

# Iterated Finite Orbit Monte-Carlo Simulations with Full-Wave Fields for ICRF Wave Heating Experiments

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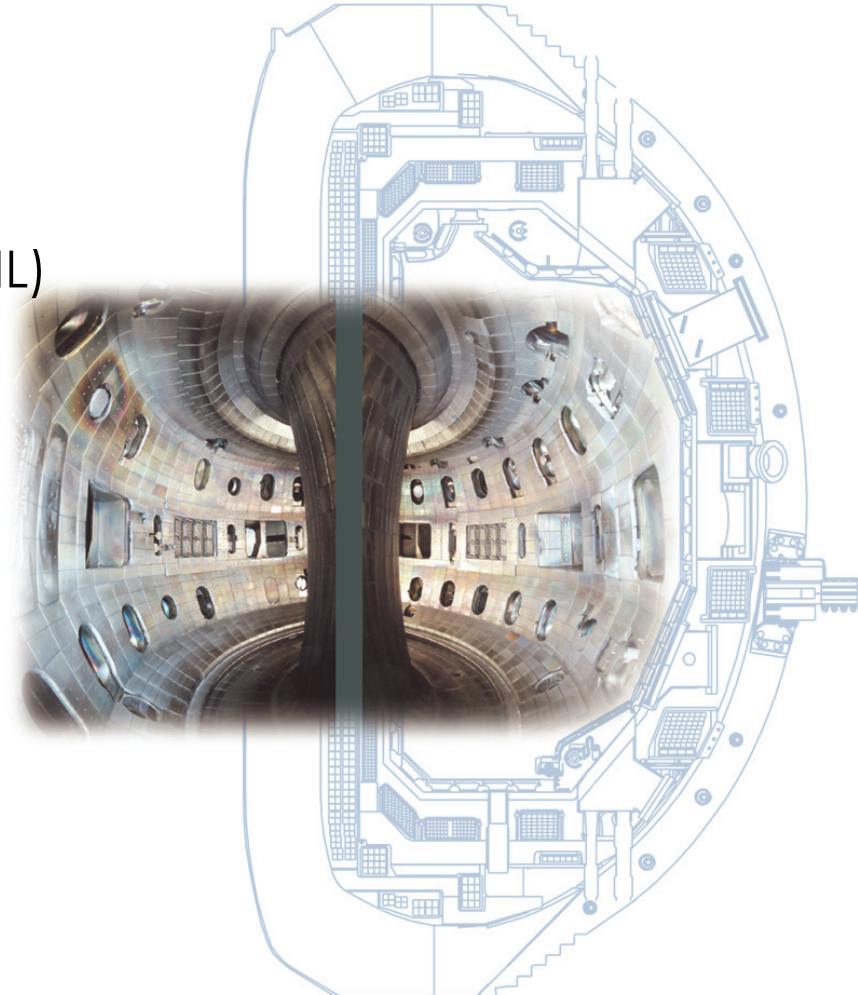
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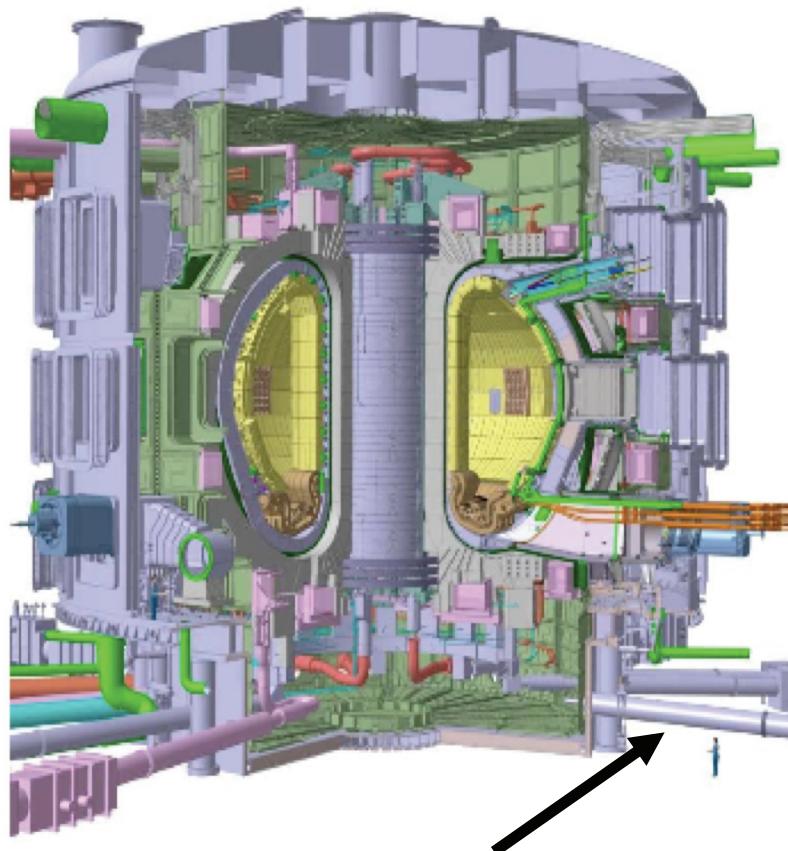
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# Motivation

## ITER

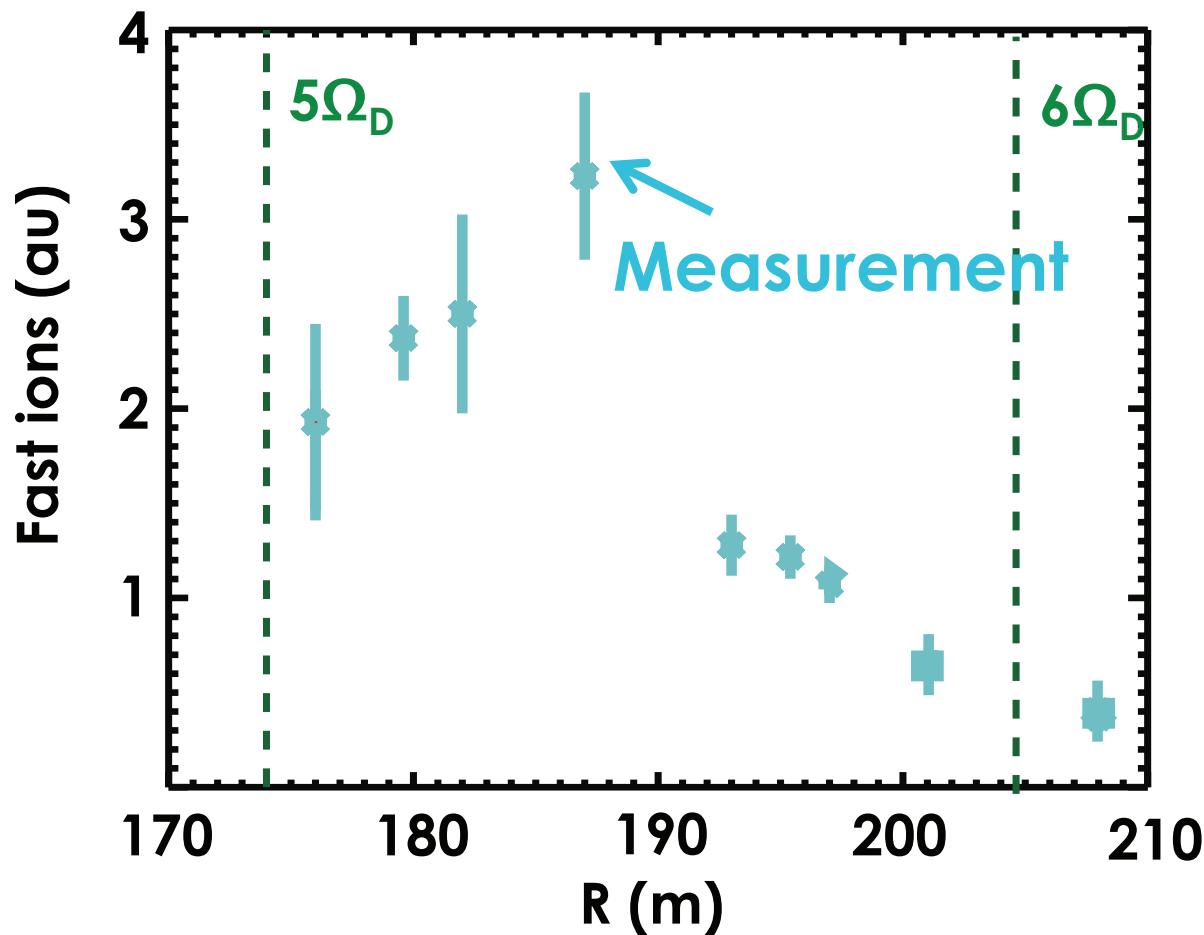


**ICRF Antenna**

- **ICRF wave is a main heating scheme in future ITER**
  - A predictive understanding of ICRF wave-fast ion interaction in present tokamaks is important
- **Zero-orbit study does not fully explain DIII-D and NSTX ICRF heating experiments**

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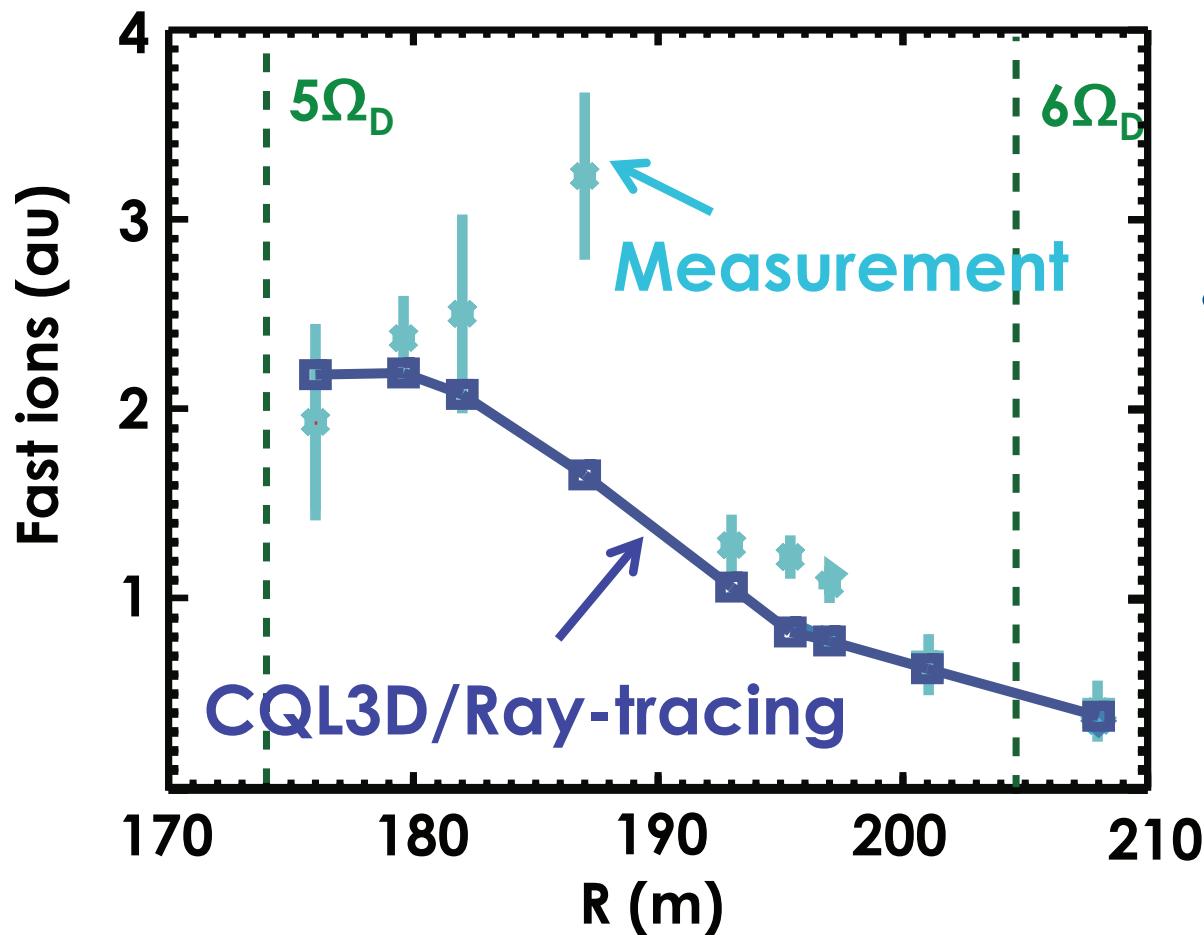
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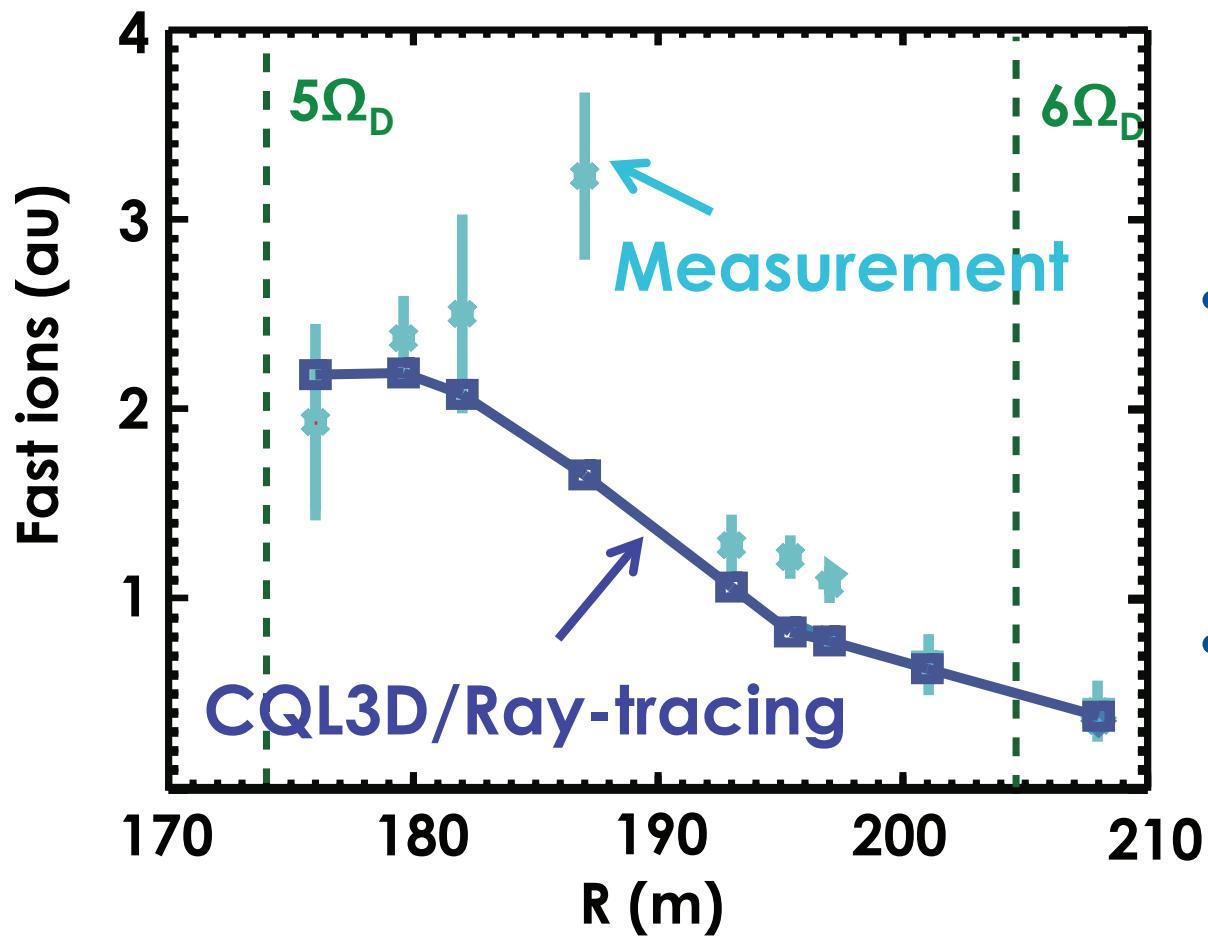
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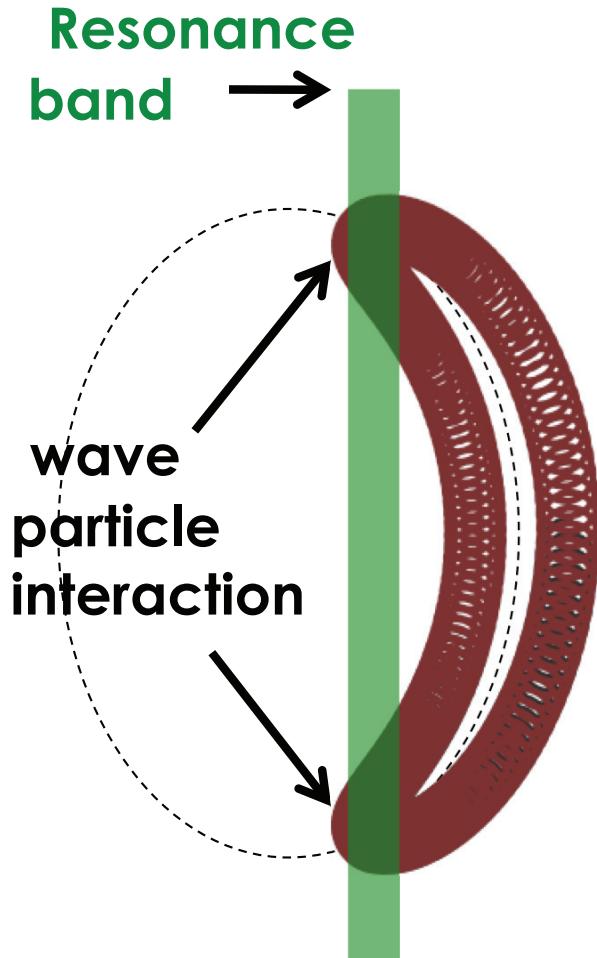
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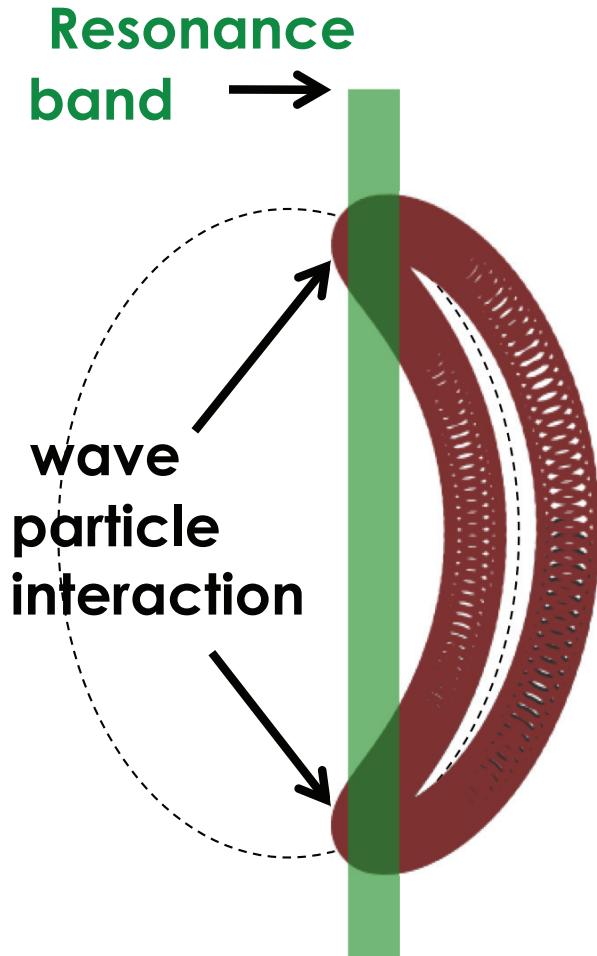
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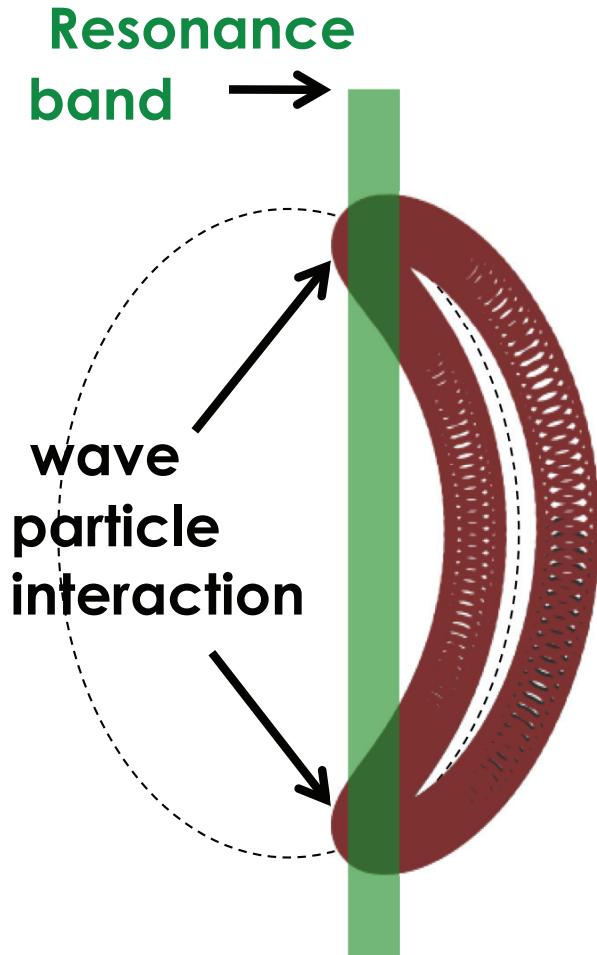
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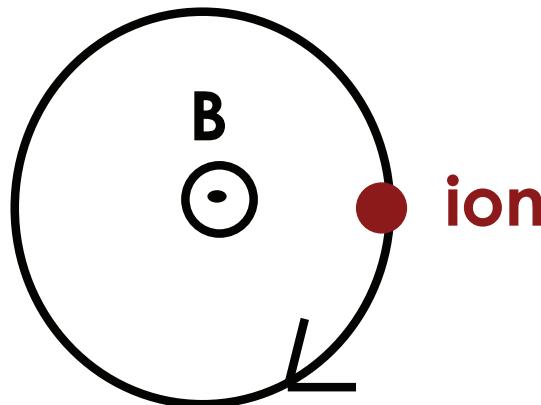


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**E- is important in HHFW heating due to large  $k_p i$**

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- Hamiltonian guiding center equations with Coulomb collision and Q-L heating operators

