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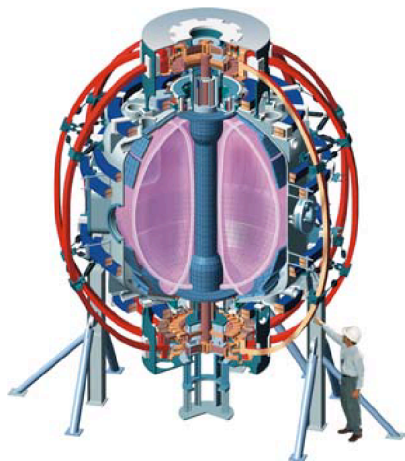
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# Effect of Pitch Angle on MHD-induced Energetic Ion Redistribution or Loss by Neutral Particle Analyzer Vertical Scanning

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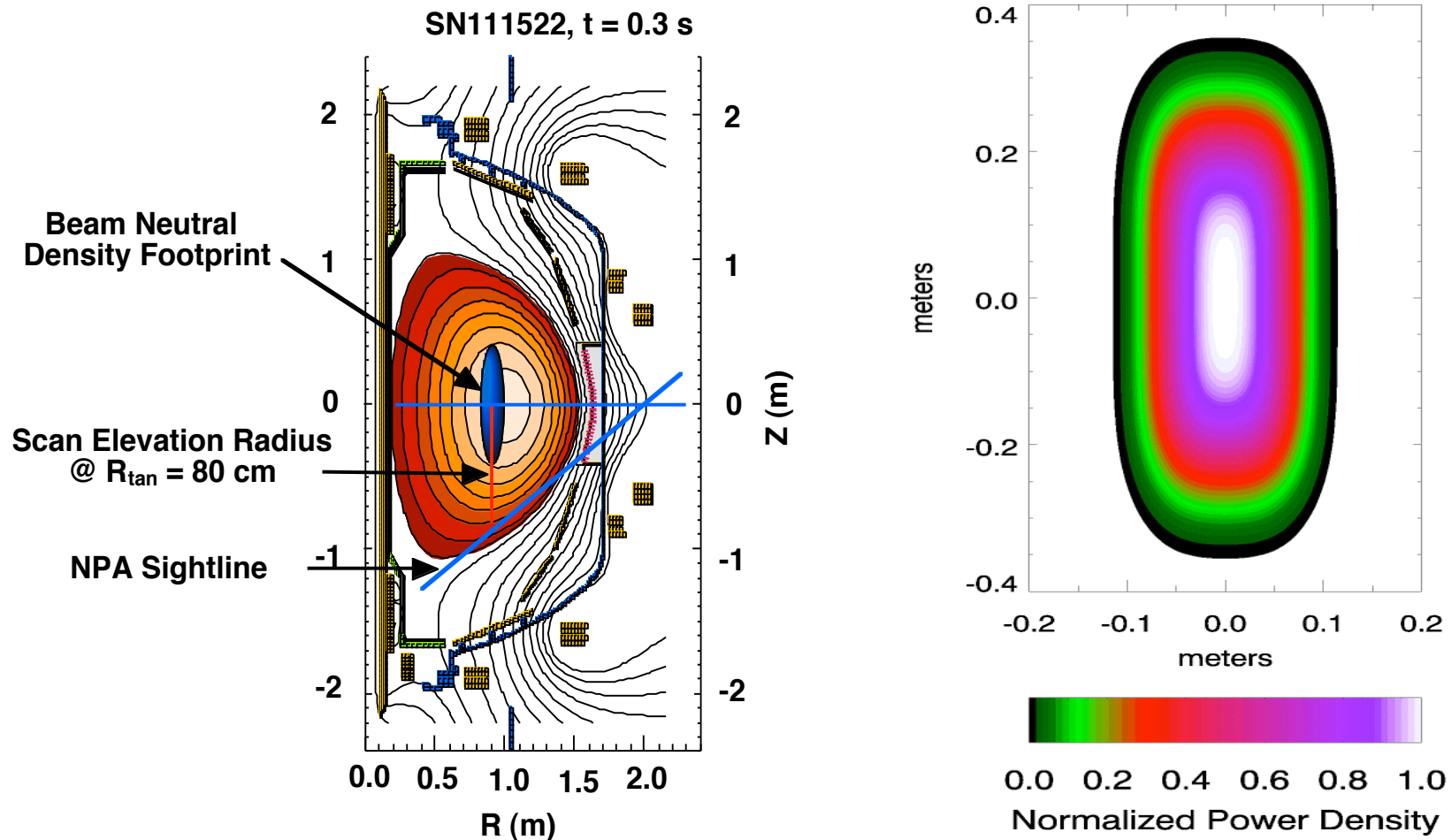
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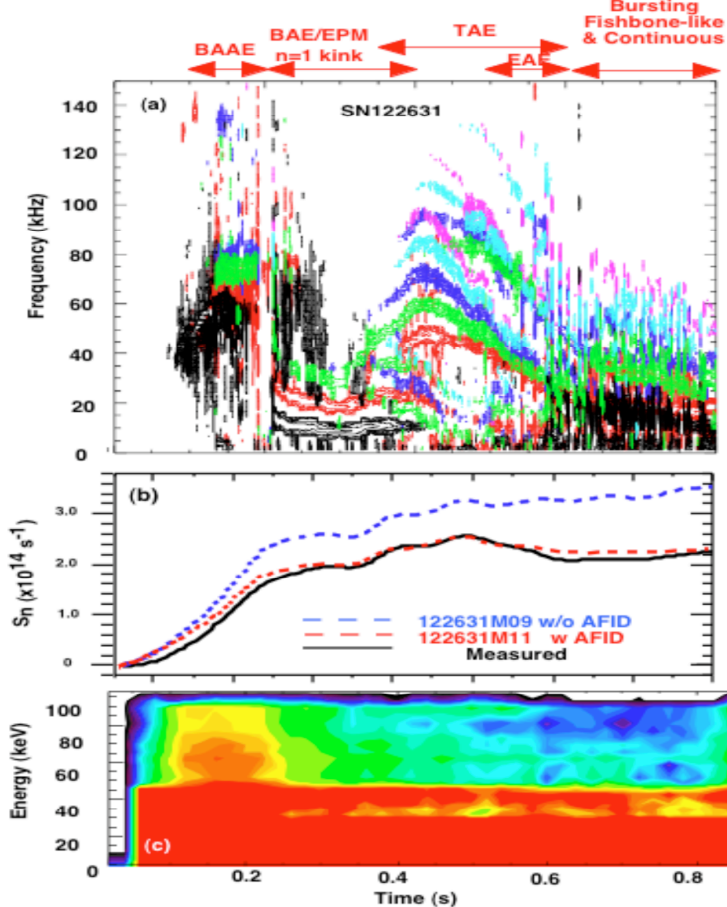
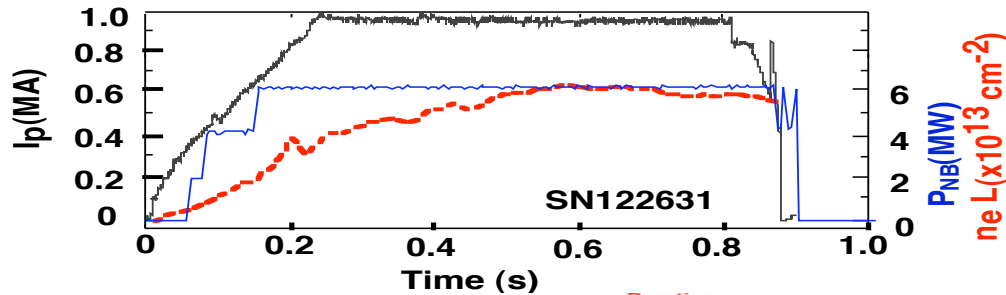
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# The Neutral Particle Analyzer (NPA) on NSTX **Scans Vertically** Over a Wide Range of Angles on a Shot-to-Shot Basis



- The line-integrated NPA measurements (left panel) are ‘localized’ in pitch and space by intersection with the beam NB footprint (right panel). Radial resolution is  $\sim 20$  cm due to footprint width.

# XP-707 Vertical Scan Discharge Characteristics: 122631



- H-mode with  $I_p = 1$  MA,  $B_T = 4.5$  kG A, B, C @ 90 keV and  $P_{NB} = 6$  MW.

