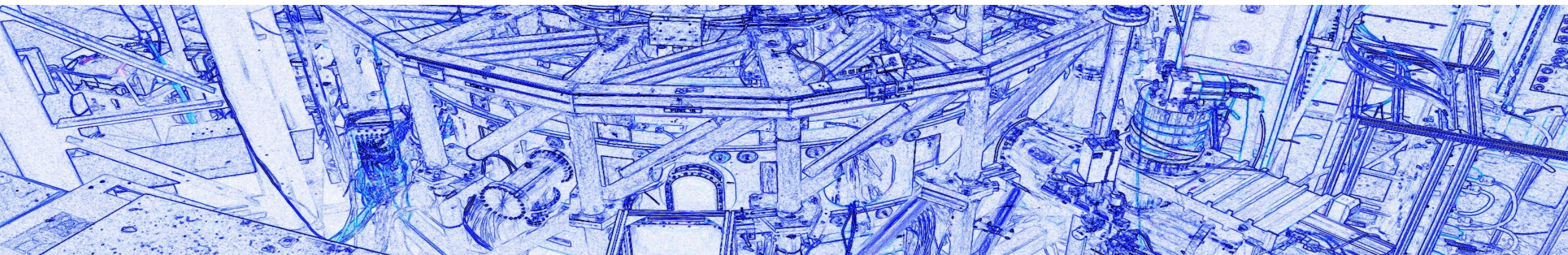


# Progress of J-TEXT on RMP and Disruption Physics

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**II. RMP and disruption mitigation**

**III. Runaway electron control**

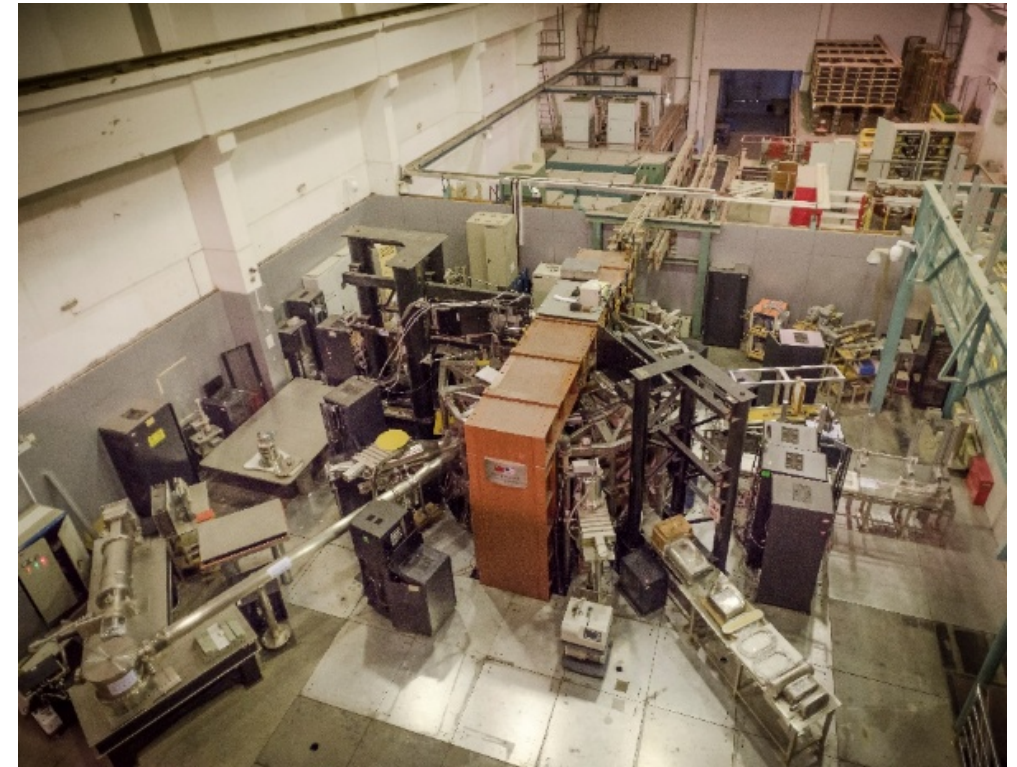
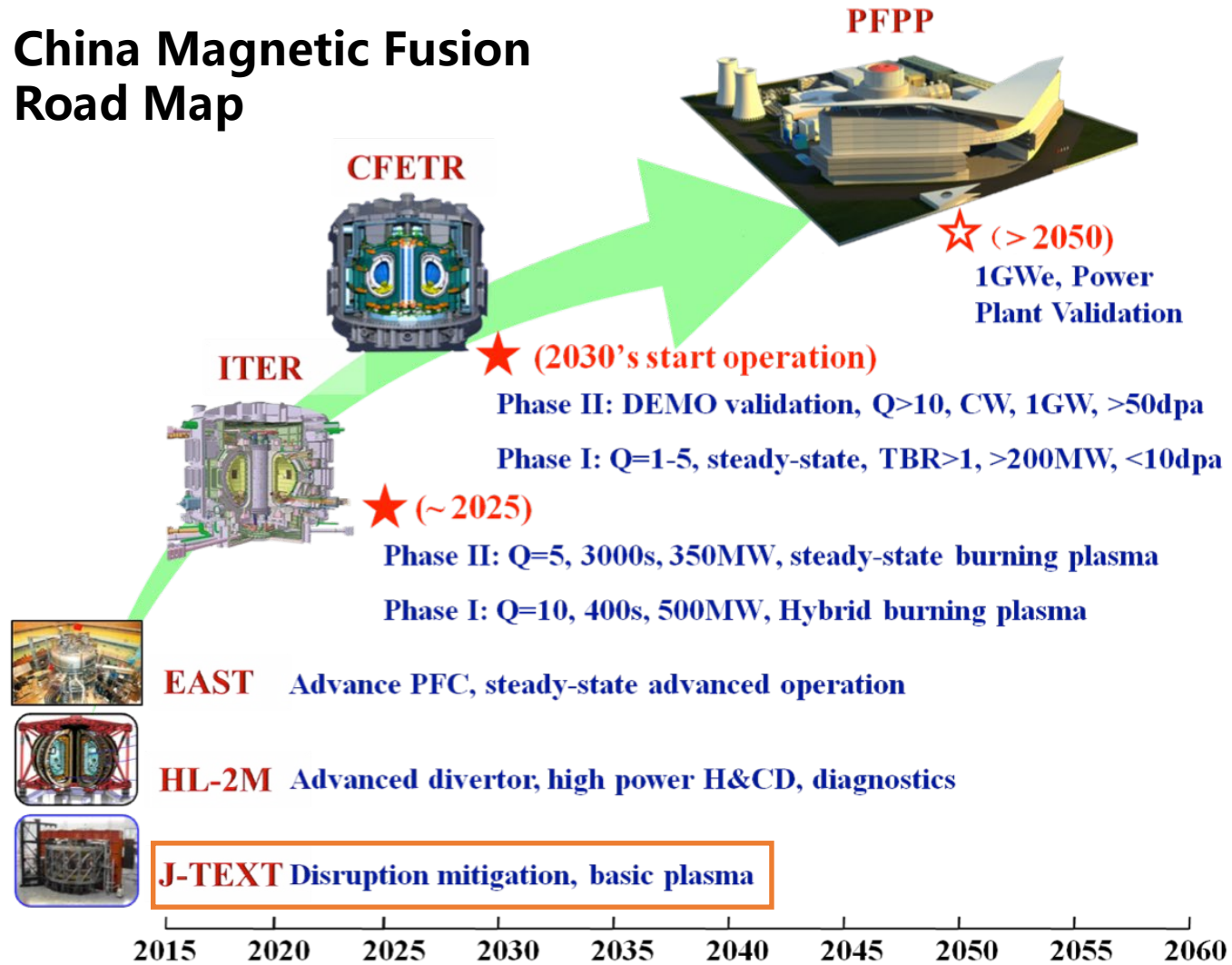
**IV. Summary and future work**



# J-TEXT status in magnetic fusion program



## China Magnetic Fusion Road Map







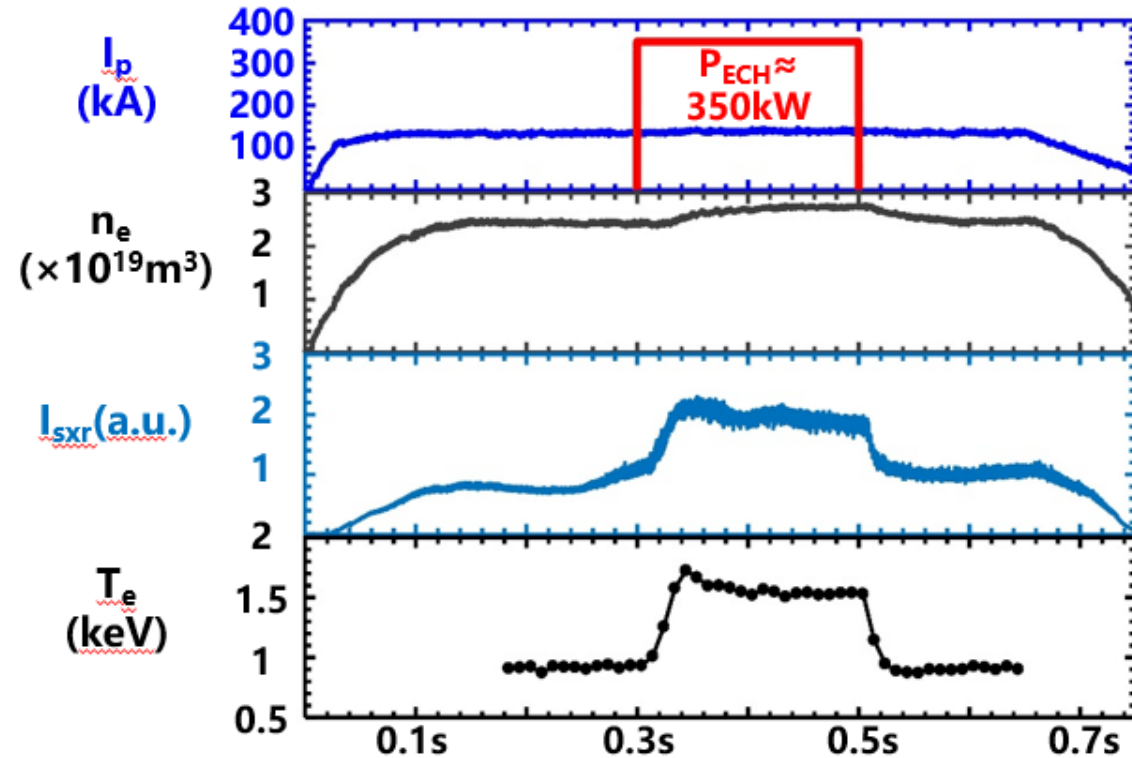
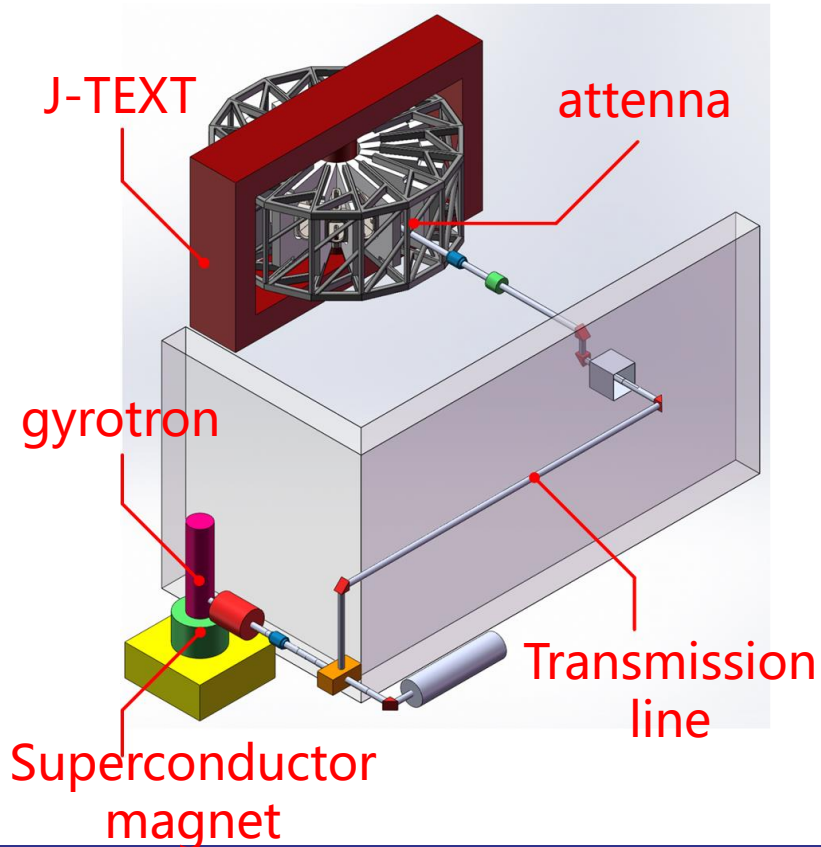
# ECRH on J-TEXT reaches $T_e$ above 1.5keV