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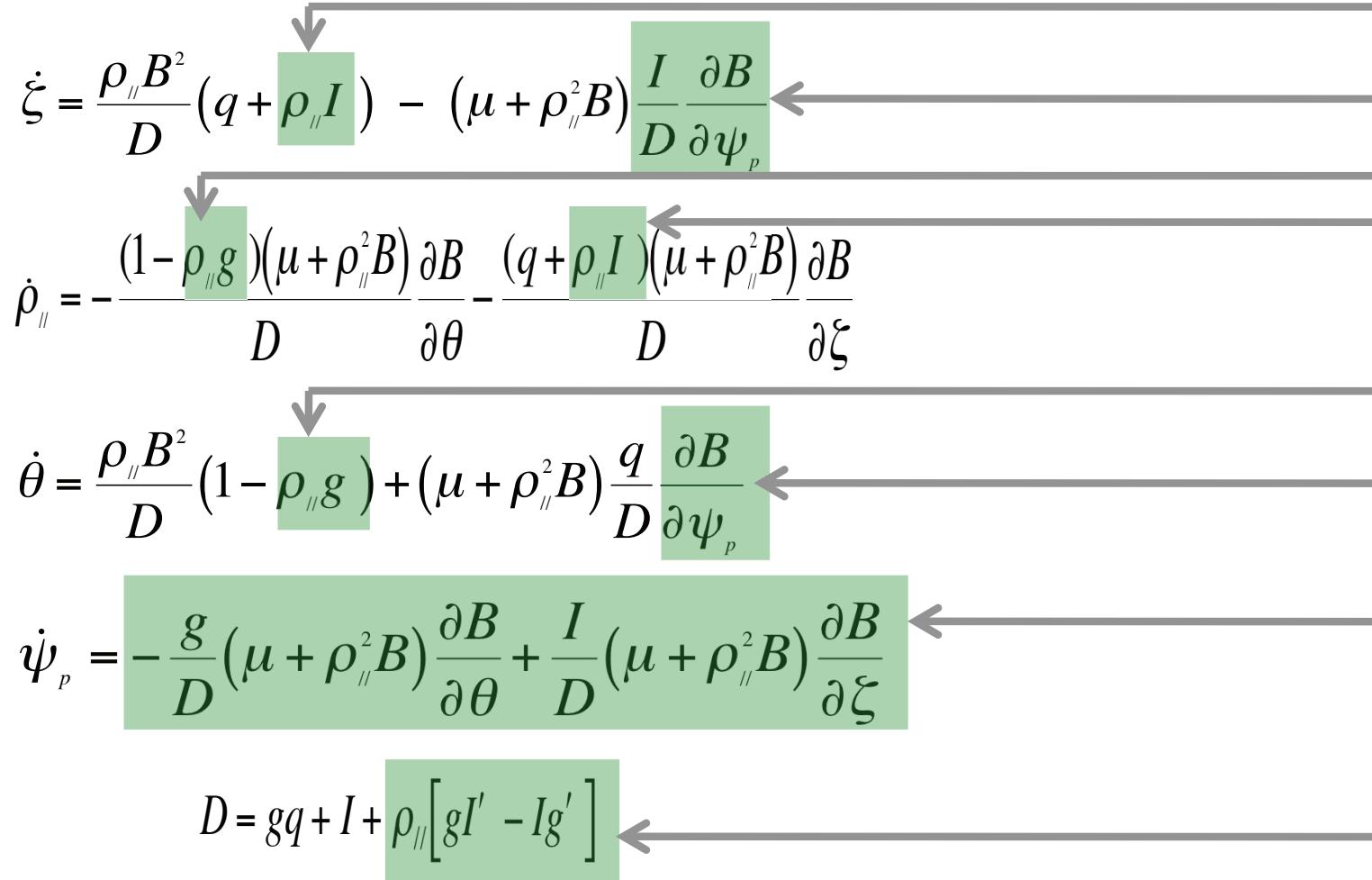
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- Coulomb collision operators

$$\Delta l = -l \eta_{\perp} \Delta t + R_s \sqrt{(1 - \lambda^2) \eta_{\perp} \Delta t}$$

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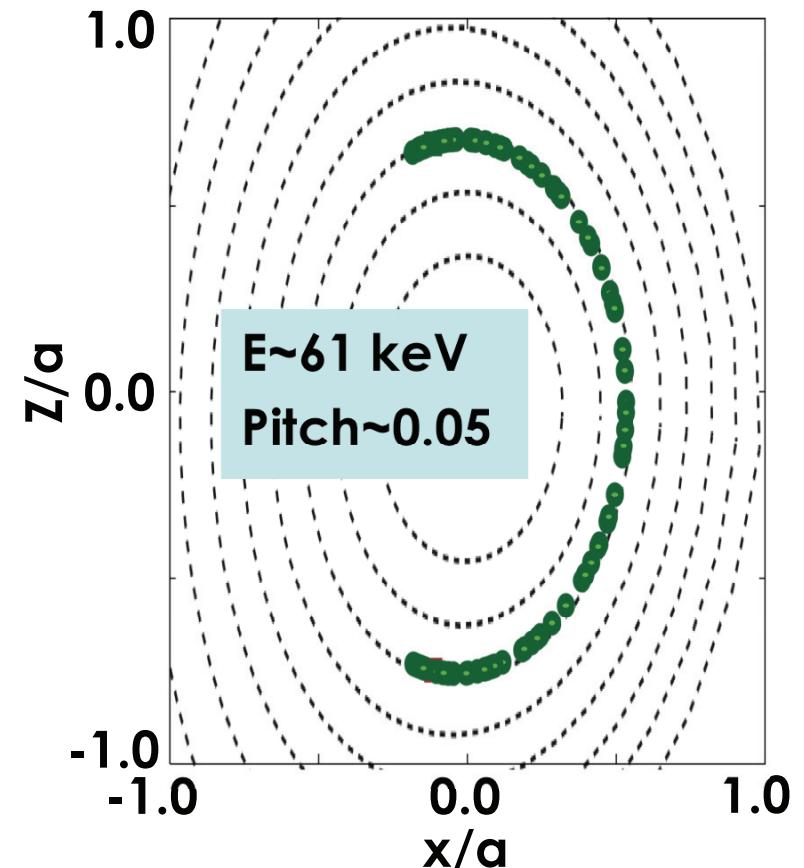
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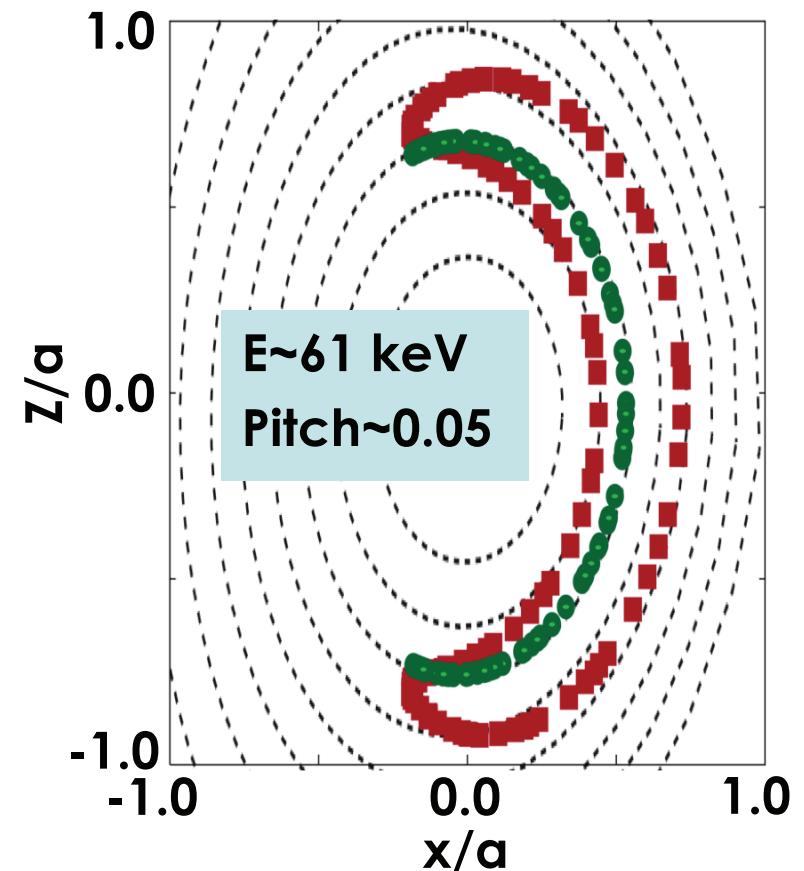
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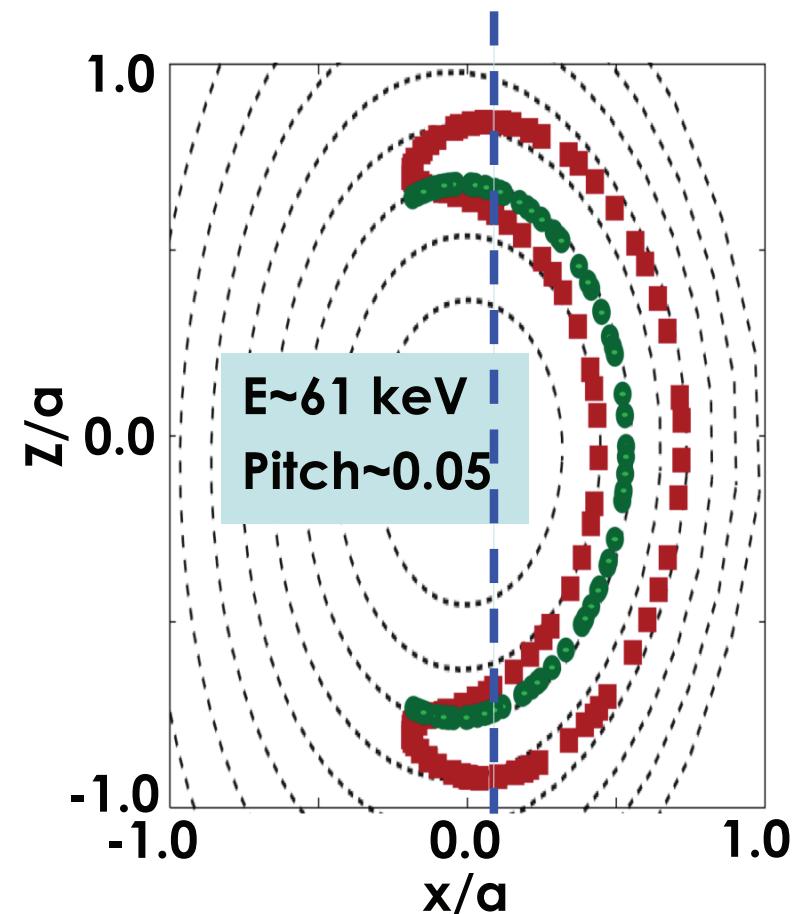
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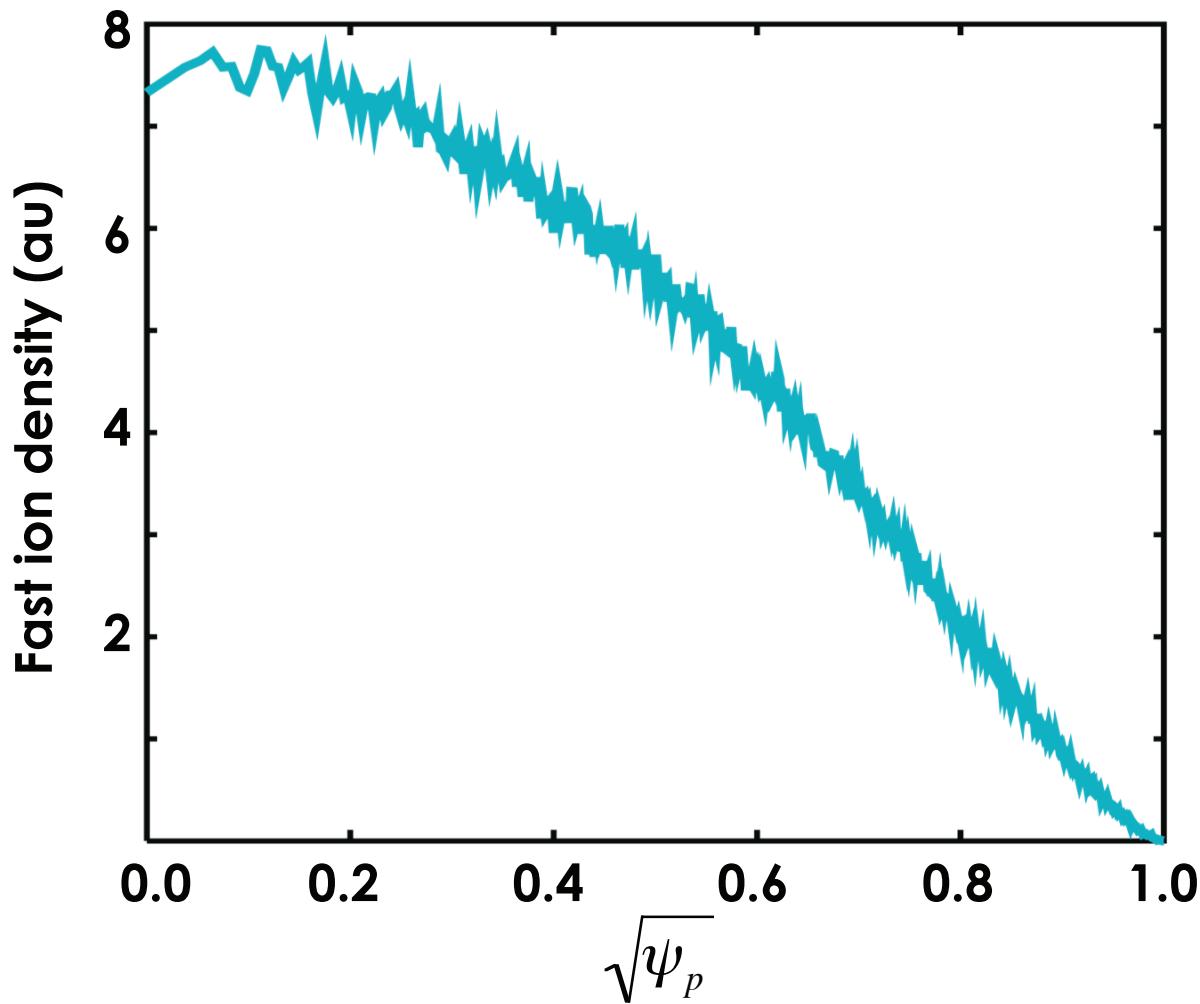
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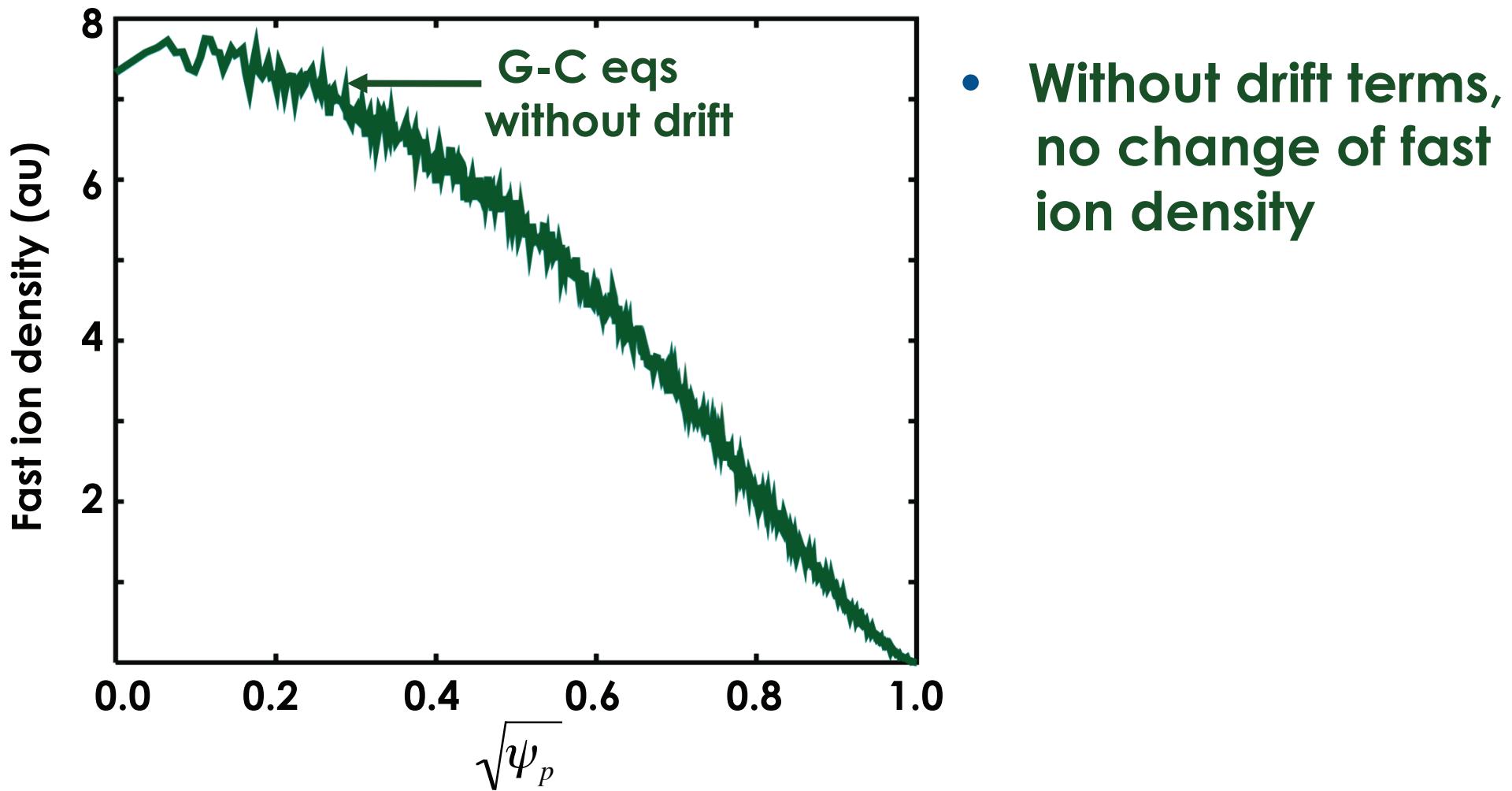
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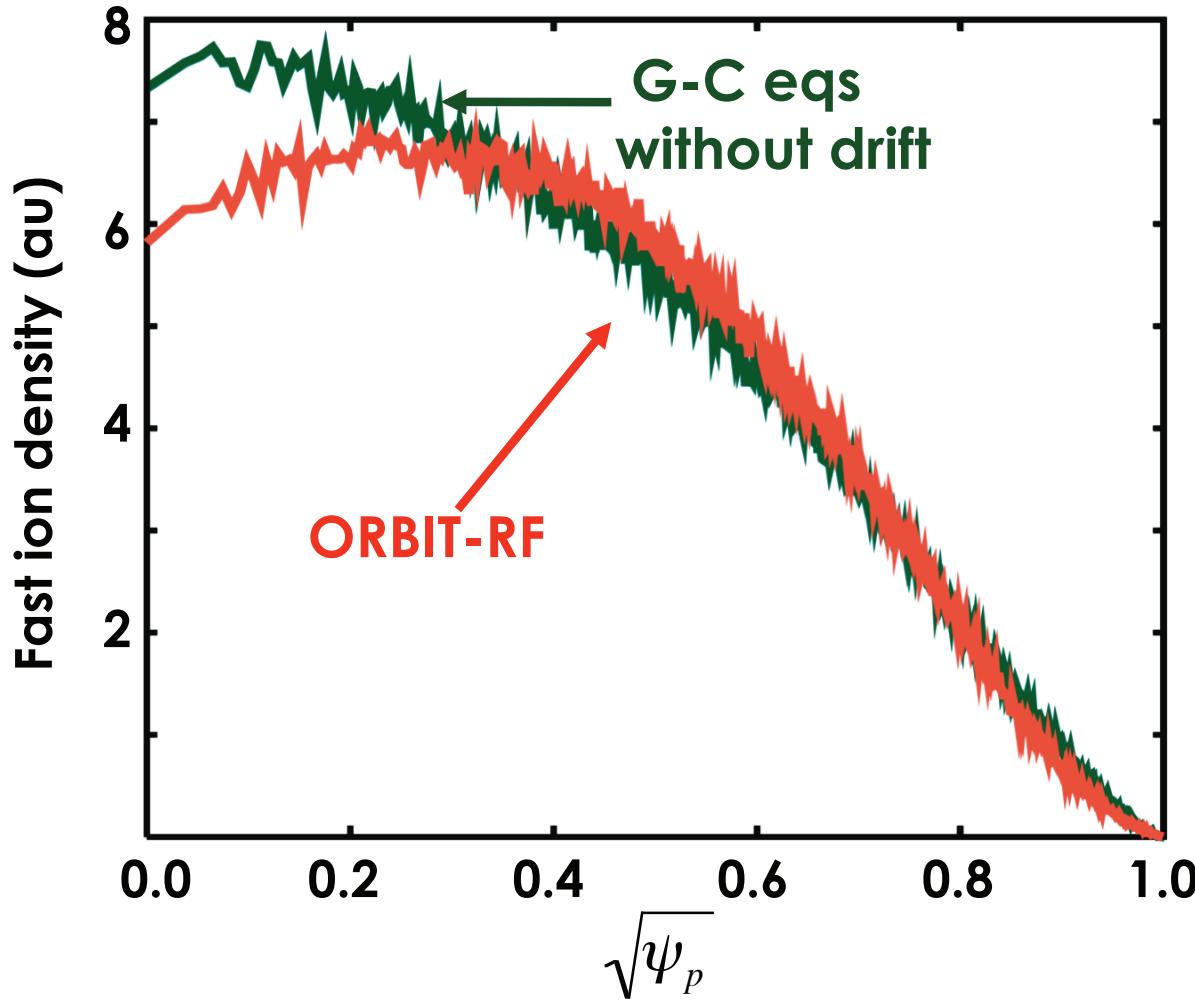
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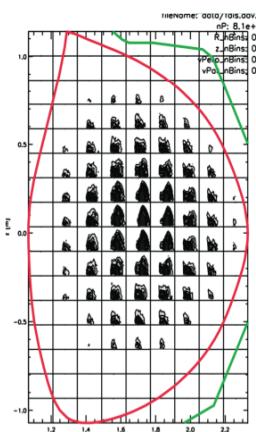
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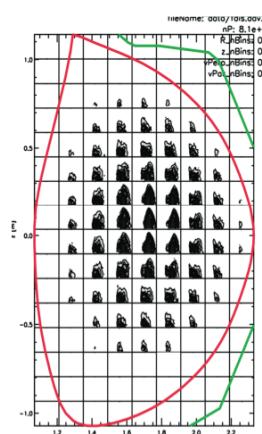
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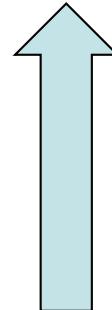
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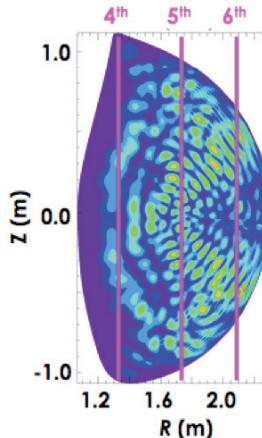
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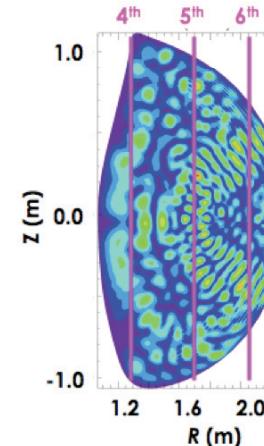


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E+(V/m)



