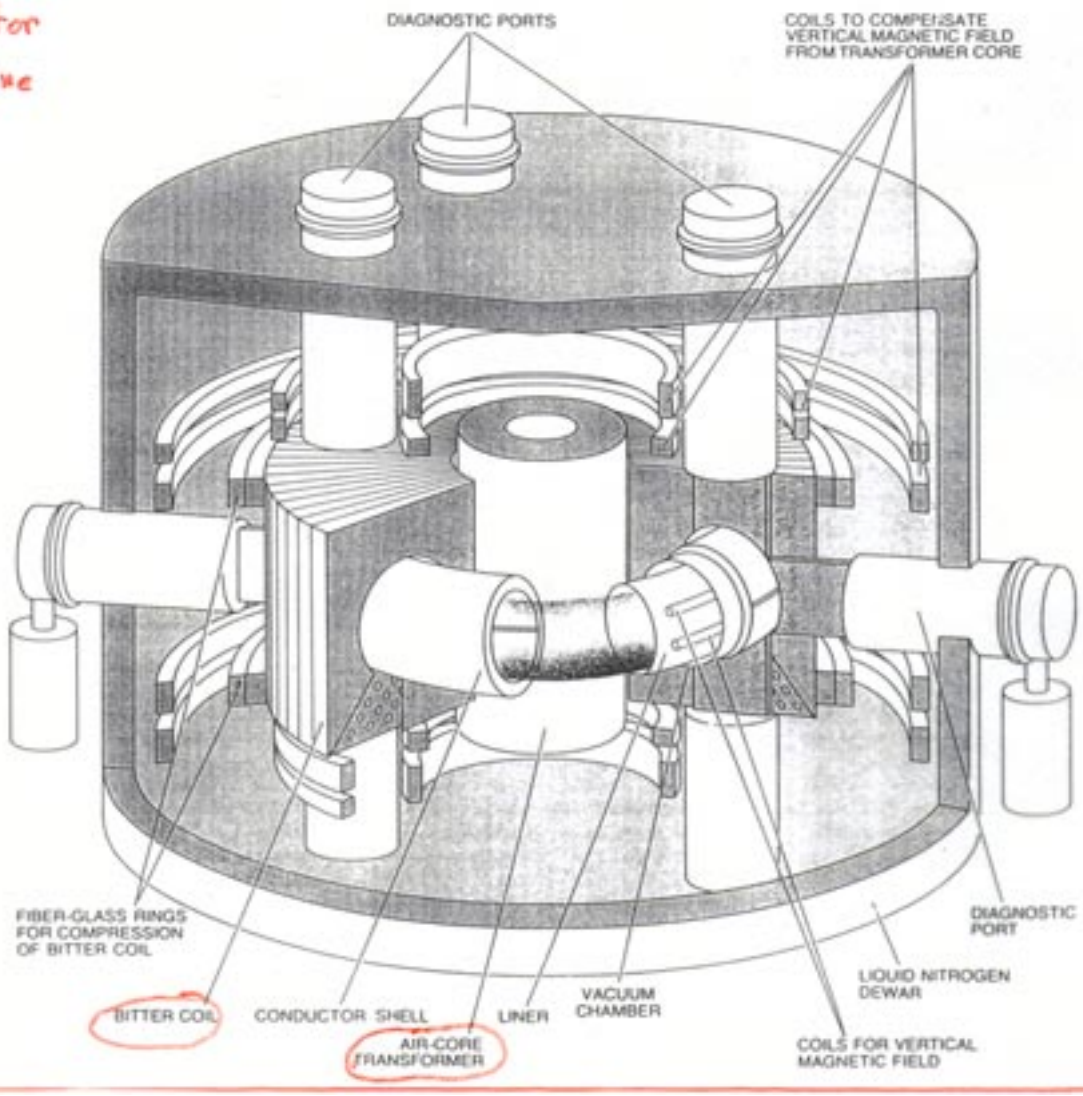
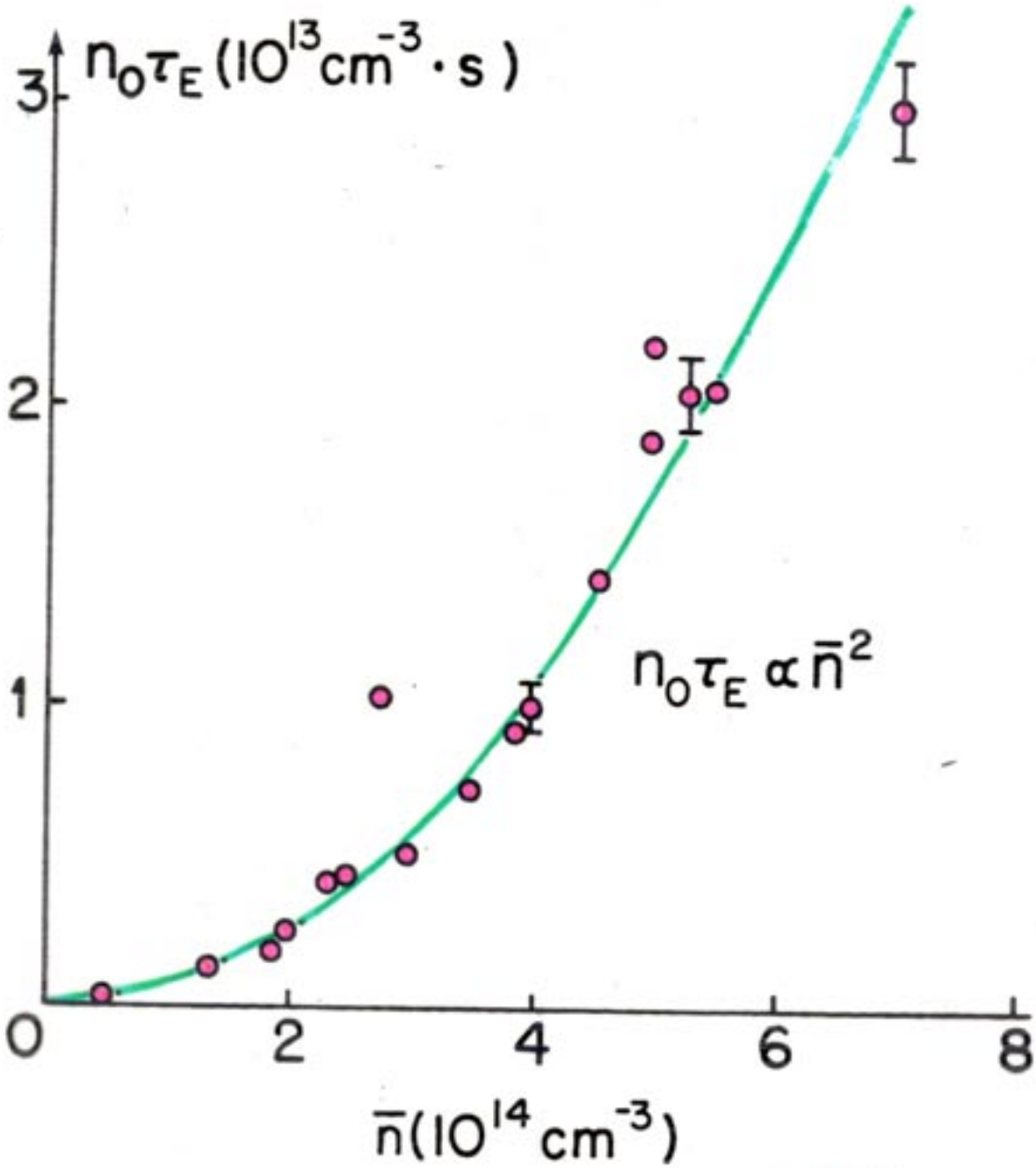
Alcator Machine

