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Integrated Tokamak Modelling: current status and future direction for ITER-operation

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PLASMA OPERATIONAL SCENARIO:

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II) PHYSICS & COMPUTATIONAL CHALLENGES

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WITH ITER, FUSION ENTERS IN THE NUCLEAR ERA

IMPORTANCE OF MODELLING IN NUCLEAR ERA



Bringing Fusion to its "Reactor Era" requires an innovative programme of "discharge mastering", combining:

Nuclear device with safety issue

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- Design, safety case and preparation of operation with systematic modelling
- Limited experimental time for empirical approach
- Real time control of the magnetic/kinetic configuration (non-linear and time effects)
- Real time control of components integrity
- High-level algorithms and control schemes
- a consistent set of simulation tools:
 - first principles ("PFlops")
 - integrated modelling ("CPU hours")
 - fast simulators ("~ 10 ms")

[Becoulet & Hoang PPCF 2008 and Joffrin et al PPCF 2003]



ITER PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY GOALS



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- ITER is designed to produce a plasma dominated by α-particle heating
- produce a significant fusion power amplification factor (Q ≥ 10) in long-pulse operation
- aim to achieve steady-state operation of a tokamak (Q = 5)
- retain the possibility of exploring 'controlled ignition' (Q ≥ 30)

Technology Goals:

- demonstrate integrated operation of technologies for a fusion power plant
- test components required for a fusion power plant
- test concepts for a tritium breeding blanket





VARIOUS PHASES IN THE PLASMA SCENARIO

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EXAMPLE OF SCENARIO: JET PLASMA



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MODELLING OF ITER SCENARIO : 15MA H-MODE



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EUROfusion INTEGRATED MODELLING (IM): SET OF CODES



IM covers different physical regions & time scale:

- Core and edge regions to the separatrix
- The scrape off layer (SOL) region and its connection with the divertor
- The effects of external circuits and systems in controlling the plasma
- Interaction with the plasma facing components (PFCs)

IM encompasses different levels of sophistication:

- **First principles models** (e.g. microscale) to explore details of the physics
- Reduced models (e.g. macroscale) for efficient computations; fidelity to first principles models, instead of being expressed empirically
- **Empirical models** (scaling laws from large data base)

Integrated modelling covers:

- Interpretative & predictive capabilities
- The full discharge from initiation to termination and inter-discharge effects e.g. conditioning and tritium retention





Magnetic Fusion Experiments mix:

- sophisticated physics: multi-physics, multi-scale time and space, often highly non-linear behaviors & couplings
- complex devices: coils, H&CD systems, Fuelling & Pumping, Cooling, diagnostics, …
- complex control algorithms: performance & safety
 Performance means mastering all aspects together
 In preparation to ITER, several initiatives were taken
 along these lines:
- more dedicated experiments to validate simulation modules and models
- more systematic real-time controls on experiments
- a dedicated modeling architecture for Integrated Tokamak Modelling





During ITER design:

Design is based on a combination of theoretical understanding + experimental observations where theory/modelling is incomplete

During ITER construction:

- Focus on enhancing the physics understanding through development of theoretical and computational models and validating them against experimental observations
- Apply new understanding to planning the ITER experimental programme

During ITER operation:

- Predictive modelling of each plasma from beginning to end, including analysis of control requirements
- Interpretative analysis of each plasma to evaluate/validate models

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EUROfusion EXPERIMENTAL PLANNING



Scenario studies for all ITER phases:

- H, He, D and D-T Phases full discharge
- All scenarios from inductive to non-inductive

Campaign planning:

Experimental proposals are to be systematically supported by modelling

Session planning:

More detailed modelling assessment over the expected parameter range

Pulse development:

- Simulation from initiation to termination, including system limitations
- Pulses expected to be composed of segments (e.g. start-up, several sequential flat-top, shutdown)



Control strategies & Feedback models :

- Evaluate plasma response times, sensitivity of plasma parameters to actuators, impact of events
- Evaluate control models, gains and response times using idealized sensors

Input to control algorithms:

- Effectiveness of sensors and actuators, response times, secondary responses
- Estimated ranges for tunable parameters in various control algorithms (PID, SIMO, MIMO ...) under a range of conditions

Testing control algorithms:

- Simulate plasma behavior using control algorithms
- Synthetic diagnostics linked to actuators





Real-time analysis:

- Display of physics parameters using fast conversion of diagnostic signals
- Simultaneous display of modelled results in control rooms

Post-processing:

