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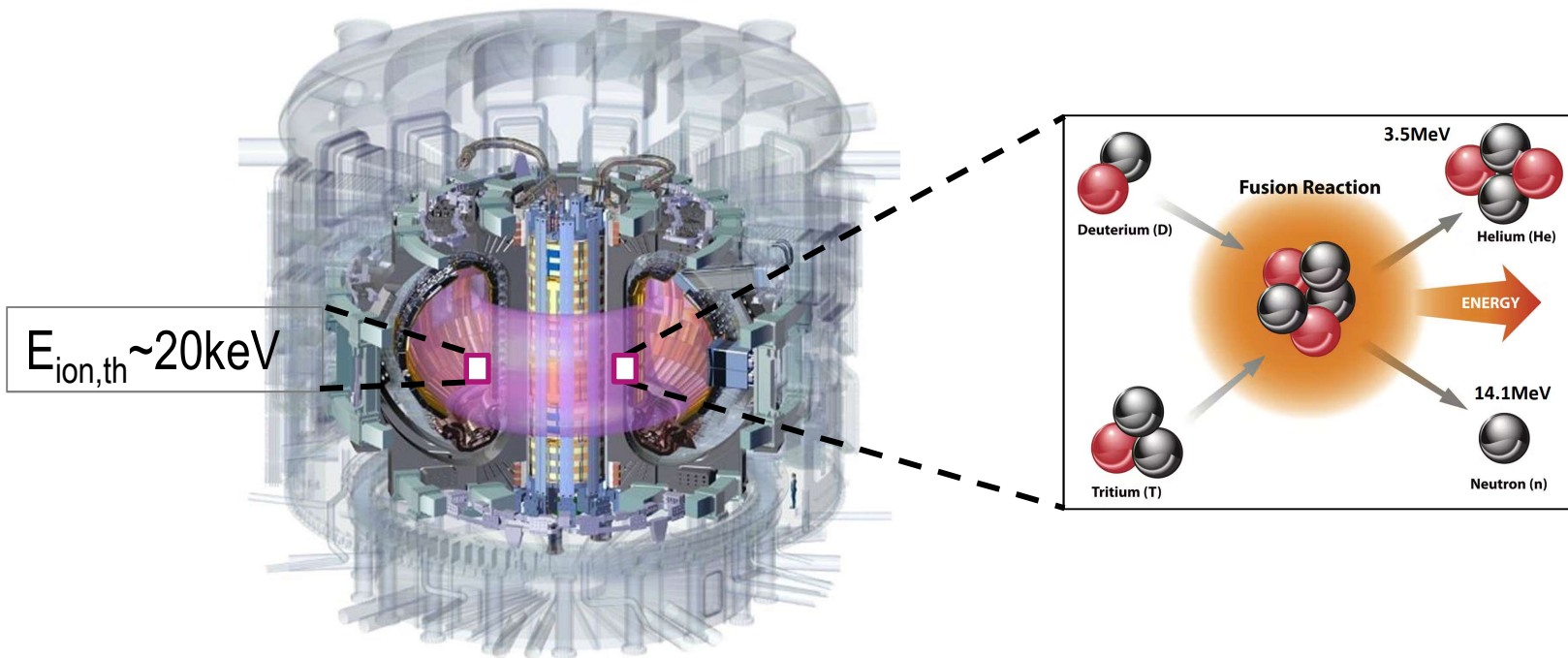
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3.5MeV alpha particles: key pillar for fusion energy production by plasmas

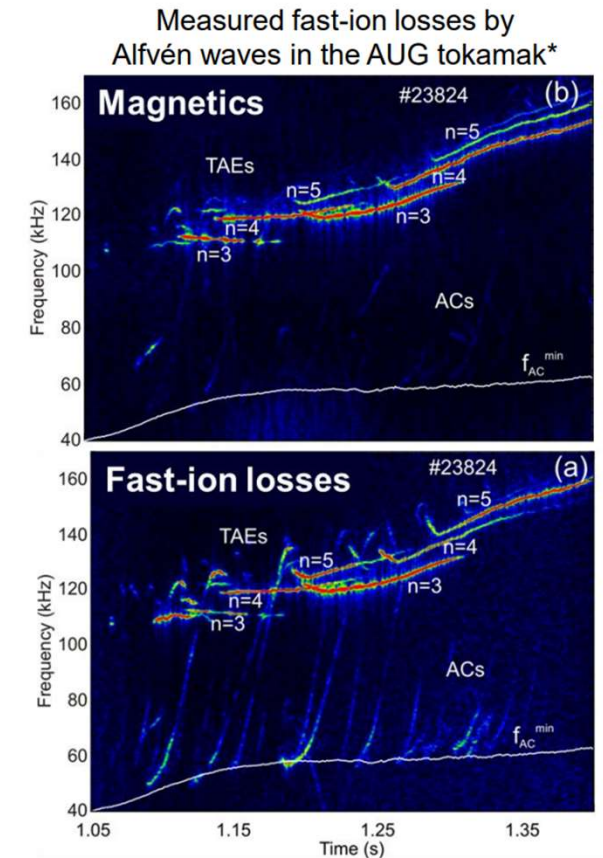


- Fusion produced **3.5MeV alpha particles** → **self heating of plasmas** through collisions
- Presence of T and α particles → Significant differences compared to D plasmas

