

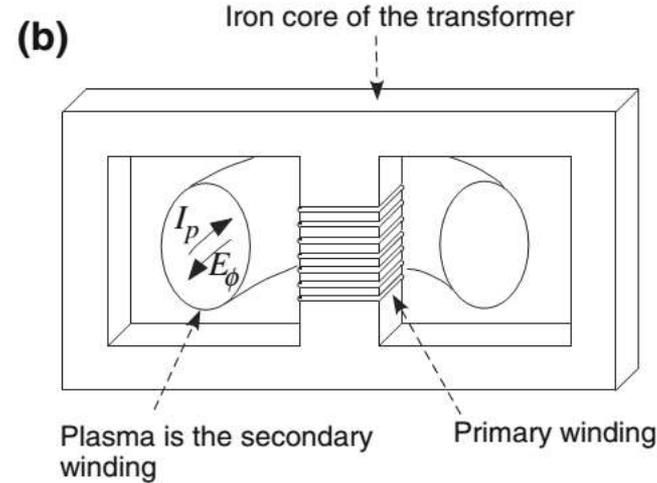
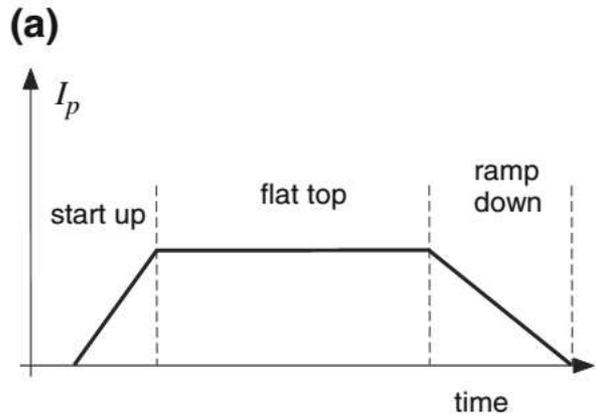


# Physics and control of Resistive Wall Mode

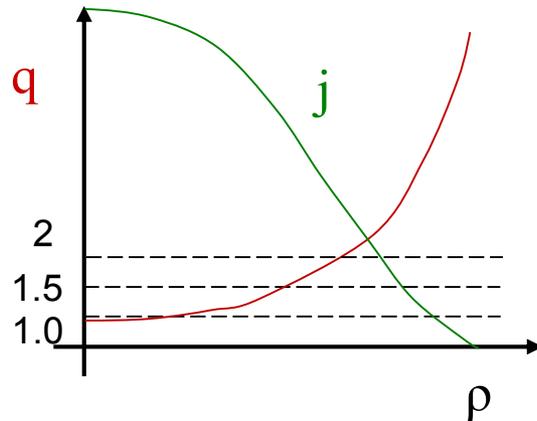
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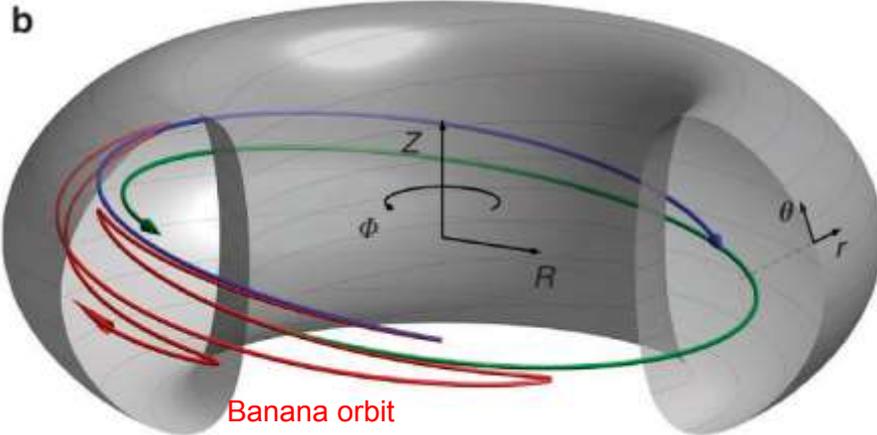


[V. Igochine, "Active Control of Magneto-hydrodynamic Instabilities in Hot Plasmas", Springer]



Ohmic heating  
 ↓  
 Current diffusion and peaked profile  
 ↓  
 Non-inductive current drive  
 ↓  
 Only discharges with limiting length are possible

$$j_b \sim \nabla p$$



A G Peeters Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 42 (2000) B231–B242.

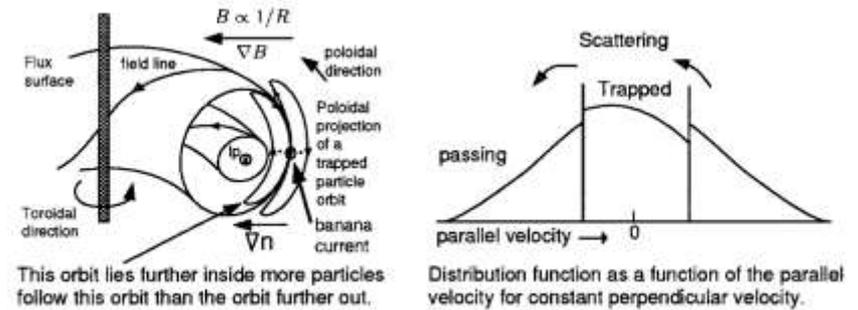


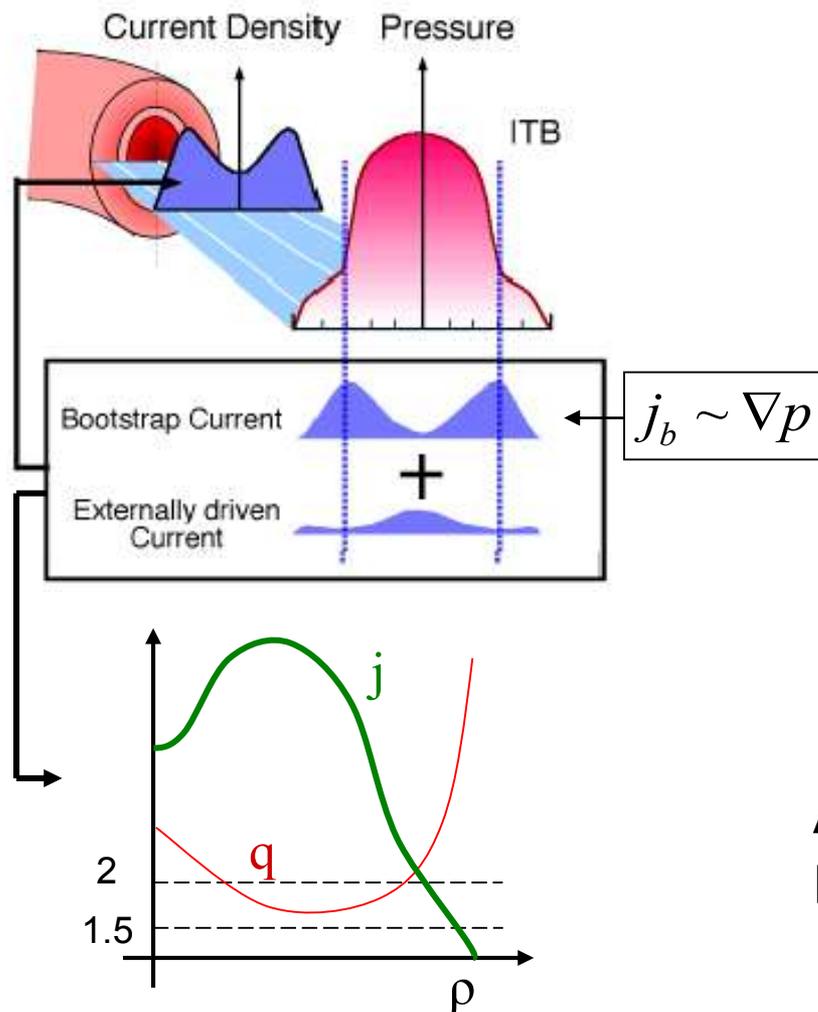
Figure 1. The banana current driven by the density gradient.

$$J_{BS} = -\sqrt{b} \frac{RB_t}{B_0} \left[ 2.44(T_e + T_i) \frac{dn}{d\psi_p} + 0.69n \frac{dT_e}{d\psi_p} - 0.42n \frac{dT_i}{d\psi_p} \right]$$

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Bootstrap current is

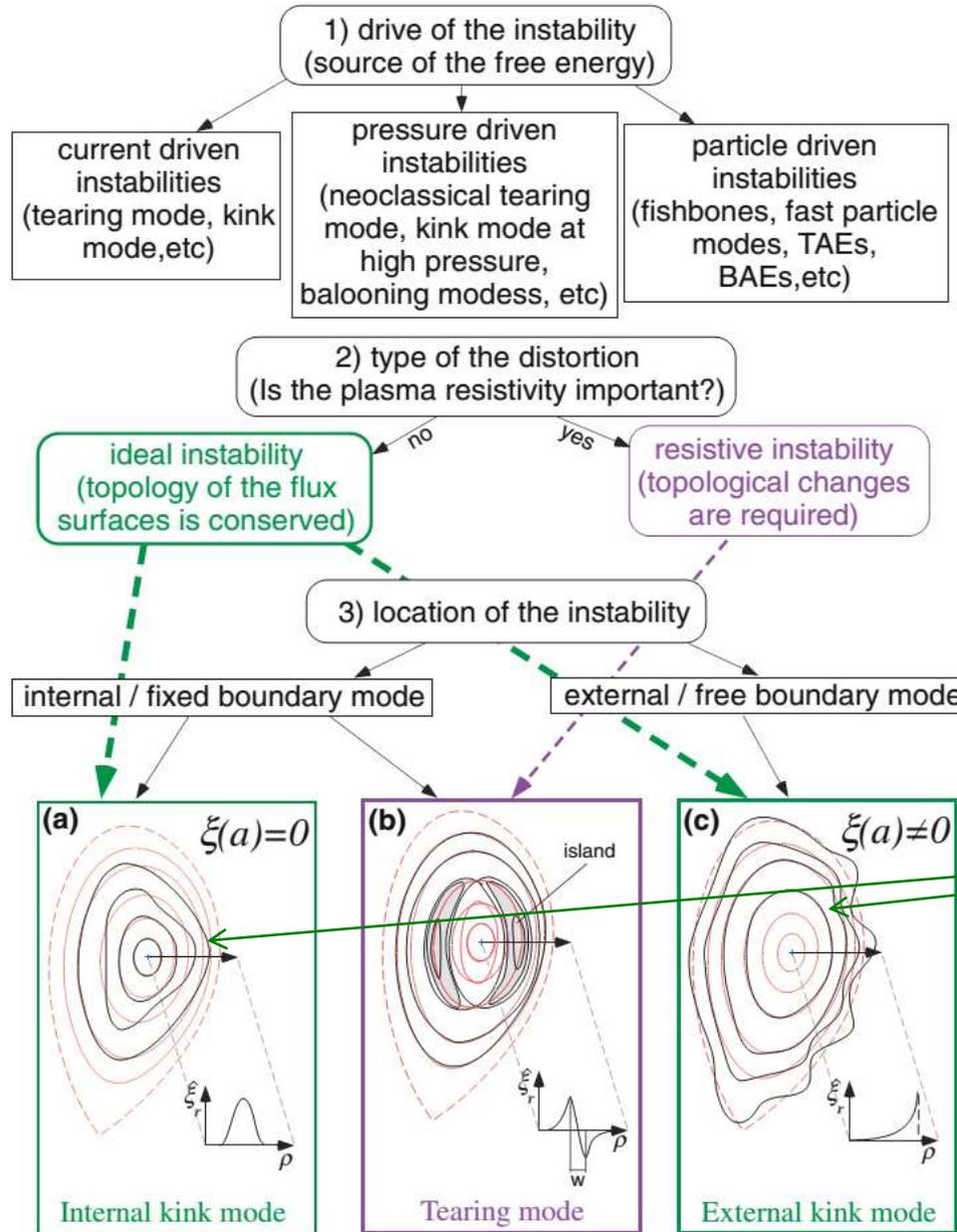
- in the direction of the main current
- non-inductive
- proportional to the pressure gradient



Flat or hollow current profiles  
 ↓  
 Suppression of the turbulence  
 ↓  
 Internal Transport Barrier (ITB)  
 ↓  
 Reduced energy transport  
 ↓  
 Promises steady state operations

Aim: Steady state operations  
 Problem: Up to now this is only a transient scenario

# Basic classification of MHD instabilities



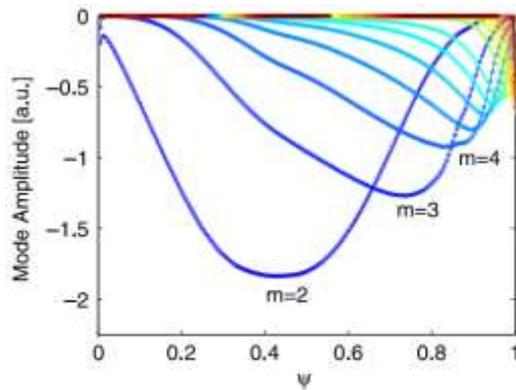
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RWM is the sum of these two instabilities

- Resistive wall mode is an external kink mode which interacts with the resistive wall.
- The mode will be stable in case of an perfectly conducting wall. Finite resistivity of the wall leads to mode growth.

