



# Edge transport analysis of PT and NT in high power tokamak scenarios

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- 1. Edge transport modeling in present devices to assess transport parameters**
  - TCV PT-H and NT modeling different power same core temperature (2023)
  - TCV PT-L and NT at same power
  - AUG PT-L/PT-H and NT at low/medium power
- 2. Modeling of DTT with extrapolated parameters**
  - SN-PT and SN-NT in pure D at low power
  - SN-PT and SN-NT
- 3. Self consistent turbulent modeling**
  - TCV PT-H and SN-NT with S3X



# Edge transport modeling in present devices

(DTT shapes)

# TCV: PT-H and NT same core temperature



## Pulses

PT-H#76702 VS NT#76735

## Similar features

- Magnetic divertor configuration: !
- $B_T \approx 1.4$  T for TCV
- $I_{\text{plasma}} \approx 200/174$  kA for TCV

## DTT Triangularity

PT  $\rightarrow \delta_{\text{top}} \approx +0.35; \delta_{\text{bottom}} \approx +0.45$

NT  $\rightarrow \delta_{\text{top}} \approx -0.35; \delta_{\text{bottom}} \approx +0.07$

## Input power (NBI only)

$P_{\text{Tot}} = 1090$  (NBI) +  $204$  ( $P_{\text{OH}}$ ) kW

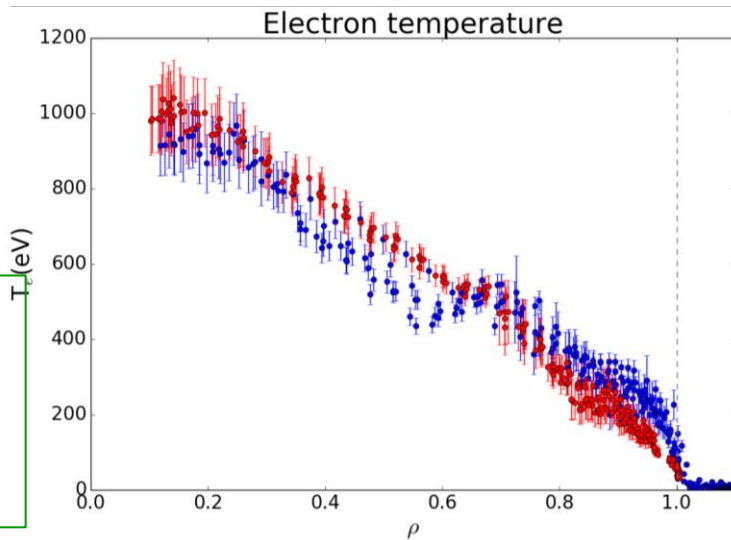
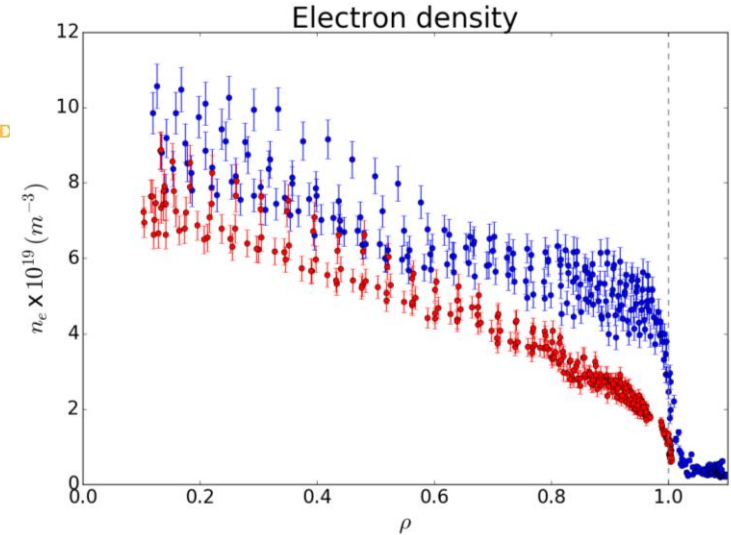
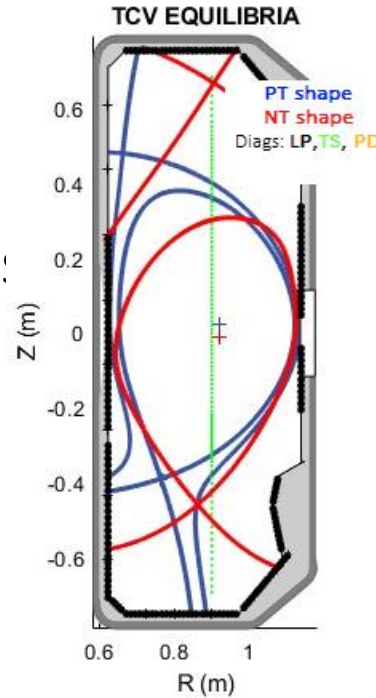
$P_{\text{RAD,IN}} = 290$  kW

$P_{\text{SOL}} = 1040$  kW

$P_{\text{Tot}} = 424$ (NBI) +  $155$  ( $P_{\text{OH}}$ ) kW

$P_{\text{RAD,IN}} = 124$  kW

$P_{\text{SOL}} = 455$  kW



**→ NT has a similar T and slightly lower density for much smaller power**

# TCV: PT-H and NT same core temperature



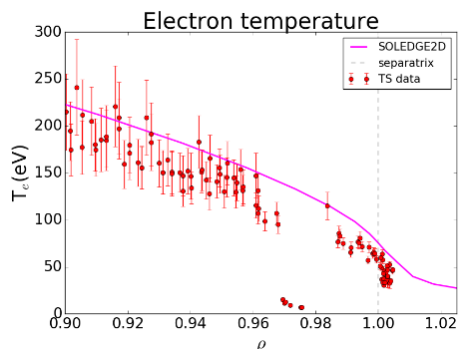
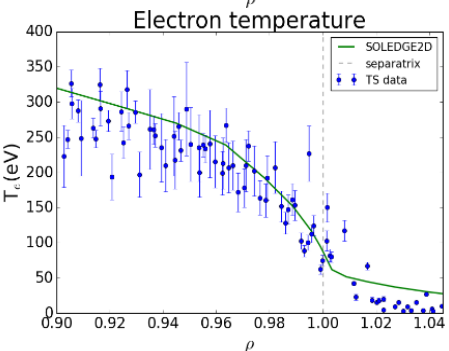
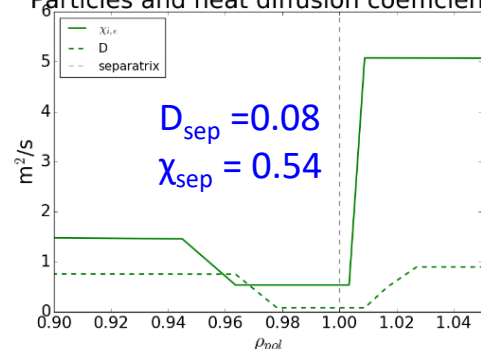
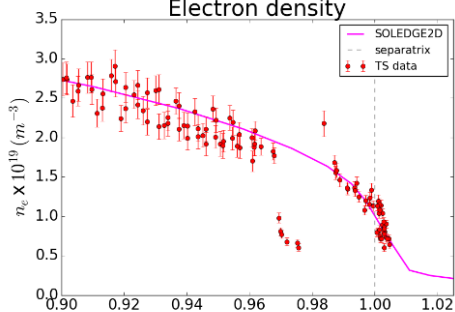
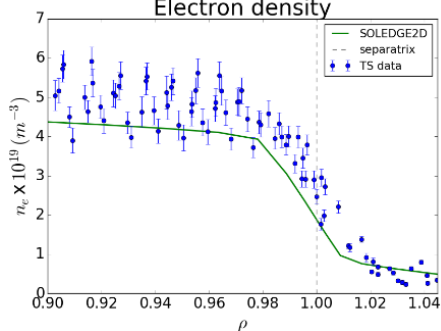
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NT#76735 – NT-L

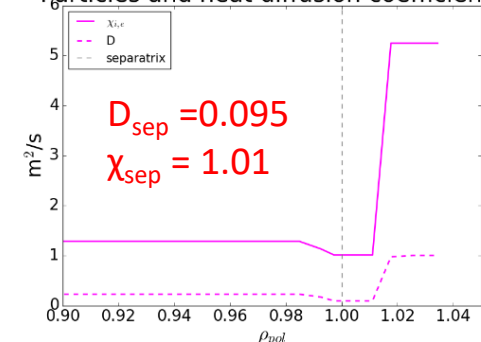
Electron density

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Particles and heat diffusion coefficients

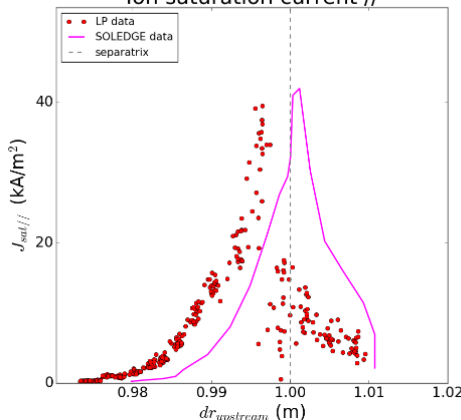
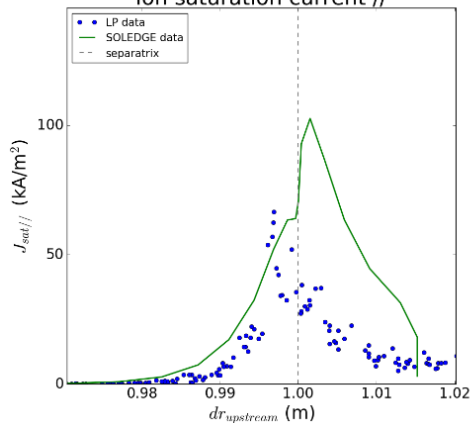


Particles and heat diffusion coefficients



LP and modelled data remapped upstream  
Ion saturation current //

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Ion saturation current //



- PT-H & NT-L have similar particle diffusion (**but narrow barrier**)
- NT-L has about a twice heat diffusion than PT-H

# TCV: PT-H and NT similar power



## Pulses

PT-L#73388 VS NT#73382

## Similar features

- Magnetic divertor configuration: SN
- $B_T \approx 1.4$  T for TCV
- $I_{\text{plasma}} \approx 256/240$  kA for TCV

## DTT Triangularity

PT  $\rightarrow \delta_{\text{top}} \approx +0.40$

NT  $\rightarrow \delta_{\text{top}} \approx -0.22$  ;  $\delta_{\text{bottom}} \approx +0.0$

## Power (NBI only)

$P_{\text{Tot}} = 418$  (NBI) +  $350$  ( $P_{\text{OH}}$ ) kW

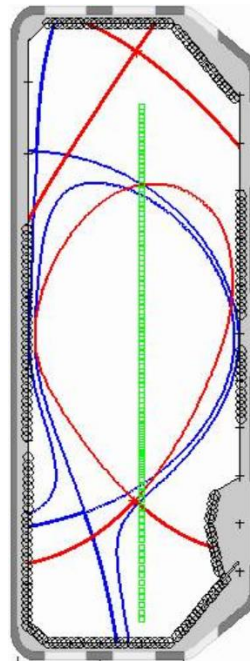
$P_{\text{RAD,IN}} = 149$  kW

$P_{\text{SOL}} = 619$  kW

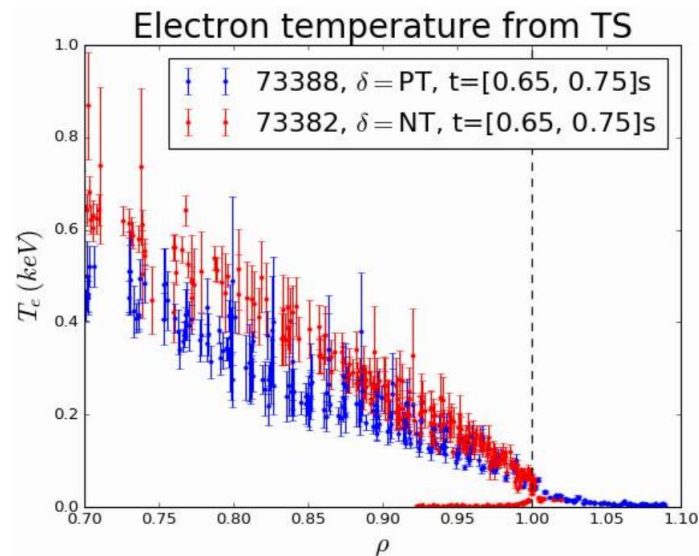
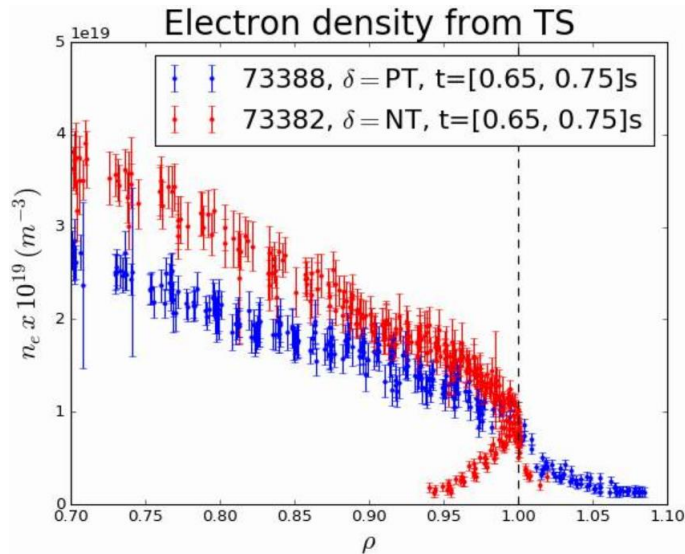
$P_{\text{Tot}} \rightarrow 418$  (NBI) +  $264$  ( $P_{\text{OH}}$ ) kW