Impact of α 's in DT burning plasmas



- α 's can interact with Alfvén waves \rightarrow α transport and losses

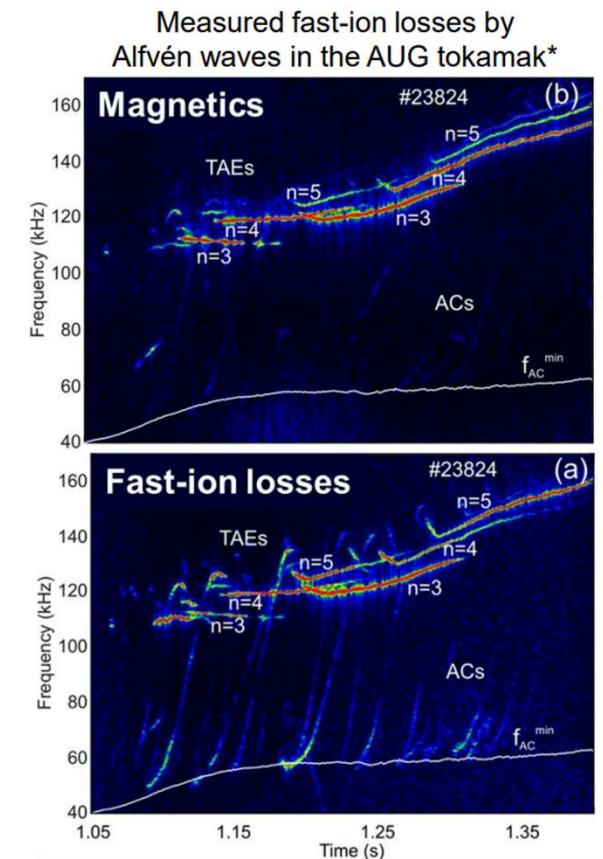


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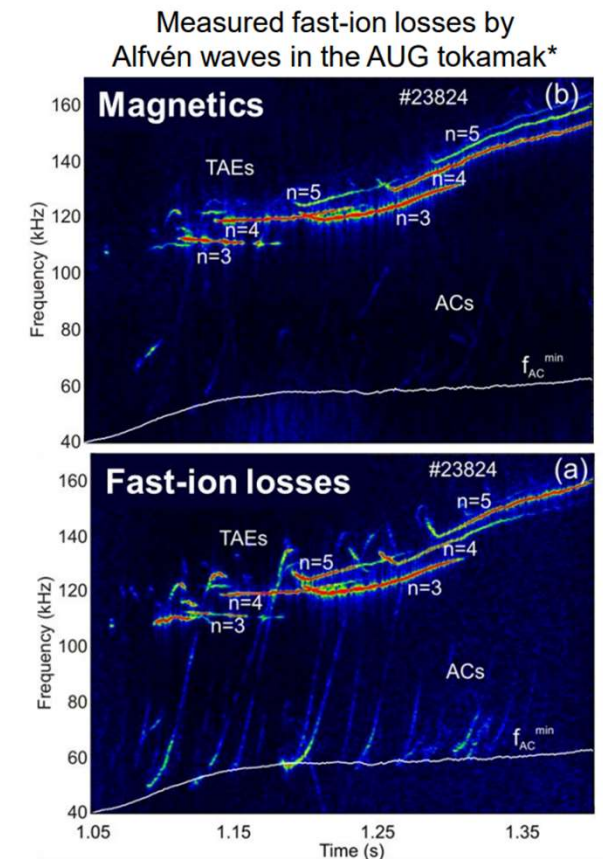


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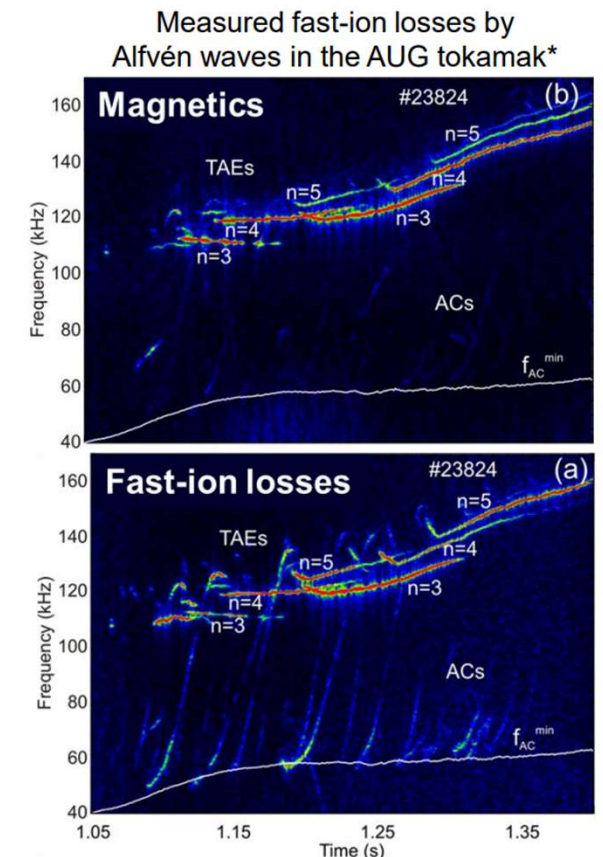
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Potential negative plasma conditions



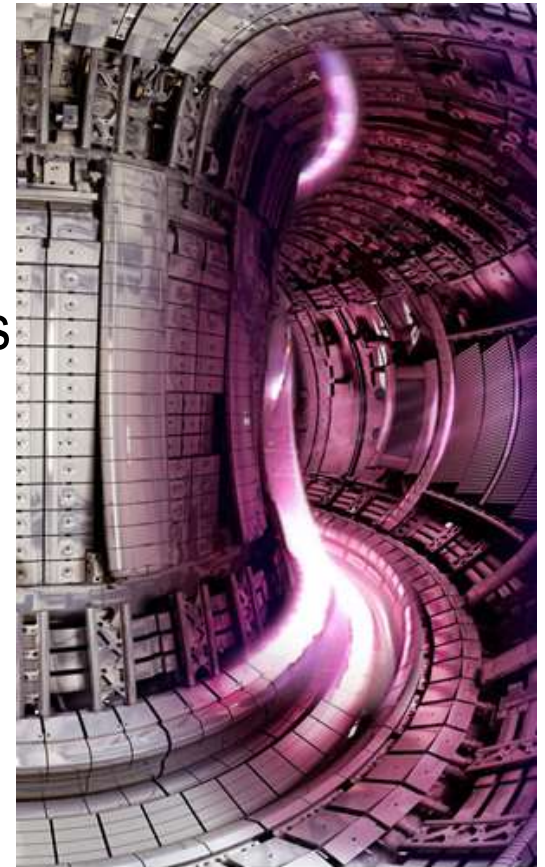
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JET-DTE2: key α particle and fast ions studies