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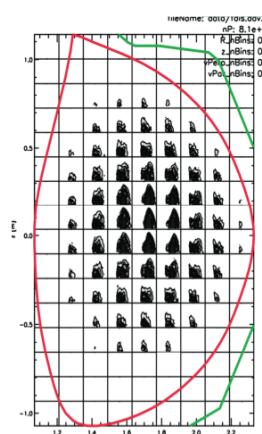


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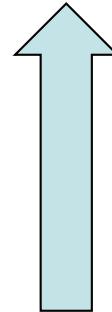
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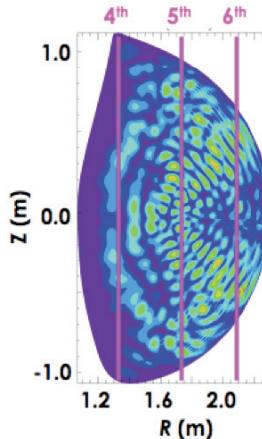


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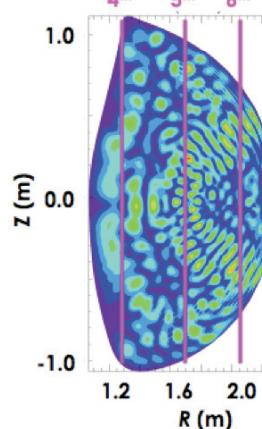
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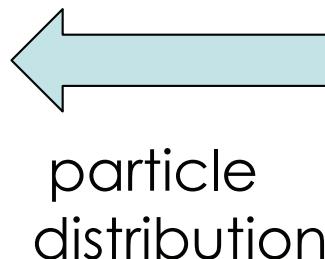


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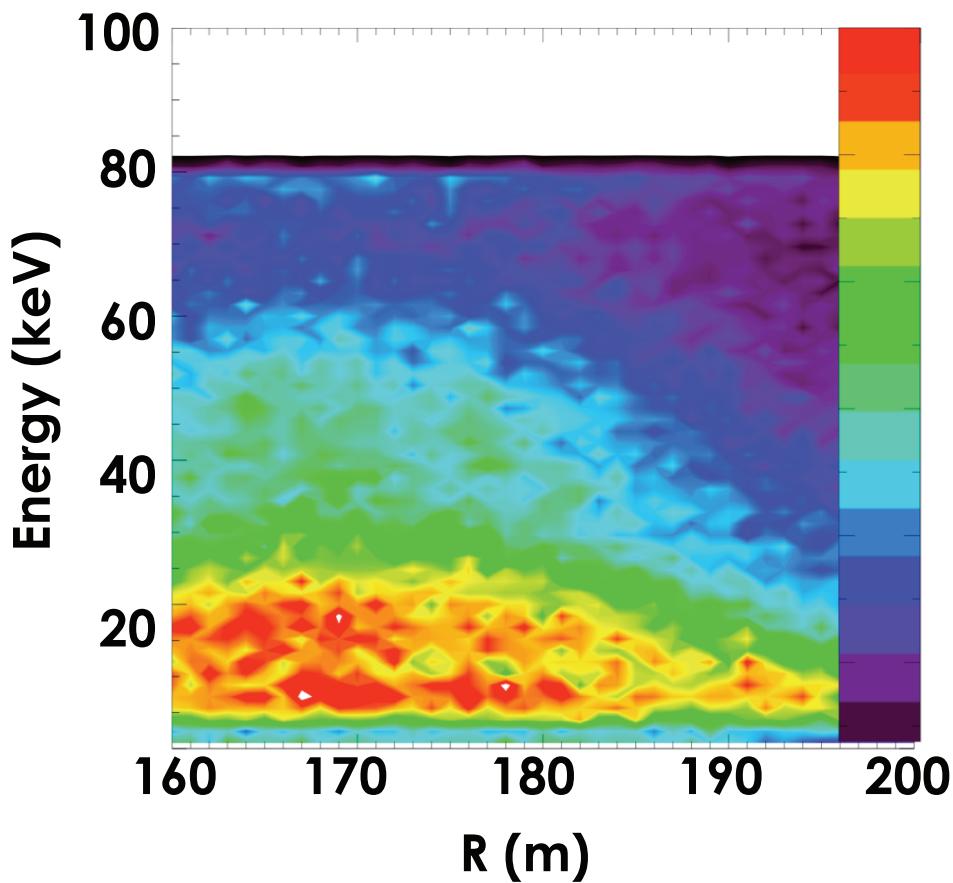
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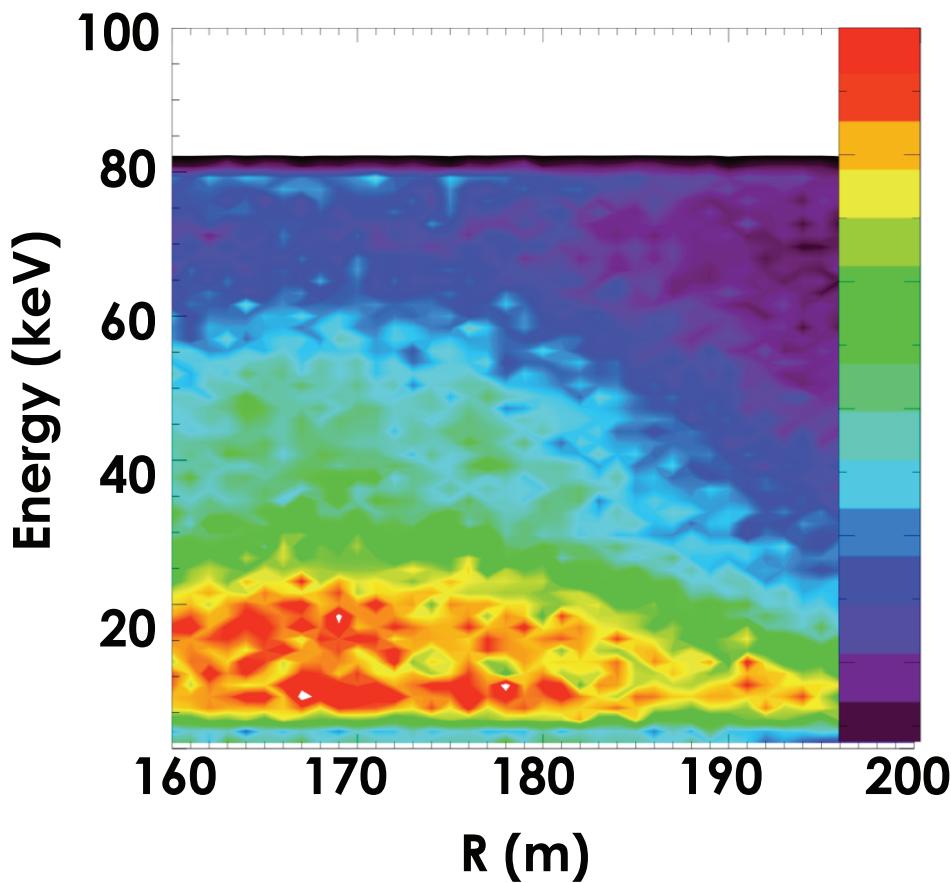
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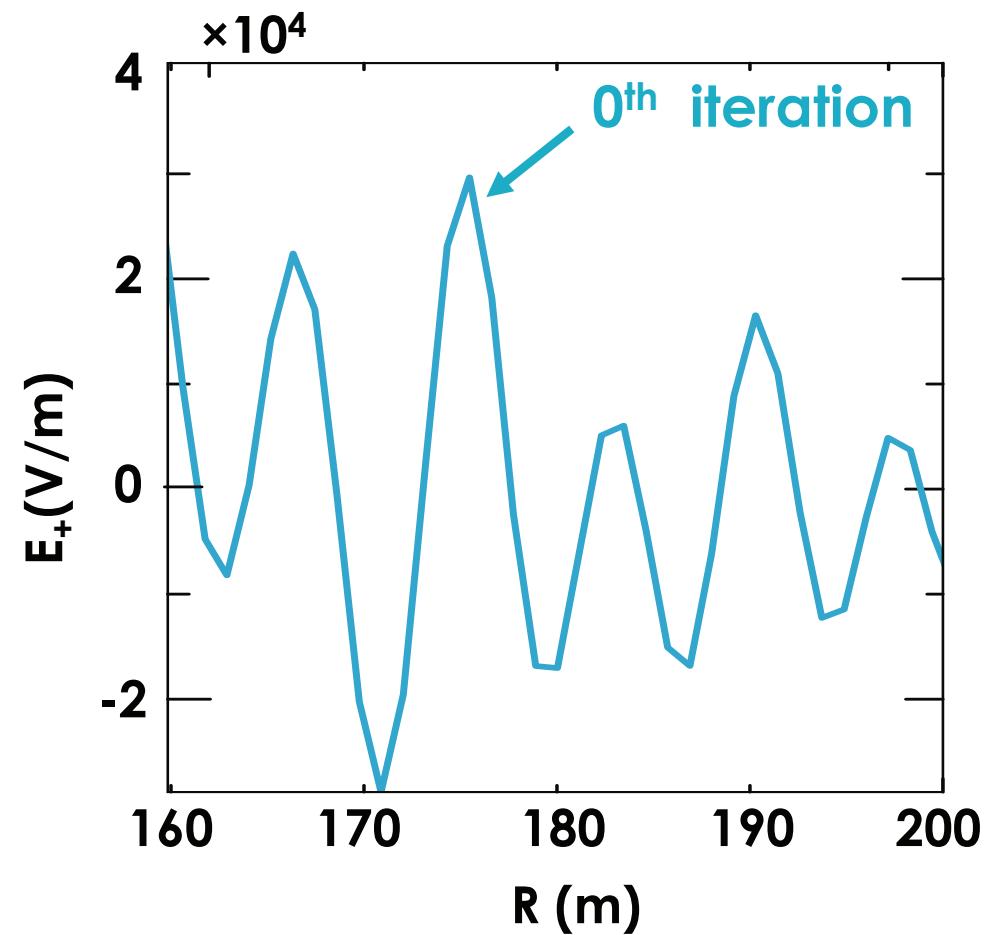


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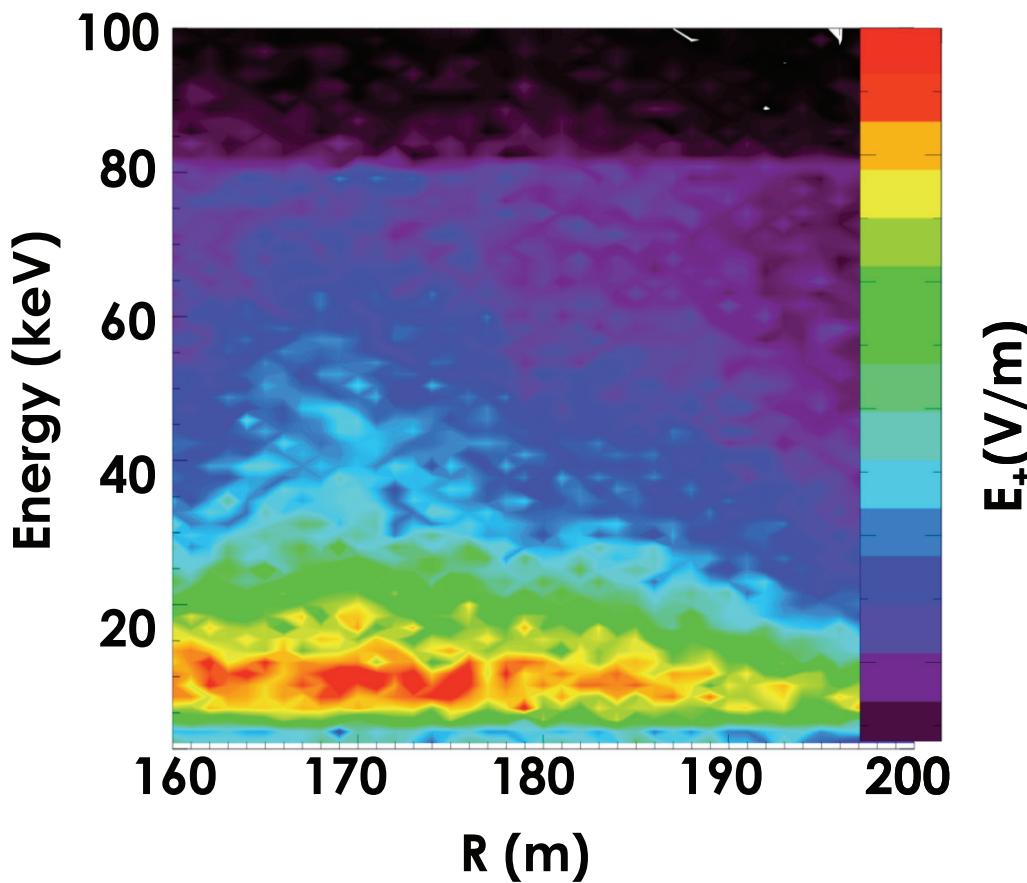


ICRF wave field at Z=0



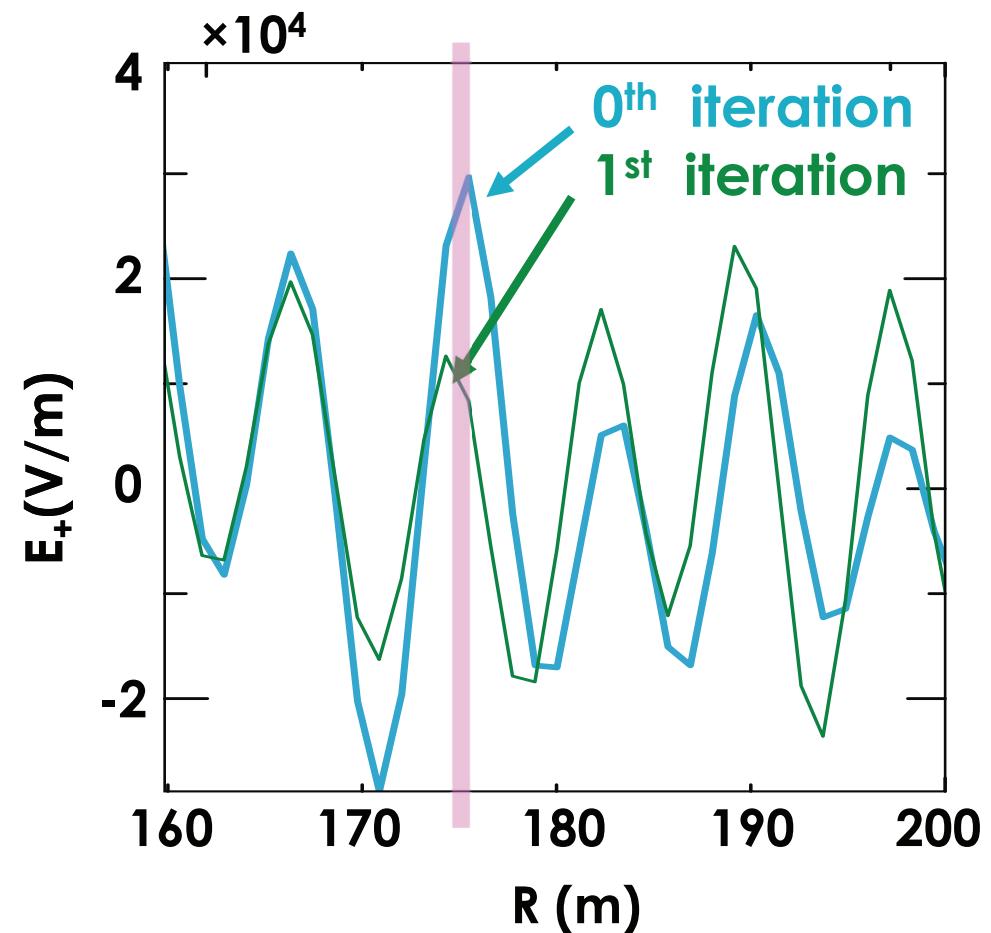
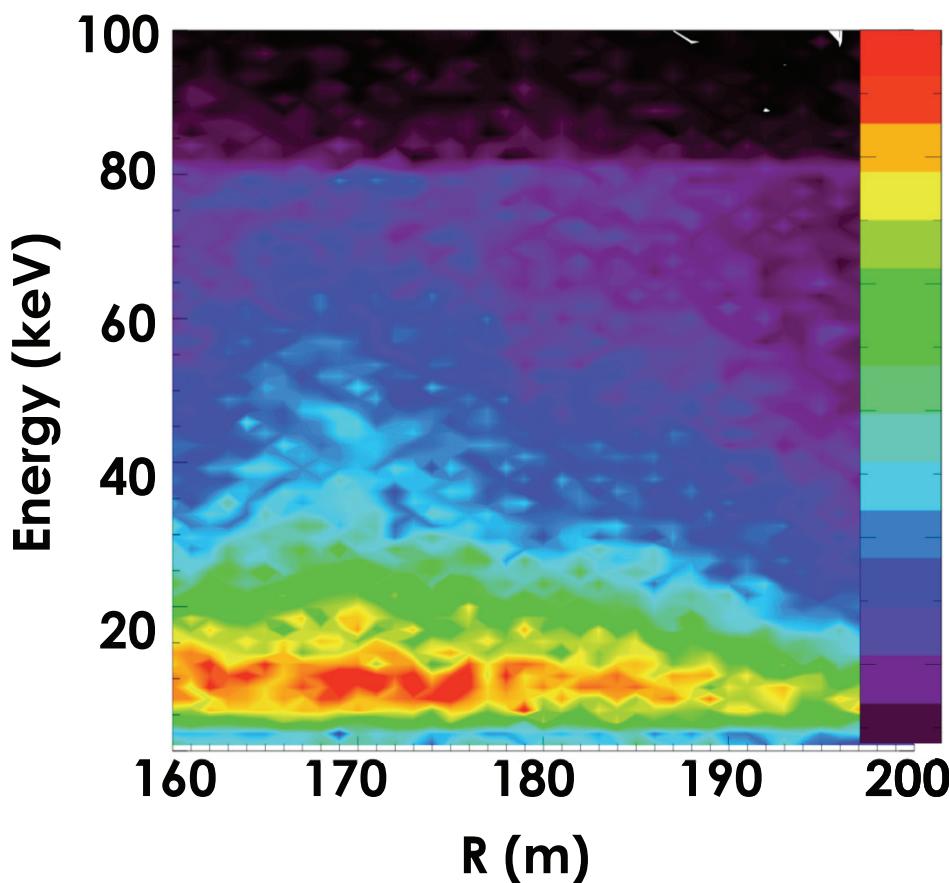
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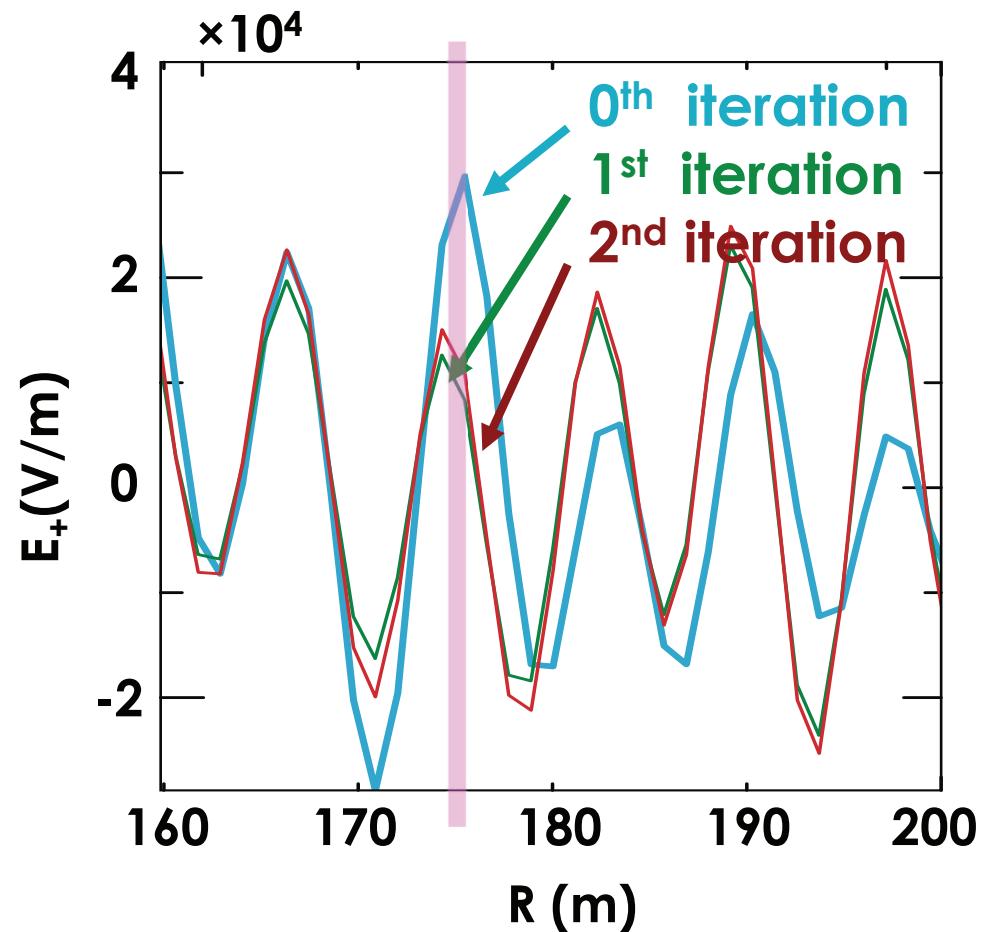
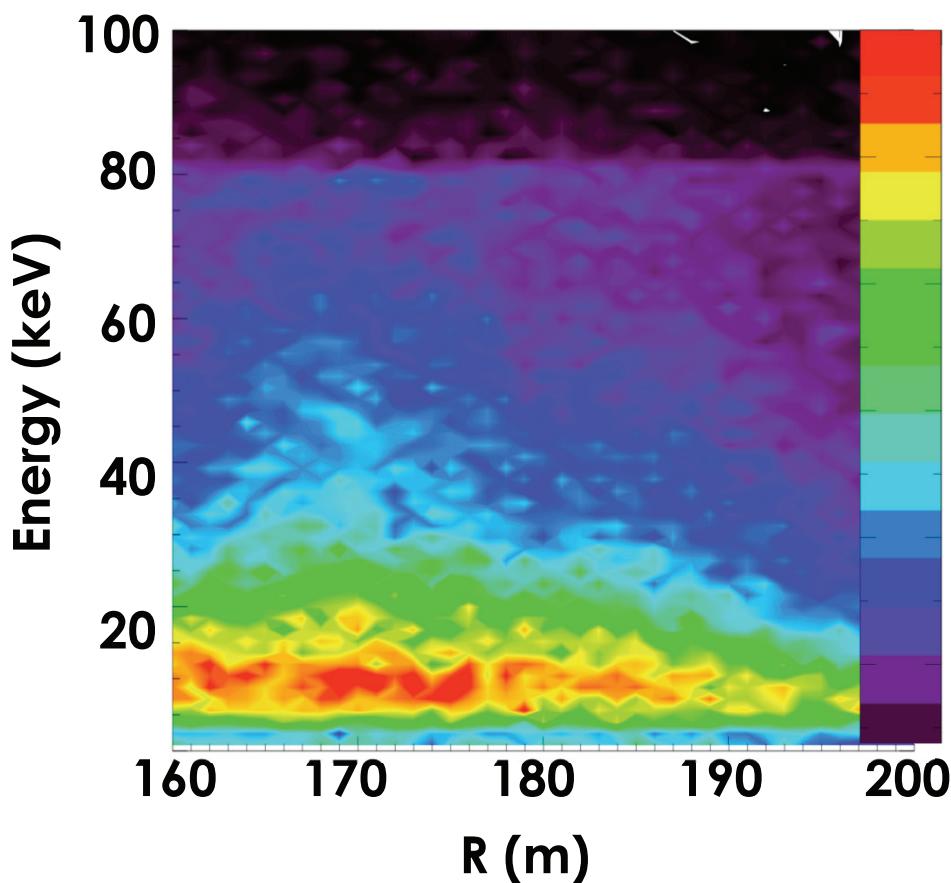
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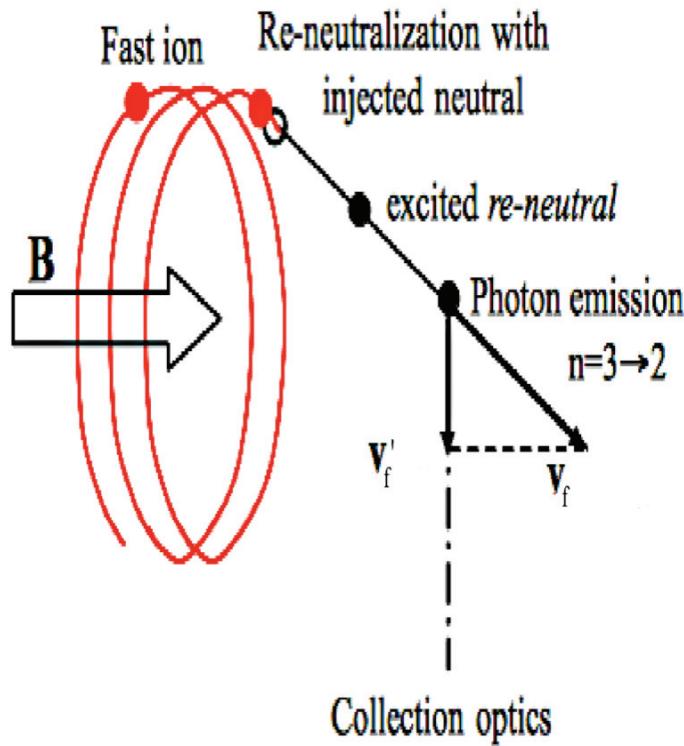