Alto Campo Torus

First machine without iron dominated magnets





parity
isotopic effect

Teller Basov
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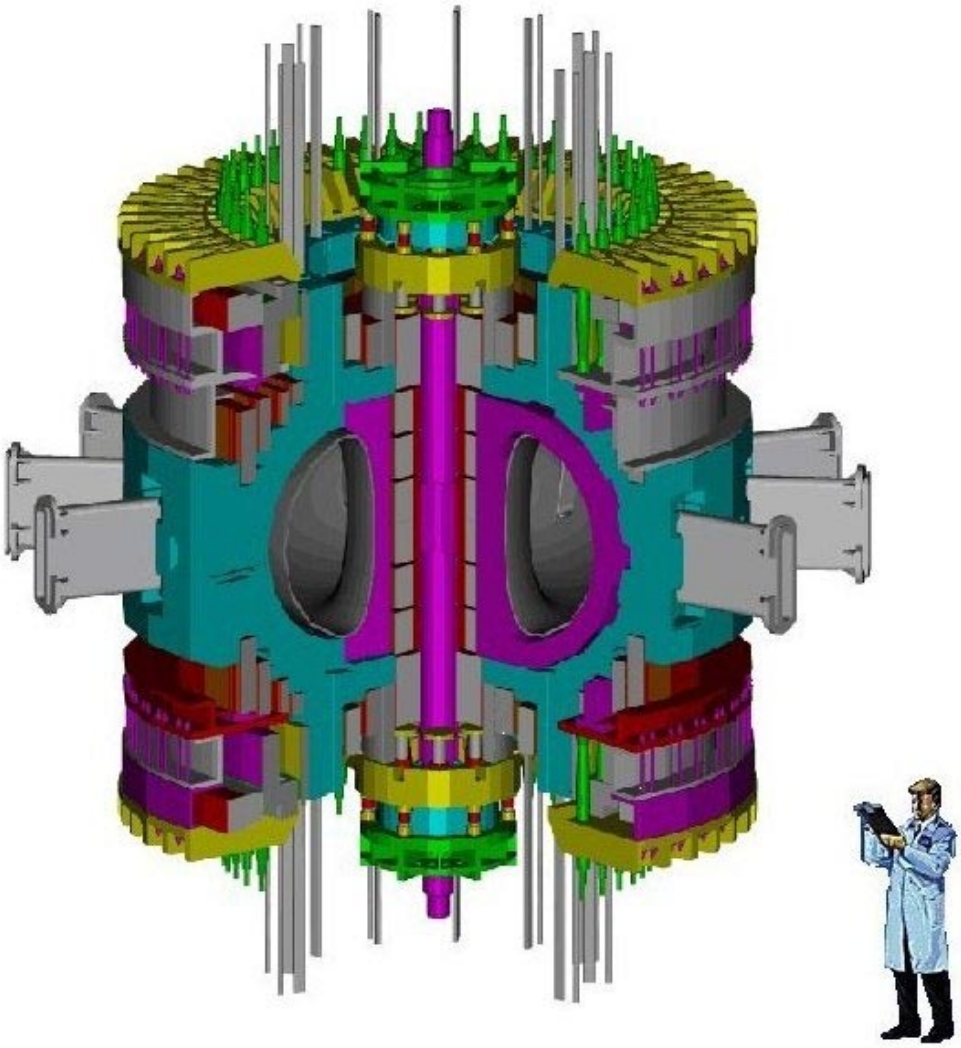
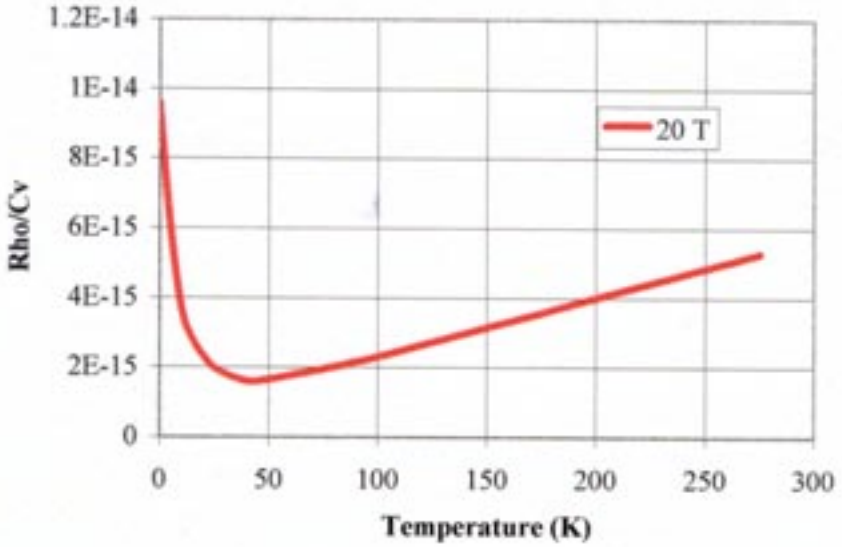
IGNITOR MACHINE