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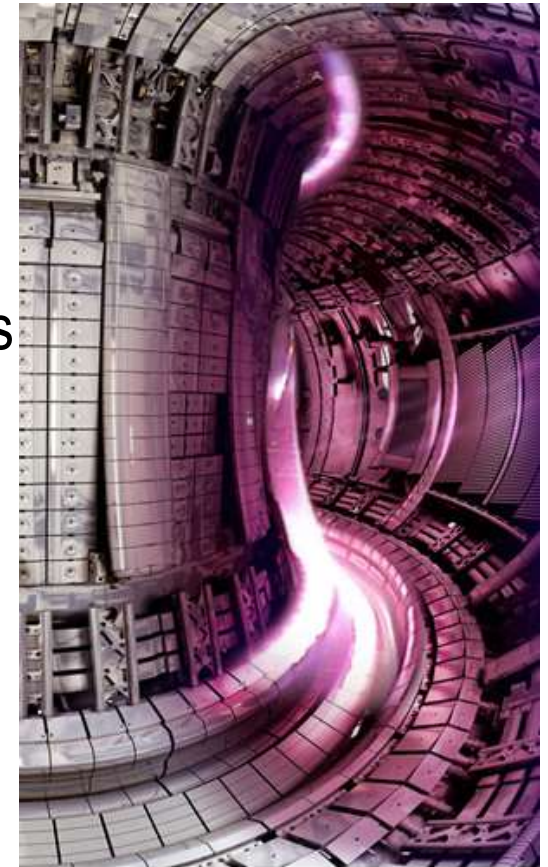


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Improved capabilities compared to DTE1:

- Better fast ion diagnostics
- More heating power
- Sophisticated Modelling



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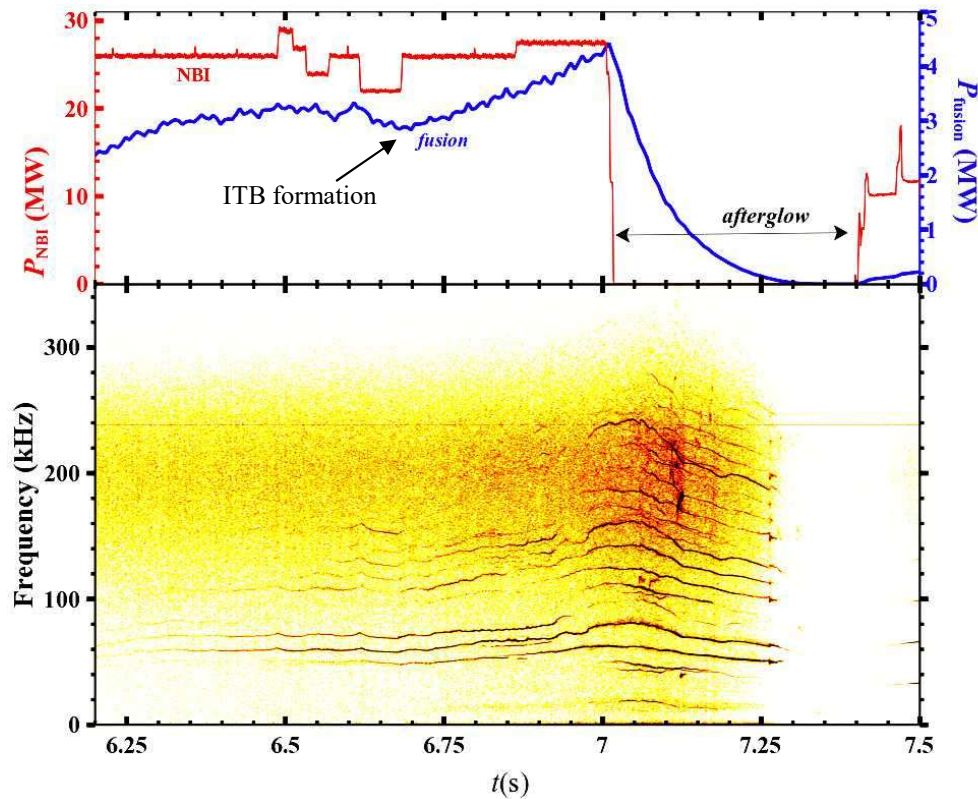


