

ELM Energy/Particle Plasma Losses and Fluxes on PFCs

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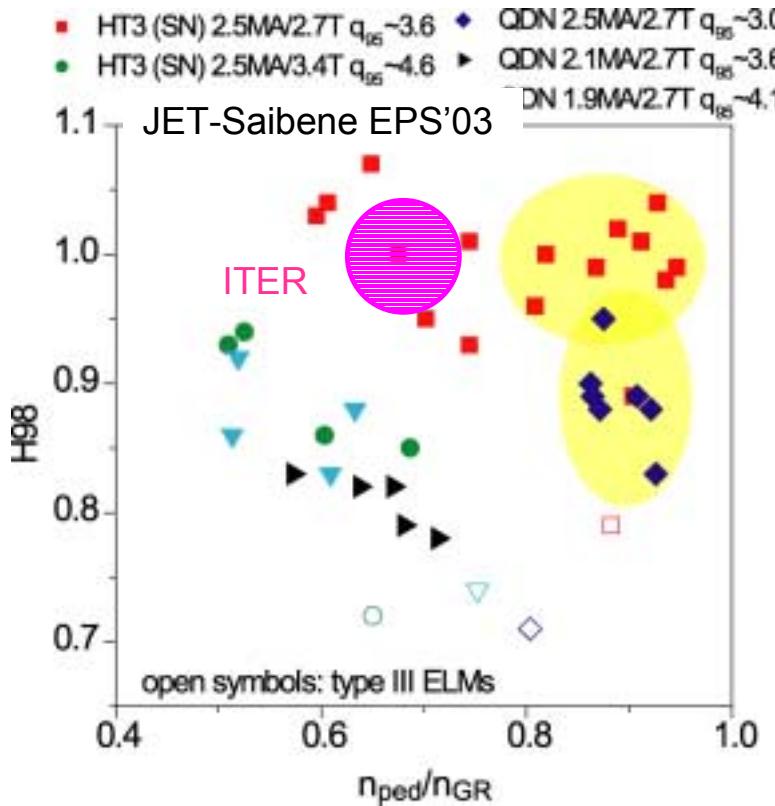
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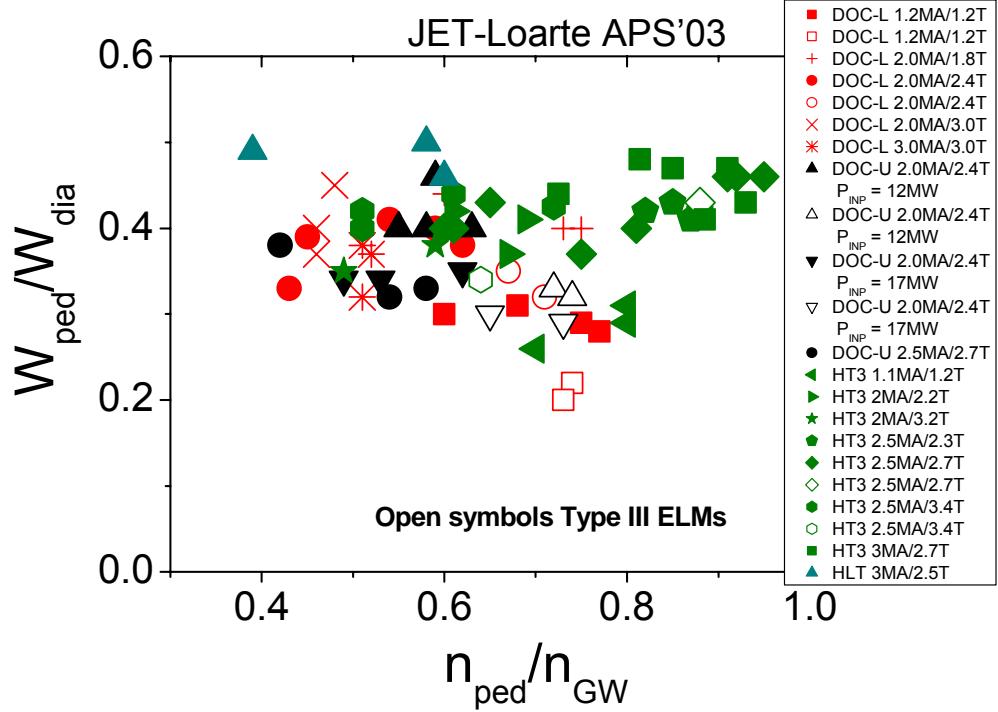
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Introduction (I)

$H \sim 1$ at $n \sim n_{GW}$ in Type I ELMs requires high W_{ped}



general result for Type I ELMs H-modes (ASDEX-U, DIII-D, JET, ...)



$W_{\text{ped}}/W_{\text{dia}}$ (JET-Type I ELMs) $\sim 0.4 \pm 0.1$

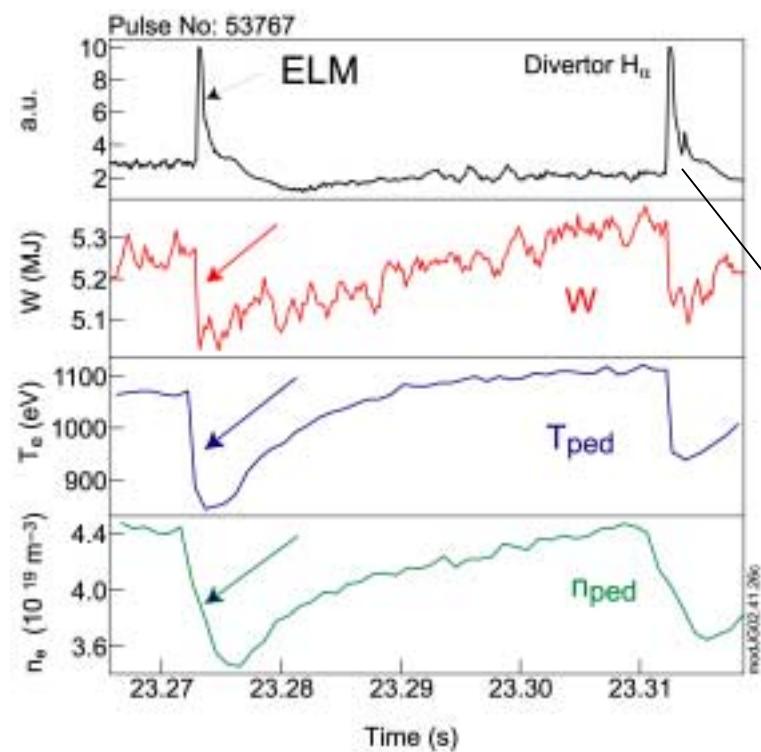
- weak $W_{\text{ped}}/W_{\text{dia}}$ dependence on :
 q_{95} ($2.8 < q_{95} < 5.2$), P_{inp} , δ ($\delta > 0.27$)
 - lower $W_{\text{ped}}/W_{\text{dia}}$ @ low I_p & Type III ELMs

Introduction (II)

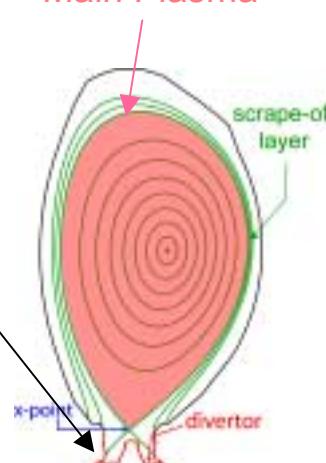
Pedestal plasma experiences quasi-periodic relaxations \rightarrow ELMs

ΔW_{ELM} small fraction of W_{plasma} ($< 10\%$) to divertor/wall in $\sim 200 \mu\text{s}$ \rightarrow Large Energy Flux

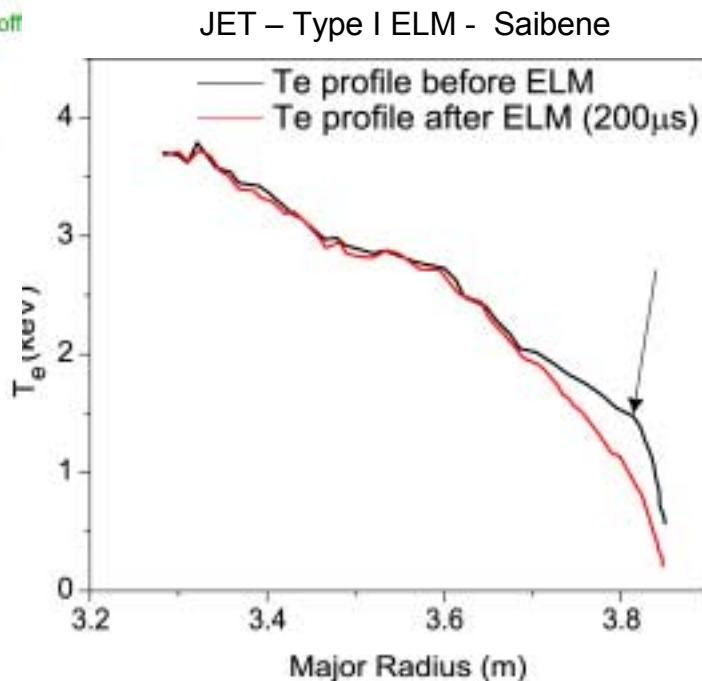
JET – Type I ELM - Saibene



Main Plasma



Only Pedestal Region of Plasma Affected by ELMs

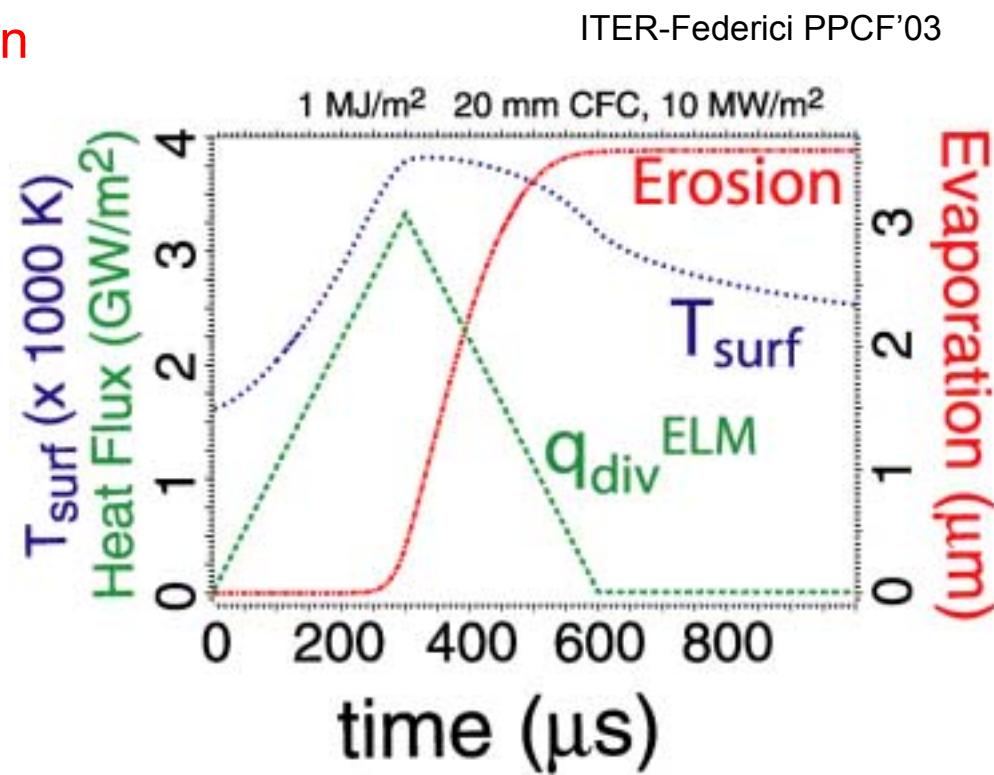
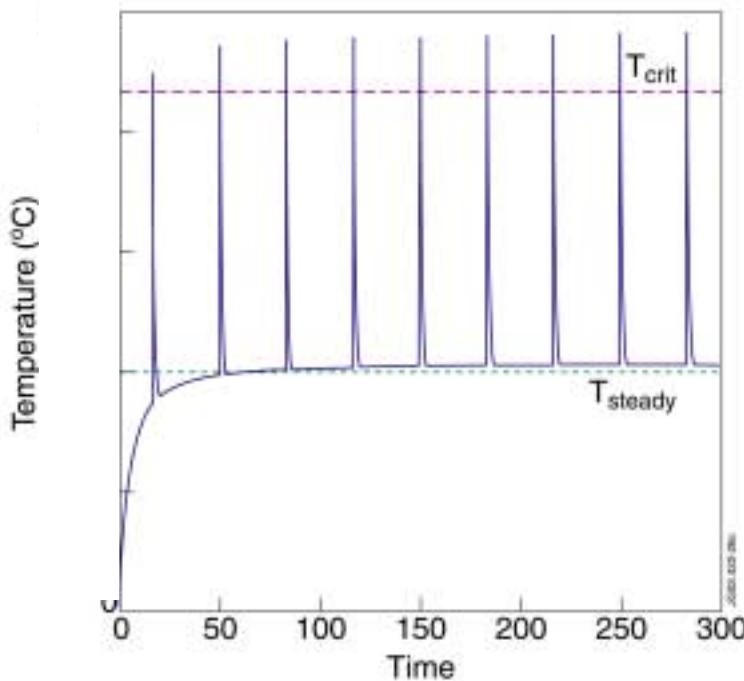


Introduction (III)

ITER rough estimates

$$W_{\text{dia}} = 350 \text{ MJ} \rightarrow W_{\text{ped}} = 90 - 150 \text{ MJ}, \Delta W_{\text{ELM}} = 10 - 30 \text{ MJ}$$
$$(A_{\text{div}} = 3 \text{ m}^2, \tau_{\text{ELM}} = 300 \mu\text{s})$$

$T_{\max}^{\text{ELM}} > T_{\text{ev,melt}}^{\text{C,W}}$ → ELM Erosion

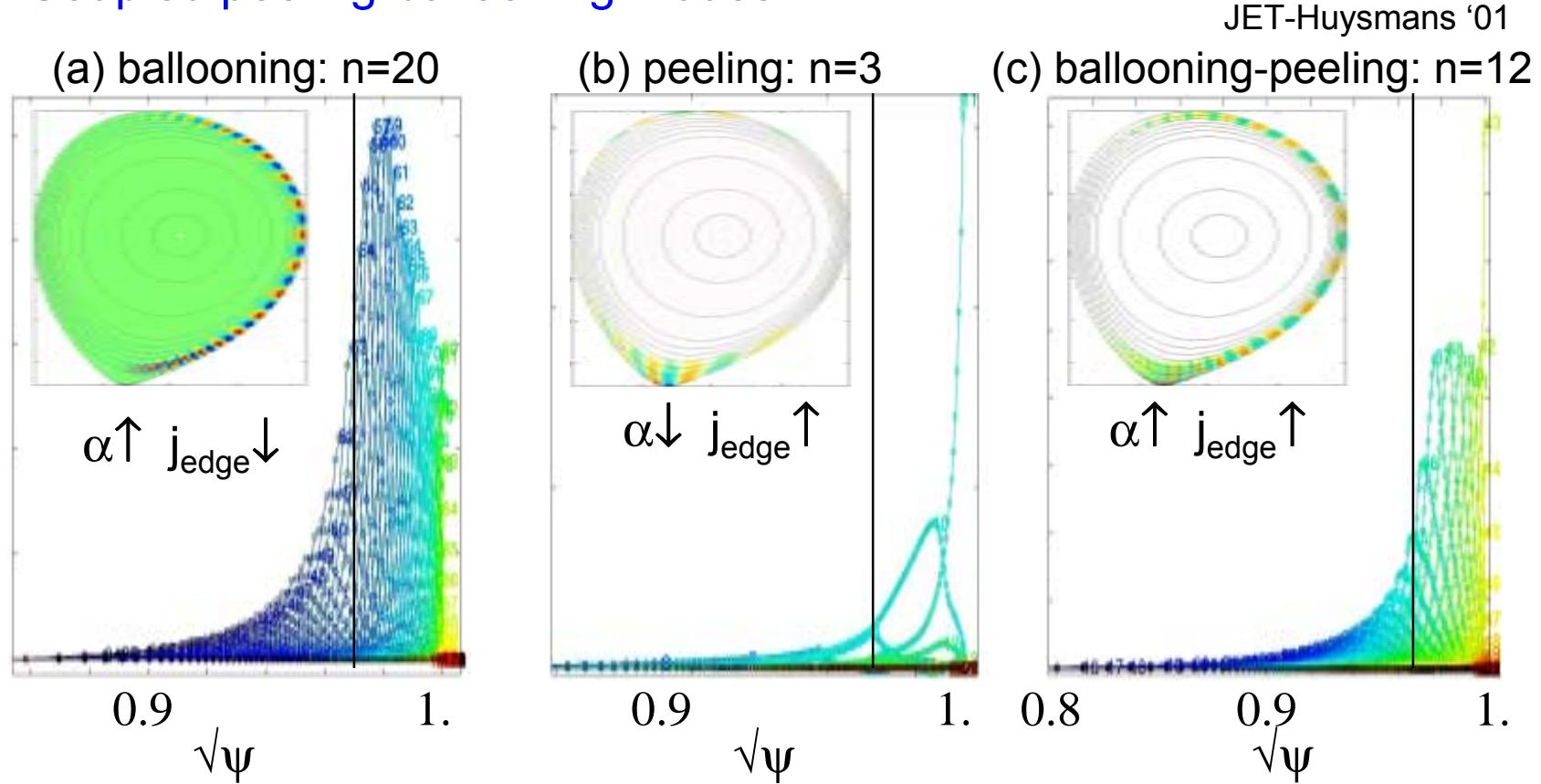


$\Phi_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{C,W}} (\text{MJm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1/2}) \leq 50$ for small ELM erosion $\sim 3.5 \mu\text{m}/\text{ELM} + \text{C-target} = 2 \text{ cm} \rightarrow 6000 \text{ ELMs !!}$

Physics of ELM instability (I)

Peeling-Balloonning model of the ELMs (Connor PPCF'98)

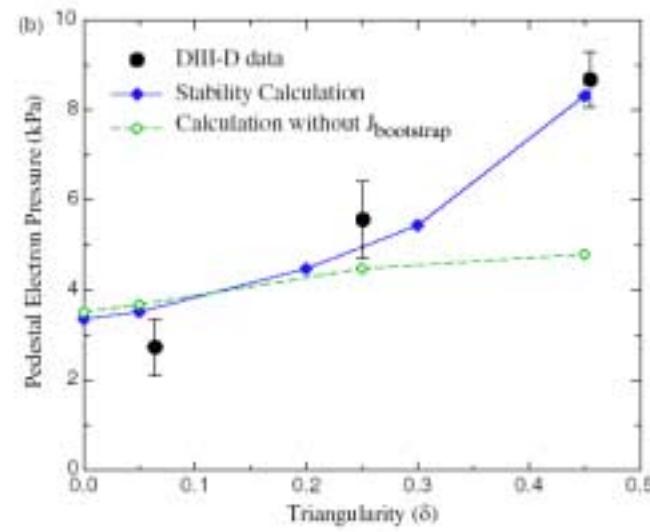
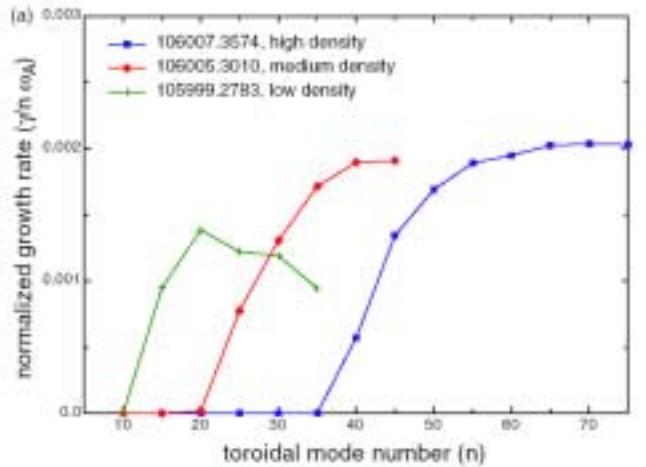
- Ballooning modes driven by grad P_{ped}
- Kink (peeling) modes driven by edge current (large $J_{\text{bootstrap}}$)
- Coupled peeling-balloonning modes



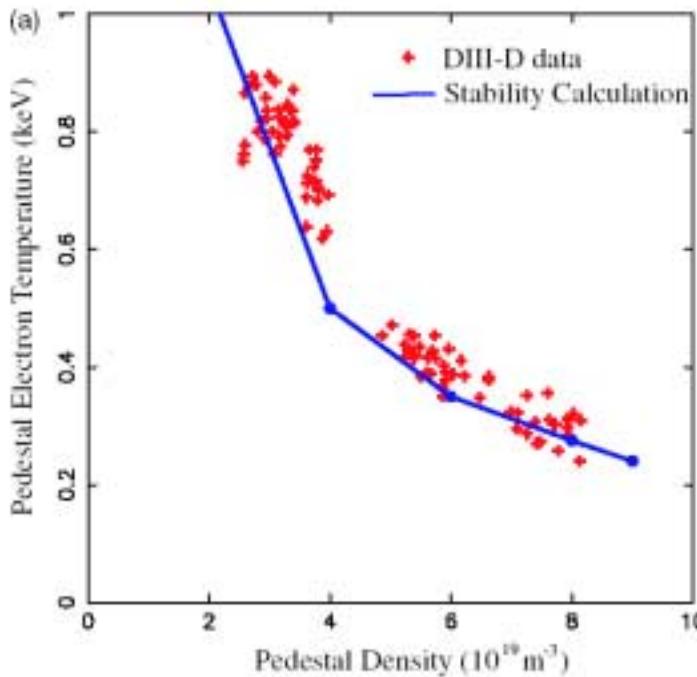
Physics of ELM instability (II)

Peeling-Ballooning calculations-experiment comparison

DIII-D-Snyder NF'04

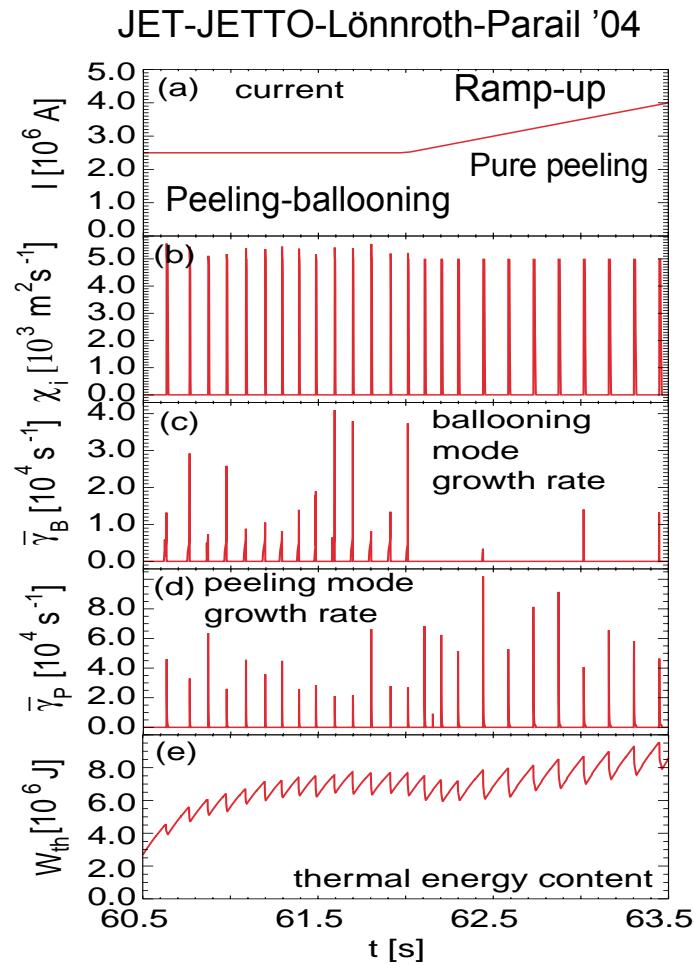
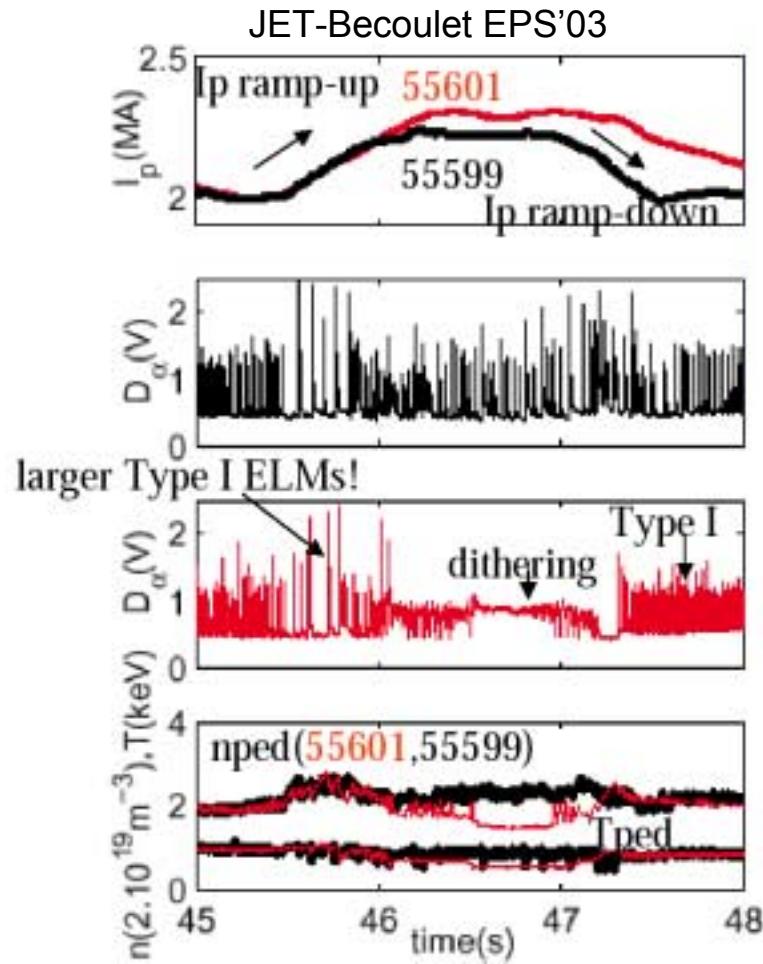


- P_{ped} matched with model
- Change of mode instability analysed
- Role of $j_{\text{bootstrap}}$ evaluated (+ measured)



Physics of ELM instability (III)

Role of edge current on ELM triggering demonstrated



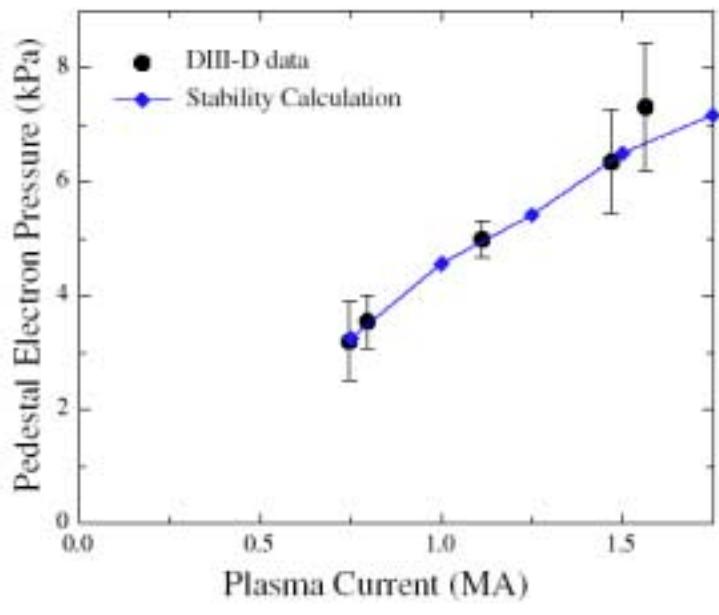
seen in COMPASS-D, MAST, JET

Physics of ELM instability (IV)

