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What is the effect of slow transients?

What happens during slow transients?

Slow transients: heat flux increase at divertor (10-20 MW m⁻²) due to loss of detachment

- T_{surf} > 2000 °C, R_x to 2mm deep in 1 hour, lose yield strength, cracking
- $T_{\rm e}$ increases, sputtering due to entrained impurities





 $q_{\perp} \uparrow * T_{surf} \uparrow$



 $p_n\downarrow \mathrel{*} T_{e,t}\uparrow$



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Previous results show extreme roughening at Tsurf = 2000 °C



Severe deformation for very small ELM-like loads (Npulse = 10^5 ; $F_{HF} \sim 4 \text{ MW m}^{-2 0.5}$)

Strikepoint protrusion = erosion risk?





Questions:

- To what extent is large-scale deformation due to localized nature of laser?
- Does this damage saturate or continue over time?
- Does it pose an increased erosion/melting risk?

Approach:

- Magnum-PSI exposures with Tsurf>2000 C, ELM pulses from LASAG
- Use different sized W blocks with size < laser spot or > laser spot
- Evaluate evolution over time (up to $10^6 N_{pulses}$)
- Investigate loading under oblique incidence (leading edge effects)

