Plasma diagnostics

(Focus on magnetic confinement fusion)

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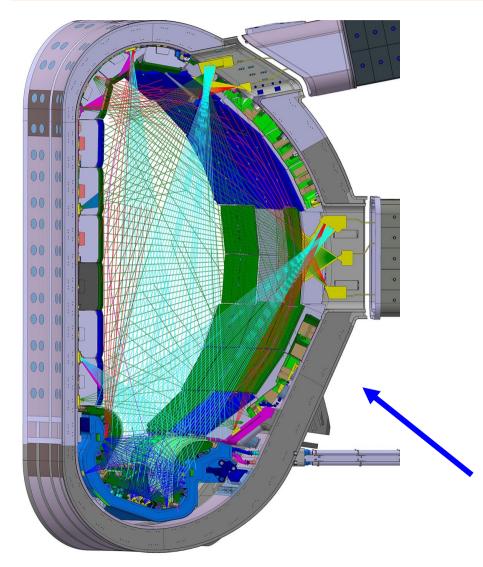




- Concepts, measurement principles and ranges of diagnostics in fusion research ⇒ diagnostics in Magnetic Confinement Fusion (MCF)
- Common MCF diagnostic systems ⇒ primary focus on JET
 - Not exclusive! Smaller devices have often better diagnostic systems than JET because of lower neutron yields, no tritium
- Diagnostic challenges for ITER (selected examples)
- Set of 20 lectures on diagnostics used in Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF) exist, outside scope of one lecture



A diagnostic is an instrument / system of instruments to measure or infer plasma and many other parameters



- Plasma position and wall heat loads
- Plasma temperatures and densities
- Magnetic and plasma-kinetic energy
- Neutron yields and γ radiation
- Impurity content
- Plasma radiation: bolometer

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The primary purpose of diagnostics are machine protection and plasma control

- Basic control ⇒ advanced control
 - Plasma position and wall heat load ⇒ heating systems for safety factor profile/MHD
 - ITER has four levels of measurements: machine protection (1.a1), basic control (1.a2), advanced control (1.b), evaluation and physics studies (2)
- Performance evaluation and physics:
 - Fusion products and neutron production
 - Plasma stability and MHD
 - Energy and particle confinement times
 - Development of auxiliary heating methods





Diagnostics may be classified into four basic groups

Category	Parameter	Method
Magnetics	Plasma current Loop voltage (Ohmic power, T _e) Diamagnetic energy Plasma position/equilibrium	Rogowski coil Voltage loops Diamagnetic loop Poloidal field coils
Passive radiation	Total radiation and surface heating power, electron temperature and densities, Bremsstrahlung, line radiation (including impurities → impurity influxes)	Bolometry, thermography electron cyclotron emission, VUV and visible spectroscopy, soft x-rays
Active radiation	Electron density and temperature, current profile, ion temperature	Thomson scattering interferometry, reflectometry, polarimetry, charge exchange, Li or He beams, heavy ion probe
Particle diagnostics	Plasma particle fluxes, neutron and γ yields	Langmuir probes, fission chambers, neutron cameras, neutron spectrometers

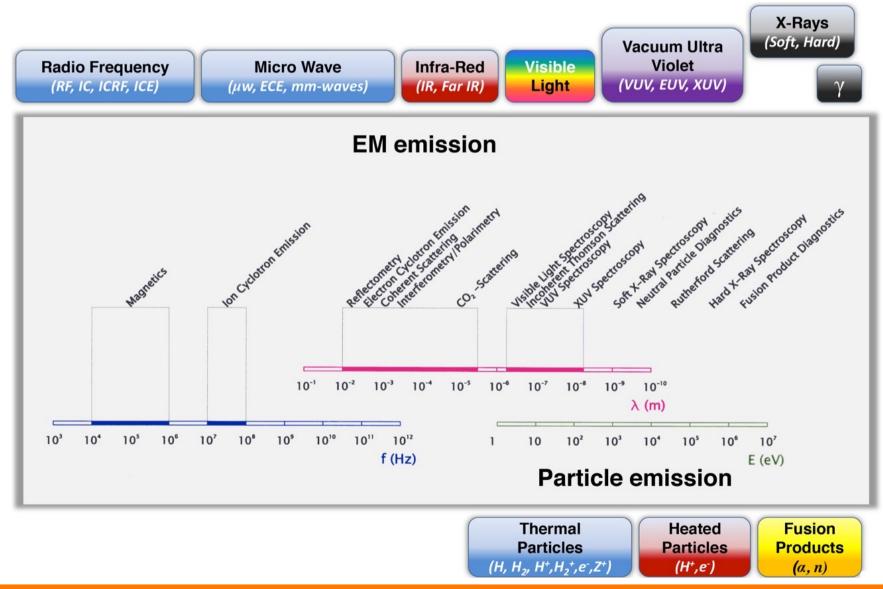


Matching of physics principles with plasma parameters

	f_e	f_i	n _e	n _i	n_Z	T_e	T_i	p	E	В
Magnetics						×		×		×
Particle flux	×	×	×	×		×	×		×	
Refractive index			×							×
Cyclotron emission	×					×				
Bremsstrahlung			×		×	×				
Line radiation					×		×		×	×
Scattering	×		×			×		×		
Charge exchange		×			×		×			
Nuclear reaction		(×)		×			×			

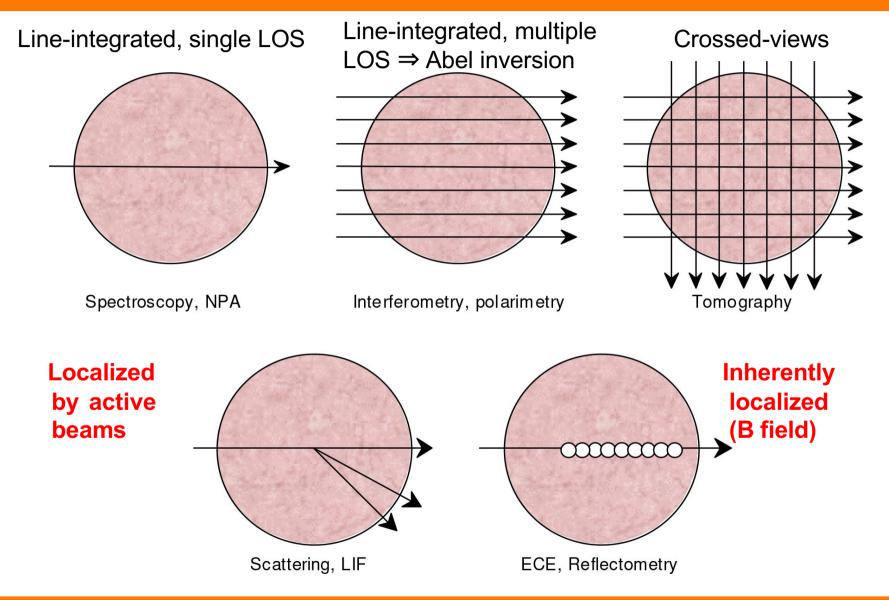


Diagnostics in fusion research cover the entire electromagnetic emission spectrum



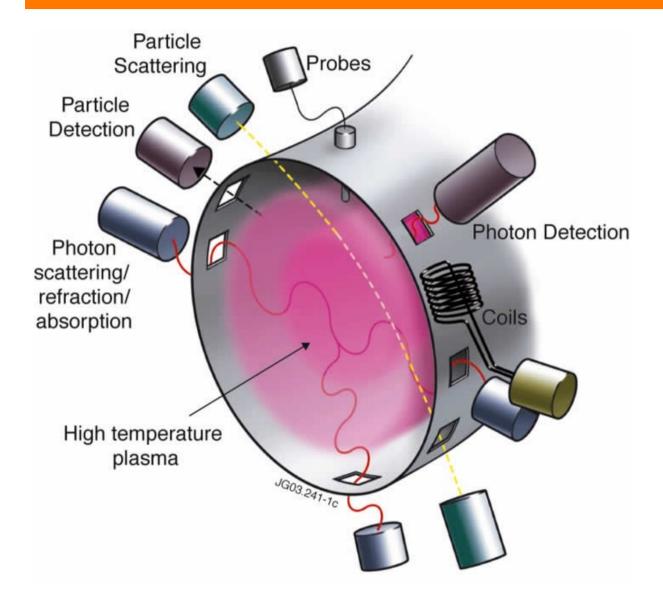


Alignment, spatial and temporal resolution, and channel redundancy are key issues when developing diagnostics





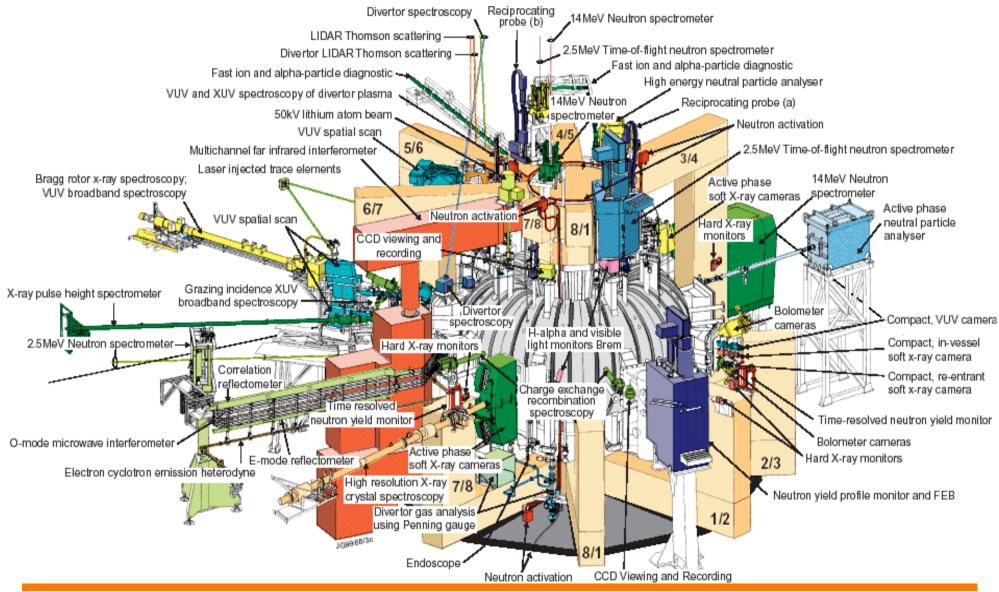
Diagnostics are externally installed on tokamaks, with access to the plasma via ports



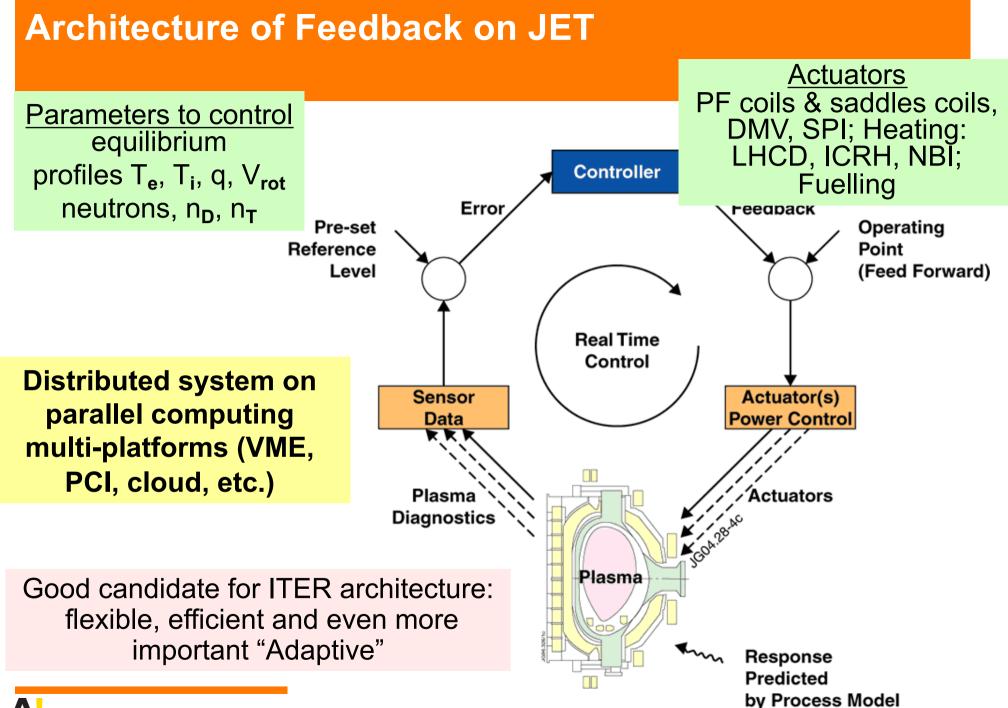
- Passive and active diagnostics
- ⇒ Active-beam diagnostics require ports for beam and detector lines-of-sight
- Intrusive diagnostics (e.g., reciprocating Langmuir probe)