Scaling of pedestal pressure and peeling-balloonning model

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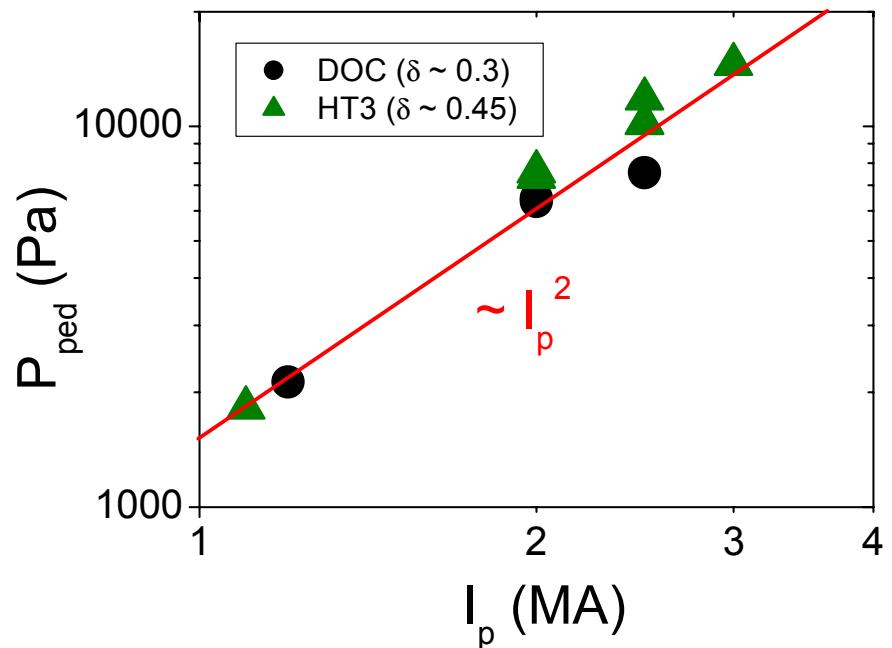
$$P_{\text{ped}}^{\text{Type I}} \sim I_p$$



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$$P_{\text{ped}}^{\text{Type I}} \sim I_p^2 (\text{ballooning-like})$$

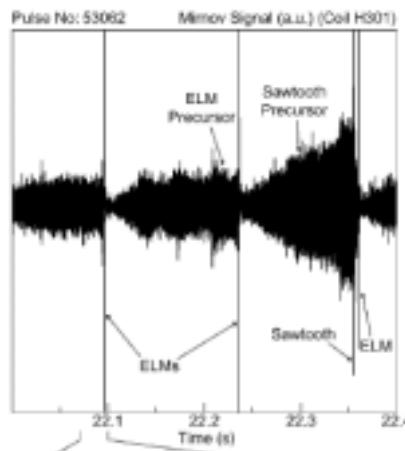
P_{ped} depends weakly on : q_{95} and $n_{e,\text{ped}}/n_{GW}$



comparison of model with various experiments required to identify physics processes

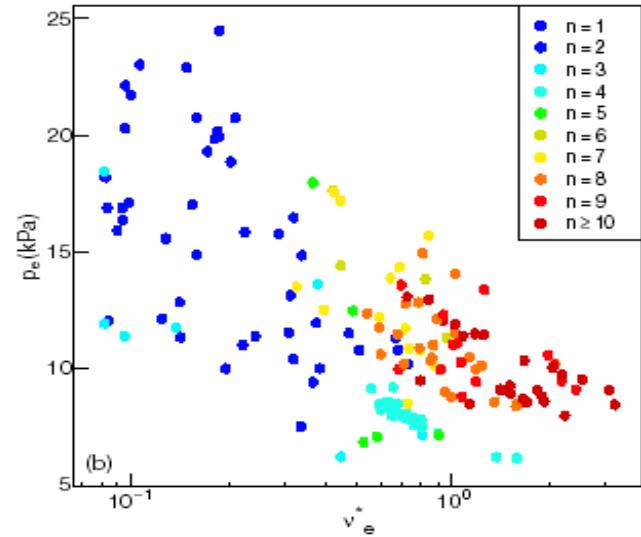
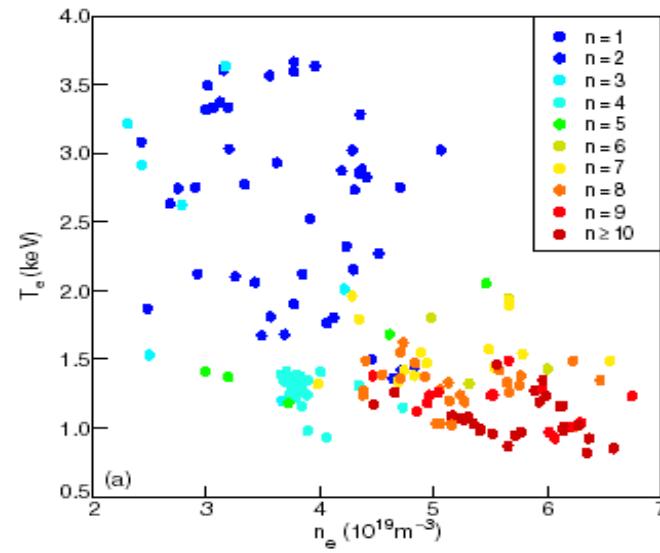
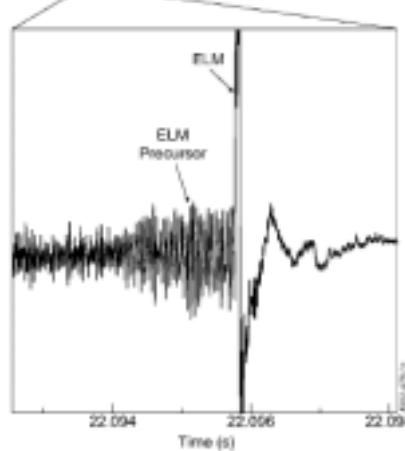
Physics of ELM instability (VI)

precursors seen before ELMs in many experiments with $n = 1-10$



JET-Pérez NF'04

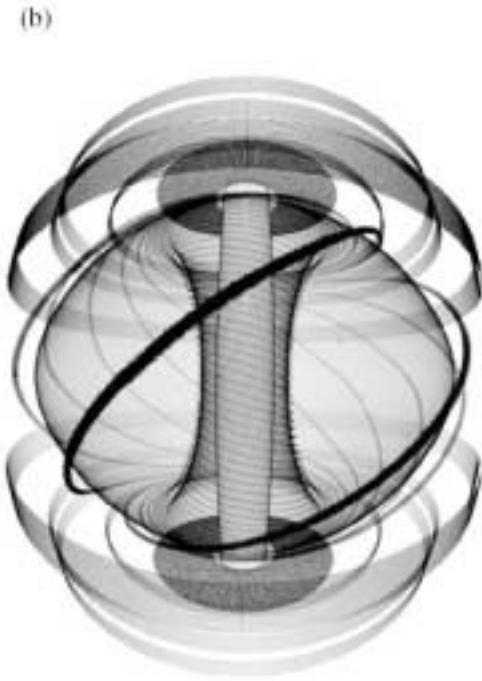
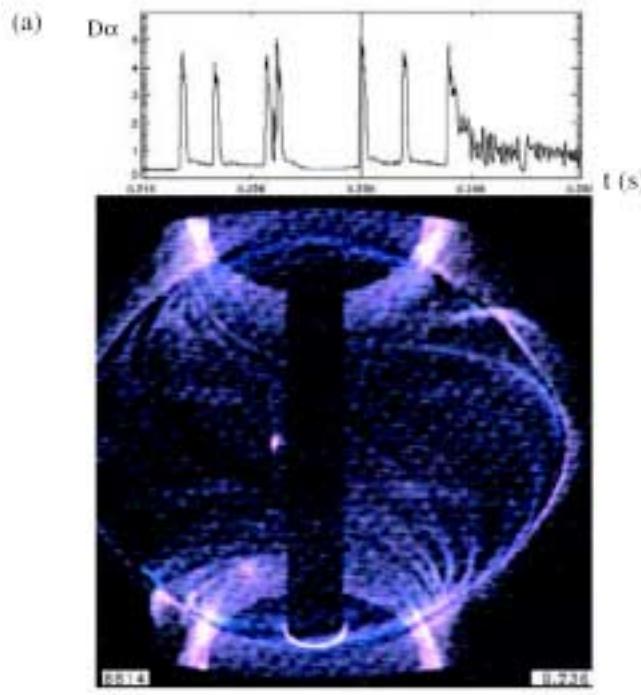
- precursors' n as expected from P-B
- precursors do not grow as linearly unstable modes $e^{t/\tau}$
- role of precursor on ELM trigger is unclear



Physics of ELM instability (VII)

Filaments are seen to appear in the plasma boundary prior to ELMs ($n = 10$, $q = 4$)

MAST-Akers PPCF'03

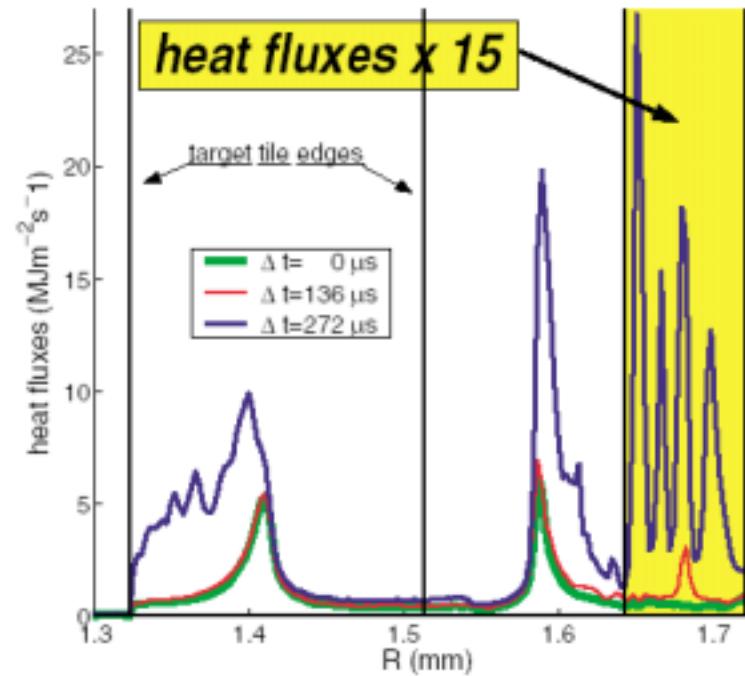
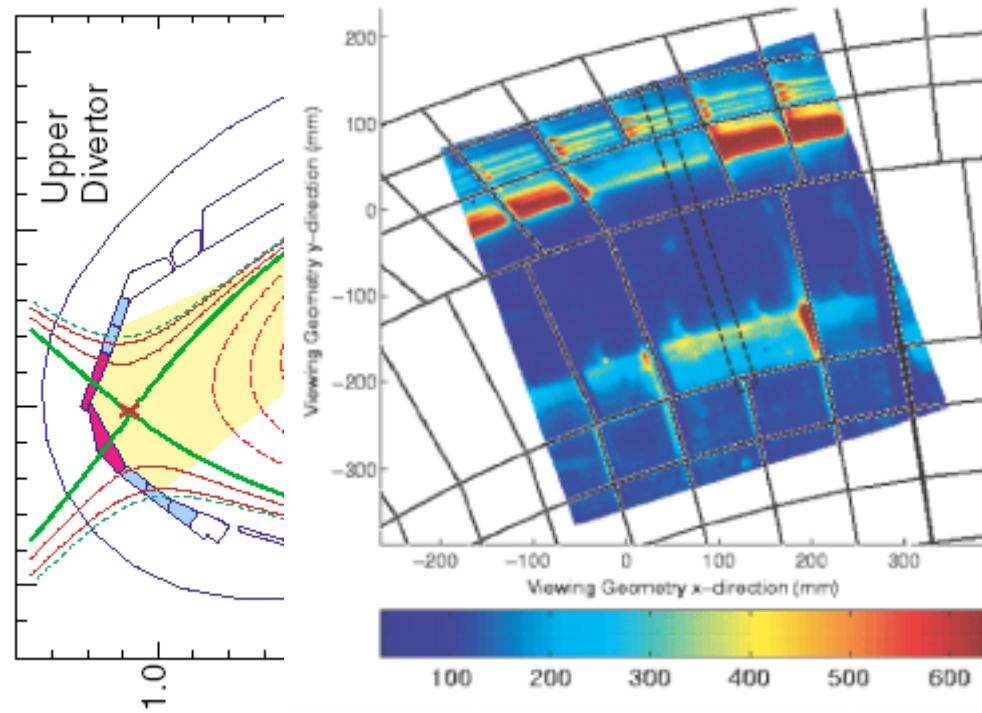


how much energy flows in the filaments?

Physics of ELM instability (VIII)

Analyses of energy fluxes far from strike point in ASDEX Upgrade are consistent with $n = 8 - 24$ modes

ASDEX Upgrade-Eich PRL'04

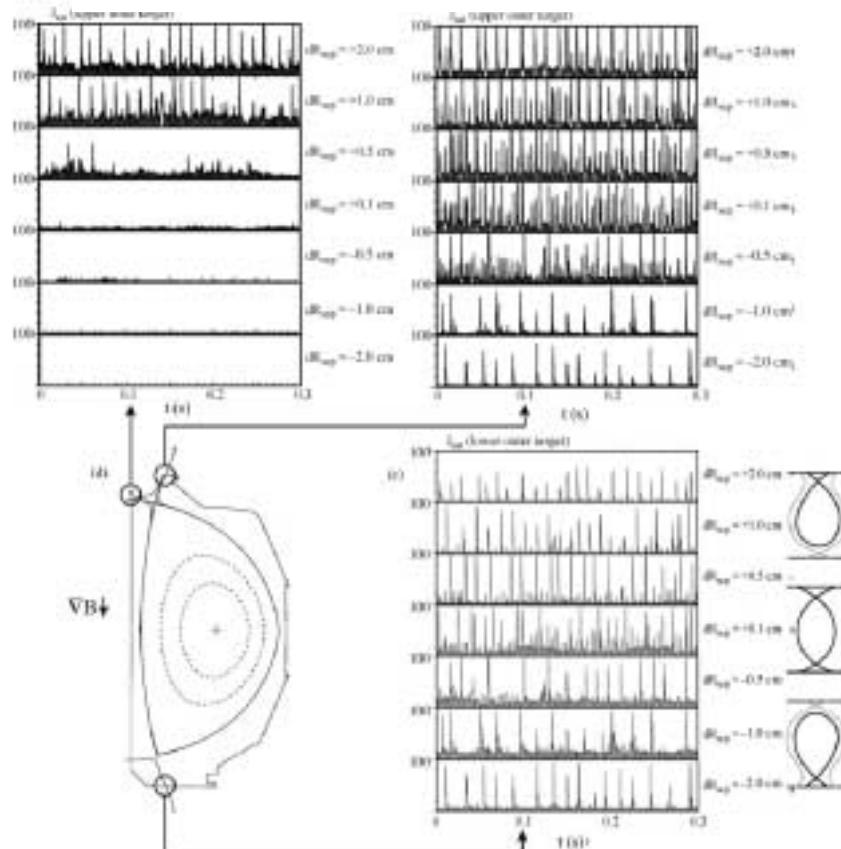


energy content in stripes less than 3% of $\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{div}}$!!

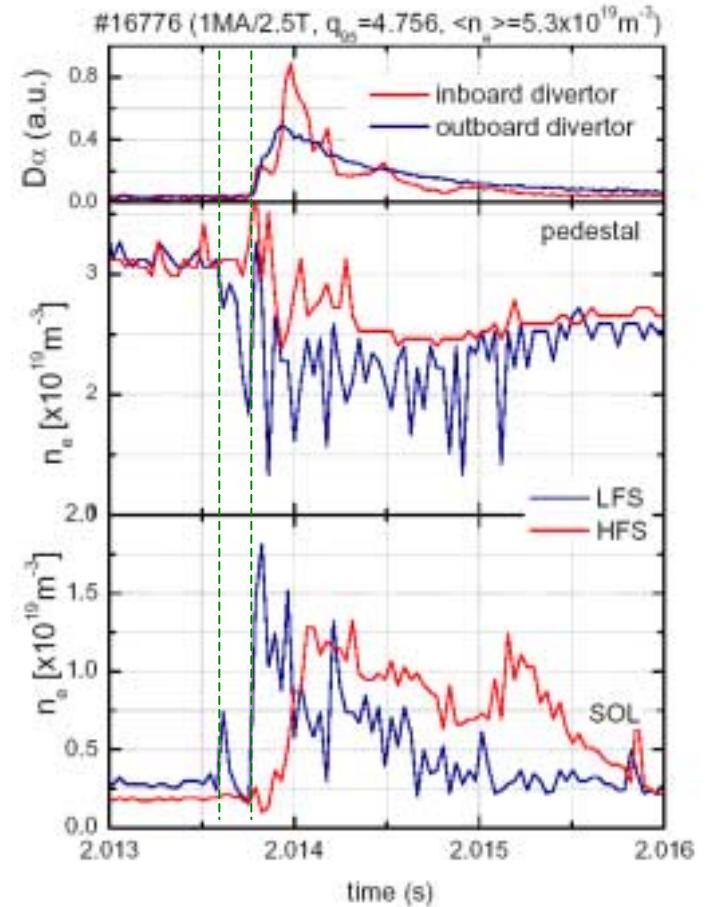
Physics of ELM instability (X)

ELM spatial and temporal ballooning character

DIII-D-Petrie NF'03



ASDEX Upgrade-Nunes EPS'03 subm. NF'04

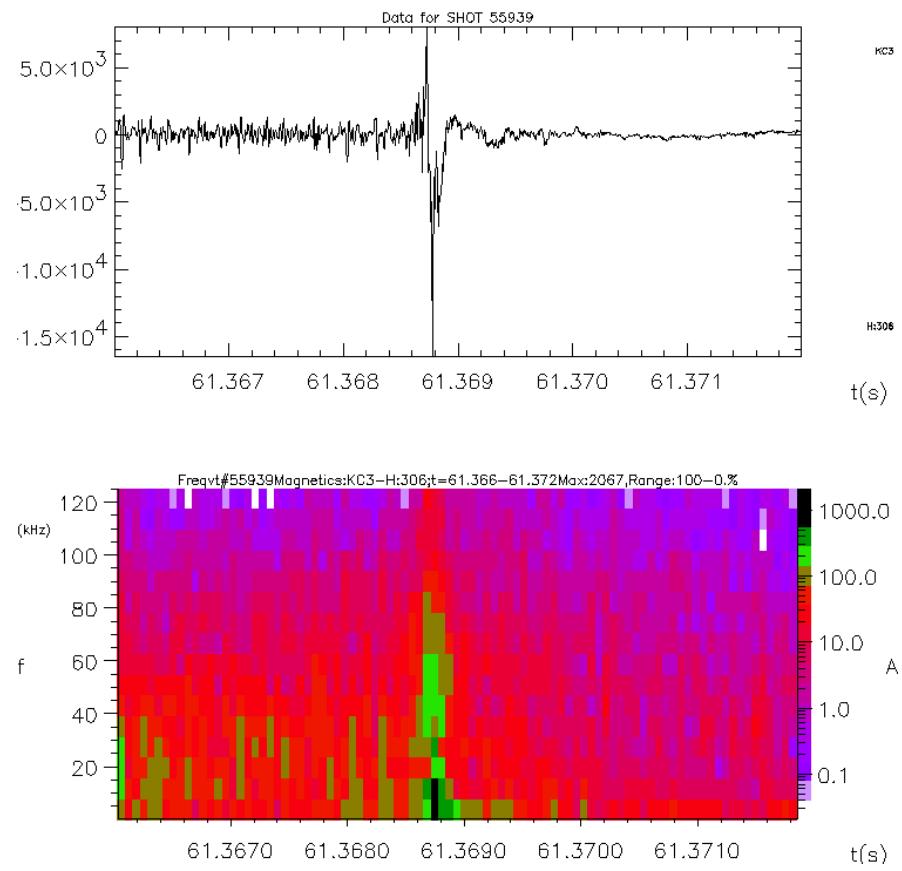
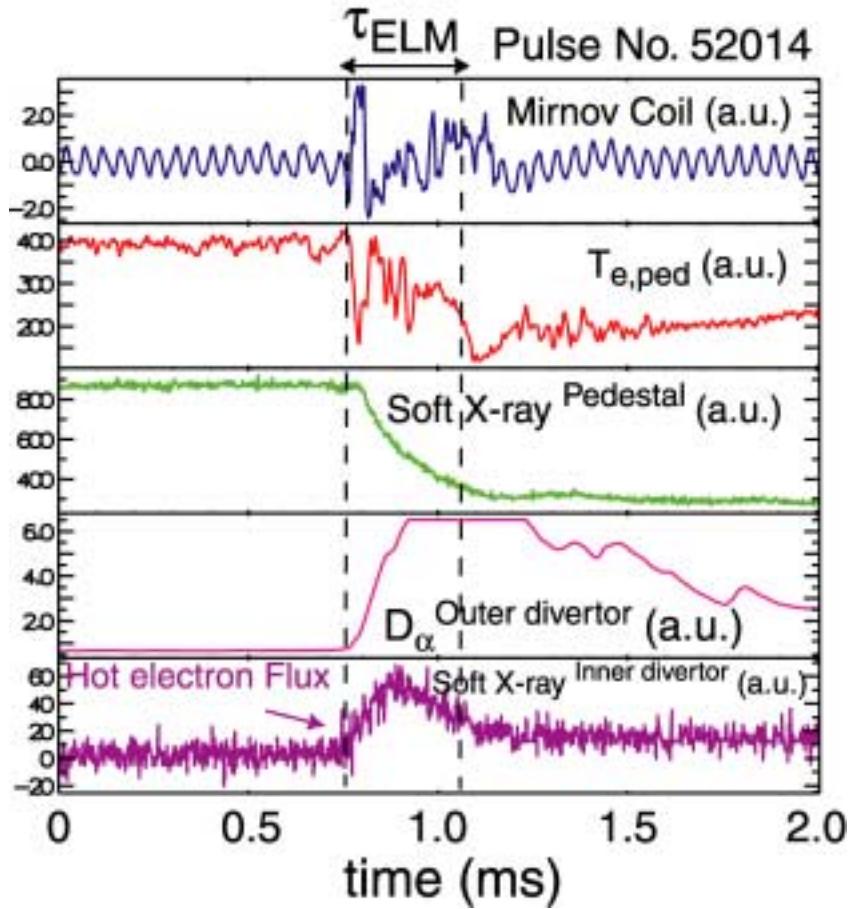


similar results on divertor fluxes from ASDEX Upgrade, MAST, JET

Physics of ELM instability (XI)

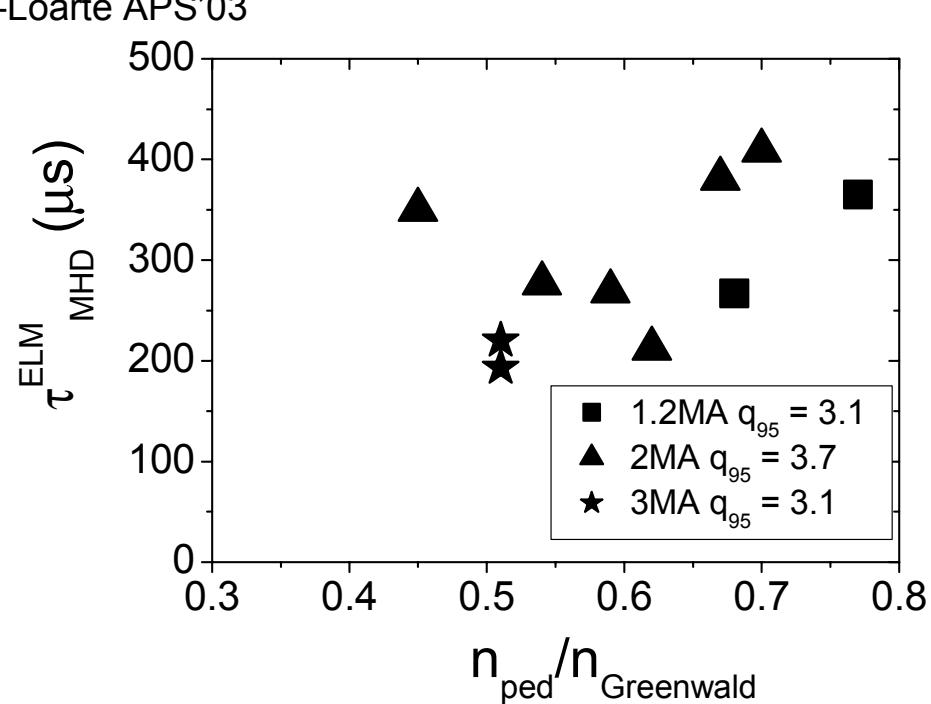
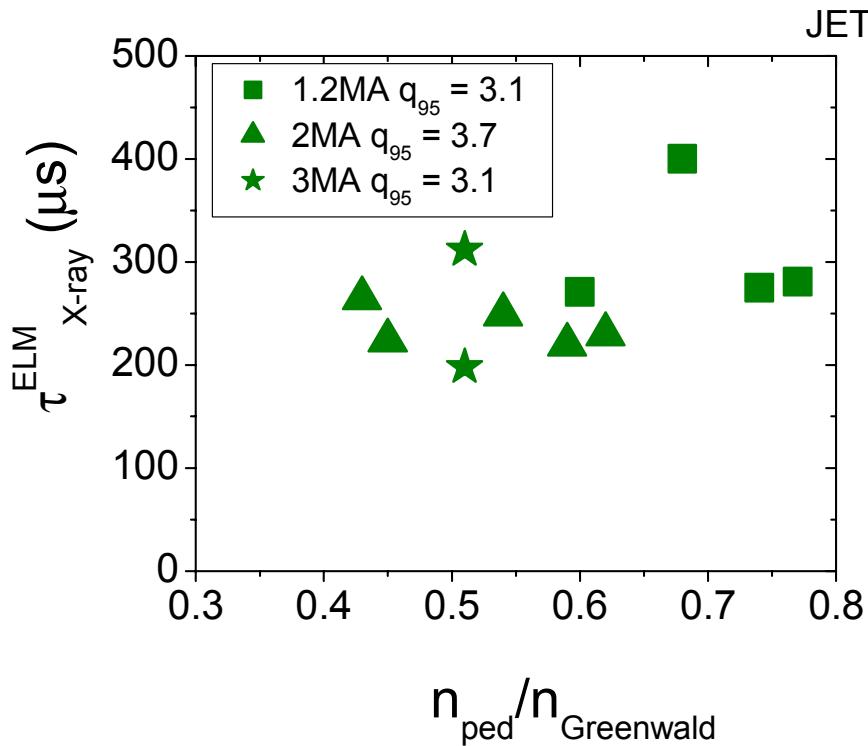
Timescale of ELM pedestal collapse/MHD phase timescale :
collapse of pedestal - hot e⁻ impact on divertor - MHD

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Physics of ELM instability (XII)

Timescale of ELM pedestal collapse $\sim 200 - 300 \mu\text{s}$ for JET Type I ELMs



Similar timescales in JT-60U, DIII-D, ASDEX Upgrade
MAST

Physics of ELM instability (XIV)

Physical mechanisms of ELM growth

- Non-linear explosive ballooning (Cowley PPCF'03)

$$\tau_{\text{ELM}} \sim (\tau_E \tau_A^2)^{1/3}$$

$$\tau_A \sim q R n^{1/2} / B, \tau_E ?$$

JET : $\tau_{\text{ELM}} (\tau_E) \sim 50\text{-}100 \mu\text{s}$ but $\tau_{\text{ELM}} \sim R^\alpha$ with $\alpha \sim 5/3$

$$\tau_{\text{ELM}} \sim (I_p^{-2/3} n^{1/3}) \times (P^{-2/9} n^{1/6} I_p^{1/3}) \sim I_p^{-1/18} \text{ (if } n \sim I_p, P \sim I_p \text{)} !!!$$

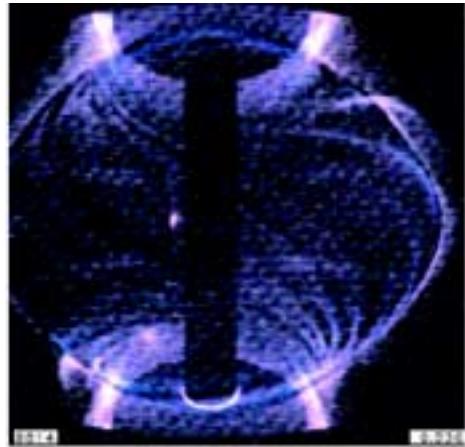
- Edge Reconnection (Igitkahnov EPS'01)

$$\tau_{\text{ELM}} \sim \tau_A (\tau_\eta / \tau_A)^\beta \quad (\beta = [1/3, 1])$$

$$\tau_{\text{ELM}} (\beta=1/2) \sim (R^{1/2} I_p^{-1/2} n^{1/4}) \times (a^{1/2} T^{3/4}) \sim R I_p^{1/2} \text{ (if } n \sim I_p, T \sim I_p \text{)}$$

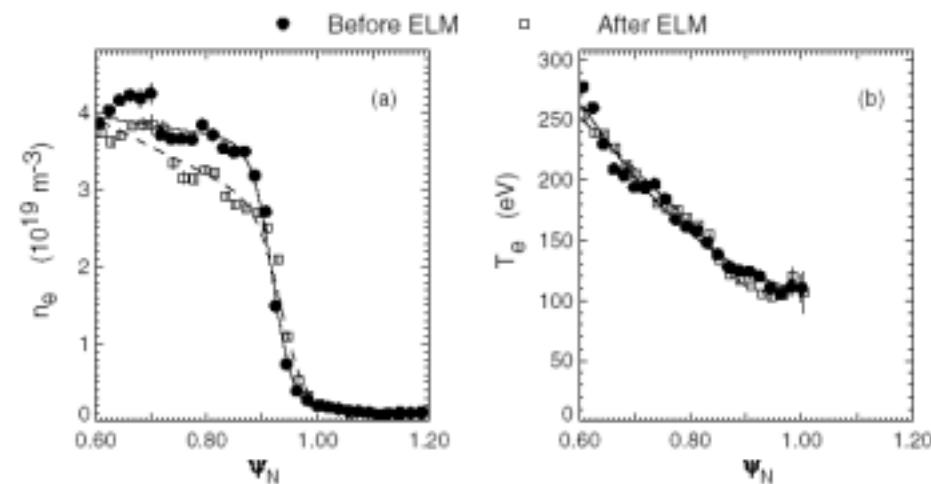
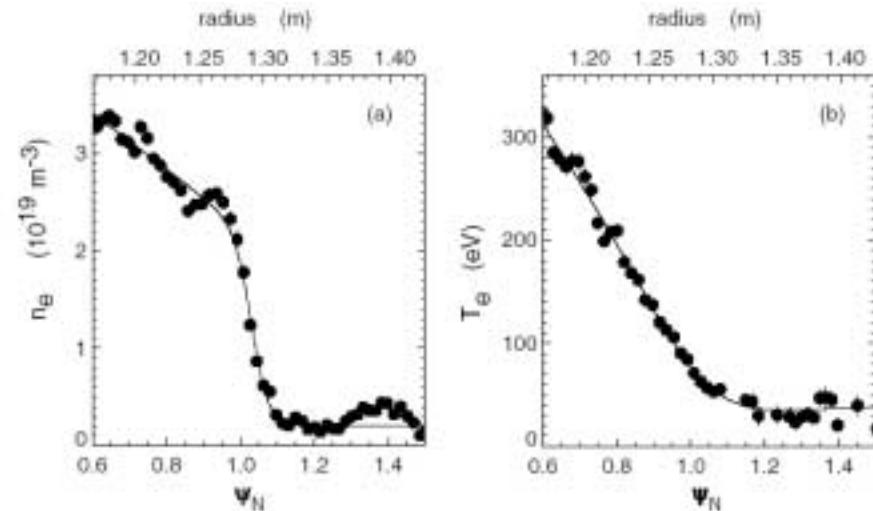
More experimental and theoretical work is needed!!!

