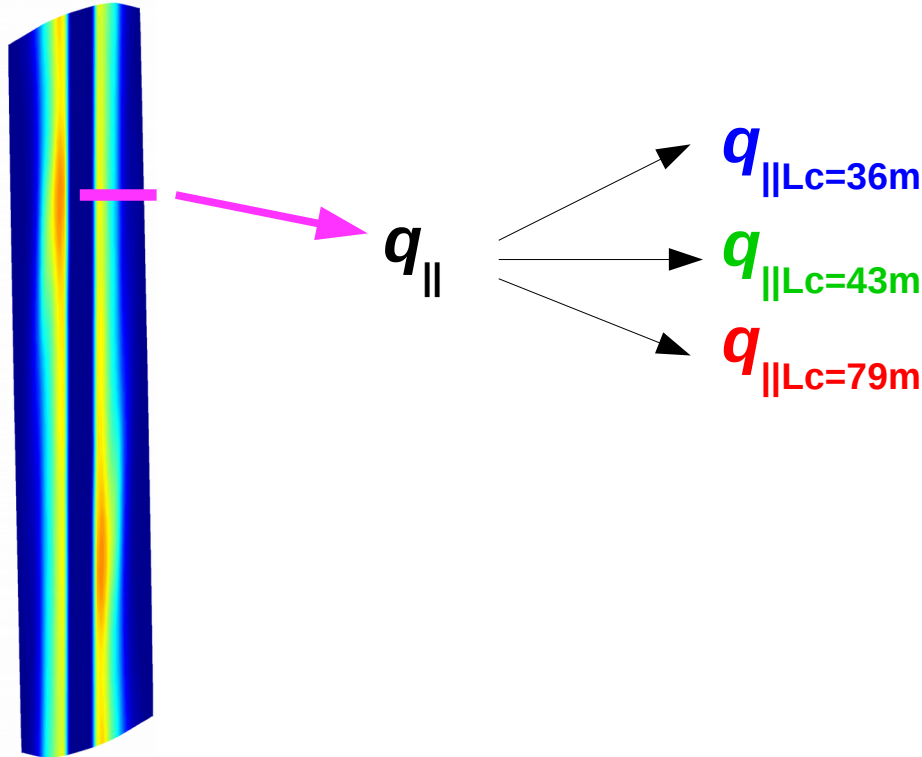
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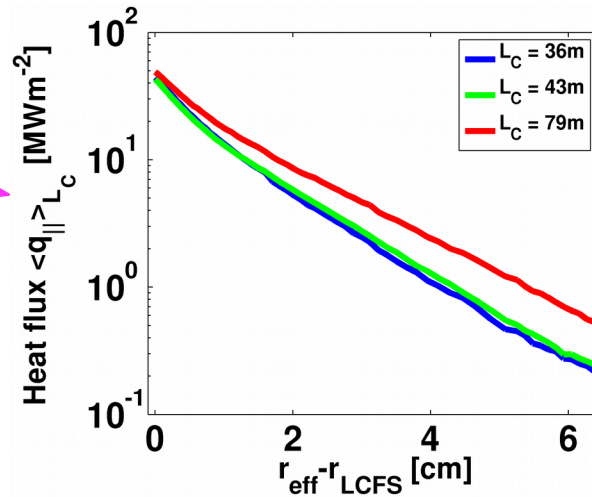
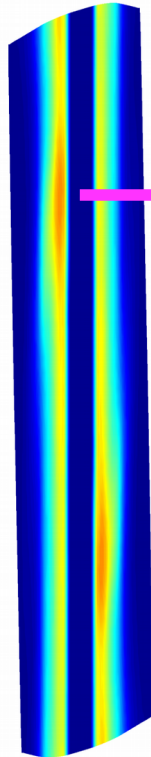
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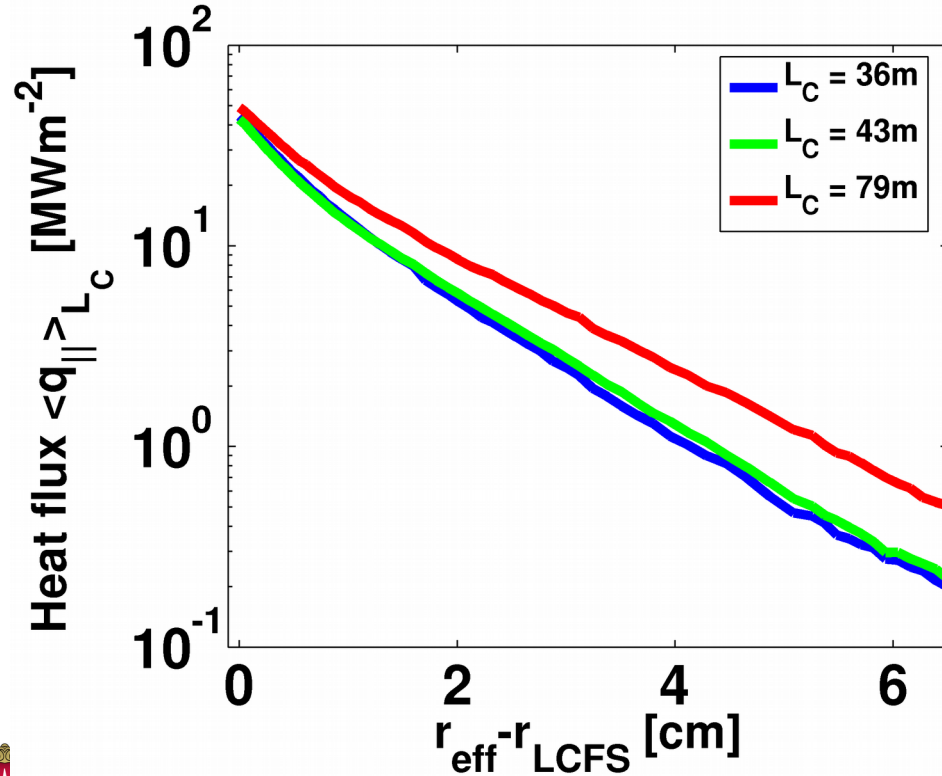
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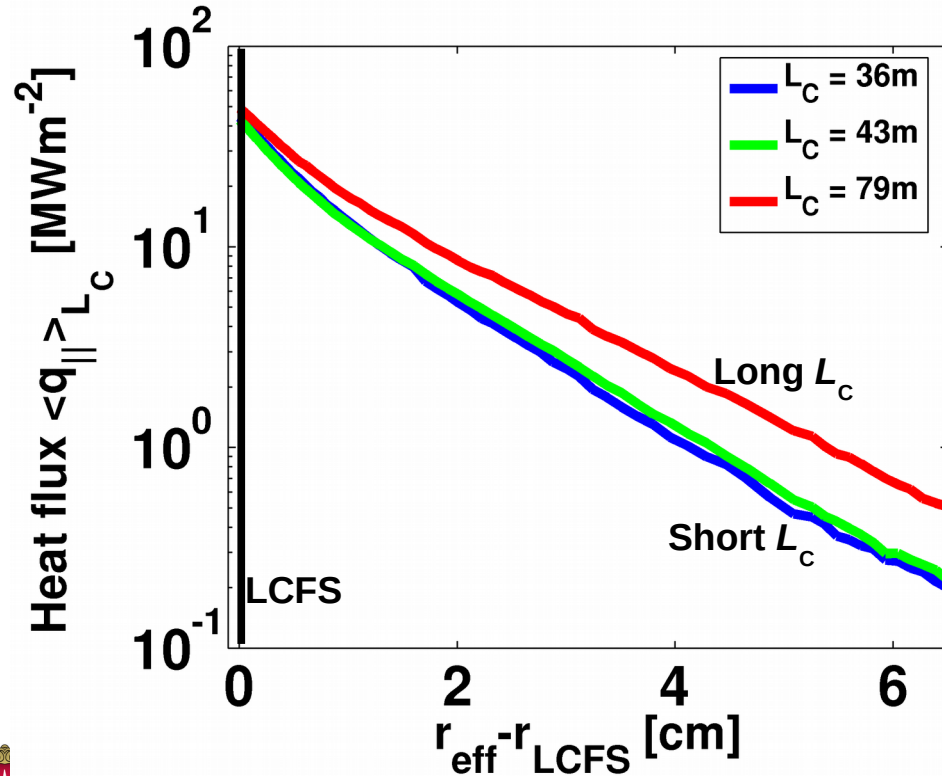


Get radial heat flux profiles (averaged in L_C)