Over 100 diagnostics are installed (and operated) on JET; similar or even higher number on other tokamaks







Mathias Groth - Fusion Technology PHYS-E0463 "Plasma Diagnostics", Aalto University



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Magnetic measurements

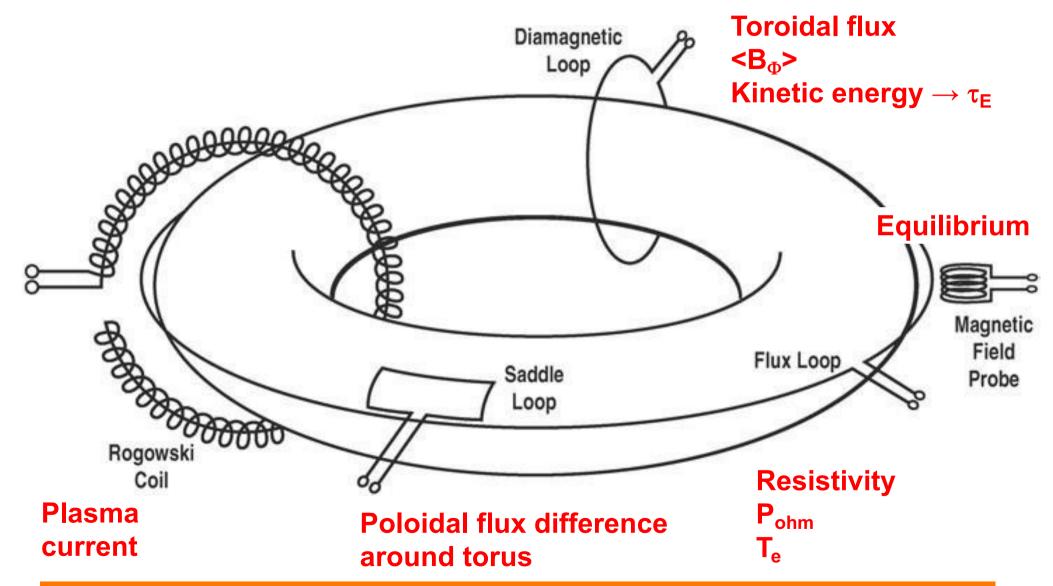


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Magnetic coils installed at the wall are used to determine the equilibrium and plasma stored energy





Magnetic pick-up coils are installed behind the plasma-facing tiles protecting the coils







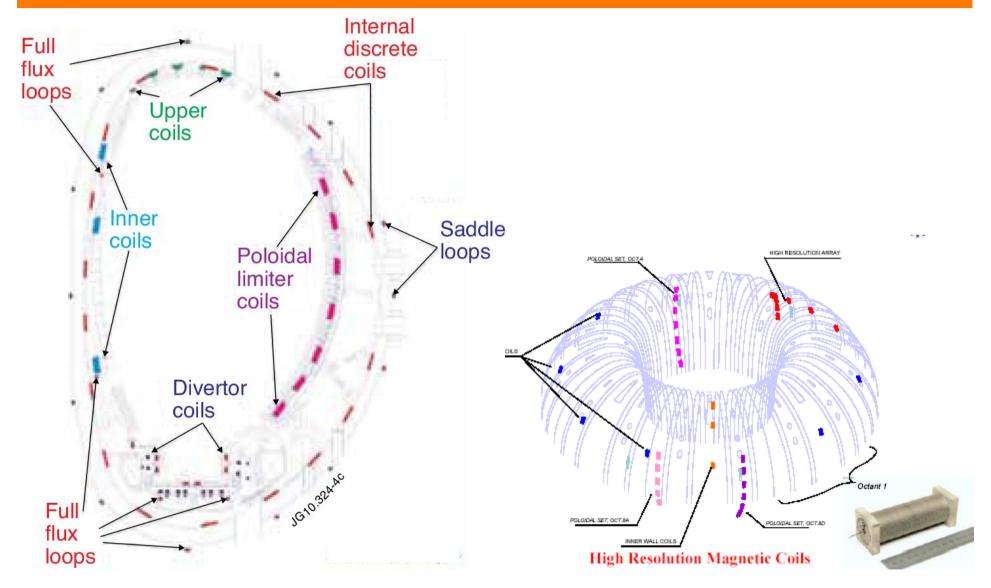


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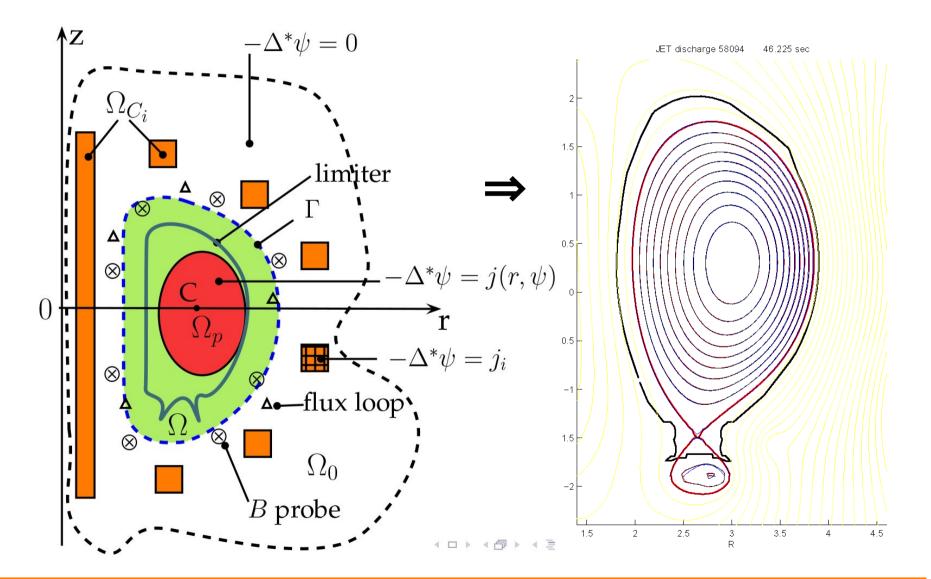


There are several sets of magnetic coils installed around JET poloidally and toroidally





Using the magnetic probe data, a 2-D magnetic equilibrium is reconstructed





Passive radiation measurements



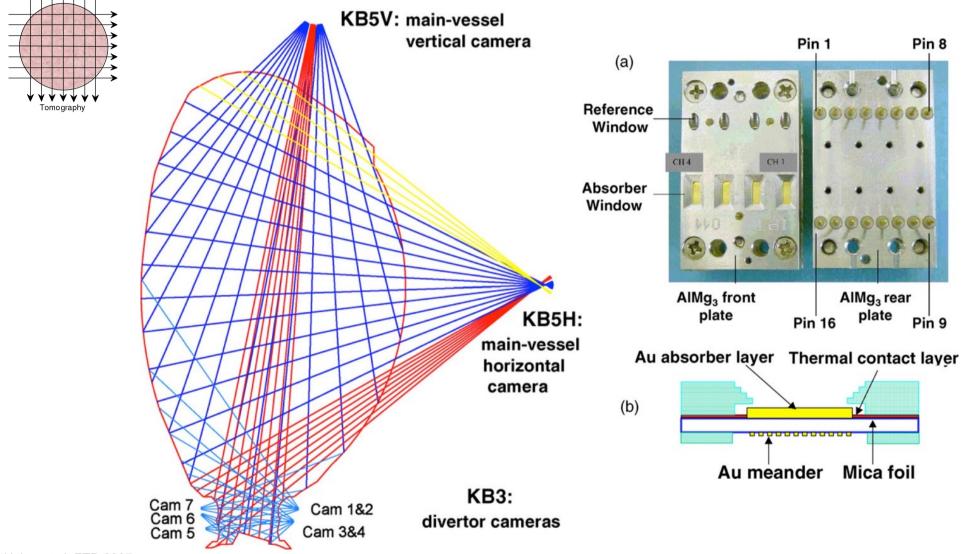
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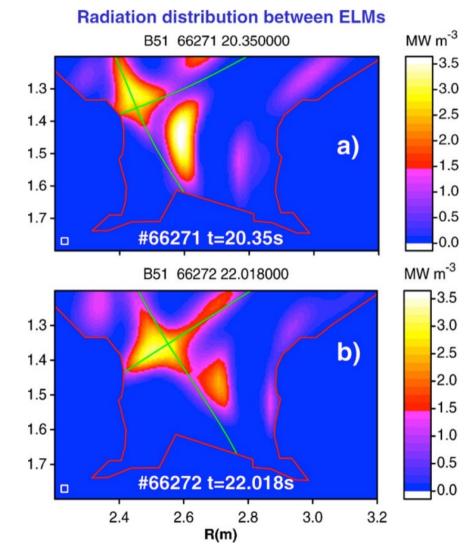
The total radiated power from the plasma is measured by foil (or semiconductor) bolometers



Huber et al. FED 2007



2-D radiation profiles can be derived from multichord system using tomographic reconstruction

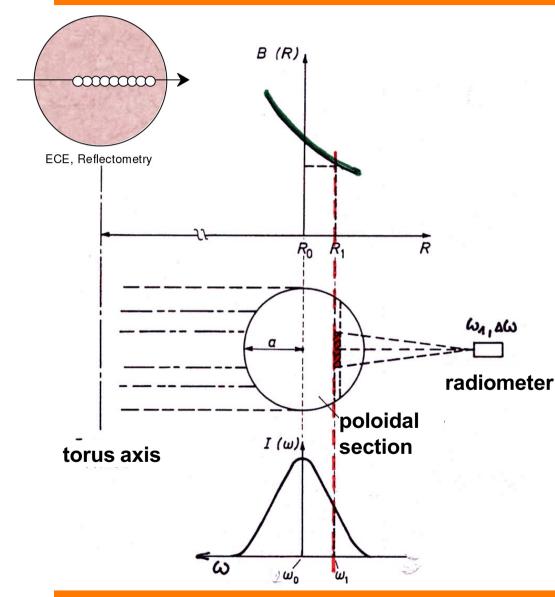


- Zero-dimensional total power balance (P_{rad})
- Radiation distribution
 - Dominant radiation occurs outside the core plasma
 - Bremsstrahlung and heavy-ion (e.g., W) line emission
- Radiation distribution tracks magnetic configuration

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The local electron temperature is determined from electron cyclotron emission (free electrons)

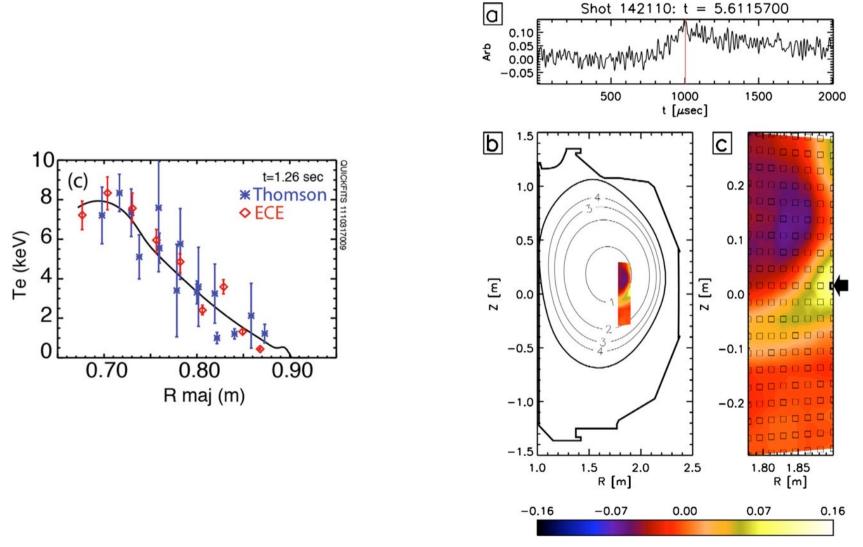


- In tokamaks, $B(R) \propto 1/R$
- ⇒ Electron cyclotron frequency: $\omega_e = \frac{n \ e \ B}{m_e}$
- \Rightarrow 2nd harmonic (n=2): ~ 110 GHz
- ω localized to flux surface

$$I(\omega) = \frac{\omega^2}{8\pi^3 c^2} T_e(1-e^{-\tau})$$

for optical thickness τ assuming blackbody radiation

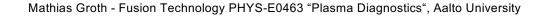
1-D radial and even 2-D distributions of the electron temperatures can be measured with ECE



White et al. NF 2012

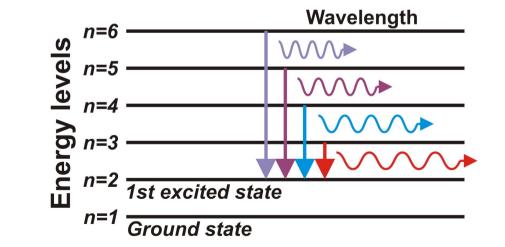
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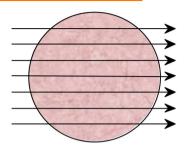