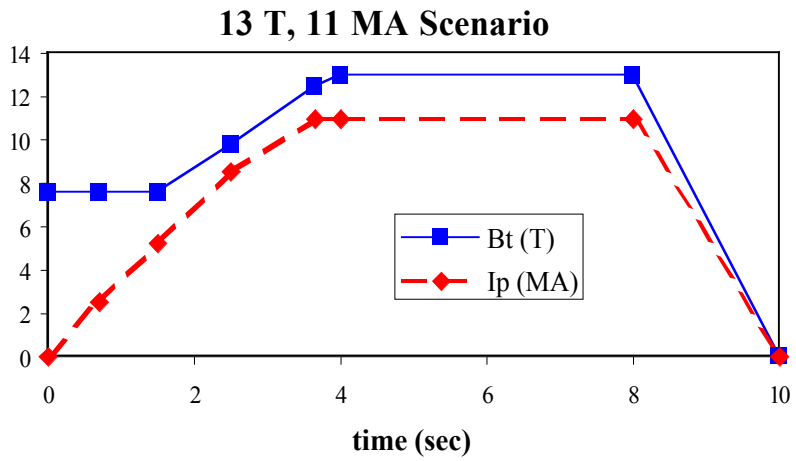
Ratio of resistivity to specific heat for the copper material adopted for the toroidal magnet



Ignitor Reference Design Parameters

major radius	R_0	1.32 m
minor radius	$a \times b$	0.47×0.86 m
aspect ratio	A	2.8
elongation	κ	1.83
triangularity	δ	0.4
toroidal field	B_T	$\lesssim$13 T
toroidal current	I_p	$\lesssim$11 MA
maximum poloidal field	$B_{p,max}$	$\lesssim$ 6.5 T
mean poloidal field	$\overline{B}_p \equiv I_p / 5\sqrt{ab}$	$\lesssim$ 3.5 T <<
poloidal current	I_θ	$\lesssim$9 MA
edge safety factor @ 11 MA	q_ψ	3.6
plasma volume	V	$\simeq$ 10 m^3
plasma surface	S	$\simeq$ 34 m^2
ICRF heating (70-140 MHz)	P_{RF}	18 – 24 MW
Optimal ICRH (115 MHz)	P_{RF}^{OP}	3–5 MW

Examples of operating scenarios



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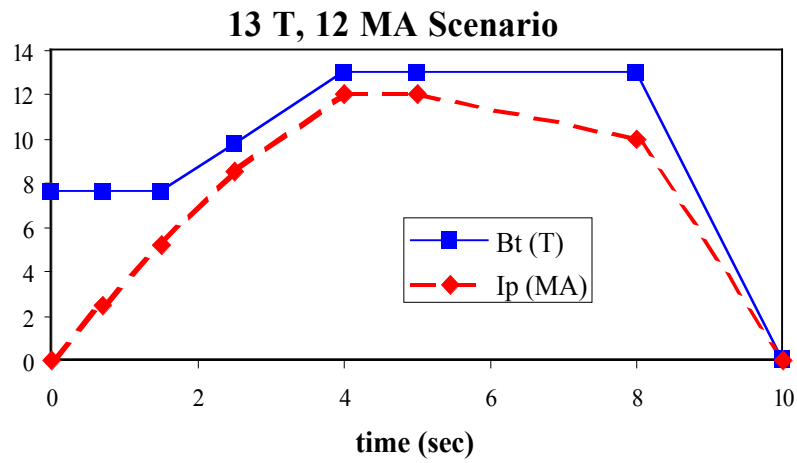