Physics of ELM instability (XV)



how filaments evolve
to an edge plasma collapse ?

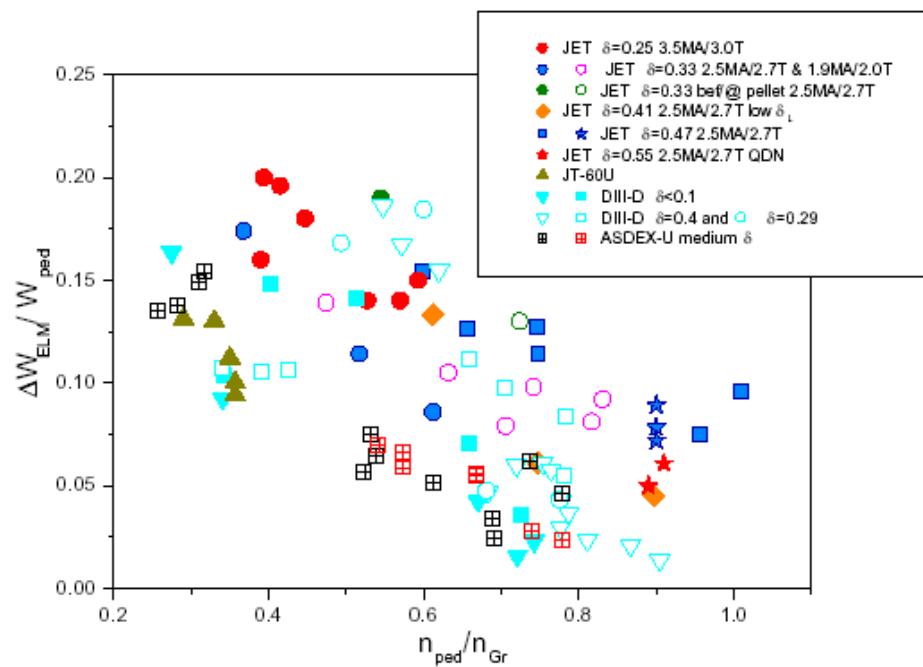
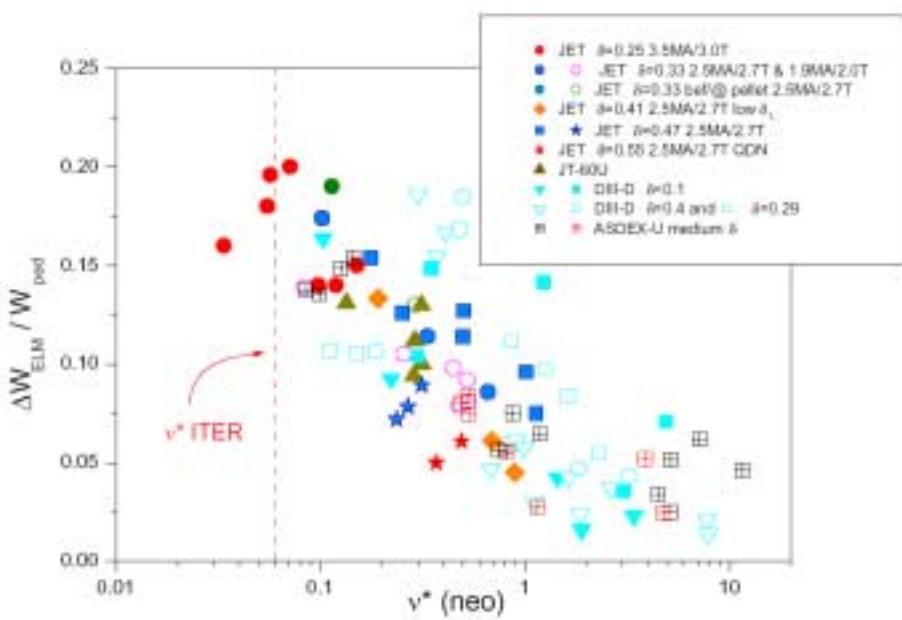
MAST-Kirk PPCF'04



Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (I)

ELM energy/particle losses depend on pedestal parameters

ITPA-Loarte PPCF'03



Small $\Delta W_{\text{ELM}} / W_{\text{ped}}$ seen at high $n_{e,\text{ped}} / n_{\text{GW}}$ and/or high $v^*_{\text{ped}}(\text{neo})$

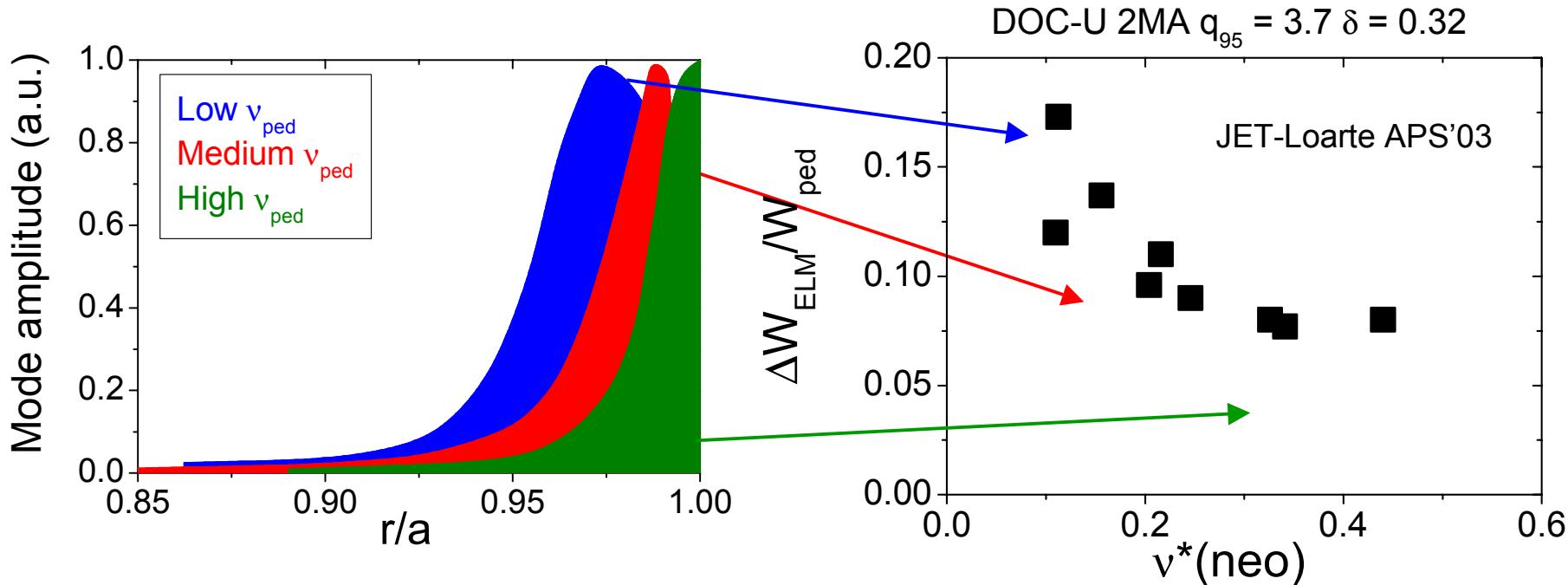
Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (II)

Simple picture : small ΔW_{ELM} \leftrightarrow small volume of plasma affected by ELM

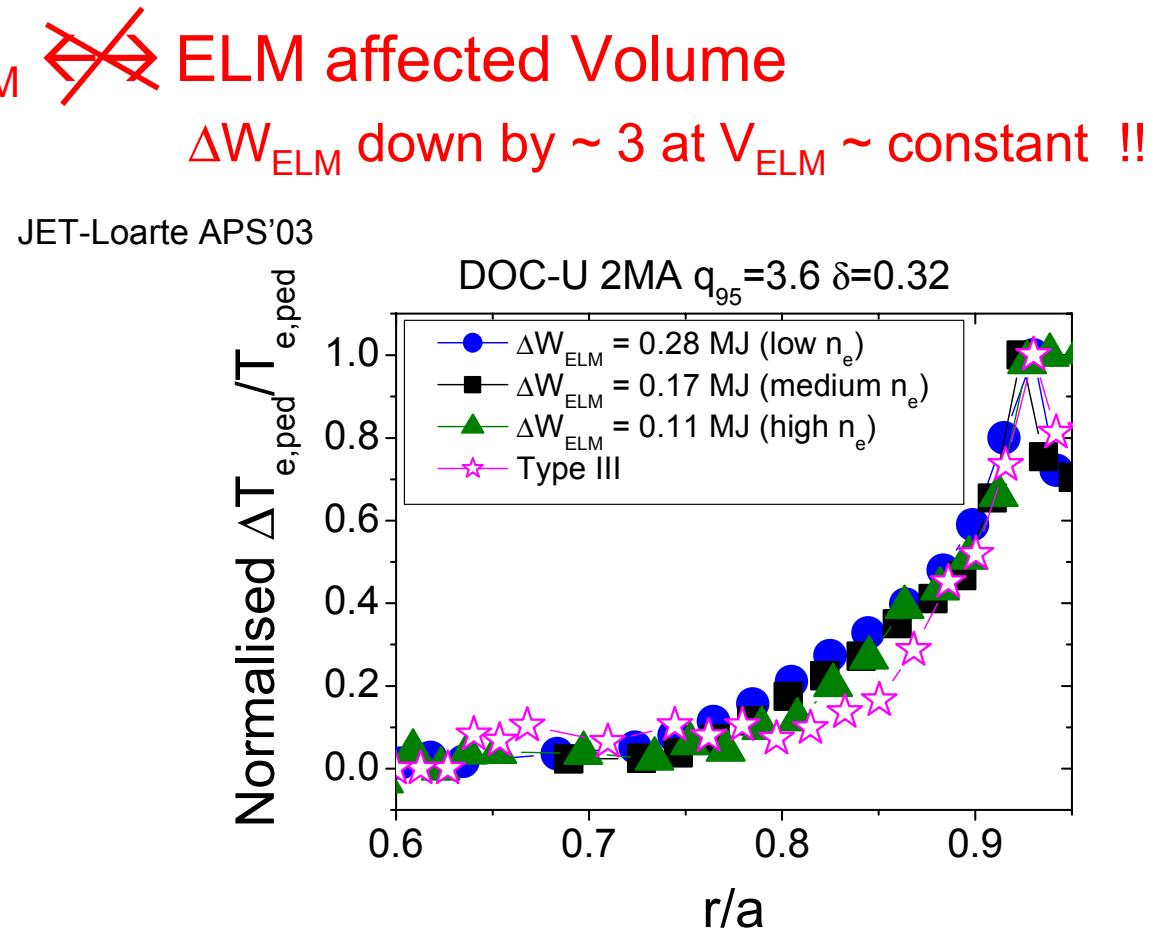
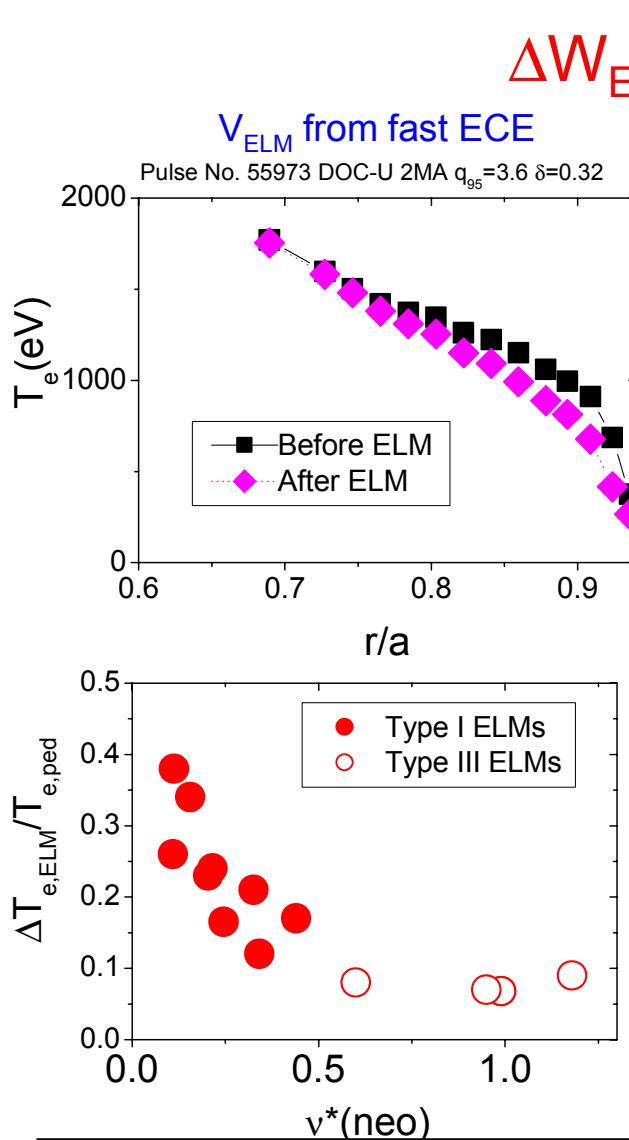
Peeling/Ballooning Picture : increasing $n_{\text{ped}} - v^*_{\text{ped}}$

n of unstable modes increase \leftrightarrow poloidal width of modes decrease

ELM affected volume (V_{ELM}) $\rightarrow \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}$ decreases



Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (III)

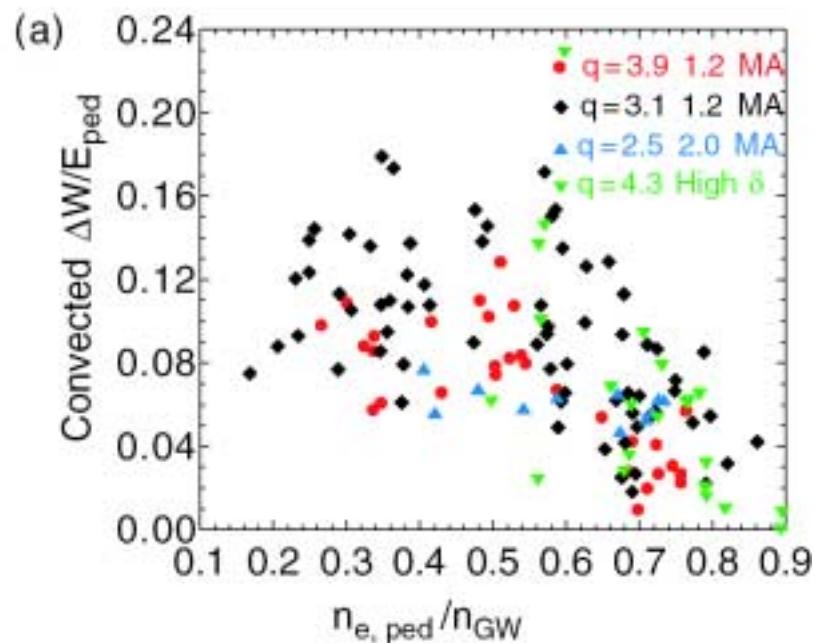
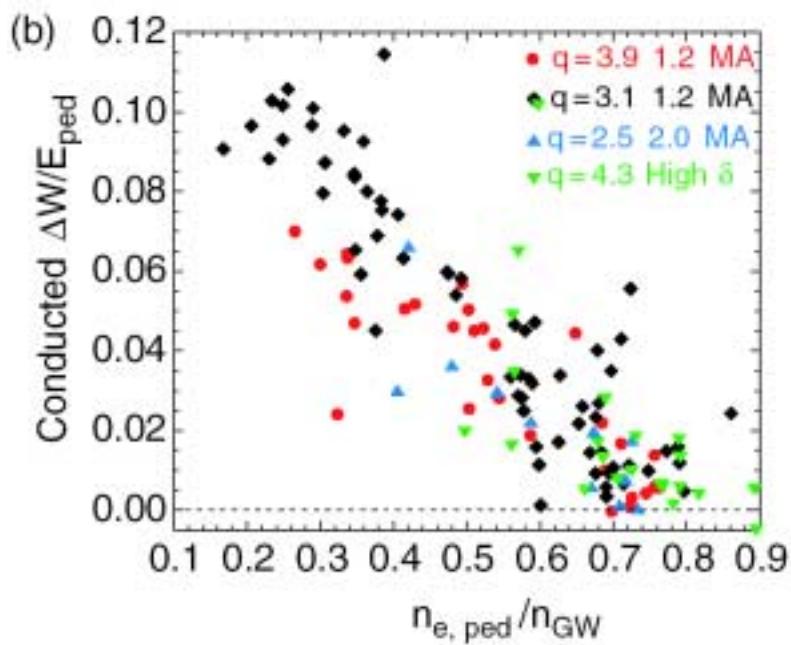


decrease of ΔT_{ELM} not of $V_{ELM} \rightarrow \Delta W_{ELM}$
similar results in DIII-D (Leonard)

Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (IV)

Variation of ΔW_{ELM} \leftrightarrow ELM energy transport (DIII-D, JET)

DIII-D-Leonard PPCF'02



$$\Delta W_{\text{ELM}} = \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{cond}} (\Delta T_{\text{ELM}}) + \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{conv}} (\Delta n_{\text{ELM}})$$

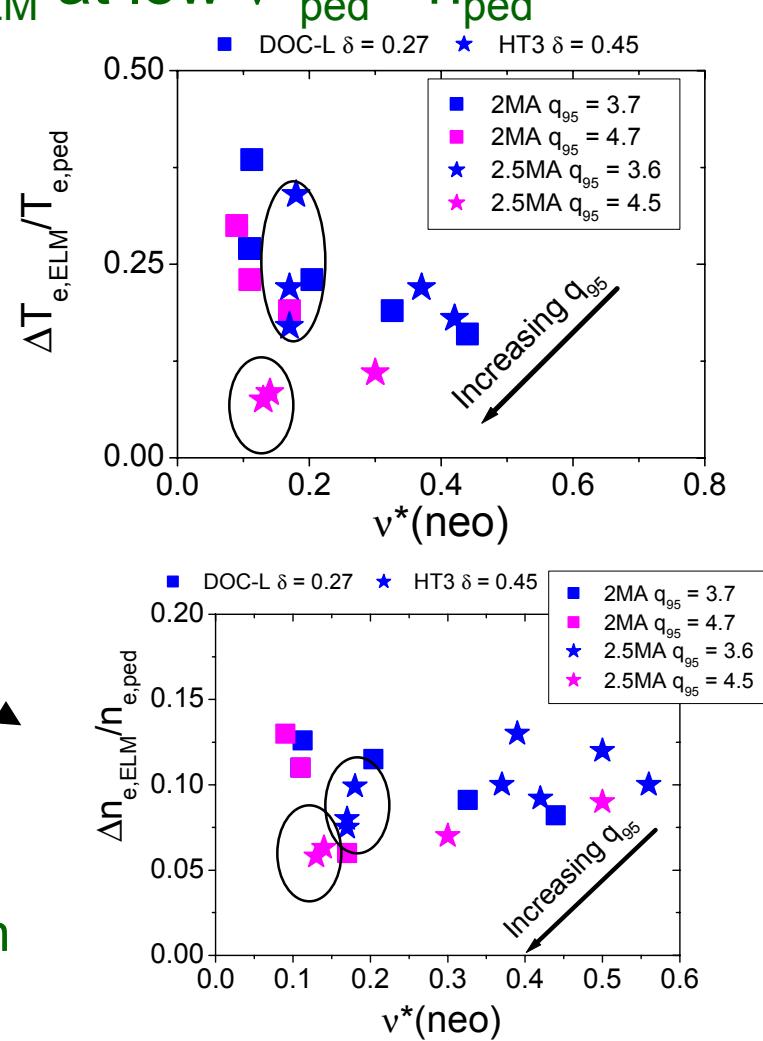
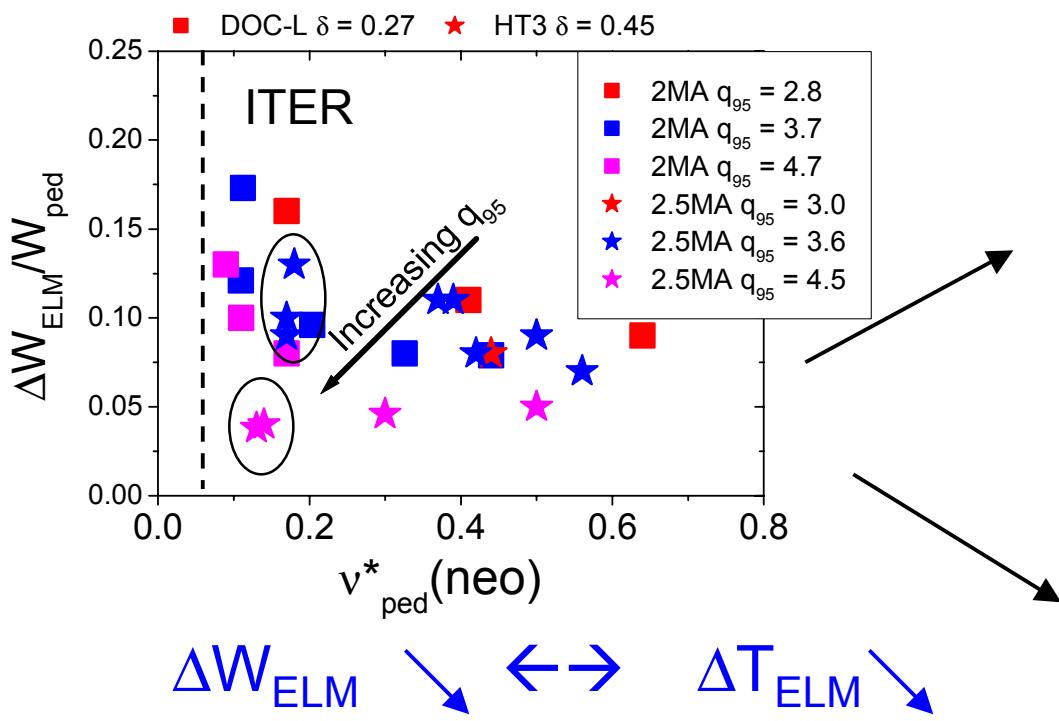
$\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{cond}}$ decreases with $n_{e,\text{ped}}$ (or $v_{e,\text{ped}}(\text{neo})$)

Smaller ΔW_{ELM} \leftrightarrow convective ELMs

Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (V)

high q_{95} + $\delta \rightarrow$ small ΔW_{ELM} at low $v^*_{\text{ped}} - n_{\text{ped}}$

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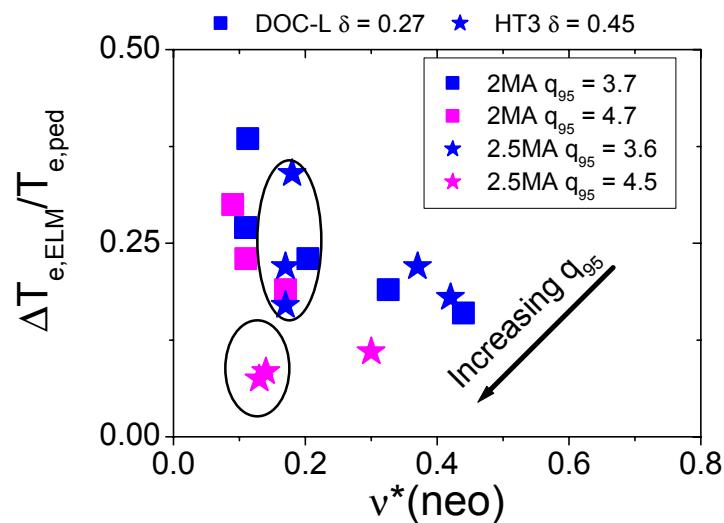
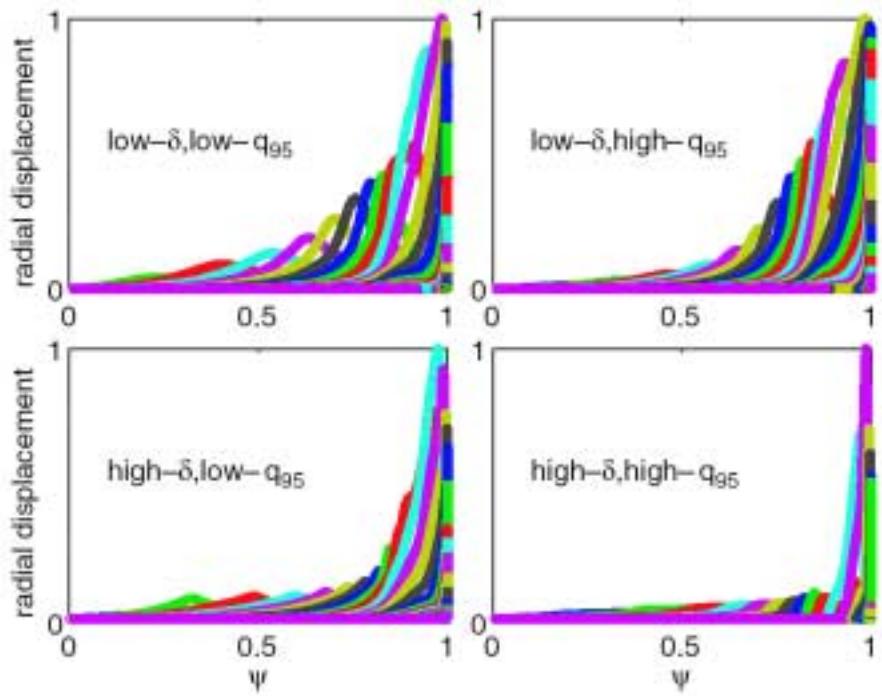


