

Power exhaust, detailed thermal analysis and use of data from thermocouple arrays

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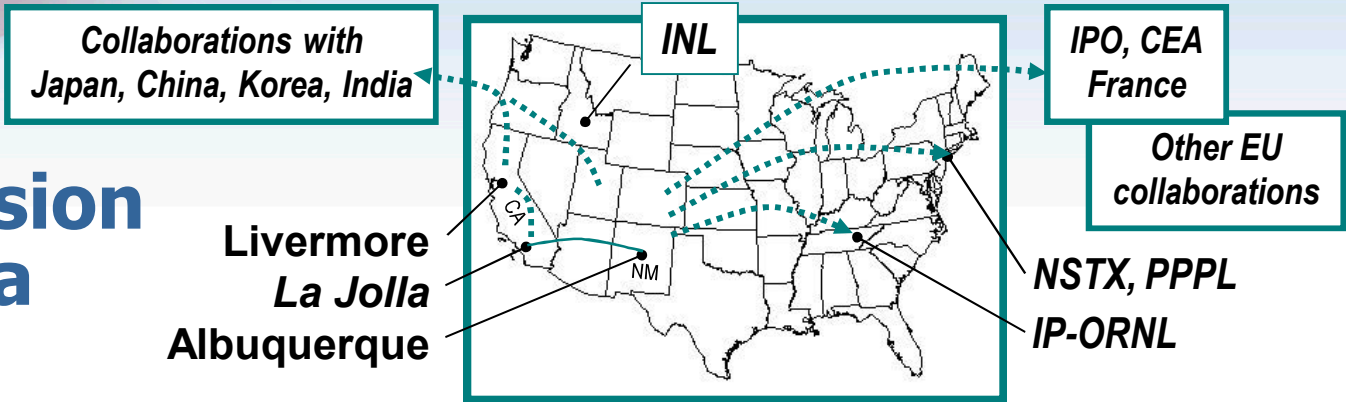
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Magnetic Fusion at Sandia



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Science & Technology

Albuquerque
New Mexico

Physical & Eng. Sci.

Phys., Chem. & Nano Sci.

Radiation Sciences

Hydrogen & Metallurgy Sci.
(Tom Felter, Mgr)

- PSI experiments
- TPE experiments with INL
- DiMES collaborations and probe support
- PSI Science Center
- PHENIX
- NSTX-U
- compact toroid with UCD
- DIII-D fast thermocouples
- DIII-D edge probes array – Watkins @ GA

Buchenauer
Kolasinski
Donovan
Whaley
Nygren-ABQ
(Youchison)

Rad.-Solid Int.
(Jon Custer, Mgr.)

- PSI experiments
- PSI collaborations
- Ion Beam Lab**

Wampler
Van Deusen

Fusion Technol.

- ITER FW Design
- NSTX Liquid Li Div
- W armor
He-cooled PFCs
many SBIR/CRADA
- PHENIX

Ulrickson, 1352
Youchison
Nygren
Youchison, 1353

HEAT
power handling

BURNING
PLASMA
Plasma Edge

TRITIUM
self-sufficiency

HANDLE/HARVEST HEAT

- Surface temperature
- Gradients: temp/stress

PFC
SNL R&D

We analyze and test PFCs.

We have designed, built and deployed PFCs.

And we develop fundamental data in the Engineering Sciences on fluids and heat transfer*.

*presentation by Youchison

PROTECT PLASMA

Heat & Particles

ion damage

Morphology evolves!

He effects & neutrons

Surface

Bulk

- Material damage & modification
- T retention
- T permeation
- Cooling
- Pressure
- Thermal-hydraulics
- Thermal stress
- Cracking/failure
- Fab – Joining etc.

PFC
coolant

BREED/PROCESS/TRACK
TRITIUM

- Impurity source
- Erosion/redep.
- D/T recycling

PMI
SNL R&D

We design, build and use probes and analyze tiles. We collaborate on plasma edge experiments.**

With various facilities, we study trapping of D/T/He; permeation of D/T and growth of W fuzz***.