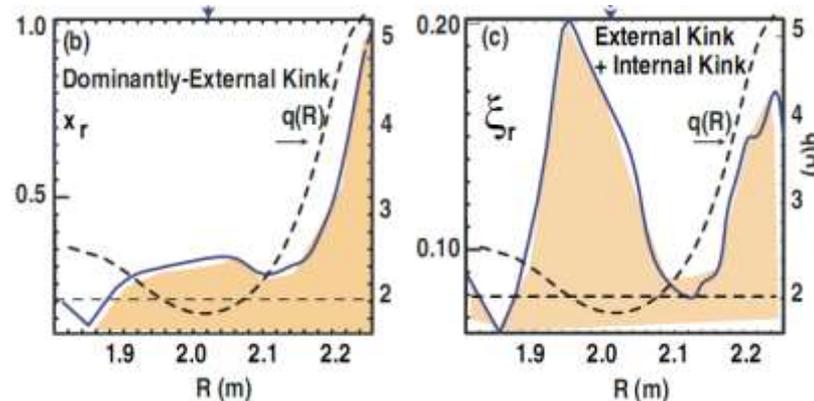
[T. Luce, PoP, 2011]

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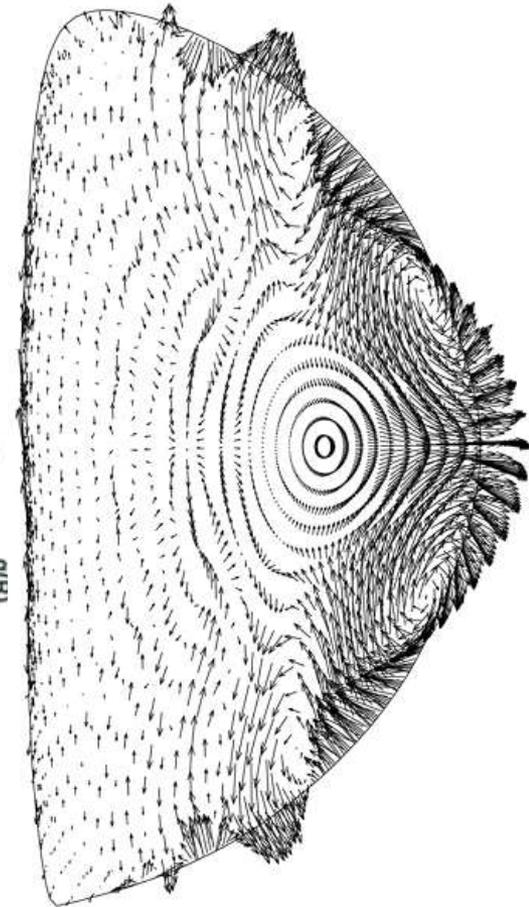


[I.T.Chapman, PPCF, 2009]

DIII-D

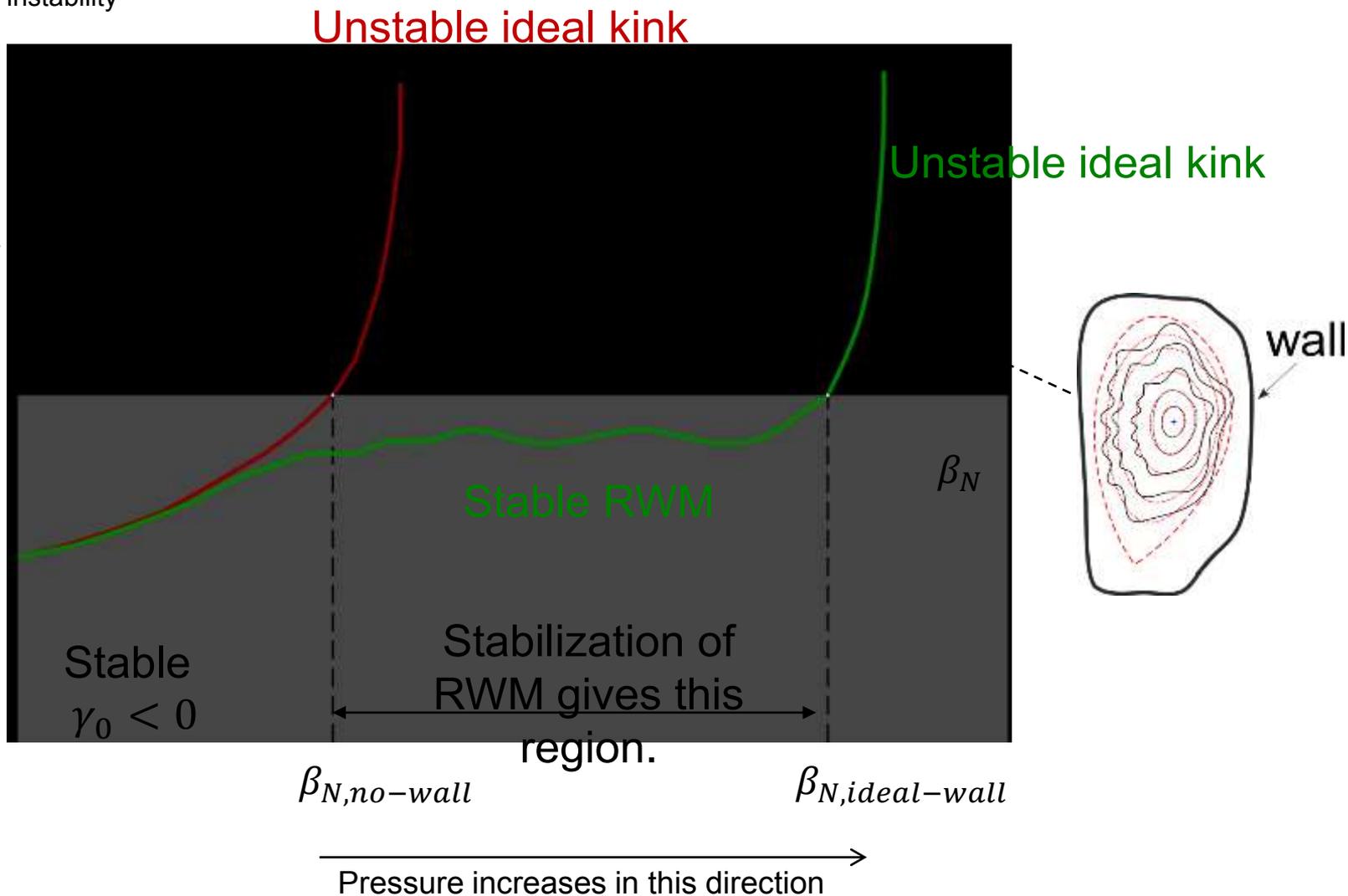
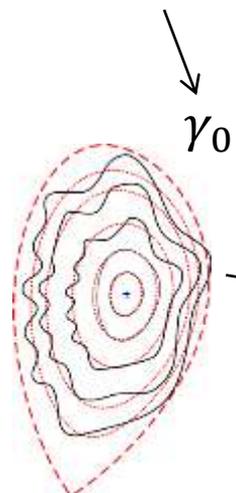


[M.Okabayashi, NF, 2009]

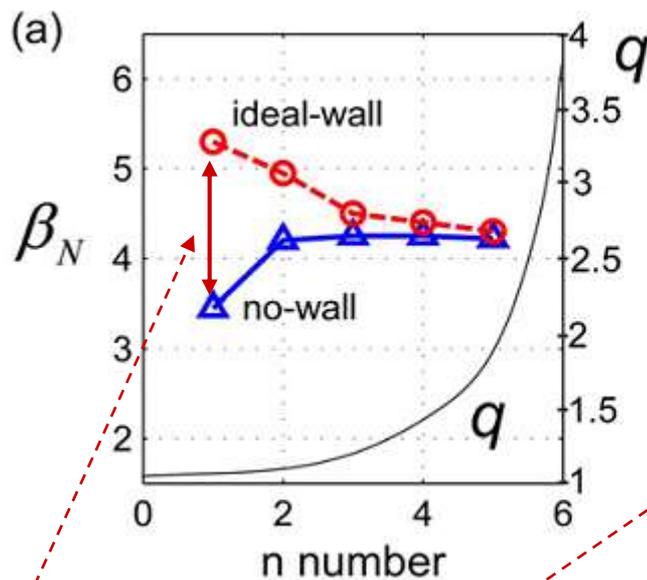


RWM has global structure. This is important for "RWM  $\leftrightarrow$  plasma" interaction.

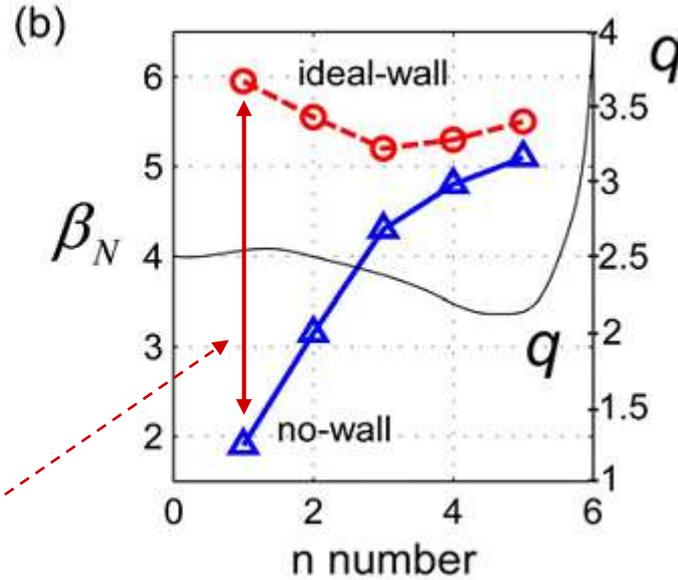
Growth rate of the instability



## Conventional scenario (moderate improvements)



## Advanced scenario (crucial improvements)



RWM stabilization  
allows to gain this  
region.

Stabilization is really important only  
in the advanced scenario.

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# Physics of RWMs

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RWM interaction with externally produced magnetic fields

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- control coils

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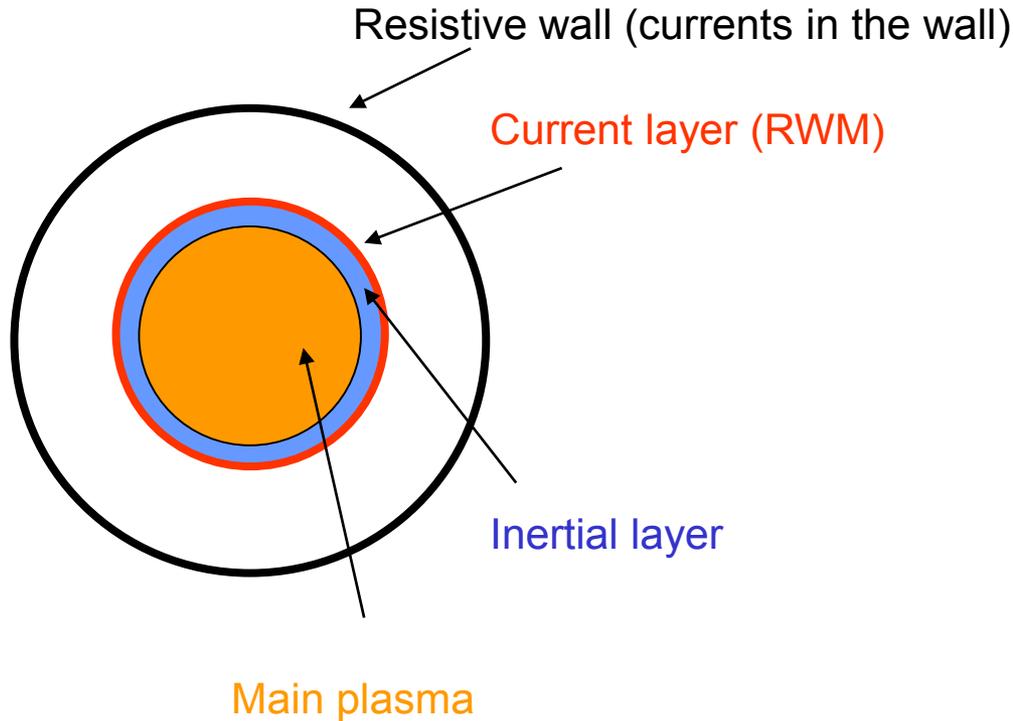
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## Simple models



[R. Fitzpatrick, *PoP*, 2002;  
 V.D.Pustovitov, *Plasma Physics Reports*, 2003;  
 A.H.Boozer, *PRL*, 2001]

## Real vessel

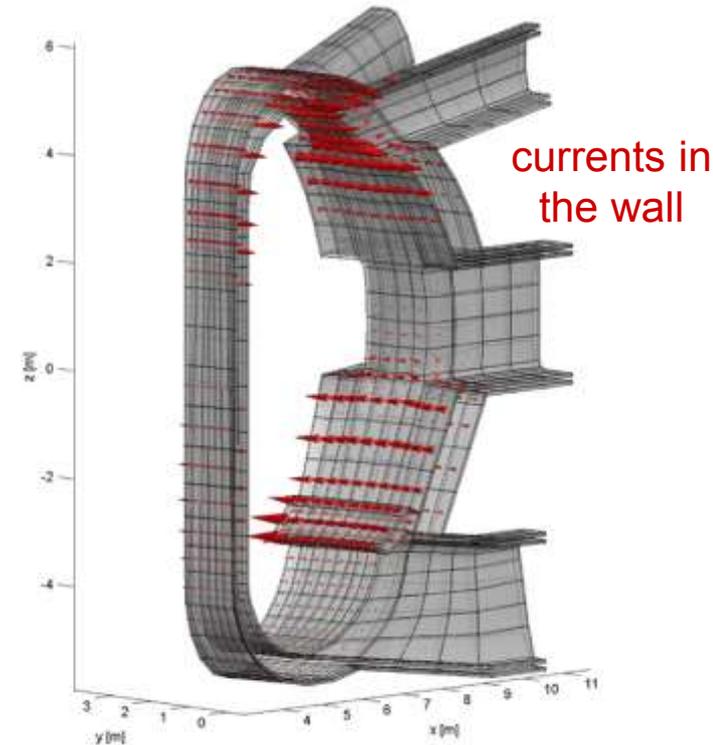


Figure 10. 3D current pattern in vacuum vessel corresponding to the  $n = 0$  unstable mode (the BMs are present, although not shown).