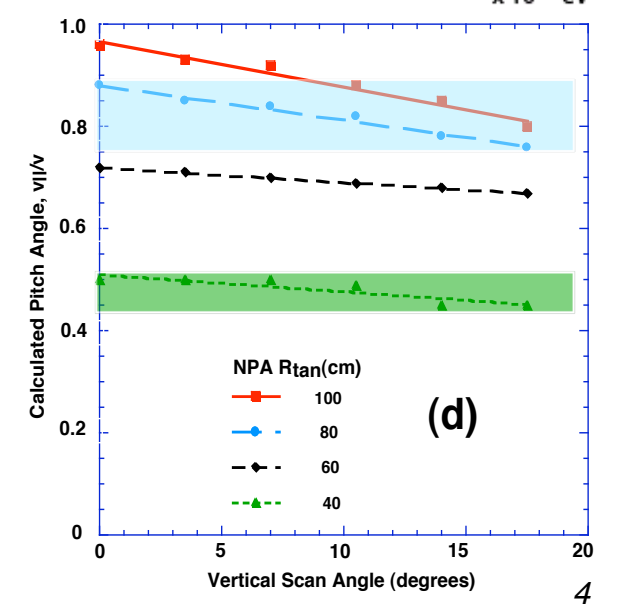
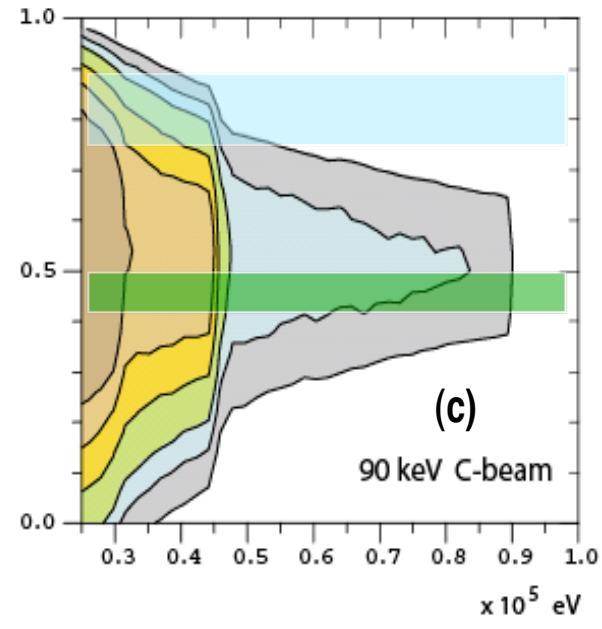
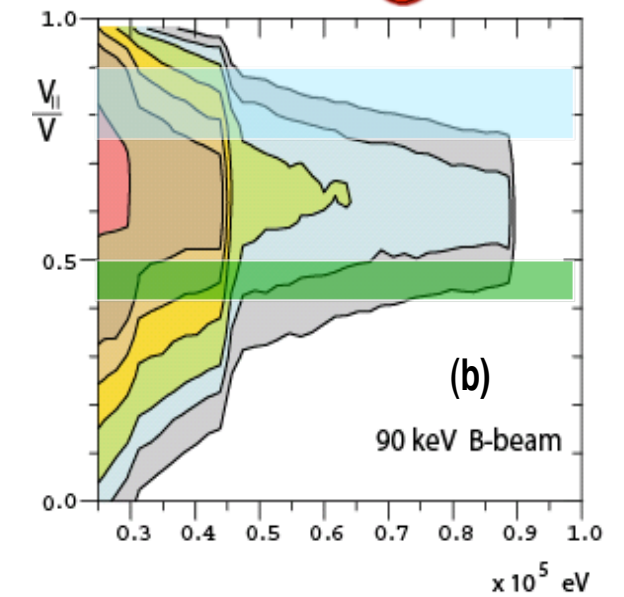
