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# **RT-02 “Physics understanding of alternatives to Type-I ELM regime”**

## **Discussion about proposals and allocated priorities for 2026-2027**

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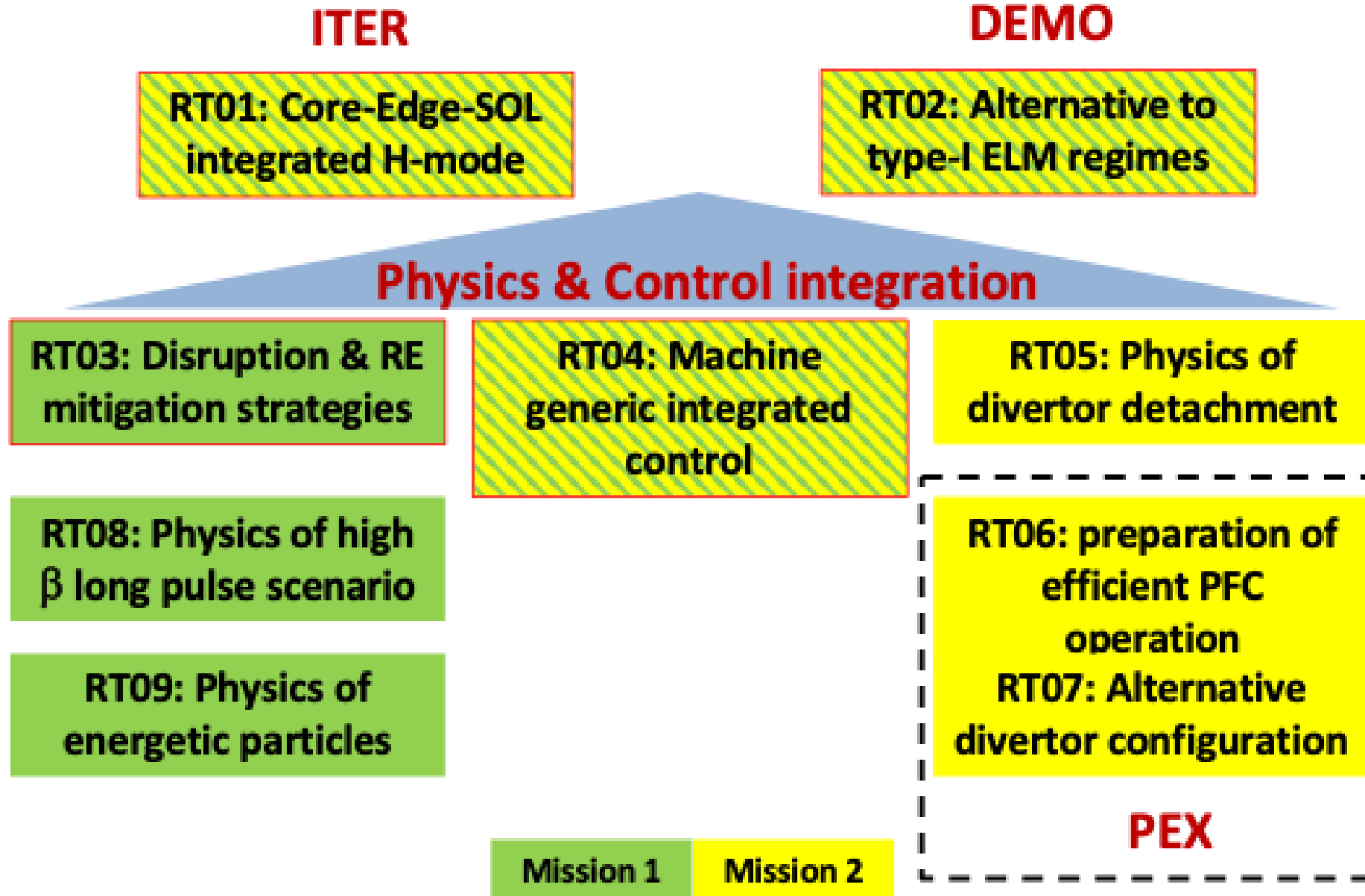
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# Introduction

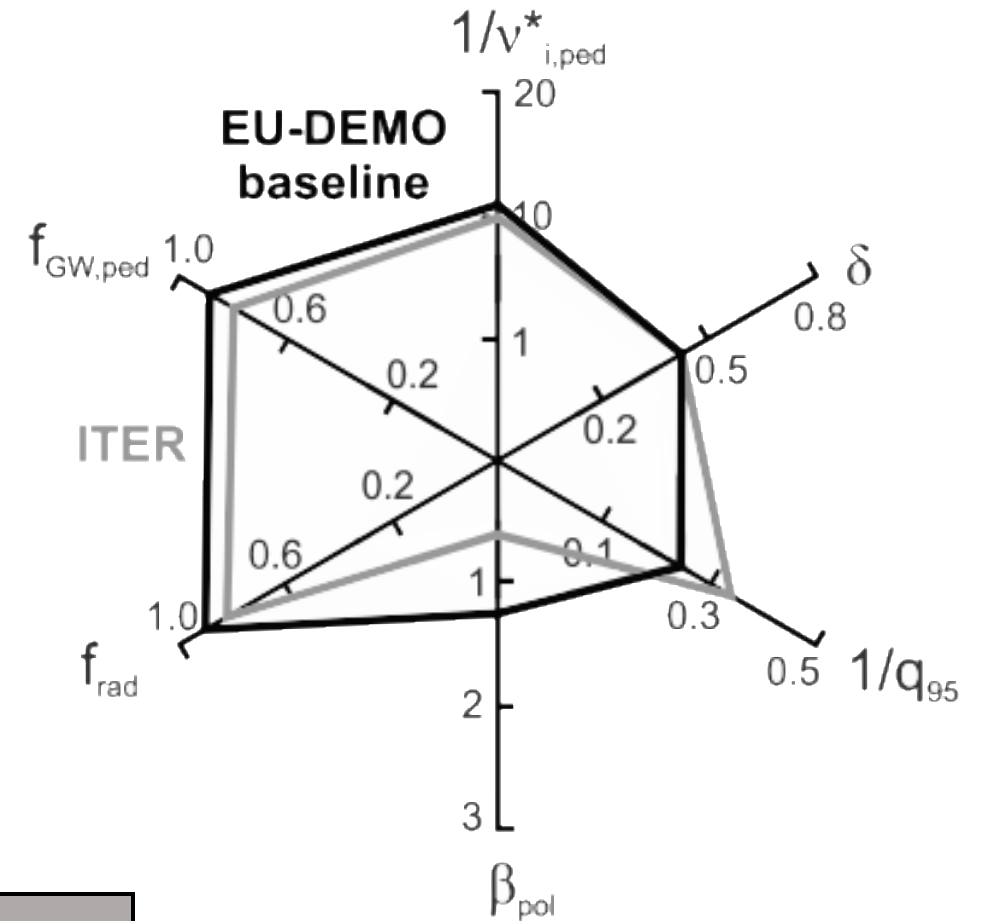




# Introduction

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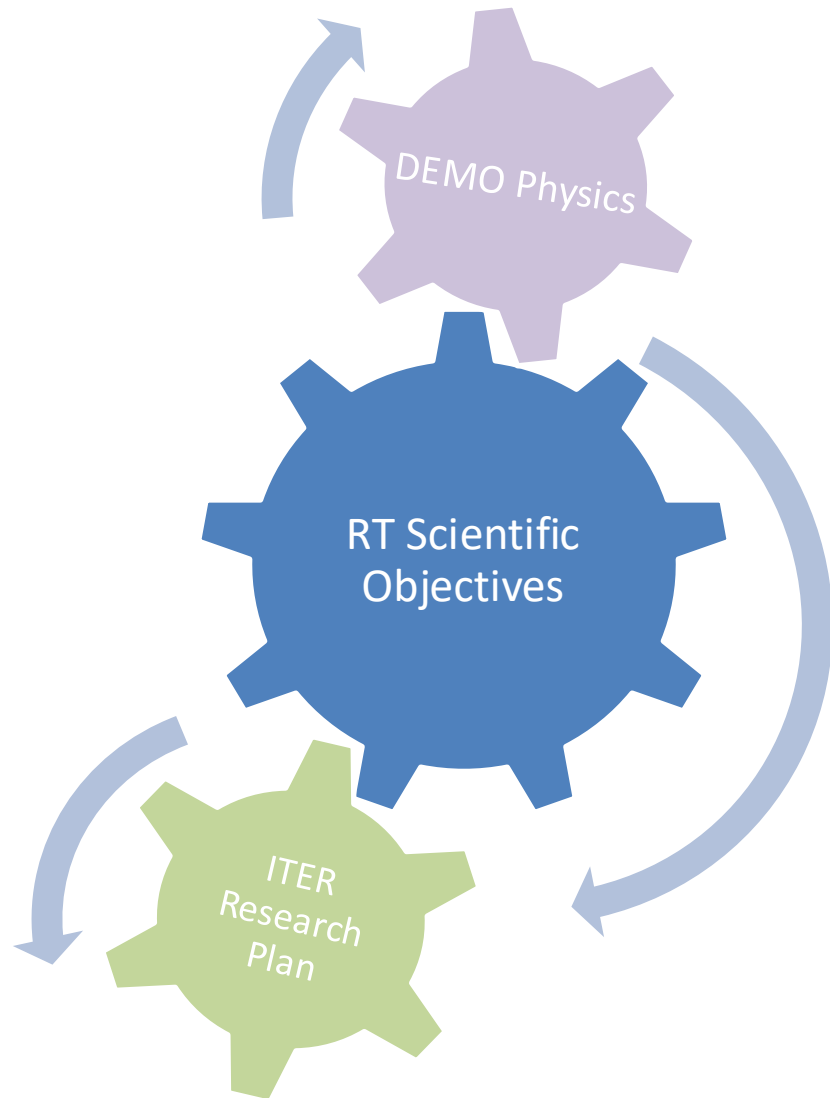
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| TE.D.1<br>9 | Report on qualification with experiment/modelling of the most promising no-ELM scenario in terms of confinement, exhaust capabilities and plasma wall interaction | Dec 2027 |
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| Provisional fraction for 2026-27 |     |        |     |      |
|----------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|------|
| RT                               | AUG | MAST-U | TCV | WEST |
| RT02                             | 7   | 15     | 10  | 2    |



# Prioritization scheme and criteria



Proposal Evaluated according to the criteria:

**Adherence to the Scientific Objectives**

**Team effort**

**Size and feasibility**

All these aspects were considered by the TFLs when setting the priorities – according to the following scheme

**P1-2026-DEV: experimental priority for 2026: machine time granted but pulse budget might need reduction**

**P1-2027-DEV: experimental priority for 2027: machine time granted but pulse budget might need reduction**

**P2-DEV: will be done if time allows after \*all\* P1 proposals are completed**

**P3: low priority programme/out of scope**

**PB: piggy-back experiment/pure analysis proposal**



# Summary of proposals (25)

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| 25  | RT02 | Negative triangularity in conventional vs spherical tokamaks   | Diego Jose Cruz Zabala  |
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| 28  | RT02 | Development of Quiescent H-mode (QH mode)  | Eli Viezzer             |
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# Summary of proposals

NT (10)

QCE (4)

EDA (4)

QH (1)

RMP (2)

I-mode (4)

Others (0)

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# Scientific Objectives and Machine Time

|    | Scientific Objectives for 2026-2027  | SSRL (to be re-evaluated at the end of 2025) |
|----|--|--|
| D1 | Quantify turbulent and MHD driven transport in the vicinity of the separatrix and implications for predictions for ITER and DEMO         | Exploratory                                  |
| D2 | Quantify first wall load in no-ELM scenarios and provide model for SOL transport extrapolation   | Judgmental                                   |
| D3 | Extend the parameters space of no-ELM scenarios to large $P_{sep}/R$ and/or pedestal top collisionalities relevant for ITER and DEMO     | Mature - needs underpinning                  |
| D4 | Determine the key physics mechanisms regulating edge transport in order to access no-ELM regimes   | Judgmental                                   |
| D5 | Quantify the level of ELM mitigation with 3D fields in <b>low torque plasmas and its impact on W transport</b>                           | Judgmental                                   |
| D6 | Quantify the overall performance, <b>primarily improved confinement</b> , of negative triangularity plasmas in view of next-step devices | Mature - needs underpinning                  |