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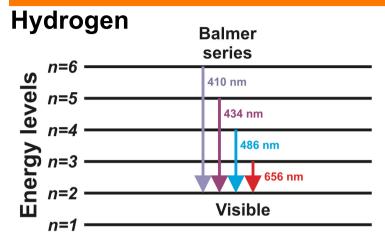
- Bremsstrahlung (radiation from free (unbound) electrons in the field of ions)
 - Electron temperature from intensity distribution: $I = I(\lambda)$
 - Effective charge state of the plasma (Z_{eff})
- Line radiation from bound electrons at distinct wavelength specific to atom or ion
 - Identification of elements in the plasma
 - Impurity influx from walls
 - Total impurity concentration

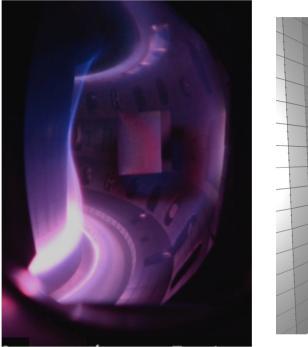


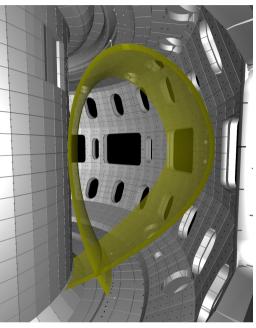




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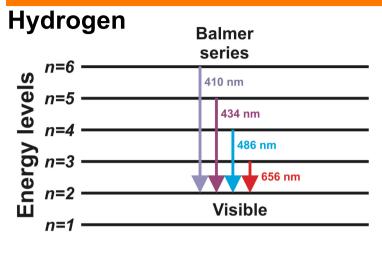


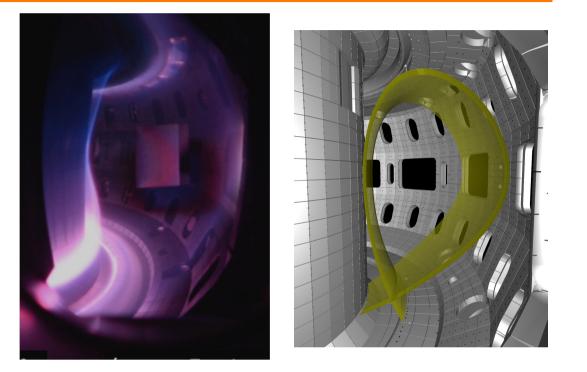


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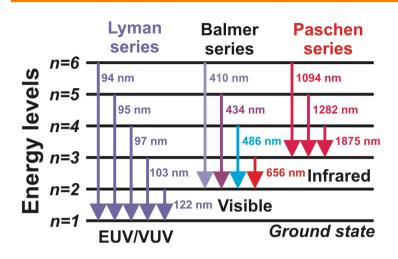


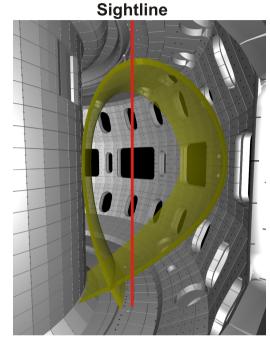


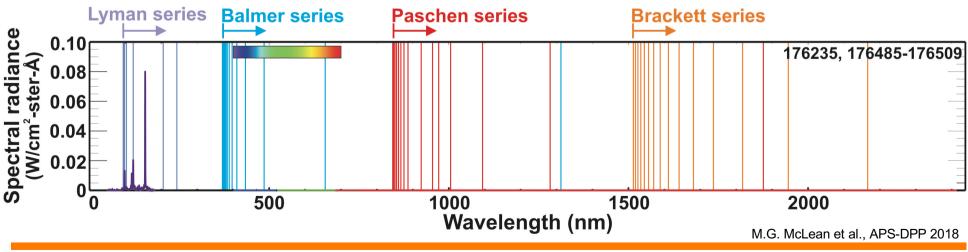
- Visible spectroscopy is relatively straight-forward compared to other wavelength regions/bands
 - Availability of efficient optics, filters, fibers, detectors, calib. sources
- Only visible emission is from the plasma edge
 - Core contains fully stripped ions, optically 'thin'

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Hydrogen

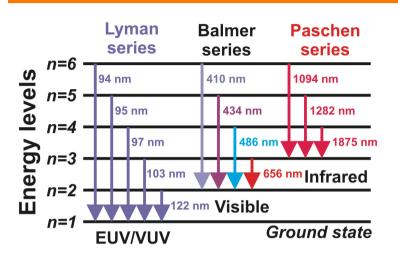


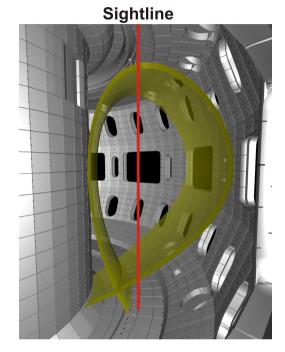




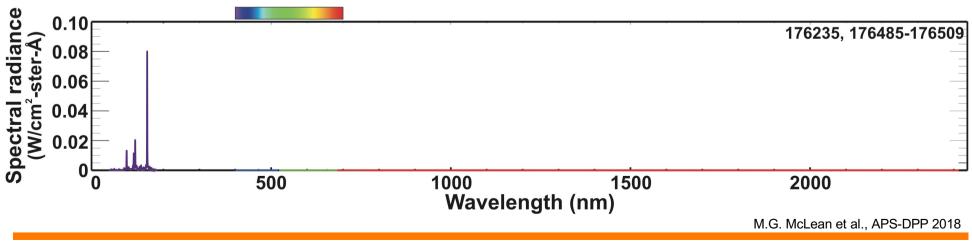


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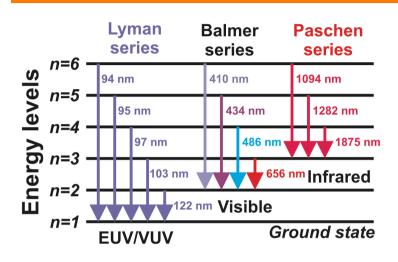


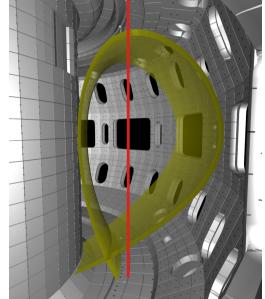
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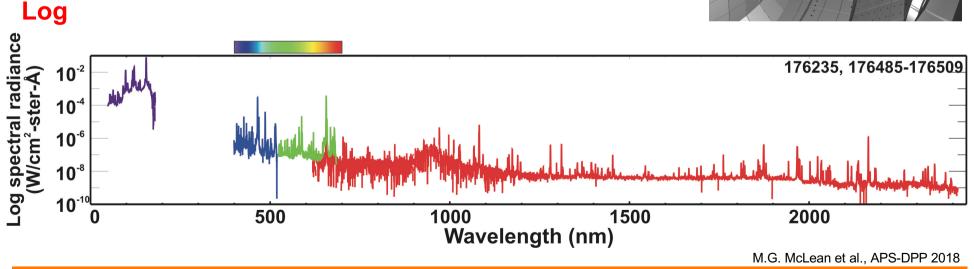


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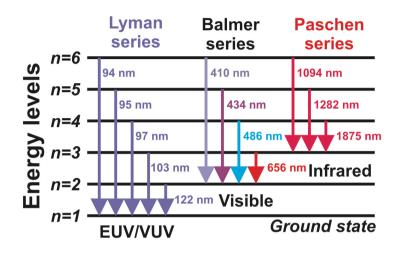


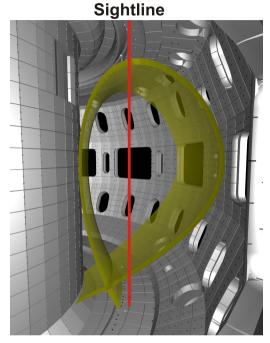


Sightline

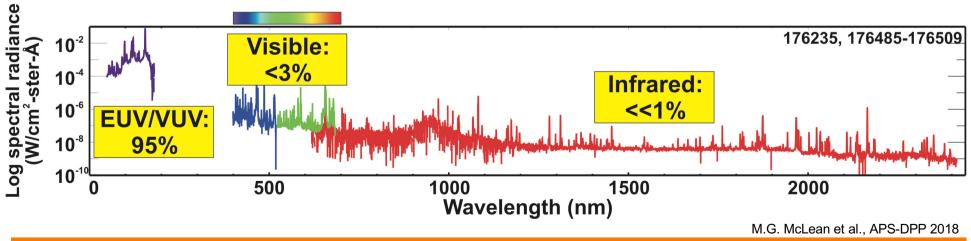








Log





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- Line radiation from bound electrons at distinct wavelength specific to atom or ion
 - Electron and temperature density from line broadening and line ratios
 - Atomic and molecular hydrogenic distribution from atomic line emission and molecular bands ⇒ recycling and fueling
 - Multiple charge state spectroscopy of single elements \Rightarrow ion transport
- Doppler spectroscopy for T_i in the center (x-ray) and flow velocity



Active radiation measurements



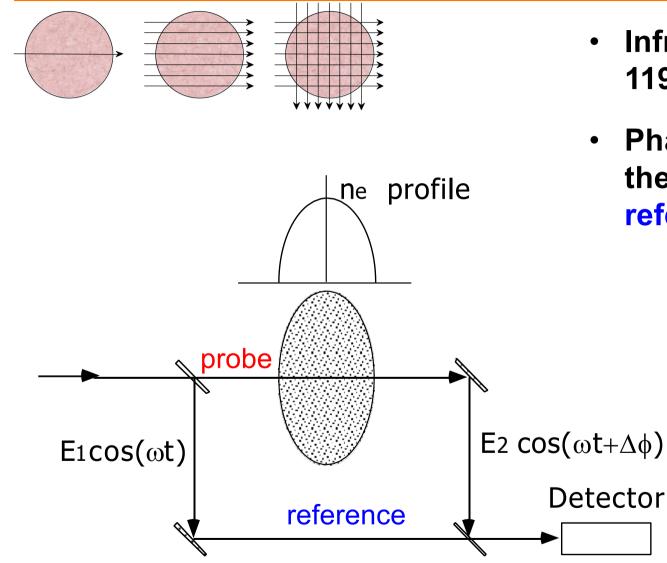
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Active radiation	Electron density and temperature, current profile, ion temperature,	Thomson scattering interferometry, reflectometry, polarimetry, charge exchange, Li or He beams, heavy ion probe
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Interferometry measures the electron density along a laser beam through the plasma

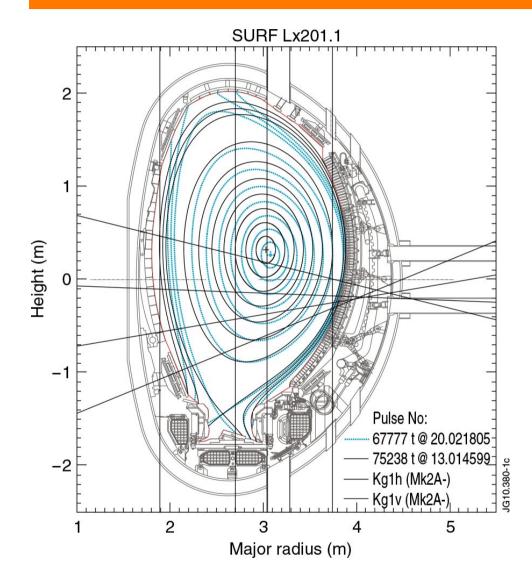


- Infra-red CO₂ laser at 119 μm, 200 mW
- Phase shift between the probe and reference laser beam:

$$\Delta \phi = r_e \lambda \int_L n_e dl$$



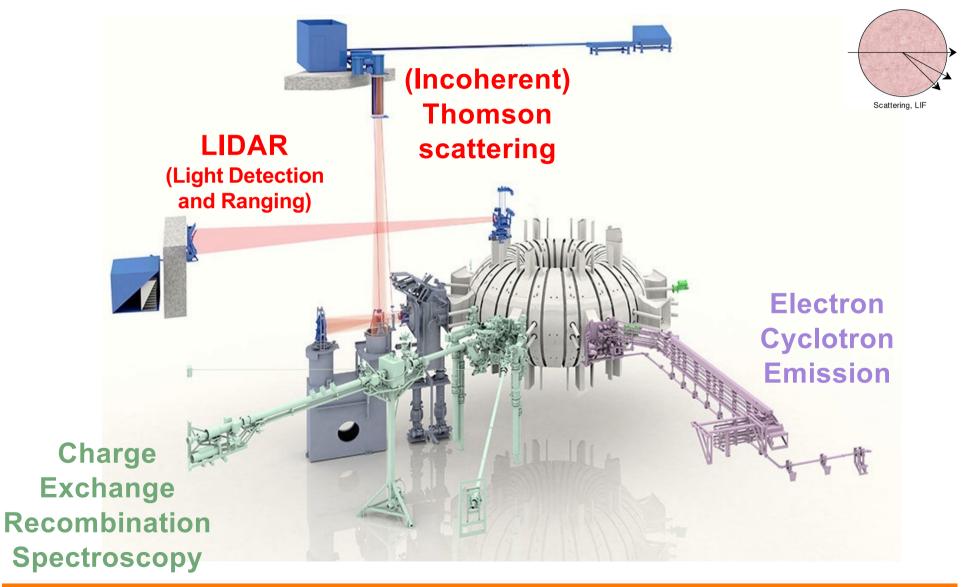
The JET interferometry/polarimetry is a 2x4 channel system viewing vertically and horizontally