$P_{\text{RAD,IN}} = 123$  kW

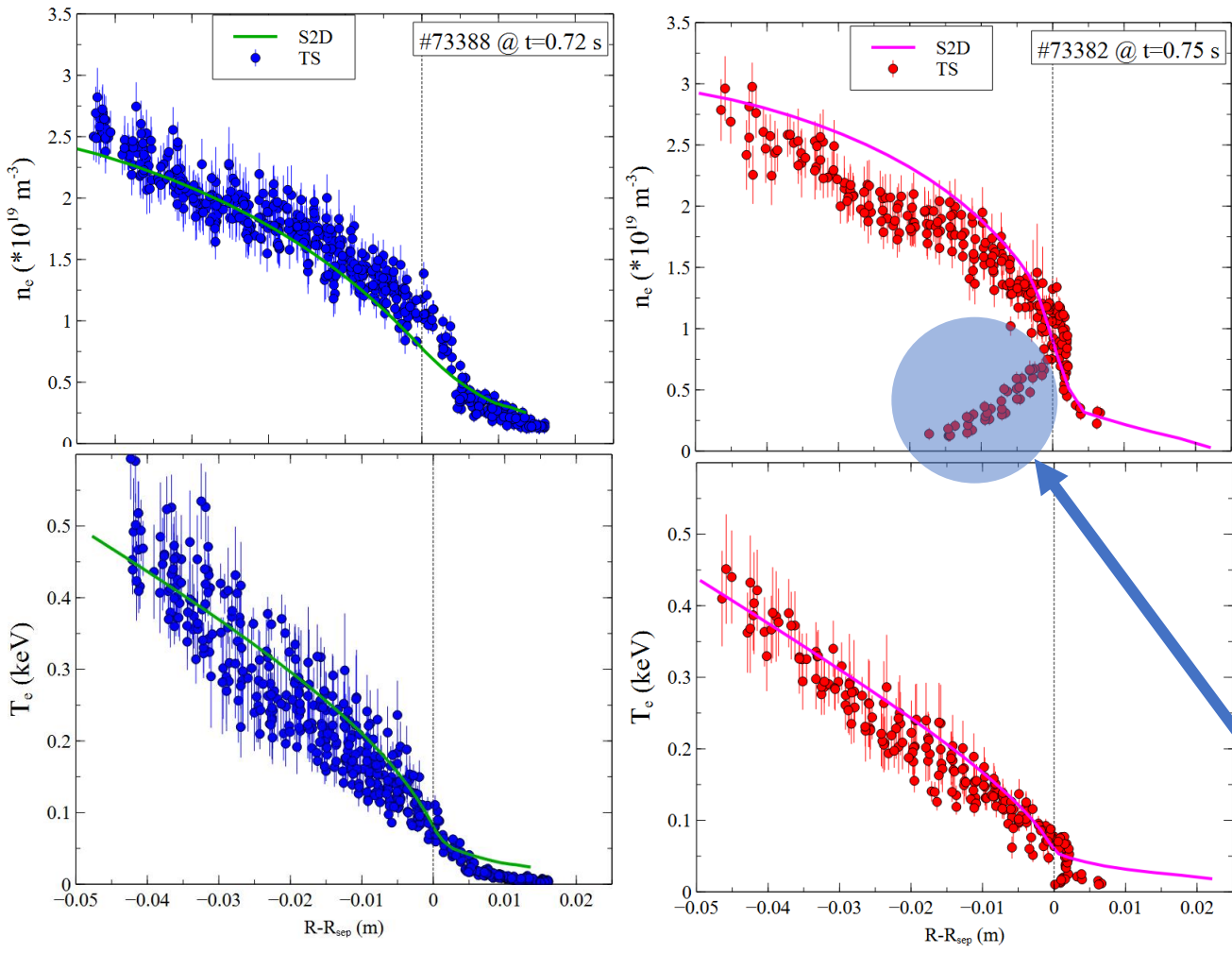
$P_{\text{SOL}} = 559$  kW



**→ In the core NT has higher T and density for lower power**



# TCV: PT-L and NT similar power – modeling OMP

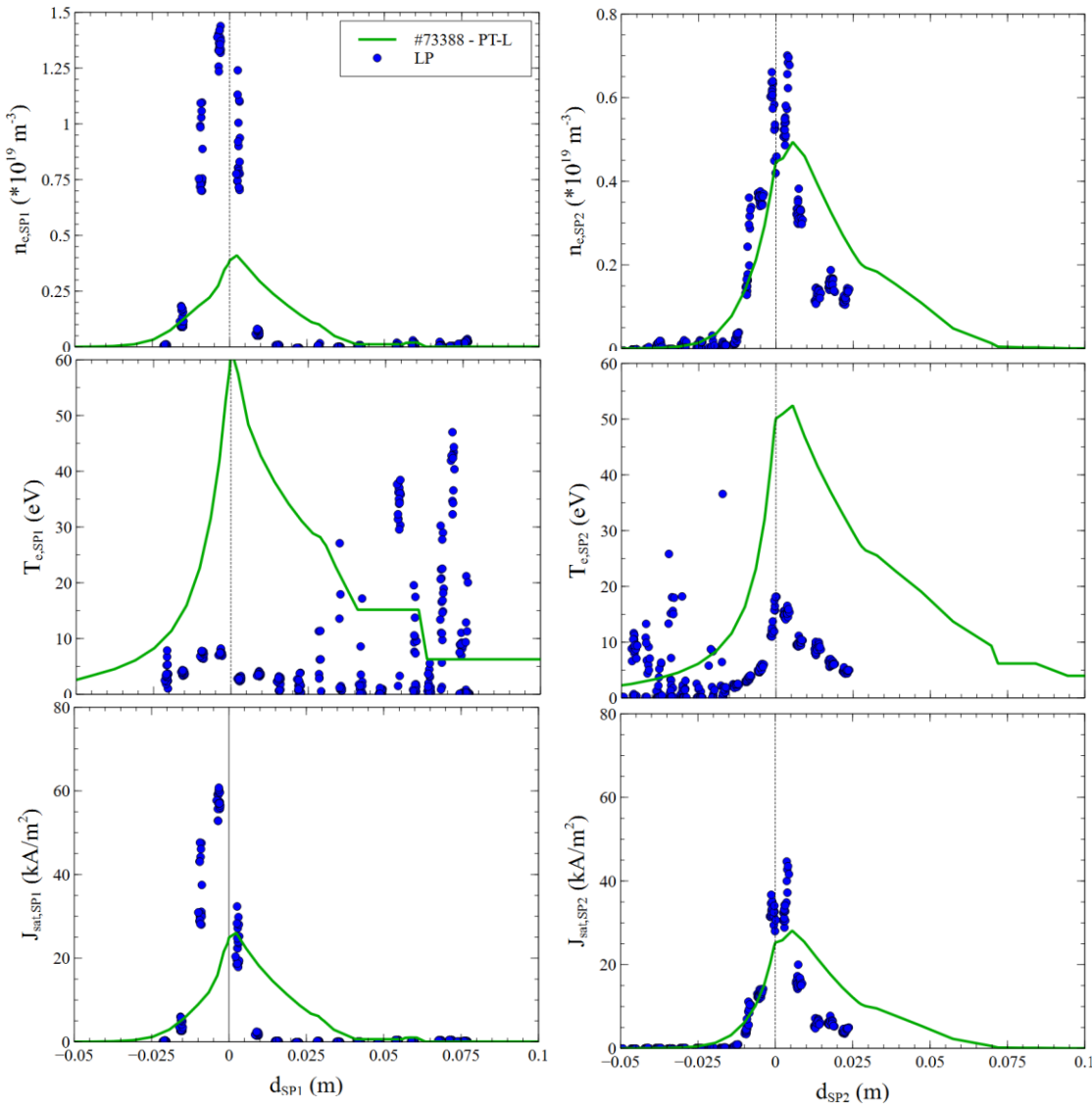


Good matching of OMP profiles

But some improvements are still possible

TS points below the x-point

# TCV: PT-L and NT similar power – modeling OMP



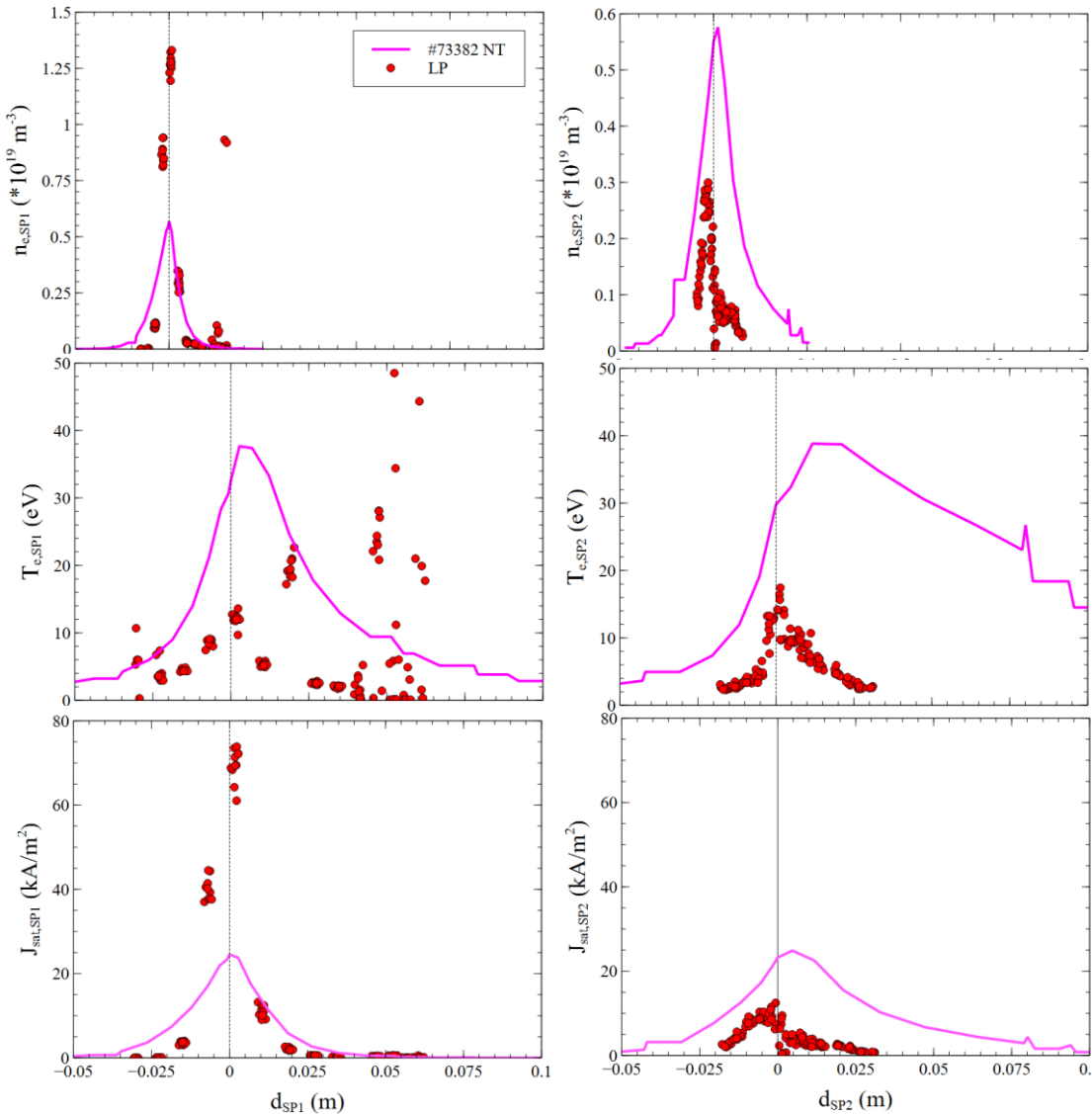
## PT-L modeling at targets

Reasonable agreement for density and  $J_{sat}$

Higher experimental  $J_{sat}$   $\rightarrow$  particle diffusivity is slightly underestimated