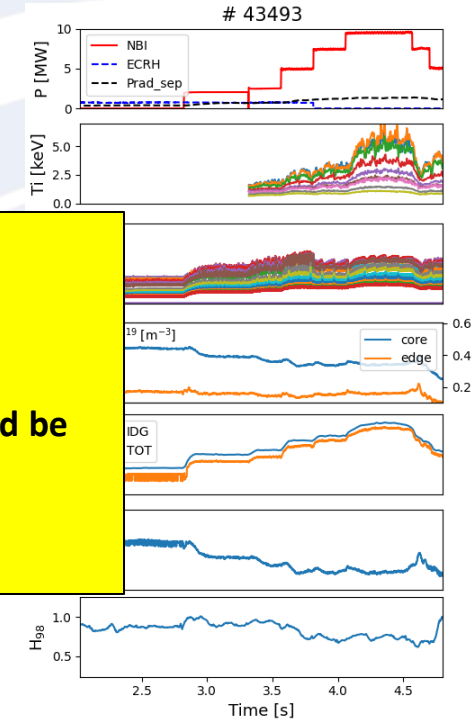
|                      | AUG   |      | TCV     |      | MAST-U | WEST   |      |
|----------------------|-------|------|---------|------|--------|--------|------|
|                      | 2026  | 2027 | 2026    | 2027 | 2026   | 2026   | 2027 |
| Tentative allocation | 30    | 22   | 80      | 110  | 32     | 0      | 15   |
| Total proposed       | 188   |      | 381     |      | 76     | 210    |      |
| Scientific/dev.      | 180/8 |      | 280/101 |      | 70/16  | 220/10 |      |



# AUG: Low $q_{95}$ operation in NT

- **Proponents and contact person:**
- B Vanovac, J Hobirk, T Pütterich, M Dunne, M Faitsch, O Nelson, O Sauter
- **Scientific Background & Objectives**
  - Establish low  $q_{95}$  scenario
  - Important for comparison of performance/confinement between similar size machines AUG & DIII-D
  - $B_t = -1.8$  T and  $\sim -1.5$  T to access low  $q_{95} \sim 3$  at 600 kA. Therefore low  $B_t$  is needed.
- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic**
  - Start with established 1.8 T scenario on AUG
  - Establish if the ECRH is possible to use at  $B_t \sim -1.5$  T
  - Use ICRH if needed
  - Profile and turbulence diagnostics
  - This development would contribute to the proposal comparing AUG/DIII-D/TCV tokamaks

DIII-D like pulse on AUG but at different  $q_{95}$



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Continuation of 2025 effort

ECRH scheme at 1.5 T should be assessed

P1-2026-AUG

Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 7                | included      |
| MAST-U |                  |               |
| TCV    |                  |               |
| WEST   |                  |               |





# AUG: Confinement studies in NT with stronger shaping

- **Proponents and contact person:**

- B Vanovac, O Nelson, O Sauter, J Hobirk, T Pütterich, M Dunne, M Faitsch, P Mantica, A Mariani

- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

- Establish stronger shaping compared to the 2025 NT campaign.
- Possible approach is through shaping ramps
- If achieved, does this stronger shaping has a significant impact on confinement?

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic**

- Start from a 2025 reference
- Perform shaping ramp of the X-point triangularity at fixed upper triangularity
- Apply 'feedback' control on shaping at NBI power steps to prevent hitting the upper PSL due to Shafranov shift

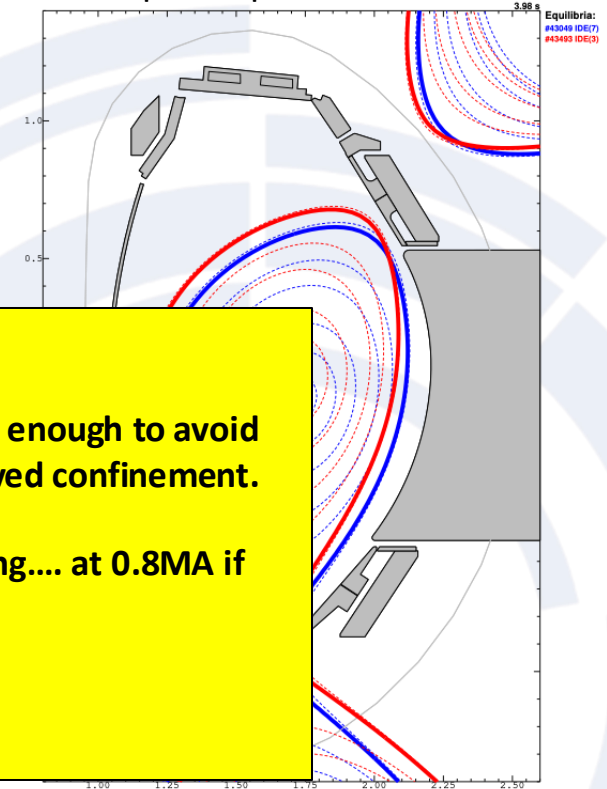
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**Current NT shapes in AUG are enough to avoid H-mode but not to see improved confinement.**

**So more shaping is worth doing.... at 0.8MA if possible...**

P1-2026-AUG

AUG shape development in 2025



## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 10               | included      |
| MAST-U |                  |               |
| TCV    |                  |               |
| WEST   |                  |               |



# Comparative study of NT performance in TCV, DIII-D and AUG

- **Proponents and contact person:**

- B Vanovac, O Nelson, O Sauter, J Hobirk, T Pütterich, K Thome, M Dunne, M Faitsch, P Mantica, A Mariani

- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

- Establish the role that wall materials play in ELM-free access and performance in NT scenarios
- Evaluate an impact that Er formation plays in determining whether NT plasmas enter H-mode
- Establish the degree of similarity in confinement levels at similar target plasma conditions - if they differ find the reasons
- Find which triangularity plays a crucial role and if it is machine specific; top, bottom or both
- Understand if the the dominant turbulence (ITG, TEM, MTM) differ between NT plasmas in DIII-D and AUG

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic**

- Perform 'identity' experiments in AUG/DIII-D-TCV
- Systematically vary upper and lower triangularity while fixing elongation and X-point position in TCV and DIII-D (in AUG this is likely not possible)
- Conduct power scans and vary heating composition (ECRH vs. NBI)
- Profile and turbulence diagnostics on all machines

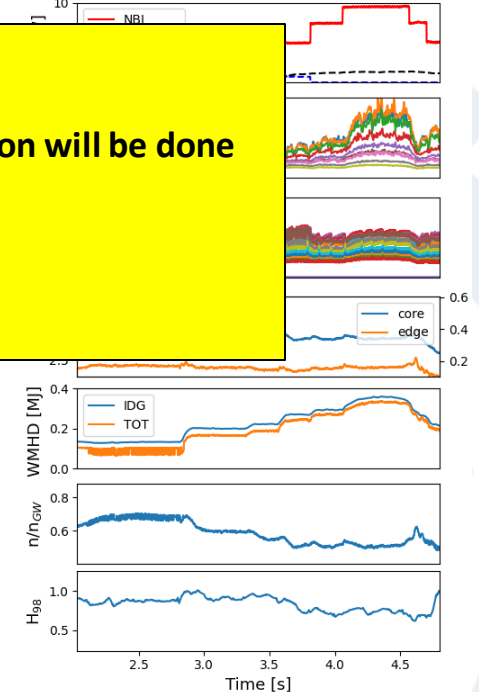
DIII-D like pulse on AUG but at different q95

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It is assumed that the comparison will be done for shapes developed in #012

P1-2026-AUG: reduced budget  
P1-2026-TCV



## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 15               | included      |
| MAST-U |                  |               |
| TCV    | 15               | included      |
| WEST   |                  |               |



# Characterization of edge fluctuations for NT plasmas with ballooning modes

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- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

*Negative triangularity (NT) achieves H-mode level core performance with low edge, making it attractive for future fusion reactors*

- **Ballooning mode instability in NT:** In NT configurations, ideal ballooning modes develop lower pressure gradients compared to PT, preventing the formation of the edge transport barrier (ETB) and suppressing H-mode.
- **Diagnostics and goals:** The Thermal Helium Beam (THB) diagnostics at TCV will be used to measure electron density, temperature, and filamentary structures, aiming to understand how plasma fluctuations change with plasma shaping

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic**

- Perform a scan in  $\delta$  top in LSN on a shot-to-shot basis. Repeat the scan in  $\delta$  bottom in USN to observe any differences. If there are no significant differences, prefer USN for compatibility with DBS and SPR. (5 shots)
- For each shot, apply a discrete ramp of NBI-1. Repeat the THB measurements during the various NBI-1 steps. (10 shots)
- Repeat most interesting shape with GPI mid-plane and SPR/DBS (10 shots).
- Note that the modification of  $\delta$  is limited by the THB coverage.

THB is an essential diagnostic.

Addressing Sci. Obj. 1, 6

Can USN full NT be done in TCV?

Some experiments were done in the internal programme: what is missing?

PB/P2-TCV

## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    |                  |               |
| MAST-U |                  |               |
| TCV    | 25               | 10            |
| WEST   |                  |               |



# Turbulent Edge/SOL Transport in EDA Regimes

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- Matteo Agostini
- Margherita Ugoletti
- Benoît Labit
- Michael Griener
- Mack Van Rossem
- Pascale Hennequin
- Sascha Rienäcker

## • Scientific Background & Objectives

Investigate turbulence activity and transport to identify their key characteristics and understand the shape and stability properties of the pedestal in the EDA regime, specifically detecting and characterizing the edge region, like the QCM using as primary diagnostic the Thermal Helium Beam (THB) diagnostic, together with the SPR diagnostic and DBS diagnostic that will be used to:

- Characterize the fluctuation activity across the pedestal and the separatrix to better identify/discriminate instability regimes, reconstructing the electron temperature and density fluctuations;
- Characterize of edge instabilities, including QCM modes;
- Characterize the SOL filaments;

## • Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic

- Perform parameter scans: heating power, plasma density ) (around 4 pulses for each scan)
- Vary the plasma shape and study its influence on the regime and ELM avoidance (4 pulses)
- Execute stationary discharges with optimized diagnostic settings for detailed characterization of plasma (4 pulses)

Required non-standard diagnostics: THB, SPR and DBS

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Understanding pedestal transport in ELM free regime is mandatory

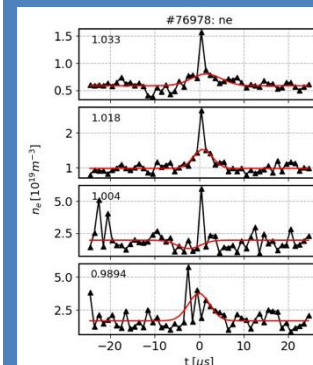
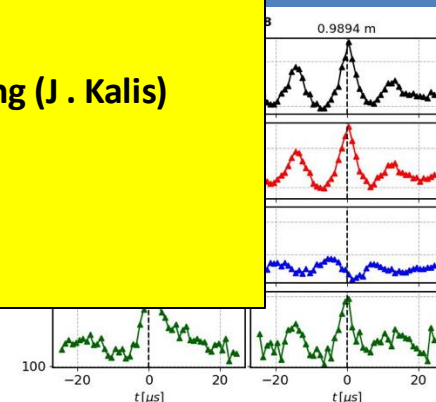
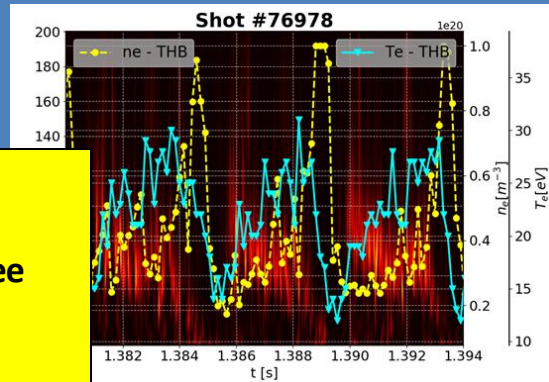
TCV: EDA not yet established