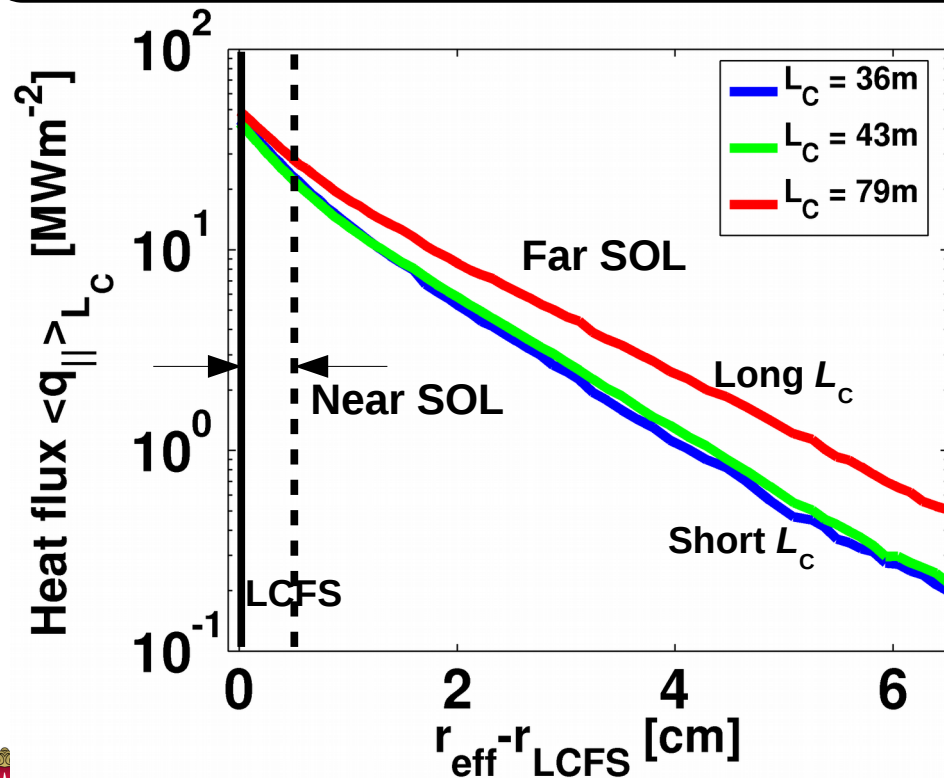
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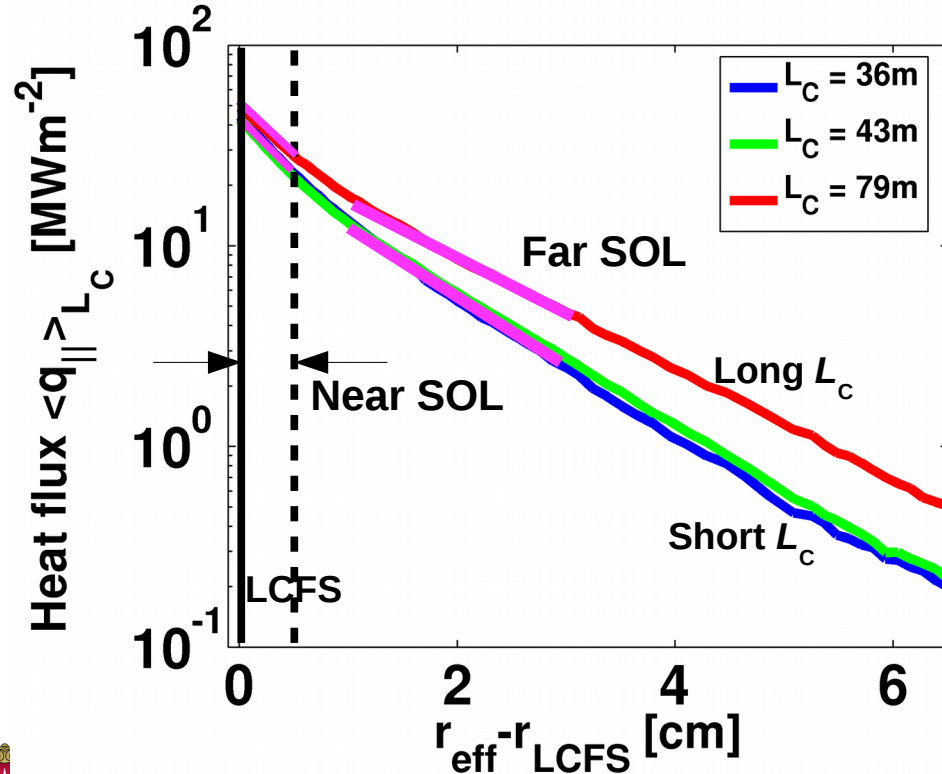
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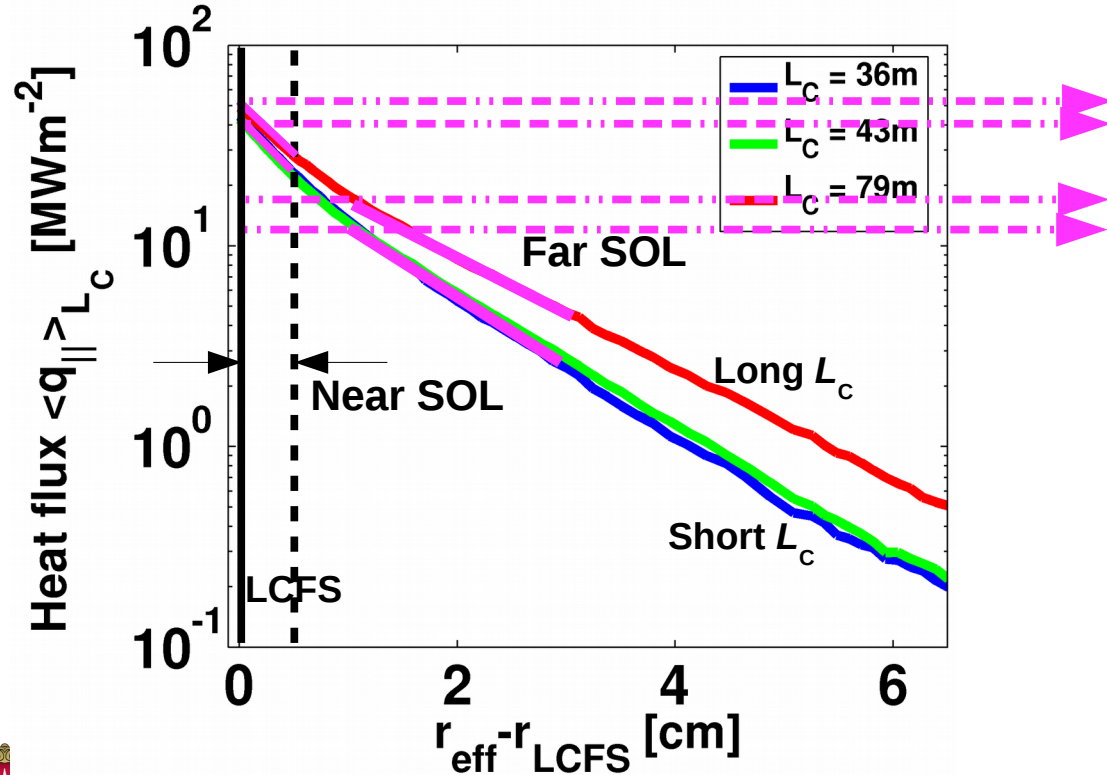
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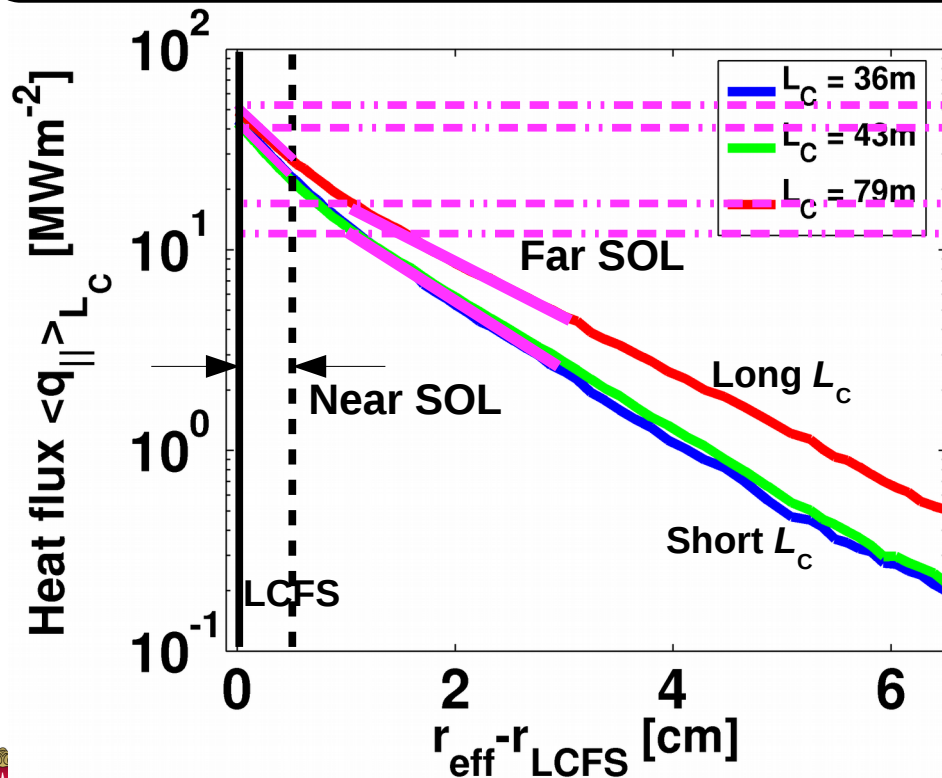
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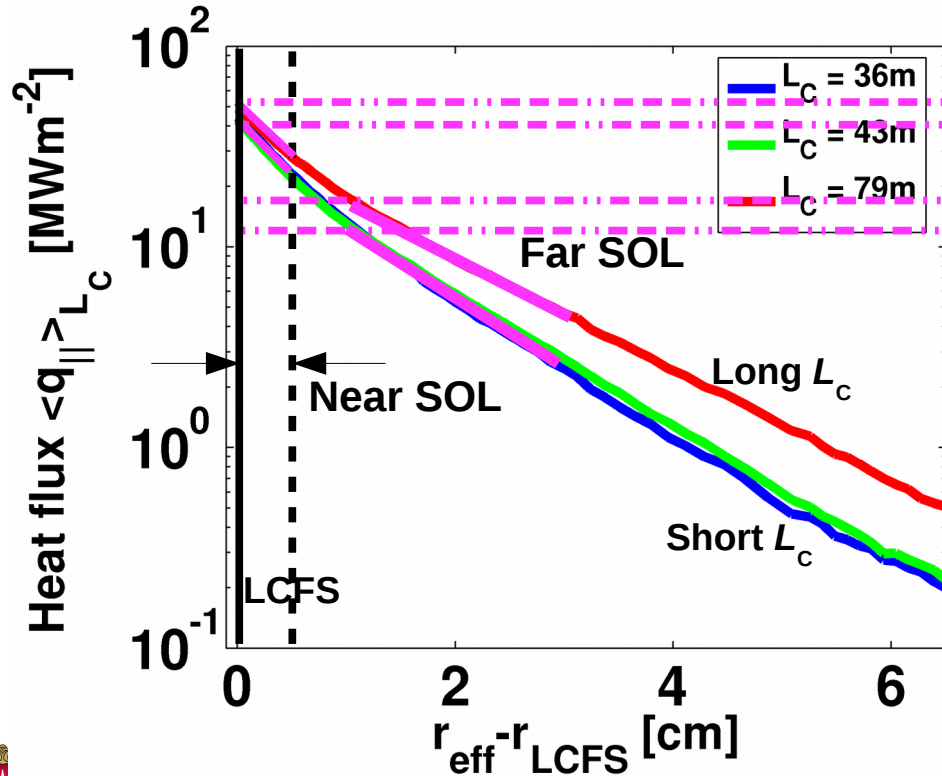