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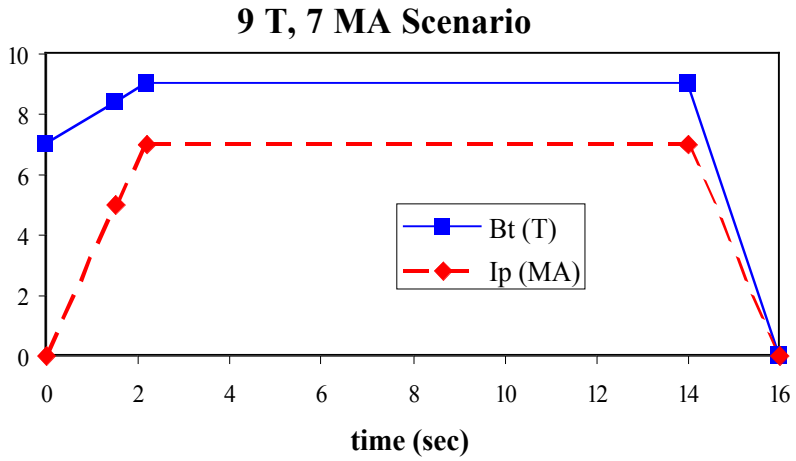

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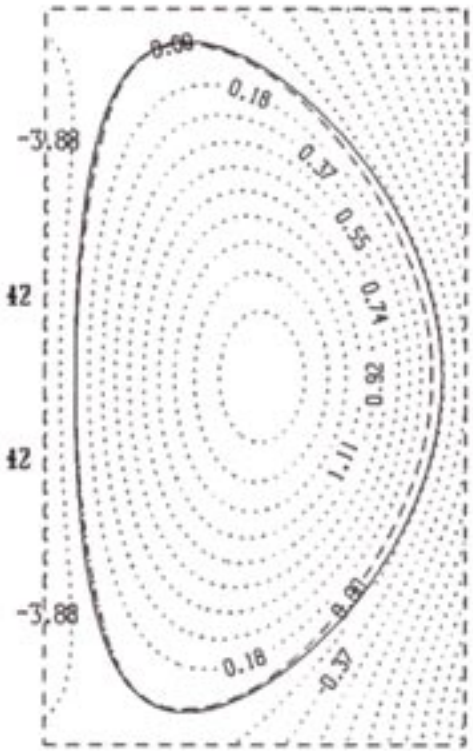
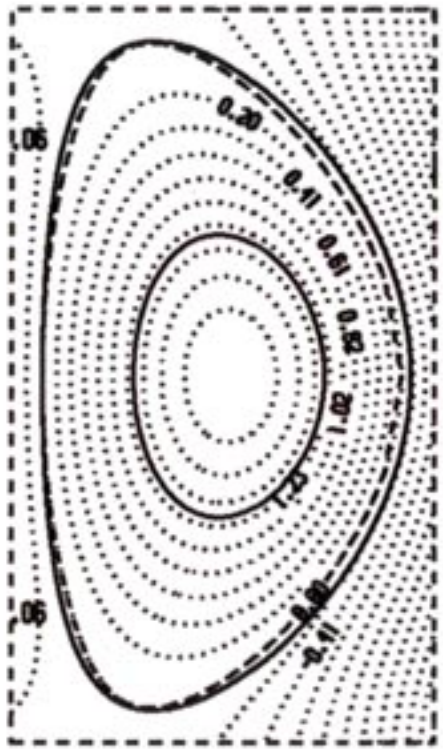
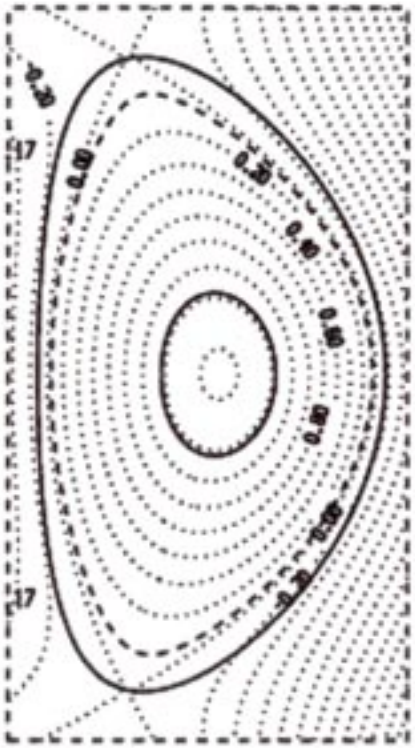
Magnetic Configurations @ 13 T





