

# M3D-C1 ZOOM Meeting

02/01/2021

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# Status of new Princeton/PPPL Computer “stellar”

**Bill Wichser (2/1/21)**

- We have two nodes up, the scheduler has been configured, and space for /home is available. We await IBM to install the hardware required for /scratch/gpfs so there is no big filesystem available as of yet. We were hoping to have IBM come today to start the install but that isn't happening!
- The operating system is installed but all tools may not yet be available. Josko continues to build the MPI and related tools.
- By the end of this month we should have a rack or three of equipment available along with filesystems but again this would be in a friendly user mode as we work out any bugs and issues as we continue to rack and wire up the nodes.
- The core Infiniband has yet to be installed so we are working with a single IB switch at this time. On the node front, due to covid, we are only able to rack about 15 nodes per day so it has been a very slow go.

## GPU Solve status

- GPUs give little or no speedup on solves for small problem size
- Larger problem sizes run out of memory

M3DC1/unstructured/regtest/RMP\_nonlin

PERSEUS 6.5GB/core

TRAVERSE CPU 8. GB/core

TRAVERSE GPU 8. GB/gpu

|        |     |     |                |    |
|--------|-----|-----|----------------|----|
| Matrix | 282 | 221 | 17,768,178,788 | 0. |
|--------|-----|-----|----------------|----|

|        |      |      |             |    |
|--------|------|------|-------------|----|
| Vector | 3448 | 2759 | 329,011,624 | 0. |
|--------|------|------|-------------|----|

|               |    |    |            |    |
|---------------|----|----|------------|----|
| Krylov Solver | 54 | 40 | 15,992,160 | 0. |
|---------------|----|----|------------|----|

PERSEUS 4 nodes and 16 cores per node, totally 64 cores, runs

TRAVERSE CPU 4 nodes and 16 cores per node, totally 64 cores, failed

TRAVERSE GPU 8 nodes and 8 cores per node, totally 64 cores, runs

# Mesh Adaptation Status

01/17/21: RPI Email to Brendan

“The capability to adapt 2D meshes is ready and everything is updated in the git. Please find attached the document describing the procedure to use the capability along with a few examples of meshes.”

Brendan now testing.

## Local Systems

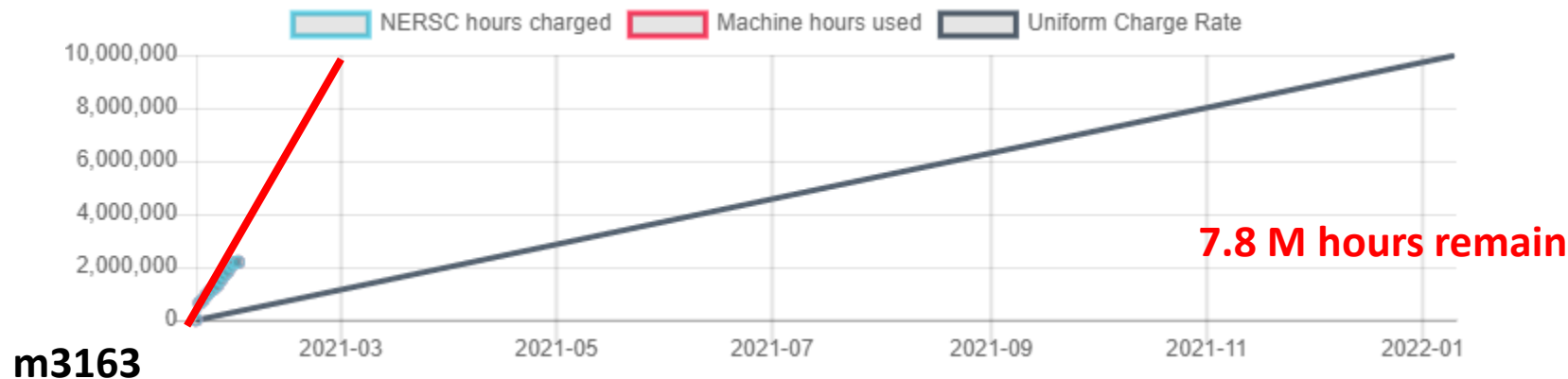
- PPPL centos7(02/01/21)
  - 5 regression tests PASSED on centos7:
  - RMP\_nonlin failed
- PPPL greene (02/01/21)
  - 4 regression tests PASSED
  - RMP\_nonlin failed
  - No batch file found for pellet
- EDDY (2/01/21)
  - 6 regression tests PASSED
- TRAVERSE(1/4/21)
  - Code compiles
  - Regression test failed: split\_smb not found in PATH
  - Have not yet tried shipping .smb files from another machine

## Other Systems

- Cori-KNL (1/25/2021)
  - 6 regression tests passed on KNL
  - RMP\_nonlin **failed** ... differences growth in time, agrees with eddy
- Cori-Haswell (1/25/2021)
  - 4 regression tests passed
  - KPRAD\_RESTART did not pass, but differences are very small in velocity variables. All magnetic and thermal good. Similar difference as Cori-KNL
  - RMP\_nonlin **failed** ...however, agrees with Cori-KNL and eddy
- PERSEUS
  - All 6 regression tests PASSED on perseus (J. Chen, 9/04/20)
- MARCONI
  - All regression tests PASSED on MARCONI (J. Chen, 9/04/20)
- CORI GPU (10/26)
  - ??

# NERSC Time

mp288



m3163

Closed for general use

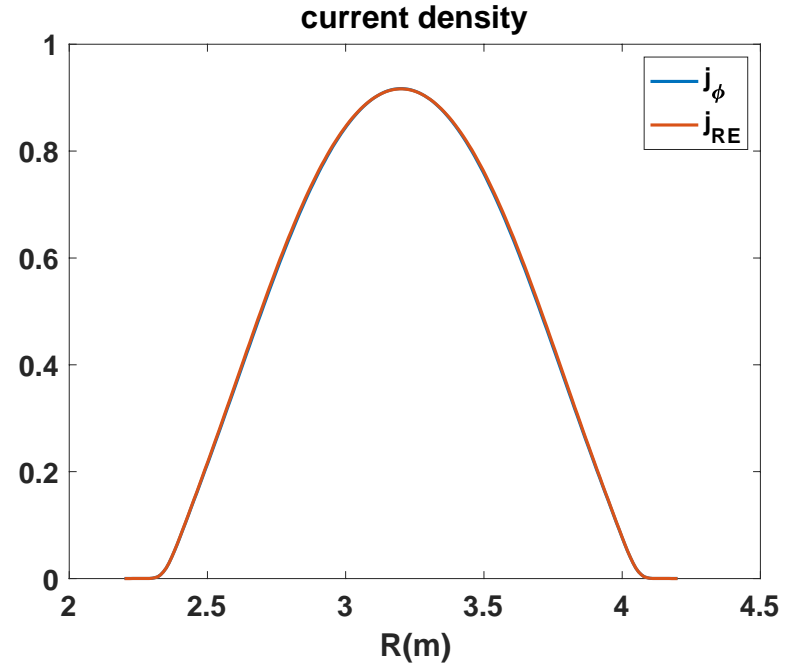
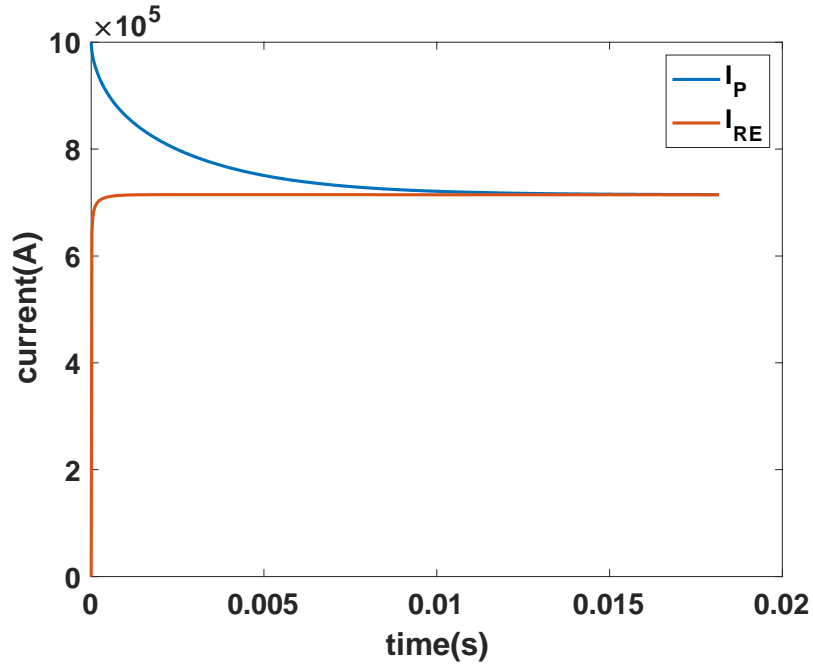
- New NERSC allocations started 10:00 AM ET Jan 20, 2021:
- mp288 received 10M Hrs for CY 2021
- We will certainly exhaust this in 2-3 months. Transition to stellar (PU/PPPL)

# Changes to github master since last meeting

- S. Seol
  - 01/26/21: m3dc1\_mesh\_adapt modified to run on 3D mesh
  - 01/30/21: adding Brendan's adaptation routine
  - 01/30/21: debugging in m3dc1\_mesh\_adapt
- N. Ferraro
  - 01/26/21: Updated RMP\_nonlin which was broken by the fix for the toroidal current
  - 01/26/21: "version number" corrections to plasma, wall, and toroidal current
  - 01/28/21: Updates to how code finds and treats private flux regions. This should help with near-double-null cases where two private flux regions are in the domain
- S. Jardin
  - 02/01/21: added diagnostic field "potential2"

