

Some “simple” strategies for modeling magnetically confined plasmas

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1st Part

1. General properties of plasmas and magnetic confinement
2. Applications of plasma physics in the field of magnetic confinement fusion and ion sources for particles accelerators
3. Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Sources: the most performing devices for accelerator feeding with high intensity and high charge state ion beams

2nd Part

1. Modeling of magnetically confined plasma
2. Monte-Carlo code for simulation of confinement, heating, beam formation
3. Ray tracing calculation and balance equations
4. Impact of modeling on ion sources development

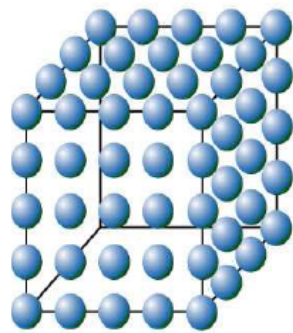
Plasma

3 states of matter: solid – liquid – gaseous

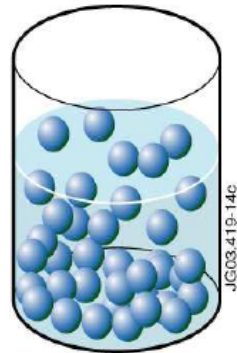


steam... gaseous ...

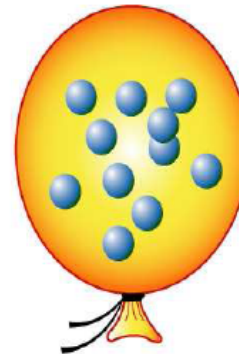
Plasma: the 4th state of matter



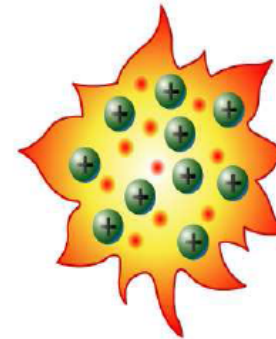
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Solid (ice)



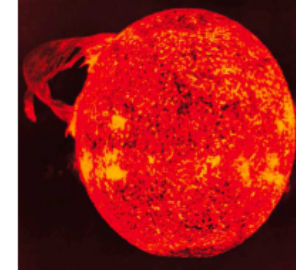
Warm
Liquid (water)



Hot
Gas (Steam)



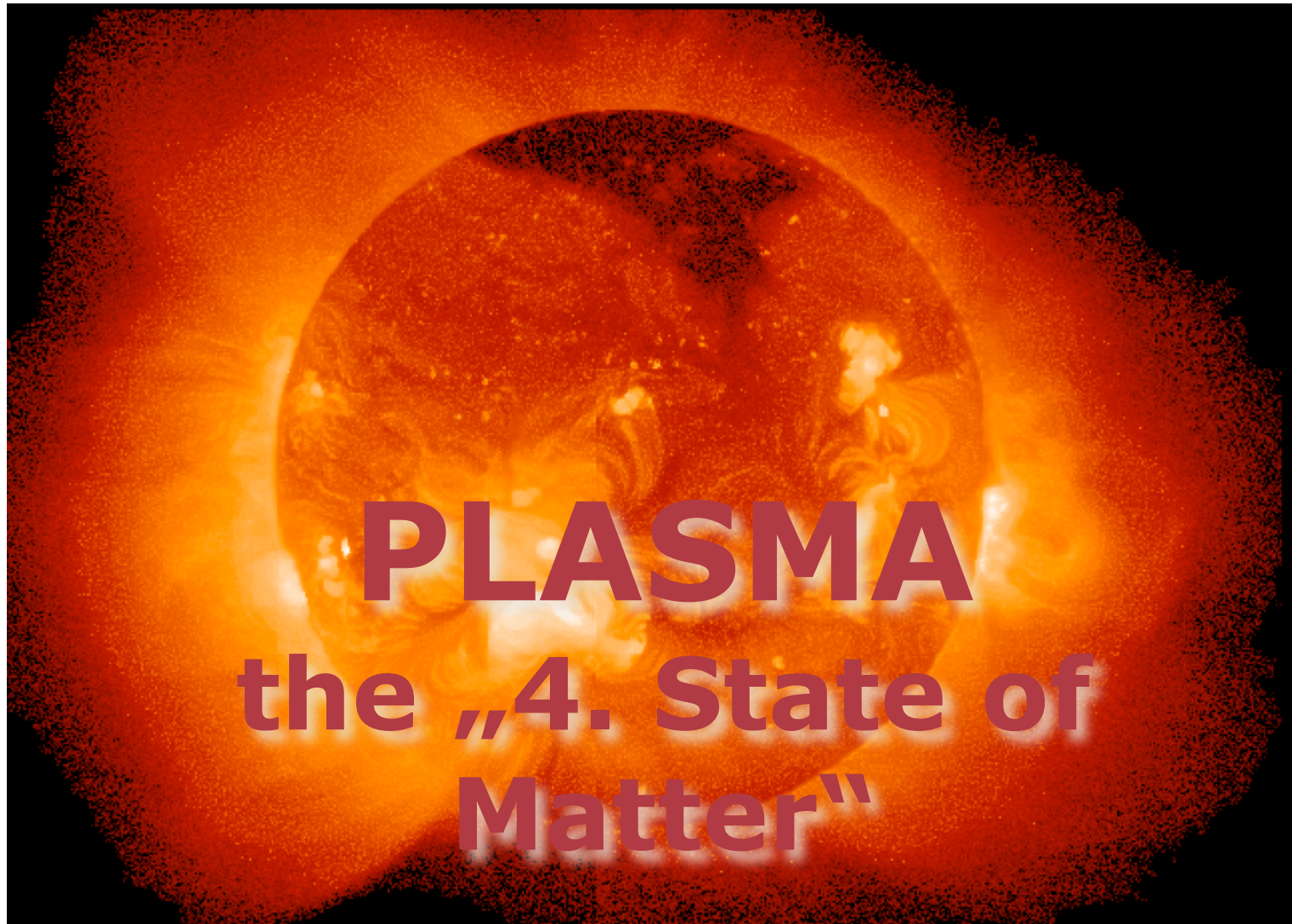
Hotter
Plasma



Aumentando la temperatura

Un plasma e' un ottimo conduttore di elettricitá'

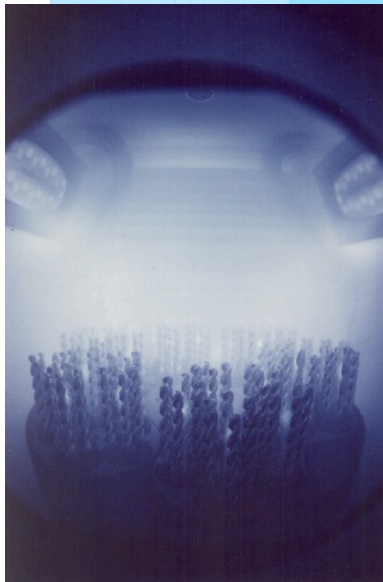
This is Plasma



Some Applications

Light
(see lamps und projector)

**Surface
Hardening**

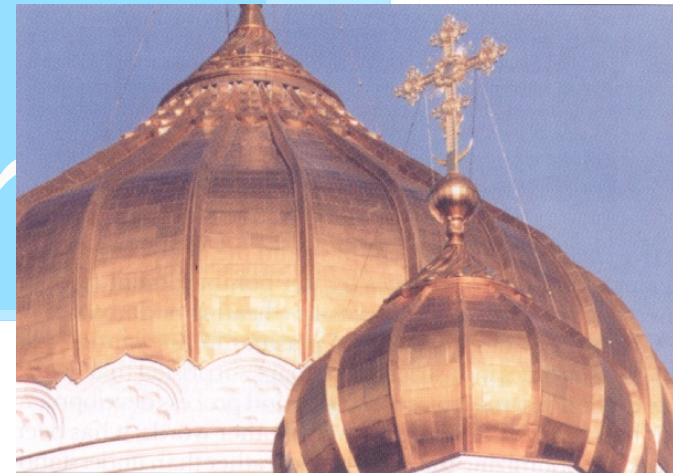


**Plasma Monitor
(Television)**
large, well resolving, flat



**Surface
Refinement**

Plasma treated roof
of the cathedral
„Christ the Saviour“
in Moscow. Steel tiles
covered with films
of Titanium Nitride
and diamond-like carbon



Main Plasma Constituents

- positively charged ions
- electrons
- neutrals

Key Plasma Properties

- quasineutrality
- collective behavior

Electron Temperature and Distribution Functions

Weakly ionized plasma is a mixture of different gases:
neutral gas, ion gas and electron gas.

Under the action of electromagnetic fields electrons gain much more energy from the EM-field than ions. Their mean energy exceeds by far the mean energy of the ions and the neutrals. Thus

$$T_e \gg T_+, T_n$$

In plasma temperatures are measured in eV:

$$kT = 1\text{eV corresponds to } T = 11600 \text{ K}$$

Typical values: $kT_e = 1 \dots 10^4 \text{ eV}$ for electrons

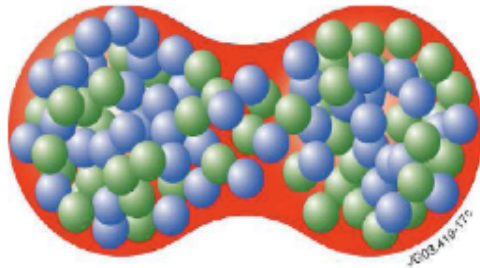
$$kT_+ = 0.03 \dots 0.1 \text{ eV for ions}$$

Why are magnetic fields applied to plasmas?

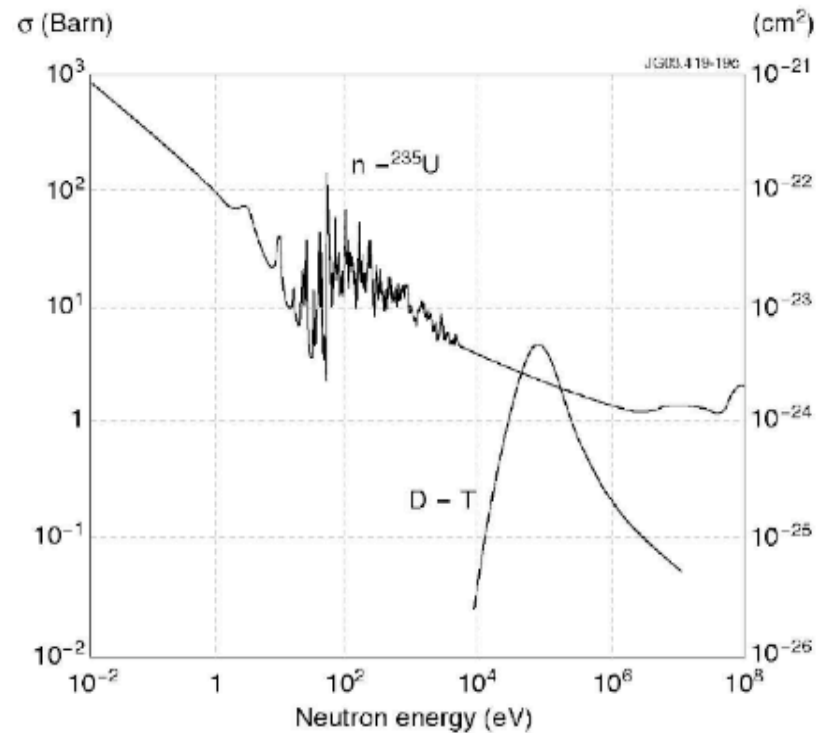
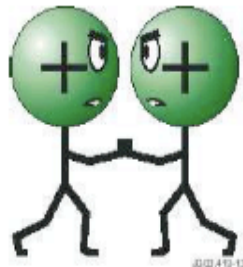
Stabilization of electron and ion confinement is mandatory for plasma ignition or multicharged ions production

The problem of Coulomb barrier tunneling

Fission



Fusion



A sufficiently high energy must be transferred to nucleons in order to lead to nuclear fusion (on the order of 10^2 keV). This energy corresponds to temperatures of the order of 100 million of Celsius degrees. At these temperatures the matter is PLASMA

***High density – long lifetimes
are required for Ion Sources also!!***

$$I_{ext} \propto \frac{n_e}{\tau_i} ; \quad \langle q \rangle \propto n_e * \tau_i$$

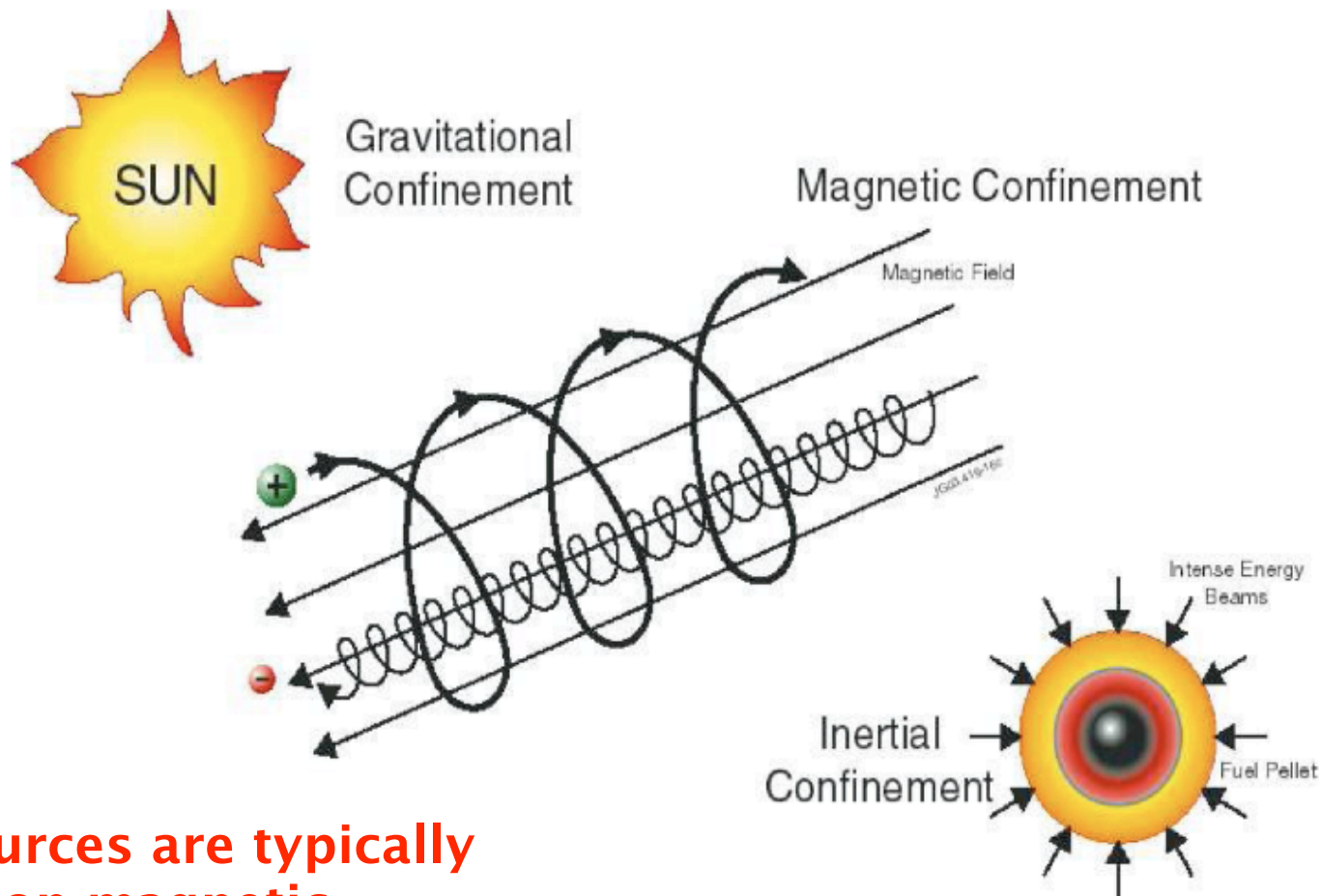


Plasmas at high electron density and characterized by long ion lifetimes are specifically required. They can be produced by high intensity electron beams or sustained by microwaves

Principles of magnetic confinement

Stabilization of electron and ion
confinement is mandatory to
achieve ignition (**FUSION**) or highly
charged ions (**INJECTORS FOR
ACCELERATORS**)

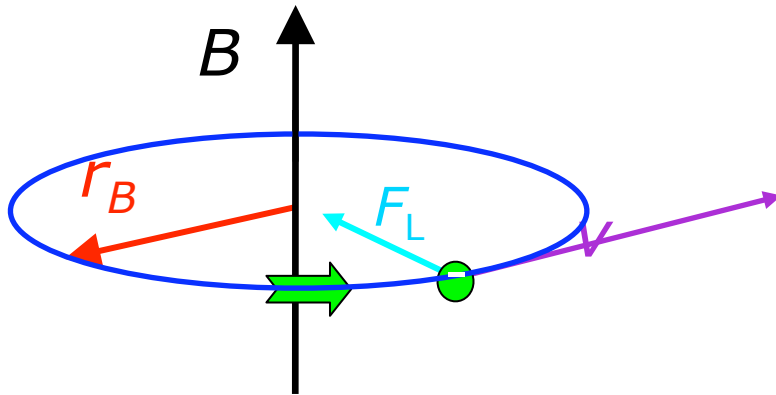
How do plasmas can be confined?



Ion sources are typically based on magnetic confinement

Gyration of ions and electrons under the action of a static magnetic field

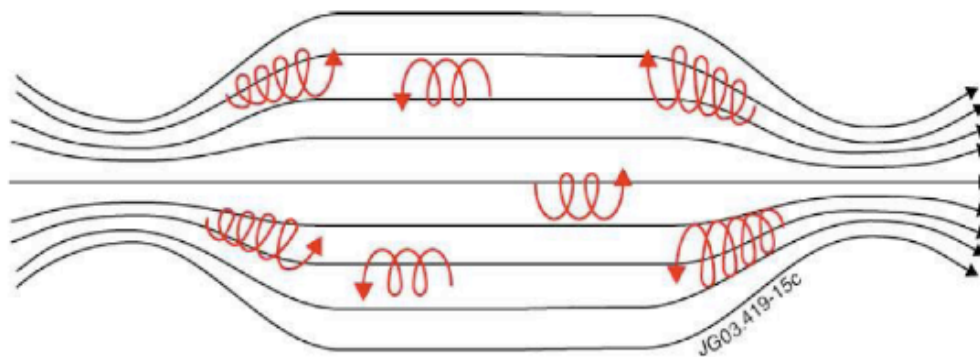
- ❖ The Lorentz force F_L exerted by a static magnetic field of induction B on particles of mass m bearing an elementary charge e causes a circular motion.
- ❖ The radius (cyclotron radius) r_B of the circular trajectory is given by $r_B = mv/eB$
- ❖ The corresponding cyclotron frequency ω_B does not depend on the particle velocity v : $\omega_B = eB/m$



$$F_L = qv \times B$$

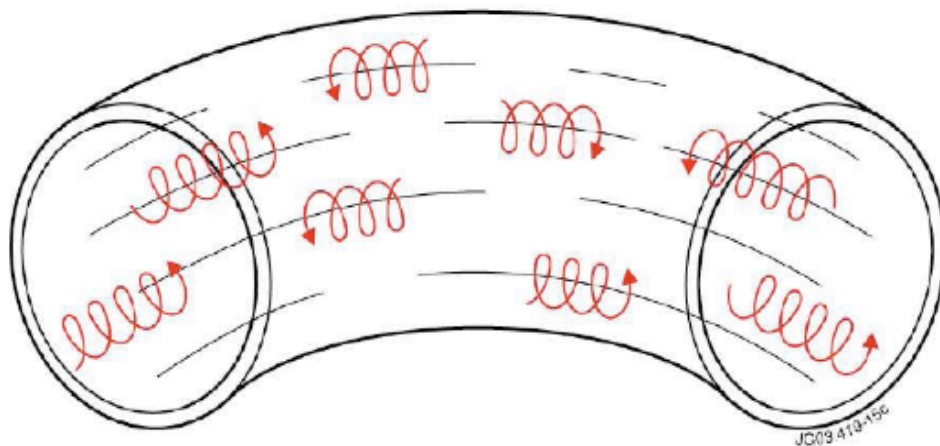
Magnetic Confinement

Magnetic fields intrinsically force charged particles to reduce freedom degrees: electrons spiralyze around the field lines and can be trapped for several ms in mirror machines or toroidal structures.



MIRROR STRUCTURES

have axial symmetry and can be produced by sequences of room temperature or SC coils. They are commonly used in ion sources field



TOROIDAL CONFINEMENT

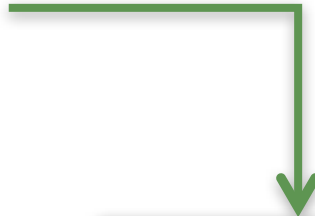
is typical of Fusion Machines like TOKAMAKS or STELLARATORS

The ideal confinement requires some stringent conditions on plasma equilibrium and stability

Plasma can also be viewed as fluids. Therefore the confinement and its equilibrium and stability can be investigated by looking to the equilibrium between the plasma kinetic pressure and the magnetic (confining) field pressure.

$$p + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} = \text{costante}$$

The stability of the confinement can be studied as a function of the β parameter, which is the ratio between the kinetic and magnetic pressures.


$$\beta \equiv \frac{\sum nkT}{\frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}}$$

The condition for a magnetically stable plasma is that $\beta \ll 1$

Stability of magnetic confinement

The magneto-hydro-dynamics equation gives:

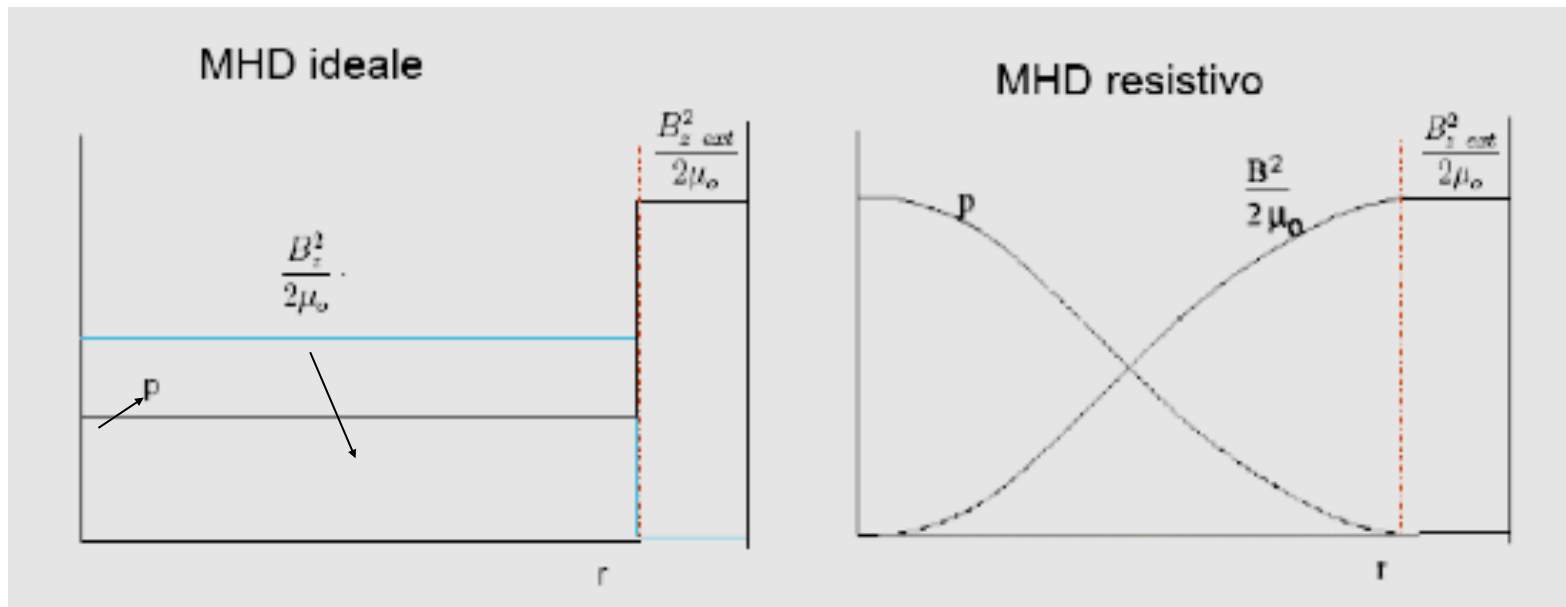
$$\nabla p = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[(\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla B^2 \right]$$

➔

$$\nabla \left(p + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}$$

In case B is smoothly variable along its own direction, the right hand term can be neglected, yielding:

$$p + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} = \text{costante}$$



Principles of magnetic mirrors

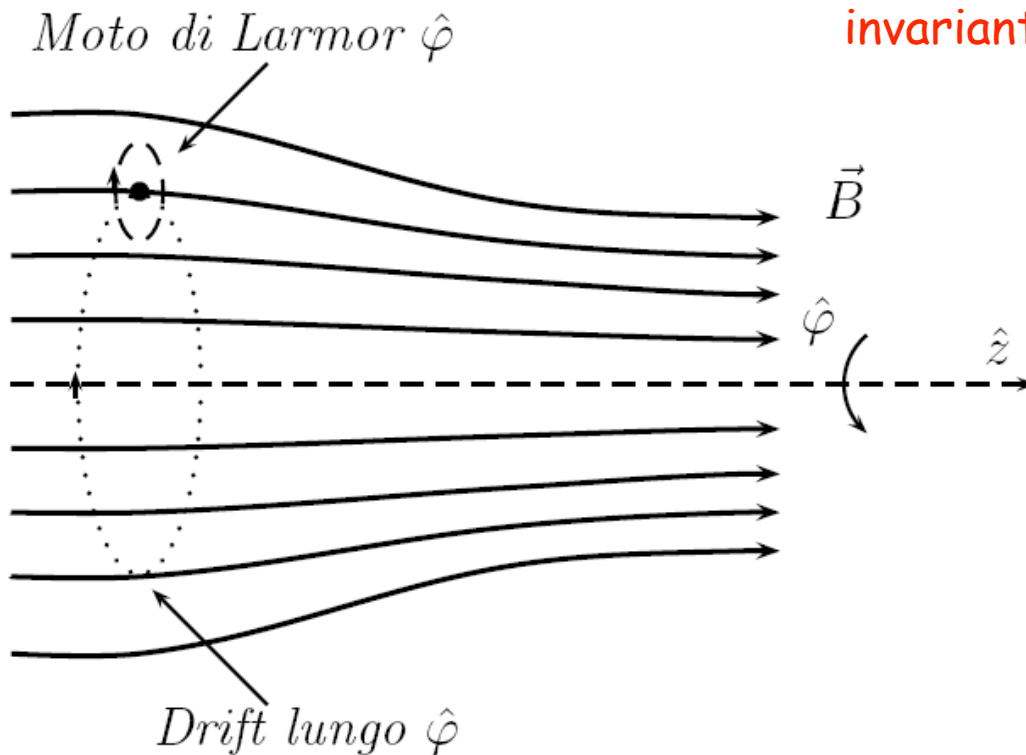
Magnetic mirrors are largely employed in ion sources field since allow the construction of compact-size machines. Some ingredients are needed to ensure efficient trapping:

- ✓ A magnetic gradient must exist along the direction of B:

$$\vec{F}_{\parallel} = -\mu \frac{\partial B}{\partial s} = -\mu \vec{\nabla}_{\parallel} B$$

Adiabatic
invariant

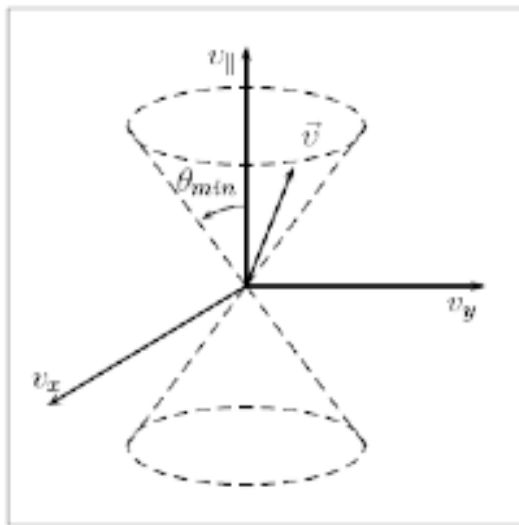
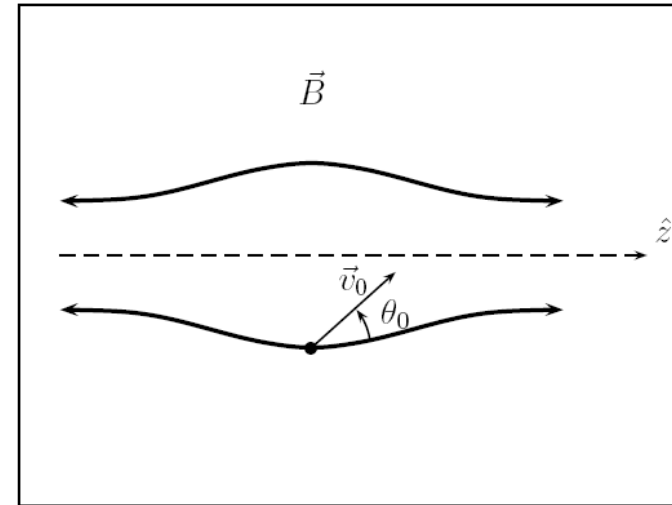
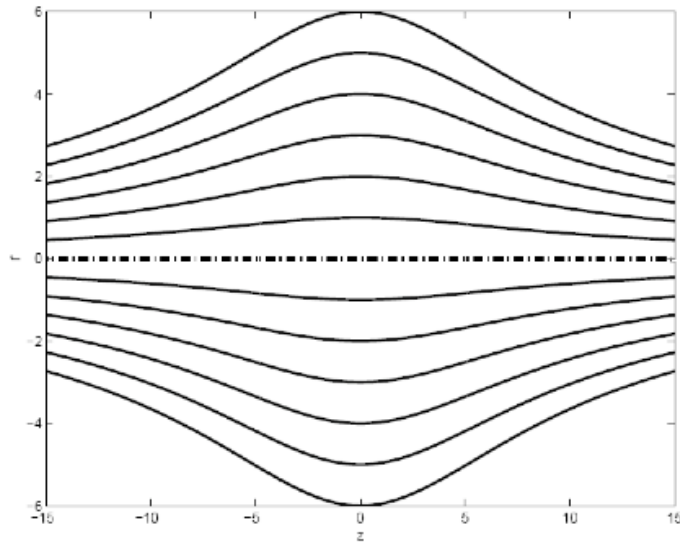
$$\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{B}$$



- ✓ Radial component of the magnetic field;
- ✓ The angle formed by the particle velocity w.r.t B must be as large as possible.

The mirror effect is a direct consequence of μ invariance.

Principles of magnetic mirrors



$$\theta_{min} = \arcsin \sqrt{\frac{B_0}{B_m}}$$

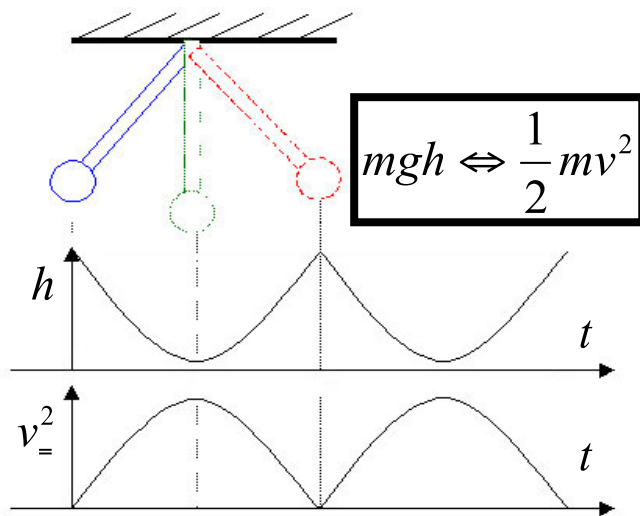
✓ Efficient confinement by a single-particle point of view.

✓ Considering a fluid approach, MHD instability arises because of the bad curvature of the field lines in the midplane, causing the onset of flute instability.