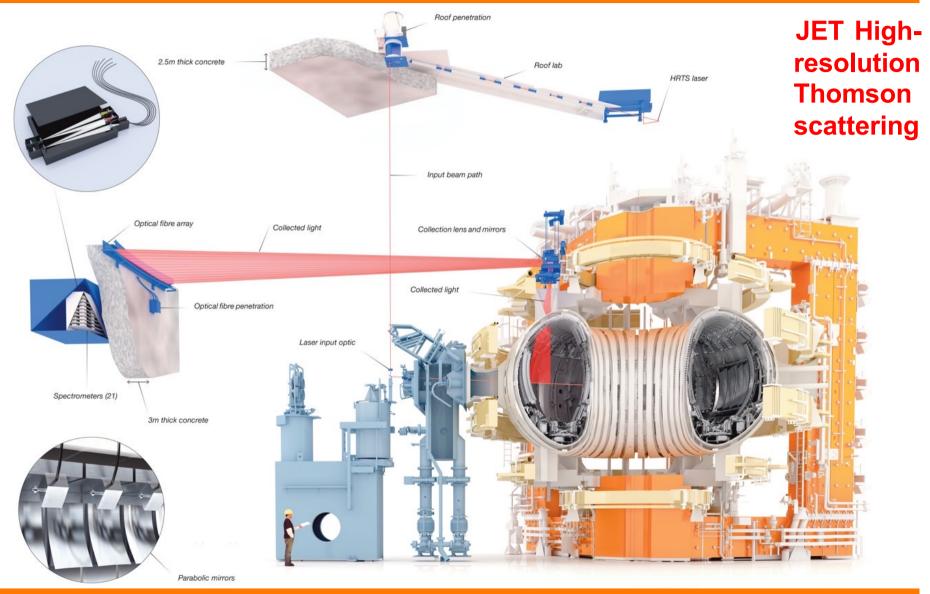


There are several other laser and beam-aided diagnostic systems on JET



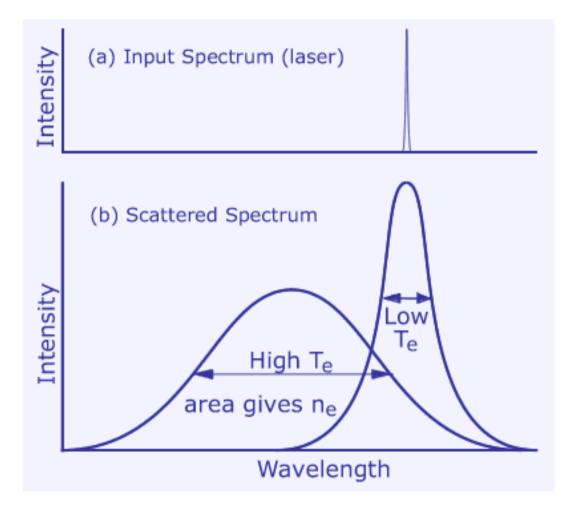


Imaging a laser beam path and spectrally resolving the scattered light yields the electron temperature and density





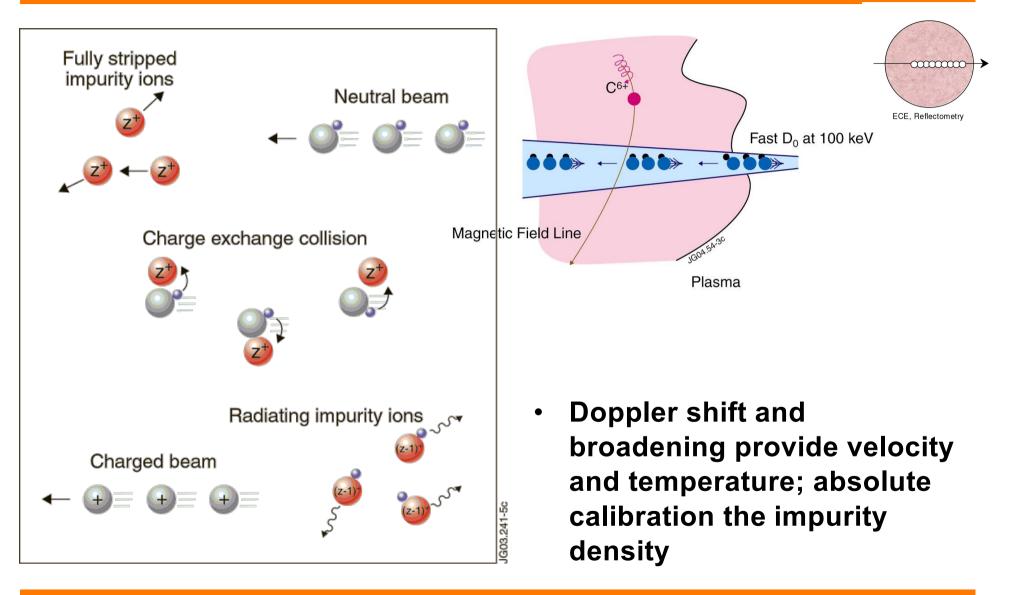
Photon scattering on electrons leads to broadening and wavelength shift wrt. the original laser spectrum



Electrons oscillate in light's electric field ⇒ emit photon of same wavelength



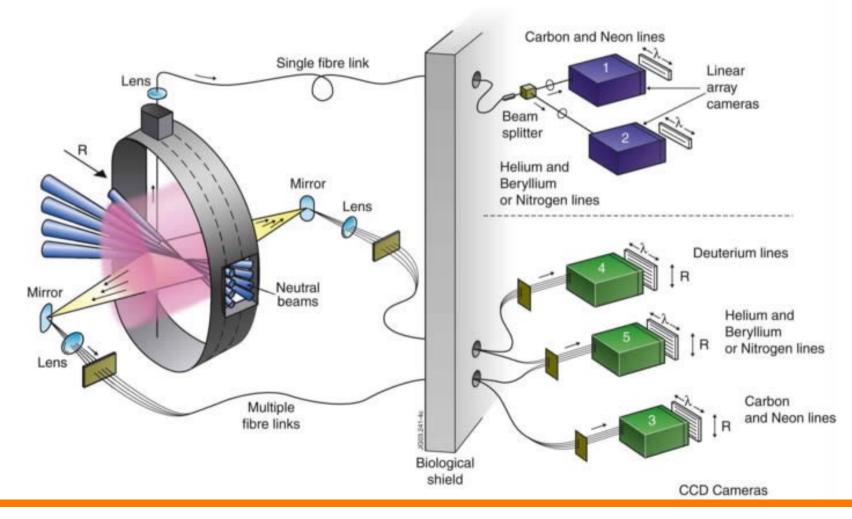
Interaction of a keV-fast neutral beam with plasma impurities leads to charge exchange emission





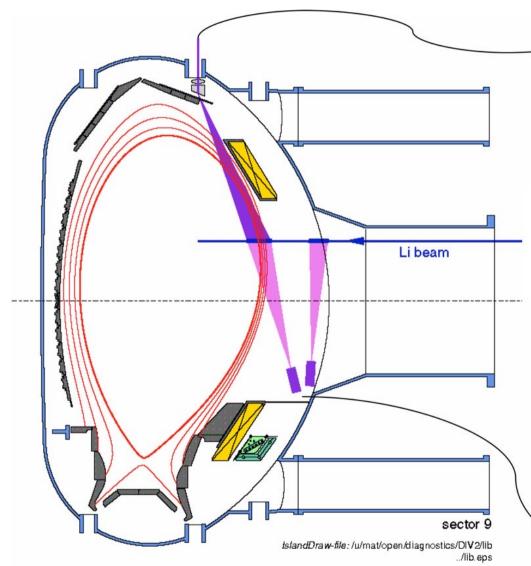
At JET, Charge Exchange Recombination spectroscopy utilizes the two heating beam

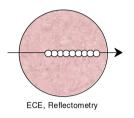
Highly resolved measurements of T_i, v_{tor} and v_{pol}, and n_{imp} covering the entire plasma cross-section





At ASDEX Upgrade, lithium and helium beam emission spectroscopy is used for ne and CXRS measurements





- Horizontal Li beam 30-80 keV, 2-4 mA, 1.2 cm in diameter
- Vertical lines of sight
 - Down view for electron density (6708 Å)
 - Up view for T_i and n_{imp}
 from CX

Wolfrum et al. ADAS WS 2007



Particle measurements



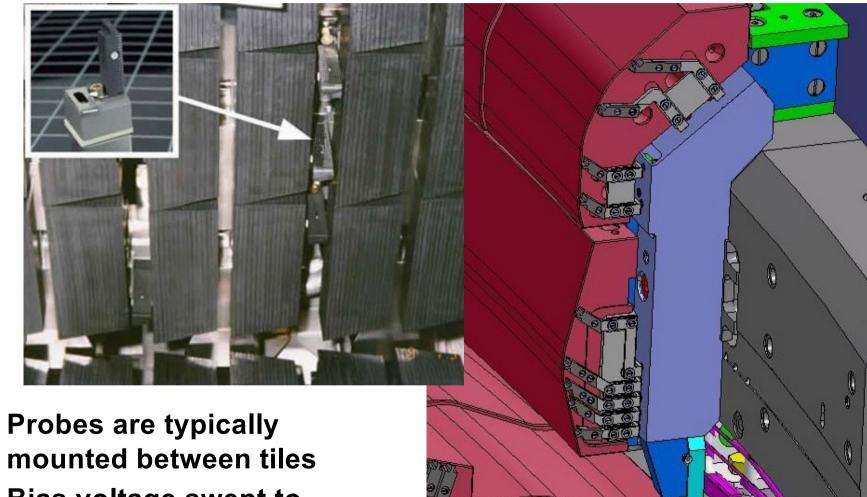
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Particle Plasma particle fluxes, neutron and γ yields diagnostics	Langmuir probes, fission chambers, neutron cameras, neutron spectrometers
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Langmuir probes are the simplest diagnostic to measure particle (ion) fluxes to material surfaces

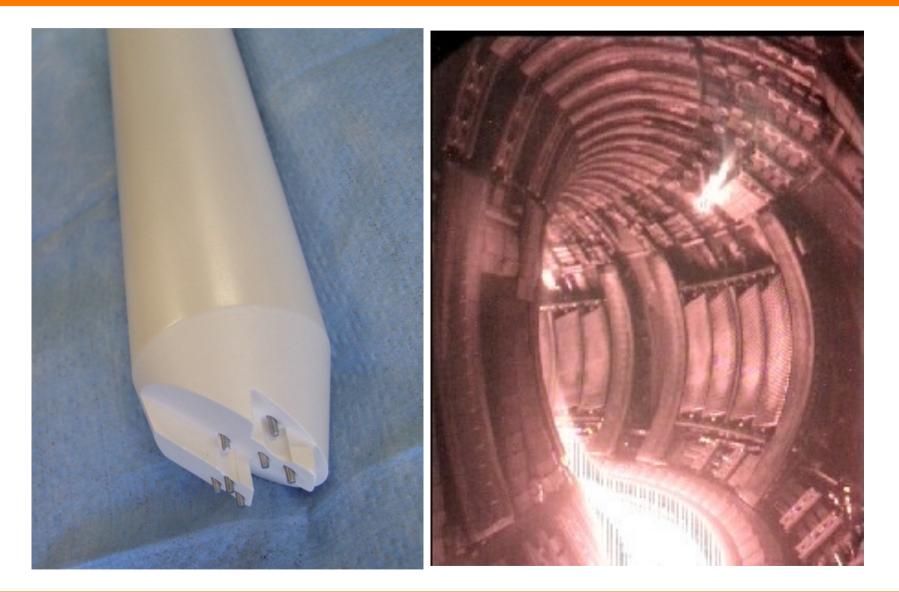


 Bias voltage swept to measure fluxes, T_e, and n_e



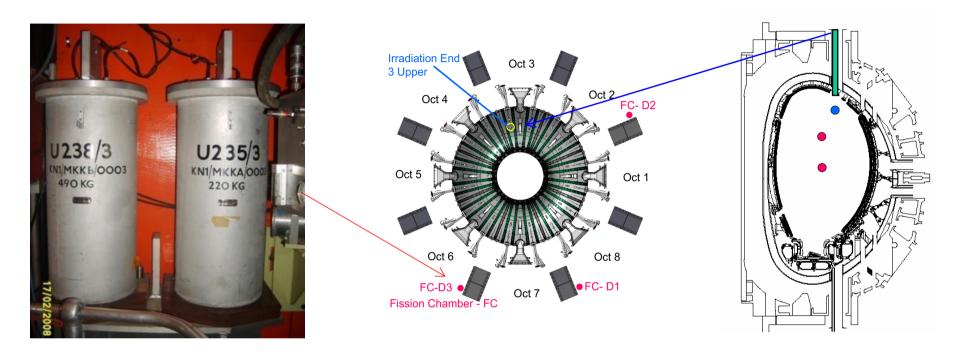
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Reciprocating Langmuir probe system have same design ... and are plunged into plasma