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Afterglow plasmas developed



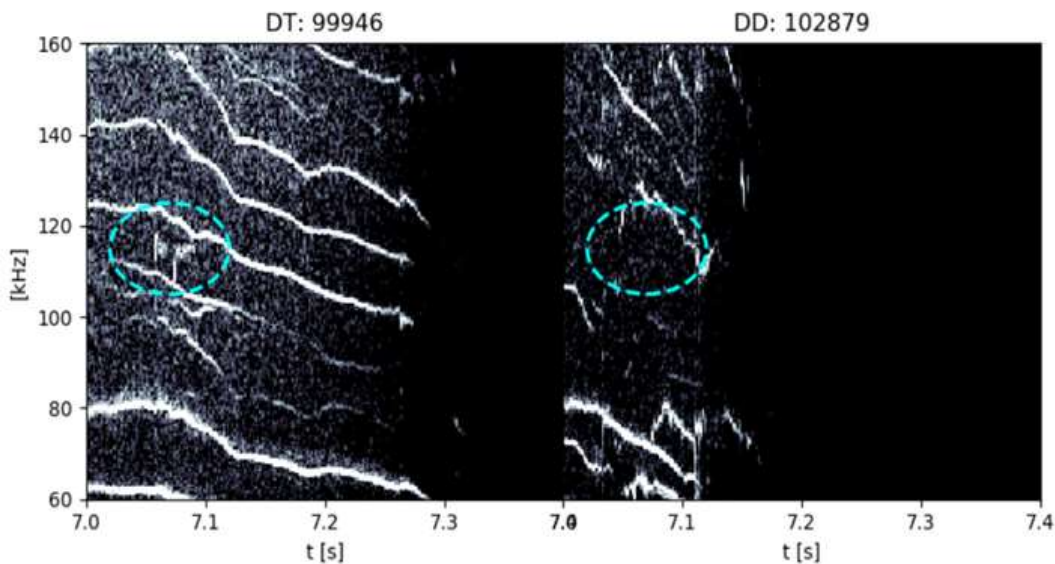
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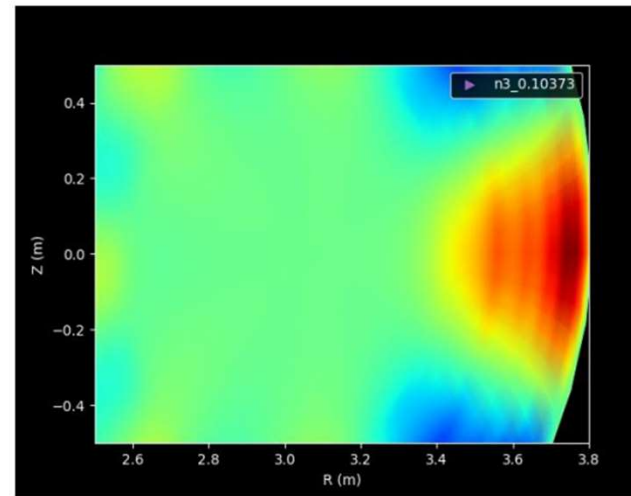
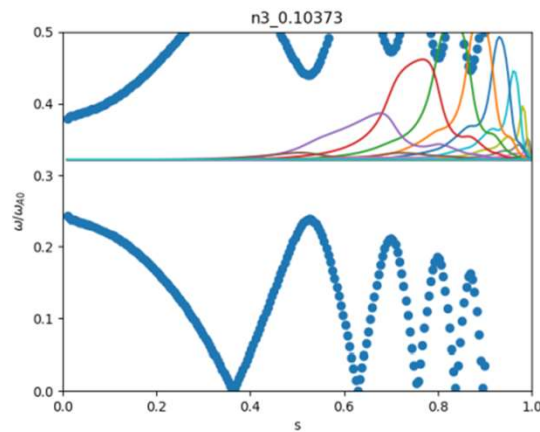
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- **DT vs D: clear differences in high frequency perturbations**

[Fitzgerald NF 23]

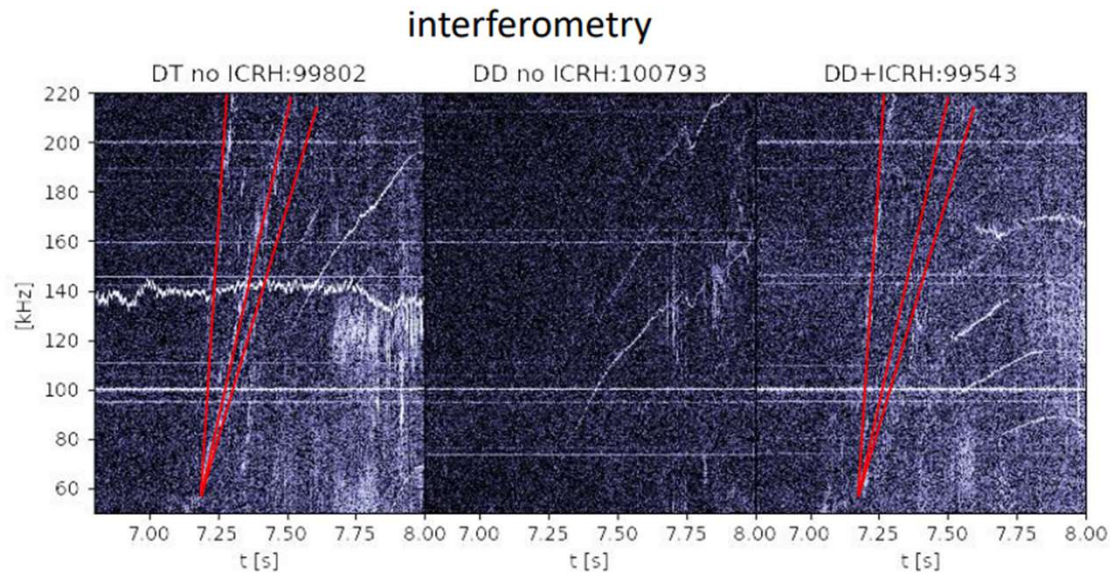
TAE mode identification in afterglow plasmas



[Fitzgerald NF 23]

- Identification of mode performed with MISHKA and HALO codes
- **n=3 TAE destabilized by α 's** compatible with mode observed
- Precessional motion of alphas resonates with the toroidal phase velocity of TAE

