

ELM simulations for MAST-U

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Edge localized modes (ELMs)

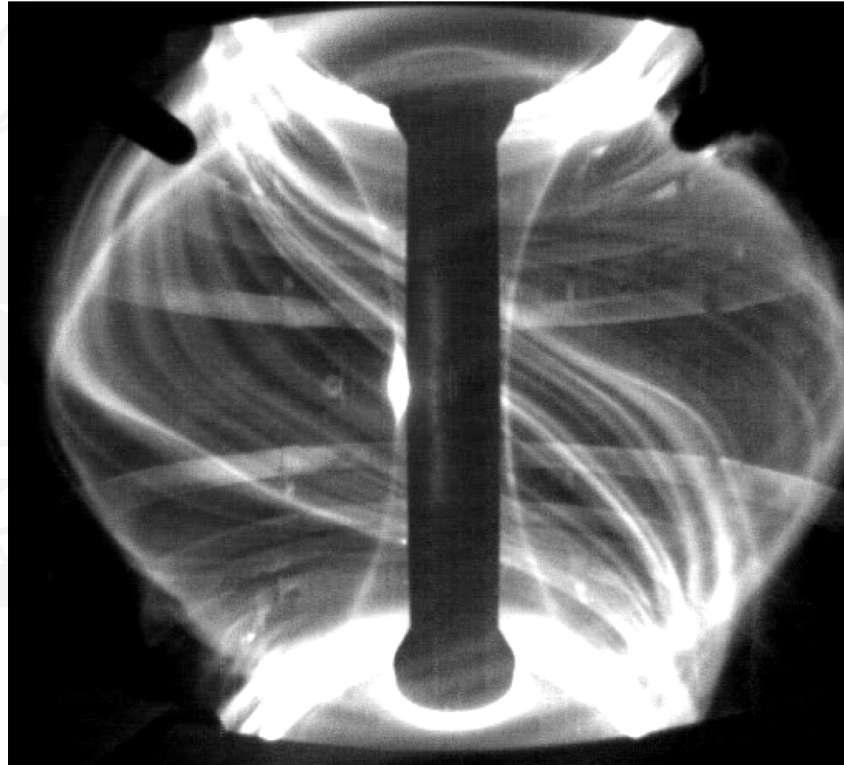


Fig. ELMs in MAST (fast camera)

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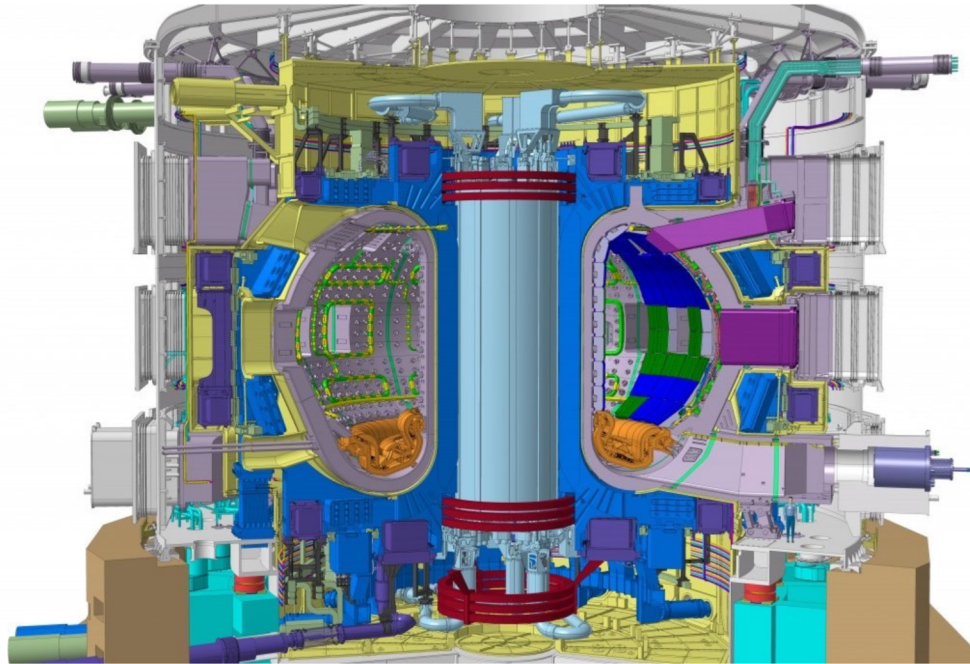


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Heat flux solution MAST-U Super-X