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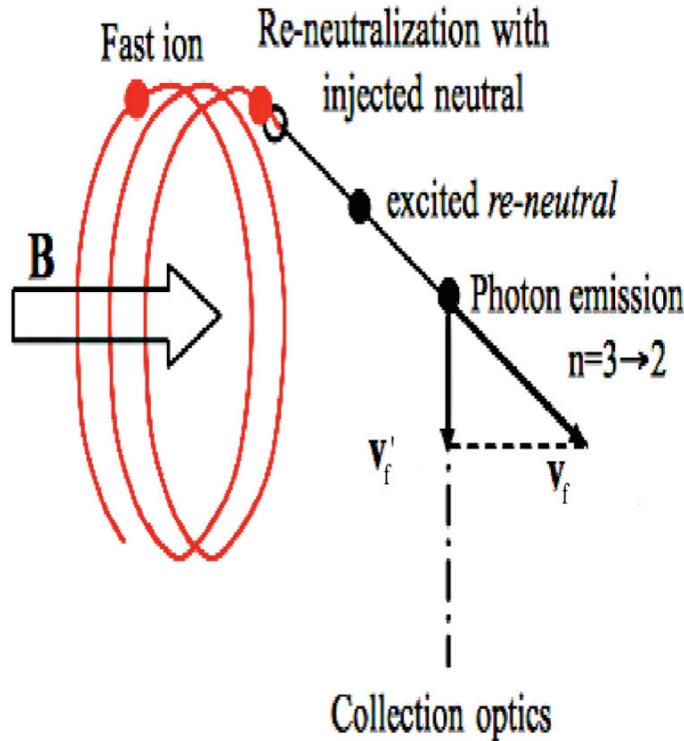


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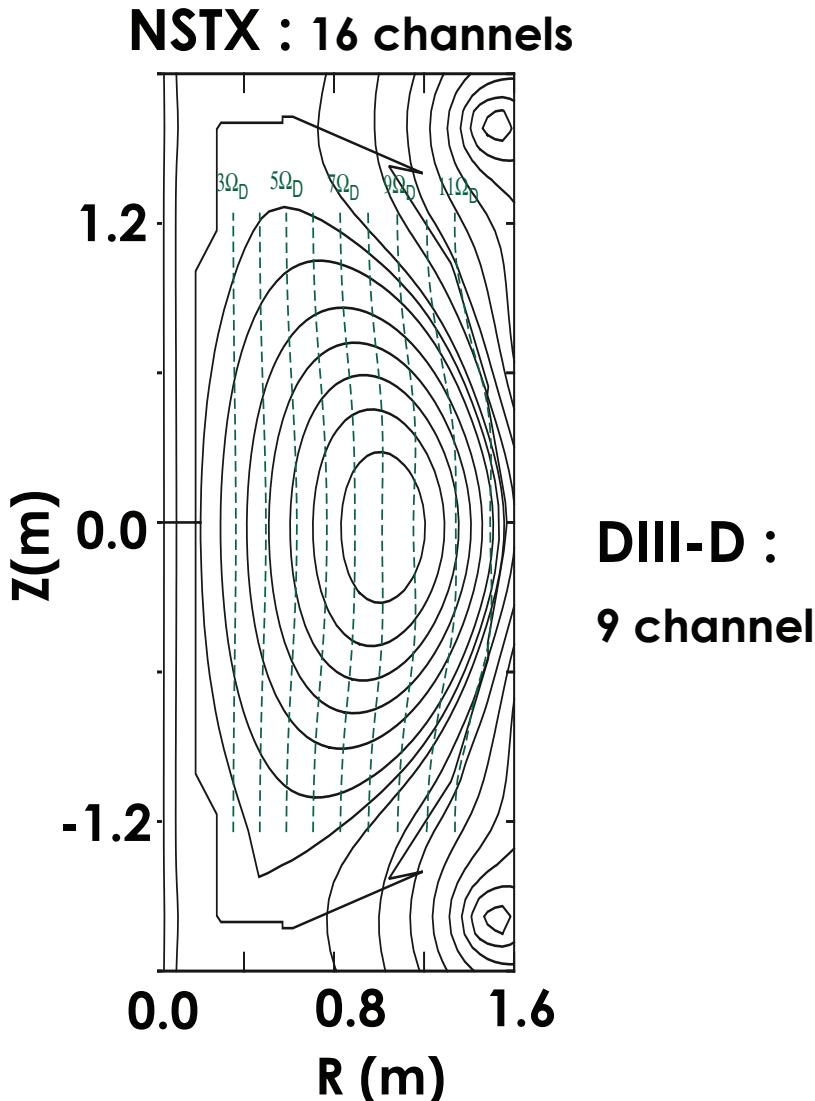


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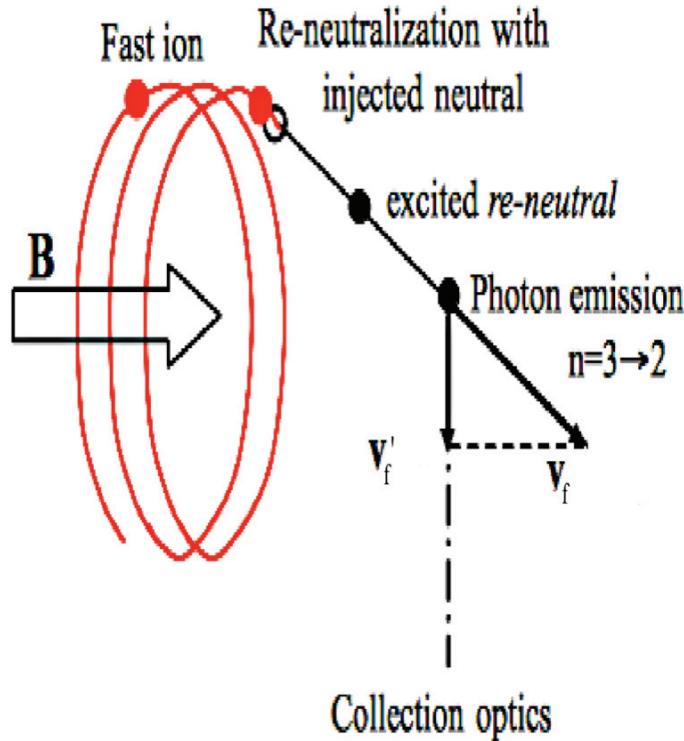
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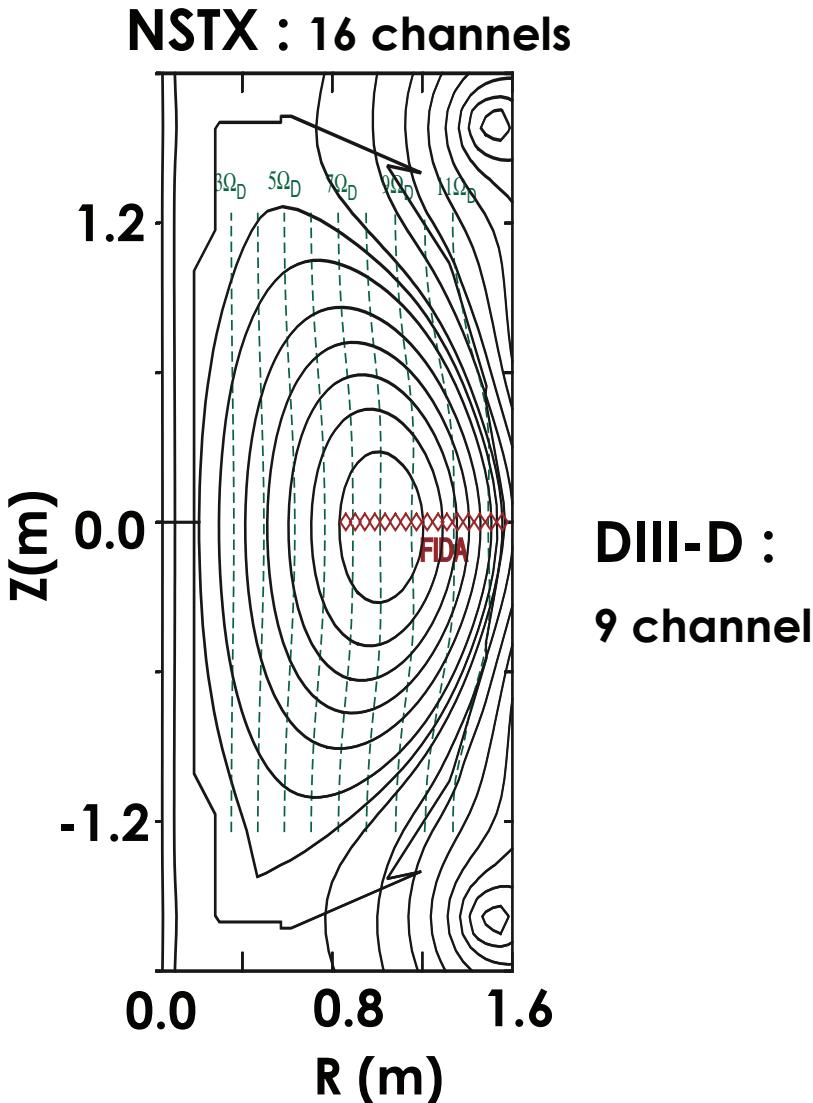
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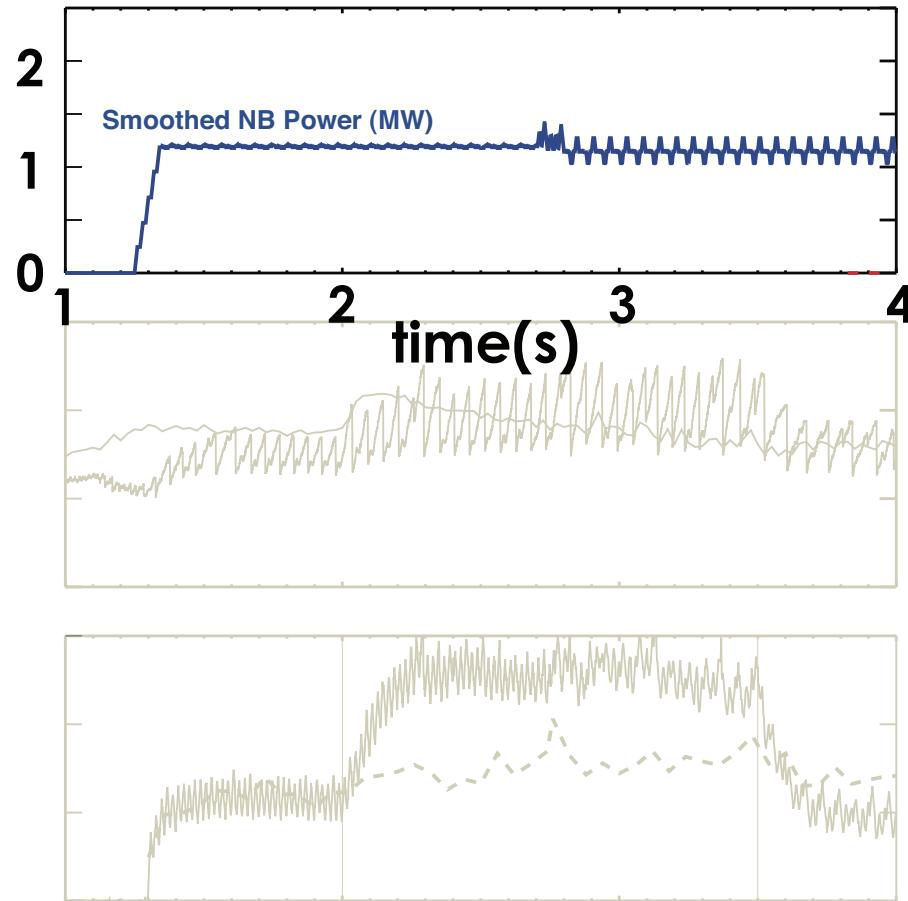


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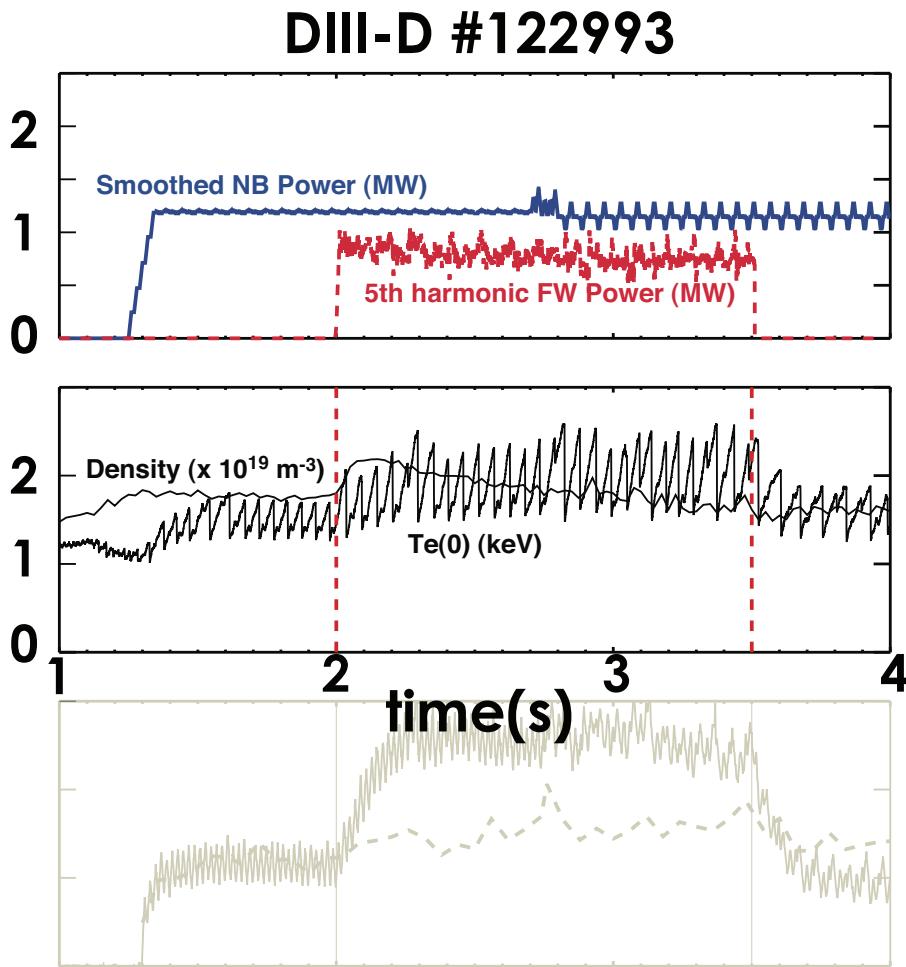


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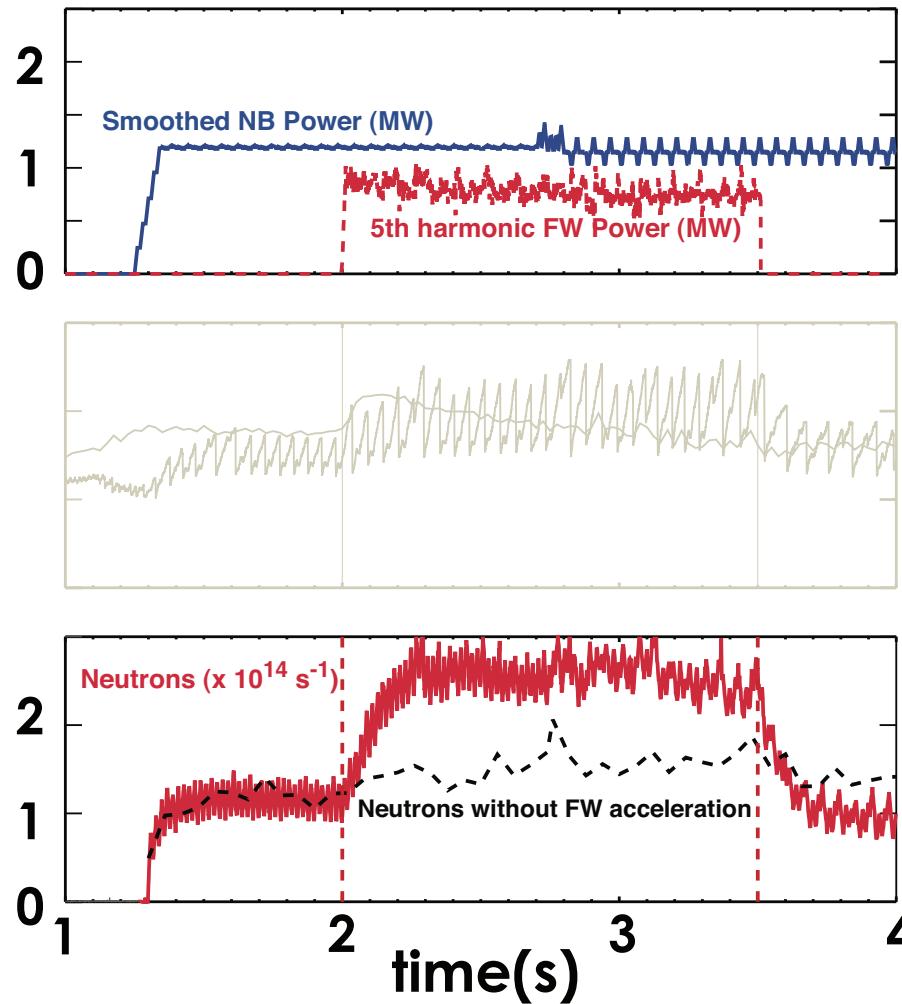


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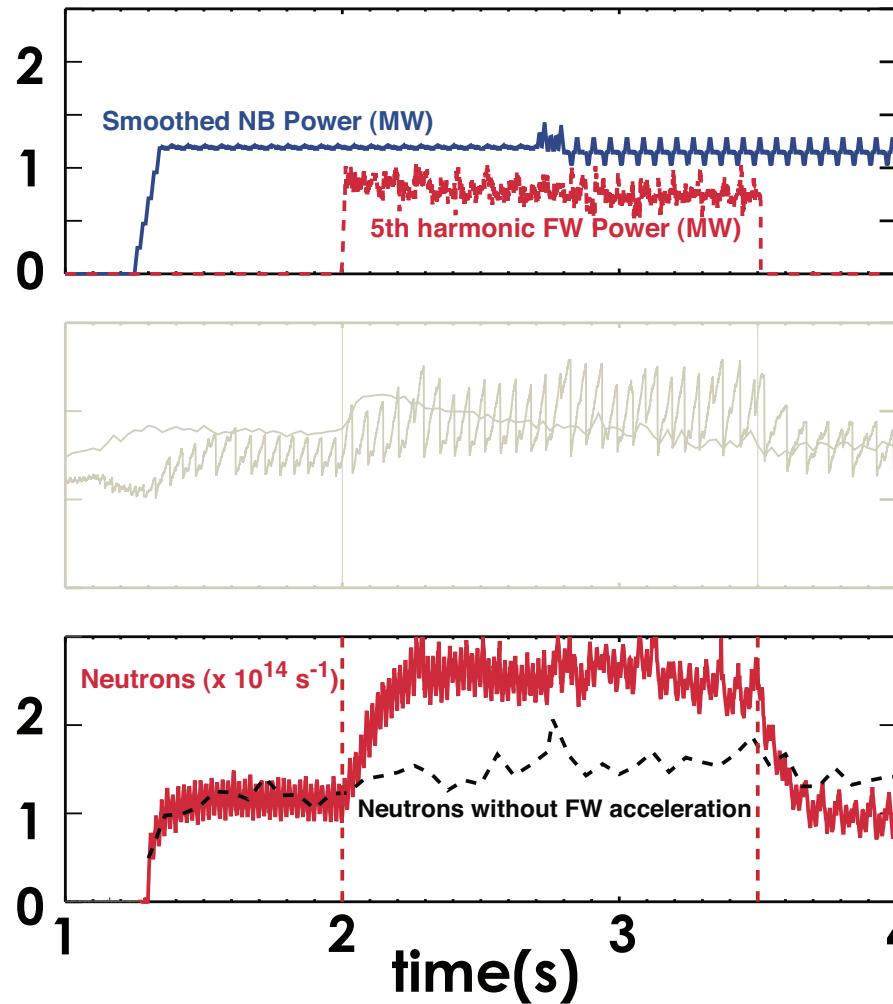
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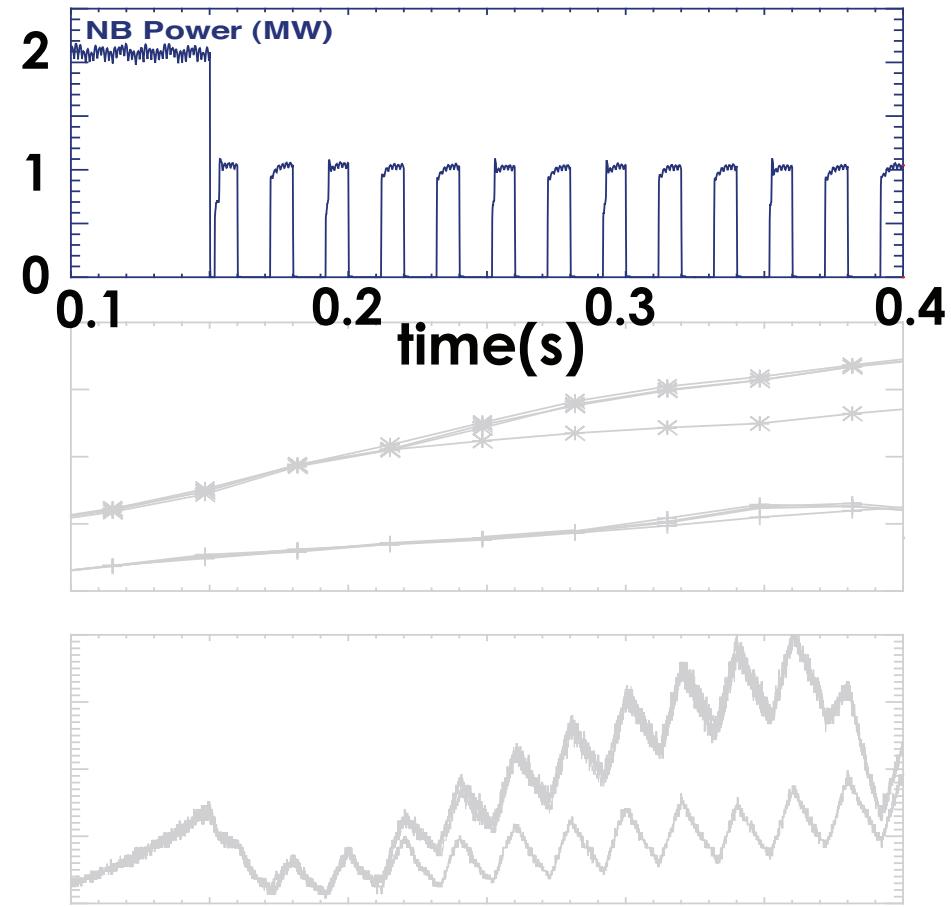