Alfvén cascades in afterglow plasmas

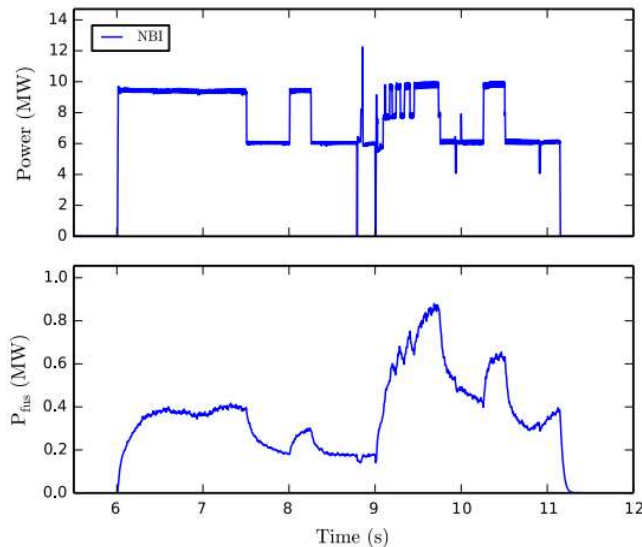


- Afterglow performed in $q_0 \sim 1$ scenario with $P_{fus} \sim 11 \text{ MW}$
- Alfvén cascades in DT (without ICRH) and D (with ICRH)
- Strong indication of α driven instabilities

Alternative route to destabilize α driven modes



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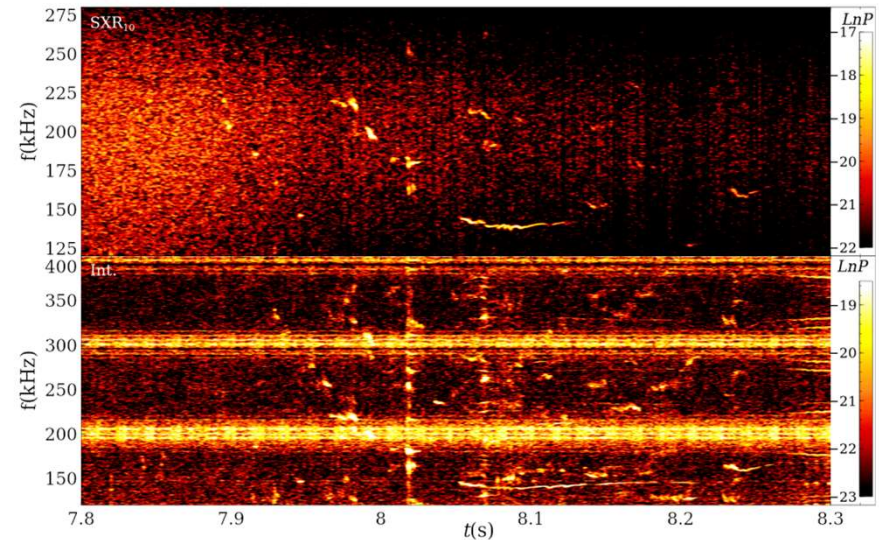
[Sharapov NF 23]

[Oliver NF 23]

[Sharapov this conference

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- NBI modulation in DT plasmas \rightarrow **Bump-on Tail α distribution** $\frac{\partial f}{\partial E} > 0$
- On axis, $\rho \sim 0.2$, high frequency perturbations not observed in D
- Possible candidates: **kinetic Alfvén waves (KAW)**



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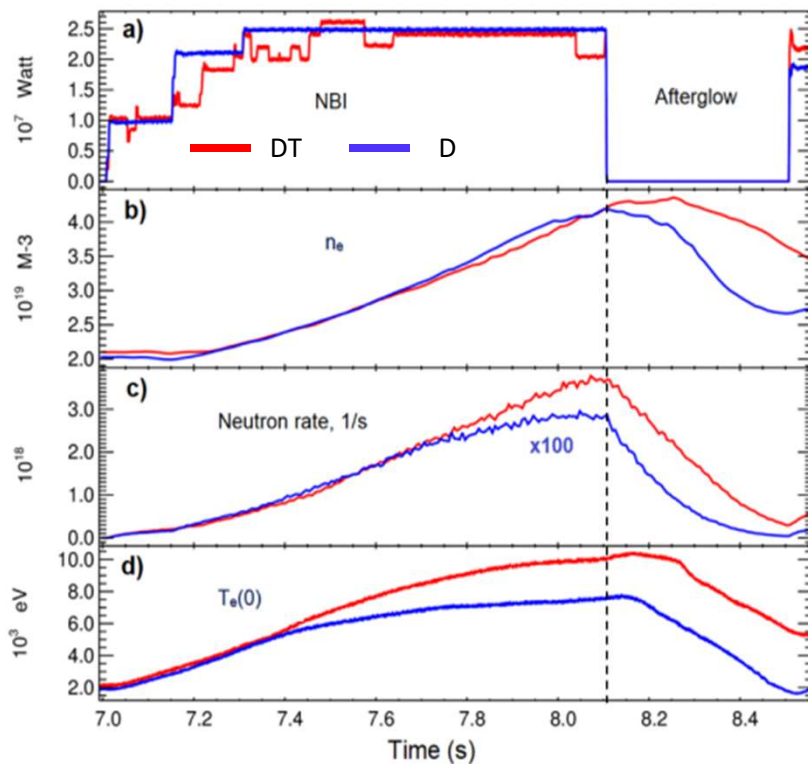


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Afterglow scenario used to demonstrate alpha heating