AUG: It is not clear what is missing (J . Kalis)

PB-2026-TCV

P1-2027-TCV

P2-AUG



## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 15               | 0             |
| MAST-U |                  |               |
| TCV    | 20               | 0             |
| WEST   |                  |               |



# Exploration of RMP ELM mitigation and suppression in tight aspect ratio geometry

## • Proponents and contact person:

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## • Scientific Background & Objectives

- ELM suppression recently discovered on MAST
- Refine recently discovered n=3 suppression scenario
- Quantify suppression access windows
- Expand suppression regime from lower single null to double null
- Establish suppressed scenario with Super-X divertor

## • Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic

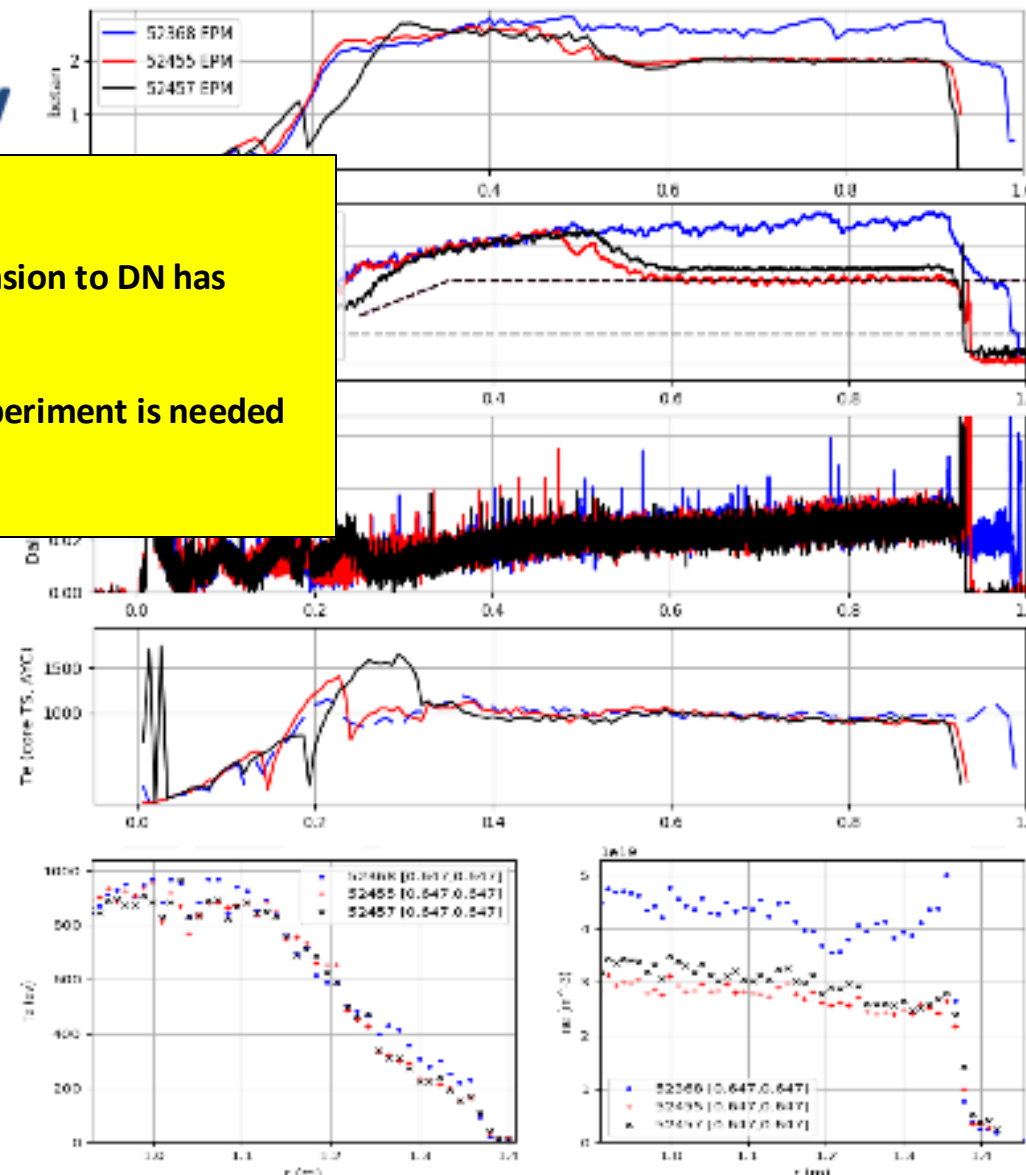
- Strategy is to first recover the ELM suppressed regime, then scan the fueling rate and q95 to improve the scenario robustness
- With a more robust suppression scenario, we will then transition the scenario from LSN to DN, and separately from conventional divertor to SXD.
- MSE diagnostic will be essential for accurate q profile reconstructions, and CXRS will be needed for rotation measurements.

Addressing Sci. Obj. 5

Due to time constrain, extension to DN has priority compared to SXD

Assessment of late-2025 experiment is needed

P1-2026-MAST-U



| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
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| MAST-U | 8/1              | 8/1           |





# QCE exploitation: high current / low safety factor

## • Proponents and contact person:

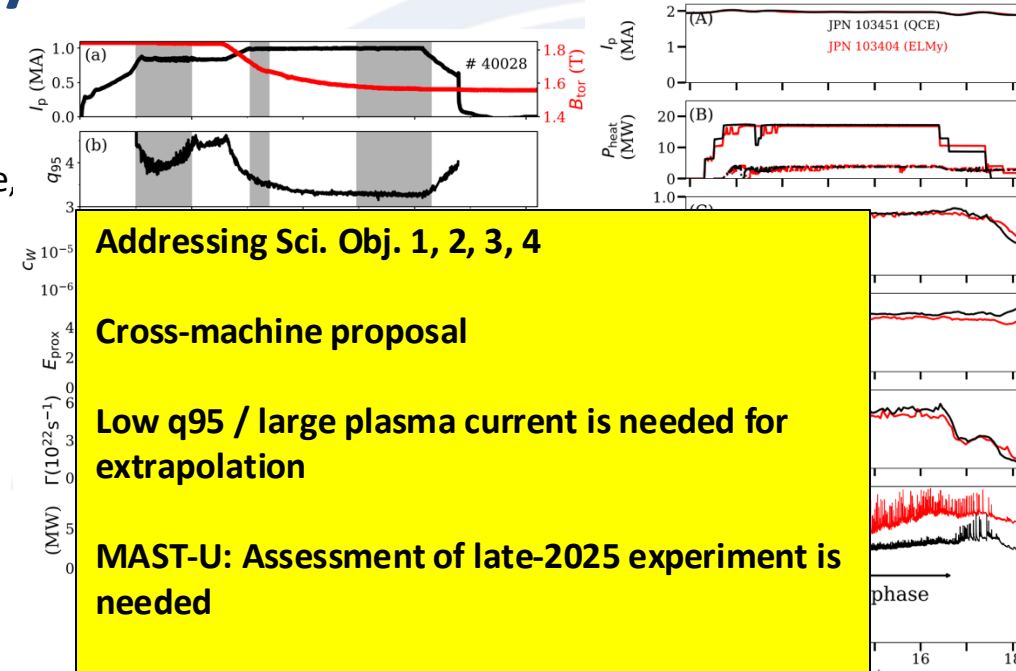
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## • Scientific Background & Objectives

- QCE is well established scenario in AUG, TCV and now JET as of 2022 – has proven difficult to establish at highest currents
- Evaluating access to regime at high current needed for extrapolation to next-step devices
- Develop regime in three different devices would allow validation of theoretical and numerical models for global and local stability as well as estimates for increases in particle transport associated with absence of ELMs
- Test ability to simultaneously achieve high shaping to avoid ELMs and operate in high current

## • Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic

- Develop QCE regime by using high shaping while pushing  $I_p$  to greater than 1 MA on AUG and MAST-U and to greater than 210 kA on TCV
- On AUG, develop the QCE in USN to exploit new divertor and new shaping capabilities
- Main diagnostics are all available edge and divertor diagnostics, e.g. edge/core/divertor TS, lithium beam, thermal helium beam, CXRS, LPs, IR, manometer, bolometer, in-situ Penning gauges; on MAST-U, HSV camera



|        |    |   |
|--------|----|---|
| MAST-U | 12 | - |
| TCV    | 20 | - |
| WEST   | -  | - |



# QCE exploitation: seeding and detachment

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## • Scientific Background & Objectives

- Despite the high separatrix density and broad power range, the divertor is not naturally detached in QCE
- Dedicated seeding and detachment studies:
  - Nitrogen seeding to
    - characterize QCE access under seeded conditions ( $Z_{eff}$  dependence of coll. vs ideal ballooning)
    - document filament behavior under seeding and buffering fractions

## • Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints essential diagnostic

- Use a robust QCE scenario and add seeding (N2 (AUG, TCV & MAST-U); Ar and Ne (AUG))
- Main diagnostics are ELM/filament monitors, LPs to characterize divertor impact, all edge fluctuation measurements, bolometers

Addressing Sci. Obj. 1, 2, 4

Detachment is one of the last questions to answer for QCE

MAST-U: Assessment of late-2025 experiment is needed, if seeding is planned

TCV: Similar proposal in internal programme (A. Stagni) in late 2025 – Coordination

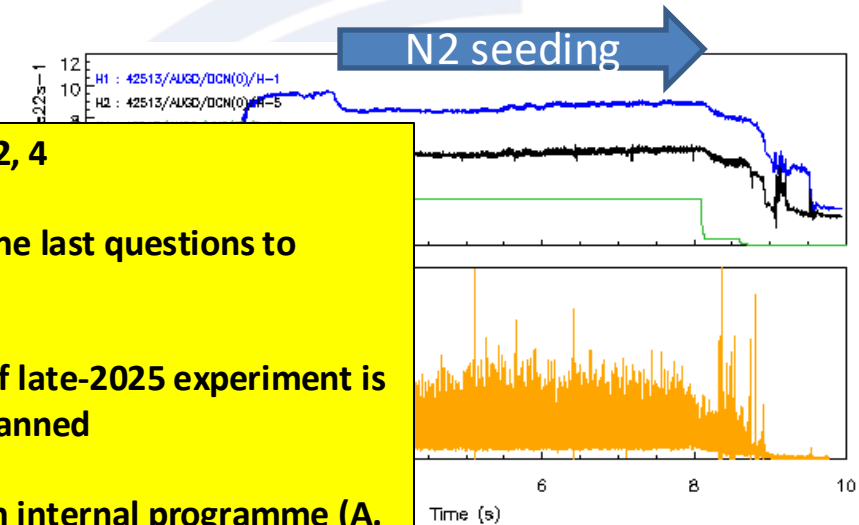
TCV: Extension to Ar?