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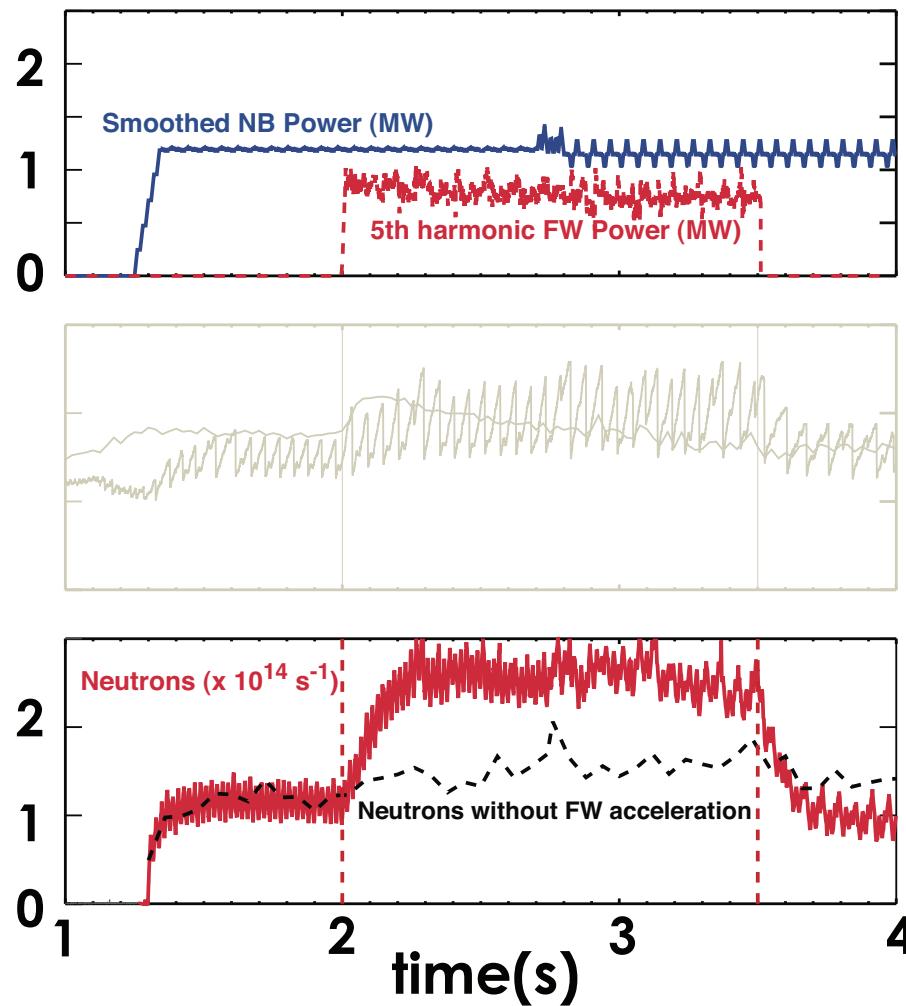


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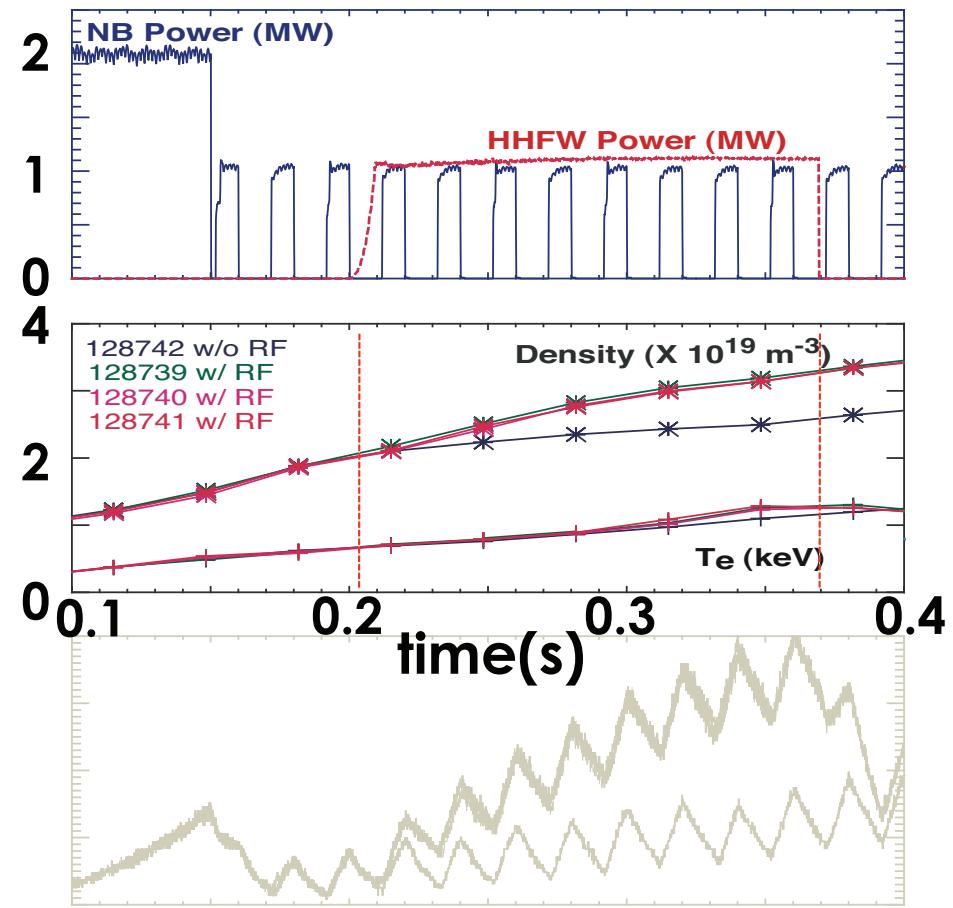


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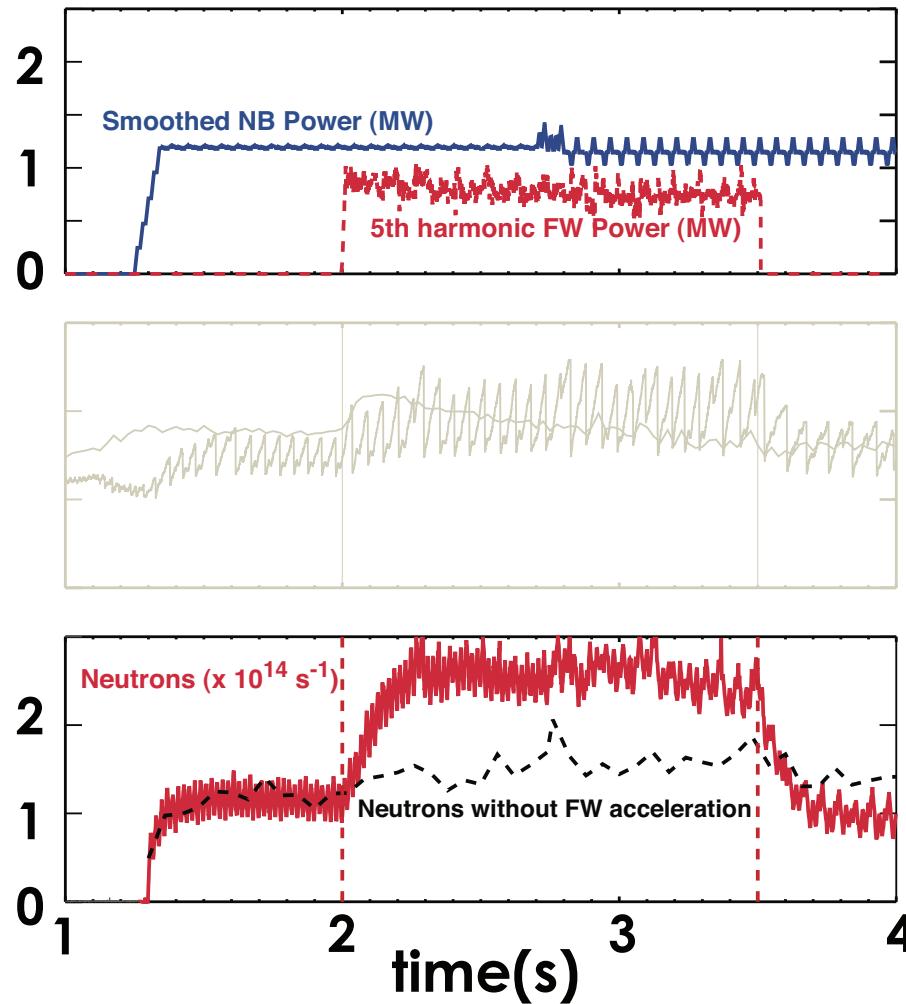


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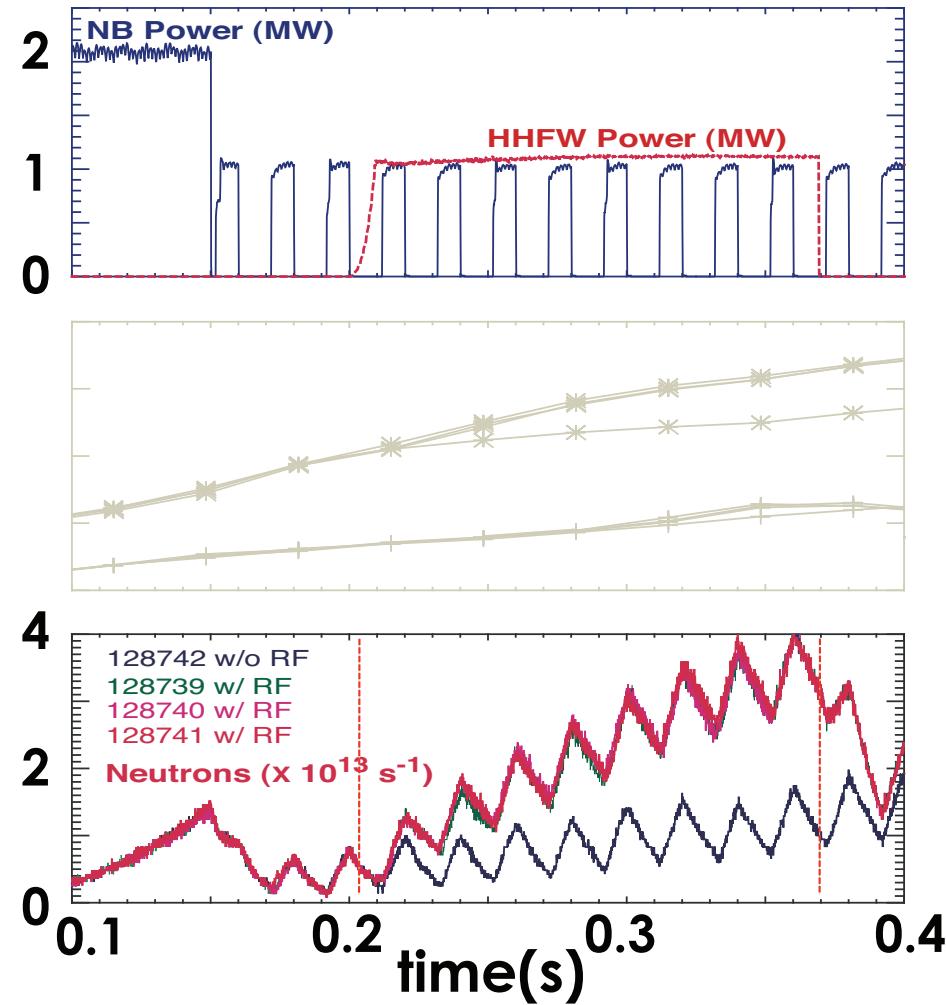


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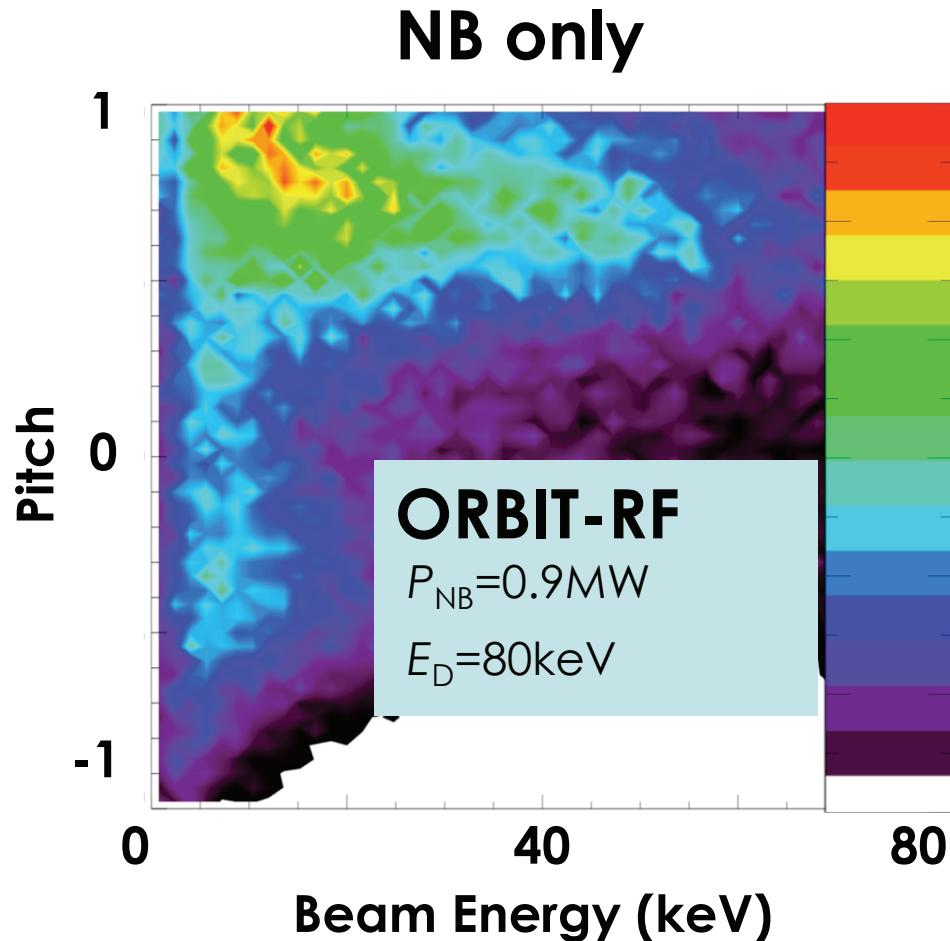
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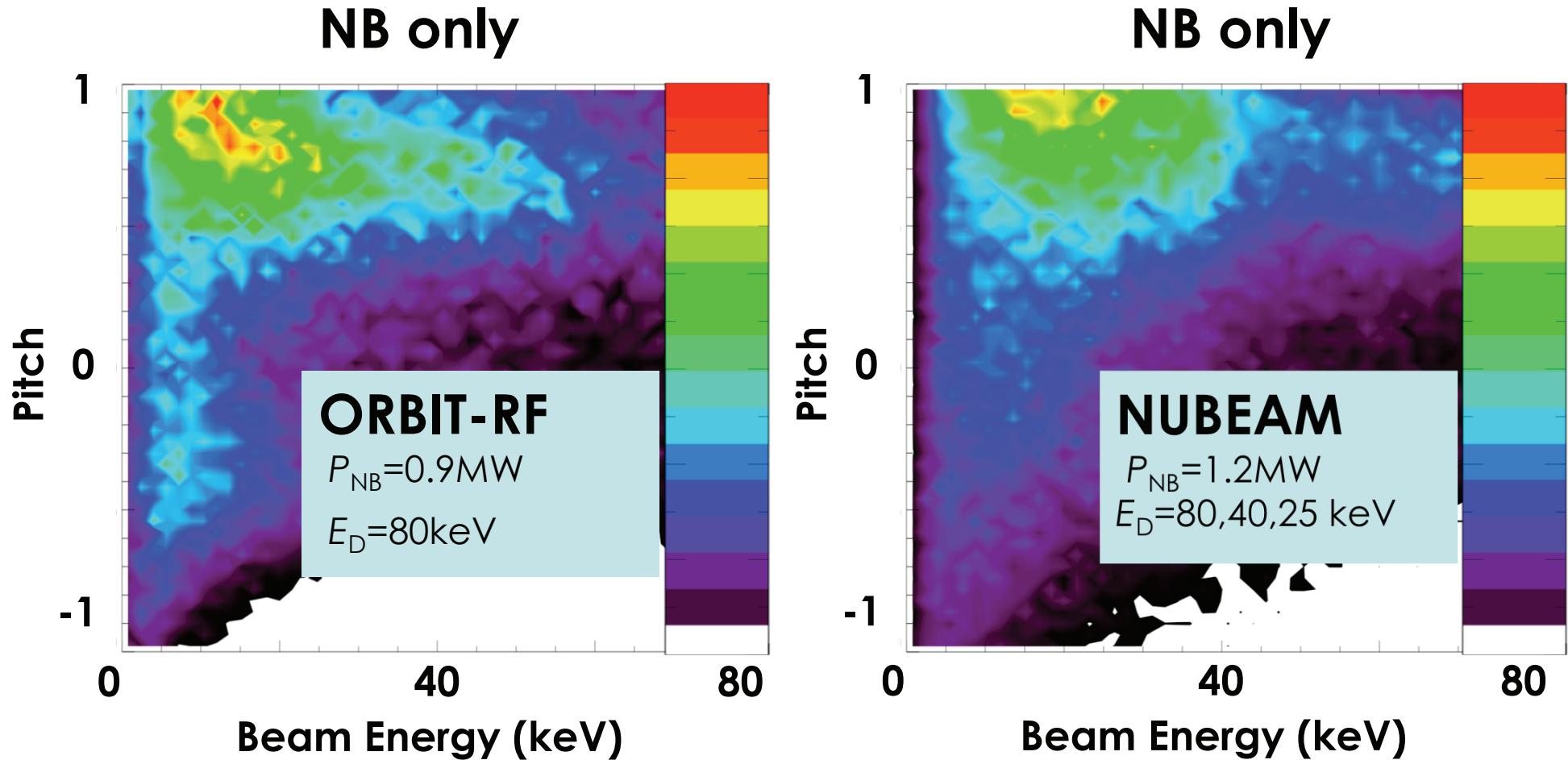


