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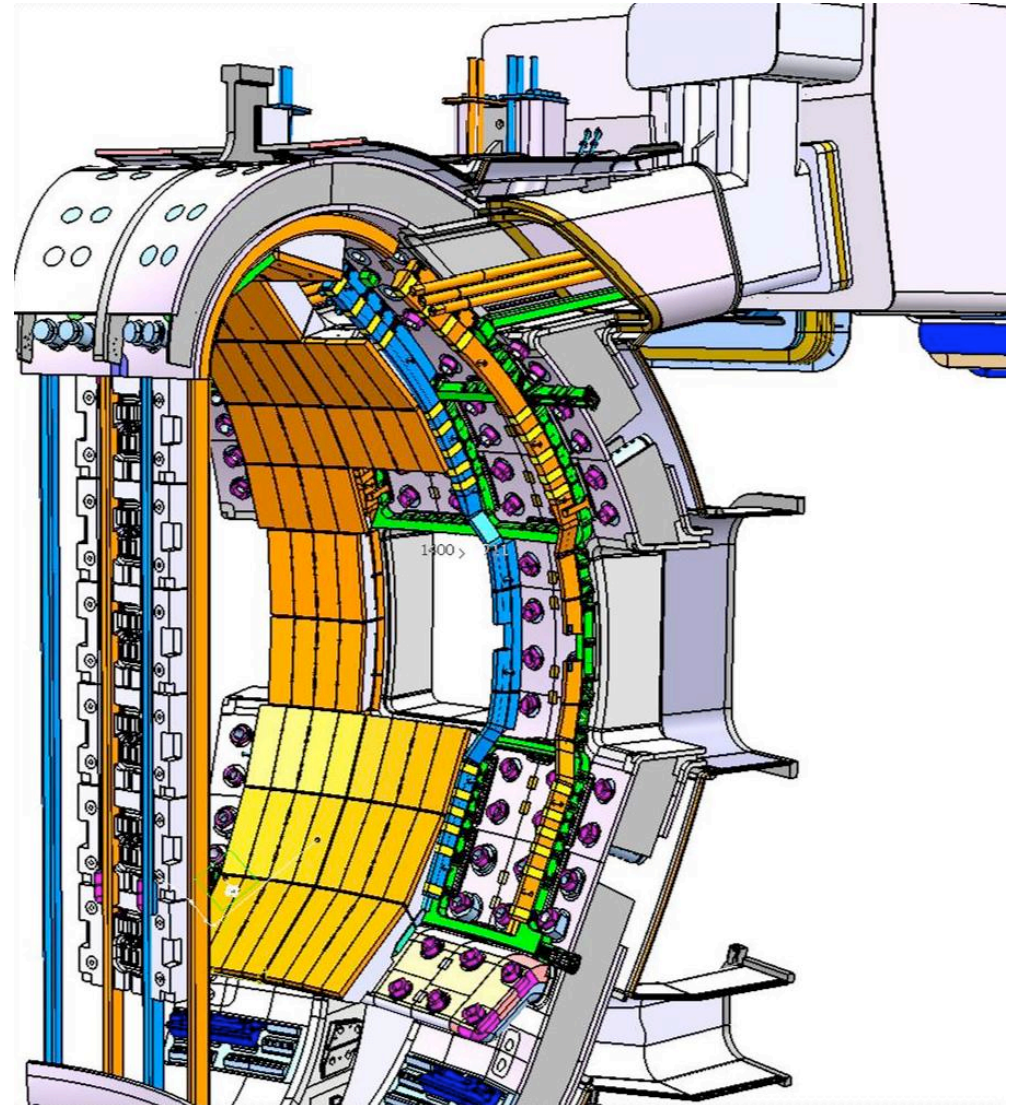
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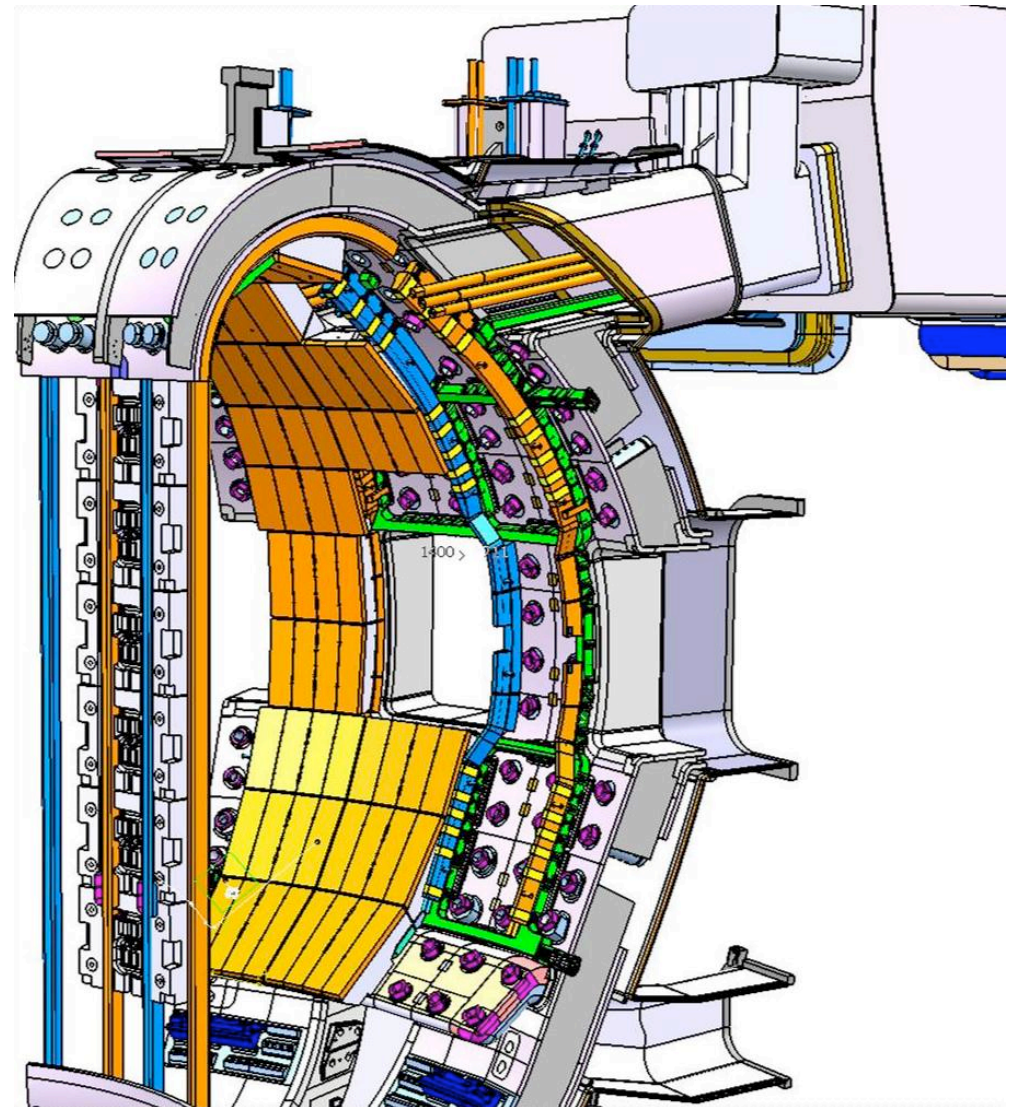
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Type I ELMs are Not Tolerable in ITER.

Control them by Resonant Magnetic Perturbations

- ITER Type I ELM pulses will melt W and vaporize C divertor surfaces.
 - Need ~20-fold reduction of worst case ELM pulse energy
- DIII-D experiments show that small Resonant Magnetic Perturbations (RMPs) of $\delta B_{\text{res}}/B_{T0} = \sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$ at plasma edge can suppress ELMs with little confinement loss¹
 - RMPs reduce edge ∇p and J_{\parallel} to below ELM threshold²
 - JET³ and NSTX⁴ RMPs modified ELMs, but still far from ITER goal
 - RMP-induced transport is mostly particle convection, not thermal conduction; not yet understood; no predictive theory
- ITER design had no place for RMP coils
 - Difficult decision with major cost, schedule consequences
 - Scale-up from experiments had many unanswered physics questions
- ITER stimulated intensive experimental and theoretical work



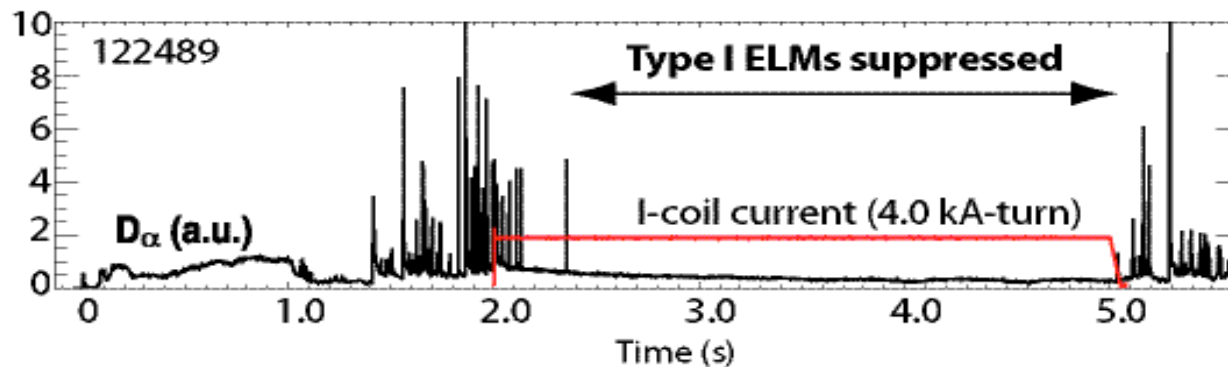
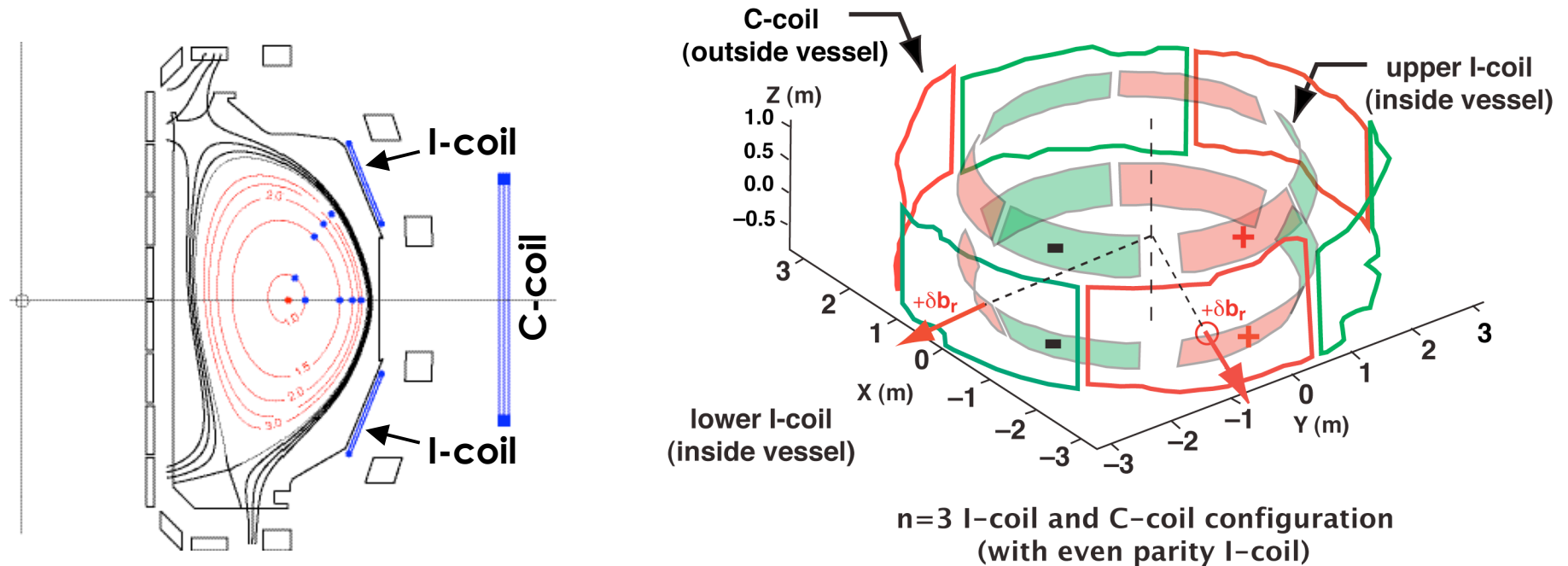
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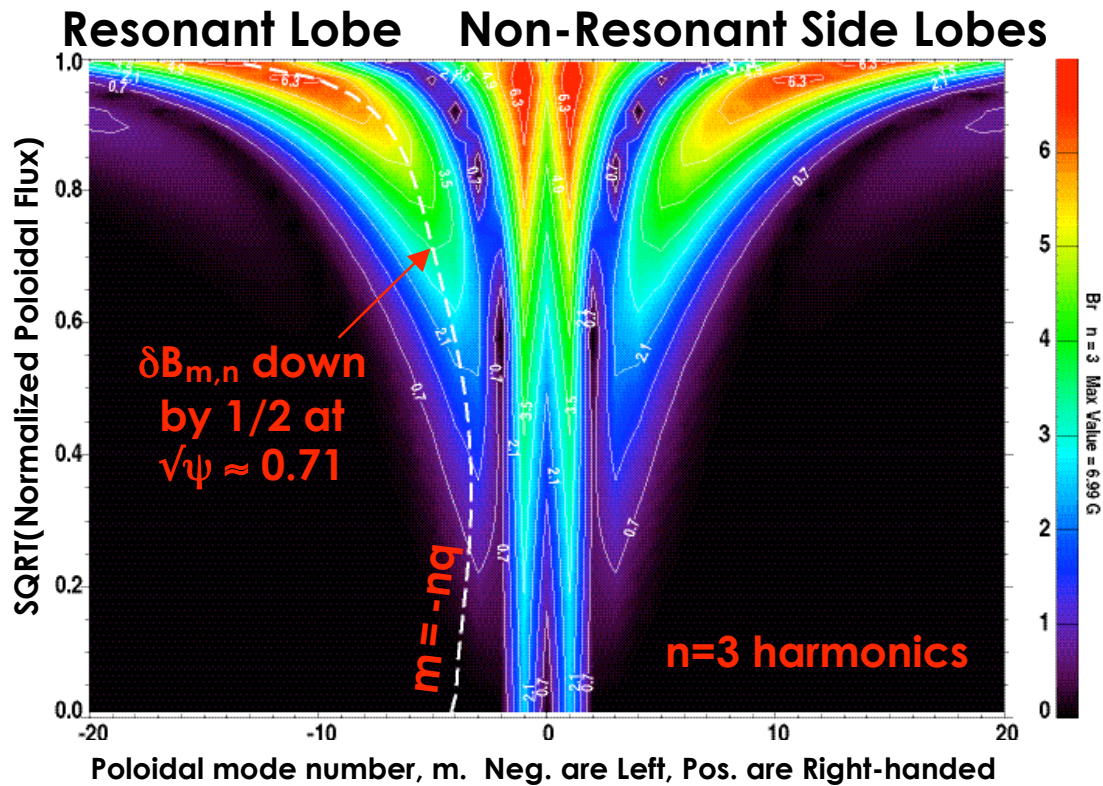
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RMP ELM Suppression in DIII-D: Hardware and Typical Result