P1-2026-AUG

P1-2026-MAST-U

P1-2026-TCV

P1-2027-TCV



|        | Session | # Development |
|--------|---------|---------------|
| MAST-U | 8       | -             |
| TCV    | 20      | -             |
| WEST   | -       | -             |



# Power threshold density minimum in I-mode and edge ion heat flux scaling

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## Scientific Background & Objectives

- I-mode access in high density devices (COM) difficult
- A minimal requirement I-mode access scaling should be established
- Objectives:
  - Conduct measurements of L-I threshold powers at low densities (in a range around  $3.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ) (AUG)
  - Increase the amount of  $Q_{i, \text{edge}}$  data at L-I transition to infer scalings
  - Construct a low requirement I-mode threshold scaling

## Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostics

The experimental strategy applies to all proposed densities (5 density levels around  $3.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  each repeated twice with different X-point positions):

- First phase: After reaching flat-top phase ( $2 \text{ s} < t < 4 \text{ s}$ ) Ramp up ECRH power by 200 kW increments to find I-mode threshold
- Further increase power to find H-mode thresholds if possible
- Second phase: ( $4 \text{ s} < t$ ) switch of ECRH and repeat the first phase procedure with NBI until ramp-down

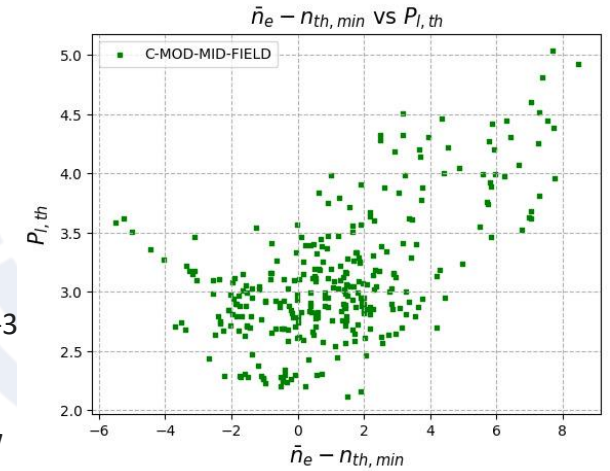
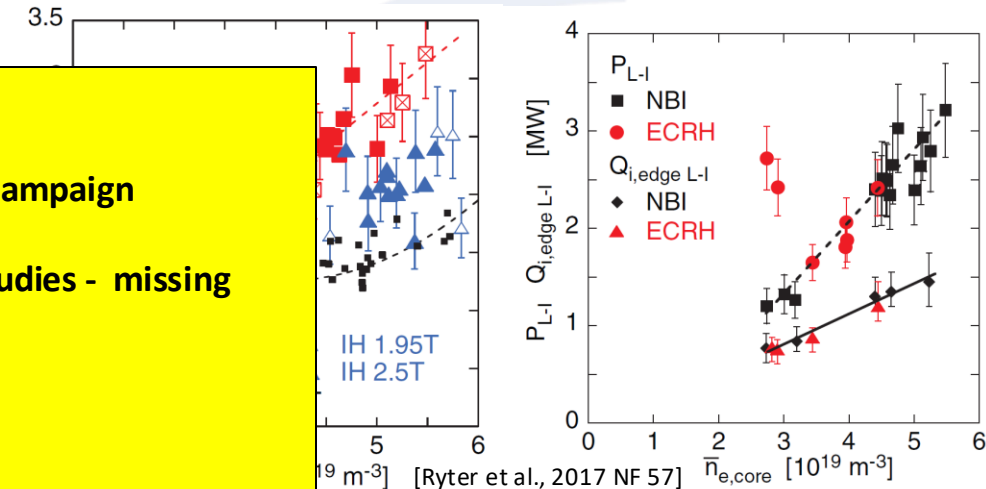
During the ECHR phase NBI blips will be utilized for Ti data acquisition

Addressing Sci. Obj. 3

Similar proposal as for 2025 Campaign

Not our priority for I-mode studies - missing time

P2-AUG



## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses | # Dev. |
|--------|----------|--------|
| AUG    | 10       |        |





# I-mode detachment: access and operational window with Ar and Kr

- **Proponents and contact person\*:**

- [Daniel Fajardo\\*](#)
- [Luis Gil](#)
- [Davide Silvagni](#)
- [Ondrej Grover](#)
- [Clemente Angioni](#)
- *et al...*

- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

- Background: experiments during the 2025 AUG detached scenario at high heating power and high density were suspected to be in the I-mode regime
- Objectives:
  - Map the operational window of the detached Ar-seeded I-mode
  - Establish a detached Kr-seeded I-mode (same radiation at lower Zeff/dilution)
  - Map the operational window of the detached Kr-seeded I-mode

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic**

- Starting from reference AUG #42734, perform NBI power ramps until I-mode is lost (ramp up until I-H transition, down until I-L transition)
- Change Ar to Kr, adjusting the seeding rate for a similar radiated power. Once Kr scenario is established, perform similar power ramps as with Ar
- Diagnostics:
  - Detachment: Langmuir probes, infrared cameras
  - Weakly coherent mode: reflectometer, CECE, thermal He beam
  - Confinement regime: edge Er (Doppler reflectometer), edge CXRS

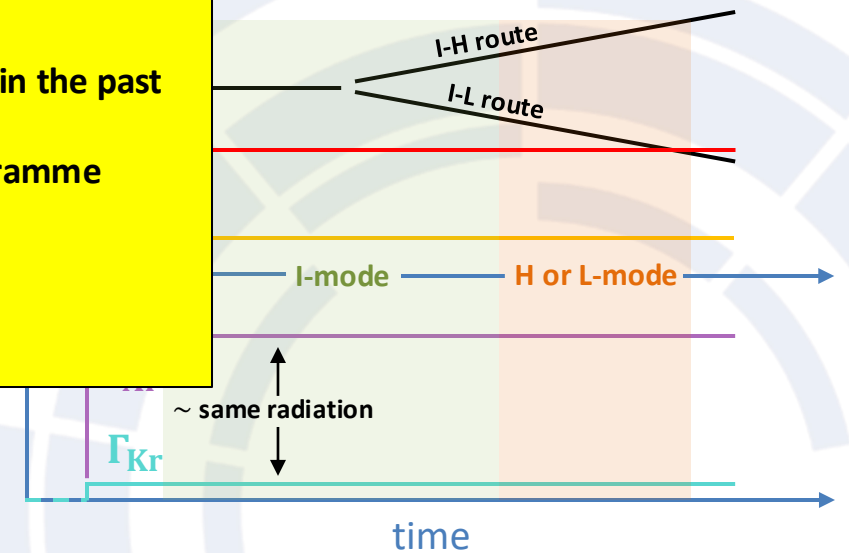
## Addressing Sci. Obj. 3

Detachment was an issue of I-mode in the past

Nice progress made in internal programme

Clear proposal

P1-2027-AUG



## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 10               | 2             |
| MAST-U | -                | -             |
| TCV    | -                | -             |
| WEST   | -                | -             |

# Bt scaling of I-mode access, confinement and local operating space

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## Scientific Background & Objectives

- Current EU-US I-mode dataset has strong correlation between Bt and  $\beta_N$ , but extrapolations to future devices uncertain. SepOS data is being added to the database.
- Aim to demonstrate stationary I-modes at a range of Bt up to 3.5 T on AUG and up to 3.7 T on WEST.
- Will add these to EU-US I-mode database and **derive improved confinement scaling with Bt and device size, for extrapolation to future devices.**

## Experimental Strategy /Machine Constraints and experimental design

### AUG:

- Use shape from 2.5 T I-mode discharges. Fix Ip 0.8 MA and target  $\beta_N \sim 1.5$ .
- Scan  $B_T$ . **Top priority to use newly available 3.5 T** (or highest that engineering analysis allows). At each field, need 2-3 discharges: Ramp to determine L-I and I-H thresholds, long stationary steps for confinement analysis.
- Lower priority 1.9 T, if shots allow repeat 2.5 T for check of consistency.

### WEST

- Start with existing transitions/candidate I-modes (Vermare et al NF 2022): **USN, 3.7 T, 500 kA,  $n_e \sim 4.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$** . Step or ramp LH power to find L-I, I-H thresholds. + use maximum ECH if avail.
  - Scan target  $n_e$  down, then up and down to determine  $n_e$  for minimum P(L-I), scaling.
  - A 2<sup>nd</sup> session would enable comparison at 2.0 T, improve scalings.
- Pedestal, turbulence diagnostics** (eg ETS, DBS, reflectometer) are key on both tokamaks.

### Addressing Sci. Obj. 3

**Assessing power threshold for I-mode is not a priority for WPTE compared to detachment**

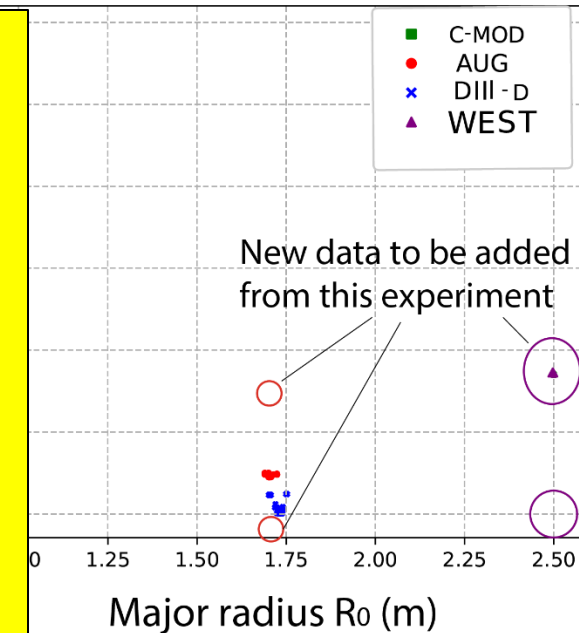
**AUG: no ECRH scheme for operation at 3.5 T -> Might be a problem**

**WEST: is operation at 2T demonstrated?**

**WEST: final assessment will depend on the outcome of session next week**

**P2-AUG**

**P2-WEST**



| Device | # Pulses/Session     | # Development |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 6-9 pulses           |               |
| MAST-U |                      |               |
| TCV    |                      |               |
| WEST   | 40 pulses/2 sessions |               |



# QCE exploitation: disentangle role of shaping parameters on regime access

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## • Scientific Background & Objectives

- Attractive alternative to the Type-I ELMy H-mode – high performance
- The regime has now been robustly established on AUG, shaping and high  $n_{sep}$  – impact of different shaping parameters

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ITER will operate at high kappa and large  $dR_{sep}$

Will be a nice confirmation of the relevance of the shaping parameter  $S_d$

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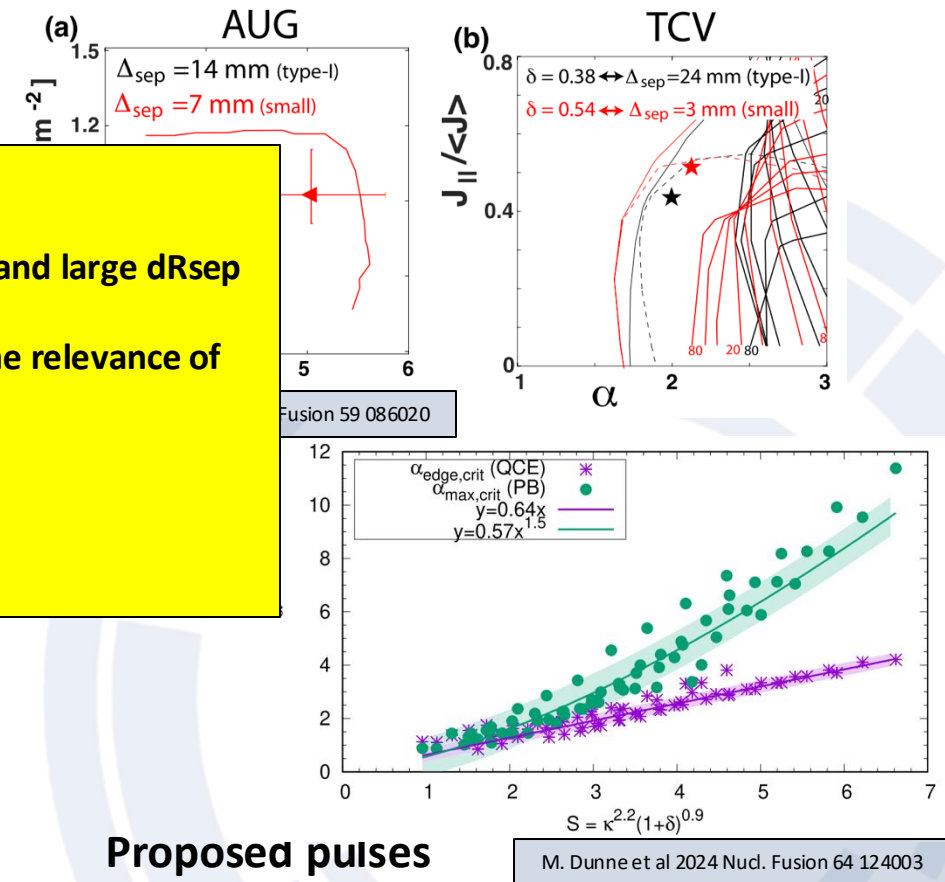
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**Goal: Disentangle impact of  $\delta$  and  $\kappa$  from  $dR_{sep}$  in access to QCE**