# TCV: PT-L and NT similar power – modeling targets



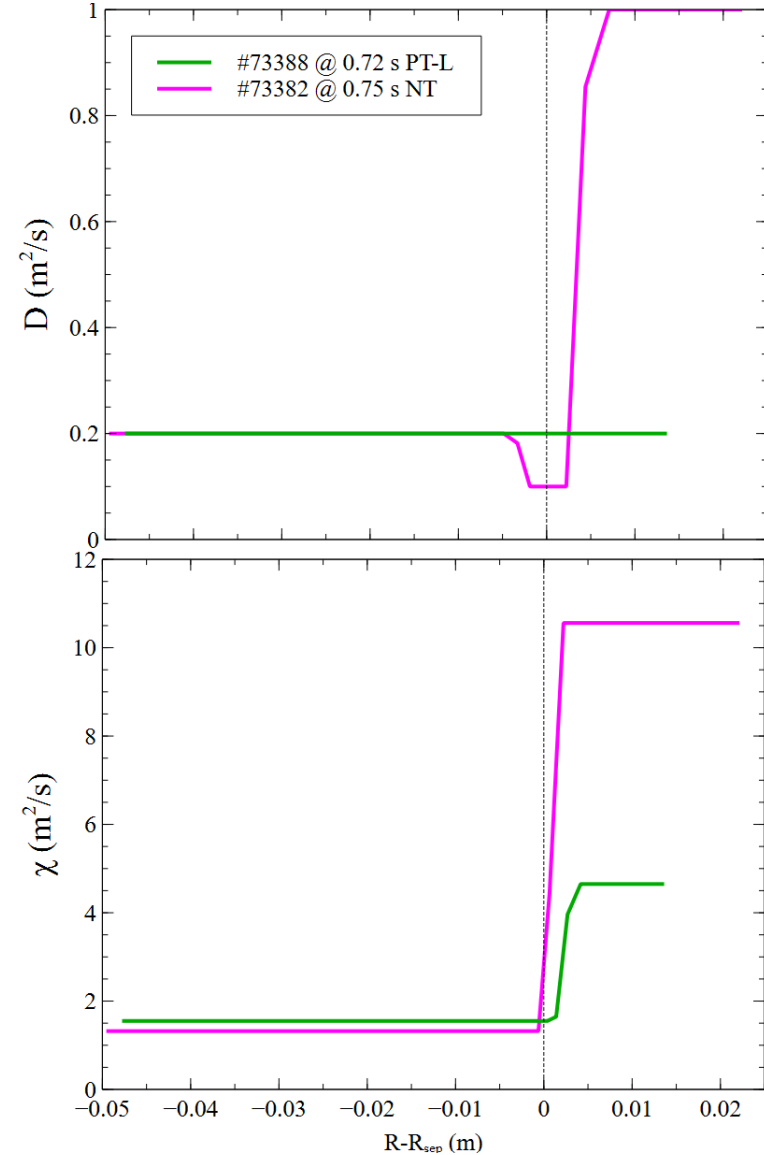
## NT modeling at targets

Reasonable agreement for density, temperature and  $J_{sat}$

In/out under/overestimation of density and  $J_{sat}$  probably due to missing drifts in modeling

But In/Out averaged value seems ok

# TCV: PT-L and NT similar power



## Transport parameters

- NT still shows a narrow edge barrier in particle diffusion like in previous modeling with a similar minimum value
- Heat conductivity is smaller in NT than in PT-L
- NT heat conductivity is higher but not far from previous NT edge modeling
- **But the small barrier in NT heat conductivity is not present** (but probably it can be introduced without a relevant profile variation)

# AUG: similar temperature



## Pulses

PT-H #740647 @2.7 s VS NT#40866 @ 2.7 s

## Similar features

- Magnetic divertor configuration: SN
- $B_T \simeq 2.5$  T
- $I_{\text{plasma}} \simeq 600/60$  kA

## DTT Triangularity

PT  $\rightarrow \delta_{\text{top}} \simeq +0.4; \delta_{\text{bottom}} \simeq +0.5$

NT  $\rightarrow \delta_{\text{top}} \simeq -0.28; \delta_{\text{bottom}} \simeq +0.09$

## Power (ECHR only)

$P_T \rightarrow 1460$  (ECHR) + 180 ( $P_{\text{OH}}$ ) kW

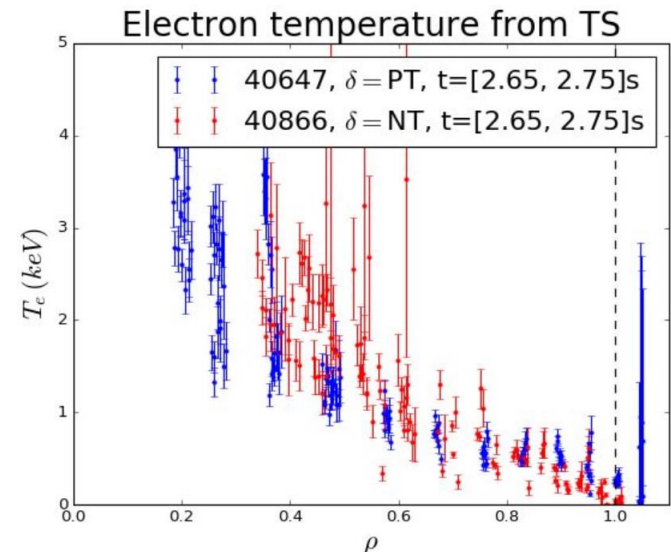
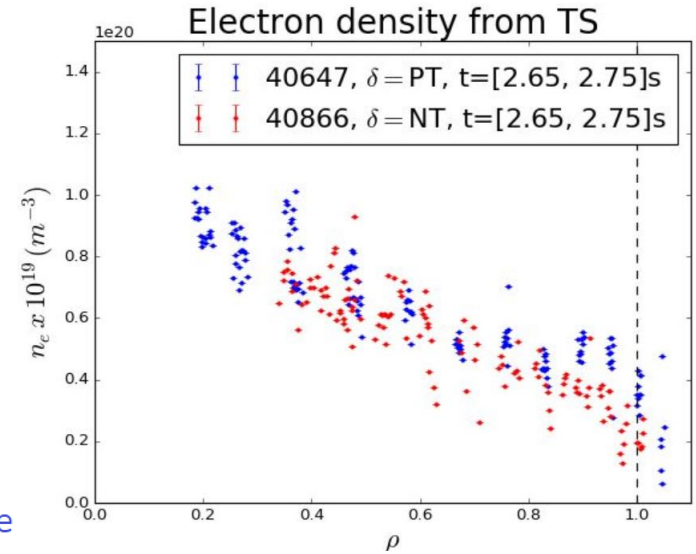
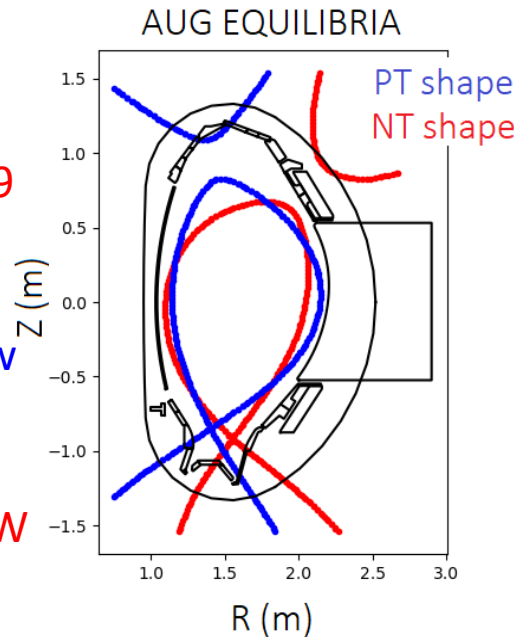
$P_{\text{RAD,IN}} = 808$  kW

$P_{\text{SOL}} = 778$  kW

NT  $\rightarrow 1485$  (ECRH) + 194 ( $P_{\text{OH}}$ ) kW

$P_{\text{RAD,IN}} = 1160$  kW

$P_{\text{SOL}} = 519$  kW



# AUG: similar power



## Pulses

PT-L#740647 @7.9 s VS NT#40866 @ 2.7 s

## Similar features

- Magnetic divertor configuration: SN
- $B_T \approx 1.4$  T
- $I_{\text{plasma}} \approx 600/600$  kA

## DTT Triangularity

PT  $\rightarrow \delta_{\text{top}} \approx +0.4; \delta_{\text{bottom}} \approx +0.5$

NT  $\rightarrow \delta_{\text{top}} \approx -0.28; \delta_{\text{bottom}} \approx +0.09$

## Power (ECHR only)

$P_T \rightarrow 583$  (ECHR) + 360 ( $P_{\text{OH}}$ ) kW

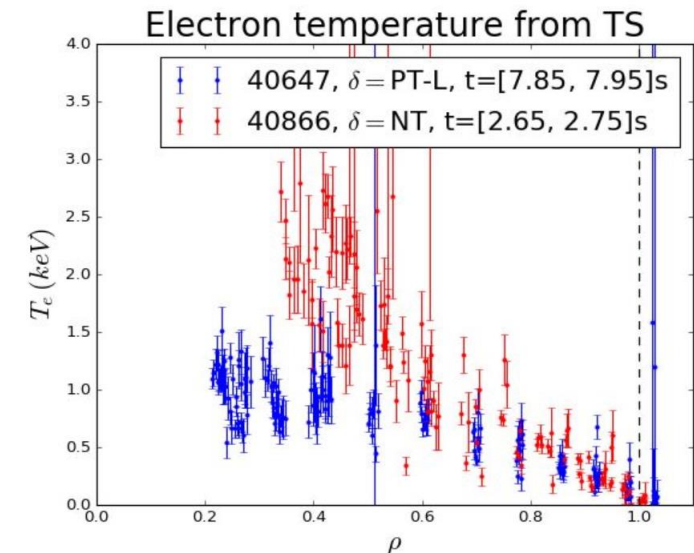
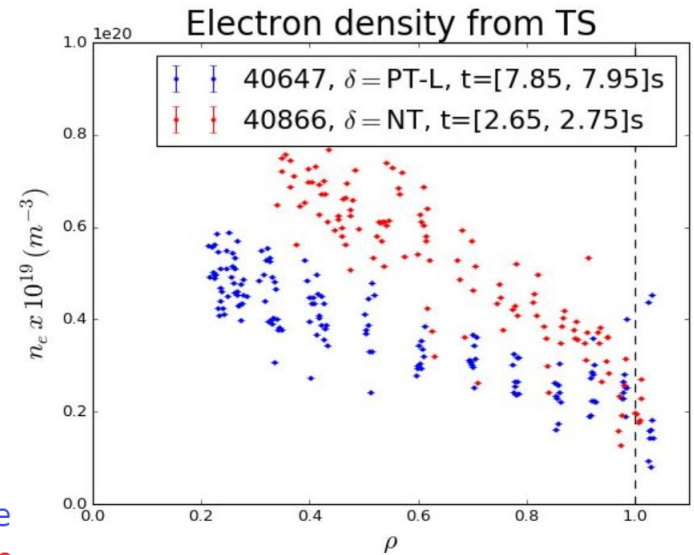
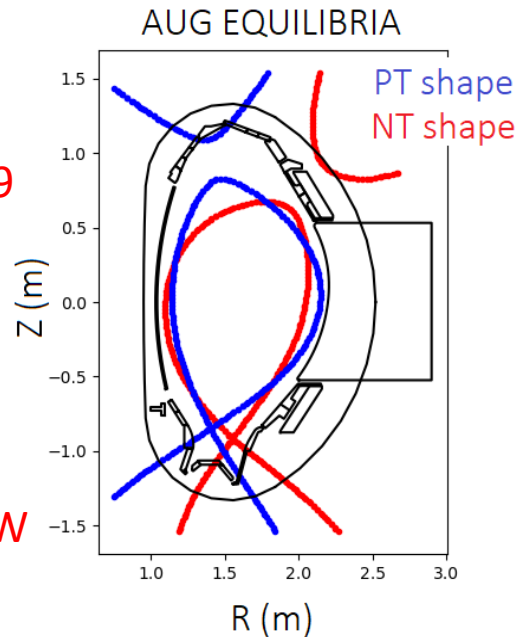
$P_{\text{RAD,IN}} = 365$  kW