RMP ELM Suppression in DIII-D: Vacuum-Field Magnetic Spectrum, Island Overlap

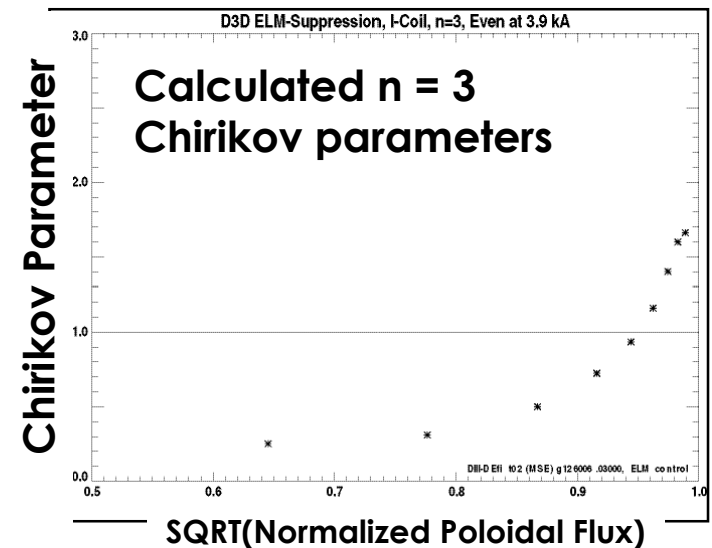
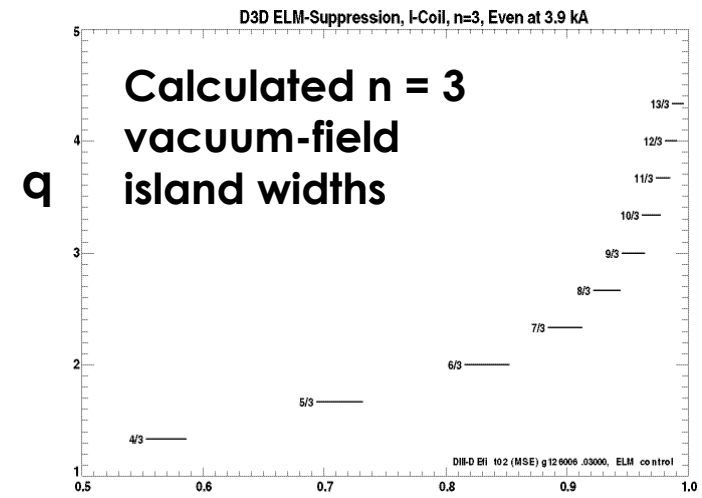


Helical harmonics $\sim \exp i(n\phi - m\theta_*)$

Experimentally:

Sufficient Resonant $\delta B_{\text{res}} \rightarrow$ ELM suppression

Excessive Non-Resonant $\delta B_{\text{nonres}} \rightarrow$ locked mode

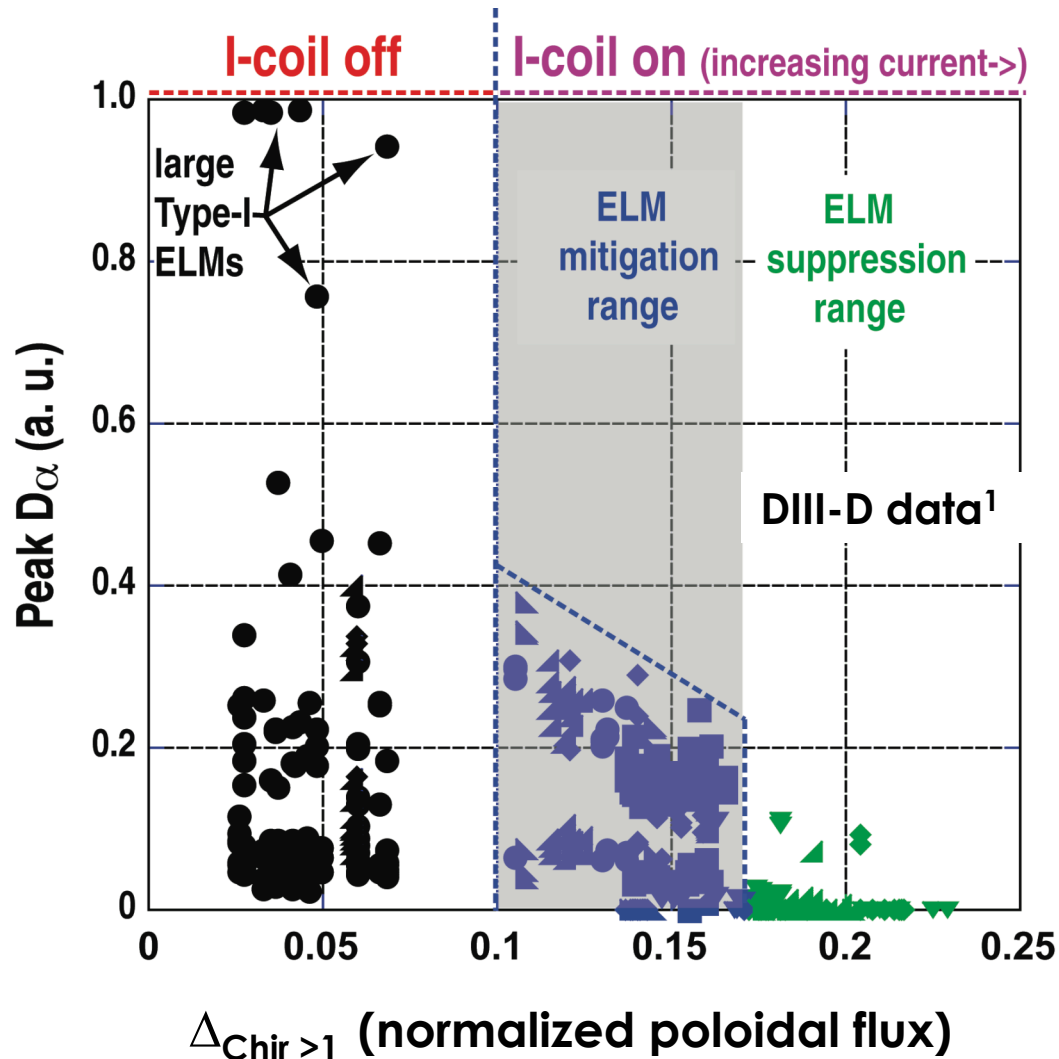


RMP REQUIREMENTS FOR ITER

General RMP ELM-Suppression Requirements for ITER

- **MUST BE RELIABLE**
 - Rapid divertor erosion if ELM control fails
- **Must work for all ITER H-mode plasmas**
 - ELMs suppressed at $q_{95} \approx 7$, $n=3$, odd-parity lobe of I-coil in DIII-D and also at $q_{95} \approx 3.6$, $n=3$, even-parity lobe of I-coil
 - \therefore Can vary RMP coil current distributions to “tune” spectrum to q in ITER
- **Must work for ITER aspect ratio and shape**
 - Works for ITER-similar shape (and other shapes) in DIII-D
- **Must work at ITER’s low pedestal collisionalities, $\nu^* \sim 0.1$**
 - Worst-case, largest ELM pulses occur at low ν^*
 - RMP technique works in DIII-D at $\nu^* \sim 0.1$
 - ELM responses to RMP are different at $\nu^* \sim 0.1$ and ~ 1 in DIII-D
- **Recommend flexible RMP system for unforeseen circumstances**

Correlation of ELM Size with “Island Overlap” Layer Width Guided Scaling from DIII-D to ITER



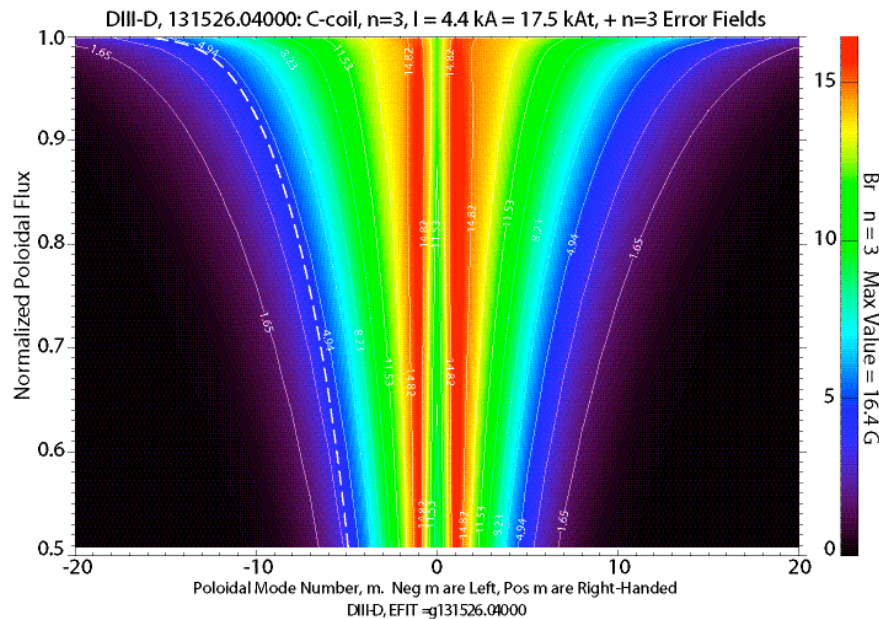
- $\Delta_{\text{Chir} > 1} \equiv$ width of edge layer where Chirikov island overlap parameter (calculated from vacuum δB_{res}) exceeds 1 ¹
- ELM suppression onset with sufficiently wide $\Delta_{\text{Chir} > 1}$
- This is NOT the complete physics!
 - Other factors also enter
 - Plasma response, e.g., screening, amplification
- Used $\Delta_{\text{Chir} > 1} = 0.15$ (plus safety factor) for ITER “ELM coils” designs from late 2007 onward

RMP ELM Mitigation vs Locked Modes

- Chirikov parameter (mitigation) $\sim (\delta B_{\text{res}})^{1/2}$
but magnetic braking (locking) $\sim (\delta B)^2$ eventually dominates
- Islands far apart at low q and low $n \Rightarrow$ need larger $\delta B_{\text{res}} \Rightarrow$ locking
- Experimentally:
 - $n=1$ RMPs reduce ELMs, but lock before reaching ITER goal
In DIII-D (I- and/or C-coils), JET¹, NSTX² $\Rightarrow n=1$ not good enough
 - $n=2$ RMPs reduce ELMs but lock before reaching ITER goal in JET¹,
brief suppression in 1 shot in DIII-D $\Rightarrow n=2$ seems unreliable
 - $n=3$ RMPs:
 - ELMs suppressed in DIII-D by “short-z” I-coils (2 rows or 1 row)³
 - Not suppressed so far using “tall” coils (NSTX², DIII-D C-coil³)
 - “Tall” coils make much more low- m δB_{nonres} than δB_{res}
- So far, $n=3$ success coincides with having
sufficient resonant δB_{res} and not having excessive $\delta B_{\text{nonres}} \gg \delta B_{\text{res}}$
- For ITER, recommend $n \geq 3$ and limiting δB_{nonres}