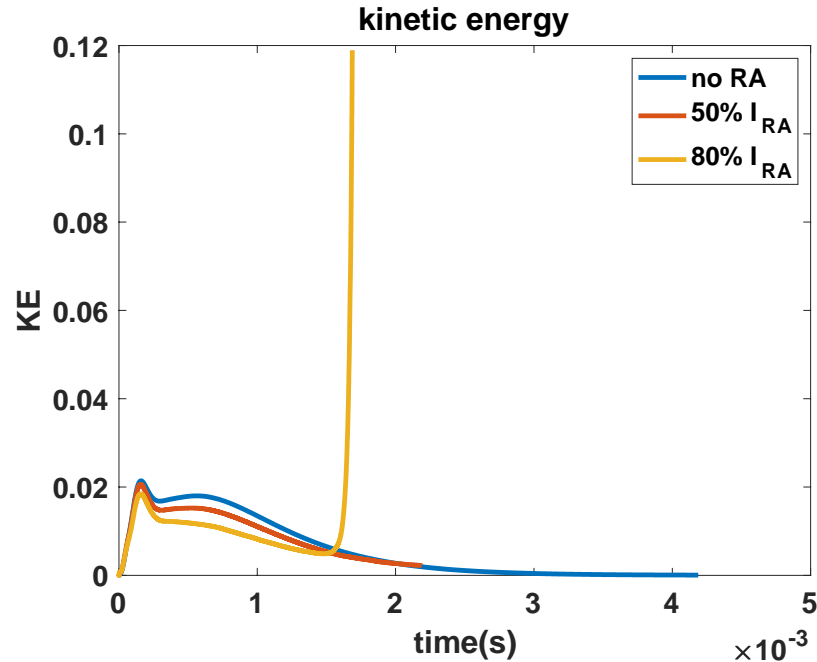


# Cylinder case with avalanche runaway source term

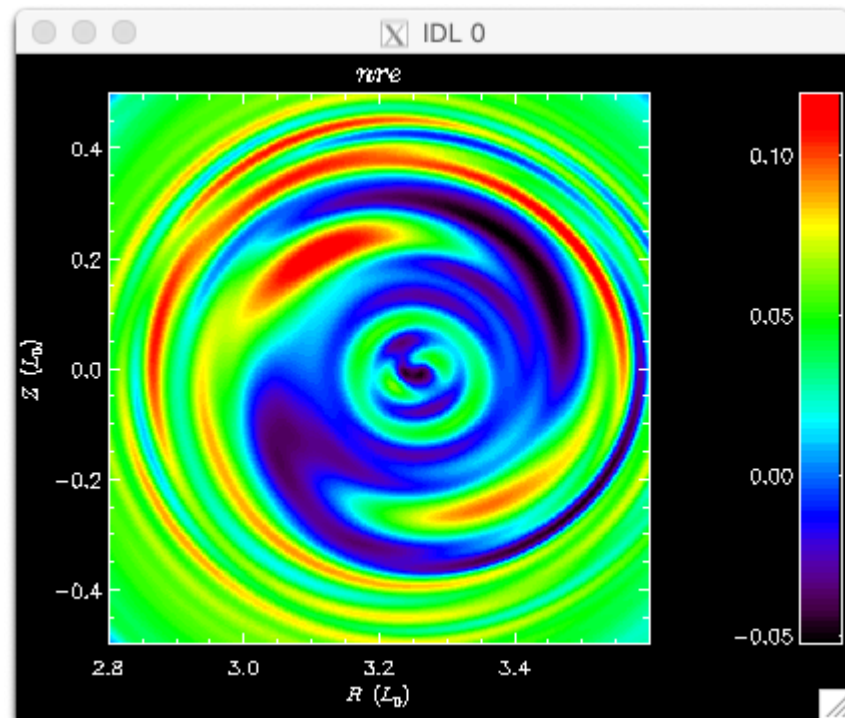
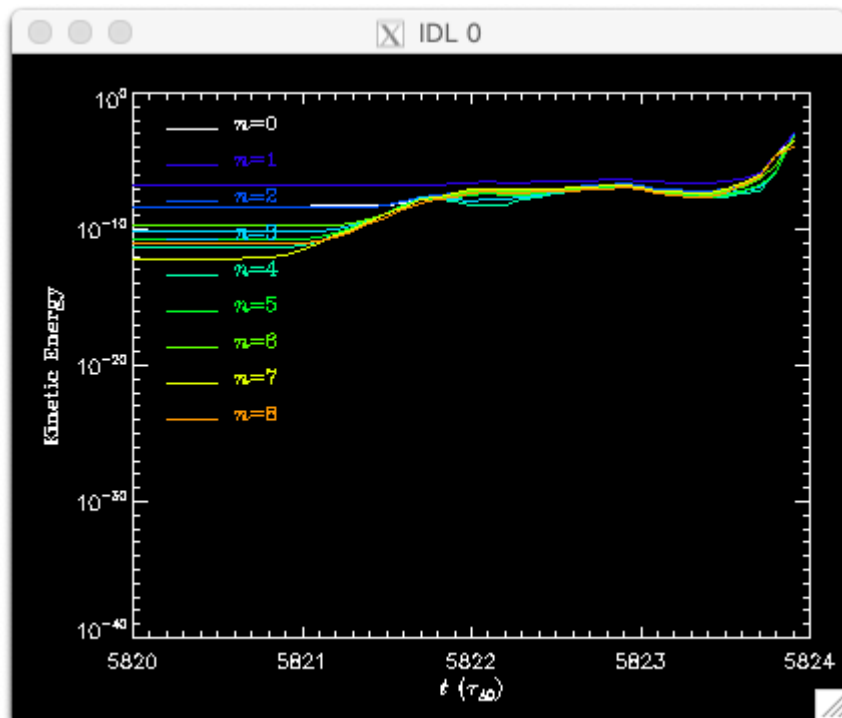


The avalanche term works well on 2d cylinder case

# Sawteeth case with runaways

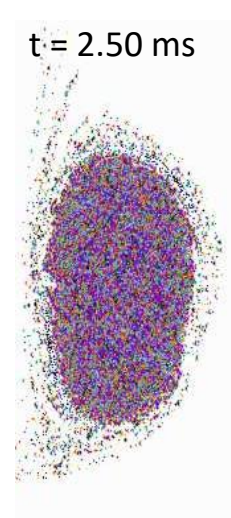
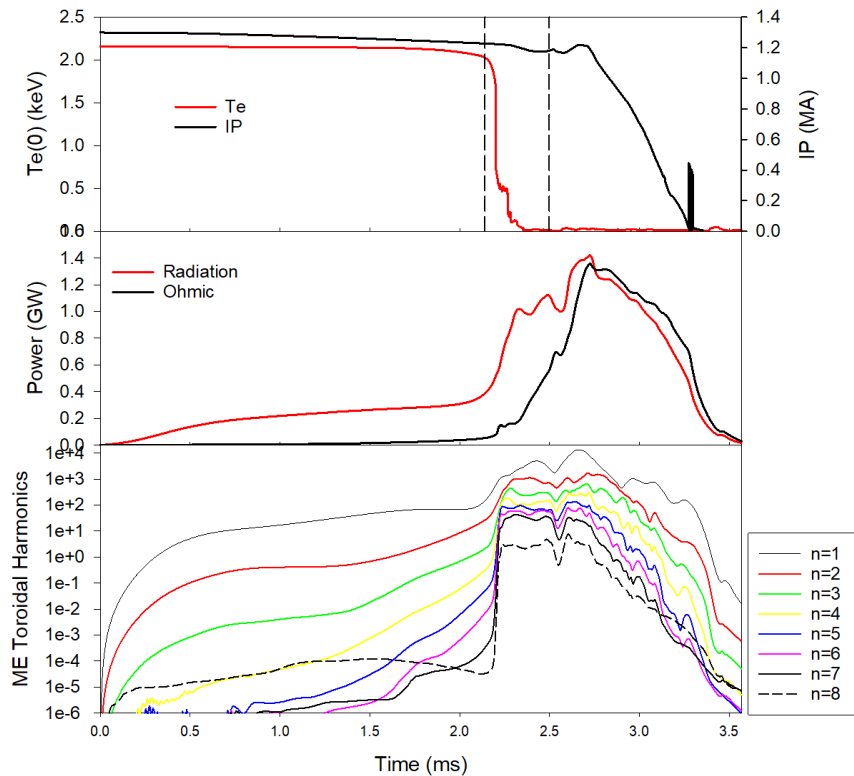


The case with 80% runaway current has instability at about  $t=1.5$ ms.  
No runaway current and 50% runaway current cases do not have instabilities.



I think all harmonics ( $n=0\sim 8$ ) coupled together at about  $t = 5823.8 \tau_A$  and maybe this caused the numerical instability later. And then the energy evolution became strange.