$P_{\text{SOL}} = 580$  kW

NT  $\rightarrow 1485$  (ECRH) + 194 ( $P_{\text{OH}}$ ) kW

$P_{\text{RAD,IN}} = 1160$  kW

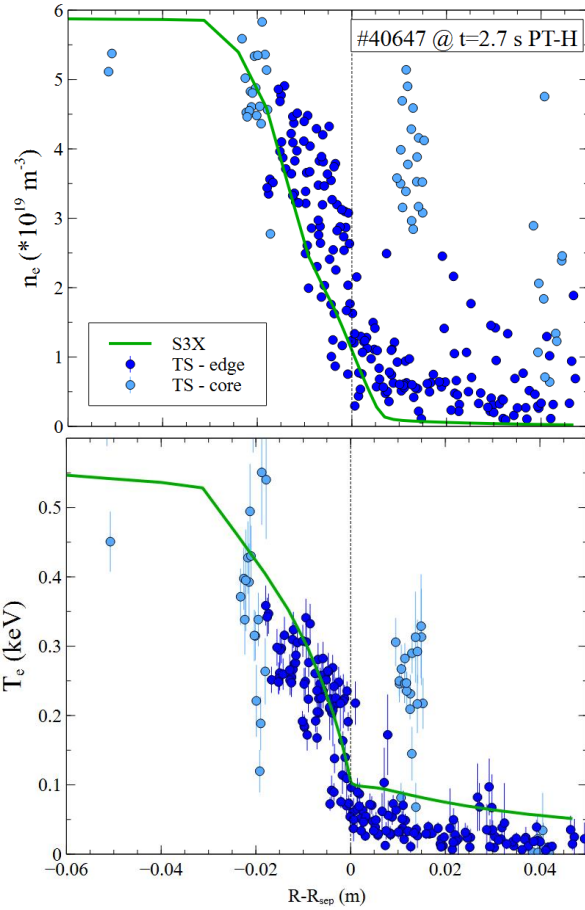
$P_{\text{SOL}} = 519$  kW



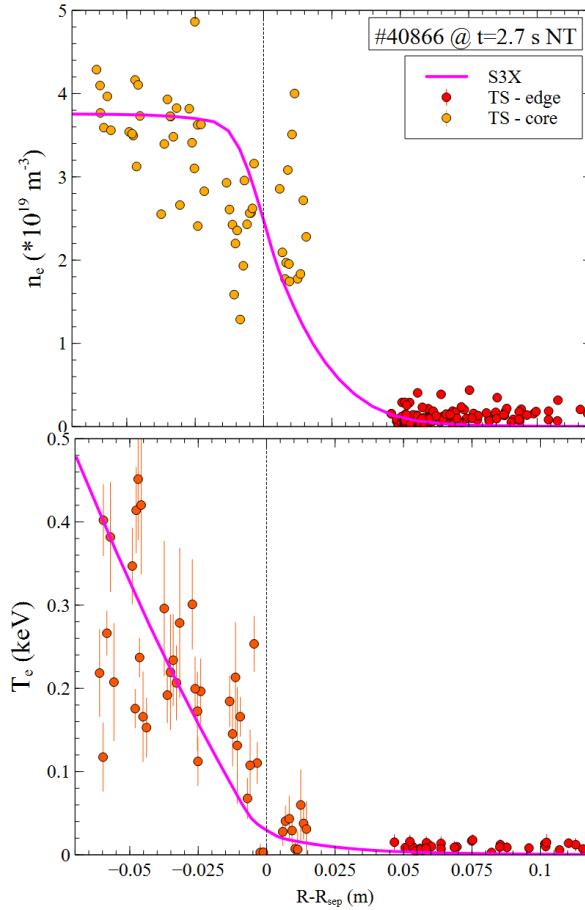
# AUG: Edge modeling comparison at OMP



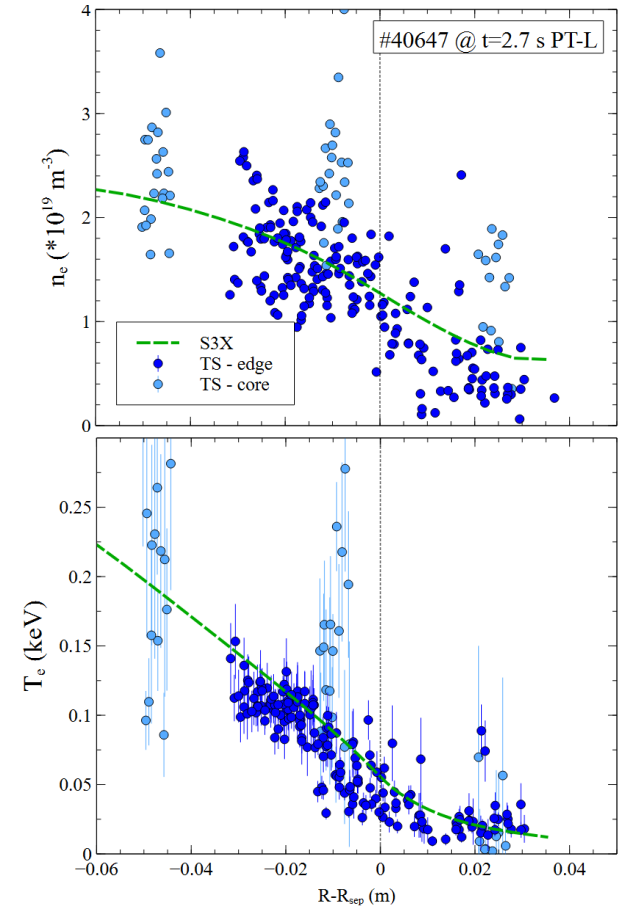
### PT-H mode



### NT-L mode



### PT-L mode

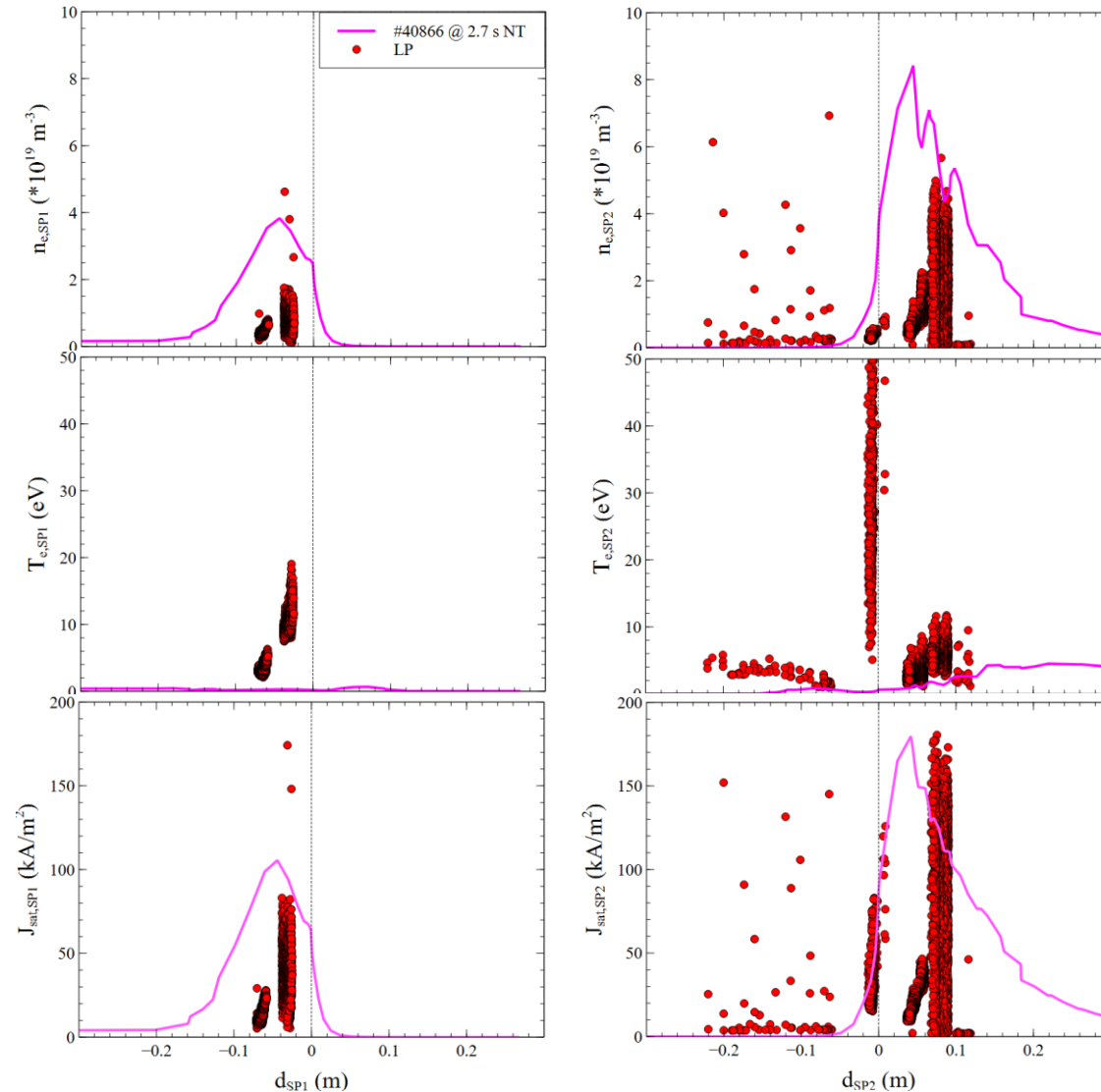


Poor quality of some TS data

Transport values (in particular inside the separatrix) closed to their final values

Still to be optimized transport profiles in PT-L and some adjustment required in PT-H

# AUG: Edge modeling comparison at targets



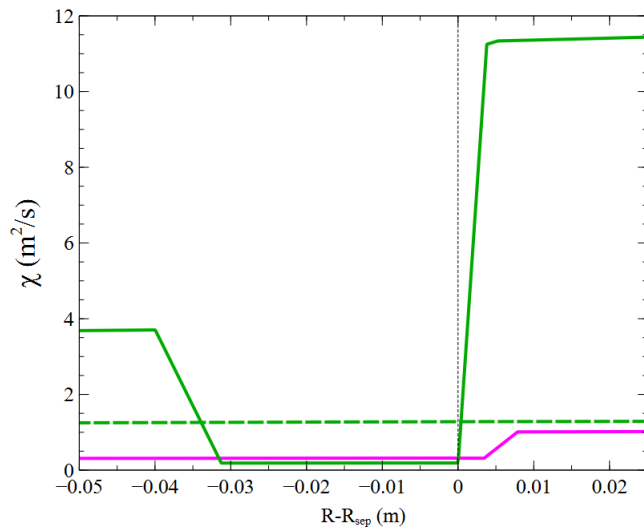
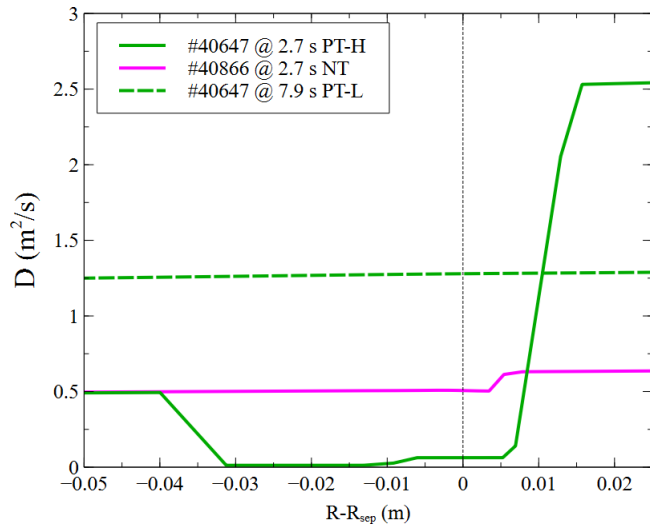
## NT Langmuir probe data