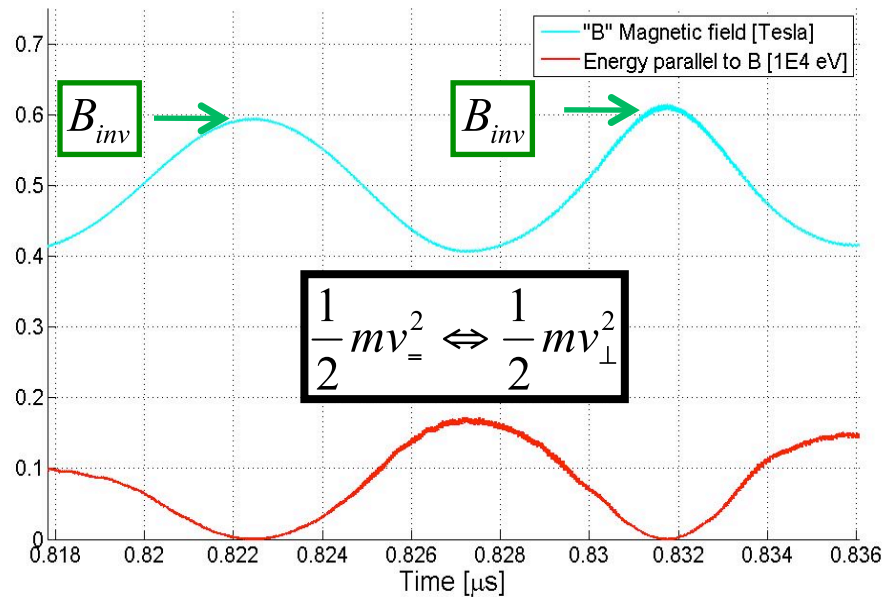
Effects of Magnetic Field

$$\vec{F}_{\perp} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} = qv_{\perp}B \Rightarrow \text{precession around } B \text{ field}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\parallel} = -\mu\nabla\vec{B} = -\frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2 \frac{\nabla\vec{B}}{B} \Rightarrow \text{confinement}$$



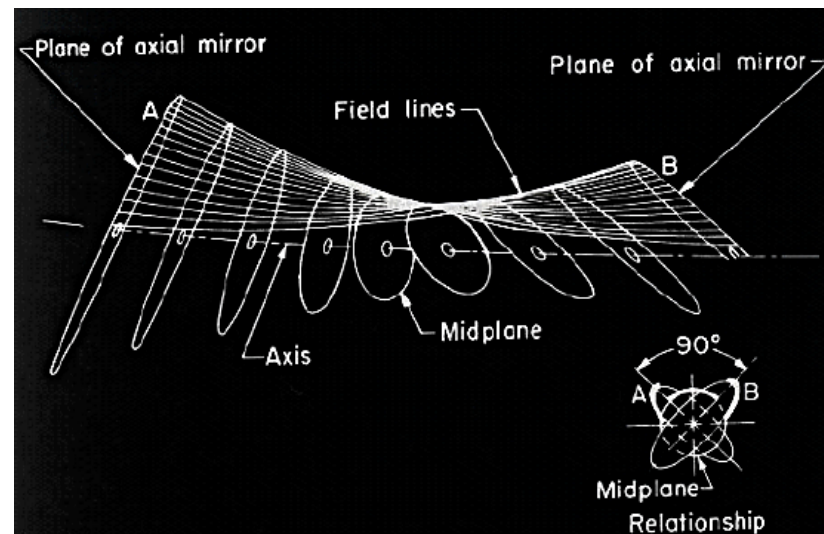
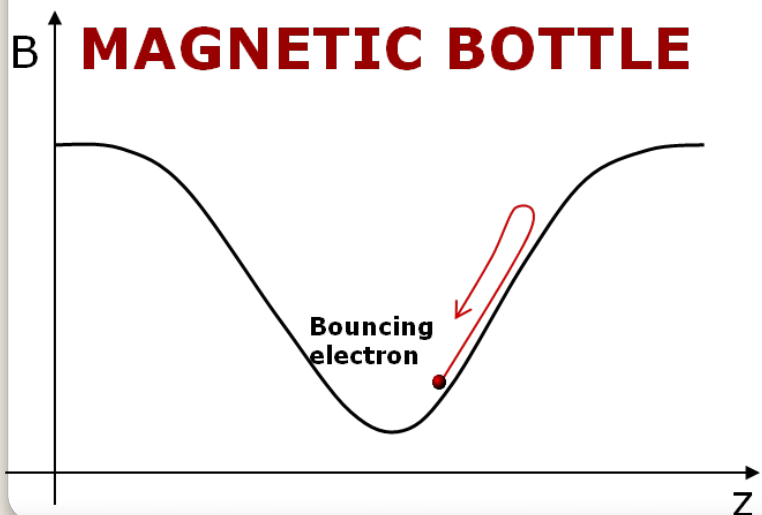
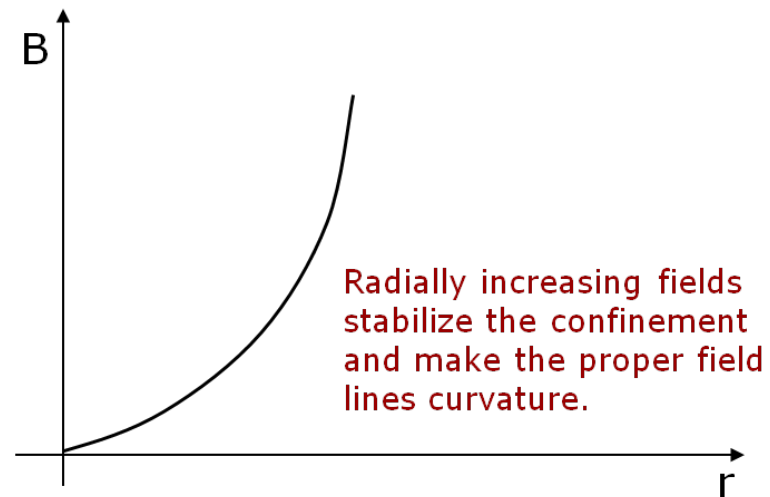
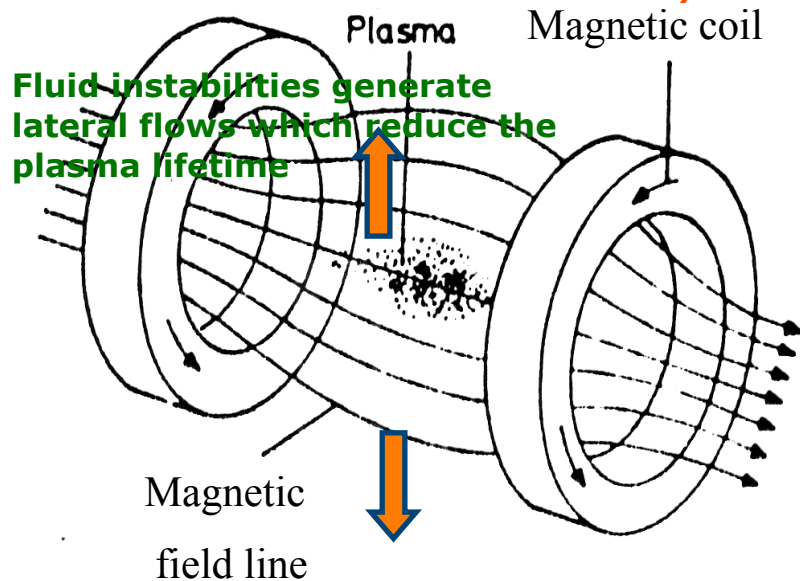
$$E_{tot} = mgh + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$



$$E_{tot} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2$$

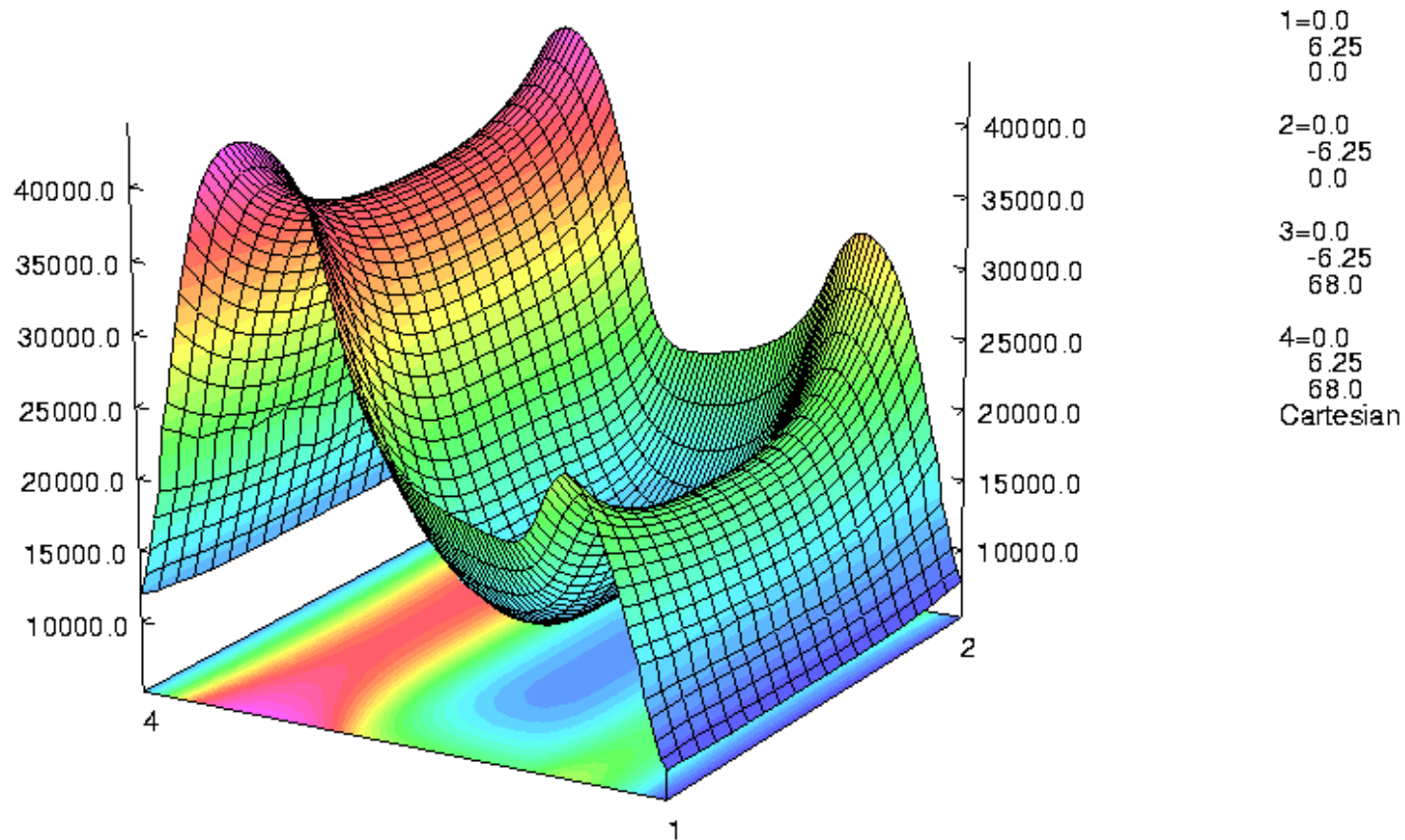
Principles of magnetic mirrors

- The necessity of the minimum B structure



ECRIS magnetic structure

The necessity of the minimum B structure

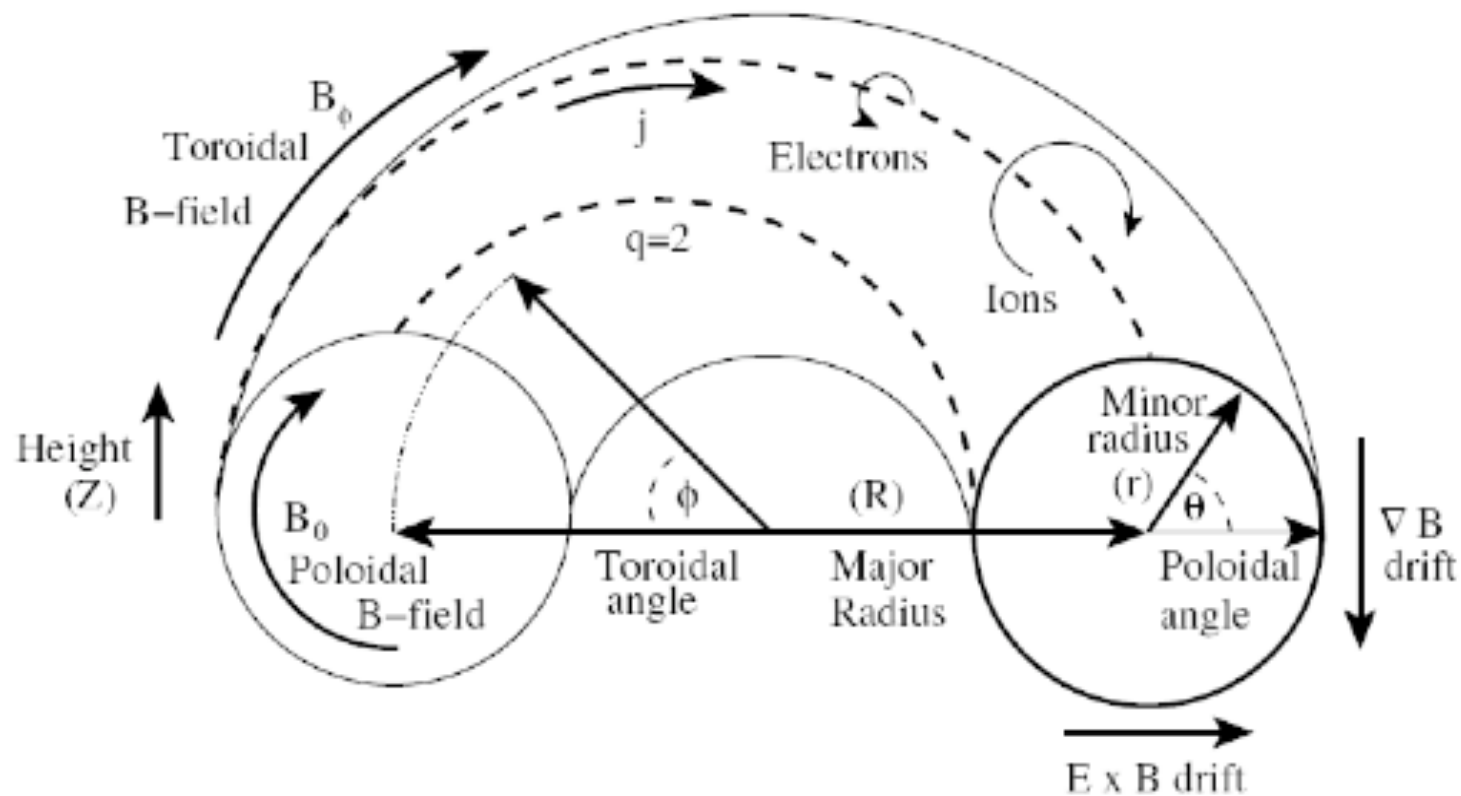


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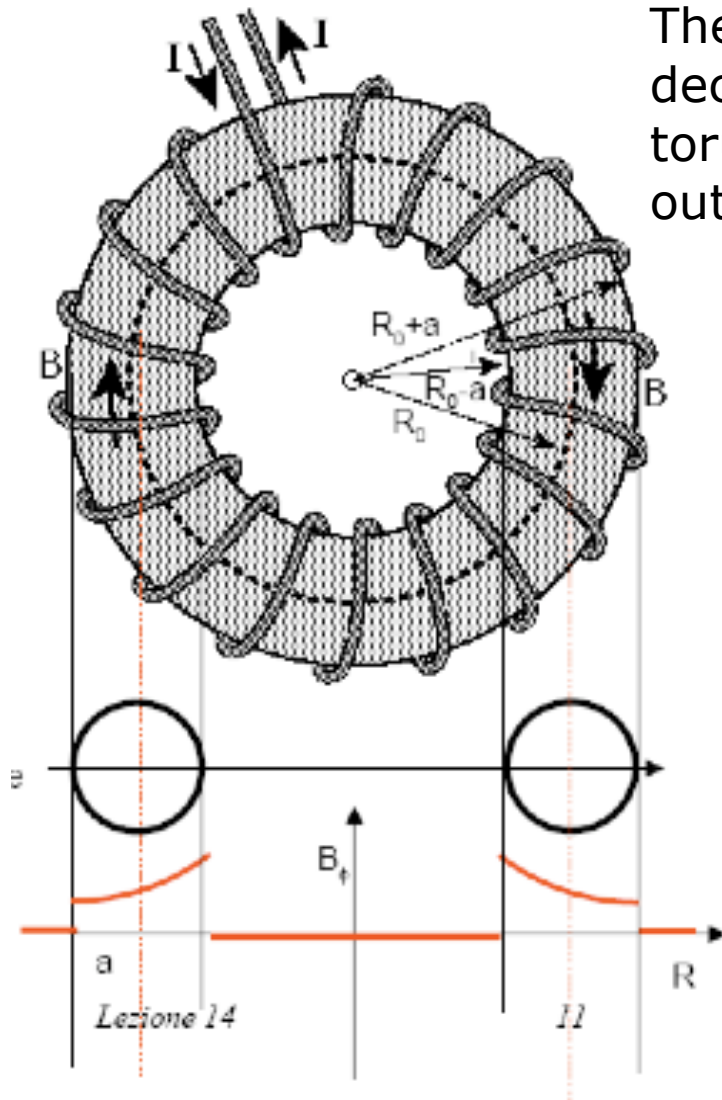

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TOKAMAK-like magnetic structure



TOKAMAK-like magnetic structure

The magnetic field inside the solenoid decreases as $1/R$, where R is the main torus radius. The magnetic field is zero outside from the solenoid.

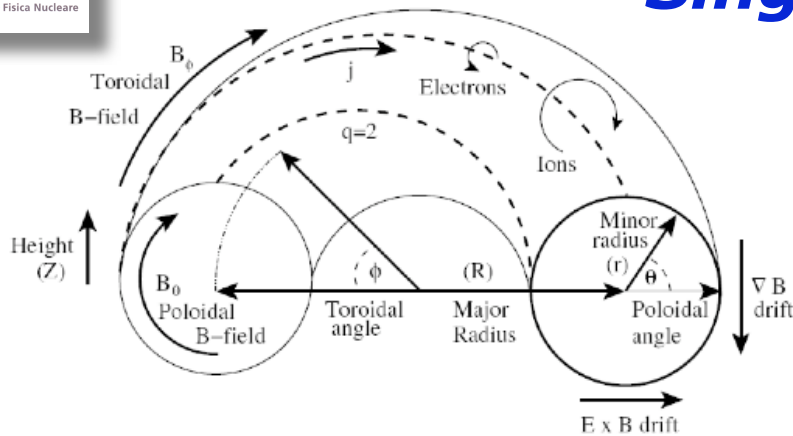


$$\mathbf{B}(R) = \mu_0 \frac{NI}{2\pi R}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(R_0) = \mu_0 \frac{NI}{2\pi R_0}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(R_0) = B_0 \frac{R_0}{R}$$

Single Particle confinement in TOKAMAKS



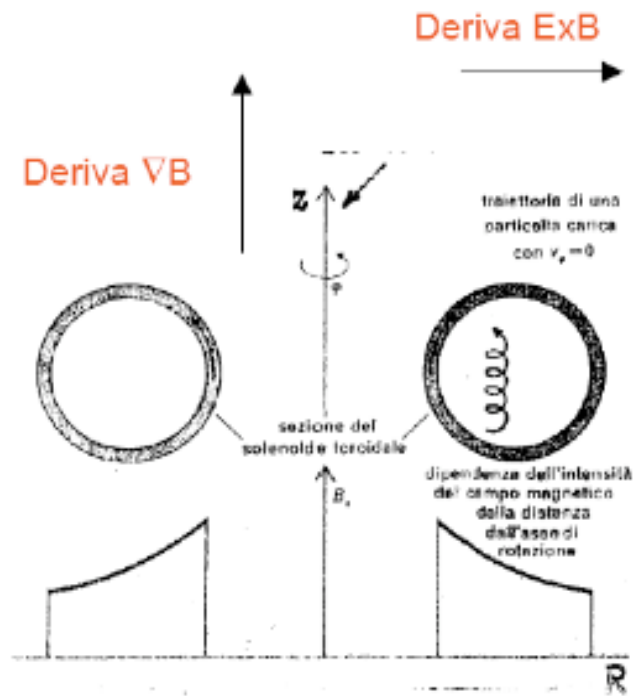
The simple toroidal field is not enough to guarantee the stable confinement of the plasma.

The B gradient induces a drift of the charged particles, which move away from the torus center:

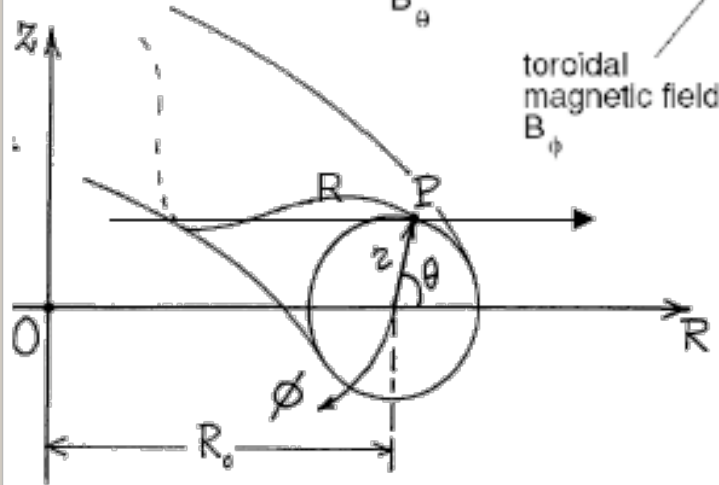
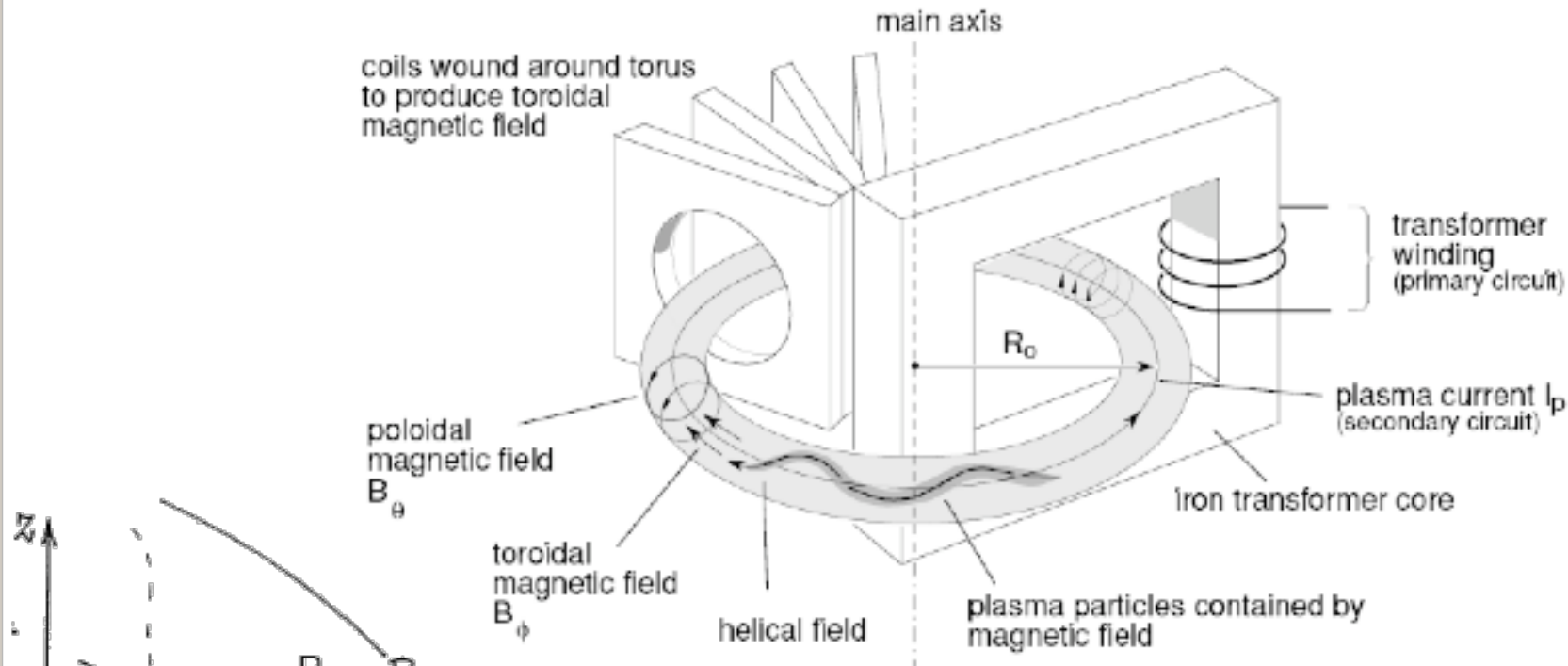
$$\vec{V}_{DG} = \frac{\mu}{q} \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{B^2} c$$

Being the drift due to the gradient oppositely directed for electrons and ions an electric field arises, which in turn produce an additional deconfining drift:

$$\vec{V}_{DE} = c \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{B^2}$$

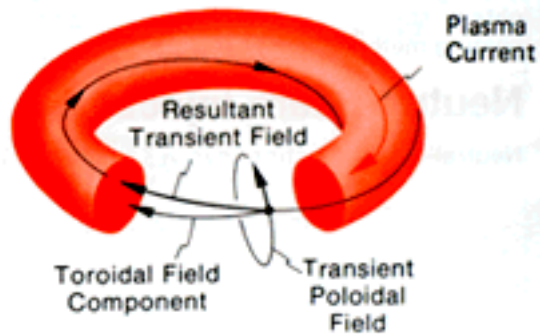
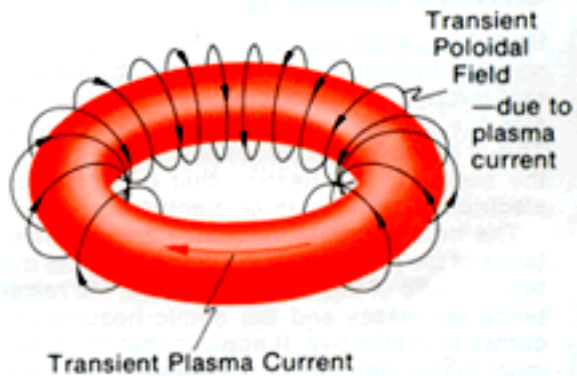
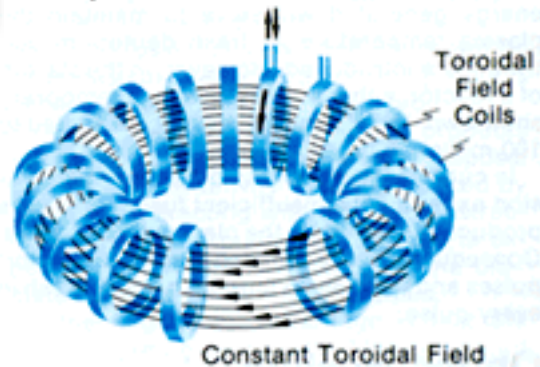


A stable confinement can be ensured only by a proper combination of poloidal and toroidal fields.

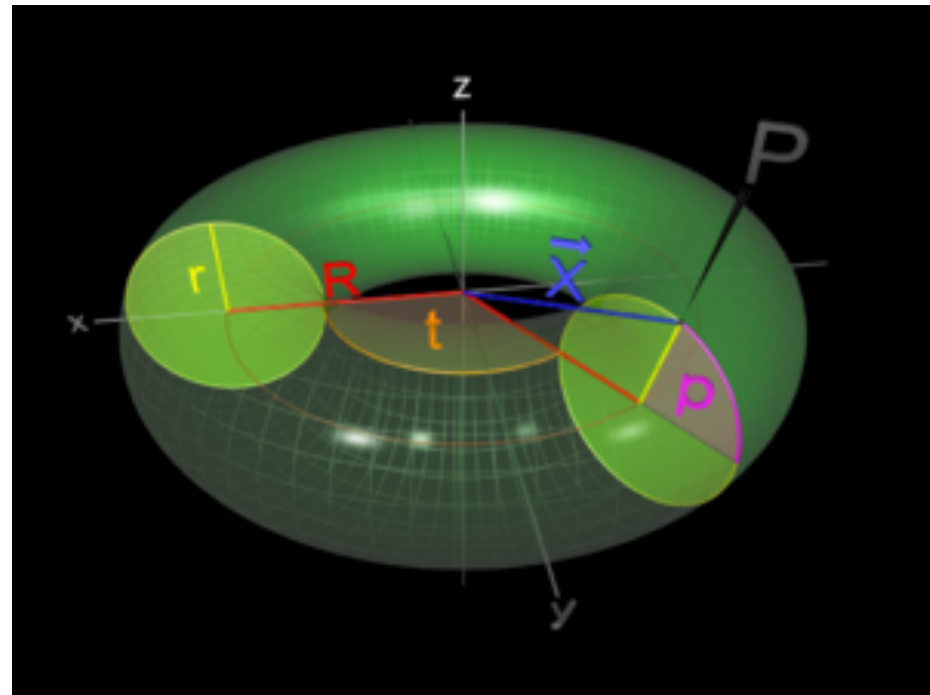


The poloidal field is produced by a toroidal current flowing inside the plasma, which is then a sort of secondary circuit of an electrical transformer. The rotational transformation of the magnetic field lines balances the drift motions and stabilizes the plasma.