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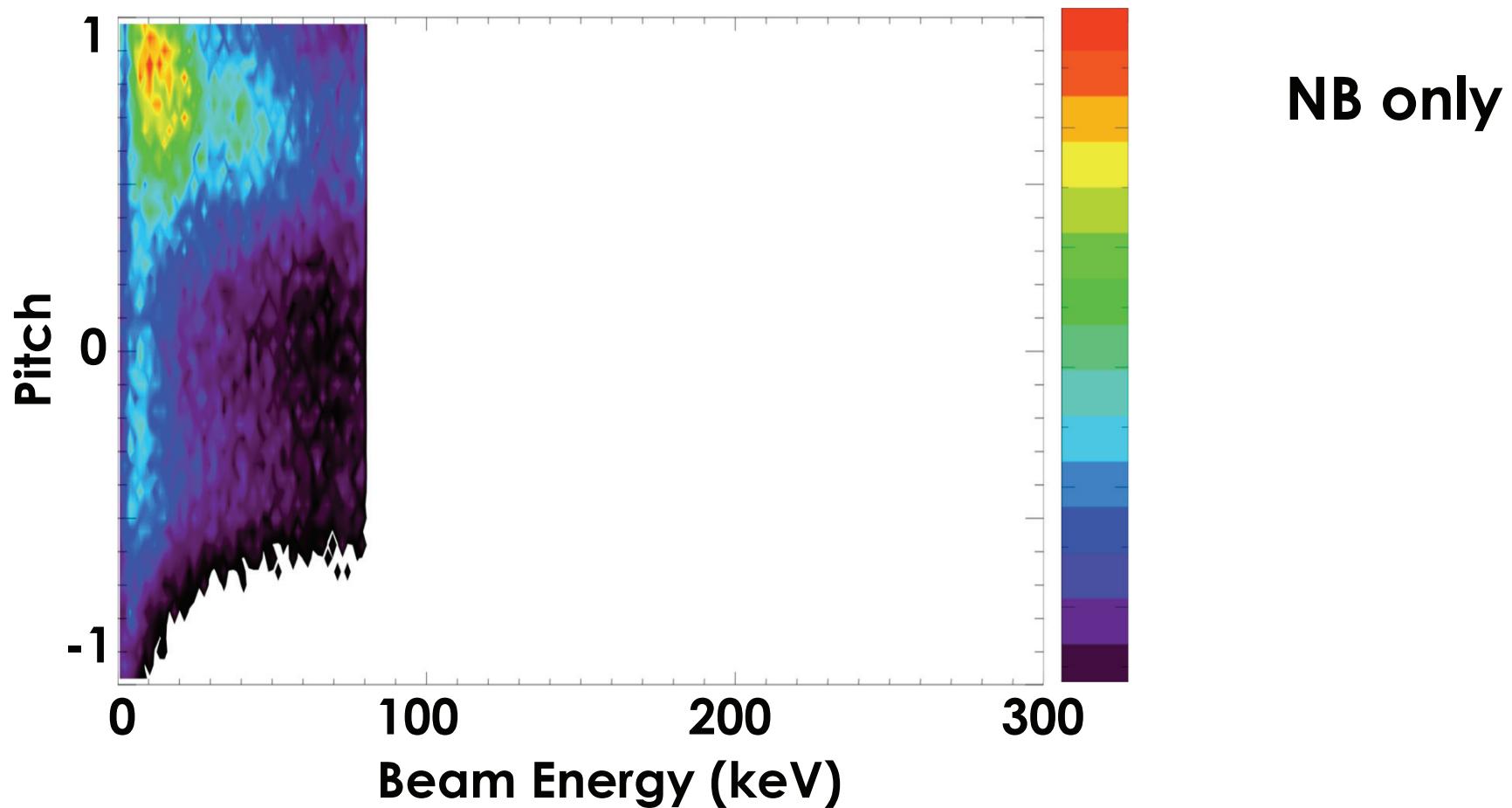
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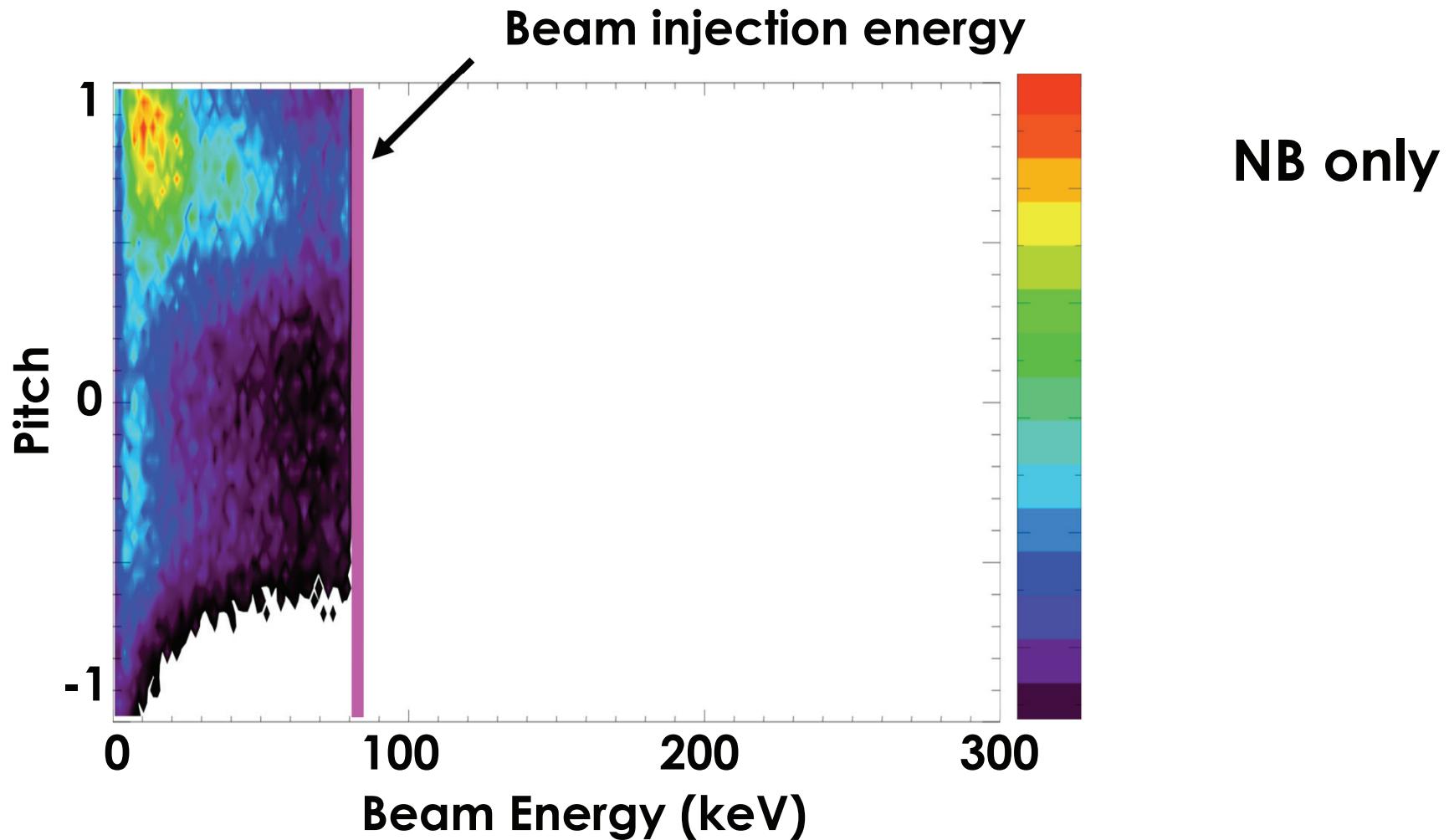
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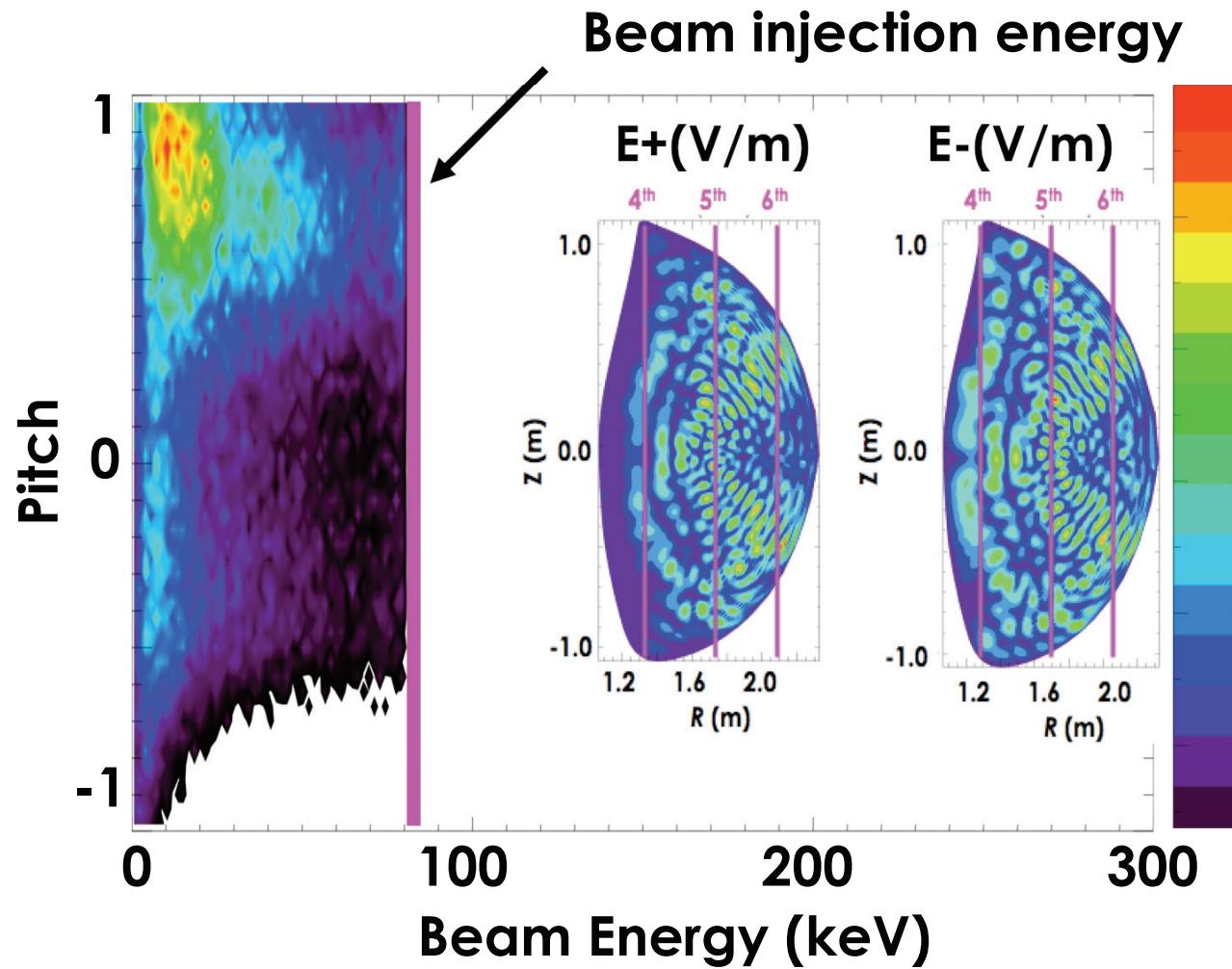
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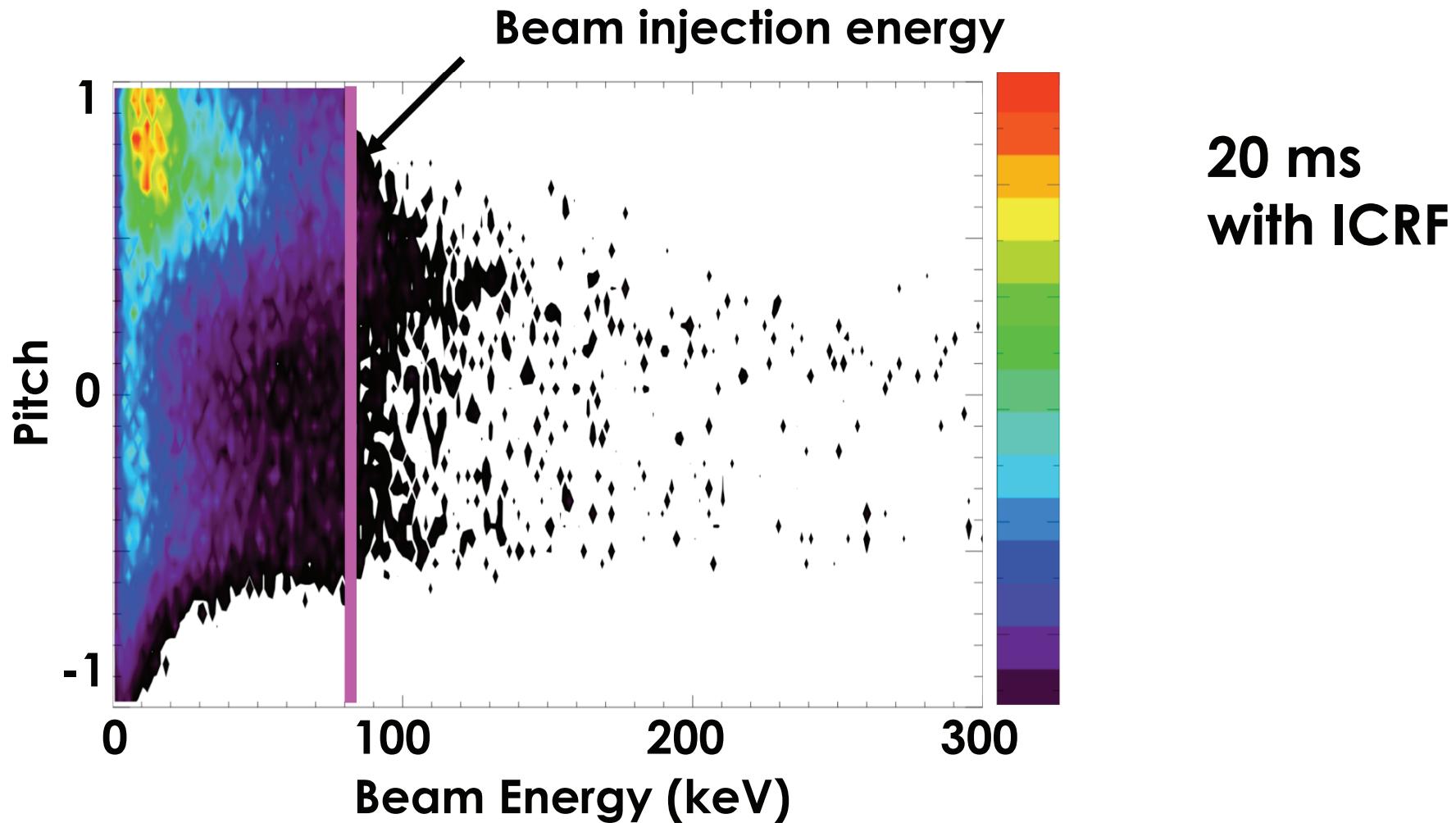
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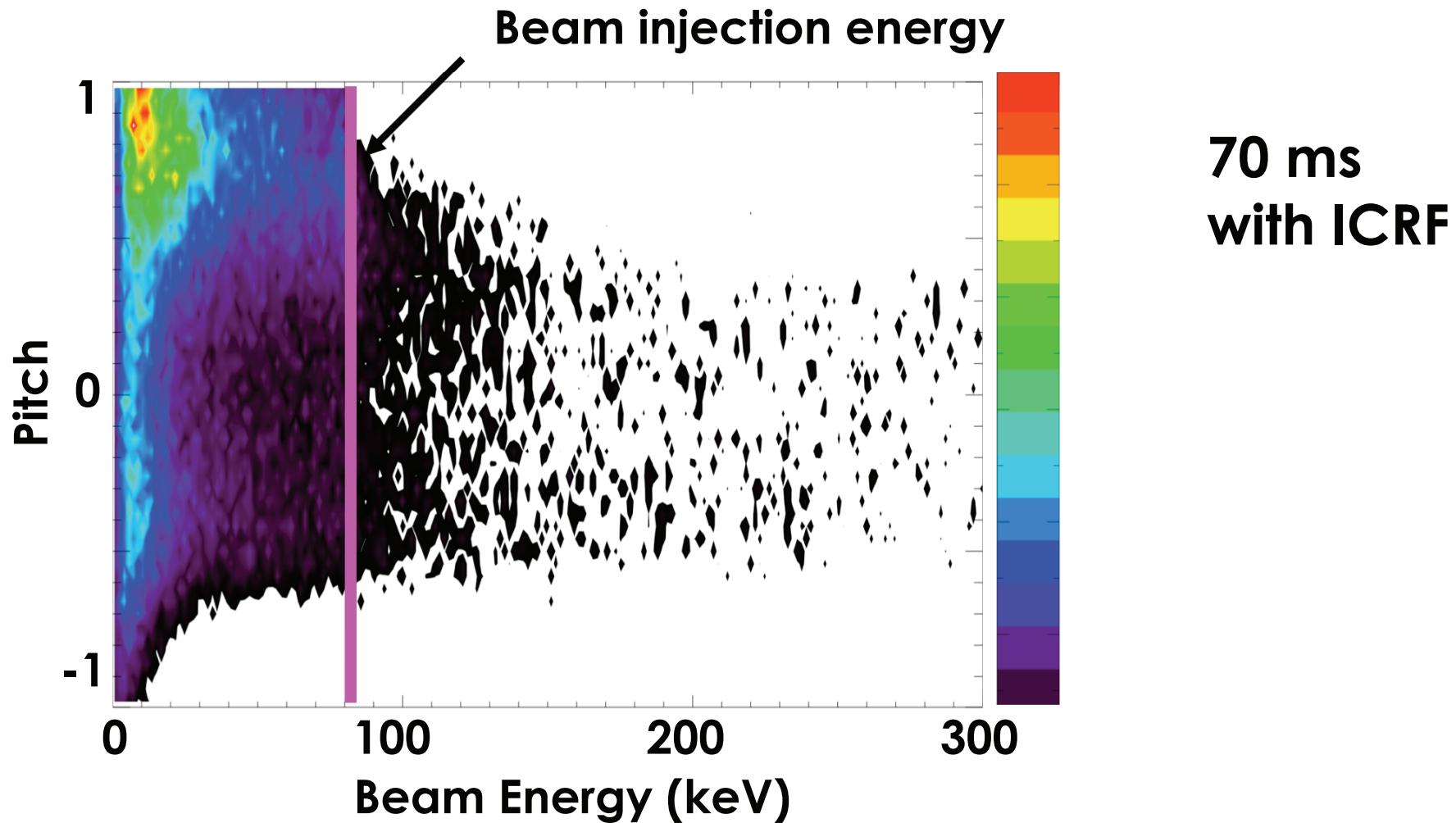
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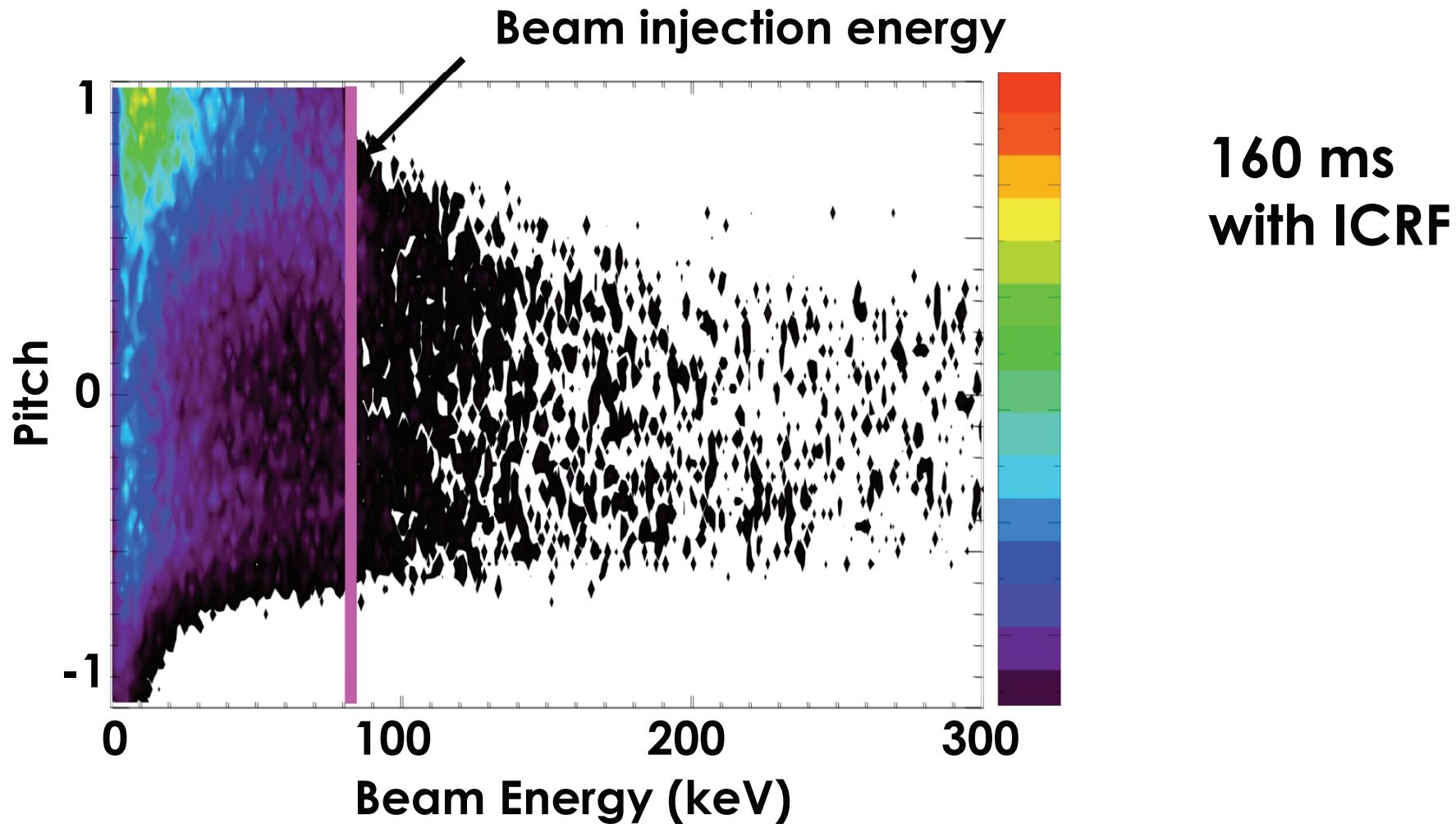
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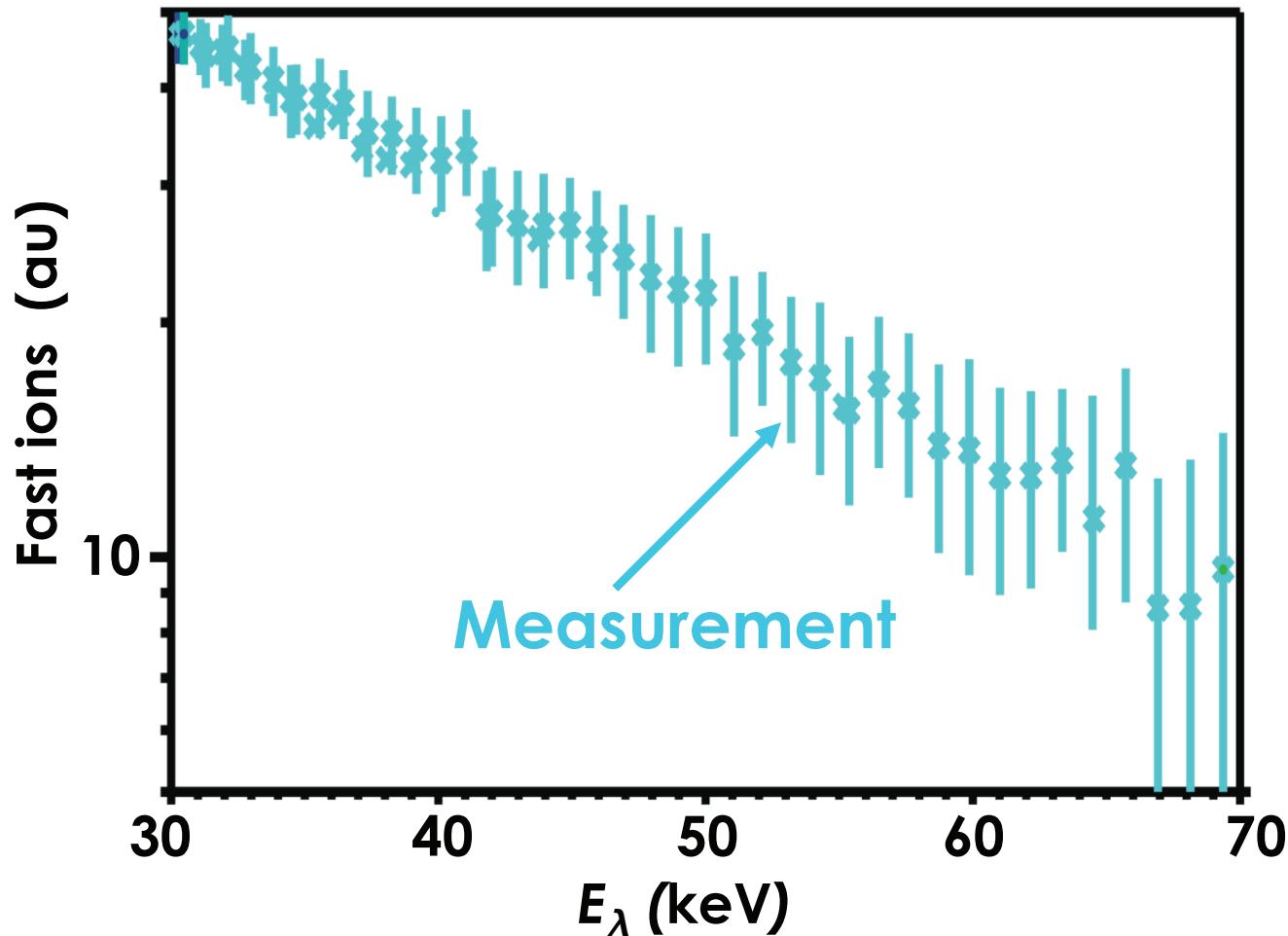
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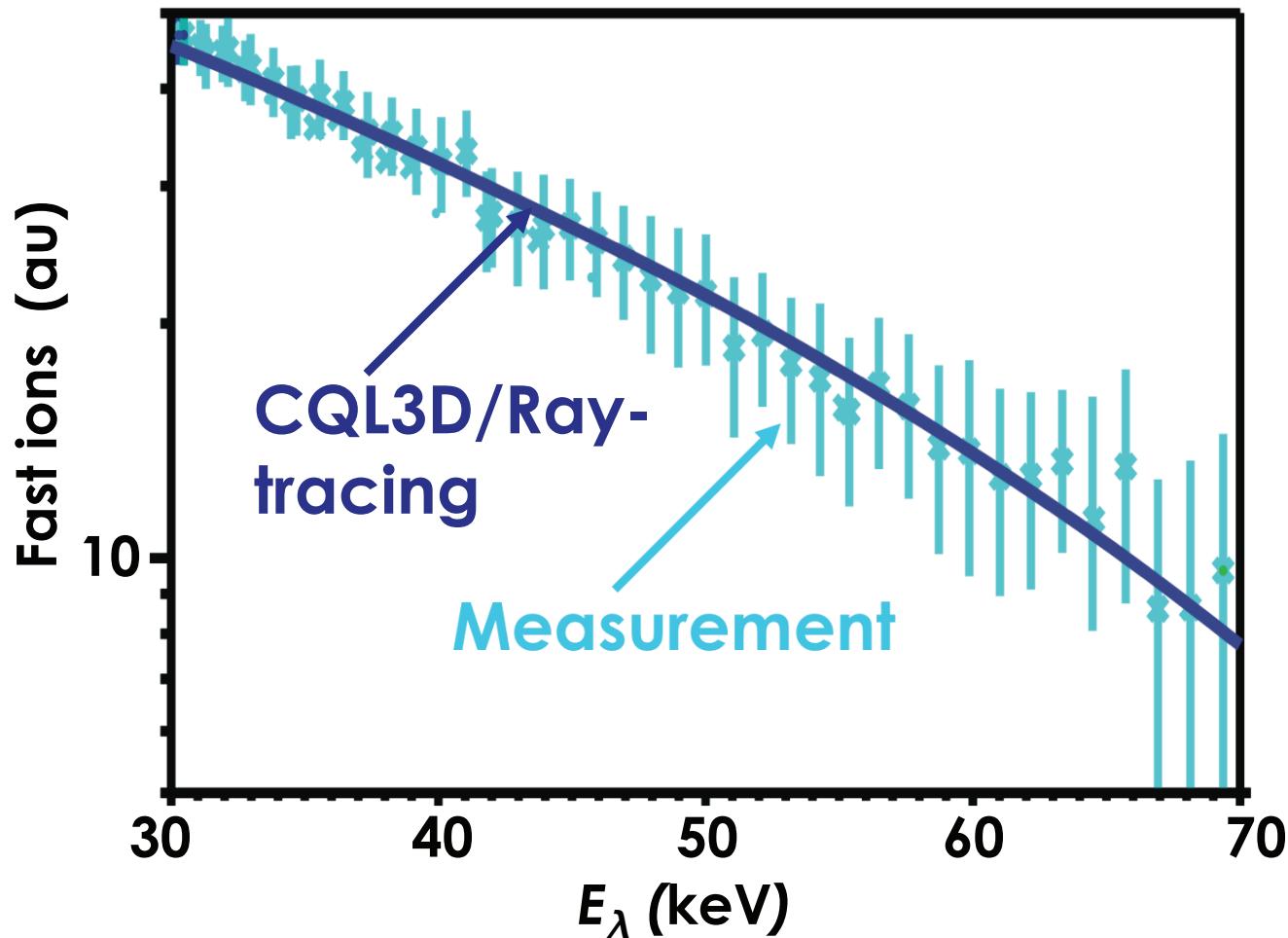
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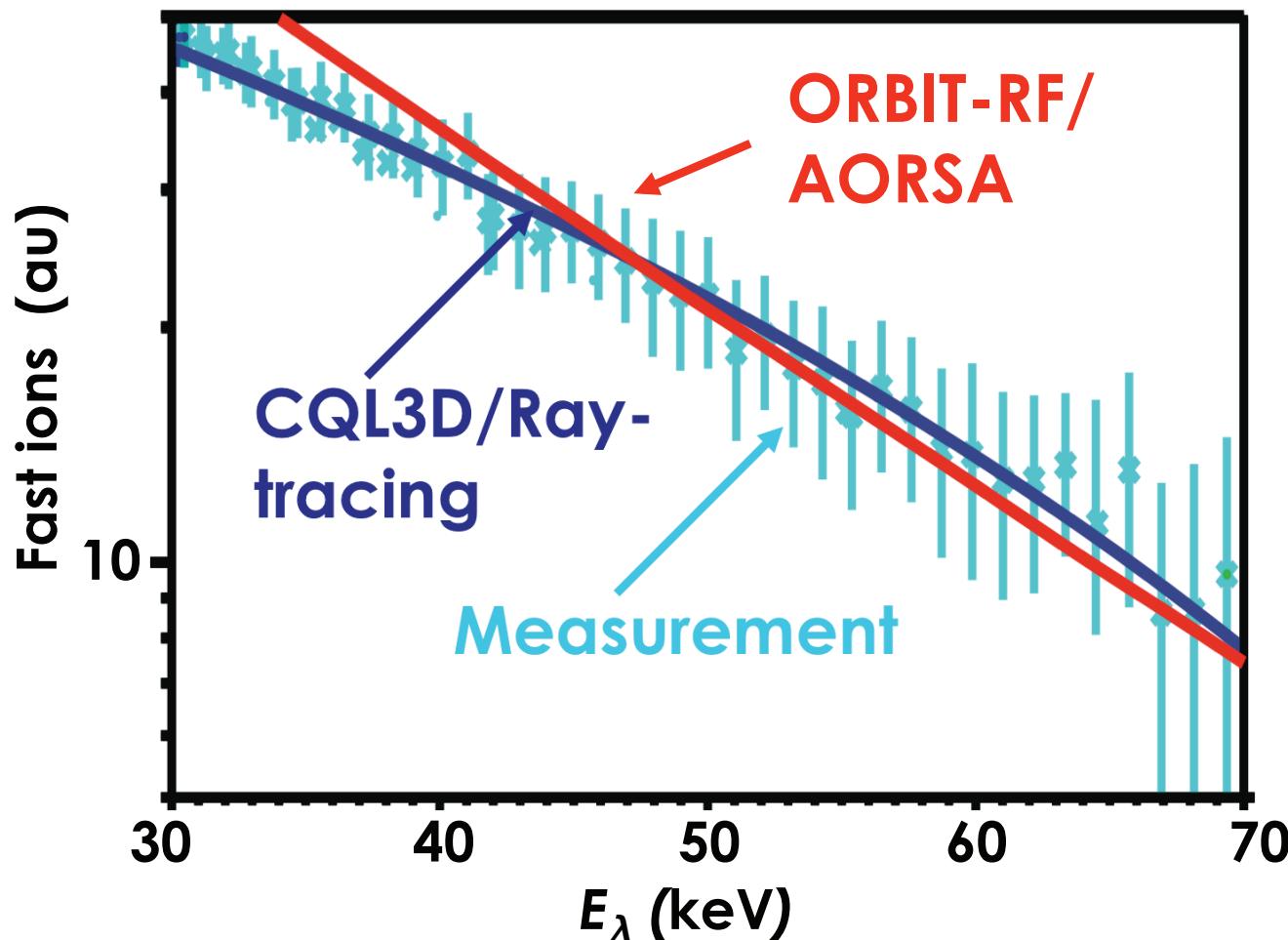
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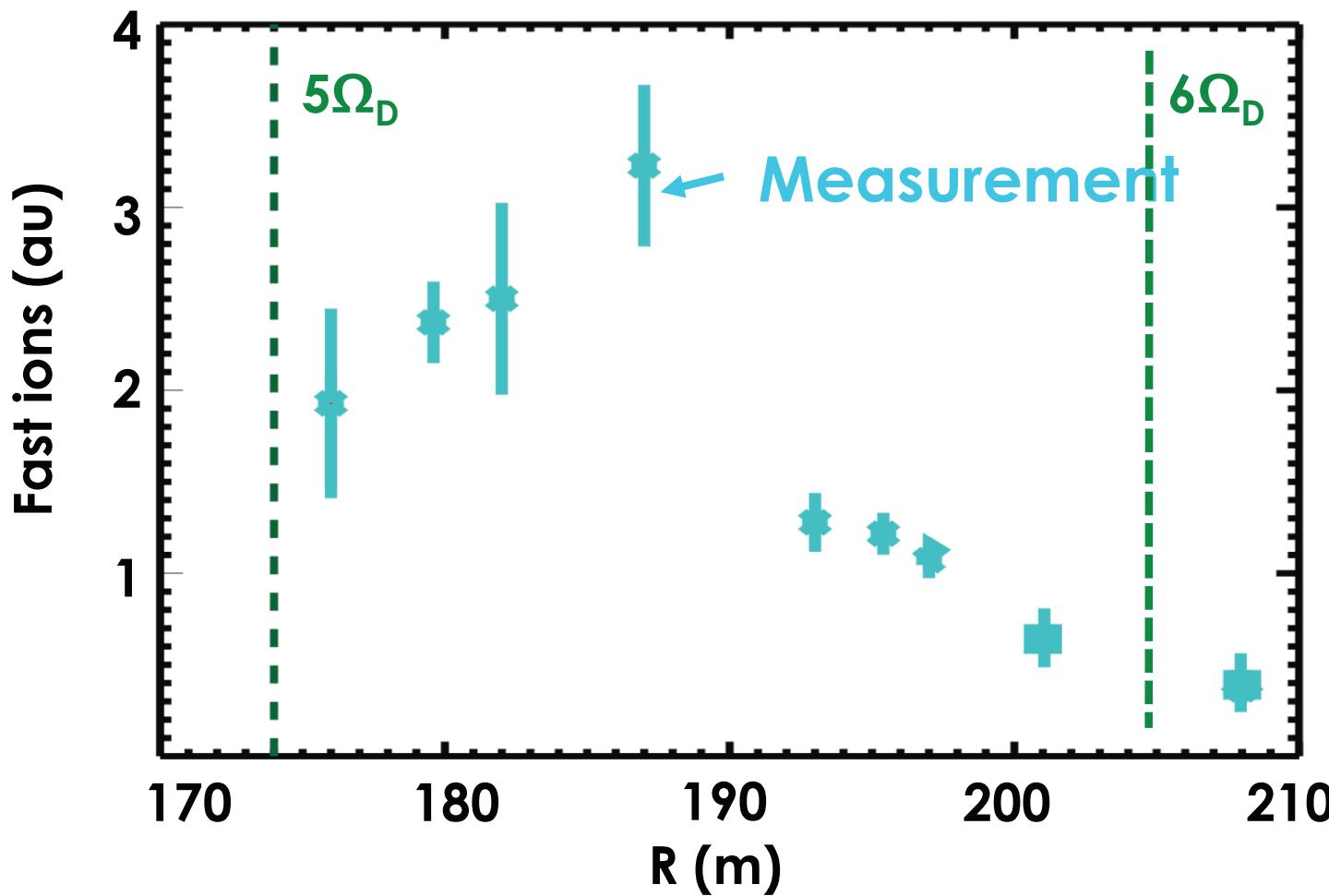
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$\langle \sigma v \rangle$  reaction rate for beam-plasma