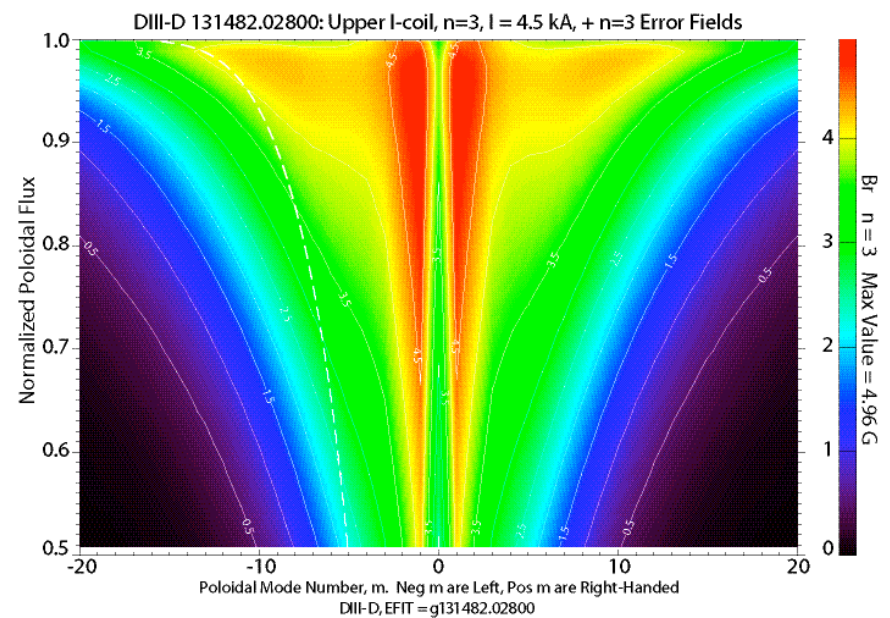
“Tall” C-coil Makes Much Larger Non-Resonant Components than 1-Row of “Short-Z” I-coil

C-coil, $n=3$ Harmonics



- C-coil is tall and outside TF coil
- Vertically broad field at plasma
- Not much poloidal harmonic at resonant m 's
- Large, low- m , non-resonant δB

Single-Row of I-coil, $n=3$ Harmonics



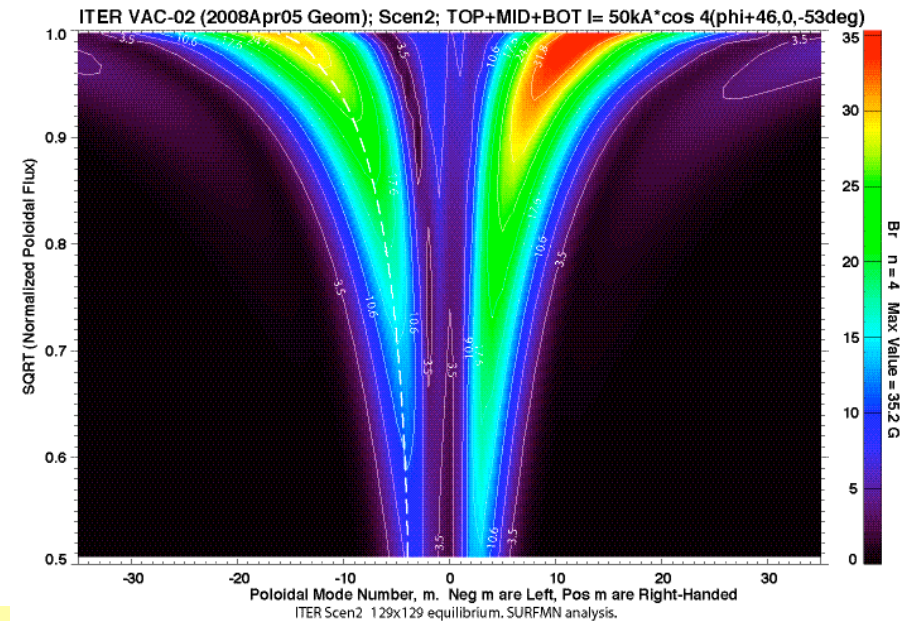
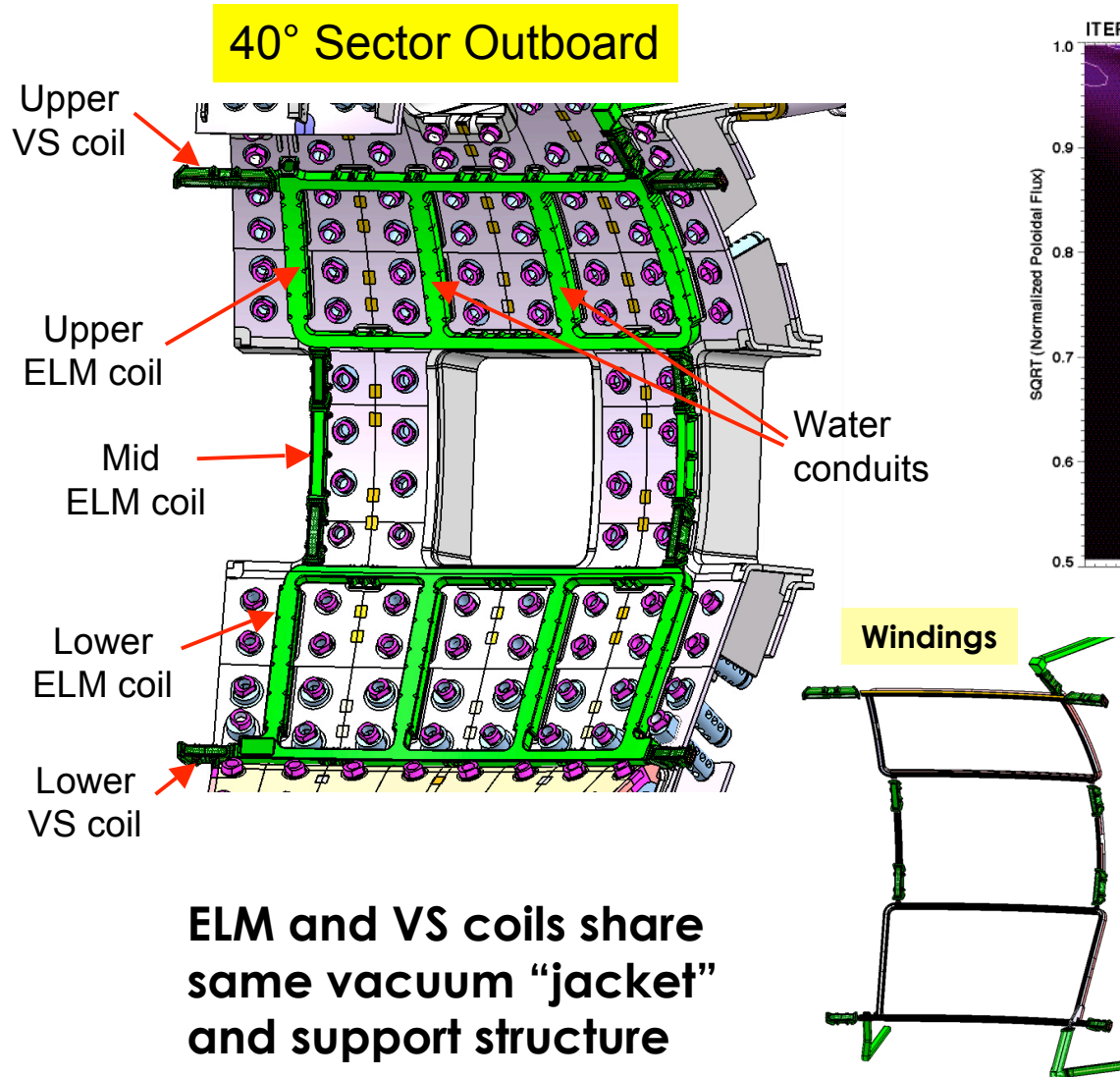
- I-coils are on vacuum vessel wall, close to plasma, poloidally short
- Spectrum extends with little decay to resonant m 's
- Non-resonant δB not much larger than resonant δB

ELM CONTROL COILS FOR ITER

ITER ELM-Control Coil Concepts were Studied^{1,2}

- Coils outside of vacuum vessel make δB that vary too slowly poloidally^{1,2}
 - Too little high- m vs. low- m harmonic amplitudes \Rightarrow too much δB_{nonres}
- A systematic study of multi-row coil arrays at “Blanket-Vessel Interface” (BVI, on ITER vacuum vessel plasma-facing wall) showed:²
 - $n=3$ and $n=4$ best satisfy known physics requirements
 - ITER has 18 TF coils, vacuum vessel is fabricated in 9 sections
 - $N=9$ coils/toroidal row give almost as much magnetic spectrum control as $N=18$ coils/row
- Recommended 4-rows x 9-coils on BVI to ITER Design Review (2007 Sept)
 - Rejected for complexity, cost, large schedule slip
- Presented 3-rows x 9-coils on BVI to ITER STAC-3 meeting (2008 Apr)
 - ELM coils will share same space with new Vertical Stability (VS) coils
 - **STAC-4 (2008 May) recommended: Pursue RMP + VS design “VAC02”, change vessel to accommodate, make installation decision later**

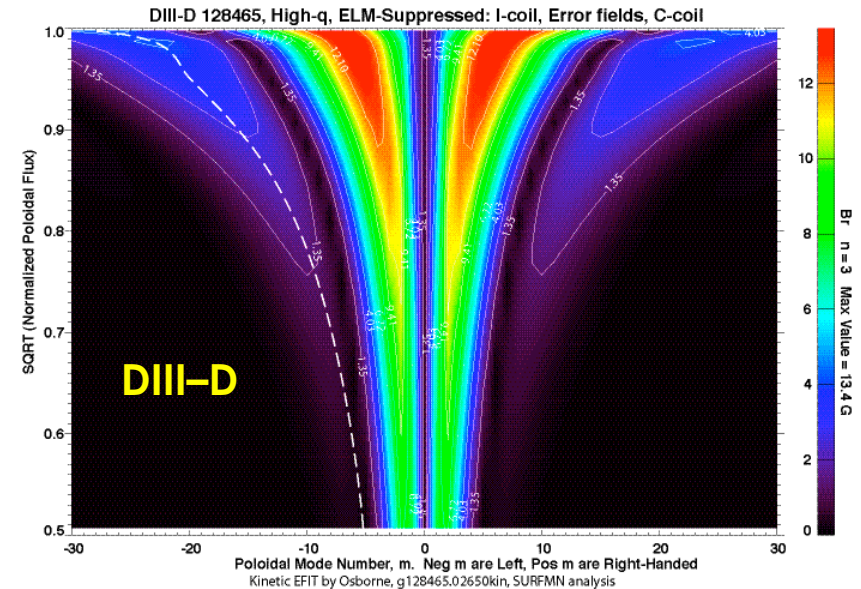
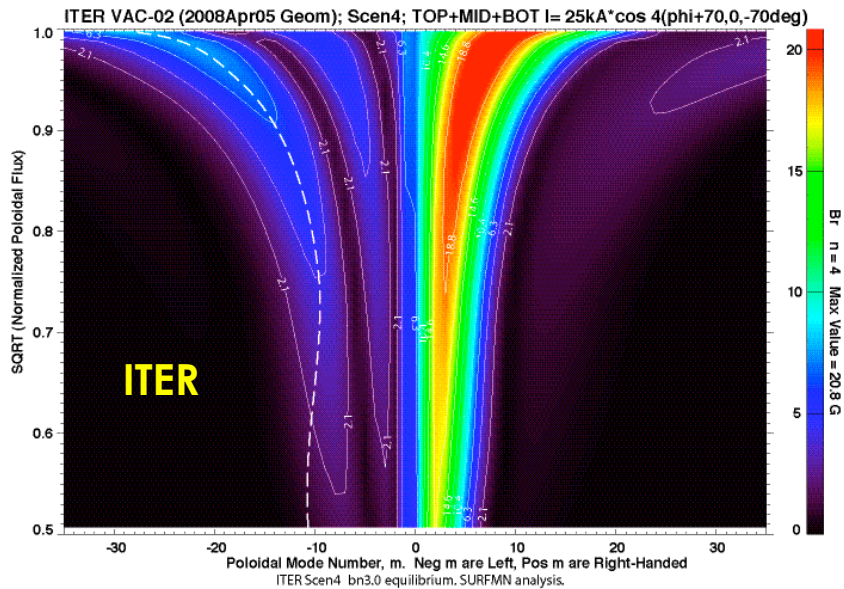
ITER “VAC02” Combines 3-row ELM Coil Array with 2 Vertical Stabilization (VS) B_{pol} Coils



Magnetic spectrum for ITER low-q, Q=10, inductive H-mode (scenario 2)

- Less calculated non-resonant braking than DIII-D I-coil¹

For high q, ITER coils make more δB_{nonres} than δB_{res} , but are comparable with DIII-D high-q suppression



- ITER high-q, advanced non-inductive (scenario 4) has ~3 times more $n=4$ δB_{nonres} than δB_{res}
 - VAC02 coils are “too tall”; set by ports, blanket modules
- Less $\delta B_{\text{nonres}}/\delta B_{\text{res}}$ with $n=3$
- Less $n=4$ coil current than at low-q