- On both AUG and TCV, scan shaping parameters at different values of  $dR_{sep}$  to identify QCE regime access condition
- Study impact of different shaping parameters on stability to PBMs and KBMs and compare this with IPED modeling (MISHKA/HELENA)
- Evaluate impact of shaping parameters on pedestal structure and performance

## • Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic

- Low  $I_p$  scenarios and new machine capabilities to allow for flexibility in varying shaping parameters independently (not possible until recently)
- Dedicated scans in  $\delta$  and  $\kappa$  at different values of  $dR_{sep}$  on both AUG and TCV
- Main diagnostics are magnetics, ELM/filament monitors, Thomson scattering, and edge fluctuation measurements are desired

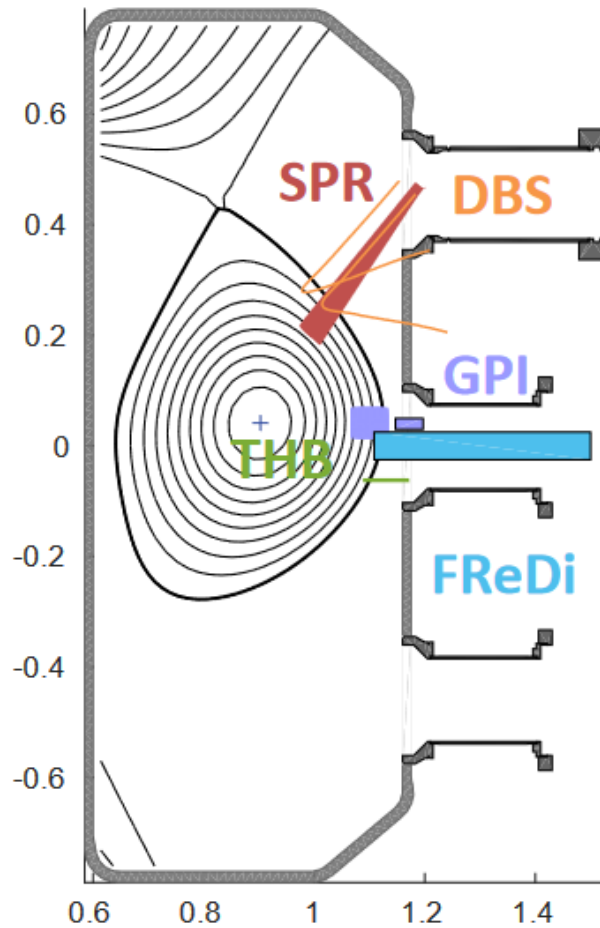


### Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 10               | -             |
| MAST-U | -                | -             |
| TCV    | 10               | 5             |
| WEST   | -                | -             |



# Edge turbulence characterization in Type I ELMy H-mode, QCE and mixed regimes



Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| TCV    | 18               | 5             |

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## Scientific Background & Objectives

- **Type-I ELMy H-mode** and **quasi-steady-state** operation with different pedestal turbulence, with transitions driven by changes in pedestal instabilities
  - **Fuelling** and **triangularity** strongly affect the nature of the turbulence, yet this dependence remains poorly understood despite its close link to heat and particle loads on plasma-facing components
- **The objective is to characterize the pedestal turbulence in Type-I ELMy H-mode, QCE, and mixed regimes.**

## Experimental Strategy and essential diagnostics

- **Parameter scan** at two fueling levels and three triangularities in Upper Single Null configuration (18 shots, 5 for development)
- **Multi-diagnostic approach** for pedestal turbulence characterization: GPI, SPR, DBS, THB, FReDi
- **Stability analysis** of peeling and peeling–ballooning modes

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Continuation of ongoing effort to understand turbulent transport in pedestal and SOL for QCE

The new probe will allow Ti measurements (among others)

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# Characterization of edge dynamics in EDA H-mode

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The experimental strategy is not clear

What is missing? (J. Kalis, G. Grenfell,...)

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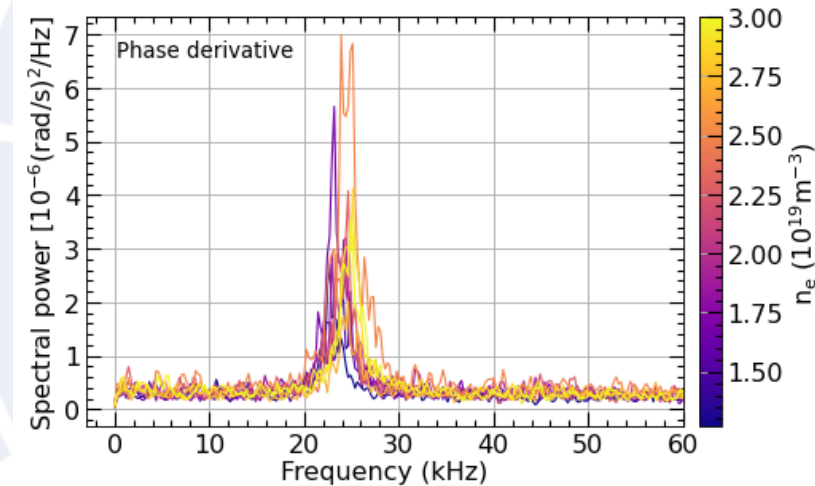
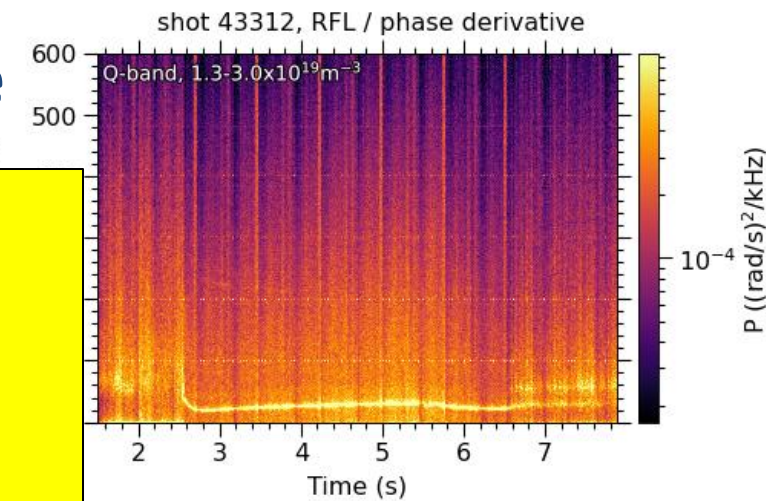
- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

The EDA H-mode is a promising no-ELM regime, where the QCM plays a major role in enhancing transport. Yet, contradictory measurements of the QCM position and propagation velocity exist at both C-mod and AUG. This work will:

- Characterize the edge dynamics (inc. QCM)
- Compare results with turbulent simulations/other diagnostics

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic**

- High density, high triangularity discharges with dominant ECRH heating + NBI for extra power and CXRS
- Stationary discharges for hopping characterization
- Discharges in pairs to allow complete usage of reflectometry systems



## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 6                | <- Included   |



# Negative triangularity in conventional vs spherical tokamaks

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- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

- Negative triangularity (NT) in combination with spherical **compact configuration with relaxed heat exhaust requirements**
- Theoretical studies suggest a possible degradation of NT **are needed to confirm/refute predicted transport characteristics**
- Following first **ST-NT** plasma experiments in MAST-U<sup>2</sup> (see figure)

- **Objectives:**

- **Experimentally address** the impact of aspect ratio on NT
  - Is NT in STs feasible at MAST-U  $B_t$ ?
  - Characterize transport and stability in STs NT → Which turbulence mechanism is dominant?
- **Compare** NT performance in **three different machines** (TCV, MAST-U, SMART).
- Assess **ELM-suppression** characteristics of NT plasmas in STs
- Study **power degradation** in NT plasmas

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic**

- In **MAST-U**, start from NT scenario developed by C. Vincent et al during the internal campaign. Then, scans in power, density, torque and triangularity (if possible)
- In **TCV**, take advantage of the **shape capabilities** to develop NT plasmas as similar as possible to the ones at **MAST-U** and **SMART**
- **Matching discharges** in **PT** to evaluate performance of **NT**
- **Essential diagnostics:** TS, ECE, CXRS, turbulence diagnostics, FILD

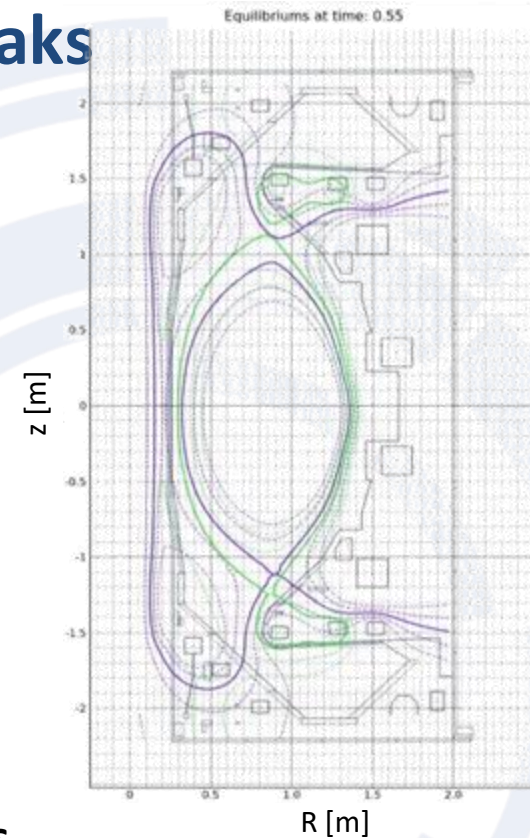
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**The benefit of NT might “disappear” at low A for TEM dominated turbulence and a demonstration of this would reinforce our understanding of NT confinement**

**MAST-U: a session is supported but lower priority wrt other RT02-P1-2026**

**P1-2026-MAST-U**  
**P1-2027-TCV**

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## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    |                  |               |
| MAST-U | 20               | 0             |
| TCV    | 15               | 15            |
| WEST   |                  |               |



# Detached high-power L-Mode negative-triangularity reactor relevant scenarios

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## • Scientific Background & Objectives

**Negative triangularity (NT) may bring H-mode grade confinement in L-Mode operation, making it an attractive solution for a reactor.**

This proposal aims to pursue the investigation and characterization of NBH-heated NT scenario, in particular from the point of view of core-edge integration (operation with a detached divertor)

- Continue, in TCV, developing a high-power NT L-mode scenario which power-exhaust compatible and reactor relevant
  - Extend heating scheme to ECRH, pushing triangularity to stronger values (avoid H-Mode)
  - Use rt-beta control to maintain high  $\beta_N$
- Perform detachment studies in these scenarios using  $N_2$  injection at various levels of power. Assess the achievement of X-Point Radiator Regime. Investigate the nitrogen penetration in the core and thus core-edge compatibility (effect of detachment on confinement). In a second phase, other impurities could be attempted.