** Donovan, Nygren, (Watkins)

*** Kolansinski, Buchenauer, Cowgill, (Wampler)

PFCs, DEMO, λ_q

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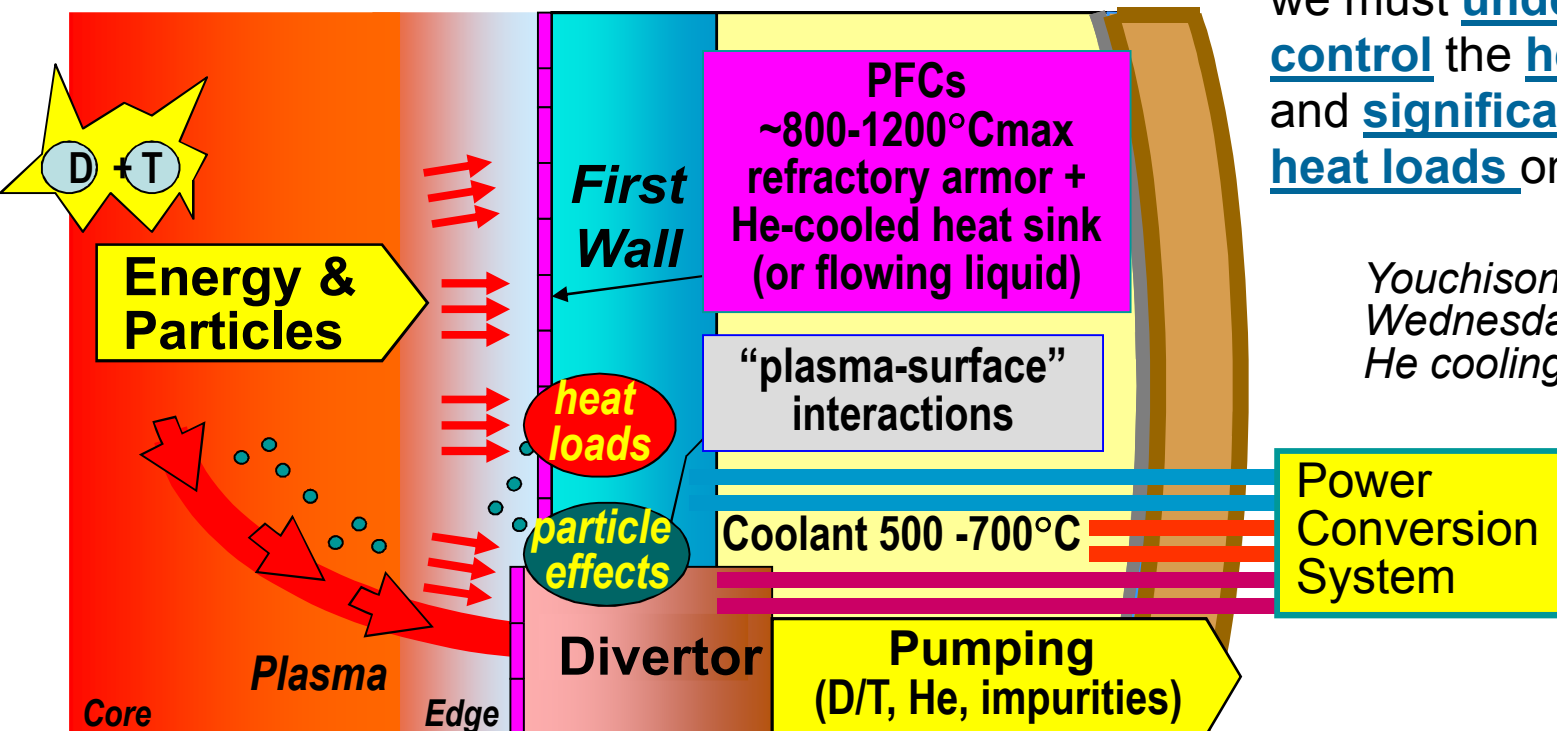
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As we develop fusion, the distribution of heat on PFCs is a fundamental quantity and an active area of investigation in most large fusion devices.

For ITER and a D/D or D/T facility (FNSF, CFETR, DEMO), we must understand and control the heat exhaust and significantly reduce heat loads onto PFCs.

*Youchison presentation
Wednesday on micro-jet
He cooling (scale issue)*



Power
Conversion
System

Pumping
(D/T, He, impurities)

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Big Concerns:

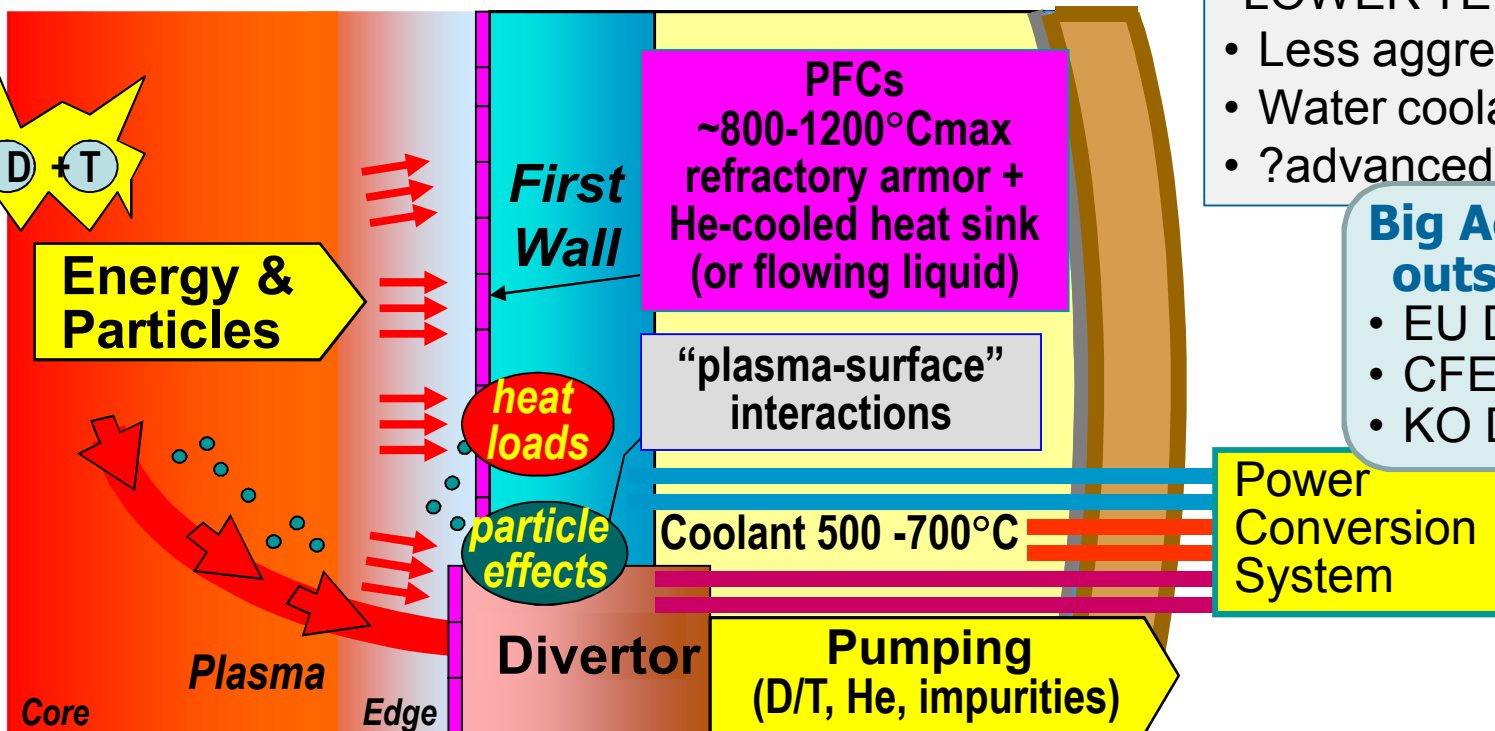
- High heat load with integrated FW
- Power distribution and scaling of λ_q
- Disruptions (tokamaks)
- Refractory lifetime and fabrication