ECRH system parameters on J-TEXT: **105GHz/500kW/1s**

Enhanced J-TEXT plasma performance ( $T_e > 1.5\text{keV}$ )

To conduct localized heating and ECCD experiments on J-TEXT



2019 spring campaign

- Successful discharges in HFS single-null and double-null divertor configurations
- Extended operation space of J-TEXT

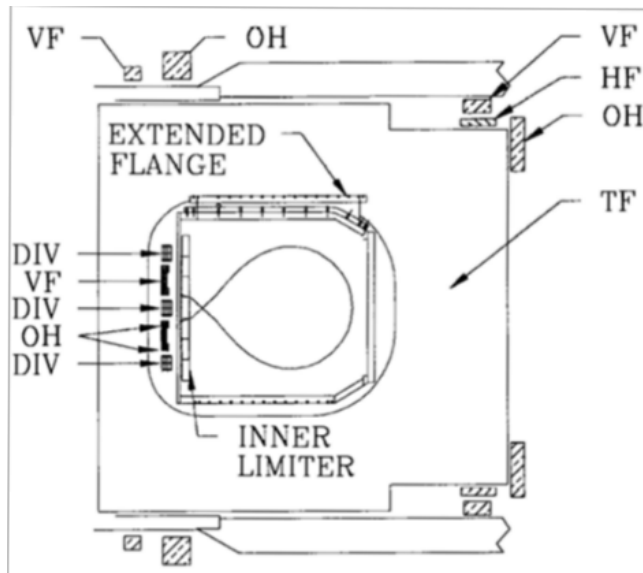


FIGURE 1

Cross-section of TEXT Upgrade showing last closed flux surface for the 200kA/200kA single null diverted discharge.

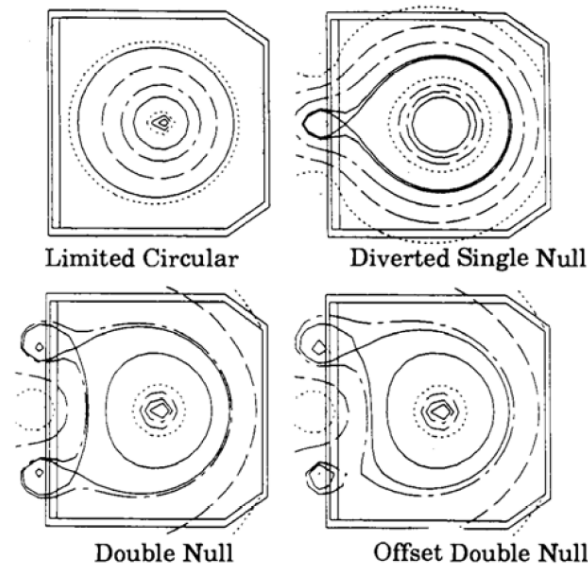
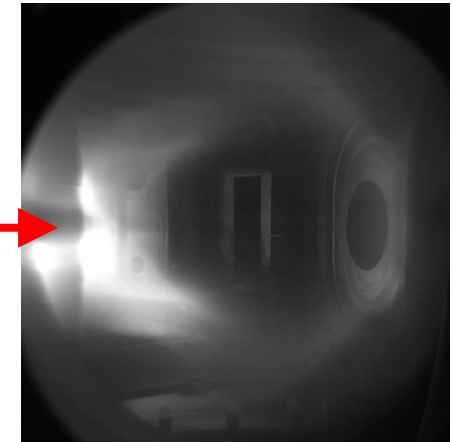
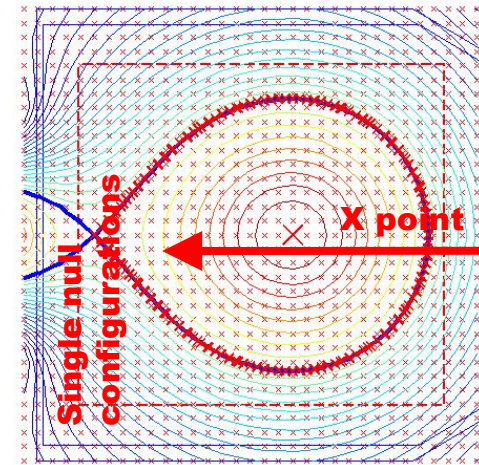


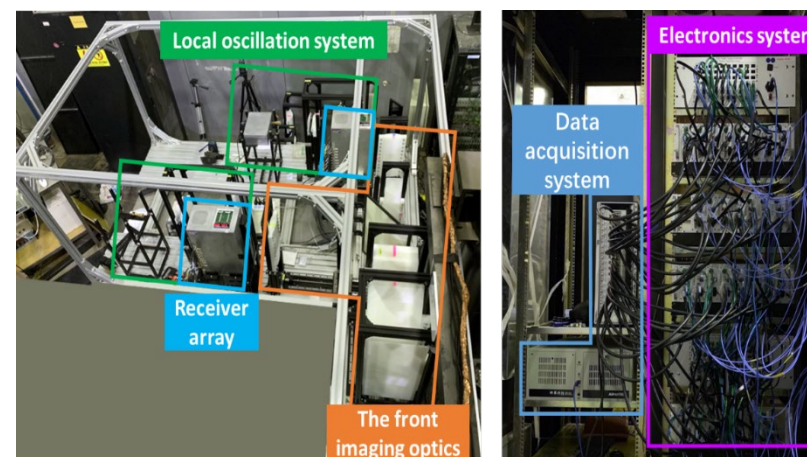
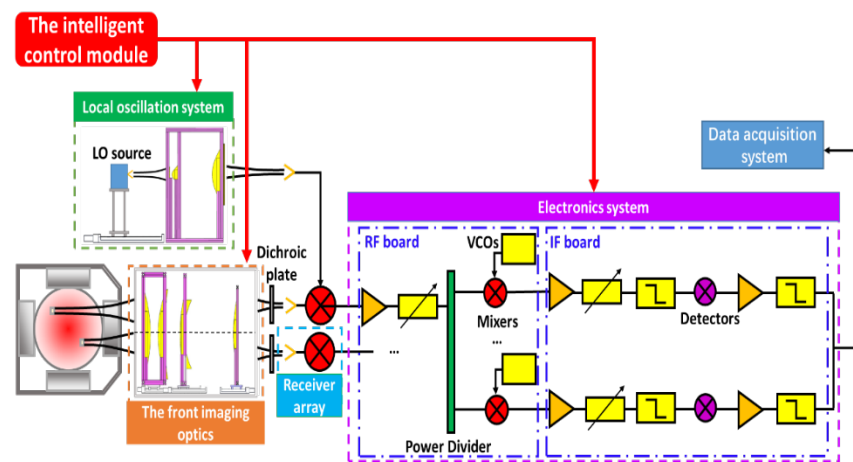
FIGURE 2

Base line configurations for TEXT Upgrade. For 200kA plasma and divertor current;  $R_p=1.05\text{m}$ .



● Major US collaborators: **UT Austin**

- A new 256-channel ECEI system has been developed on J-TEXT tokamak.
- It is the **first full-function digital control** ECEI system which can remotely set and control the diagnostic.



Simplified schematic of J-TEXT ECEI system

The layout of the J-TEXT ECEI system

## Publications :

Yang, Z.J., et al., FED, 2020. 153,111494.

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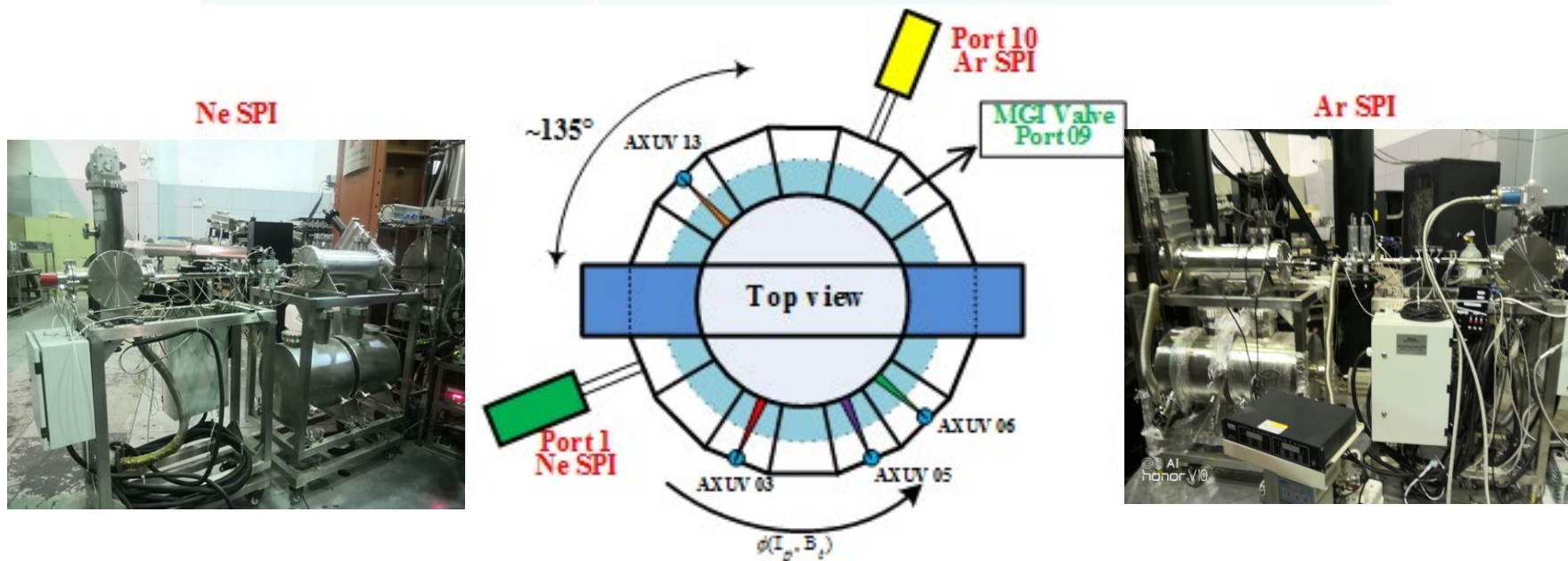
● Major US collaborators: **UC Davis**



# Dual SPI system installed on J-TEXT



	Ar	Ne
Port	10	1
Propellant gas	Ar	He
Pellet diameter (mm)	5	5
Pellet length (mm)	2-8	2-8
quantity	$1-4 \times 10^{21}$	$1.7-6.7 \times 10^{21}$
Velocity (m/s)	130-300	150-350



- SPI disruption mitigation: Collaboration with GA in the frame of ITPA MHD task force