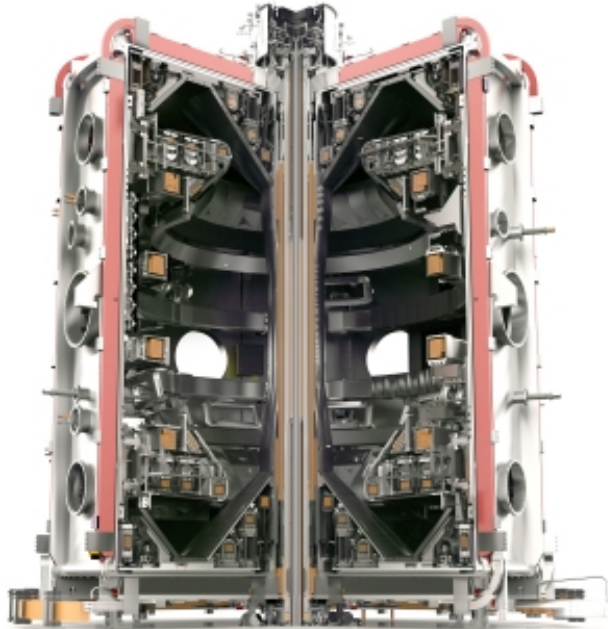


Fig 1. MAST-U design with Super-X divertor

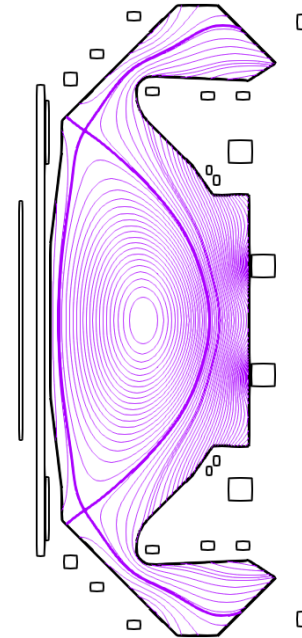


Fig 2. MAST-U Super-X flux contours

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}_E}{dt} = -\nabla_{\perp} p + \vec{J} \times \vec{B} + \mu \nabla^2 (\vec{v}_E) + \mu_{hyp} \nabla^4 \vec{v}_E$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho [\vec{v}_{\parallel} + \vec{v}_E]) + \nabla \cdot (D_{\perp} \nabla_{\perp} \rho) + S_{\rho} + D_{hyp} \nabla^4 \rho$$

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}_{\parallel}}{dt} = -\rho \vec{v}_{\parallel} \cdot \nabla \vec{v}_{\parallel} - \nabla_{\parallel} p + \mu \nabla^2 (\vec{v}_{\parallel} - V_{NBI}) + \mu_{hyp} \nabla^4 \vec{v}_{\parallel}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\vec{v}_E \cdot \nabla p - \gamma p \nabla \cdot \vec{v}_E + \nabla \cdot (\kappa_{\perp} \nabla_{\perp} T + \kappa_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel} T) + \frac{2}{3R^2} \eta j^2 + S_T$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \eta (j - j_A) + R[\psi, \Phi] - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \phi} + \eta_{hyp} \nabla^2 j$$