- DIII-D vacuum $n=3$ RMP from ELM suppression at $q_{95} = 7.2$ had ~3 times more δB_{nonres} than δB_{res}
 - It also used comparable resonant $n=1$
 - Did not lock
- Apparently satisfactory

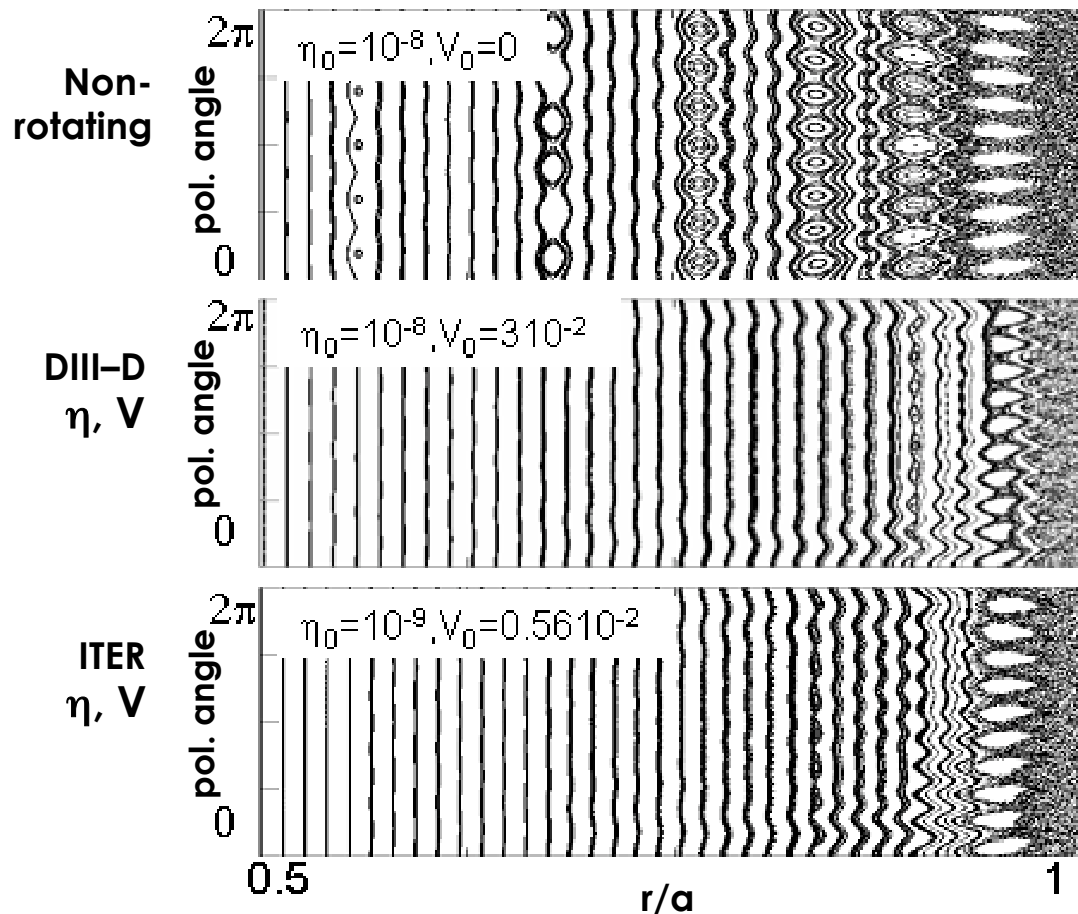
PLASMA RESPONSE EFFECTS

Tokamak Plasma Response to External δB is Large; Important to Include It in RMP Theory

- Amplification and Shielding (Screening) modify δB_{vacuum}
- Amplification is mainly due to the least stable MHD mode^{1,2}
 - Large in tokamaks,^{1,2,3} $|\delta B| \gg |\delta B_{\text{vacuum}}|$ inside much of plasma
- Resistive MHD dominates in slowly rotating plasmas
 - Driven tearing mode \Rightarrow large islands \Rightarrow strong braking \Rightarrow locked⁴
 - “BAD SHOTS”, useless for fusion
- Ideal MHD dominates for sufficient rotation
 - Absence of large islands
 - $\delta B_r \times v_\theta$ drives δJ_\parallel on rational surfaces, reducing locally resonant components of δB_r , their associated islands \Rightarrow Resonant braking⁴
 - “Shielding” or “screening” is absence of “island opening”
 - “GOOD SHOTS”, required for fusion
 - Substantial magnetic surface deformation, internal δB
 - \Rightarrow Non-Resonant braking
- Experiments see amplification as increased δB_{vac} outside of plasma

Plasma Shielding Modeled at Realistic Resistivities in Simplified Geometry

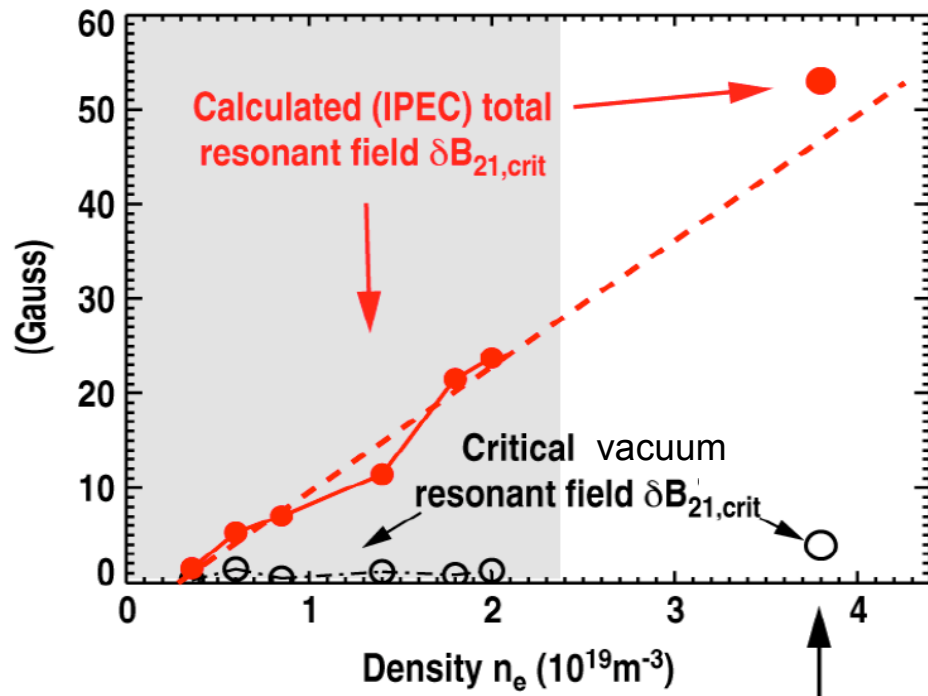
Computed at realistic resistivity η with reduced MHD and circular cylinder¹



- δB is amplified at zero velocity
 - Penetrates resonant surface in a resistive time
 - Opens saturated islands
- Realistic rotation screens hot core but not edge layer
 - Core surfaces deformed, but closed
 - Amplified δB
 - Stochastic edge
- **Favorable edge RMP with good core**
- Calculations with ITER geometry but $\eta_0 \sim 10^{-6}$ are qualitatively similar

Plasma Response with Realistic Tokamak Equilibria Show Large Amplifications

Computed Total and Vacuum Resonant δB at $q=2$



Low β locked mode experiments
[Park, PRL (2007)]

High β_N $n=1$ braking experiment

DIII-D data:
Constant torque \approx zero.
Varied error geometry and β .

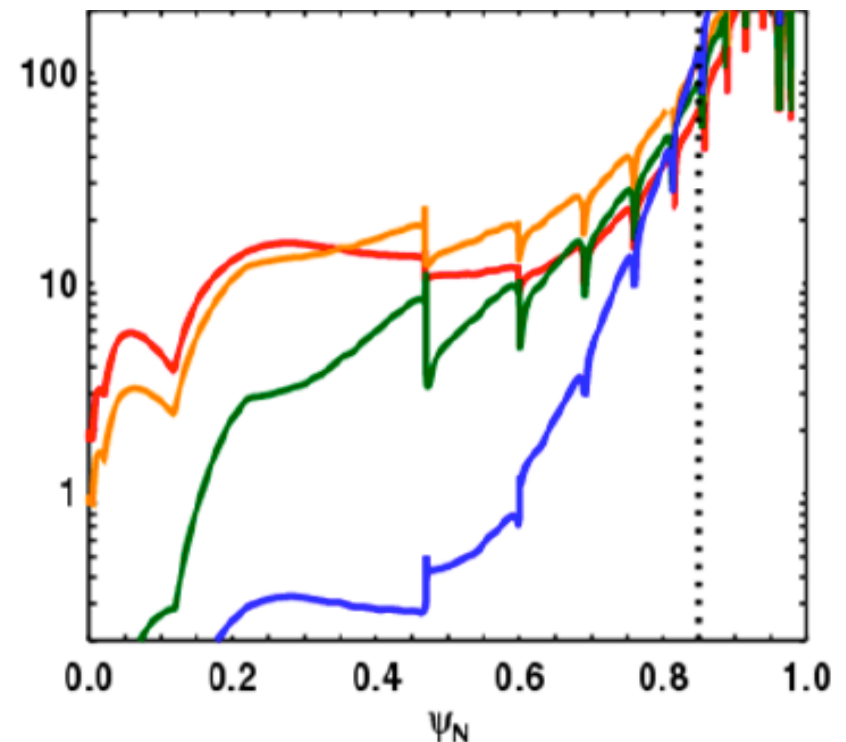
- IPEC^{1,2} (Ideal Perturbed Equilibrium Code) computes ideal plasma response to non-axisymmetric external perturbations, with real geometries and equilibria
 - Ideal MHD models screened plasmas
- Total δB_{res} in plasma greatly exceeds vacuum δB_{res} ²
- Locking (or critical) vacuum δB_{res} is linear with n_e only when β , error geometry, torque are kept constant^{3,4}
- Critical **total** δB_{res} is linear with n_e even when geometry and β were varied here
- \therefore **Total δB_{res} is the true cause of resonant magnetic braking**

NON-RESONANT BRAKING

Will Neoclassical Toroidal Viscosity (NTV) Slow ITER Plasma Rotation Excessively?

- Large NTV braking $\sim 1/\nu$ predicted for ITER in low- ν collisionality regime
- K. Shaing's NTV theory¹, being applied by Cole, Becoulet, J-K Park
 - Two low-collisionality regimes relevant to ITER: $1/\nu$ and $\nu_{\perp}\nu^{1/2}$
- ITER 3-row ELM coils meet Chirikov condition with less NTV rotation damping if ratio between midplane row and off-midplane row currents is optimized²

A Predicted Rotation Damping Rate [/s]



Legend:

One row of the midplane coils

Two rows of the off-midplane coils

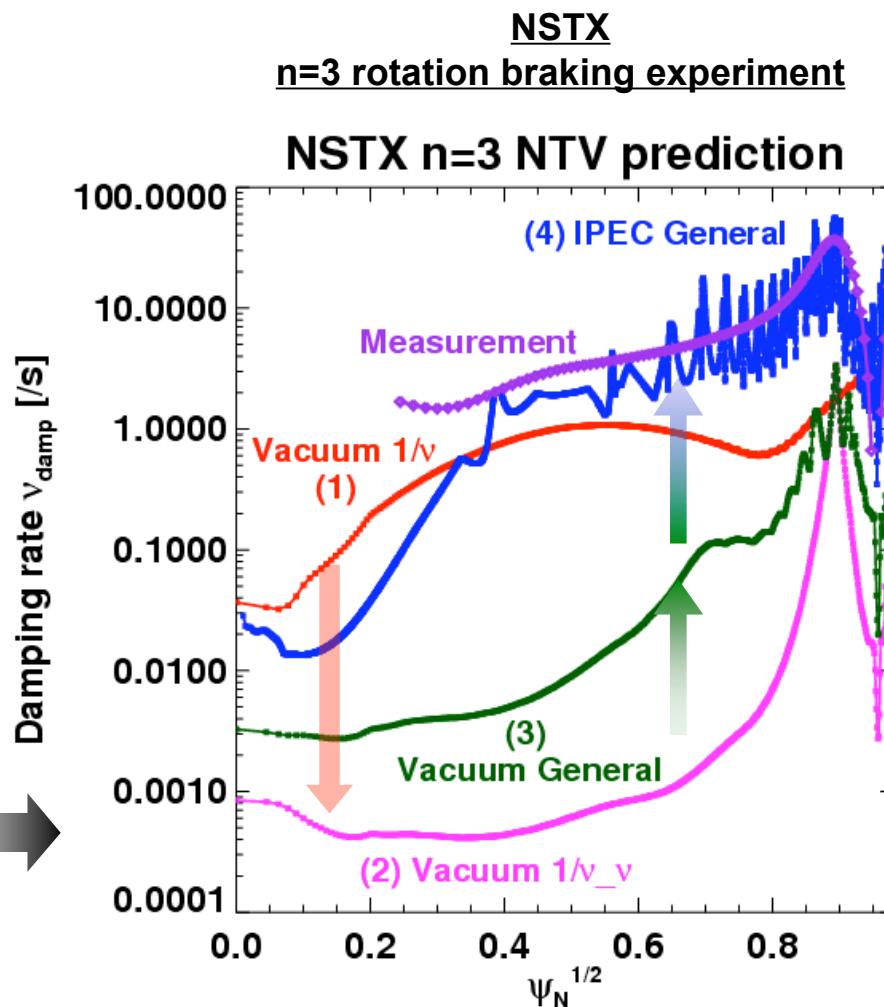
Three rows of the coils

With many, many more coils

Generalized NTV + IPEC B-field Improve Consistency between Theory and Experiment

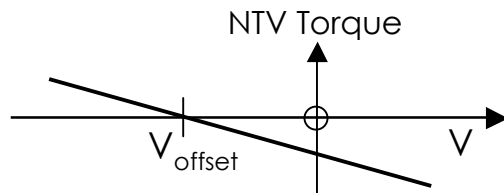
- Important new physics in NTV theory :
 - Toroidal precession rates (ω_E), which are often faster than the collisional rates (ν)
 - Trapped particle bounce rates (ω_b), which can resonate with the precession (ω_E , ω_B)
 - Variation of field strength along the perturbed magnetic field lines, which includes plasma response