[F.Vilone, *NF*, 2010;  
 E.Strumberger, *PoP*, 2008]

## Reversed Field Pinch:

- small plasma rotation
- no fast particles

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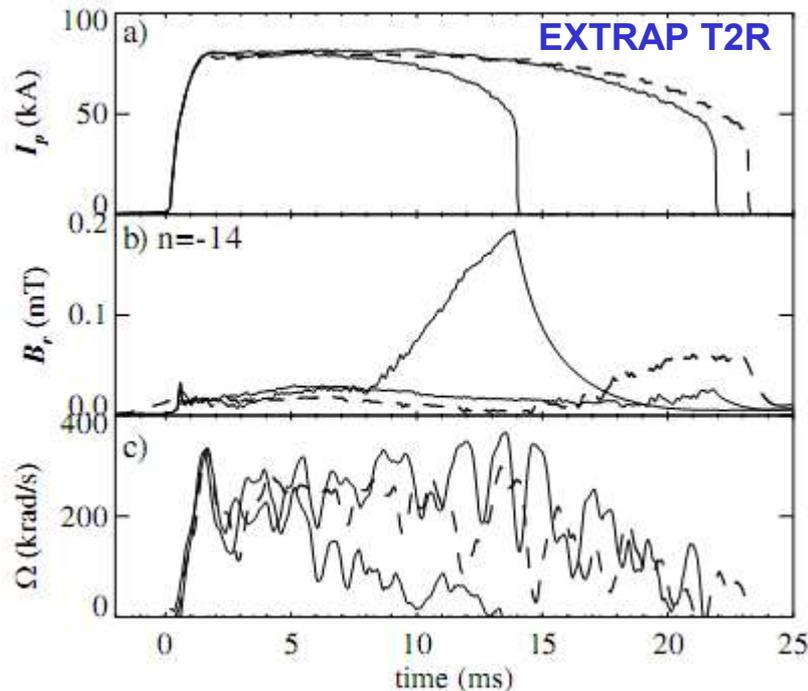
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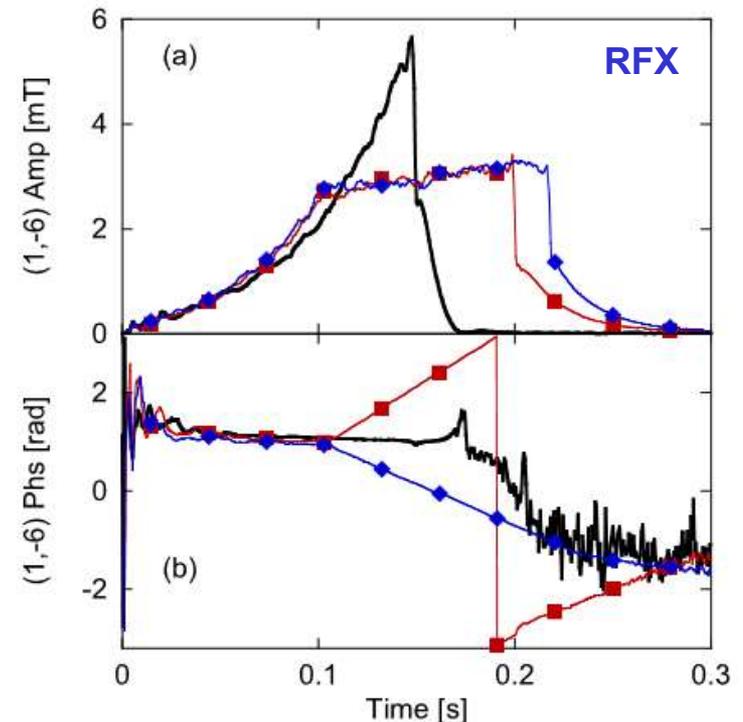
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## Feedback Stabilization of Multiple Resistive Wall Modes



[P. R. Brunzell et al., PRL, 2004]

## Decoupling and active rotation of a particular RWM



[T. Bolzonella, V. Igochine, et al., PRL, 2008;  
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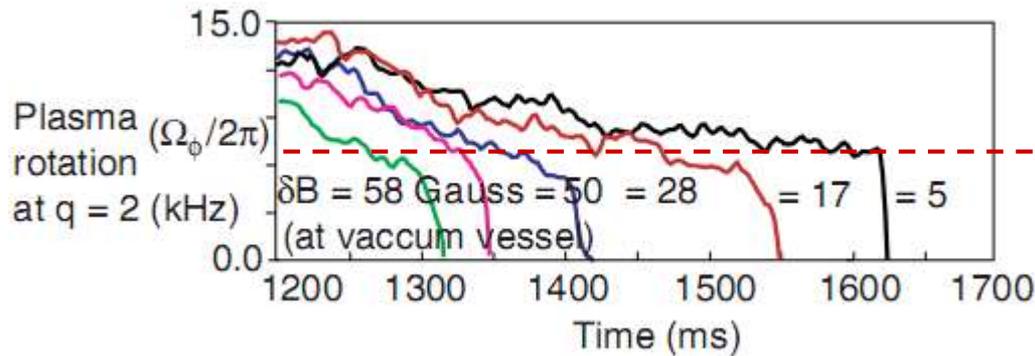
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RWM is unstable if rotation drops below critical value

Plasma rotation try to decouple RWM from the wall and plays stabilizing role

**How strong the rotation stabilization?**

**What is the critical rotation which is necessary to stabilize RWM?**

**Is only the plasma rotation important?**

The answers depend on the type of interaction between RWM and plasma rotation which is considered by the model and/or accuracy of the model for such interaction

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Dissipation, viscous  
stress tensor

One has to make  
approximations for  
kinetic description of  
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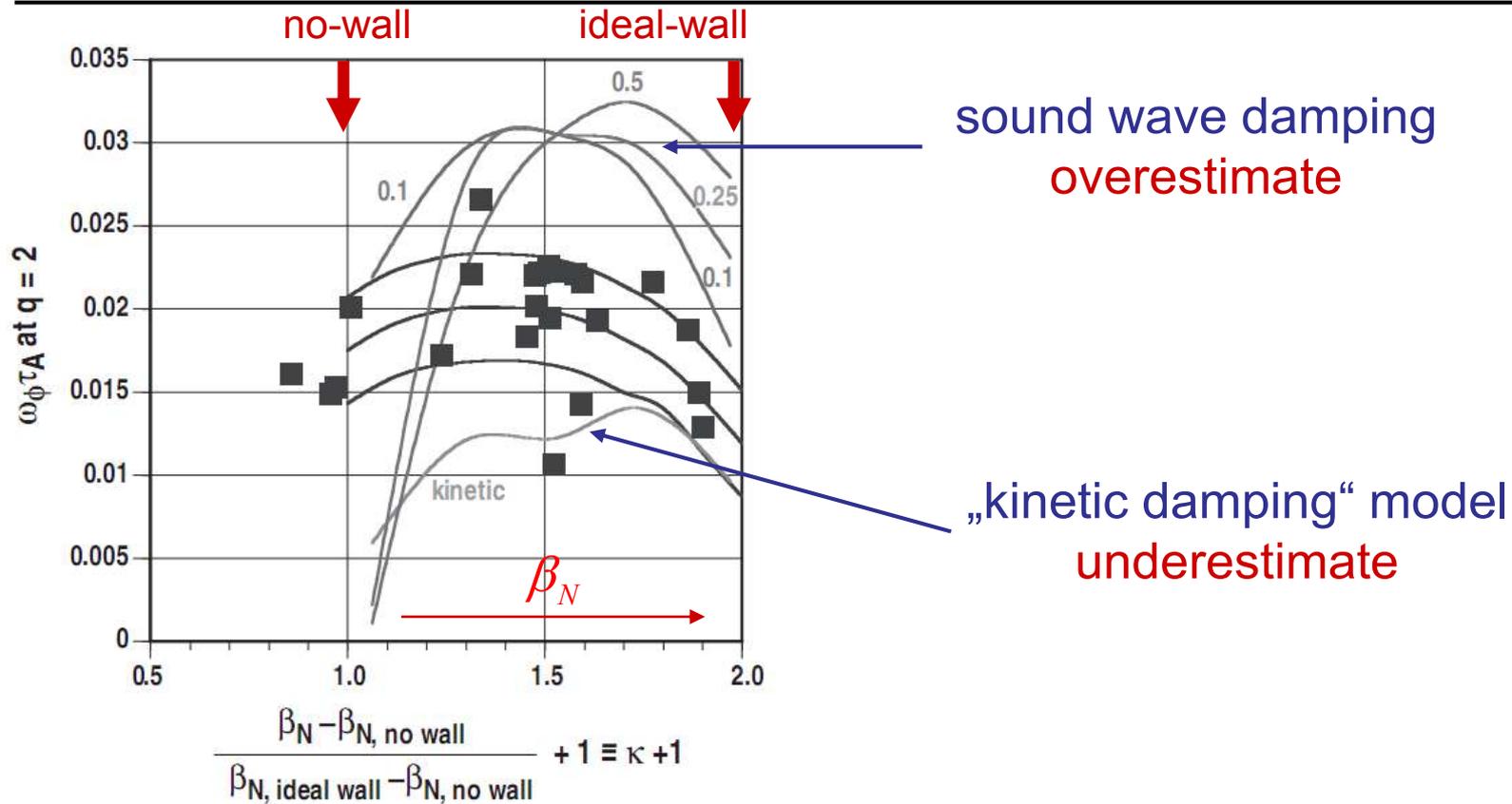
‘kinetic damping’ model uses kinetic energy principle with  $\omega_* = 0, \omega_D = 0$

[Bondeson A and Chu M S 1996 Phys. Plasmas]

No free parameters

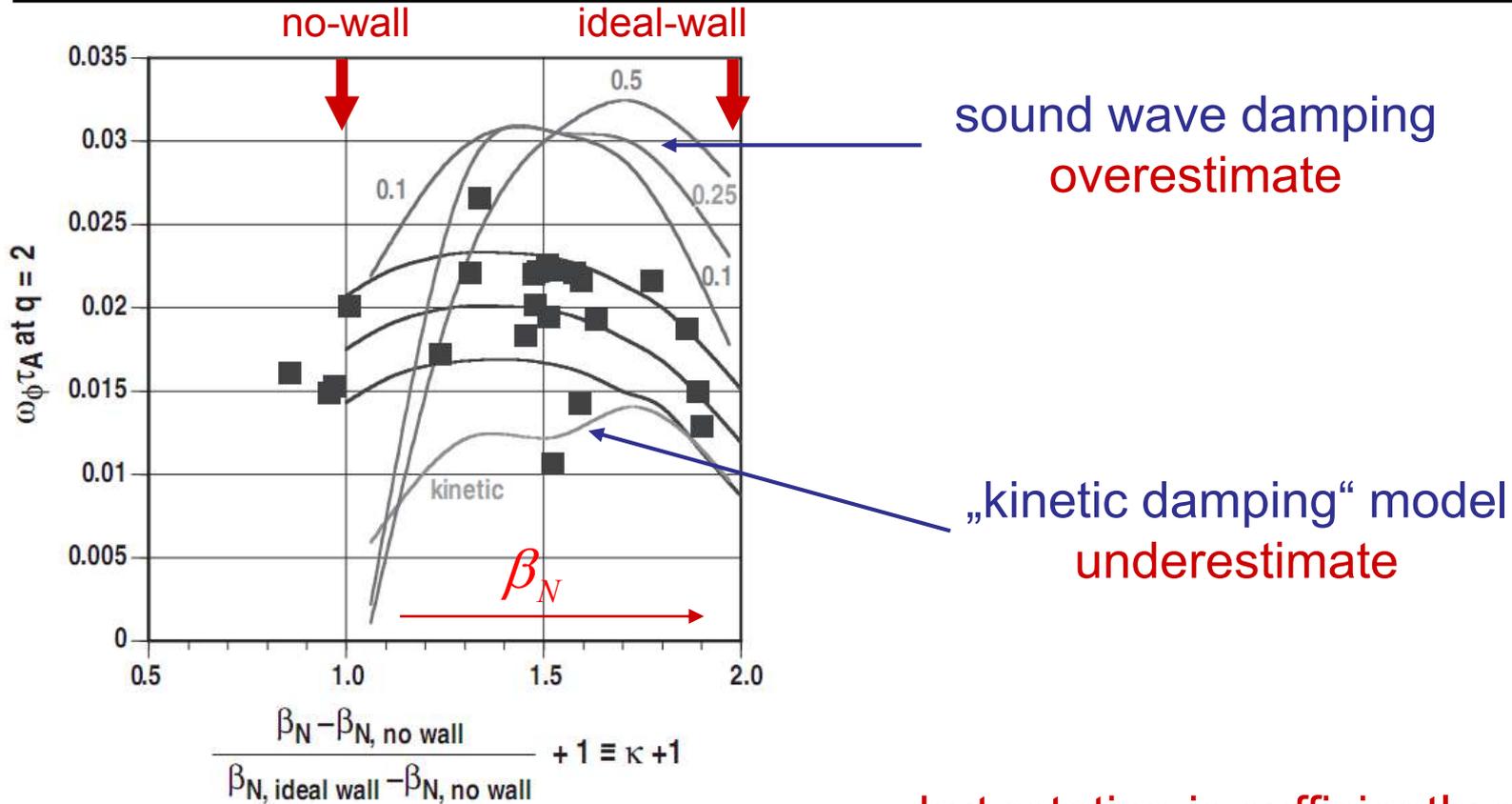
magnetic drift frequency  $\omega_D \sim k_{\perp} \rho_i v_{th} / R$ , with  $k_{\perp} \sim m/r$