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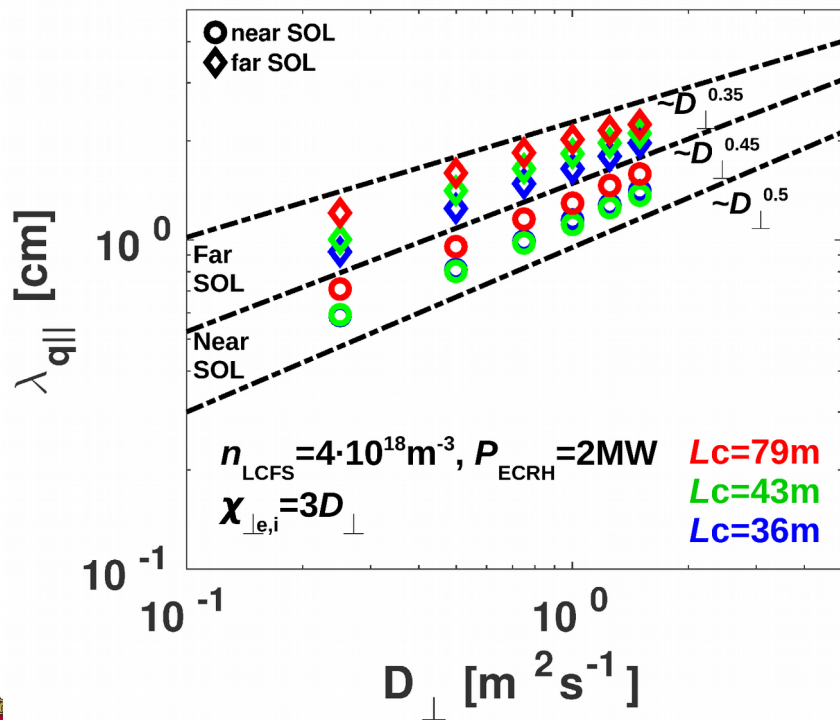
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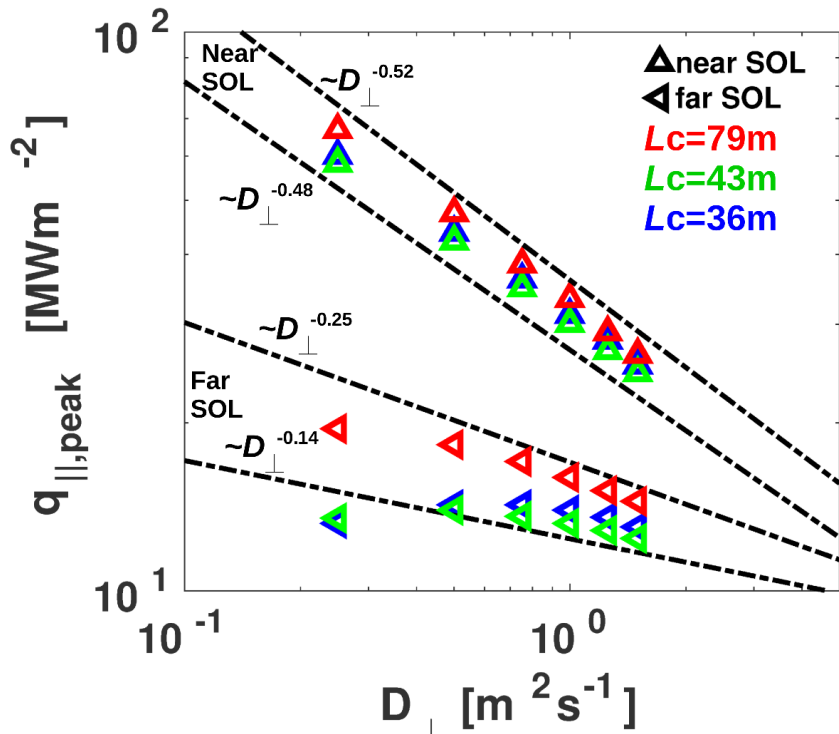
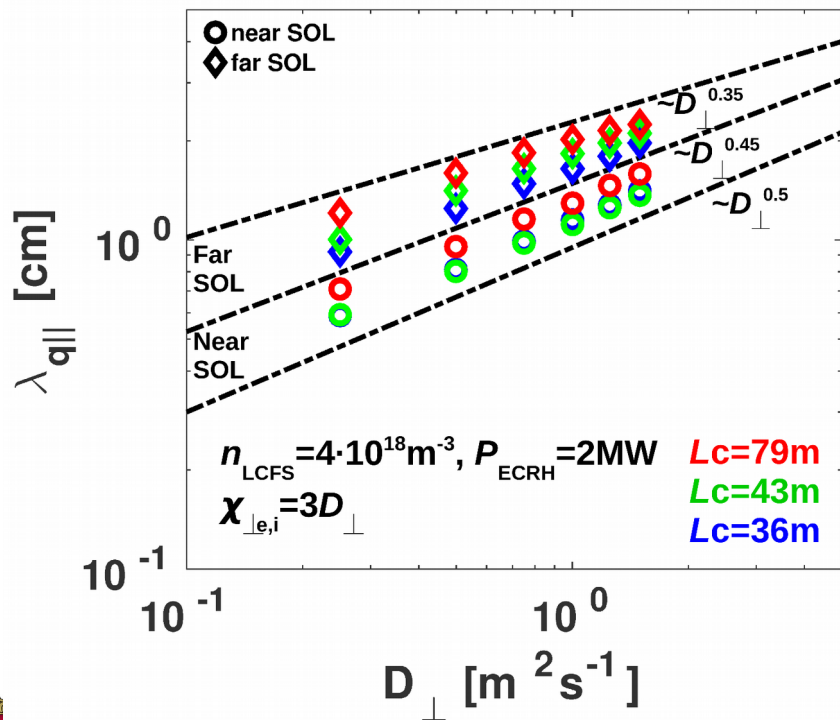
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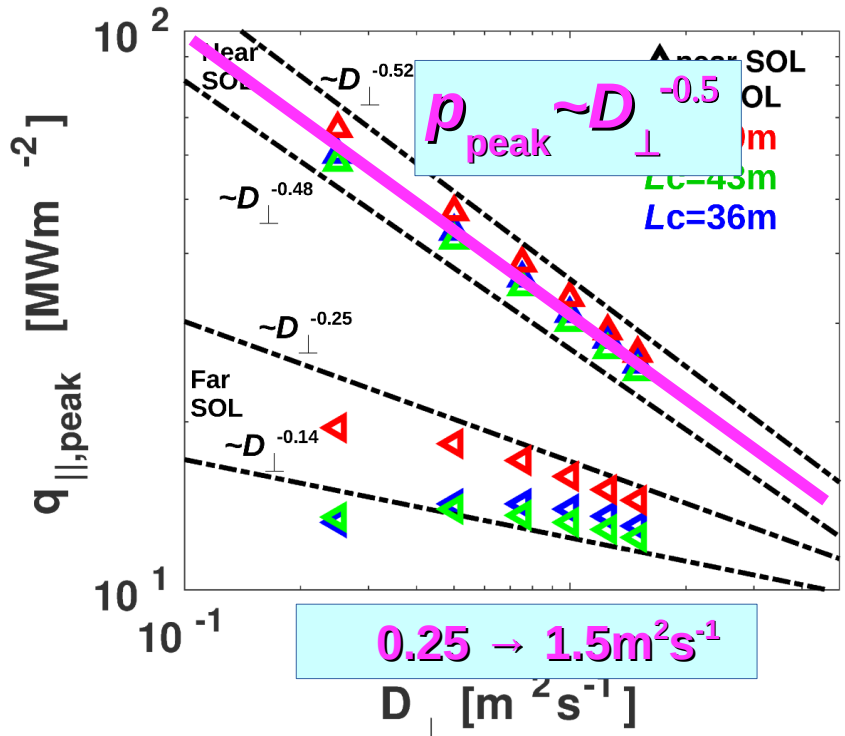
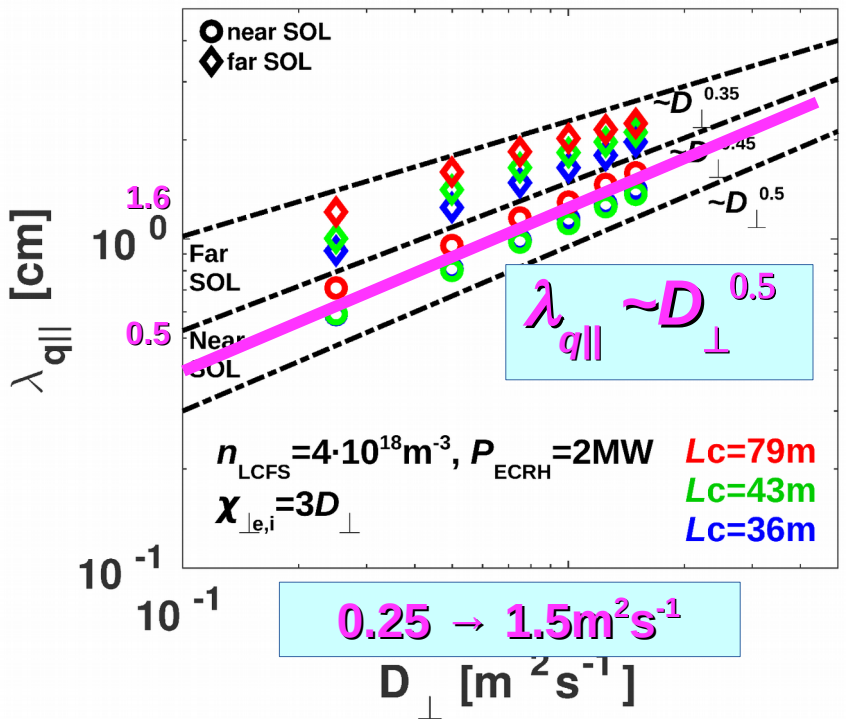
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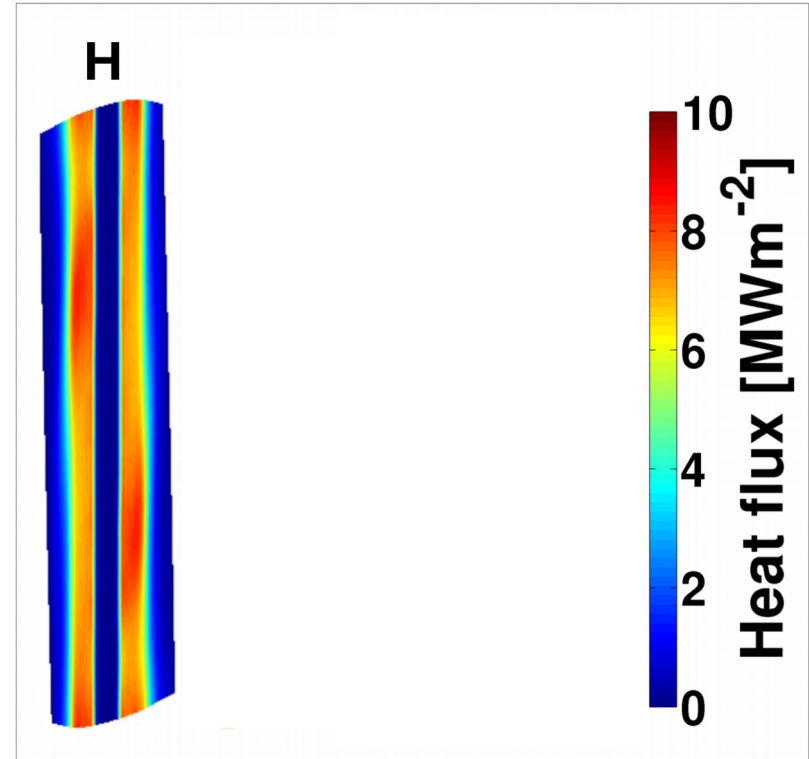
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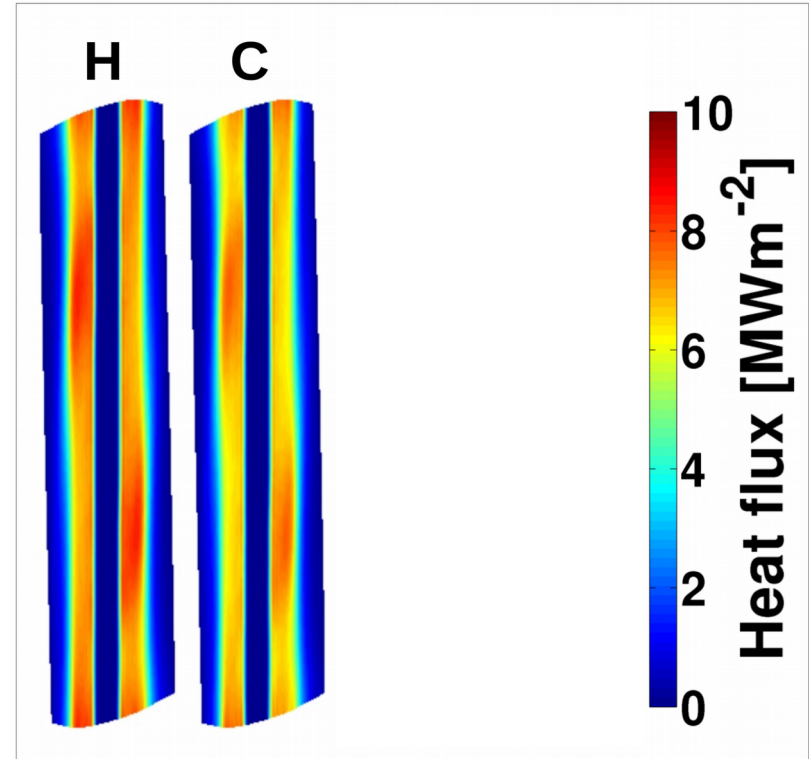
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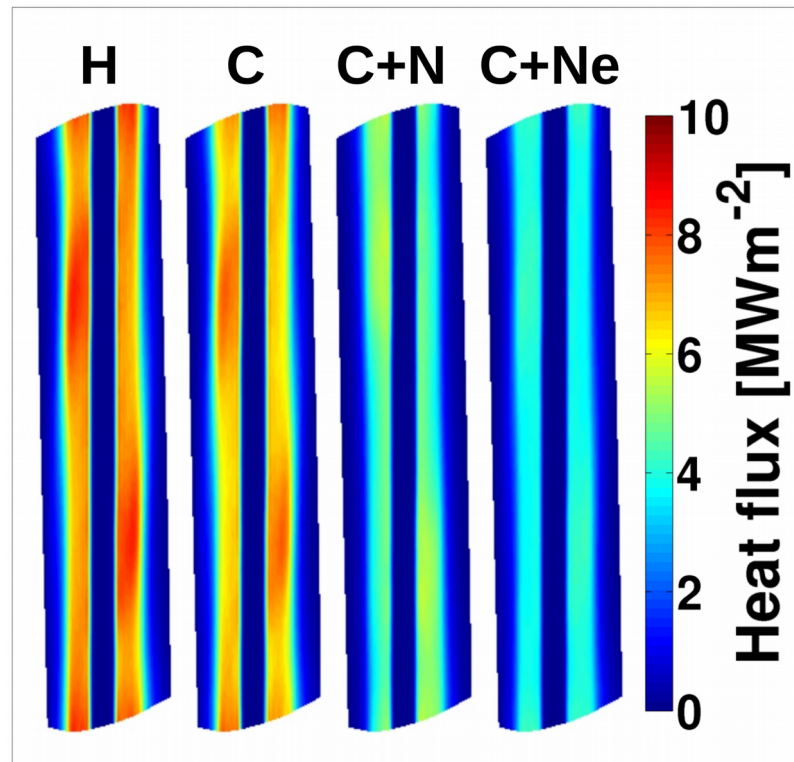
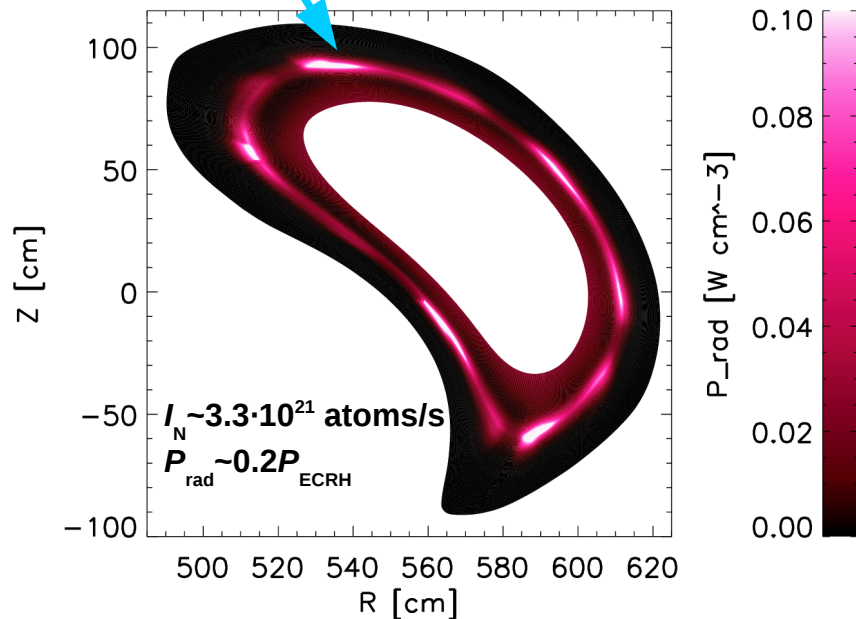