Recent DEMO/CTF Trend:

- LOWER TECH OPTIONS
- Less aggressive physics
 - Water coolant
 - ?advanced divertor

Big Activities outside US/J:

- EU DEMO Study
- CFETR (PRC)
- KO DEMO (future)



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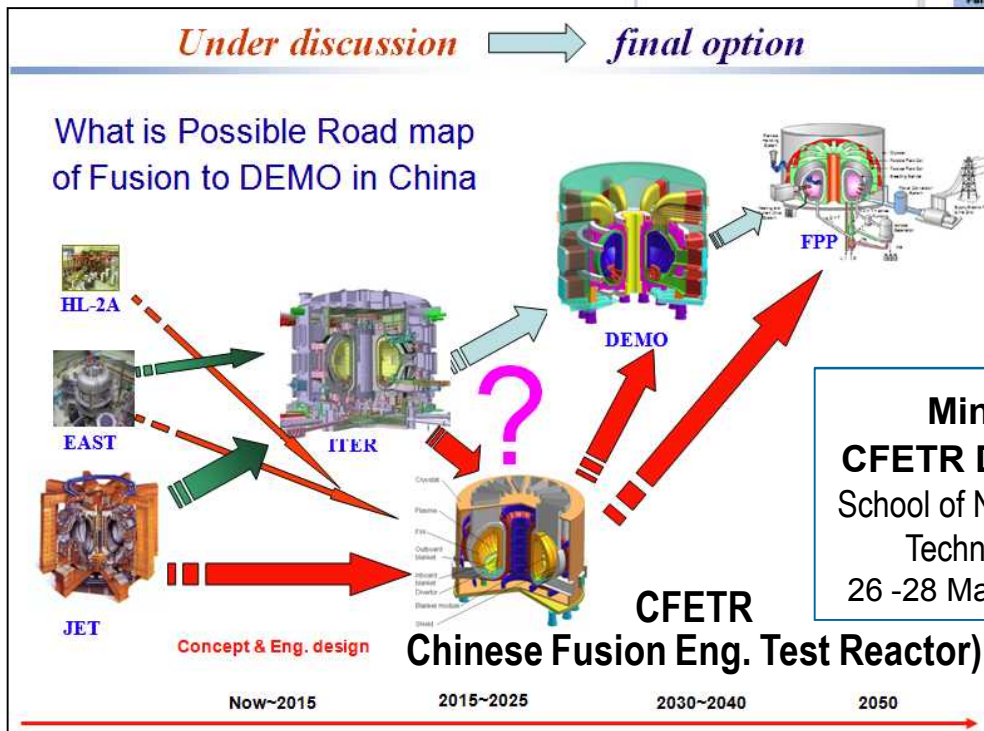
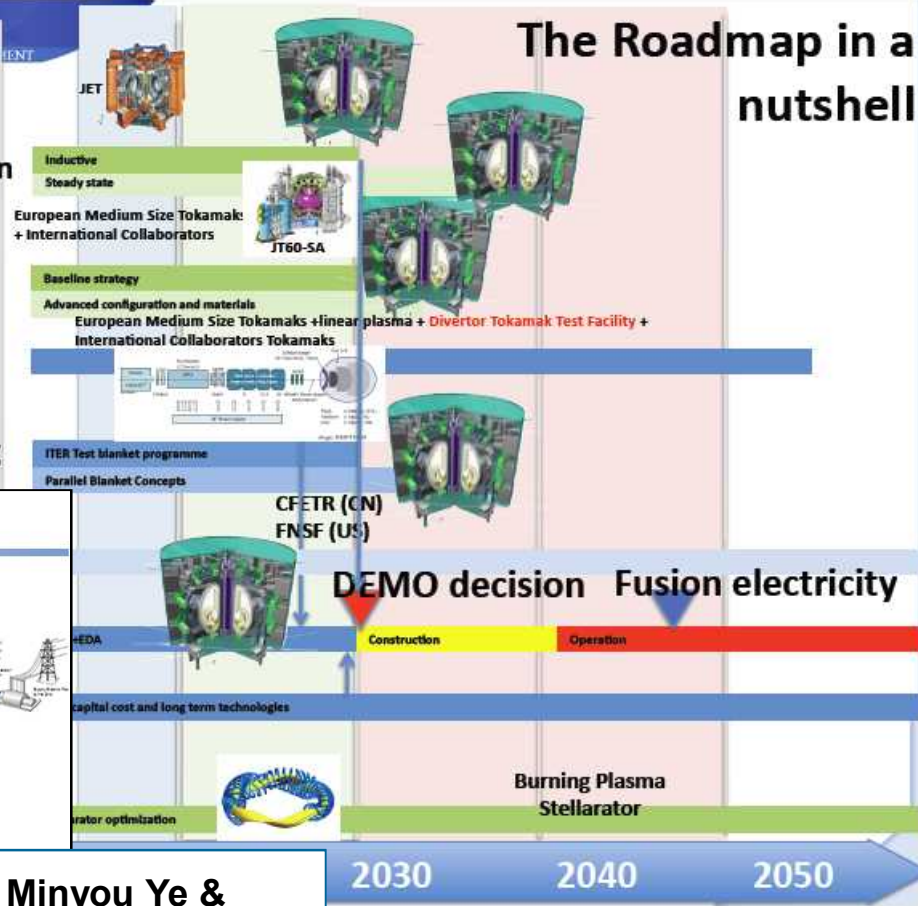
ETR/DEMO Studies in EU and CH