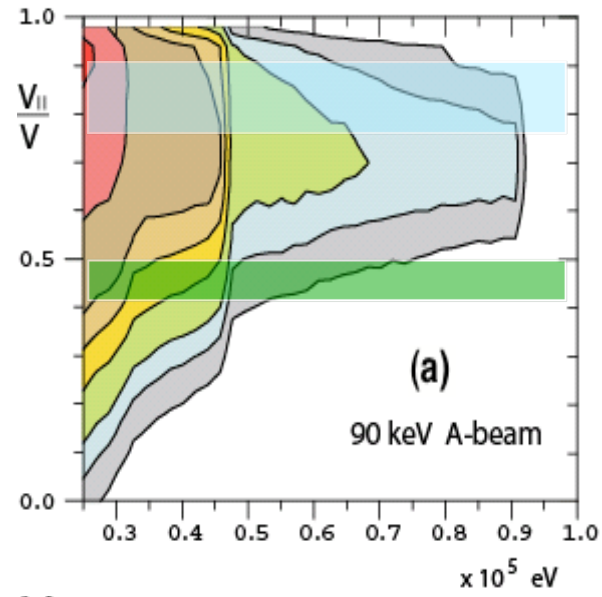
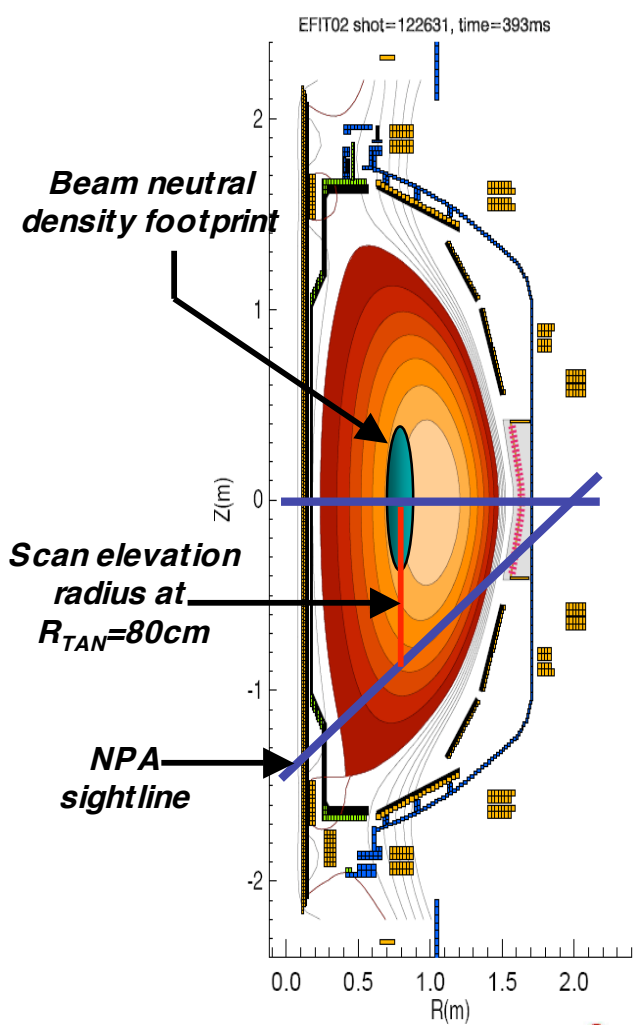
- TRANSP-calculated neutrons  $\sim 1.5x$  measured.