ORBIT-RF ~2.1  
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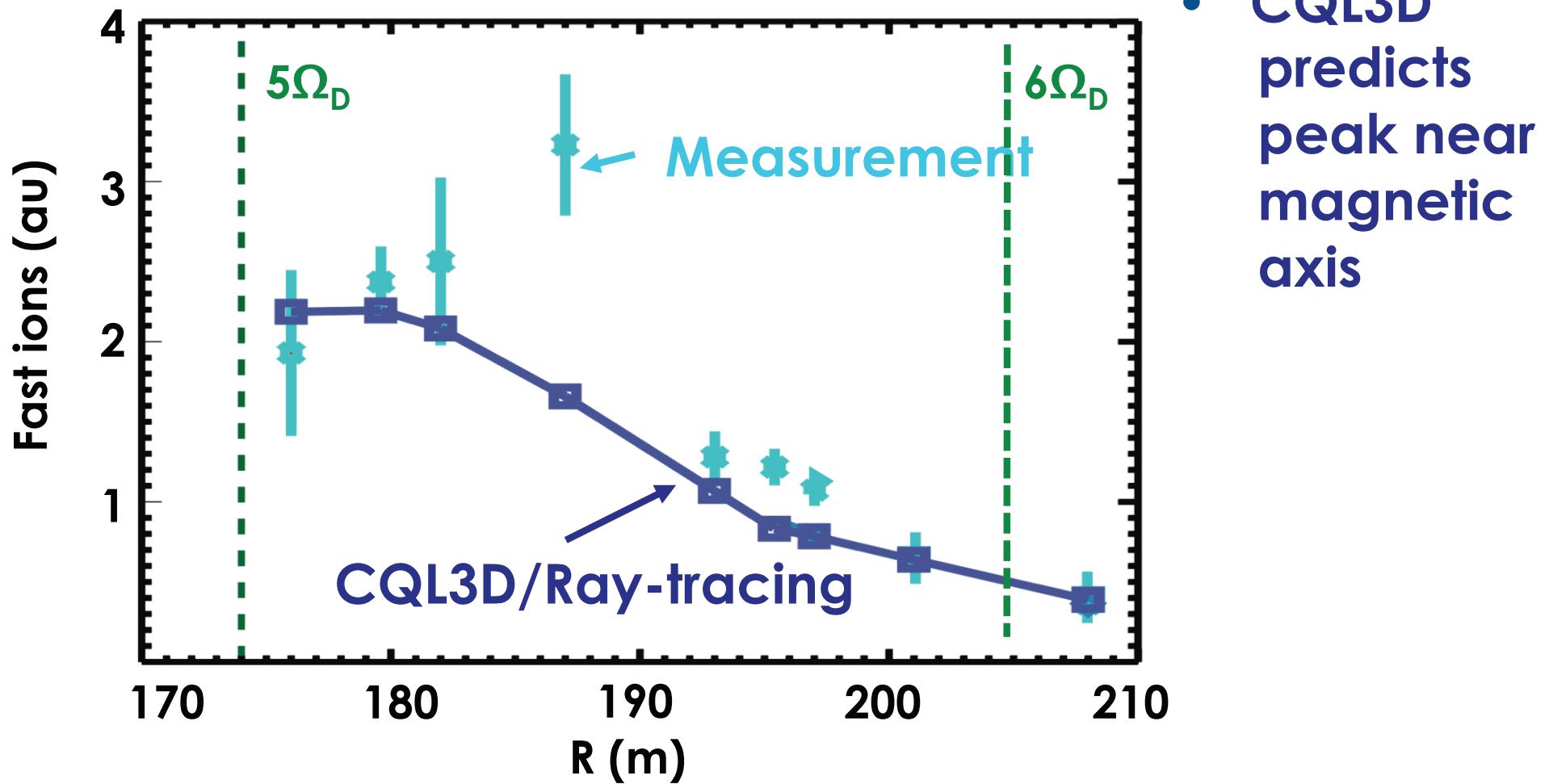
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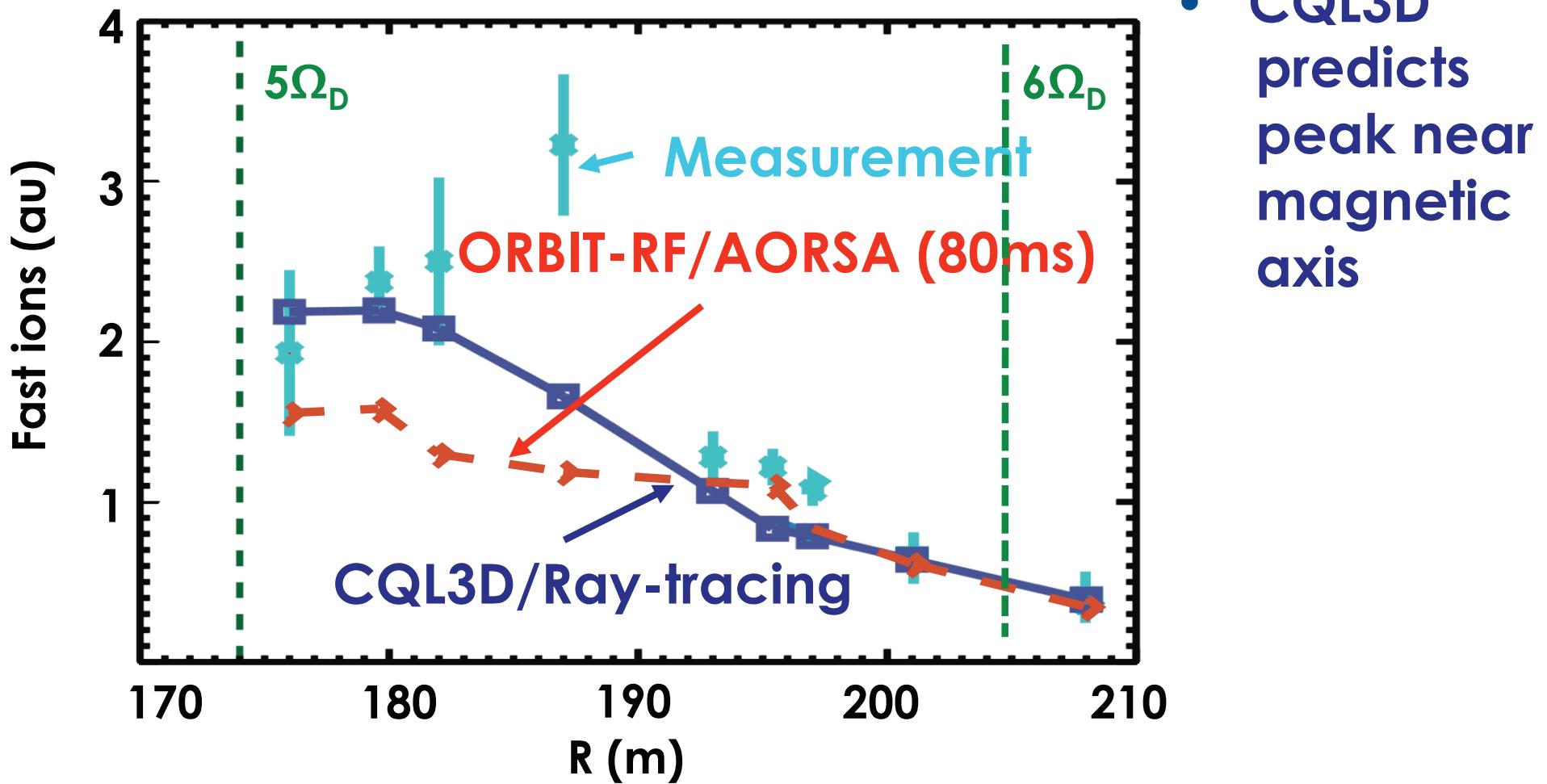
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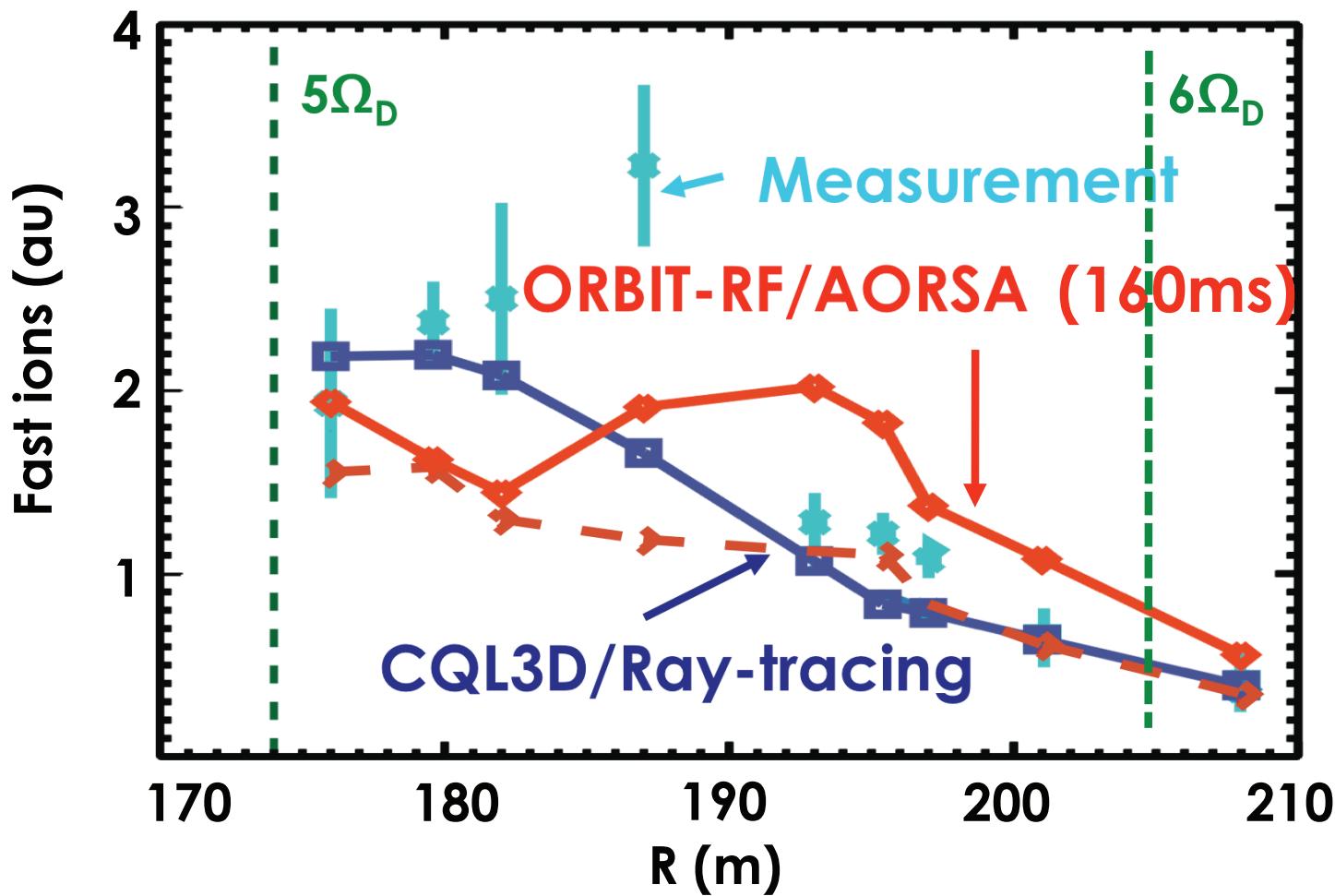
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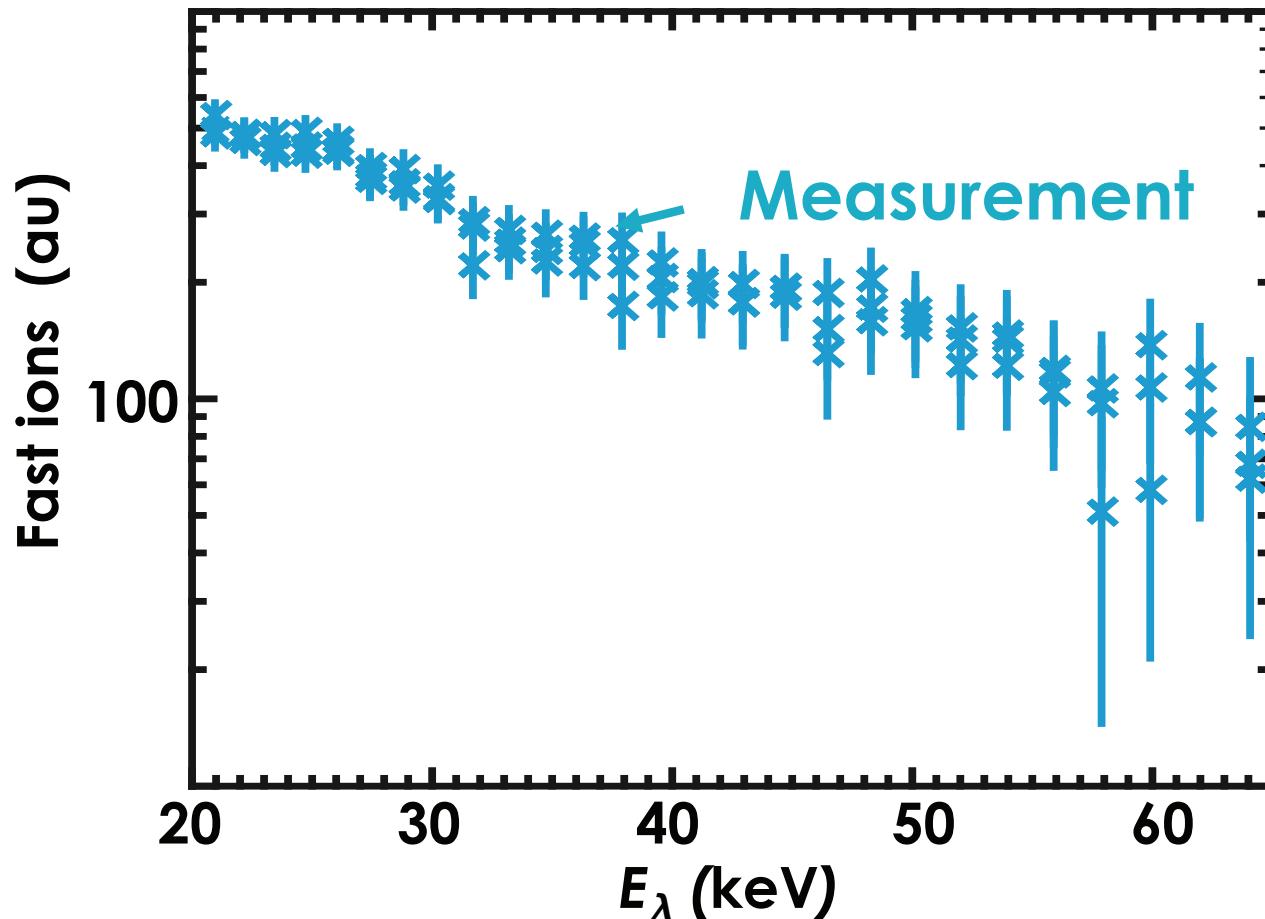
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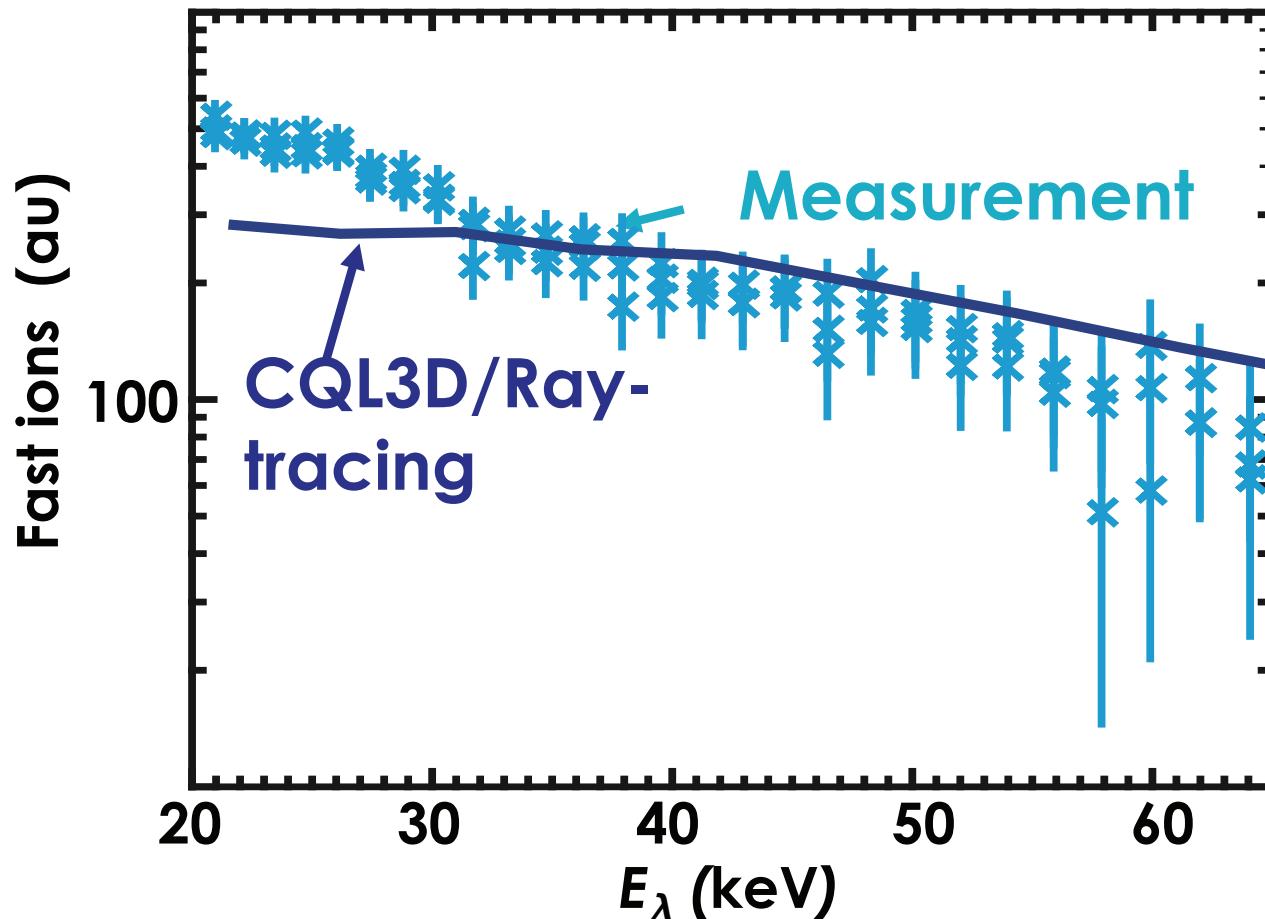
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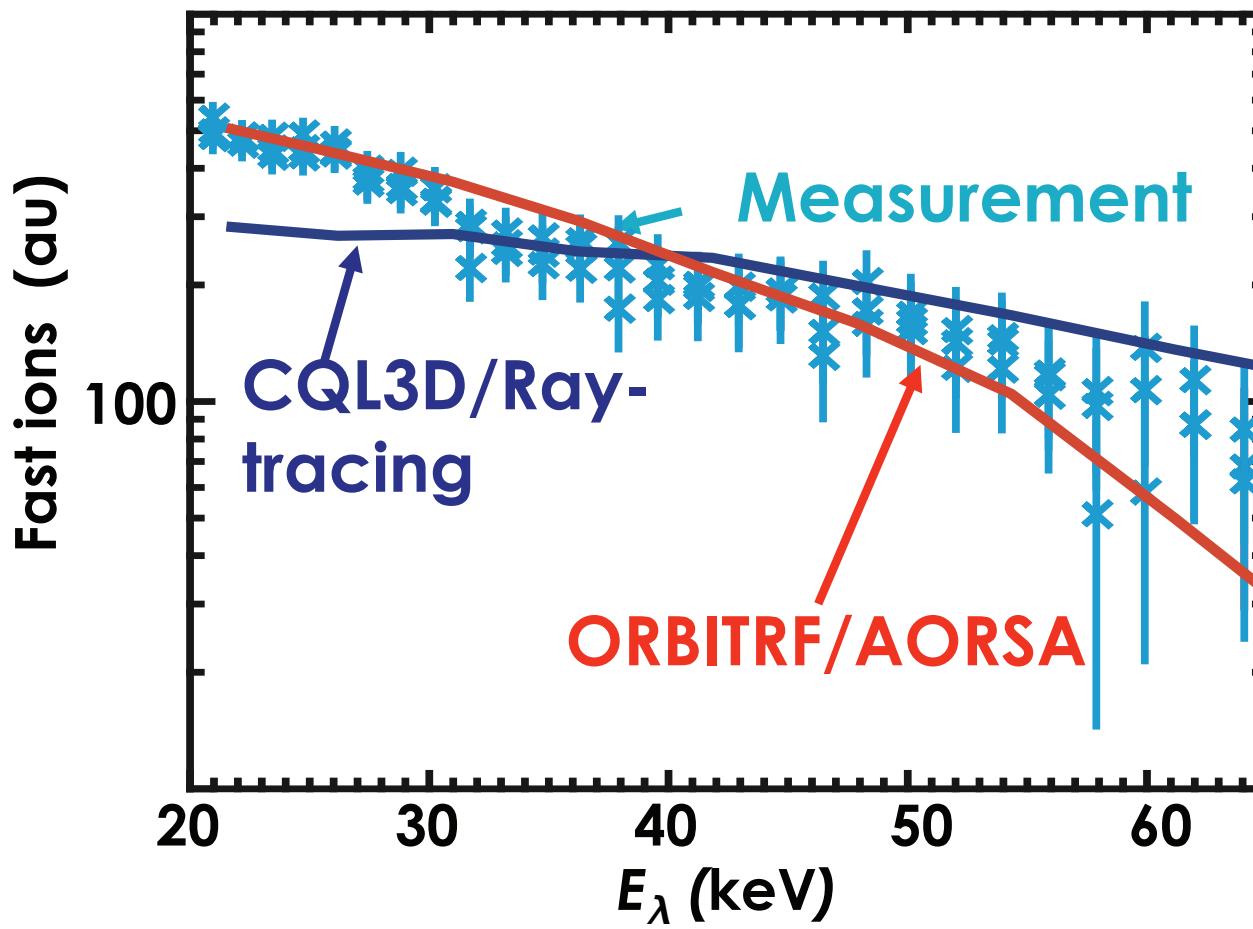
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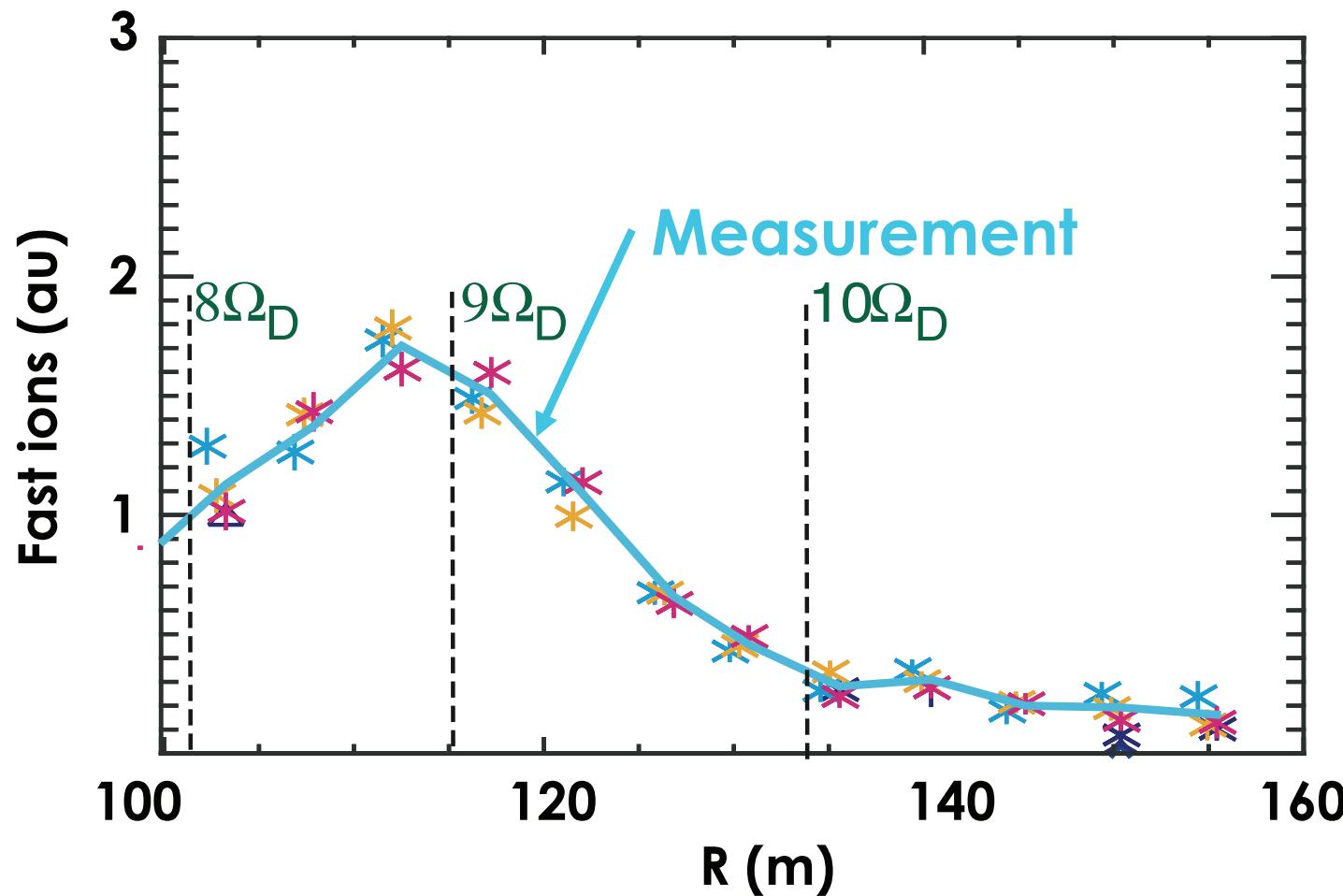