## B. Lyons 3D Benchmark case with NIMROD case “f” with denm= 4.05 e-6



Next:

- More Poincaré plots between 2.32 & 2.50
- convergence test in # of planes: NPLANES

## Additional Poincare Plots

12— $t=2.14$  ms

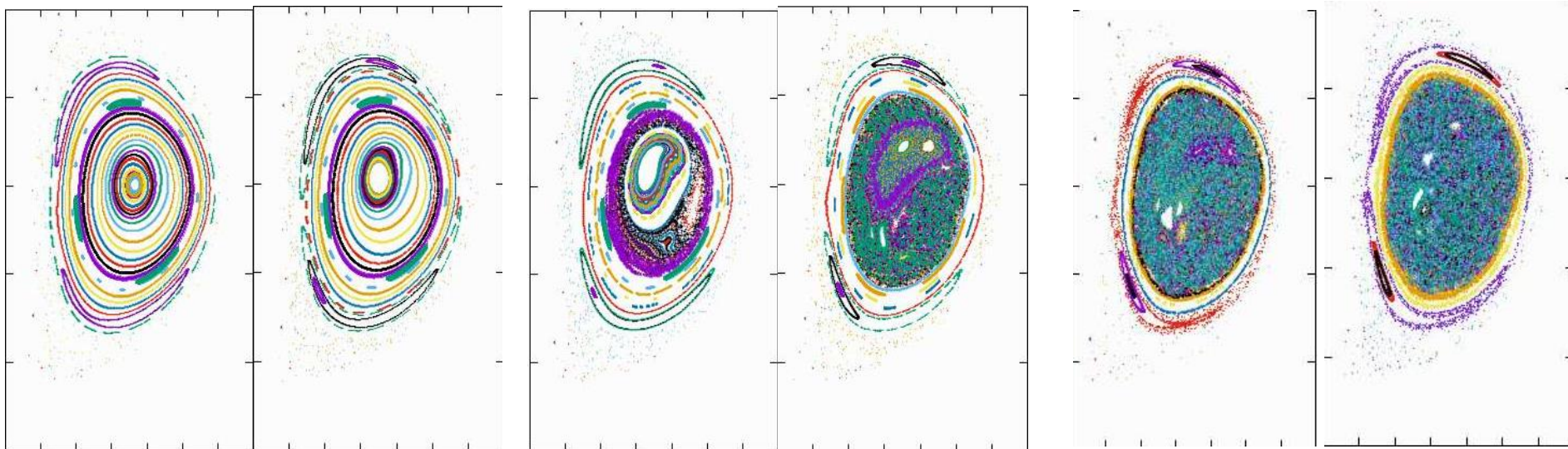
14— $t=2.18$  ms

16— $t=2.21$  ms

18— $t=2.25$  ms

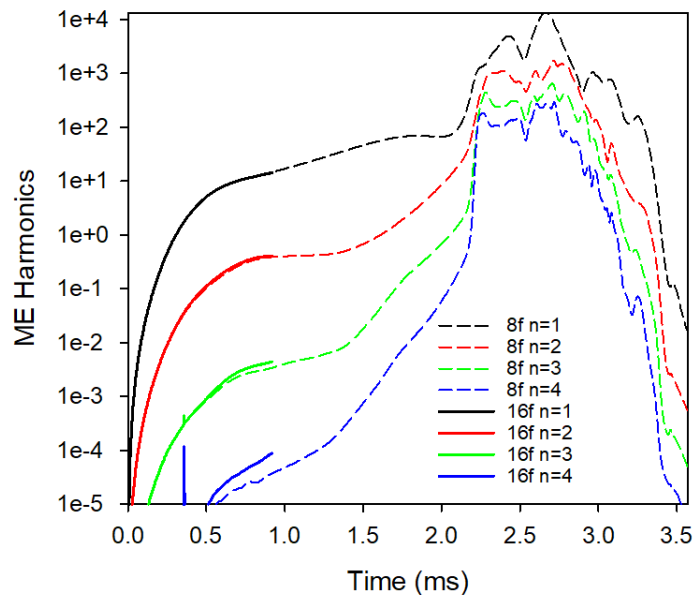
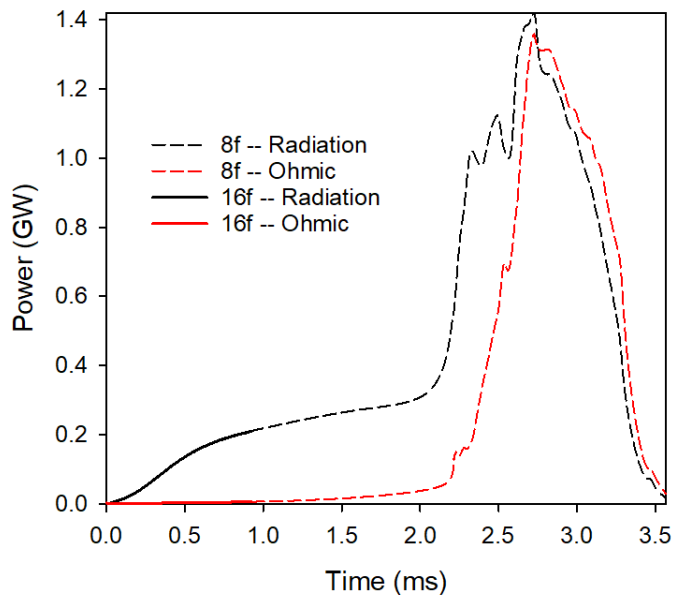
20— $t=2.28$  ms

22— $t=2.32$  ms



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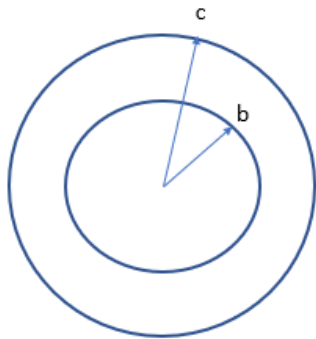
# 16 vs 8 planes convergence test (now running)



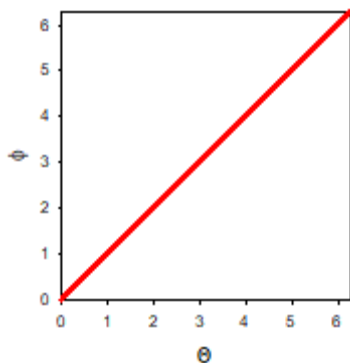
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# Helical Band to remove runaway electrons

- Brendan Lyons performed a calculation last year with a conducting helical band that did not show large helical currents
- Want to try and reproduce, first in circular cylindrical geometry.



Circular cylindrical geometry.  
Conductor in region  $b < r < c$



3D helical band of good conductivity at  $|\Theta - \phi| < \delta$

#1. Will a purely toroidal voltage from the plasma current decaying drive a helical current in this geometry?

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi + \frac{V_L}{2\pi} \nabla \phi$$

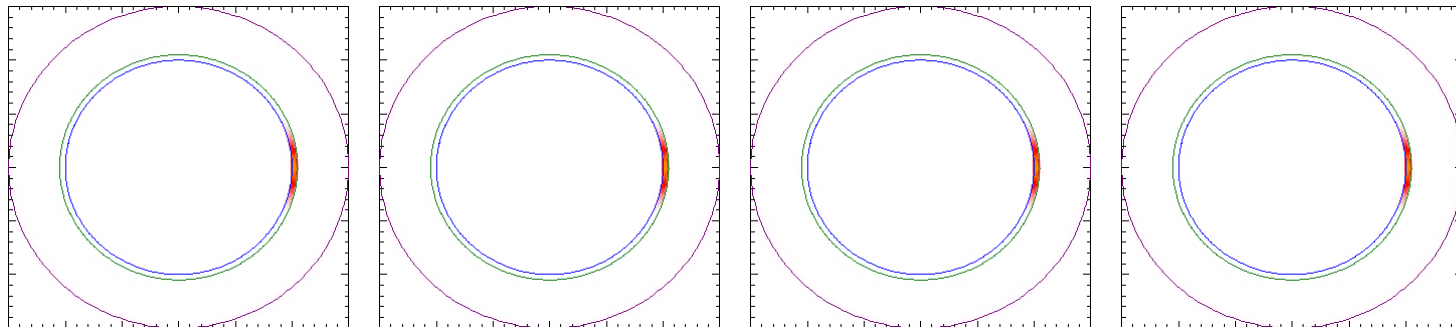
$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$$

What is driving the current in the  $\theta$  direction? It can't be  $\Phi$  unless

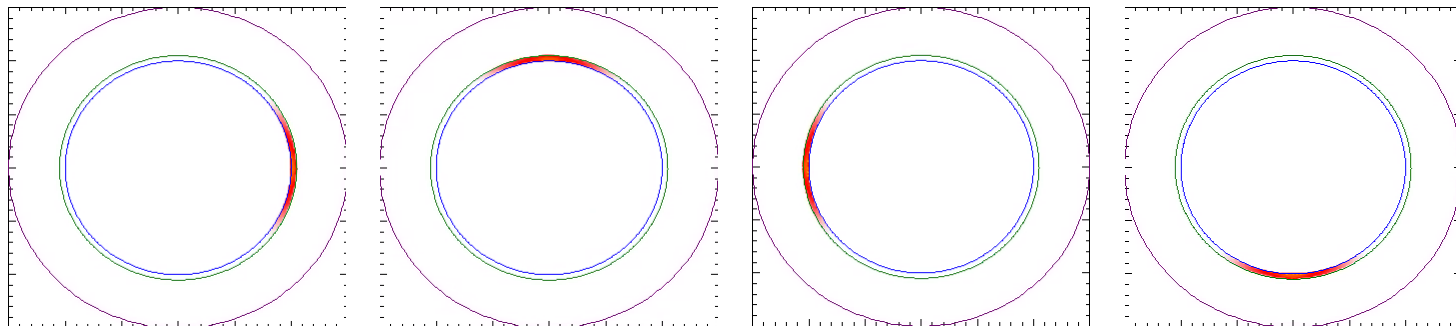
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{-1} J_\theta d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\Phi}{d\theta} d\theta = 0$$