*Can a fully detached NT L-mode matching H-mode PT performances be obtained on TCV [Durr-Legoupil-Nicoud'EPS25, Février'IAEA25]? On WEST ?*

## • Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic

- TCV
  - $N_2$  seeding ramps with NBI and ECRH (X3) in NT plasma: multiple input power levels,  $N_2$  seeding at different rates
  - Essential diagnostics: edge diagnostics (IR,LP,etc) and CXRS
- WEST
  - NT scenario, ECRH/LHCD/ICRH

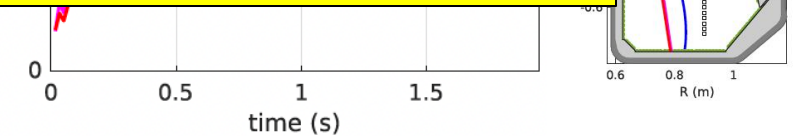
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TCV: ongoing effort, nice results

WEST: are current shaping capabilities sufficient to see improved confinement? no PT H-mode for comparison

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P2-WEST



## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    |                  |               |
| MAST-U |                  |               |
| TCV    | 20               | 20            |
| WEST   | 15               | 5             |



# Fast-ion transport in negative triangularity

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## • Scientific Background & Objectives

Recent results from DIII-D, TCV, and AUG show contrasting results on fast-ion transport in  $\delta < 0$  plasmas. It is important to gain understanding of this as part of assessing negative triangularity as a contender for power plant operation. To this end,

- Quantify fast-ion transport vs.  $\delta < 0$  at multiple plasma locations using confined+lost fast-ion diagnostics on AUG/TCV, including new TCV CTS diagnostic (Figure)
- Identify evidence of anomalous transport and impact of Alfvén Eigenmodes on fast ions in  $\delta < 0$  plasmas
- Quantify core/edge turbulence and fast-ion diffusion vs.  $\delta < 0$  across devices for comparison to existing  $\delta > 0$  discharges

Proposal is connected to RT02 D6 (confinement in neg. triangularity) + RT09 D1–D3 (fast-ion transport)

## • Experimental Strategy & constraints

- Matched triangularity scan at AUG+TCV down to  $\langle \delta \rangle \approx -0.2$  + further scan at TCV to  $\langle \delta \rangle \approx -0.6$
- Fast-ion measurements at AUG+TCV using CTS, FIDA, FILD, NPAs where available
- NBI with on- and off-axis deposition to vary fast-ion distribution function and location
- ICRH (AUG) or NBI2 (TCV) to drive Alfvén Eigenmodes unstable
- 3 ECRH lines for CTS at AUG, 2 lines at TCV

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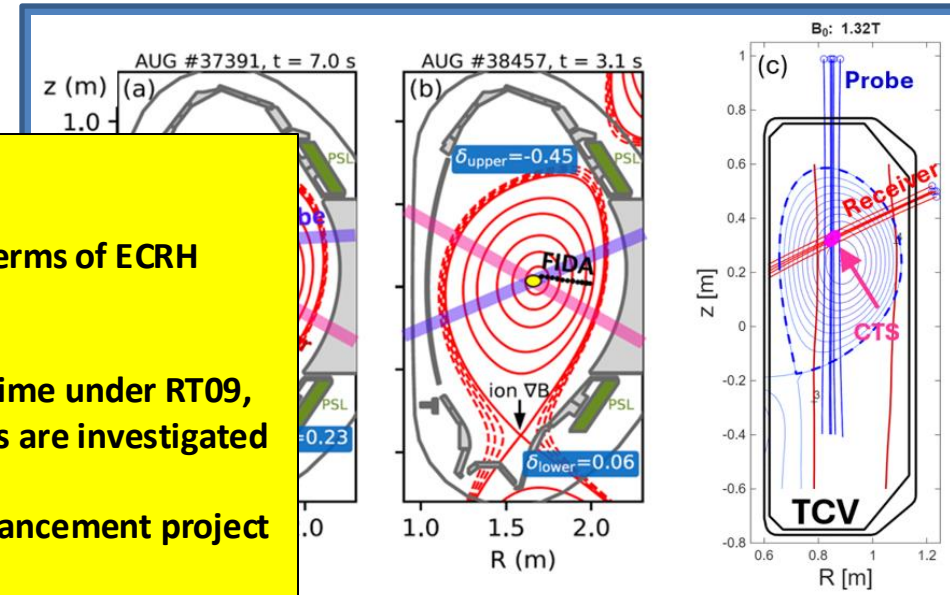
AUG: demanding proposal in terms of ECRH settings

TCV: might find experimental time under RT09, where effects of NT on FI losses are investigated

TCV: CTS is an EUROfusion Enhancement project

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Geometries for (a) edge and (b) core on AUG  $\delta < 0$  plasmas [T. Happel+ 2023 NF] and comparison to one of the AUG FIDA views (with angle to  $B$  of  $\varphi \approx 12^\circ$ ). (c) Example CTS geometry for the new TCV CTS diagnostic ( $\varphi \approx 75^\circ$ ).

## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 6                | 3 (of the 6)  |
| TCV    | 8                | 1 (of the 8)  |





# Development of stationary QH-mode with co-current beams

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## • Scientific Background & Objectives

- Future fusion devices need to avoid high confinement and no-ELM regimes are considered as alternative
- **Demonstrate compatibility of stationary QH-mode**
- **Establish stationary QH-mode, low  $v_{ped}^*$** 
  - Characterize parameter dependencies of QH-mode
  - Analyze pedestal structure and stability and compare
  - Quantify effect of rotation on EHO
  - Study role of  $q_{95}$  for accessing sustained QH-mode
  - Study impact of edge ECCD on EHO and ELMs
  - Test and further develop models for EHO

## • Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints &

### AUG: co-Ip NBI

- Low collisionality USN scenario, high  $\delta$  with cryo-pump boronization essential. Develop USN, DN, LSN flips.
- Subset of pulses with edge ECRH at 105 GHz to drive edge ECCD (#41229, #41231). Scan in edge rotation (tangential vs. radial beams, MPs, NBI vs wave heating)
- Explore changes between LSN and USN to decrease density, RMP during L-mode?

### MAST-U:

- High temperature pedestal reference scenario (#49360), use new cryopump. Fresh boronization essential.
- Change plasma rotation using RMP coils.
- At best  $I_p$  value,  $B_t$  scan. Gas scan.

### Common to both:

- Scan in heating power,  $q_{95}$  via  $I_p$  scan, outer gap.
- Profile and fluctuation diagnostics essential to characterize QH-mode pedestal and EHO

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AUG: Issues with machine capabilities (upper cryo) in 2025 are acknowledged.

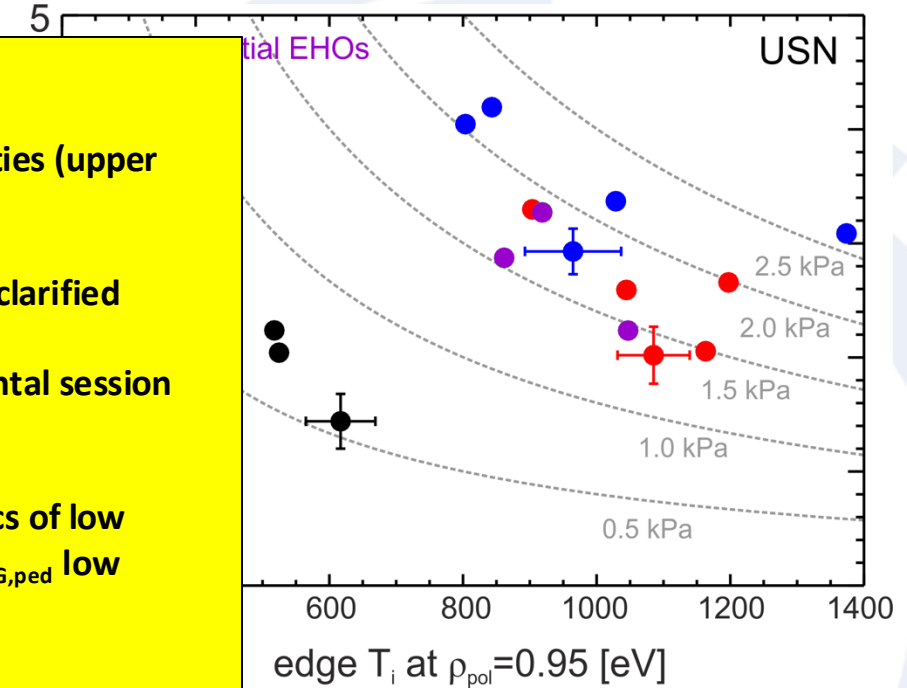
AUG: Experimental strategy to be clarified

MAST-U: Assessment of experimental session later this year to be done

Will help understanding the physics of low collisionality pedestals even if at  $f_{G,ped}$  low compared to ITER

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P1-2026-MAST-U



and pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session   | # Development |
|--------|--------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 30 pulses          | 15            |
| MAST-U | 8 pulses/1 session | 8 pulses 2025 |
| TCV    |                    |               |
| WEST   |                    |               |



# Impact of triangularity in I-mode and L-I-H transitions

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- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

Plasma shaping is known to strongly influence the access and accessibility of both H- and I-modes, yet this has not been investigated in I-modes at AUG.  
Objectives:

- Assess the impact of triangularity on I-mode **access** and **performance**
- Characterize edge dynamics in strongly shaped I-modes
- Assess the impact of density on I-mode access and performance in strongly shaped plasmas

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic**

- High triangularity discharges with dominant ECRH heating + NBI for extra power and CXRS
- Shots is unfavorable  $B \times \nabla B$  drift configuration and upper-single null
- A total of 8 shots is proposed:
  - 2 delta values X 4 densities

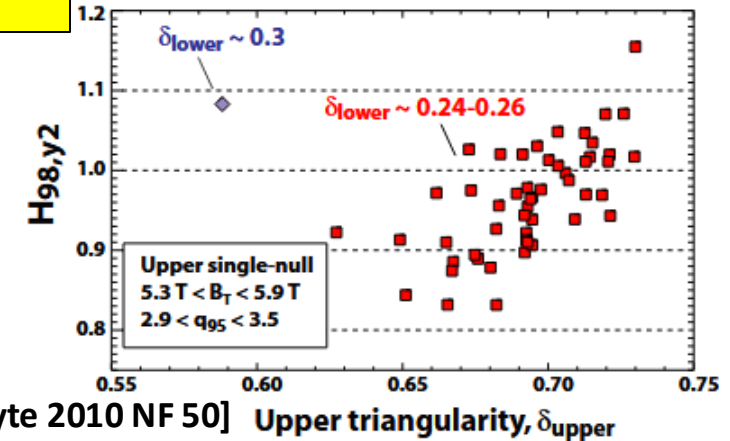
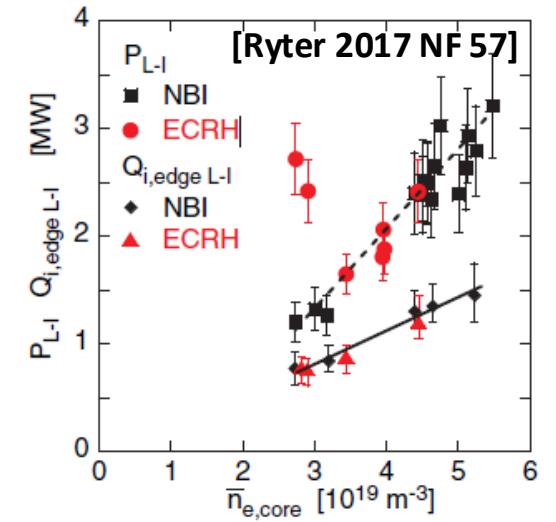
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Strategy to be clarified: scan values in both delta and density?

