

# Modeling fast particle losses in three dimensional equilibrium

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VMEC provides 3D equilibria for fast ion modeling



- Three dimensional equilibria codes
  - Ideal 3D MHD: <u>VMEC</u>, NSTAB, GVEC, DESC
  - 3D resistive MHD: HINT, SPEC, PIES, SIESTA, M3D-C1S
- BEAMS3D
  - Monte-Carlo NBI gyrocenter code interfaced to VMEC
- VENUS-LEVIS (SCENIC)
  - ICRH (NBI) Monte-Carlo code interfaced to VMEC (Boozer)
- ASCOT4/5
  - Monte-Carlo gyrocenter and full orbit code
- Japanese codes also exist (HFREYA...)

### Modeling of FI losses plays an operational role in W7-X

- Early work suggested high first wall heat fluxes in W7-X from NBI lost ions
- Subsequent experiments show no such loads
- This is attributed to no CX in simulations



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#### However qualitative agreement is present in some cases

- Predicted loads on immersion tubes were present
- Amplitude of loads was lower than expected
- Challenge is to go from heat flux to temperature rise on non-carbon surfaces with complex geometry.



Äkäslompolo S J et al. 2019 Armoring of the Wendelstein 7-X divertor-observation immersion-tubes based on NBI fast-ion simulations Fusion Engineering and Design 146 862-5

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# Simulations inform placement of novel FC-FILDs



 Coupled BEAMS3D/ASCOT5 simulations are helping to inform placement in W7-X.



Kulla et al . 2022 Placement of a fast ion loss detector array for neutral beam injected particles in Wendelstein 7-X Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion (accepted)

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#### In three dimensions High/low field paradigm can be broken

- W7-X optimization predicts improvement in confinement of deeply trapped particles as beta increases
- W7-X NBI simulations do not show this effect
- W7-X has high field injection.





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## Work is underway to improve and extend codes

- Wendelstein 7-X
- BEAMS3D upgraded to simulation fusion alphas
  - Lazerson et al. PPCF 2021
- BEASM3D being interfaced to HINT, SIESTA, SPEC, and M3D-C1S
  - Experiments being proposed to investigate role of core island on W7-X
- BEAMS3D being interfaced to FIDASIM (ENR)
- ASCOT5 being accelerated with GPU's (TSVV-12)
- AORSA code being investigated for stellarator applications
- VENUS-LEVIS providing ICRH and coupled ICRH/NBI studies.