MHD pedestal stability affects ΔW_{ELM} through
ELM energy conduction

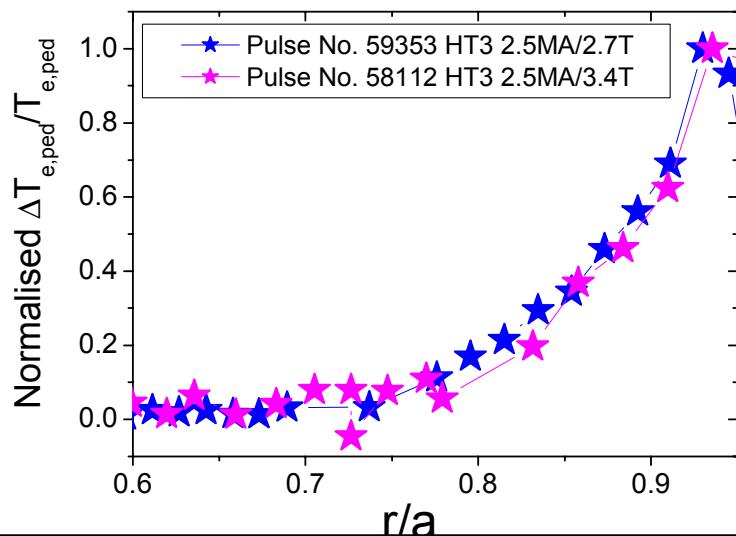
Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (VI)

effect of high q_{95} on P-B stability largest at high δ

ASDEX Upgrade-Saarelma NF'03



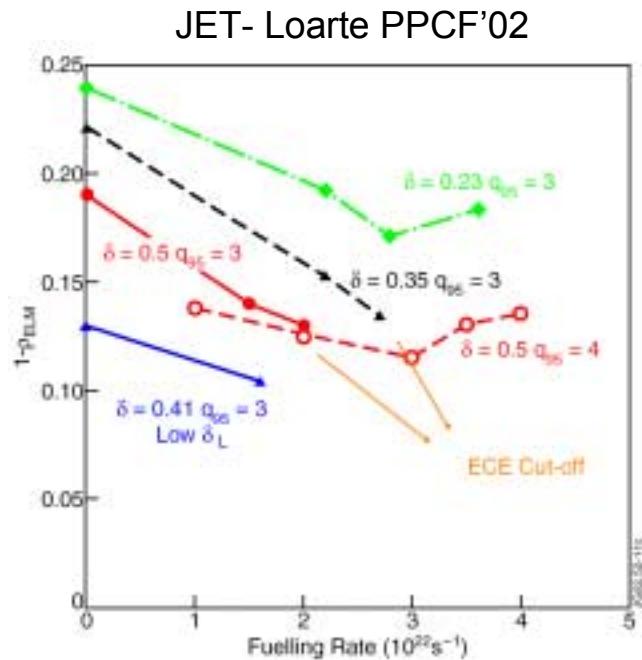
$V_{ELM} \sim \text{constant with } q_{95}!!$



P-B stability effect on ELMs \rightarrow non-linear evolution

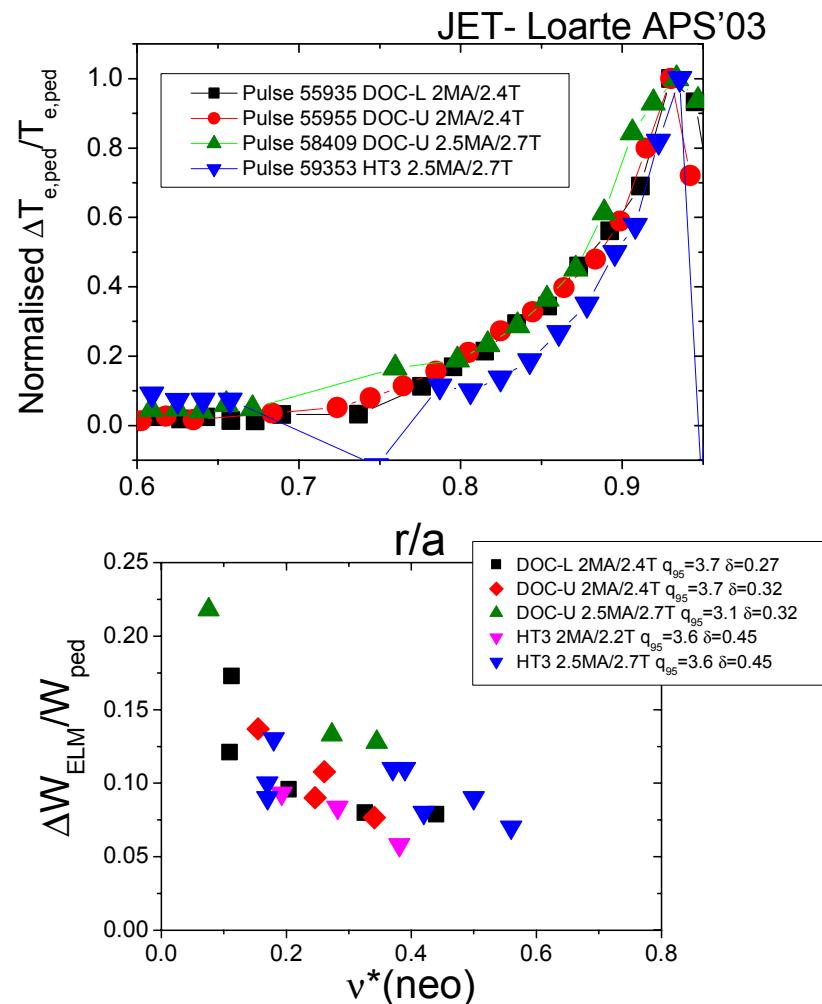
Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (VII)

Plasma shape (δ , κ , ...) changes V_{ELM} as expected from P-B analysis
 (JET & DIII-D (TTF'02-Córdoba) not ASDEX Upgrade (Urano PPCF'03))



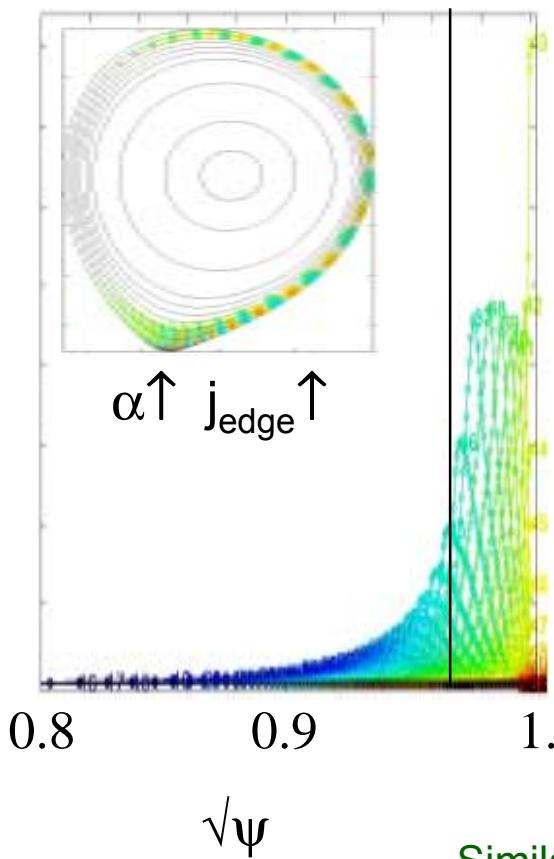
lower $\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}/W_{\text{ped}}$ for same v^*_{ped} at high δ
 but

ΔW_{ELM} is larger for higher δ (higher W_{ped}) !!!

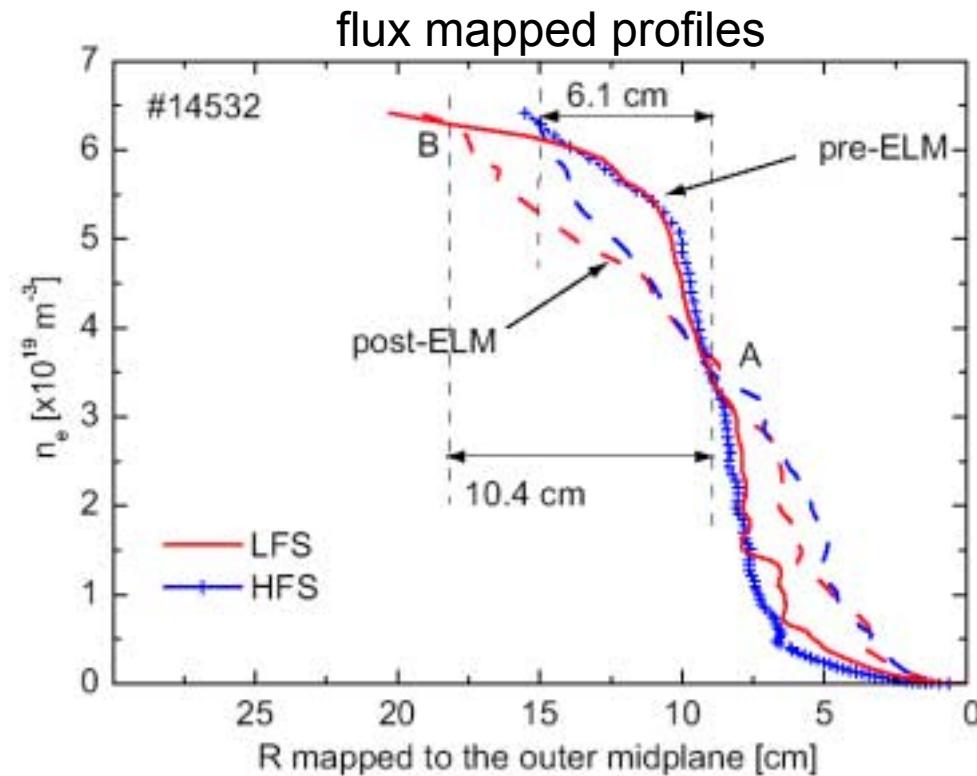


Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (VIII)

Collapse of effect of pedestal plasma at ELM is not Θ symmetric



ASDEX Upgrade-Nunes EPS'03 subm. NF'04

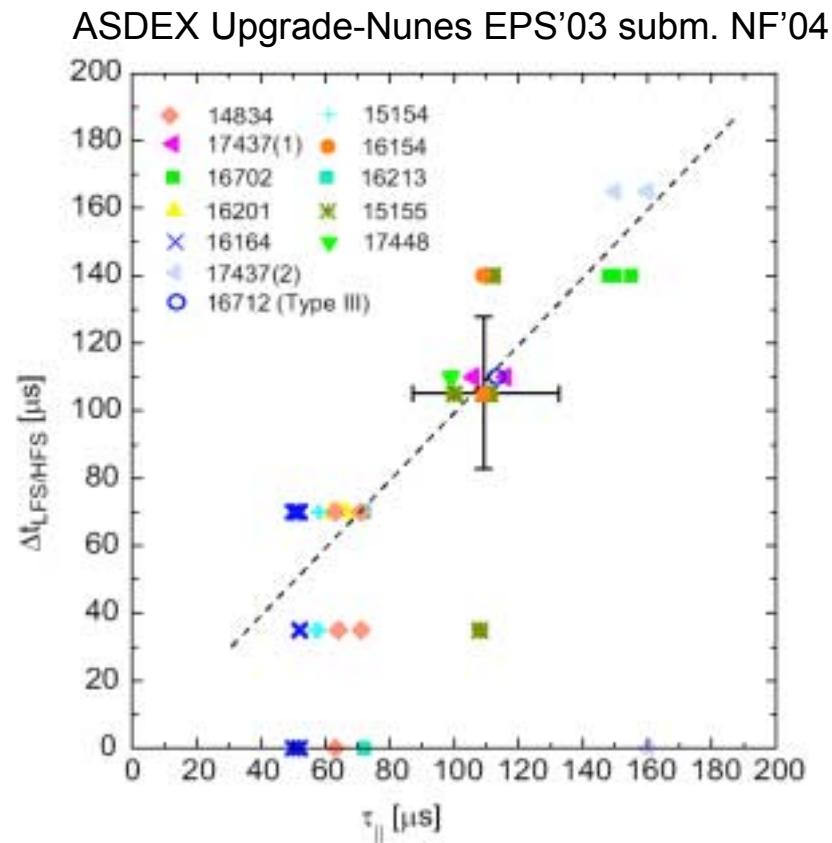
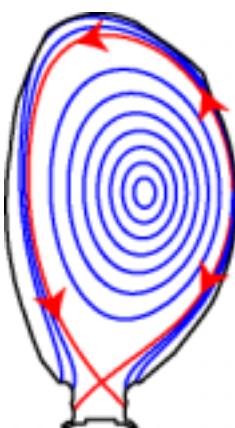
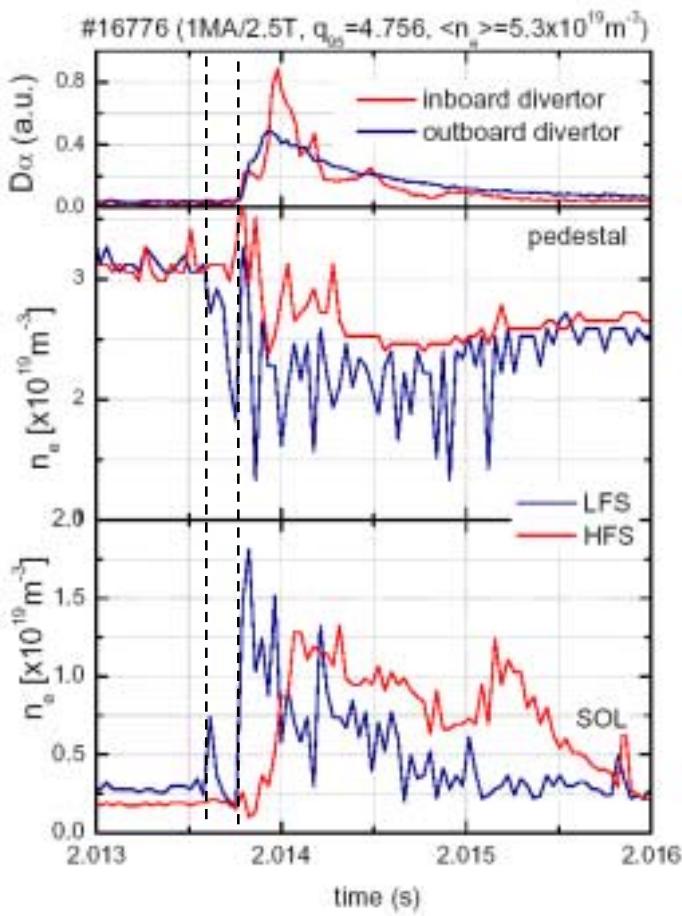


Similar results in JT-60U (Oyama NF'03 & NF'04) & MAST (Kirk PPCF'04)

ballooning structure is maintained to the end of the ELM collapse

Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (IX)

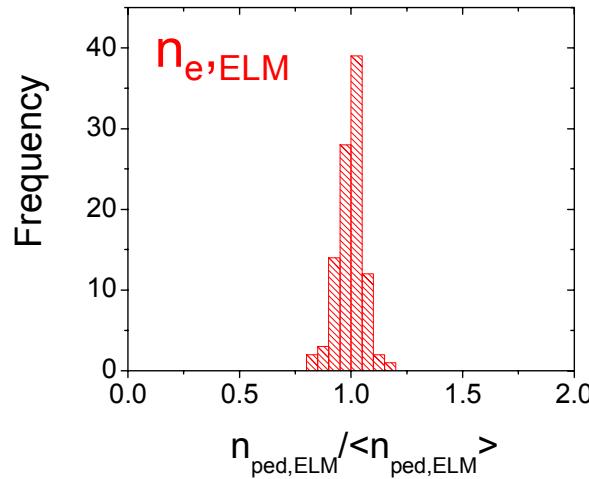
Collapse of pedestal plasma during ELMs is not simultaneous at all Θ



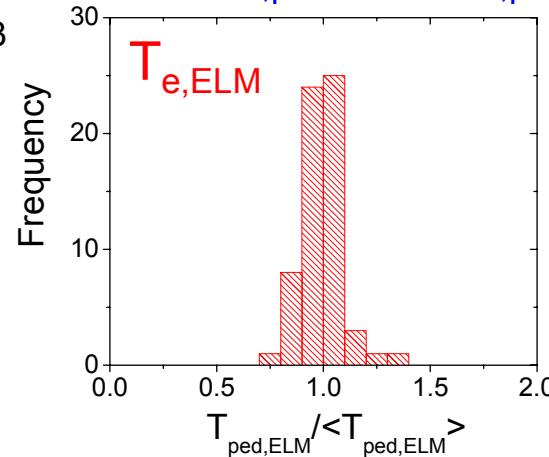
Delay scales with LFS-HFS ion transit time!

Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (X)

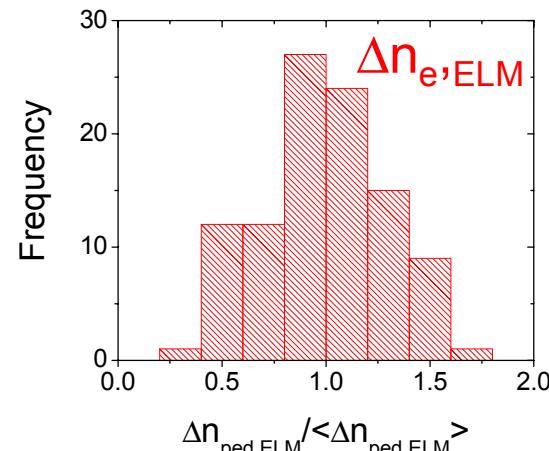
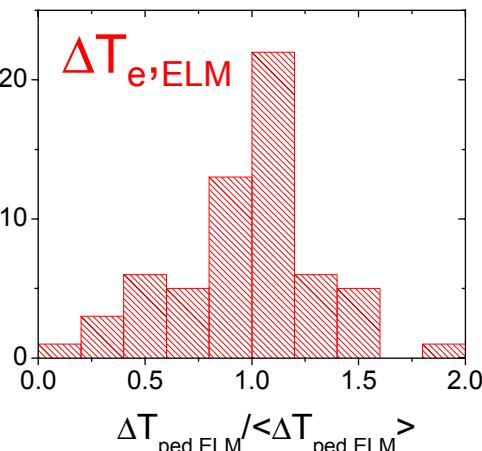
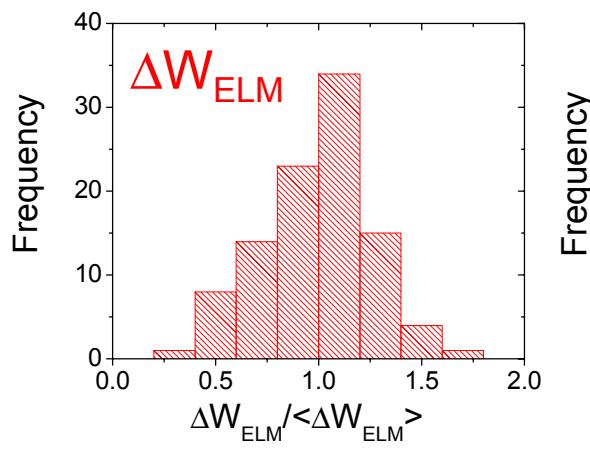
ELMs are triggered at precise values of $n_{e,ped}$ and $T_{e,ped}$



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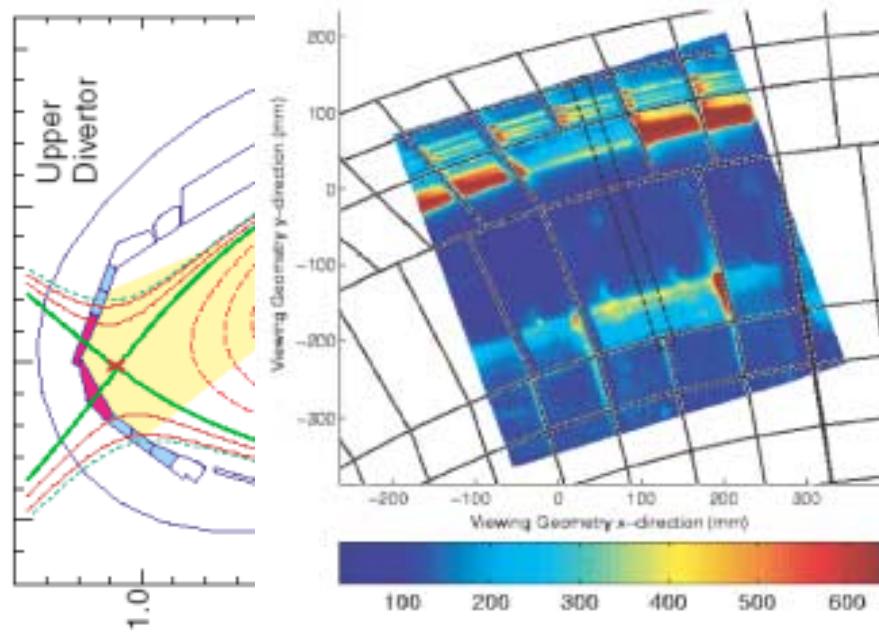
ELM crash has a much wider scatter for same $n_{e,ped}$ and $T_{e,ped}$



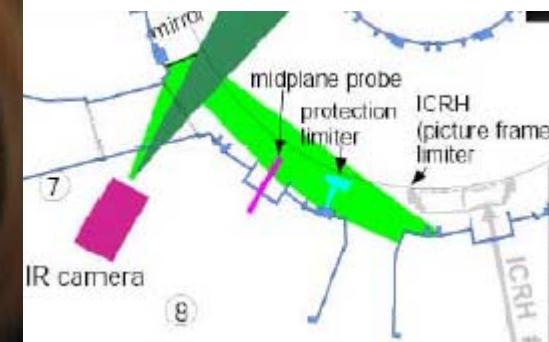
ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (I)

ELMs lead to fluxes both at the divertor and main chamber PFCs

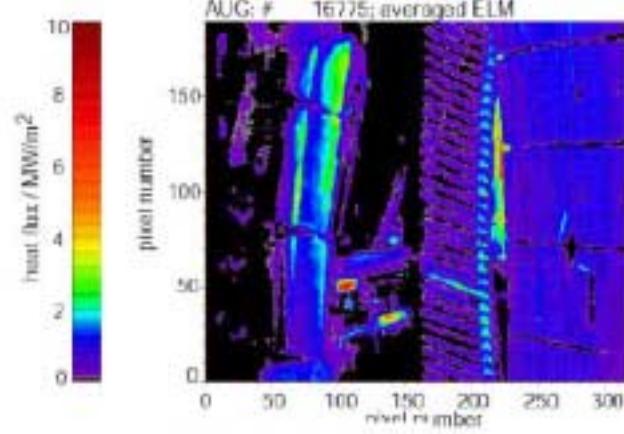
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averaged ELM



ΔW_{ELM} → divertor and main chamber

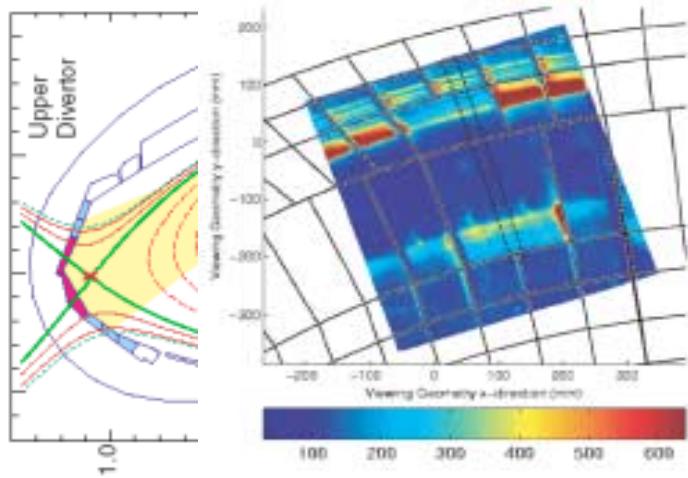
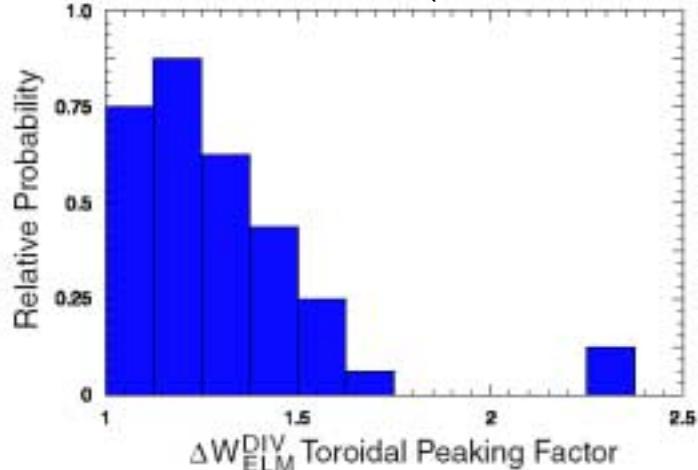
Parameters to be determined & understood :

- timescales and areas
- transport mechanisms (extrapolation)

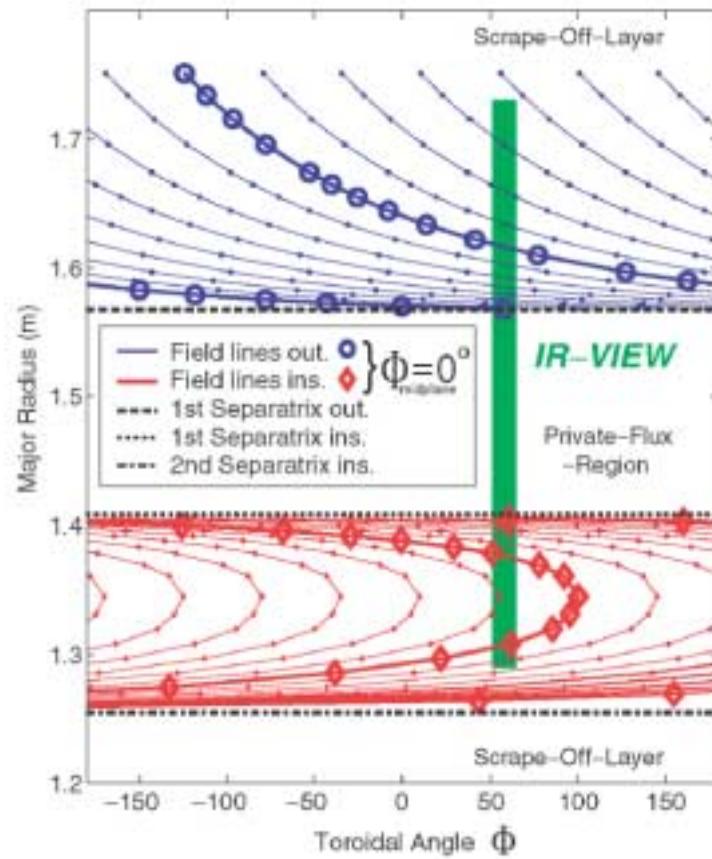
ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (II)

divertor ELM fluxes are toroidally symmetric near separatrix (long L_c /high S)

DIII-D Leonard JNM'97 (Loarte PPCF'03)



ASDEX Upgrade-Eich PRL'04

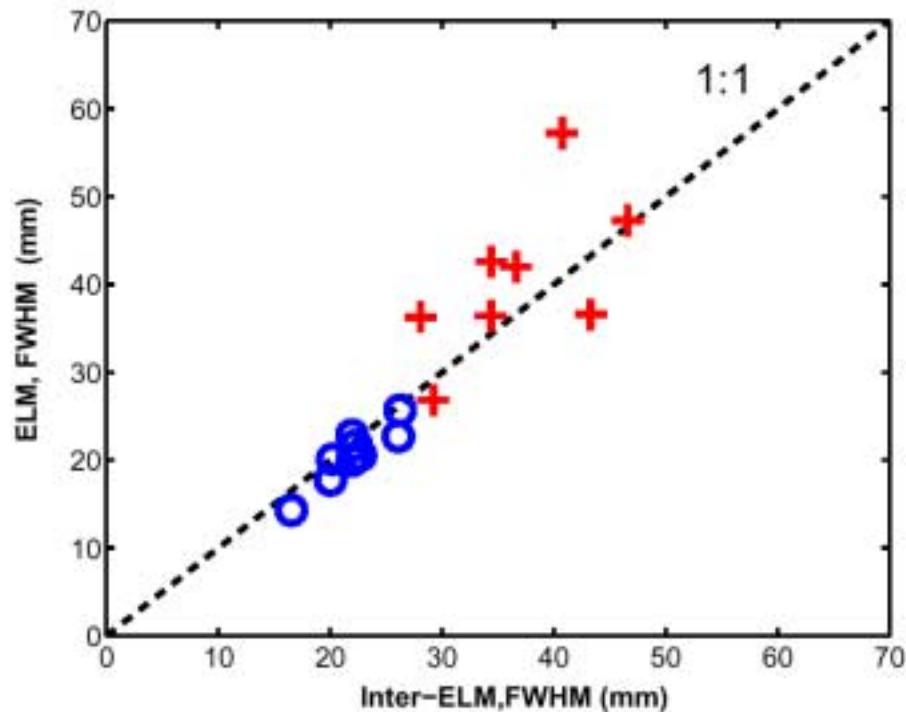


but ELM currents in DIII-D?