## Ensuring the success of ITER

- TBM effects
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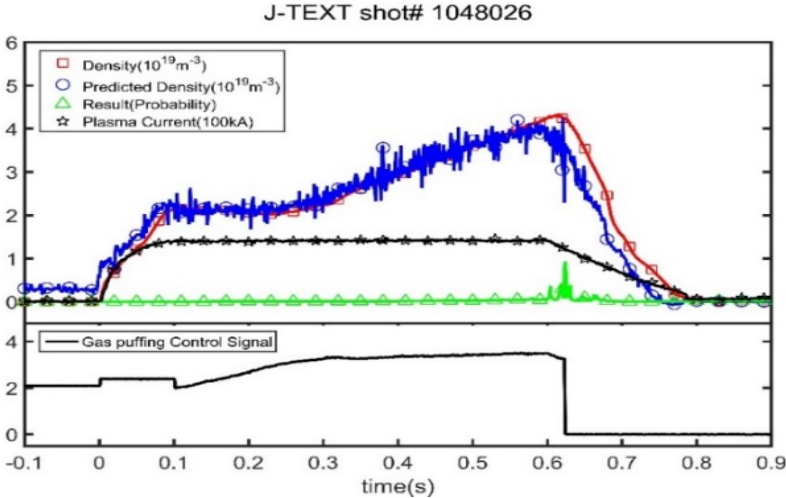
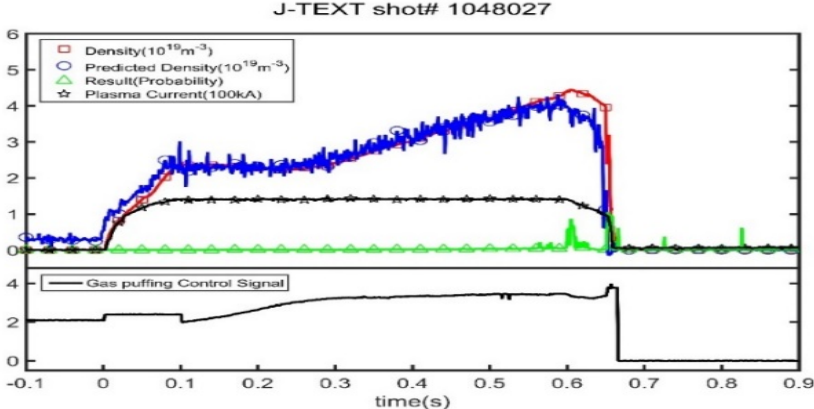
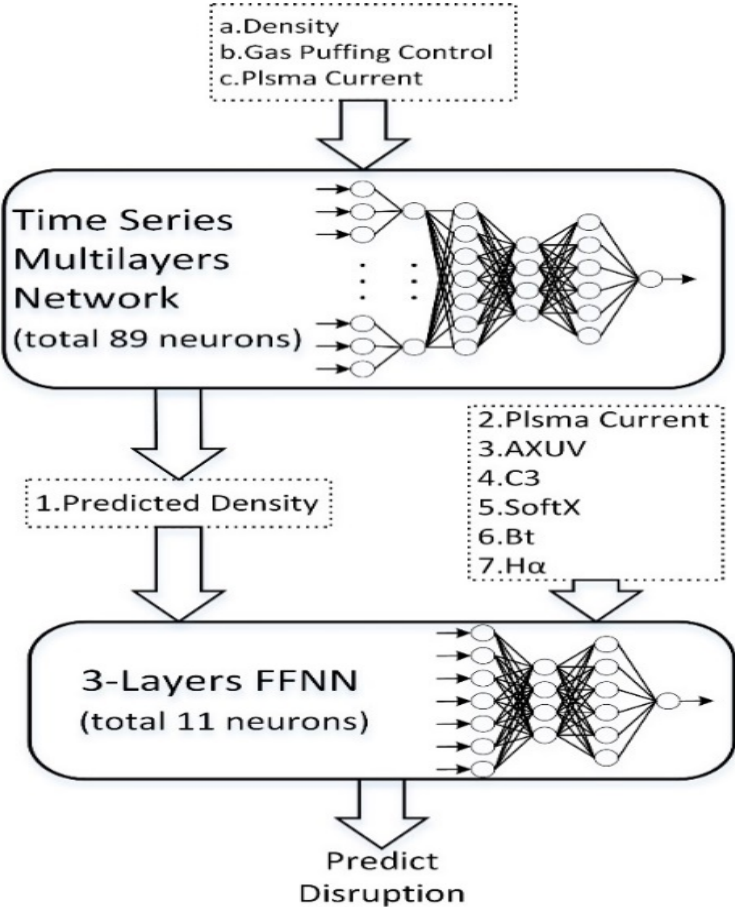
## J-TEXT focus areas:

**MHD instability control**

**Disruption avoidance**

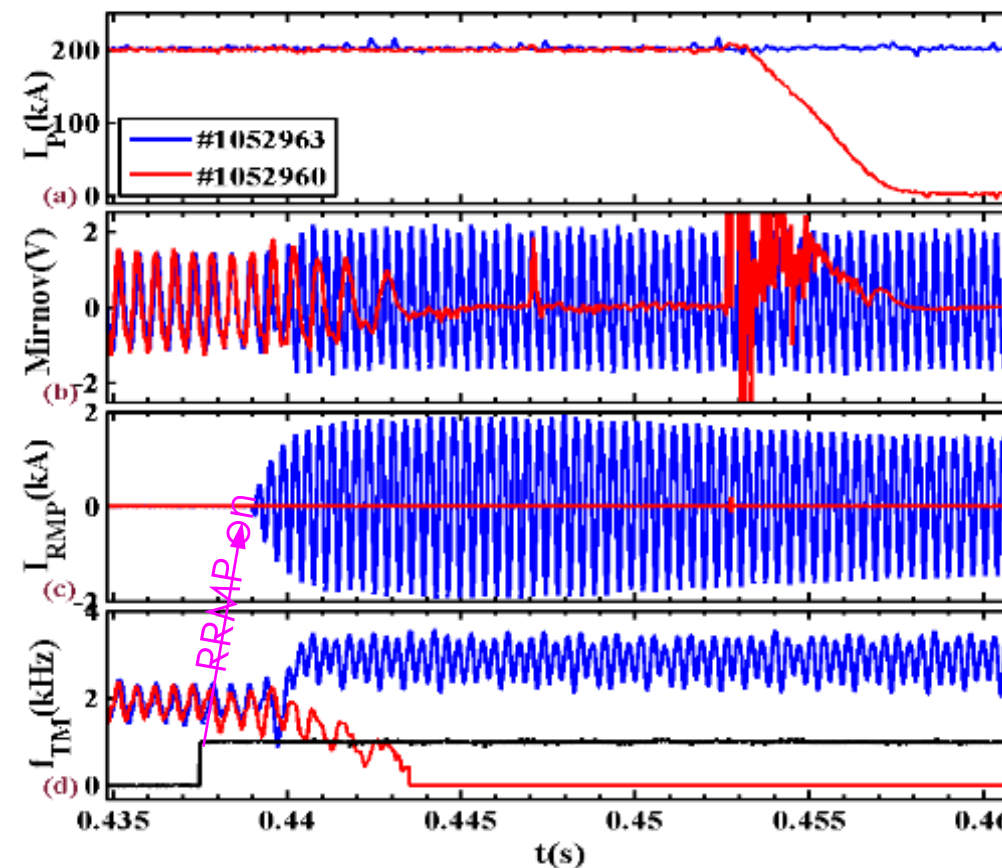
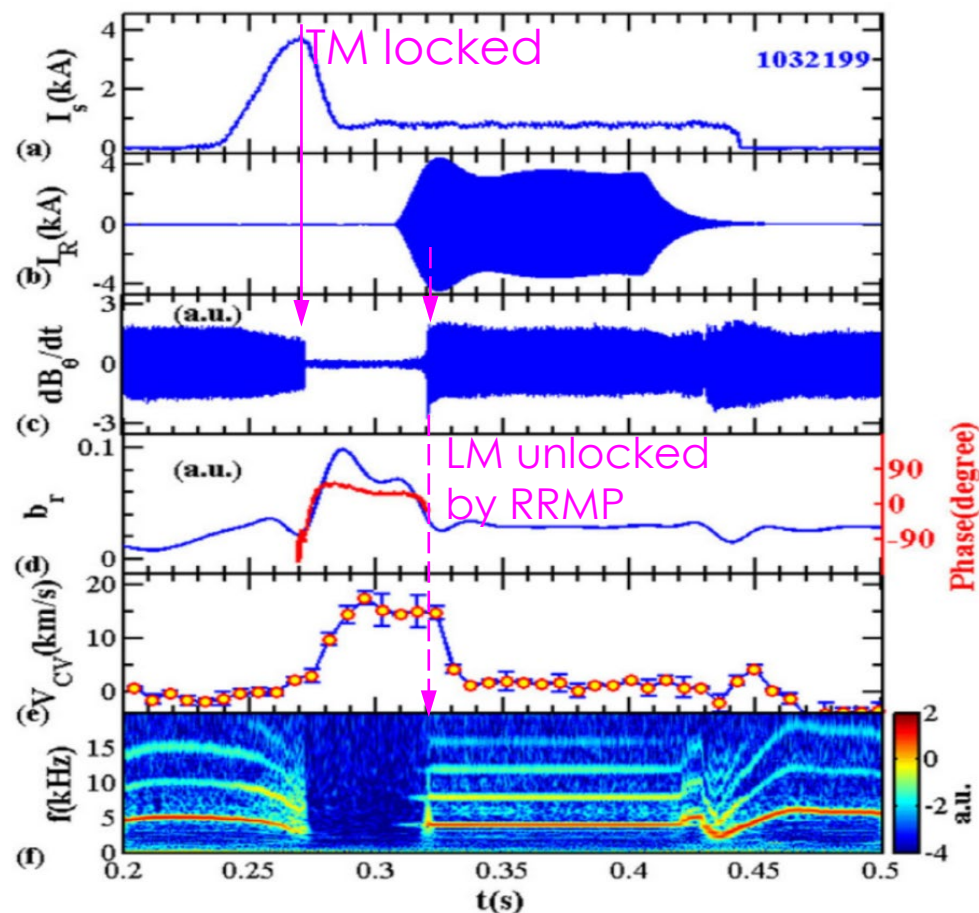
**RE suppression & dissipation**

## Hybrid neural network for density limit disruptions prediction and avoidance



Zheng W, et al., Nuclear Fusion, 58 (2018) 056016



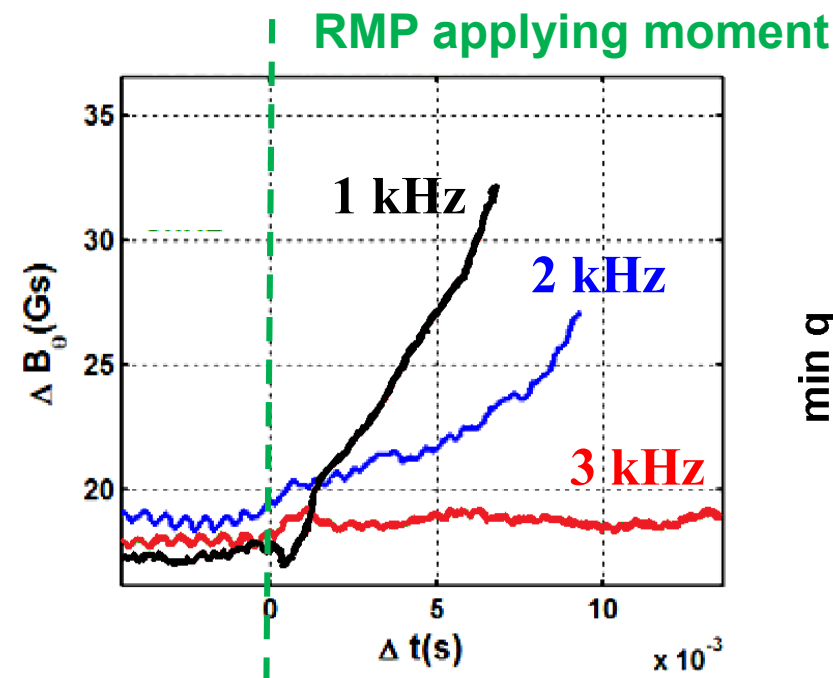
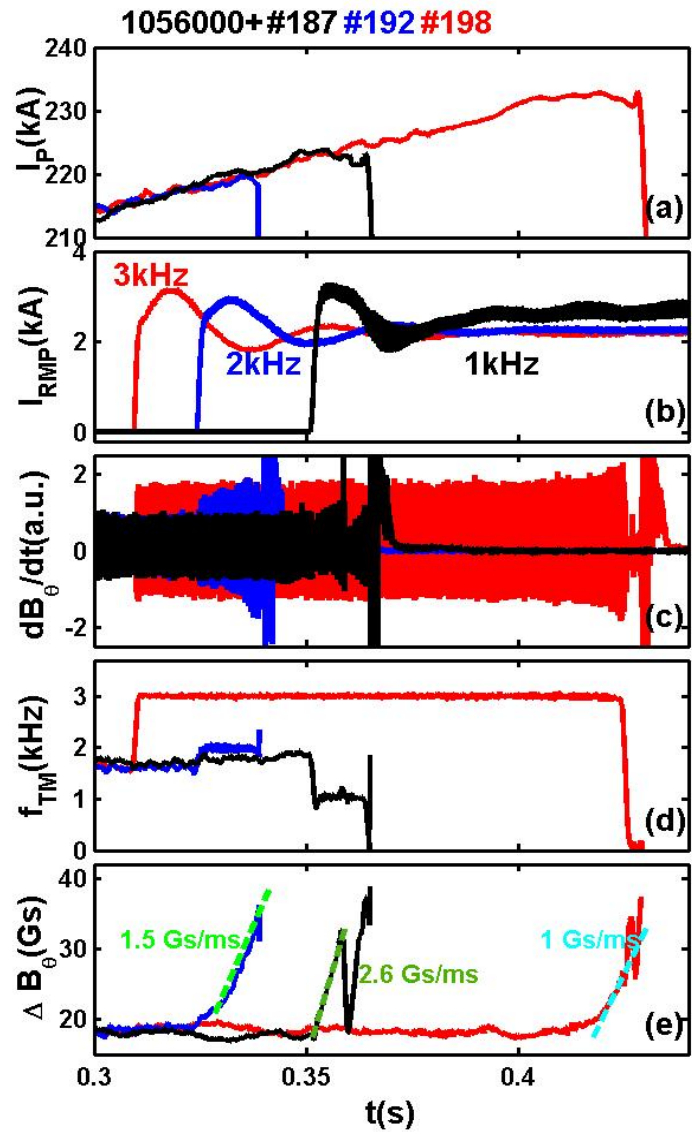