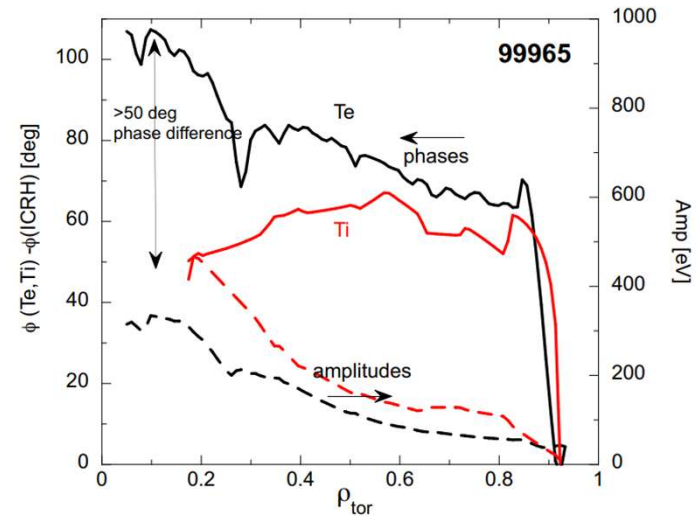
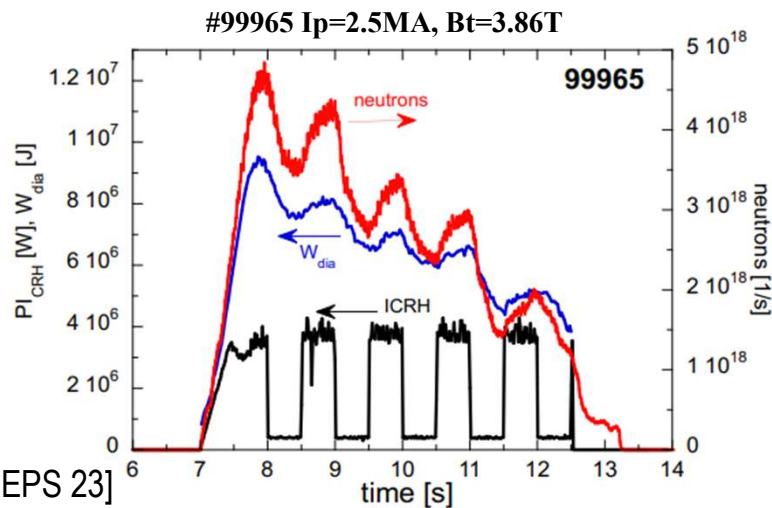
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[Kiptily PRL 23] [Kiptily this conference #1836]

- Afterglow scenario \rightarrow α 's slowing down time longer than NBI ions
- Different T_e evolution in DT and D \rightarrow **α heating**
- Further evidence of α electron heating obtained in gyrokinetic simulations [Disiena this conference #1892]

α power modulation and electron heating



[Casiraghi EPS 23]

[Mantica this conference #1774]

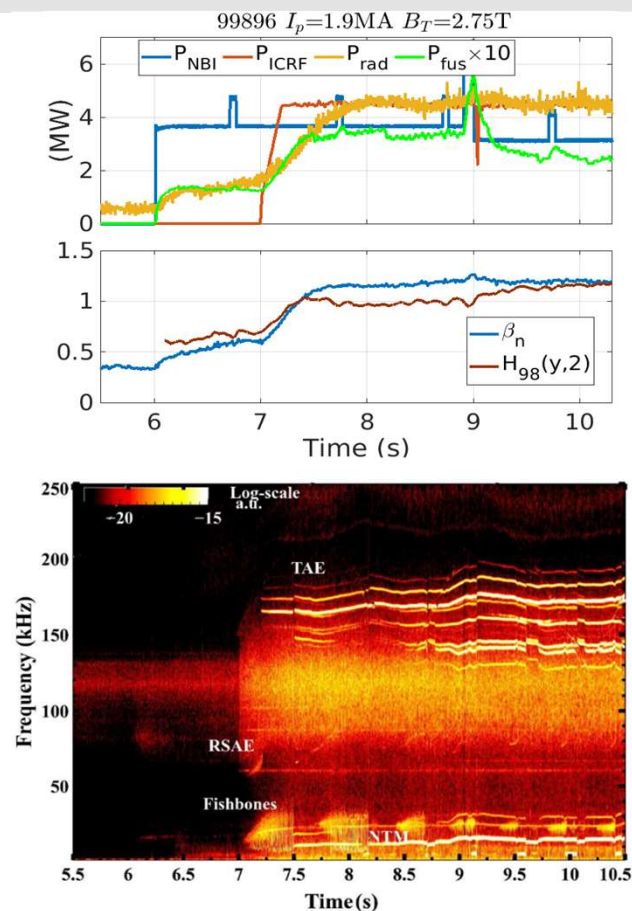
- ICRH modulation performed \rightarrow α modulation
- High phase delay between T_e and T_i time evolution
- Indication of α heating to the electrons

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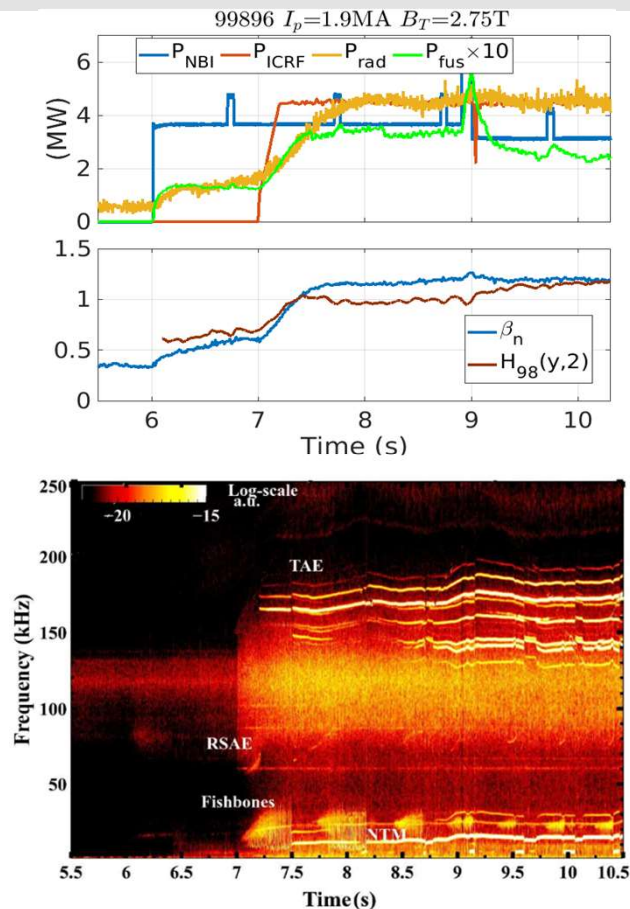
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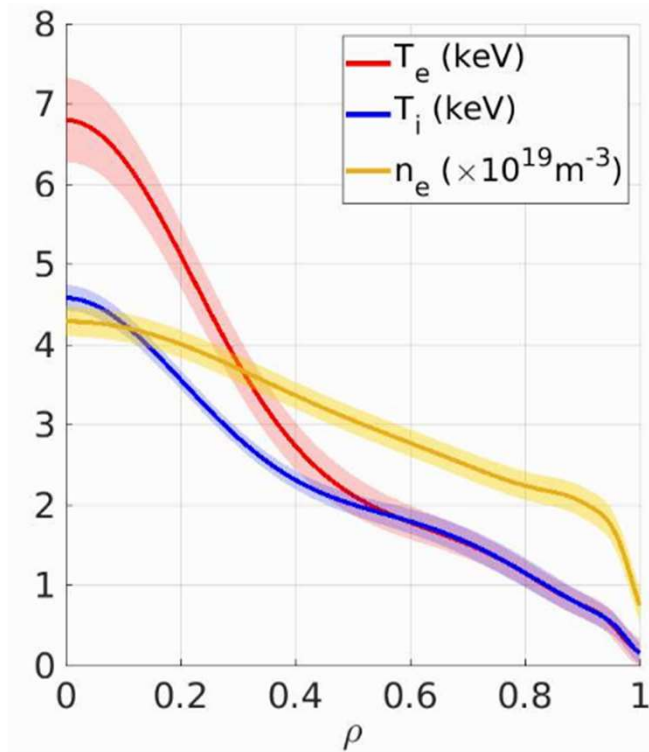
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- High confinement obtained: $H_{98}(y,2) \geq 1$
 - Low core transport: $Q_{e,i} \sim 0.5\text{GB}$
 - 15% better confinement in DT than D