$P_{L-I}$  is not a top priority for WPTE

Limited amount of time

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## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 8                | <- Included   |



# Towards long-pulse operation in negative triangularity plasmas

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- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

Negative triangularity (NT) scenarios are suitable candidates for core-edge integration. However, long-pulse operation in fusion power plants. The objectives are:

- Determine the conditions required to achieve zero loop voltage
- Assess whether a NT compared to a positive triangularity hinders access to non-inductive regime
- For NT plasmas, evaluate the difference in current drive between two pairs of systems: ECCD+LHCD (WEST) and ECCD+NBI (TCV)

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostics**

To facilitate the comparison between WEST and TCV, we will program an ECCD-only phase at the beginning of the discharges to have a time period where the heating systems are the same in both devices (if possible, at the same injected power).

**WEST:**

- Start with already developed NT scenarios at 300kA and low density (#60845). The maximum LHCD injected power was 1.5 MW (minimum Vloop achieved was 200mV).
- Perform different scans in injected power, density and  $I_p$  to minimize the loop voltage.
- In a second session, perform similar scan in reference PT plasmas.

**TCV:**

- Start from already developed non-inductive scenario in TCV (e.g. #87527)
- With WEST-like shape, perform similar scan in power, density and  $I_p$ .
- In a second session, perform similar scan in reference PT plasmas.

**Essential diagnostics:** loop voltage measurements, kinetic profiles (TS, ECE)

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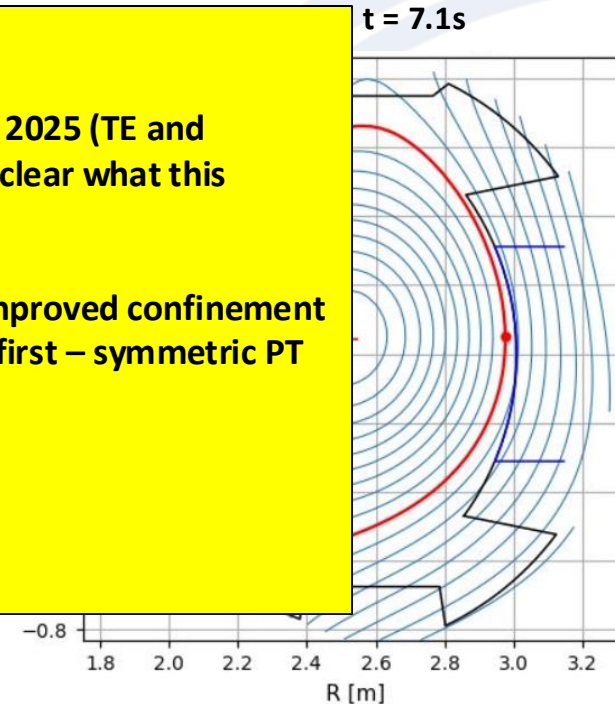
**TCV:** a lot has been done in 2025 (TE and internal programme) – not clear what this proposal brings more

**WEST:** more shaping and improved confinement needs to be demonstrated first – symmetric PT shape looks impossible

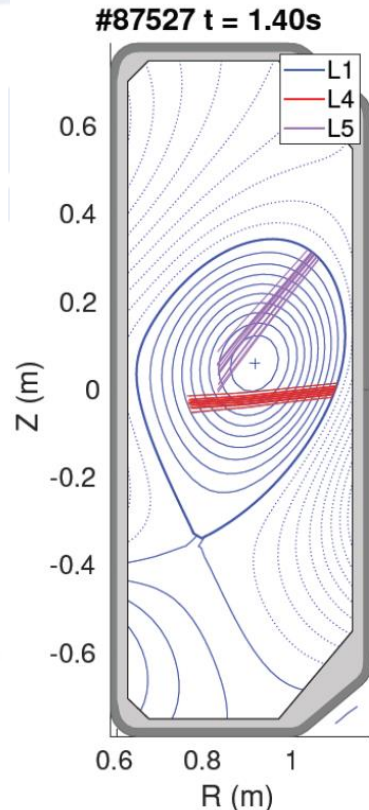
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**WEST**



**TCV**



## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| TCV    | 50/2             | 15            |
| WEST   | 40/2             | 5             |



# Neon transport in EDA H-mode pedestals

## Background:

- New framework at AUG disentangling the D and v transport coefficients, radial resolution and uncertainty quantification
- Determination of neoclassical and anomalous contributions by comparison with QCE and RMP data

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Diagnostic issues from past experiments are acknowledged

Will complement QCE and RMP data

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**Result for QCE discharges:** significant anomalous diffusion in the pedestal, explaining beneficial impurity behavior at AUG

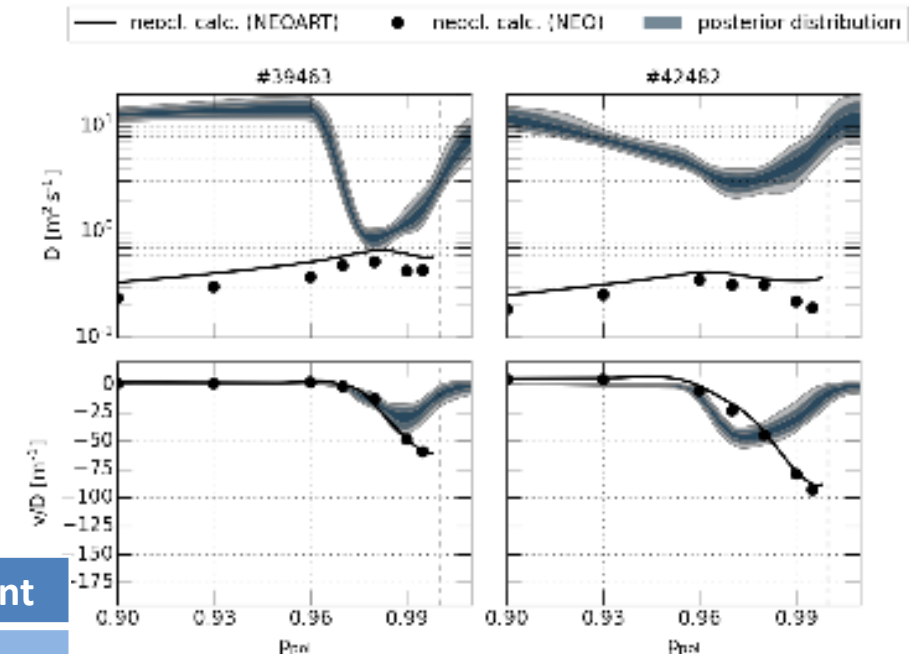
## Result for the EDA H-mode: inconclusive

- Different findings in different discharges caused by poor data quality (see figure)
- Some discharges close to QCE with broad-band QCM

## Proposal:

- Repeat of stationary EDA H-mode discharges with better data quality
- Examine changes in impurity transport along a stepwise transition from QCE to EDA

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 3                | 3             |







# Impurity transport dependence on negative and positive triangularity

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- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

- Tungsten contamination in core must be minimized
- Negative triangularity plays a role in confinement
- Objectives :

- *Compare impurity (W, Ni) transport in NT and PT configurations*
- *Compare role of triangularity in various heating scenarios*

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostics**

- L-mode plasma with Laser Blow Off (LBO) for W and Ni injections. Also, ICRH modulations can be used to produce a transient W sources.

- *Ohmic and LHCD / ECRH / ICRH heated plasmas*
- *Pairs of similar pulses in NT and PT*

For each different heating mix and plasma shape perform a power and a density scan

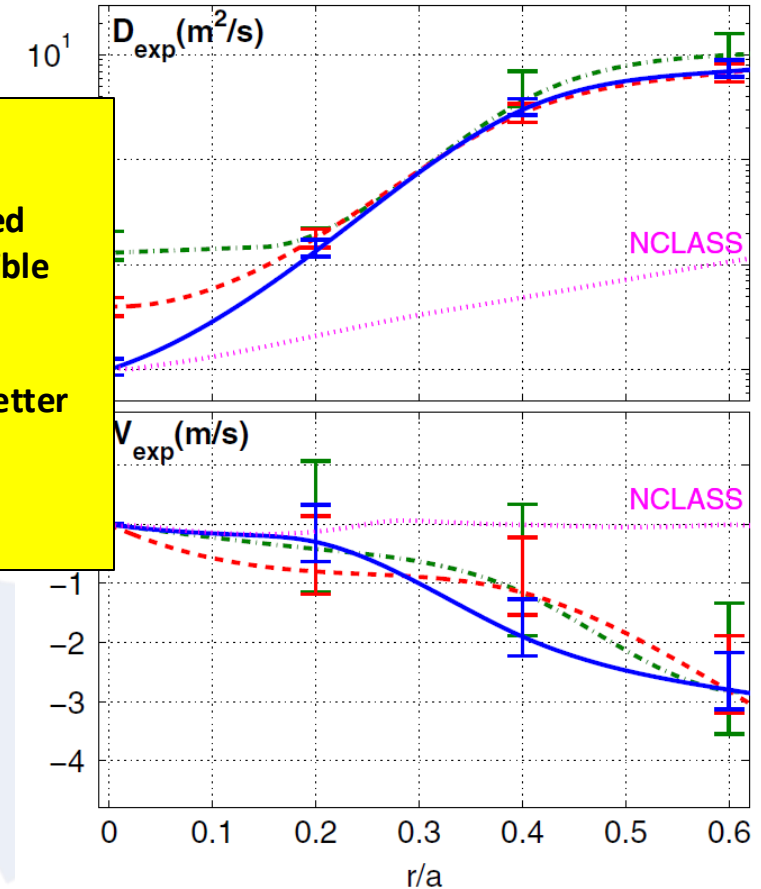
- **Essential diagnostics:** VUV spectroscopy, soft x-rays, multi energy soft x-rays, bolometer, ECE, Thomson scattering and edge reflectometry

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Not clear why WEST should be better placed than AUG. PT flipped shape not really feasible

Improved confinement on WEST not demonstrated: shaping capabilities to be better evaluated

P2-WEST



[Villegas, PRL 2010]

## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Develop |
|--------|------------------|-----------|
| WEST   | 40 / 2           |           |



# EDA H-mode development in AUG and TCV

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- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

- EDA H-mode: promising no-ELM regime in several devices, but critical
- Main AUG objectives:
  - Develop similar EDA scenarios at different magnetic field
  - Understand effect of  $B_t/\rho^*$  on EDA access, dynamics, and performance
- Main TCV objectives:
  - Achieve and explore unequivocal EDA H-modes in TCV for the first time
  - Understand effect of shaping on EDA access, dynamics, and performance
- Cross-machine objectives:
  - Bridge EDA experiments between devices of different size (incl. JET)
  - Build a unified understanding of EDA H-mode physics

- **Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic**

- AUG:
  - High  $\delta$ , ICRH+NBI power ramps at different  $B_t$
  - Vary  $I_p$ , fueling, ... to match (non-)normalized parameters (e.g.  $q_{95}$ ,  $n_{e,sep}$ , ...)
  - Stationary discharges for detailed characterization
- TCV:
  - High  $\delta$  discharges predominantly heated by ECRH (X3)
  - If regime is found - parameter scans (incl. shape)
  - Stationary discharges for detailed characterization