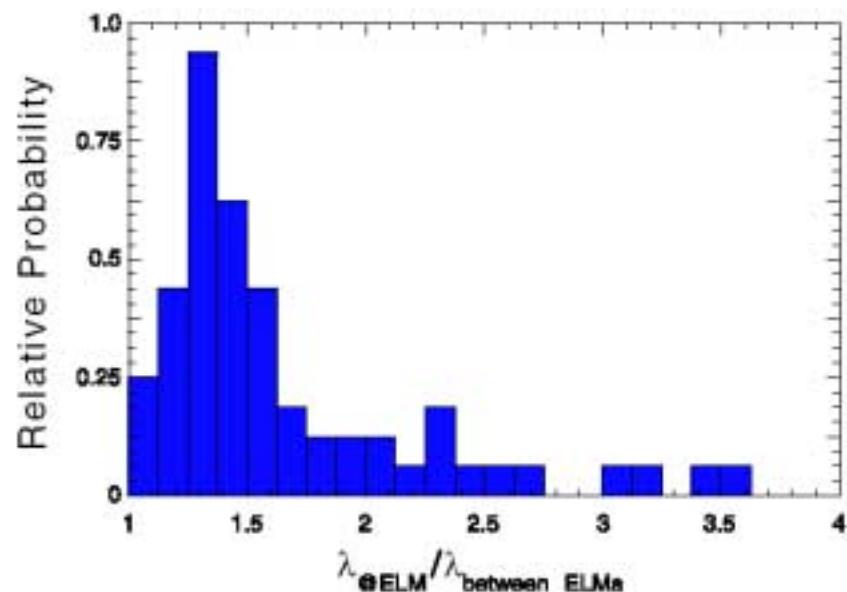
ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (III)

divertor ELM energy wetted area \approx divertor wetted area between ELMs

JET-Eich PSI'04



ASDEX Upgrade-Herrmann PPCF'02 (Loarte PPCF'03)

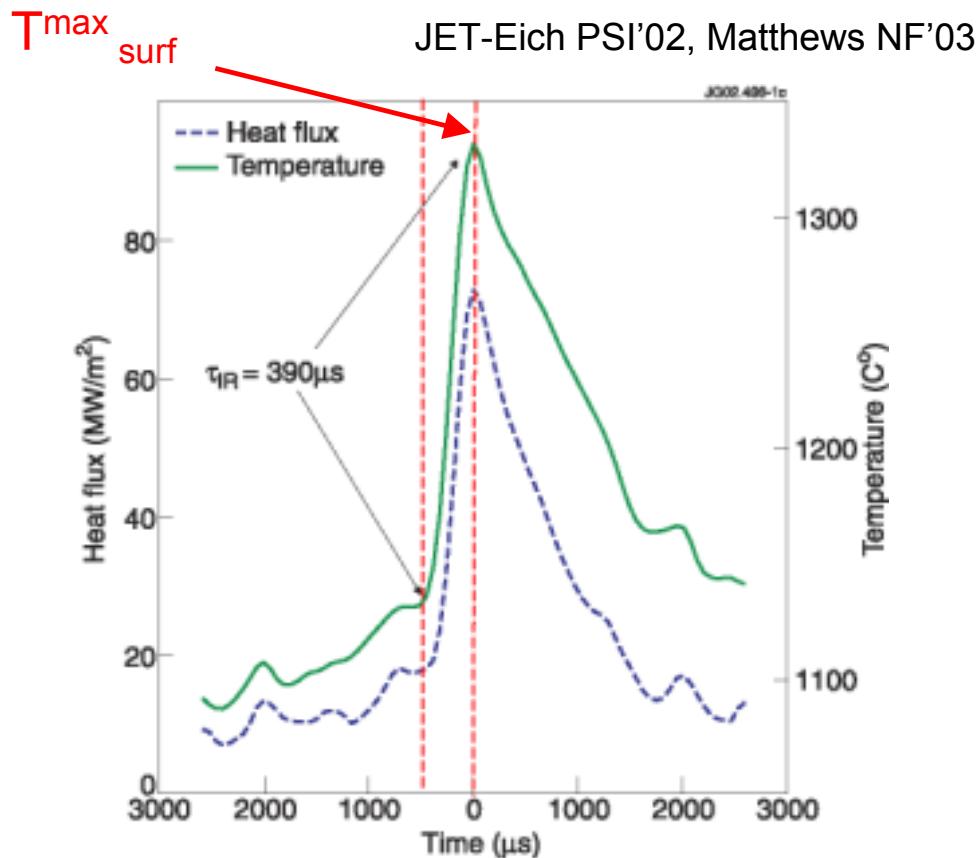


I B & II B are enhanced in a similar way during ELMs

Similar results in MAST (Kirk PPCF'04) and DIII-D (Fenstermacher PPCF'03)

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (IV)

Time history of divertor ELM energy is complex

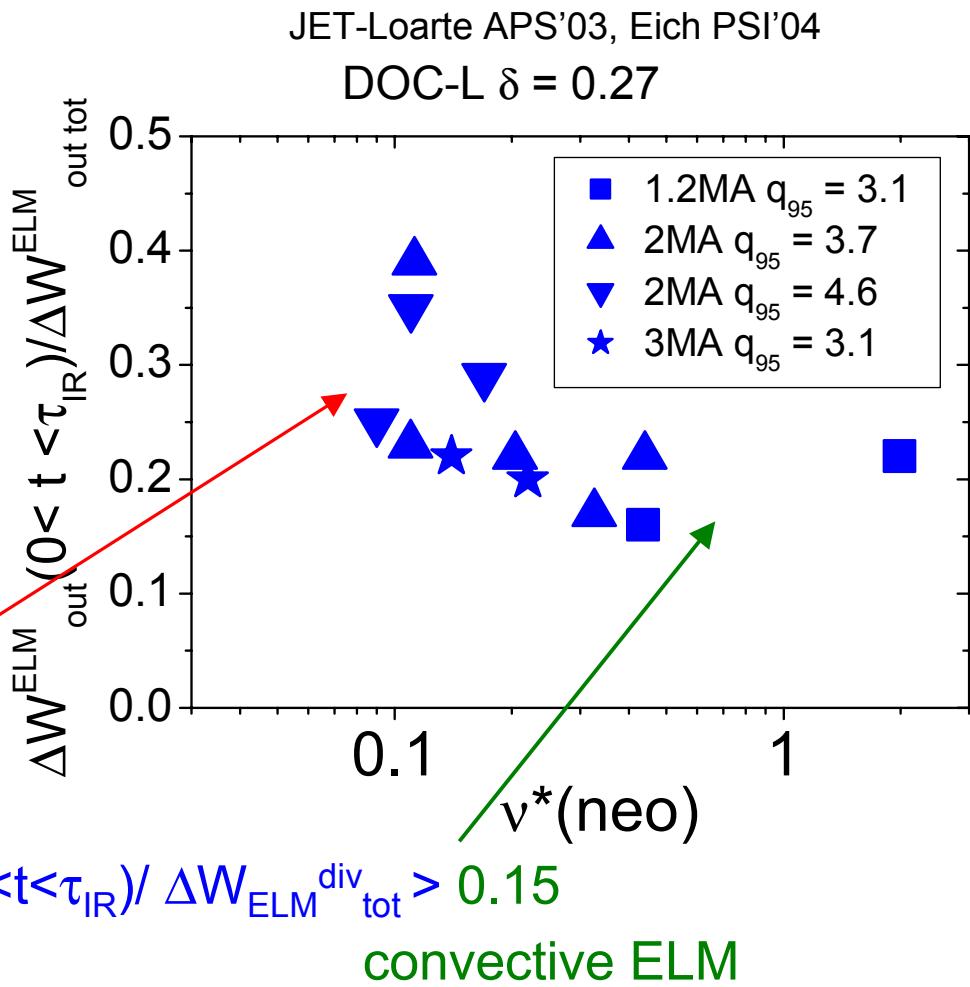
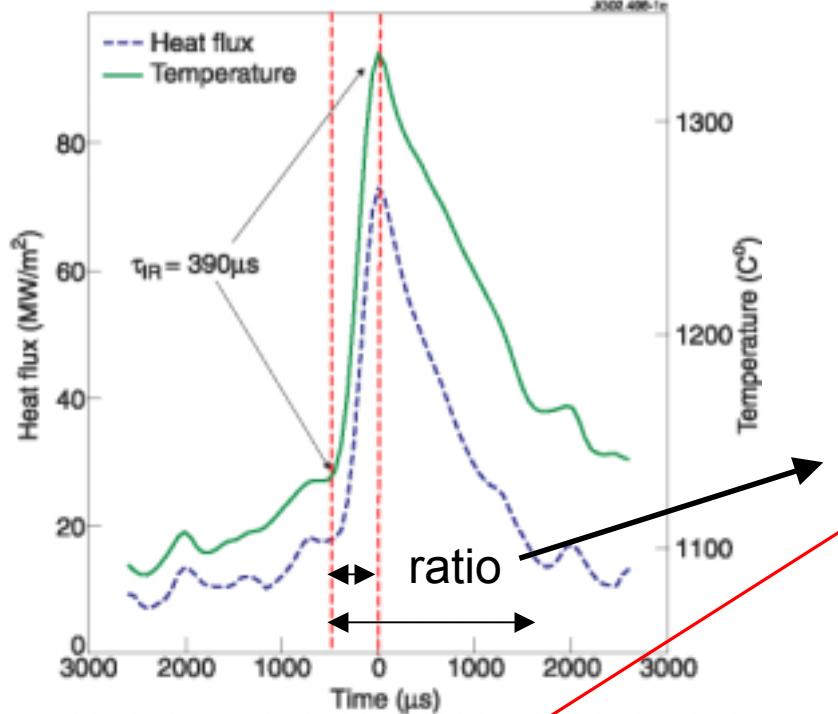


Significant fraction of $\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{div}}$ arrives after T_{surf}^{\max} !!!!

ELM erosion in ITER determined by $T_{\text{surf}}^{\max} > T_{\text{evap}}^{\text{c}}$

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (V)

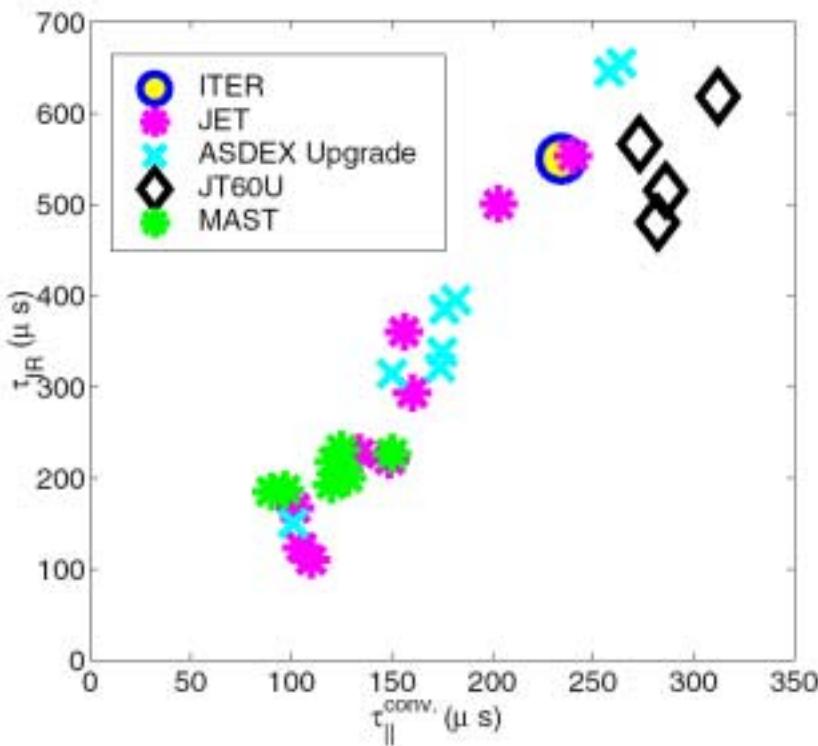
n_{ped} or $v^*(\text{neo}) \uparrow \rightarrow \text{ELMs more convective} \rightarrow \text{more of } \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{div}} \text{ after } T_{\text{surf}}^{\max}$



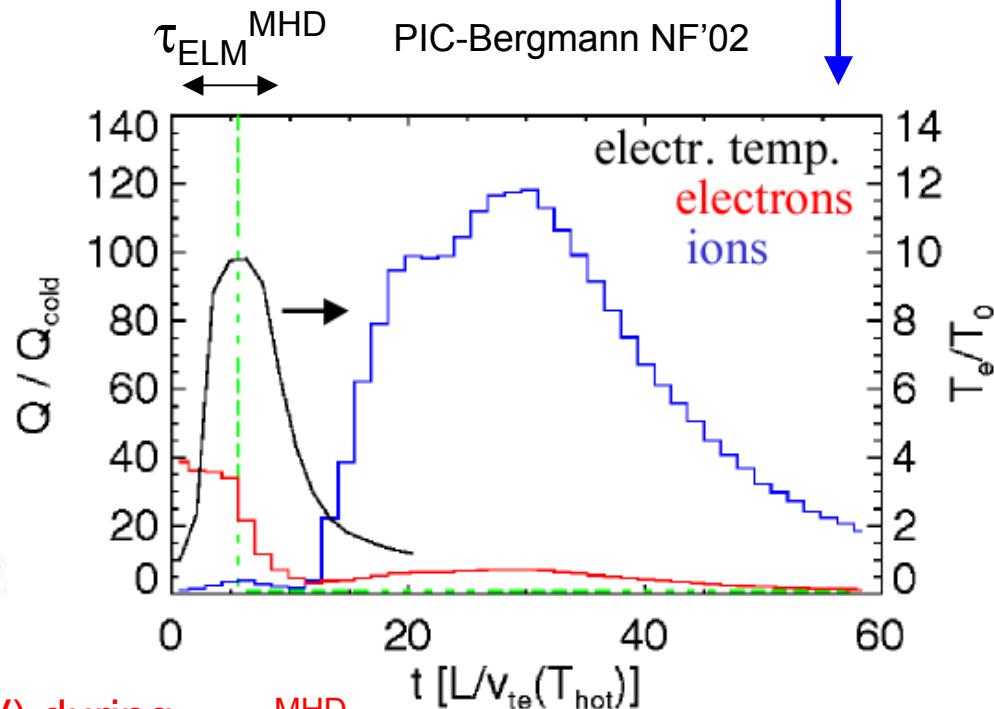
ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (VI)

Timescale of ELM heat flux on divertor correlated with $\tau_{||} \sim L/c_{s,ped}$

JET- Eich, ASDEX Upgrade-Herrmann,
JT-60U Asakura, MAST-Kirk



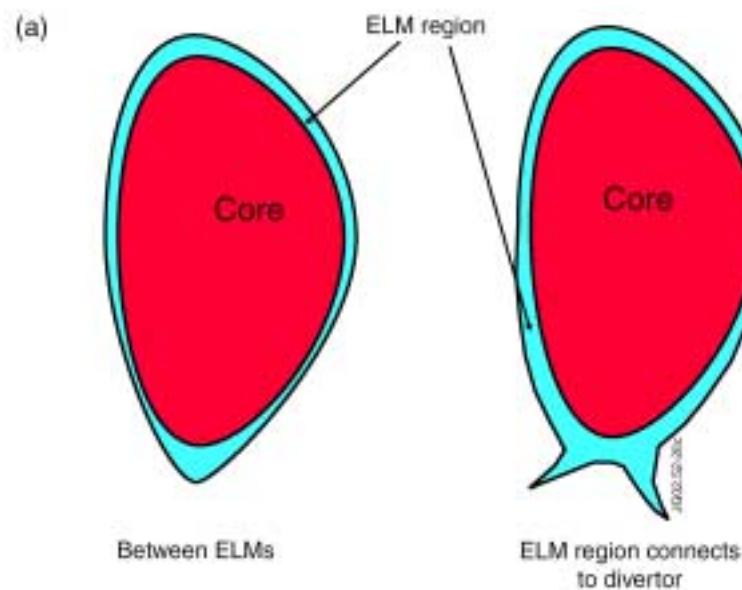
- $\Gamma_{\text{div}} = \Gamma_{e,\text{div}}(\tau_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{MHD}}) + \Gamma_{i,\text{div}}(\tau_{||})$
- Formation of high energy sheath



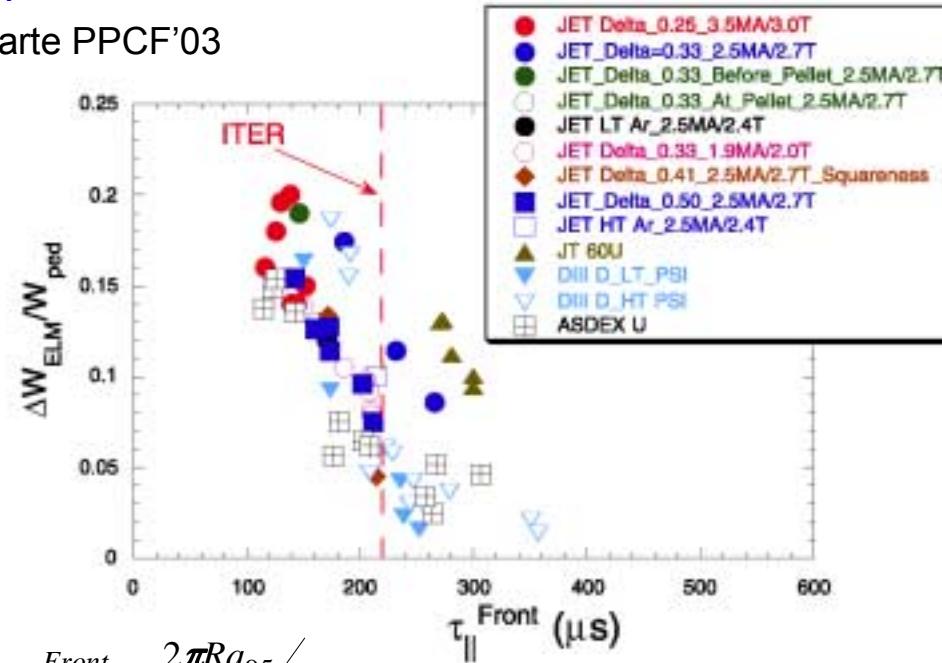
Experiment → high $\Gamma_{x\text{-ray}}$ (electrons \sim keV) during $\tau_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{MHD}}$

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (VII)

- $\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}/W_{\text{ped}}$ decreases with τ_{\parallel}



ITPA-Loarte PPCF'03



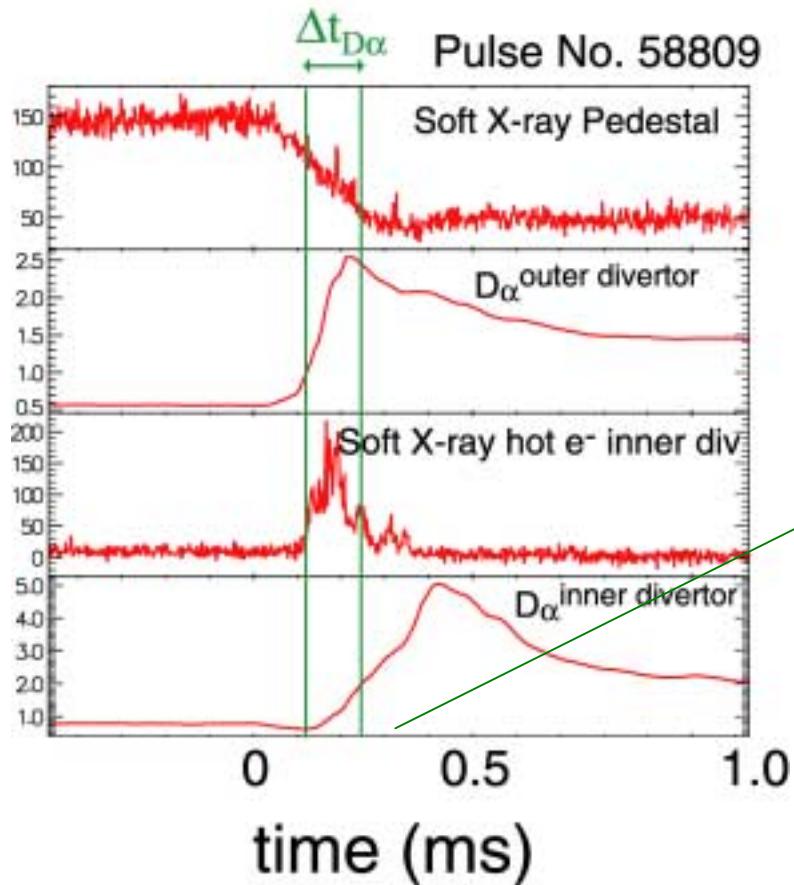
$$\tau_{\parallel}^{\text{Front}} = \frac{2\pi R q_{95}}{c_{s,\text{ped}}}$$

Physics Model :

- 1) Pedestal connects to divertor for $\tau_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{MHD}}$
- 2) Energy flow restricted by sheath (τ_{\parallel}) $\rightarrow \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}/W_{\text{ped}} \sim (1 - \exp(-\tau_{\text{ELM MHD}}/\tau_{\parallel}))$

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (VIII)

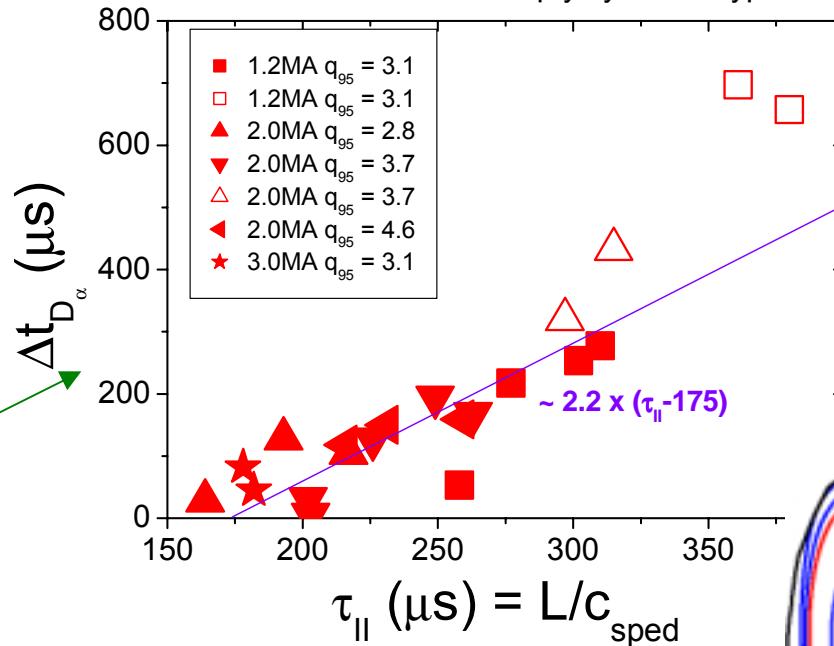
separation of e^- flux (τ_{ELM}^{MHD}) & ion flux inner divertor



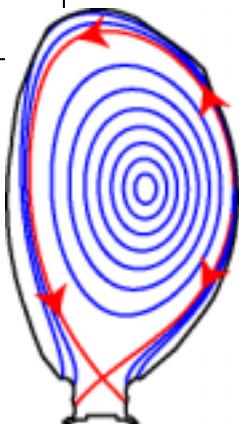
JET-Loarte, PPCF'02, PPCF'03, APS'03

DOC-L $\delta=0.27$

Empty symbols Type III



$\Delta t_{D\alpha} \sim 0$ for finite $\tau_{||}$

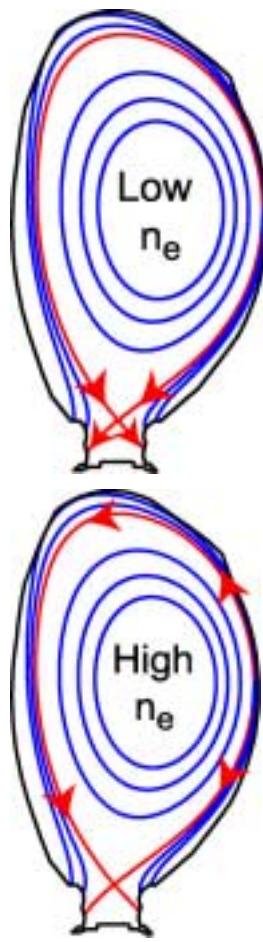
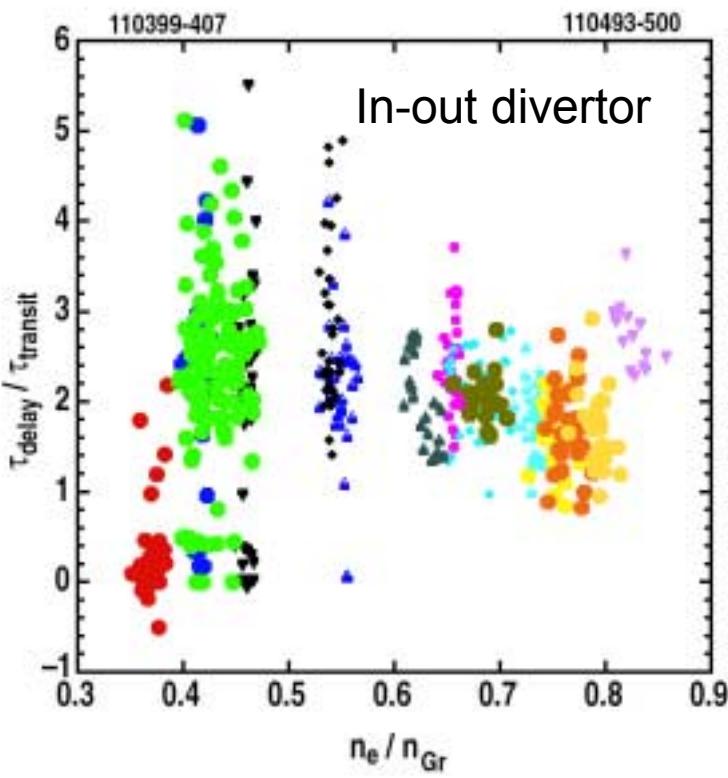


Similar results from DIII-D (Fenstermacher PPCF'03, Boedo APS'03)

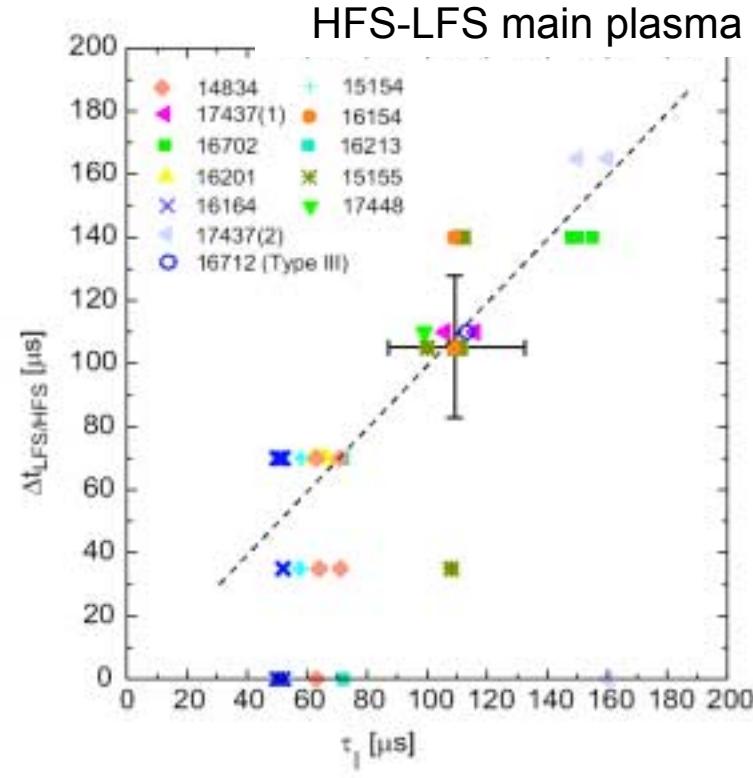
ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (IX)

$\Delta t_{D\alpha} \sim 0$ for finite $\tau_{||}$: a) main plasma collapse ($\tau_{ELM}^{MHD} \neq 0$) ?
b) change of ELM start X-point \rightarrow midplane ?