## Rotating RMP unlocks TM and drives island rotation

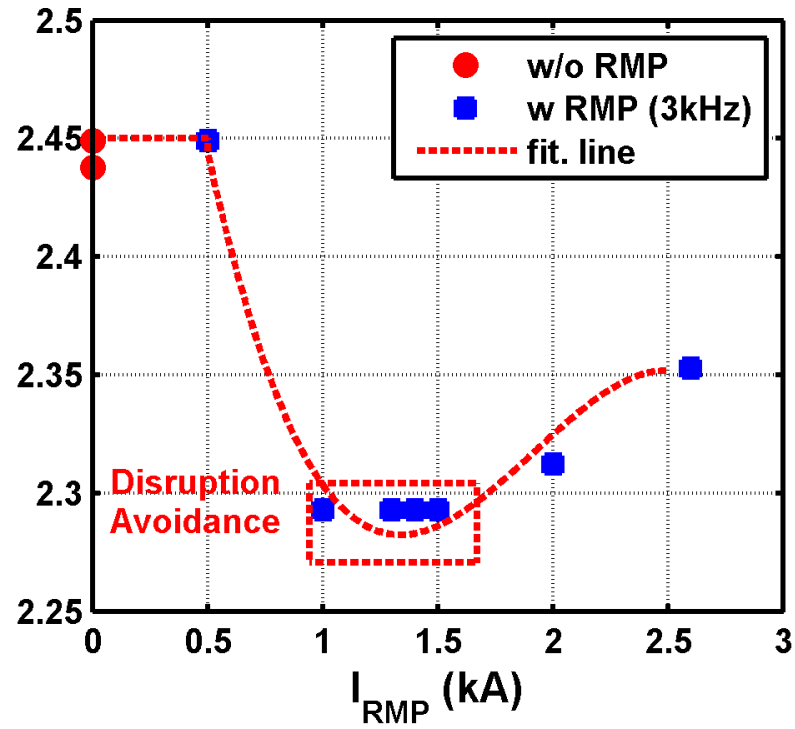
Jin H, PPCF 2015, Wang N, NF 2019

## Rotating RMP accelerates rotation and avoids disruption

Ding Y H, IAEA FEC 2018



Higher frequency rotating RMP more effective on suppressing LM amplitude



Nonlinear RMP effects on q profile allow disruption avoidance Li D, NF 2020

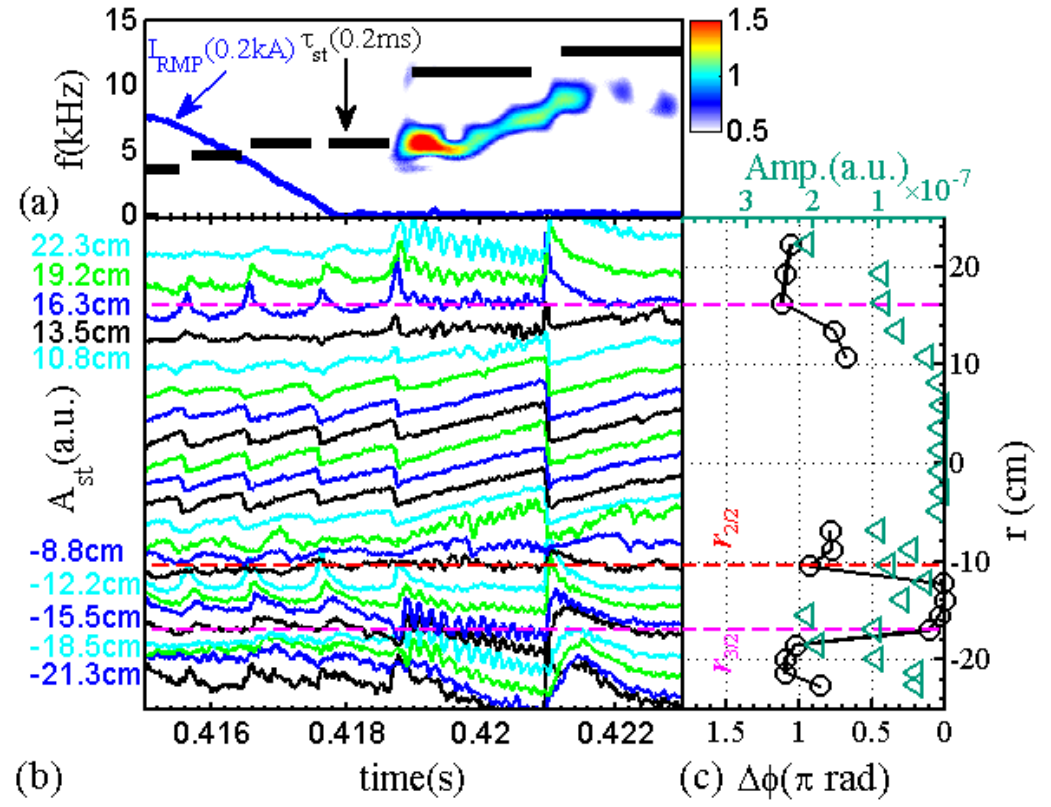
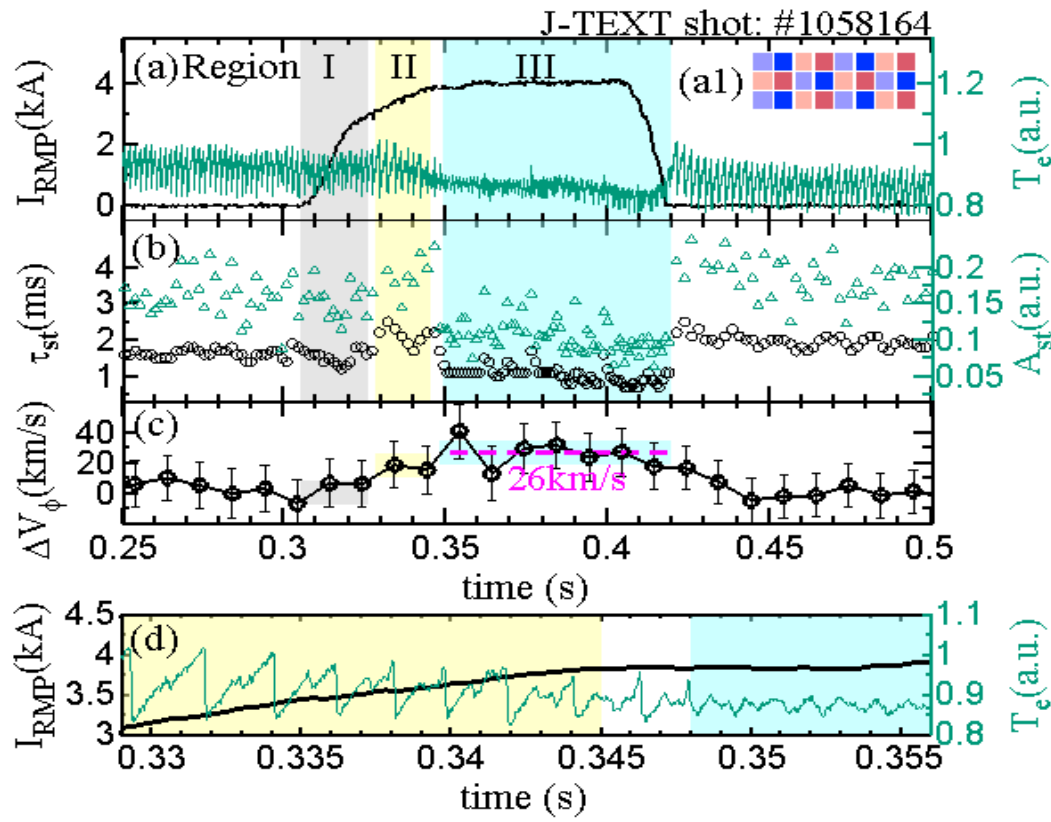




# Effects of 2/2 RMP on sawteeth

- ◆ Mitigation of sawteeth by 2/2 RMP in region with  $q_a < 2.8$  and  $n_e < 2 \times 10^{19} \text{m}^{-3}$  in J-TEXT ( $I_{\text{RMP}}=4 \text{ kA}$ )
- ◆ Core rotation driven in co-Ip direction
- ◆ Reduction of sawteeth is highly related with trigger of 2/2 island

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- ◆ New scheme for sawteeth control using RMPs with  $m/n = 1$  but  $m, n > 1$

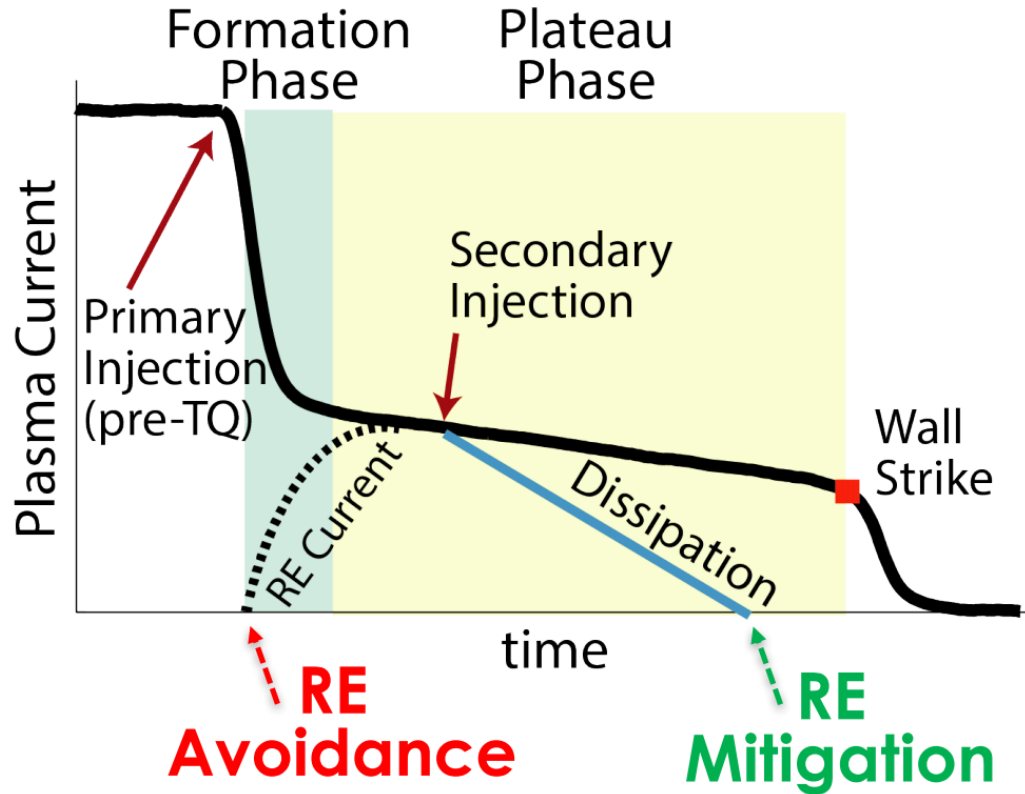
# Novel schemes developed for RE control



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Disruption mitigation:  
RMP and electrode  
biasing control LM and  
avoid disruption onset