Relatively Constant Electric Current



TOKAMAK-like magnetic configuration

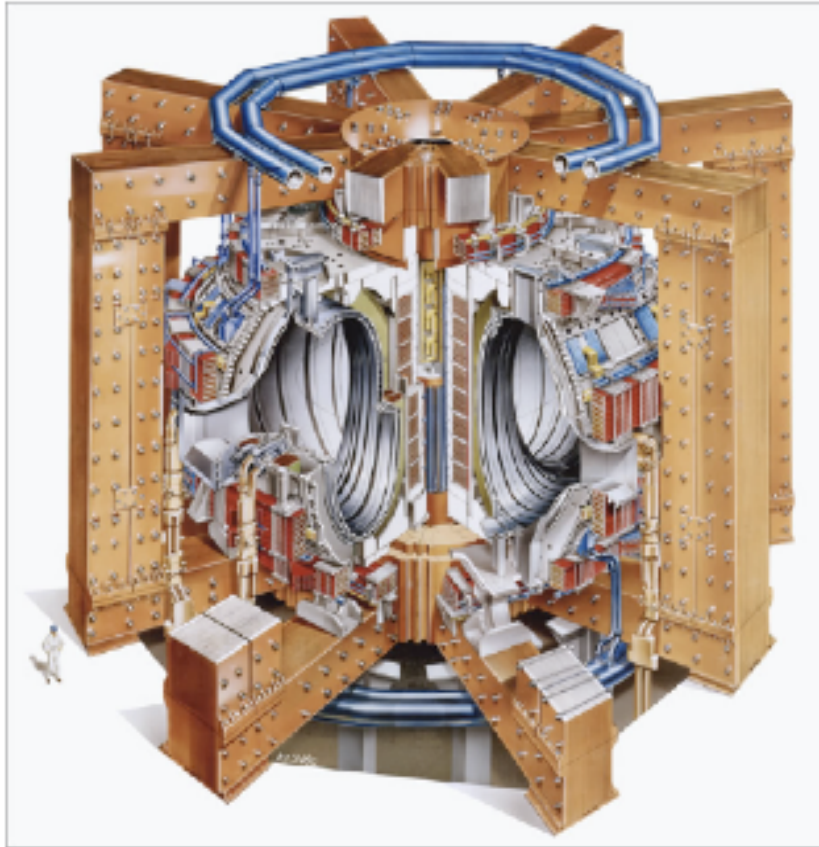


TOKAMAK coordinates

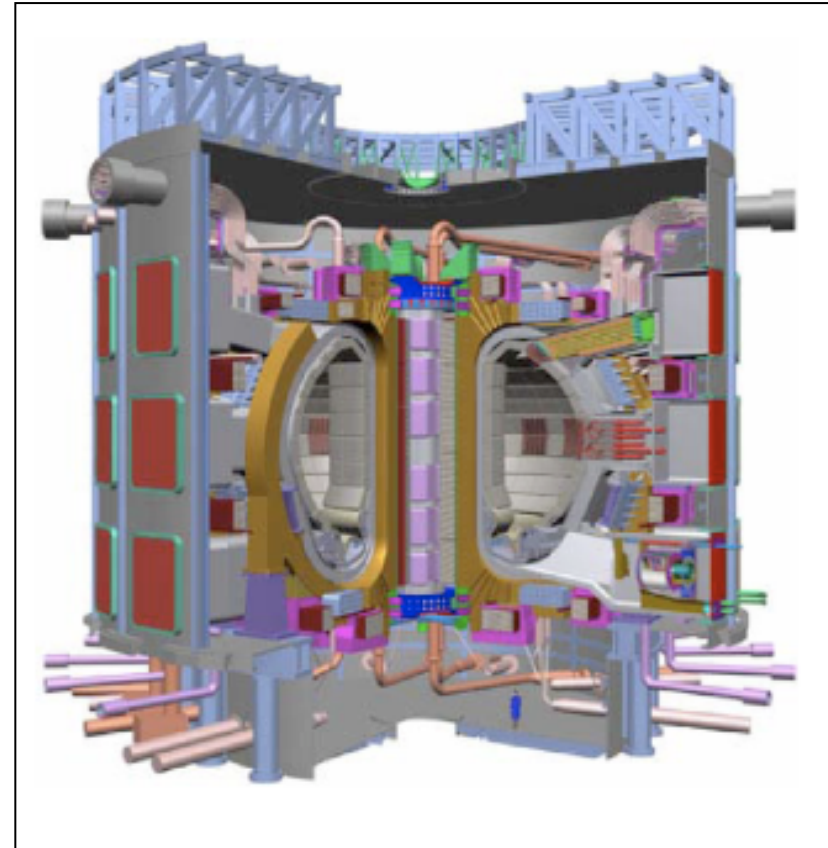
Global composition of the magnetic fields in TOKAMAKS

TOKAMAK

JET – Joint European Tokamak

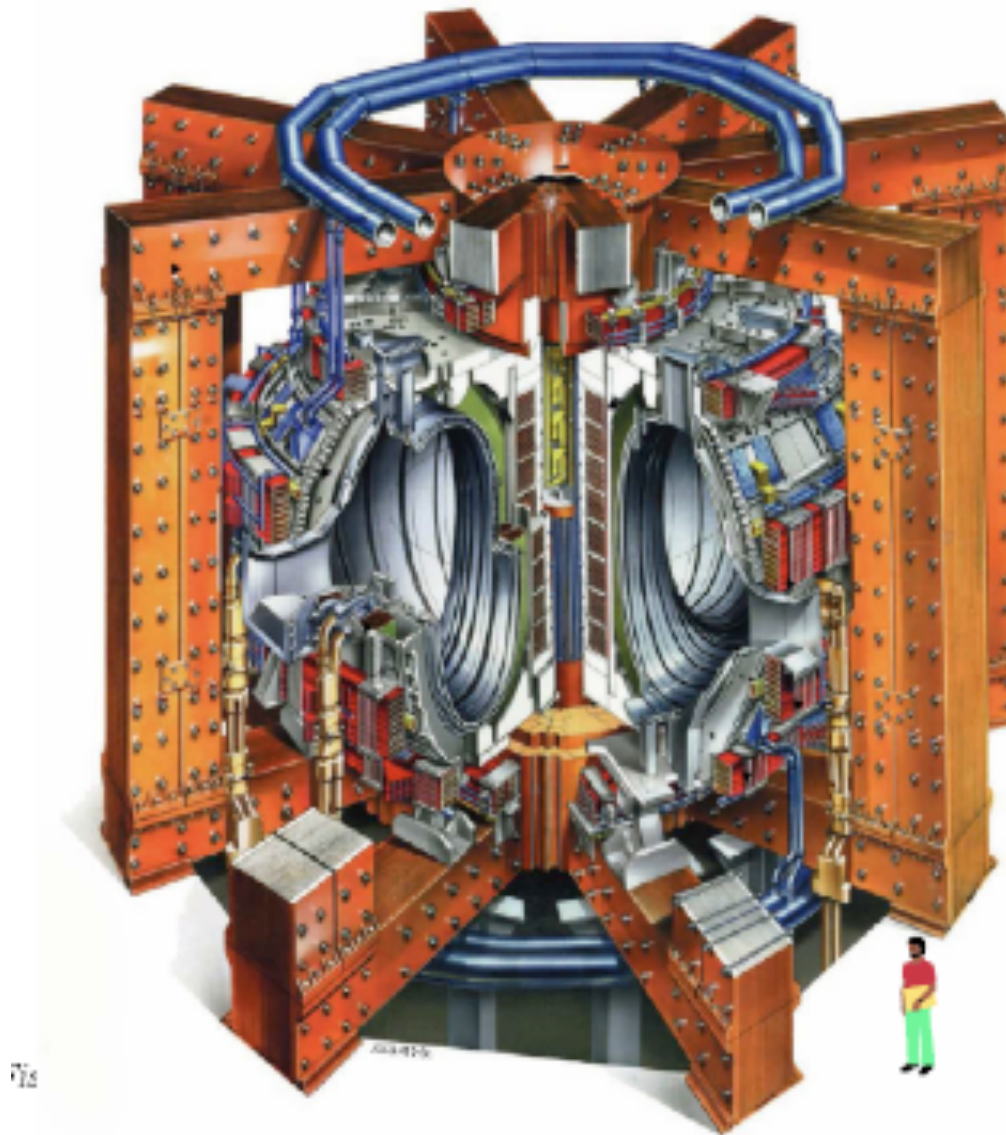


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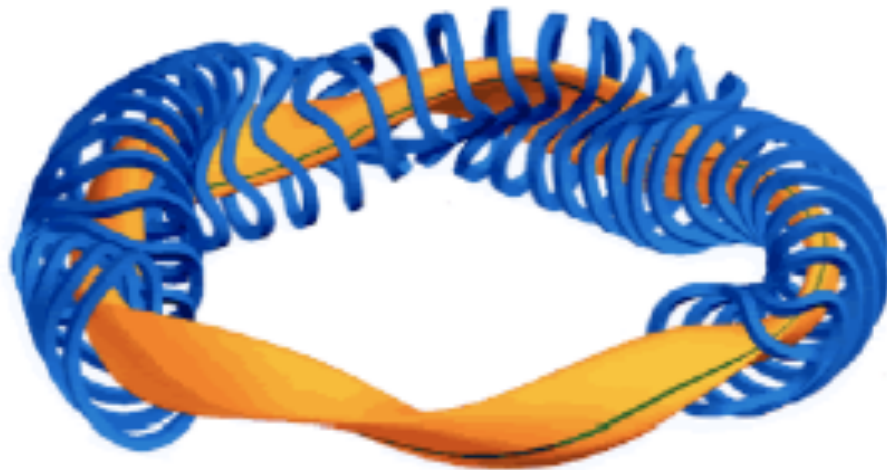
A tokamak is a machine producing a toroidal magnetic field for confining a plasma which is characterized by azimuthal (rotational) symmetry and the use of a plasma-borne electric current to generate the helical component of the magnetic field necessary for stable equilibrium.

JET: il Tokamak Europeo



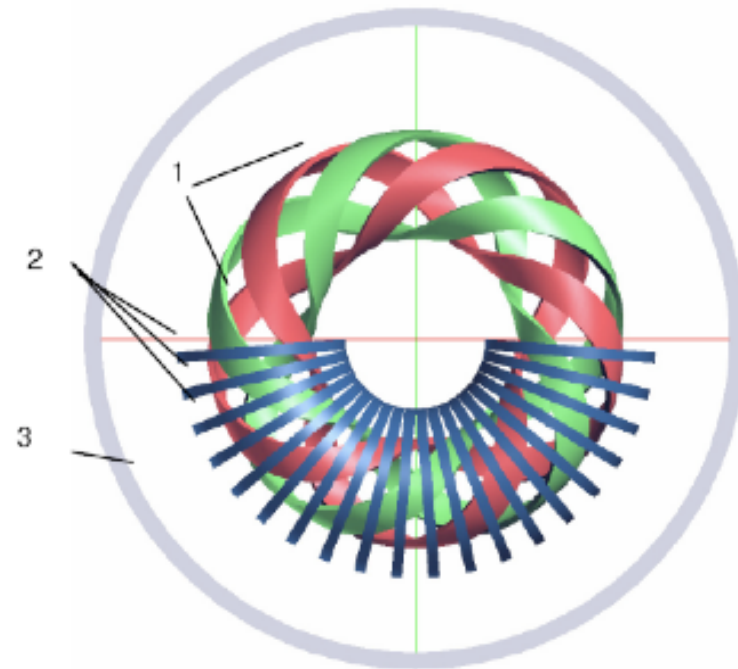
STELLARATOR-like systems

The poloidal field is produced by additional magnets which envelope the torus. The torus is adequately twisted in order to create nested magnetic surfaces. In this case the plasma heating is not governed by inner flowing currents, but it is due to RF heating.



W7-SX Stellarator

1-helical coils, 2-toroidal field coils, 3-vertical field coils



WEGA Stellarator @ Max
Planck Institute for Plasma
Physics

Fundamental aspects of ion generation and ion sources

The main goal of ion sources is the production of high quality ion beams to be injected into particle accelerators, minimizing beam losses and maximizing the overall reliability

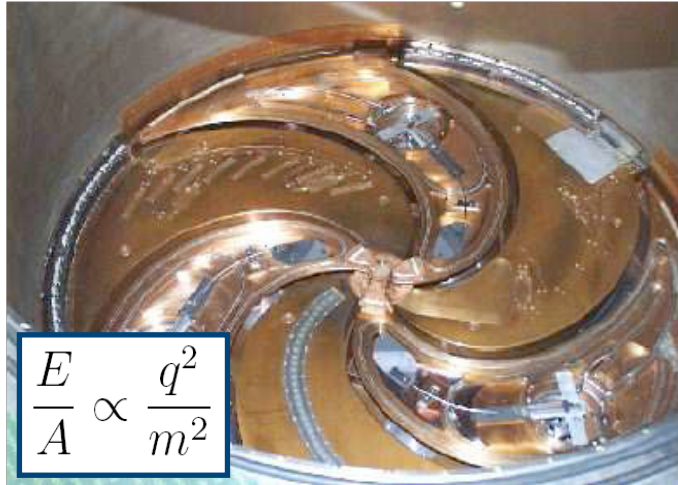
The requirements of Ion sources employed for accelerators like LINACS or Cyclotrons are:

- High stability and long-time operations without significant maintenance**
- Production of intense beams of highly charged ions**
- Low emittance.**
- For pulsed operations, the number of particles per pulse must be as high as possible.**

MOTIVATIONS

ION SOURCES:

Their development is crucial to boost the accelerator performances



$$\frac{E}{A} \propto \frac{q^2}{m^2}$$

INFN-LNS Cyclotron

Increase of Ion
Charge States



Higher energies
attainable by
Accelerators

Increase of Ion
Current



Decrease of
acquisition times
for rare events

Increase of Ion Sources performances allow to enhance the Accelerators ones without hardware modifications

Atomic Physics background in Ion Sources Science

**General Principles for the generation of
multicharged ions**

Atomic physics of Ion Sources

The ionization up to high charge state is a **step by step** process

If τ_i is the ion confinement time, then:

$$n_e \tau_i \geq \frac{1}{[S_z(T_e)]}$$



Multiply charged
ion formation
criterion



$$n_e \tau_i \geq 5 \cdot 10^4 (T_e^{opt})^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

By taking into account the **electron temperature**:

(we need warm electrons but cold ions!!)

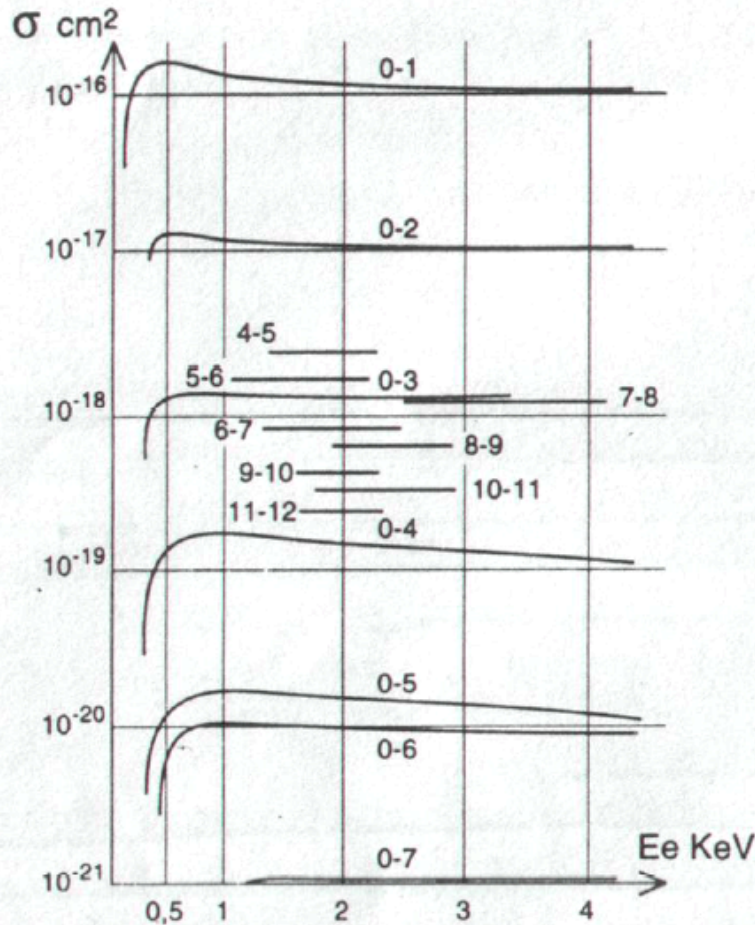
$T_e^{opt} \simeq 5W_{thr} \longrightarrow W_{thr}$ the ionization energy of the particular charge state to be achieved

For fully stripped
light ions

$$n_e \tau_i \cong 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ sec} \quad T_e^{opt} = 5 \text{ keV}$$

Atomic physics background in ECRIS

Step by step ionization



The cross section for ionizing processes like $z \rightarrow z+x$ as a function of energy features a maximum value when $x=1$. This means that the ionization proceeds expelling one by one electrons from atomic shells.

The ionization mechanism is therefore a slow process which requires long plasma lifetime to produce highly charged ions

Dynamical (Non-stationary)) balance equations for multi-charged ions (Shirkov 1991)

$dn/dt \neq 0$

$$\frac{dn_0}{dt} = \frac{S}{V} v_0 (n - n_0) - n_0 \left(\sum_{i=2}^z \sigma_i^{ex} n_i v_i + \sum_{i=3}^z \sigma_i^{2ex} n_i v_i (\sigma_1^i + \sigma_1^{2i}) n_e v_e \right)$$

$$\frac{dn_1}{dt} = n_0 \left(\sigma_1^i v_e n_e + \sigma_2^{ex} n_2 v_2 + \sigma_2^{2ex} n_3 v_3 + \sum_{i=2}^z \sigma_i^{ex} n_i v_i \right) - n_1 \left(\sigma_2^i v_e n_e + \sigma_2^{2i} v_e n_e + \frac{1}{\tau_1} \right)$$

$$\frac{dn_2}{dt} = n_0 \left(\sigma_1^{2i} v_e n_e + \sum_{i=3}^z \sigma_i^{2ex} n_i v_i \right) + n_1 \sigma_2^i v_e n_e + (\sigma_3^{ex} n_3 v_3 + \sigma_4^{2ex} n_4 v_4) n_0 - n_2 \left((\sigma_3^i + \sigma_3^{2i}) v_e n_e + (\sigma_2^{ex} + \sigma_2^{2ex}) v_2 n_0 + \frac{1}{\tau_2} \right)$$

$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = \sigma_i^i v_e n_e n_{i-1} + \sigma_{i-1}^{2i} v_e n_e n_{i-2} + (\sigma_{i+1}^{ex} n_{i+1} v_{i+1} + \sigma_{i+2}^{2ex} n_{i+2} v_{i+2}) n_0$$

$$\boxed{3 \leq i \leq z-2} \quad - n_i \left((\sigma_i^{ex} + \sigma_i^{2ex}) v_i n_0 - (\sigma_{i+1}^i + \sigma_{i+2}^{2i}) v_e n_e + \frac{1}{\tau_i} \right)$$

$$\frac{dn_{z-1}}{dt} = (\sigma_{z-1}^i n_{z-2} + \sigma_{z-2}^{2i} n_{z-3}) v_e n_e + \sigma_z^{ex} n_z v_z n_0 - n_{z-1} \left(\sigma_z^i v_e n_e + (\sigma_{z-1}^{ex} + \sigma_{z-1}^{2ex}) v_{z-1} n_0 + \frac{1}{\tau_{z-1}} \right)$$

$$\frac{dn_z}{dt} = (\sigma_z^i n_{z-1} + \sigma_{z-1}^{2i} n_{z-2}) v_e n_e - n_z \left((\sigma_z^{ex} + \sigma_z^{2ex}) v_z n_0 + \frac{1}{\tau_z} \right)$$

$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} = \left(\sum_1^{z-1} \sigma_i^i n_{i-1} + 2 \sum_1^{z-2} \sigma_i^{2i} n_{i-1} \right) v_e n_e - \frac{n_e}{\tau_e}$$

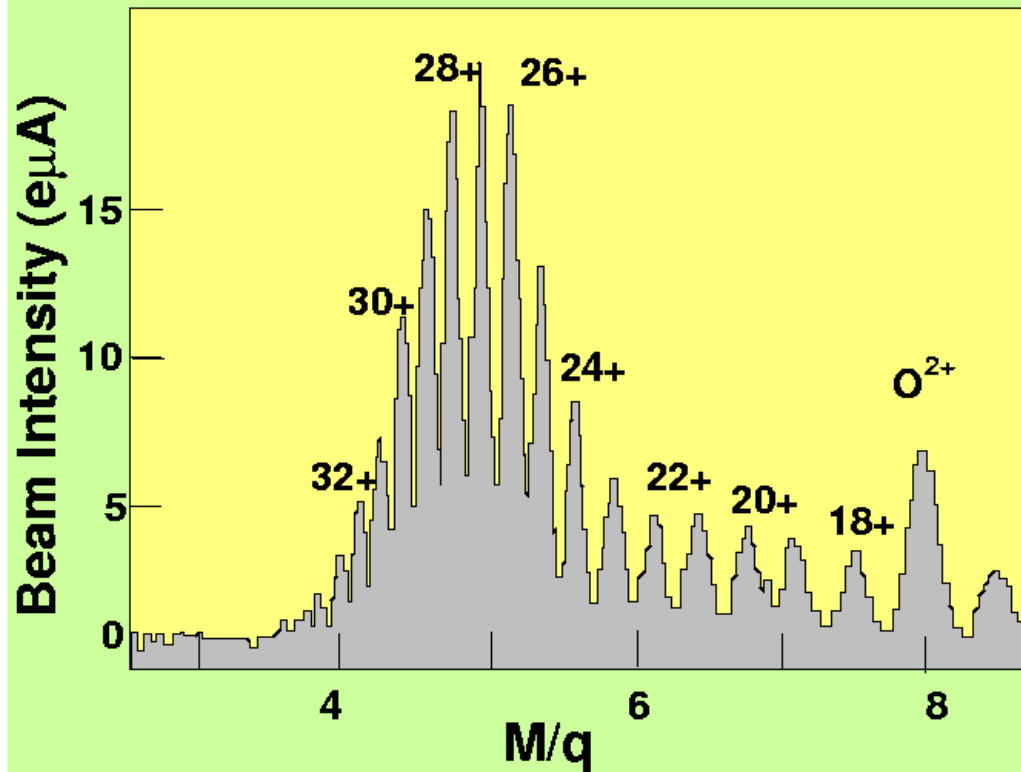
$$\Delta\phi = \frac{p}{2} e n_e R^2 f \left(1 + 2 \ln \frac{l}{R} \right) \quad f = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^z i n_i - n_e}{n_e}$$

n_0 ≡ density of neutrals inside the plasma
 n ≡ density of neutrals outside the plasma
 τ_e = electron lifetime determined by the loss cone of the longitudinal magnetic field
 l and R ≡ length and radius of the cylindrical source
 $\Delta\phi$ ≡ potential
 f ≡ factor of plasma neutralization
 v_0, v_i and v_e ≡ mean velocities of neutrals, ions and electrons

σ_i^{ex} and σ_i^{2ex} = single – and double – charge
 – exchange cross sections for the ions with charge state i
 σ_i^i and σ_i^{2i} = single – and double
 – ionization cross sections of the ions with charge state $i - 1$

Typical Charge State Distribution

First result of Liquid He free SC-ECRIS



Parameters

Gas

¹³⁶Xe(85% enriched)+ O₂

Vacuum

injection 1.9x10⁻⁷Torr
extraction 9.4x10⁻⁸Torr

Magnetic field

B_{inj} 1.84 T
B_{center} 0.396 T
B_{extraction} 1.24 T

RF

Freq 14.5 GHz
Power 771W

extraction 15kV

Bias Disc
voltage -225 V
position 0.5 cm

Four types of ion sources for multicharged ions production or single-charged intense ion beams

EBIS (Electron Beam Ion Sources): **easy production of beams at high charge states (very long plasma lifetime), unavailable for high intensity - single charge ion beams (too long plasma lifetime)**

MDIS (Microwave Discharge Ion Sources): **simplified version of ECRIS for high intensity proton (or single charge state ions) beams.**

LIS (Laser Ion Sources): **intense beams of medium and high charge states, production of metallic ions from refractive materials, but unable to produce beams in CW mode**

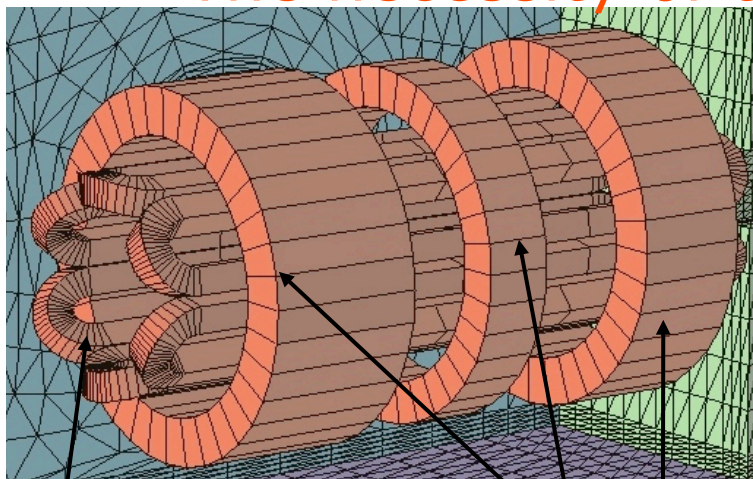
ECRIS (Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Sources): **intense beams of low charge states, moderate intensity of highly charged ions**

BEST COMPROMISE
for production of
intense beams of
highly charged ions



ECRIS magnetic structure

The necessity of the minimum B structure



Hexapole for radial confinement

Solenoids for axial confinements



Minimum B magnetic field structure

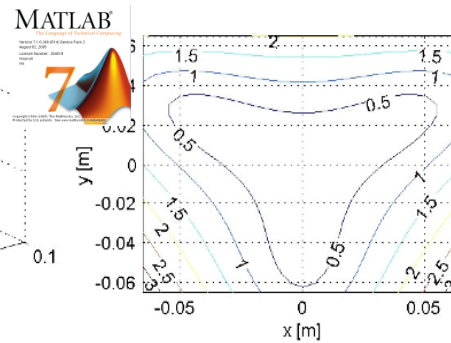
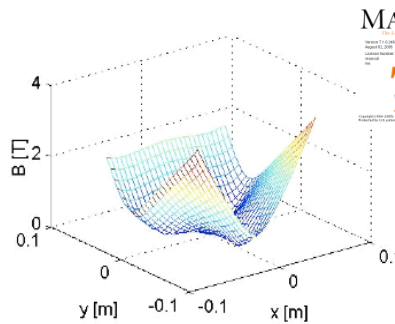
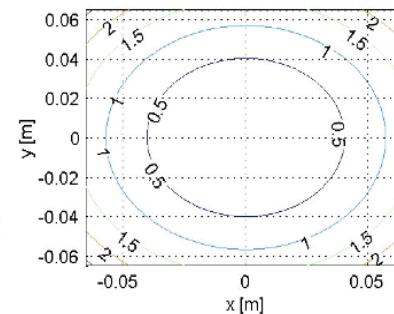
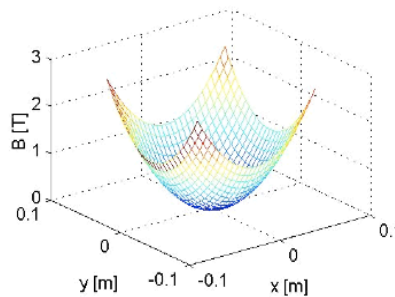


$$B_x = -B_1xz + 2Sxy$$

$$B_y = -B_1yz + S(x^2 - y^2)$$

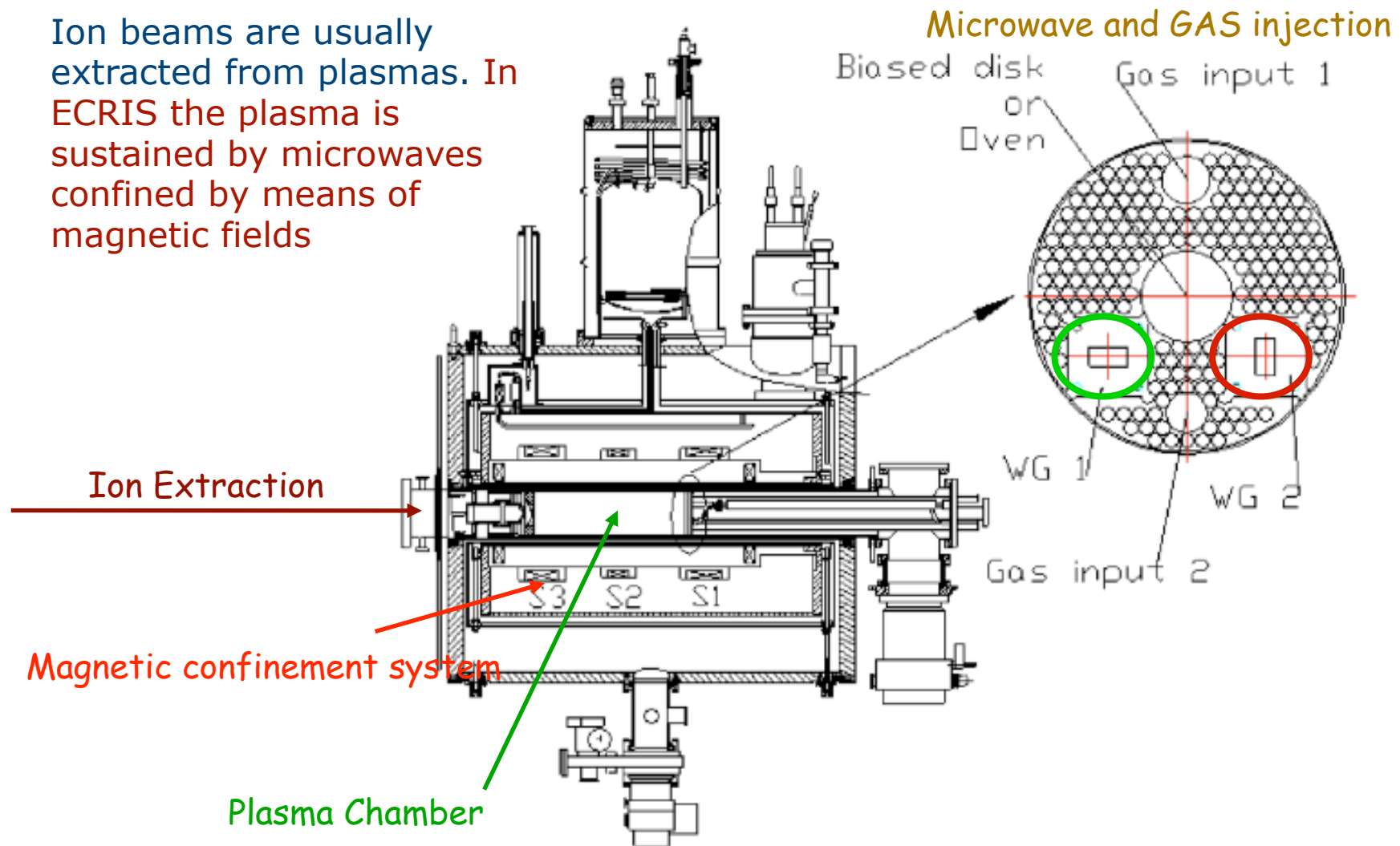
$$B_z = B_0 + B_1z^2$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

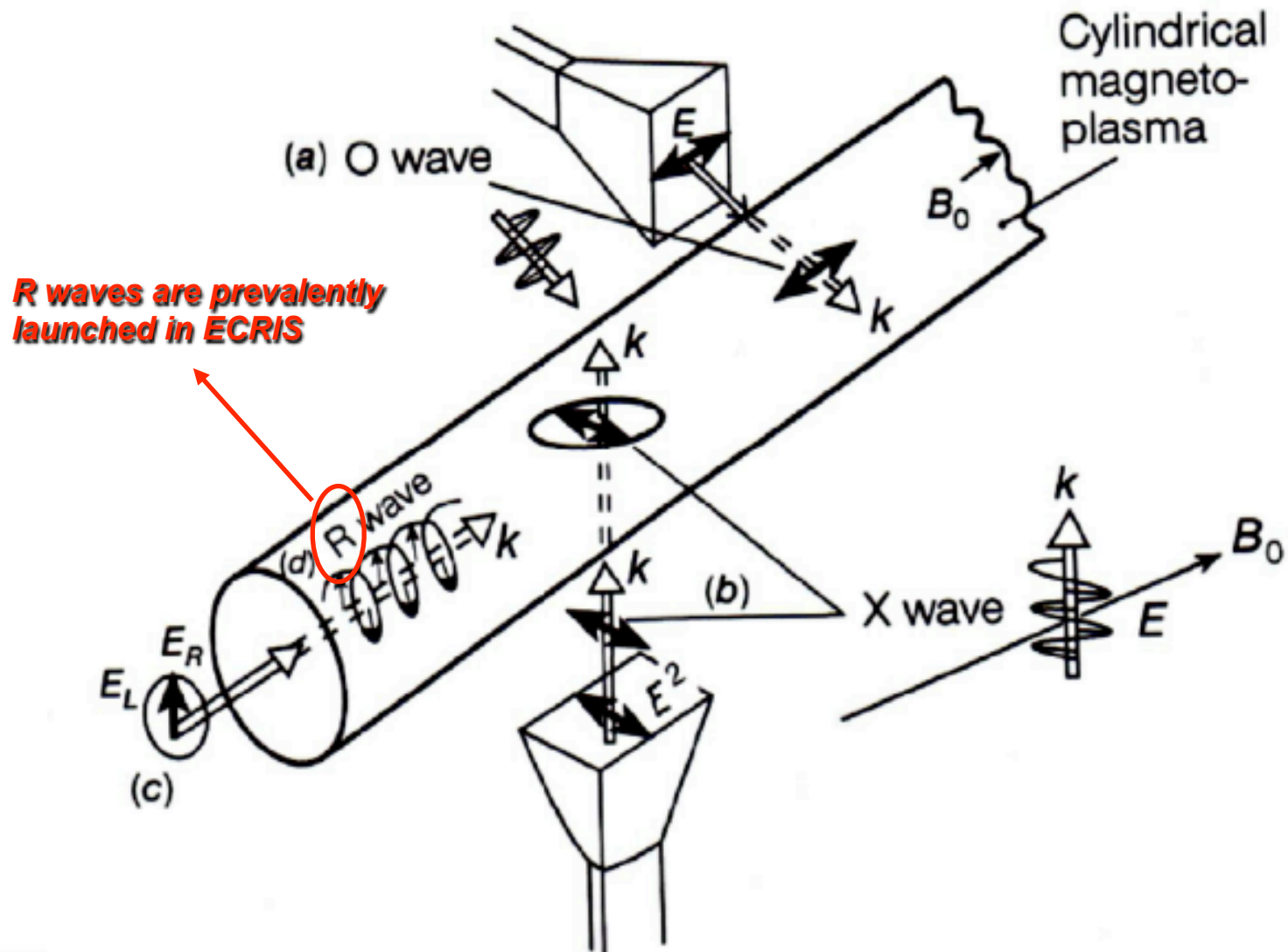


ECRIS subsystems

Ion beams are usually extracted from plasmas. In ECRIS the plasma is sustained by microwaves confined by means of magnetic fields



Wave propagation in magnetized plasmas



The creation of the ECR Plasma

During the plasma start-up
an exiguous number of free
electrons exist


Magnetic Field

Electrons turn around
the magnetic field lines
with the frequency:

$$\omega_g = qB/m$$

The ionization up to high charge state is
a step by step process which requires
long ion confinement times and large
electron densities

Up to 100 μA of Xe^{30+} can be obtained in
3rd generation ECRIS

The energetic electrons
ionize the gas atoms and
create a plasma.



A circularly polarized
electromagnetic wave
transfer energy to the
electrons by means of
the ECR :

$$\omega_{RF} = \omega_g$$



ECRIS: classification in terms of "generations"

1st generation:

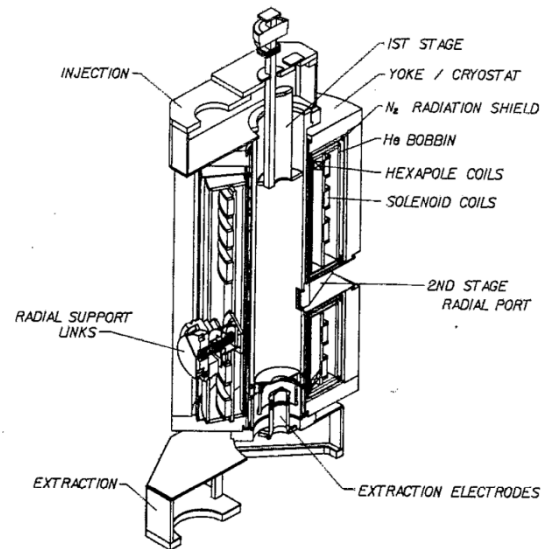
$f=6-14$ GHz,
 $P=0.5$ kW, $I<1$ mA,
 $q=6-12$ for Ar

2nd generation:

$f=14-18$ GHz,
 $P=1-2$ kW, $I=1-2$ mA,
 $q=8-16$ for Ar

3rd generation:

$f=24-28$ GHz, $P=5-10$ kW, $I=20-40$ mA,
 $q=14-18$ for Ar



SC-ECRIS, MSU-NSCL



SERSE, INFN-LNS



VENUS, LNBL-USA

The cutoff density

$$\epsilon(\omega) \sim 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$

The propagation of e.m. waves is possible if $\epsilon > 0$

$$\omega_p^2 = \frac{4\pi n_e e^2}{m_e}$$

The plasma frequency is connected to self-generated plasma oscillations which strongly affect the wave propagation.