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iteration
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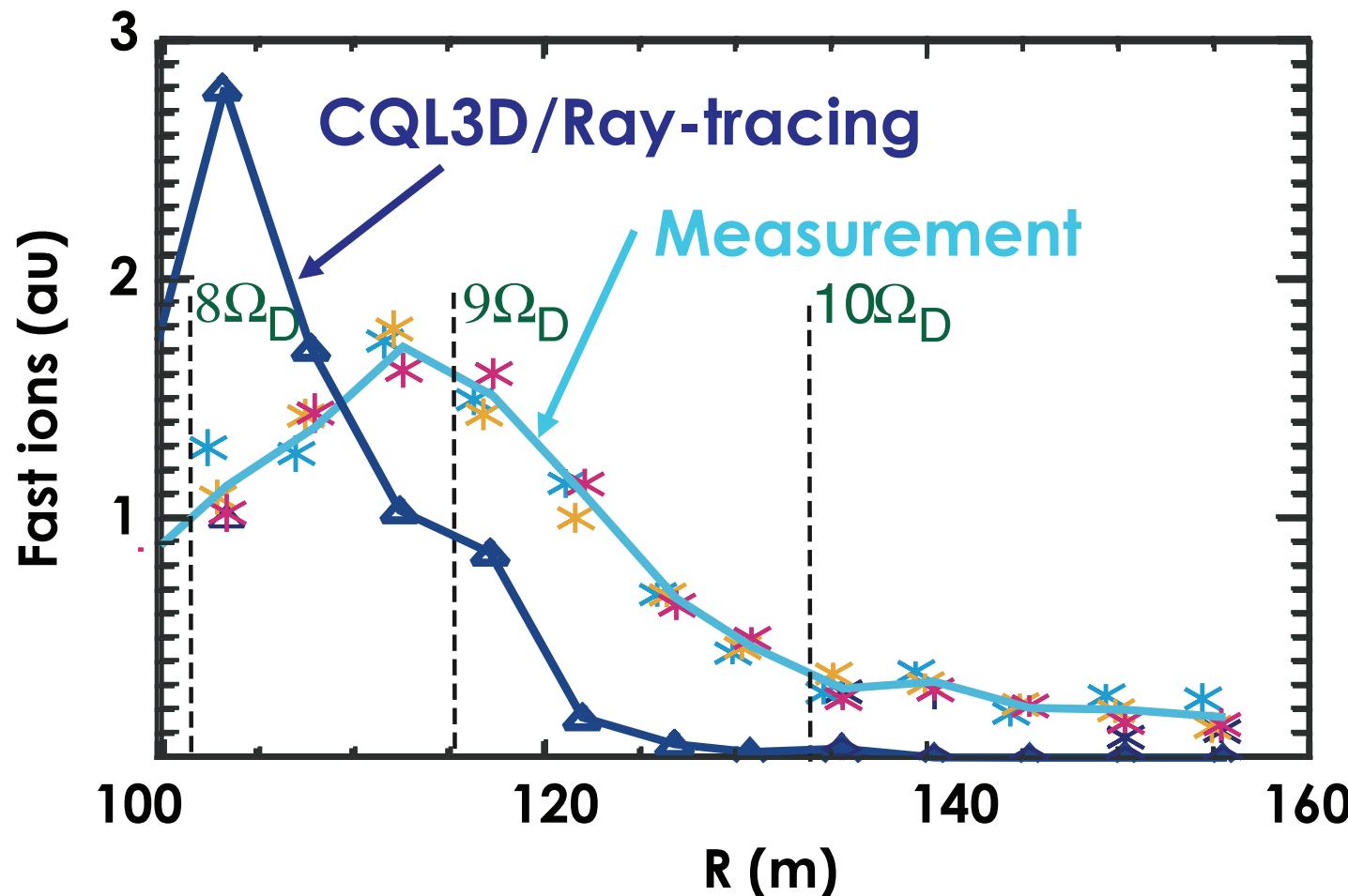
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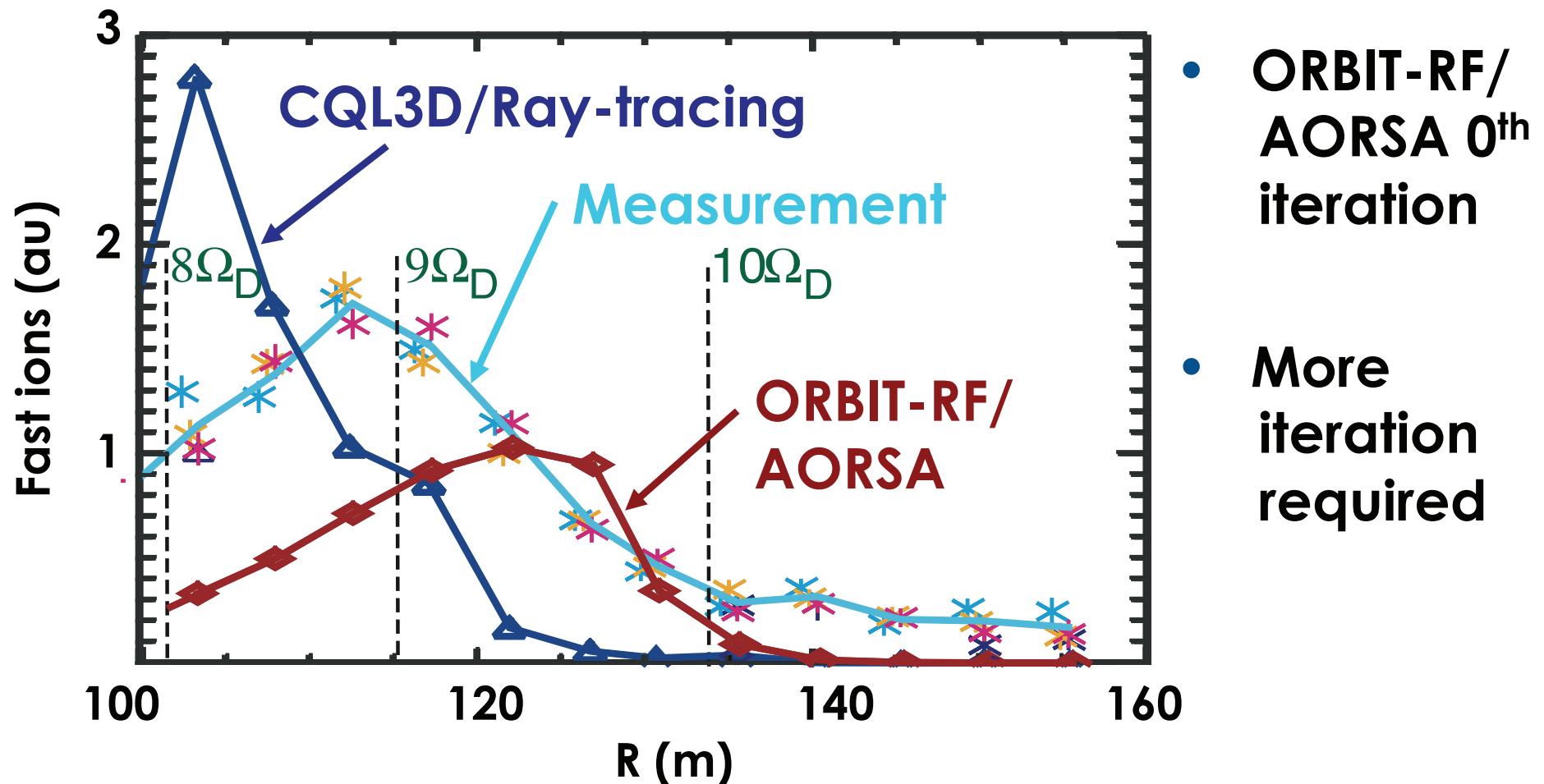
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- ORBIT-RF/AORSA 0<sup>th</sup> iteration
- More iteration required

# Summary and Future Direction

- **Non-zero drift orbit effect and iteration between fast-ion distribution and wave field are important**
- **ORBIT-RF/AORSA qualitatively reproduces fast ion measurements**
  - neutron enhancement compatible with neutron detector
  - Spectra consistent with FIDA
  - Outward radial shifts with FIDA
- **Near future plan**
  - Sensitivity and convergence study
  - Comparison of CQL3D with finite orbit correction
  - Further development of synthetic diagnostics to facilitate theory-experiment comparison