diamagnetic frequency  $\omega_*$



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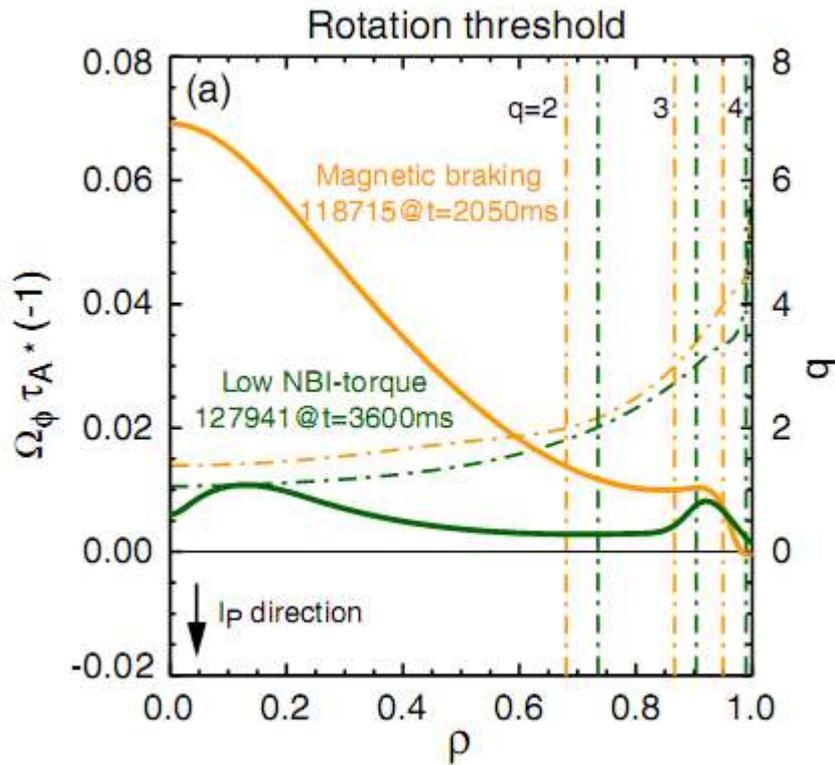
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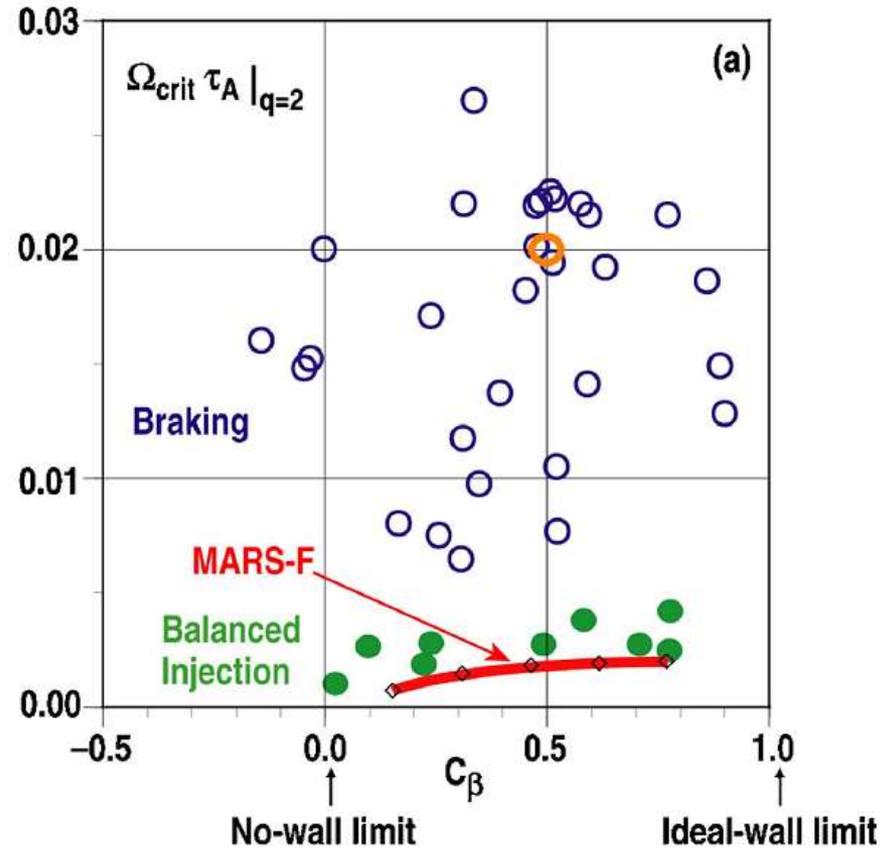
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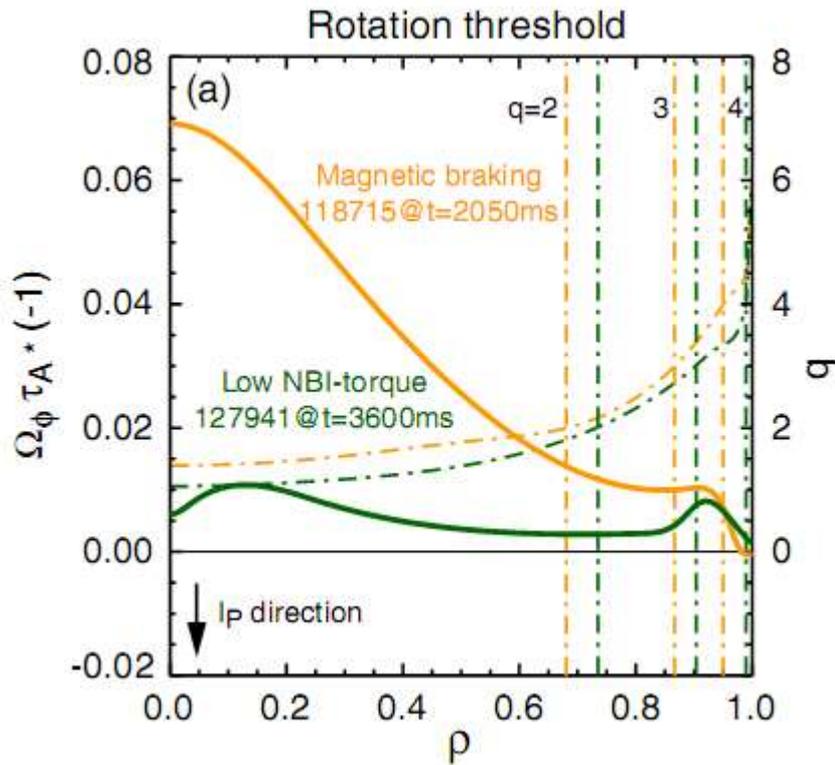
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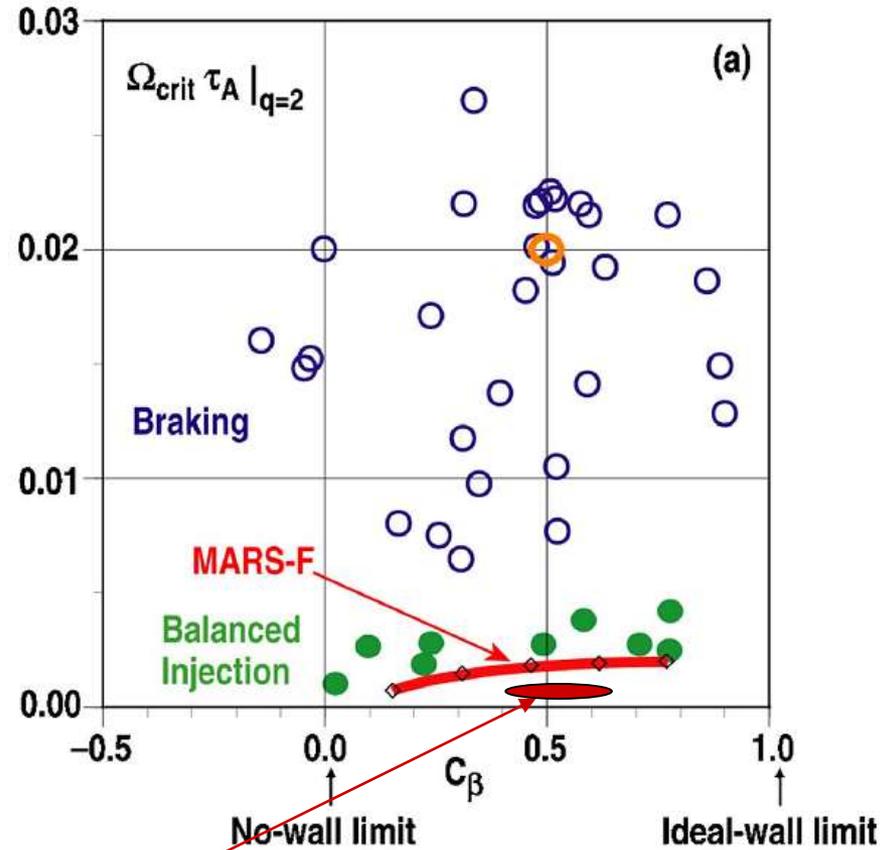
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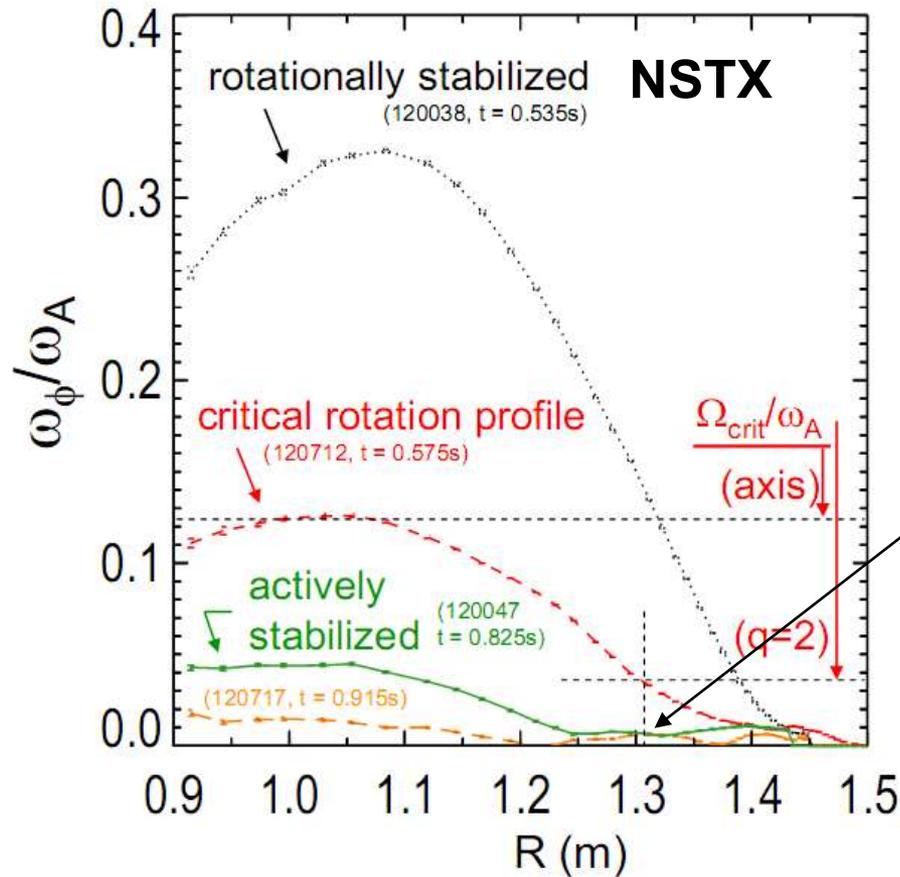


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No stabilization is possible here



Stabilization is achieved for almost zero rotation (not possible in "kinetic model")

Thus, an important part is missing in the model!