High core electron heating with ICRF

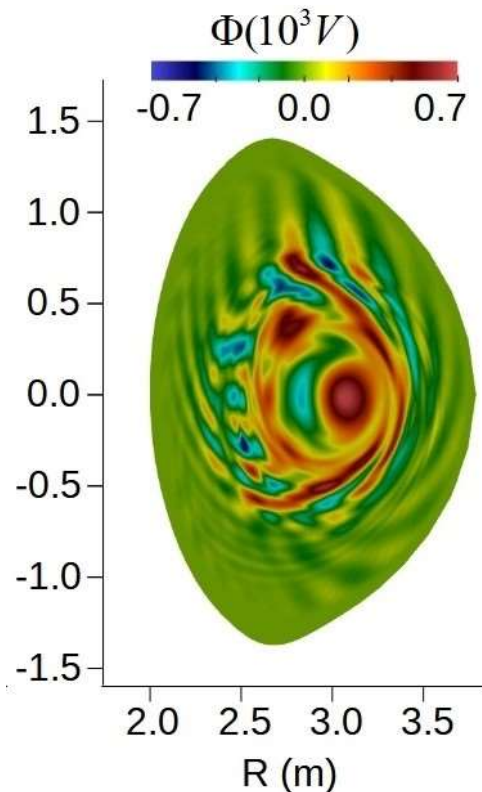


- High electron heating and low torque:
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Fast ion perturbations simulated



Non-linear global gyrofluid simulations with
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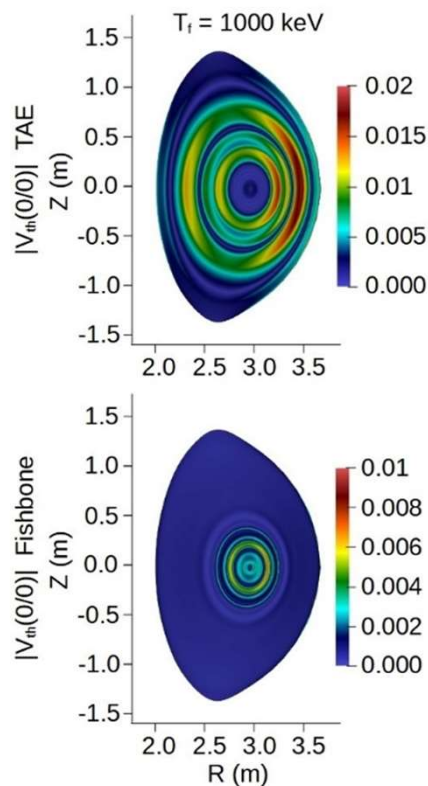


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Zonal activity induced by perturbations



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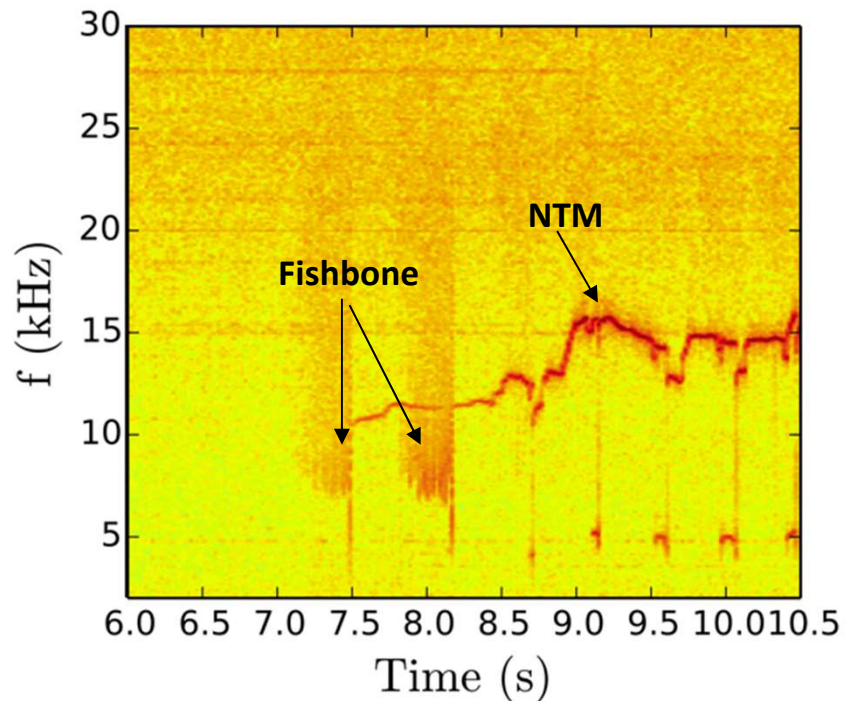