Poor quality of Langmuir probe data  
(due to NT strike point position and  
equilibrium reconstruction)

But density and  $J_{sat}$  amplitude  
relatively well matched

Comparison with  $D_\alpha$  is underway

Waiting for #40647 data for SN-PT



## Transport parameters

- In AUG the particles diffusion seems much smaller in PT-H than in NT at the transport barrier (but the result could depend from poor quality of data)
- Heat conductivity instead is not much different between PT-H and NT
- Inside the separatrix particles diffusion and heat conductivity are much higher in PT-L than in NT
- Transport estimation might be improved with better data (some are coming)
- In any case it is confirmed that NT transport is in between PT-H and PT-



# To DTT modelling

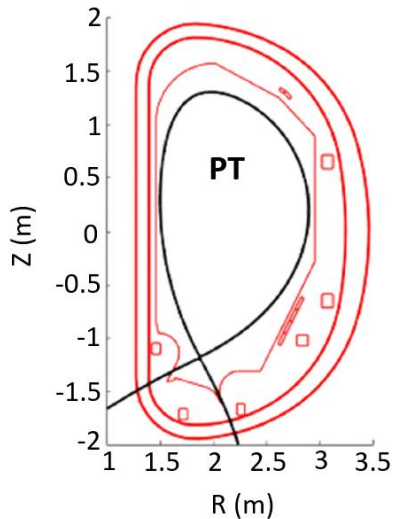




- Single Null
- $\delta_{up} = 0.33$
- $\delta_{bottom} = 0.35$

## For core performance

from core modelling<sup>[6]</sup>



$B_T = 6 \text{ T}$  ↓  
 $I_p = 5.5 \text{ MA}$   
 H-mode  
 → Core radiation  $\cong 15 \text{ MW}$   
 Power = 45 MW  
 ~ 2% Neon

## For detachment

from edge modelling<sup>[7]</sup>

$P_{\text{inner boundary}} = 30 \text{ MW}^*$   
 (considering ELMs losses)

+

diffusion parameters estimated<sup>[8]</sup>



$$n_{\text{sep}} \sim 8 \times 10^{19}$$

$$D_2 \sim 9.5 \times 10^{22}$$

$$\rightarrow Z_{\text{eff,core}} \sim 2.2$$

$$P_{\text{rad,SOL+edge}} \sim 25 \text{ MW}$$

$$\text{Neon} \sim 0.075 \times 10^{22} \text{ molecules/s}$$

→ detachment

\* $P - 10 \text{ MW}_{\text{core\_rad}} - 5 \text{ ELMs}$

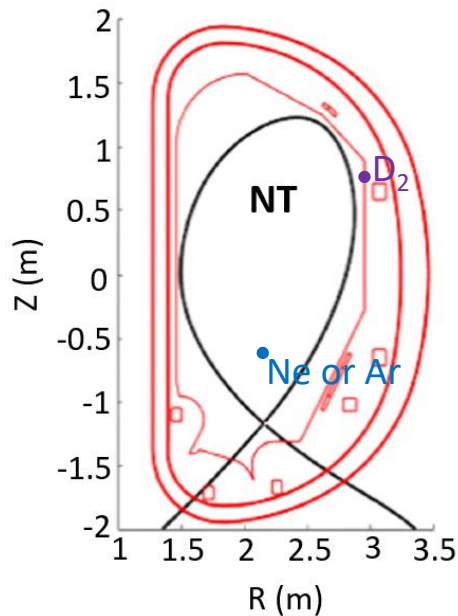
[6] I. Casiraghi et al 2023 Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 65 035017

[7] P. Innocente et al 2022 Nucl. Mater. Energy 33 101276

[8] L. Balbinot et al 2023 Nucl. Mater. Energy 34 101350



- Single Null
- $\delta_{\text{up}} = -0.3$
- $\delta_{\text{bottom}} = 0.05$



## We want

- $Z_{\text{eff,core}} \sim 3$  for core performance
- Detachment for PEX performance

## We impose

- $P_{\text{inner boundary}} = 36\text{MW}$  (no ELMs)
- In NT there is no limitation in  $n_{\text{sep}}$  unlike PT where  $n_{\text{sep}}$  affects the L-H threshold power, but we have to limit the core density to reach high temperature (low loop voltage) for this reason  
 $\rightarrow n_{\text{sep}} < \sim 9 \times 10^{19}$
- Neon/argon puffing
- Diffusion extrapolated to TCV studies

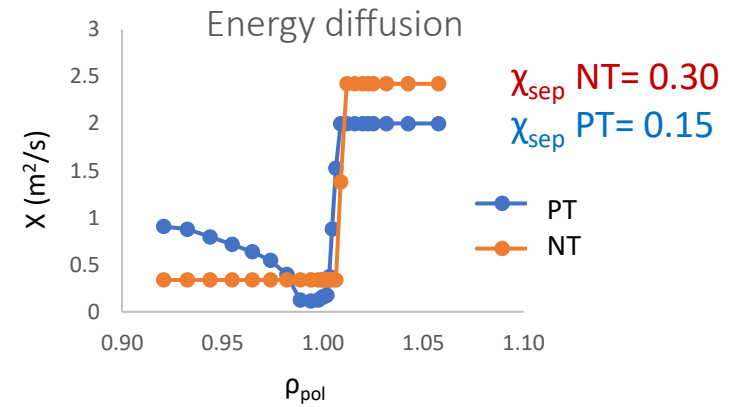
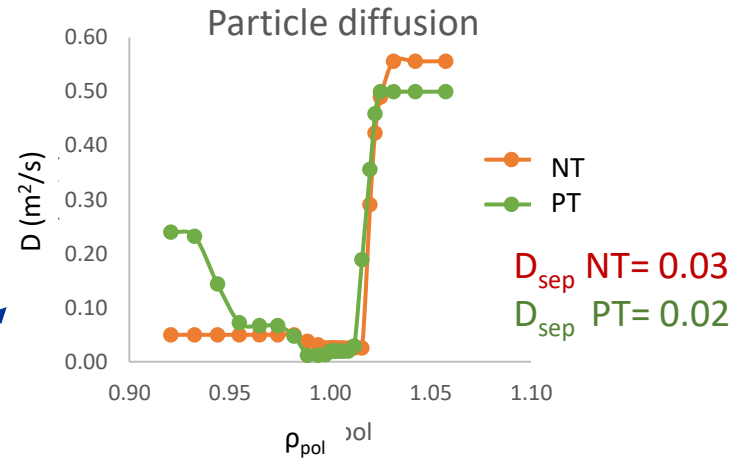
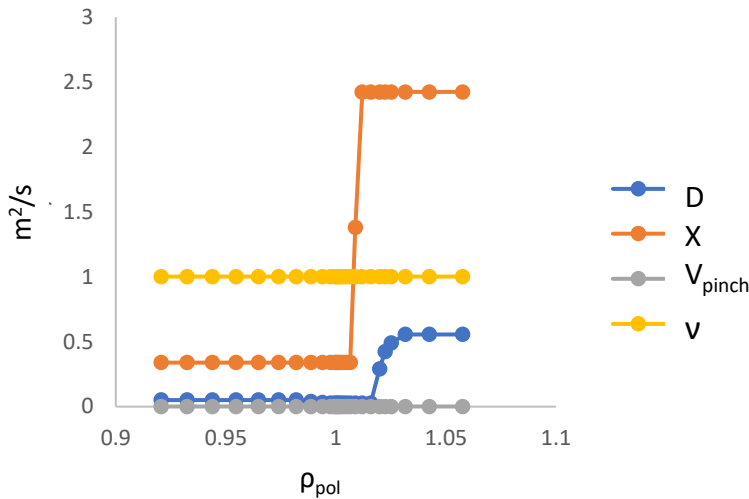
# From DTT PT H-mode to DTT NT «L-mode» / diffusion



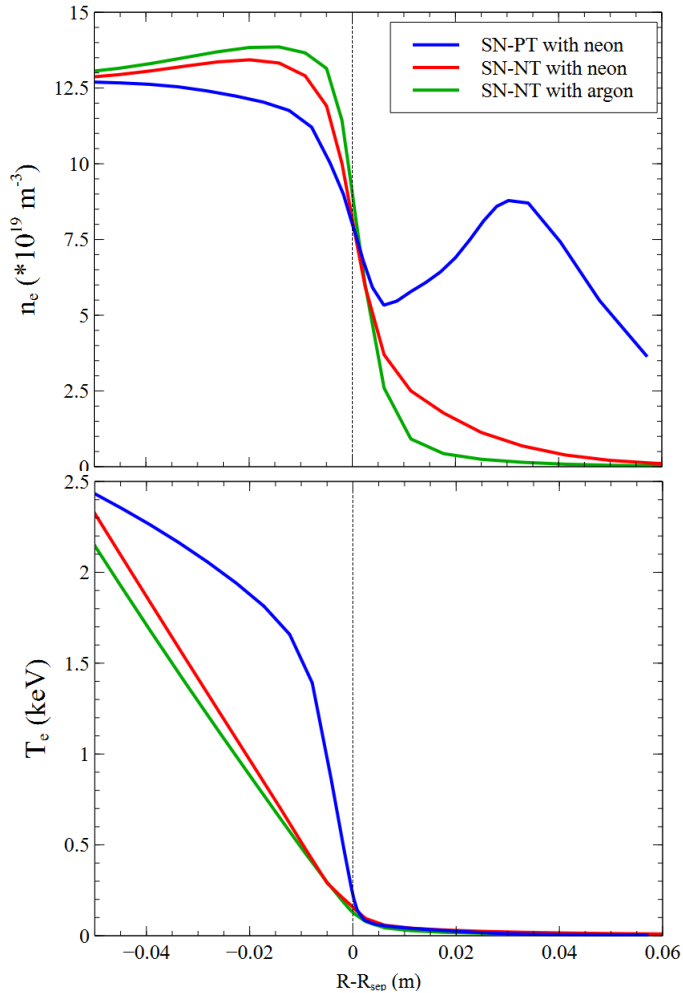
Starting from TCV transport

- ratio between PT H-mode and NT diffusion in the different main point
- Extrapolate D and  $\chi$  for NT DTT starting from PT
- H-mode transport foreseen for DTT<sup>[8]</sup>

• assuming  $\chi_i = \chi_e$  (as in TCV)

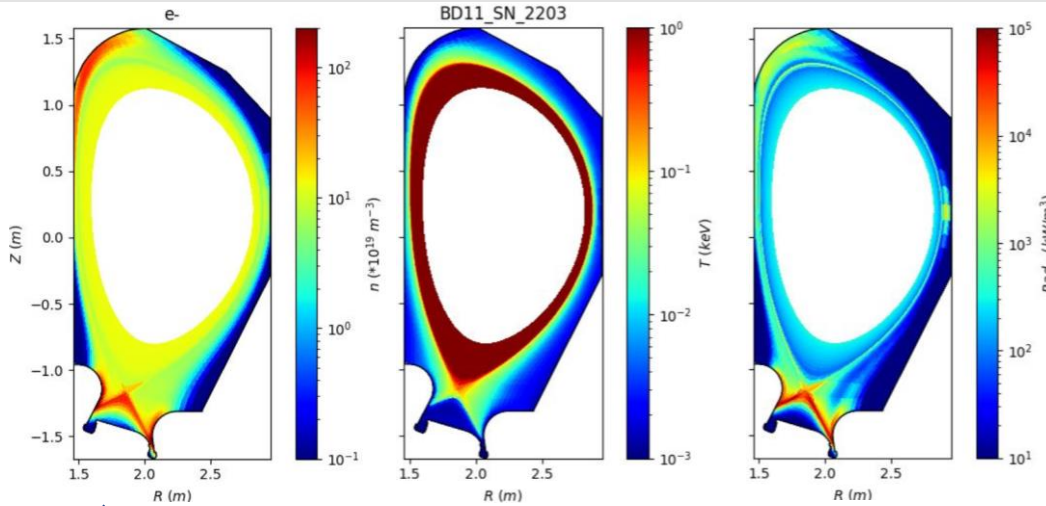


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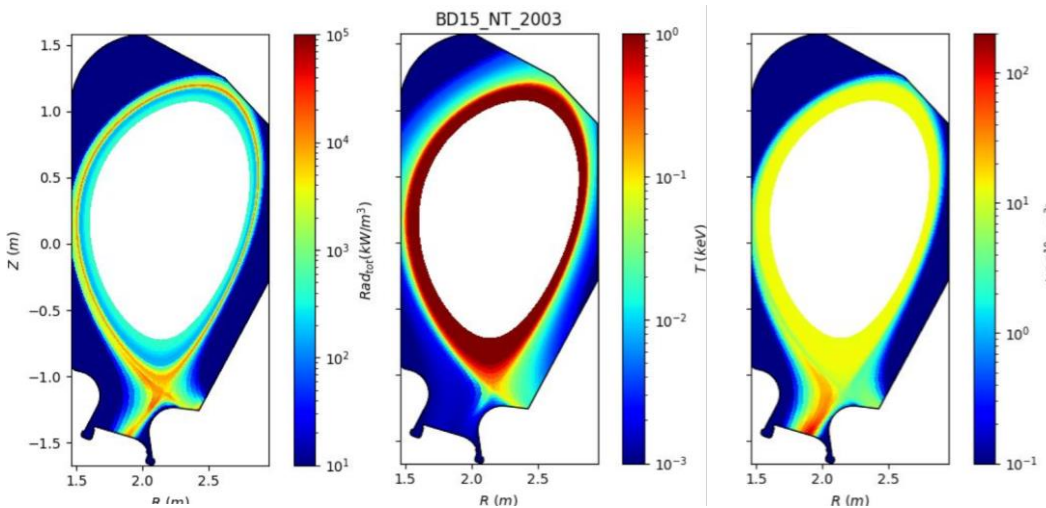
## NT modeling with neon and argon is still ongoing/non-stationary