A Roadmap to the realization of fusion energy
(see www.efda.org)

Francesco Romanelli
European Fusion Development Agreement
EFDA Leader and JET Leader
11 April 2013



1. Plasma operation
2. Heat exhaust
3. Materials
4. Tritium breeding



Minyou Ye & CFETR Design Group
School of Nuclear Science & Technology, USTC
26 -28 March 2013, Kyoto

2011-14: two options
2015: proposal

Strike point profile

Analysis of a Multi-Machine Database on Divertor Heat Flux

APS-DPP Meeting,
Salt Lake City 2011

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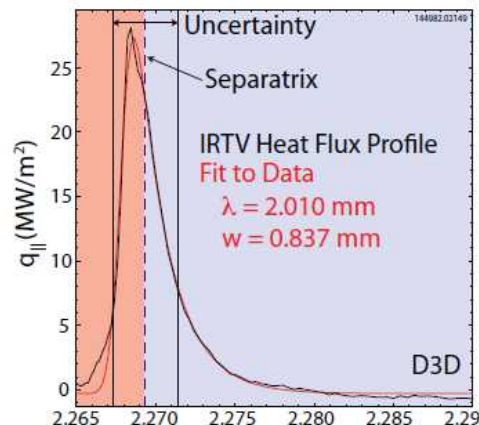
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$$q_{||}(s) = \frac{q_{||,0}}{N\sqrt{\pi}w_{pvt}^2} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{(s-s')^2}{w_{pvt}^2}} e^{-s'/\lambda_{sol}} ds' + q_{bkg}$$

- The function is a convolution of a Gaussian and an Exponential

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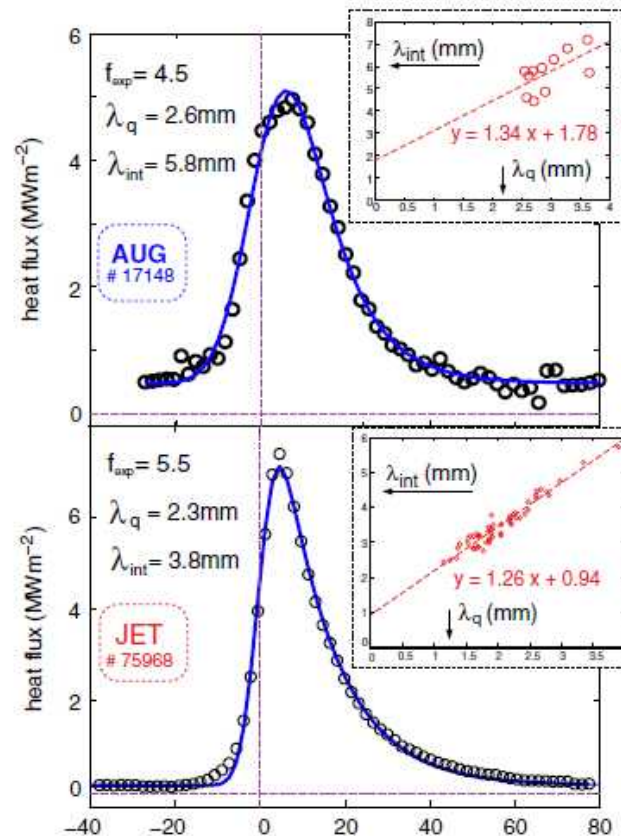


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VIEW LETTERS

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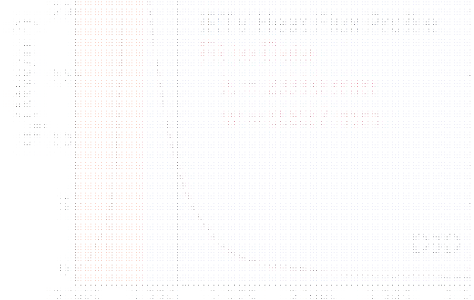
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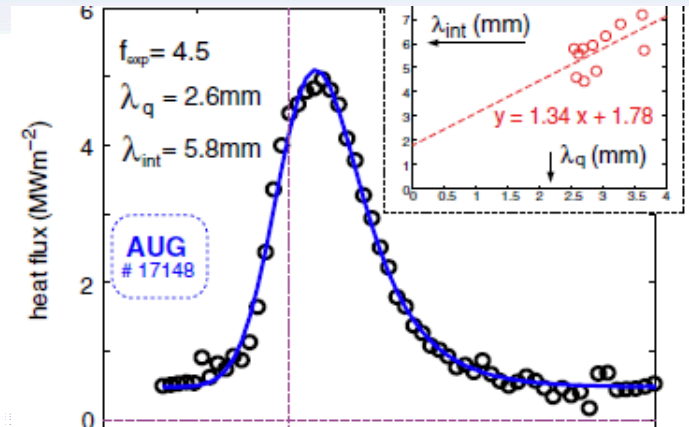
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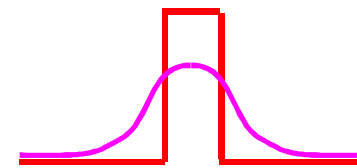
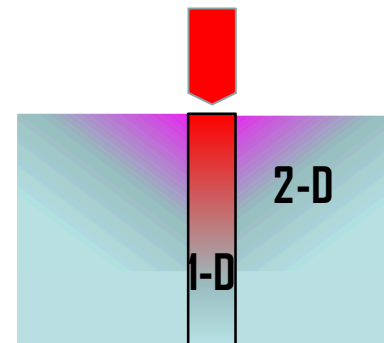
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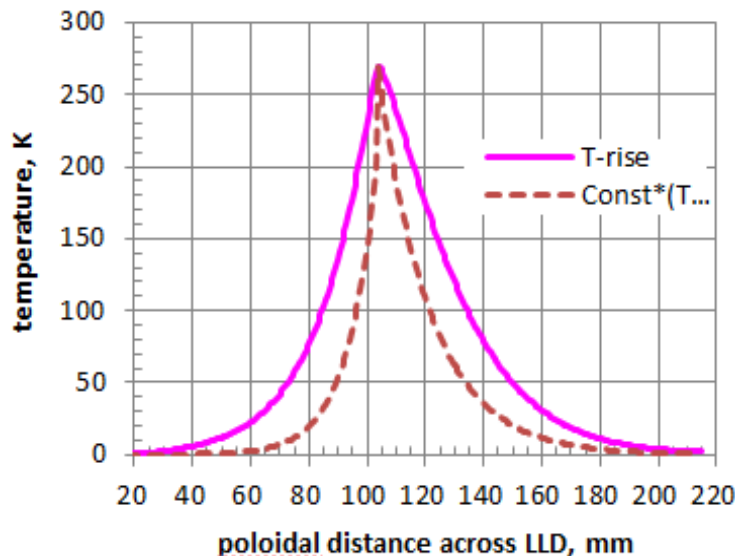
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temperature rise and heat load peaks