- (1) (a), (b) and (c) are all ignored
[Zhu et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2006)]
- (2) (a) is included
- (3) (a) and (b) are included
- (4) (a), (b) and (c) are all included



Predicted NTV “Offset” Torque¹ Observed in DIII-D²

- Predicted from Shaing theory by Cole¹

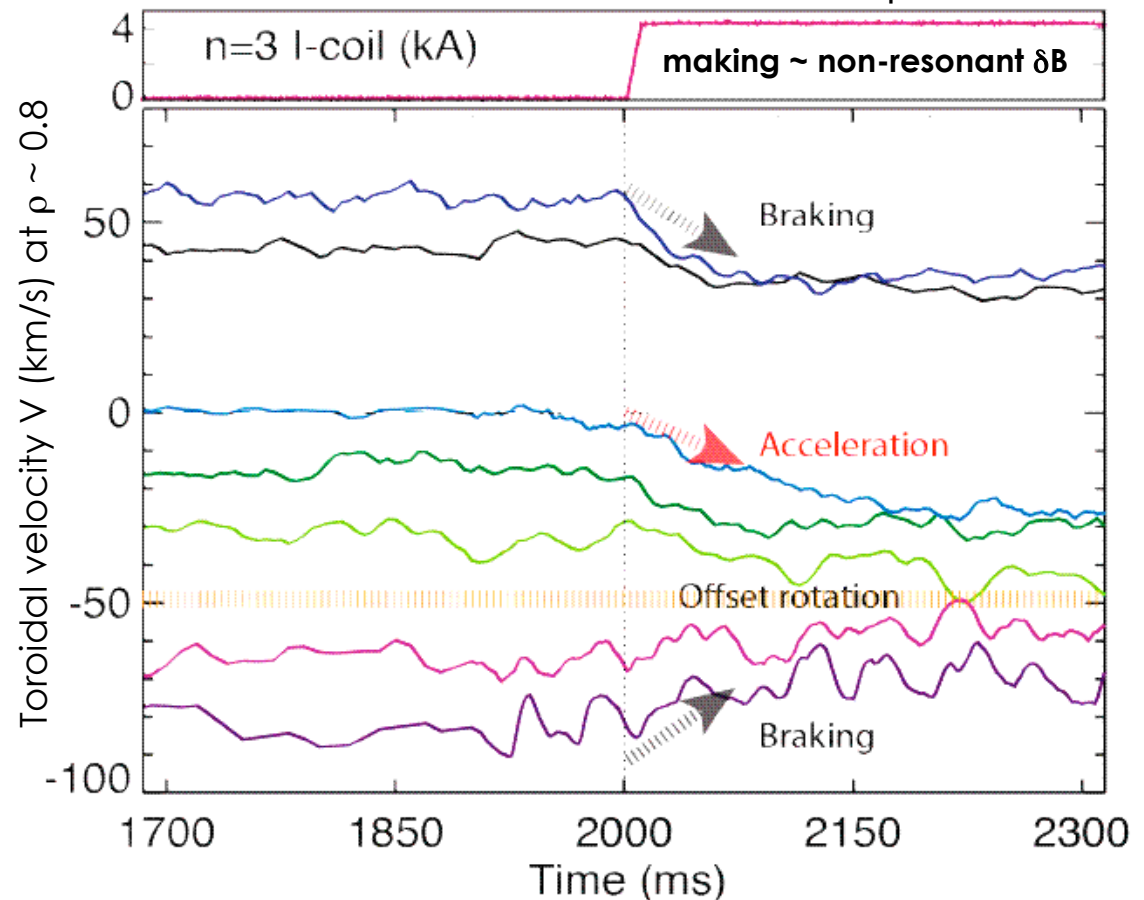


$$T_{\text{NTV}} \sim -(\delta B)^2 (V_{\text{tor}} - V_{\text{offset}})$$

V_{offset} in ion diamagnetic ($-I_p$) direction

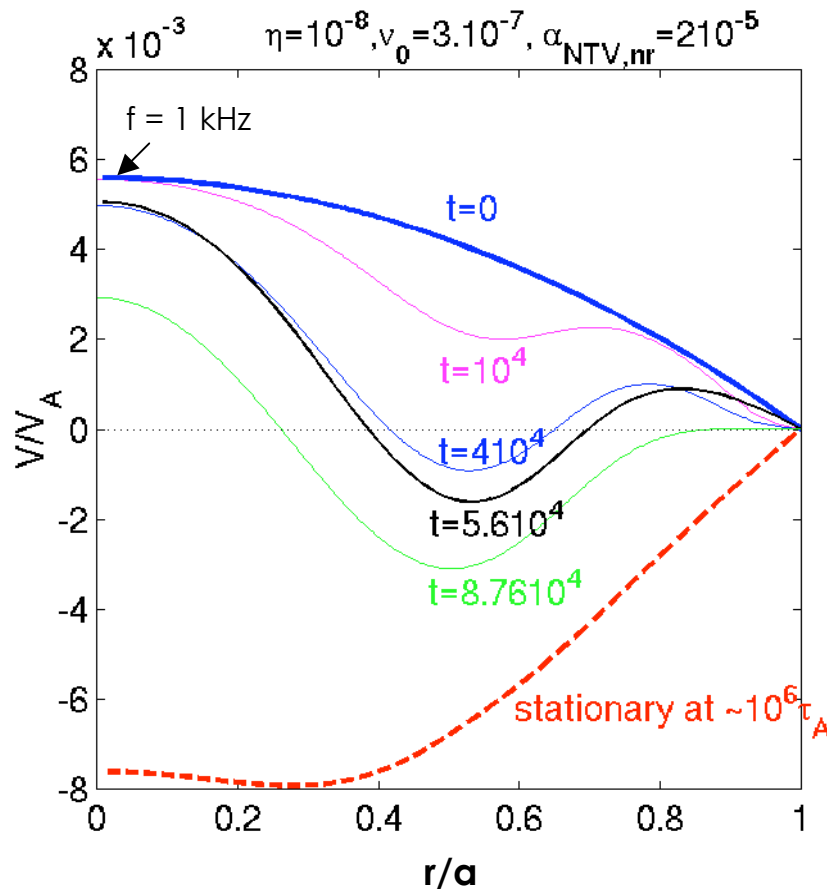
- NTV V_{offset} by TF coil ripple may explain counter- I_p velocities in JET edge³
- RMP ELM control δB might actually supply the dominant torque to rotate ITER plasmas²
 - An advantage!

Plasmas driven with different beam torques are braked or accelerated by non-resonant δB toward an offset velocity in the counter- I_p direction²



Time-Dependent Simulation: Spinning ITER Plasma Forced to NTV Offset by ELM-control RMP

Computed with reduced dissipative MHD and circular cylinder plasma¹; RMP applied at $t=0$



- Used $1/\nu$ NTV model and vacuum δB
 - Approximation (1) in J.-K. Park's page
- Though driven by steady ITER beam source, the NTV torque dominates in ITER
- Final state rotates about as fast as initial beam-driven plasma
- The model does not address stability as rotation passes through zero
- RMP ELM control might rotate ITER

SUMMARY

- Experimental success so far coincides with having sufficient δB_{res} and not having excessive $\delta B_{\text{nonres}} \gg \delta B_{\text{res}}$
- Experimental evidence supports ELM suppression over operational q range
- Tokamak response to external δB is large
 - Resonant braking data fit by calculated total in-plasma δB_{res}
 - Neoclassical Toroidal Viscosity braking and acceleration (torque offset) observed in experiments and are being computed with increasing sophistication
 - Should include plasma amplification and shielding in RMP theory
- NTV by RMP in ITER might sustain plasma rotation
 - ITER ELM coils can adjust to vary the NTV somewhat
- ITER stimulated intensive experimental and theoretical work



ITER Vertical Stability Guidance from Multi-Machine Experiments

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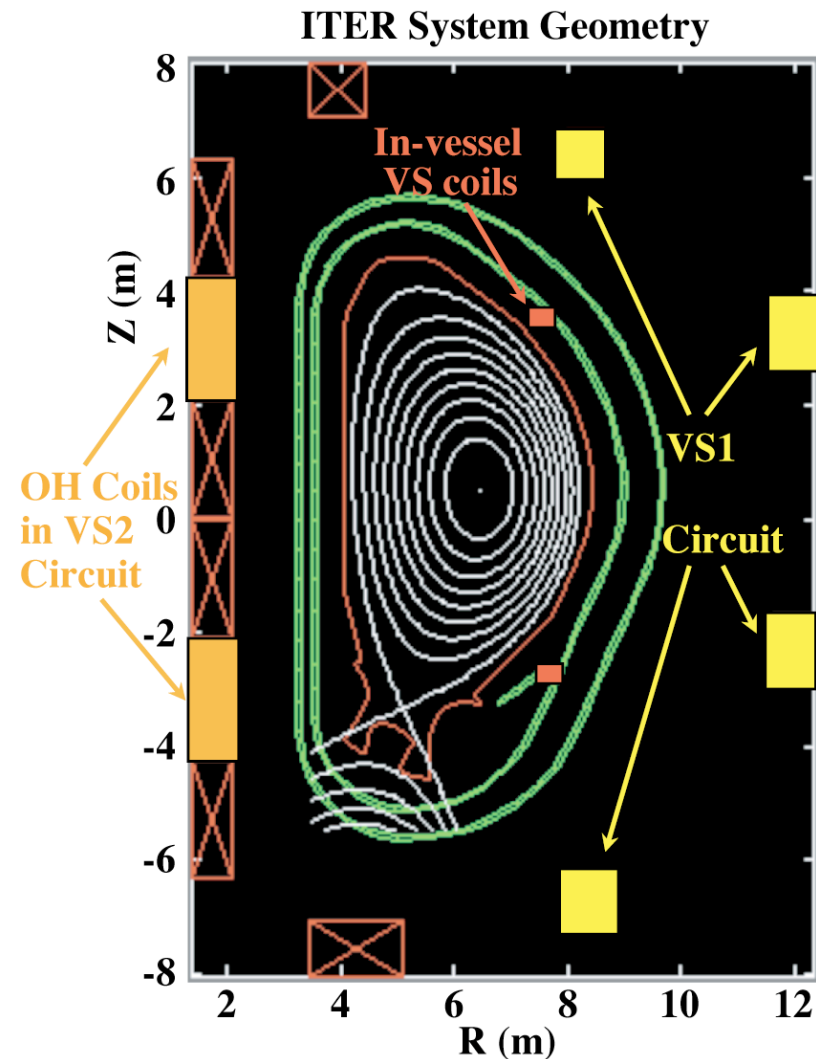
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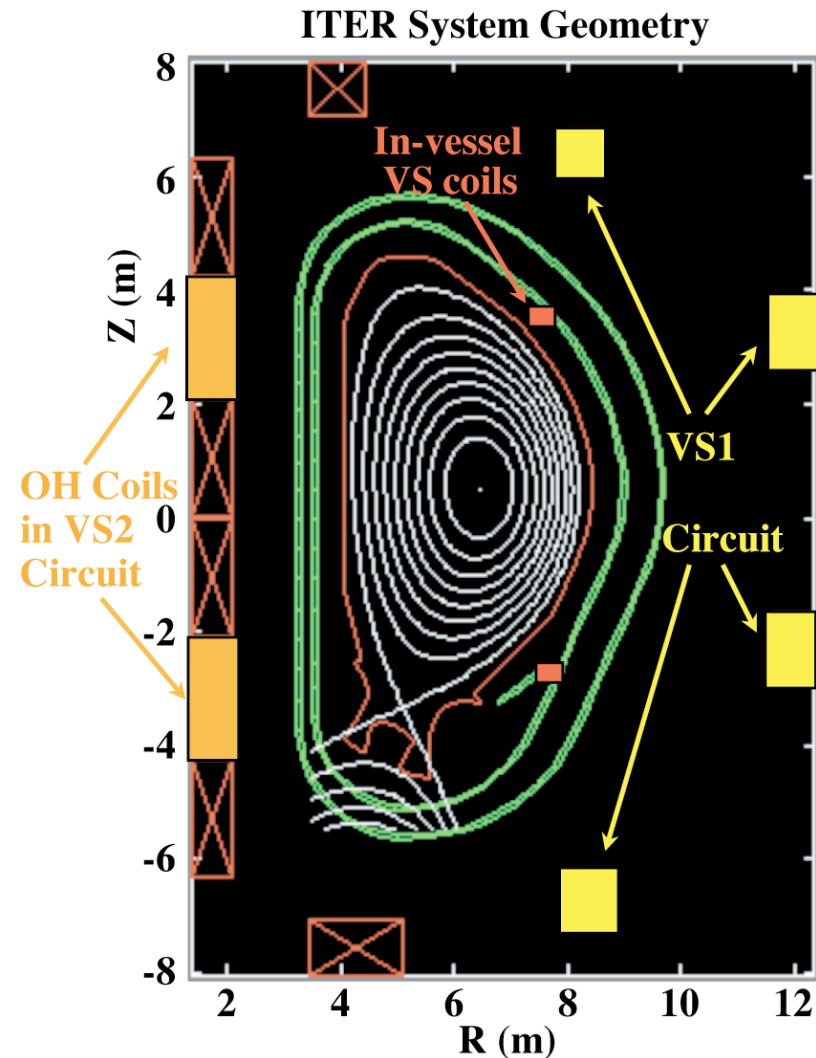
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ITER Baseline System Uses Four Outboard Coils for Vertical Stability (VS) Control