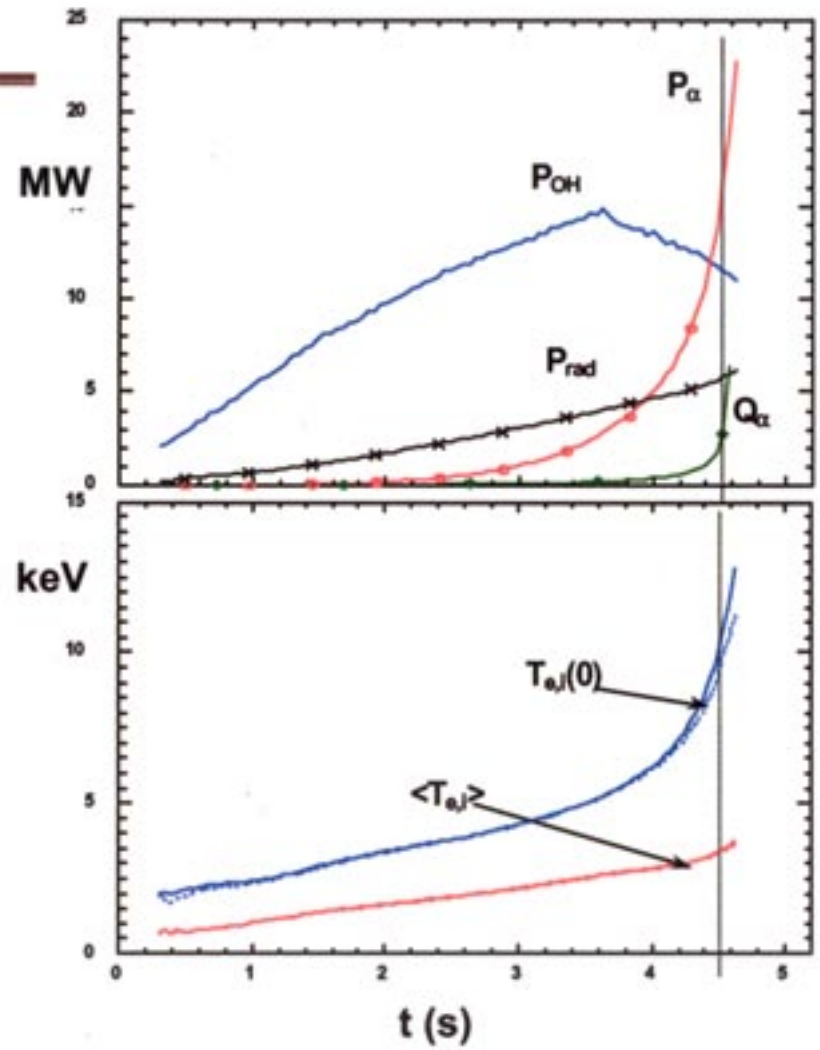


11 MA, LIMITER

9 MA, DN

JETTO Simulations

R, a	1.32, 0.47 m
κ, δ	1.83, 0.4
I_P	11 MA
B_T	13 T
T_{e0} , T_{i0}	11.5, 10.5 keV
n_{e0}	10^{21} m^{-3}
$n_{\alpha 0}$	1.2×10^{18} m^{-3}
P_α	19.2 MW
W_{pl}	11.9 MJ
$P_{OH} = \mathrm{d}W/\mathrm{d}t$	10.5 MW
P_{rad}	6 MW
β_{pol}, β	0.2, 1.2%
q_ψ, q_0	3.5, ~ 1.1
τ_E, τ_{sd}	0.62, 0.05 s
Z_{eff}	1.2