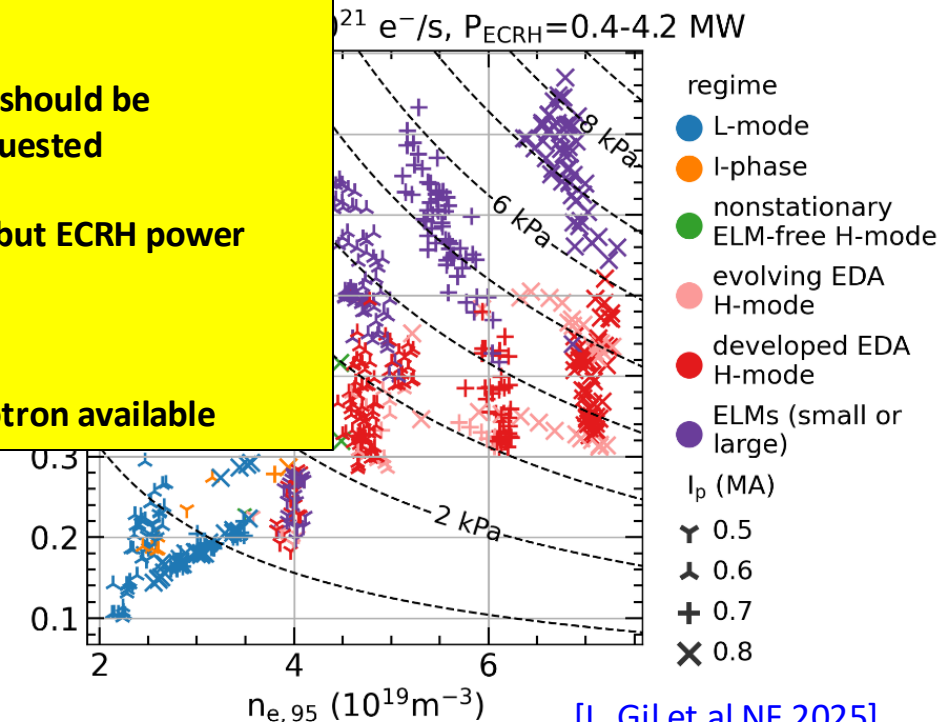
## Addressing Sci. Obj. 3

**AUG: experimental strategy should be prioritized with 10 shots requested**

**TCV: was accepted for 2025 but ECRH power was missing**

**P1-2027-AUG**

**P1-2026-TCV: once new gyrotron available**



## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session                  | # Development |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 10                                |               |
| TCV    | 10 pulses + 40 if regime is found |               |



# Impact of resonant field amplification (RFA) on edge magnetic structure and ELM control in high-beta plasmas

Preparation for JT-60SA exploitation

## • Proponents and contact person:

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## • Scientific Background & Objectives

- It is necessary to investigate the characteristics of changes of edge magnetic structure and transport for the purpose of understanding physics mechanism and experimental strategies for ELM control;
- Measure and simulate plasma response due to RFA in high-beta plasmas for different beta and RMP configurations;
- Measure and simulate RFA-induced changes of edge magnetic structure, pressure, bootstrap current and divertor heat load, investigate their relations to ELM control;
- AUG: compare different physics mechanisms of ELM suppression in high-beta and low-beta plasmas, prepare for upcoming JT-60SA ELM control study;
- MAST-U: explore effective strategy to achieve full ELM suppression in spherical tokamak by taking advantages of RFA effect in high-beta plasmas using different RMP configurations.

## • Experimental Strategy/Machine Constraints and essential diagnostic

- AUG:
  - Establish conventional and hybrid ELMy H-mode plasmas with different beta;
  - For each pulse, apply n=1 or n=2 RMP, scan coil phasing during the discharge.
- MAST-U:
  - Establish target ELMy H-mode plasmas with different beta;
  - Double-row RMP configuration: apply n=1 & 2 RMP, for best and worst coil phasing (predicted by MARS-F modeling) respectively;
  - Single-row (lower-row) RMP configuration: apply n=1, 2 and 4 RMP.
- Essential diagnostics: magnetic diagnostics, TS, CXRS, MSE, IR cameras.

(Partly) addressing Sci. Obj 5

Strategy not clear

Missing time

P2-AUG

P2-MAST-U

High-beta plasma with RMP

RFA

Plasma response and 3D equilibrium (MARS-F/Q, HINT, JOEREK)

Instability (MIPS)

Transport (DKES, EMC3-EIRENE)

Physics understandings on ELM control

## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| AUG    | 10               |               |
| MAST-U | 14               |               |
| TCV    |                  |               |
| WEST   |                  |               |



# High performance negative triangularity plasmas in WEST

- **Proponents and contact person:**

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- **Scientific Background & Objectives**

- A comprehensive Negative Triangularity

- **Experimental Strategy**

- **WEST:**

- Power degradation of confinement (engineered)
- Detachment/radiative mantle access at high aux power (w/ and w/o impurity seeding)
- Density limit at high aux power
- Tungsten transport
- Power fall-off length in the Scrape-Off Layer

- **TCV:**

- Reproduce WEST best results to test aspect ratio, wall, heating mix effects and provide extensive basis for model validation

Addressing Sci. Obj. 6

WEST: NT benefits are expected to be the same at large aspect ratio compared to “normal” aspect ratio (TEM or ITG).

WEST: W transport can be investigated in AUG

WEST: Density limit needs large additional power which is not (yet) the case

P2-WEST  
P2-TCV

## Proposed pulses

| Device | # Pulses/Session | # Development           |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------|
| AUG    |                  |                         |
| MAST-U |                  |                         |
| TCV    | 20               | 20                      |
| WEST   | 5 days           | Incl. 1 day contingency |





# Summary of proposals

| No | RT   | Proposal name  | Proposer                | Priority   |
|----|------|--|-------------------------|--|
| 11 | RT02 | NT in AUG: low q95 operation   | Branka Vanovac          | P1-2026-AUG  |
| 12 | RT02 | Improved confinement in NT AUG through stronger shaping?   | Branka Vanovac          | P1-2026-AUG  |
| 13 | RT02 | Comparative Study of Negative Triangularity performance in TCV, DIII-D, ASDEX Upgrade (AUG)                  | Branka Vanovac          | P1-2026-AUG / P1-2026-TCV                                |
| 14 | RT02 | Characterization of edge fluctuations for NT plasmas with ballooning modes                                   | Margherita Ugoletti     | PB/P2  |
| 15 | RT02 | Turbulent Edge/SOL Transport in EDA Regimes  | Miriam La Matina        | P2-AUG / P1-2027-TCV                                     |
| 16 | RT02 | ELM control by RMPs in low aspect ratio  | David Ryan              | P1-2026-MAST-U   |
| 17 | RT02 | QCE exploitation: high current / low safety factor   | Mike Dunne              | P1-2026-AUG / P1-2026-TCV / P1-2026-MAST-U / P1-2027-TCV |
| 18 | RT02 | QCE exploitation: seeding and detachment   | Michael Faitsch         | P1-2026-AUG / P1-2026-TCV / P1-2027-TCV / P2-MAST-U      |
| 19 | RT02 | Power threshold density minimum in I-mode and edge ion heat flux scaling                                     | Michael Komm            | P2-AUG   |
| 20 | RT02 | I-mode detachment: access and operational window with Ar and Kr  | Daniel Fajardo          | P1-2027-AUG  |
| 21 | RT02 | Bt scaling of I-modes on WEST and AUG  | John Rice               | P2-AUG / P2-WEST   |
| 22 | RT02 | QCE exploitation: shaping scans  | Andrés Miller           | P1-2026-AUG / P1-2026-TCV / P1-2027-TCV                  |
| 23 | RT02 | Edge turbulence characterization in Type I ELMy H-mode, QCE and mixed regimes                                | Alysée Khan             | P1-2026-TCV / P1-2027-TCV                                |
| 24 | RT02 | EDA H-mode QCM reflectometry measurement   | Mário Vaz               | PB/P2-AUG  |
| 25 | RT02 | Negative triangularity in conventional vs spherical tokamaks   | Diego Jose Cruz Zabala  | P1-2026-MAST-U / P1-2027-TCV                             |
| 26 | RT02 | Detached high-power L-Mode negative-triangularity reactor relevant scenarios                                 | G. Durr-Legoupil-Nicoud | P1-2026-TCV / P2-WEST                                    |
| 27 | RT02 | Fast-ion transport in real- and velocity-space in negative triangularity                                     | Jesper Rasmussen        | PB/P2-AUG / PB/P2-TCV                                    |
| 28 | RT02 | Development of Quiescent H-mode (QH mode)  | Eli Viezzer             | P1-2027-AUG / P1-2026-MAST-U                             |
| 29 | RT02 | Impact of triangularity in I-mode and L-I-H transitions  | Mário Vaz               | P2-AUG   |
| 30 | RT02 | Towards long-pulse operation in negative triangularity plasmas   | Jorge Morales           | P2-WEST / P2-TCV   |
| 31 | RT02 | Neon transport in EDA H-mode pedestals   | Tabea Gleiter           | P1-2026-AUG  |
| 32 | RT02 | Impurity transport dependence on negative and positive triangularity   | Jorge Morales           | P2-WEST  |
| 33 | RT02 | EDA H-mode development in AUG and TCV  | Luís Gil                | P1-2027-AUG / P1-2026-TCV / P1-2027-TCV                  |
| 34 | RT02 | Impact of resonant field amplification (RFA) on edge magnetic structure and ELM control in high-beta plasmas | Yunfeng Liang           | P2-AUG / P2-MAST-U                                       |
| 35 | RT02 | High performance negative triangularity plasma in WEST   | Olivier Sauter          | P2-WEST/ P2-TCV  |



# Summary of P1 proposals

|                             | AUG  |                     | TCV  |  | MAST-U              | WEST |      |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|--|--|---------------------|------|------|
|                             | 2026   | 2027                | 2026   | 2027   | 2026                | 2026 | 2027 |
| QH                          |  | <a href="#">#28</a> |  |  | <a href="#">#28</a> |      |      |
| QCE                         | <a href="#">#17</a> , <a href="#">#18</a> ,<br><a href="#">#22</a> |                     | <a href="#">#17</a> , <a href="#">#18</a> ,<br><a href="#">#22</a> , <a href="#">#23</a> | <a href="#">#17</a> , <a href="#">#18</a> ,<br><a href="#">#22</a> , <a href="#">#23</a> | <a href="#">#17</a> |      |      |
| NT                          | <a href="#">#11</a> , <a href="#">#12</a> ,<br><a href="#">#13</a> |                     | <a href="#">#13</a> , <a href="#">#26</a>  | <a href="#">#13</a> , <a href="#">#25</a>  | <a href="#">#25</a> |      |      |
| EDA                         | <a href="#">#31</a>  | <a href="#">#33</a> | <a href="#">#33</a>  | <a href="#">#15</a> , <a href="#">#33</a>  |                     |      |      |
| I-mode                      |  | <a href="#">#20</a> |  |  |                     |      |      |
| RMP                         |  |                     |  |  | <a href="#">#16</a> |      |      |
| Scientific pulses requested | 63   | 53                  | 80   | 98   | 48                  |      |      |
| Provisional shot allocation | 30   | 22                  | 80   | 110  | 32                  |      | 15?  |

One shot-day proposed for NT-AUG

This session could be kept following I-mode experiments next week



## RT02: analysis and modelling needs

- Interpretive pedestal analysis:
  - Profile analysis (all devices), (routinely done, maybe still needs staffing at JET)
  - Linear MHD stability (ideal + extended) for all regimes (underway)
  - 3D stability analysis (CASTOR3D workflow in place)
  - Local ballooning analysis (routinely done, maybe needs staffing)
- Pedestal transport analysis:
  - Interpretive
    - Needs workflow development (TRANSP/ASTRA)
    - Testing of quasi-linear models could be prioritized
  - Transport simulations (all regimes)
    - Perhaps needs substantial investment of person/computing power resources
    - GRILLIX/GENE-X/other? (GRILLIX for AUG point being finalised)
  - Impurity transport analysis and modelling



## RT02: analysis and modelling needs

- Core/global plasma:
  - GENE for NT (underway: Balestri, Merlo, Mariani, ...)
  - JOEREK-GK (underway: M. Bécoulet)
  - TRANSP @ JET for NT and extended QCE data set (H-factor, core confinement)
  - Impurity transport analysis and modelling
- Div/SOL:
  - SOLPS for QCE/NT comparison for SOL radial gradients (partially ongoing (underway: Carpita, Rubino)
  - ERO wall erosion at JET (underway: Cal)
  - SOL gradient length analysis (all regimes)