- More rigorous conversion of diagnostic signals emphasizing consistency in analysis, uncertainties (error bars), ...
- Systematic inter-shot and overnight processing validated tools

Model validation and improvement:

More detailed, more extensive modelling & long-term analyses

Forecasting:

Live prediction from present state (similar to weather forecasting)





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BASIC INGREDIENTS OF A FUSION PLASMA EUROfusion SIMULATOR



Geometry: magnetic equilibrium

- at least 2-D (plasma shaping, separatrix) 3D for stellarators
- self-consistent with current and pressure evolution
 Fluid equations (1-D)
- time evolution of flux surface averaged ne, ni, Te, Ti, j, V, impurities
 Sources
- heat, injected matter, current, momentum, impurities, wall (neutrals, sputtering and recycling)

Losses

- diffusion/convection of heat and particles
- pumping / neutralisation
- radiation (bremsstrahlung, synchrotron, line radiation)
- viscosity

Link to machine data bases (for application to experiments and validation of the models) X. Litaudon | ITER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 2014 | August 25th- 29th 2014 | PAGE 19

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Experimental scenarios exist, but are they extrapolable to ITER ?

- different dimensionless parameter range
- different properties of sources (e.g., rotation, fast particles) & large fraction of alpha heating
- different **control** requirements
- different level of self-organization

Scenario design by integrated tokamak modelling:

- a more and more indispensable tool, that starts to be efficient
- neither first-principle nor empirical transport models fully reliable
- **pedestal** is critical: progress on both models and database
- experimental validation of code modules
- interplay with MHD
- core- edge coupling: routine inclusion of W transport and radiation in ITER core integrated modelling

G. Giruzzi, PPCF 2011

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ITER SCENARIO DESIGN: PHYSICS CHALLENGES



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- Coupling of all spatial plasma domains (core, edge, scrape-off layer & divertor)
- Dynamic coupling of individual
 physics models relevant to each
 domain
- Interaction between plasma and PFCs
- Coupling of plasma with external circuits, H&CD, fuelling, pumping and other systems to confine and control plasma

Synthetic diagnostics

EUROfusion INTEGRATION



Modelling of core fusion performance

 control of kinetic & magnetic energy (confinement & stability) including impurities

boundary conditions core plasma

simultaneously with

Core conditions



Modelling power & particle exhaust

- Control transient & stationary power loads
- Control of fast particle losses
- Control of particle exhaust & recycling according to fuelling requirements, capacity of Tritium extraction plant & necessary Helium removal

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Challenges related to intrinsic computational complexity:

- wide variety of physics models
- integration of **physics and technology**: antennas, machine description
- first-principle turbulence codes, edge codes, 3-D non-linear MHD codes
- inclusion of transients and controls in free-boundary simulations
- inclusion of all the transport channels extremely complex
- include description of actuators, controls, diagnostics
- compromise between accuracy and approximations

Challenges related to code integration:

- **integration** of tens of codes, global reliability with number of modules ?
- codes of different nature, language, generation, speed
- complexity of software architecture / use on massively parallel computers
- speed and memory optimization: imperative to bridge gap between speed and accuracy
- users: many physicists, with different backgrounds

G. Giruzzi, PPCF 2011



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HIERARCHY OF INTEGRATED MODELLING CODES AND MODELS



0-D codes:

- solution of 0-D core thermal equilibrium equation
- fast, give a working point, used in optimisation loops for machine design

0.5-D codes:

- 0-D tool + profile effects, fast calculation (~ 1 min)
- compute time evolution with simplified profiles and actuators
- profile peaking time evolution with simplified equilibrium

1.5-D codes:

- 1.5-D: 1-D flux surface average profiles and 2-D magnetic equilibrium
- full space-time solution, with 2-D equilibria (free or fixed boundary) and detailed description of the actuators (H&CD, sources), diagnostics
 - Fixed boundary: plasma boundary given, B field computed in the plasma
 - Free boundary: B field computed in and outside the plasma from coils currents
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0-D SCENARIO MODELLING TOOLS



- computation of a "working point" for space-averaged plasma and machine parameters, with no time evolution
- solution of 0-D core thermal equilibrium equation

- **Physics constraints** on He confinement, heat transport, plasma shape, CD efficiency, density limit, MHD, etc.
- **Technology constraints** on divertor heat load, blanket properties, pumping, superconducting magnetic field, neutronics, conversion to electric energy, mechanics, etc.