# Comparison between Straight and helical band

Straight →



Helical →



$$\varphi = 0$$

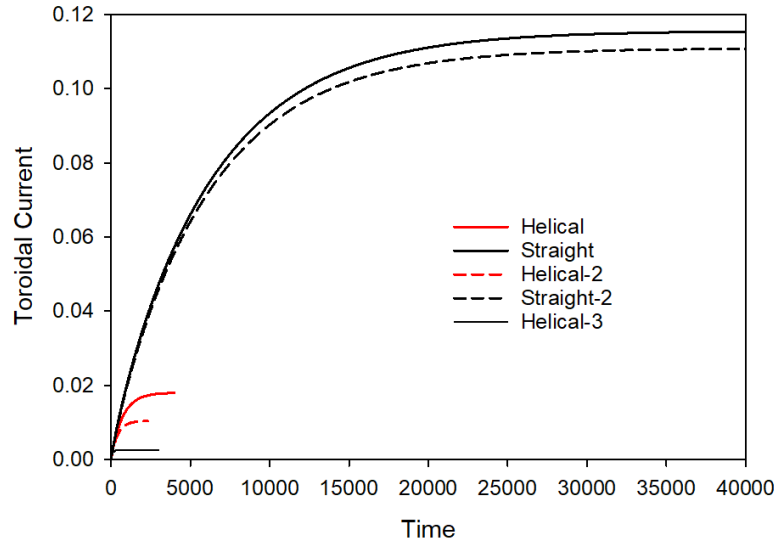
$$\varphi = \pi / 2$$

$$\varphi = \pi$$

$$\varphi = 3\pi / 2$$



# Toroidal current vs time for same applied voltage $V_L$



Helical and Straight

$1.e-2 > \eta > 1.e-6$

Helical-2 and Straight-2

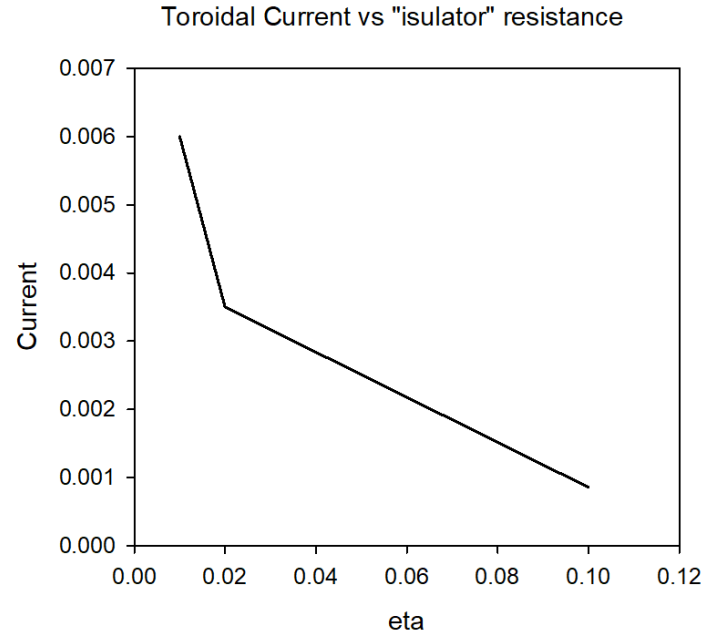
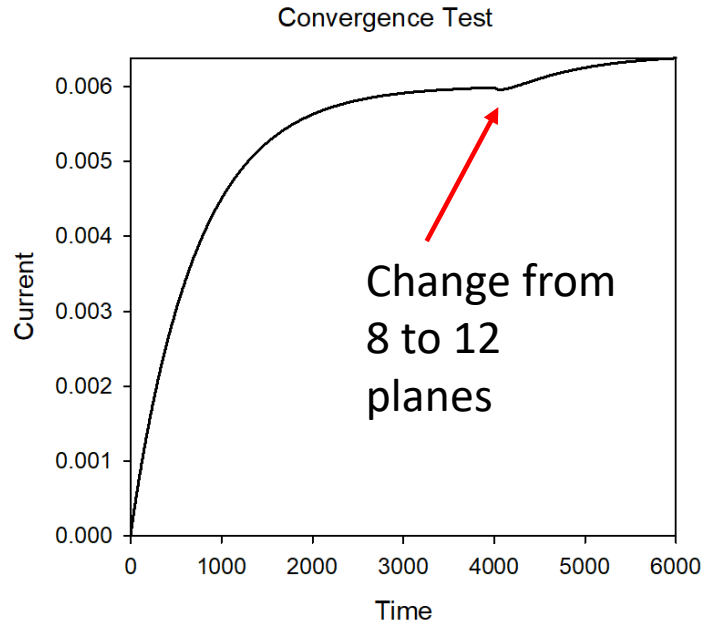
$2.e-2 > \eta > 1.e-6$

Helical-3

$1.e-1 > \eta > 1.e-6$

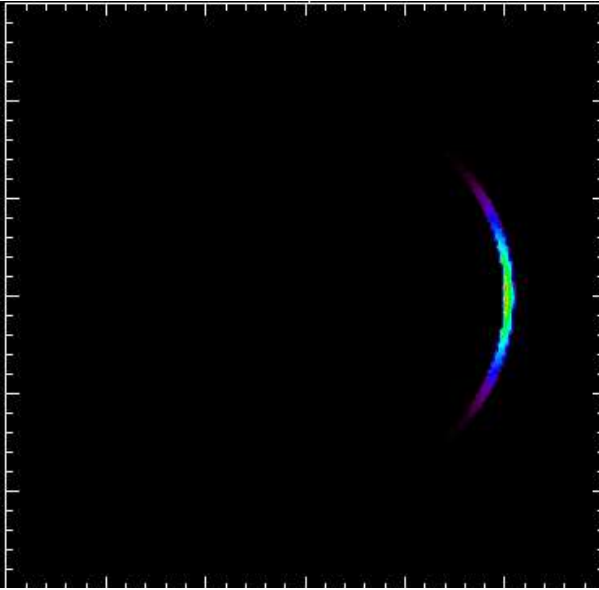
Same applied voltage  $V_L$  drives about 6 times less current in helical band than in straight band. Even less when “insulator” conductivity is increased.

# Some Convergence tests

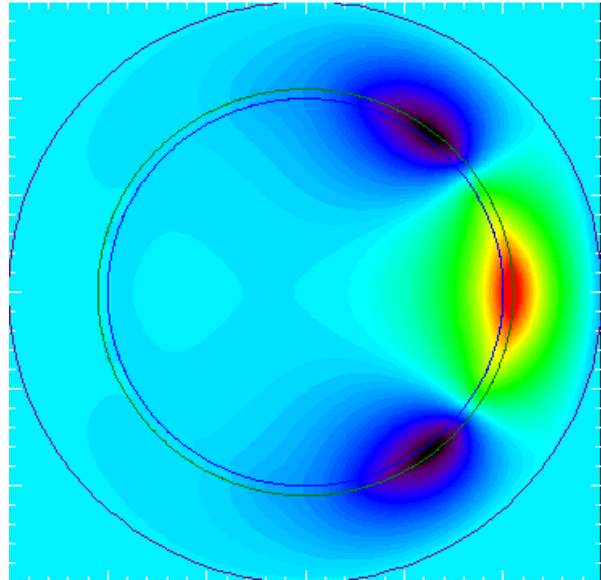


# Scalar Electrical Potential Plots

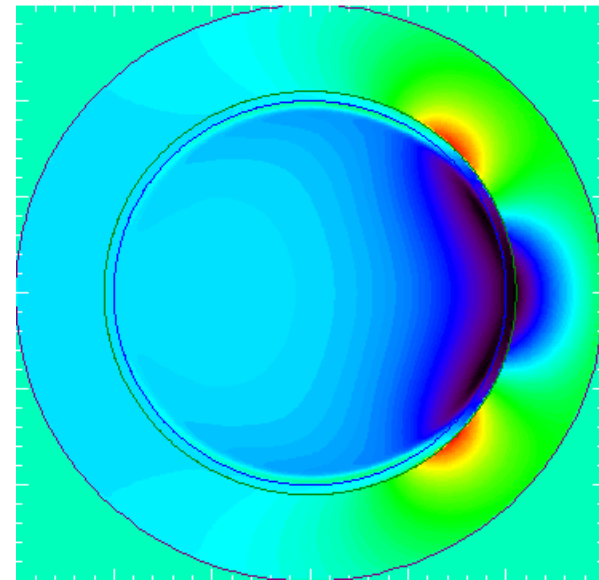
$$J_{\varphi}$$



$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \varphi}$$

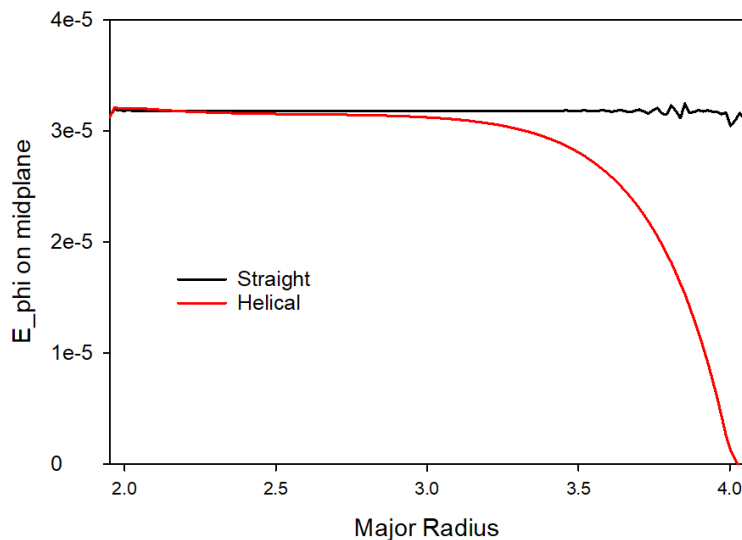


$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z}$$



$$\nabla_{\perp} \cdot \frac{1}{R^2} \nabla \Phi = \nabla_{\perp} \cdot \eta \left[ -\frac{1}{R^2} \nabla F \times \nabla \varphi - \frac{1}{R^2} \nabla f'' \times \nabla \varphi - \frac{1}{R^4} \nabla_{\perp} \psi' \right]$$