DIII-D-Fenstermacher PPCF'03



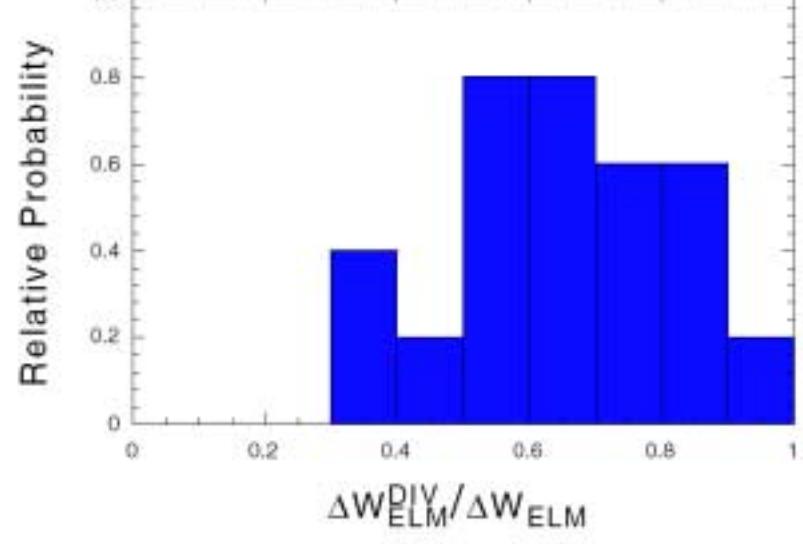
ASDEX Upgrade-Nunes EPS'03 subm. NF'04



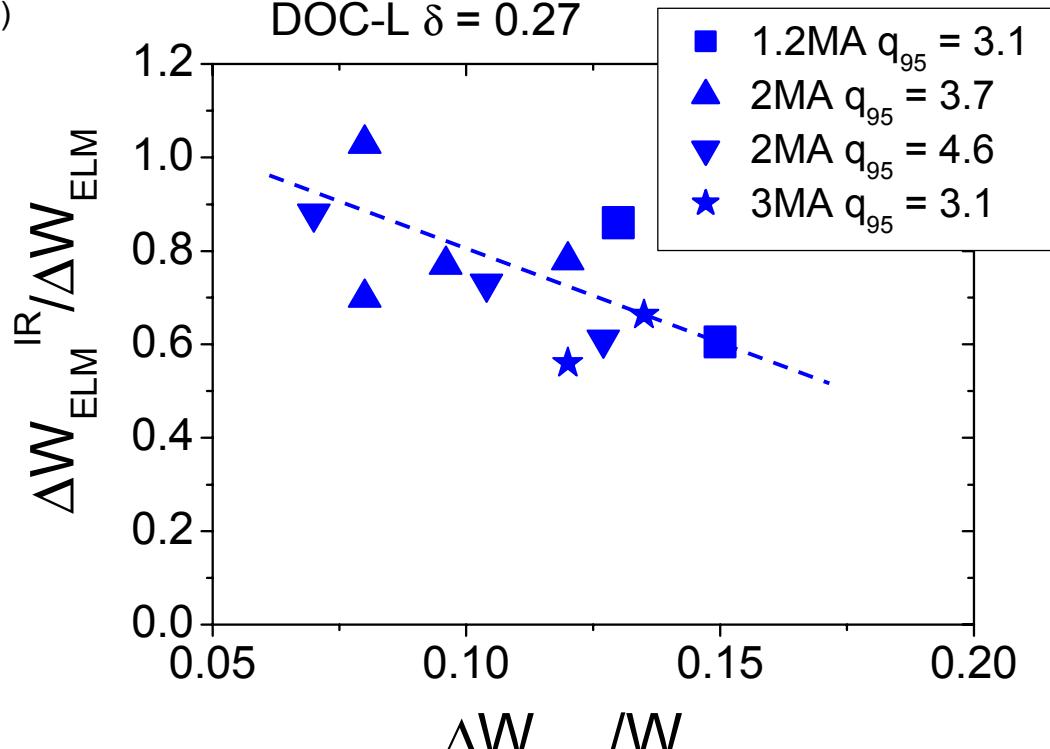
ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (X)

$\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{div}} < \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}$ but $\lambda_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{div}} \sim \lambda_{\text{inter-ELM}}^{\text{div}}$

ASDEX Upgrade Herrmann EPS'97 (Loarte PPCF'03)



JET-Loarte APS'03, Eich PSI'04
DOC-L $\delta = 0.27$



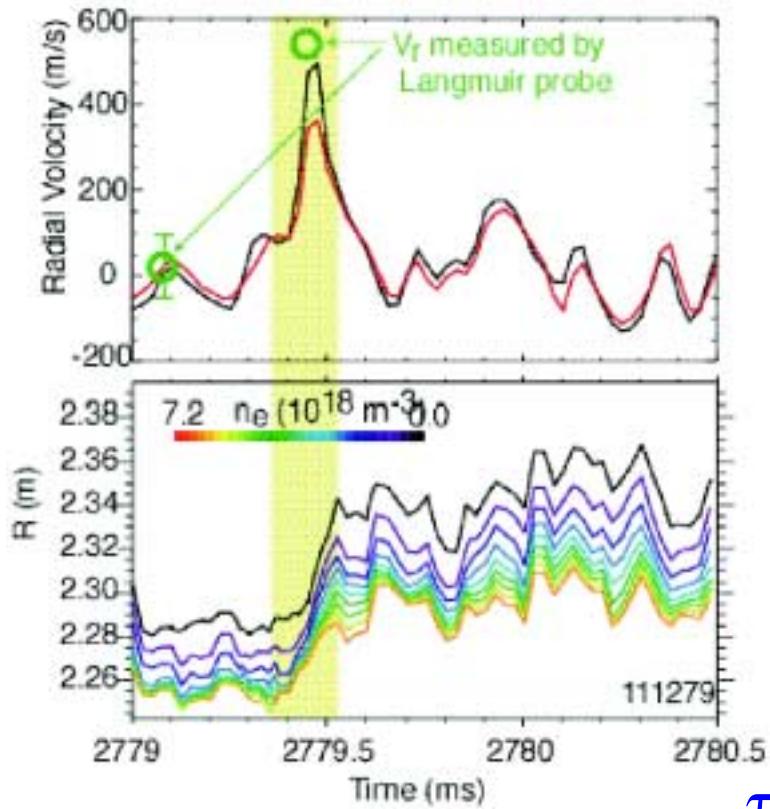
Transient radiation $\cancel{\leftrightarrow}$ $\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{div}} < \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}$

larger $\Delta W_{\text{ELM}} / W_{\text{ped}}$ \rightarrow smaller $\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{div}} / \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}$

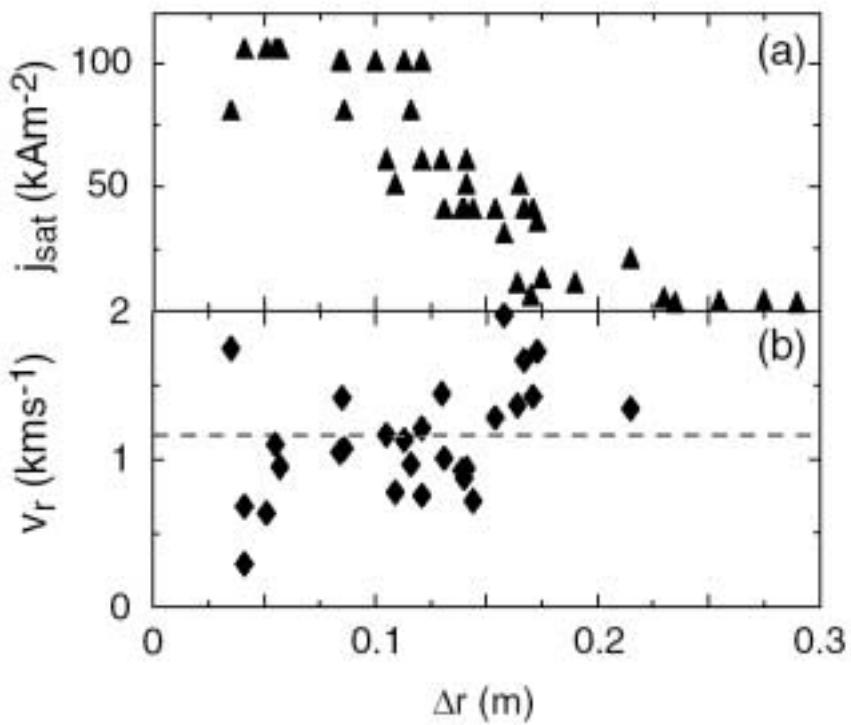
ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (XI)

large particle fluxes measured far from separatrix at ELMs

DIII-D-Boedo+Zeng APS'03/PPCF'04



MAST-Counsell PPCF'02

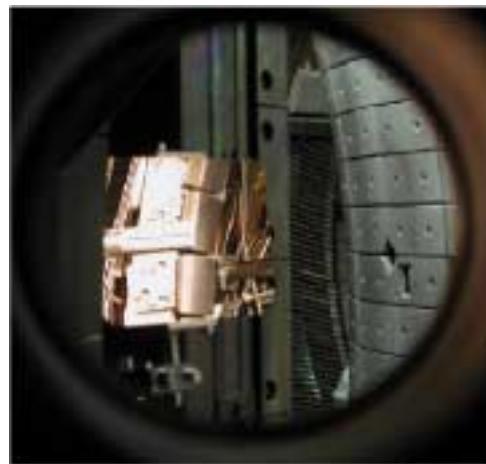


$\tau_{\text{perp,ELM}} \sim 100 \mu\text{s} \sim \tau_{\parallel} \rightarrow \text{large } \Gamma^{\text{main chamber}}$

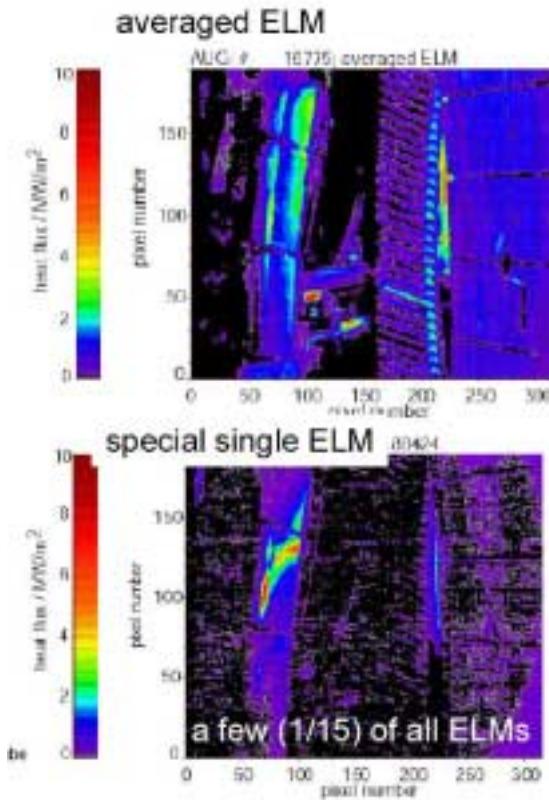
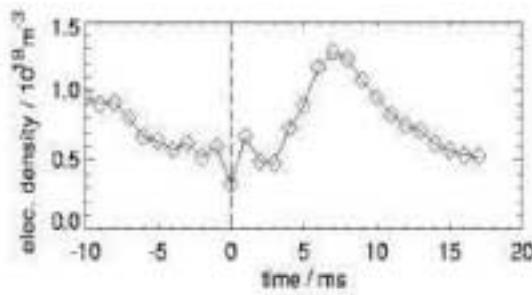
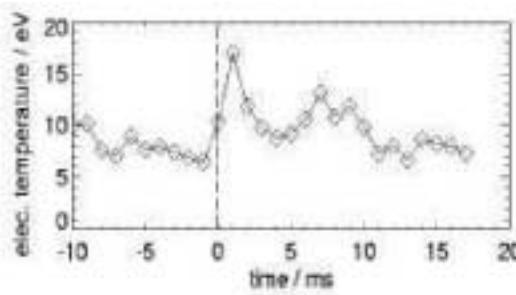
v_r (km/s): JET (0.5-1.2, Gonçalves PPCF'03, Fundamenski'04), MAST (0.2-1.7, Counsell PPCF'02, Kirk PPCF'04), DIII-D (0.2-0.6, Zeng PPCF'03, Boedo APS'3)

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (XII)

significant energy fluxes measured on main chamber PFCs



ASDEX Upgrade
Herrmann EPS'03



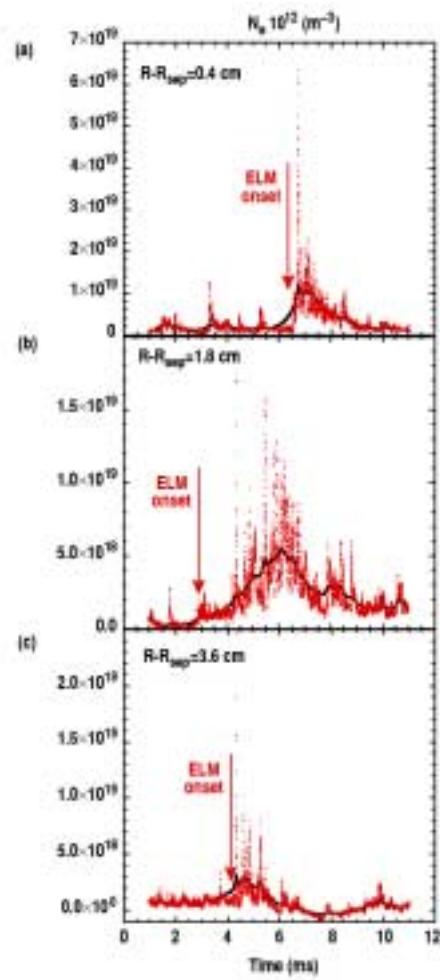
Energy on PFCs on large area of limiter (most ELMs)

$$\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{wall}} \sim 25 \% \text{ of } \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}$$
$$T_{e,\text{ELM}}^{\text{PFC}} \ll T_{e,\text{ped}} \rightarrow T_{i,\text{ELM}}^{\text{SOL}}$$

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (XIII)

What do we know about radial ELM fluxes ?

DIII-D-Boedo-Fenstermacher APS'03 /PPCF'03



complex
filamentary
rotating
structure

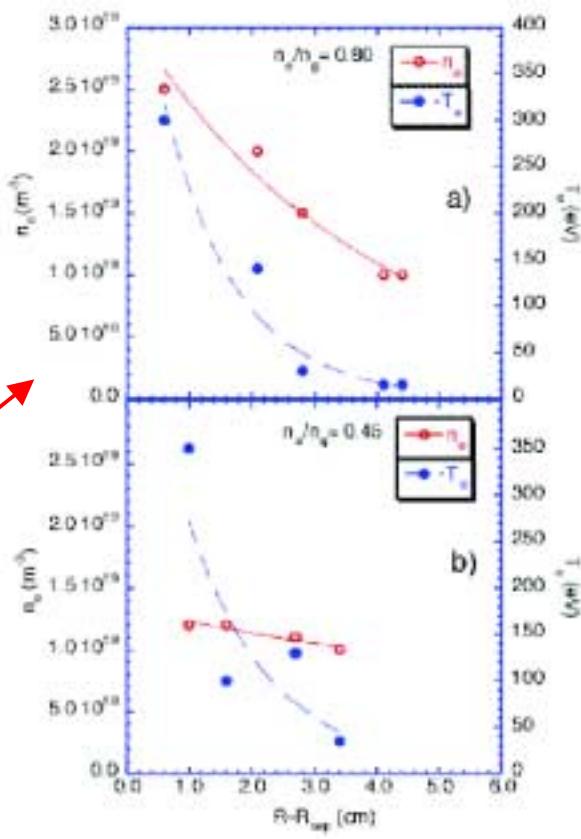
$T_{e,ELM}$ decays
radially faster than

$n_{e,ELM}$

$\tau_{E-e,SOL} < \tau_{II}$

$v_{r,ELM}$ decreases
with n_e (and r ?)

DIII-D-Boedo APS'03

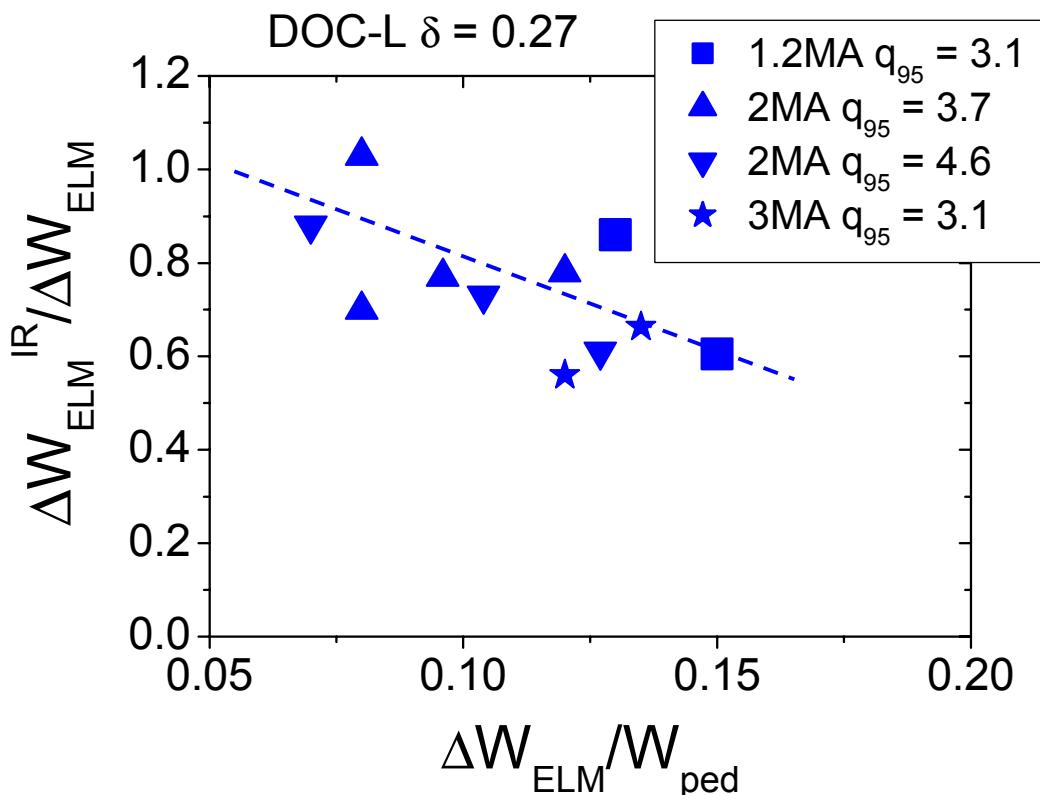


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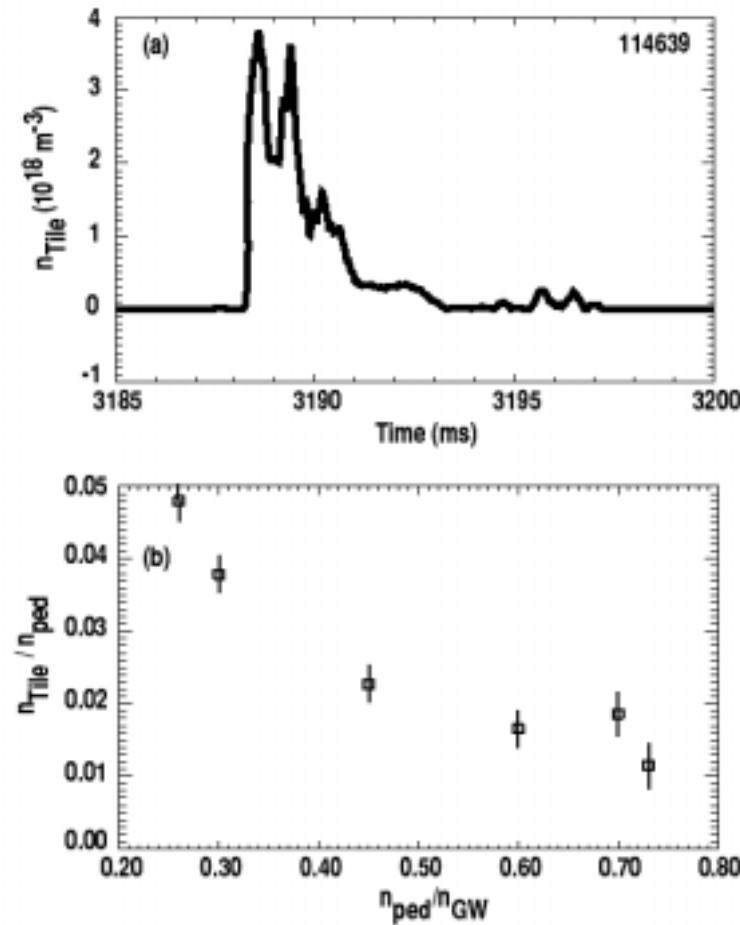
decrease of v_r with n_e (and ΔW_{ELM} ?) compatible with

$$\Delta W_{ELM}^{div}/\Delta W_{ELM}$$

JET-Loarte APS'03, Eich PSI'04



DIII-D-Zeng PPCF'04

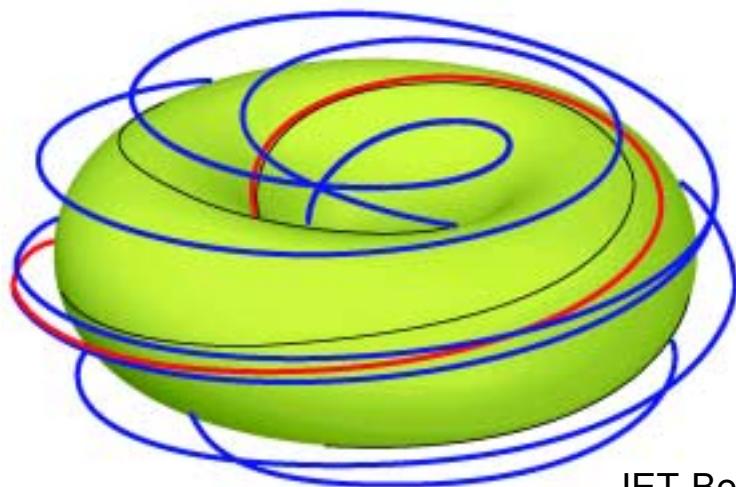


ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (XV)

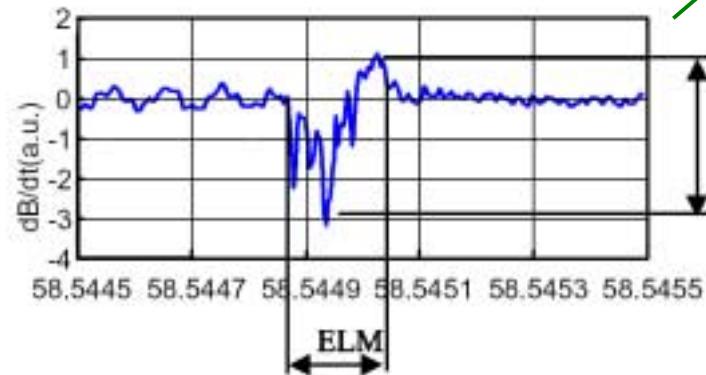
What determines v_r ?

1. Non-linear ballooning explosive mode dependence on (n_e , T_e , v_{ped}^*)

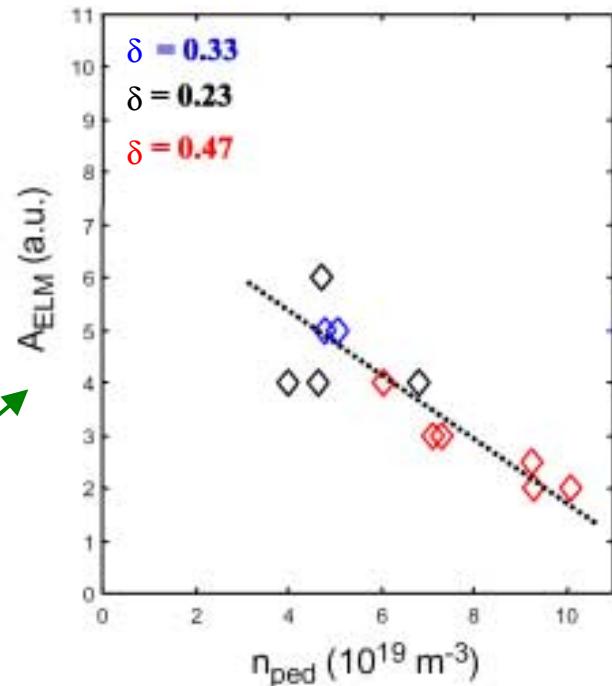
S.Cowley-PPCF'03



JET-Becoulet-H-mode WS'01



ELM \tilde{B}_θ "amplitude" decreases with n_{ped}



ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (XVI)

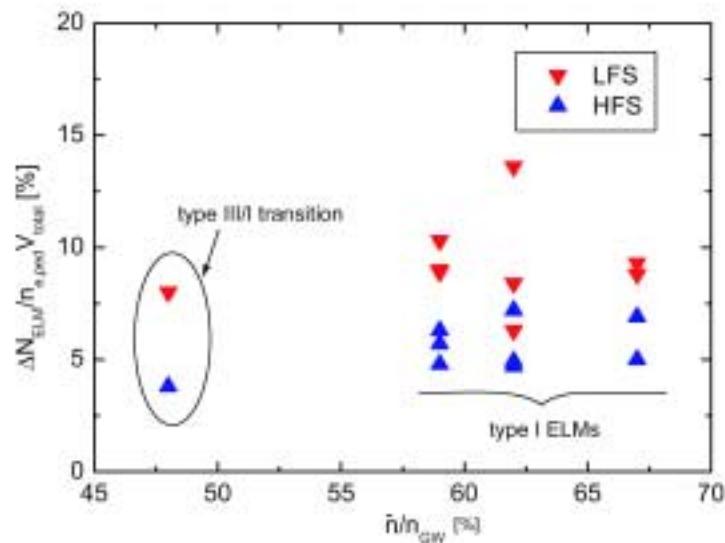
2. Dynamics of ELM pressure blob radial transport (Krasheninnikov, D'Ippolito,....)

$$v_r = c_s \frac{2\rho^2 L}{R r_b^2}$$

- JET : $T_{ped} \sim 1.5$ keV, if $r_b \sim 20$ cm $\rightarrow v_r \sim 1$ km/s
- DIII-D : $T_{ped} \sim 0.5$ keV, if $r_b \sim 13$ cm $\rightarrow v_r \sim 1$ km/s

$$\text{Scaling of } v_r \sim T_{ped}^{3/2} r_b^{-2} \sim n_{ped}^{-3/2} r_b^{-2}$$

ASDEX Upgrade-Nunes EPS'03 subm. NF'04



dependence of r_b on n_{ped} , T_{ped} , 2 hypothesis :

- Empirical $\Delta N_{ELM} \sim n_{ped}$ (DIII-D, JET, ASDEX Upgrade)

↓

$r_b \sim \text{constant}$

- $r_b \sim \text{P-B mode width} \rightarrow r_b \sim n_{ped}^{-\alpha}$

Extrapolation of Type I ELMs to ITER

$$W_{\text{dia}}^{\text{ITER}} = 350 \text{ MJ} \rightarrow W_{\text{ped}} < 0.4 W_{\text{dia}}^{\text{ITER}} = 140 \text{ MJ} (n_{\text{ped}} \sim 8 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}, T_{\text{ped}} \sim 4.3 \text{ keV})$$

$$\tau_{\text{IR}}^{\text{ELM}} \sim 300 \mu\text{s}$$

$$A_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{ITER}} = A_{\text{S.S.}}^{\text{ITER}} = 3 \text{ m}^2 (\lambda_{\text{power}}^{\text{midplane}} = 5 \text{ mm})$$

Convective ELMs

$$\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{ITER}} (\text{MJ}) \quad 10$$

$$\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{ITER, div}} (\text{MJ}) \quad 80\%$$

$$\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{ITER,div}} (0 < t < \tau_{\text{IR}}) (\text{MJ}) \quad 20\%$$

$$\Phi_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{ITER}} (\text{MJm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1/2}) \quad 20$$

C-ablation in ITER $\sim 50 \text{ MJm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1/2}$

$$\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{ITER,wall}} (\text{MJ}) \quad 20\% \quad 50\%$$

ELM erosion less critical than previously believed even for conservative assumptions

Conclusions (I)

- Peeling-Ballooning model provides a reasonable description of pedestal pressure limitation by Type I ELMs
 - Detailed multi-machine comparison (& pedestal width scaling) in progress
 - Which is the ELM triggering mechanism ?
 - Non-linear evolution of ELM and timescales

- Type I ELM energy losses determined by $n_{e,ped}$ & $T_{e,ped}$, q_{95} , δ
Small ELMs \leftrightarrow Convective ELMs
 - What determines V_{ELM} ?
 - Physical process that produce convective ELMs (v_{ped}^* and high δ/q_{95}) ?
(link between MHD stability \leftrightarrow ELM energy transport ?)
 - What determines the ELM variability ?

