

Operating point control of high f_{bs} plasmas – how much external H&CD is needed?

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- A goal of AT development for DEMO & reactors is to maximize the bootstrap current fraction;
⇒ in order to minimize the external CD needed and thus maximize the overall plant Q, reducing the COE.
- But another goal is to have a very high performance operating point (high β_N , H; near operational limits);
⇒ in order to maximize power output or minimize engineering constraints & reduce the capital cost.
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- **Because in order to operate near the limits, control of the operating parameters is needed – the closer you get to the limits, the better (faster, more effective) the control has to be.**
- **But less power for control actuators is available.**
- **Thus the question is:
Just how much (and what sort of) external H&CD is needed?
(Bearing in mind that increasing H&CD power reduces the COE.)**