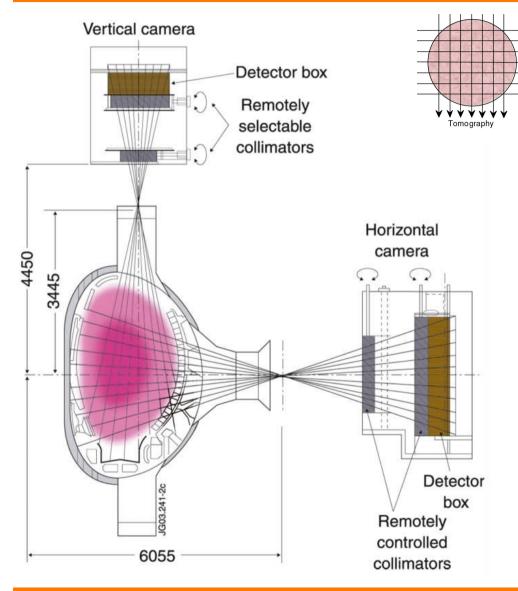
Neutrons are measured via fission chambers utilizing neutron - U²³⁵ and U²³⁸ reactions



- Usable for neutron emissions from 10¹⁰ to 10²⁰ n/s
- Relatively insensitive to the neutron energy
- Absolutely calibrated, uncertainty < 10% ⇒ extensive neutron calibrations in 2013 (2.2 MeV) and 2017 (14 MeV)



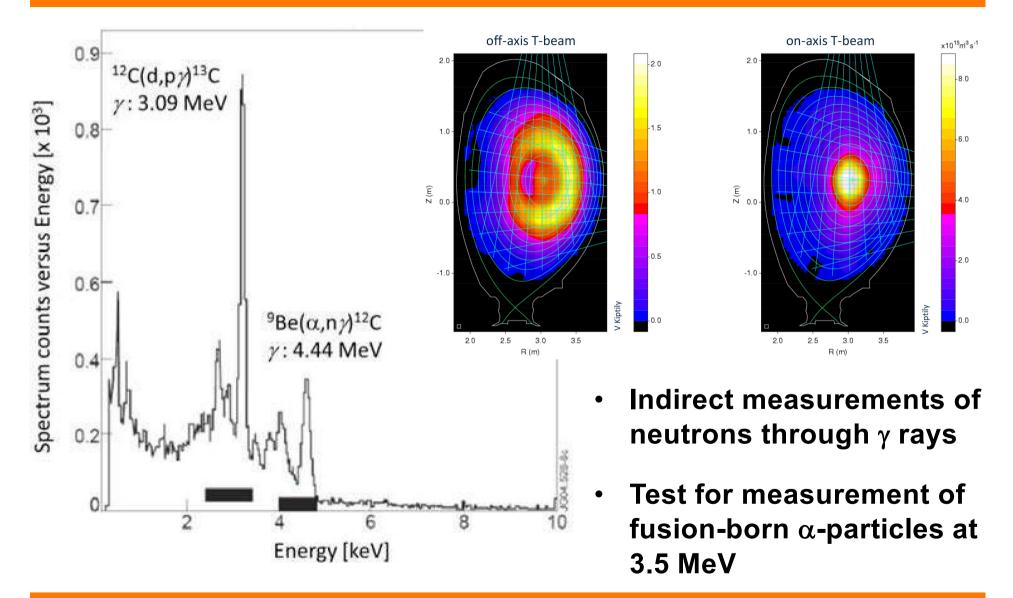
The JET neutron cameras yield 2-D distribution profiles of 2.5 MeV and 14 MeV neutrons



- Crossed views from a vertical (9 channels) and horizontal (10) collimated lines of sight
- Neutron detectors:
 - Liquid scintillators
 NE213 for 2.5 MeV and
 14 MeV
 - Plastic Bicron 418 for 14 MeV
- 19 CsI(TI) solid state photodiodes for γ-rays

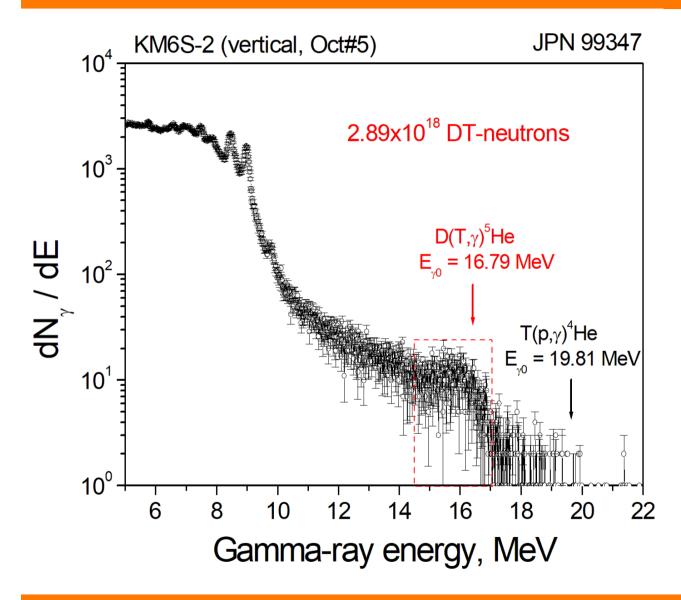


The neutron spectrum is spatially resolved for 3.1 MeV and 4.4 MeV γ -rays





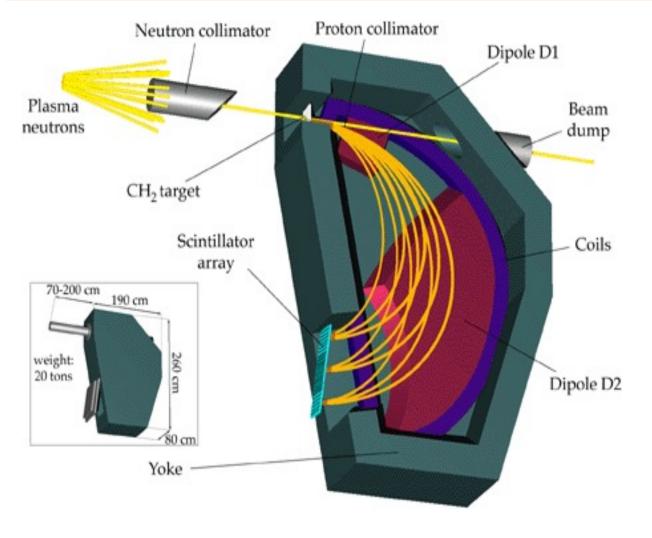
First measurements of fusion-born neutrons were carried out in the 2021 JET deuterium-tritium campaign



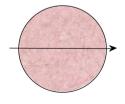
Challenging measurement of 14 MeV neutrons due to low yields and other reactions



A magnetic proton recoil spectrometer is used to measure neutron spectrum at high (energy) resolution

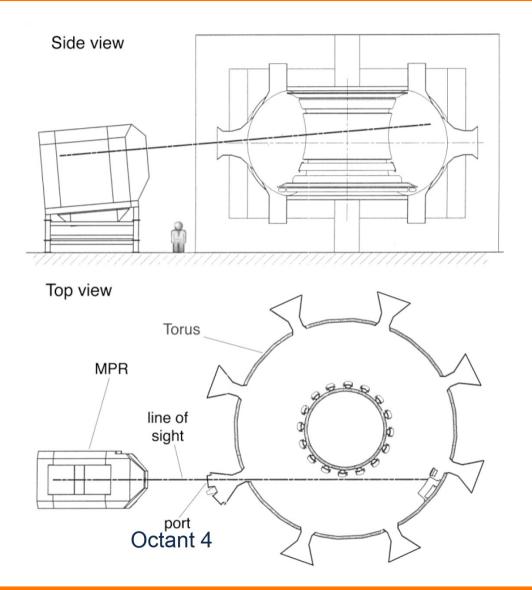


- Conversion of neutrons into protons
- ⇒ Mass spectrometer and imaging onto a scintillator array





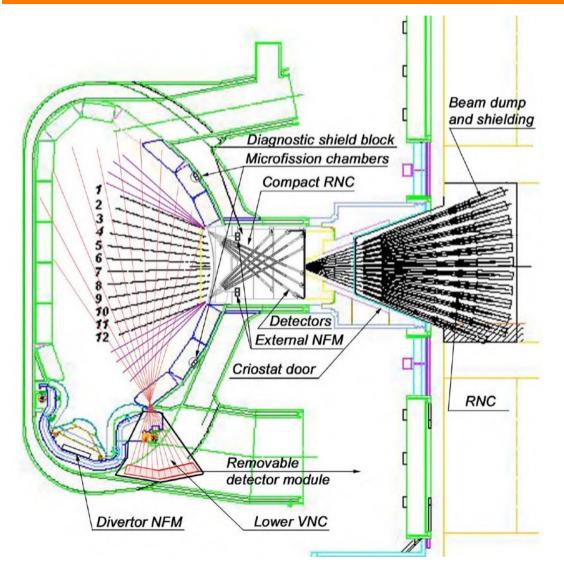
The proton recoil spectrometer is a significant installation outside the tokamak



- Single line of sight through the center of the plasmas
- Tangential view
- ⇒ Line-averaged
 measurement only,
 needs to be combined
 and interpreted with
 other diagnostics
- Total weight = 20 tons!



Crossed-view neutron cameras will also provide 2-D neutron (fusion) information in ITER



- Horizontal system
- Lower vertical systems from divertor
- Other neutron diagnostics:
 - Micro-fission chambers
 - Neutron spectrometers
- In-situ calibration system

Krasilnikov et al. NF 2005

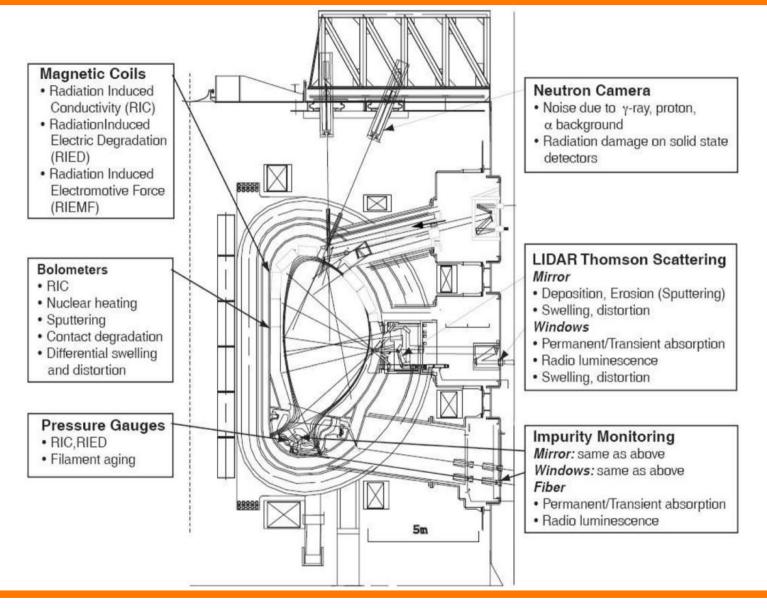


Incident neutrons and fast particles produce radiation defects changing properties of materials

- Mechanical properties
 - Radiative swelling, relaxation and creep, amorphization of crystalline materials, transmutation, irradiation hardening and embrittlement
- Electrical properties
 - Radiation-induced electromagnetic forces, electrical degradation, and conductivity
- Optical properties
 - Radioluminescence, induced absorption
 - Effects on polymers for optical transmission
 - (Coating of mirror and other optical components)



Neutron and fast-particles are expected to significantly affect the performance of ITER diagnostics