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/losses

0-D SCENARIO MODELLING TOOLS



- output: PopCon plots (Plasma operation Contours)
- example: HELIOS code (J. Johner, Fusion Sci. Techn. 59 (2011) 308)

System codes for machine design :

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- possible automatic search of an optimum working point
- > optimisation may include cost !
- example: PROCESS code [Ward, Pl. Phys. Contr. Fus. 52, 2010 124033] or SYCOMORE (Imbeaux FEC 2014)
- > analogous codes exist in USA, Japan, etc.



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- ITER hybrid scenario : $q_0 > 1$ for 1000s and Q_{DT} , $Q_{DT} > 5$
- Narrow operating domain: it requires high confinement and peaked density profile to reach a critical value of bootsrap current fraction



X. Litaudon et al., Nucl. Fusion 44 (2013)

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Integrated modelling of:

- Heat, particles, rotation: transport diffusion equations (1D) + source codes
- Current profiles: current diffusion equation (1D)
- Plasma equilibrium: magnetic equilibrium code (2D)

Interpretative or Predictive modelling:

- Interpretative: to check data consistency and to calculate effective transport coefficients
 - > measured electron & ion densities & temperatures
 - resolution of current diffusion & synthetic diagnostic simulations
- Predictive: to validate transport and models against experimental data + prepare new scenarios
 - transport modelling
 - initial profiles from model or experiments

Built-in feedback controls

1.5-D INTEGRATED MODELLING TOOLS



Time dependent simulation integrating various modules to describe the complexity of whole operation

Large variety of codes with different strength and weakness depending on the physics problem to be solved :

- ASTRA : G. V. Pereverzev, G. Corrigan CPC 179 (2008) p.579
- **CORSICA :** J. A. Crotinger, et al. LLNL Report UCRL-ID-126284 (1997)
- CRONOS: J.F. Artaud et al., Nuclear Fusion 50 (2010) 043001
- **European Transport Simulator ETS :** Coster D. et al 2010 IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci. 38 2085
- Integrated Plasma Simulator, IPS: cswim.org/ips/
- JETTO: Cennacchi G. and Taroni A. 1988 JET-IR(88) 03 and JINTRAC: M. Romanelli et al Plasma and Fusion Research Volume 9, 3403023 (2014)
- **ONETWO :** Murakami et al PoP 2003
- **PTRANSP :** Budny R.V., Nuclear Fusion 49, (2009), 085008.
- **TASK:** Fukuyama et al. 2004, Proc. of 20th IAEA Fusion Energy Conf. CD/TH/P2-3
- **TOPICS-IBS:** Shirai H et al PPCF 42 (200) 1193
- **Tokamak Simulation Code (TSC):** Jardin S.C. et al 1986J. Comput. Phys. 66 481
- Etc. ...

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THE CRONOS SUITE OF CODES



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NAME STREAMS AND ADDREAMS AND ADDREAMS



~900 000 lines Fortan 77, ~75 000 lines Fortran 90/95, ~100 000 lines C, ~12 000 lines C++, ~550 000 lines Matlab

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EUROfusion JET EXPERIMENTS





Synthetic diagnostic



X. Litaudon et al., Nucl. Fusion 44 (2002)

ITER BASELINE SCENARIO: Q ~ 10 FOR 400S





- Simulation of 15MA/5.3T inductive burn DT Scenario, Q=10 and its variants in H, D and He using the JINTRAC suite 1.5D core/2D SOL and the free boundary equilibrium evolution code CREATE-NL
- Position Control System compatible
 - > with 80s lp ramp-up,
 - > 450s flat-top,
 - > 170s lp ramp-down
- Sensitivity for the ramp-up rate (dashed lines)
 - Q~10 predicted but sensitive to pedestal assumption

V. Parail et al., Nucl. Fusion 44 (2002)

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EUROfusion ITER HYBRID SCENARIO: Q ~ 8 FOR 1200 S, IDEAL MHD STABLE t = 1200 s t = 1200 s t = 1200 s t = 1200 s t = 1200 st = 1200 s



Giruzzi G. et al., PPCF 2011 Besseghir K et al PPCF 2013

EUROfusion CURRENT RAMP-UP PHASE



- Access condition to the class of hybrid-like q-profiles ?
- Optimisation of the current ramp-up phase: plasma current waveform, heating & current drive waveform, L to H transition
- the heating systems available at ITER allow to reach a hybrid q-profile at the end of the current ramp-up.