- $n_{\text{sep}} = 9\text{-}10 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  partially above target value
- $T_{\text{sep}}$  is lower in NT than in PT due to the higher density
- T recovers in the core due to the chosen constant heat diffusivity **(but this requires a further experimental assessment)**
- In DTT much smaller gas-puffing is required to the lower pumping efficiency (pumping slots are far from strike points)



$P_{\text{rad}} = 21.1 \text{ MW}$   
 $P_{\text{rad,IN}} = 2.6 \text{ MW}$   
 $Z_{\text{eff}} = 2.36$

$P_{\text{rad}} = 32.8 \text{ MW}$   
 $P_{\text{rad,IN}} = 20.5 \text{ MW}$   
 $Z_{\text{eff}} = 3.44$

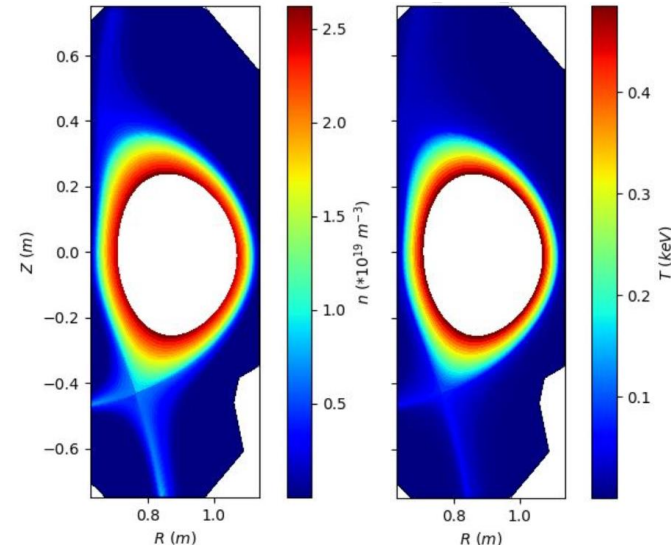


- A higher  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  is necessary in NT than in PT
- A much higher radiation seems necessary in NT to detach
- In NT a lot of radiation is inside the separatrix
- The main problem of NT seems related to the short length of the external leg
  - ➔ It is difficult to detach at the external strike point
- The internal strike point detached quite early but is unable to drive the detachment of the external one



# Turbulent modeling with S3X

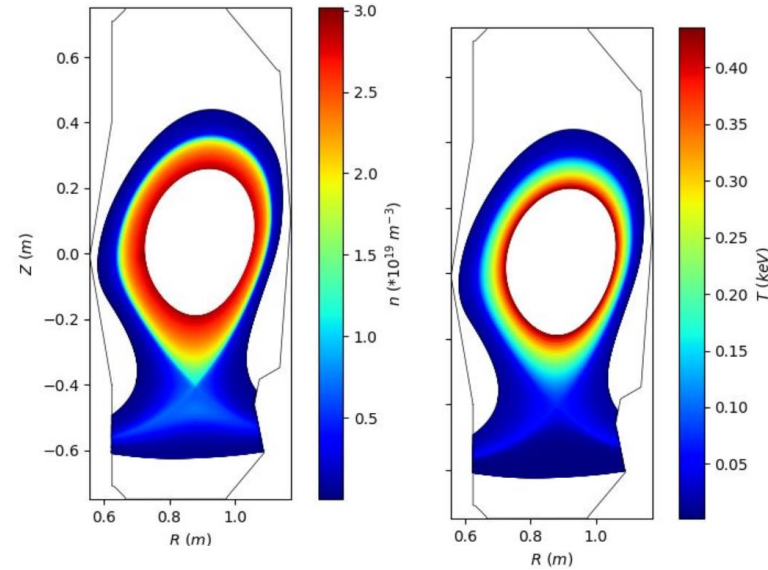
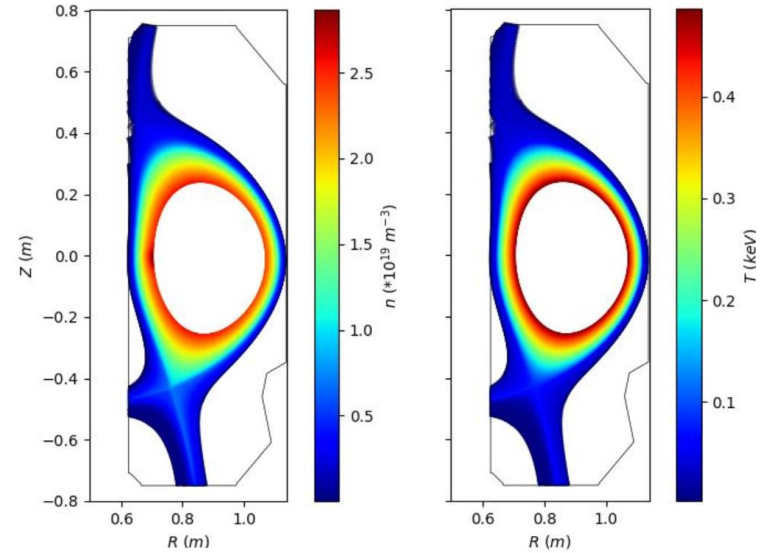
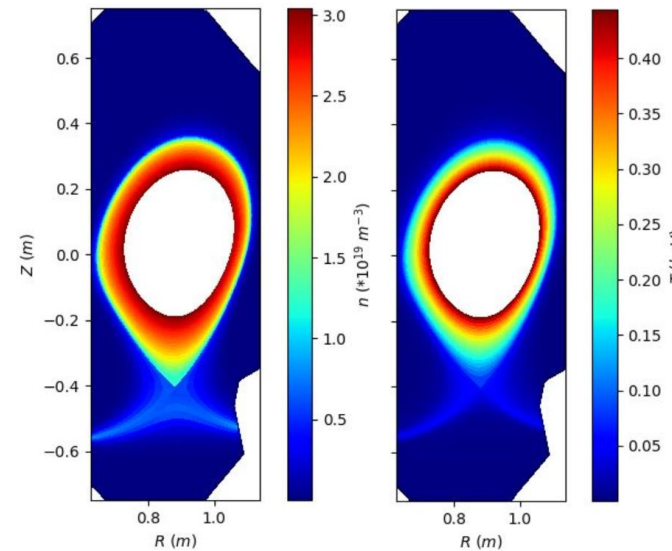
# Steps to turbulent modeling



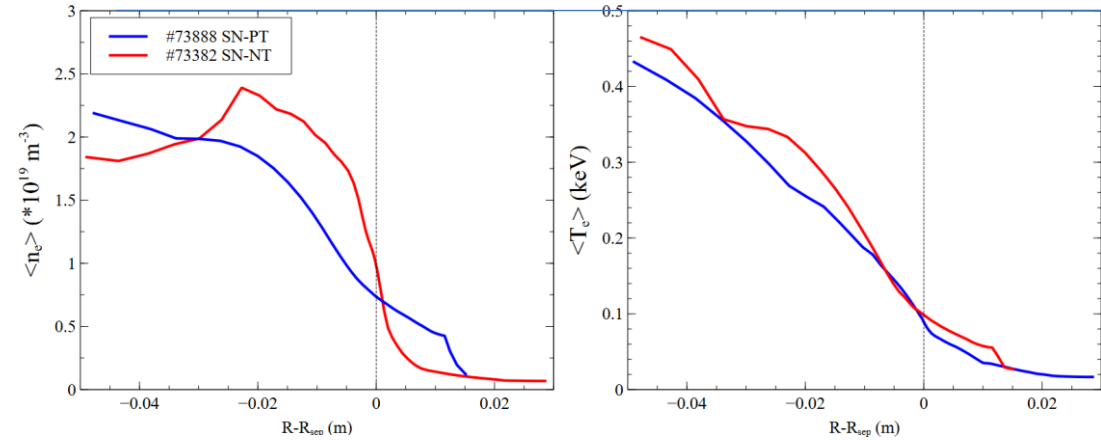
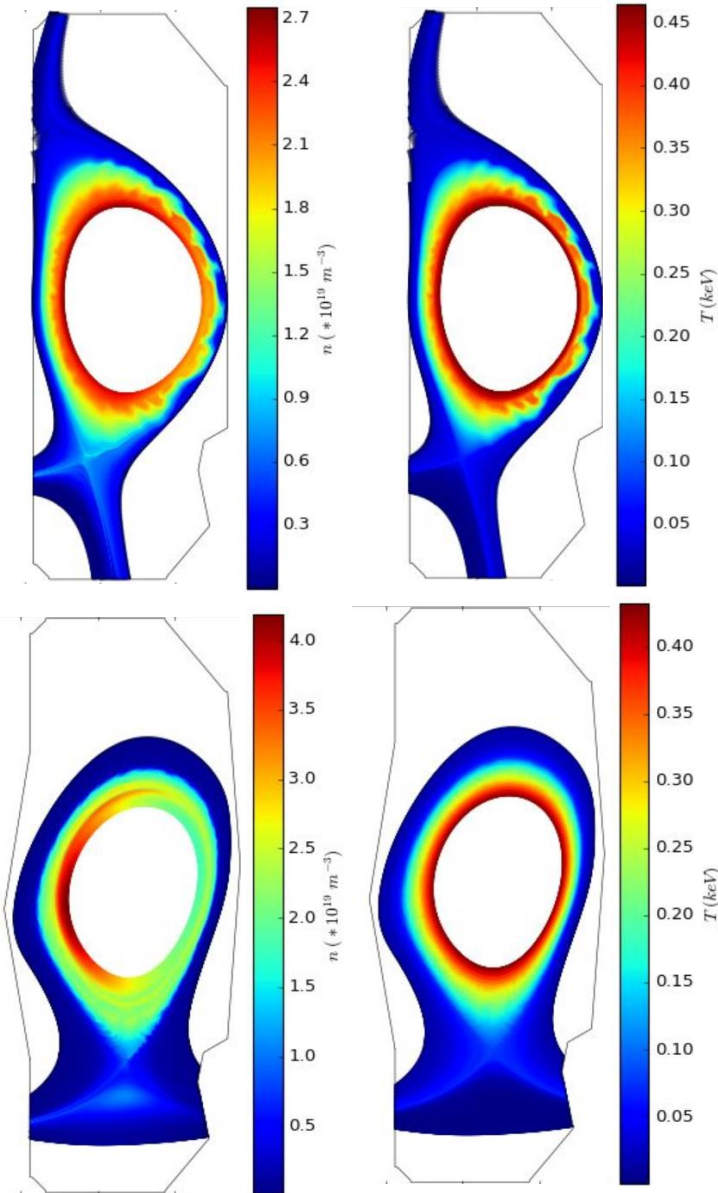
From S3X-EIRENE