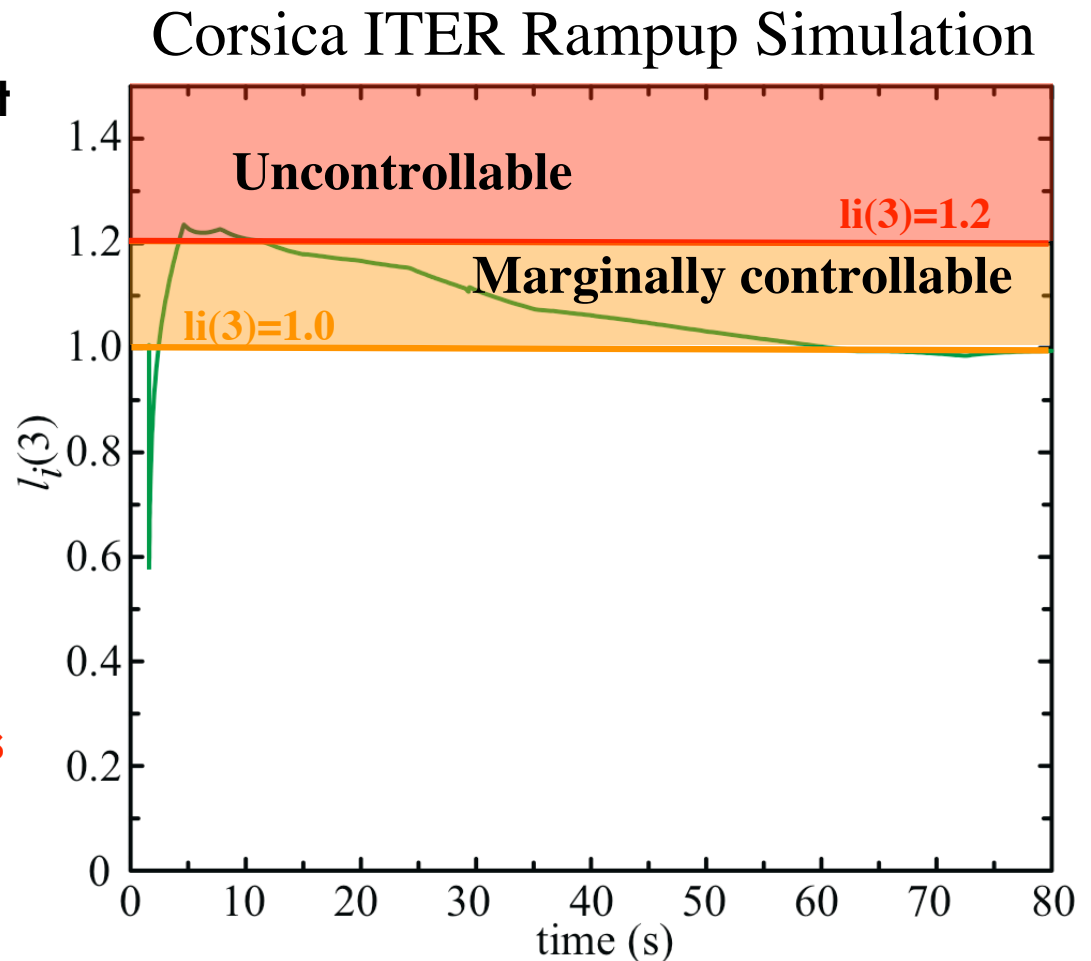
- **Baseline system:**
 - “VS1” circuit of 4 outboard coils (PF2-5) 6 kV operating voltage
- Proposals to enhance VS system include (from 2007-08 Design Review and STAC studies):
 - Add “VS2” circuit of 2 central solenoid coils 6 kV operating voltage
 - Add in-vessel VS coils mounted on vessel wall behind blanket modules



Baseline Scenarios Challenge Vertical Control Capability of Baseline Control System

- $1.0 < \ell_i(3) < 1.2$ during rampup at full elongation is marginally controllable by baseline VS1 system
- Uncontrollable ($\ell_i(3) > 1.2$) conditions can occur, e.g.,
 - in baseline startup scenario
 - at high q_{95}
 - in rampdown
- What level of performance does ITER require?
 - Need a metric...

Casper, PO3.14
Jackson, JP6.82

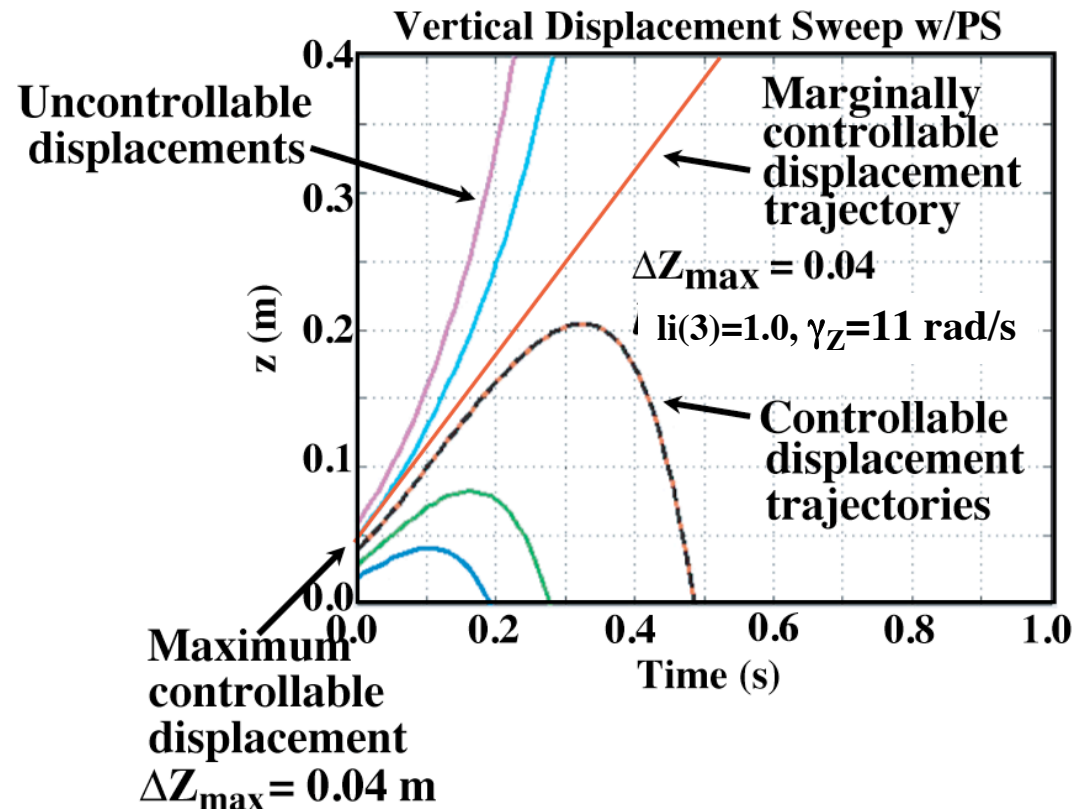


Maximum Controllable Displacement Metric Addresses Consequences of Different Voltage & Current Limits

Defining $\Delta Z_{MAX}/a$ Metric

- Let plasma drift a distance ΔZ
- Apply fully saturated step voltage commands to power supplies:
 - Maximum and fastest possible radial B to oppose vertical motion
- ΔZ_{MAX} = maximum value of ΔZ beyond which vertical motion cannot be reversed
 - A measure of “best possible”
 - NOT a true control demonstration
- $\Delta Z_{MAX}/a$ is machine-independent metric for guidance in ITER design

Example of Analysis and Gedanken Experiment to Calculate ΔZ_{max}



$$\Delta Z_{max} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial I_V} \frac{M_{*VC}}{L_{*V}} \frac{V_{sat}}{L_C} \frac{1}{\gamma_z} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{\Delta I_{max} L_C \gamma_z}{V_{sat}}} \right) e^{-\gamma_z T_{PS}}$$

ITER Analyses Find $\Delta Z_{\max}/a \sim 2\%$ for Baseline VS1 System at End of Rampup Equilibrium

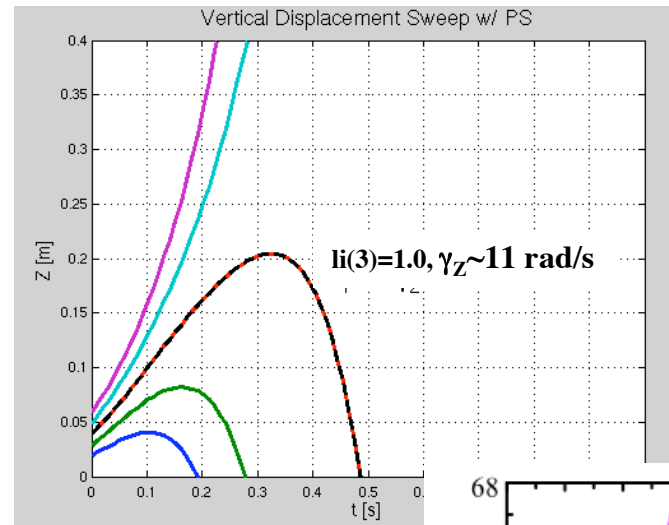
- Linear rigid TokSys model:

$$\Delta Z_{\max}/a \approx 2.1\%$$

- Nonlinear nonrigid Corsica simulation:

$$\Delta Z_{\max}/a \approx 1.8\%$$

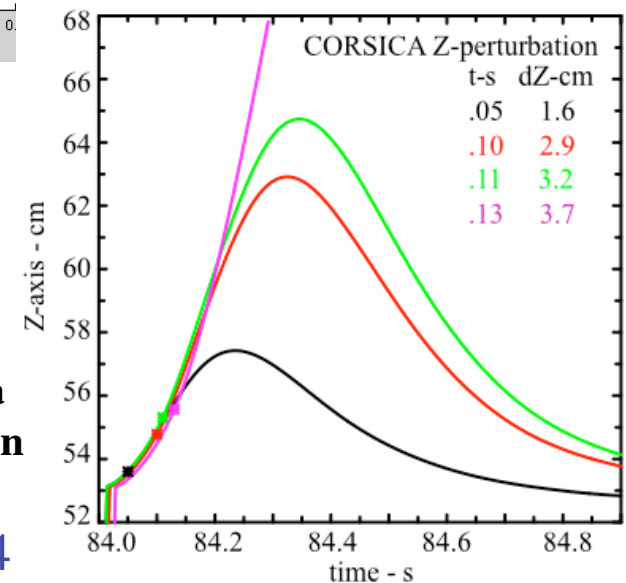
- Is $\Delta Z_{\max}/a \sim 2\%$ sufficient?
Need experimental guidance...