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Giruzzi G. et al., PPCF 2011 Besseghir K et al PPCF 2013

HORIMODEL-BASED MAGNETIC AND KINETICHORI2020REAL TIME CONTROL FOR ITER STEADY-EUROfusionSTATE SCENARIO







- An integrated model-based plasma control strategy for the control of the poloidal flux profile and Pα
- The control actuators are NBI, ECRH, ICRH, LHCD and surface loop voltage.
- A two-time-scale model identified from open-loop simulations.
- Closed-loop control simulations : current profile control can be combined with burn control

CONTROL ROBUSTNESS (ITER STEADY-STATE SCENARIO): Loss of confinement, density increase,



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Vsurf = 0 @ t > 2.5 s

30% H factor drop @ t > 8 s 25% density increase @ t > 14 s 25% Zeff increase @ t > 20 s



Moreau D. et al. 21st EFPW, 9-11 December 2013, Ringsted, Denmark & FEC ST Petersburg 2014





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Development of a standardized platform & an integrated modelling suite

- Generic approach, i.e. not specific to transport simulator problem, to a chain of coupled codes, to a machine etc
- **Modular**, **flexible**, code, language and machine independent
- A new data and communication 'ontology'* for standardizing the data exchange between different codes, through a generic data structure incorporating both simulated and experimental data
 - modules describing the same physics is easily interchanged
 - eases code coupling & rigorous code verification / benchmark
 - enhanced quality / reproducibility
- Multi-machine capability: modules within a workflow run on local cluster or HPC or GRID

Becoulet et al CPC 177 (2007) 55–59 Strand P.I. et al 2010 Fusion Eng. Des. 85 383–7 Falchetto et al Nucl. Fusion 54 (2014) 043018 *Ontology is the structural framework for organizing information used in systems/software engineering, artificial intelligence etc (~ grammar for data)

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the integrated simulation "workflow" solves an elementary problem (e.g. equilibrium reconstruction, wave propagation, synthetic diagnostic, ...)

modularity, flexibility

- the data transfer between components uses exclusively standardized interfaces (I/O) : Consistent Physical Objects (CPOs) [F. Imbeaux et al, Comp. Phys. Comm. 2010]
 - consistent data-blocks defined from the elementary
 - physics/technology problem solved (equilibrium, PF coils ...)
 - > generic data structure for machine and simulation data
 - independent of programming language
- the data management is hidden to the user, data exchanges are dealt by a Universal Access Layer (UAL)
- a graphical workflow manager allows to easily build integrated simulations reflecting transparently the physics

Falchetto et al Nucl. Fusion 54 (2014) 043018

HORIZON 2020 EU INTEGRATED TOKAMAK MODELLING **APPROACH: GENERIC APPLICATION STRUCTURE EUROfusion** Framework **Physics module** (workflow Universal solves elementary manager) Access physics problem as an Layer (UAL) Executes the independent code: no knowledge about workflow and Manages origin/destination of I/O manages the the CPO dataflows code data Interface (passes CPO

provide I/O as CPOs

A dedicated tool automatically converts a module into a Kepler actor :

developer



references)



https://kepler-project.org/

Falchetto et al Nucl. Fusion 54 (2014) 043018

exchanges

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Kepler workflow: graphical version of a code flowchart



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EUROPEAN TRANSPORT SOLVER, ETS



- ~1000 Kepler actors
- ~5000 data for the data structure

EUROFusion EUROPEAN TRANSPORT SOLVER FOR VARIOUS



Core workflows running under Kepler for

MAST, TCV, AUG, JET, ITER, DEMO



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EUROfusion ALTERNATIVE APPROACH : IPS , INTEGRATED



IPS, Integrated Plasma Simulator:

A flexible, extensible computational framework capable of coupling state-ofthe-art models for energy and particle sources, transport, and stability for tokamak core plasma

IPS Design Approach

- permit massively parallel physics modules to interoperate with flexibly and efficiently
 - Framework/component architecture written in Python
 - > Components implemented using existing whole codes (usually in Fortrop) wropped in standard component interface (written in Dythen
 - Fortran) wrapped in standard component interface (written in Python)
 - File-based communication
 - Plasma State: official transfer mechanism for time-evolving data that must be transferred between components



ALTERNATIVE APPROACH : OMFIT FRAMEWORK



OMFIT : One Modeling Framework for Integrated Tasks:

- A comprehensive framework designed to facilitate experimental data analysis and enable integrated simulations
- Collect data from different sources into a single, self-descriptive, hierarchical data structure



Routinely used for DIII-D equilibrium, stability and transport analyses

VERIFICATION USING EU FRAMEWORK



Benchmarking of electron cyclotron heating and current drive codes on an ITER inductive scenario



Equatorial launcher with poloidal & toroidal launching angles 0° and 25°

- Benchmark 5 EU EC beam/raytracing codes performed within the EU framework for 3 different launching conditions
- Simplifies verification: the 5 codes run in the same workflow
- Good agreement found, differences in total current < 15%, and with peak values of power density dP/dV and driven current density matching within 10%, and the position of the profiles matching within δρ ~ 0.02

Figini L. et al 2012 et al EC-17

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ETS VERIFICATION



Benchmarking of the ETS against ASTRA and CRONOS performed using the parameters of JET hybrid discharge



Kalupin D. et al 2011 38th EPS Conf.