MAST-U in JOREK

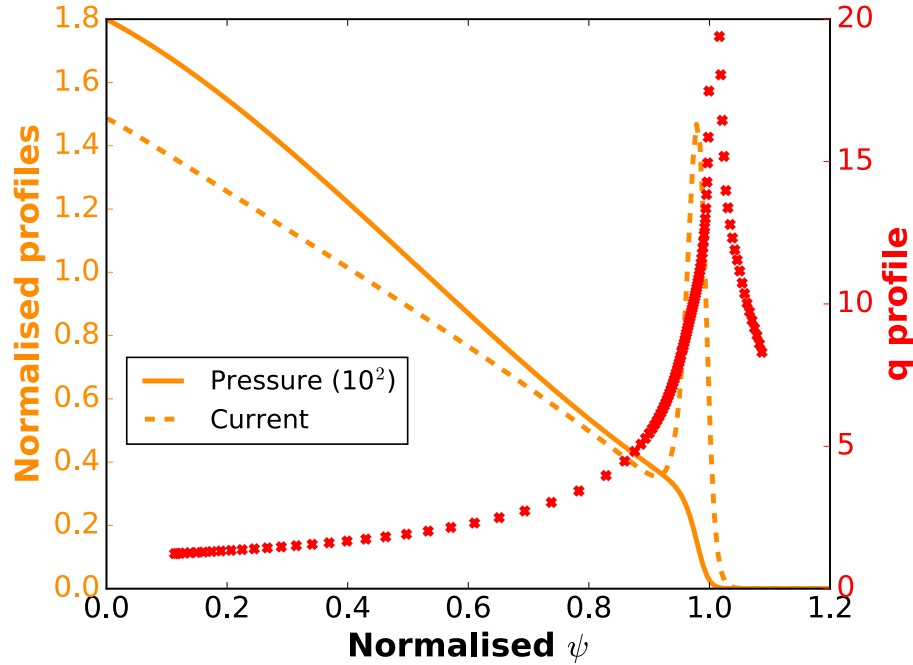


Fig 1. Profiles based on old MAST pulse

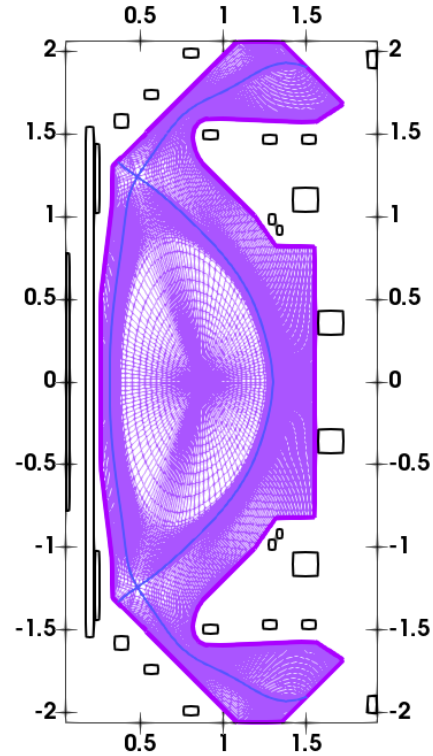


Fig 2. Finite element grid used in simulations

ELM simulation

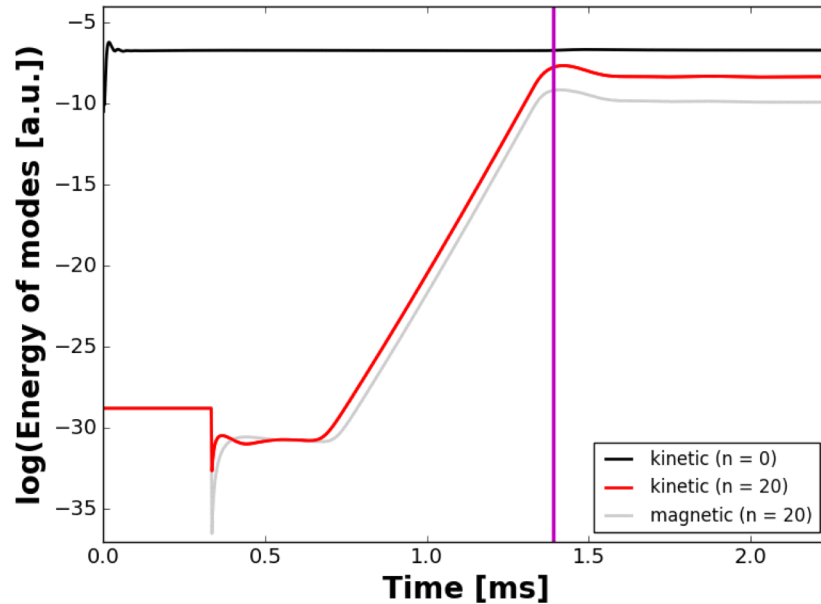


Fig 1. Evolution of the energy of the modes

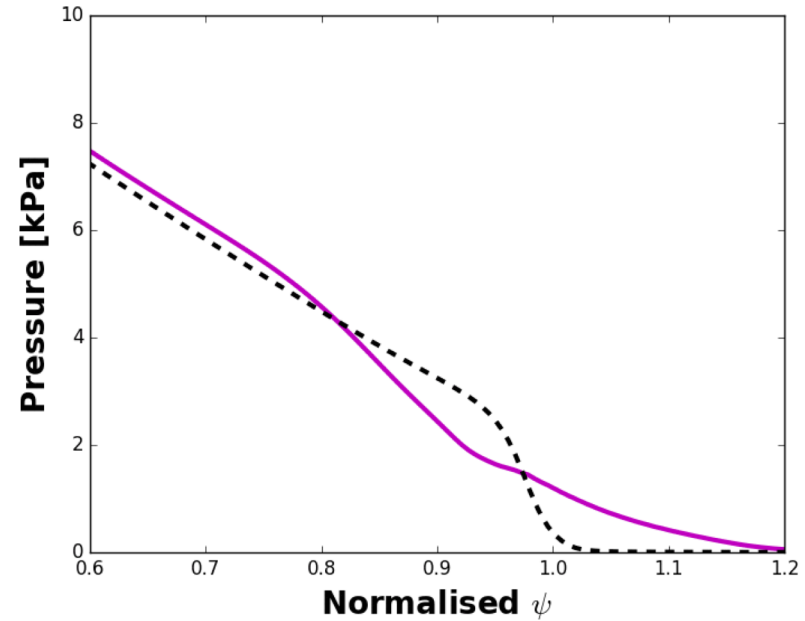


Fig 2. Evolution of the pressure profile

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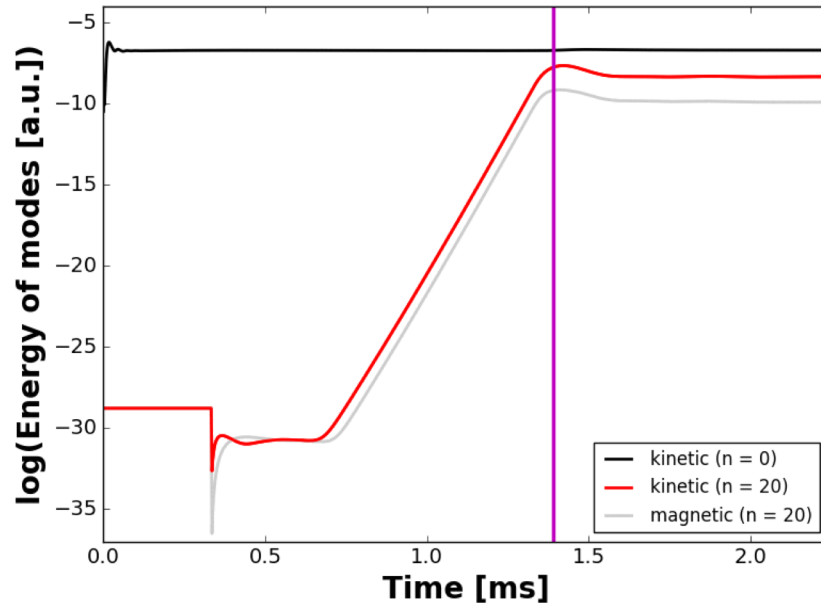


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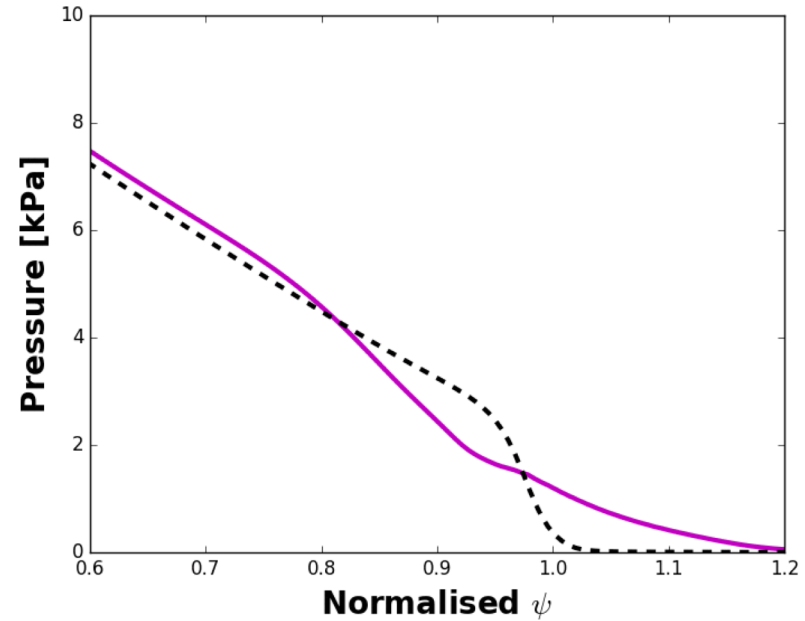
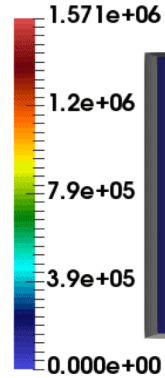


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ELM simulation

Heat flux (MW/m^2)