Rigid TokSys
plasma model

Nonrigid Corsica
plasma simulation

Casper, PO3.14



Data: $\Delta Z_{\max}/a \sim 2\%$ Guarantees Control Loss

$\Delta Z_{\max}/a \sim 4\%$ Marginal in DIII-D and C-Mod

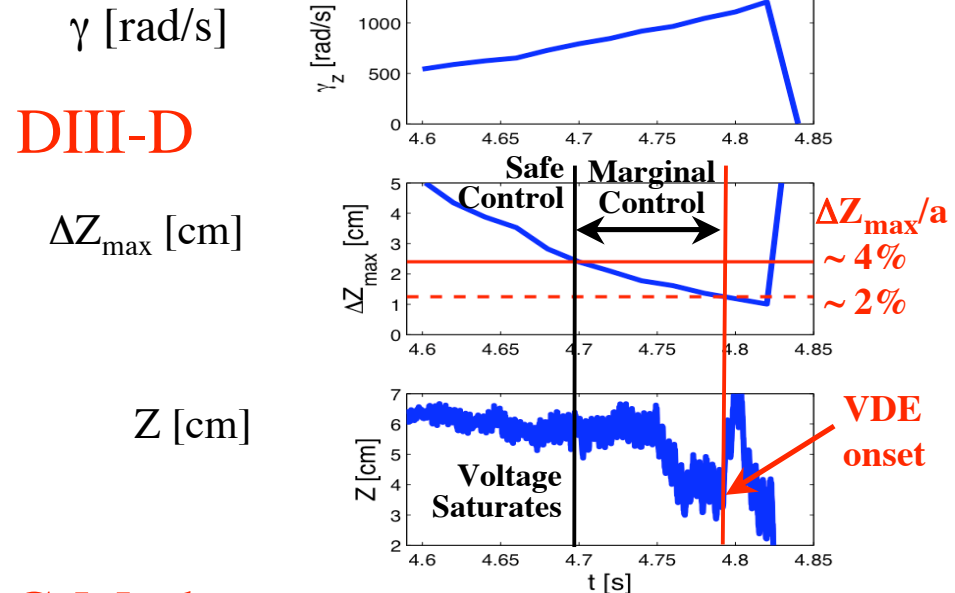
- Experiments performed in DIII-D and C-Mod changed elongation (growth rate) to find limit to vertical control

- Guaranteed** loss of vertical control when $\Delta Z_{\max}/a \sim 2\%$

- Marginal** ΔZ_{\max} in both machines corresponds to $\Delta Z_{\max}/a \sim 4\%$

- “Safe”** operation in both machines corresponds to $\Delta Z_{\max}/a > 5\%$

- Typical robust** operation corresponds to $\Delta Z_{\max}/a > 10\%$



C-Mod

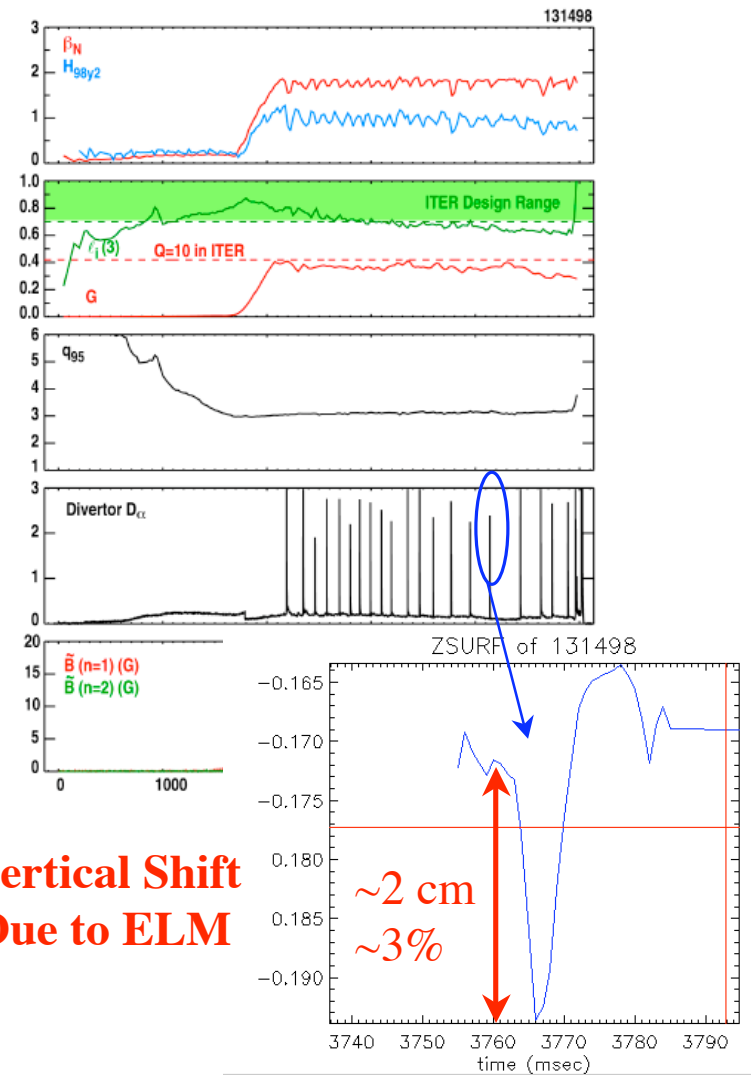
Case	γ_z (rad/s)	$m_s \sim \tau_z/\tau_{wall}$	ΔZ_{\max} (cm)	$\Delta Z_{\max}/a$ (%)	$\Delta Z_{\max}/\langle \Delta Z_{noise} \rangle$
1	210	0.41	2.8	13%	28
2	260	0.37	2.1	9.7%	21
3	310	0.33	1.5	6.9%	15
4	410	0.28	0.8	3.7%	8

Unsafe C-Mod Operating Point

Disturbances Also Will Require ITER to Have Sufficient $\Delta Z_{\max}/a$ Capability

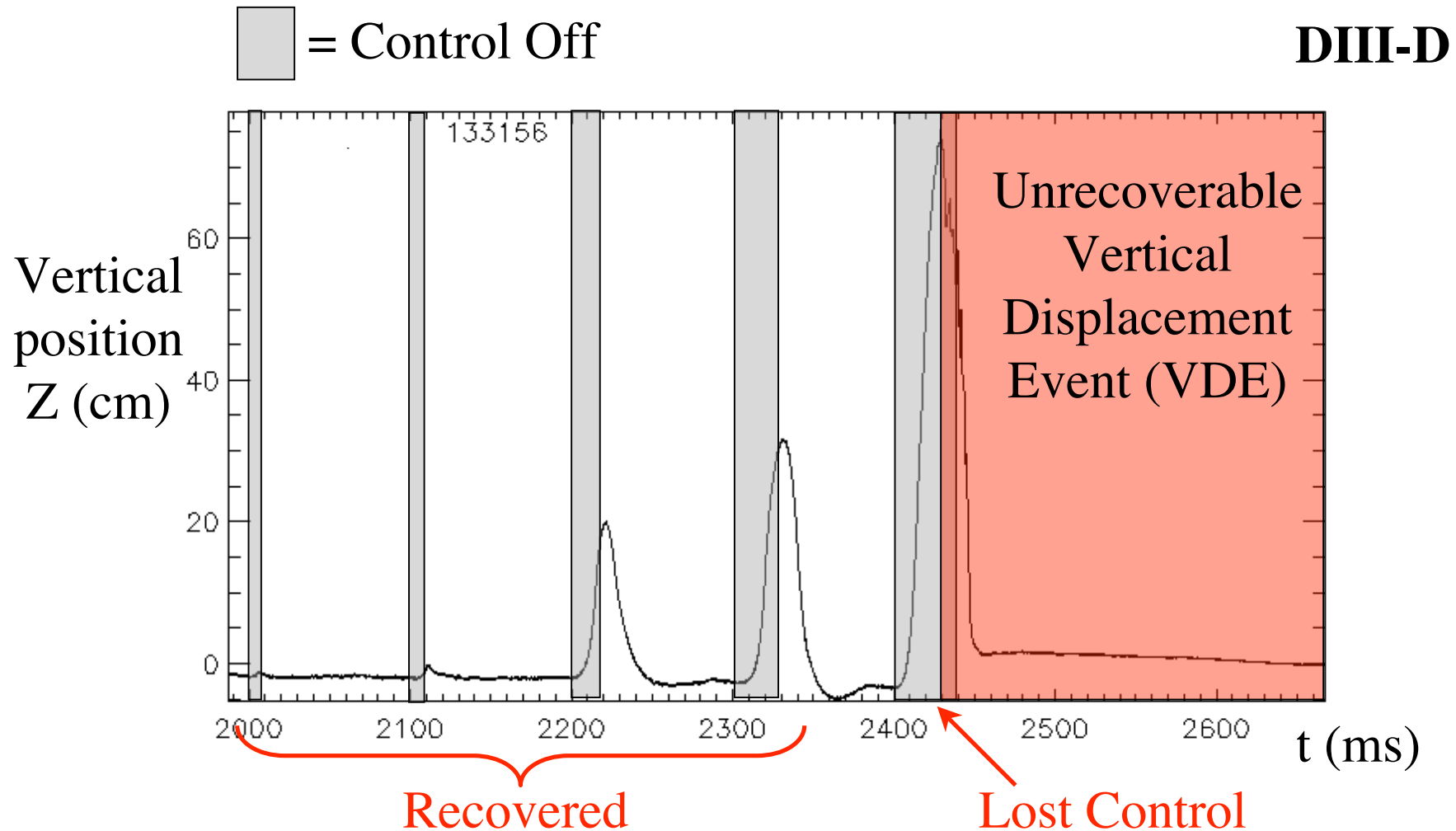
- Noise imposes typical control limits in DIII-D, Alcator C-Mod, JET, NSTX
 - Noise-driven $\langle Z \rangle_{\text{RMS}}/a \sim 0.5\text{-}1\%$ in these
- It is possible that ITER will have lower noise
 - CRPP-Lausanne working on magnetic diagnostics/noise reduction
 - Noise reduction demonstrated in TCV $\langle Z \rangle_{\text{RMS}}/a < 0.2\%$
- But large plasma disturbances may set the practical noise limit for control
 - DIII-D ITER demonstration discharges produce ELM-driven plasma perturbation $\Delta Z_{\text{ELM}}/a \sim 3\%$

DIII-D ITER Demonstration Plasma



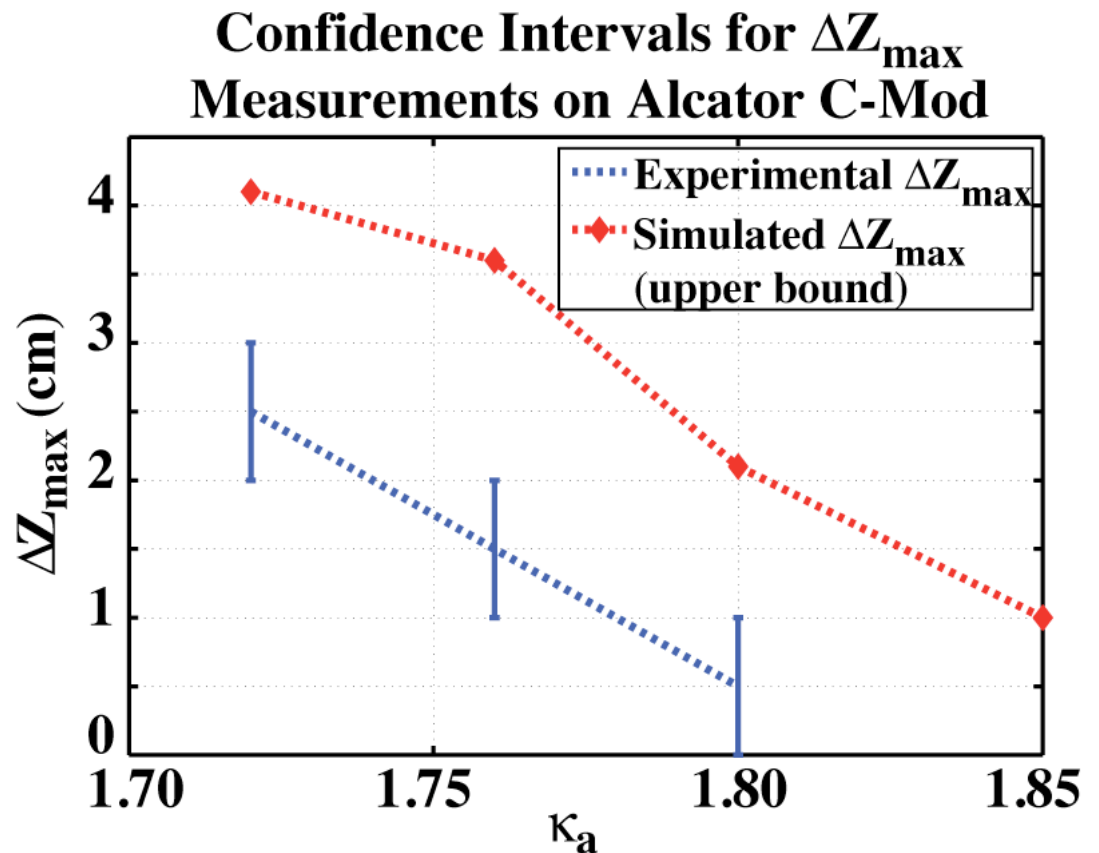
Vertical Shift
Due to ELM

Experiments Varying the Control-Off Time and Vertical Displacement Search a Large ΔZ Space in One Shot