Conclusions (II)

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- ❑ Regimes with small/no Type II ELMs/good confinement exist but:
 - operational space is narrow and not well characterised
(reproducibility in various experiments ?)
 - extrapolability to next step devices/compatibilty with other requirements ?
(low v^*_{ped} , low q_{95} , high $P_{rad}^{divertor}$, pellet fuelling, He pumping,)
 - operation close to double null required ?

Regimes with high P_{ped} + small/no ELMs (I)Regimes with small or no ELMs and high P_{ped}

a) Regimes with high P_{ped} and small ELMs (Type II ELMs : JT-60U, AUG)

modification of edge MHD plasma stability

b) Regimes with no (or infrequent) ELMs and quasi-continuous losses
(EDA, QH-mode, “mixed Type I-II ELMs” in JET)

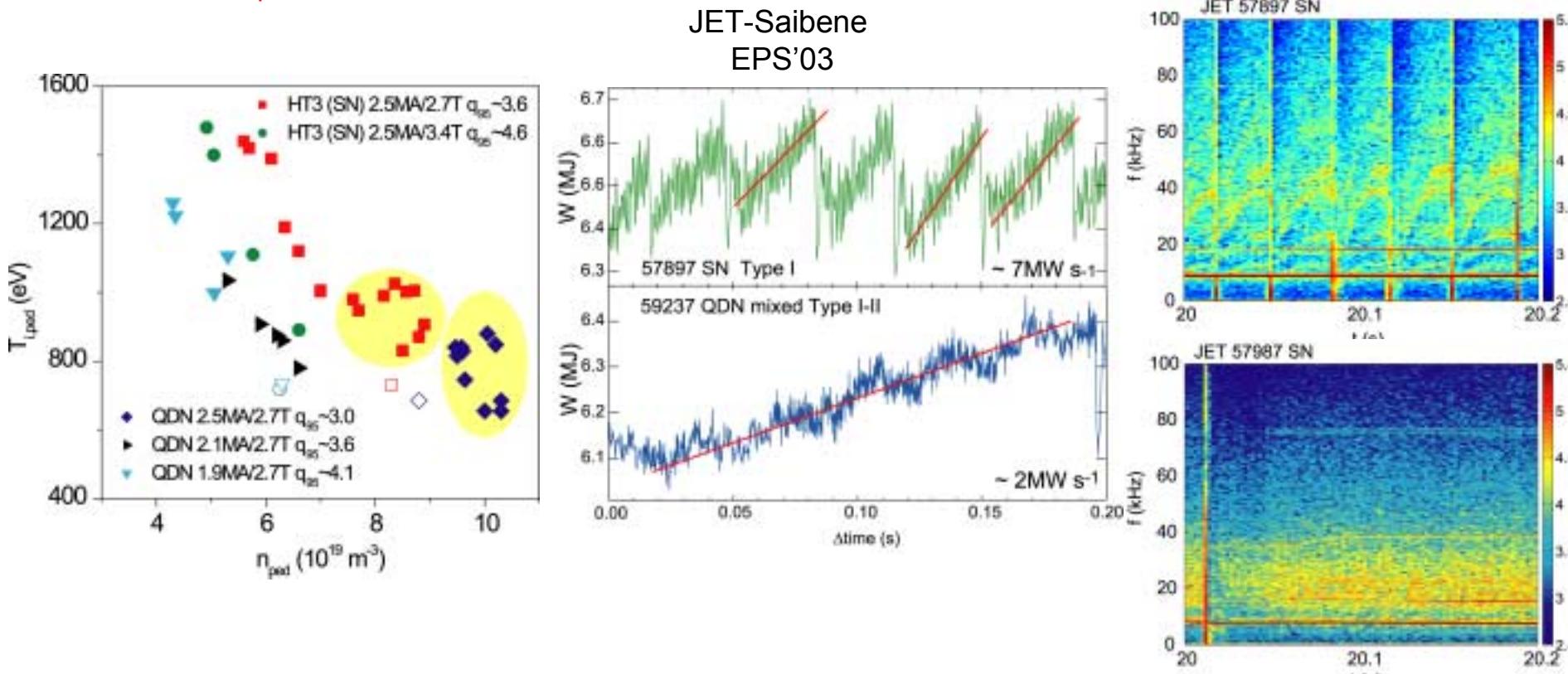
triggering of transport losses “between ELMs” $P_{ped} \leq P_{ped}^{\text{limit}}$

Regimes with high P_{ped} + small/no ELMs (II)

Mixed Type I-II in JET \leftrightarrow increased broadband MHD fluctuation at low f

T_{ped} reaches steady state between type I ELMs with increased fluctuations but

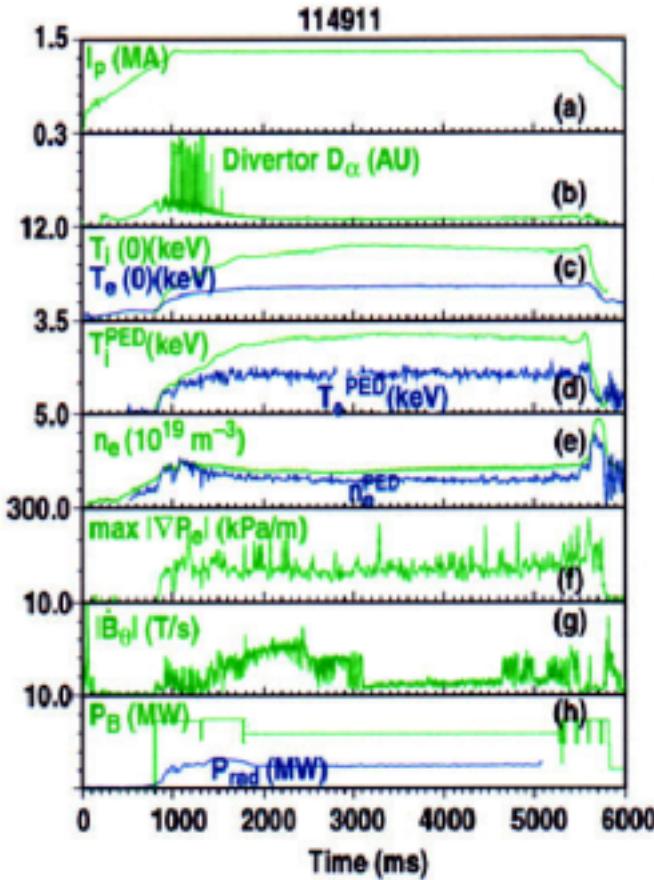
n_{ped} does NOT saturate in the Type II phases (\rightarrow end in Type I)



Increased Inter-ELM transport (+ washboard modes)

Regimes with high P_{ped} + small/no ELMs (III)

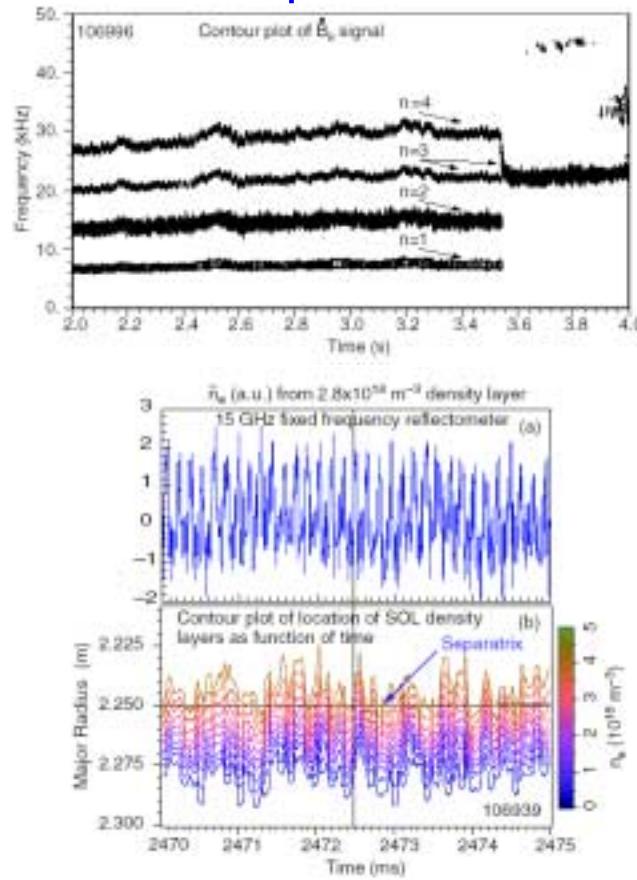
QH (and EDA) no-ELM regimes are associated with coherent MHD modes at the edge which lead to enhanced transport



DIII-D Doyle
PPCF'02, Burrell
PPCF'03

reproduced
in ASDEX
Upgrade

Suttrop PPCF'04

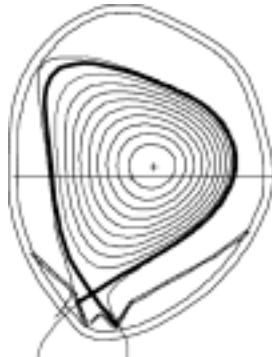
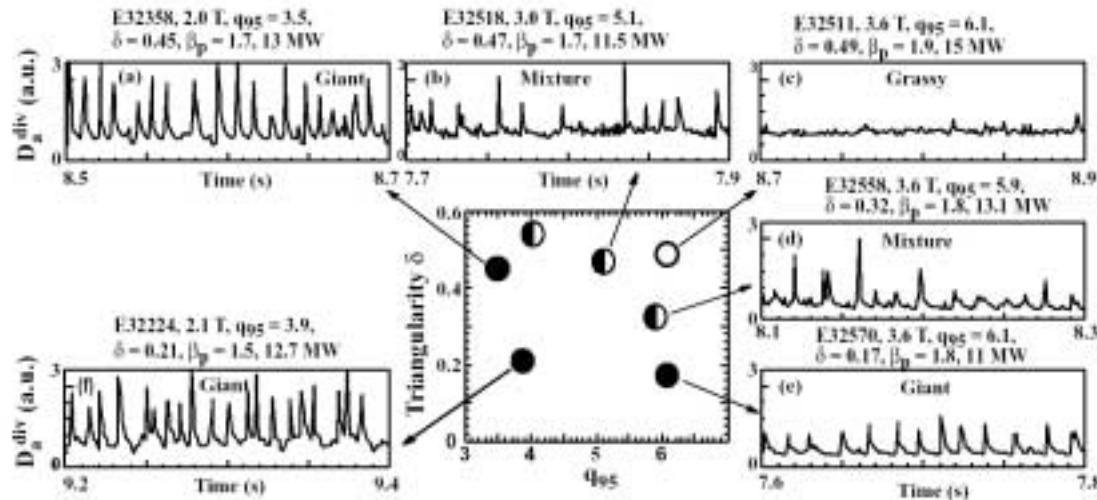


potentially interesting for next step devices but triggering of mode?

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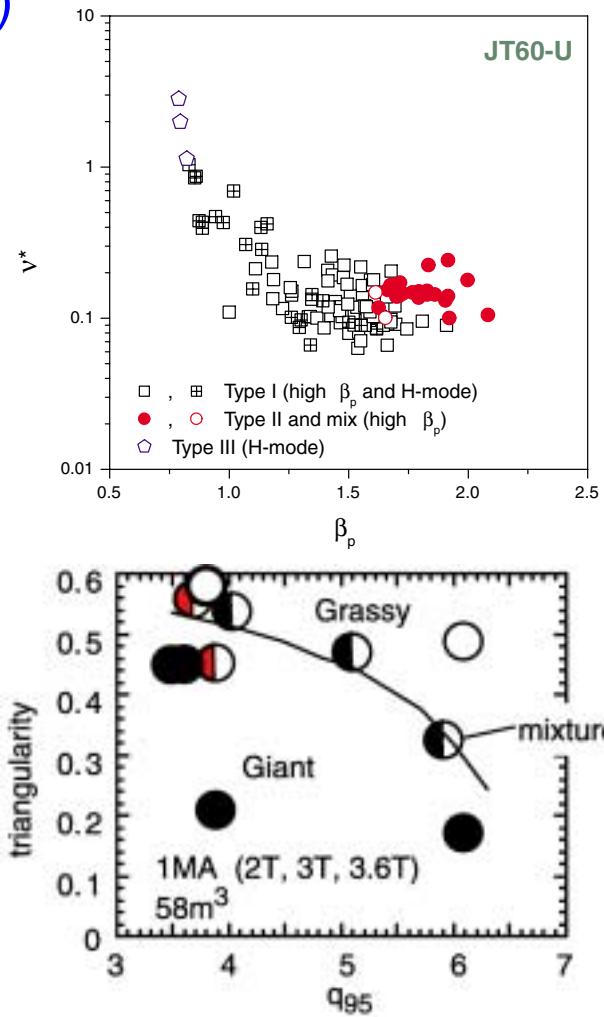
JT-60 Type II ELM (= Grassy ELM) discharges are obtained at high δ , high β_p and high q_{95} (low v^*_{ped})

JT-60U – Kamada PPCF'02



change of ELM Type because of edge stability change due to Shafranov-shift

reproduced at JET Saibene EPS'04

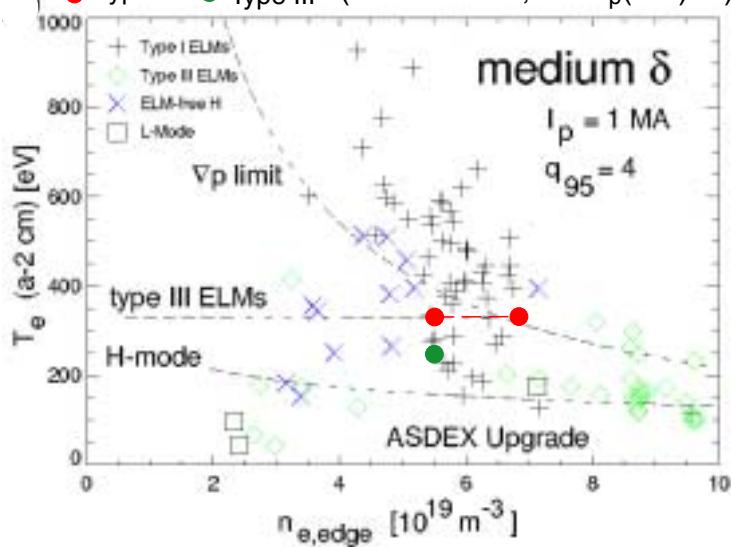


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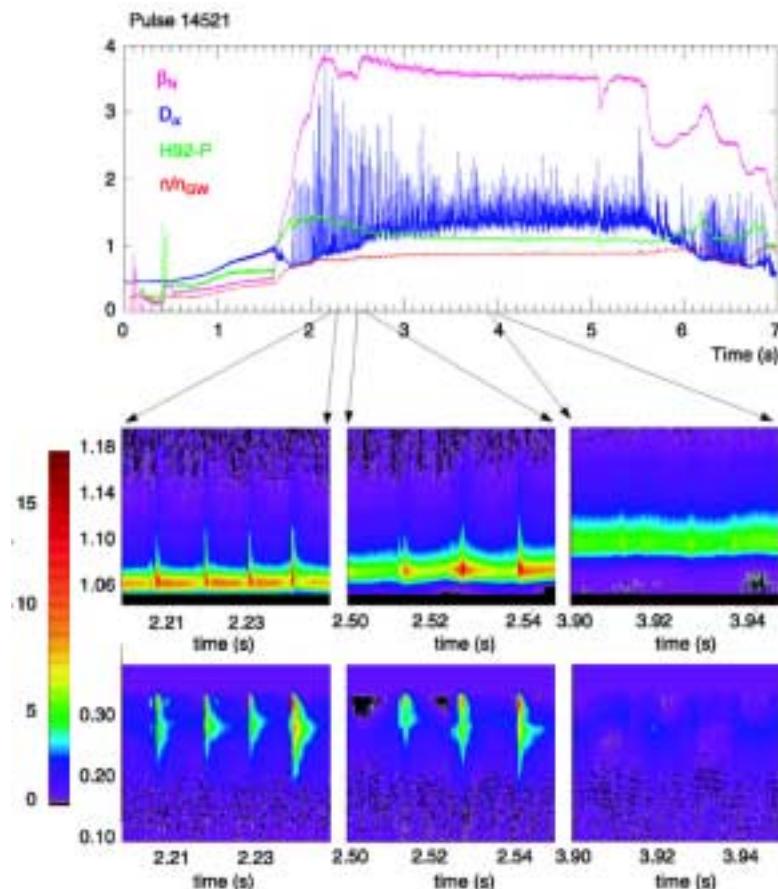
Type II ELMs in ASDEX Upgrade occur at high n_{ped} (v^*_{ped})

ASDEX-Upgrade-Stober NF'02

● Type II ● Type III ($0.35 < \delta < 0.42$, $0.8 < I_p(MA) < 1$)



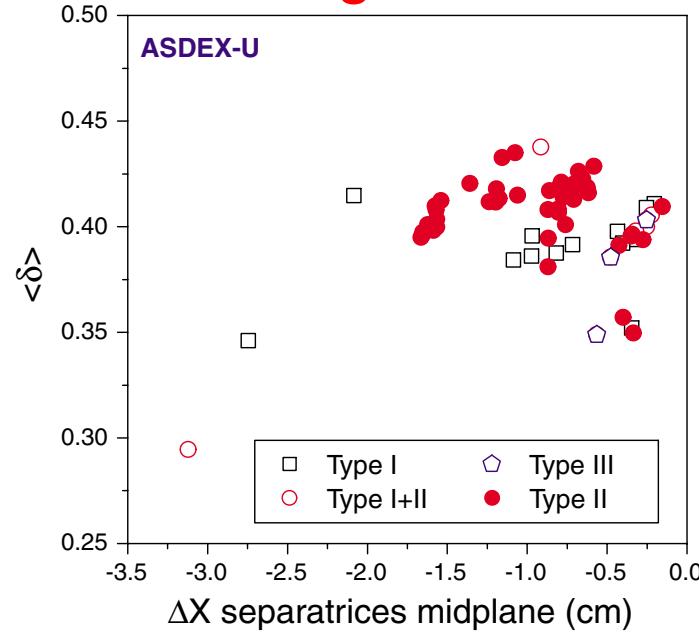
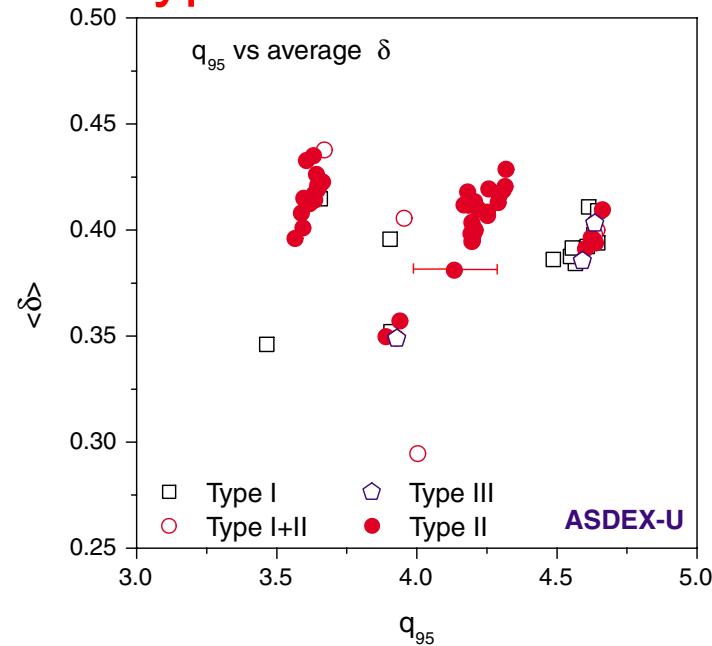
ASDEX-Upgrade-Sips NF'02



- P_{ped} Type I $\sim P_{ped}$ Type II transition
- Regime is robust to $P_{in} \uparrow$ (if fuelling adjusted)
- attributed to change in edge P-B stability
- compatible with high β (β_N , v^*_{ped} interplay?)

Regimes with high P_{ped} + small/no ELMs (VI)

Type II in ASDEX-U : Quasi DN configuration

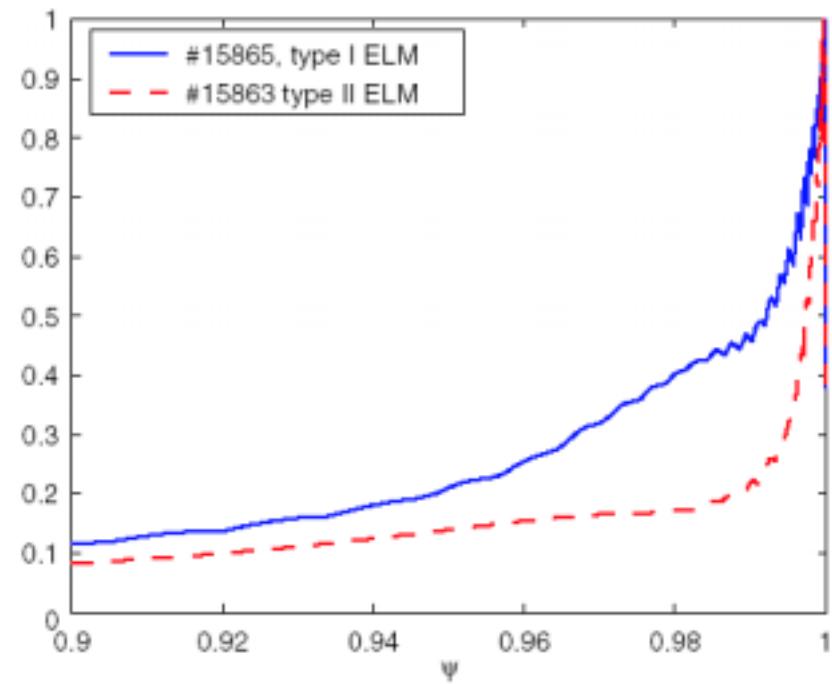
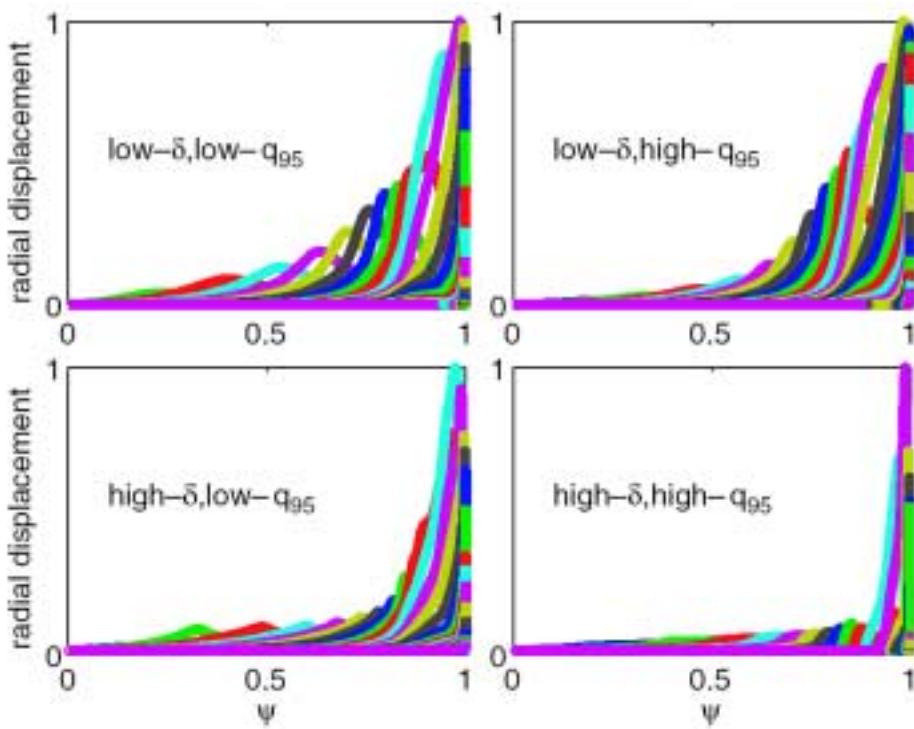


- Type II require medium/high δ and n_e
- Proximity to DN configuration is essential (no type II for $\Delta X_{mp} > 2\text{cm}$)
 - + Trade-off δ/q_{95} ?
- High β not required, but compatible with the regime! ($\beta_N \sim 3$ obtained)

not reproduced at JET Saibene EPS'03

Regimes with high P_{ped} + small/no ELMs (VII)

ASDEX Upgrade-Saarelma NF'03

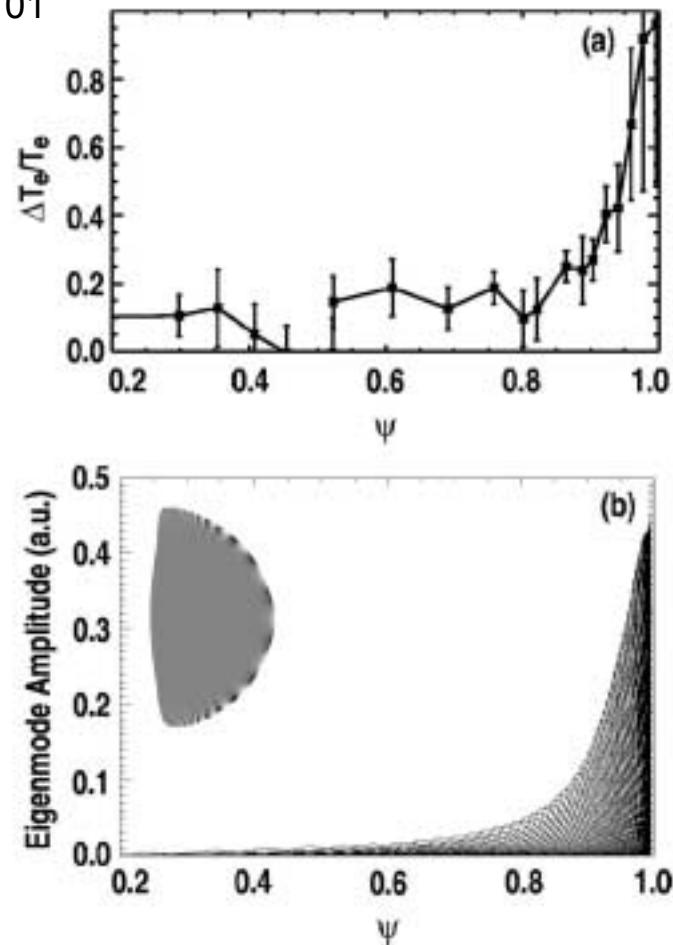
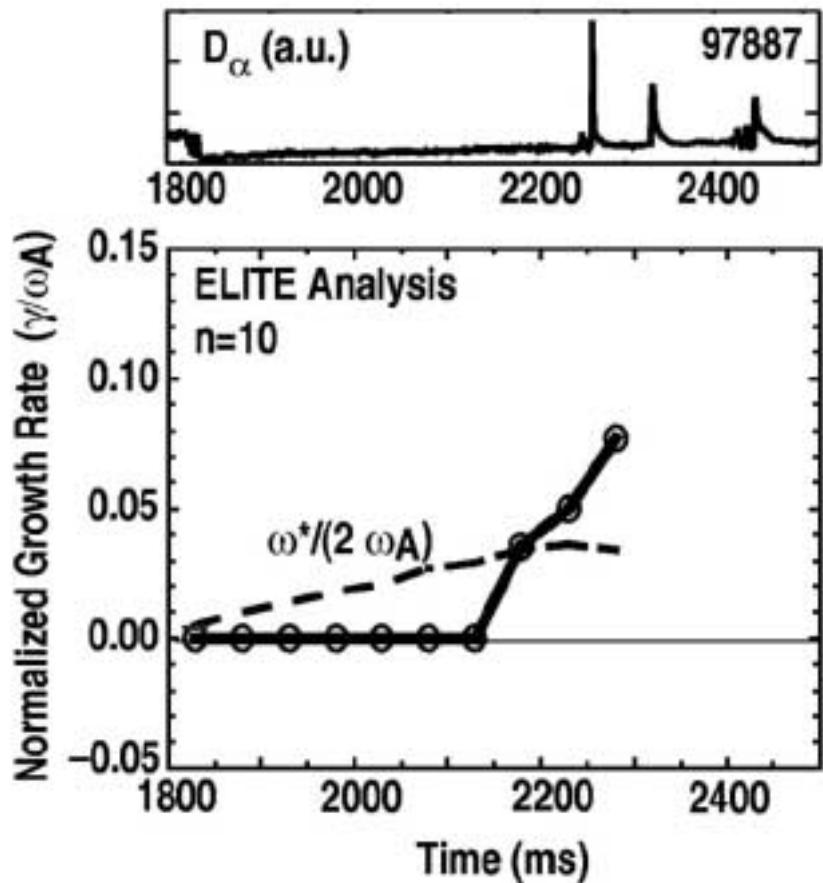


proximity to DN (#15863) leads to a sharp decrease of eigenmode width

Physics of ELM instability (V)

