

# M3D-C1 ZOOM Meeting

03/29/2021

## Announcements

### CS Issues

1. GPU solve and memory utilization status ( Jin Chen)
2. stellar.princeton.edu status
3. Mesh adaptation update (RPI, Brendan Lyons)
4. plot\_equation,'gradshafranov' bug?
5. NERSC Time
6. Changes to github master since last meeting
7. Regression tests
8. New plotting option
9. Variable density diffusion

### Physics Studies

1. Runaway electron loss by MHD events– Chang Liu
2. Carbon Mitigation in NSTX-U (shell pellet)
3. RE Benchmark with JOEAK and comparison with DIII.. Chen Zhao
4. Jet SPI simulatons and possible fix ...Lyons
5. Other?

## In attendance

S. Jardin

C. Clauser

Y. Zhou

H. Strauss

A. Wright

A. Kleiner

R. Usman

B. Lyons

S. Seol

N. Ferraro

J. Chen

O. Bardsley

P. Sinha

# Announcements

- ITPA on MHD, Disruptions, Control Held March 22-25
  - 3 M3D-C1 talks
- IAEA Papers Due 9 April
  - Hank wrote on 3/29: It should have JET in the title
  - “Vessel forces from a vertical displacement event in JET and ITER”?
- Sherwood Meeting ?

# GPU Solve status

- GPUs give little or no speedup on solves for small problem size
- Larger problem sizes run out of memory
- What is using all the memory???

Any updates?

# stellar.Princeton.edu allowing early users

**All M3DC1 users with eddy accounts should now be able to log into stellar**

- /scratch/gpfs/yourname now available, 1 TB limit
- /home directory , 100 GB limit
- /projects/M3DC1/yourname 10 TB total for all users
- Visualization node for PPPL: ssh stellar-vis2

**96 cpu-per-node runs now seem to be running ok!**

**Final Configuration: 296 Intel nodes, 100-140 dedicated to PPPL**

**~100 M cpu-hours/year**

**Equivalent to over 400 M NERSC hours on cori-Haswell**

# Mesh adaptation update

Any updates ?

## From Adelle Wright:

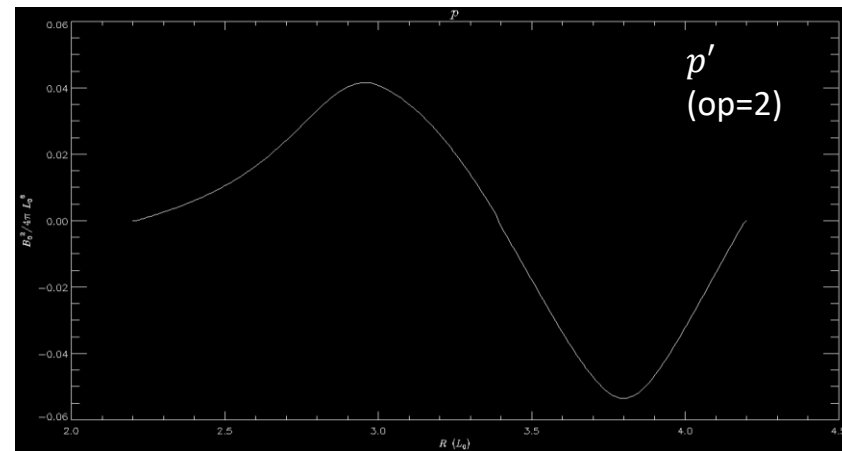
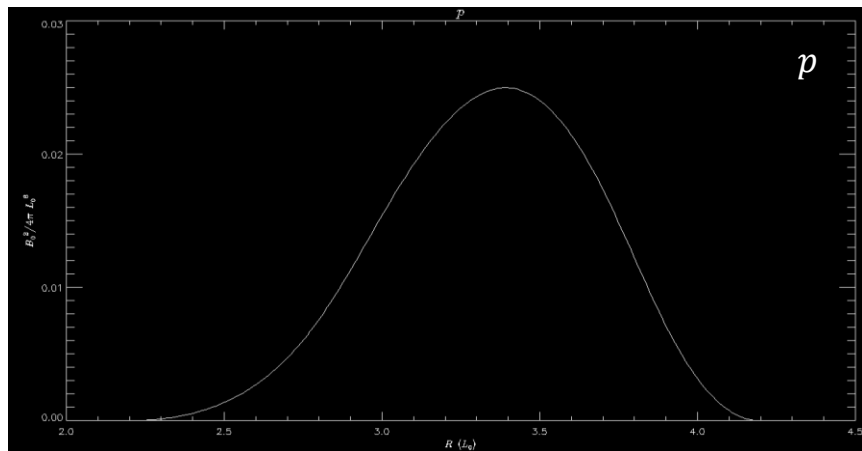
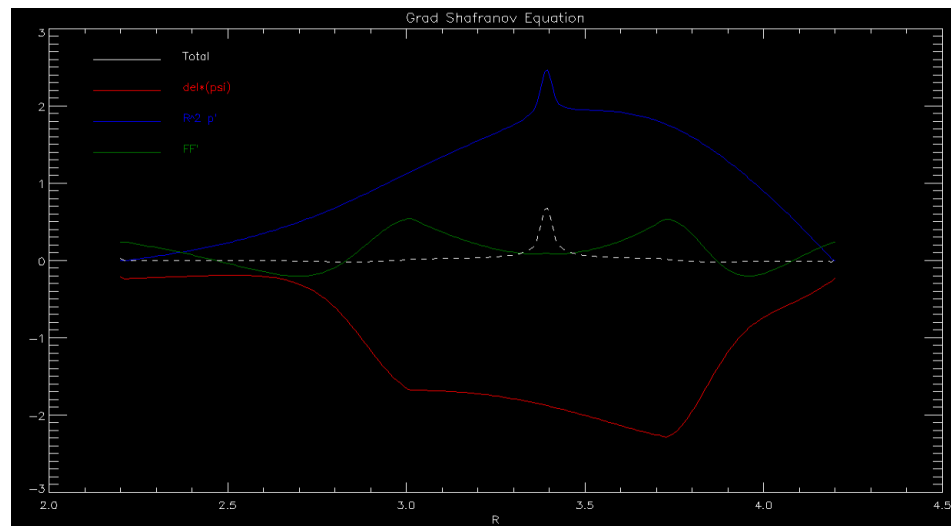
>**plot\_equation, 'gradshafranov'** has large non-zero component at  $p' = 0$ . Diagnostic issue?

GS solver converged

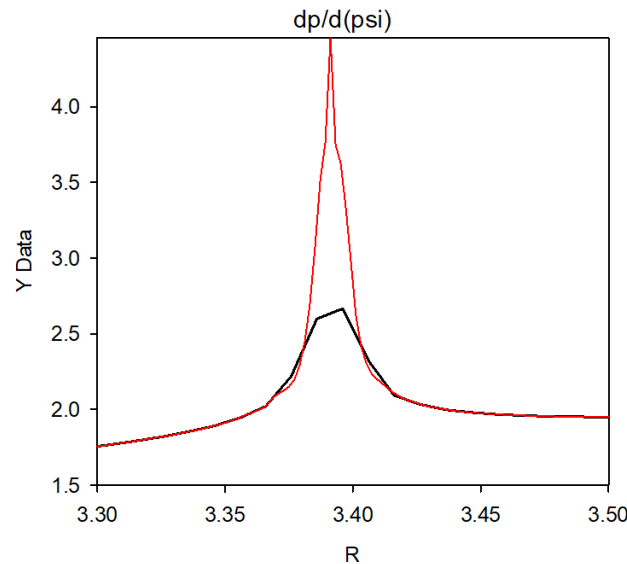
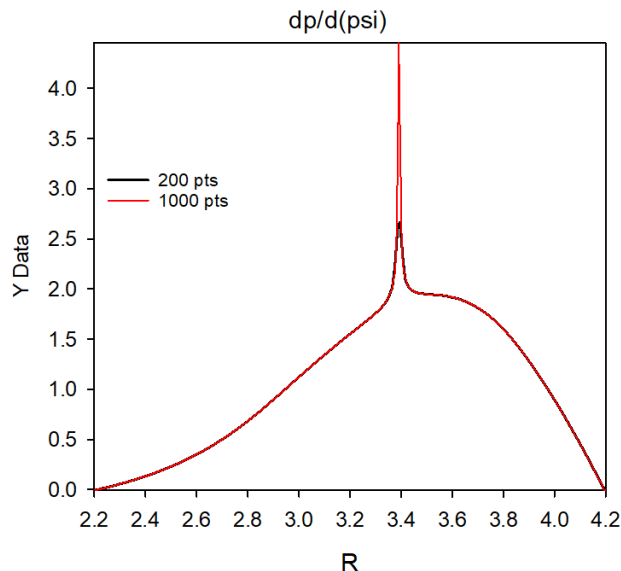
(Error in last GS iteration: 1.15E-007)

(Final error in GS solution: 1.27E-002)

$p$  and  $p'$  look well-behaved.



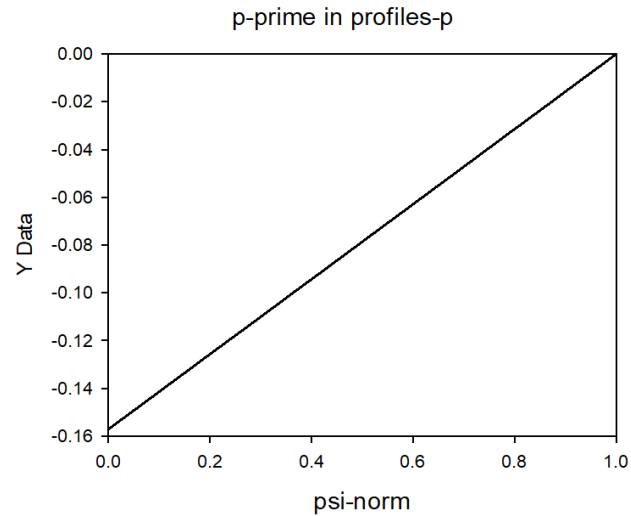
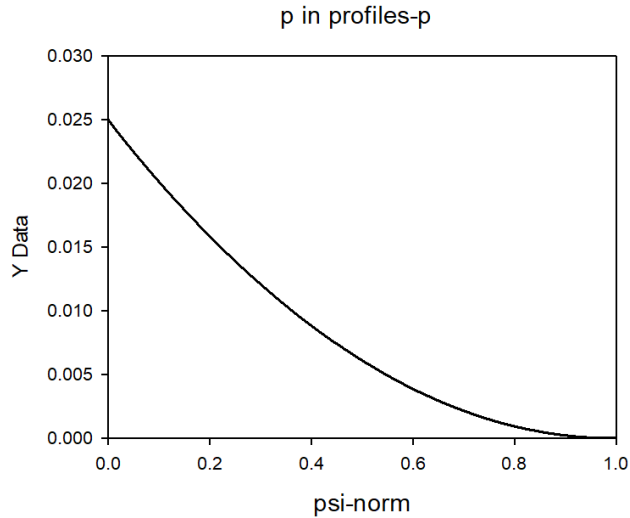
## More on plot\_equation, 'gradshafranov'



- 1000 pts more singular than 200 points
- Other equilibrium from analytic  $p(\psi)$  and  $F(\psi)$  look fine
- Increasing # of mesh points in m3dc1 doesn't help
- Resulting equilibrium looks good...doesn't generate large velocities for nonlinear  $n=0$  eqsubtract=0 run
- Could be a boundary condition on spline at origin when reading files from qsolver?

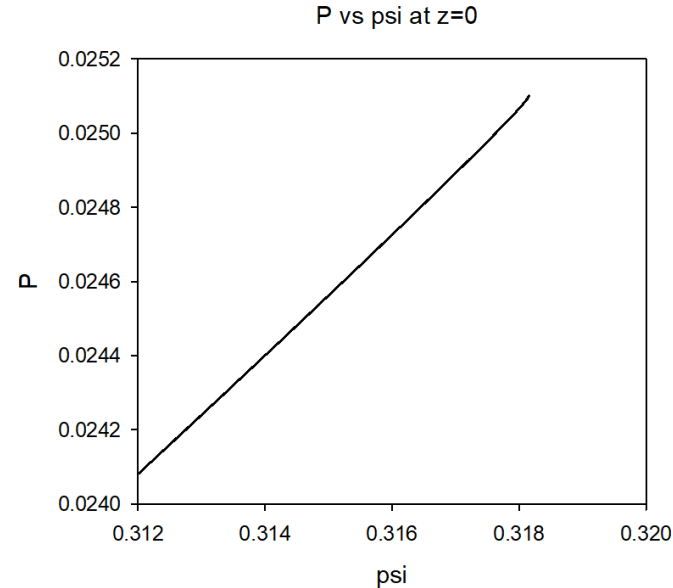
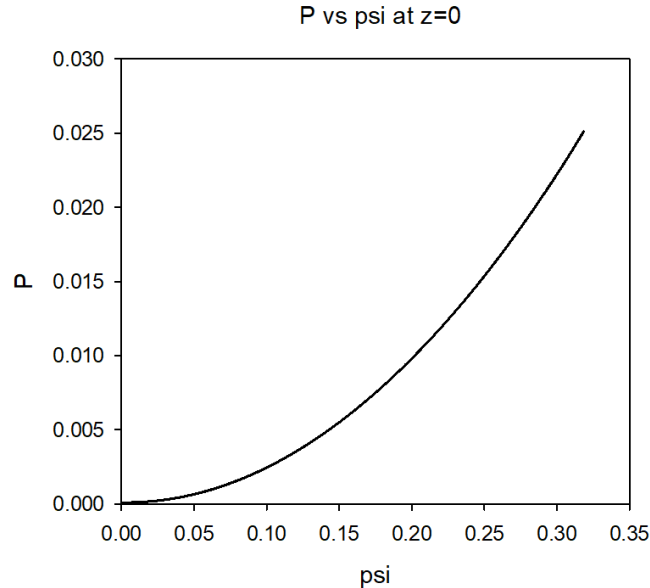


# Profiles-p file from qsolver looks fine



- Look to be smooth at origin (on left)

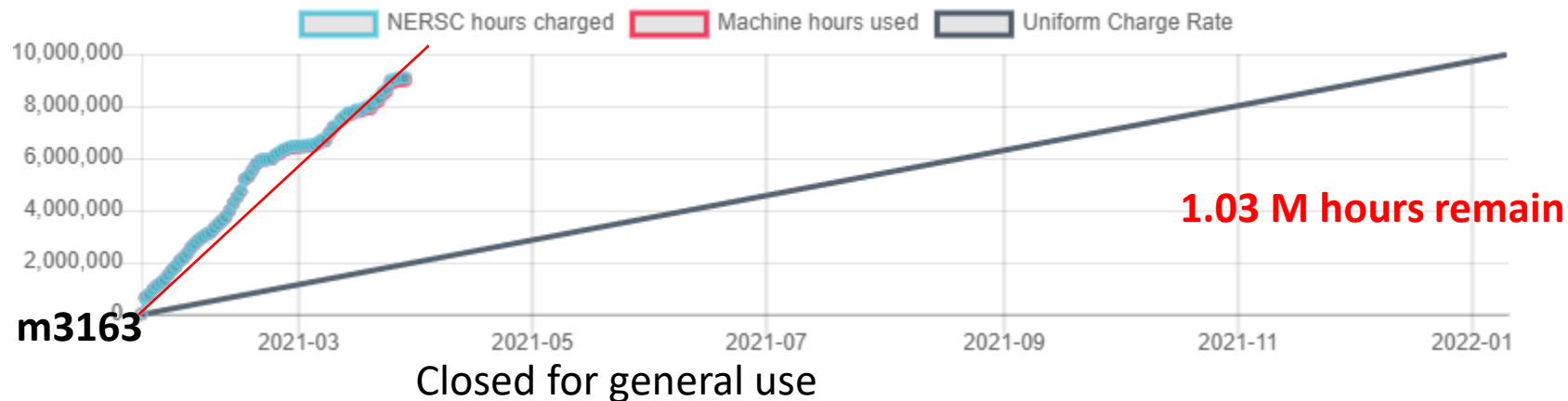
# P from IDL cutz=0 vs psi from IDL cutz=0 look fine



- Looks to be smooth at origin (on right). Graph on right is closeup of area near magnetic axis.
- Other ideas?