[S.A. Sabbagh, IAEA, 2010, PD/P6-2]

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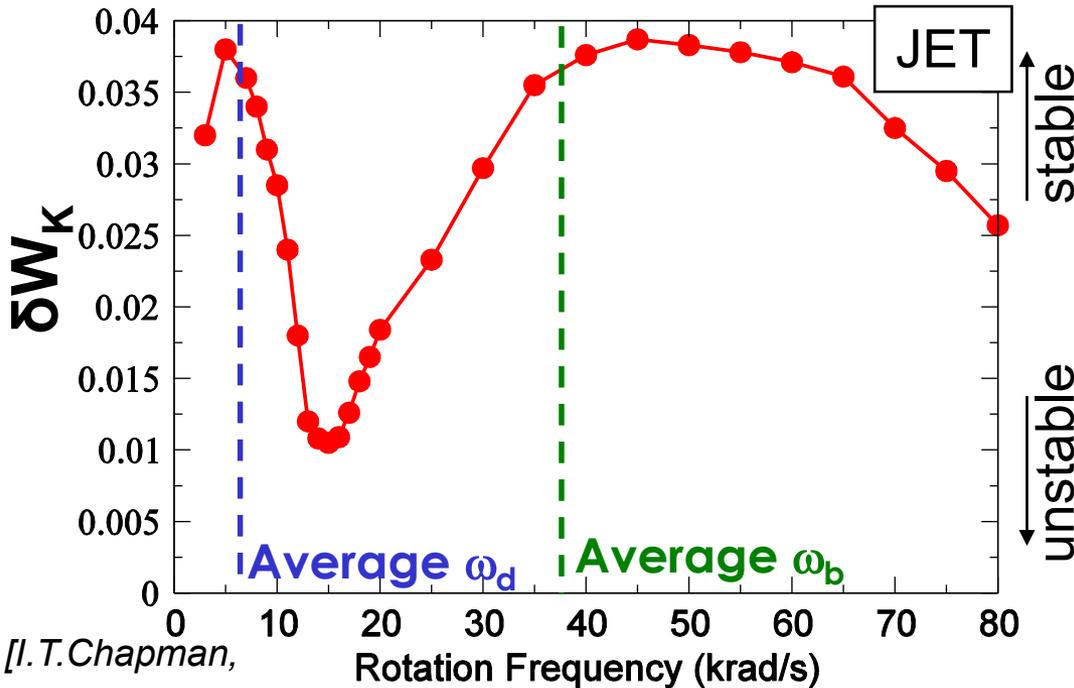
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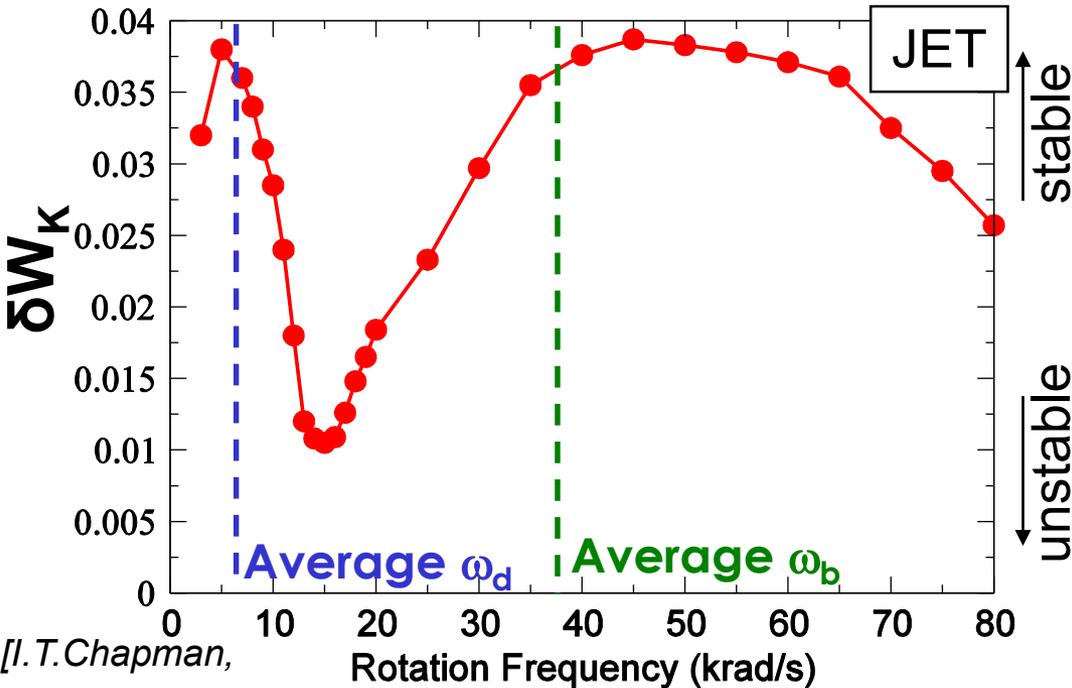
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**Different resonances are important! & Low frequencies are important!**

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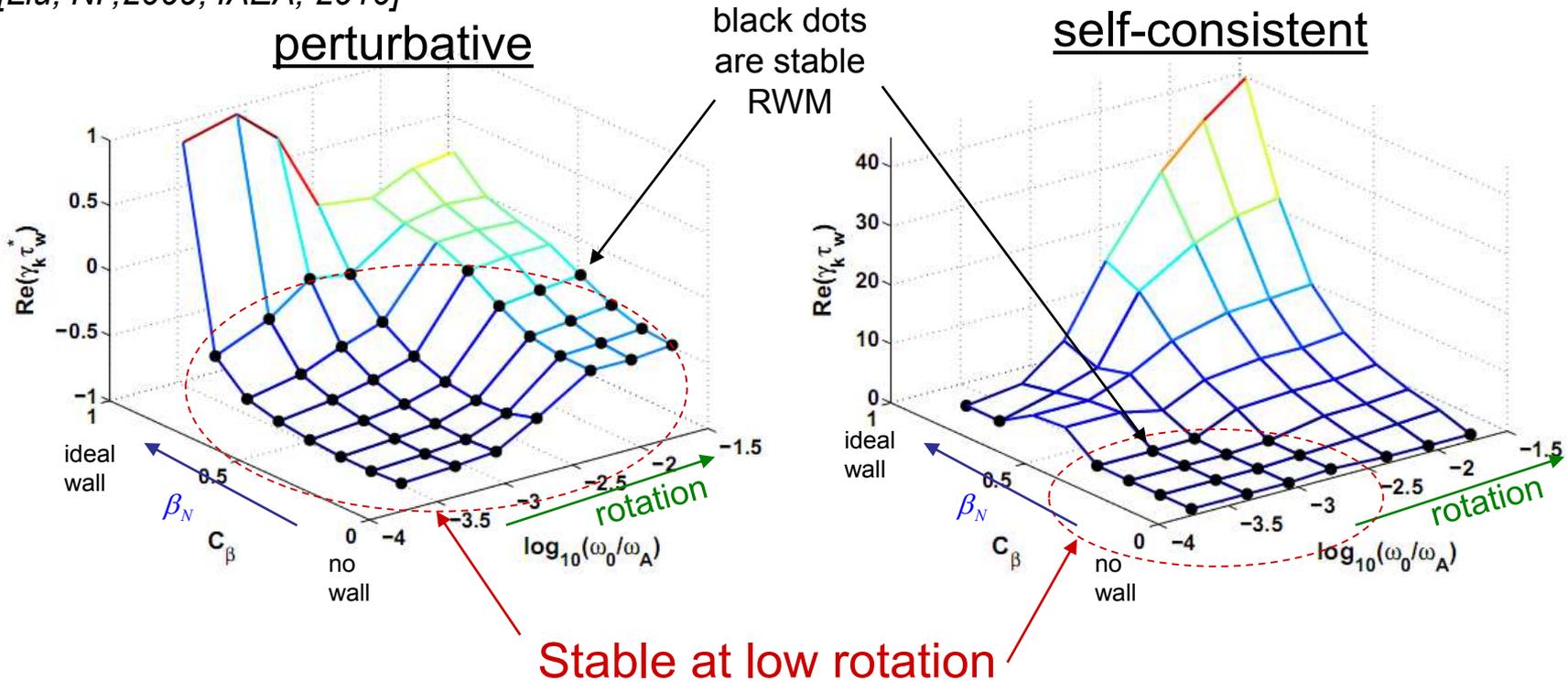
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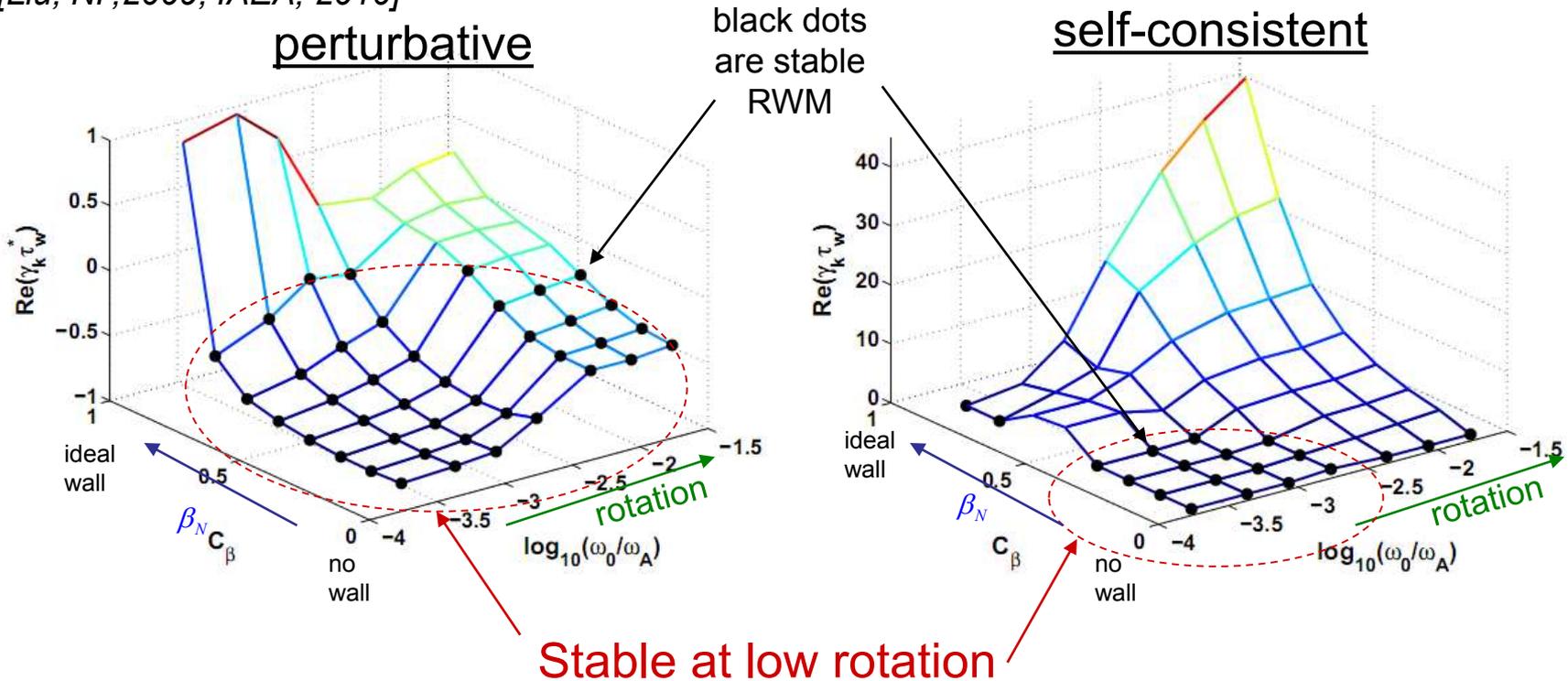
...but still some strong assumptions are made: neglects the perturbed electrostatic potential, zero banana width for trapped particles, no FLR corrections to the particle orbits. There is no guaranty that all important effects are inside.