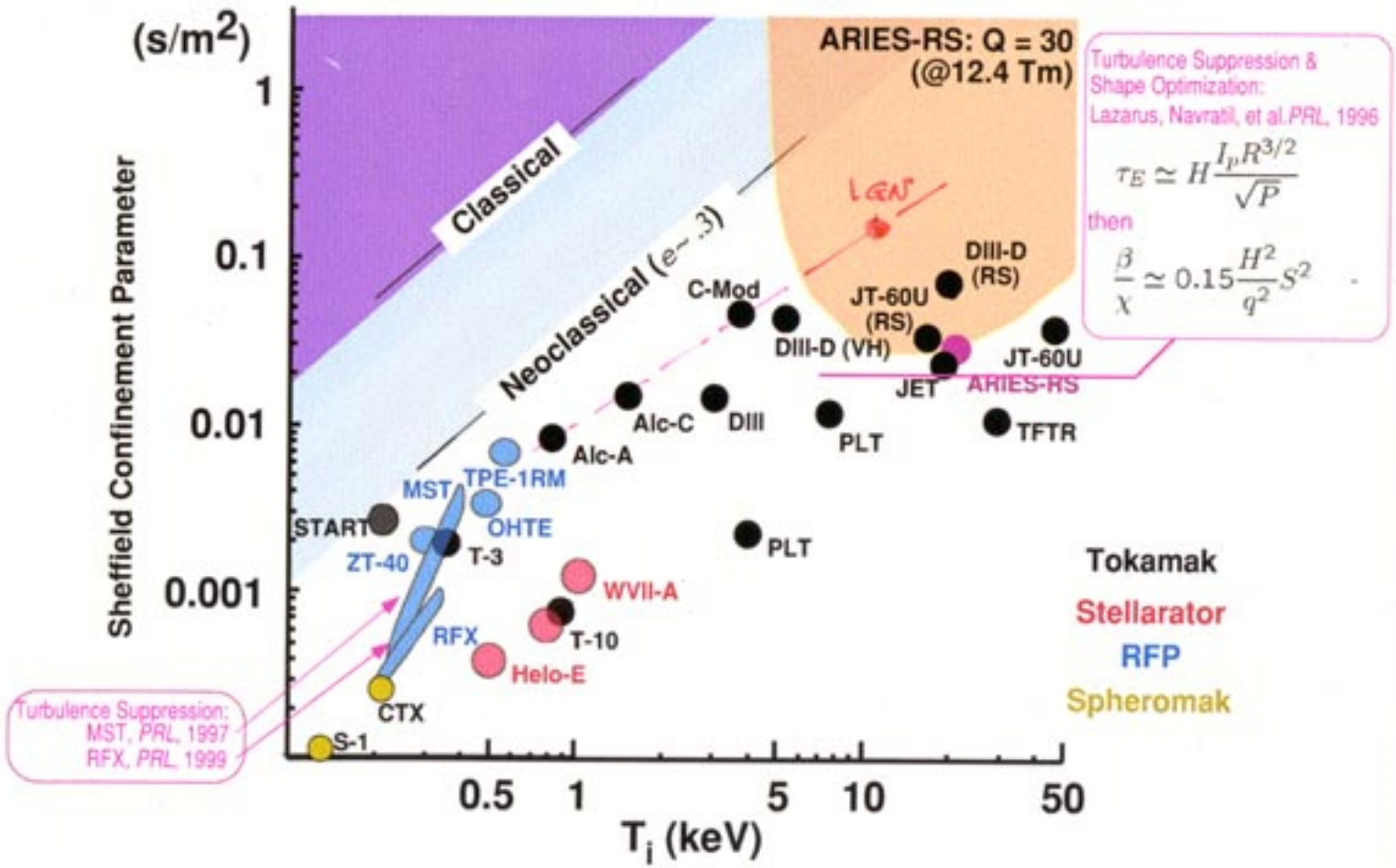
(Airoldi and Cenacchi, *Nucl. Fusion* 37,1117(1997)

Fusion Energy Relevant Levels of β/χ have been Achieved for Short Pulses

$\beta = 8\pi \frac{\langle n(T_e+T_i)\rangle}{B^2}$

$\beta/\chi_\perp \equiv \beta\, 2\tau_E/a^2$ (s/m^2)

$\chi_\perp$ = diffusion coefficient (effective) for the plasma thermal energy



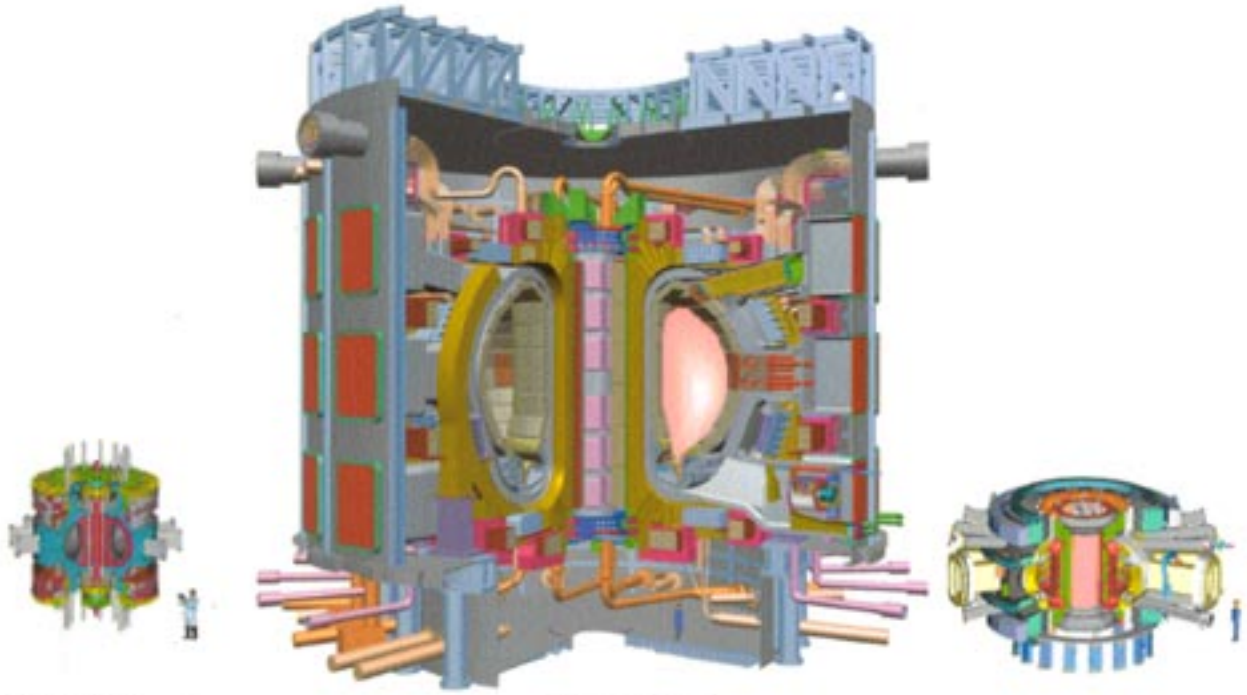
Turbulence Suppression & Shape Optimization:
Lazarus, Navratil, et al. *PRL*, 1996