Density (m^{-3})

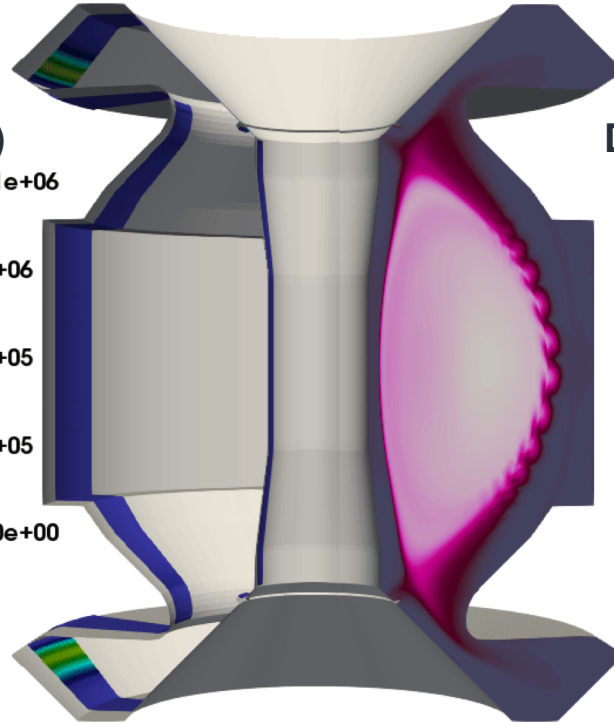
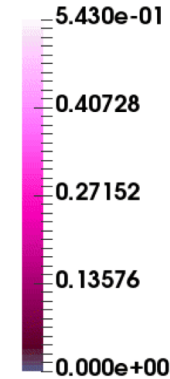


Fig. Evolution of poloidal density and heat flux to the boundary. Peak heat flux is 0.3 MW/m^2

Super-X comparison to conventional

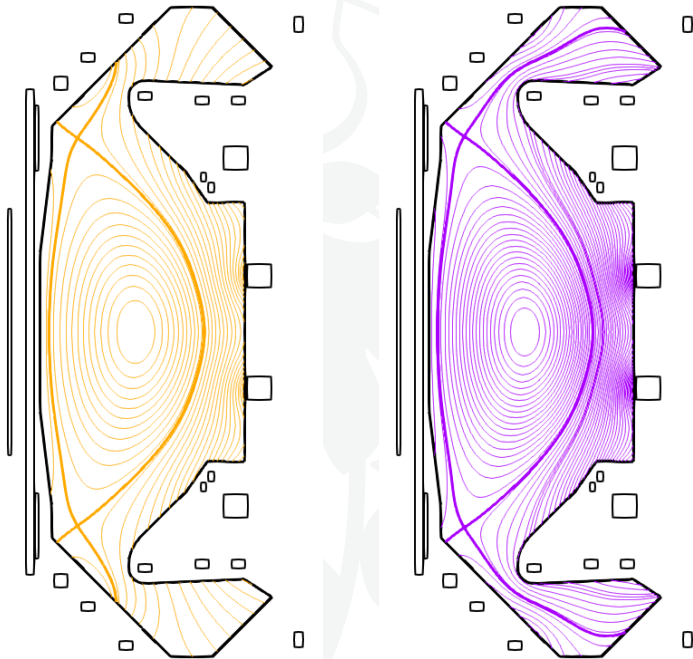


Fig 1. Flux contours for conventional (left) and Super-X (right)

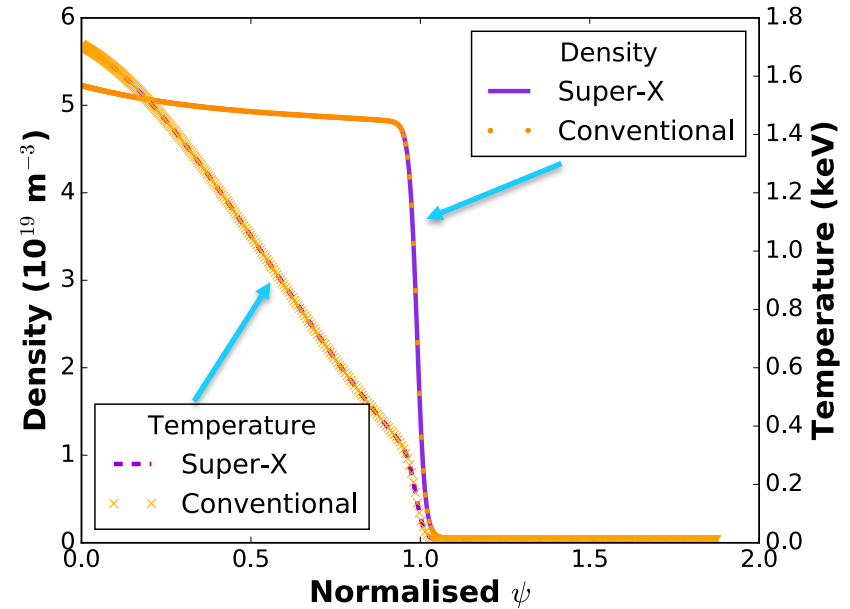


Fig 2. Profile comparison for conventional (orange) and Super-X (purple)

Super-X comparison to conventional

| | Conventional | Super-X |
|--|--------------|---------|
| Growth rate (10^4 s^{-1}) | 3.53 | 3.45 |
| Particle losses in pedestal | 13% | 14% |
| Energy loss in pedestal | 10% | 11% |
| Peak heat flux inner target (MW/m^2) | 2.2 | 2.7 |
| Peak heat flux outer target (MW/m^2) | 6.9 | 0.32 |