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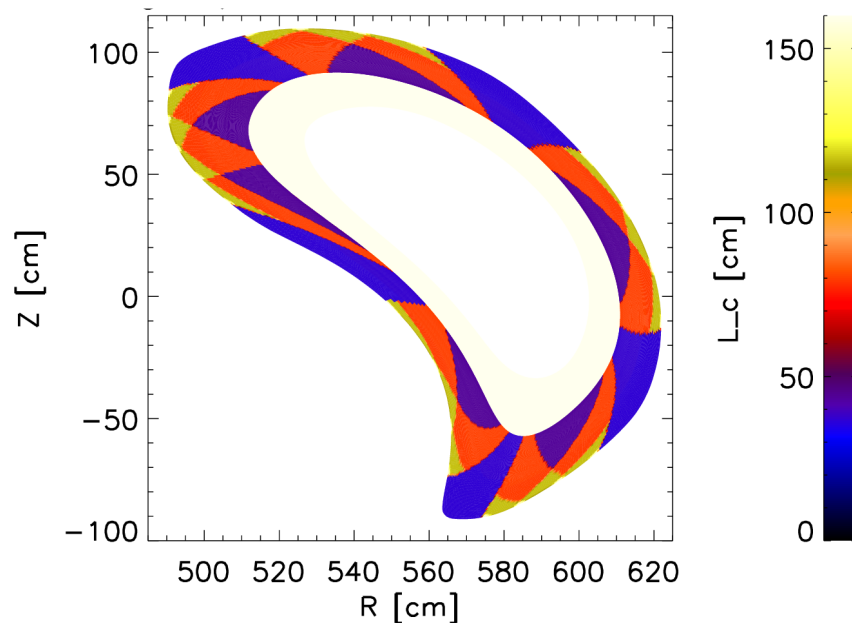
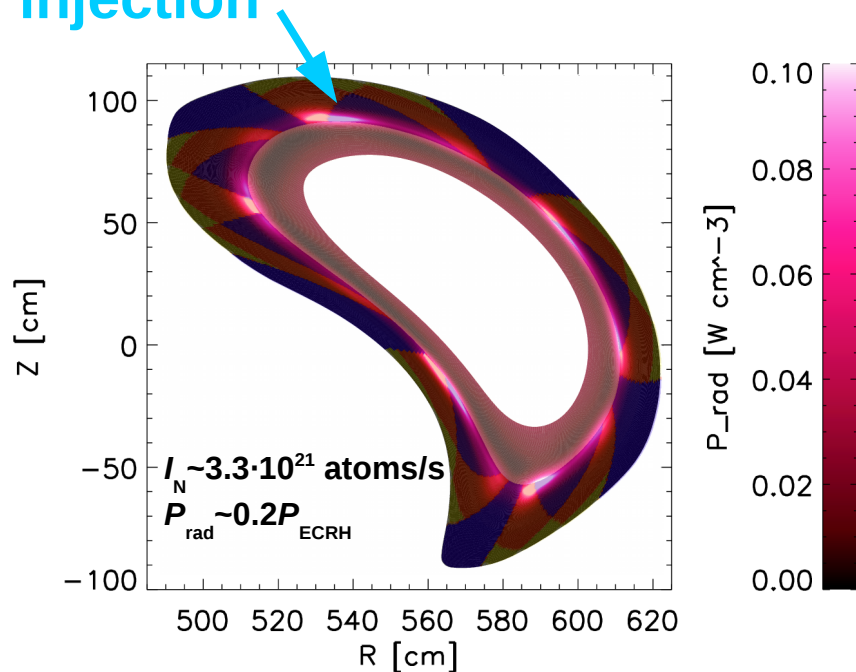
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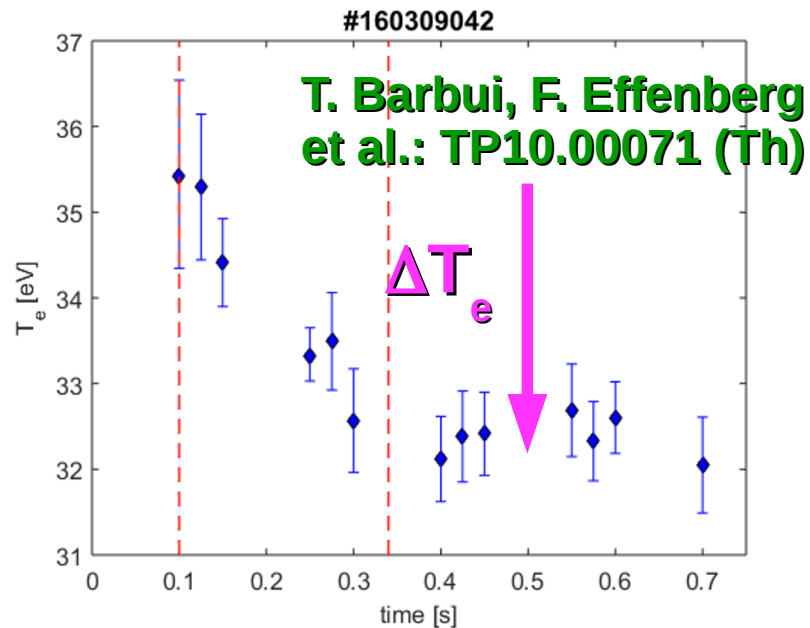
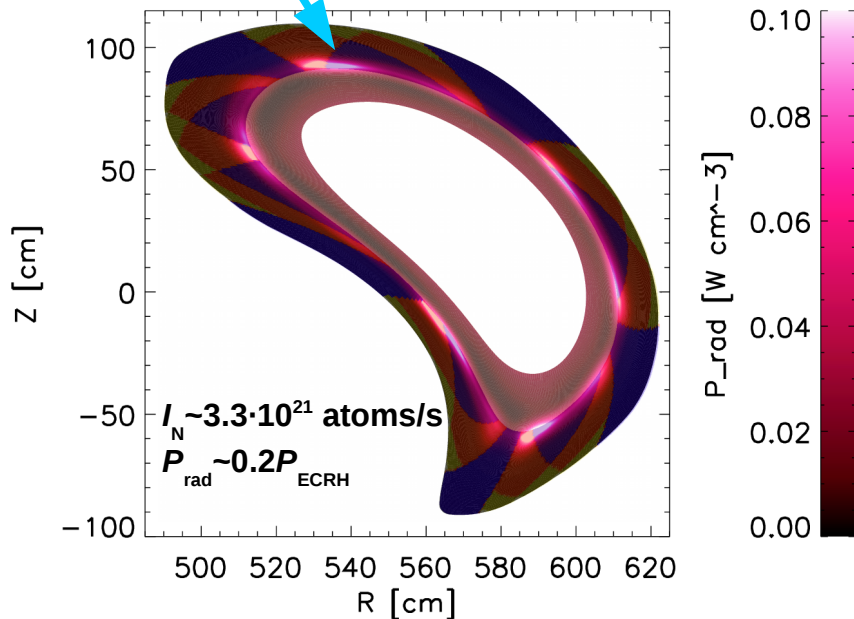
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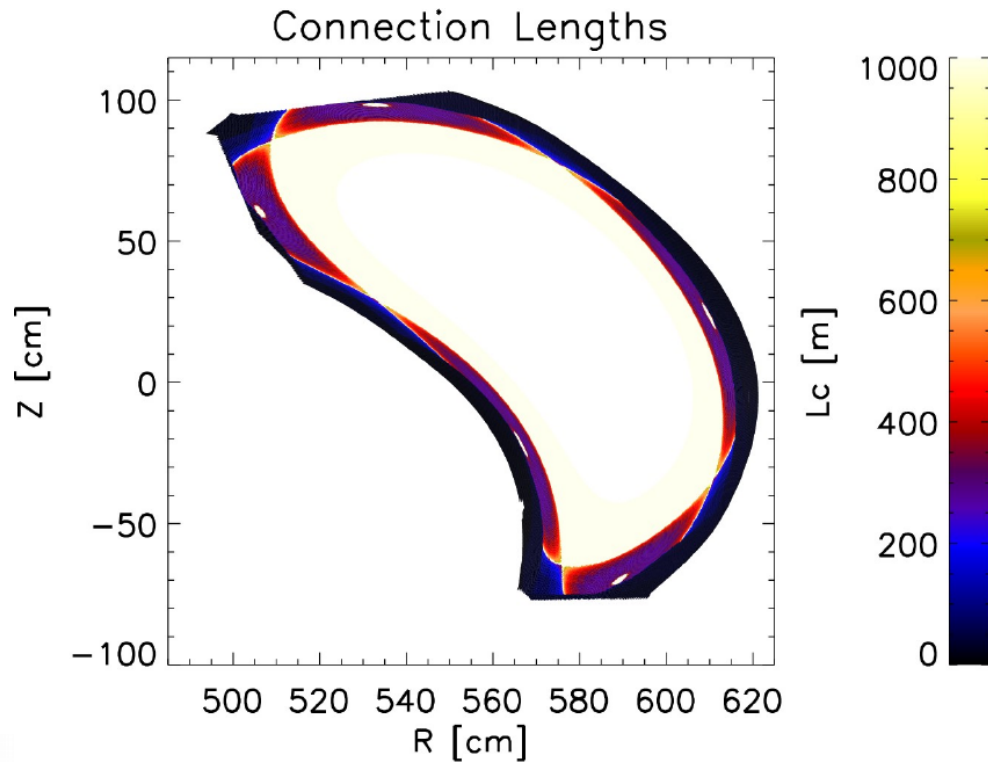
Radiation peaks in longer flux tubes