Hierarchy and staging of ITER diagnostics for detachment control

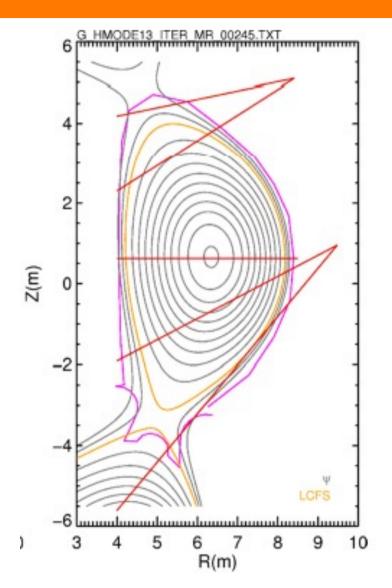
Group	Measurement	Role	Diagnostic	Available
Plasma position, shape	Divertor leg location	BC	<u>55.A0</u>	FP
	Gaps and δr_{sep}	BC	<u>55.A0</u>	FP
	Total SOL current (shunt)	?	<u>55.AM</u>	PFPO1
Radiated power (profile)	P _{rad,div}	BC	<u>55.D1</u>	PFPO1
	P _{rad,x-point}	AC	<u>55.D1</u>	PFPO1
Impurity species monitoring	Ne, Ar, Kr influx	BC	<u>55.E2</u>	FP
	Divertor impurity and D,T influx	BC	<u>55.EG</u>	FP
Divertor parameters	Gas composition	BC		PFPO1
	Gas pressure	BC	<u>55.G3</u>	FP
	Surface temperature	MP	55. <u>G1/G6/G</u>	FP
	Ionization front	BC		PFPO1
Target plasma parameters	N _e ,T _e	AC	<u>55.G7</u>	PFPO1
Divertor heat load	Power load, T _{surface}	AC	55. <u>G1/G6/G</u> <u>A</u>	FP
Divertor helium density	n _{He}	BC	<u>55.G4</u>	PFPO1

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55.EG VUV spectrometer

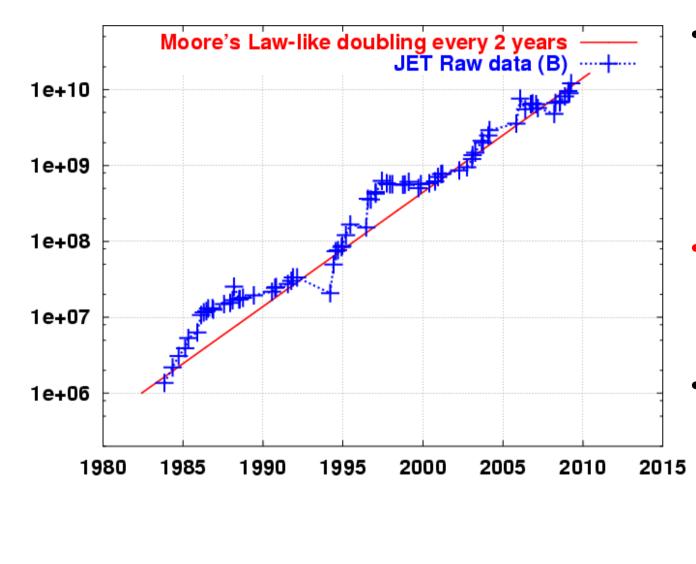
- Measure impurity ion radiation (Be, W, C, O, Ne, N, Ar)
- Lyman-alpha (particularly relevant for detaching plasmas)
- 10 ms time resolution
- Line-integrated measurement



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Diagnostic output requires data management, including data processing and backup



- Raw data output of JET roughly doubles every two years
- 2019: 55 GB per pulse, 1 TB per day
- Daily raw data output of ITER expected to be petabytes (10¹⁵ bytes)



Summary

- Diagnostics are the primary tool to probe and understand fusion plasmas
- ⇒ In future reactors, they become the sensor to control plasma position, wall load and burn
- Diagnostics are as expensive as the tokamak facility ⇒ on JET there are currently over 100 diagnostic systems (measurements → analysis → interpretation)
- Instruments may be group into magnetic, passive and active radiation and particle diagnostics
- Diagnostics / measurement are complex and span the entire range of the electromagnetic radiation: radio waves to γ rays





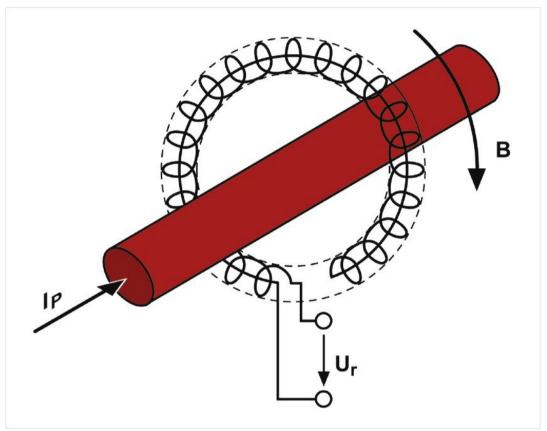
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Backup material



Wound-back Rogowski coils are used to measure the plasma current



 Set of discrete flux loops with their axis tangent to enclosed contour also serve as Rogowski coil • Ampere's law:

$$I = \int \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \oint B_{\varphi} \, dl$$

• Flux in Rogowski coil:

$$\phi = n \int_{S} dS \oint_{l} B_{\varphi} dl = nS\mu_{0}I$$

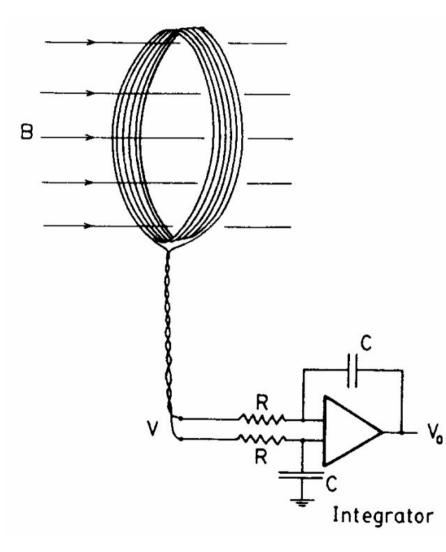
- I length of coils
 S coil surface are
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 - n # of turns per meter
- Change in flux \rightarrow voltage U

$$U = -\frac{d\phi}{dt} \rightarrow I_P = \frac{2\pi a}{nS\mu_0} \int U dt$$

a – minor radius



Diamagnetic loops are used to measure the toroidal flux $\Rightarrow \langle B_{\Phi} \rangle \Rightarrow$ plasma kinetic energy



• Poloidal beta:

$$\beta_{\theta} = \int \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \oint B_{\varphi} \, dl$$

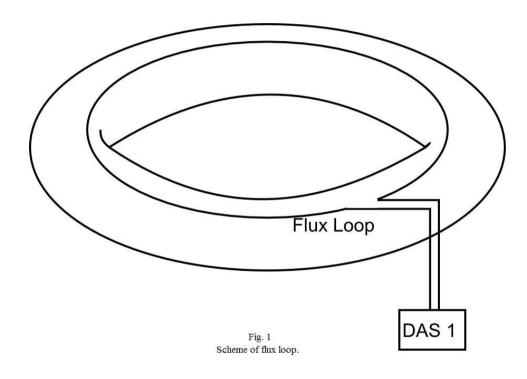
• Flux in Rogowski coil (for $\beta \ll 1$):

$$\beta_{\theta} = \frac{2\mu_0 \langle p \rangle}{B_{\theta,a}^2} \approx 1 + \frac{2B_{\theta,a} (B_{\theta,a} - \langle B_{\theta} \rangle)}{B_{\theta,a}^2}$$

Energy confinement time τ_{E} : $\tau_{E} = \frac{W}{I_{P}^{2}R_{P}} = \frac{3}{8}\mu_{0}\beta_{\theta}\left(\frac{R}{R_{P}}\right)$



Single wire encircling torus in the toroidal direction measures the toroidal loop voltage, V_{ϕ} , induced by the transformer



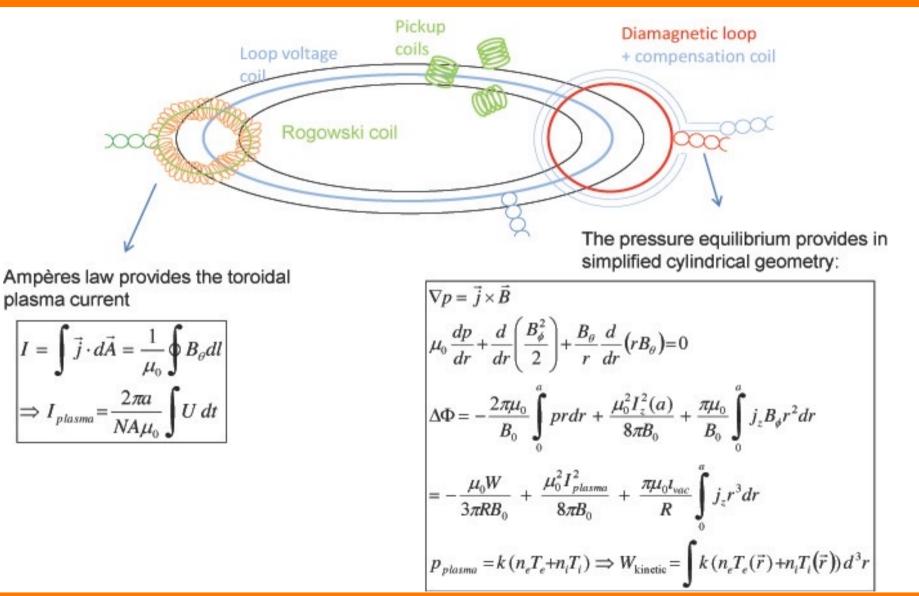
- For $\frac{dI_P}{dt} = 0$:
- Plasma resistivity: $R_P = \frac{V_{\phi}}{I_P}$
- Ohmic heating power: $P_{ohm} = \int_{V} (j_{\phi}^{2}/\sigma) dV = I_{P}^{2} R_{P}$
- Mean plasma conductivity: $\bar{\sigma} = \frac{2\pi R}{\pi a^2} \frac{1}{R_P}$
- Electron temperature:

$$\bar{\sigma} \propto \frac{T_e^{3/2}}{Z}$$

R – major radius, a – minor radius

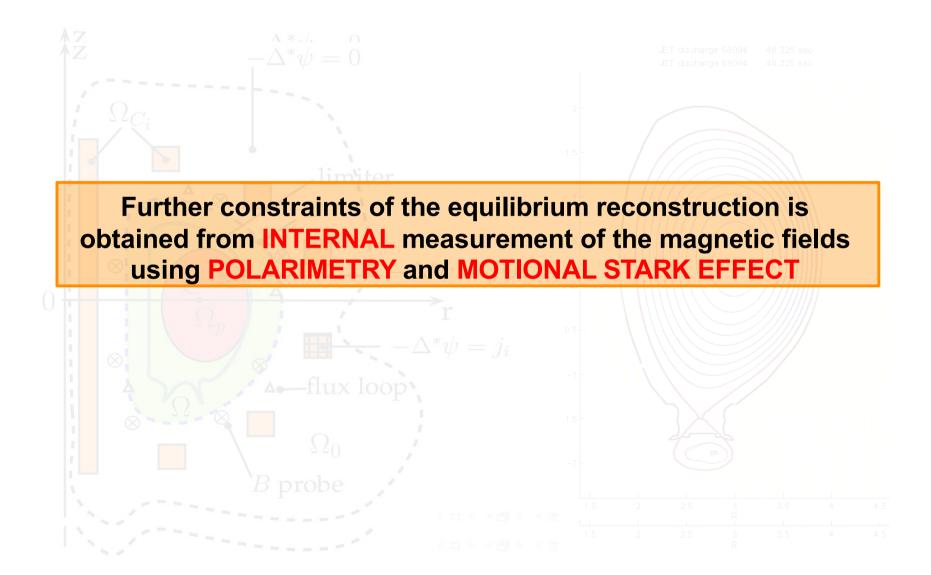


Magnetic coils installed at the wall are used to determine the equilibrium and plasma stored energy