## Compare E\_phi on midplane at $\phi=0$



For straight case:  $E_\phi = V_l / 2\pi R_0$

For helical case:  $E_\phi = V_l / 2\pi R_0 - R_0^{-1} \partial\Phi / \partial\phi$

The electrical potential arises, opposing the loop voltage, as it is needed to drive the poloidal current

$$\Phi \cong (V_L / 2\pi) \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^2 \sin(\theta - \phi)$$

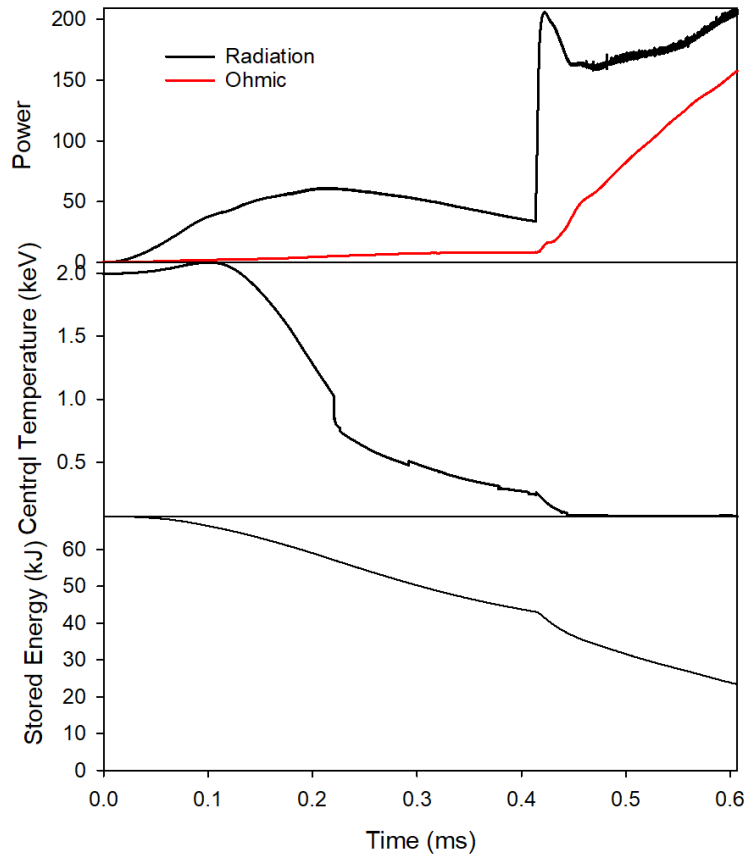
This electrical potential drives the current in the theta direction:

$$J_\theta = \sigma \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\theta} = \frac{\sigma V_L}{2\pi a} \left( \frac{r}{a} \right) \cos(\theta - \phi)$$

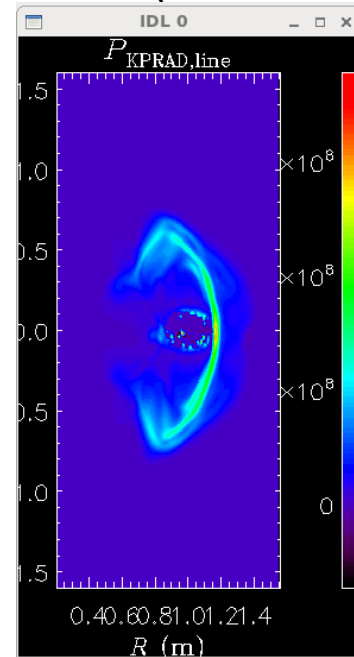
$$J_\phi = \frac{\sigma V_L}{2\pi R_0} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)^2 \cos(\theta - \phi) \right)$$

# Carbon Mitigation in NSTX-U (shell pellet)

Shell carbon pellet in NSTX (now running)



Radiation  
 $t = 0.598$  ms

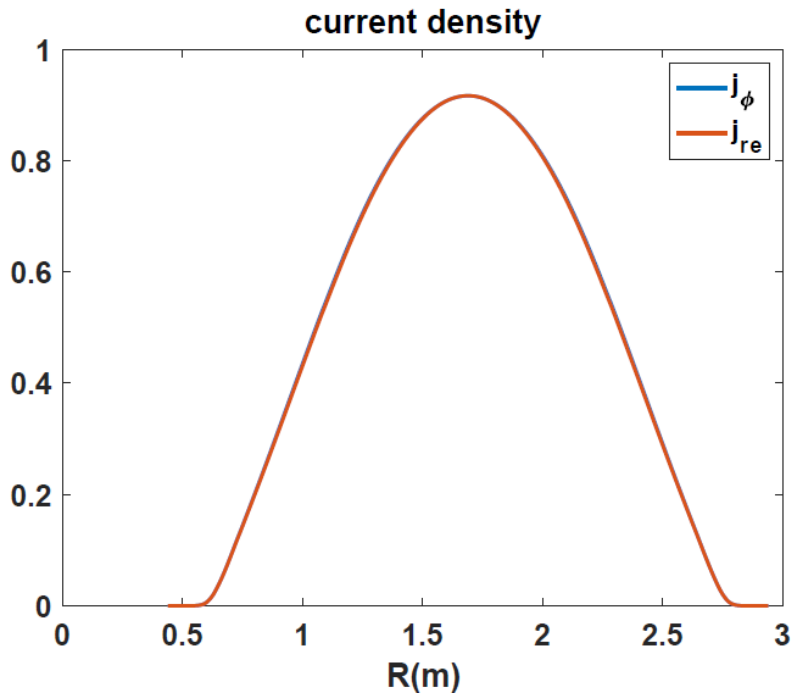
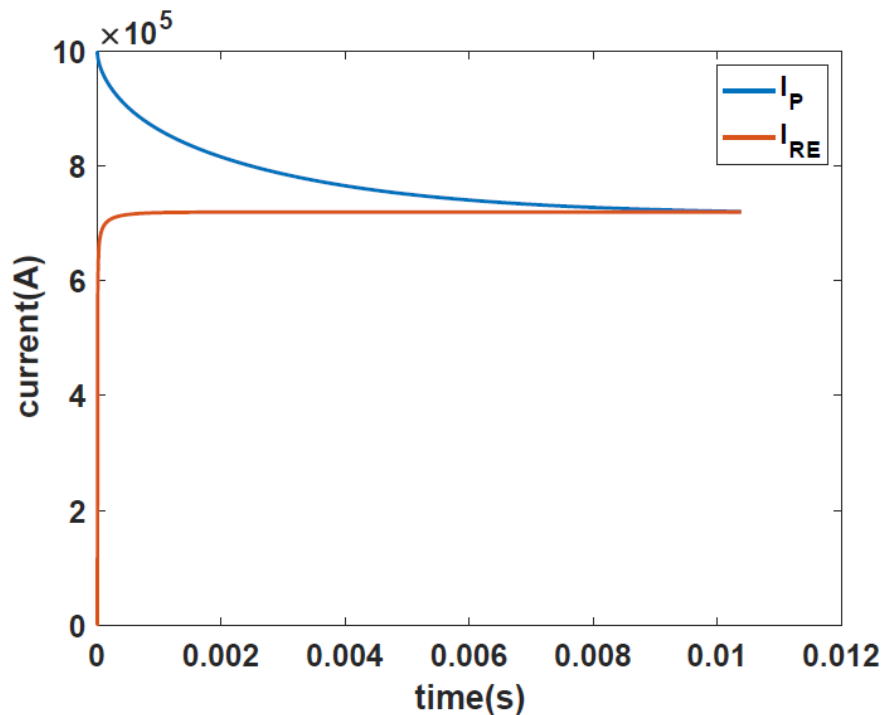


Trying to keep radiation “hot spots” from forming and causing crash. To date, by decreasing  $dt$ .