# NERSC Time

mp288



- mp288 received 10M Hrs for CY 2021
- We will exhaust this by the mid April at this rate. (May get more time)
- Transition to stellar (PU/PPPL)

# Changes to github master since last meeting !

## **Jin Chen**

- 03/17/21: stellar.mk update

## **Seegyoung Seol**

- 03/19/21: Adding config file for stellar
- 03/22/21: updating stellar.mk to use new SCOREC build

## **Yao Zhou**

- 03/24/21: minor change to bfp output condition
- 03/24/21: Output version 38 resolving fprime inconsistencies

## **Steve Jardin**

- 03/28/21: Added idenmfunc=1 option (for density diffusion)

## **Brendan Lyons**

- 03/19/21: Add python color tables to IDL

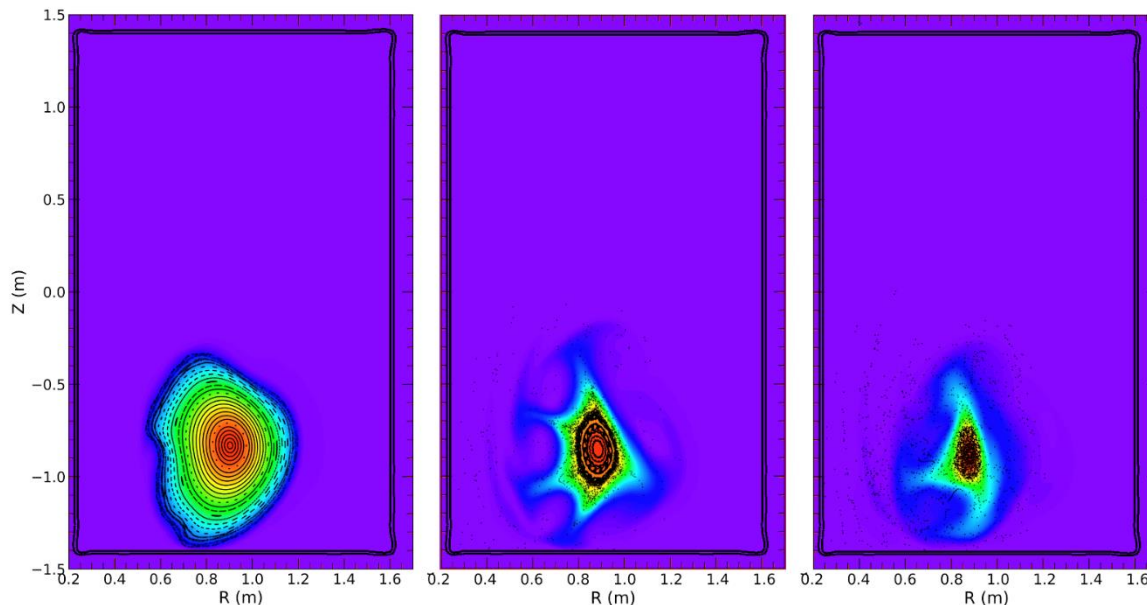
## Local Systems

- PPPL centos7(03/29/21)
  - 6 regression tests **PASSED** on centos7:
- PPPL greene (03/29/21)
  - 5 regression tests **PASSED**
  - No batch file found for pellet
- STELLAR (03/29/21)
  - 6 regression tests **PASSED** on stellar
- TRAVERSE(03/29/21)
  - Code compiles
  - Regression test failed: split\_smb not found in PATH

## Other Systems

- Cori-KNL (2/08/2021)
  - 6 regression tests passed on KNL
- Cori-Haswell (2/08/2021)
  - 5 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 initially failed ...: There was an error in partitioning the mesh, but passed on resubmission
- 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)
  - ??

# New Plotting Option



Superimpose IDL field with  
trace Poincare plot

This was included in the 3DVDE M3D-  
C1/JOEKE/NIMROD benchmark paper.

Cesar Clauser

## Variable density diffusion now available

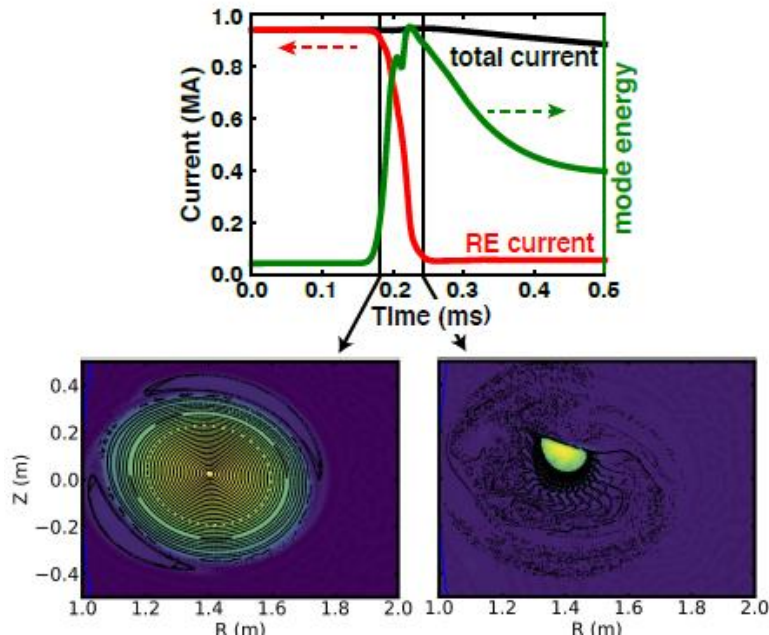
idenmfunc	0	Selects form of particle diffusion
	0	denm79 = denm
	1	denm79 = denm + denmt/Te
	10	read from file profile_denm in m <sup>2</sup> /sec
	11	read from file profile_denm in normalized units
denmt	0	multiplier of 1/Te for idenmfunc = 1
denmmin	1.e-12	minimum value of denm
denmmax	1.e6	maximum value of denm



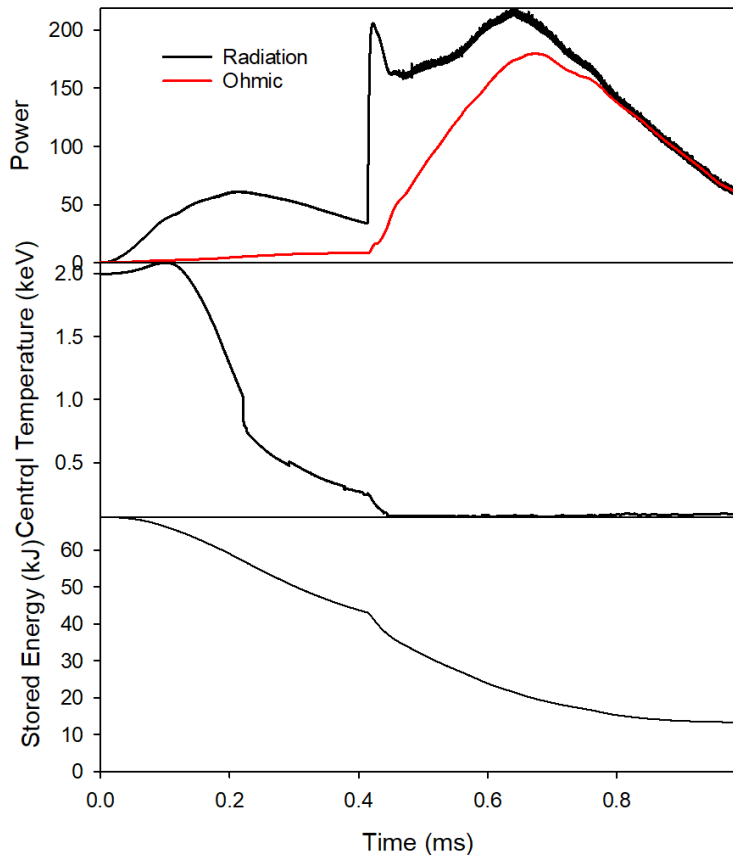
# Paz-Soldan IAEA paper on runaway electron loss by MHD events

Chang Liu

- D<sub>2</sub> injection into RE beam to purge high Z atoms from RE beam and drive recombination of the background plasma
- Lower  $q_a$  by  $I_p$  increase or a decrease
- RE beam becomes de-confined and current transferred to background plasma
- Q: Do we see recombination of the background plasma when injecting D2 ?
- Can we apply this to ITER?



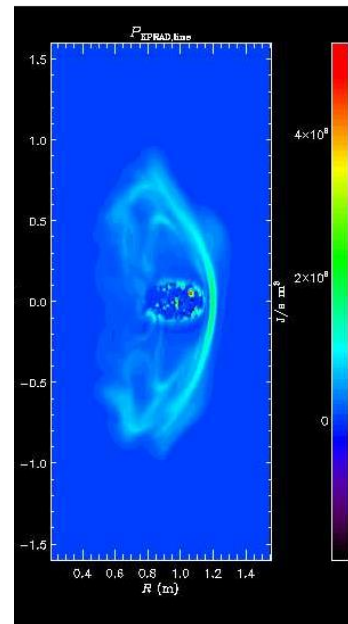
# Carbon Mitigation in NSTX-U (shell pellet)



Cesar Clauser

Shell carbon pellet in NSTX (now running)

Radiation  
 $t = 0.73$  ms



Had to back this up to  $t=0.69$  ms to turn off the constant ablations rate (Thanks Cesar)  
Current quench has begun:  $0.7 \rightarrow 0.23$  MA

# RE Benchmark with JOREK

Chang Liu proposed to V. Bandaru and M. Hoelzl on 2/1/21:  
V. Bandaru responded on 2/2/21 with 4 profile files and additional data. Has Chen been able to set up equilibrium?

## Artificial Thermal Quench with Dreicer and avalanche sources

V. BANDARU *et al.*

PHYSICAL REVIEW E **99**, 063317 (2019)

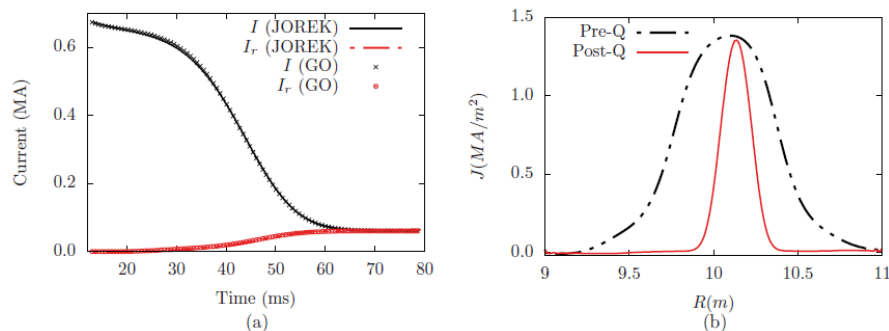
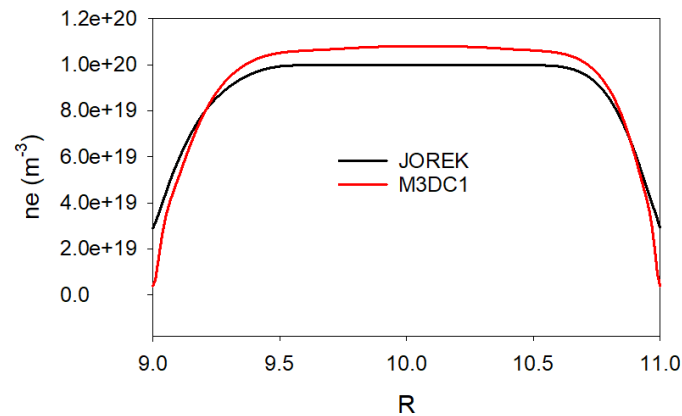
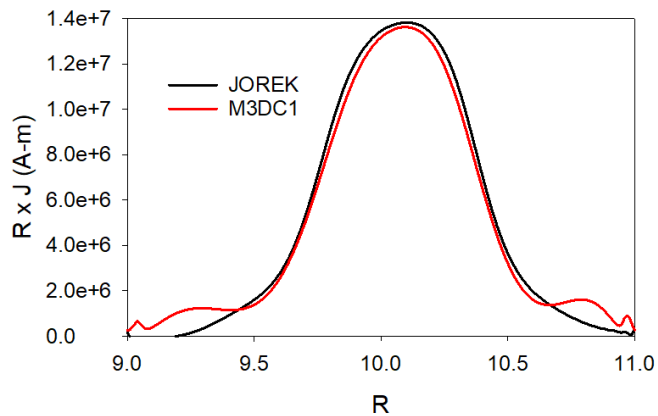
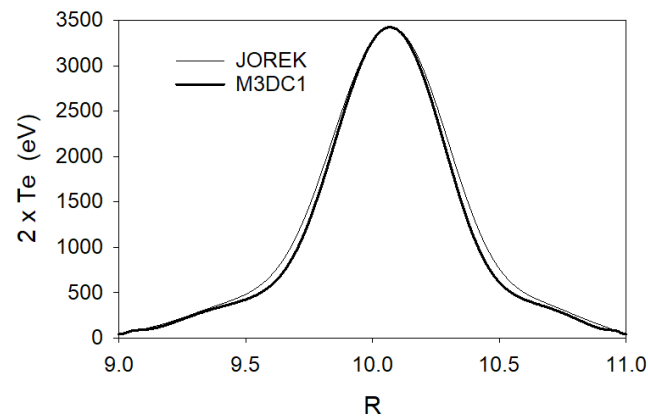
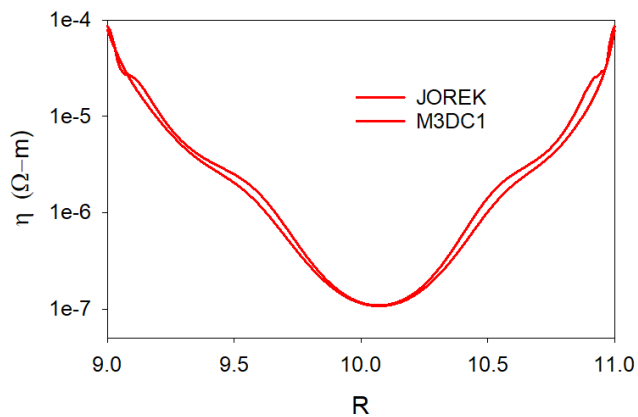