to fluid neutrals  
still 2d transport  
model



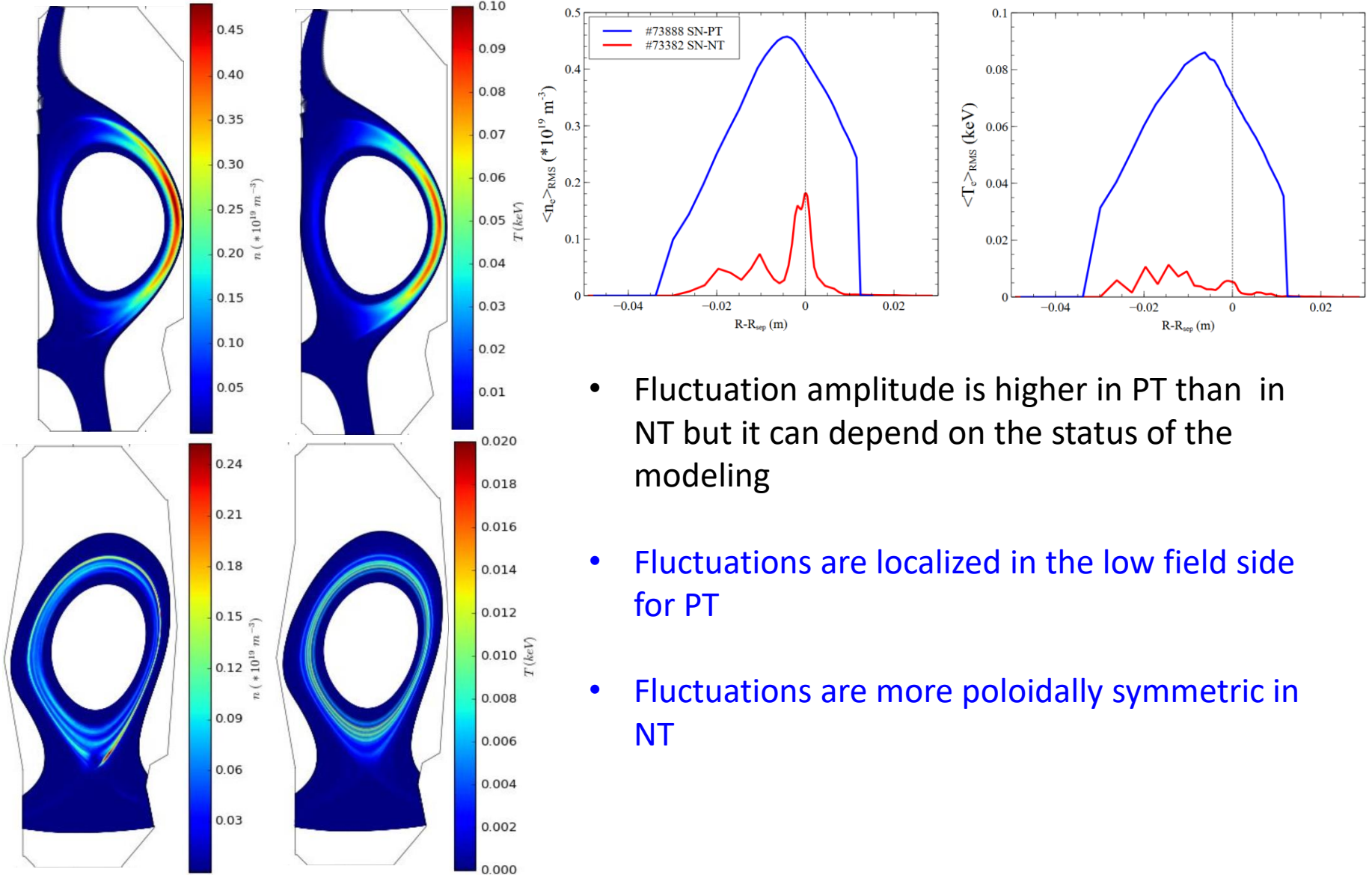
# Turbulent modeling of PT & NT



- Modeling is very far from stationarity but **crash problems seems partially solved**
- PT case shows a clear effect of turbulence with well developed structures
- Smaller amplitude structures are present also in NT as well as initial drifts effect
- Average profiles at OMP show a greater variations in density



# 2D fluctuation amplitude plots PT & NT



- Fluctuation amplitude is higher in PT than in NT but it can depend on the status of the modeling
- Fluctuations are localized in the low field side for PT
- Fluctuations are more poloidally symmetric in NT

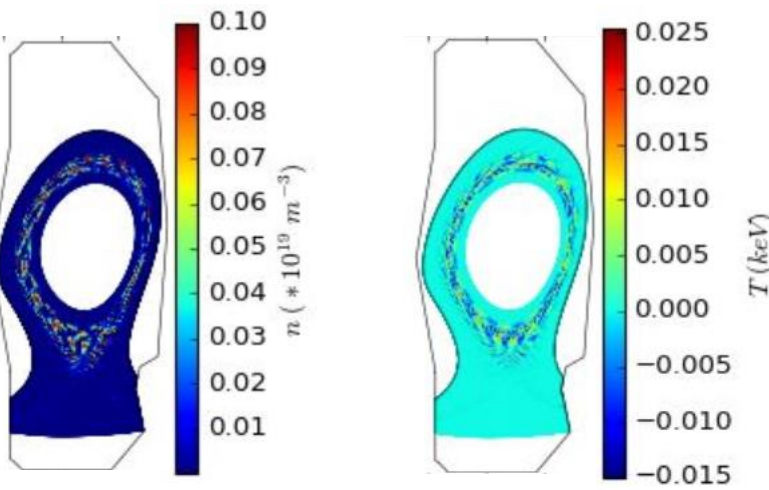
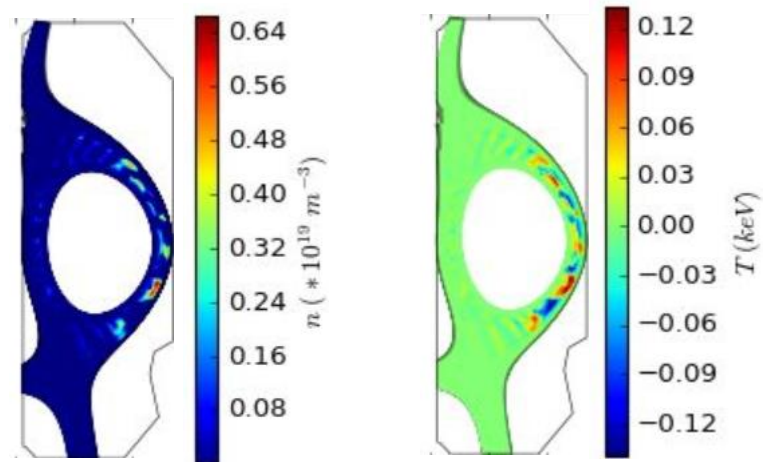


- A first comparison of the edge transport parameters was performed in TCV showing the presence in NT of a narrow particle transport barrier at the separatrix
- In TCV the transport parameters around the separatrix for the NT configuration are between PT-H and PT-L
- The edge transport modeling in AUG partially confirms the TCV results in terms of transport values in NT configuration between PT-H and PT-L, but further modeling on pulses with better measurements is needed to finalize the results
- The transport profiles extrapolated from those resulting from the TCV modeling were used to model the DTT scenario in NT configuration. The detachment seems particularly difficult at the outer impact point due to the short leg.
- The turbulent modeling was started with S3X code for previously modeled PT and NT pulses. The computation times are quite long, but the first effects of turbulence are already present in the modeling



Spare slides

# 2D fluctuation in one section PT & NT



# TCV pulse #76702 – PT H-mode ( $\delta_{top} = +0.4$ )



## MAIN PARAMS discharge

Time =0,7s (NBI-only phase)

$I_p$	-200 kA
$\langle n_e \rangle$ (FIR)	xxx x $10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$T_e$ max (TS)	xx keV
$B_r$ at R=0,88m	-1.42 T

## GAS PUFFING:

valve	0,7 s
1	D2: xxx mbar/s xxxe20 molecules/s →xxxe20 atom/s
2	-
3	-

## DENSITY\_BC (in overview\_hmode.jscp)

time	0,7 s
NBI electrons/s - Density_BC (flux)	2.77e20

## POWER

time	0,7 s
P_rad_tot	406 kW
P_divertor	116 kW
P_bulk	290 kW
P_NBI (with the loss due to the duct)	1090 kW
P_ICRH	-
P_OHM	204 kW (V=1.02 V)
ELMs power	Xxx kW

$$P_{inp} = P_{NBI} + P_{OHM} + P_{ICRH} - P_{rad\_tot} - P_{ELMs} = \text{xxx W (without impurity)}$$

$$P_{inp} = P_{NBI} + P_{OHM} + P_{ICRH} - P_{ELMs} = \text{(with impurity)}$$

# TCV pulse #76735 – NT ( $\delta_{top} = -0.35$ )



## MAIN PARAMS discharge

Time =0,7s (NBI-only phase)

$I_p$	-174 kA
$\langle n_e \rangle$ (FIR)	xxx x $10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$T_e$ max (TS)	xx keV
$B_r$ at R=0,88m	-1.42 T

## GAS PUFFING:

valve	0,7 s
1	D2: xxx mbar/s xxxe20 molecules/s →xxxe20 atom/s
2	-
3	-

## DENSITY\_BC (in overview\_hmode.jscp)

time	0,7 s
NBI electrons/s - Density_BC (flux)	2.77e20

## POWER

time	0,7 s
$P_{rad\_tot}$	202 kW
$P_{divertor}$	78 kW
$P_{bulk}$	124 kW
$P_{NBI}$ (with the loss due to the duct)	424 kW
$P_{ICRH}$	-
$P_{OHM}$	155 kW (V=0.89 V)
ELMs power	Xxx kW

$$P_{inp} = P_{NBI} + P_{OHM} + P_{ICRH} - P_{rad\_tot} - P_{ELMs} = 377 \text{ W (without impurity)}$$

$$P_{inp} = P_{NBI} + P_{OHM} + P_{ICRH} - P_{ELMs} = \quad \quad \quad \text{(with impurity)}$$

# TCV pulse #73388 – PT L-mode ( $\delta_{top} = +0.4$ )



## MAIN PARAMS discharge

Time = 0,7s (NBI-only phase)

$I_p$	-256 kA
$\langle n_e \rangle$ (FIR)	$2,84 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$T_e$ max (TS)	1,1 keV
$B_r$ at R=0,88m	-1.42 T

## GAS PUFFING:

valve	0,7 s
1	D2: 1,79mbar/s 1,36e20 molecules/s → 2.72e20 atom/s
2	-
3	-

## DENSITY BC (in overview\_hmode.jspc)

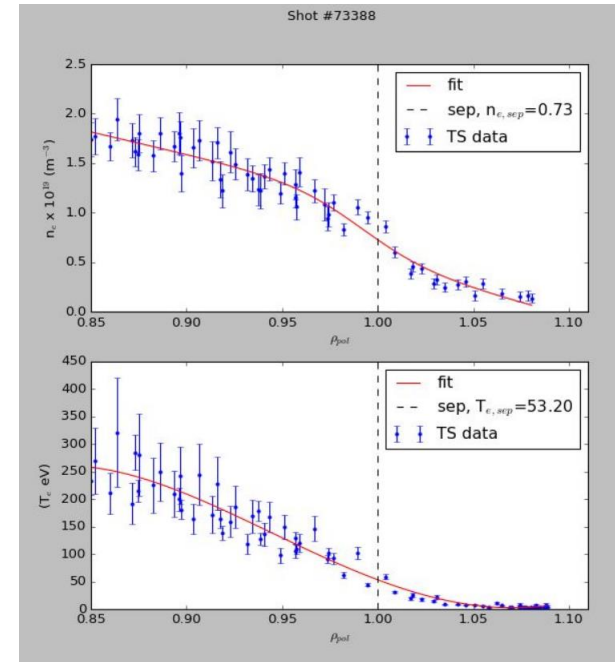
time	0,7 s
NBI electrons/s - Density_BC (flux)	1.55e20

## POWER

time	0,7 s
P_rad_tot	223 kW
P_divertor	74 kW
P_bulk	149 kW
P_NBI (with the loss due to the duct)	418 kW
P_ICRH	-
P_OHM	350 kW (V=1.37)
ELMs power	

$$P_{inp} = P_{NBI} + P_{OHM} + P_{ICRH} - P_{rad\_tot} - P_{ELMs} = 545 \text{ W (without impurity)}$$

$$P_{inp} = P_{NBI} + P_{OHM} + P_{ICRH} - P_{ELMs} = \quad \quad \quad \text{(with impurity)}$$



# TCV pulse #73382 – NT L-mode ( $\delta_{top} = -0.22$ )



## MAIN PARAMS discharge

Time =0,7s (NBI-only phase)

$I_p$	-240 kA
$\langle n_e \rangle$ (FIR)	xx x $10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$T_e$ max (TS)	xx keV
$B_r$ at R=0,88m	-1.42 T