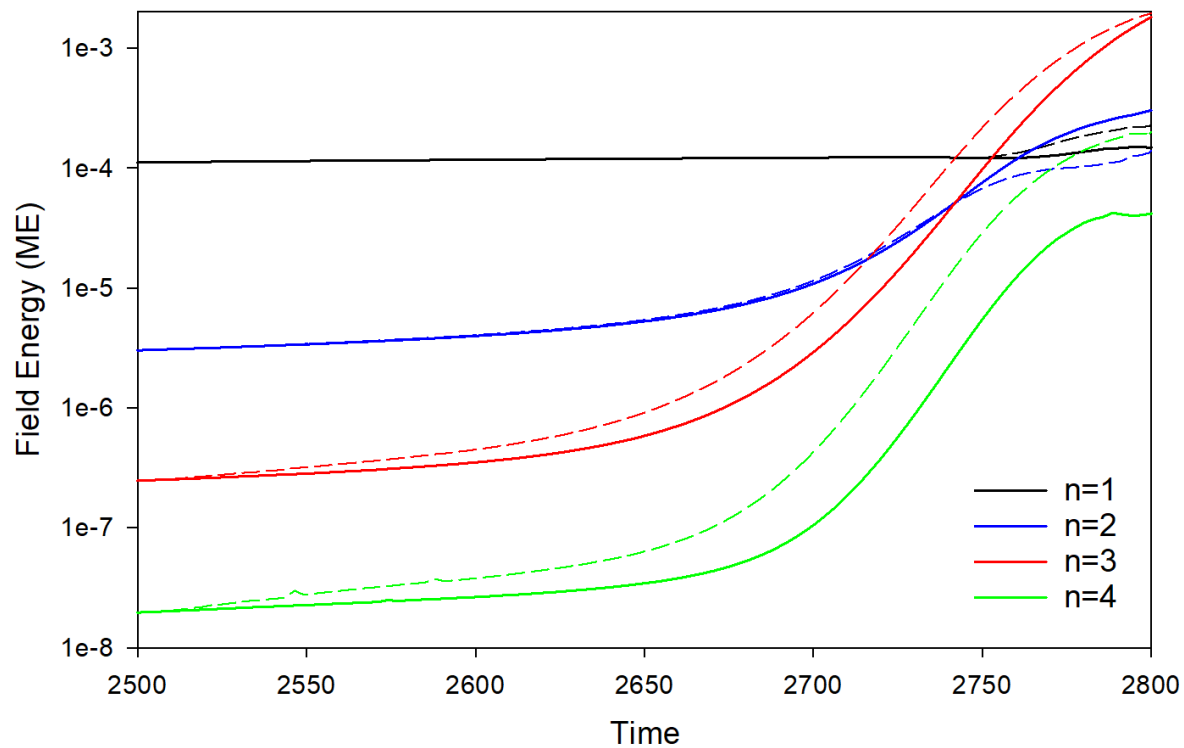
That's All I have

Anything Else ?

## 2D (cylindrical) RE with sources (12/19/2020)

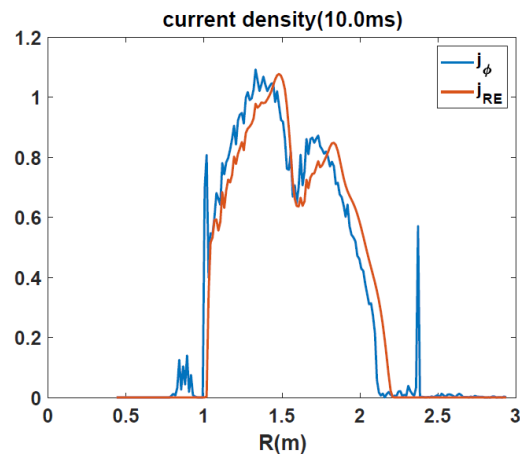
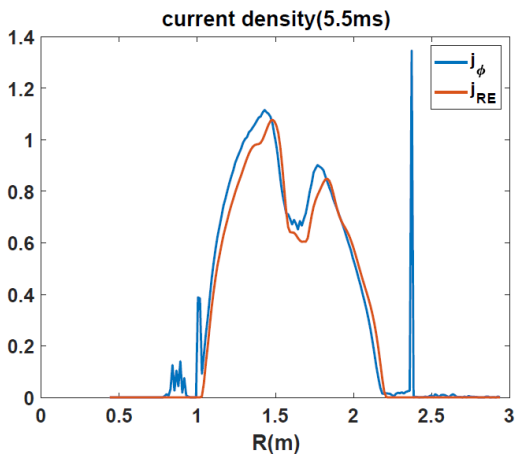
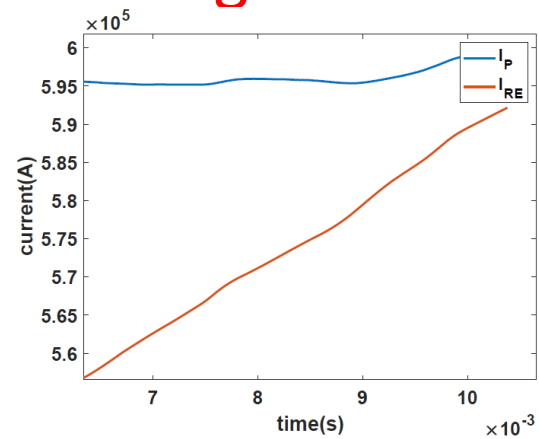
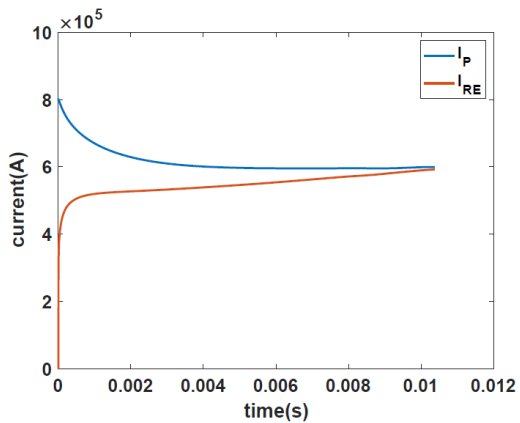


## Energy in base case 36742317 (solid) and 16 plane case 37248033 (dashed)





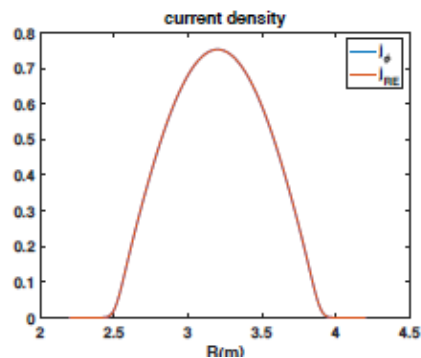
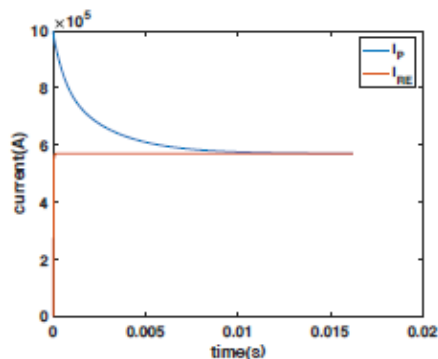
# DIII-D 177053 with Argon



Chen Zhao

## Same calculation in a Cylinder

### M3D-C1 runaway generation with cylinder geometry



- Parameters:
$$\beta_0 = 0.15$$
$$a = 0.65m$$
$$R = 1.7m$$
$$B_0 = 1.9T$$
$$\eta = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$$
$$n_0 = 1.0 \times 10^{20} m^{-3}$$
$$c = 150v_A$$
$$N_{elements} = 12261$$
$$\Delta t = 1.0\tau_A$$

- The plasma current was equal with plasma current by the runaway current at about 12ms.
- The radial profile of runaway current profile are exactly same when the plasma current equal to runaway current.