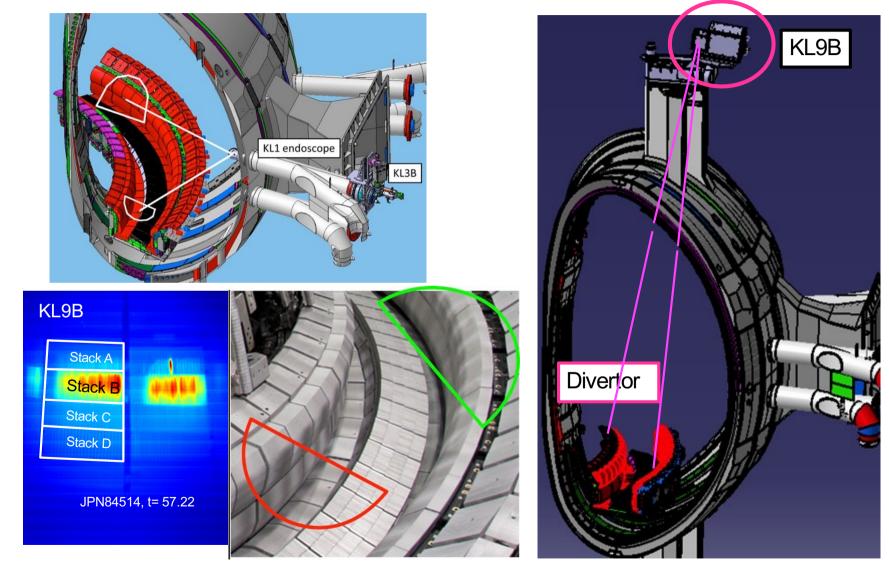


Using the magnetic probe data, a 2-D magnetic equilibrium can be reconstructed





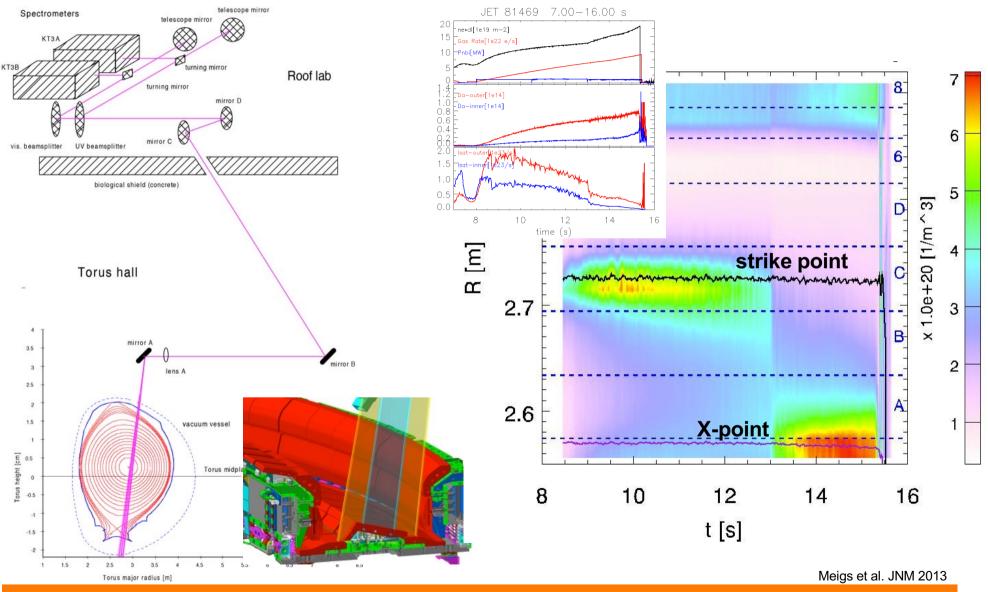
Surface temperatures and heat flux densities are measured with infra-red cameras $\Rightarrow P_{divertor target}$



Balboa et al. JET 2013

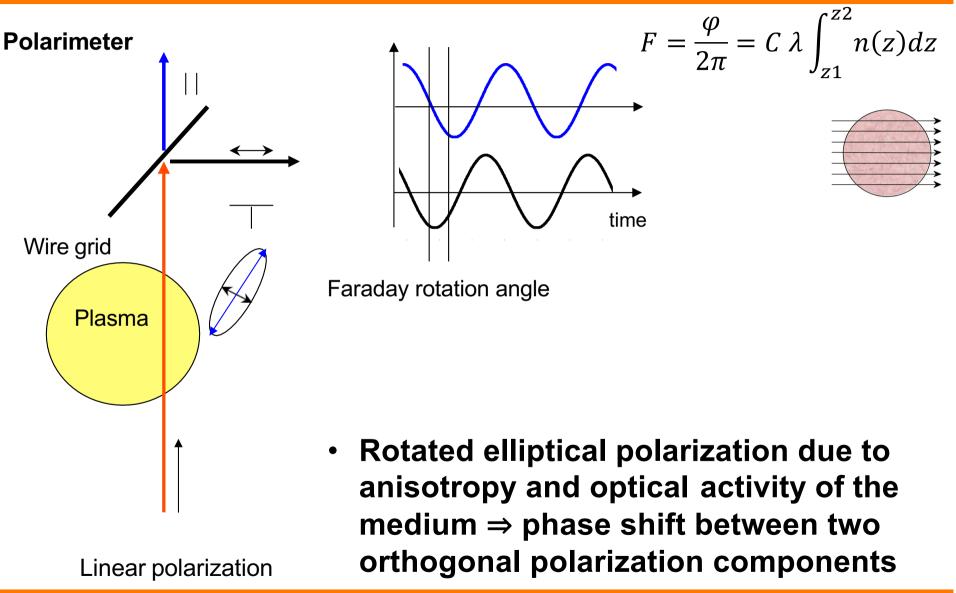


At JET, spectroscopy is used to measure the (lineaveraged) electron density in the divertor



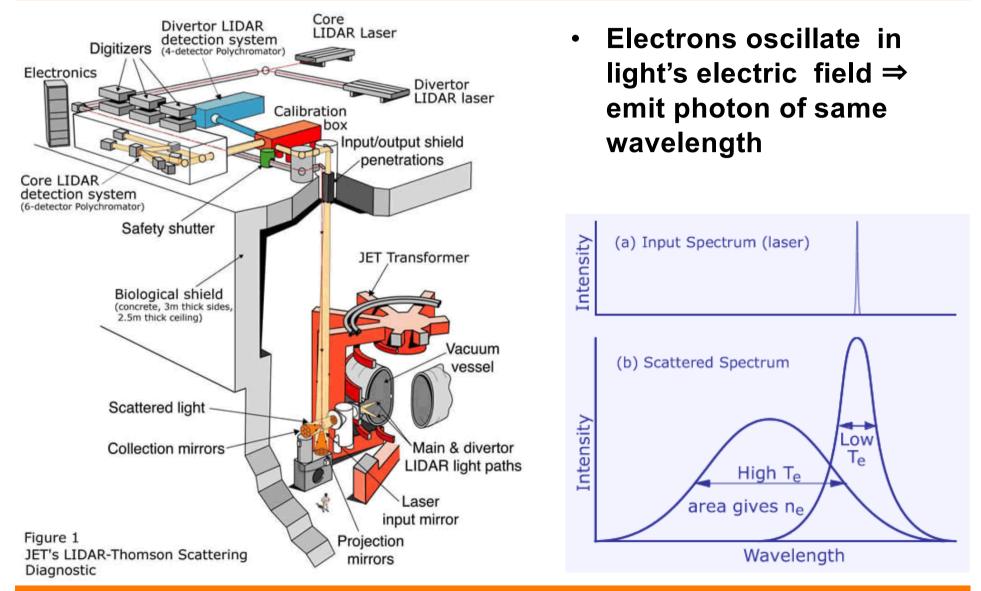


Utilizing polarized light, the magnetic field can be deduced (Faraday rotation, Cotton-Mouton effect)



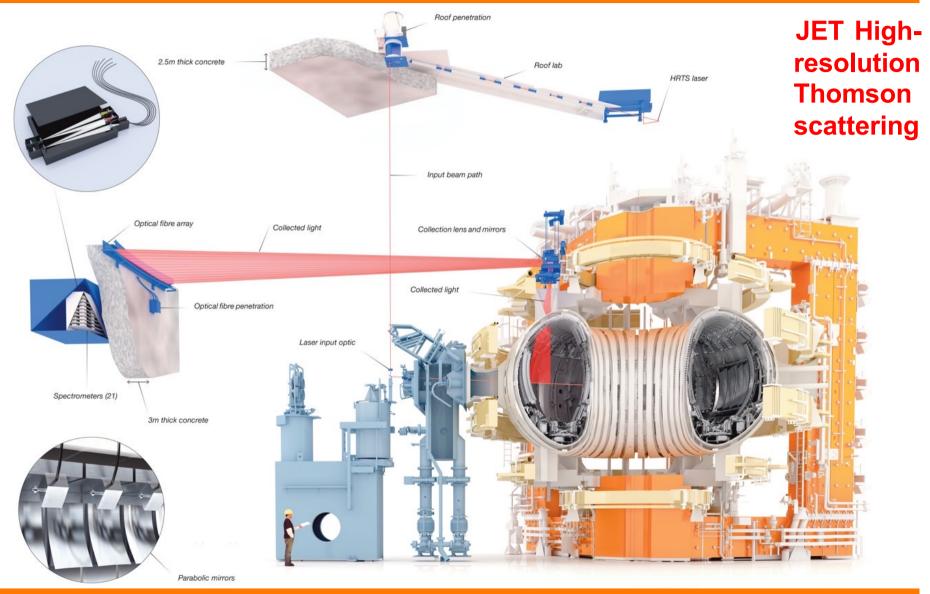


Photon scattering on electrons leads to broadening and wavelength shift wrt. the original laser spectrum





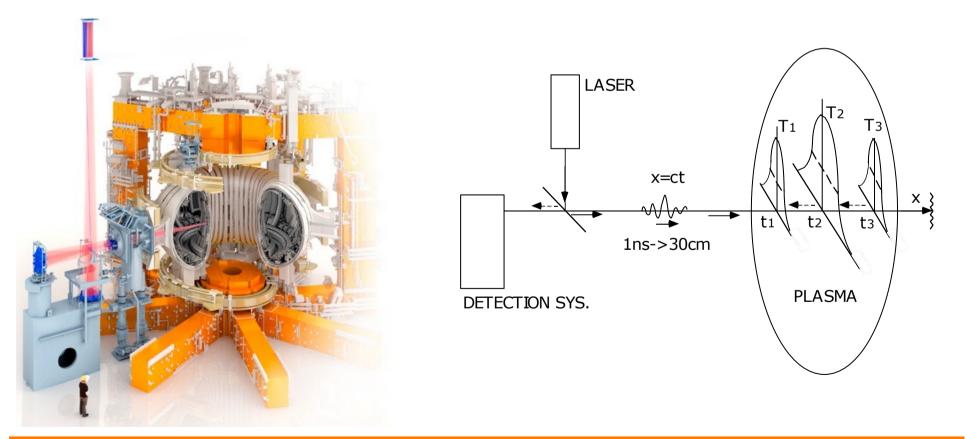
Imaging a laser beam path and spectrally resolving the scattered light yields the electron temperature and density





The Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) system is a short-pulse system for electron density and temperature

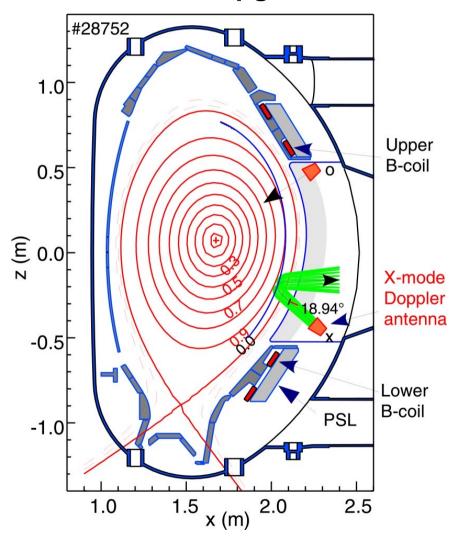
- Radar measurement: pulse delay times are translated into position
- High-power Ruby or NeYAG laser (10 GW during 300 ps), at 20 Hz

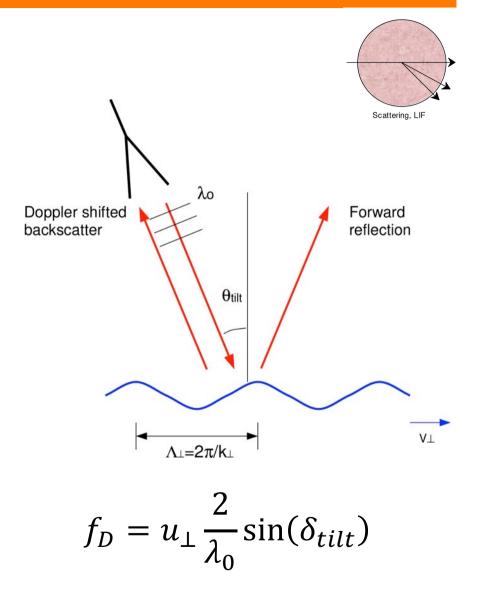




Microwave Doppler reflectometer systems measure density turbulence and the radial electric field

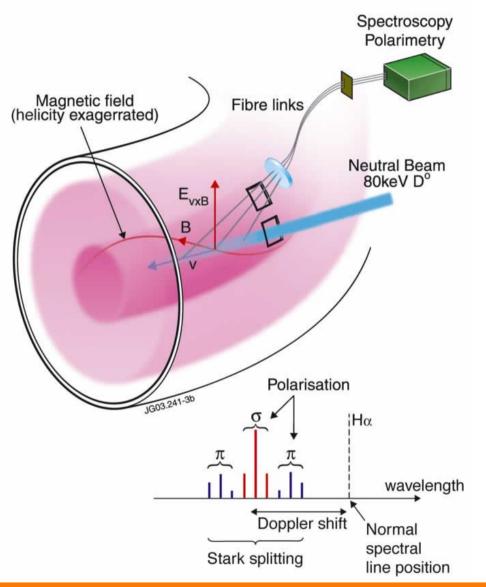
ASDEX Upgrade

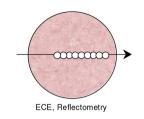






Measuring the Zeeman-splitting components of line emission yields the internal magnetic field