- Stable outer gap  $\sim 10$  cm early in discharge and  $n_e(r)$  'flat' at  $t > 0.5$  s (i.e. no 'faux' depletion effects).

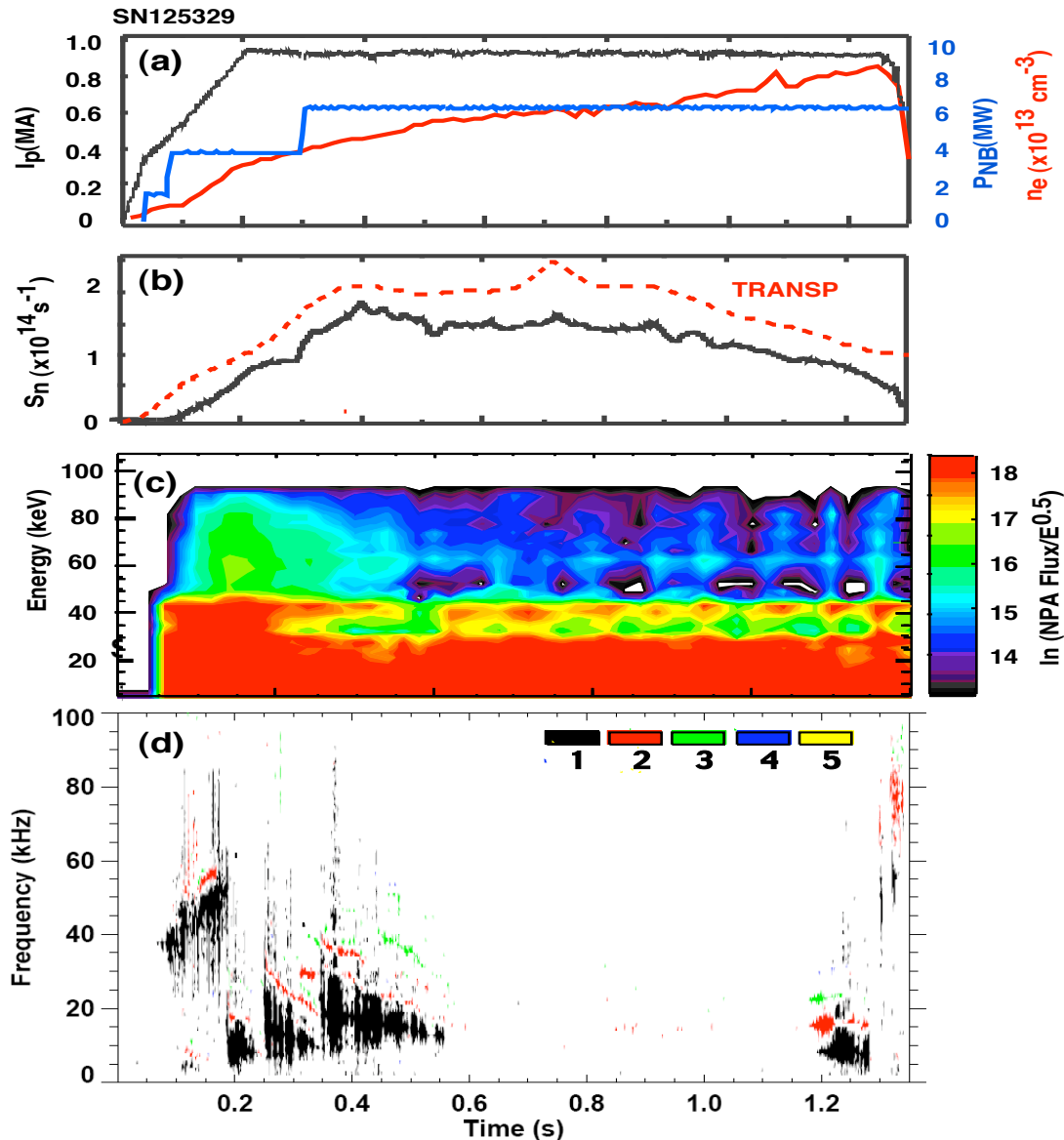
- Strong energetic ion depletion above  $E/2$  after H-mode onset at  $t \sim 0.2$  s.

- High  $f \sim 400$ - $1000$  kHz modes existed during the discharge but with  $\delta B_{Low}/\delta B_{High} \sim 40$ .

# Proposed XP-8\*\* Addresses NPA Vertically Scanning Measurement of MHD-induced Energetic Ion Redistribution at Reduced Field Pitch: $v_{||}/v \sim 0.47 \pm 0.03$ .



Proposed XP-8\*\* Also Addresses NPA Vertically Scanning Measurement of Energetic Ion Redistribution during MHD “Quiescent” Phase - e.g. SN125329.



- H-mode with  $I_p = 0.9$  MA,  $B_T = 4.5$  kG A, B, C @ 90 keV and  $P_{NB} = 6$  MW.