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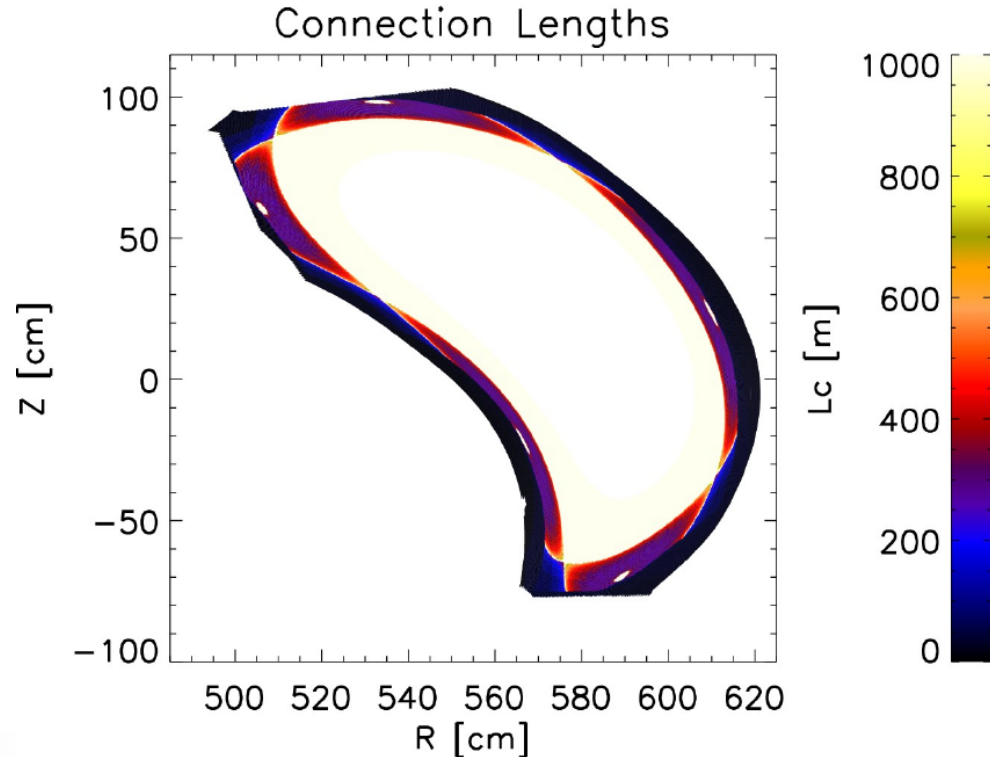
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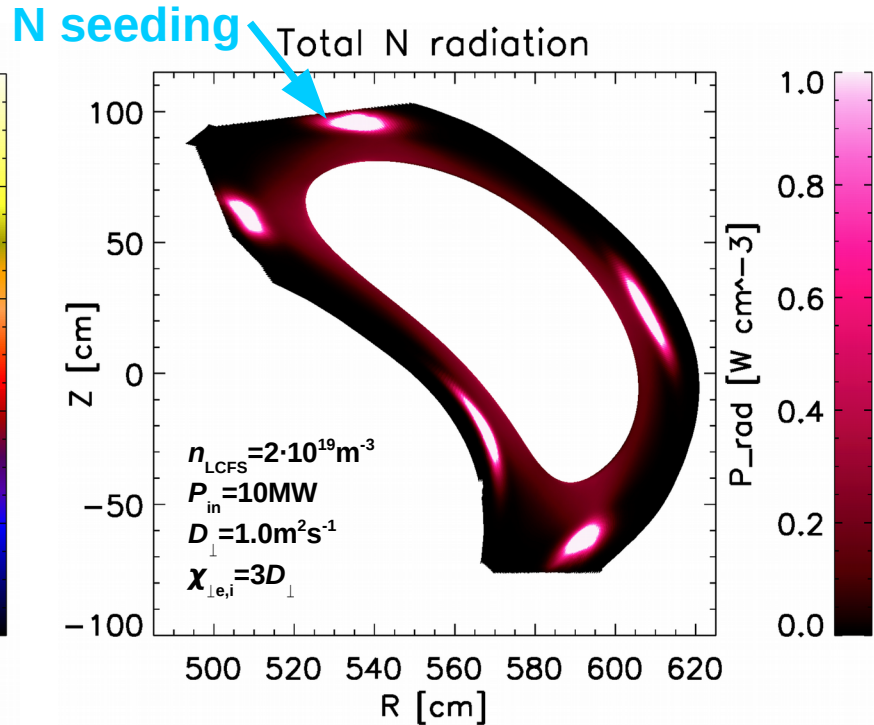
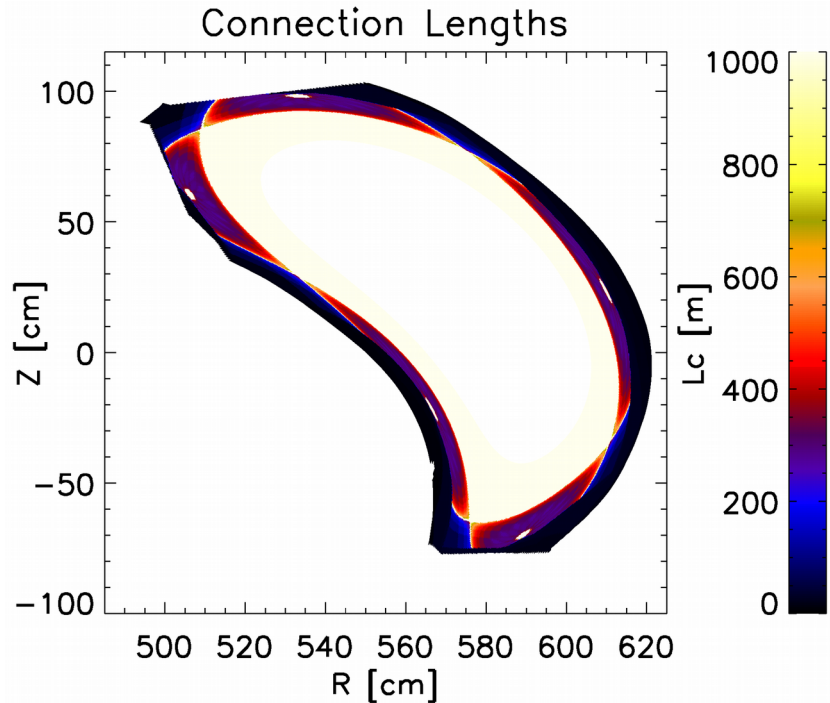


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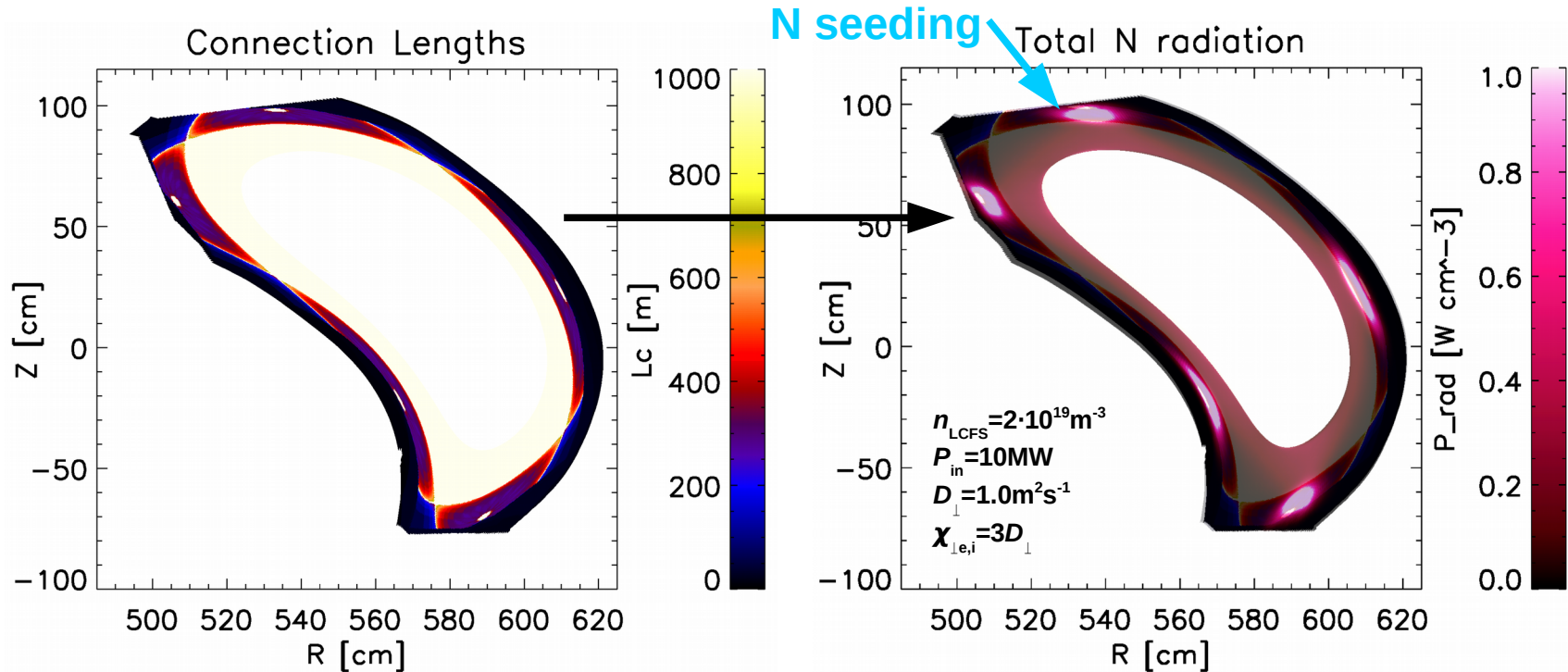