## Runaway electron current control schemes

### ◆ Schemes-I:

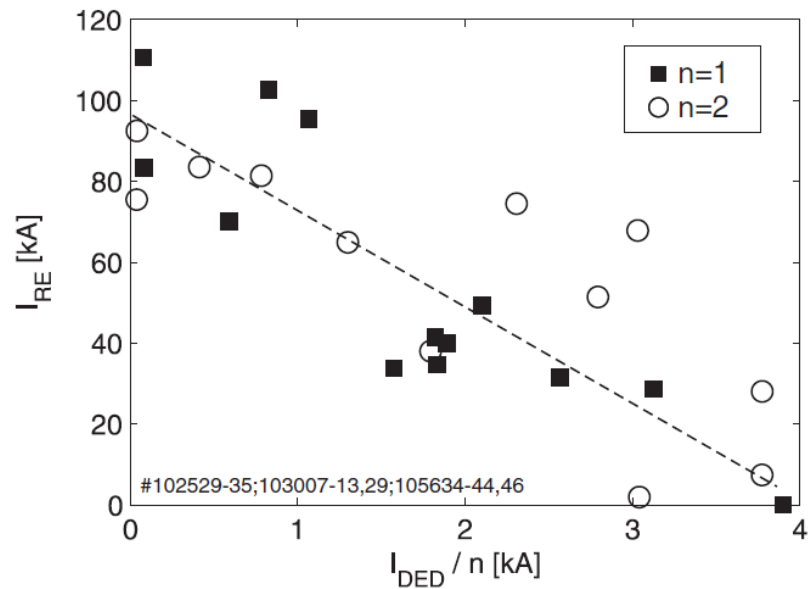
RE suppression via  
RMP/SMBI/MGI/ETC

### ◆ Schemes-II:

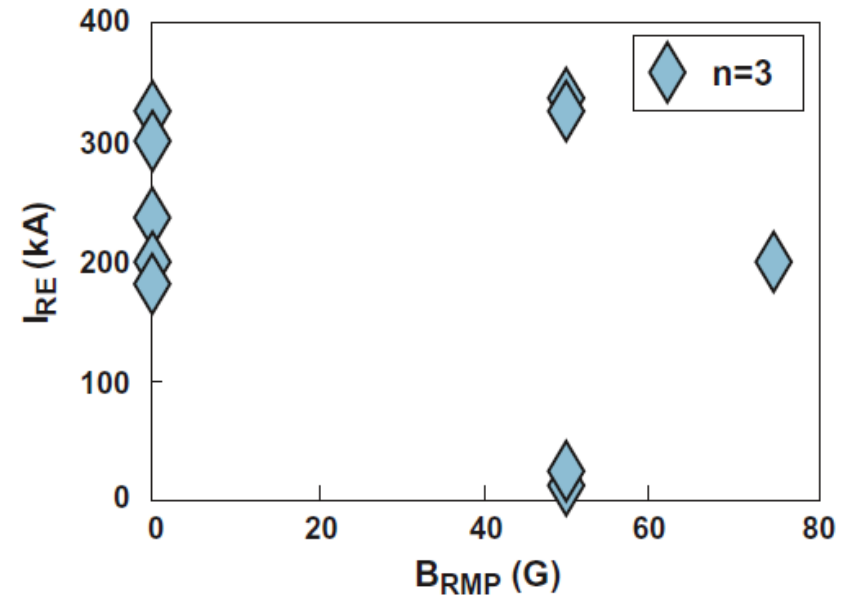
RE dissipation via  
MGI and SPI



# Schemes-I: RE suppression (RMP)



RE suppression in TEXTOR;  
Lehnen, M. PRL 2008



RE suppression in DIII-D;  
Hollmann E. M. 2011 J. Nucl. Mater.

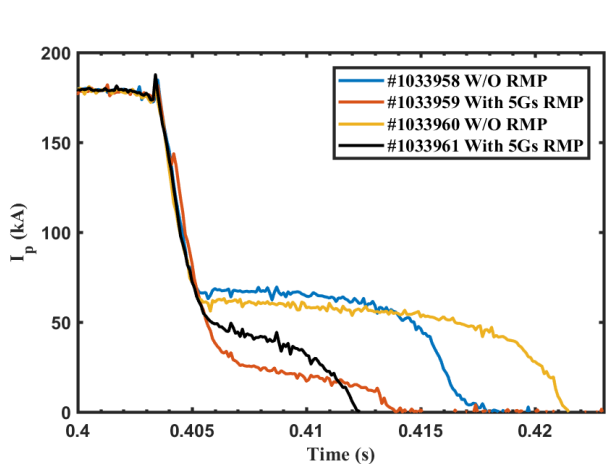
## 3 RE control regimes found on J-TEXT:

1. Partial suppression

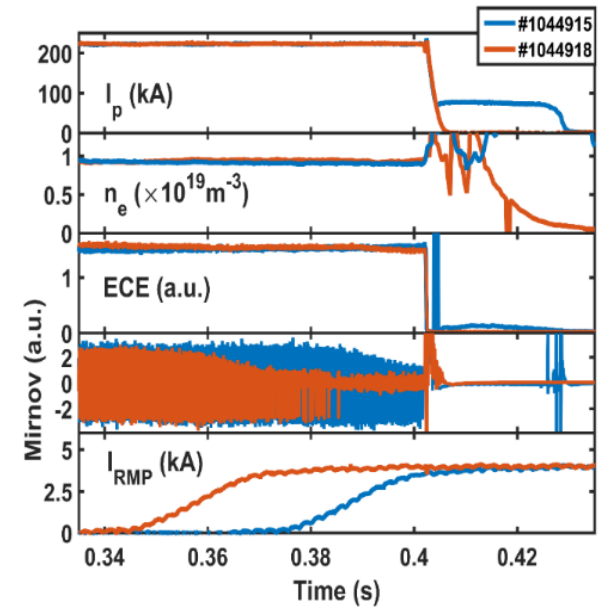
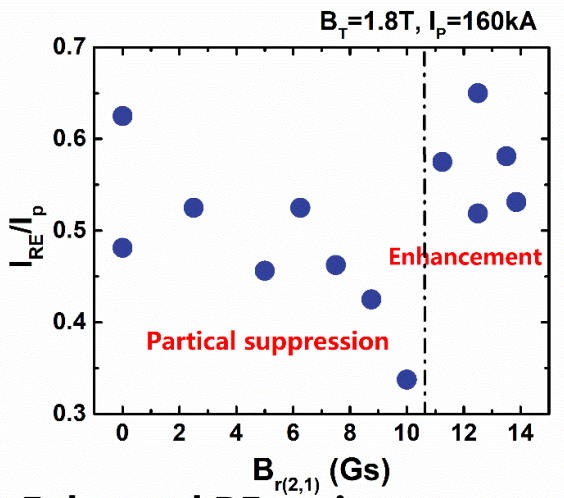
2. Enhanced RE

3. **Full suppression** by (a) Mode locking; (b) RMP penetration

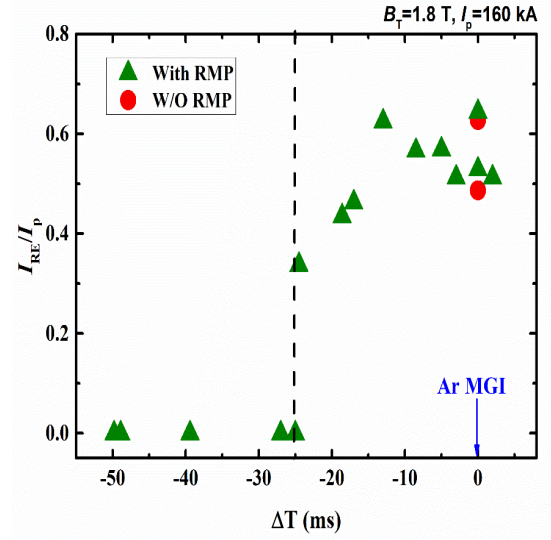
# Full RE suppression achieved via RMP mode locking & penetration



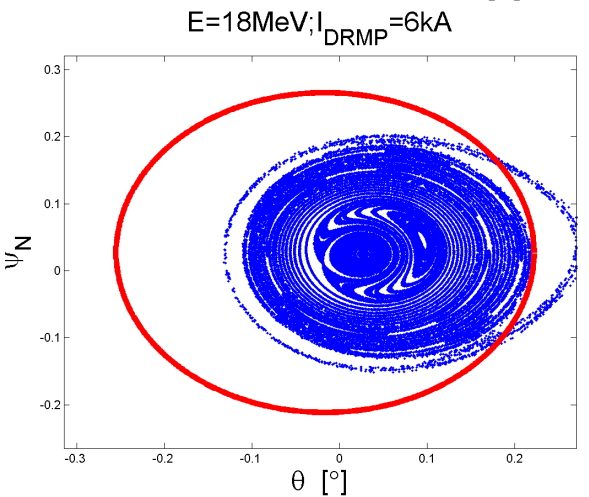
Partial RE suppression – Enhanced RE regimes



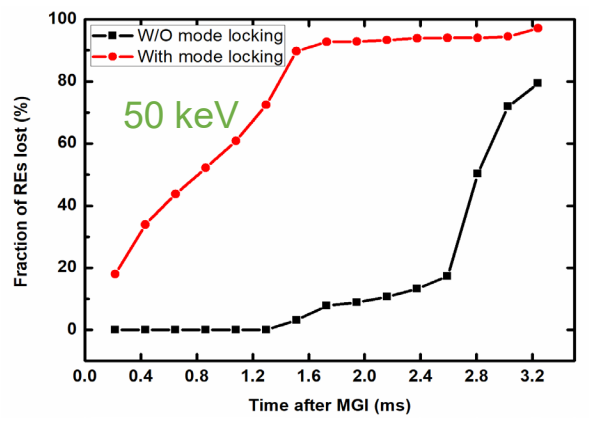
Full RE suppression due to mode locking



Full RE suppression due to RMP penetration



NIMROD simulation show RE loss enhancement in presence of islands

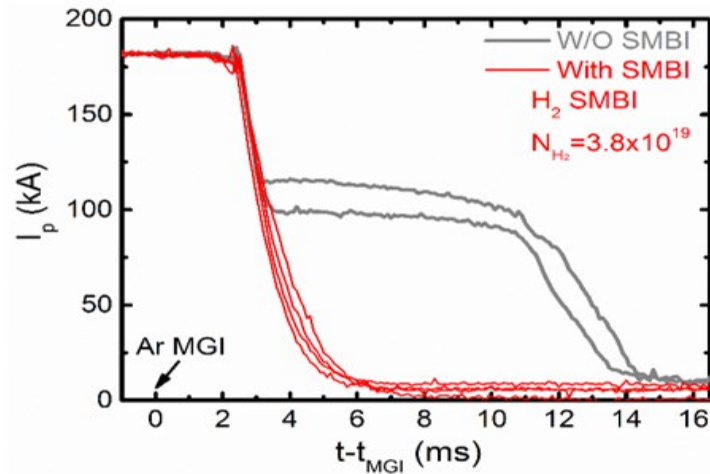
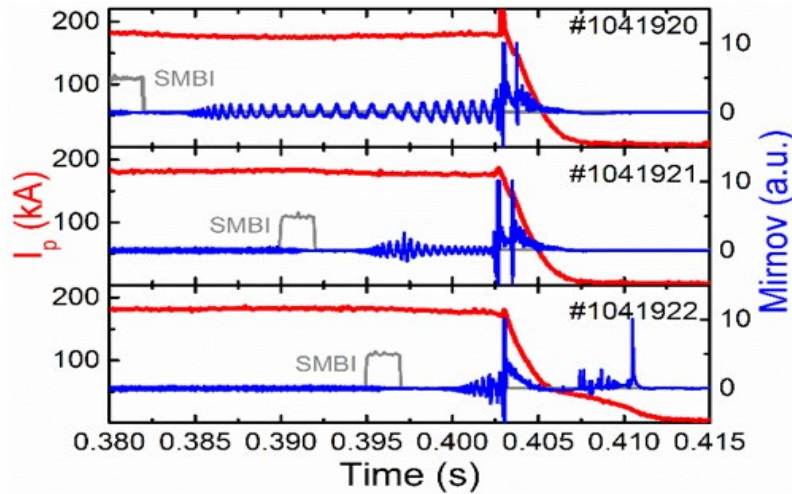


● Major US collaborators: **NIMROD team (US)**

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# Schemes-I: RE suppression (SMBI)