Growth of linear mode coincident con ELM crash (low n_e)

DIII-D-Snyder APS'01

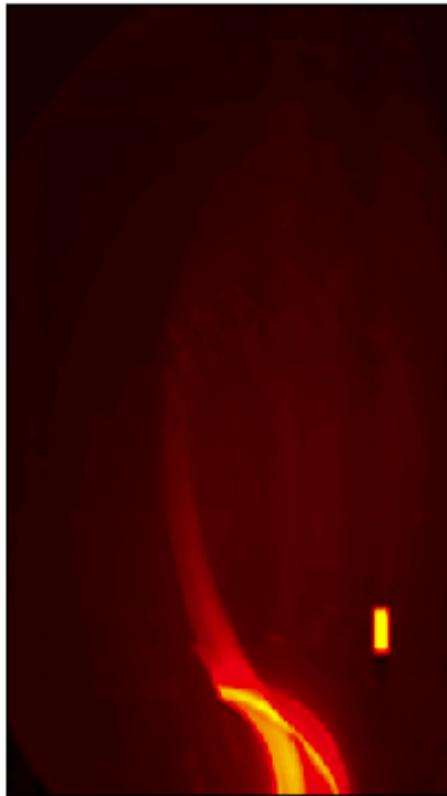


Similar results for giant ELMs in JET - Huysmans

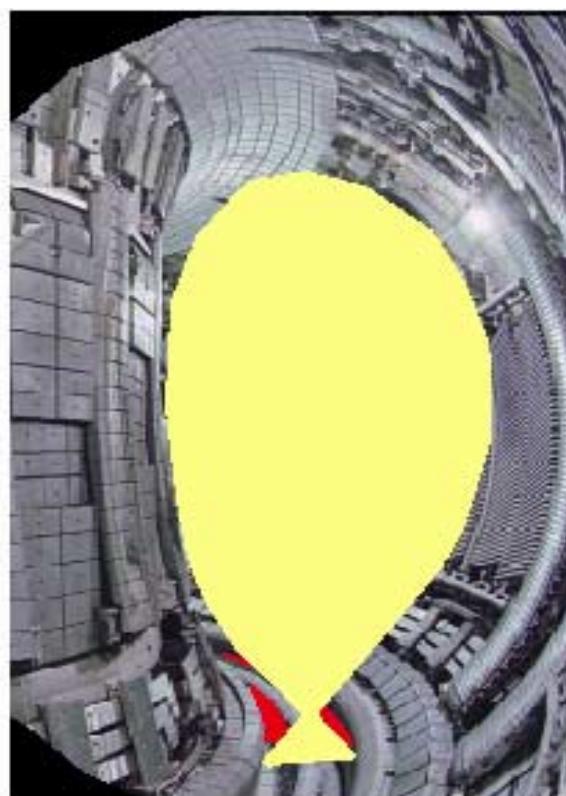
Physics of ELM instability (IX)

Analyses of particle impact patterns on JET main wall are consistent with ballooning mode $n = 12, m = 50$

Between ELMs



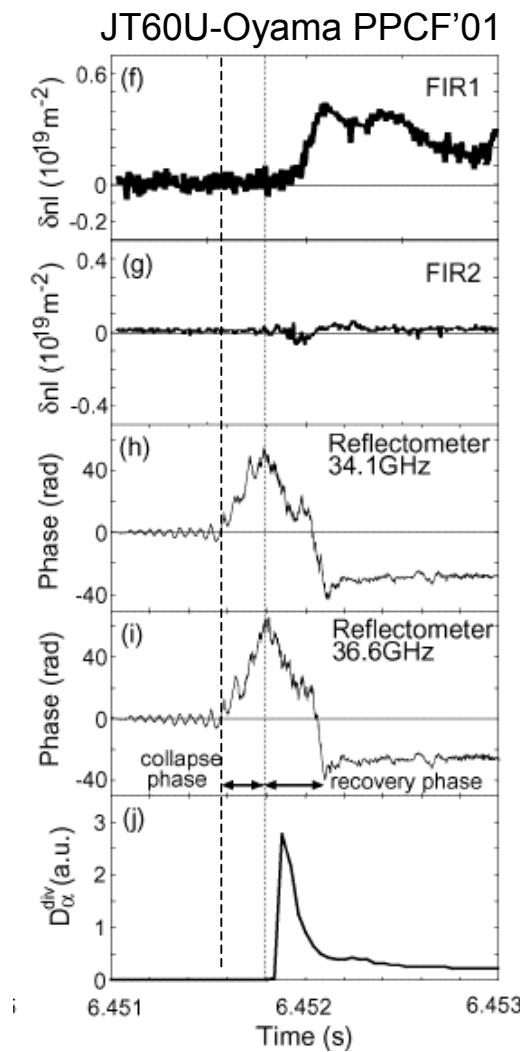
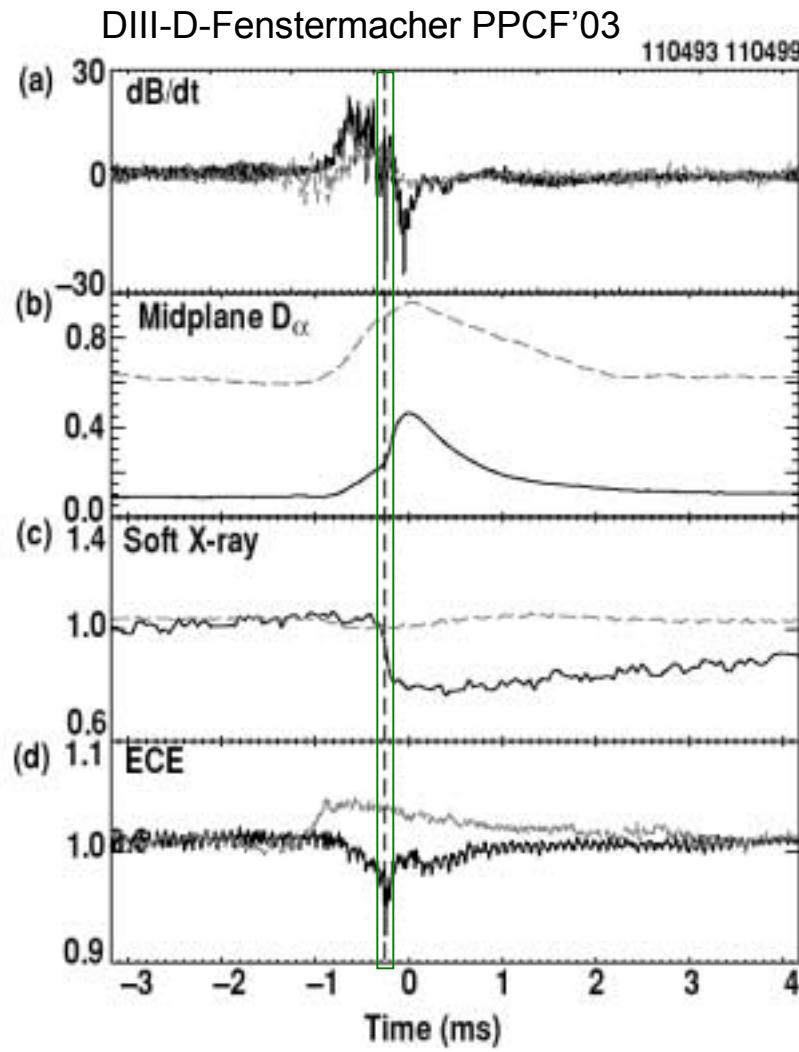
JET-Ghendrih JNM'03



At ELMs



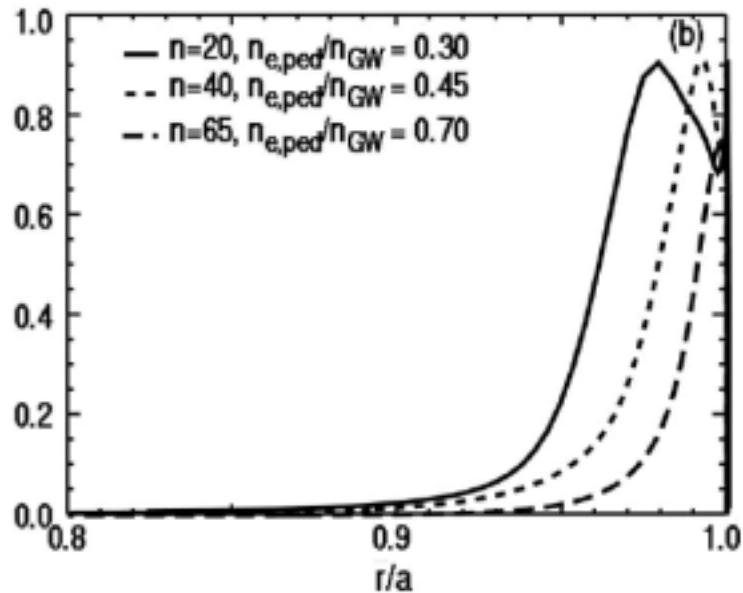
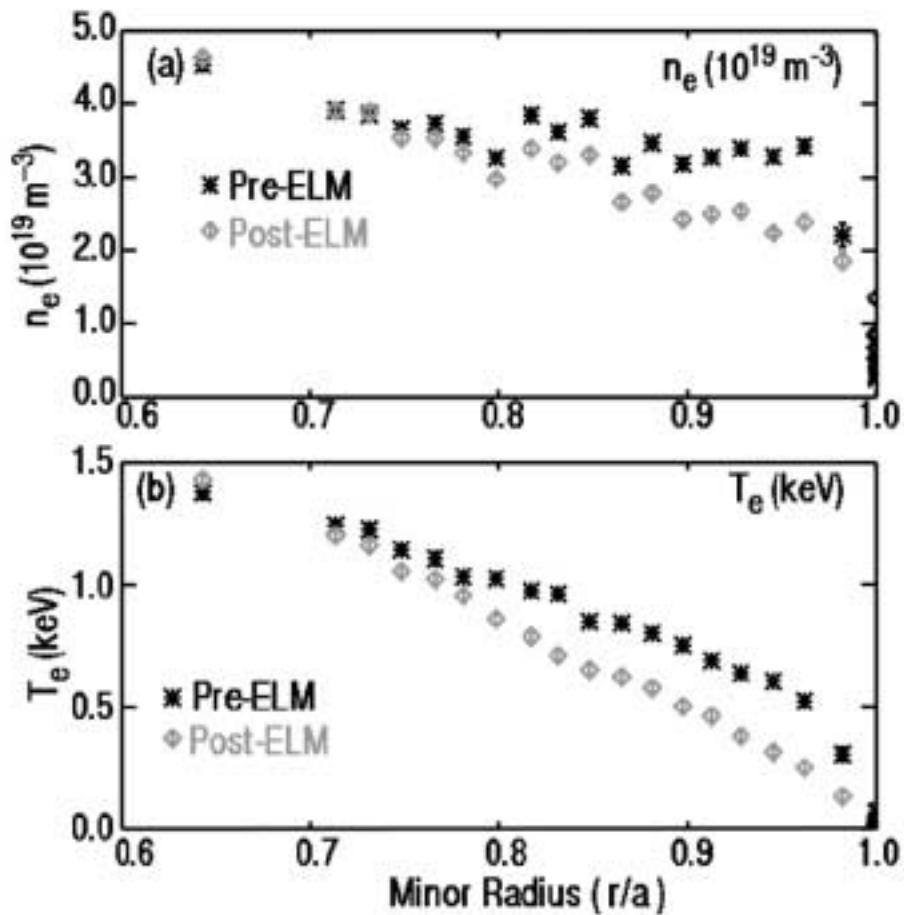
Physics of ELM instability (XIII)

 $\tau_{\text{ELM}} \sim 200 \mu\text{s}$  $\tau_{\text{ELM}} \sim 200 \mu\text{s}$

Main plasma ELM energy/particle losses (XI)

ELM perturbation into edge plasma much broader than P-B modes

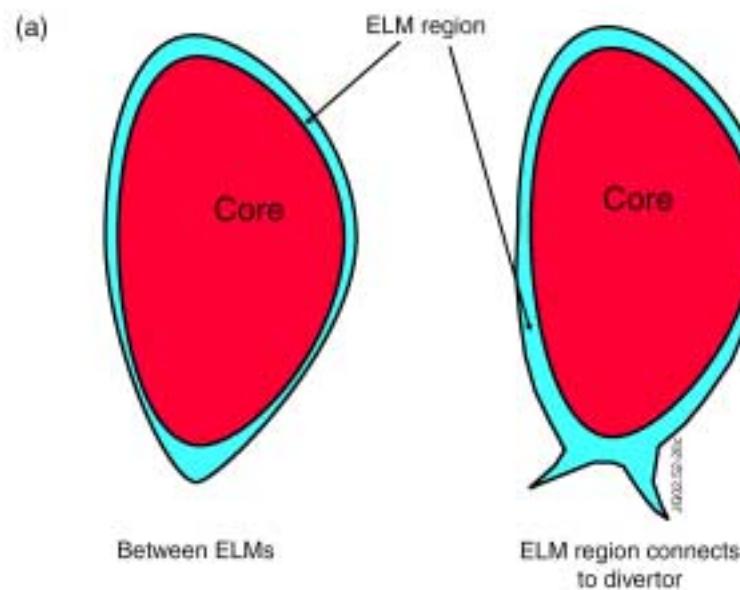
DIII-D-Leonard APS'02



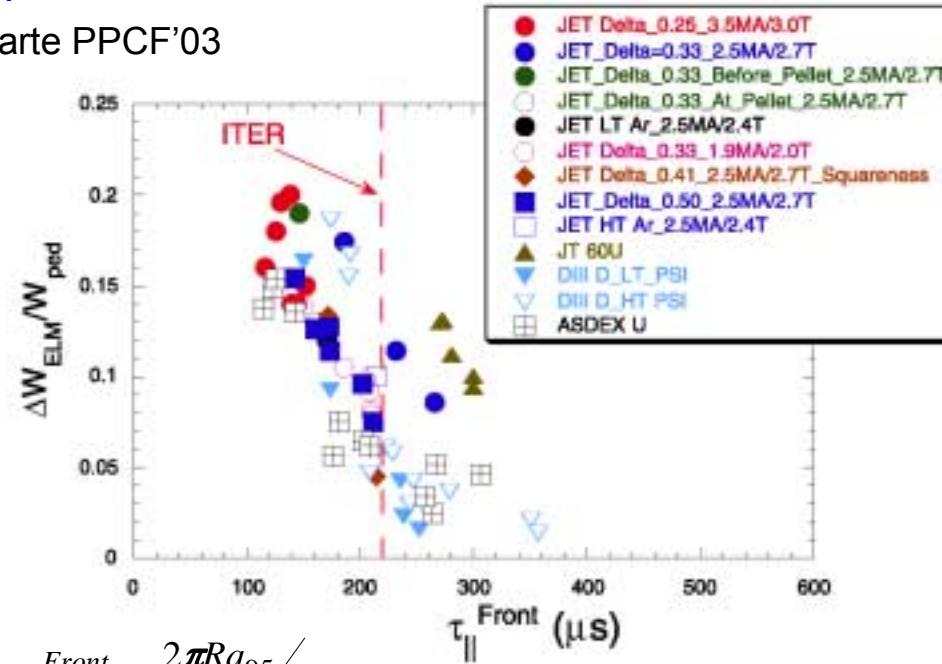
Relation between ΔW_{ELM}
and P-B modes ?

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (XVII)

- $\Delta W_{\text{ELM}}/W_{\text{ped}}$ decreases with τ_{\parallel}



ITPA-Loarte PPCF'03



$$\tau_{\parallel}^{\text{Front}} = \frac{2\pi R q_{95}}{c_{s,\text{ped}}}$$

Physics Model :

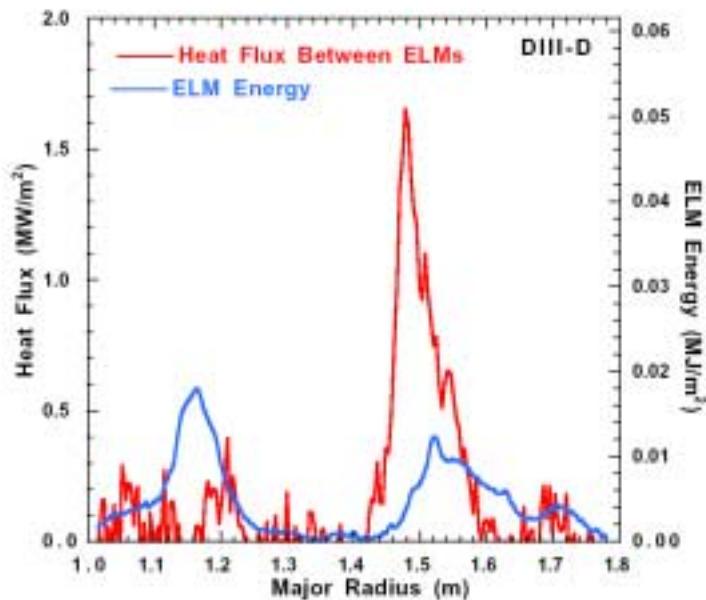
- 1) Pedestal connects to divertor for $\tau_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{MHD}}$
- 2) Energy flow restricted by sheath (τ_{\parallel}) $\rightarrow \Delta W_{\text{ELM}}/W_{\text{ped}} \sim (1 - \exp(-\tau_{\text{ELM MHD}}/\tau_{\parallel}))$

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (XVII)

In/Out ELM energy balance changes at ELM and with divertor/main plasma conditions

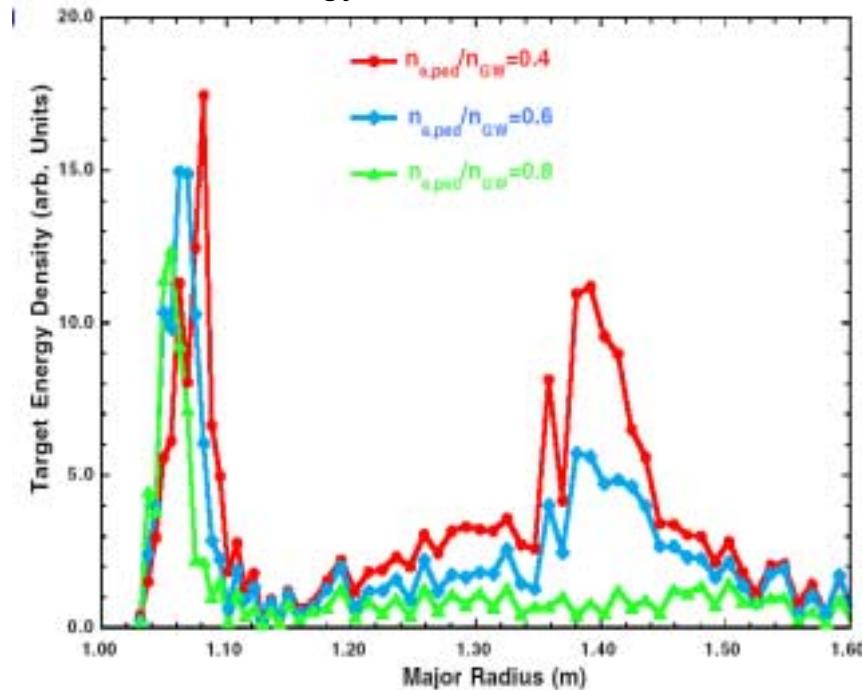
Inter-ELM

$$\begin{aligned} n_{\text{div}}^{\text{in}} &> n_{\text{div}}^{\text{out}} \\ T_{\text{div}}^{\text{in}} &< T_{\text{div}}^{\text{out}} \\ q_{\text{div}}^{\text{in}} &< q_{\text{div}}^{\text{out}} \\ \Gamma_{\text{div}}^{\text{in}} &> \Gamma_{\text{div}}^{\text{out}} \end{aligned}$$



DIII-D-Leonard PSI'02, Fenstermacher PPCF'03

Energy fluxes at ELMs



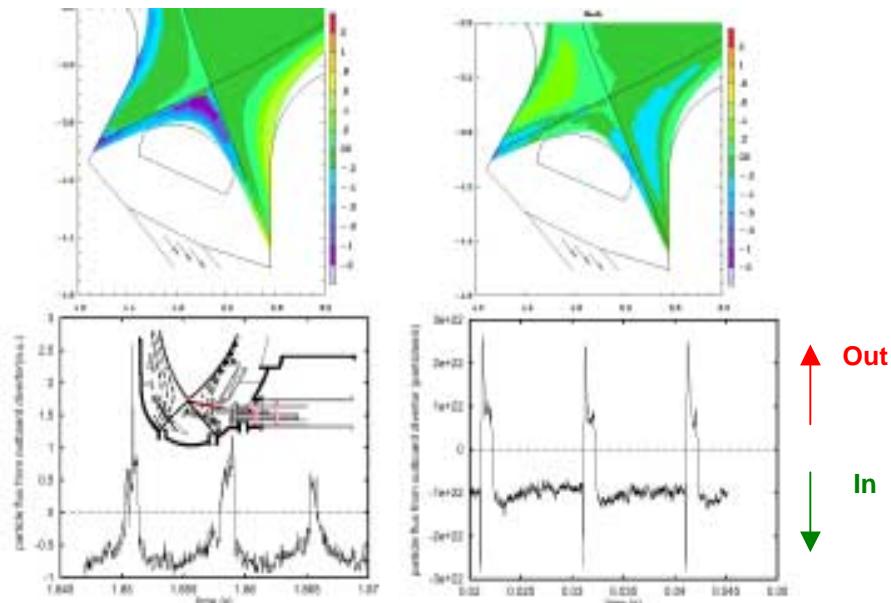
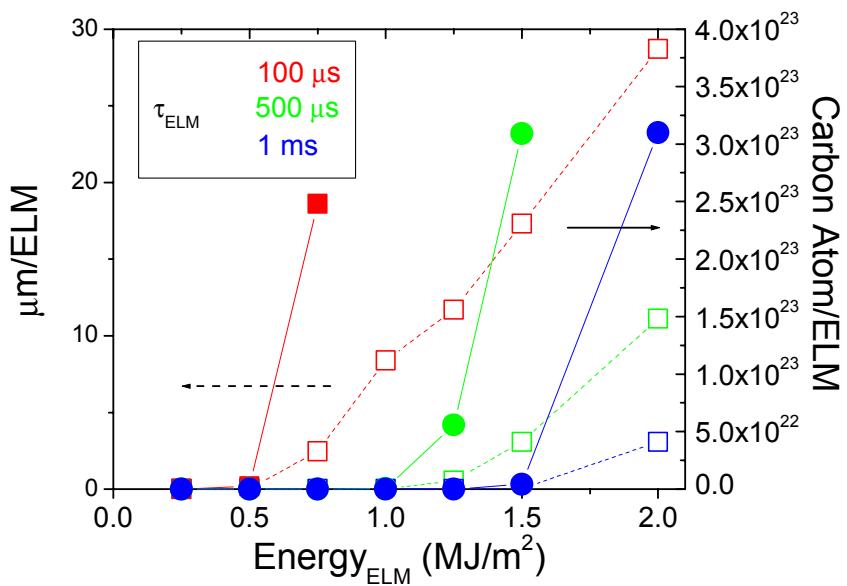
consistent with $N_{\text{div}}^{\text{in}} > N_{\text{div}}^{\text{out}} + \text{sheath or changes in with energy flow with } n_e$

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (XVIII)

$E_{\text{ELM}} > 1 \text{ MJ/m}^2$ can lead to $\Gamma_C > 10^{23}$ C-atom/ELM

Poor C Retention in Divertor @ ELM
(Plasma flows out of the Divertor)

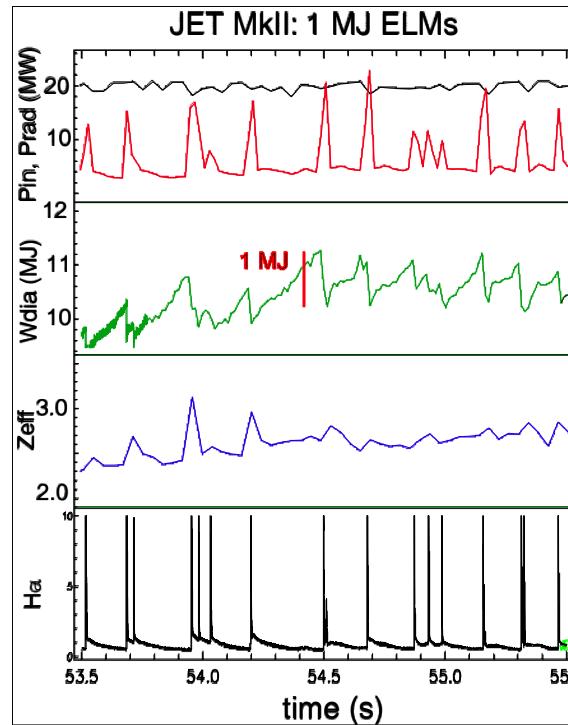
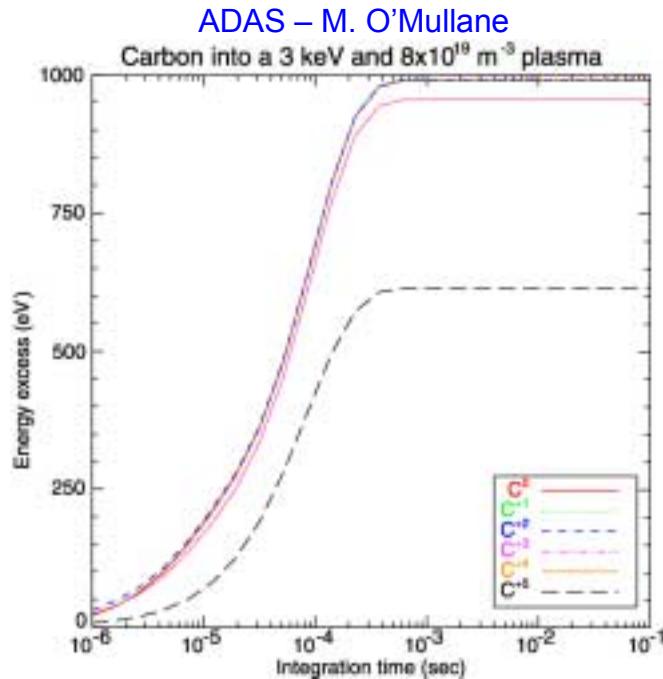
$N_{\text{D-T ITER}} \sim 10^{23}$ particles



Large Proportion of Γ_C may get into Core Plasma → increase of Z_{eff} at edge

ELM energy/particle fluxes to PFCs (XIX)

Energy loss by Carbon Transient Radiation → Probably small



- $E_{\text{transient}}^{\text{C-radiation}} (3 \text{ keV}, 8 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}) \sim 1 \text{ keV/atom}$
 - ↓
 - $E_{\text{ELM}}^{\text{RAD}} \sim 16 \text{ MJ} \ll W_{\text{plasma}} (\sim 350 \text{ MJ})$
- JET Results agree qualitatively : Modelling/Extrapolation to ITER necessary