$$\tau_E \simeq H\frac{I_p R^{3/2}}{\sqrt{P}}$$

then

$$\frac{\beta}{\chi} \simeq 0.15\frac{H^2}{q^2}S^2$$

Turbulence Suppression:
MST, *PRL*, 1997
RFX, *PRL*, 1999



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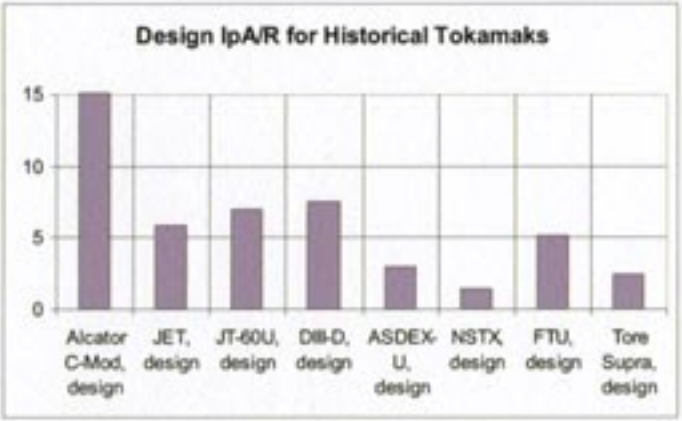
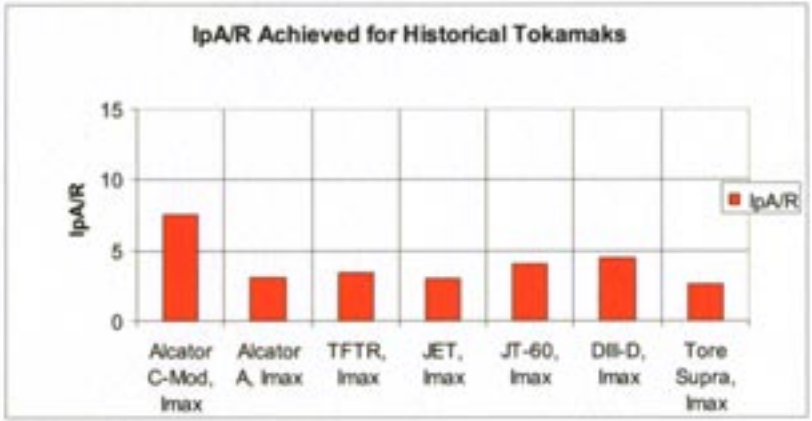
$q_\psi \simeq 3.5$	$\bar{\bar{B}}_p \simeq 3.5\,\mathrm{T}$	$\bar{\bar{B}}_p \simeq 1\,\mathrm{T}$	$\bar{\bar{B}}_p \simeq 1.7\,\mathrm{T}$
	$I_p \simeq 11\,\mathrm{MA}$	$I_p \simeq 12.8\,\mathrm{MA}$	$I_p \simeq 6.2\,\mathrm{MA}$
$q_\psi \simeq 3$ (lower safety factor)		$\bar{\bar{B}}_p \simeq 1.15\,\mathrm{T}$	$\bar{\bar{B}}_p \simeq 1.9\,\mathrm{T}$
		$I_p \simeq 15\,\mathrm{MA}$	$I_p \simeq 7.7\,\mathrm{MA}$

q_ψ = safety factor for plasma stability *I_p = plasma current* *$\bar{\bar{B}}_p$ = confining (poloidal) magnetic field*