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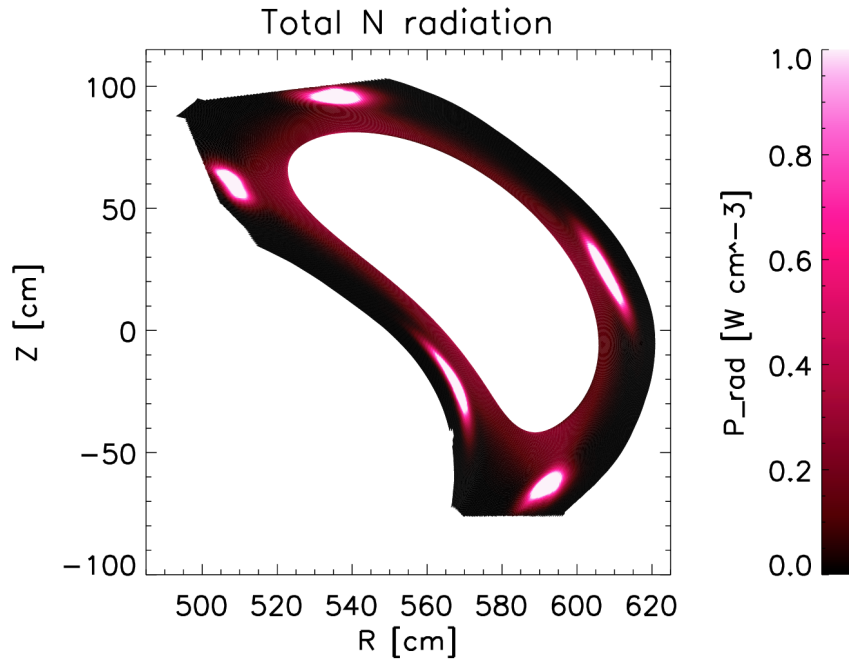


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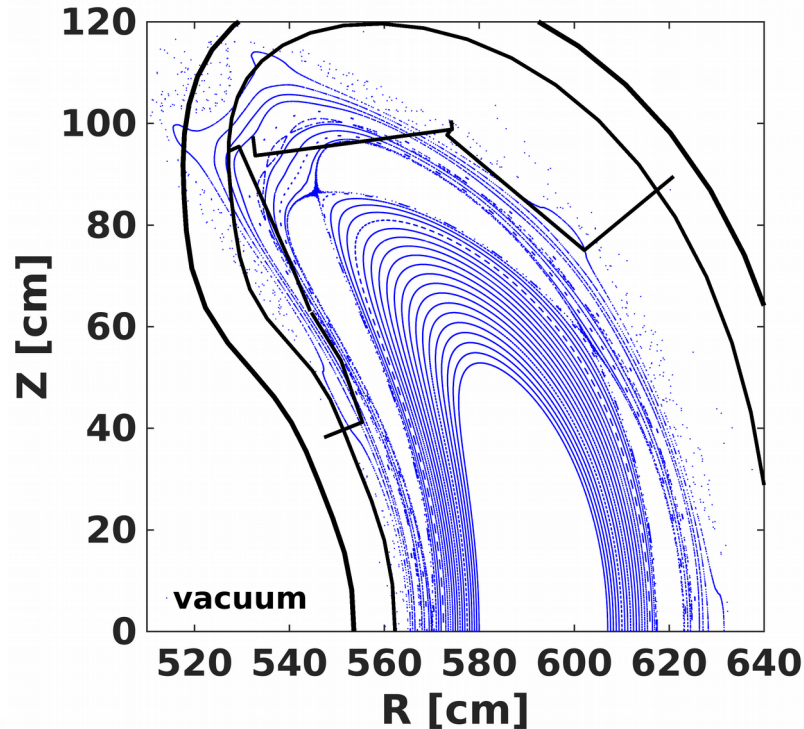
Radiating islands

Initial modeling shows accumulation of N injected inside of island divertor domain

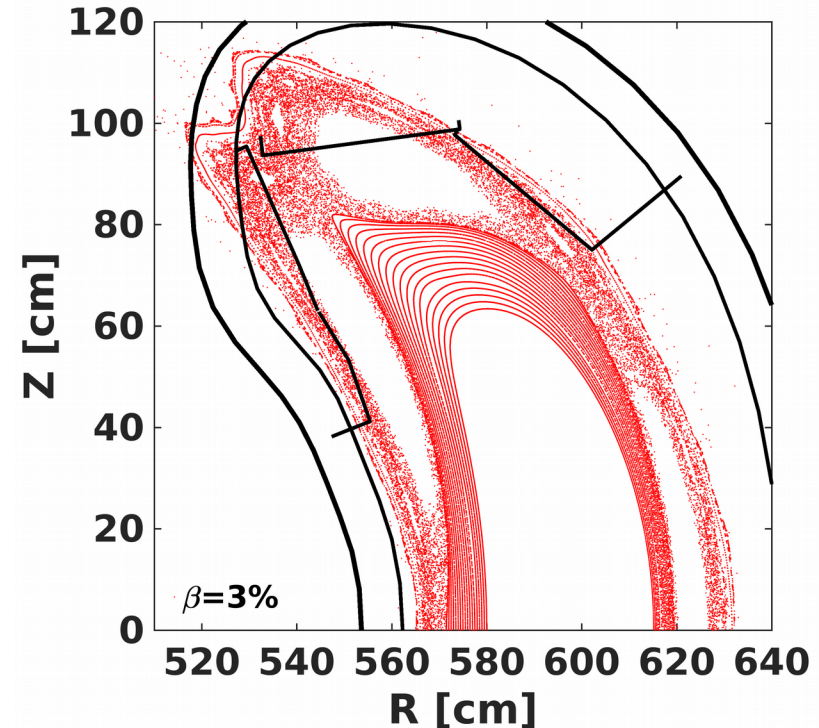
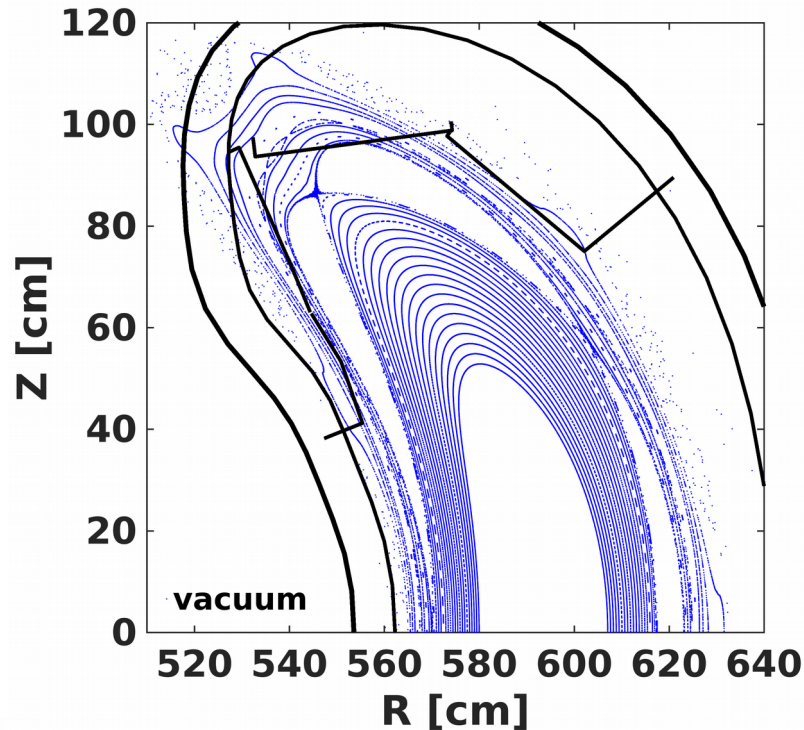


**Radiating islands
potentially beneficial
for cooling**

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(HINT2 equilibrium: courtesy of Y. Suzuki)

Conclusion

- Limiter heat fluxes correlated to L_c , confirmed by IR
- Heat flux characteristics: near and far SOL regime
- \perp transport: q_{peak} and λ_{qll} scale for different L_c almost simple SOL like in near SOL
- Comparison with experimental results is ongoing
- Radiative edge cooling tested during limiter phase, preparation for Island divertor is in progress