## Progress on other shots?

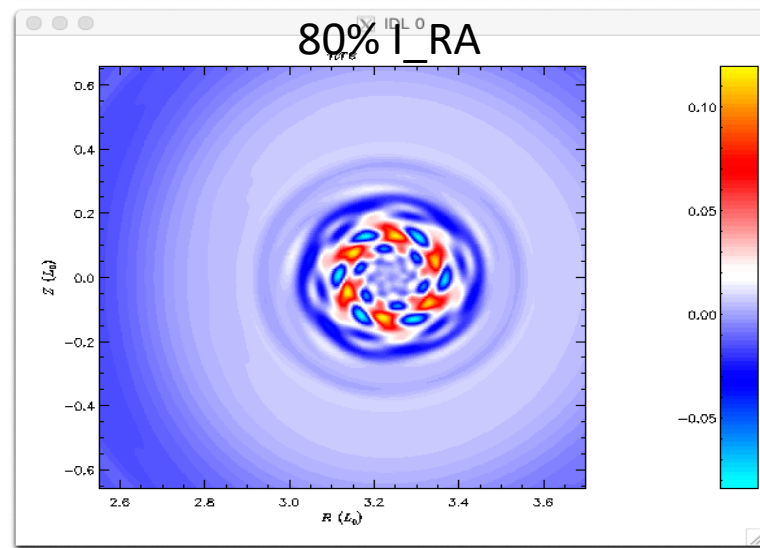
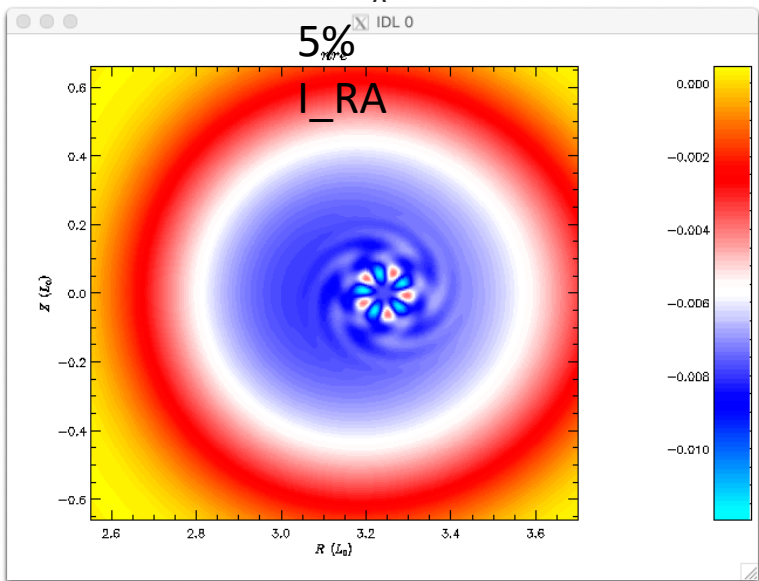
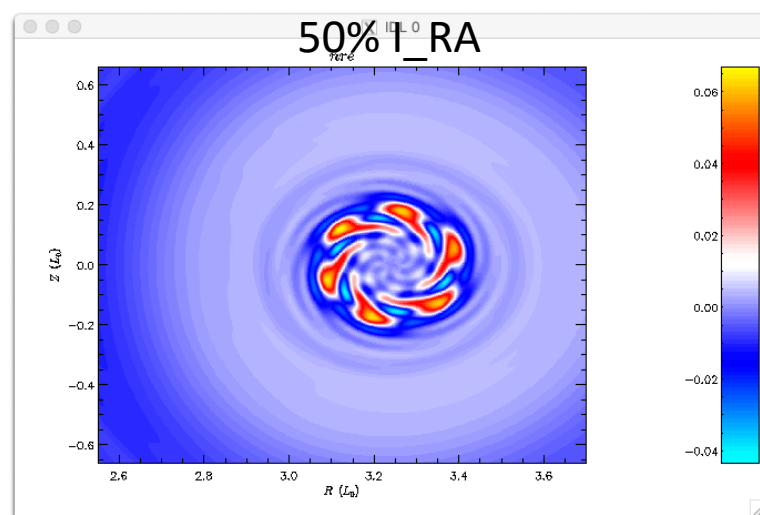
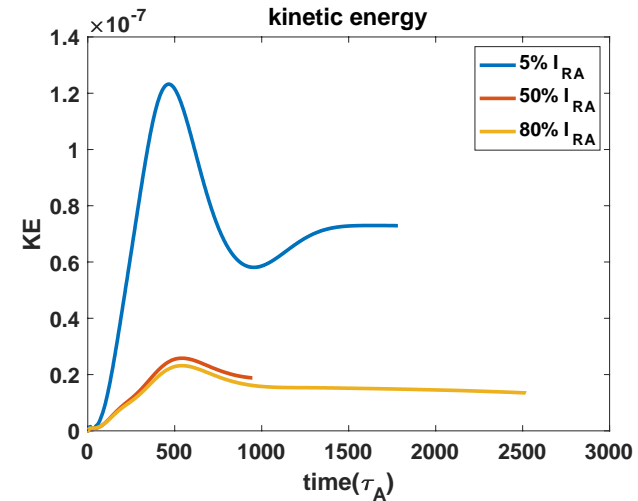
- M3D-C1/NIMROD 3D Benchmark

NSTX shot 1224020 – Fast ion transport with coupled kink and tearing modes  
Chang Liu

DIII-D Neon pellet mitigation simulation for KORC

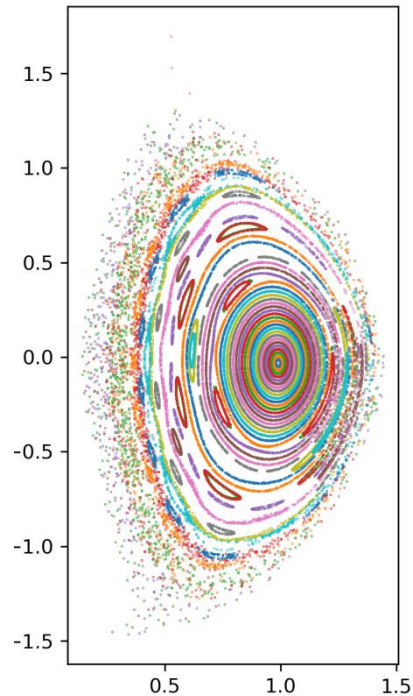
- Brendan Lyons trying to extend 8 plane case to 32 planes

SPARK ? Do we need to do anything?



## NSTX shot 1224020 – Fast ion transport with coupled kink and tearing modes

### Chang Liu

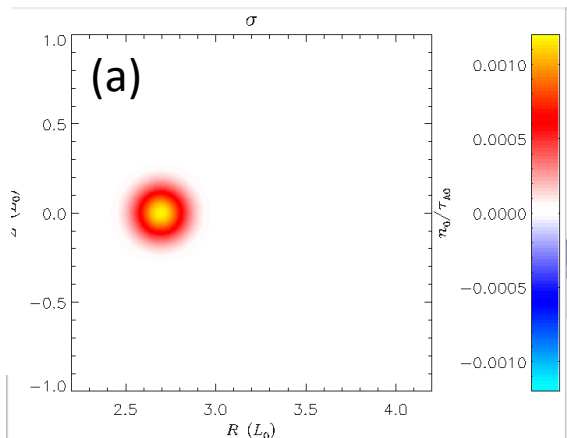


- In the original geqdsk file, the equilibrium was poorly converged. New one is much better. Has  $q(0) = 1.3$
  - Chang has analyzed new equilibrium (left)
  - No ideal (1,1) mode, several tearing modes
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- If goal is to get unstable (1,1) mode, likely need to lower  $q(0)$
  - Adding sheared toroidal rotation should help stabilize resistive modes.

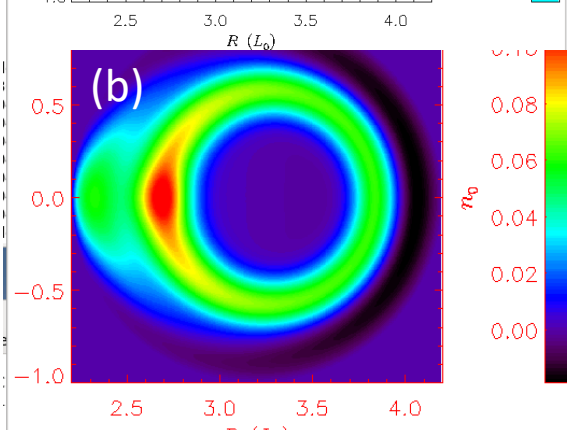
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Request to calculate grad-B drift in M3D-C1 and to compare with that being put into the LP Code

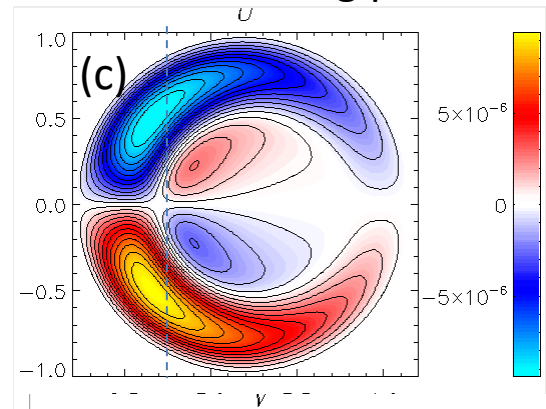
(a) Density source in 1F toroidal equilibrium



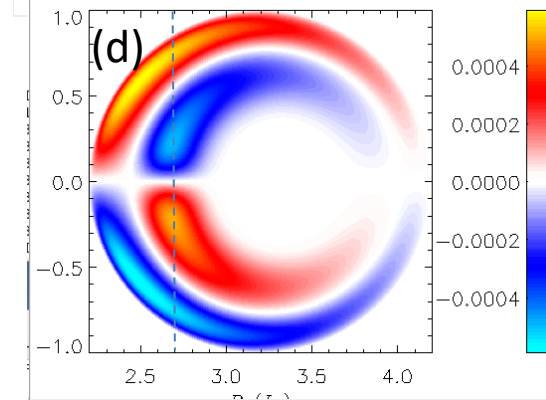
(b) Change in density after  $10^3 \tau_A$