[Liu, NF, 2009, IAEA, 2010]



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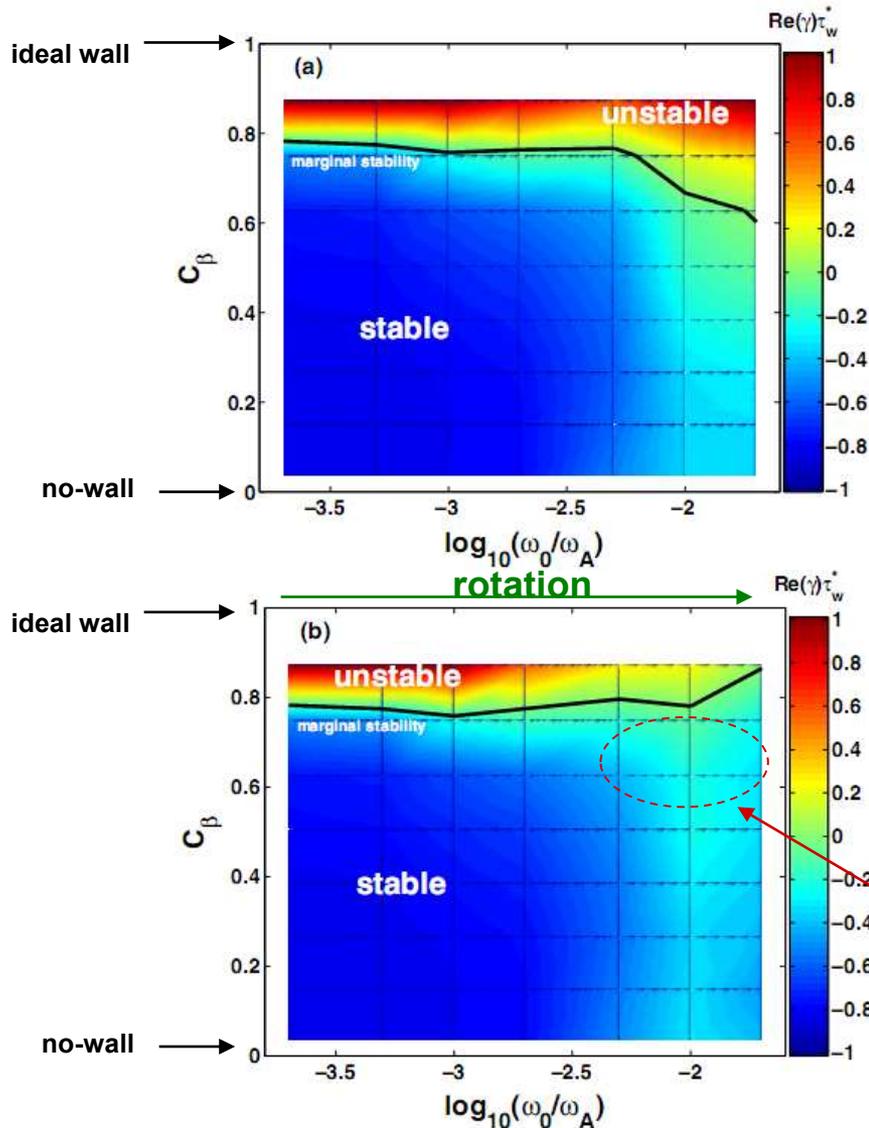
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... but some important factors are missing (for example alpha particles are not taken into account).

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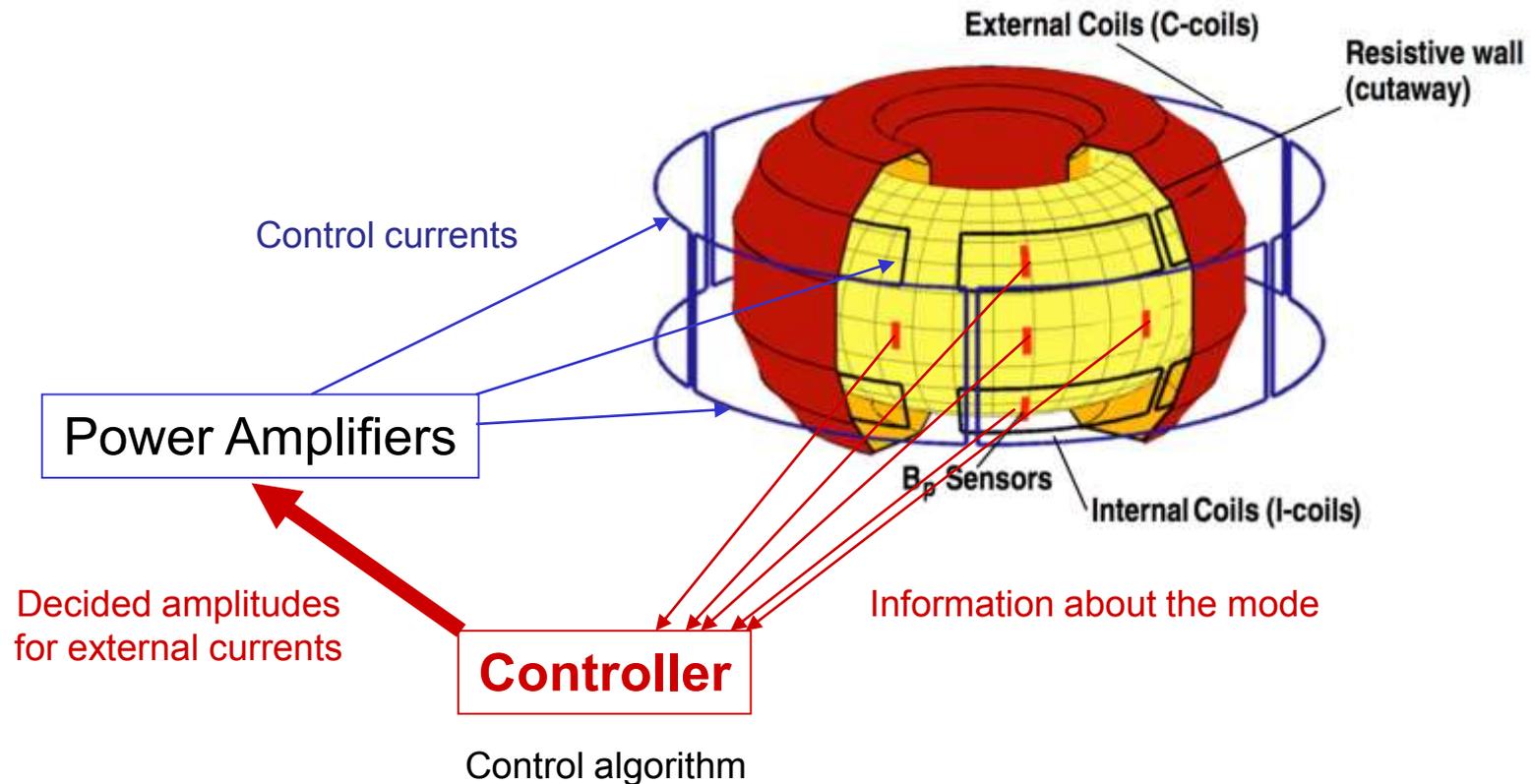


Thermal particles only

Thermal particles and  $\alpha$ -particles

Stabilization at higher rotation from  $\alpha$ -particles

# Control of RWMs

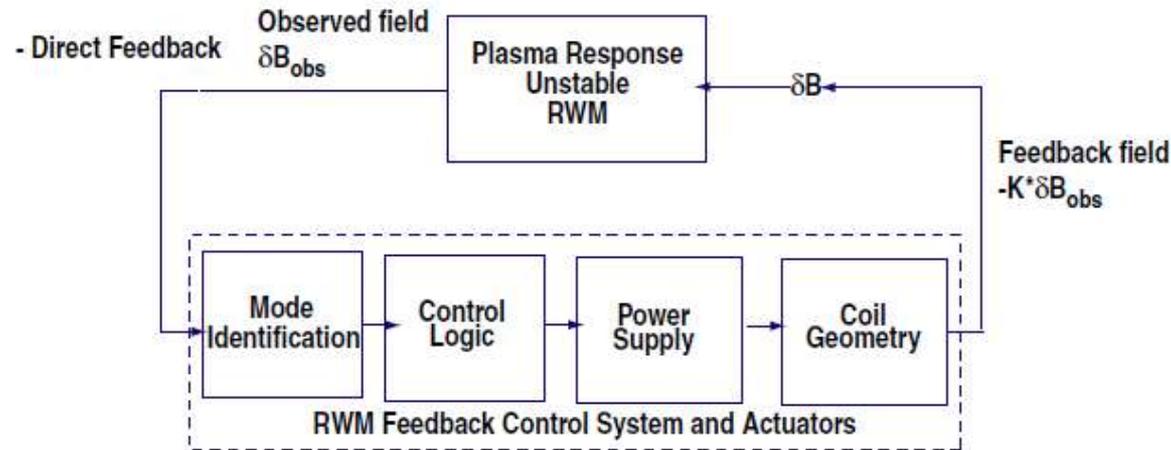


DIII-D: two coil sets 6 C-coils, 12 I-coils usually connected in quartets.

**Table 3.** Feedback logic and flux and method used for stabilization.

Logic	Type of flux and method of utilization
Smart shell	Uses total radial flux just outside or inside the wall: feedback tries to produce ‘pseudo-ideal wall’ at the observation location [32].
Fake rotating shell	Uses radial flux: the feedback currents are toroidally shifted relative to the observed mode pattern imitating the phase shift induced by toroidal rotation [58].
Explicit mode	Uses the radial flux compensated by the flux due to direct coupling between the coil and the sensors [144].
Mode control	Uses poloidal flux that is due to the unstable RWM and optimally decoupled from the applied $B_r$ field from the feedback coils [86].

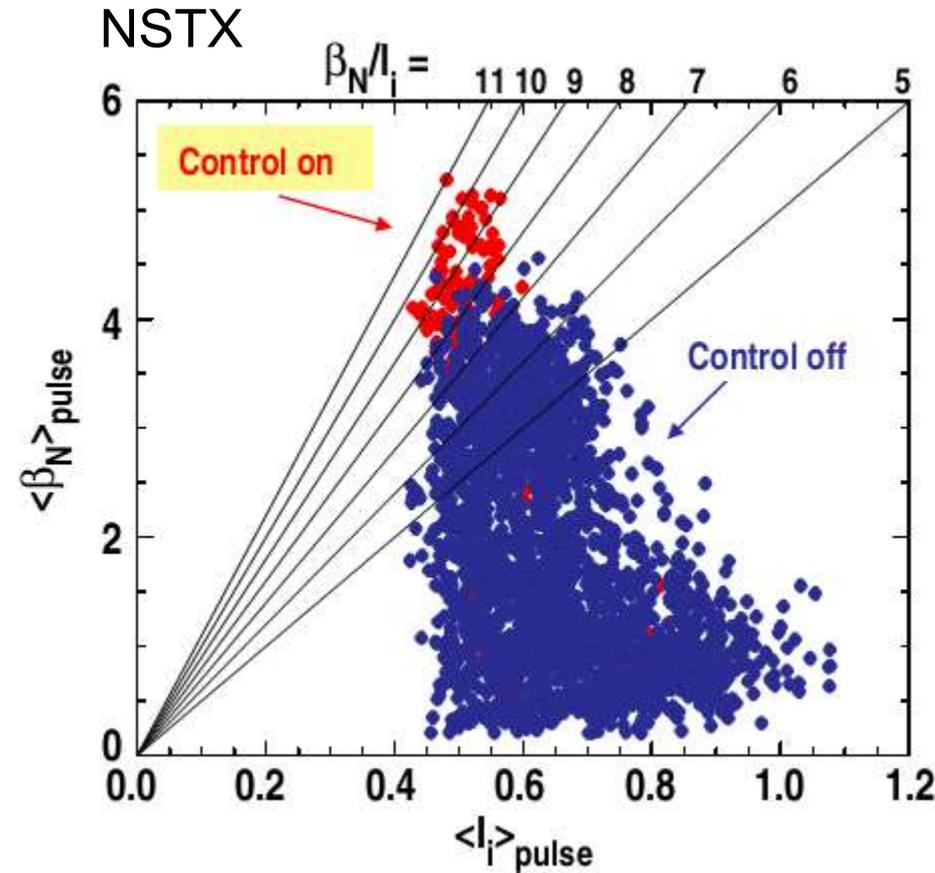
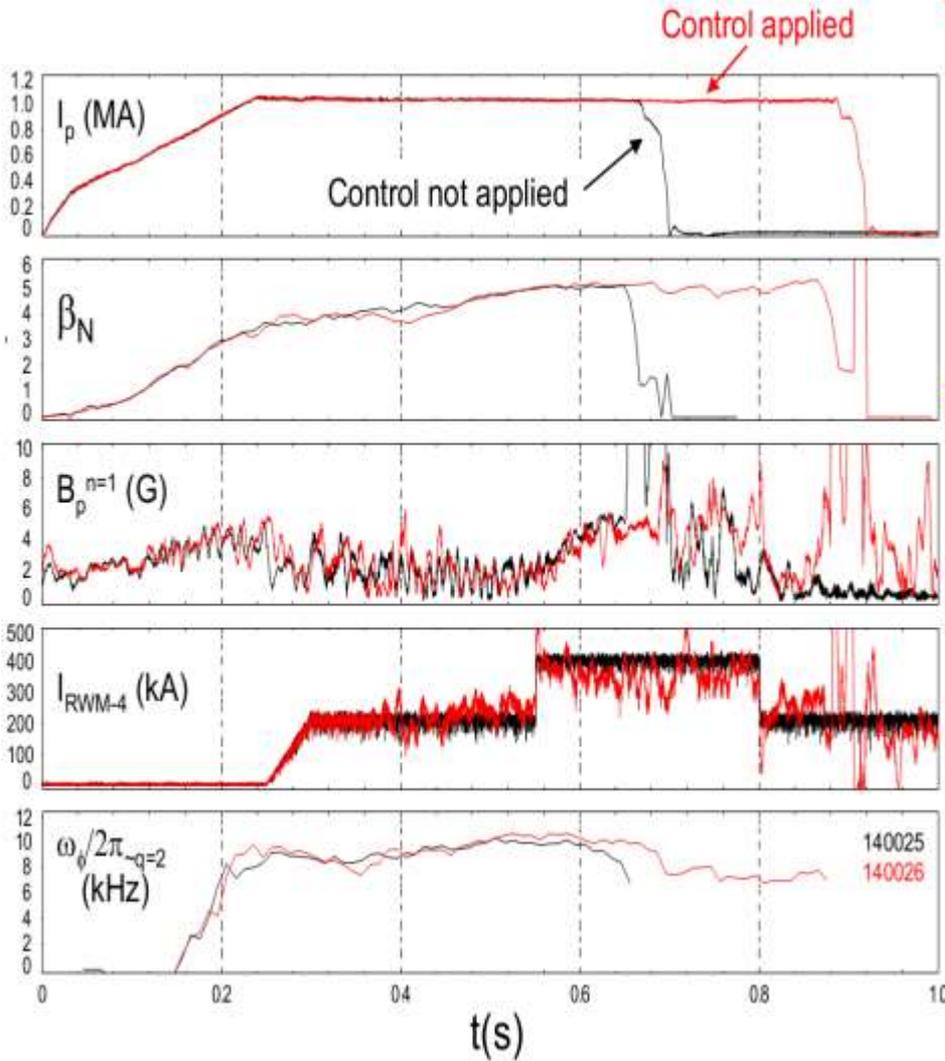
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## □ Looking more closely at feedback control system components