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10 MW/m² peak heat load (input shape), normalized, and temperature rise (output). The temperature peak has broadened by ~2X near by end of shot.

The temperature profile progressively broadens due to lateral heat conduction, primarily in copper substrate, and is greatest at end of shot (temperatures highest).

This also happens in ATJ graphite (also Mo and W).

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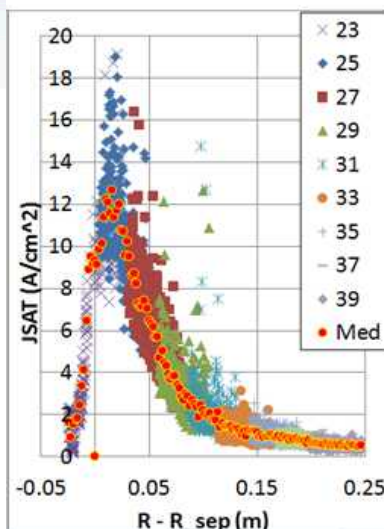
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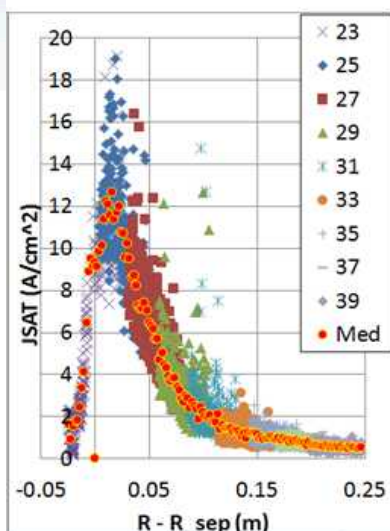
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Understand the limits of 2-D treatments.

Some advantages of TCs

1. not affected by these factors
2. independently determine heat flux (suitable conditions)
3. can be placed easily including points not seen by IRTV.

These factors affect the result: 3

- *tile edges*
- *misalignments*
- *gaps*
- *varying properties (e.g, emissivity) of redeposited layers*
- *reflected hot spots*
- *camera motion*
- ...

Use TCs to improve quick time automated processing for 2-D analysis of heat flux.

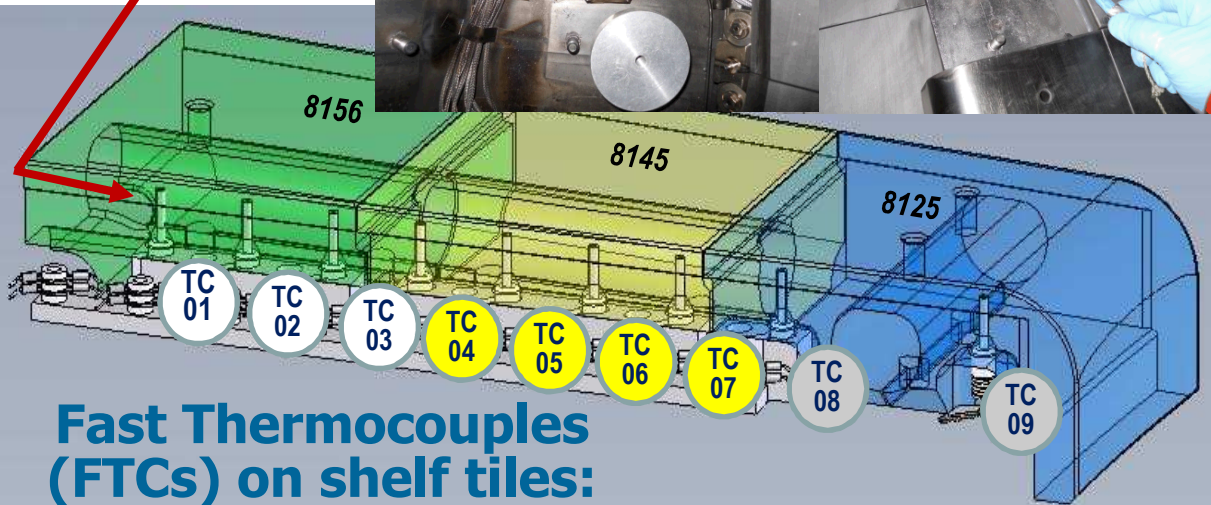
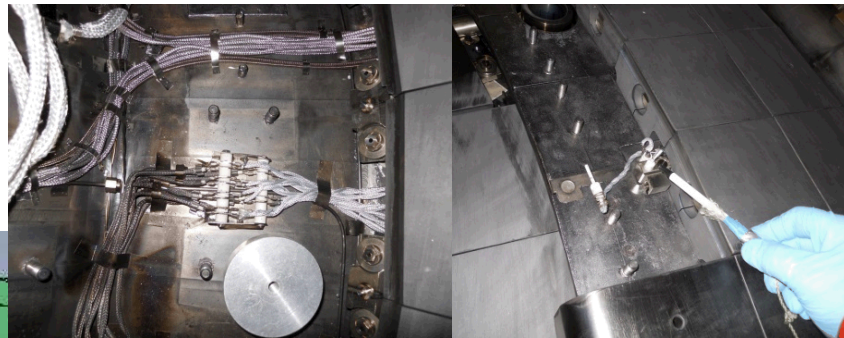
Use of Fast TC data