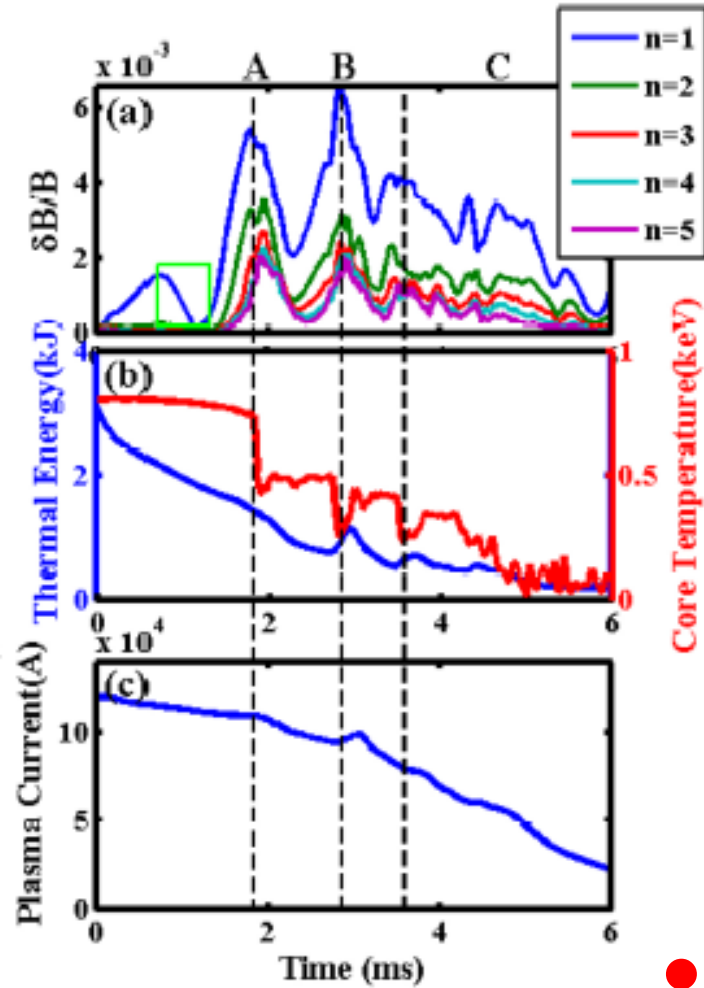
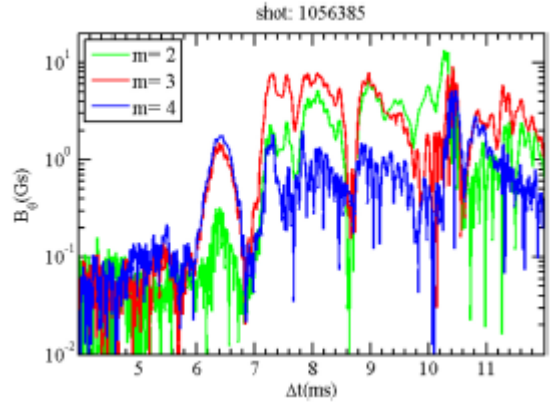
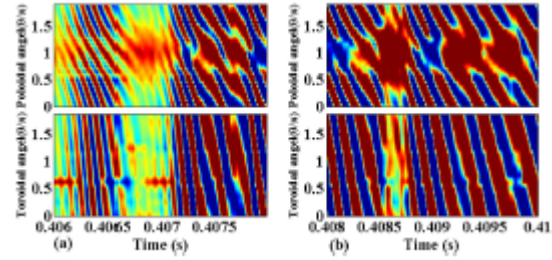
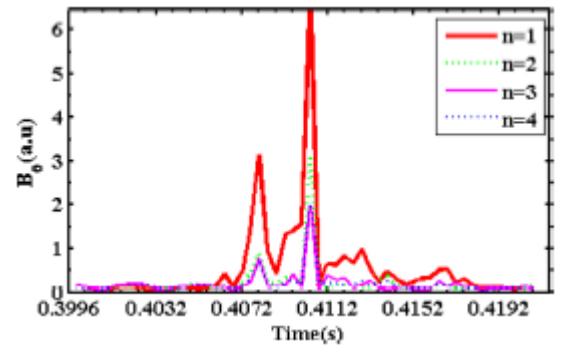
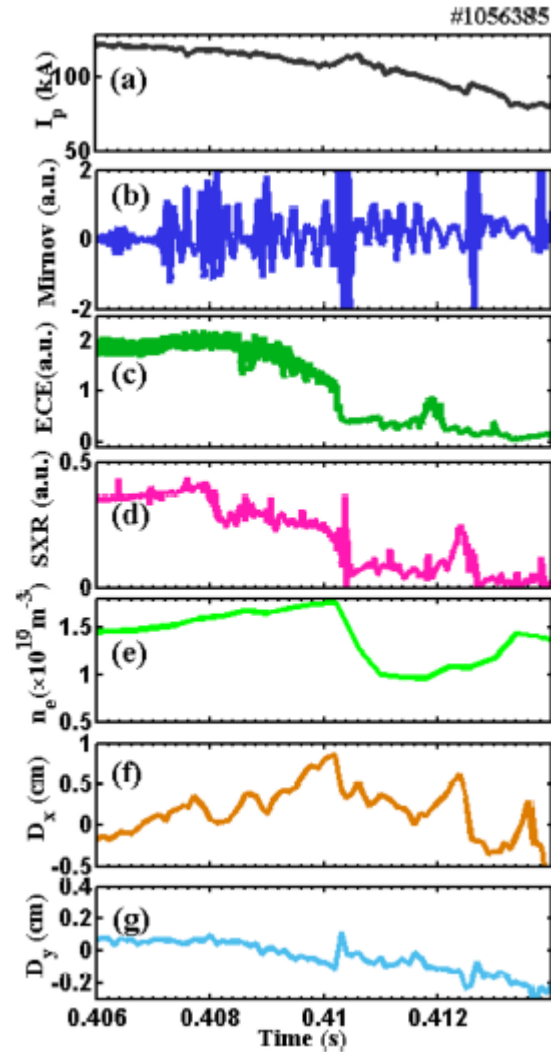
- Developed novel RE suppression scheme based on SMBI induced magnetic perturbations.
- Combined MGI+SMBI scheme enhances magnetic perturbations during disruption and enable RE suppression.



*Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion* 59 (2017) 085002  
*Nucl. Fusion* 60, 066004 (2020)



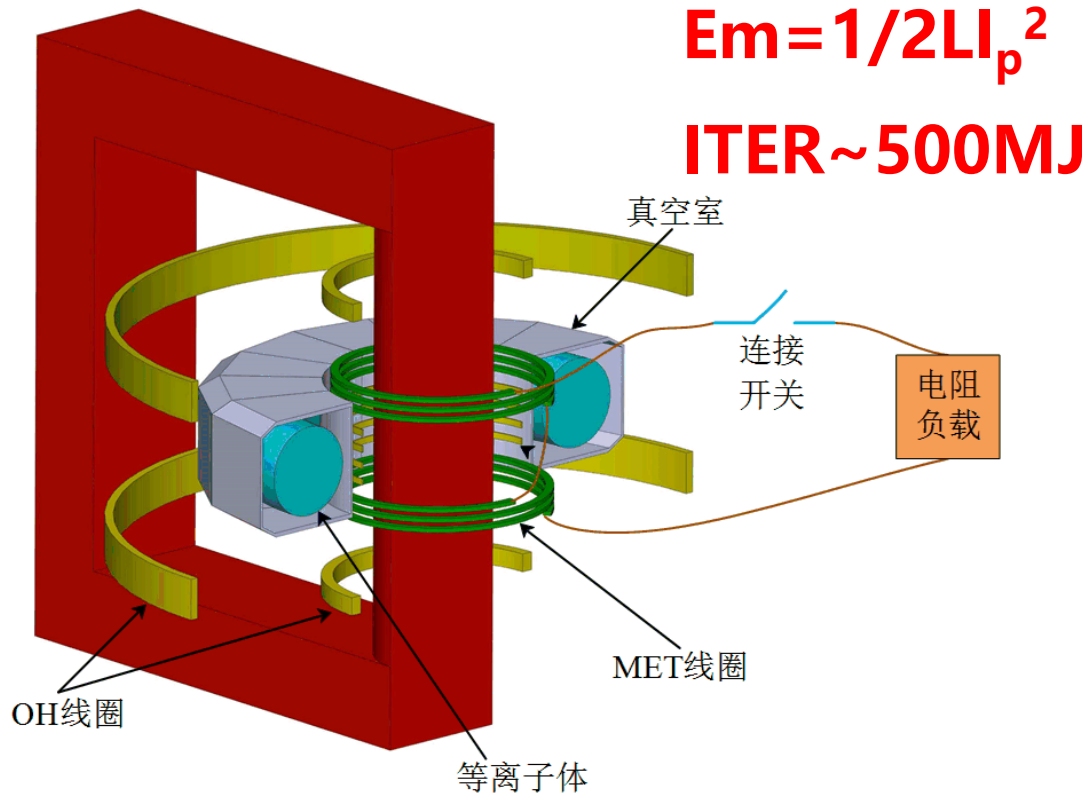
# Minor disruptions triggered by supersonic molecular beam injection (SMBI) on J-TEXT tokamak



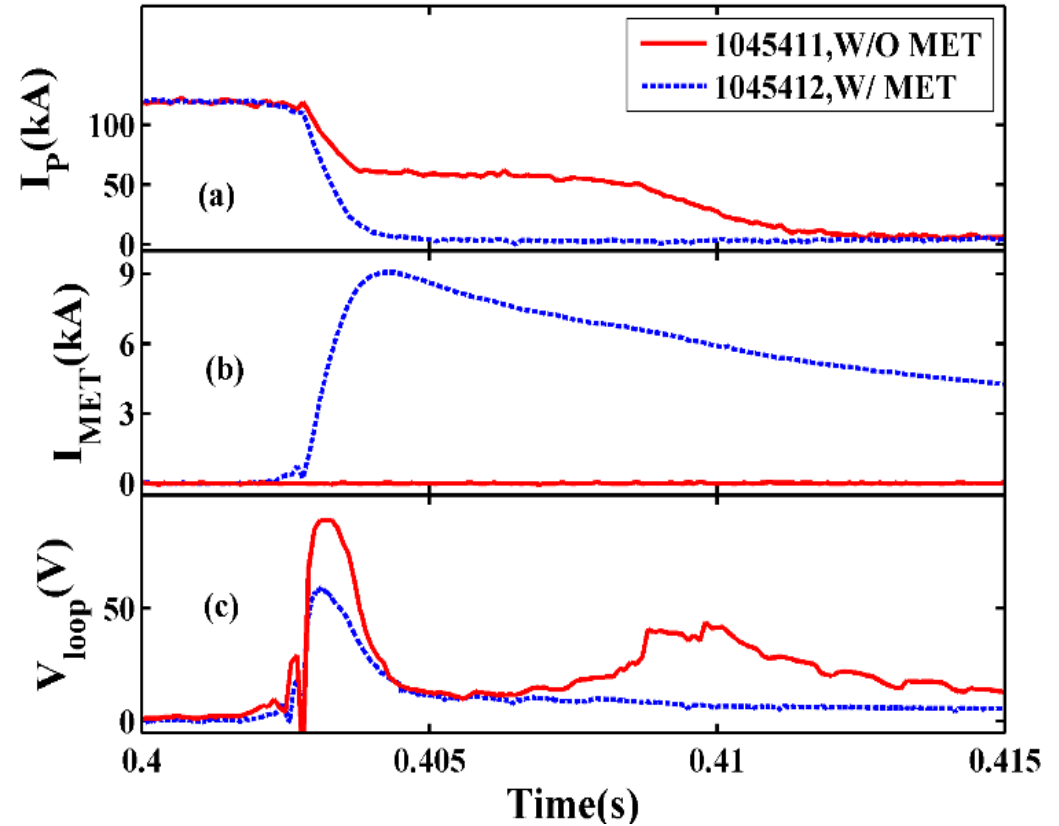
- The core plasma temperature decreases to less than tens of eVs after a relatively long period of multistage thermal collapse.
- Different MHD modes appear as impurity cold front propagates toward the  $q = 2$  surface.