Above the cutoff the wave cannot propagate:

$$n_{cutoff} = 4\pi^2 \frac{m\epsilon_0}{e^2} f_p^2$$

ECRIS Standard Model

Scaling Laws

(R. Geller-1987):

For many years they represented the guideline for ECRIS development



$$I \propto \frac{\omega_{RF}^2}{M} \quad \langle q \rangle \propto \log \omega_{RF}^{3.5}$$

1. We have to increase the Microwave frequency to attain higher electron densities
2. No considerations about the confinement

High-B Mode

(G. Ciavola-S.Gammino, 1990)

It doesn't conflict with Scaling Laws, but it limits their efficiency to high confined plasmas



High mirror ratios ensure the MHD stability exploiting the density increase.

$$\frac{B}{B_{ECR}} > 2$$

B>4T for future ECRIS !

Overcoming the current limits of ECRIS

Unsolved problems coming out from the Standard Model
(Scaling Laws):

1. **High Frequency Generators** (...but hot electrons grow dramatically when increasing the frequency, causing safety problems for the magnet's cryostat);
2. **High Magnetic Fields** (magnetic field scaling is close to saturation);



Limitations come from rising cost of technology, but not only!!

**PLASMA OVERHEATING FOR GROWING PUMPING WAVE
FREQUENCY IS A PHYSICAL LIMITATION!!**

Plasma Heating

Modeling electron heating
driven by microwaves

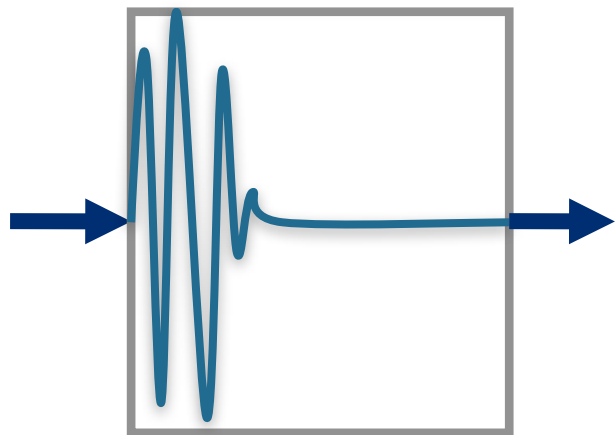
Heating Models

- **Single particle approach** (SPA): predicts the endpoint energy scaling with L , P_{rf} , E .
- **Diffusive approach** (DA): in agreement with SPA about boost of heating for long L .
- **Importance of turbulence**: rarely taken into account, is at the basis of overbarrier heating in multi-mirror devices.

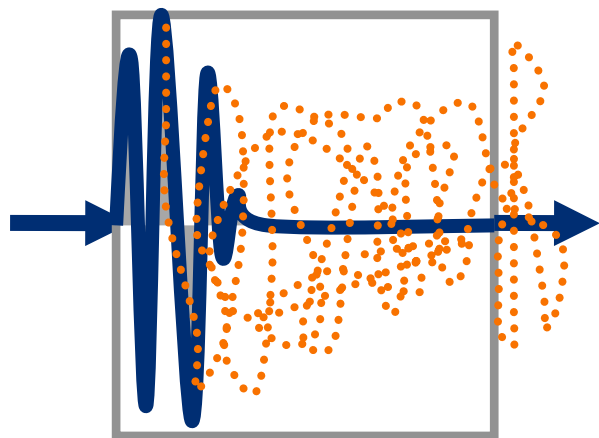
Heating Models

Fluid oscillation

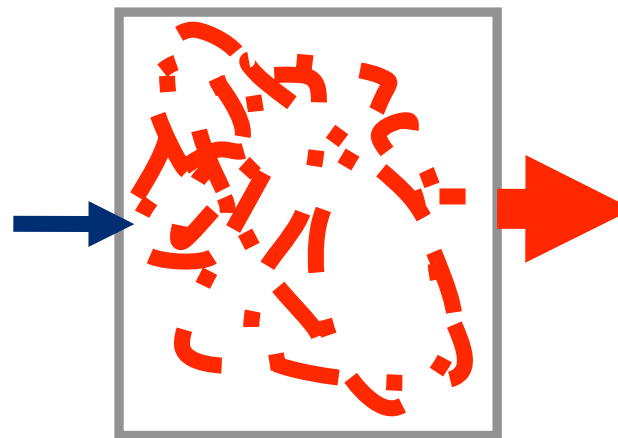
adiabatic



nonadiabatic



Heating



Electron heating requires the momentum randomization.

In thermodynamical systems, the heating proceeds through interparticle collisions.

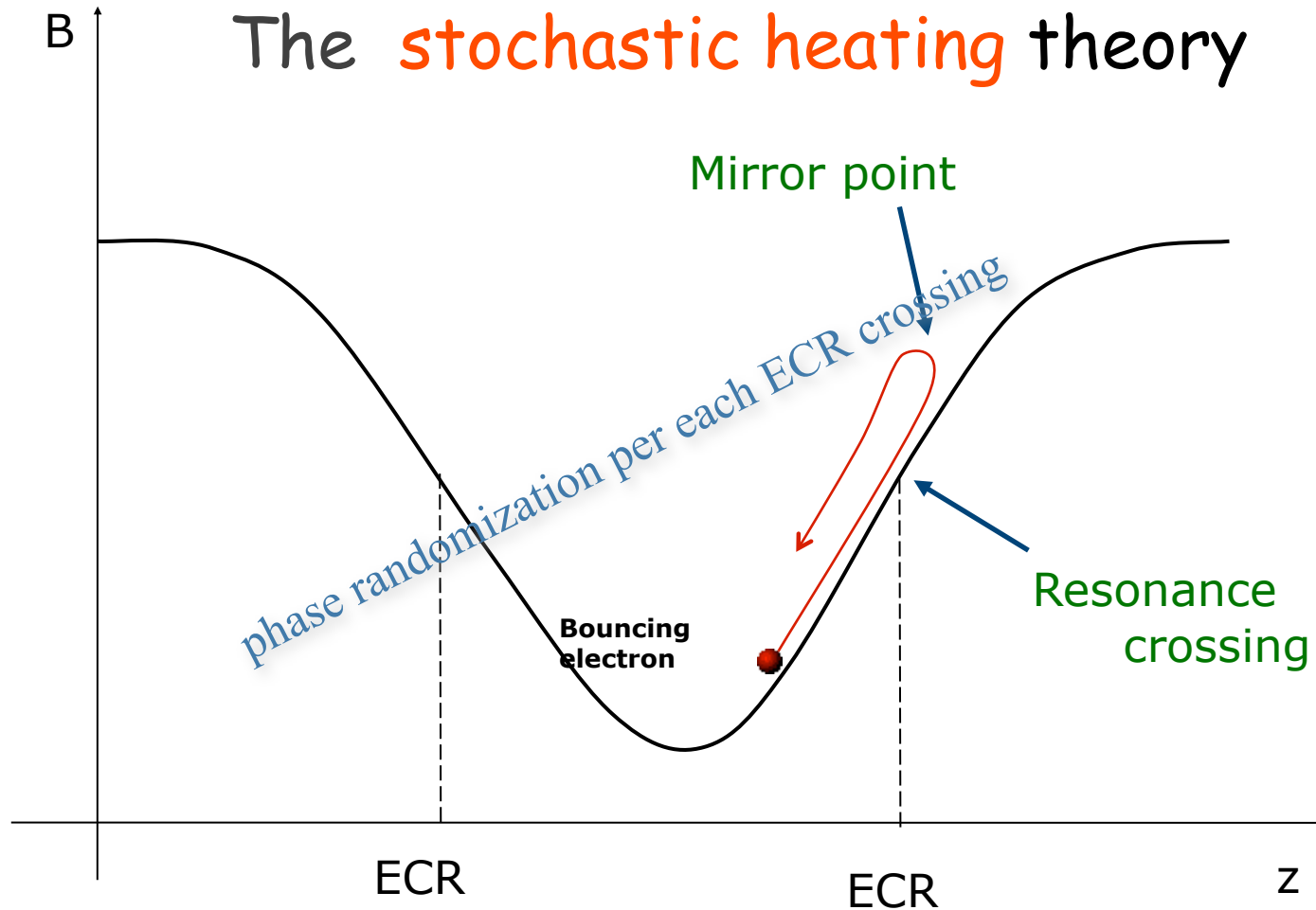
but...

Plasmas are often collisionless!!

The Single Particle Approach

M. A. Lieberman and A. J. Lichtenberg, *Plasma Phys.* **15** 125 (1973)

The **stochastic heating** theory

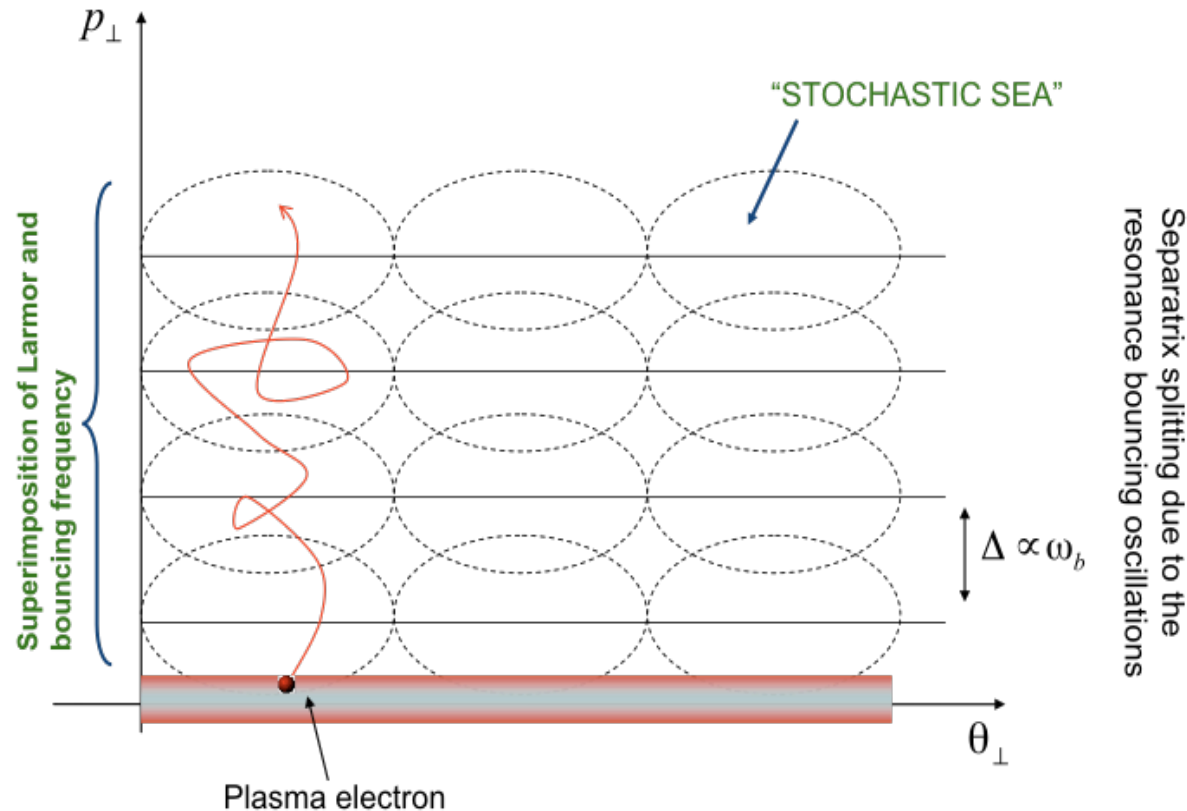


Bouncing
Frequency:

$$\omega_b$$

The Single Particle Approach

The **stochastic heating** theory & the “pendulum model”



Since the electron
rebounces inside the trap:

$$z = z_0 \cos(\omega_b t + \psi_0)$$

with ω_b bouncing frequency



Assuming, in a simplified
picture, that the electron
interacts with a linearly
polarized plane wave:

$$E(r, \theta, z, t) = E_0 \cos[(\omega_{RF} t + \theta_{\perp} - kz_0 \cos(\omega_b t + \psi_0))]$$

$$E_{\perp}(t, z, r, \theta) = E_{\perp 0} \cos(\omega t - kz + \theta_{\perp})$$

This formula accounts for the composition of the bouncing and cyclotron frequencies, leading to an effective multi-waves interaction

The Single Particle and Diffusive Approach

Trend of the perpendicular velocity for through resonance multi-passing electrons

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_i + \Delta\varepsilon + 2 \cos(\phi_0 - \phi_p) \sqrt{\varepsilon_i \times \Delta\varepsilon}$$



STOCHASTIC TERM

For longitudinal B fields like:

$$B = B_{\min} (1 + z^2 / L^2)$$

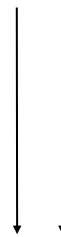
$$L = (\nabla B / B)^{-1}$$

$$W_b \approx 5W_s = \left[m_e L \left(1 + \frac{l^2}{L^2} \right) \right]^{1/4} l \omega^{1/2} (eE)^{3/4}$$

Absolute stochastic barrier (ABS)
(the phase randomization stops):

$$D_{vv} = \frac{\Delta v^2}{2\Delta t} = \pi \left(\frac{eE}{2m_e} \right)^2 \frac{L}{d\omega}$$

$$D_{\mu\mu} = \frac{\Delta \mu^2}{2\Delta t} = D_{vv} \left(\frac{v}{v_\phi} \right)^2$$



$$n_e \propto \omega_{RF}^2$$

$$E_{char} \approx 1 / 2m_e v_\phi^2$$

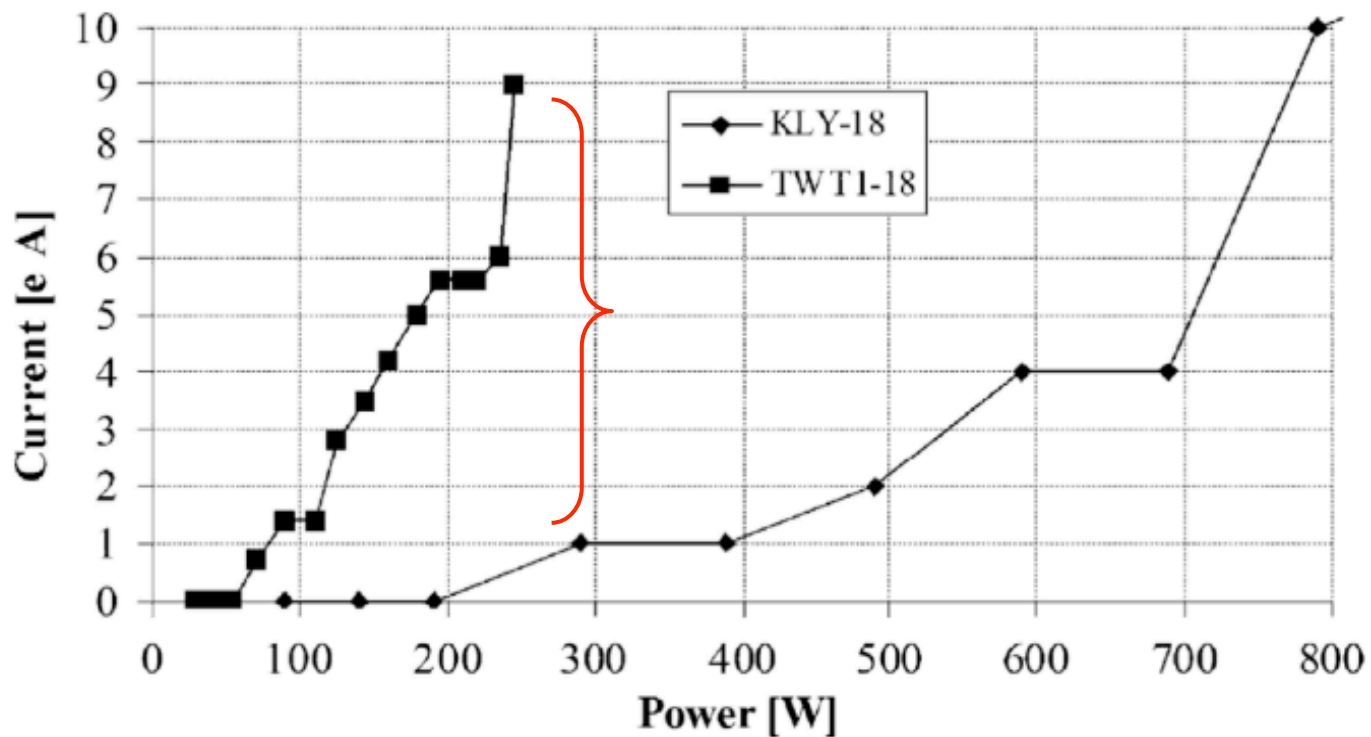
Unexplained experimental results

Models are in **qualitative agreement with experiments as concerns the large frequency and B field variation**, but **they do not explain extreme sensitivity of X-ray production to slight L adjustments**, or output **currents and emittance dependence on the fine frequency tuning**

FINE TUNING OF ECRIS PARAMETERS (B , f)

How does the **pumping wave frequency** influence the plasma heating?

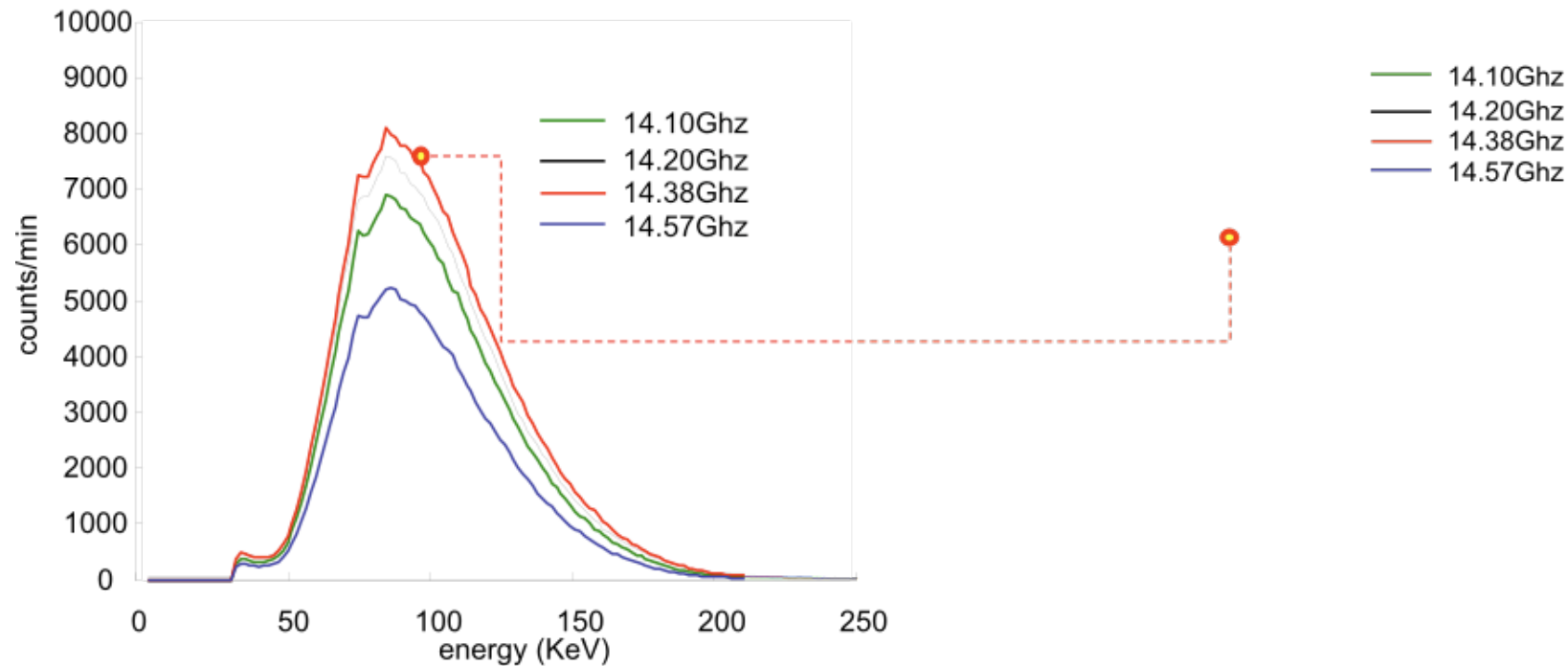
Signs about the importance of the **frequency tuning** effect came already in **2001-2004** from an **experiment carried out on SERSE** [L. Celona et al., ECRIS04]



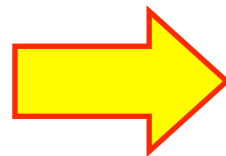
Comparison between trends of O^{8+} at 18 GHz for klystron (up to 800 W) and TWT1 operating in the same range of frequency.

TWT worked better than klystron: why?

Relationship between X-ray spectra and CSD: the experiment at LNS



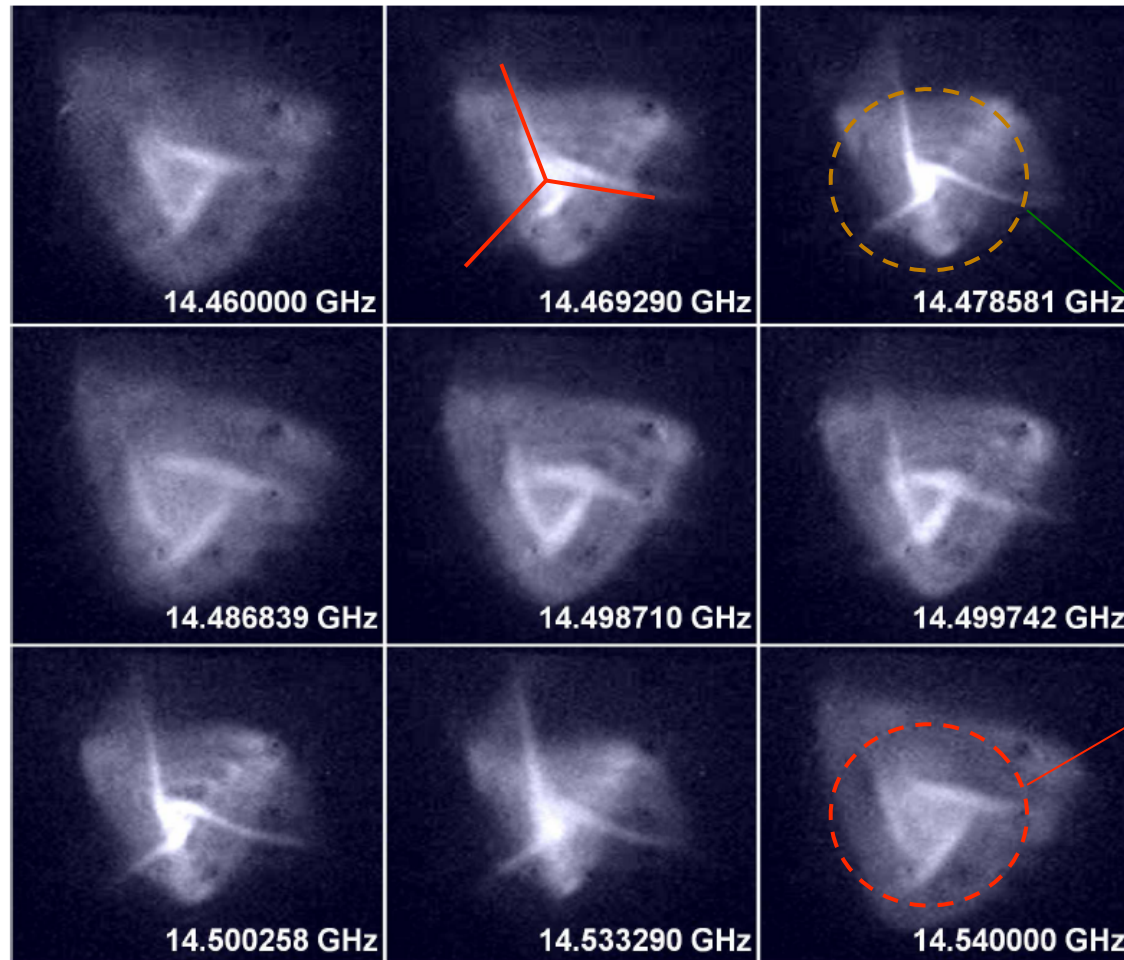
Measurements with
CAESAR at LNS reveal
that X-ray spectra are not
strictly related to frequency
tuning.



Frequencies producing large
numbers of counts do not
necessarily produce optimal
CSD

Impact of the frequency on ion beam structure

[L. Celona, et al. Observations of the frequency tuning effect in the 14 GHz CAPRICE ion source. *Rev. Sci. Instrum.*, Feb. 2008. vol. 79, no. 2, p. 023 305.]



“three cusp” shape of the extracted beam according to the magnetic structure

Well focused and high brightness beam

Broadened, low brightness beam



The Frequency Tuning strongly affects also the beam shape and brightness

Frames of the extracted beam for different frequencies

Additional hypothesis for a better modelling

1. Heating models do not account for resonant modes in low-Q cavities.
2. They additionally do not take into account possible non-linear wave-plasma interaction



We implemented cavity modes in our fully 3D MonteCarlo calculations.

Parametric decay and generation of plasma modes were also considered to explain sensitivity to B profile variations.

Numerical Approaches for plasma modeling in Ion Sources

- **RF coupling**
- **Single particle kinetics**
- **Self-consistent strategies**
- **Propagation of electromagnetic waves**
- **Extraction**
- **Transport**

Montecarlo code for plasma Simulation

A new 3D code for calculation of particles trajectories, density and energy distribution, trapping efficiency and direct ECR-heating

Advantages

- Single particle calculation
- Simulation of collisions and prediction on average particles lifetime
- Simple tuning of parameters

Limitations

- No evidences of fluid instabilities
- Difficult feedback evaluation on waves dynamics
- Parameterized calculation of charge state distribution

“Physics” included into the equations

- External Magnetic Field;
- Relativistic electron mass variation;
- RF power source (resonant cavity model);
- Physical plasma chamber walls (total absorption model);
- Electrostatic (Spitzer) collisions at 90° ;
- Particle tracing and accumulation of density in 3D grid

Simulation of stationary system

Simulation of Simeto river

1° Simulation of all involved particles
+
Continuous creation and destruction of particles

2° Simulation of well defined statistical sample
+
Accumulation and statistical information for all the life of the sample



Time Interval

10^{-12} s



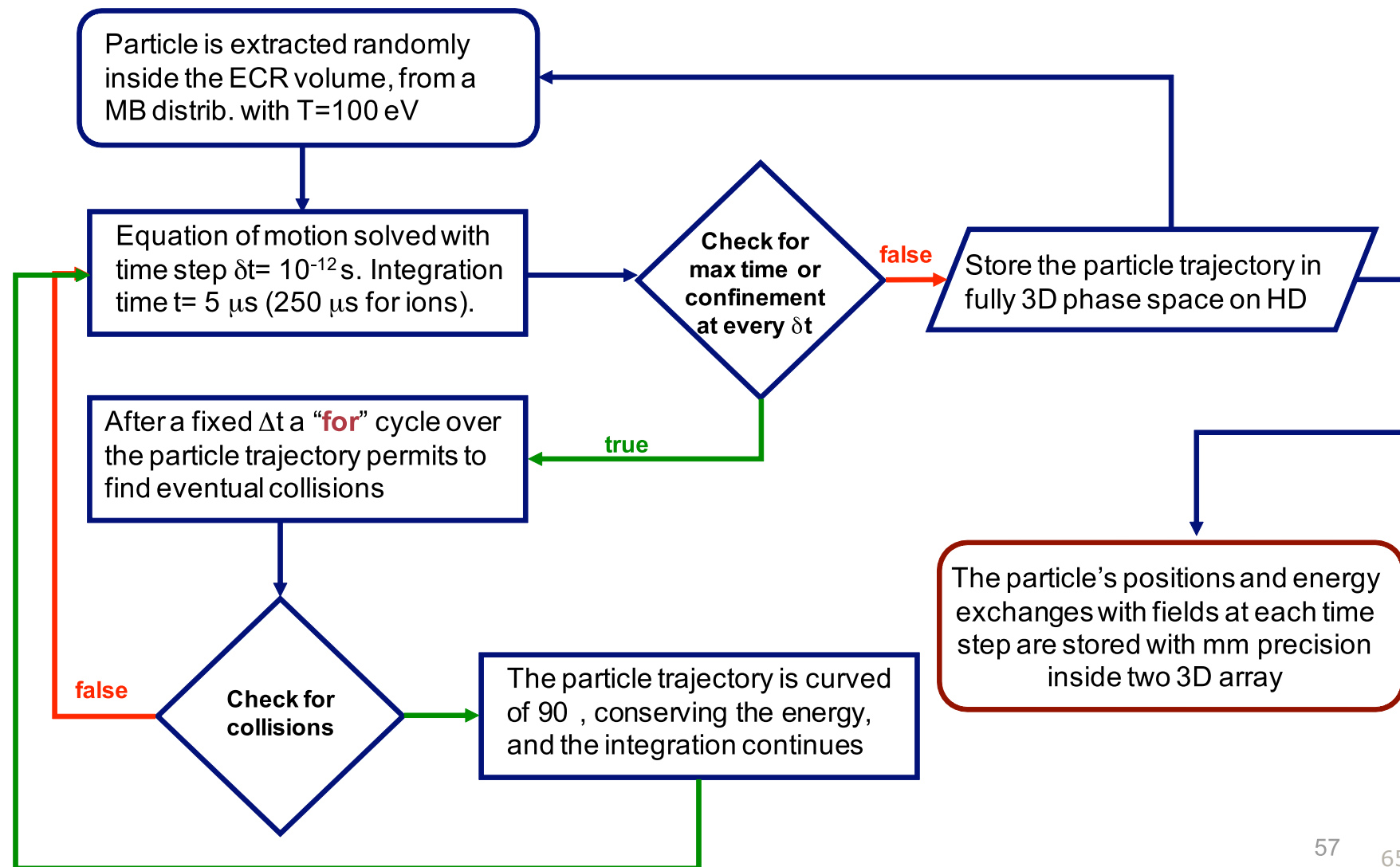
1° We need the calculation
of all particles for all their
lives and we have to
consider all the particles
that were born at different times



Time

Picture of a stationary plasma

Modeling of electron and ion dynamics with Monte-Carlo calculations



Modeling of electron and ion dynamics with Monte-Carlo calculations: **ELECTRONS**

A MATLAB code solves the equation of motion of a single particle:



$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \begin{cases} \frac{q}{M} [\vec{v} \times \vec{B} + \vec{E}_s] & (i) \\ \frac{q}{m} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left[\vec{v} \times \vec{B}_S + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}_{em} + \vec{E}_{em} - \frac{1}{c^2} (\vec{E}_{em} \times \vec{v}) \right] & (e) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= v_x \\ \dot{y} &= v_y \\ \dot{z} &= v_z \\ \dot{v}_x &= F(v) [(v_y B_z - v_z B_y) + (v_y B_{em_z} - v_z B_{em_y}) + E_{em_x} - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{c^2} (E_{em_x} v_x + E_{em_y} v_y) v_x] \\ \dot{v}_y &= F(v) [(v_z B_x - v_x B_z) + (v_z B_{em_x} - v_x B_{em_z}) + E_{em_y} - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{c^2} (E_{em_x} v_x + E_{em_y} v_y) v_y] \\ \dot{v}_z &= F(v) [-B_x v_y + v_x B_y - B_{em_x} v_y + v_x B_{em_y} - \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{c^2} (E_{em_x} v_x + E_{em_y} v_y) v_z] \end{aligned}$$

Magnetostatic field for the plasma confinement

Magnetic and electric fields associated with the pumping wave

MATLAB solves the six first order ODEs by means of the "ode45" Runge-Kutta routine.