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- Core fast ions perturbations reproduced considering **ICRF accelerated ions**
- Fishbone and TAE generate zonal structures
- **Zonal activity leads to reduced ion thermal transport**
- No evidence of T_i clamping at 90% of electron heating

α particle losses and transport

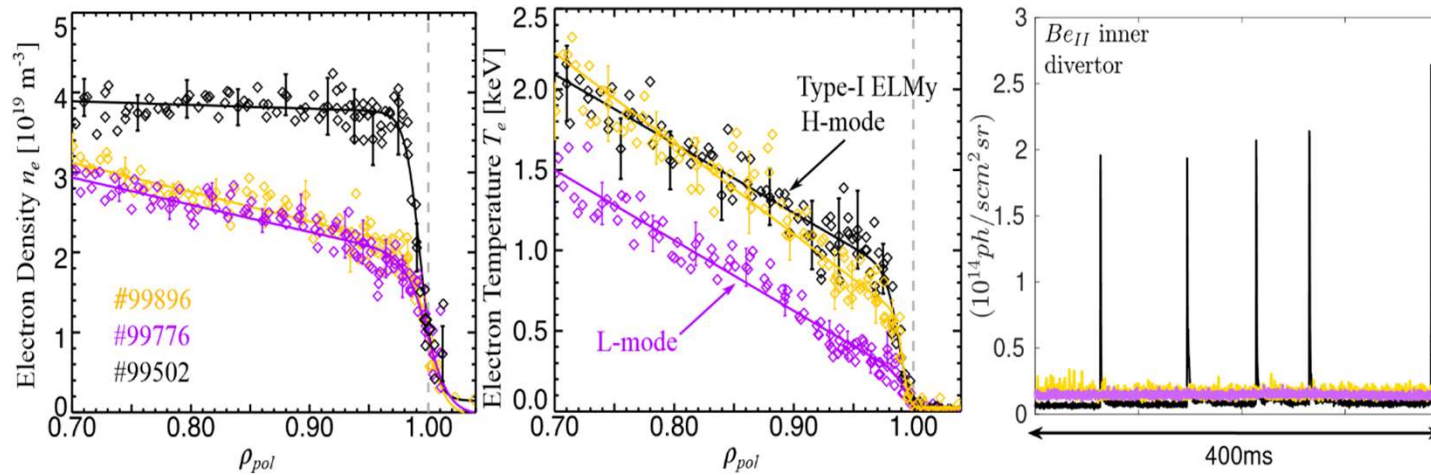


FILD measurements



- **Non-linear coupling**: induced α transport and losses by **fishbone**
- No losses detected from TAE but substantial from NTM
- **Magnetic perturbations optimization is necessary**

I-mode like plasma regime



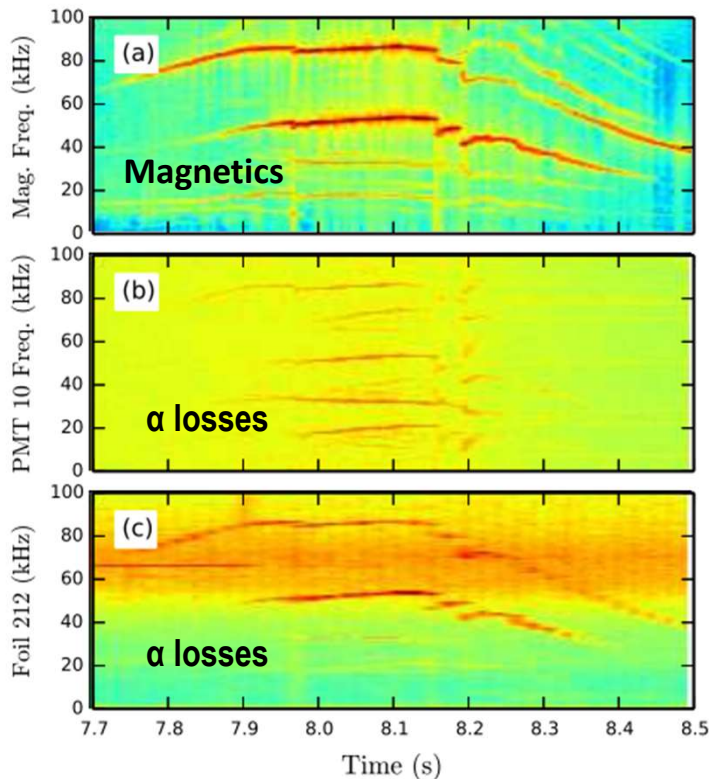
- High confinement regime **similar to I-mode**...
- ...but standard $B \times \nabla B$ used and edge WCM not detected
- Plasma regime close to L-H transition

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α particle losses detection in DTE2



- Detected prompt α losses $\sim 7\%$
- Detected low frequency MHD α losses $\sim 5\%$
 - Fishbone, NTM, Kink
- Overprediction of the neutron rate in TRANSP with no α transport [Stancar this conference #1889]

[Kiptily this conference #1836][Bonfiglio this conference #1991]

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- Several expected α particle effects confirmed in JET-DTE2
 - Alfvén modes destabilization
 - Electron heating
 - Prompt and coherent losses
- High confinement in DT plasmas with ITER core conditions
- DT plasmas show significant differences compared to D → More experiments needed