Contributions related to this study

O. Schmitz et al.: TP10.00072 (Th)

T. Sunn Pedersen et al.: AR1.00001 (Mo)

G. Wurden, H. Niemann et al.: CP10.00054 (Mo)

T. Barbui, F. Effenberg et al.: TP10.00071 (Th)

H. Frerichs, F. Effenberg et al.: TP10.00074 (Th)

L. Stephey, F. Effenberg et al.: JI3.00001 (Tu)

V. Winters, C. Biedermann et al.: TP10.00073 (Th)

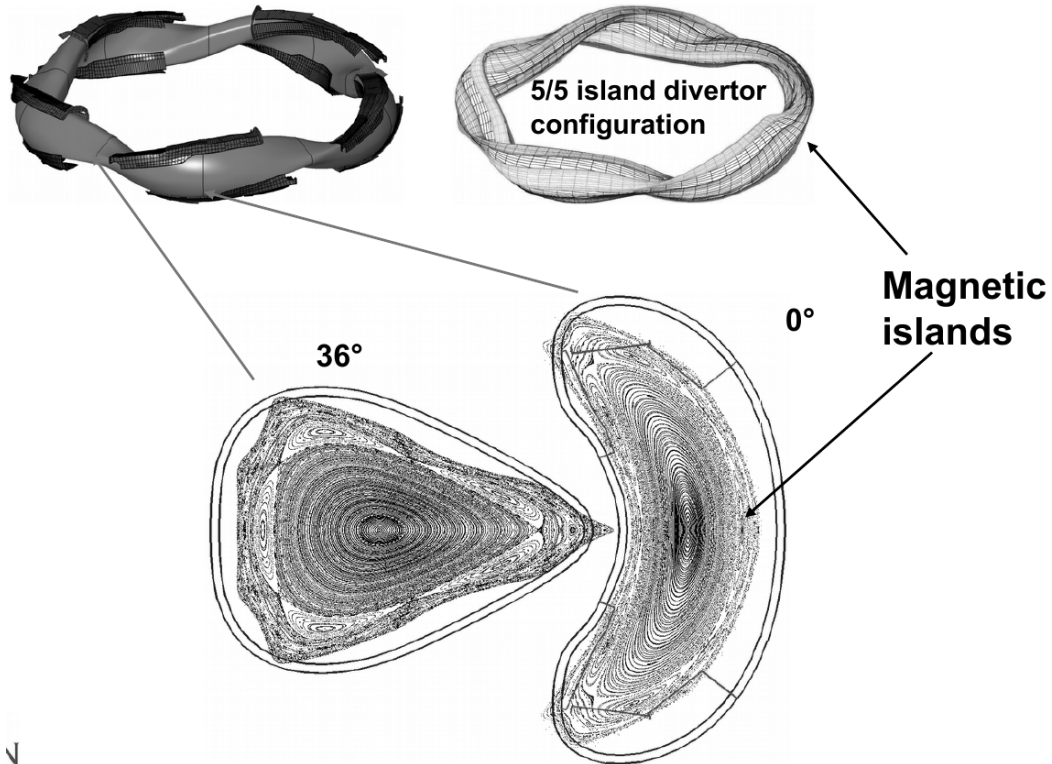
→ **more
results
Thursday
morning**

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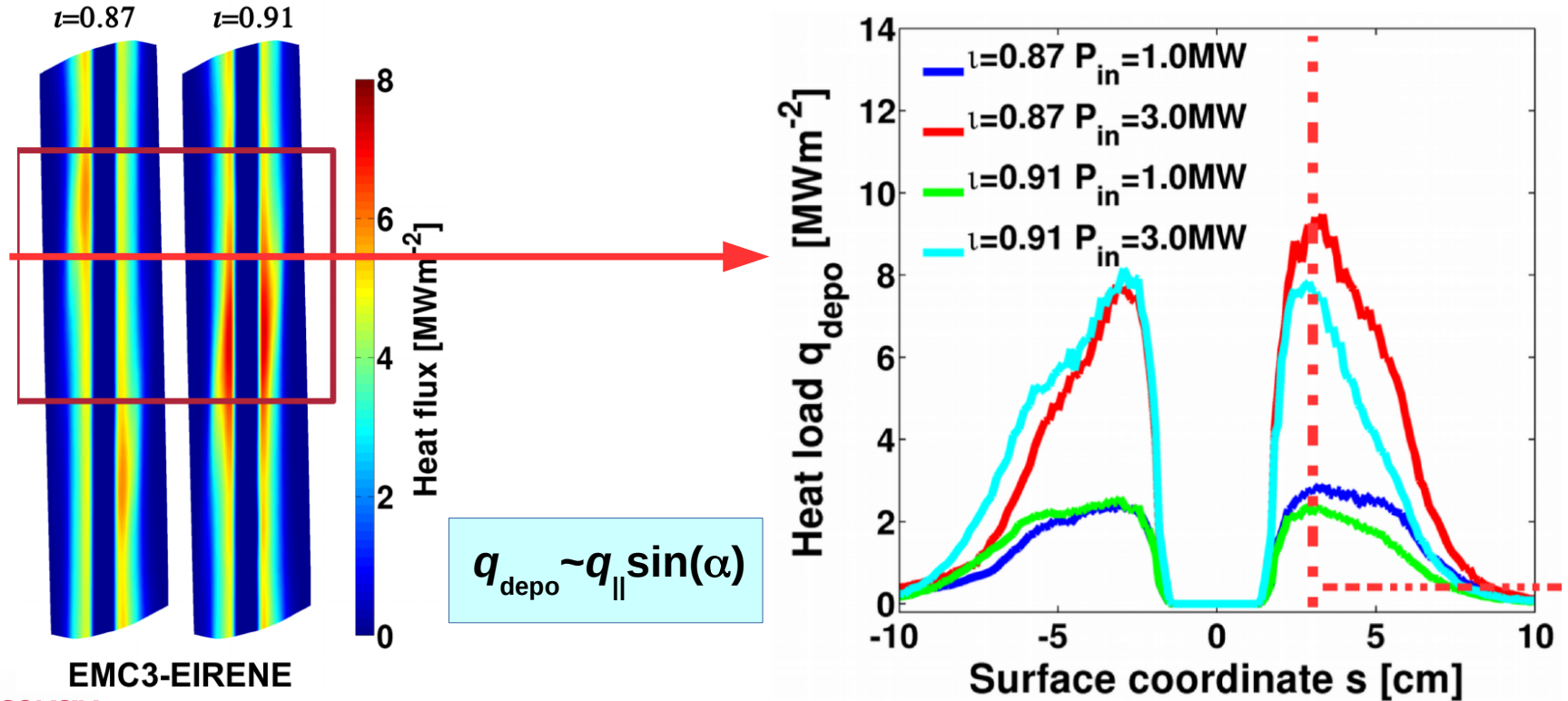
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APPENDIX

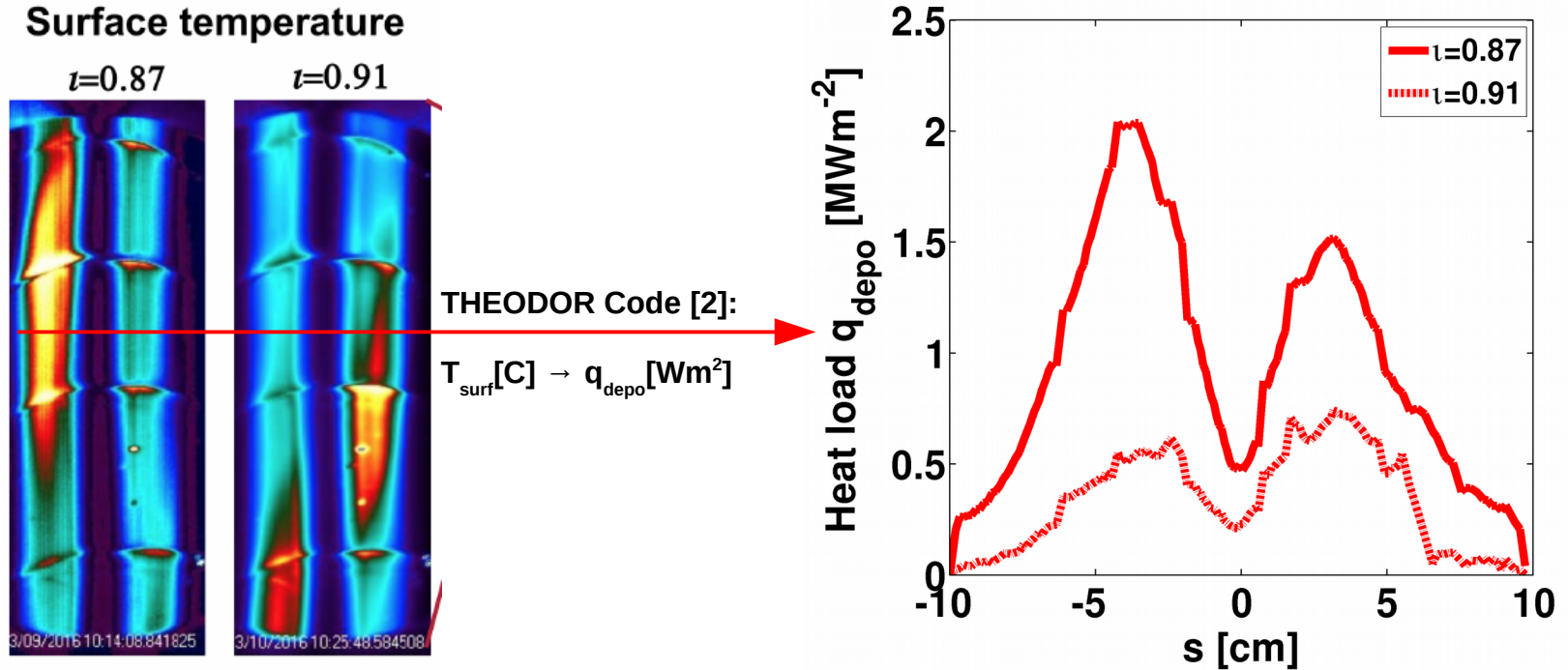
Island divertor configuration



Issue for heat flux analysis: target heat loads strongly modified by target geometry function



3-D modeling now used to interpret heat fluxes inferred from IR thermography for different iota configurations

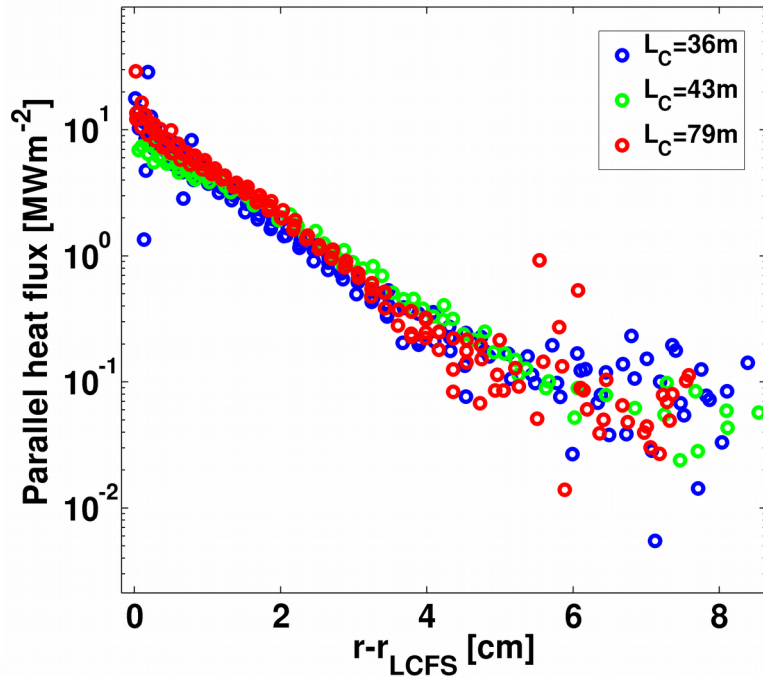


IR Thermography

[2] B. Sieglin, M. Faitsch, A. Hermann et al.,
Review of Scientific Instruments, 86, 113502 (2015)