Super-X comparison to conventional

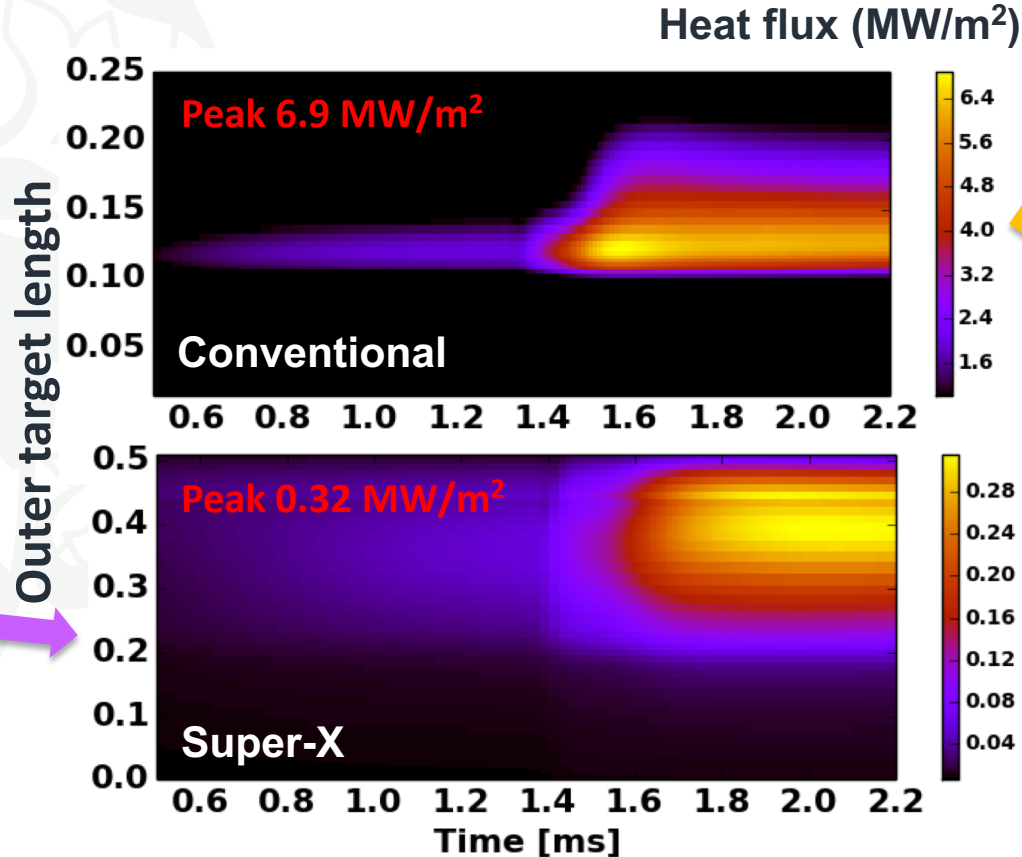



Fig. Evolution of the heat flux for the conventional (upper) and Super-X (lower)

JOREK fluid neutrals model


$$\frac{\partial \rho_n}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\vec{D}_n : \nabla \rho_n) + S_{\rho_n} - (\rho \rho_n S_{ion} - \rho^2 \alpha_{rec})$$



Diffusive
neutrals



Neutral source,
injection/pumping



Ionisation and
recombination
rates

JOREK fluid neutrals model

$$D_n \nabla \rho_n \cdot \vec{n} = - \xi_{re} \rho \vec{v}_{\parallel} \cdot \vec{n}$$

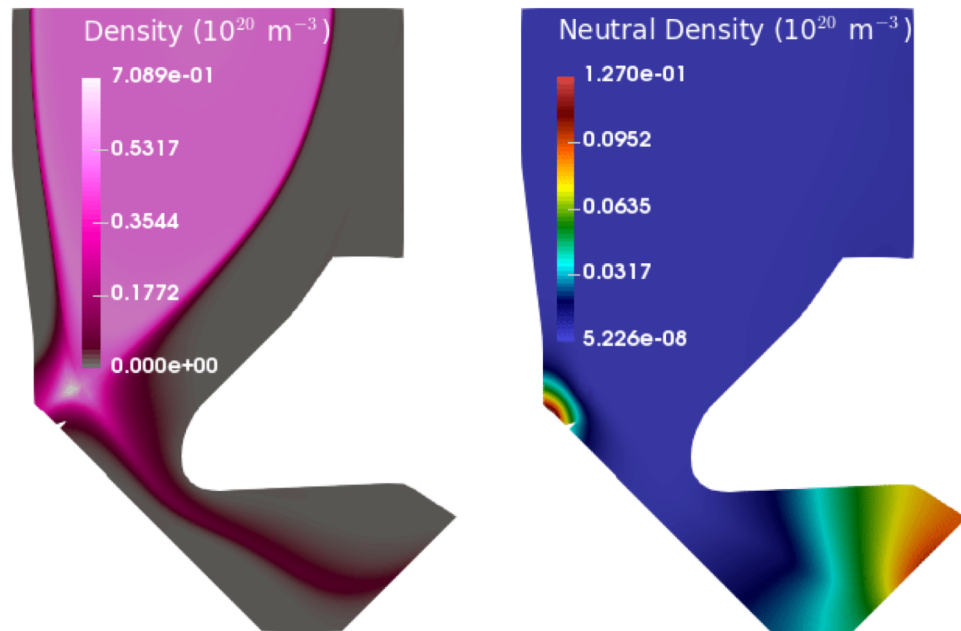


Fig. Plasma density (left) and neutral density (right)