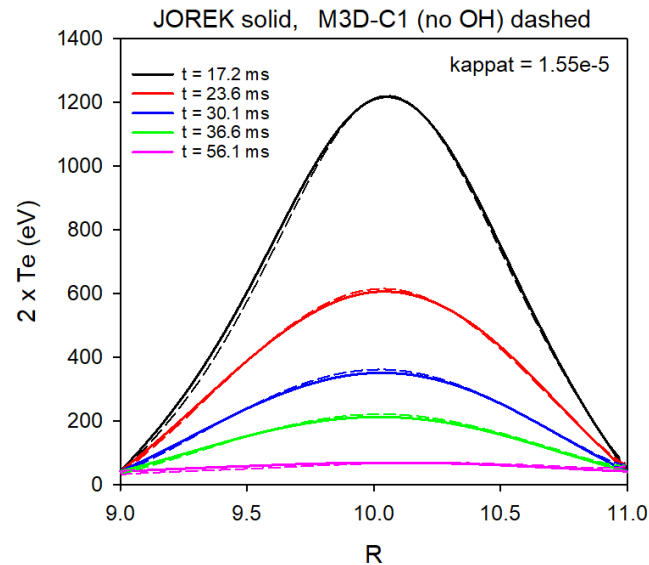
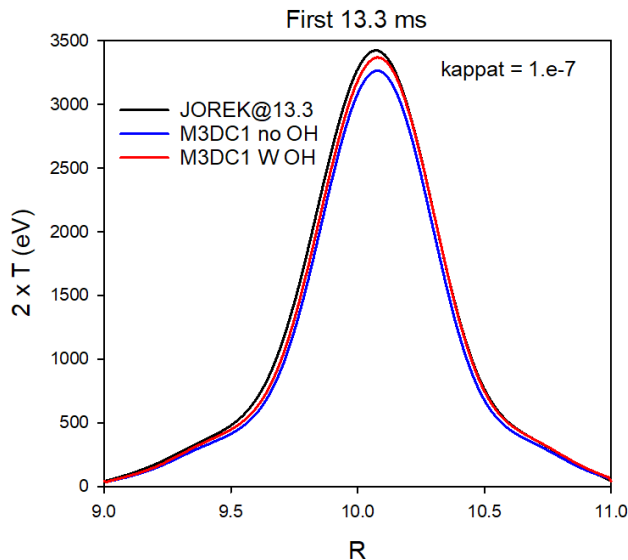
FIG. 3. (a) Time evolution of the total plasma current  $I$  and the RE current  $I_r$  during the current quench phase. (b) Midplane current density profiles before and after the current quench obtained from JOEREK, showing a relatively peaked RE current profile.

Chen Zhao

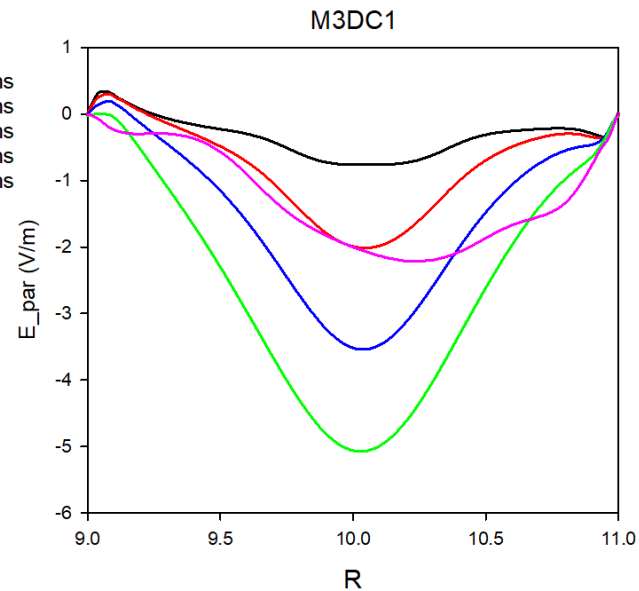
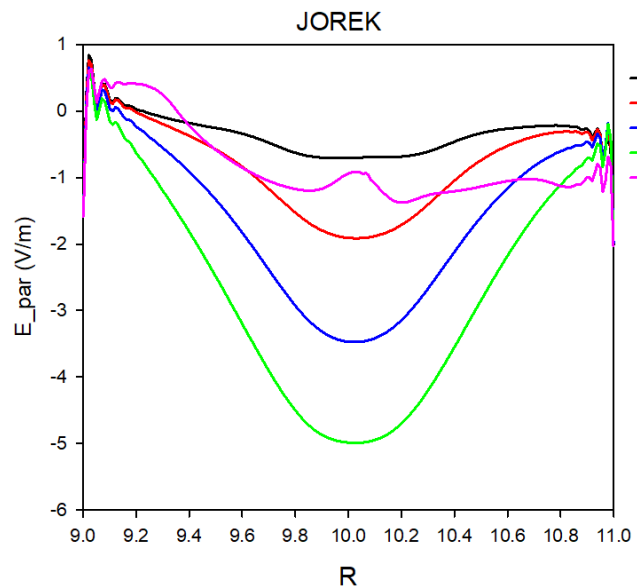
# Comparison of initial profiles



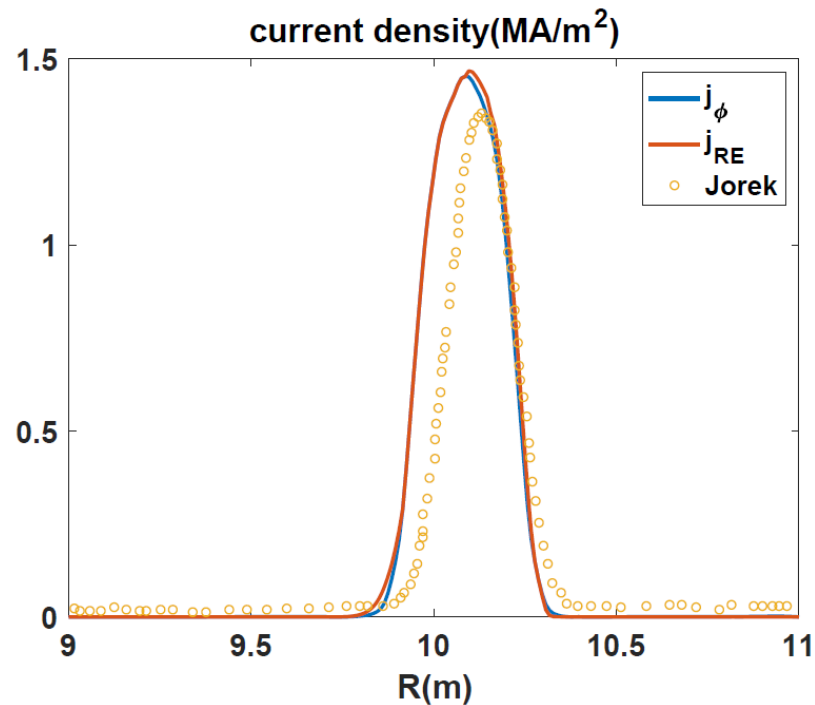
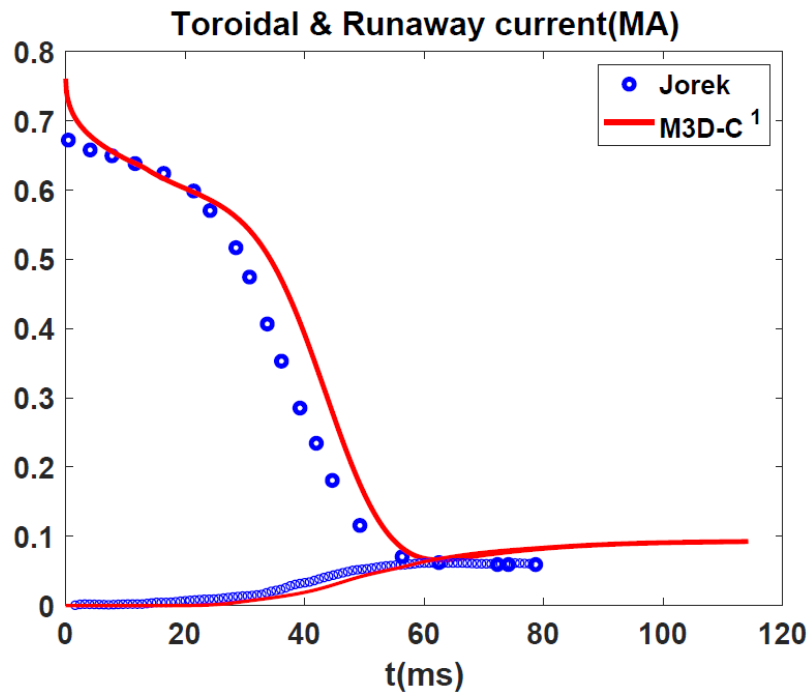
# Comparison of T(R) at several times with no runaways



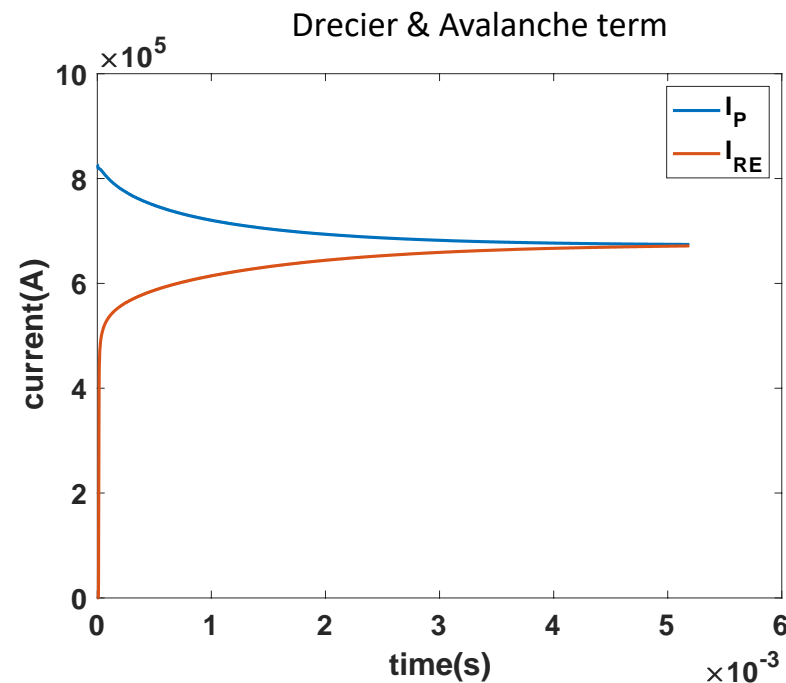
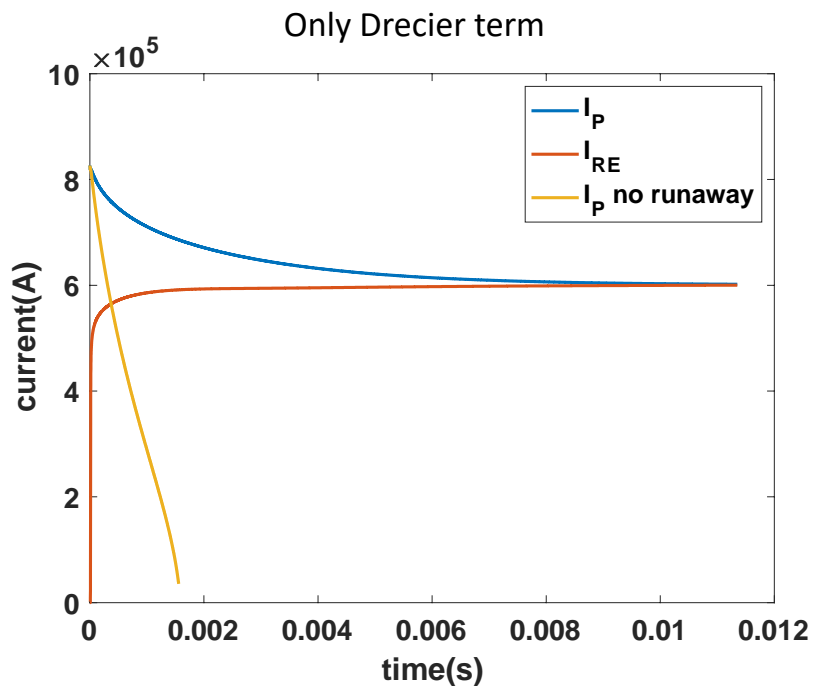
# Comparison of $E_{\text{par}}$



# Latest results with Runaways (03/24/21) (Chen)



# Effect of Avalanche term on DIII-D run

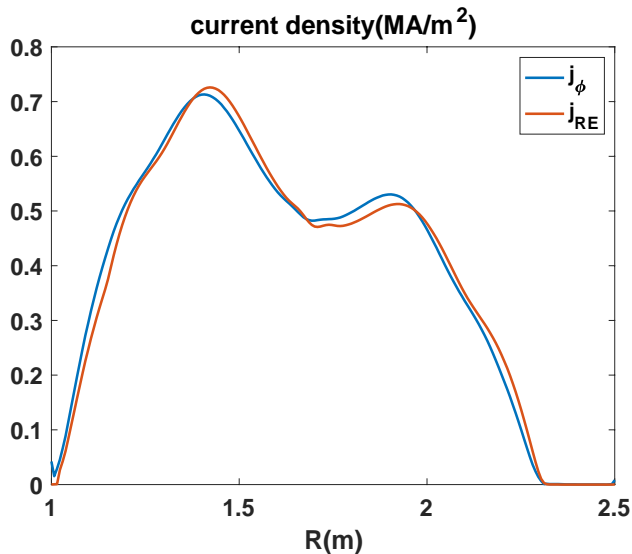


- The Avalanche term become significant after about 1ms.
- The Avalanche term made the runaway current and the plasma current saturate much faster (at 5ms).
- The plasma current became constant a little higher with Avalanche than without.