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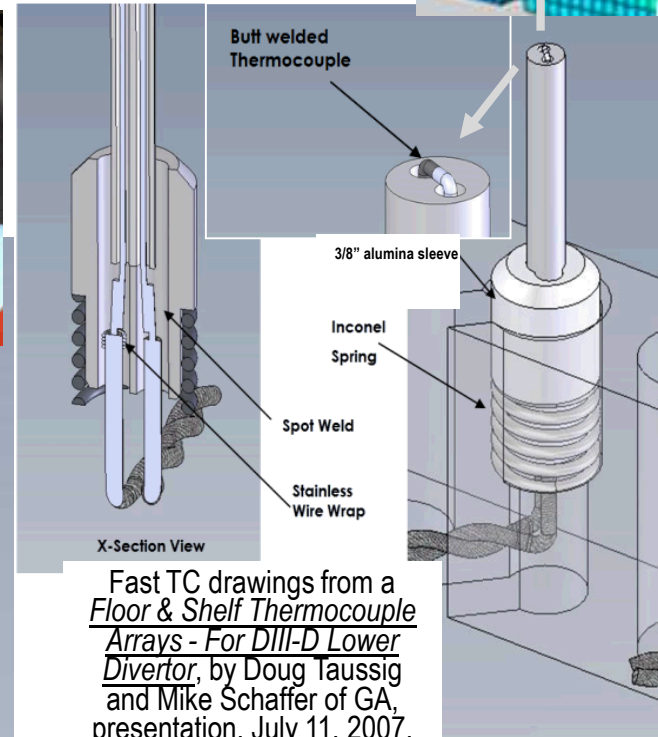
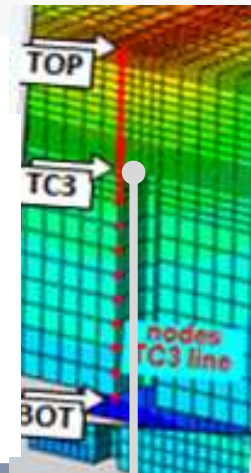
Sandia has a long relationship with DIII-D. We built, maintain and interpret data from the L-probe array and support DiMES.

In 2013, SNL took stewardship of the Fast Thermocouple (FTC) array (installed by Schaffer and Taussig, GA) with 7 FTCs in floor tiles and 9 in shelf tiles.

We have upgraded this array and are evaluating effective use of the data and providing analysis to support the investigation of heat exhaust in the plasma edge.



Fast Thermocouples (FTCs) on shelf tiles:



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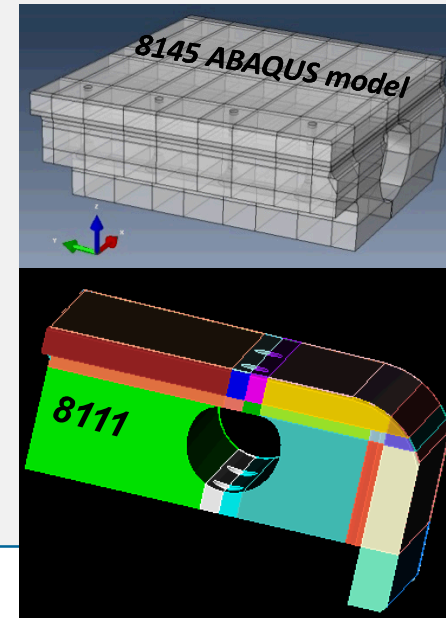
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 - a) show effects of temperature dependence of materials properties,
 - b) show importance of lateral heat flow (*thermal broadening*)*subsequent slides*
- Quantify 3-D effects
- Quantify limits for using FTC data
- Guide planning of experiments

Sheath physics experiments measured the relation* between heat and particle flux

- outer strike point on shelf
- diagnostics included
 - IRTV*
 - FTCs*
 - diverter Thomson calorimeter probe*

*sheath power transmission factor

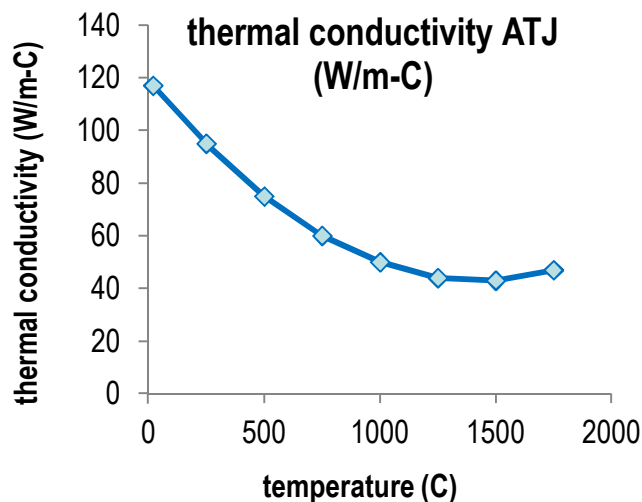
- thermal analyses in progress
- compare model using FTC data with fit from IR and calorimeter probe.



