## **Real-Time Optimal Error Field Correction**



RE n=1 upper I-coil current (kA)

FIG. 5 Comparison of the optimal n=1 I-coil EFC of the TBM field obtained by maximizing the angular momentum L (red) and zeroing the magnetic plasma response  $\mathbf{B}_{p}^{pas}$  (green) and an IPEC prediction (black) with I-coil currents that cancel various poloidal mode components with the same helicity as the equilibrium field.

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- n=1 mode error field correction is crucial for n=1 mode suppression
- We can in real-time change the EFC to match the optimal calculations
  - Progress in the optimal EFC modeling.
    - Optimal can be calculated from the EFIT shape, boundary and the coil currents (*without perturbing the plasma*).
    - Calculation and the compass scan are indistinguishable!
- Every part (ramp up/down) of shot will have real-time optimal EFC! Great improvement over current situation.

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- In real-time calculate 3D perturbations due to 3D coils
  - Use surmnf to convert to straight-line field coordinates
  - Find the orthogonal component  $B_{r(m,n)}$
  - Find the island size and  $\sigma_{\rm chir}$
  - Kink-resonance
- Control:
  - Choose phase of the coils, I( $\vartheta$ ), maximize kink or  $\sigma_{chir}$
- Test different EFC mechanisms
- Already implemented and tested on DIII-D
- Reproduce the same results here

## **3D coil NTM Interaction**

- Two effects on the island formation from 3D coils.
  - Rotation shear
  - Edge stochastization
- Study these two effects at NSTX-U
  - DIII-D showed some interaction of rotation and NTMs
  - There is no study of the effect stochastization on NTM formation yet (that I know)
- We would form shots with NTMs (not 2/1) vary the rotation profile with NBI and then scan 3D coil currents
- For the stochastization, we need an island close to the edge rho~0.9
- Make trying to reduce the adjust the edge q (q95) to be ~2.1 or so
- Perturb the plasma for NTM formation (beta ramp?)
- Turn on the 3D coils at various currents
  - Does it effect the 2/1 NTM formation
- We can try higher mode numbers but harder to distinguish