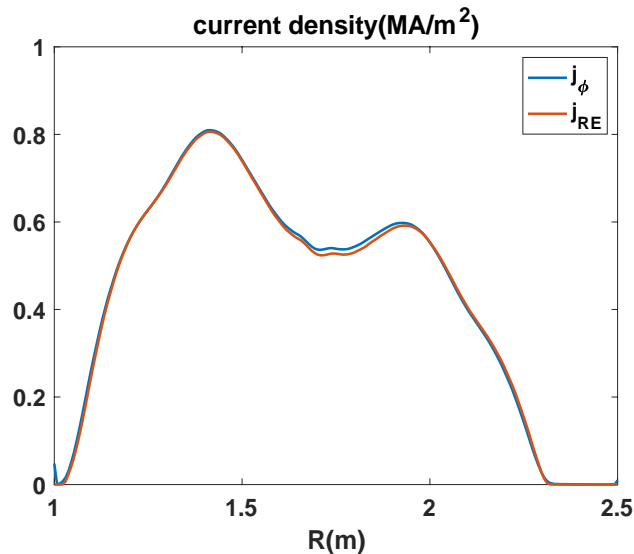


# Final radial profile of current density

Only Drecier term



Drecier & Avalanche term



- The plasma current was closer to runaway current density profile with Avalanche than without

## Next Steps

- Can we compare in more detail with DIII-D shot
- What thermal quench time is necessary to produce runaways?
- Can we combine with Ar injection modeling?
- NIMROD is interested in doing a RE benchmark with sources

# ***Update on JET SPI Numerical Instabilities***

by

**Brendan C. Lyons**

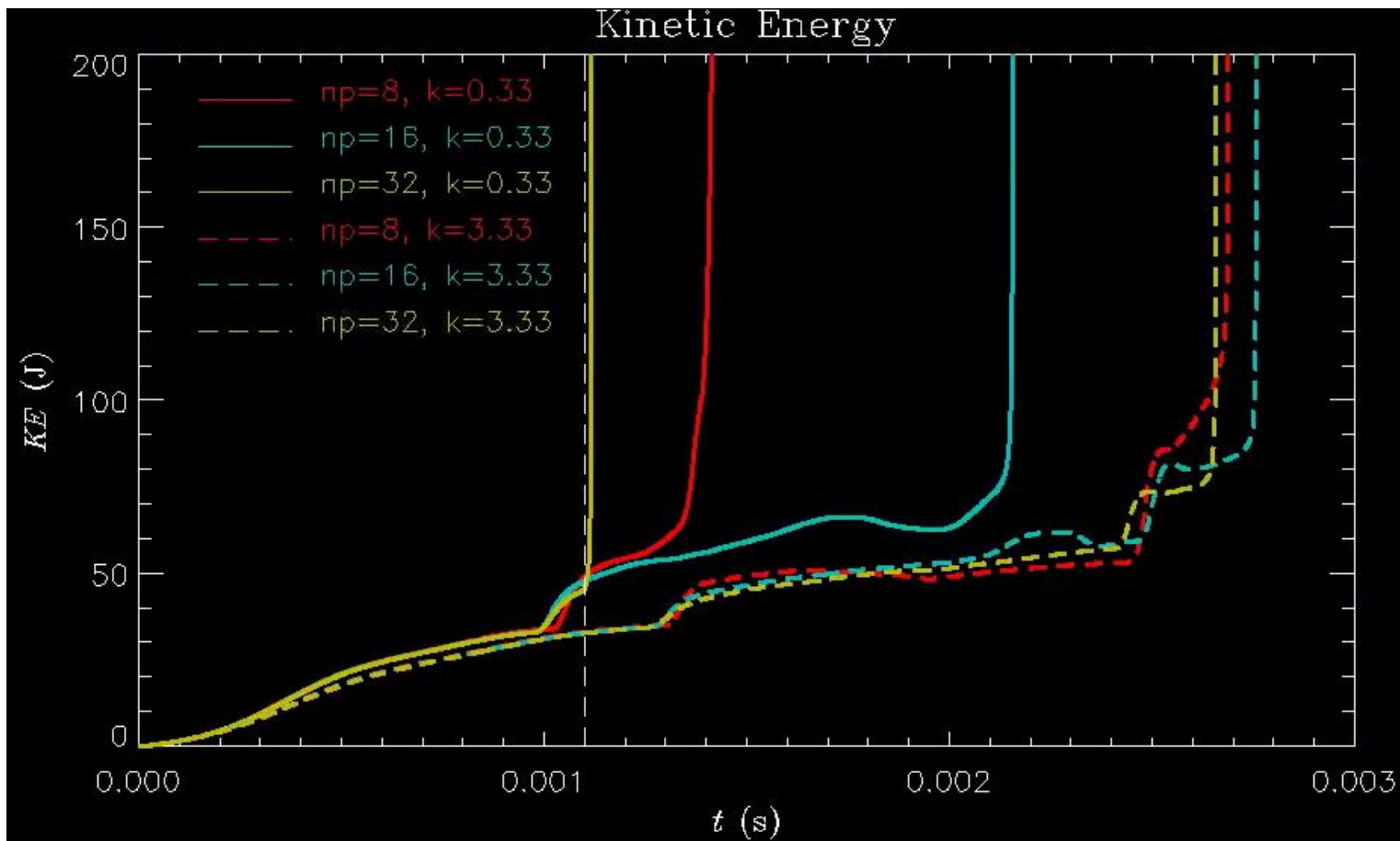
**Email**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

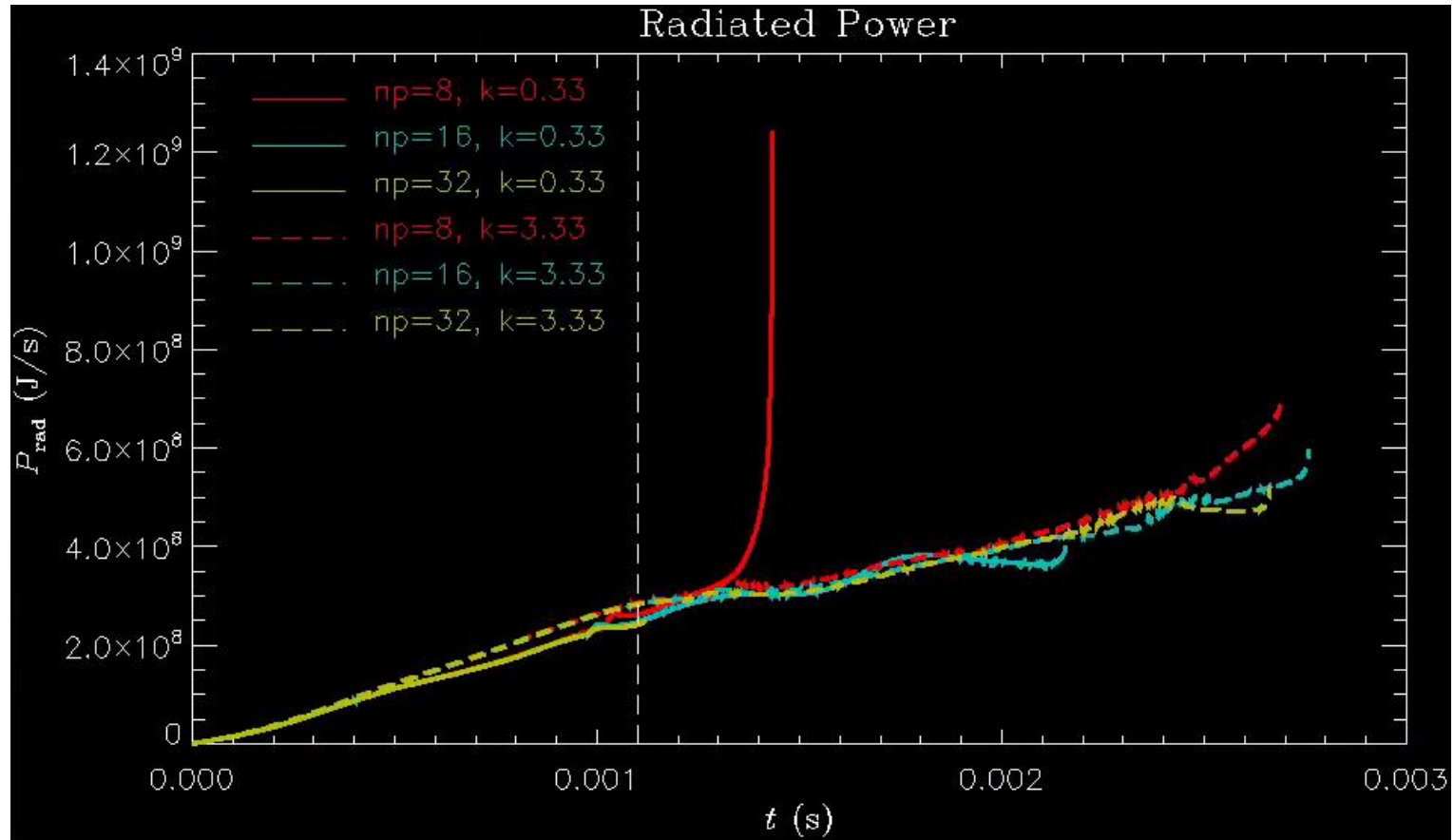
## JET SPI explored along two axes: toroidal planes and kappat

- All results on cori
- 8 planes
  - $\kappa_{\perp}=0.33 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ : /global/cscratch1/sd/blyons/C1\_39717 (Originally on eddy)
  - $K_{\parallel}=3.33 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ : /global/cscratch1/sd/blyons/C1\_38642664
- 16 planes
  - $\kappa_{\perp}=0.33 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ : /global/cscratch1/sd/blyons/C1\_39188541
  - $K_{\parallel}=3.33 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ : /global/cscratch1/sd/blyons/C1\_39304141
- 32 planes
  - $\kappa_{\perp}=0.33 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ : /global/cscratch1/sd/blyons/C1\_39879975
  - $K_{\parallel}=3.33 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ : /global/cscratch1/sd/blyons/C1\_40554797