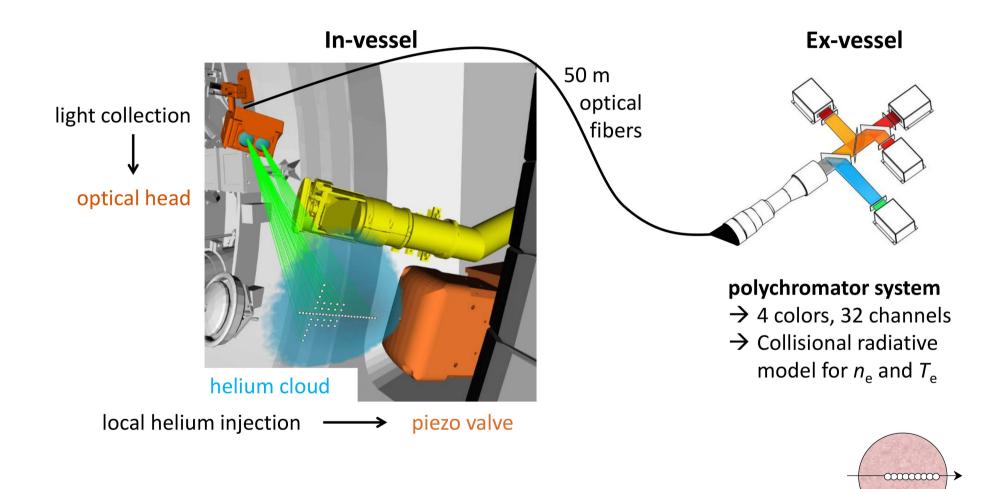


- Motional Stark Effect (MSE) on (Dopplershifted) Balmer-α line emission
- Polarization of light in linearized (σ) and circular (π) components
 + Doppler shift:

$$tan(\gamma) = \frac{A_1B_t + A_2E_r}{A_3B_p}$$



At ASDEX Upgrade, lithium and helium beam emission spectroscopy is used for ne and CXRS measurements

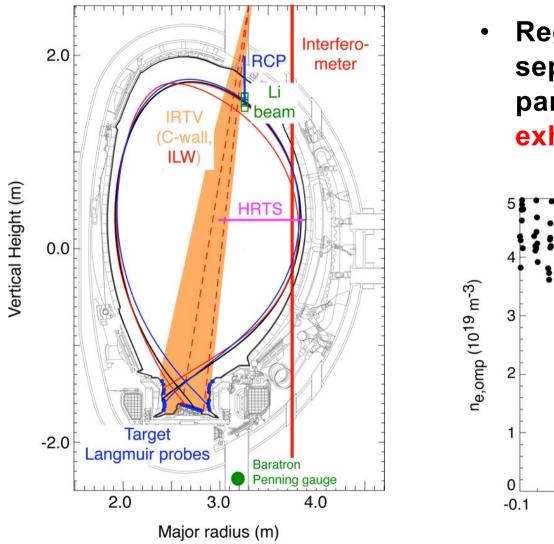


Griener et al. Review Scientific Instruments 2017

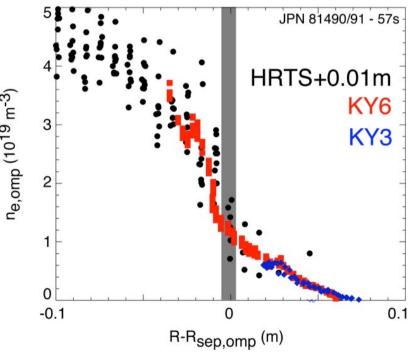


ECE, Reflectometry

Using multiple diagnostics measuring the same plasma parameter yield highly resolved profiles



 Region just inside separatrix and SOL are of particular interest ⇒ power exhaust

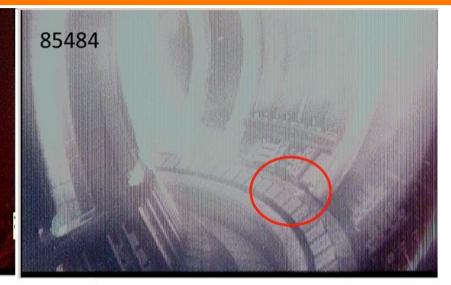




Loss of reciprocating Langmuir probe body in JET in October 2013 caused a two-month shutdown



Matthews et al. JET TFE1E2 2013



- Boron nitride probe body broke and fell during a disruption in B13-15
- Cause is still under investigation and a mystery:
 - no direct halo or EM force possible
 - no thermal stress fracture possible
 - mechanical shock via main tube?
- Since BN used for probes this is the first such event in \sim 20 years
 - disruptions different with ILW



Requirements for divertor power / detachment control in ITER

- Divertor specifically designed for high dissipation:
 - Actively cooled
 - Easy to detach in early phases (PFPO-1, even without impurities)
- Heat exhaust control only critical in full performance operation (Late PFPO-2) but:
 - Controllers need to be designed and implemented
 - Diagnostic-PCS interfaces frozen early
 - Limited experimental time
 - Commissioning in preceding, low power regimes
 - Moderate changes already require formal re-commissioning
- \Rightarrow Difficult on ITER to develop new control methods:
 - Demonstrated reliability ⇔ State-of-the-art
 - Develop now, refine on ITER and advance the ITER Research Plan



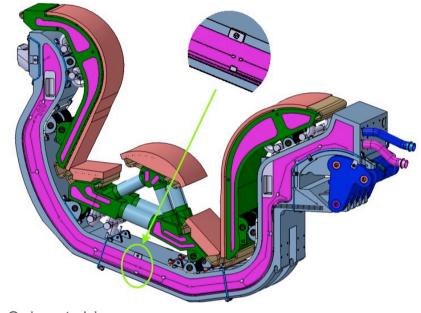
ITER is organized in measurement parameters with 4 different roles

- 4 roles are:
 - Machine protection (1.a1)
 - Basic control (1.a2)
 - Advanced control (1.b)
 - Evaluation and physics studies (2)
- Operation only possible when ALL measurements in 1a are online
- High-performance/advanced operation only when ALL 1.b measurements are online
- Different diagnostics have different contributions to measurements (PR2359):
 - Primary (diagnostic is well suited)
 - Back-up (diagnostic provides similar data to primary, but has limitations)
 - Supplementary (diagnostic validates/calibrates the measurement but is not complete in itself) Ravensbergen, Piits ITPA-DSOL Jan 2022



55.A0: Magnetic diagnostics

- Large number of pick-up and Rogowski coils on the first wall and divertor cassettes.
- Primarily used for equilibrium reconstruction (and shape control)
- Of particular interest: Shunts (55.AM) mounted on divertor cassette
 - Accurate measurement of total SOL current1
 - Total current monotonically decreases for detaching plasma



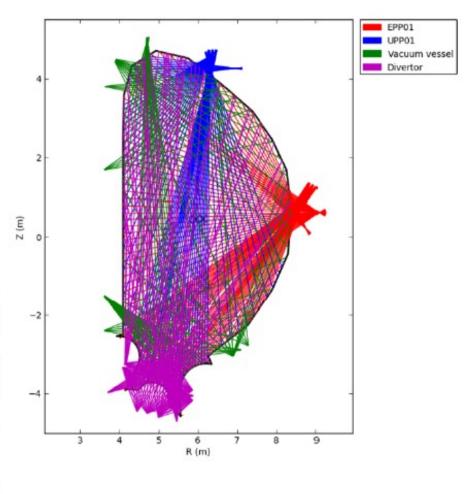
¹C. Orrico *et al.* in prep.



55.D1:Bolometry

- Bolometer cameras in 2 Upper ports, 1 equatorial port, 5 divertor cassettes, and 22 in-vessel (in between HFS blanket modules), total ~500 LoS
- 10 Hz (BC) 100 Hz AC 1 kHz (PH)
- Resolution ~ 5 cm in divertor and X-point area

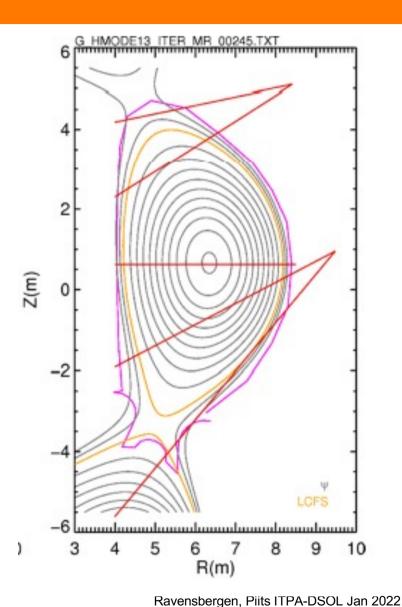
Z (m)





55.EG VUV spectrometer

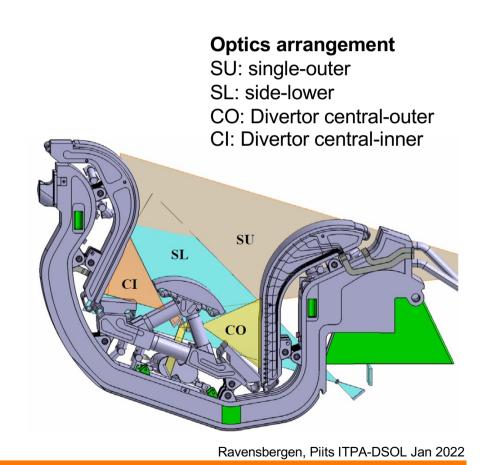
- Measure impurity ion radiation (Be, W, C, O, Ne, N, Ar)
- Lyman-alpha (particularly relevant for detaching plasmas)
- 10 ms time resolution
- Line-integrated measurement





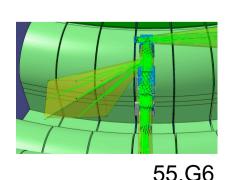
55.E4 Divertor impurity Monitor

- Measure line emission of H and impurities
 - 4 views directly into divertor
 - ~250 LoS
 - Ionization front (based on Dα):
 1 ms with 100 mm resolution
 - D,T, Be influx: 1 ms with 50 mm resolution

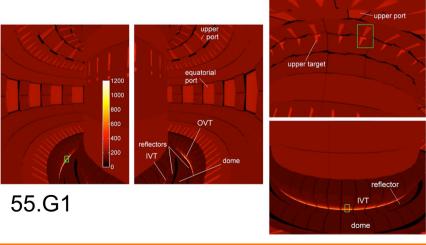


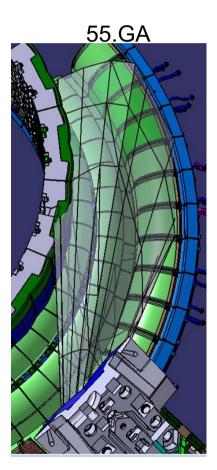
55.G1/G6/GA VIS/IR

- Interface with PCS and precise specs tbd
- Max surface temperature (BC), luminance (MP) and their profiles (AC)
- Power load and its profile for AC (inverse problem)
 - 55.G1: 4 eq. ports. 15 views. ~6-12 mm VIS, ~8-24 mm IR
 - 55.GA: 5 upper ports, 5 views. 3 mm VIS, 5 mm IR
 - 55.G6: 1 eq. port and view, high res. 3 mm IR
- Time resolution 2 ms, fast windowing mode at 0.02



ms



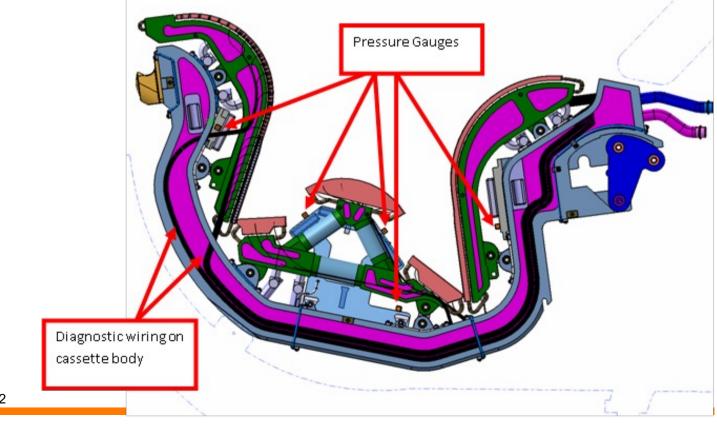


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55.G3 Pressure gauges

- 6 AUG-type fast pressure gauges per cassette, 4 equipped cassettes
- Divertor neutral pressure: 50 ms time resolution
- Key to start developing control on current machines





55.G7 Langmuir Probes

- 400 probes to provide target plate measurements on 5 different cassettes of:
- ne and Te in double-probe configuration (PHY)
- Fion (BC) in DC-biased mode (BC)
- <10 ms time resolution with 12 mm spatial resolution on the targets