IpA/R Historical Survey

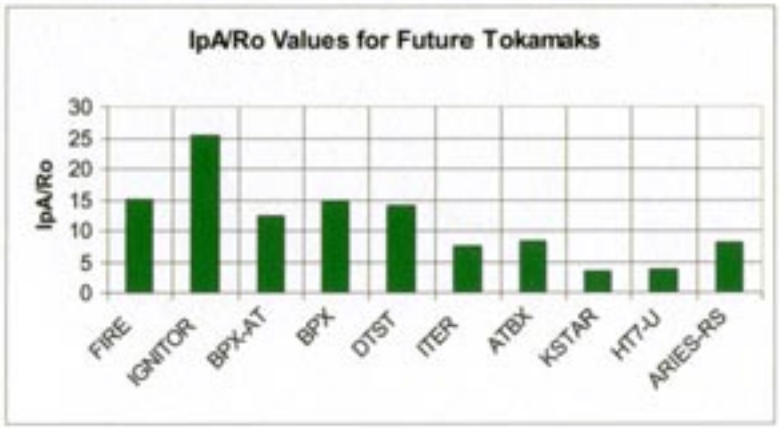




FIRE IpA/Ro 2x as high as world record

IGNITOR IpA/Ro 70% higher than other designs

FIRE IpA/Ro 2x as high as ITER



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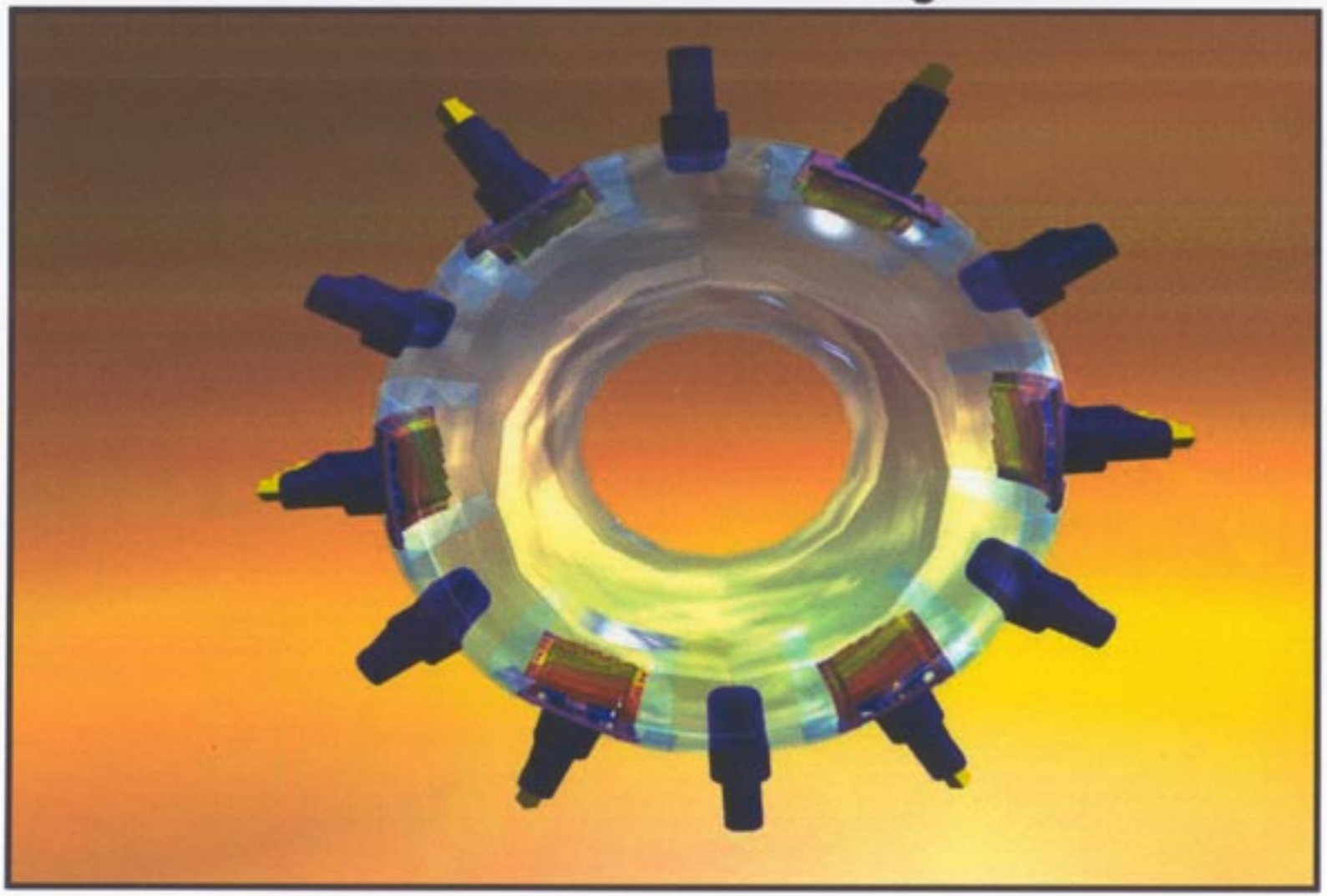
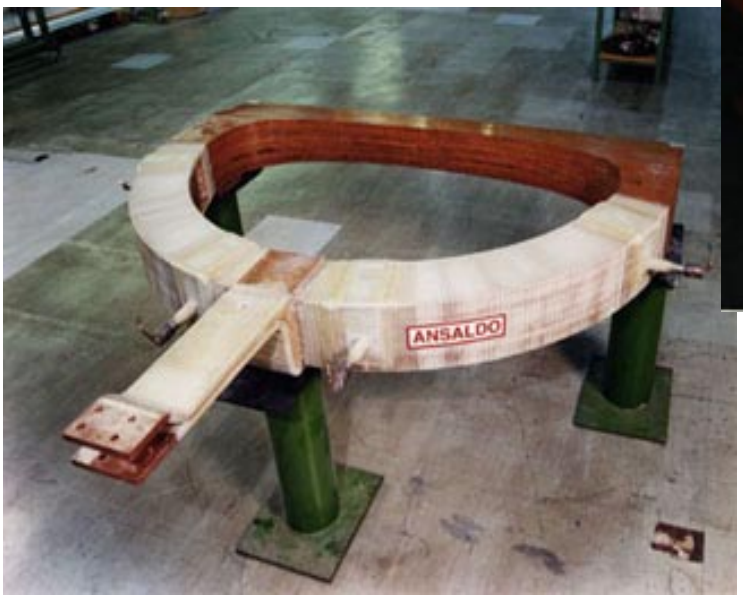
Ignitor : Thermo-Mechanical analysis of the ICRH antenna system



Full size prototypes



The Italian 380 kV

Transmission Grid

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