# Kinetic Energy For All Runs

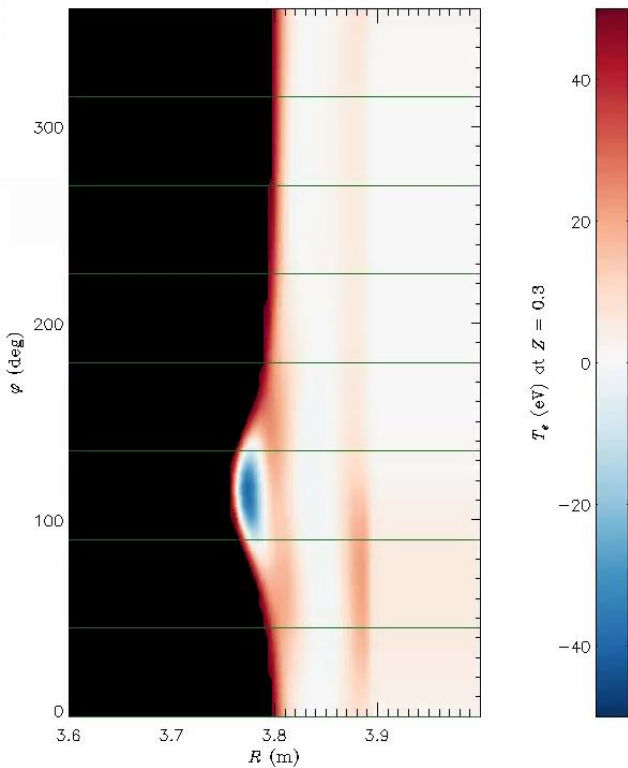


# Radiated Power For All Runs

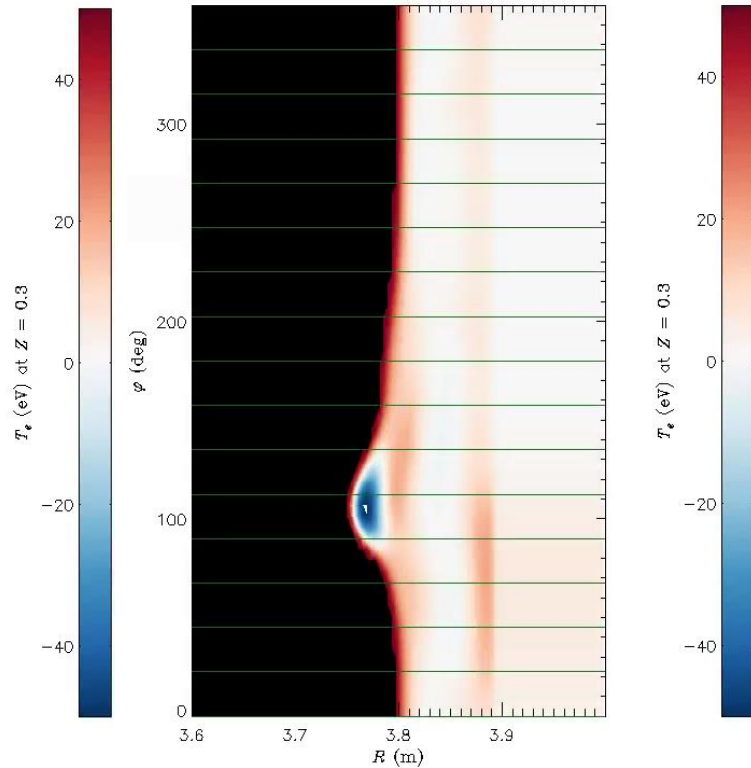


# Electron Temperature at Outboard Midplane at 1.1 ms

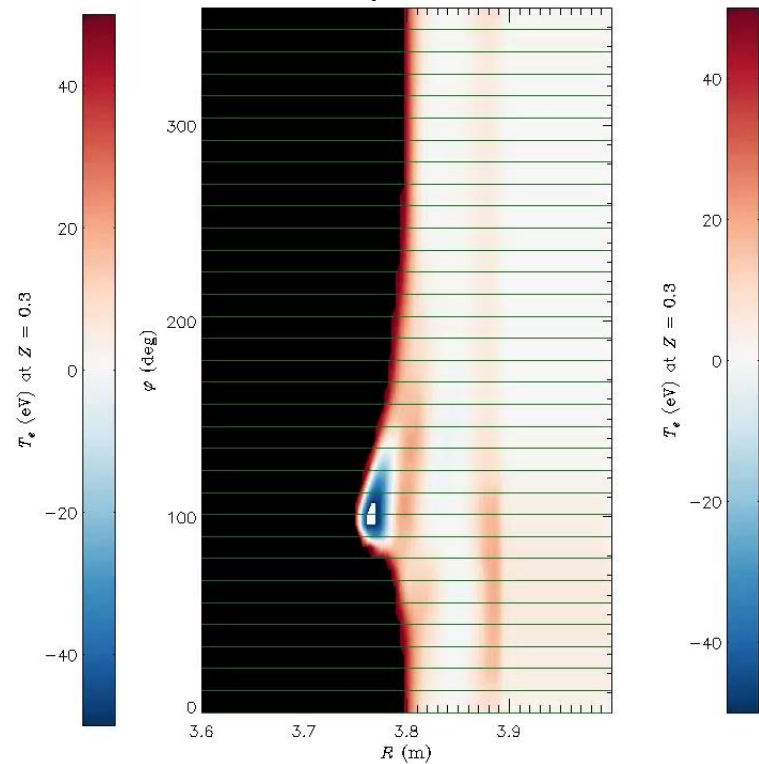
8 planes



16 planes



32 planes



# Conclusions

- Increasing  $\kappa_{\parallel}$  moves the problem from  $q=3$  to the  $q=2$  surface
- Toroidal resolution does not seem to help
  - 16 “better” than 8 “better” than 32
  - Probably just got luck that 16 planes survives longer
  - Negative region does not look like FE overshoot to me
- Possible but costly solution: crank down time step near instability
- Question: Why do these negative regions develop?



## Summary ... 3/23/21 (SCJ)

I restarted the 8 plane run C1\_38642662 at slice 26 with the following changes.

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magus - .05

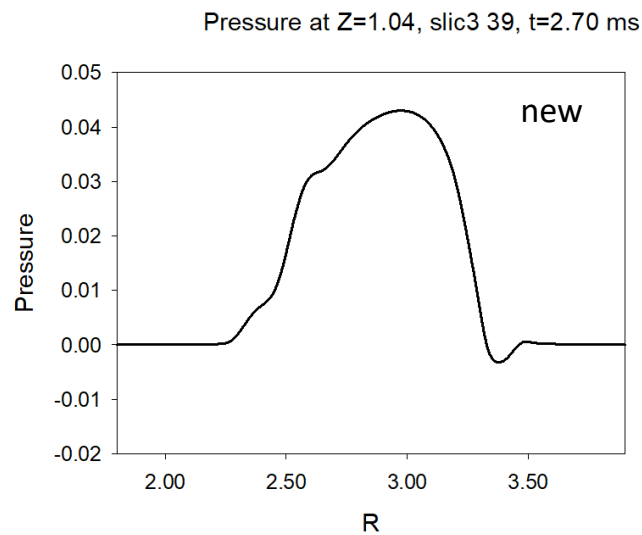
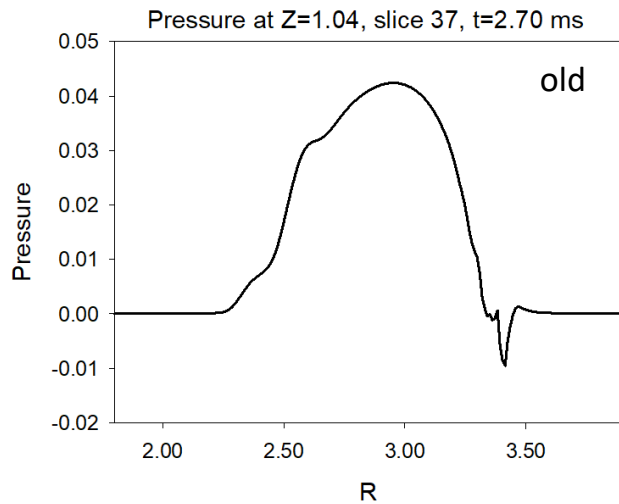
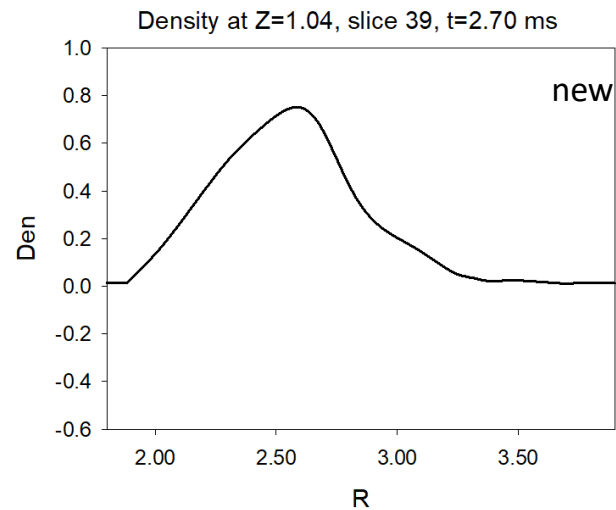
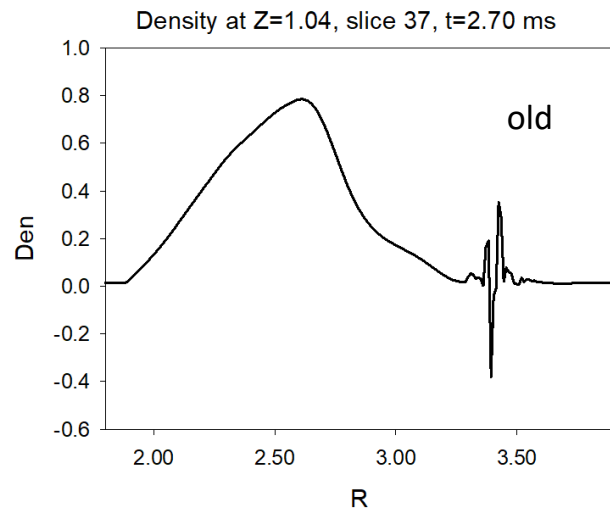
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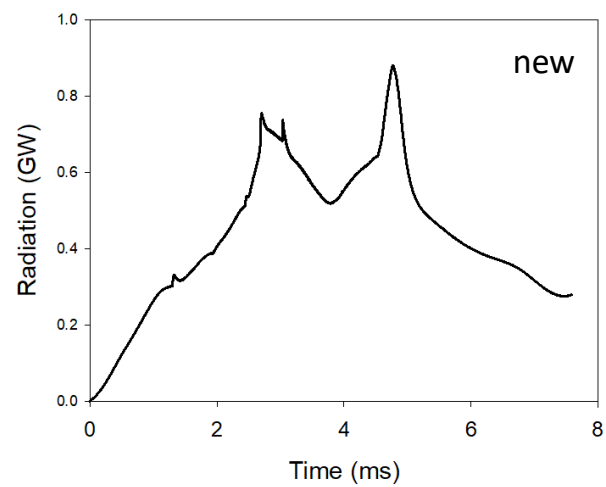
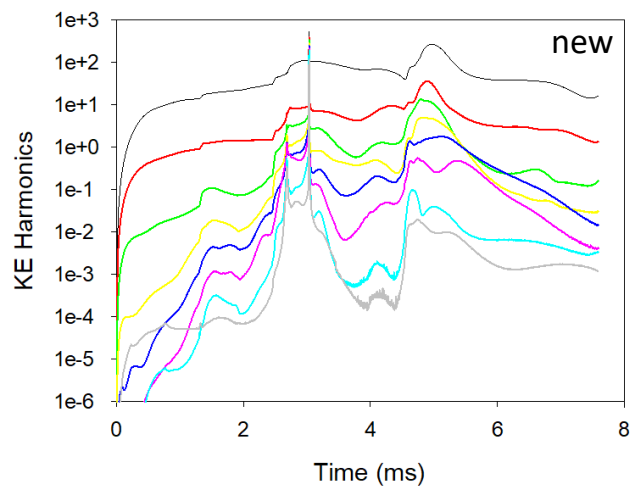
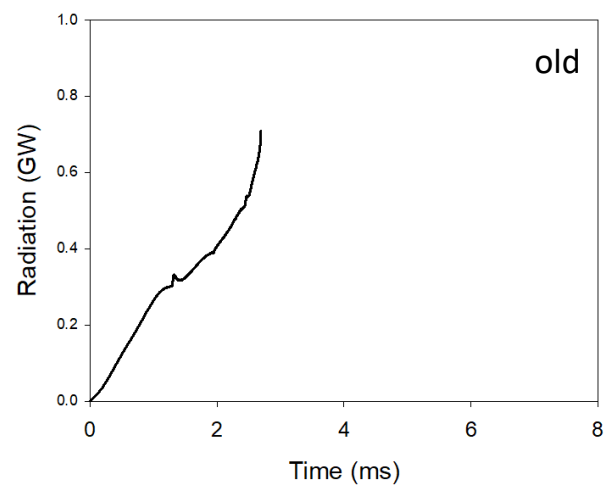
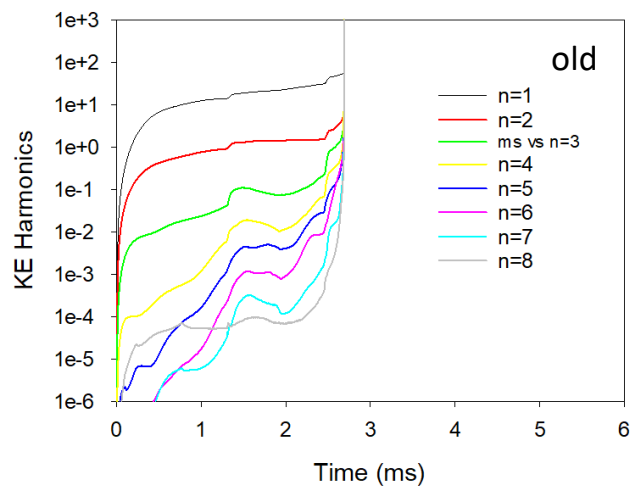
denm = 6.48361e-05 (increased by 10)

dt varied between 0.5 and 2.0

Next two pages compare old and new run

The new run is still running on stellar in /scratch/gpfs/sjardin/Brendan



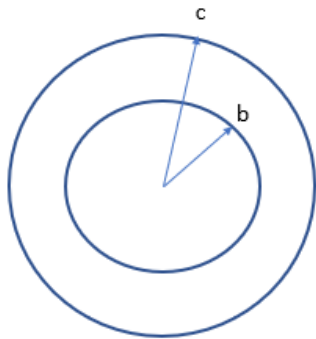


That's All I have

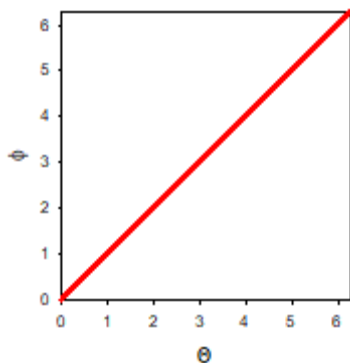
Anything Else ?

# 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?

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

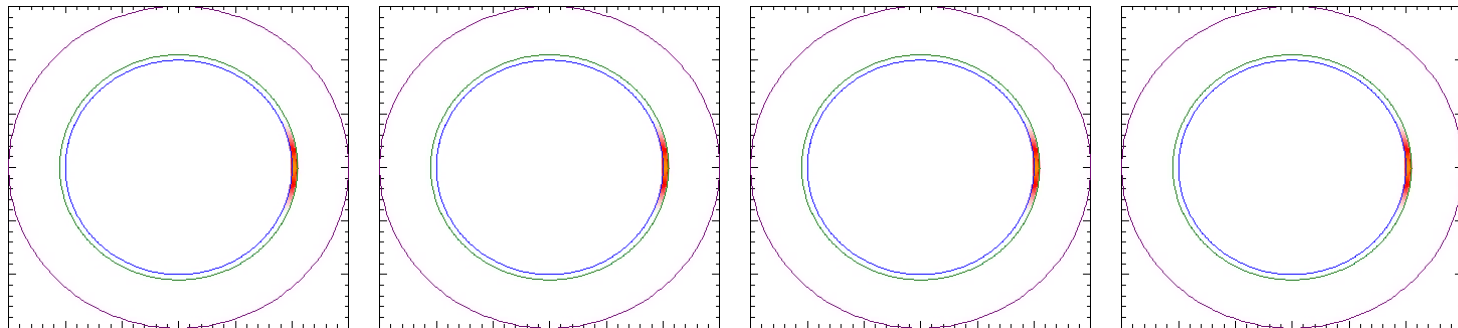
$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$$

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

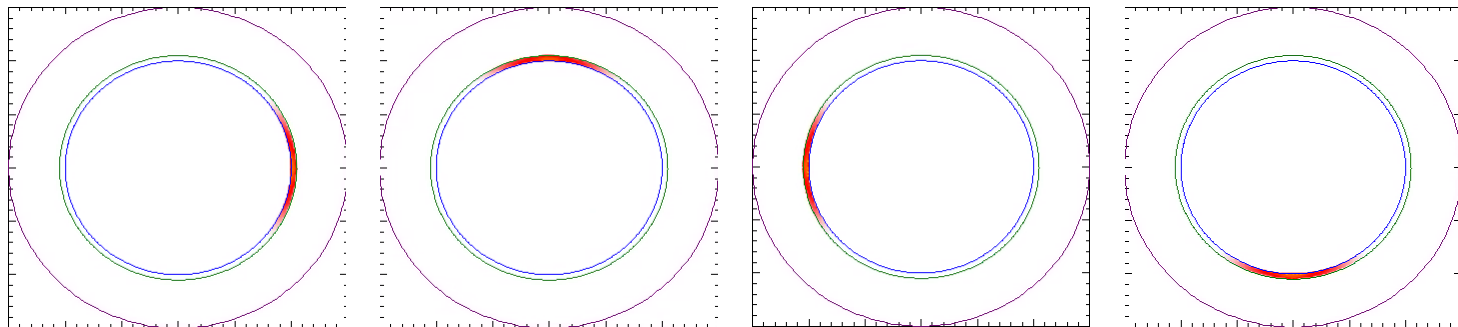
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{-1} J_\theta d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\Phi}{d\theta} d\theta = 0$$