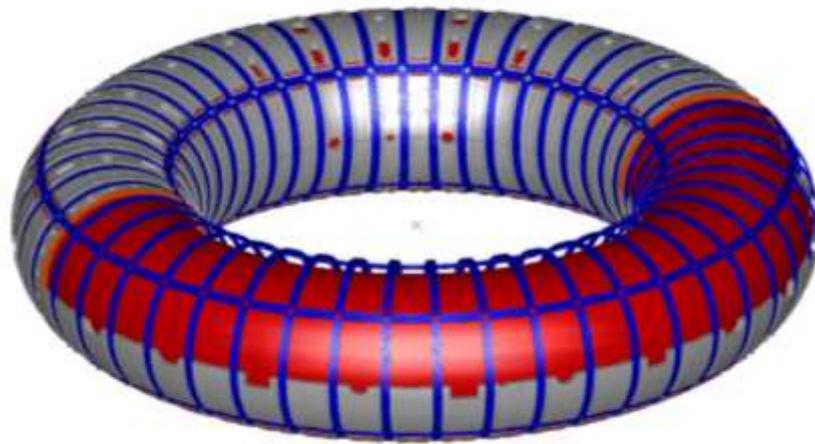
- Sensors and mode identification
- Control logic: intelligent shell-like or including plasma response? ...
- Power supply
- Coil geometry, number and position

There are multiple possibilities in each of the points and one has to find optimum solution.



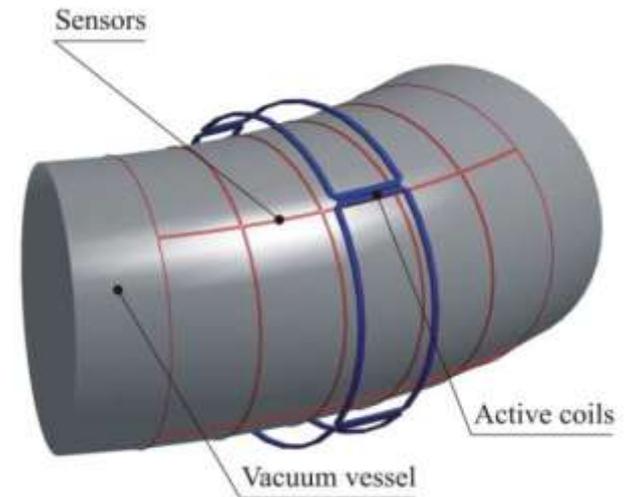
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RFX-mod control system is made by 192 active saddle coils, each independently fed. 100% coverage of the plasma surface.

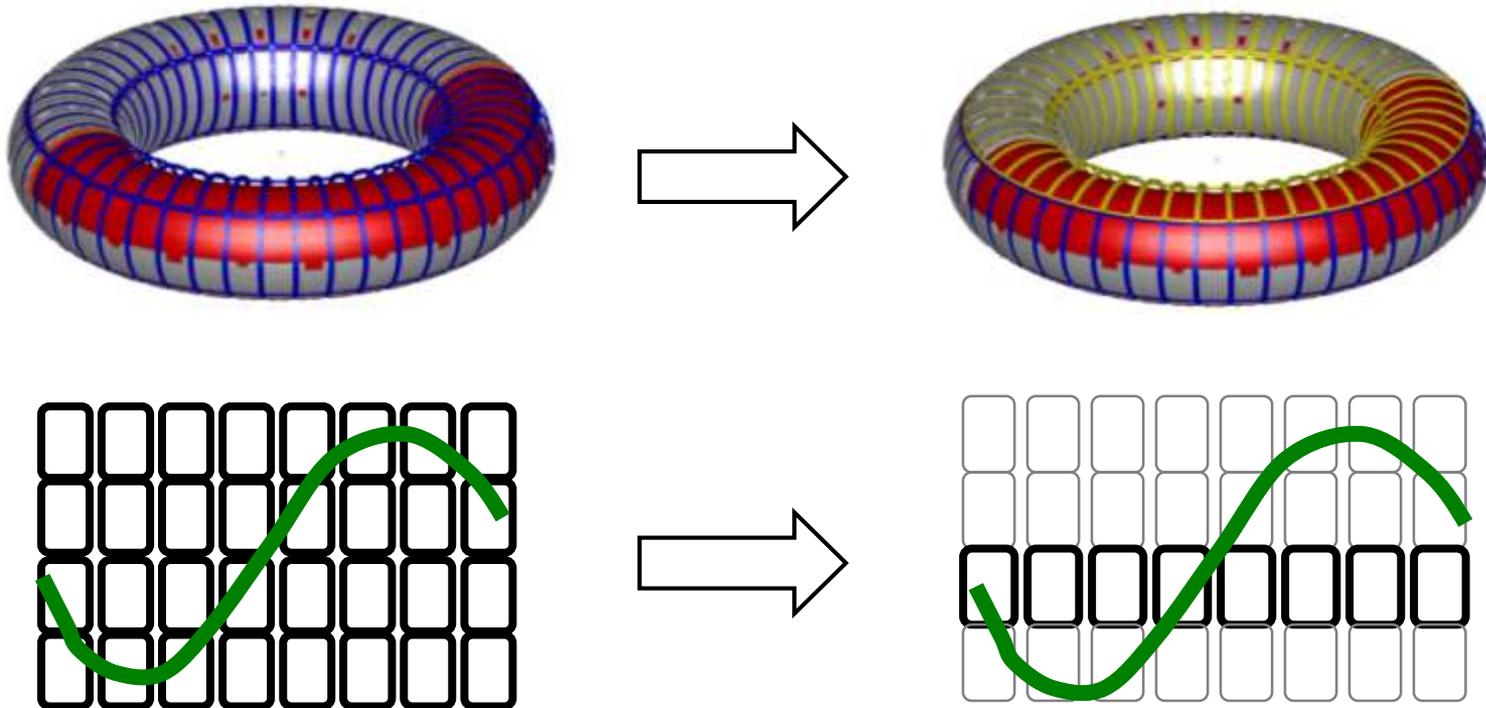


RFX-mod control system is routinely working on discharges with 30-40 MW Ohmic input power, where effective control is essential.

RFX-mod “quantum” for active control:  
 $\Delta\phi=7.5^\circ$ ;  $\Delta\theta=90^\circ$ .  
 Area covered=0.52%



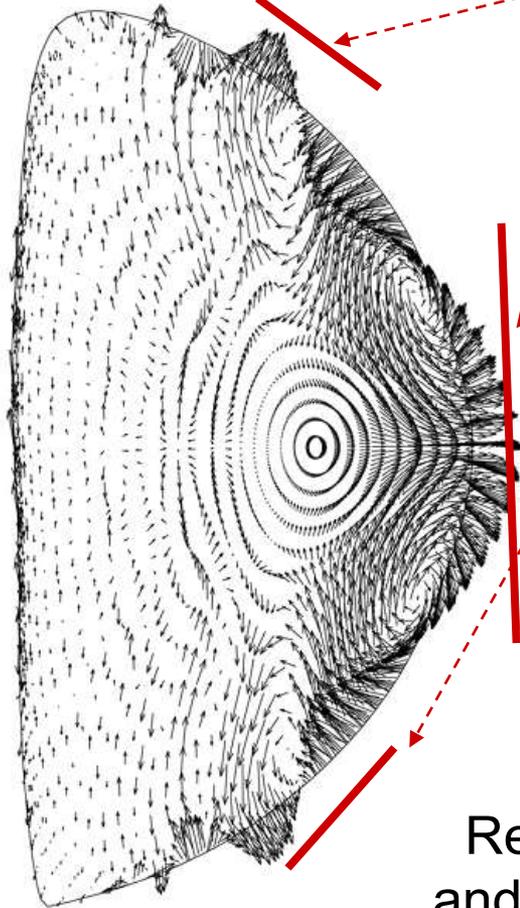
The main idea is to test on the same plasma and on the same device different active control configurations.



**NB: it is a software reconfiguration, active on selected harmonics only!**

**This will allow to understand how much coils we need for RWM stabilization.**

[T. Luce, PoP, 2011]



Installation of the high field side coils is much more easy then in the other places.

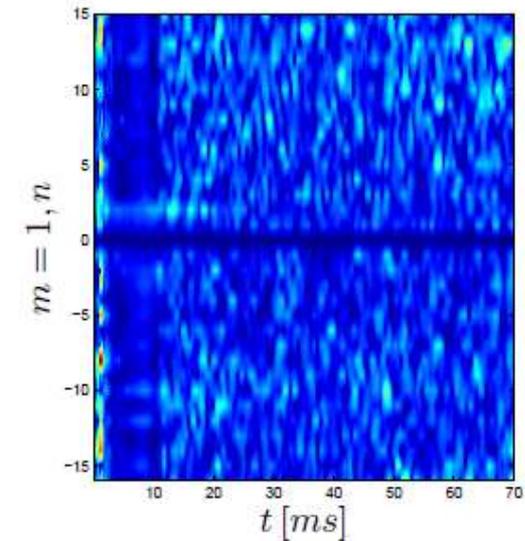
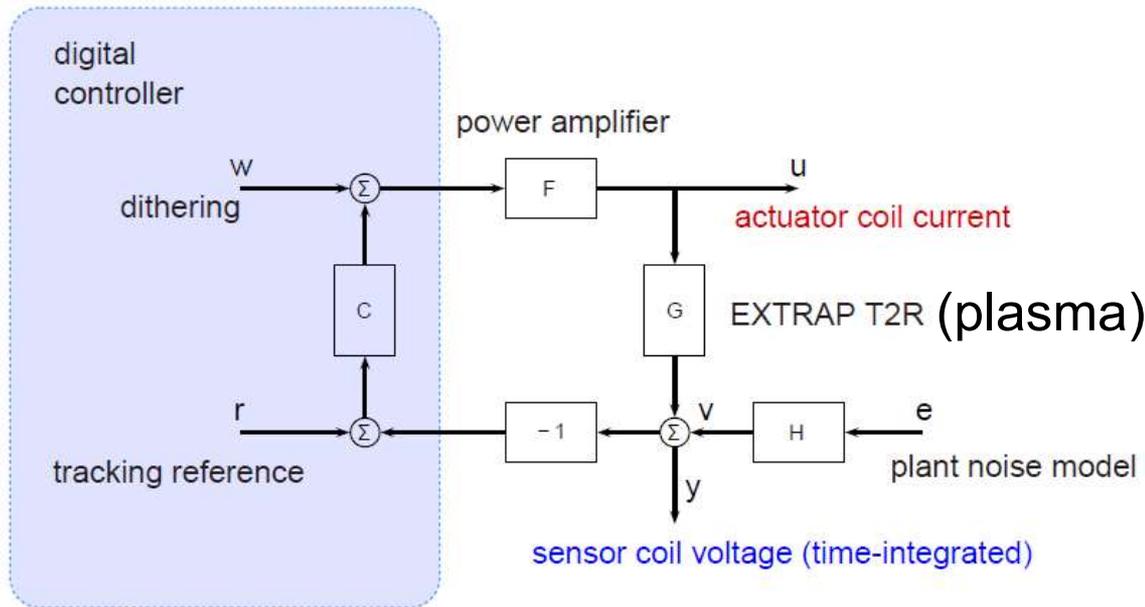
And these coils are much more effective due to the ballooning mode structure!