Detachment with neutrals model

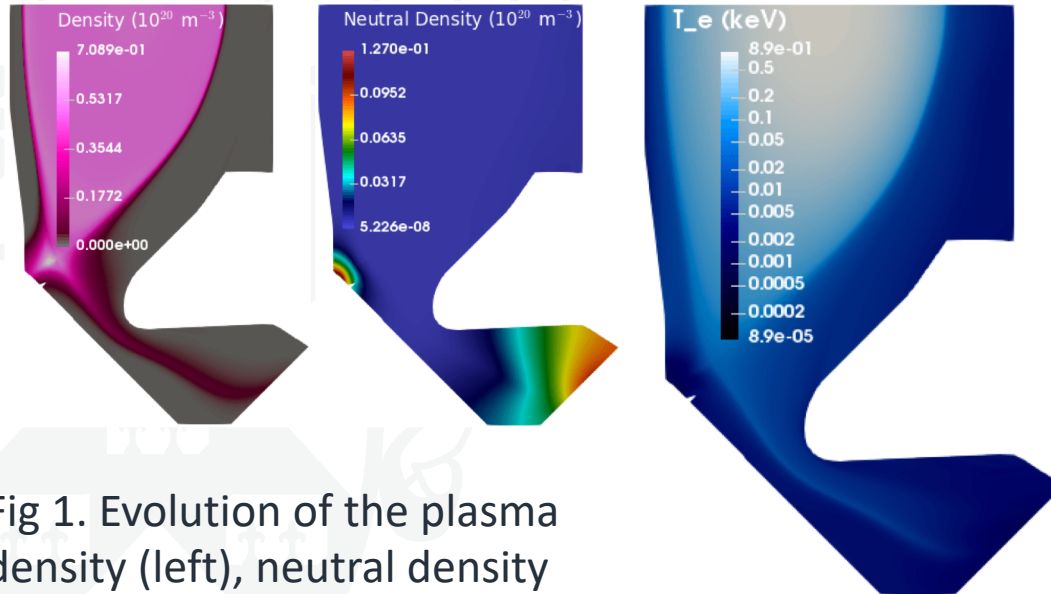


Fig 1. Evolution of the plasma density (left), neutral density (center) and electron temperature (right)

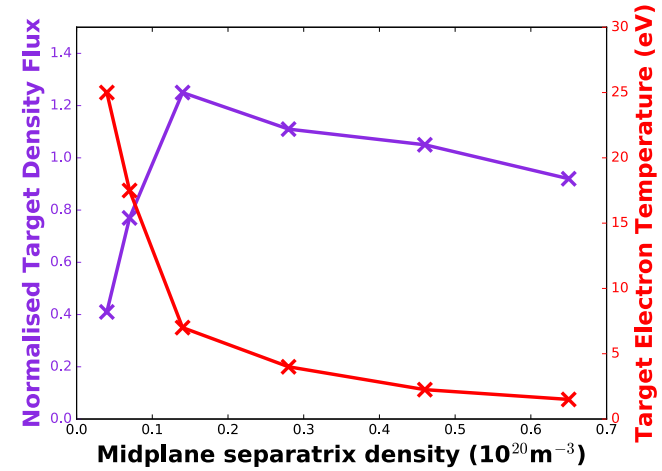


Fig 2. Rollover of target density flux and drop in electron temperature

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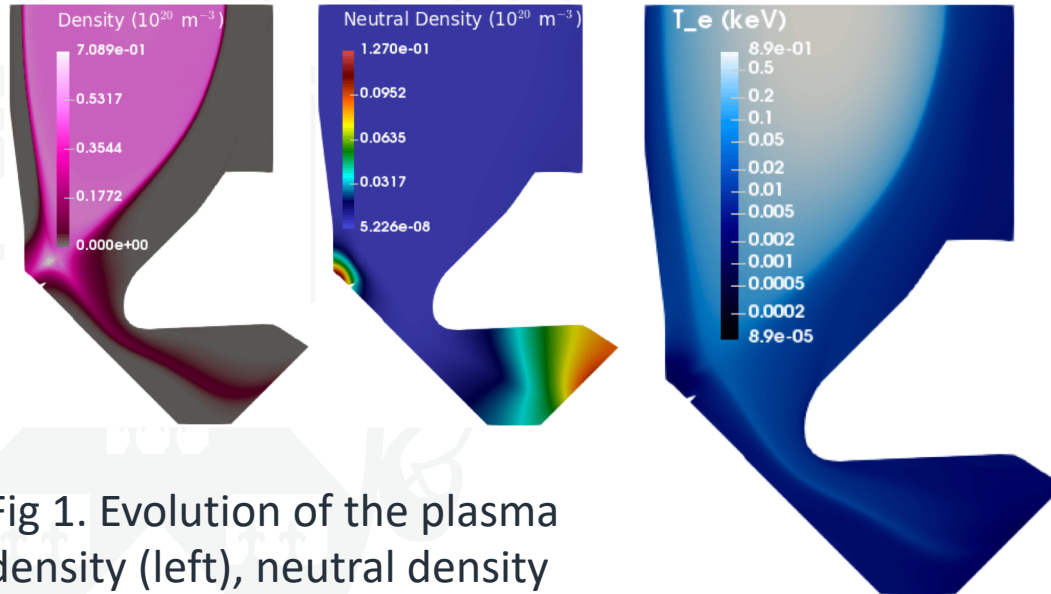


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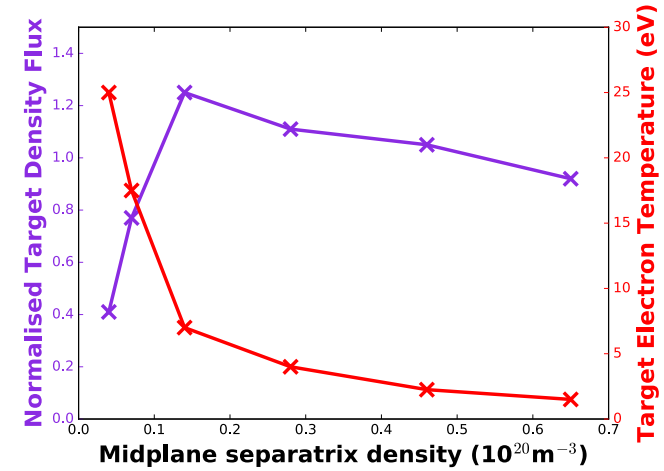