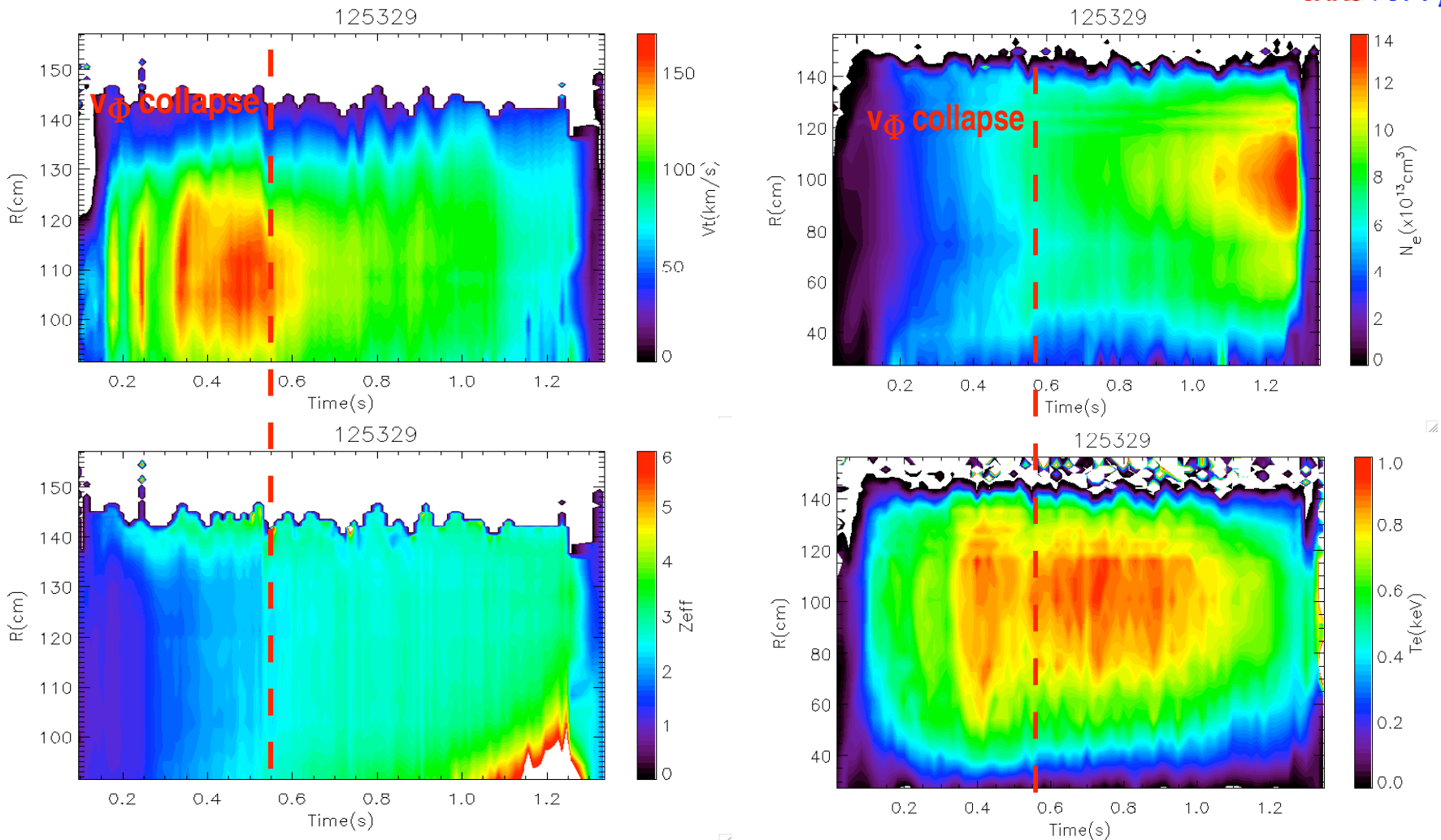
- TRANSP neutrons  $\sim 1.25x$  measured.

- Stable outer gap  $\sim 10$  cm early in discharge and density ramp-up to  $n_e(r) = 8 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

- Energetic ion depletion above  $E/2$  after H-mode onset at  $t \sim 0.1$  s.

- Even during the ‘Low - f Quiescent’ phase, however,  $\delta B_{\text{Low}}/\delta B_{\text{High}} \sim 4$ .

# MPTS and CHERS Data for SN125329 - a Rare 'Low-f Quiescent' H-mode Discharge



- Collapse of  $v_\phi$  at  $t \sim 0.55$  s coincides with ramp-up of carbon-dominated  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  and  $N_e$ .
- Electron temperature profile is broad,  $T_e(0) \sim T_i(0) \sim 1$  keV &  $S_n \sim 1/Z_{\text{eff}}$  @  $t > 0.55$  s.