# Comparison between Straight and helical band

Straight →



Helical →

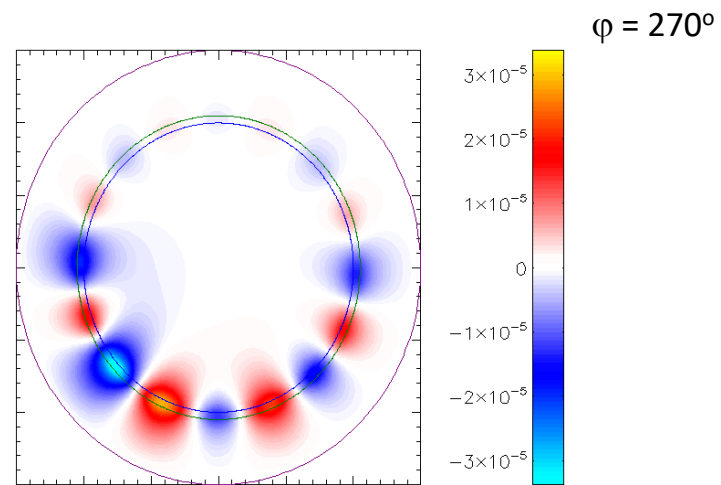
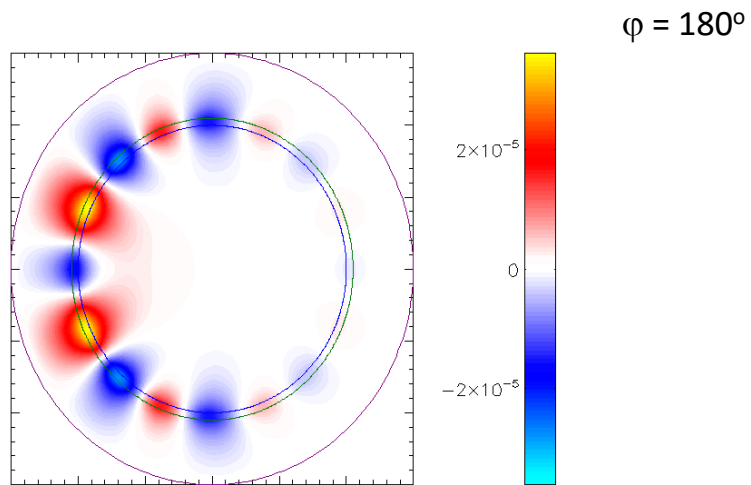
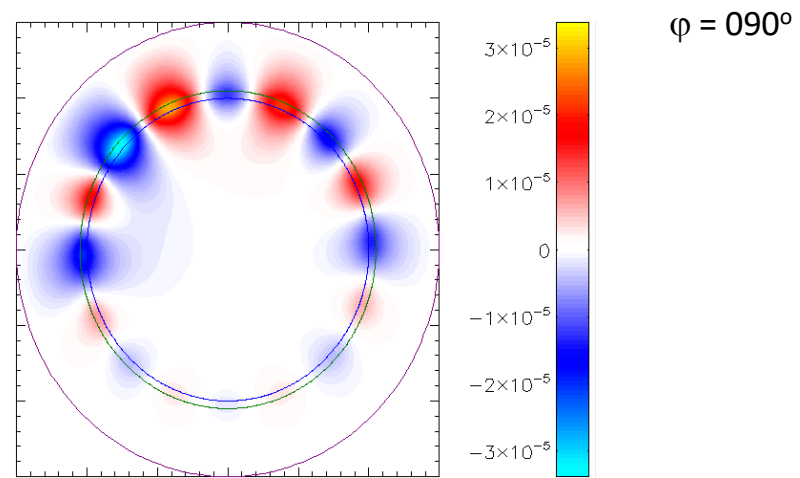
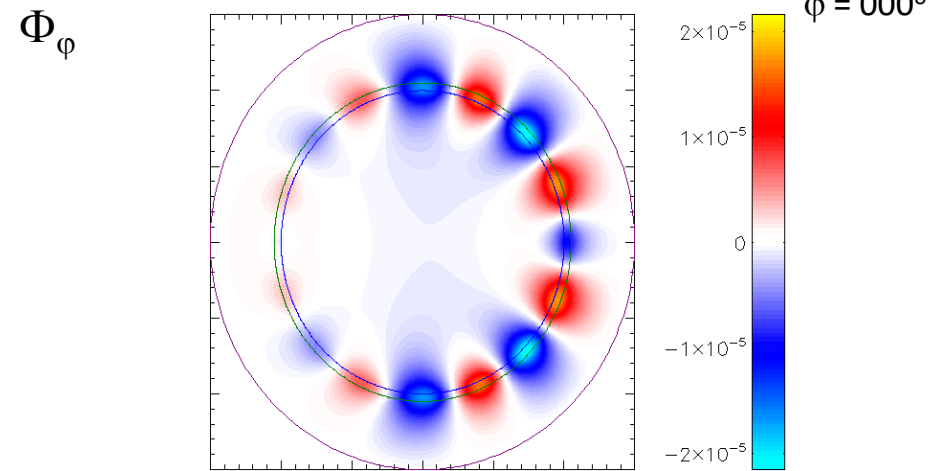


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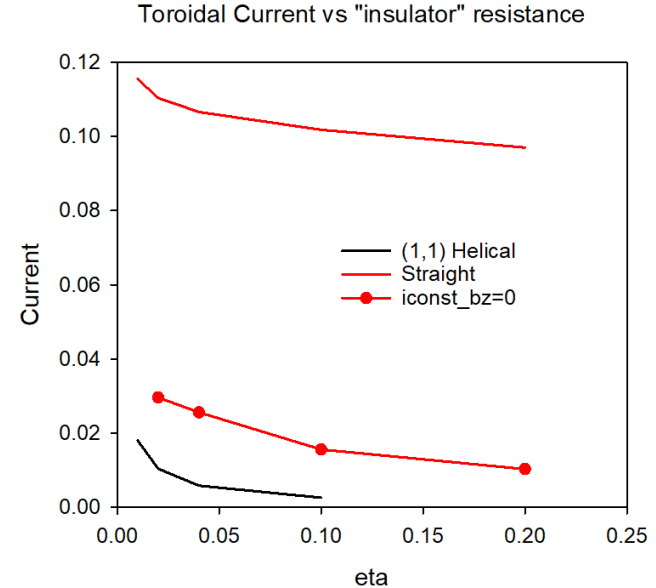
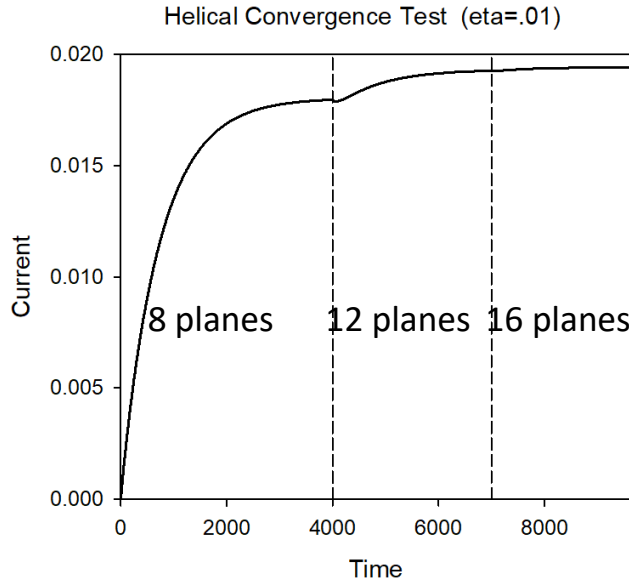
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$$\varphi = \pi$$

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



# Some Convergence Tests

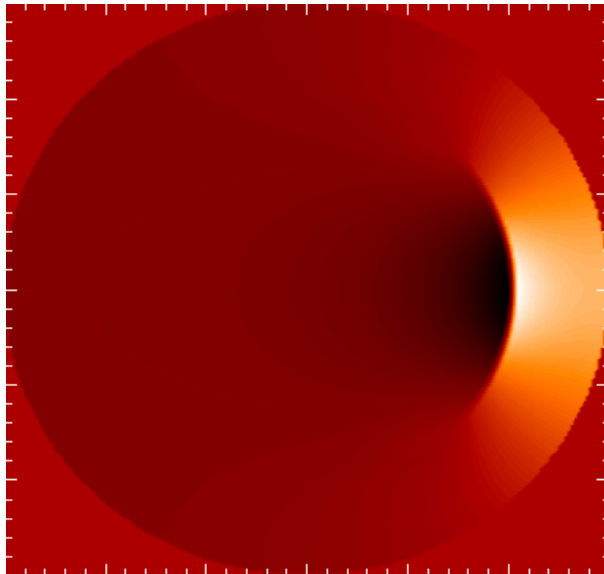


- Wall current appears to be converged in # of planes
- Helical wall current tending towards zero for large values of insulator resistance
- Now testing dependence on boundary conditions (location of ideal wall)
- Helical (1,2) case gives less than half the current of helical (1,1) case
- Iconst\_bz=0 increases current, but still far below straight case

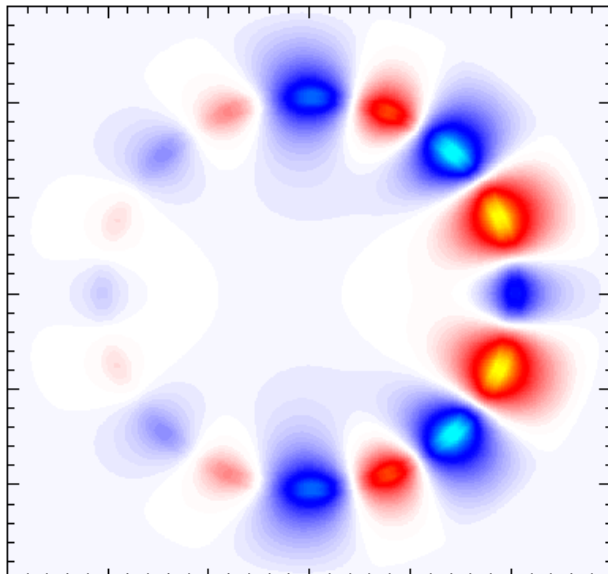


## Plots for iconst\_bz=0

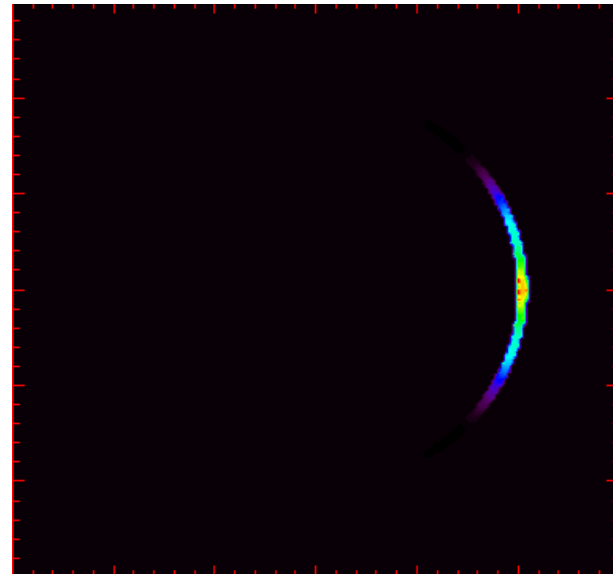
$I$



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



$J_\varphi$

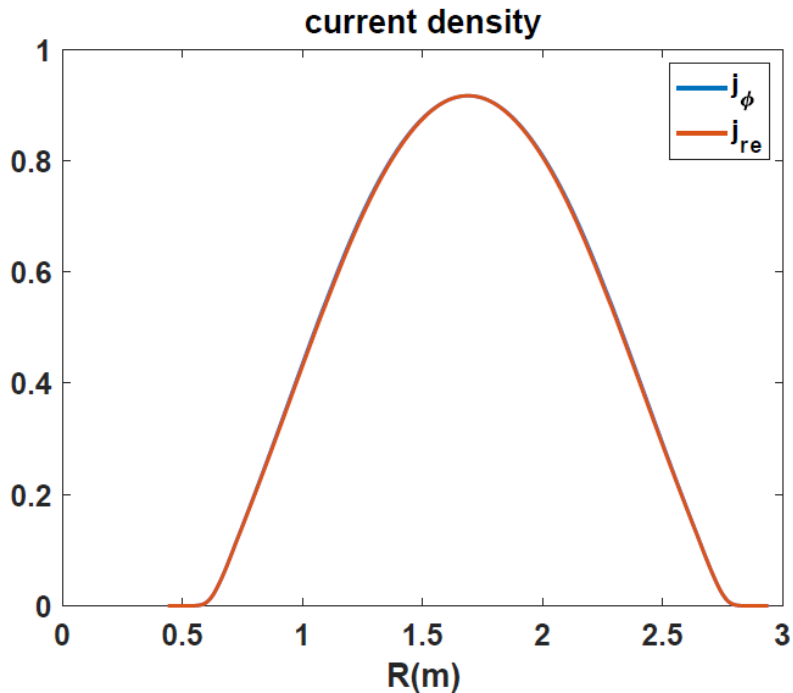
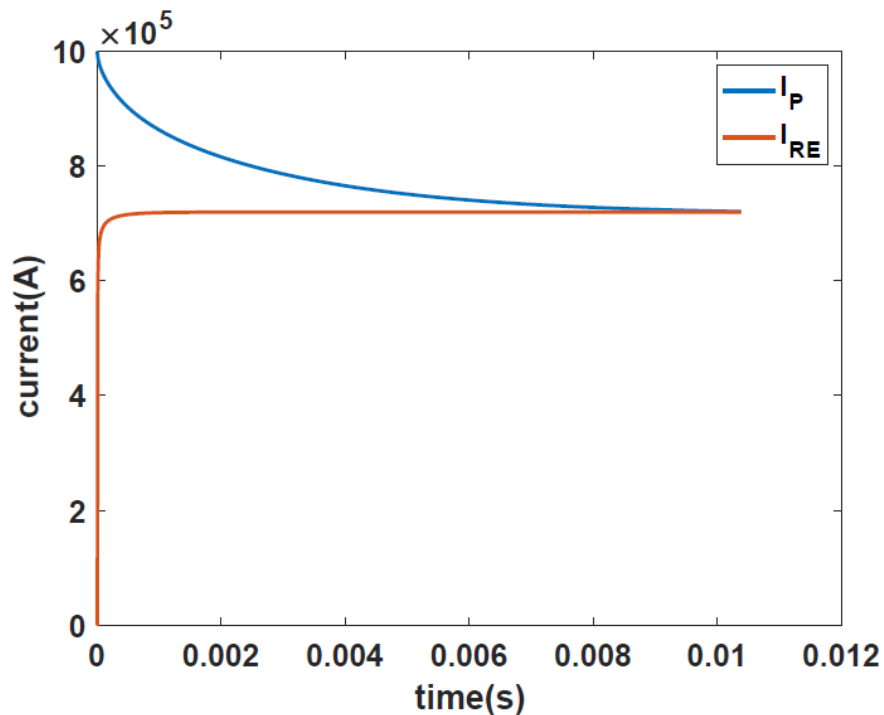


$$\nabla_\perp \cdot \frac{1}{R^2} \nabla \Phi = \nabla_\perp \cdot \eta \left[ -\frac{1}{R^2} \nabla F \times \nabla \varphi - \frac{1}{R^2} \nabla f'' \times \nabla \varphi - \frac{1}{R^4} \nabla_\perp \psi' \right]$$