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ELM burn-through

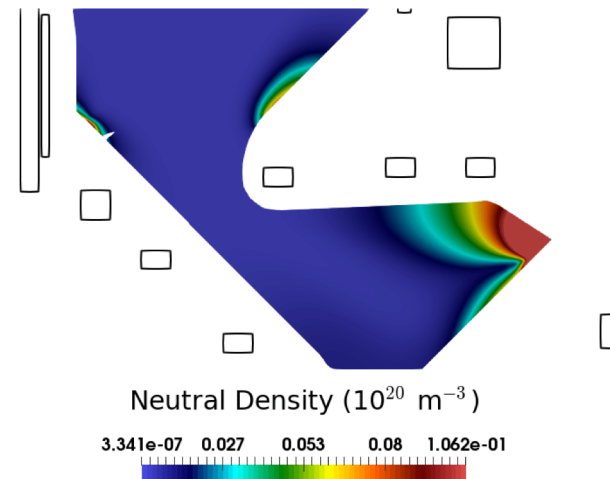
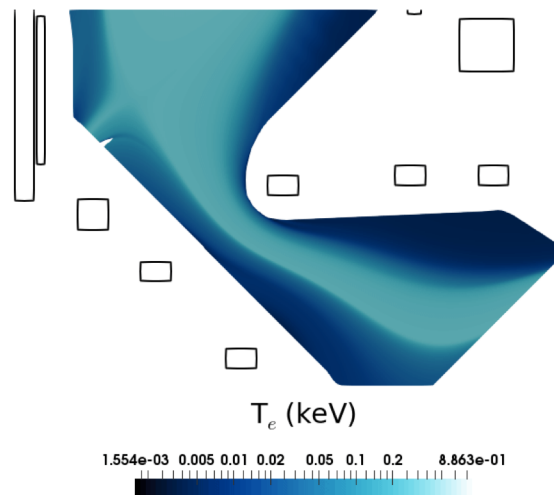
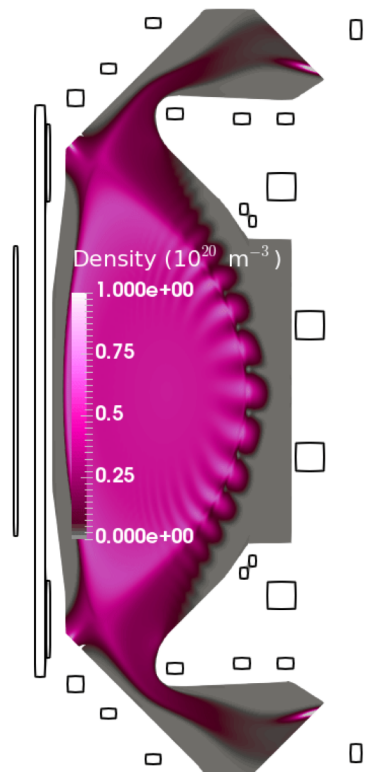


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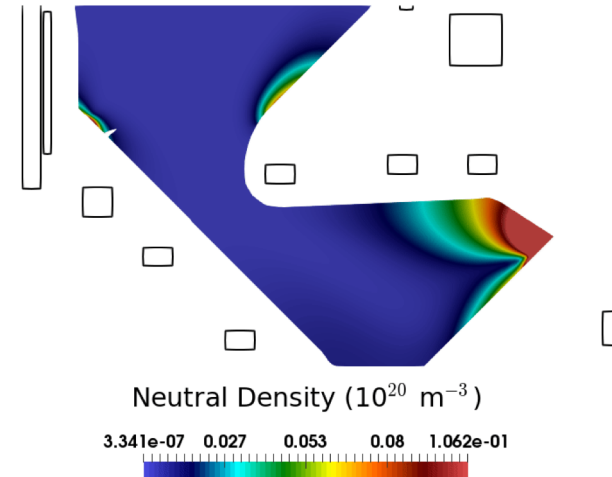
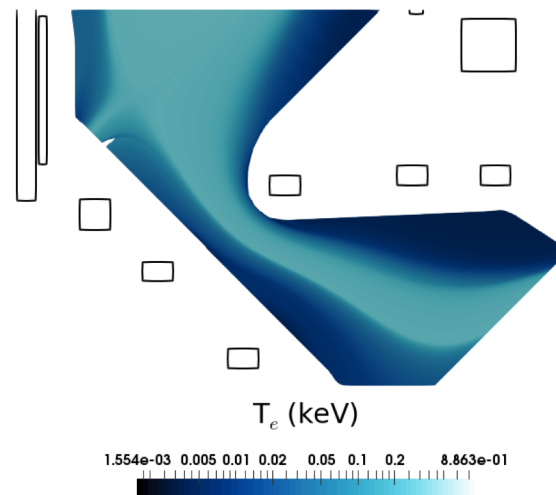
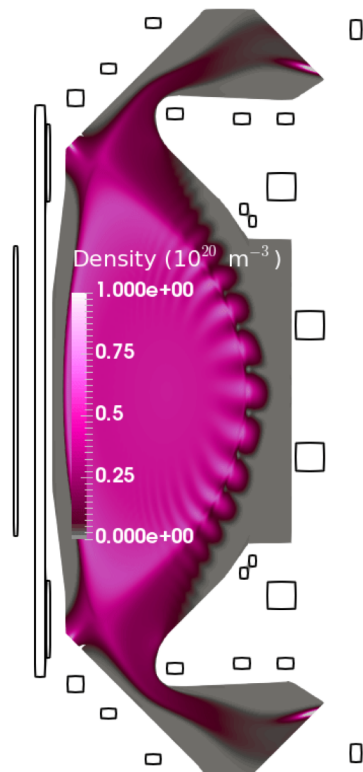