# Run Plan Details



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Machine: 4.5 kG, 1.0 MA,  $n_e(0) \sim 6 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , GDC between shots, **no Lithium contamination**

Beams: Sources A, B, C @ 90 keV deuterium

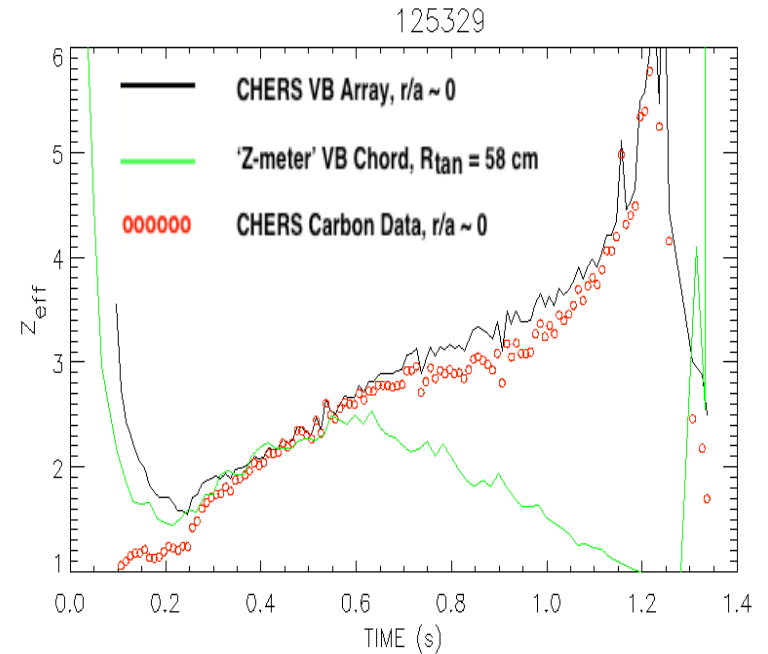
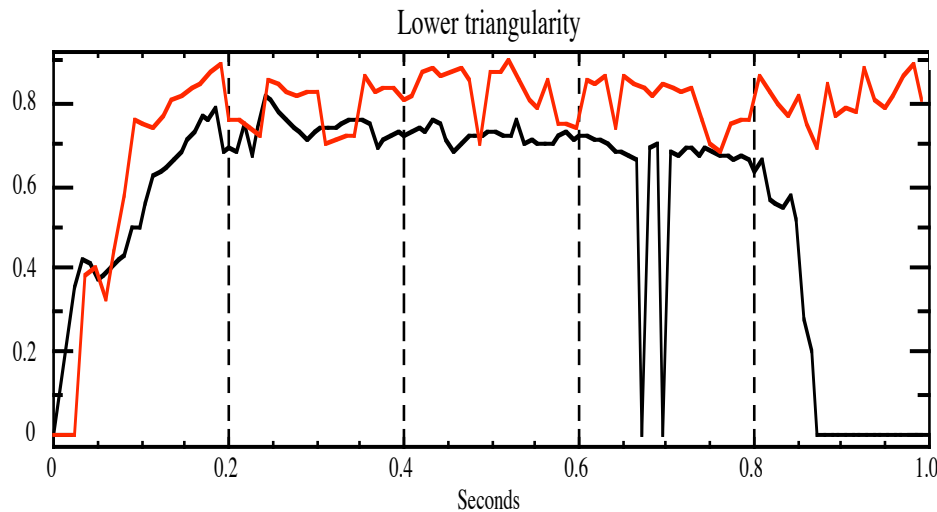
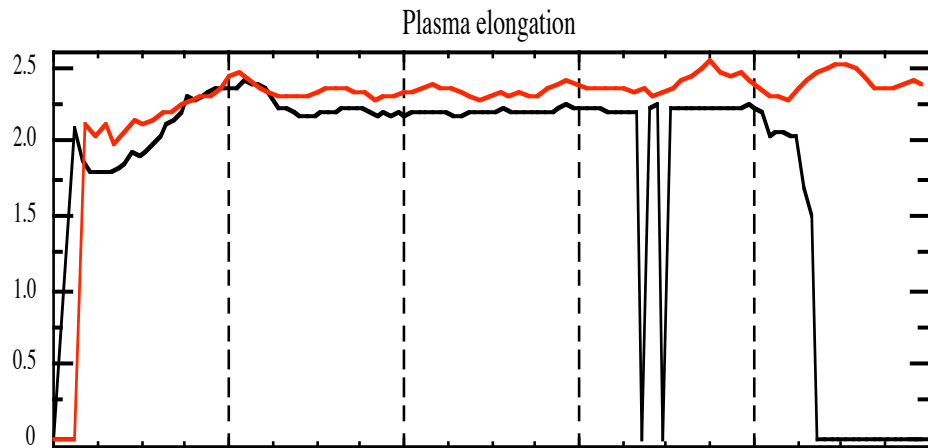
Diagnostics: Magnetics for EFIT equilibria, full kinetic diagnostics and **sFLIP data**.