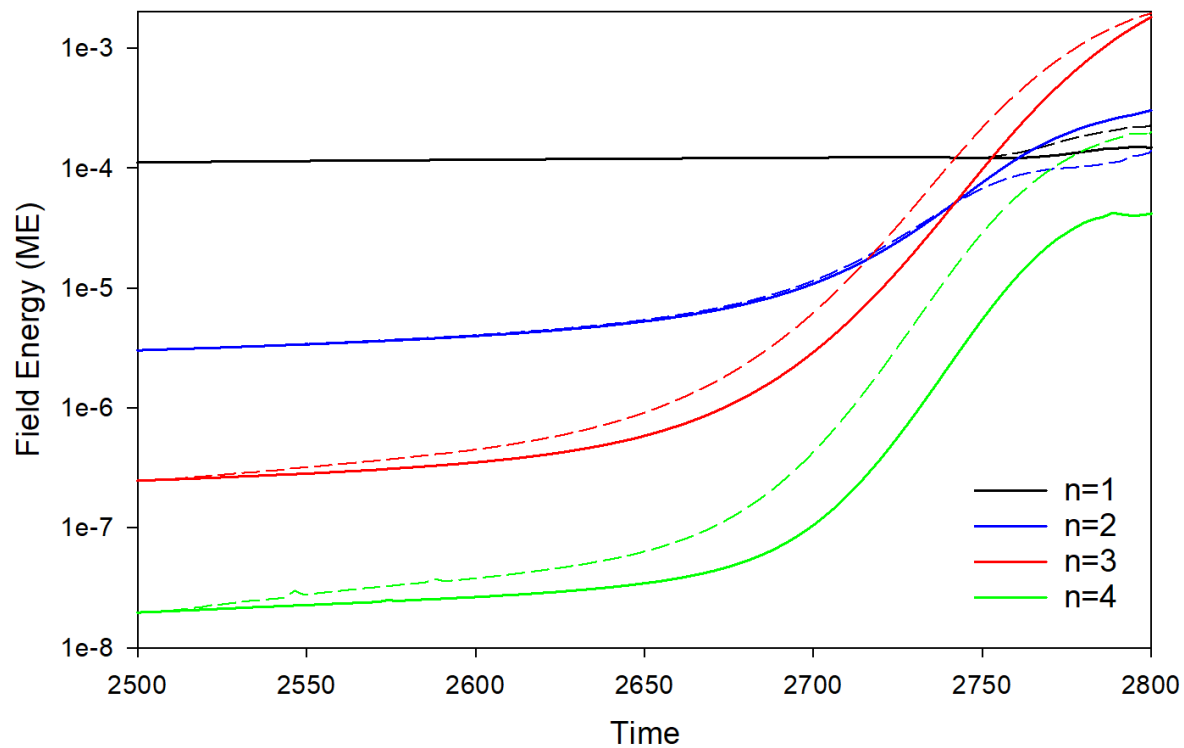
## Local Systems

- PPPL centos7(02/22/21)
  - 6 regression tests PASSED on centos7:
- PPPL greene (02/15/21)
  - 4 regression tests PASSED
  - RMP\_nonlin timed out (but gave correct results)
  - No batch file found for pellet
- EDDY (2/15/21)
  - 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

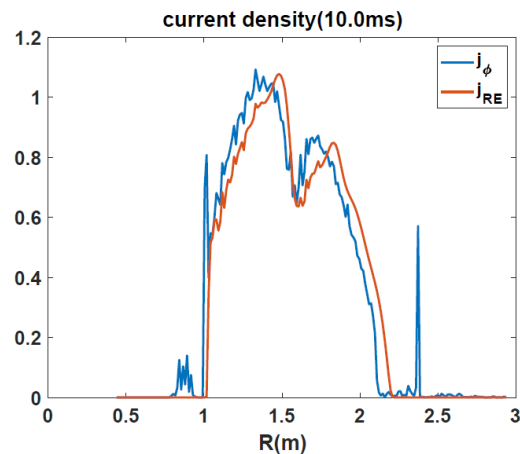
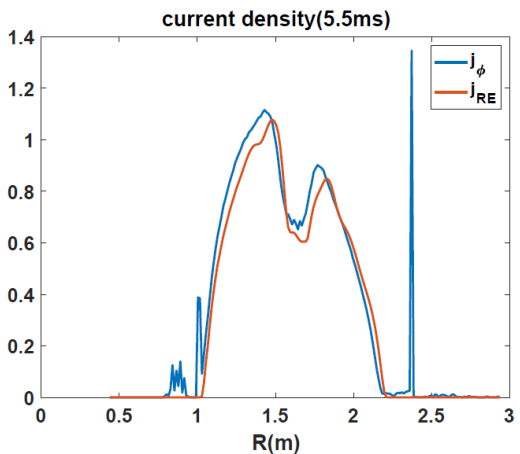
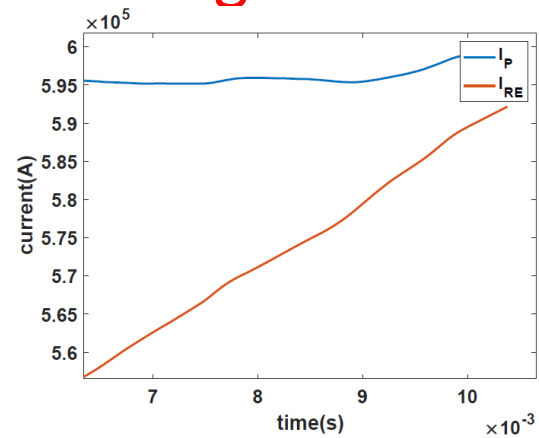
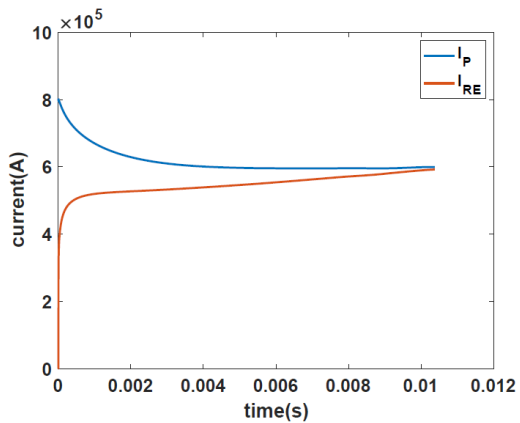
## 2D (cylindrical) RE with sources (12/19/2020)



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



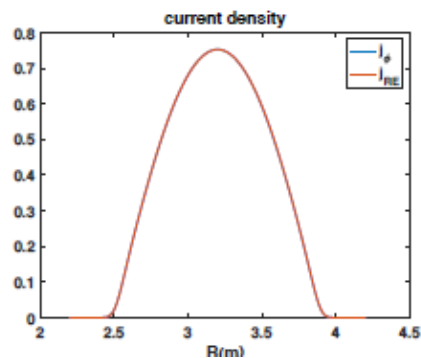
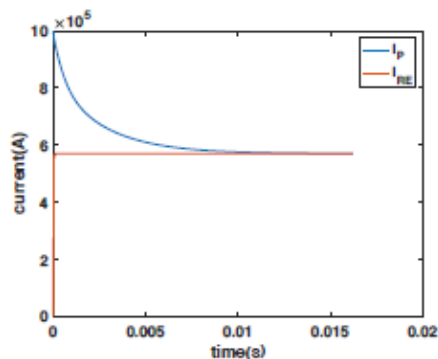
# DIII-D 177053 with Argon



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?

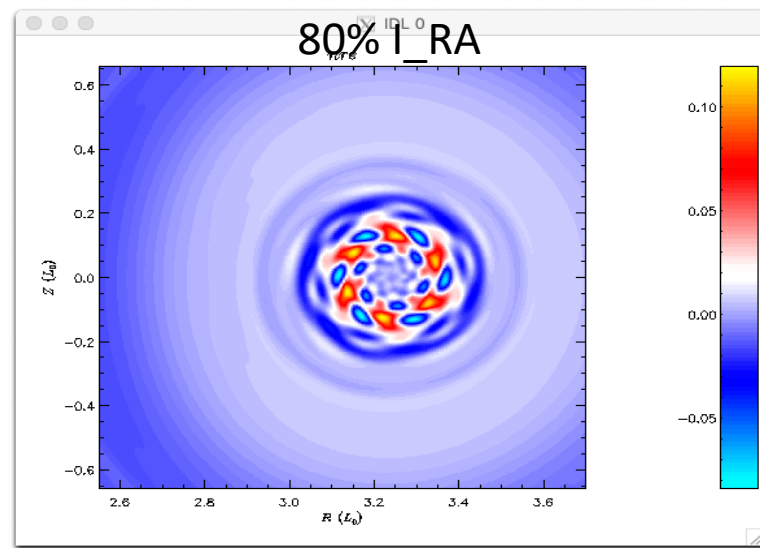
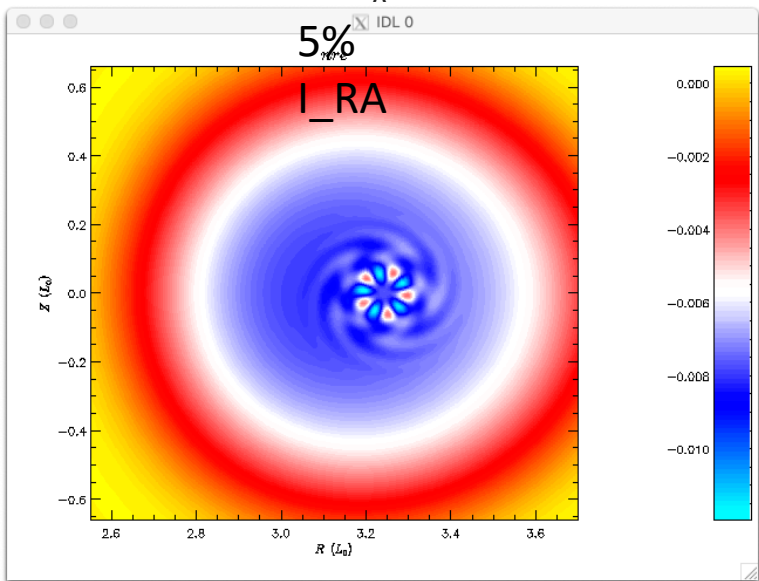
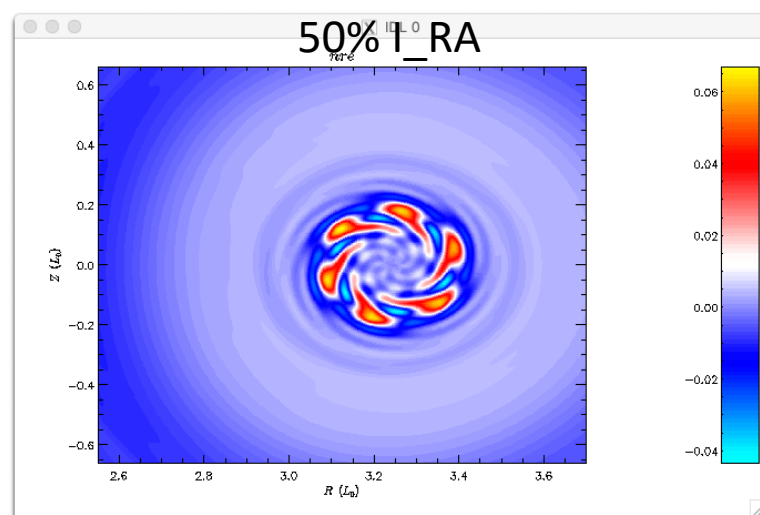
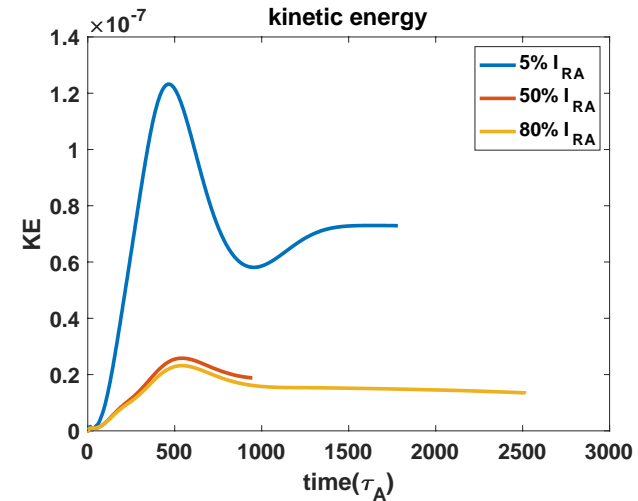
- M3D-C1/NIMROD 3D Benchmark

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

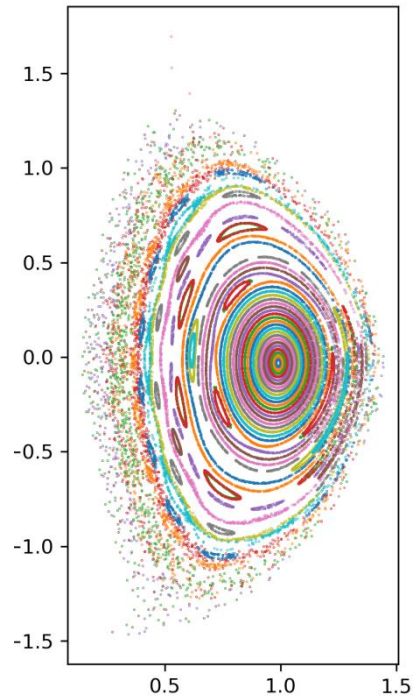
SPARK ? Do we need to do anything?