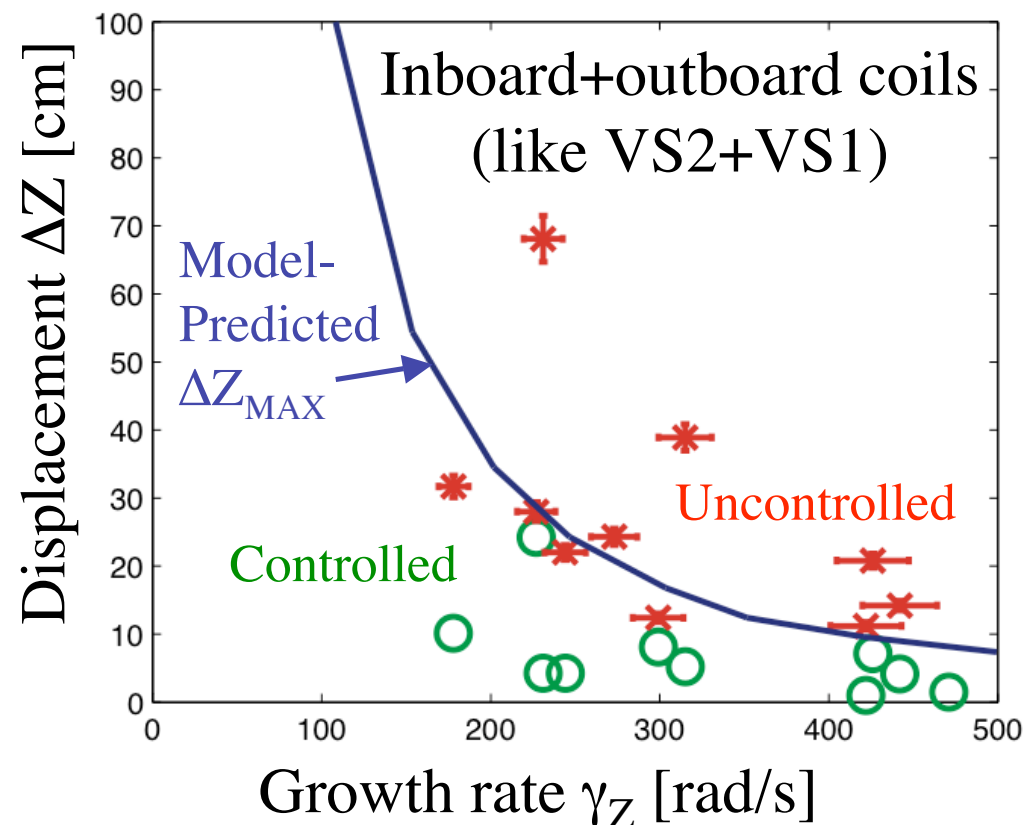
Alcator C-Mod ΔZ_{\max} Experiment Shows Predicted Values Are 30–100% Above Experimental Values

- Elongation K_a varied, vertical control disabled for varying periods
- **Calculated ΔZ_{\max} ~ 30–100% above best experimental values** for each K_a
- Alcator C-Mod ΔZ_{\max} are set by coil current limit, not by voltage limit
 - Similar to proposed ITER in-vessel coils



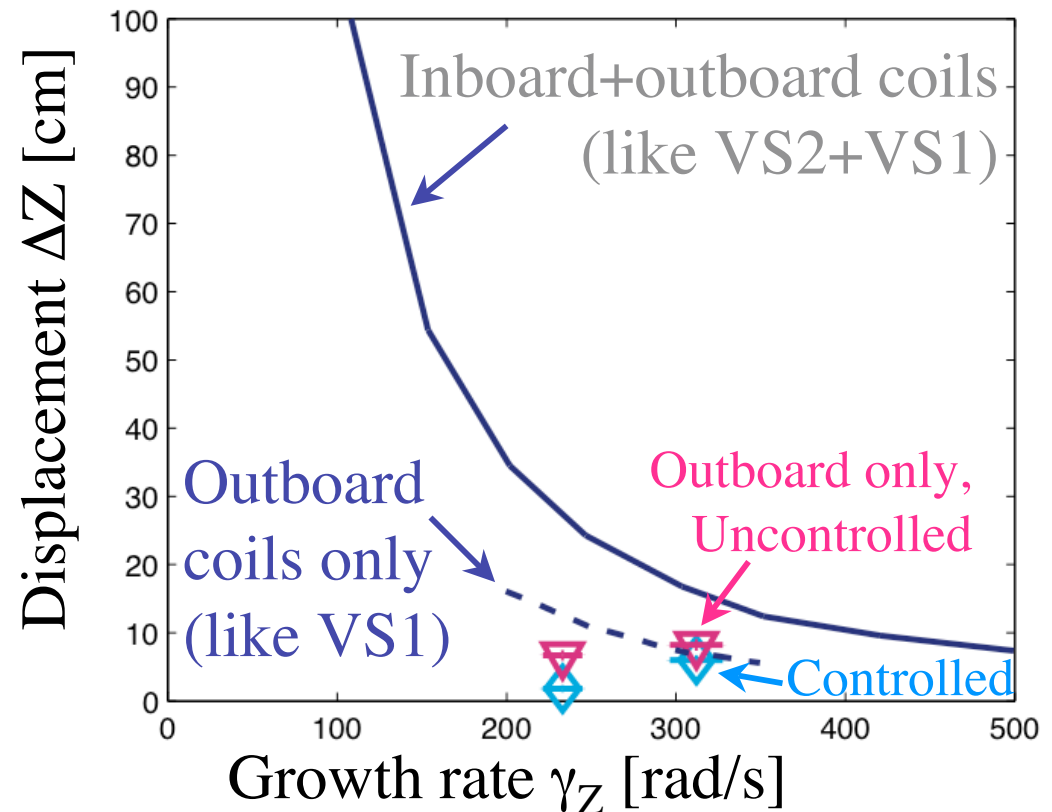
DIII-D ΔZ_{\max} Experiment Shows Predicted Values Are 20-30% Above Experimental Values

- Elongation varied to vary growth rate in different discharges
- Calculated $\Delta Z_{\max} \sim 20 - 30\%$ above experimental limit



DIII-D ΔZ_{\max} Experiment Shows Use of Inboard Coils Approximately Doubles Performance

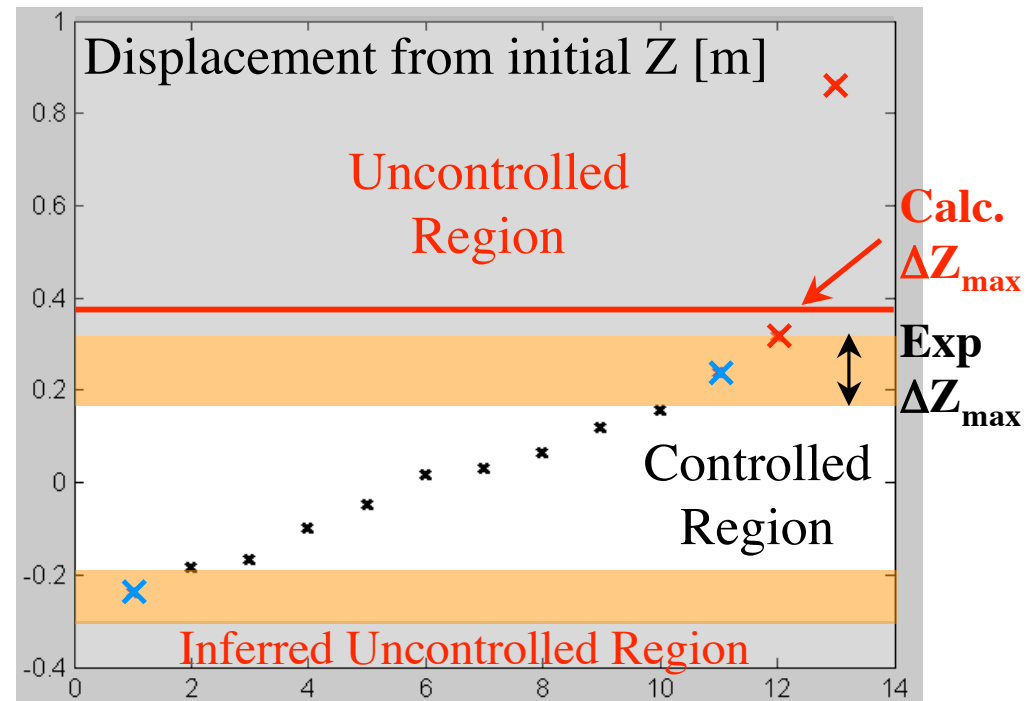
- Use of inboard+outboard coils in DIII-D roughly doubles ΔZ_{\max} from outboard-only



NSTX ΔZ_{\max} Experiment Also Shows Predicted Value Is ~30% Greater Than Experimental Values

- Single equilibrium target was studied shot-by-shot
 - Varied initial vertical drift
 - Single growth rate and ΔZ_{\max} value
 - Finely resolved range of ΔZ cases
- Calculated value of $\Delta Z_{\max} \sim 30\%$ above experimental best
- Potential roles of nonaxisymmetric conductors, nonlinear interaction with limiter
 - Suggests need to model 3D effects of ITER conductors

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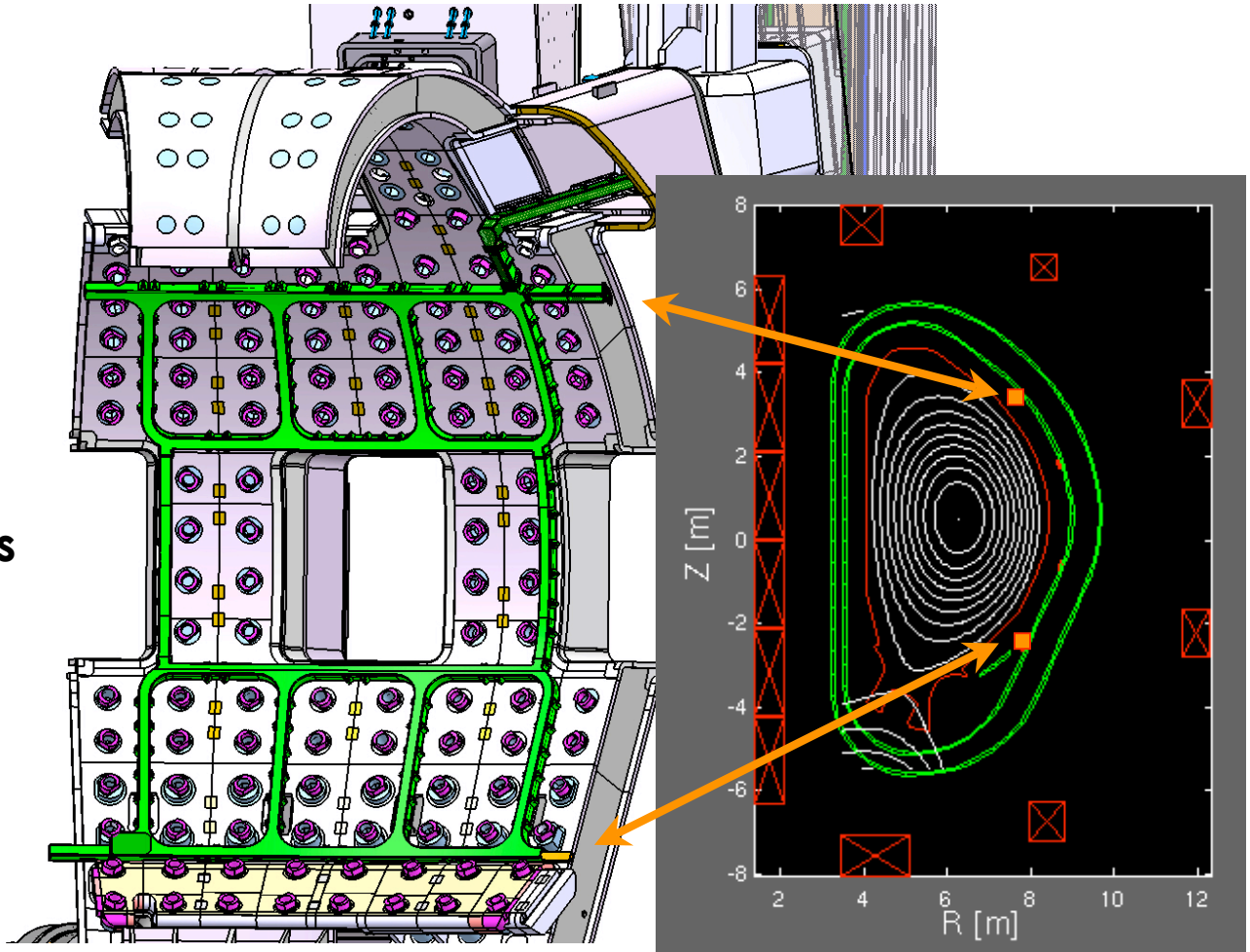
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\times = uncontrolled

ITER Design Now Incorporates In-Vessel Coils for Increased Vertical Control Capability

- In-vessel coils alone provide $\Delta Z_{\max}/a \sim 5\%$ capability
- Share space, jacket, and most design features with ELM control coils
- Pose significant engineering design, fabrication, and maintenance challenges



Summary and Conclusions

- **Multi-machine experiments for vertical control performance have:**
 - Quantified performance in present devices
 - Partially validated theoretical performance scalings
 - Translated performance data into metric specifications
- **Experiments/analysis have provided key motivation for improving ITER vertical control capability:**
 - $\Delta Z_{\max}/a > 5\%$ required for robust control at edge of ITER operating space
 - $\Delta Z_{\max}/a \sim 2\%$ is capability of ITER baseline system
 - ITER in-vessel coils being designed to provide $\Delta Z_{\max}/a > 5\%$
 - Discrepancies between calculation and experiment emphasize need for margin in design
- **Work remains to carefully analyze physics of control limits:**
 - Details of noise-determined control limits
 - Types, magnitudes, detailed histories of disturbances to expect in ITER