● Major US collaborators:  
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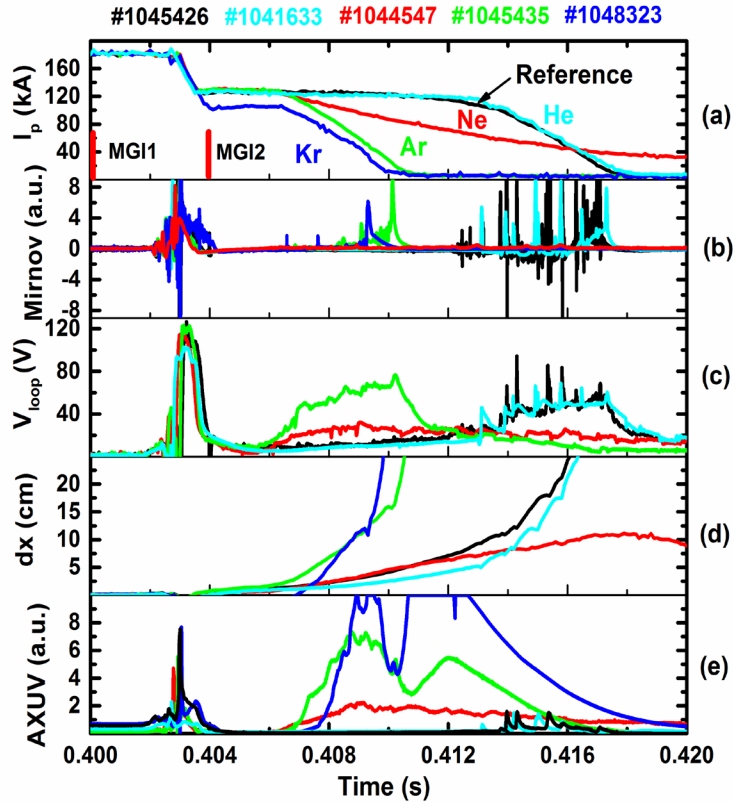


Novel ETC system provides a new scheme for disruption mitigation

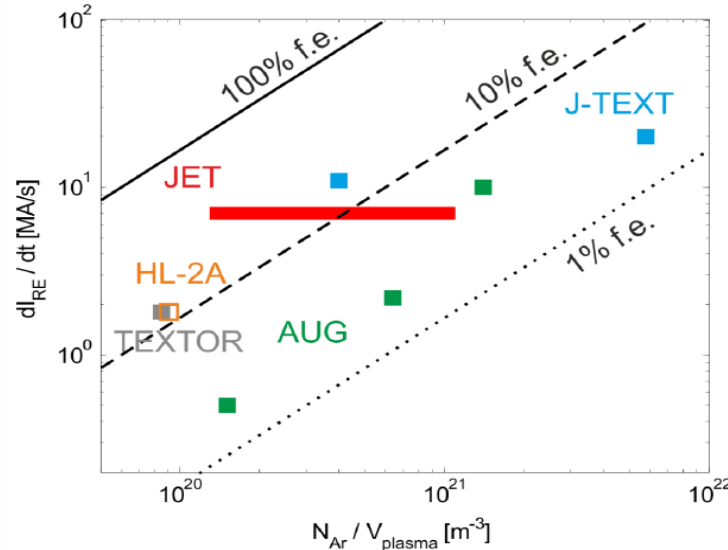


ETC can effectively reduce loop voltage during disruption, thus enable RE suppression.

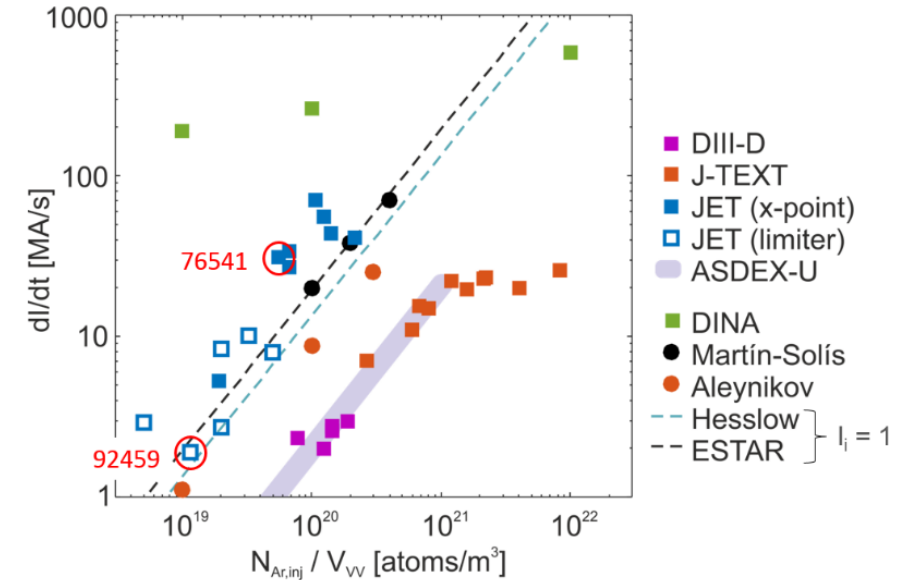
# Schemes-II: RE dissipation (MGI) -ITPA



RE current decay rate as function of Ar density



RE current decay with increasing Ar quantity



ITPA WG11: Control of Locked Modes

ITPA MDC-19 Error Field Correction for ITER

- Dissipation rate ~ 26MA/s, highest so far in world;
- Dissipation rate saturation found and confirmed on DIII-D



# Schemes-II: RE dissipation (SPI) -ITPA

TECHNICAL PROJECT

PELIN  
PELLET INJECTOR DESIGN

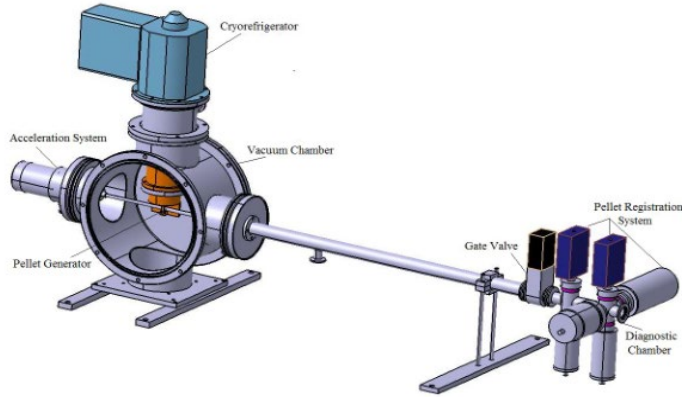
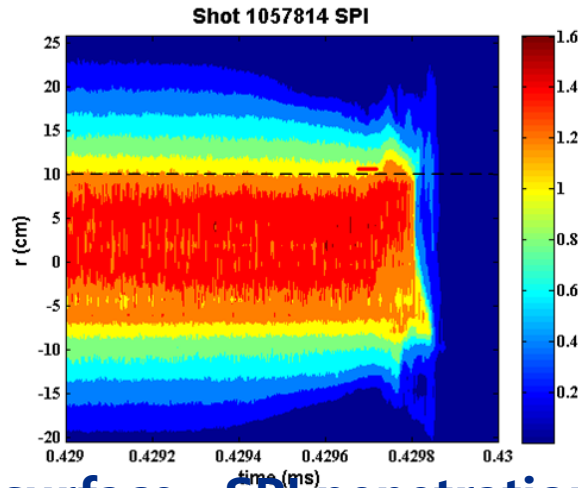
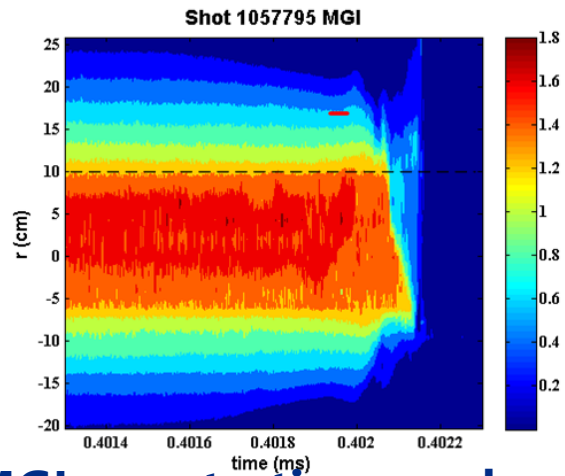


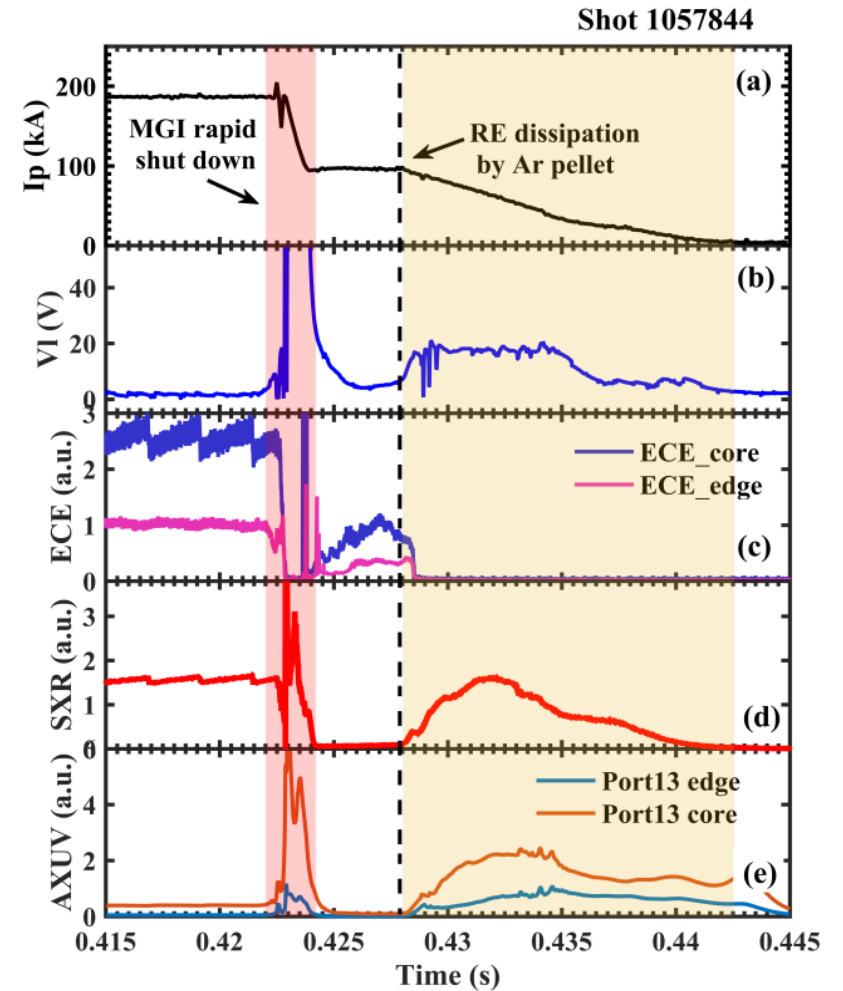
Fig.2. 3D model of the argon pellet injector.

SPI adopted as top option for disruption mitigation on ITER

Dual SPI system installed on J-TEXT, and successfully applied to disruption mitigation experiments.



MGI penetration reaches  $q=2$  surface, SPI penetration reaches  $q=1$  surface and enhances mitigation efficiency