Number of the coils is restricted by:

- Tokamak design
- Required currents for active control

Restricted number of coils could lead to the sideband and excitation of other modes (multiple modes control is necessary)

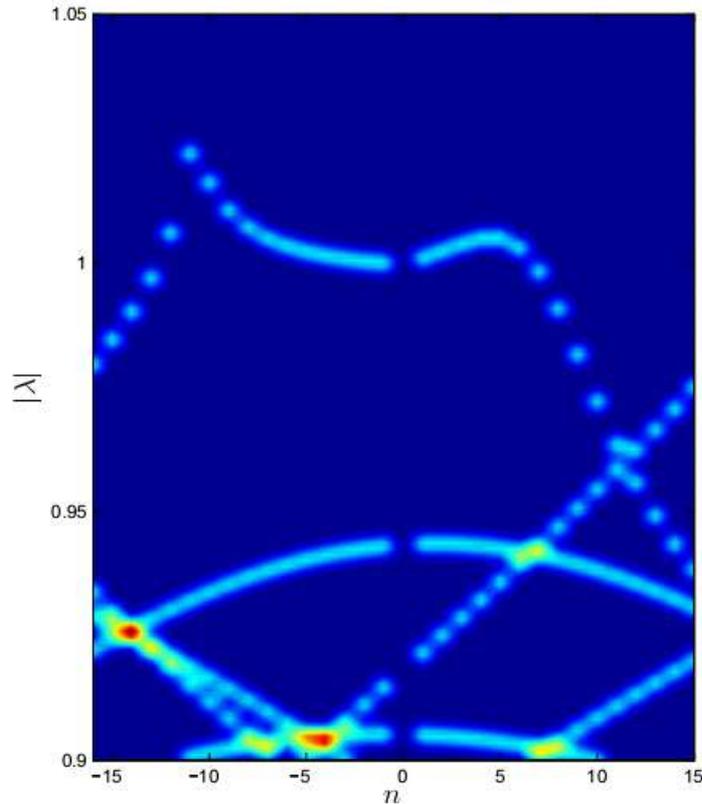
From intelligent shell (SISO) to real time DFT and to dithering.



E. Olofsson et al, "Closed loop direct parametric identification of magnetohydrodynamic normal modes spectra in EXTRAP T2R reversed-field pinch," Proceedings of the 3rd IEEE Multi-conference on Systems and Control (MSC) July 2009

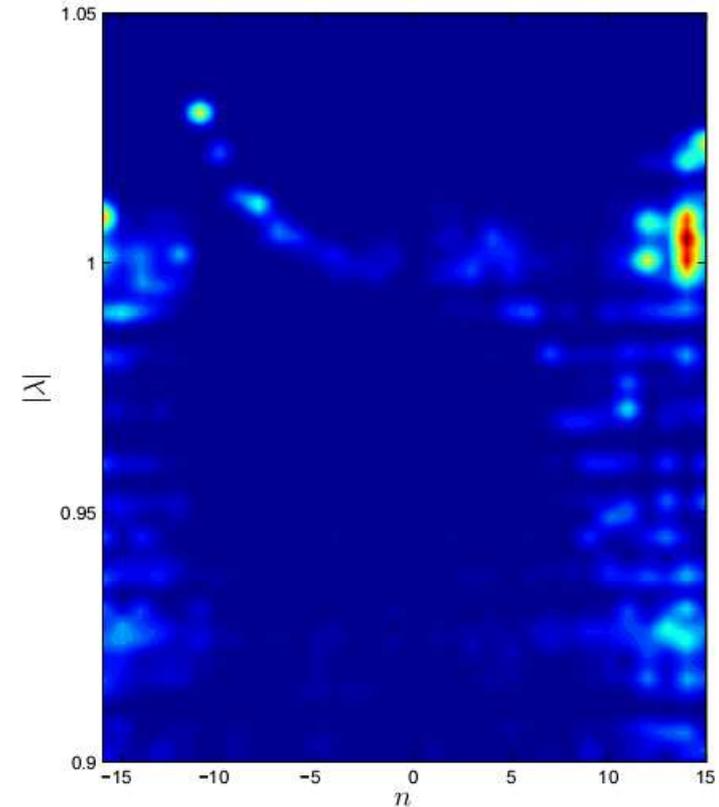
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## Modeled picture



(a) Cylindrical ideal MHD resistive shell modes in theory; as seen through the discrete sensor array of T2R.

## Experimental picture

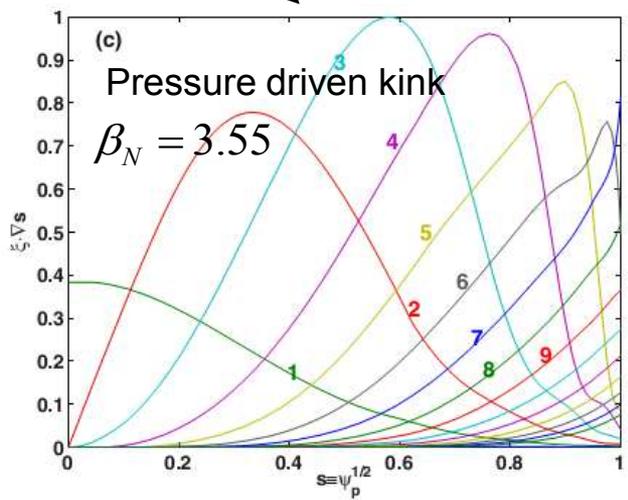
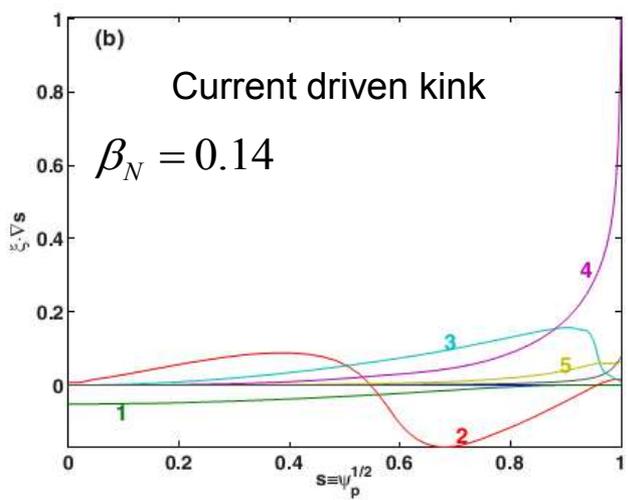
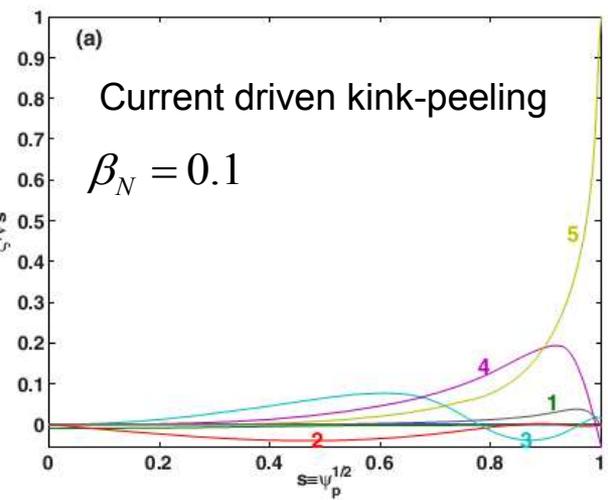


(b) Growth-rate and spatial spectrum of eigenvectors of the autodetected empirical  $A$ -matrix.

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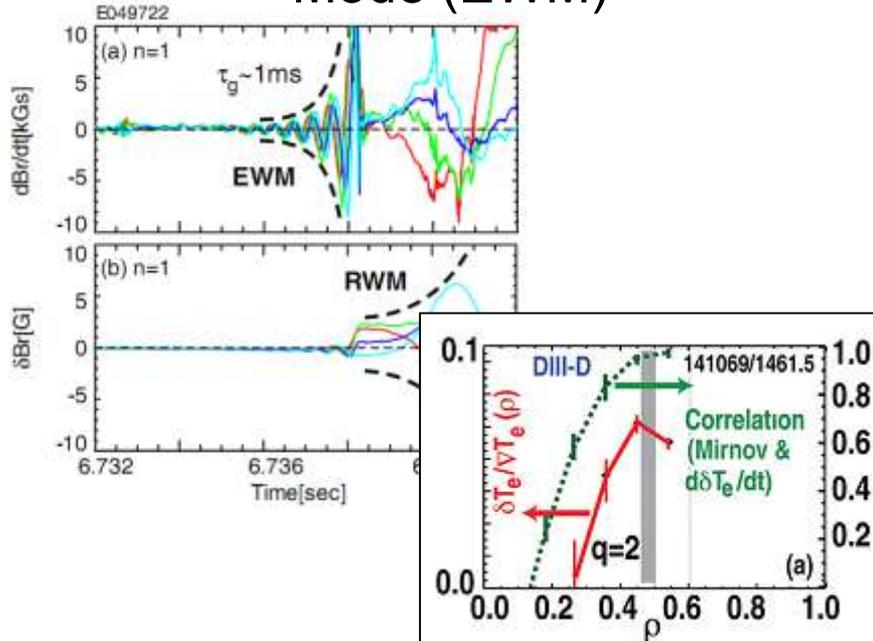
TABLE I. Three cases for comparison of the mode structure.

	Case no.		
	A	B	C
$\langle J_{\phi} \rangle_{\omega}$	$>0$	$=0$	$>0$
$q_{min}$	2.38	1.78	2.16
$q_c$	4.61	3.78	5.95
$\beta_N$	0.10	0.14	3.55
$\psi_p^{(j)}$	$\psi_p^{(3,4)} = 0.543, 0.898$	$\psi_p^{(2,3)} = 0.332, 0.913$	$\psi_p^{(3,4,5)} = 0.392, 0.708, 0.895$
Mode	Current driven kink-peeling	Current driven kink	Pressure driven kink
$\gamma\tau_A$	0.143	0.024	0.120



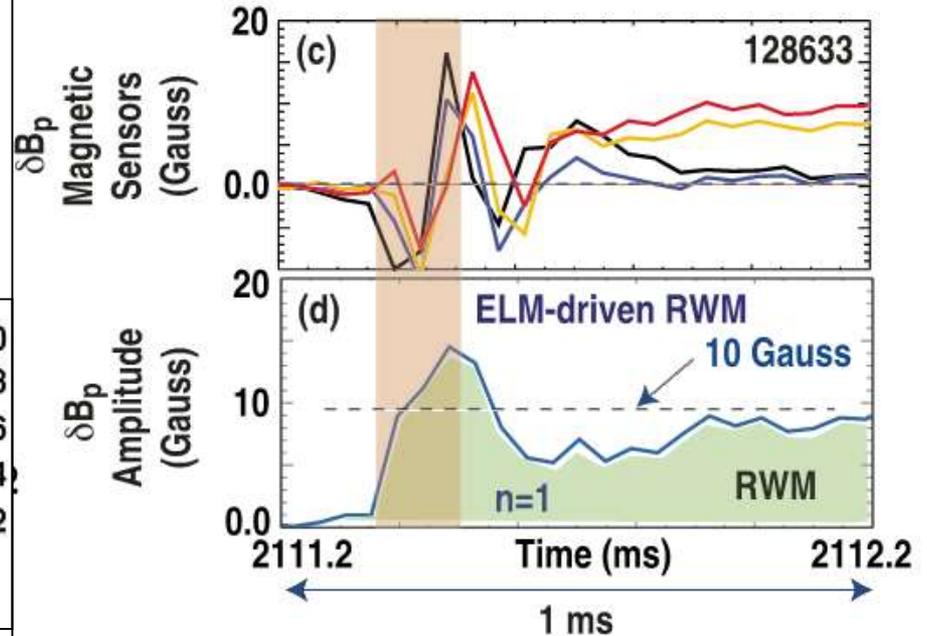
**Interaction of RWM with plasma is different for current driven and pressure driven RWMs. One has to investigate pressure driven cases. RFPs expertise is not applicable here.**

## Energetic Particle Driven Wall Mode (EWM)



[G. Matsunaga et al., PRL, 2009  
Okabayashi et al., PoP, 2011]

## ELMs



[M. Okabayashi et al., NF, 2009]

It is important that RWM could be triggered by core (off axis fishbones) and edge (ELMs) modes. This also shows global structure of RWM.

**Integrated control of different MHD modes is required to stabilize RWM.**



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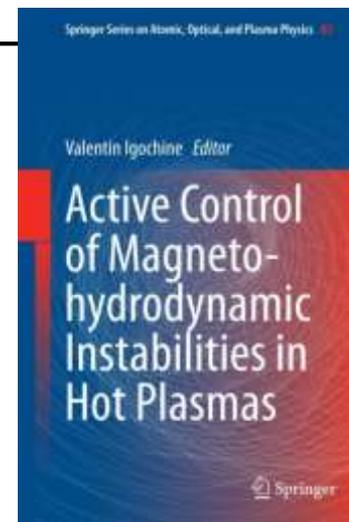
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## TOPICAL REVIEW

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## SPECIAL TOPIC

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