## GAS PUFFING:

valve	0,7 s
1	D2: 0,5e20 molecules/s → 1,0e20 atom/s
2	-
3	-

## DENSITY\_BC (in overview\_hmode.jscp)

time	0,7 s
NBI electrons/s - Density_BC (flux)	1.5e20

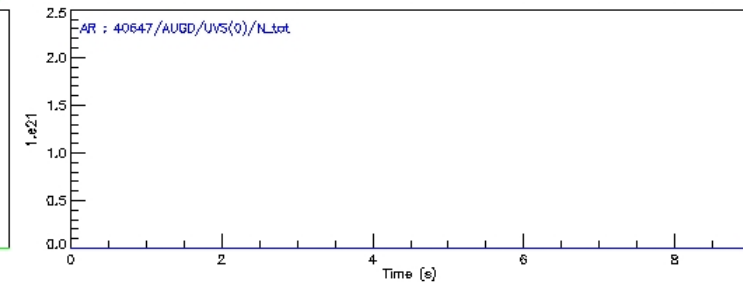
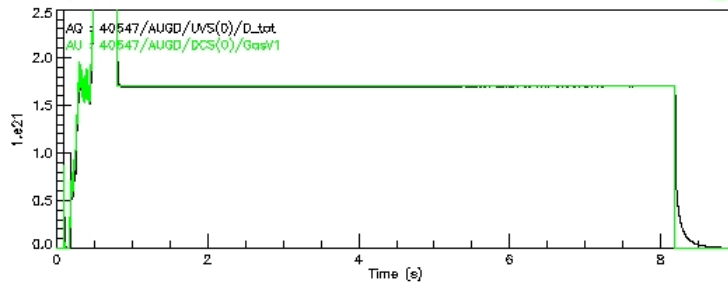
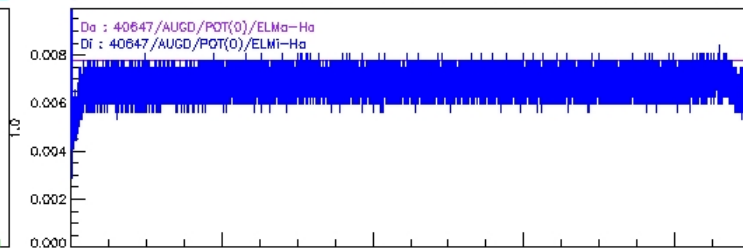
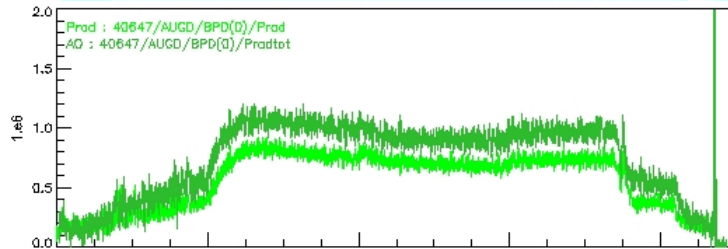
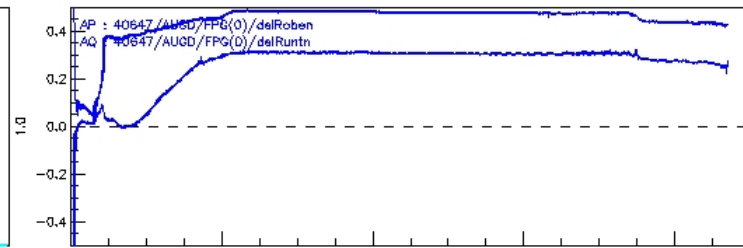
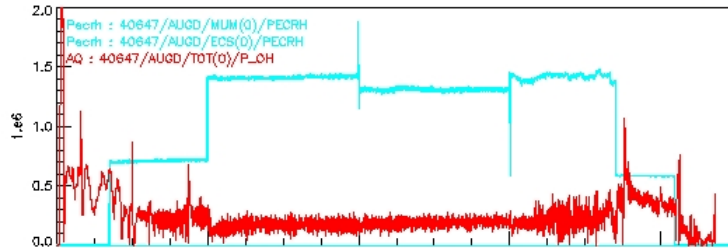
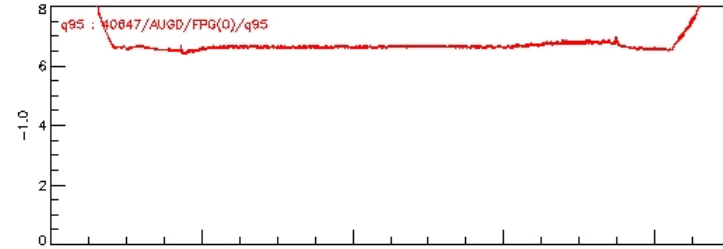
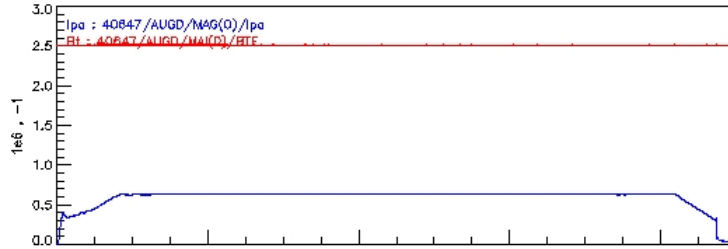
## POWER

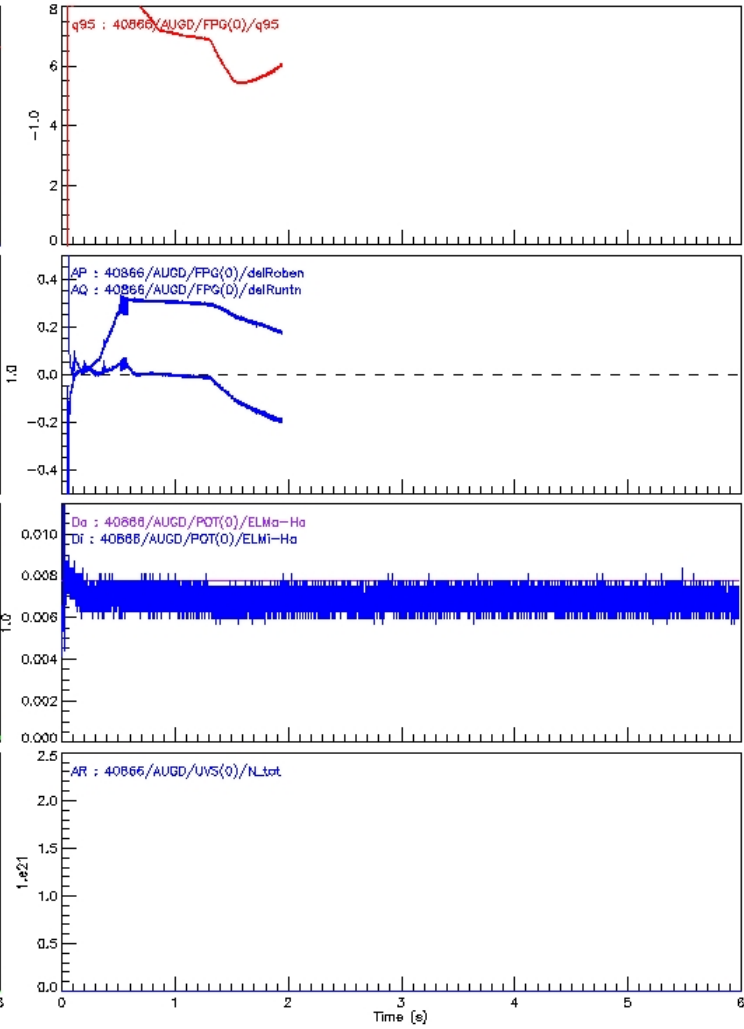
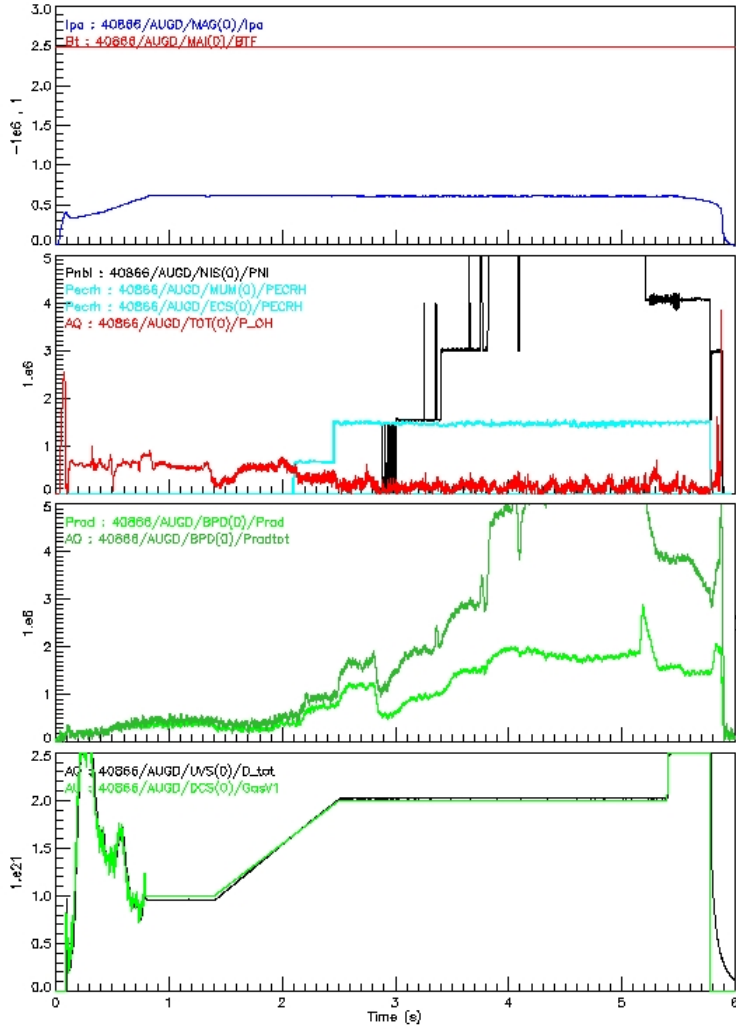
time	0,7 s
$P_{rad\_tot}$ (core/div)	220 kW
$P_{divertor}$	97 kW
$P_{bulk}$	123 kW
$P_{NBI}$ (with the loss due to the duct)	418 kW
$P_{ICRH}$	-
$P_{OHM}$	264 kW (V=1.1 V)
ELMs power	0

$$P_{inp} = P_{NBI} + P_{OHM} + P_{ICRH} - P_{rad\_tot} = 462 \text{ kW (without impurity)}$$

$$P_{inp} = P_{NBI} + P_{OHM} + P_{ICRH} - P_{bulk} = \quad \quad \quad \text{(with impurity)}$$









	SHOT	40647 PT	40866 NT
	Time (s)	2,7s	2,7s
Comparison Parameters	$I_p$	+635 kA	-620 kA
	Volume	1 m <sup>3</sup>	1 m <sup>3</sup>
	q0/q95	1,8/6,7	1,2/6,5
	$\beta_{pol}$		
	betaE norm= =betae_tor*100*a*B_0/(I_p [MA])		
	$\delta_{top} / \delta_{bottom} / \delta_{tot}$ (LCFS)	<u>0,3</u> / 0,48 / 0,4	<u>-0,3</u> / 0,07 / -0,1
	$B_T$ (at R=0.88m)	+2,5 T	-2,5 T
	$T_e$ max (TS)	3 keV	3 keV
	$\langle n_e \rangle$ (FIR) / $\langle n_e \rangle$ (TS)	6,1 x 10 <sup>19</sup> m <sup>-3</sup> / 6,2 x 10 <sup>19</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>	5,2x 10 <sup>19</sup> m <sup>-3</sup> / 5,3 x 10 <sup>19</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>
Powers	$P_{NBI}$	0	0
	$P_{ECRH}$	1,41 MW	1,48 MW
	$P_{OHM}$	200 kW	200 kW
	$P_{rad,tot}$	1MW	1,5MW
	$P_{ELMs}$	kW	
	$P_{input}$ (without impurity) = $P_{NBI}+P_{OHM}+P_{ICRH}-P_{rad,tot}-P_{ELMs}$	610 kW	200 kW
	$P_{input}$ (with impurity) = $P_{NBI}+P_{OHM}+P_{ICRH}-P_{bulk}-P_{ELMs}$		
Gas	D2	1,7 x 10 <sup>21</sup>	2,0 x 10 <sup>21</sup>