(c) Poloidal velocity stream function



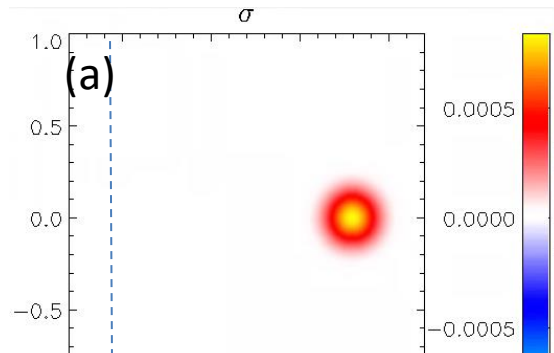
(d) Toroidal velocity contours



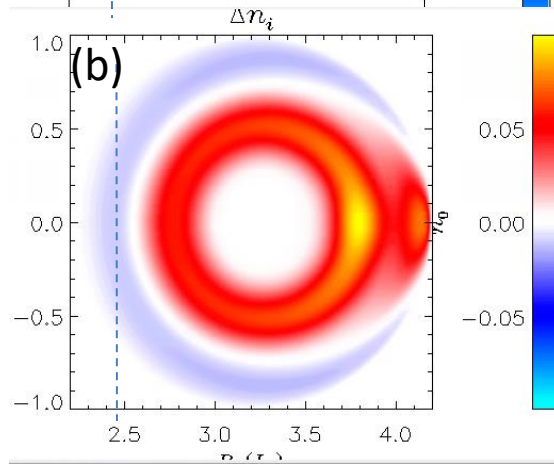
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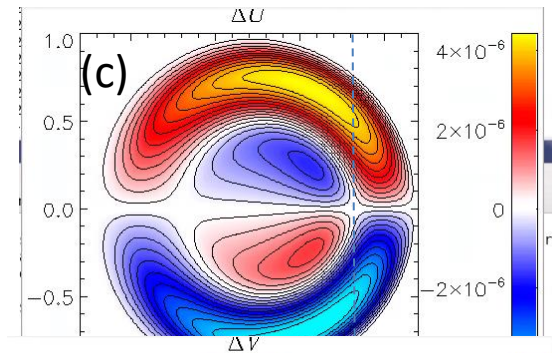
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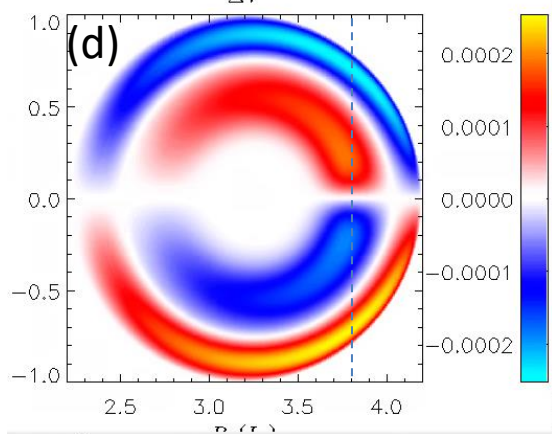
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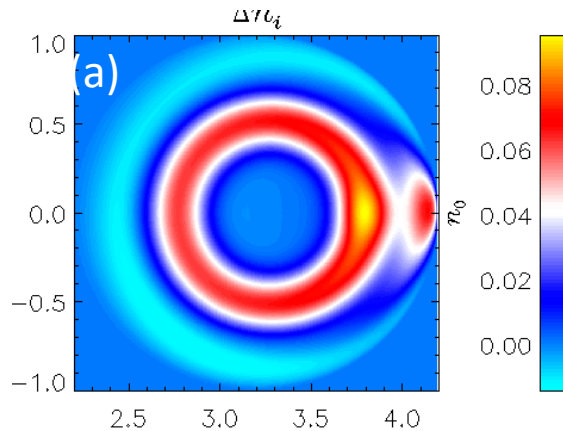


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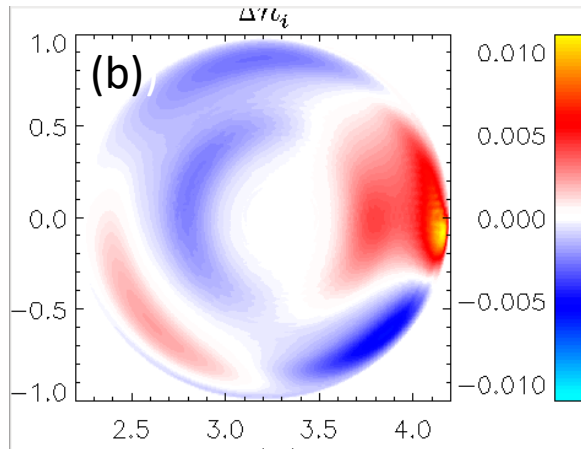


## Grad-B drift in M3D-C1—2F effects

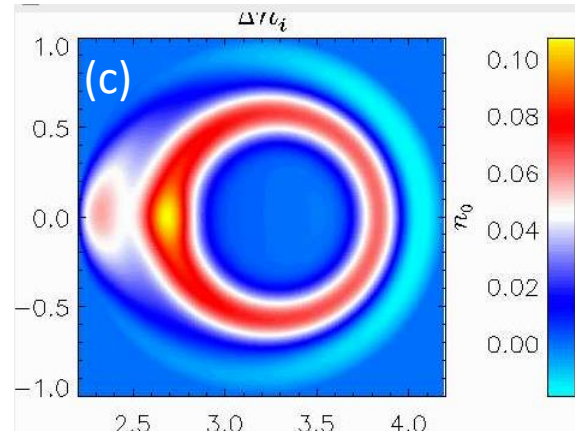
(a) 2F density change  
after  $10^3 \tau_A$  for LF  
side source



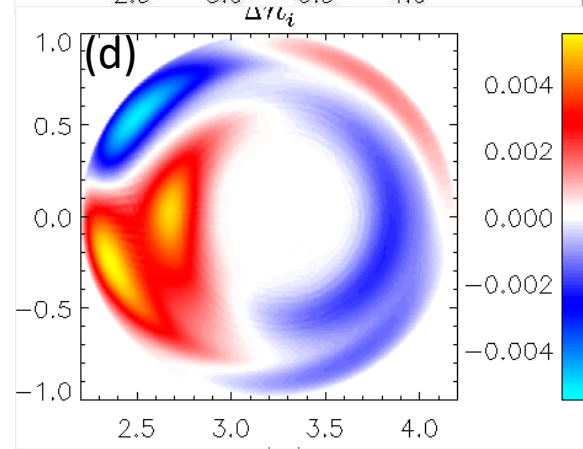
(b) Difference in 1F and  
2F density (LF)



(c) 2F density change  
after  $10^3 \tau_A$  for HF  
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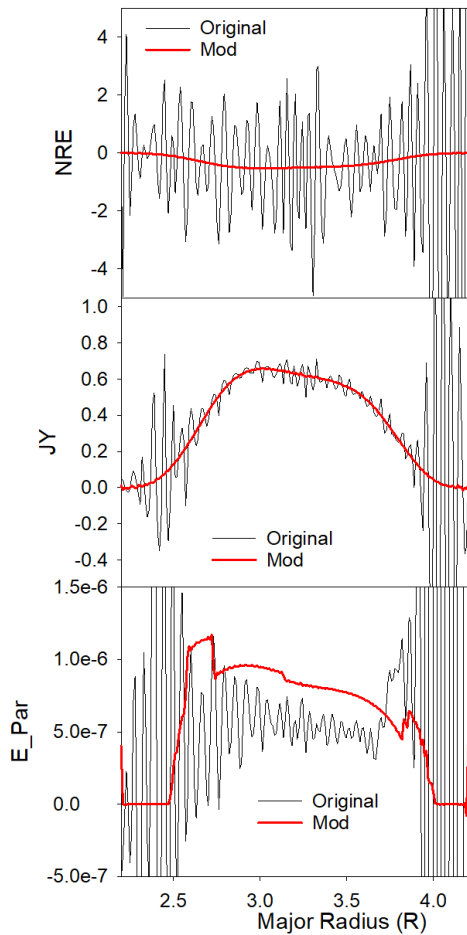


(d) Difference in 1F and  
2F density (HF)





# Sawtoothing discharge with runaway electrons



Profiles of nre, jy, and E\_par after 30 timesteps

Original: /p/tsc/m3dnl/Isabel/Chen2D

Mod: /p/tsc/m3dnl/Isabel/Chen2D-mod1

Changed:

**mesh size**

“regular”

**“integration points”**

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cre

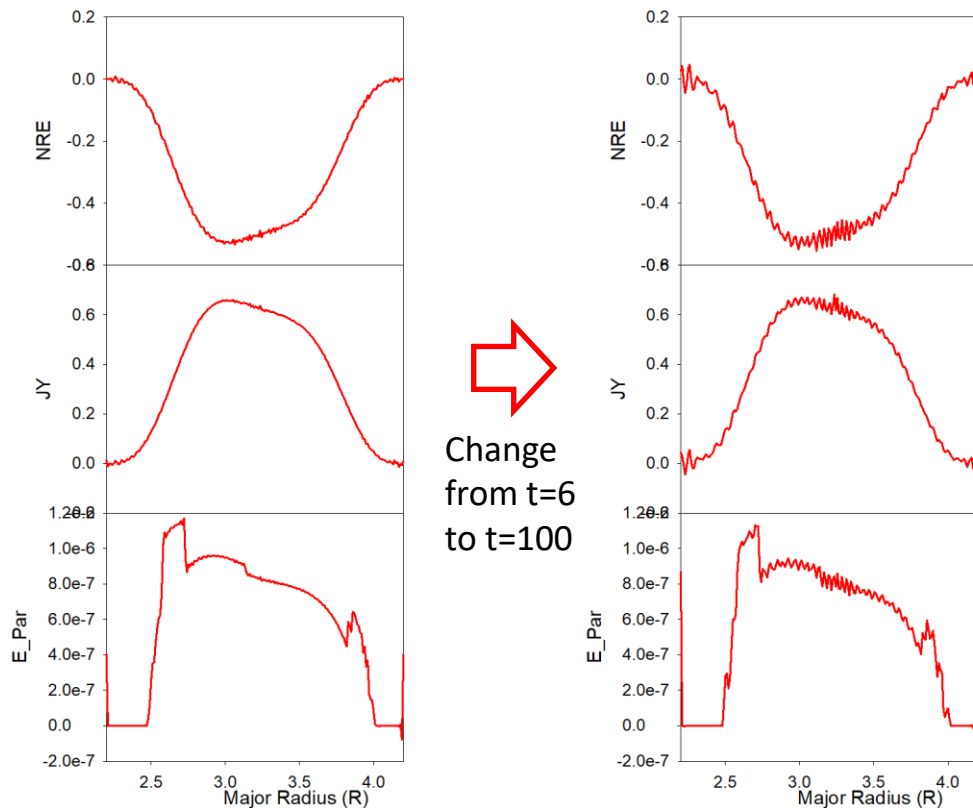
pedge

viscosity

denm

equilibrium density

# Longer times develops oscillations



- Short wavelength oscillations occur first in nre and then in other quantities (jy, e\_par)
- Could we add some smoothing?