- Self-consistent evolution of electron and ion temperatures, current diffusion and equilibrium
- fixed electron density profile, Gaussian heating and current drive profiles
- Spitzer resistivity, Bohm–gyro-Bohm transport model
- Satisfactory agreement. Differences attributed to different equilibrium solvers
- Laying the foundation for ETS usage for predictive and interpretative runs on present devices and ITER.

FULL JET DISCHARGE SIMULATION WITH ETS



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- Simulation covering the full plasma discharge duration (13s).
- Solves coupled transport equations of magnetic flux, temperature and density simultaneously
- Good agreement between
 experimental data and
 simulation

EUROfusion IMPURITY TRANSPORT MODELLING WITH ETS:





Impurity transport simulated to match the radiative power profiles

Output ETS modelling

- Impurity profiles and transport coefficients
 - radiation

1.0

1.0

- ≻ Core ~ W
- edge injected Ni
- Be weak contributions
- impurity increase during ICRH phase analysed as an edge Wsource increase instead of transport modification

Kalupin, Nucl. Fusion 53 (2013) 123007 | PAGE 52

NEOCLASSICAL TEARING MODE MODULE COUPLED TO ETS



- Neoclassical Tearing Modes (NTMs) are magnetohydrodynamic modes which degrade locally the energy and particle confinement
- Flattening of Te by a 3/2 NTM was simulated on JET pulse 76791, in good agreement with experiment



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EUROfusion COUPLED EQUILIBRIUM-TRANSPORT



- Tokamak scenario preparation requires a consistent modeling of the poloidal field system, plasma force balance and plasma core transport
- coupling Free boundary equilibrium CEDRES++ (2D plasma force balance + PF system) with the European Transport Solver



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- With ITER, Fusion research enters in the 'Nuclear and Reactor Era'.
- Bringing Fusion research to its "Reactor Era" requires an innovative programme of "discharge mastering", where modelling plays a crucial role
 - Limited experimental time for empirical approach
 - Design, safety case and preparation of operation with systematic modelling
- Integrated Modelling: Set of codes coupled together to model the complex
 & coupled 'plasma + tokamak' system
- Integrated Modelling for ITER scenario
 - Predictive modelling of each plasma from beginning to end, including analysis of control requirements
 - > Interpretative analysis of each plasma to evaluate/validate models
- ITER scenario design: **physics** and **computational** challenges

EUROfusion PROSPECTS [2/3]



- Finalisation of the ITER modeling architecture & analysis suite for Integrated Tokamak Modelling
- Systematic validation and benchmark on existing experiments with more accurate reproductions of present-day tokamak data, e.g.
 - Core & edge integration (full 2D coupling) with metallic walls
 - Impurity source and transport
 - Disruption modelling
 - MHD & confinement , pedestal
 - Fast particles physics
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- Imperative to bridge the gap between speed and accuracy for routine integrated modelling
 - computational challenge: parallization and computing resources
 - physics challenge: reduced model

PROSPECTS [3/3] EUROfusion Integrated simulation that includes all the complexity of

tokamak operation

Towards the flight simulator for ITER & fusion reactors simulator



- Towards the numerical tokamak, the ab-initio integrated modelling
 - Integrate with first principle codes with multi-platform resources (cluster, grid, HPC)







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EUROfusion WALLS JET HYBRID SCENARIO



Intrinsic Be and W, and injected Ni impurities simulated with ETS (all charge states, non-coronal equilibrium, empirical impurity transport):

Radiation measurement from different bolometer channels is reasonably well reproduced



TRANSPORT OF IMPURITIES IMPLEMENTED IN ETS



Evolution of He²⁺ and C⁶⁺ radial density profiles showing the penetration from the edge to the core.

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- Transport of multiple impurities, including multiple charge states in ETS
 - First verifications performed on test cases for light impurities on a JET-like geometry
 - Perspectives: extend verification to heavy metallic impurities (Tungsten) and coupling to turbulent transport models

P. Huynh, J.Li, J.F Artaud, V.Basiuk, R.Guirlet