# Run Plan Details: “Quiescent” Transition?



Shots:  
122631  
125329

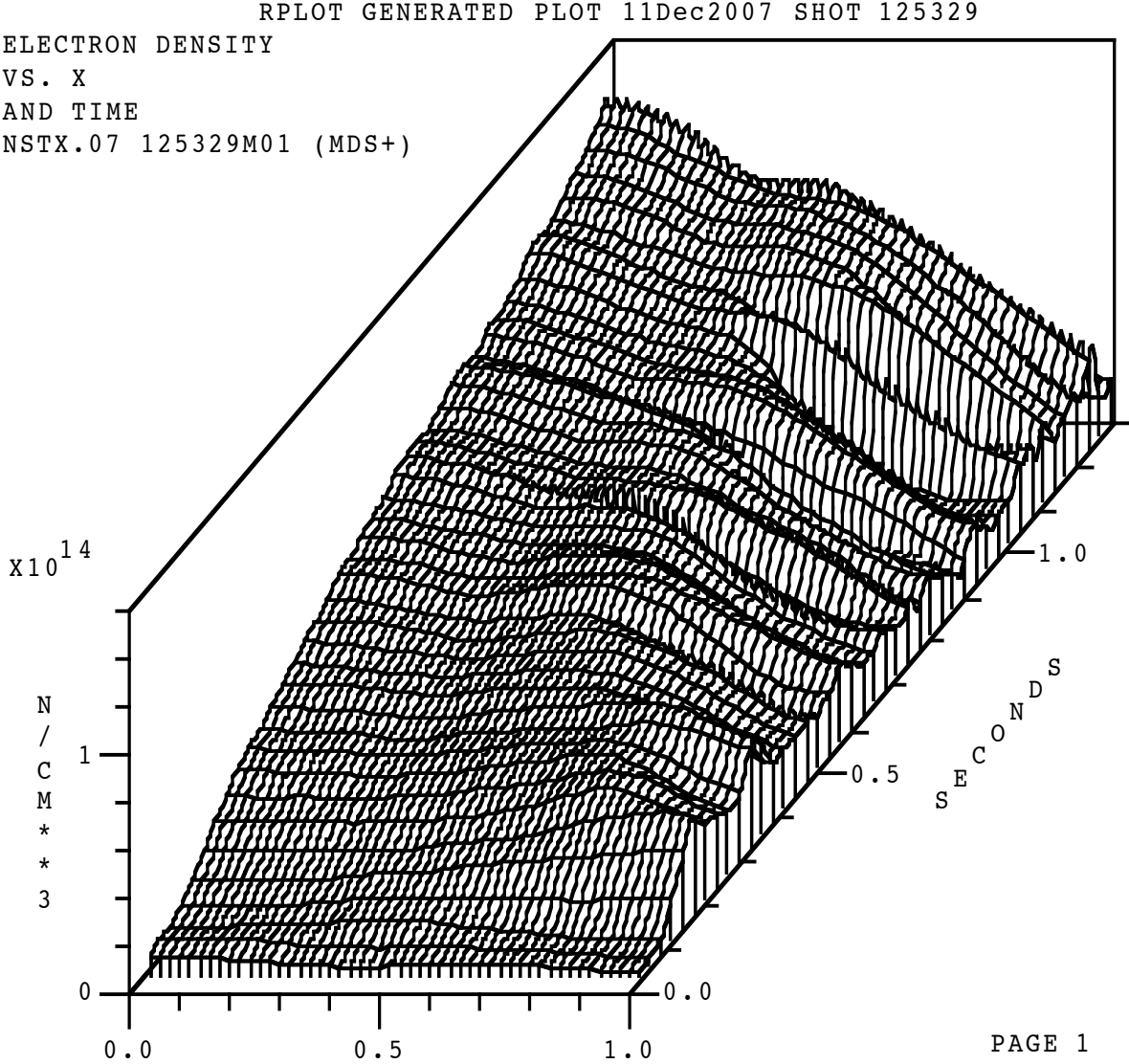
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- What is the cause of the MHD “quiescent” phase?
- Neutron yield doesn’t change at the ‘quiescent’ transition.



# SN125329 Exhibits Large Ne Fluctuations at r/a > 0.5



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