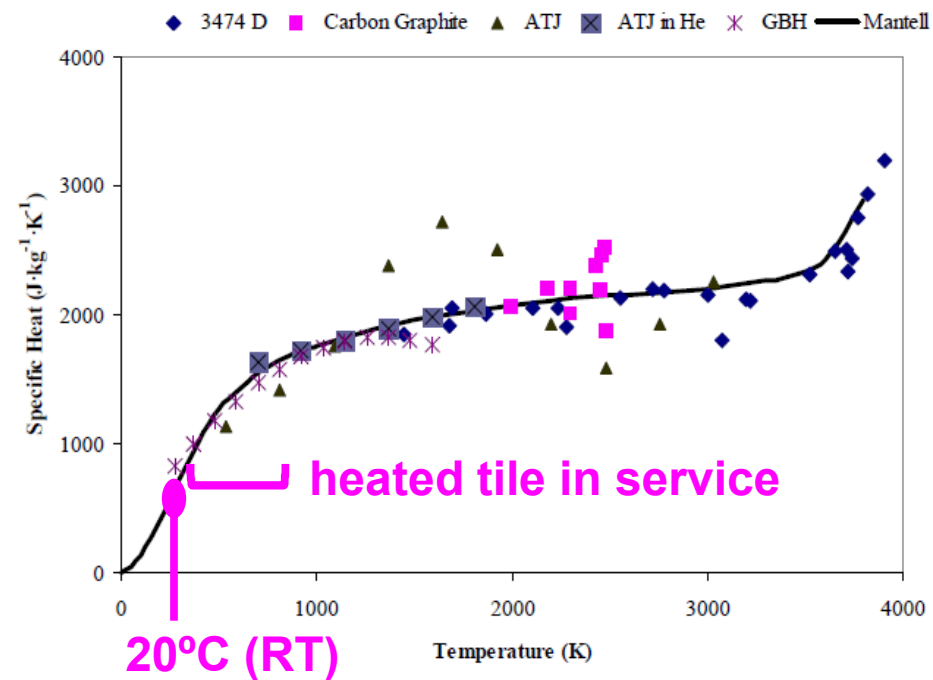
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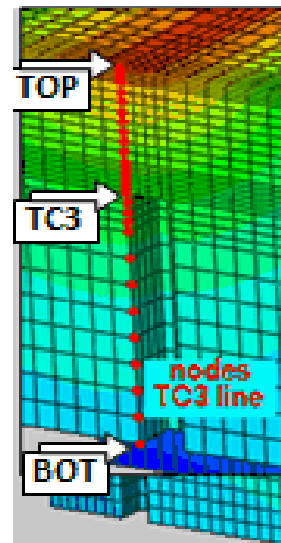
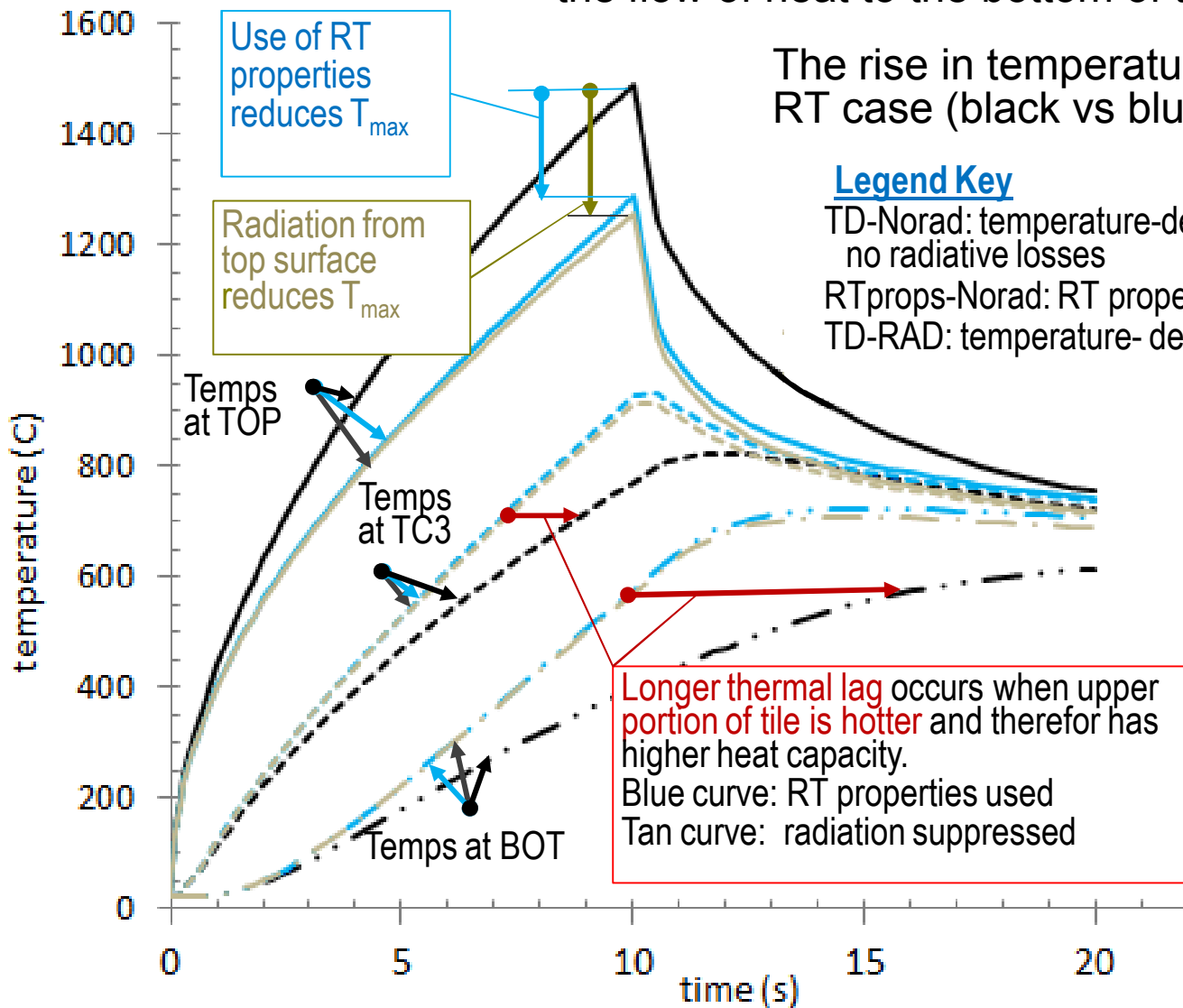
The large increase in ATJ's heat capacity above RT means that the upper portion of a tile, at higher temperatures, absorbs more heat than would be the case if only RT properties were used.