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

### Chang Liu

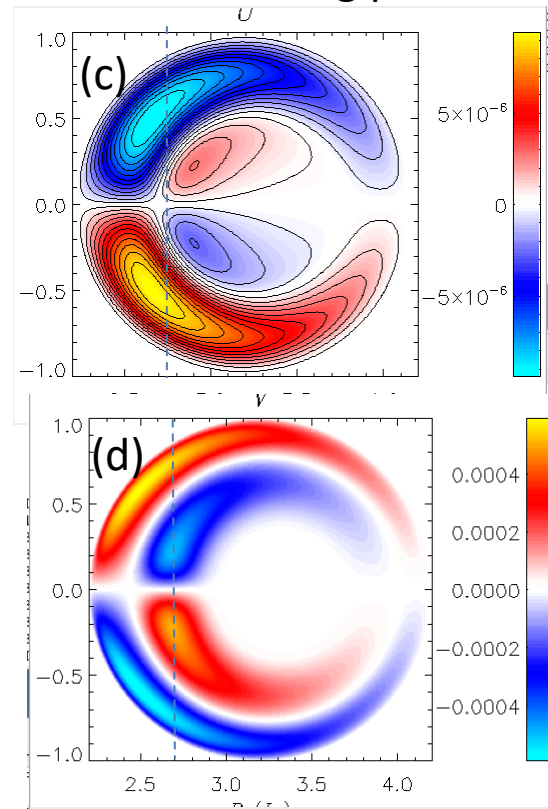
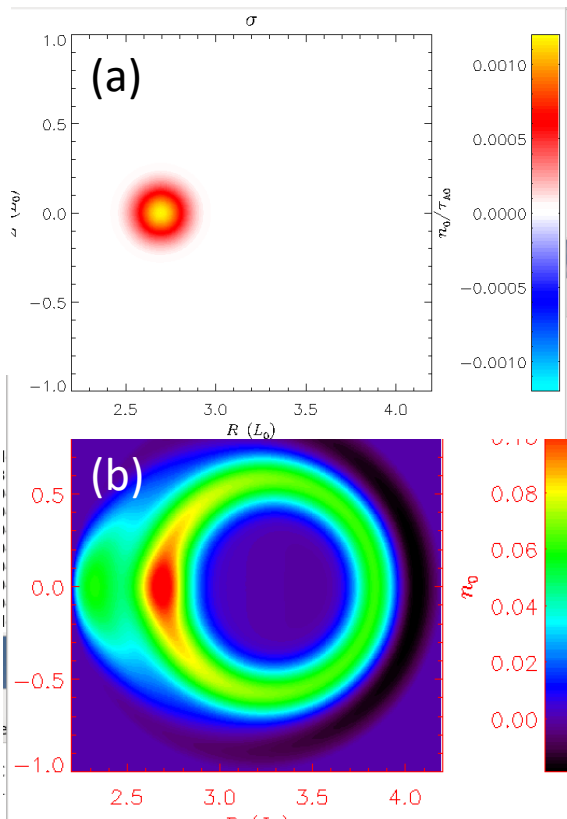


- In the original geqdsk file, the equilibrium was poorly converged. New one is much better. Has  $q(0) = 1.3$
  - Chang has analyzed new equilibrium (left)
  - No ideal (1,1) mode, several tearing modes
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- If goal is to get unstable (1,1) mode, likely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

# Grad-B drift in M3D-C1—HF side

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

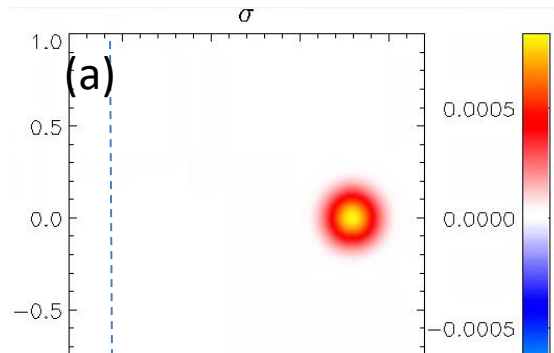
- (a) Density source in 1F toroidal equilibrium
- (b) Change in density after  $10^3 \tau_A$
- (c) Poloidal velocity stream function
- (d) Toroidal velocity contours



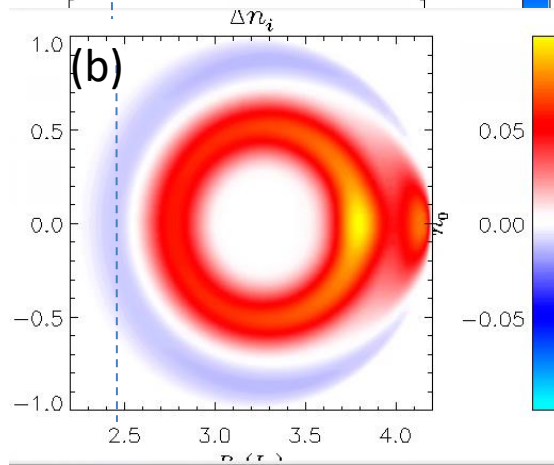
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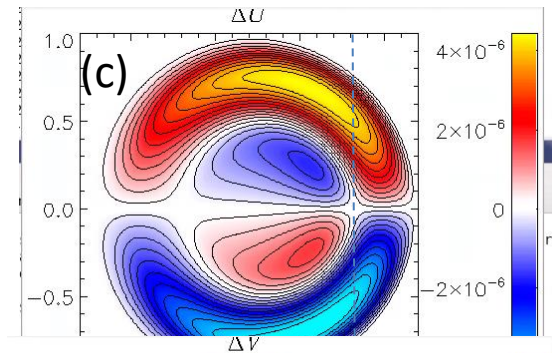
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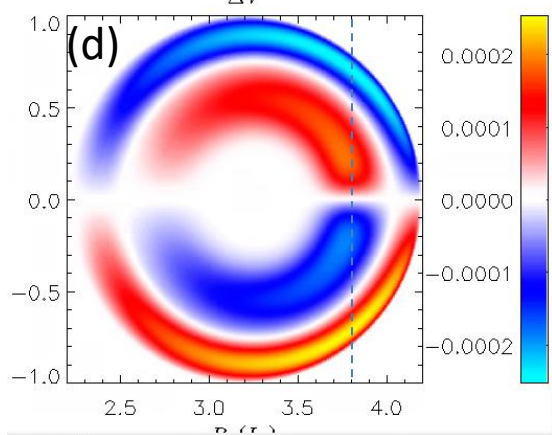
(b) Change in density after  $10^3 \tau_A$



(c) Poloidal velocity stream function

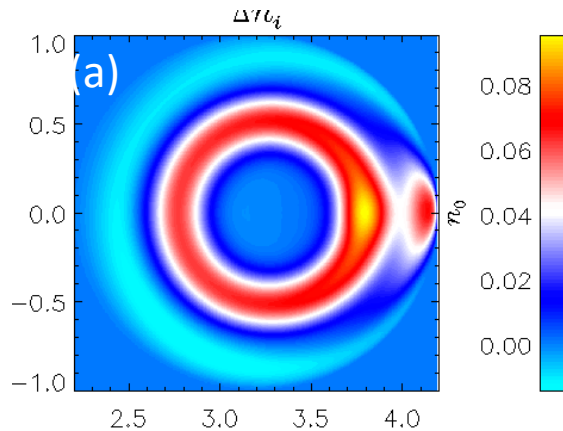


(d) Toroidal velocity contours

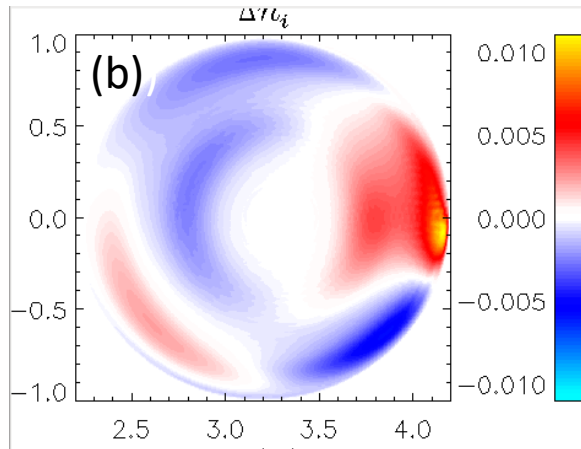


## Grad-B drift in M3D-C1—2F effects

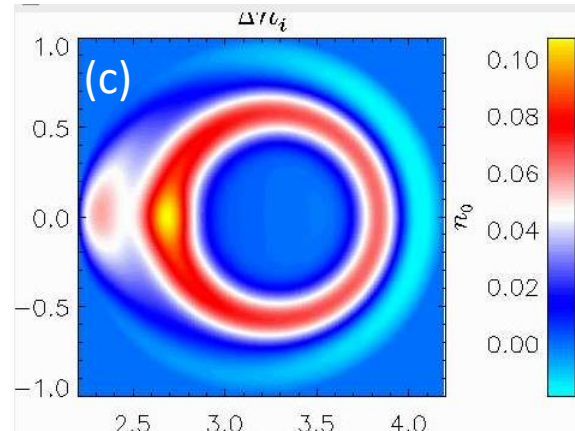
(a) 2F density change  
after  $10^3 \tau_A$  for LF  
side source



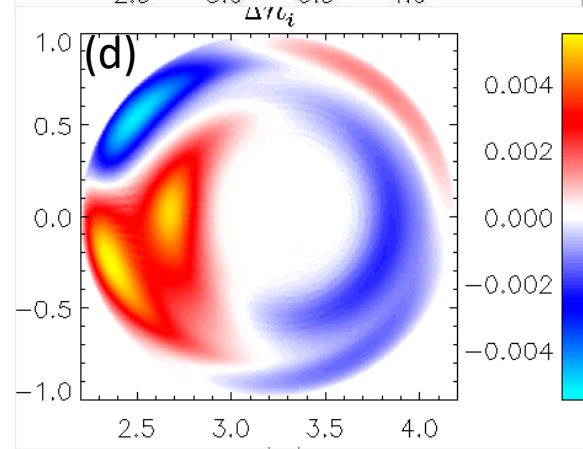
(b) Difference in 1F and  
2F density (LF)



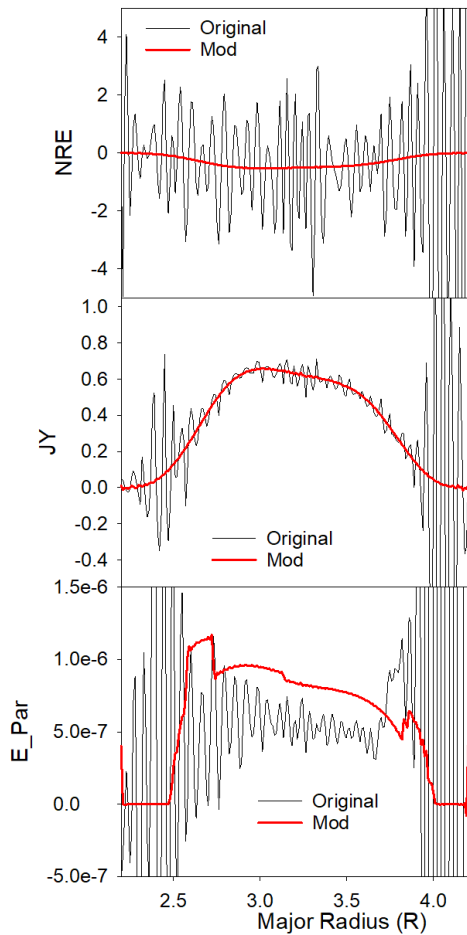
(c) 2F density change  
after  $10^3 \tau_A$  for HF  
side source



(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

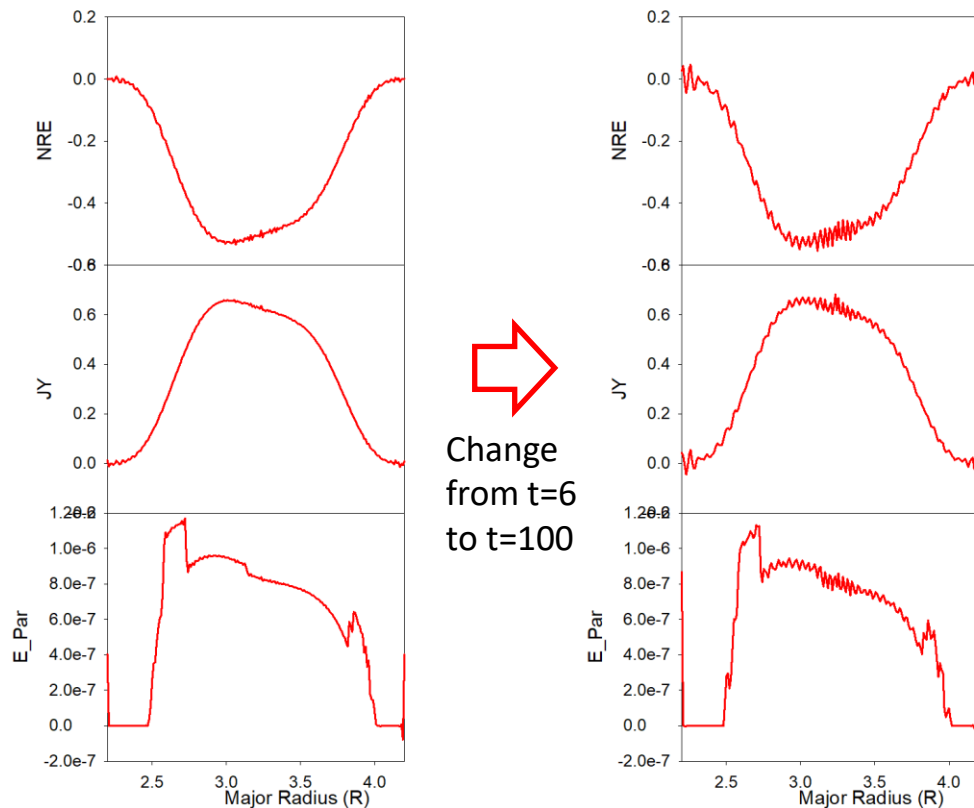
pedge

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?