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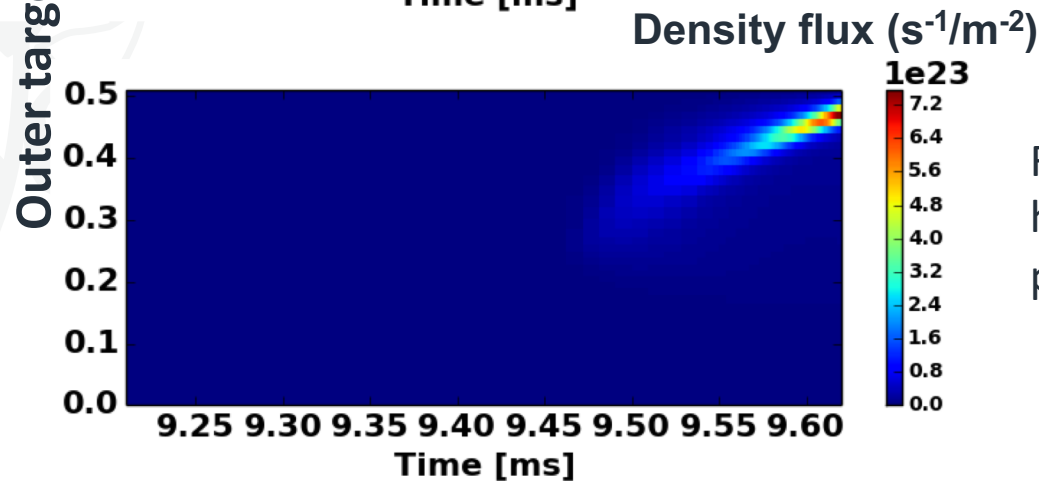
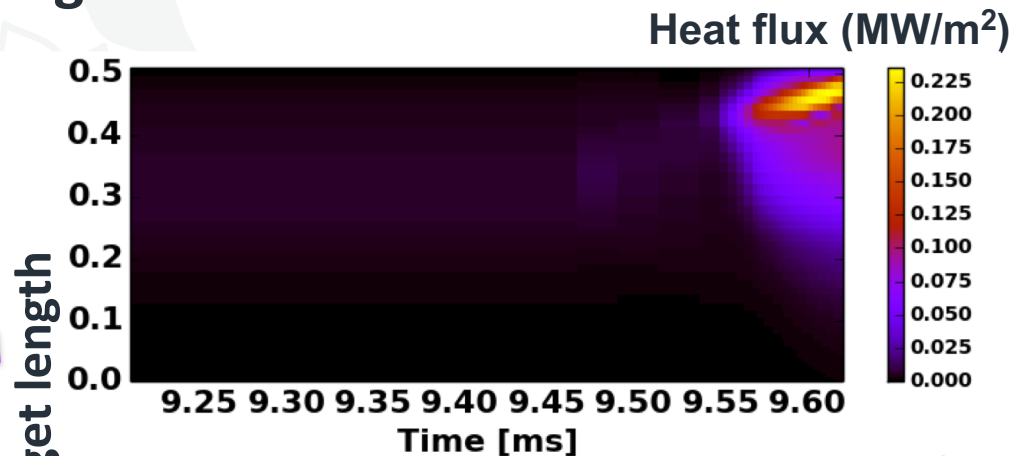
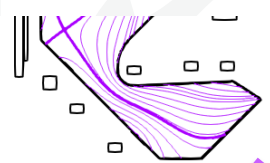


Fig. Evolution of the heat flux (upper) and particle flux (lower)

Conclusion

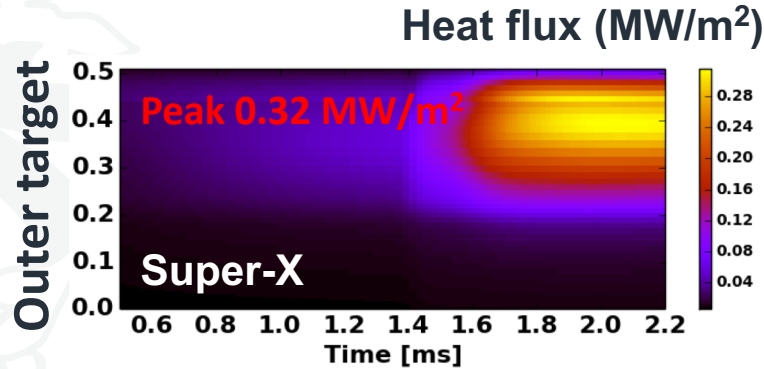
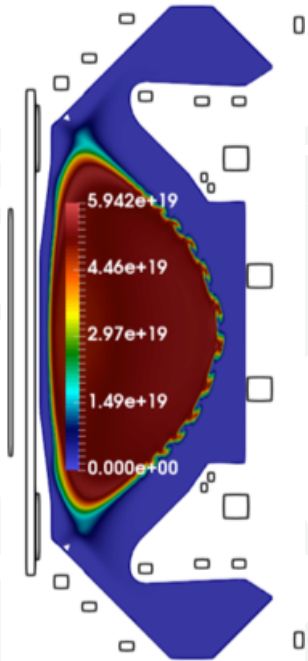


Fig 2. Lower heat fluxes for the Super-X

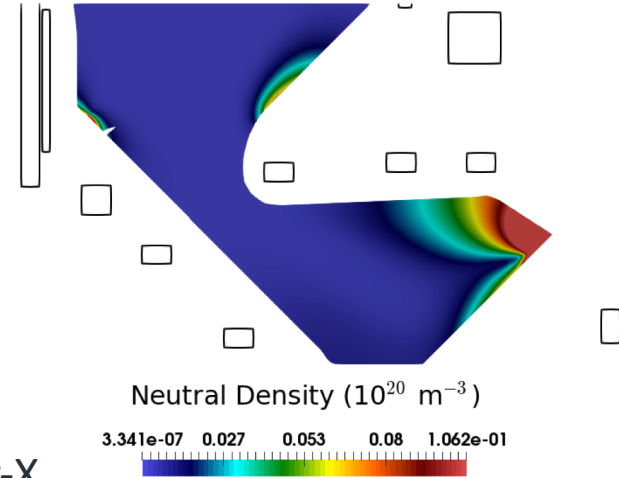


Fig 3. ELM burn-through

Fig 1. ELM simulation MAST-U
lower heat fluxes