Data courtesy of G.A. Wurden &
H. Niemann

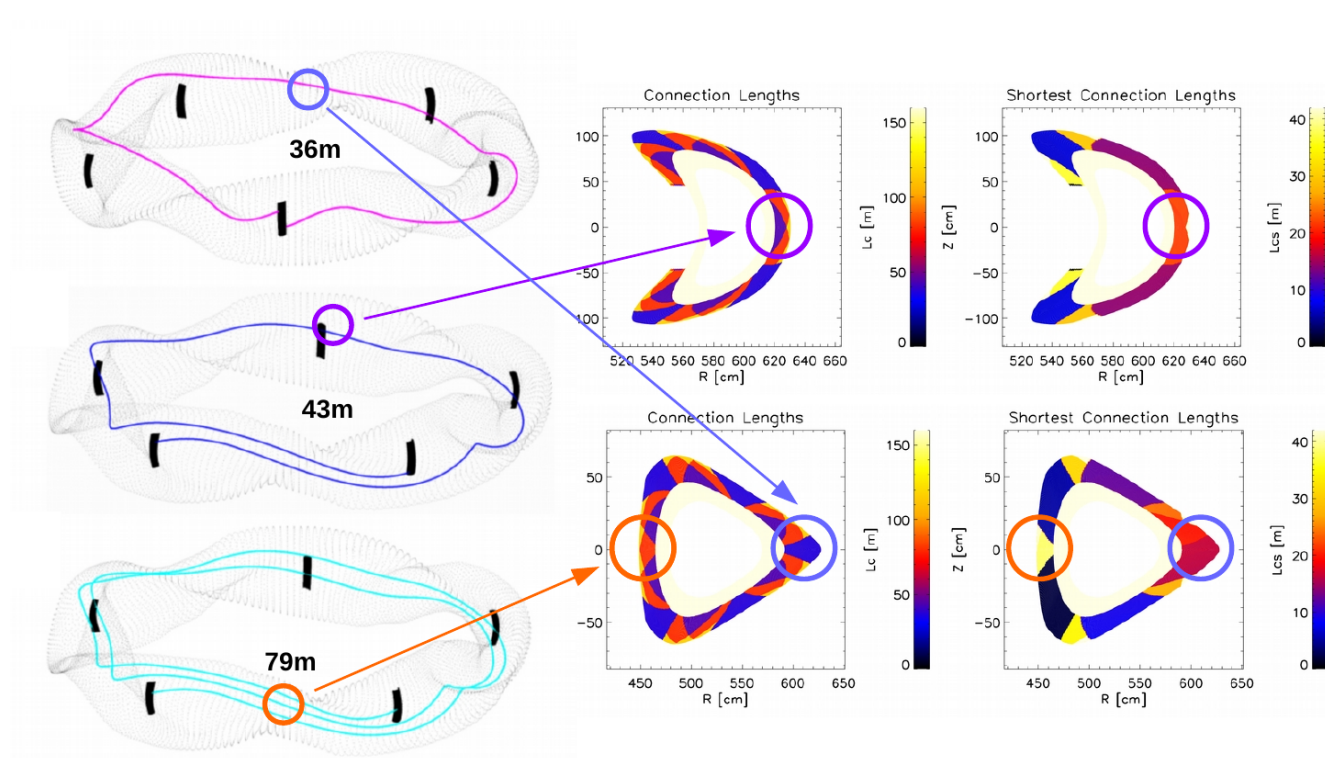
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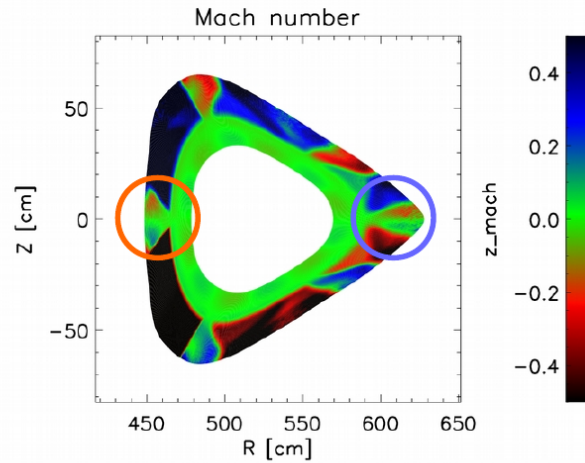
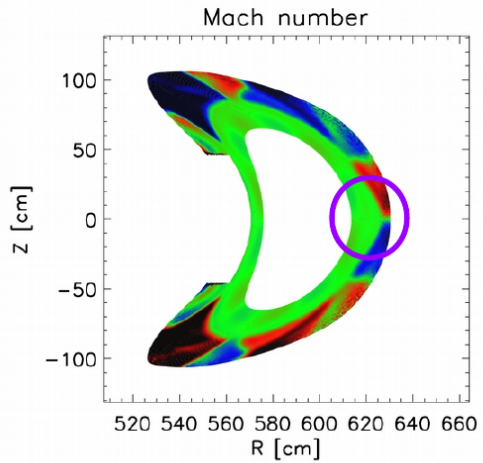
$$\lambda_{q||} \sim 1.0-1.4\text{cm}$$

Local measurement!
(→ error fields,
transient behavior,
impurity mix)

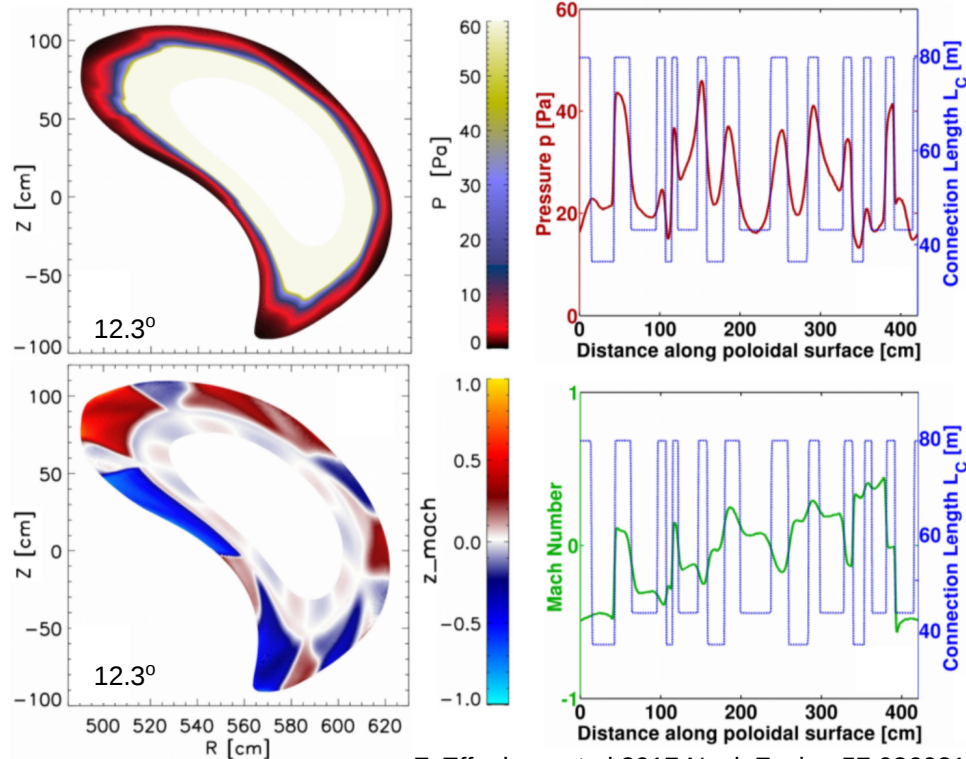
How are upstream positions defined?



Stagnation points



Plasma pressure is modulated in correlation to L_C and drives counter streaming flows

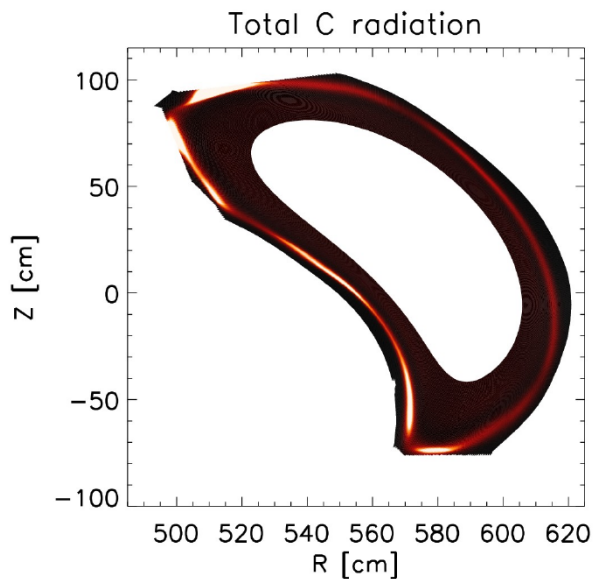


1-D poloidal scan:
 $p(\theta_{\text{pol}}) \sim L_C(\theta_{\text{pol}})$

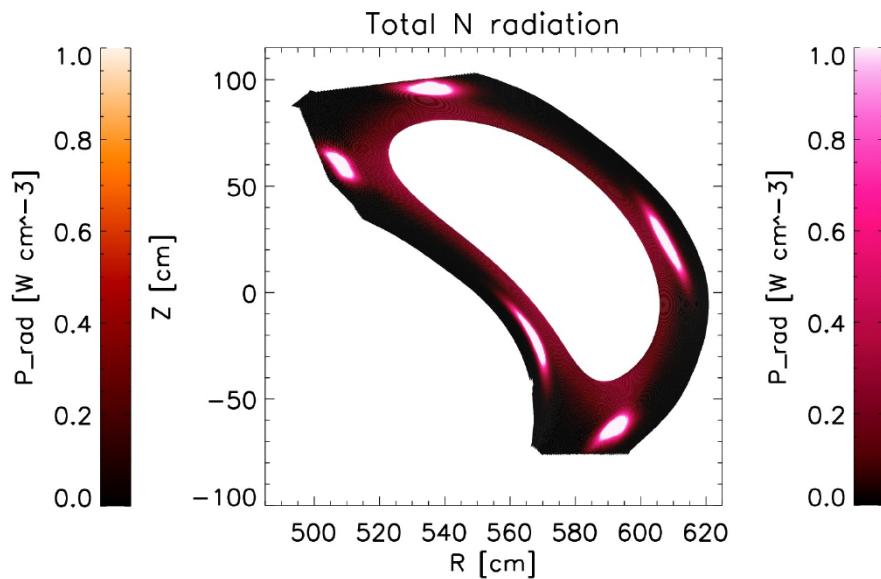
Flow patterns depend on L_C and shortest distance to target $L_{C,\text{shortest}}$

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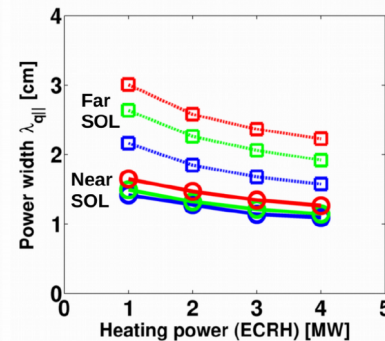
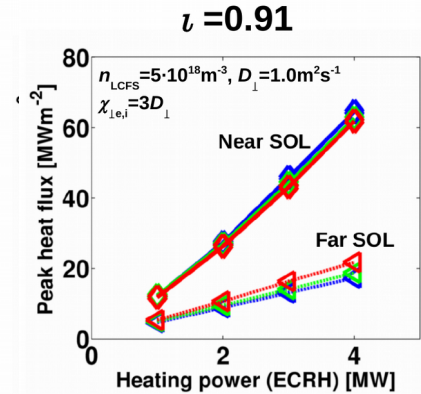
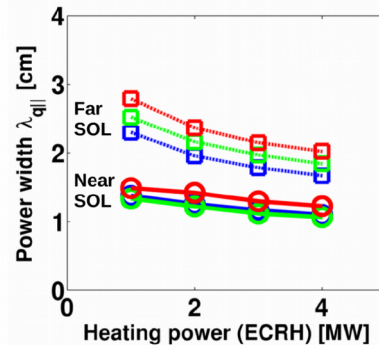
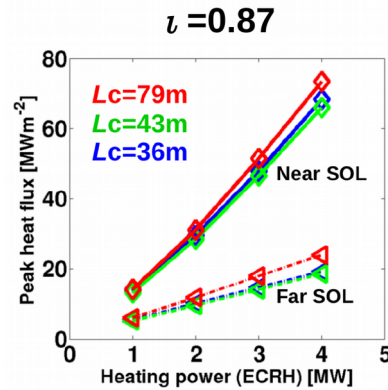
Cooling and detachment based on intrinsic carbon?



Impurity seeding → radiating islands



Strong linear dependence of heat flux level on P_{ECRH}



The edge transport model

Particle balance

$$\nabla \cdot [n_i u_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_{\parallel} - D_{\perp} \mathbf{I}_{\perp} \cdot \nabla n_i] = S_p. \quad (\text{A1})$$

Parallel momentum balance

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\parallel} [m_i n_i u_{\parallel}^2 - \eta \mathbf{e}_{\parallel} \cdot \nabla u_{\parallel}] - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{I}_{\perp} \cdot D_{\perp} \nabla (m_i n_i u_{\parallel}) \\ = -\mathbf{e}_{\parallel} \cdot \nabla p + S_m. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A2})$$

Energy balance (electrons and ions)

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\parallel} \left[\frac{5}{2} T_e n_i u_{\parallel} - \kappa_e \mathbf{e}_{\parallel} \cdot \nabla T_e \right] \\ - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{I}_{\perp} \cdot \left[\chi_e n_i \nabla T_e + \frac{5}{2} T_e D_{\perp} \nabla n_i \right] = -k(T_e - T_i) + S_{ee}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A3})$$

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Equations taken from: H. Frerichs et al.,
Physics of Plasmas 22, 072508 (2015)