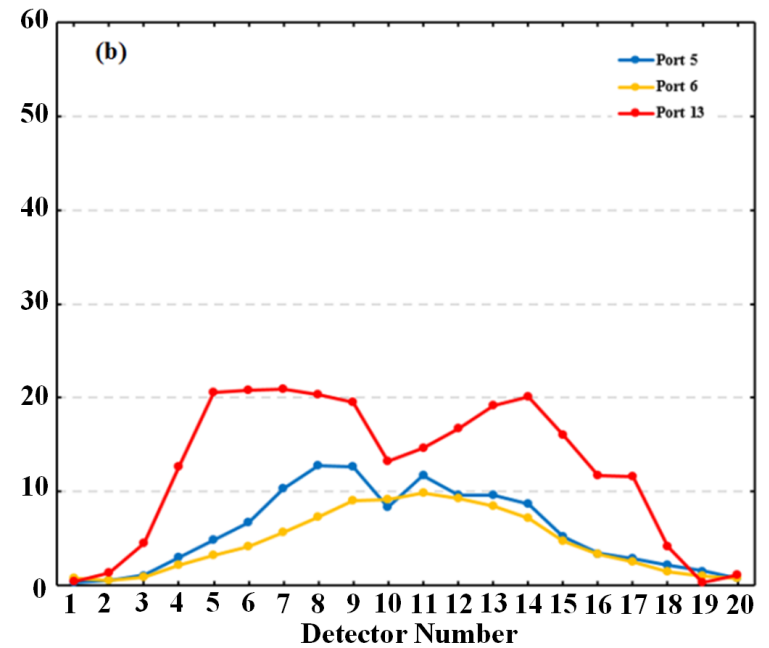
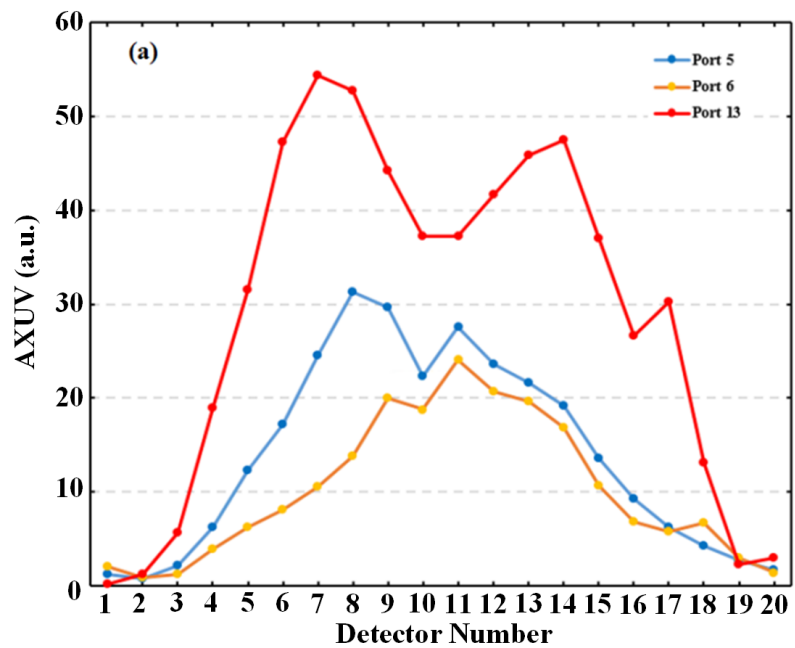
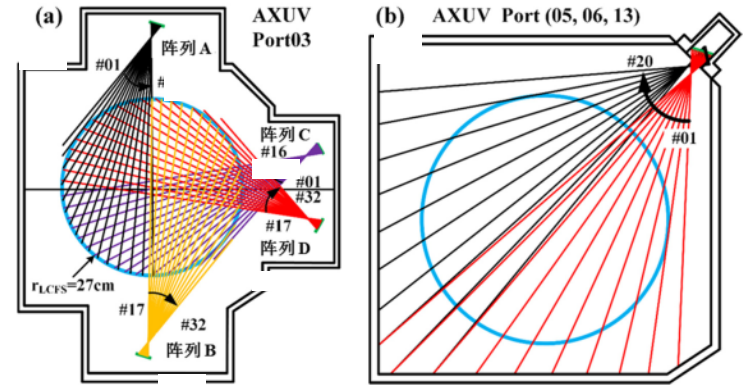


SPI dissipation of RE current

# Radiation asymmetry reduced by dual SPIs

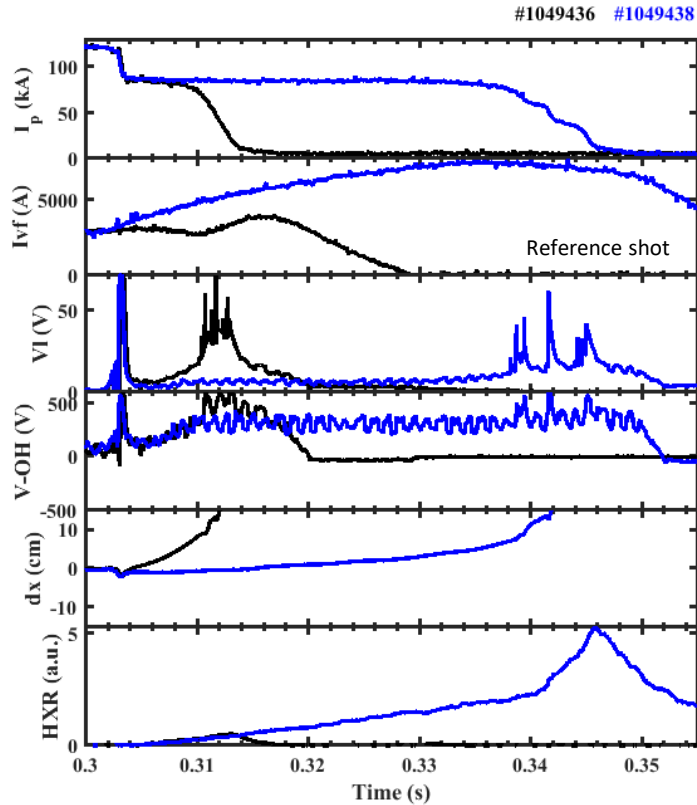


- In single SPI, **there is a strong radiation asymmetry**. The radiation in Port 13, which is closed to the injection port, is much stronger than that in Port 5 and 6.
- The localized thermal radiation is **reduced** by dual SPIs.

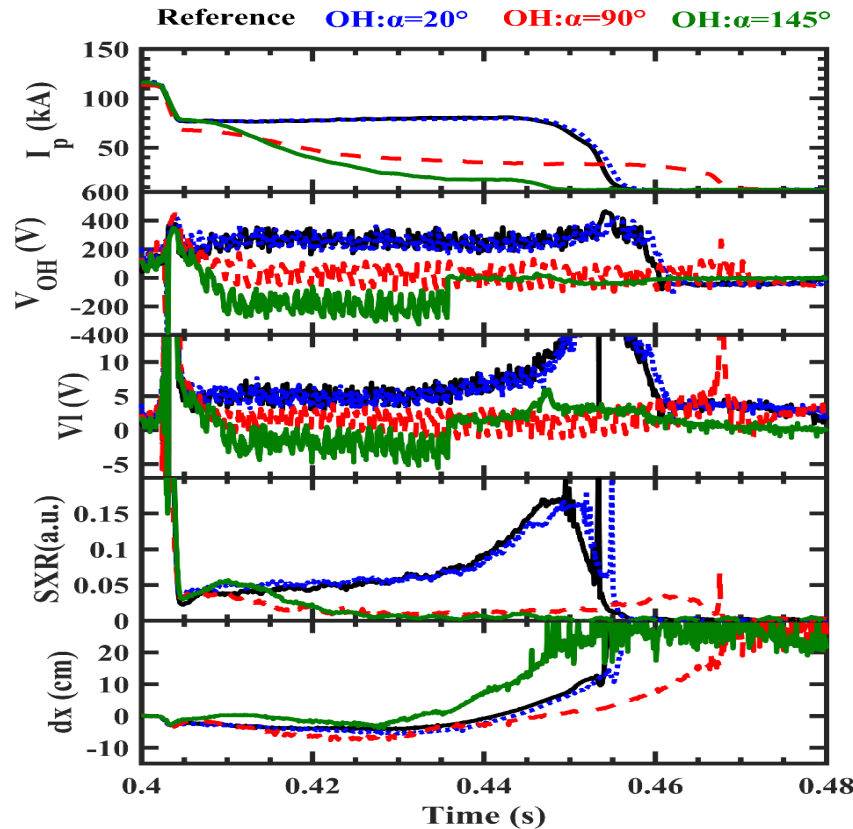


The thermal radiation in TQ phase, (a) single Ne SPI; (b) dual SPIs

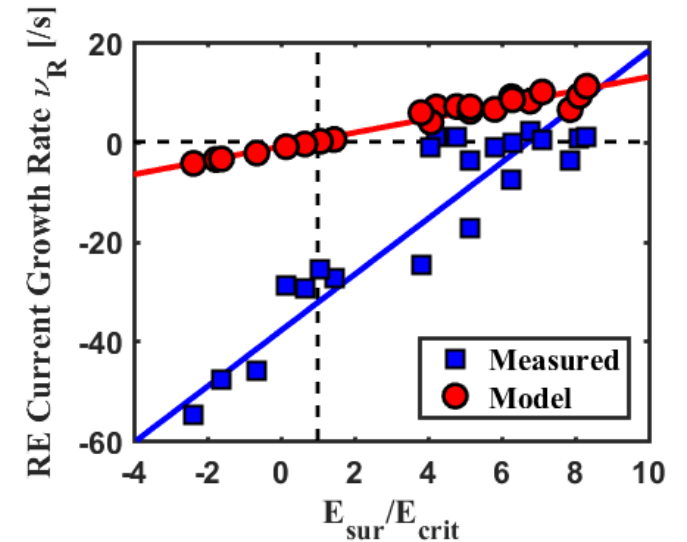
# Schemes-II: RE dissipation (E field reversal – soft landing)



➤ Active RE current control extends plateau duration to 30-80ms.



➤ Electric field reversal dissipates RE current (-4MA/s), leads to soft-landing.



Critical electric fields for zero RE current growth rate, where measured value 6 times of theory prediction.

Dai A. J. et al., Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 60 (2018) 055003



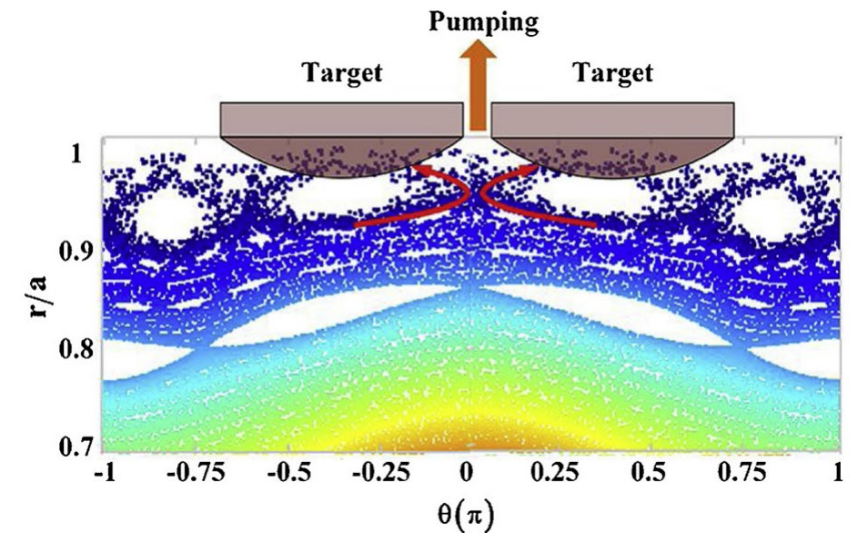
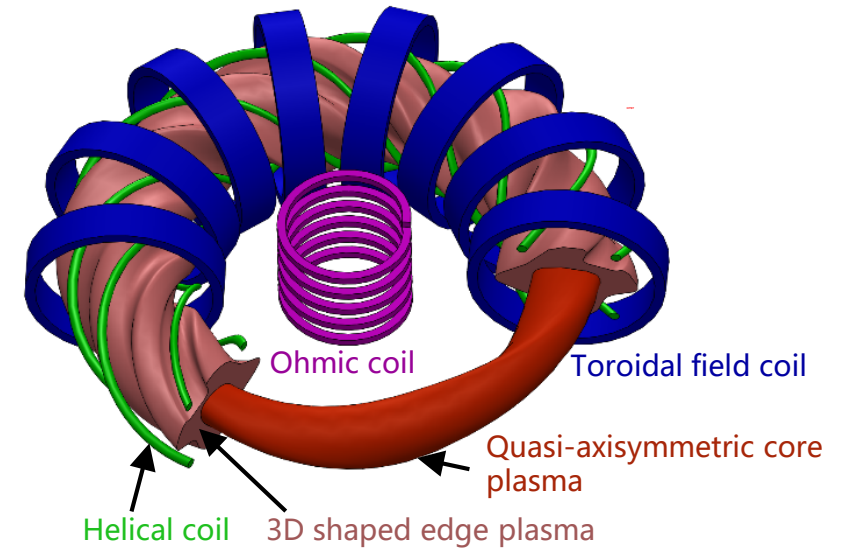
# Summary and future work

J-TEXT has made major progresses on

- ◆ RMP-aided disruption mitigation
- ◆ Runaway electron current suppression and dissipation

Future work continues ITER-relevant physics on:

- ◆ 3D configuration optimization for disruption and thermal transport control
- ◆ Novel divertor design study for fusion reactor



# 2021-23 J-TEXT-US MFC collaboration plan



J-TEXT	PRC > US	US > PRC
UT-Austin	High-field side diverter operation and control	Study impurity transport in presence of RMP; ECE upgrade and CECE development
UC-Davis		High resolution visualization diagnostic; Smart feedback control development for diagnostics; Joint experiment for plasma disruption avoidance
General Atomics	Study of dual SPI on radiation and electron density asymmetry during fast shutdown	
UC-San Diego	Mean field model of the L→H transition in a stochastic magnetic field	
UW-Madison	MHD theory and simulation for: tokamak plasmas in $Q > 5$ and $B > 10T$ regimes; FRC and stellarator plasmas	Disruption physics collaboration