- 3000 electrons/week, 8 CPU
- $\delta t = 10^{-12}$ s \sim 10 points of integration per Larmor radius
- **Collisions are taken into account**

- Fully 3D calculations with B-min structure

Code's structure for solving the single particle equation of motion

```
tspan=0:Tstep:Tstep*(double(nPunti)-1); % fixes temporal domain

options=odeset('RelTol',1e-7,'Events',@eventStop);
% relative error tolerance and "events" routine for stopping integration when some
conditions are valid (particle deconfinement)

[t,X]=ode45(@functionSimulazioneECRH,tspan,X0(:),options);
%ODE solver in t interval, with X0 array of initial conditions

X0=[X Y Z normrnd(0,sigma,1,3)]; % array of initial conditionsc
```

Routine for extraction of three random number from three normal distributions having a given σ and μ

```
function [value,isterminal,direction]=eventStop(t1,x,t2,t3,t4)

cond_x=sqrt(x(1)^2+x(2)^2)-0.032;
cond_z=abs(x(3))-0.10;

value=cond_x*cond_z; % event function

isterminal=1;%Stop the integration when the particle reach the plasma chamber walls.
direction=0; Stop the integration when the zero crossing occurs from every direction.
```

Ordinary Differential Equations (ODE) solver in MATLAB

Best compromise as concern rapidity of calculation and error tolerance.

Parameters	ode45
RelTol, AbsTol, NormControl	√
OutputFcn, OutputSel, Refine, Stats	√
NonNegative	√
Events	√
MaxStep, InitialStep	√
Jacobian, JPattern, Vectorized	—
Mass	√
MStateDependence	√
MvPattern	—
MassSingular	—
InitialSlope	—
MaxOrder, BDF	—

Numerical error setting

Helps in fixing boundaries for trapping

Refine and fixes integration steps

Solver	Problem Type	Order of Accuracy	When to Use
ode45	Nonstiff	Medium	Most of the time. This should be the first solver you try.
ode23	Nonstiff	Low	For problems with crude error tolerances or for solving moderately stiff problems.
ode113	Nonstiff	Low to high	For problems with stringent error tolerances or for solving computationally intensive problems.
ode15s	Stiff	Low to medium	If ode45 is slow because the problem is stiff.
ode23s	Stiff	Low	If using crude error tolerances to solve stiff systems and the mass matrix is constant.
ode23t	Moderately Stiff	Low	For moderately stiff problems if you need a solution without numerical damping.
ode23tb	Stiff	Low	If using crude error tolerances to solve stiff systems.

$$B_x = -B_1 xz + 2Sxy$$

$$B_y = -B_1 yz + 2S(x^2 - y^2)$$

$$B_z = -B_0 + B_1 z^2$$

Terms for longitudinal trap
asymmetrization

```

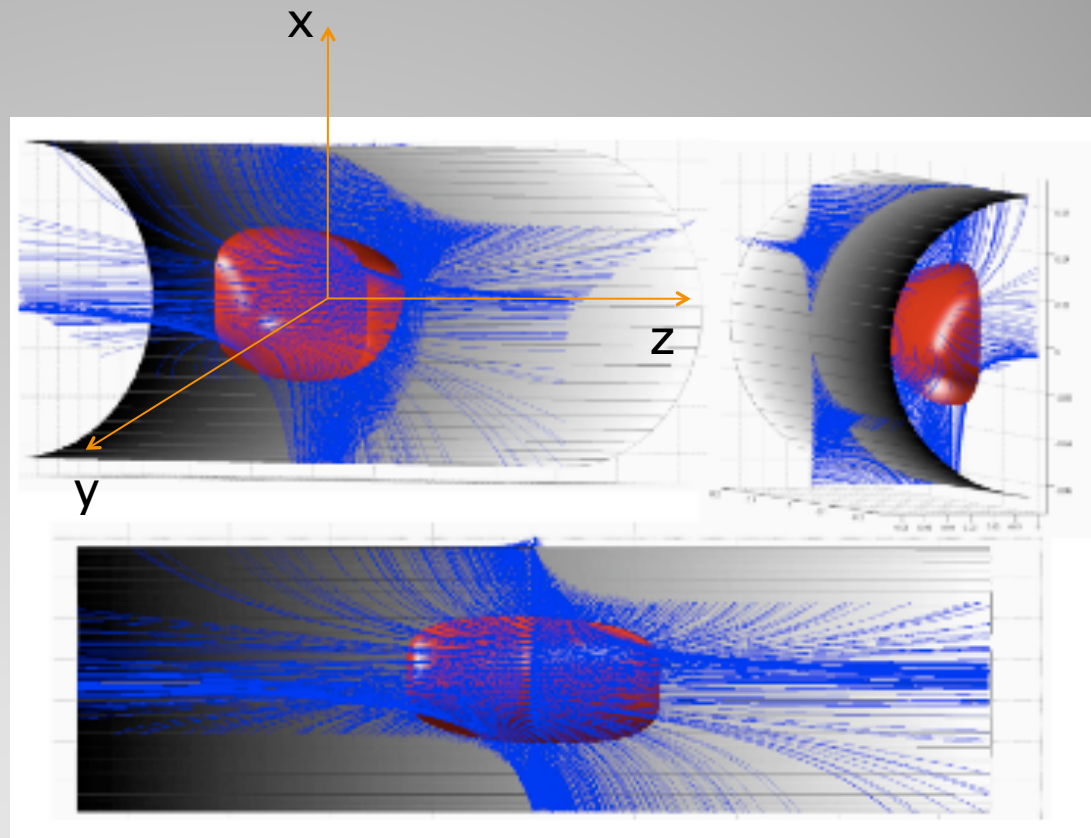
if x(3) <= 0
  B0 = 0.387;
  B1 = 64.5;
else
  B0 = 0.387
  B1 = 57;
end

```

```

S = 1100;
Bx = -B1 * x(1) * x(3) + 2 * S * x(1) * x(2);
By = -B1 * x(2) * x(3) + S * (x(1)^2 - x(2)^2);
Bz = B0 + B1 * x(3)^2

```



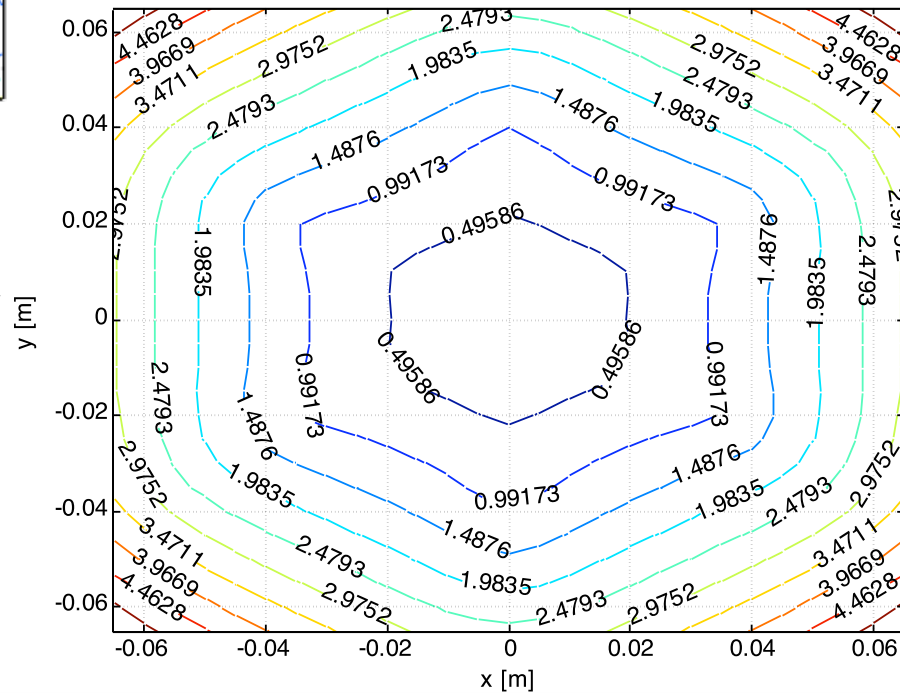
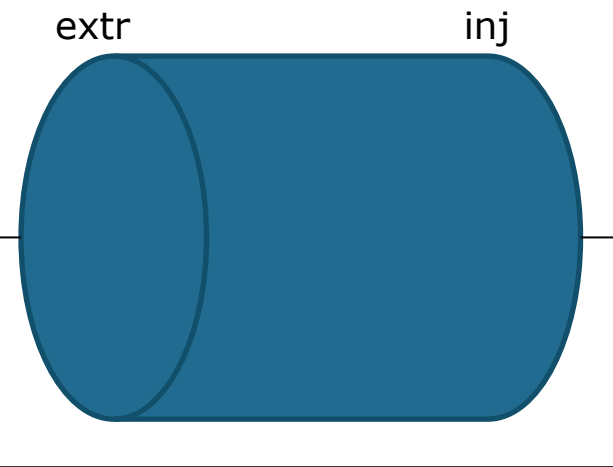
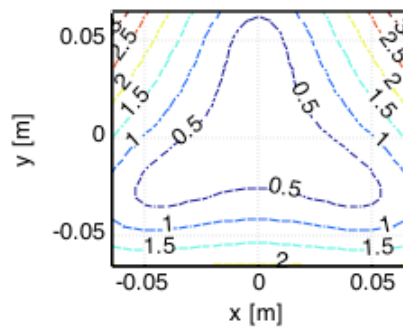
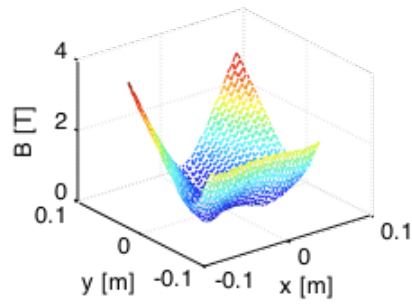
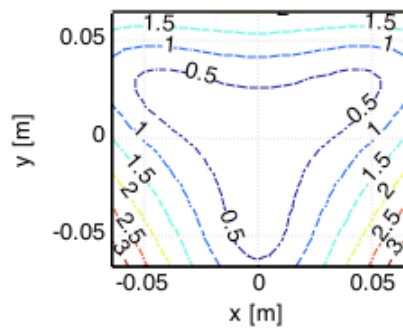
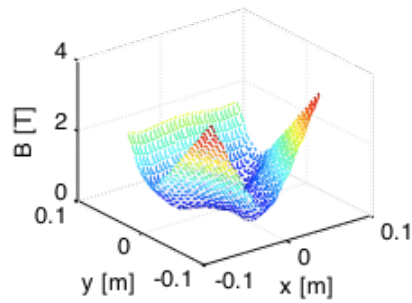
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x = x(1); vx = x(4)
y = x(2); vy = x(5)
z = x(3); vz = x(6)

```

$\underline{x} = x(1)$
 $x(2)$
 \dots
 $x(6)$

Magnetic Field



```
[X,Y]=meshgrid(-0.065:0.005:0.065,-0.065:0.005:0.065);
```

```
Bz=B0+B1.*z.^2;
Bx=-B1.*X.*z+2*S.*X.*Y;
By=-B1.*Y.*z+S.*(X.^2-Y.^2);
Bparallel=sqrt(Bx.^2+Bz.^2);
Bort=sqrt(Bx.^2+By.^2);
```

Evaluate domain

Plotting field