Thermal analysis for DIII-D

Filling the heat capacity in the upper region retards the flow of heat to the bottom of the tile (BOT).

The rise in temperature there lags the RT case (black vs blue dash-dot lines).



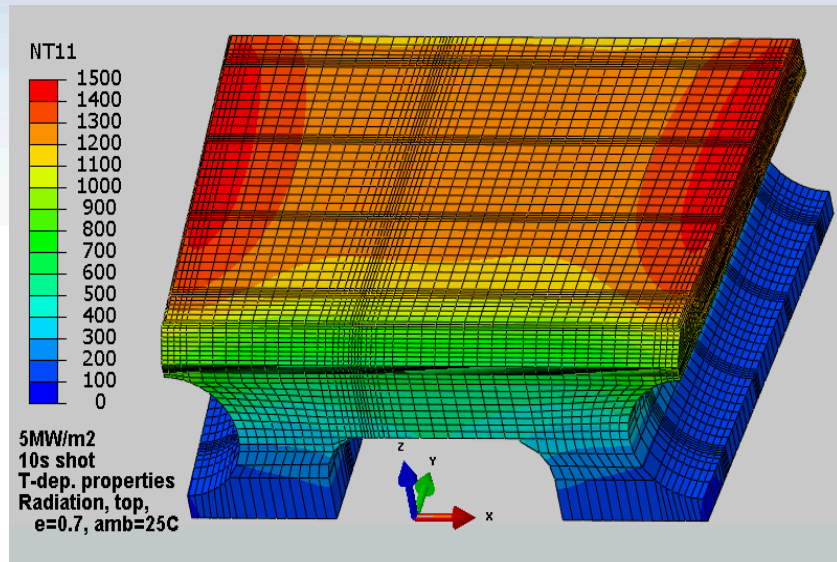
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A cube with uniform heat load on top has “1-D” top-down heat flow. A 3-D model of a tile with a uniform surface heat load has 2&3-D effects.

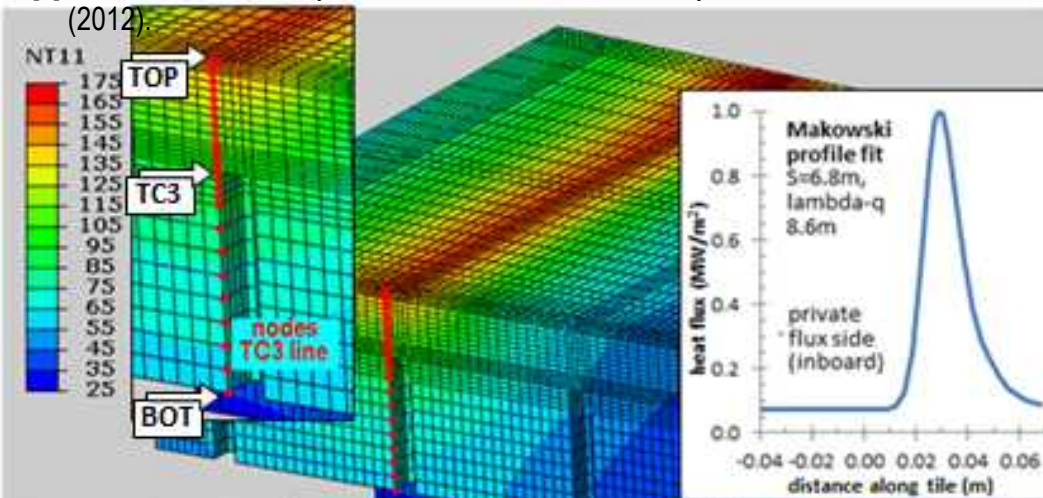
T_{map} (below) shows nodes TOP, TC3, BOT and temperature distribution after 10s with the heat load profile (insert) centered on TC3.

The profile by Makowski et al¹ uses a two parameter fit (championed by Eich) and is based on IR data typical of H-mode shots.

[1] Makowski, Elder, Gray, LaBombard, Lasnier, et al., Phys. Plasmas 19, 056122 (2012).



(above) uniform heating, 5 MW/m², 10s, radiation from top surface. Pattern has 3-D effects from edges and feet.



	TOP Surface Heat Flux (MW/m ²)	TOP Props (T), No Rad. (°C)	TC3 Props (T), No Rad. (°C)
1 uniform	1	310.0	205.4
1 peaked	1	157.0	99.4

T_{peak} of **157°C** in the peaked profile (left) is much below the **310°C** with 1 MW/m² uniform heating.

Step: Heat, heat tile surface
 Increment: 64; Step Time = 10.00
 Primary Var: NT11
 Deformed Var: not set Deformation Scale Factor: not set
 1MW/m2 peak at TC3 surface q31, T dependent mat props, no radiation losses

Summary – Conclusion

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- Quantify 3-D effects of interest: *strike point close to tile edge; long shots; surface maps corrected for varying emissivity.*
- Quantify limits for use of FTC data, *e.g., signal too small, complex shot history, etc.*
- Produce data to guide planning of experiments, *e.g., dwell times for strike point and sweep rates that give useful FTC data; thermal stresses for high power shots.*

Comment on Status of HHFF

- SNL's HHF test program, flagship for the US, significantly influenced world programs. This capability, not supported now, may be lost.
- EB60 is in warm standby with users awaiting resolution to operate EB60.
- We promote HHFF as a national resource at SNL or elsewhere.
- We provide expertise in modeling, guidance on PFC development and continue our leadership roles.
- We will increase our domestic and international collaborations.

The latter are extremely important for the US program and SNL.