```
mesh(X,Y,Bort);
```

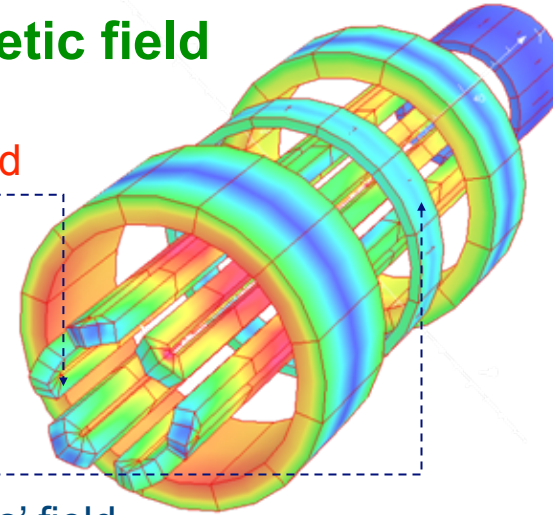
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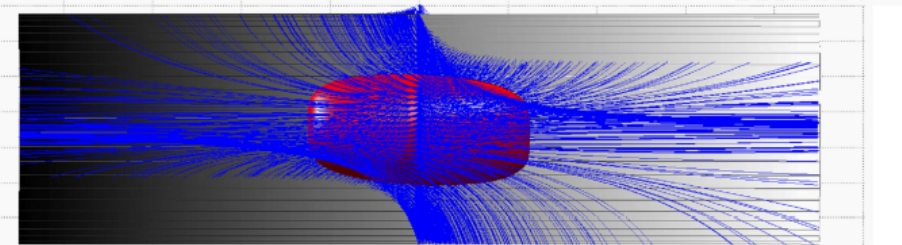
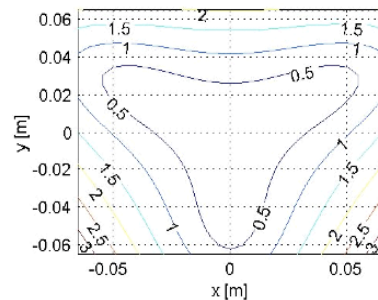
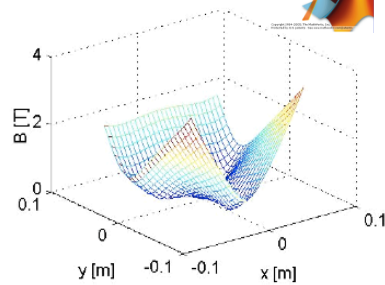
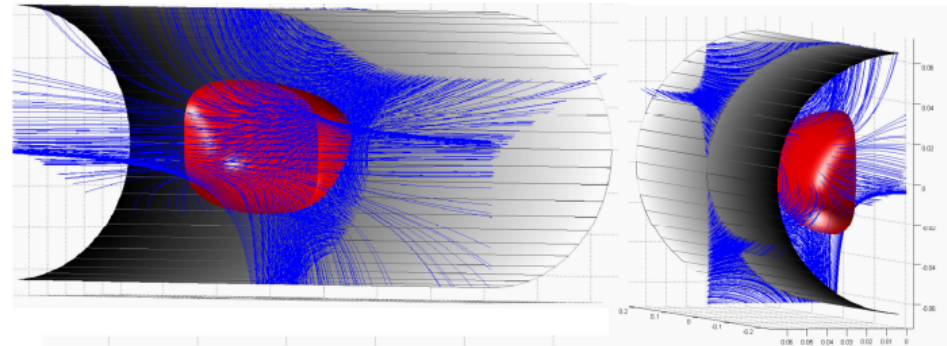
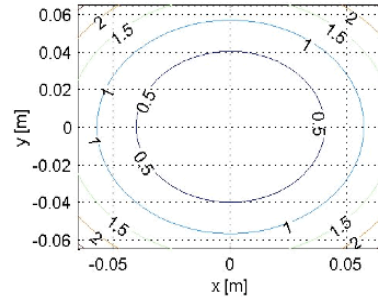
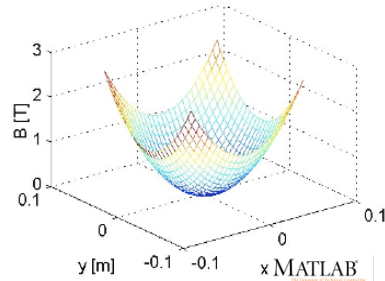
$$B_y = -B_1 yz + 2S(x^2 - y^2)$$

$$B_z = \begin{cases} -B_0 + B_{inj} z^2 & \forall z < 0 \\ -B_0 + B_{ext} z^2 & \forall z > 0 \end{cases}$$

Hexapolar field



Solenoids' field



Resonant Absorption of Electromagnetic Waves

Magnetized plasma are
electromagnetically
Anisotropic: the dielectric tensor
accounts for wave propagation
properties at different angles

$$\longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon'_{xx} & \epsilon'_{xy} & 0 \\ \epsilon'_{yx} & \epsilon'_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon'_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$k'_\theta = \frac{\omega}{c} \left[1 - \frac{X(1+iZ-X)}{(1+iZ)(1+iZ-X) - \frac{1}{2}Y_T^2 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}Y_T^4 + Y_L^2(1+iZ-X)^2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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Waves propagating
along B are
distinguished by two
k vectors, according
to polarization

Resonant Absorption of Electromagnetic Waves

The simplified version of the equation of motion provides the analytical solution for electron velocity when resonance conditions are fulfilled

$$m_e \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = q_e \vec{E} - m_e \vec{v} \omega_{eff} + q_e \vec{v} \times \vec{B}_0$$

Circular polarization

DX:

$$|v_x|^2 = \frac{q_e^2}{m_e^2} A^2 \frac{\omega_{eff}^2 + (\omega + \omega_g)^2}{(\omega_g^2 - \omega^2 + \omega_{eff}^2)^2 + 4\omega^2 \omega_{eff}^2}$$

$$|v_y|^2 = \frac{q_e^2}{m_e^2} A^2 \frac{\omega_{eff}^2 + (\omega + \omega_g)^2}{(\omega_g^2 - \omega^2 + \omega_{eff}^2)^2 + 4\omega^2 \omega_{eff}^2}$$

F(ω)

Circular polarization

SX:

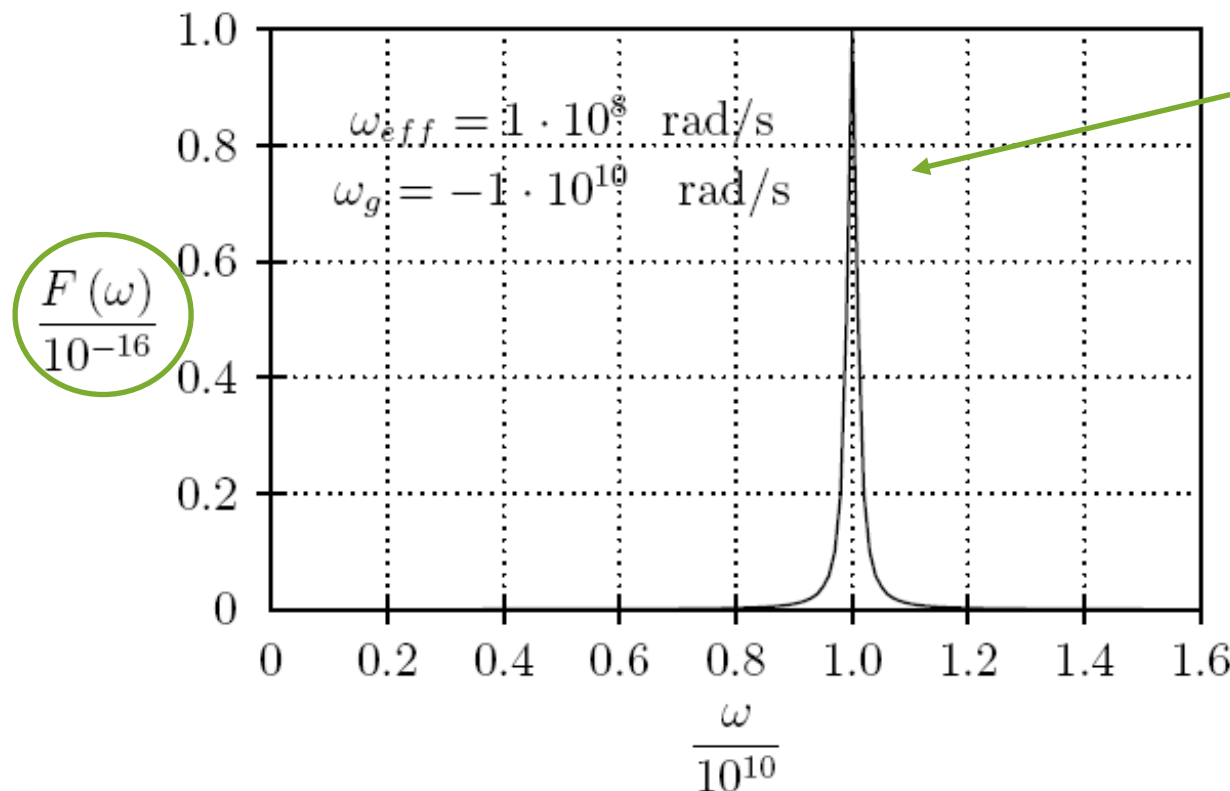
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Resonant Absorption of Electromagnetic Waves

Electron velocity for the R wave

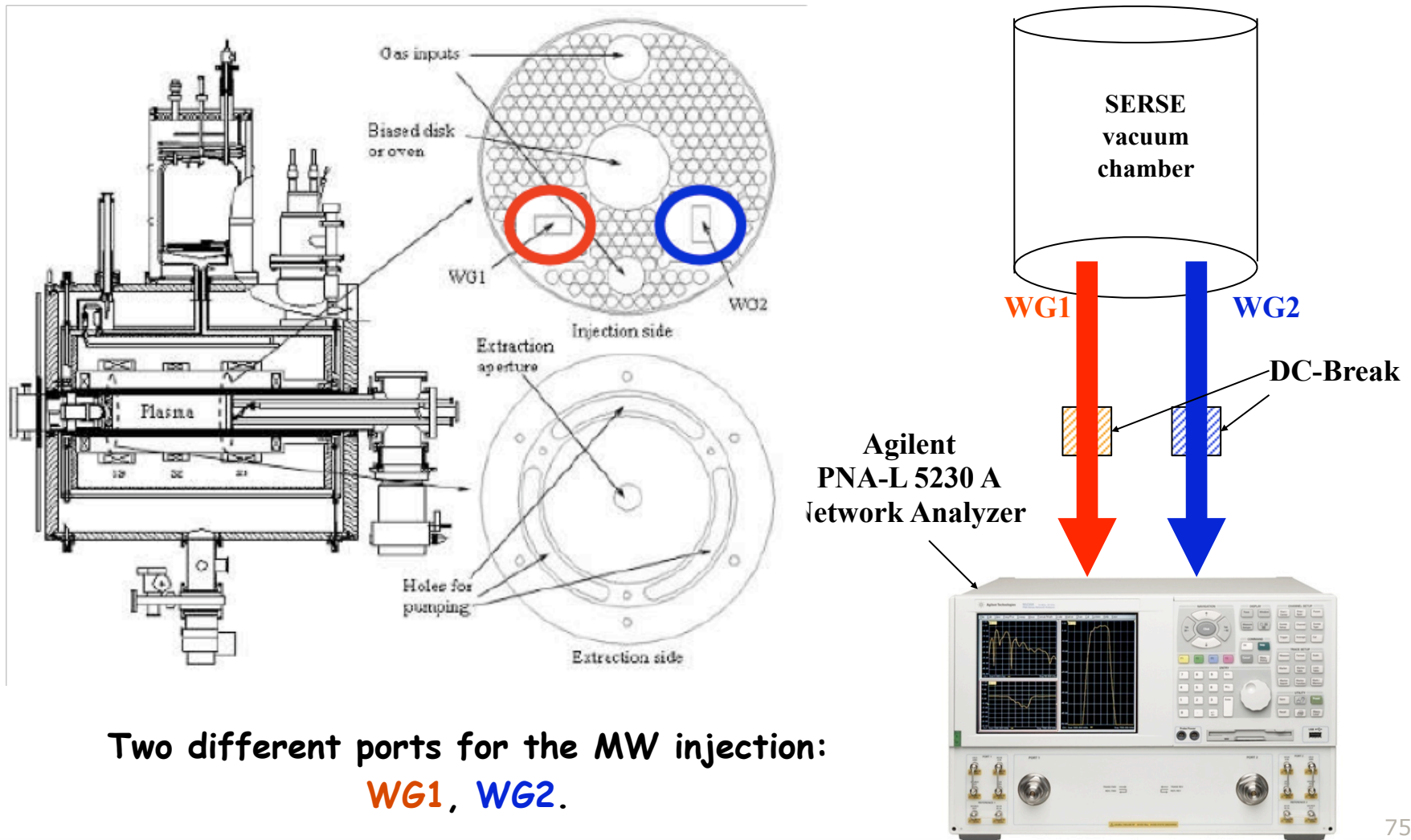
Trend of $F(\omega)$ as a function of ω/ω_g :



Electron
Cyclotron
Resonance
@ $\omega = \omega_g$

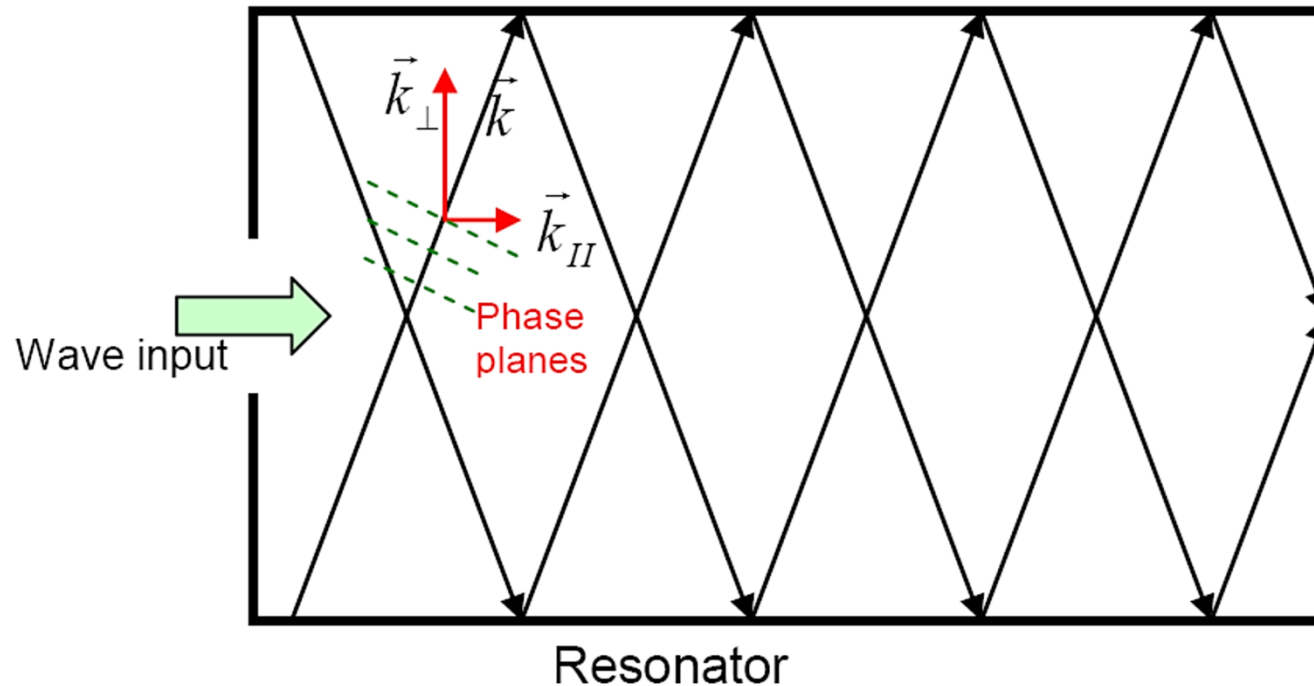
Electron energy
increase due to
resonant
interaction with
the magnetic field

Microwave coupling experimental measurements



Two different ports for the MW injection:
WG1, **WG2**.

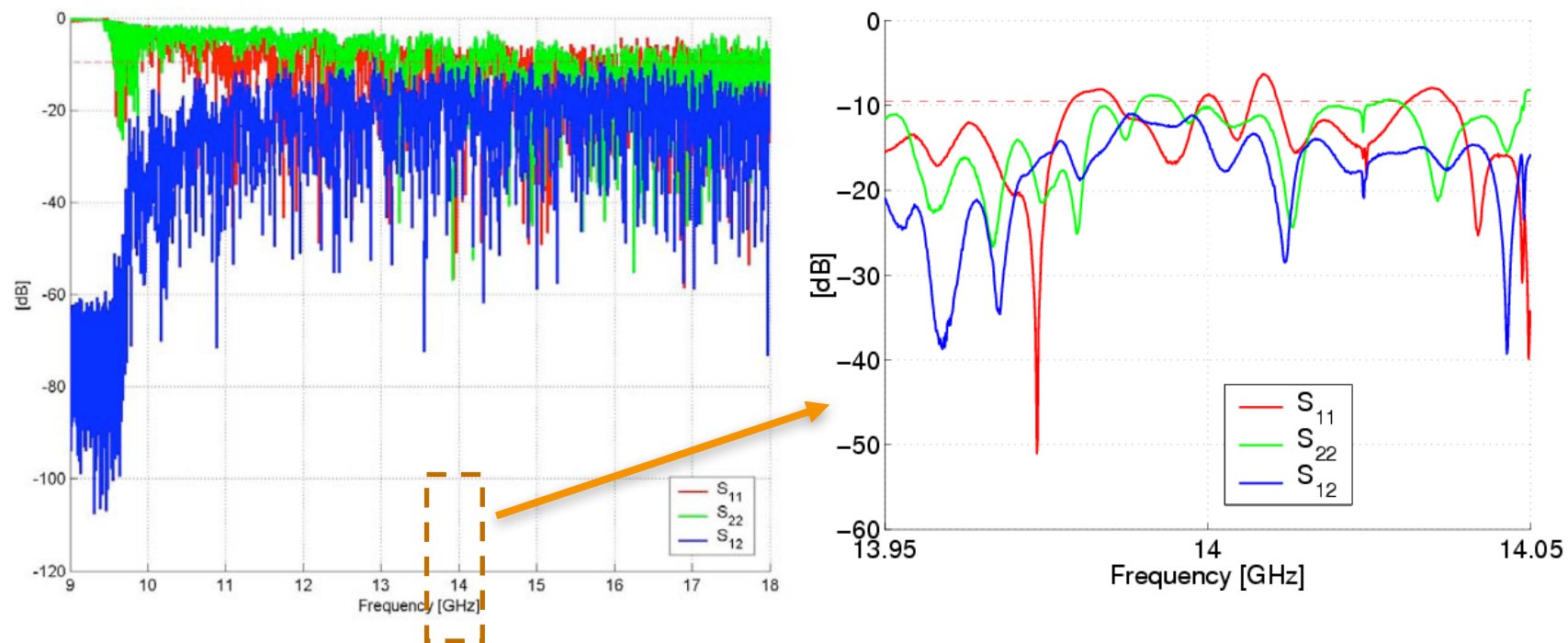
Microwave coupling Cavity model



- ❖ The electromagnetic field must obey to boundary conditions inside a metallic chamber;
- ❖ The TEM structure of plane waves propagating in vacuum is destroyed;
- ❖ The wave becomes a standing wave and allowed frequency are discretized;

Microwave coupling

experimental measurements for an air-filled cavity



- **Defined modes excited in the plasma chamber**

- **Coupling is different for the two MW ports**

Theoretical determination of the modes distribution

TM modes in vacuum

$$f_{nr} = \frac{c}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{x'_{nr}}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{r\pi}{l}\right)^2}$$

$$Q_0 = \mu \sqrt{\frac{\pi \sigma f_{nr}}{\mu_p}} \frac{1}{\left[\frac{2}{l} + \frac{1}{a}\right]} \quad r \neq 0$$

$$FWHM = \frac{f_{nr}}{Q_0}$$

**Resonant
frequency**

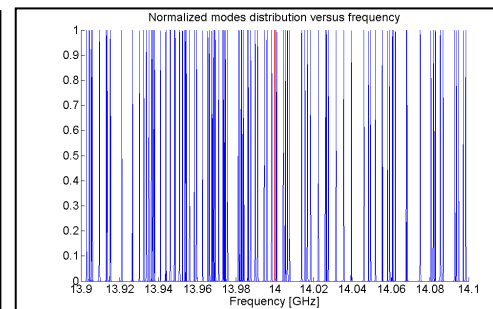
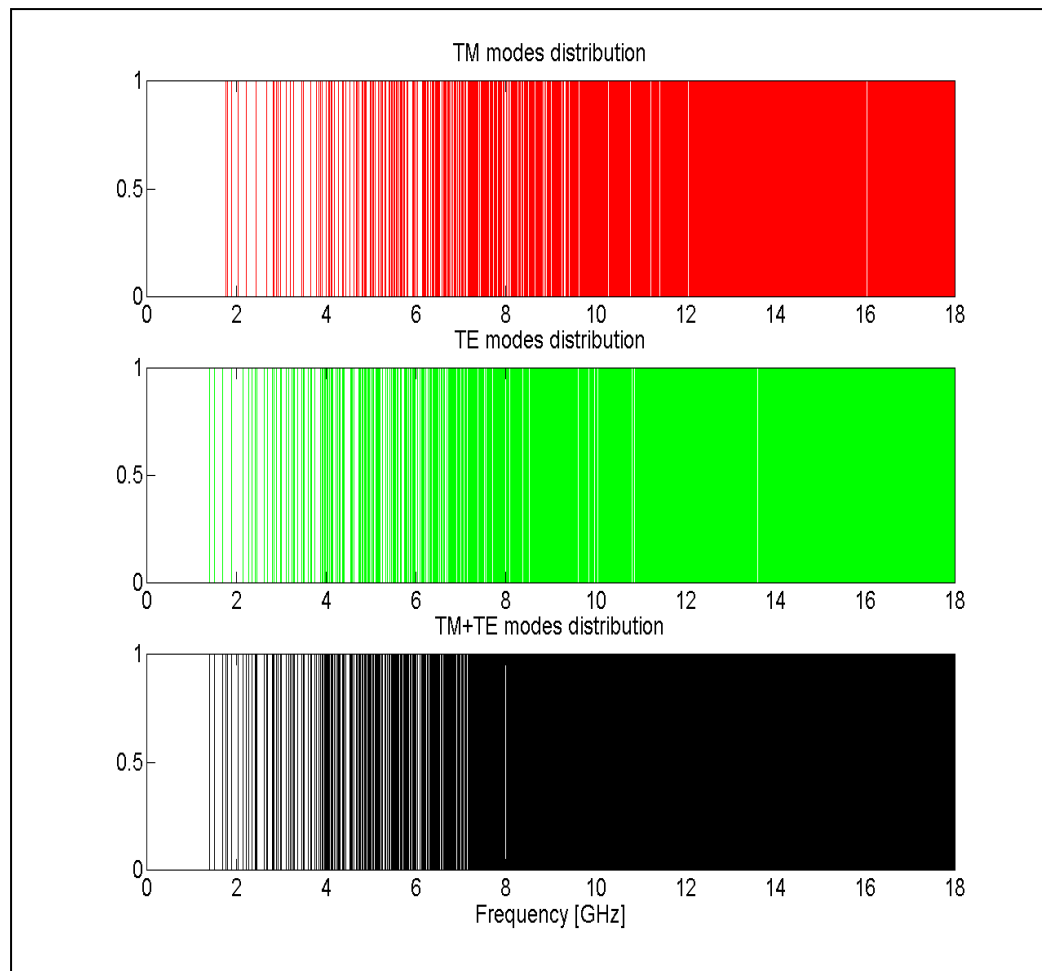
**Quality
factor**

TE modes in vacuum

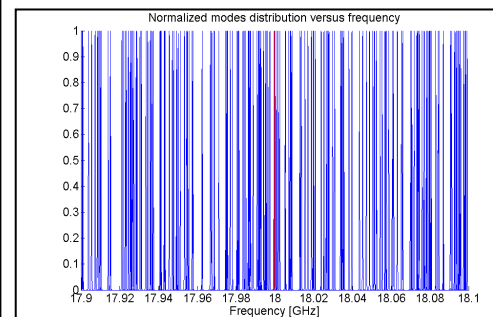
$$f_{nr} = \frac{c}{2\pi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{x'_{nr}}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{r\pi}{l}\right)^2}$$

$$Q_0 = a \mu \sqrt{\frac{\pi \sigma f_{nr}}{\mu_p}} \frac{\left\{ \left[\left(\frac{r\pi}{l}\right)^2 + h_{nr}^2 \right] \left[1 - \left(\frac{n}{h_{nr} a}\right)^2 \right] \right\}}{\left[h_{nr}^2 + 2 \frac{r^2 \pi^2 a}{l^3} + \frac{r^2 \pi^2 n^2}{h_{nr}^2 a l^2} \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{2}{l} \right) \right]}$$

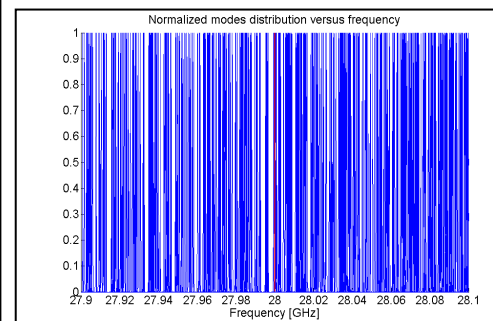
Spectral distribution of modes inside an air filled cavity



14GHz



18GHz



28GHz

Numerical approach for calculating the cavity EM field

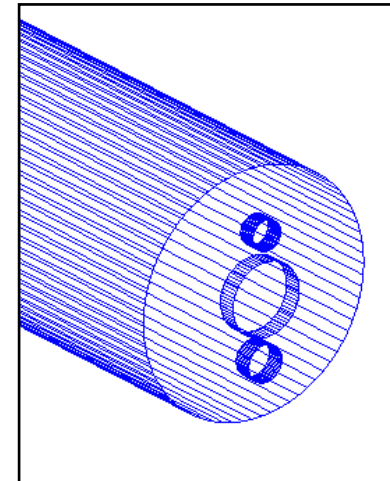
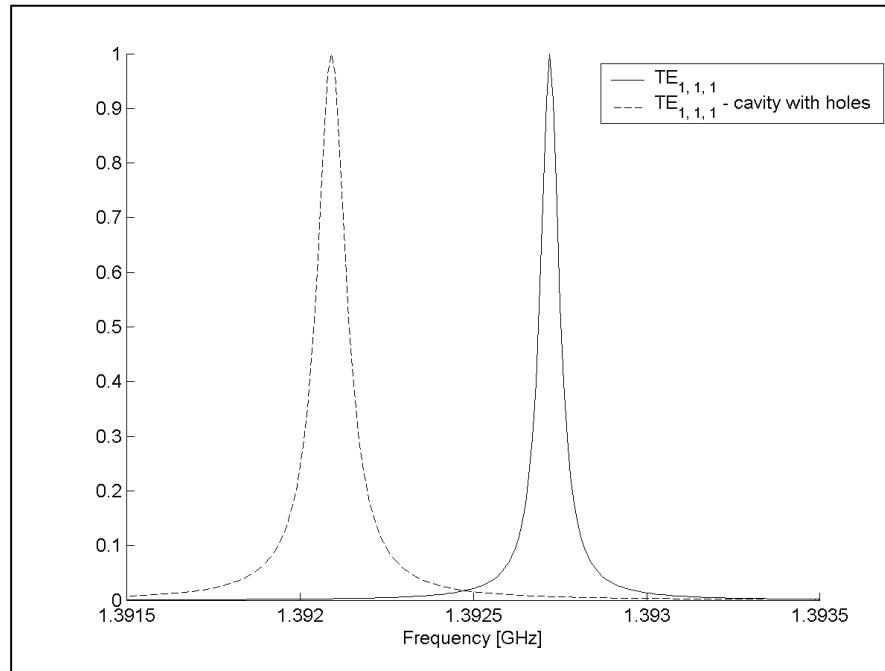
HFSS™

- **Based on the Finite Element Method**
- **It is indicated for efficient simulation of cylindrical objects**
- **It discretizes the calculation domain into tetraedrons**
- **By using the PML boundary conditions, it supports eigenmode simulation of partially open structures.**

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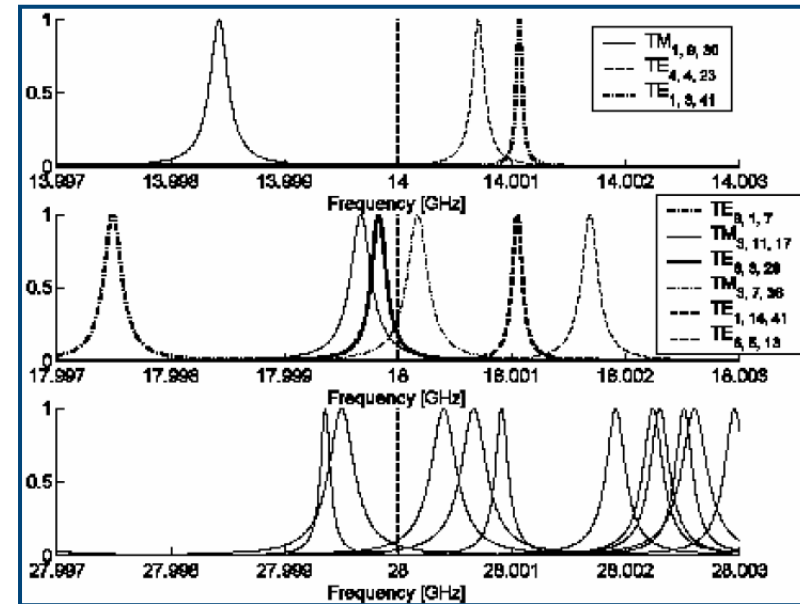
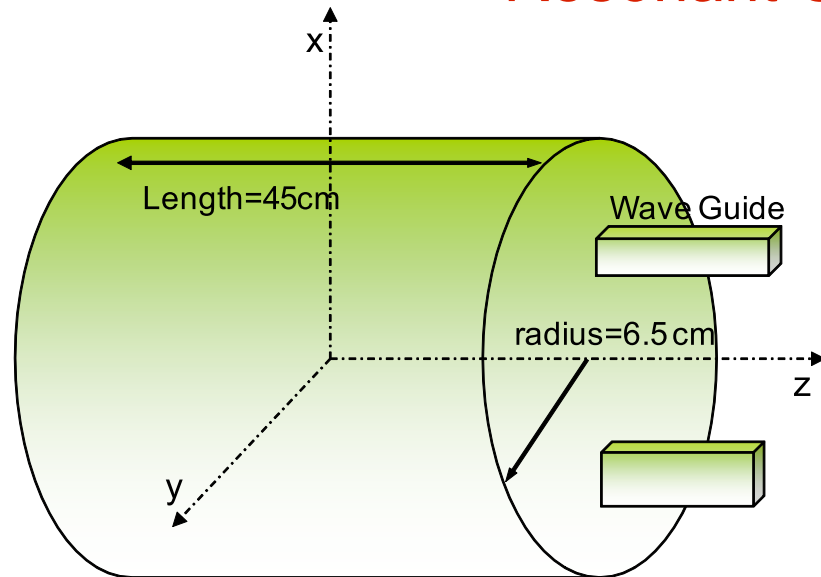
- **Based on the Finite Integration Technique, working on time domain**
- **It is indicated for efficient simulation of cylindrical objects**
- **It doesn't support the eigenmode simulation of partially open structures**

HFSS numerical study air-filled cavity



MODE	ν_{pqr} [GHz]	Q	FWHM [kHz]
TE_{1,1,1} - analytical	1.39197045	2147	64.819
TE_{1,1,1} - HFSS	1.39272	2144	64.941
TE_{1,1,1} - HFSS with	1.39209	1350	103.072

Electromagnetic field calculation: Resonant Chamber Model



$$E_x = A_n \frac{\mu\omega}{h} \sin\left(\frac{r\pi z}{l}\right) J'_n \sin[(n-1)\phi] + J_{n+1} \sin n\phi \cos n\phi \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$E_y = A_n \frac{\mu\omega}{h} \cos\left(\frac{r\pi z}{l}\right) J'_n \sin[(n-1)\phi] + J_{n+1} \sin n\phi \sin n\phi \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$H_x = -A_n \frac{\pi r}{hl} \cos\left(\frac{r\pi z}{l}\right) J'_n \cos[(n-1)\phi] + J_{n+1} \sin n\phi \sin n\phi \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

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$$H_z = -A_n \sin\left(\frac{r\pi z}{l}\right) J'_n \cos n\phi \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

Resonant Frequencies

$$\omega = c \sqrt{\frac{r^2 \pi^2}{l^2} + h^2}$$

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%autovalore modo TE 4,4,23
h=x_n_ni/a;
rho=sqrt(x(1).^2+x(2).^2);
arg_bessel=h.*rho; %argomento funzioni di bessel per
    il modo TE 4,4,23
phi_var=atan(x(2)./x(1));
freqRF=(c/(2*pi))*sqrt((x_n_ni/a)^2+((r*pi)/l)^2); %frequenza di risonanza per il
    modo TE 4,4,23
omegaRF=2*pi*freqRF;

%% definisco la derivata prima della funzione di bessel corrispondente al modo
    eccitato
global BesseljMap4 BesseljMap5
Bj=BesseljMap4(int32(arg_bessel*1e5));
bessel_der=(n./arg_bessel).*Bj-BesseljMap5(int32(arg_bessel*1e5));

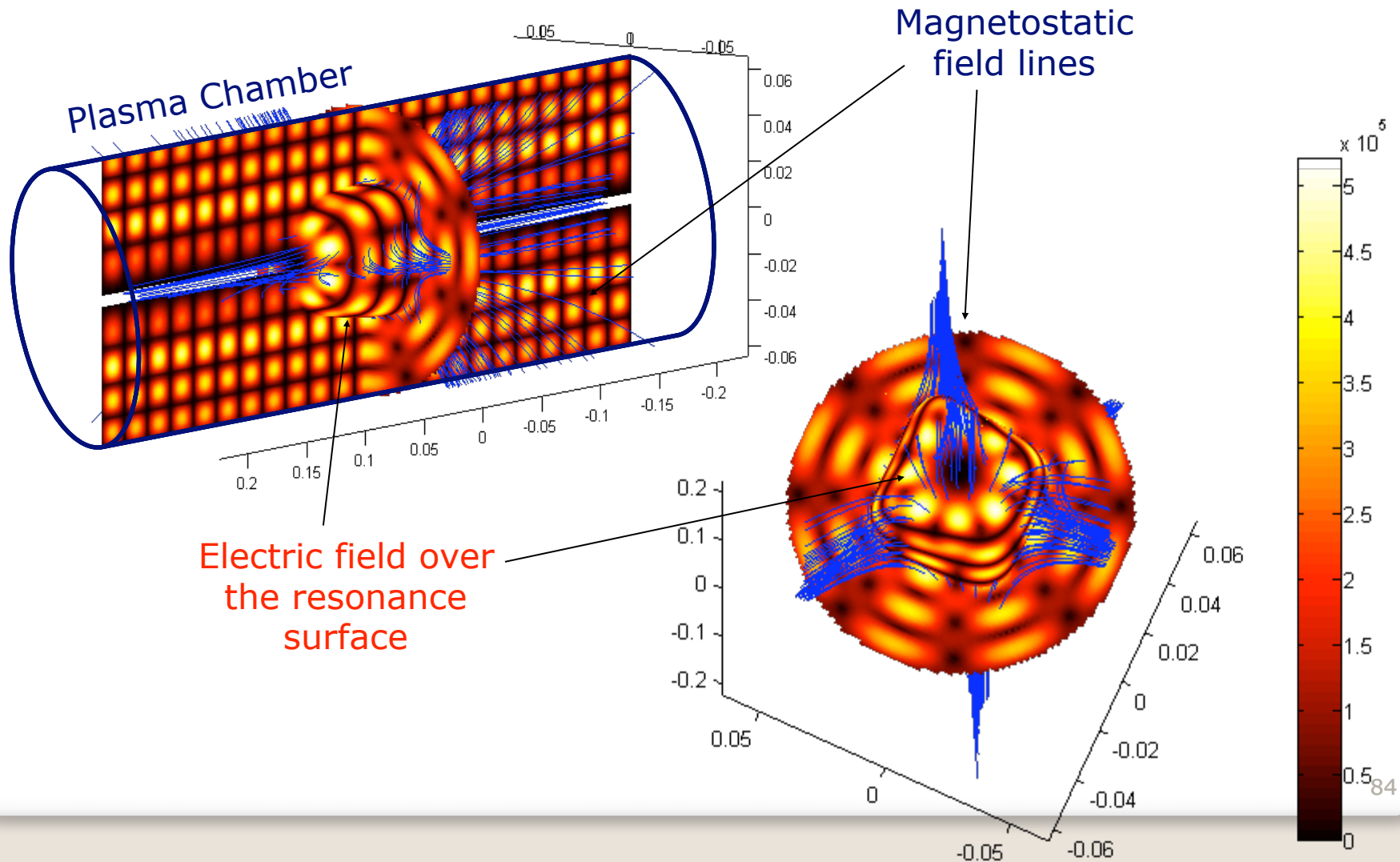
% componenti dei campi elettrico e magnetico associati all'onda e.m.
mu_0=4*pi*1e-7; % permeabilità magnetica del
    vuoto
% equazioni dei campi relative al modo TE 4,4,23
Ex_em=((mu_0*omegaRF)/h).*sin((r*pi.*x(3))./l).*Amplitude.*(n./
    (h.*rho)).*Bj.*sin(n.*phi_var).*cos(phi_var)-
    bessel_der.*cos(n.*phi_var).*sin(phi_var)).*cos(omegaRF*t);
Ey_em=((mu_0*omegaRF)/h).*sin((r*pi.*x(3))./l).*Amplitude.*(n./
    (h.*rho)).*Bj.*sin(n.*phi_var).*sin(phi_var)
    +bessel_der.*cos(n.*phi_var).*cos(phi_var)).*cos(omegaRF*t);
Bx_em=-((mu_0*r*pi)/(l*h)).*cos((r*pi.*x(3))./l).*Amplitude.*(n./

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Electromagnetic Field

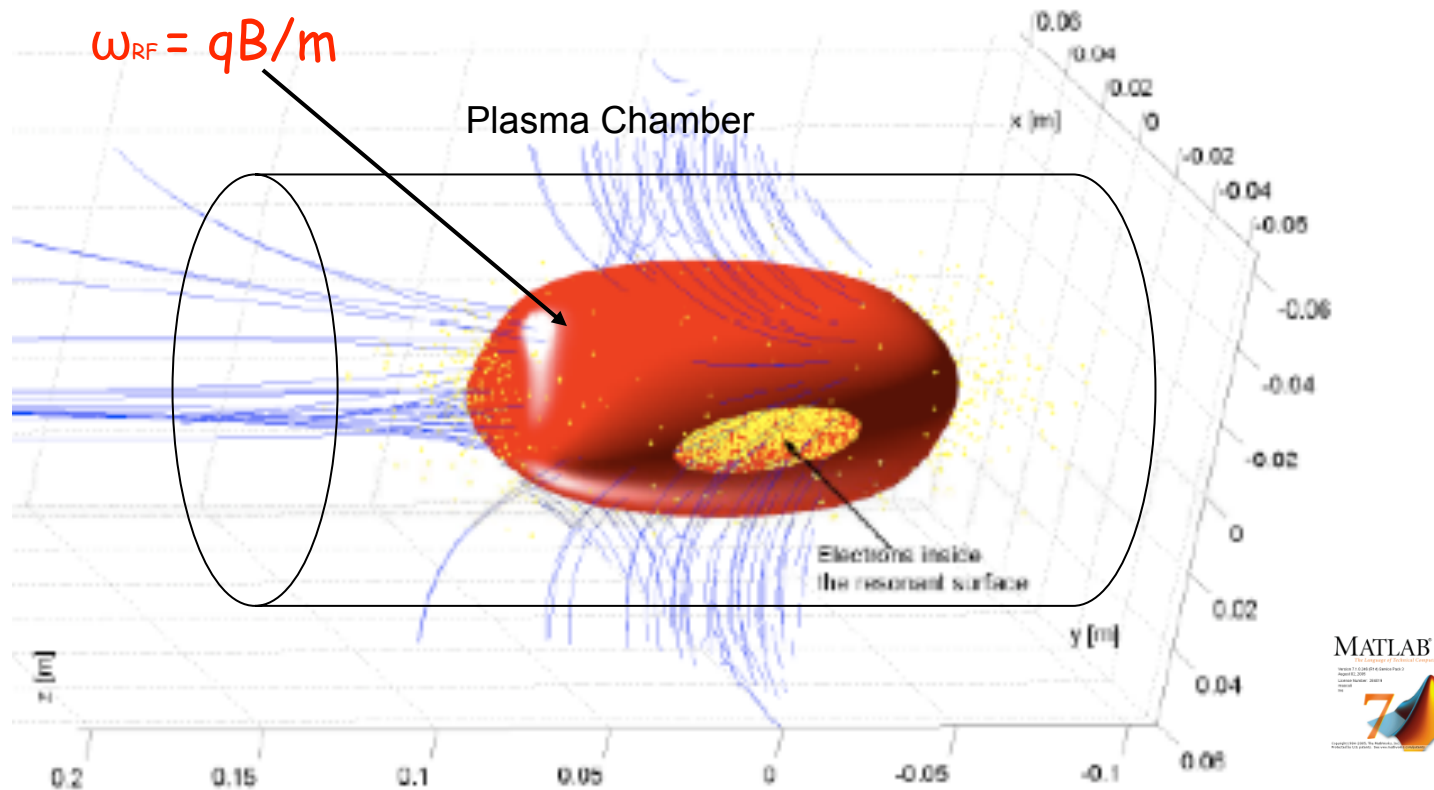
Electromagnetic Field

Inner "empty-cavity" electric field distribution for the
TE_{4 23} mode close to 14 GHz



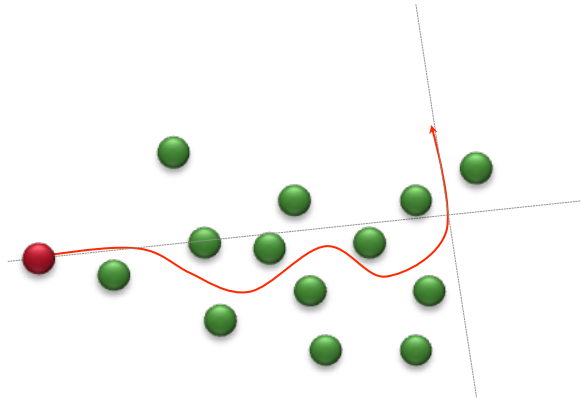
Initial conditions

Simulation of electron and ion distribution at $t=0$



- RED Resonant Surface
- BLUE Magnetic Field lines
- YELLOW Plasma Electrons

Dominant collisions



The most common collisions in fully ionized – hot plasmas are the multi-electrostatic, Spitzer collisions with a total scattering angle of 90°

e-e/i-i (“like particles” scattering) collisions dominate over e-i/i-e collisions (“unlike particles” scattering)

Collision frequency

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \nu_{90^\circ}^{ee} &= \frac{1}{\tau_{sp}} = 5 \cdot 10^{-6} n \frac{\ln\left(\frac{\Lambda_D}{b}\right)}{T_e^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ \nu_{90^\circ}^{ei} &= \frac{1}{\tau_{sp}} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-6} z n \frac{\ln\left(\frac{\Lambda_D}{b}\right)}{T_e^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ \nu_{90^\circ}^{ii} &= \frac{1}{\tau_{sp}} \sim z^4 \left(\frac{m_e}{m_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{T_e}{T_i}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \nu_{90^\circ}^{ee} \end{aligned} \right.$$



Characteristic scattering time

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \tau_m^{ee} &\sim \tau_{90^\circ}^{ee} \sim \tau_{90^\circ}^{ei} \\ \tau_m^{ii} &\sim \tau_{90^\circ}^{ii} \sim \left(\frac{m_i}{m_e}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tau_{90^\circ}^{ei} \\ \tau_m^{ei} &\sim \tau_m^{ie} \sim \frac{m_i}{m_e} \tau_{90^\circ}^{ei} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\tau_m^{ee} \sim \tau_{90^\circ}^{ee} \text{ and } \tau_m^{ei} \gg \tau_{90^\circ}^{ei}$$

Dominant collisions

Numerical technique for single particle 90° collisions

1. The most probable collision type are the electrostatic i-i and e-e multiple collisions with velocity rotation of 90°
2. Collision position is determined by comparing a randomly extracted number in the range 0-1 with the collision probability

$$(0 < rnd < 1) < P(t) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_{coll}}\right)$$

The collision time is given by:

$$\tau_{coll} = \frac{M_{i,e}^2 2\pi\epsilon_0^2 v_{i,e}^3}{n_e z^4 e^4 \ln \Lambda}$$

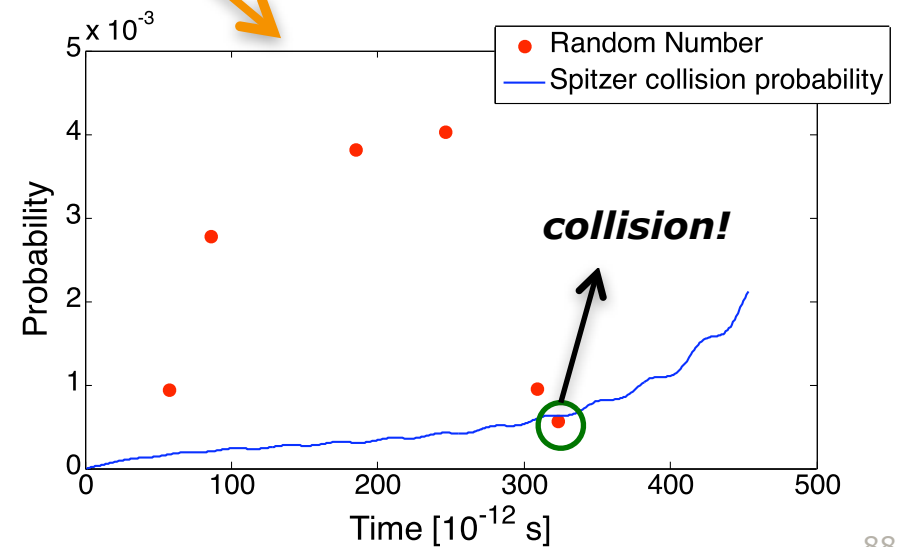
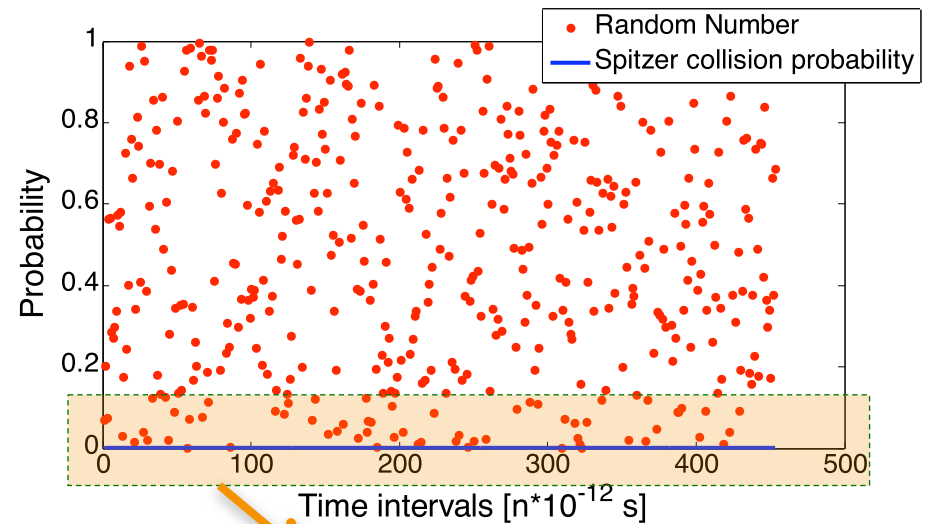
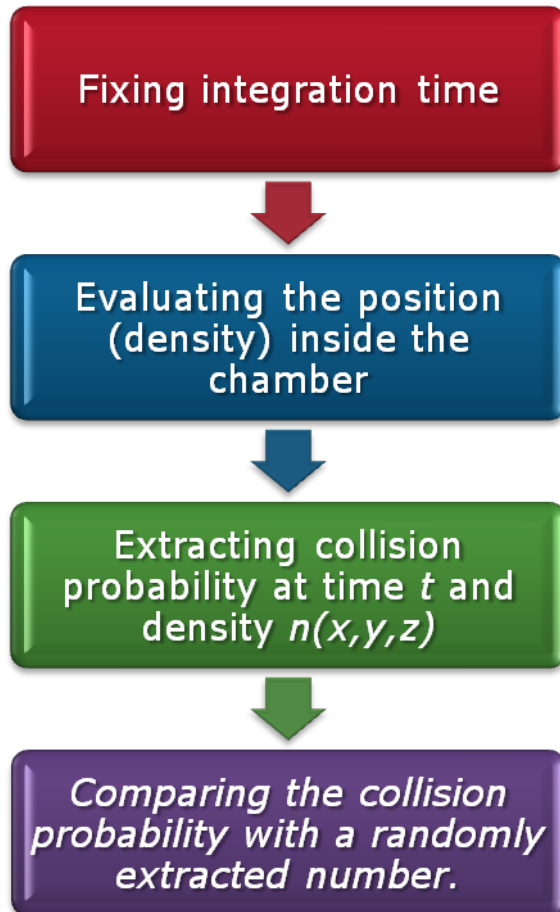
Where the plasma density is an input parameter

$$n_{ECRIS}(x, y, z) = 0.3n_{cutoff} + \sum_i h n_{cutoff} \exp\left\{-\frac{[B_{tot}(x, y, z) - (B_{ECR} - ki)]^2}{k^2}\right\}$$

This formula is the initial parameterization of plasma distribution (preliminary 2D PIC simulations were used)

Numerical evaluation of Spitzer collisions

Collision evaluation procedure



90° collisions code implementation

$$V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} v_{x_1} & v_{y_1} & v_{z_1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} v_{x_2} & v_{y_2} & v_{z_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

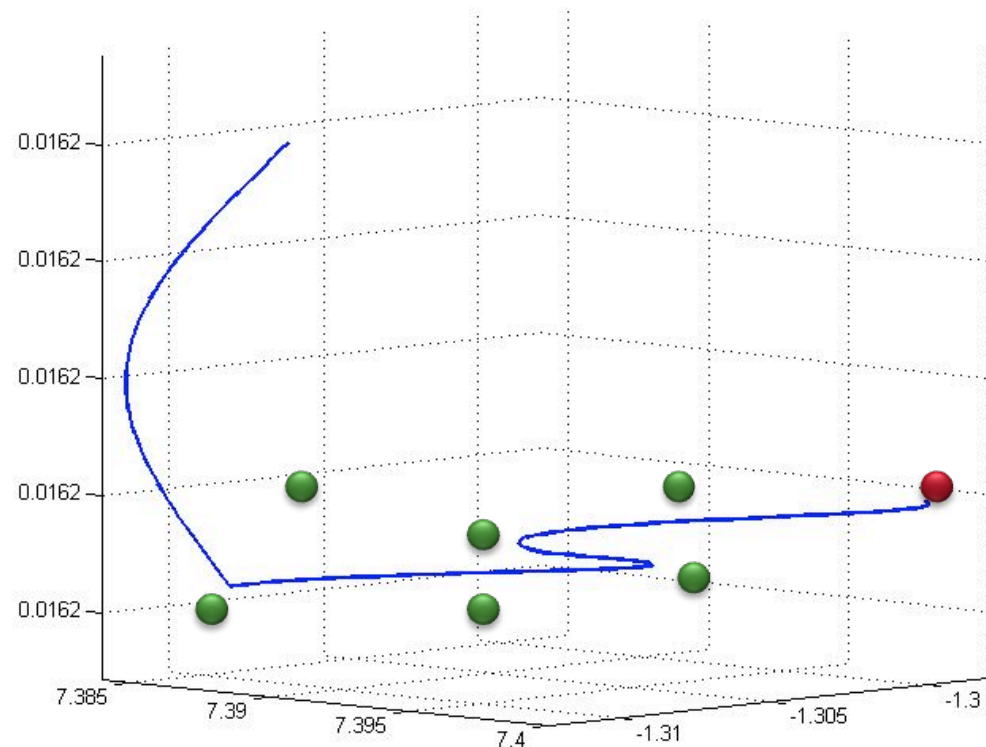
$$\begin{cases} V_1 \cdot V_2 = 0 \\ |V_1| = |V_2| \end{cases} \longrightarrow \text{Energy conservation}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_{x_1} v_{x_2} + v_{y_1} v_{y_2} + v_{z_1} v_{z_2} = 0 \\ |V_1| = \sqrt{v_{x_2}^2 + v_{y_2}^2 + v_{z_2}^2} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_{x_2} = -\frac{v_{y_1} v_{y_2} + v_{z_1} v_{z_2}}{v_{x_1}} \\ V_1^2 = v_{x_2}^2 + v_{y_2}^2 + v_{z_2}^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_{x_2} = -\frac{v_{y_1} v_{y_2} + v_{z_1} v_{z_2}}{v_{x_1}} \\ \left(\frac{v_{y_1}^2}{v_{x_1}^2} + 1 \right) \frac{1}{v_{y_2}^2} + \left(\frac{2v_{y_1} v_{z_1} v_{z_2}}{v_{x_1}^2} \right) \frac{1}{v_{y_2}} + \frac{v_{z_1}^2 v_{z_2}^2}{v_{x_1}^2} + v_{z_2}^2 - V_1^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

3 Variables + 2 Conditions = One free parameter = z_2



90° collisions code implementation

$$Vz_2 = \text{rand}(1)*2*V - V$$

$$-V < Vz_2 < V$$

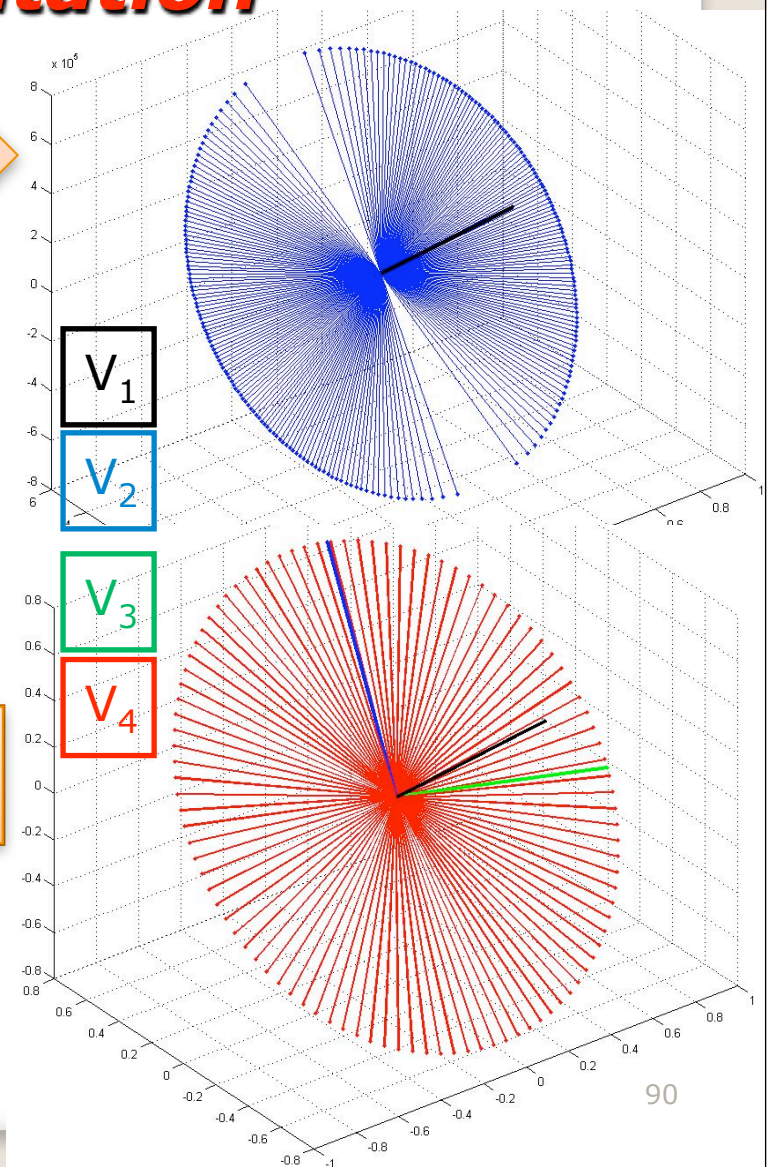
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1 function [X02]=urtoa90gradi_5(X01)
2     V1=[X01(4),X01(5),X01(6)];           % Vector 1 before rotation
3     V=sqrt(sum(V1.^2));                 % Vector 1 module
4     D=-1;
5     while D<0                           % check discriminator value
6         Vz2=rand(1)*2*V-V;              % random parameter (-V,V)
7         a=(V1(2)/V1(1))^2+1;            % ax^2+bx+c=0 coefficients
8         b=2*V1(2)*V1(3)*Vz2/V1(1)^2;
9         c=Vz2^2+(V1(3)*Vz2/V1(1))^2-V1(1)^2-V1(2)^2-V1(3)^2;
10        D=b^2-4*a*c;                    % discriminator
11    end
12    Vy2=(-b+sqrt(D))/(2*a);              % one solution of quadratic equation
13    Vx2=-(V1(2)*Vy2+V1(3)*Vz2)/V1(1);
14    V2=[Vx2,Vy2,Vz2];                  % Vector 2 (simply orthogonal to first vector)

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$$\theta = \text{rand}(1)*2*\pi - \pi$$

$$-\pi < \theta < \pi$$



Electron Resonant acceleration

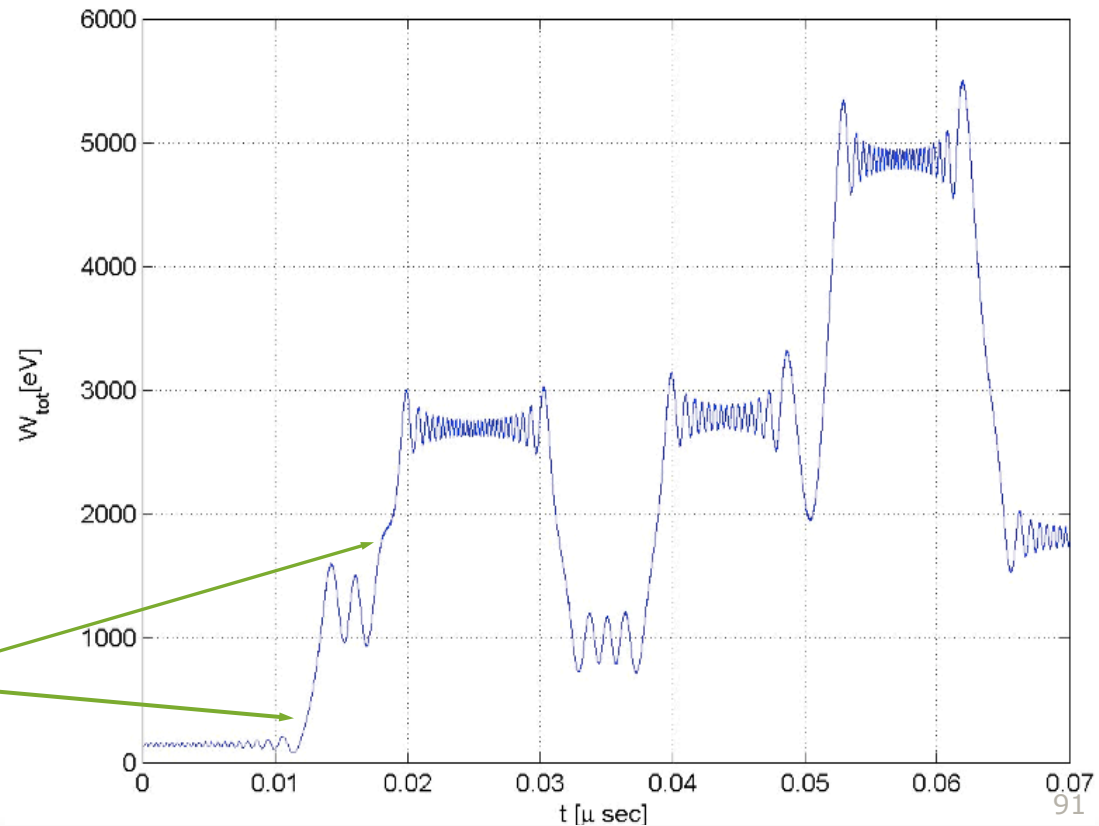
$$\vec{E} = \hat{x} E_0 \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{c} z - \omega t + \phi\right)$$

$$\vec{H} = \hat{y} \frac{E_0}{\mu c} \cos\left(\frac{\omega}{c} z - \omega t + \phi\right)$$

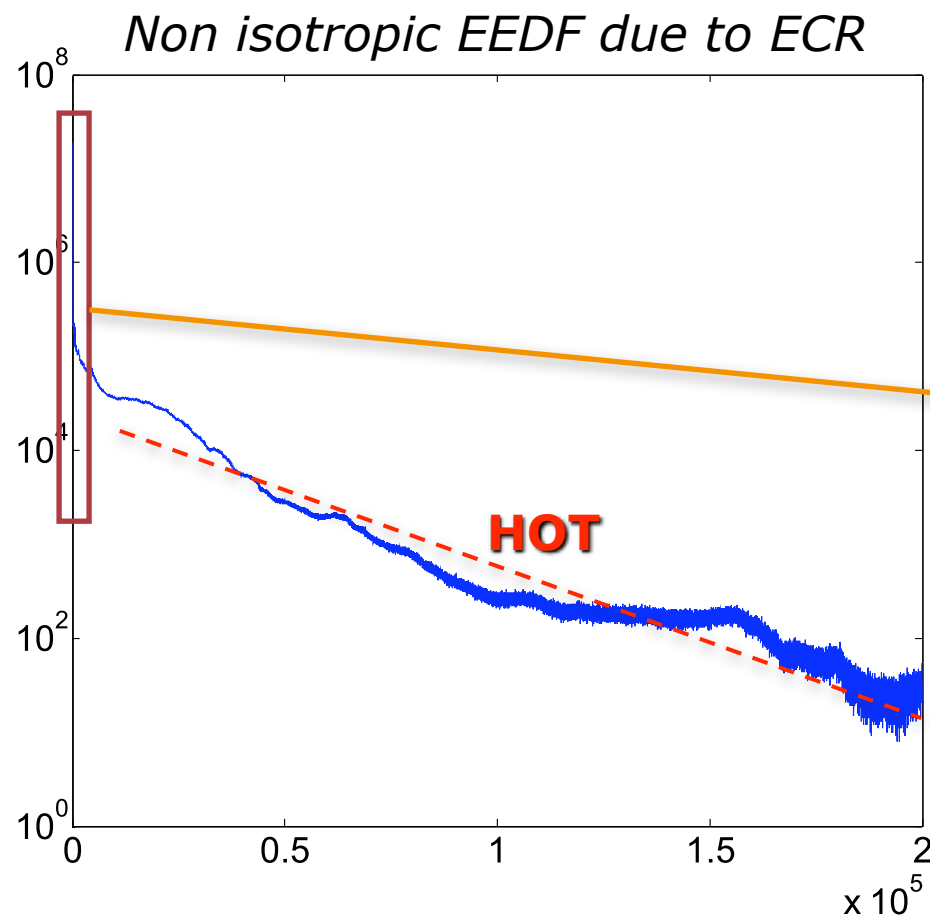
The energy exchange depends on the wave-to-electron phase relationship.

ECR zone crossing;
the resonance takes place only where $B = B_{ECR}$

Electron acceleration proceeds in a timescale of 1-2 nsec



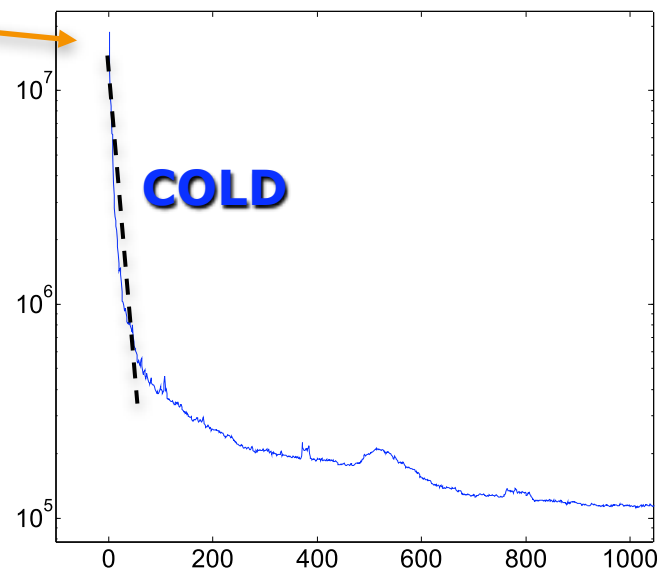
Simulated Electron Energy Distribution Function (EEDF)



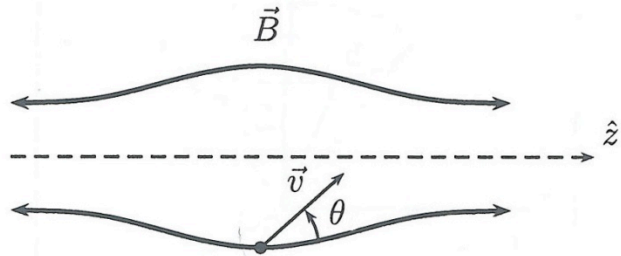
Non thermalized plasma:

HOT population $T > 25$ keV

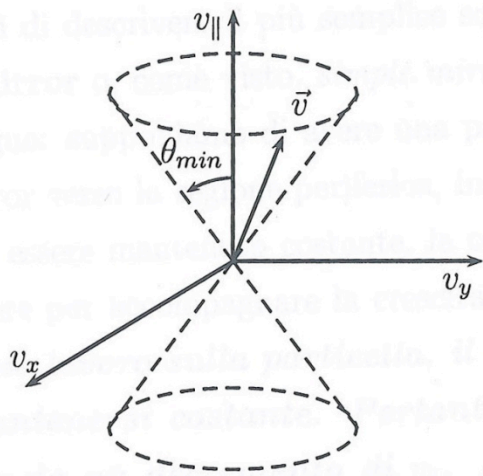
COLD population $T \sim 3-5$ eV



Magnetic confinement



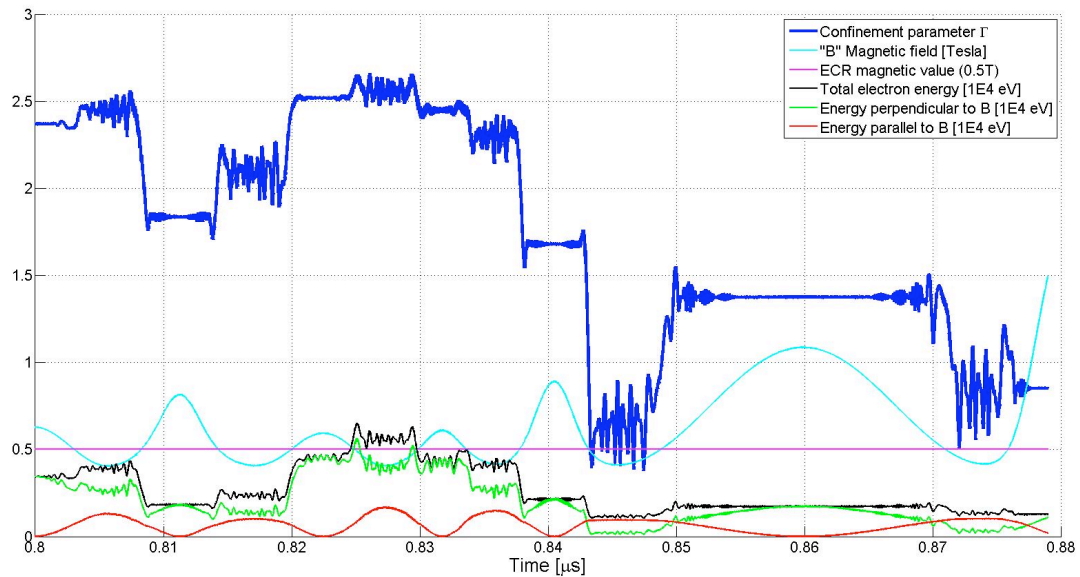
$$\frac{B}{B_{inv}} = \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{v^2} = \sin^2 \theta$$



Confinement parameter

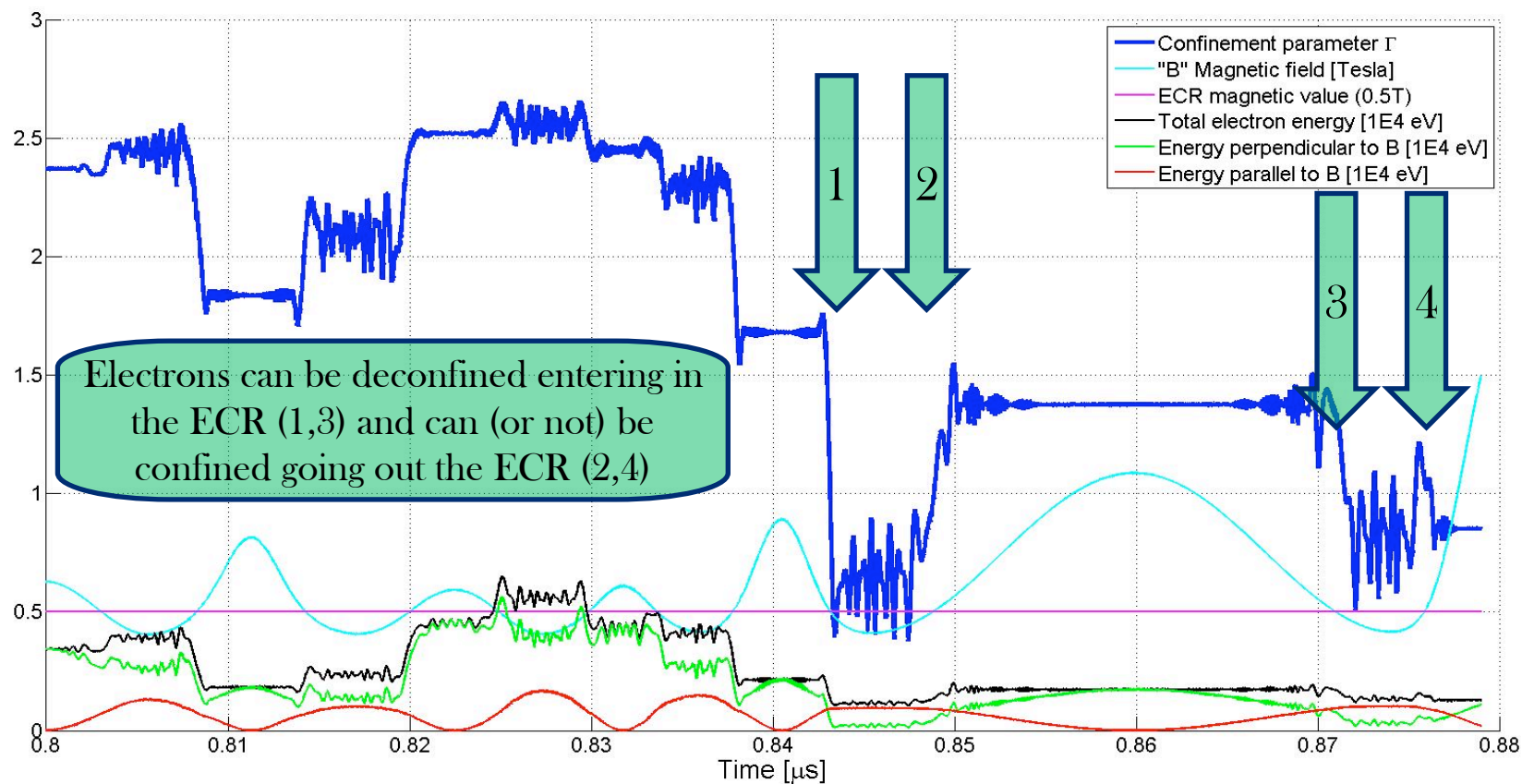
$$\Gamma = \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{v^2} \frac{B_{max}}{B}$$

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma > 1 & \text{confined} \\ \Gamma < 1 & \text{not confined} \end{cases}$$



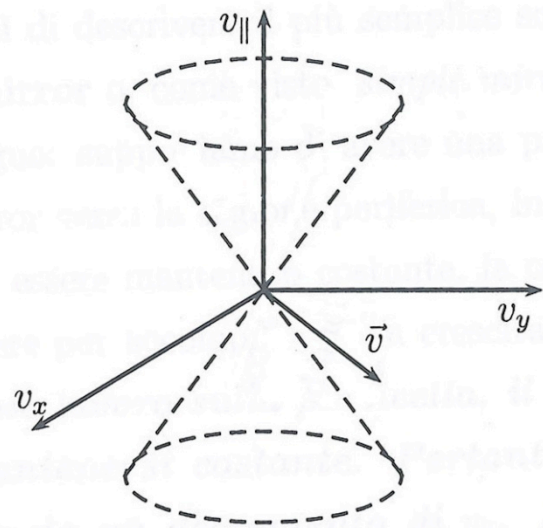
Two causes of deconfinement

1° Electron Cyclotron Resonance: modifying v_{\perp}

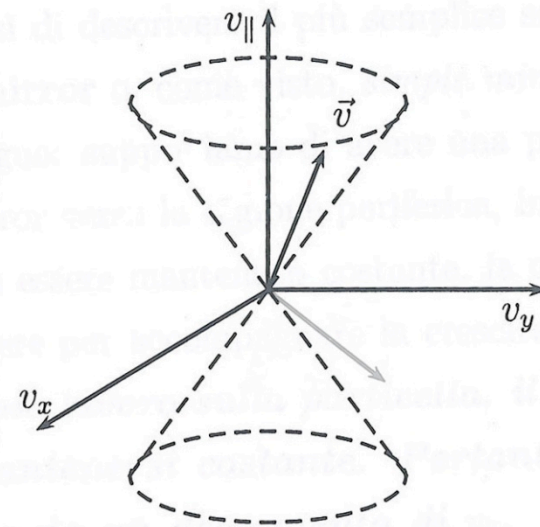
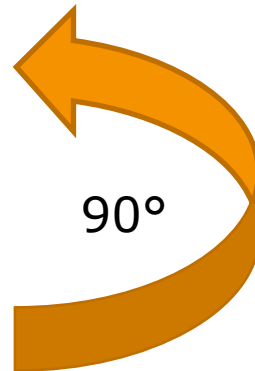


Two causes of deconfinement

2° Spitzer collision: 90° elastic coulomb collision



confined



not confined

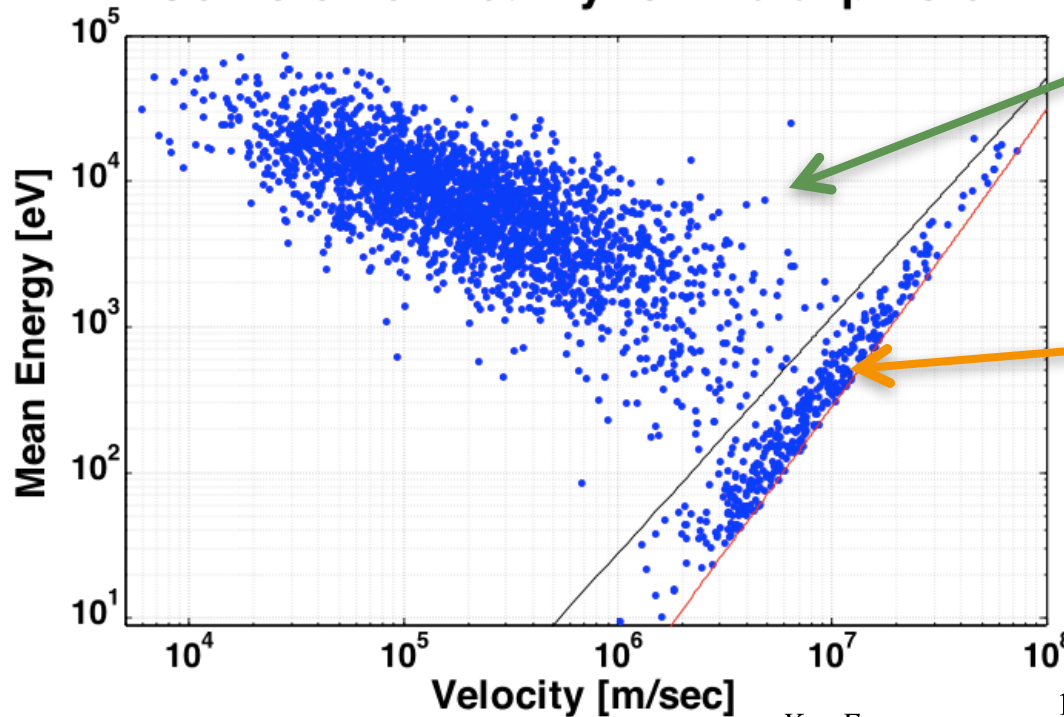
Electron expulsion by Spitzer collisions

$$Event_{LastCollision} = (x_{lc} \quad y_{lc} \quad z_{lc} \quad Vx_{lc} \quad Vy_{lc} \quad Vz_{lc} \quad t_{lc})$$

$$Event_{ChamberWall} = (x_{cw} \quad y_{cw} \quad z_{cw} \quad Vx_{cw} \quad Vy_{cw} \quad Vz_{cw} \quad t_{cw})$$

Particles expelled by non-adiabatic interaction at ECR and/or “pitch angle” scattering

Collision criticality for the expulsion

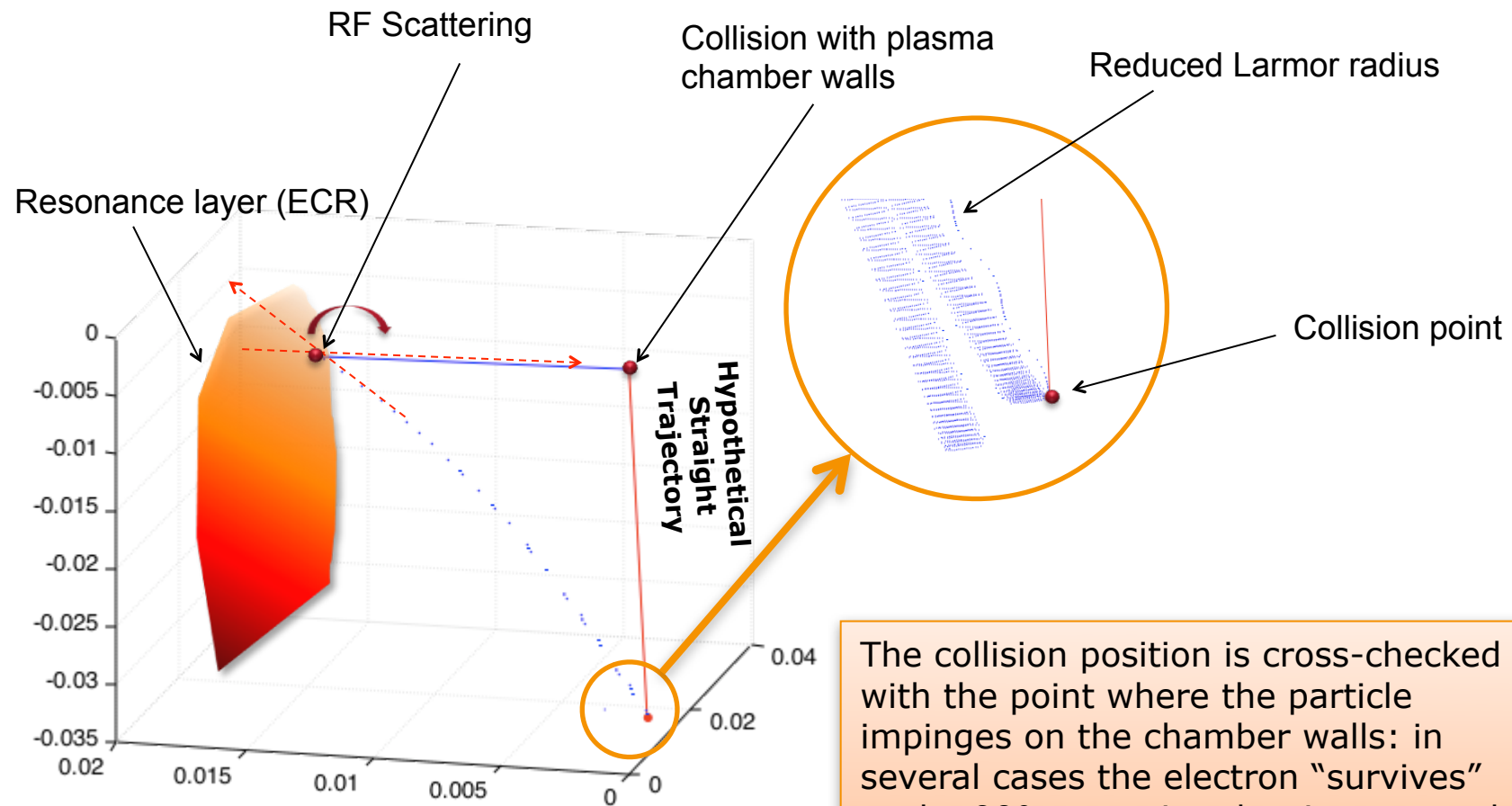


Particles directly expelled by 90° collisions

$$X = E_{Hypotetical\ Straight} = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{\Delta r}{\Delta t} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{(x_{cw} - x_{lc})^2 + (y_{cw} - y_{lc})^2 + (z_{cw} - z_{lc})^2}{\Delta t^2} \right)$$

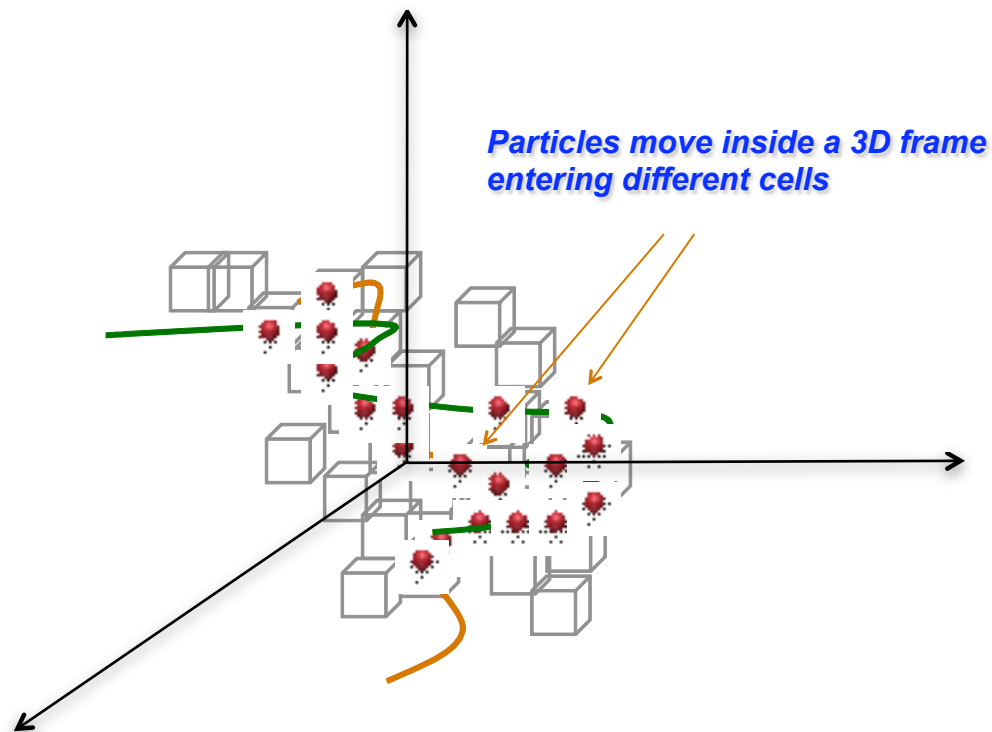
$$Y = \langle E_{Real\ Trajectory} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} m \left(\langle Vx_{lc \otimes cw}^2 \rangle + \langle Vy_{lc \otimes cw}^2 \rangle + \langle Vz_{lc \otimes cw}^2 \rangle \right)$$

Electron expulsion by Spitzer collisions



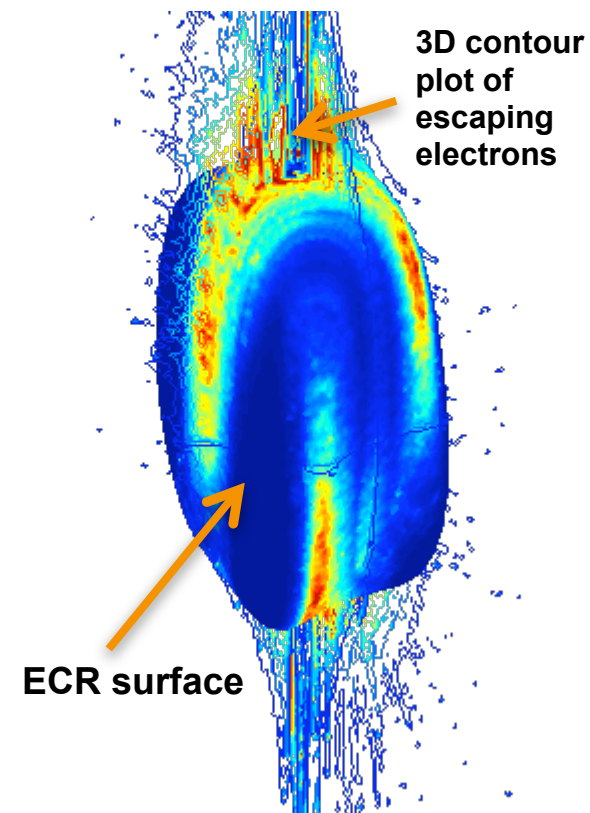
The collision position is cross-checked with the point where the particle impinges on the chamber walls: in several cases the electron "survives" to the 90° scattering, but is scattered by the RF field at the resonance

Definition of 3D density/energy maps



The plasma chamber domain is subdivided into $130 \times 130 \times 450 = 7 \cdot 10^6$ cells
(mm precision)

3D false color representation of the density



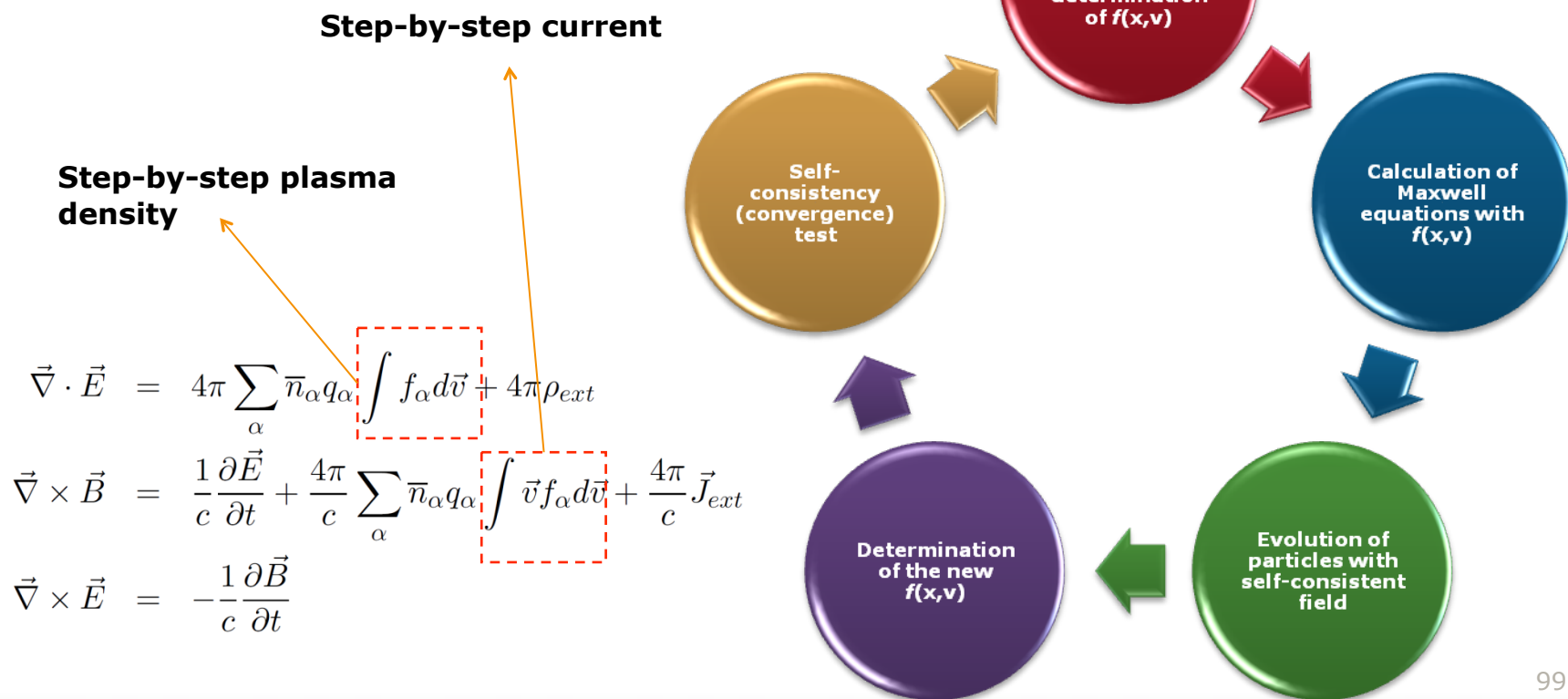
The density distribution can be then plotted by the `slice`, `contour3D`, `surf` routines. Slicing on arbitrary surface is also possible.

Self-consistency implementation

Solving the time-independent Vlasov equation, including single particle collisions

$$\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f_\alpha + \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \left(\vec{E} + \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{B}}{c} \right) \cdot \vec{\nabla}_v f_\alpha = 0$$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{q}{m_0 \gamma} \left[\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times B - \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{E}}{c^2} \vec{v} \right]$$



Simplified ray tracing

A first way to get self-consistency

Simulation strategy

A simplified ray tracing calculation has been implemented to follow **EM-waves path in the non-isotropic – non-homogeneous plasma**. The validity of the numerical approach has been tested with empty cavity, reproducing the well known pattern characterizing resonant modes.

As first approximation, all rays can start from the same input position without any loss of generality.

$$\mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{i}-1) + \Delta R \cos(\vartheta(\mathbf{i}-1))$$

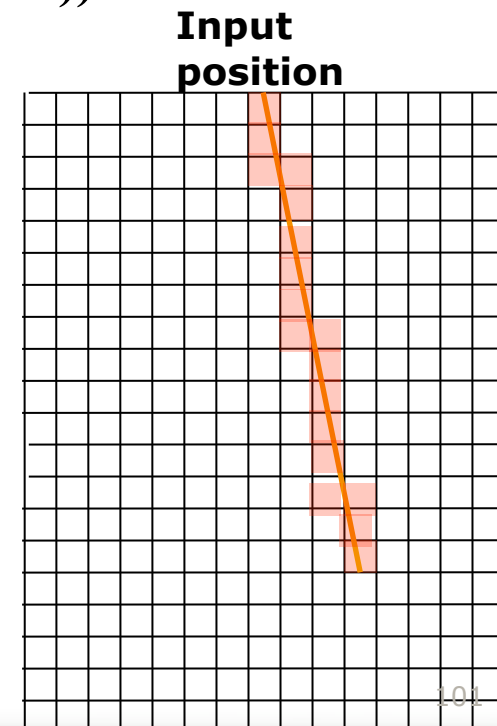
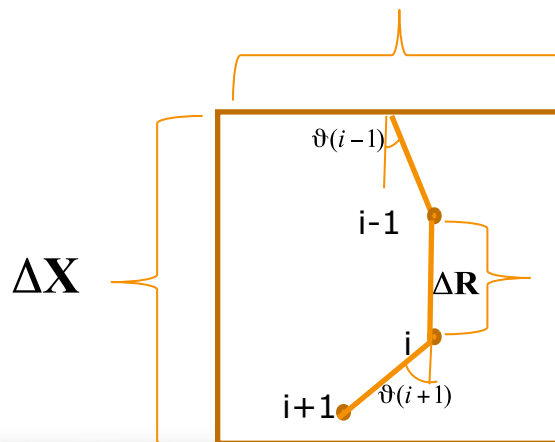
$$\mathbf{R}_y(\mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{R}_y(\mathbf{i}-1) + \Delta R \sin(\vartheta(\mathbf{i}-1))$$

The frame of the free **Ray**:

Position of the **Ray** at iteration i depends on the position and on the angle at iteration $i-1$

The frame of the resonator is divided in square cells, ΔY larger than $\Delta R_{x,y}$

The square cells allow to count how many rays crossed their surface

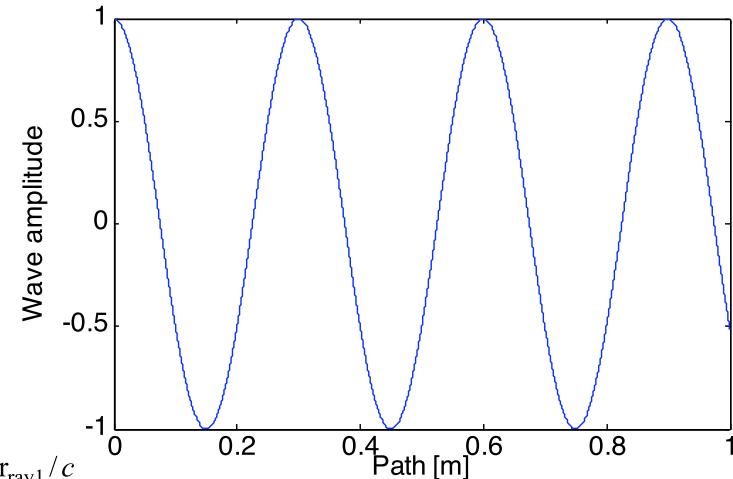
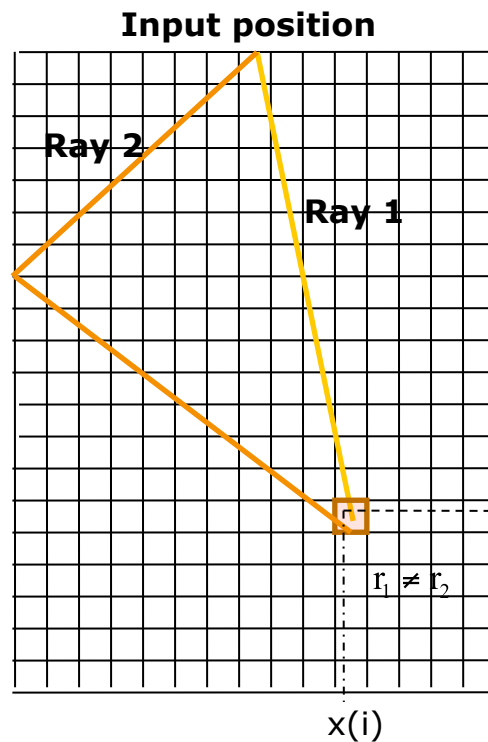


Simulation strategy

Wave amplitude is a complex function whose phase depends by the total path of the wave:

$$A(r) = Ce^{-2\pi i f r/c}$$

Different rays reach the same square after covering different distances:



After 1° ray

$$A(x(i), y(i)) = Ce^{-2\pi i f r_{ray1}/c}$$

$$|E(x(i), y(i))|^2 = \left| Ce^{-2\pi i f r_{ray1}/c} \right|^2$$

Electric field amplitude

After 2° ray:

$$A'(x(i), y(i)) = A(x(i), y(i)) + Ce^{-2\pi i f r_{ray2}/c}$$

$$y(i) \quad |E(x(i), y(i))|^2 = \left| A(x(i), y(i)) + Ce^{-2\pi i f r_{ray2}/c} \right|^2$$

After n rays we have:

$$|E(x(i), y(i))|^2 = \left| \sum_{rays} Ce^{-2\pi i f r_{rays}/c} \right|^2$$

Total electric field amplitude per cell

Simulating the Ray propagation in plasma

Let's come back to the propagation laws of Microwave ray:

$$\begin{aligned} R_x(i) &= R_x(i-1) + \Delta R \cos(\vartheta(i-1)) \\ R_y(i) &= R_y(i-1) + \Delta R \sin(\vartheta(i-1)) \end{aligned}$$

The angle at iteration i depends on the angle at iteration $i-1$ by means of the Snell laws

$$\sin\vartheta(i) n(i) = \sin\vartheta(i-1) n(i-1)$$

Where $n(i)$ is the refraction index of the medium:

$$n^2 = 1 - \frac{2X(1-X)}{2(1-X)Y^2 \sin^2(\vartheta) \pm [Y^4 \sin^4(\vartheta) + 4(1-X)^2 Y^2 \cos^2(\vartheta)]}$$

Appleton-Hartree formula for the anisotropic plasma refraction index

$$X = \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$

Normalized density

$$Y = \frac{\omega_c}{\omega}$$

Normalized magnetic field

X and Y **depend on the electron density of the plasma** at position i and on magnetic field on position i



Preformed electron density and magnetic field maps are needed!!

Simulating the Ray propagation in plasma

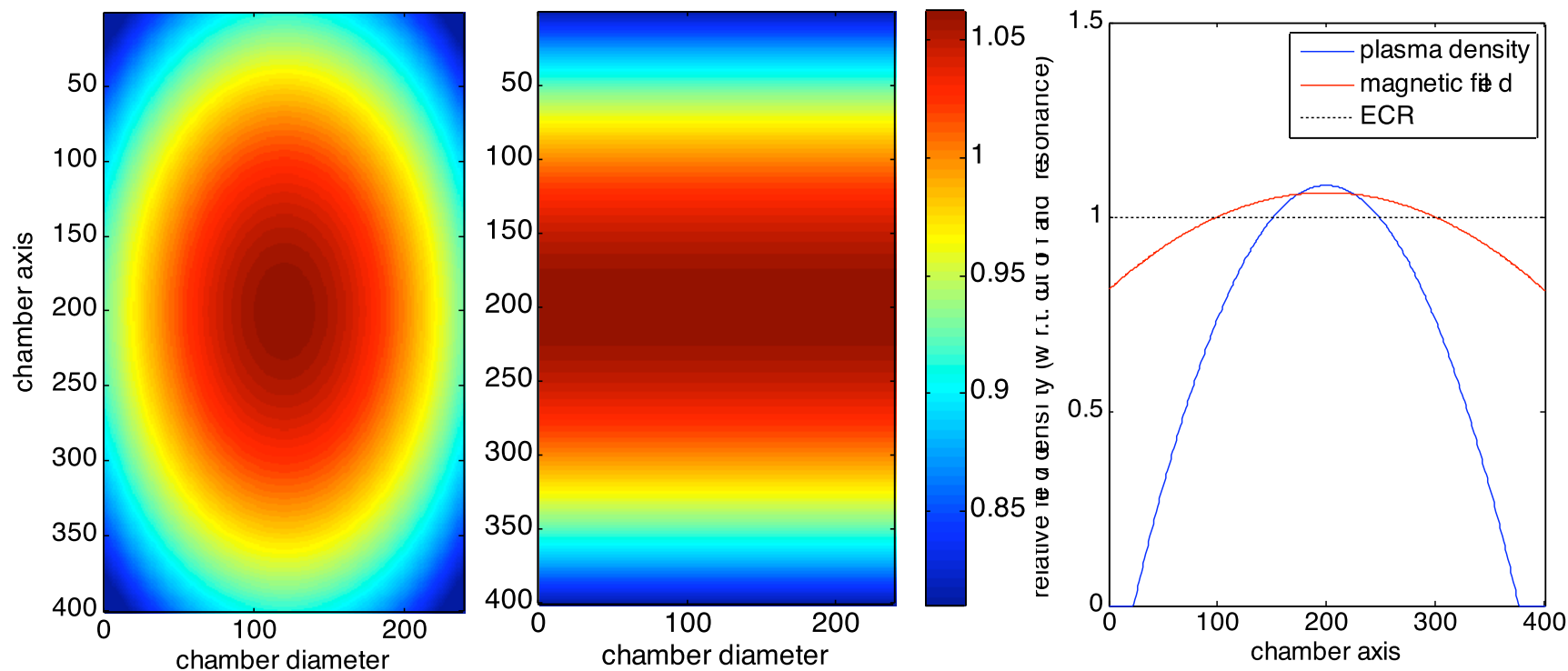
In empty resonators $n=1$, so

$$\vartheta(i) = \vartheta(i-1)$$

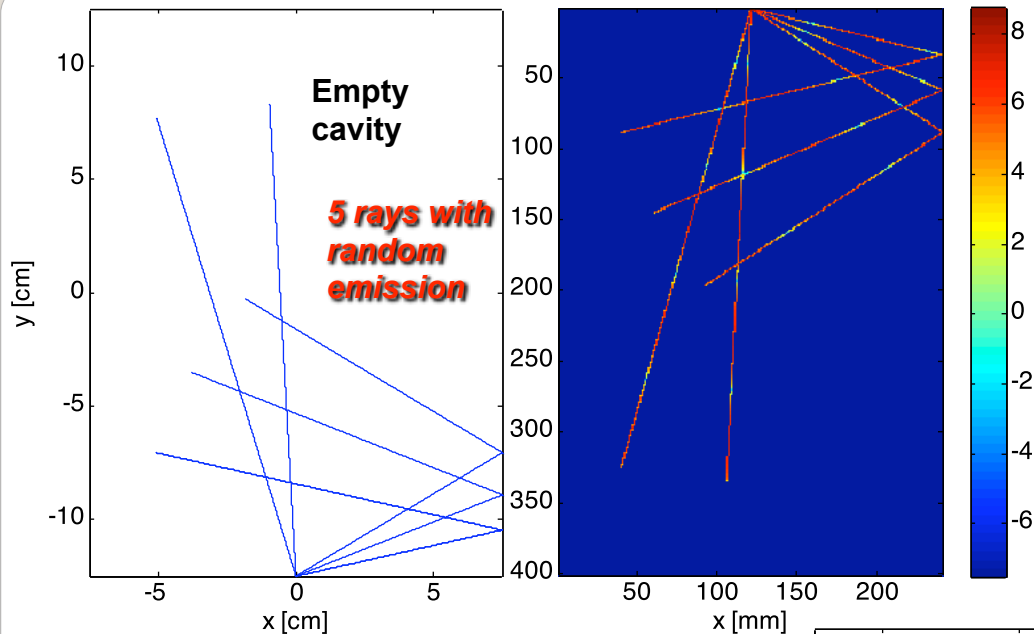
In plasma filled cavities, generally

$$\vartheta(i) \neq \vartheta(i-1)$$

Ray tracing calculation in a simplified magnetic field (typical of proton sources) and density structure



Simulating the Ray propagation in plasma



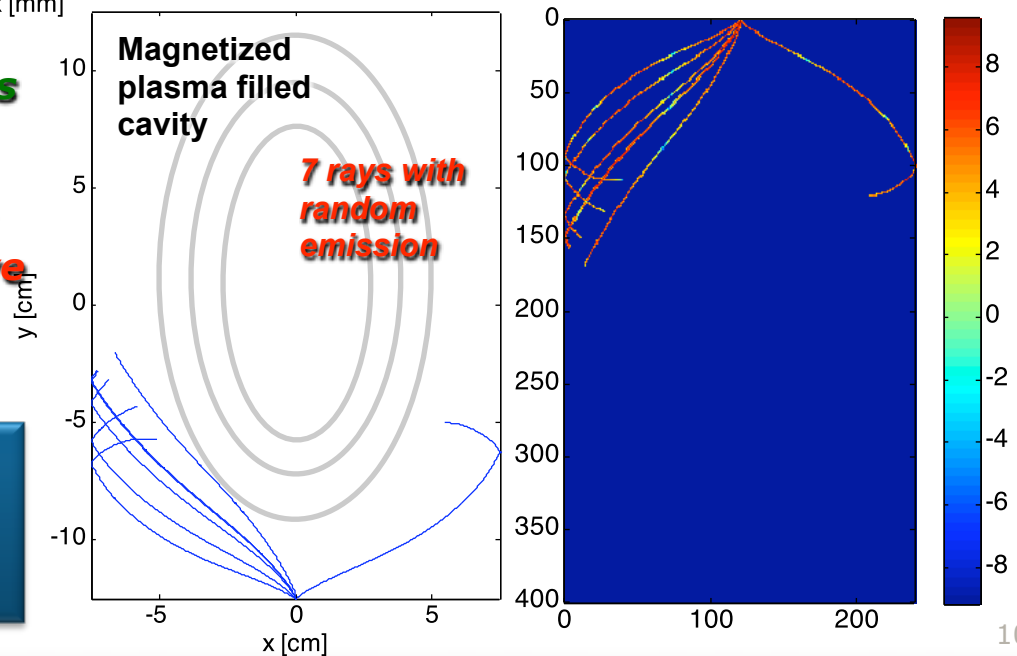
False colors highlight the s.b.s. wave amplitude modulation

The high density plasma distorts significantly the rays paths.

The high density plasma core is arduously reachable by the wave



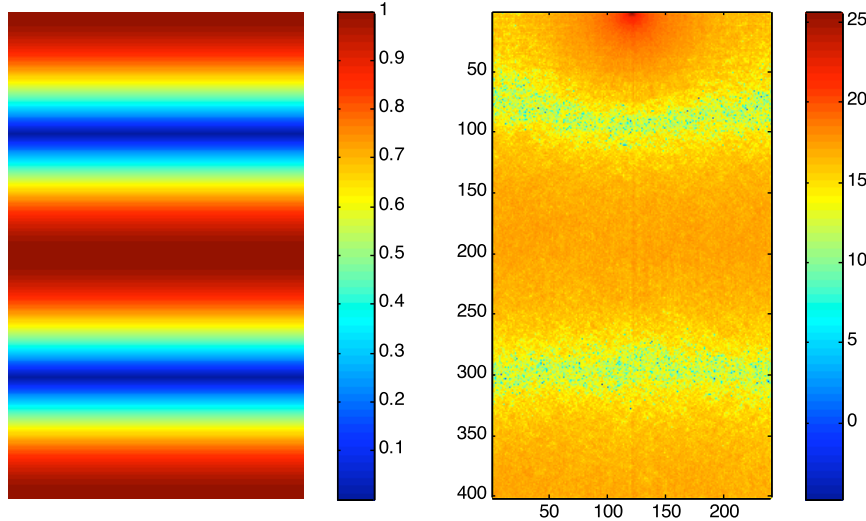
Simulations suggest that alternative heating schemes are needed to deposit energy into the plasma core



Case 1: Empty resonator

Empty resonators are characterized by $n=1$ -----> $\vartheta(i) = \vartheta(i-1)$

Mode TE_{2,0} f=1.1992 GHz

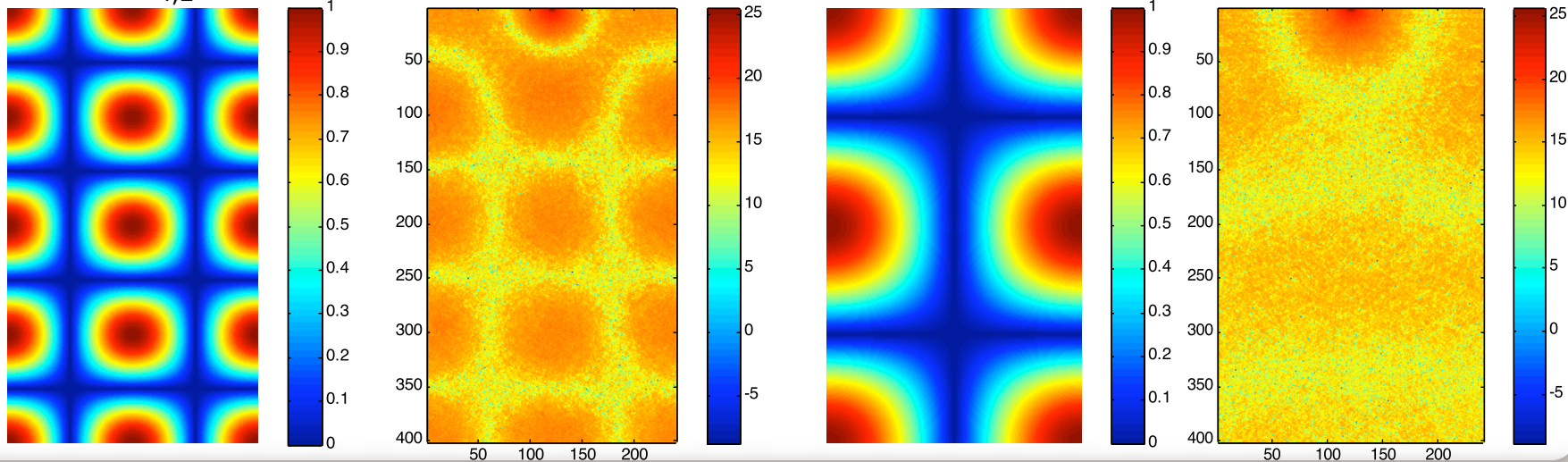


Position of the microwaves input must ever coincide with a maximum of the E.M field ----> second index have to be even

Modes having odd second index cannot exist in *real* resonators.

Mode TE_{2,1} f=1.561 GHz

Mode TE_{4,2} f=3.1219 GHz



Case 2: Plasma filled cavities

In plasma filled cavities the microwaves are absorbed at the resonances and reflected at cut-off surfaces, depending on the value of electron density and magnetic field:

Resonance condition:

$$\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{X + Y^2 - 1}{XY^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

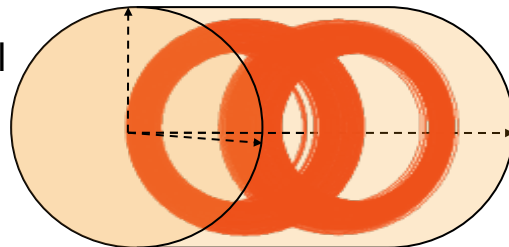
Reflection condition:

$$n < 0$$

It's not so simple to solve the problem for reflection. It's necessary to evaluate the surface of reflection.

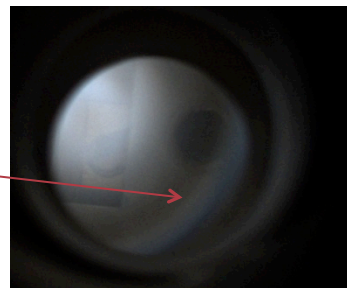
The numerical method allows to find regions in which the resonance occurs

Numerical results:

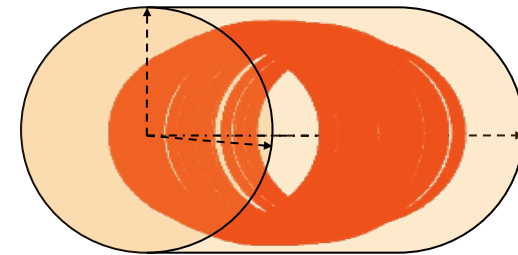


f=2.45 GHz

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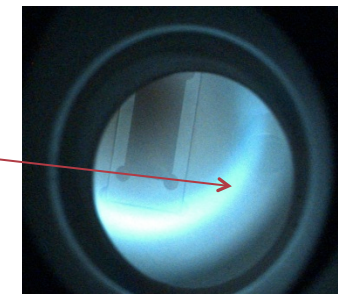


Numerical results:



f=3.76 GHz

Experimental Evidences:



Importance of Modeling

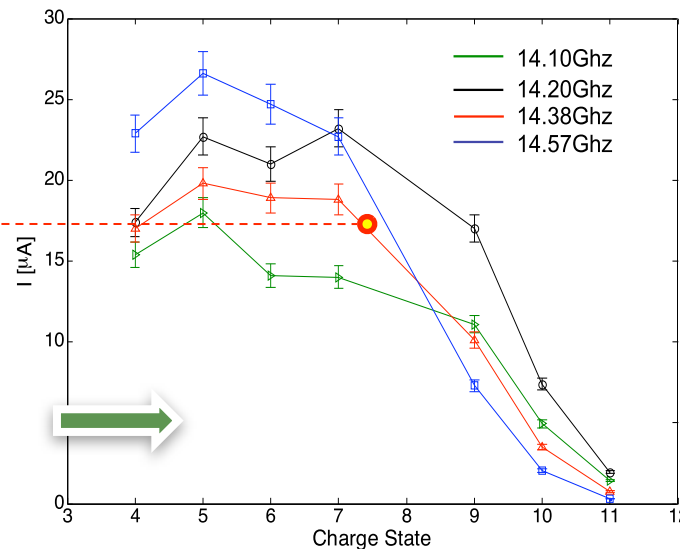
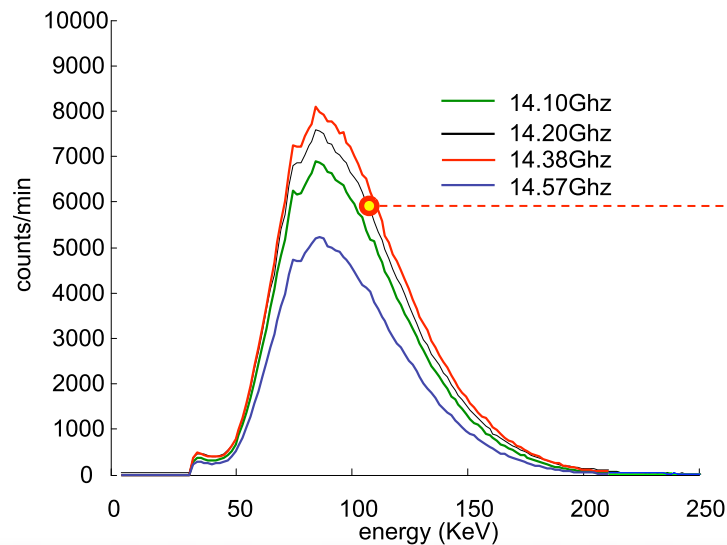
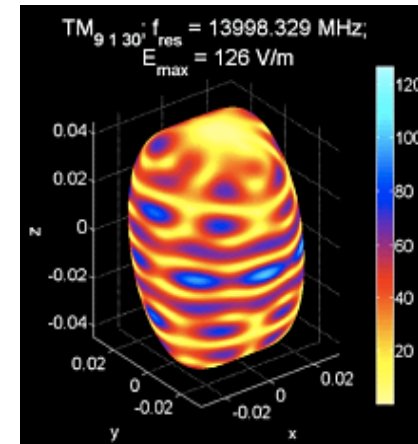
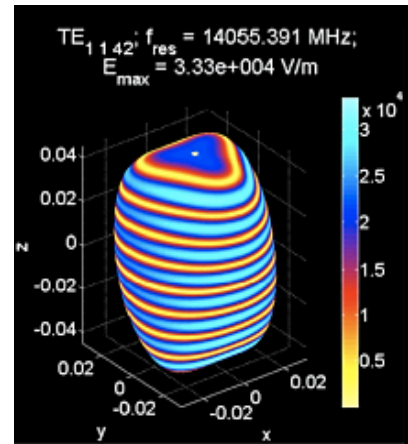
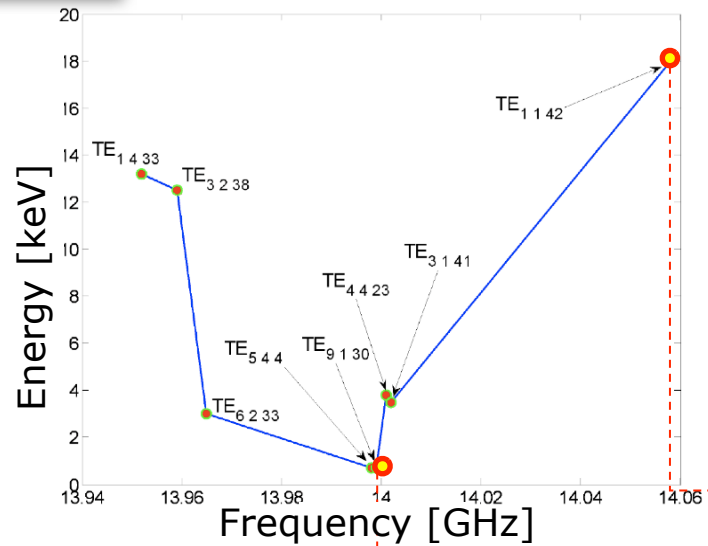
Explanation of the impact of magnetic field and pumping wave frequency on ion and electron dynamics



FINE TUNING OF ECRIS PARAMETERS (B , f)

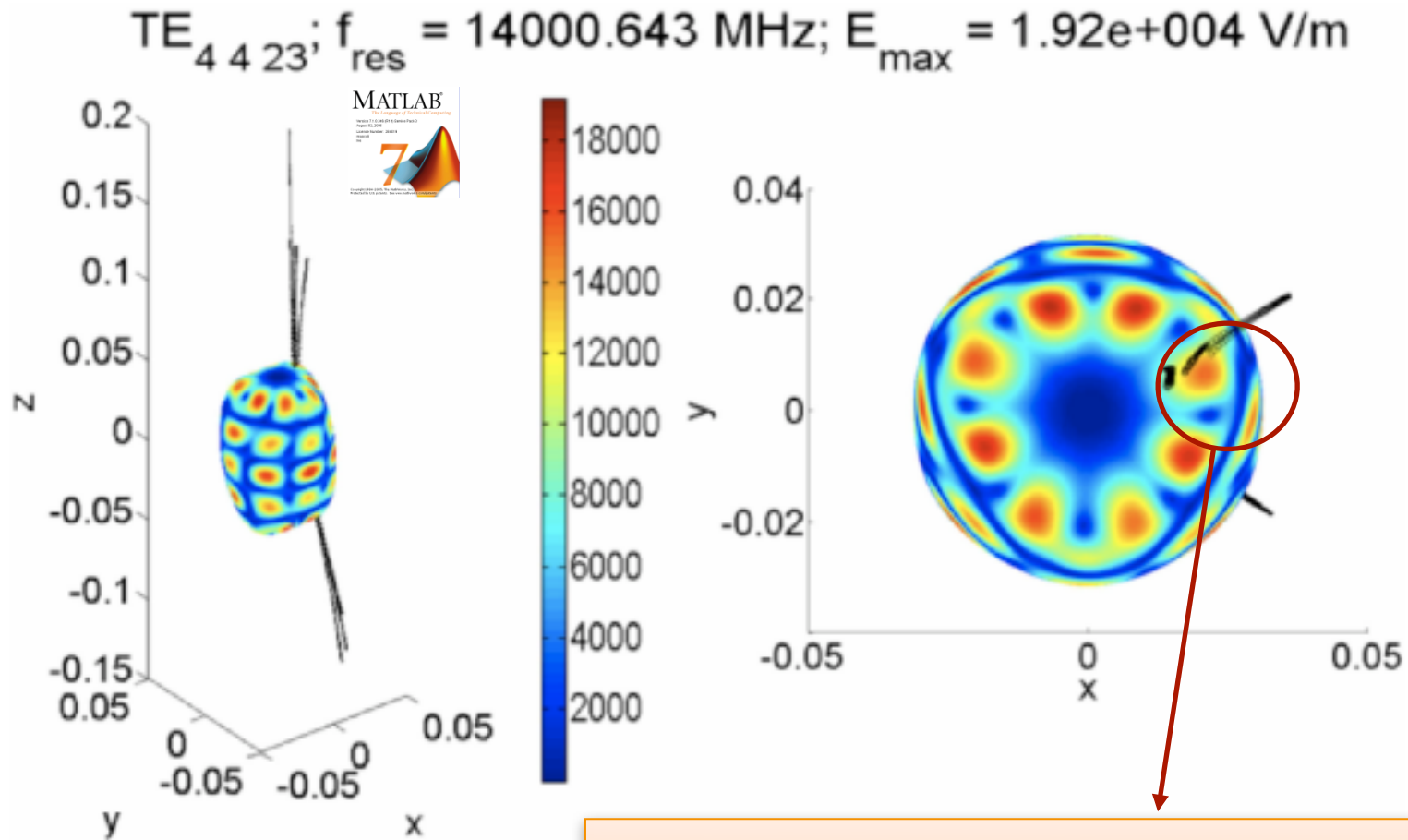
How does the **pumping wave frequency** influence the plasma heating?

Importance of modes coupling with plasma



FTE plays a main role in fixing heating rapidity, but it only moderately affects the X-ray production at high energy. CSD is uncorrelated with X-rays

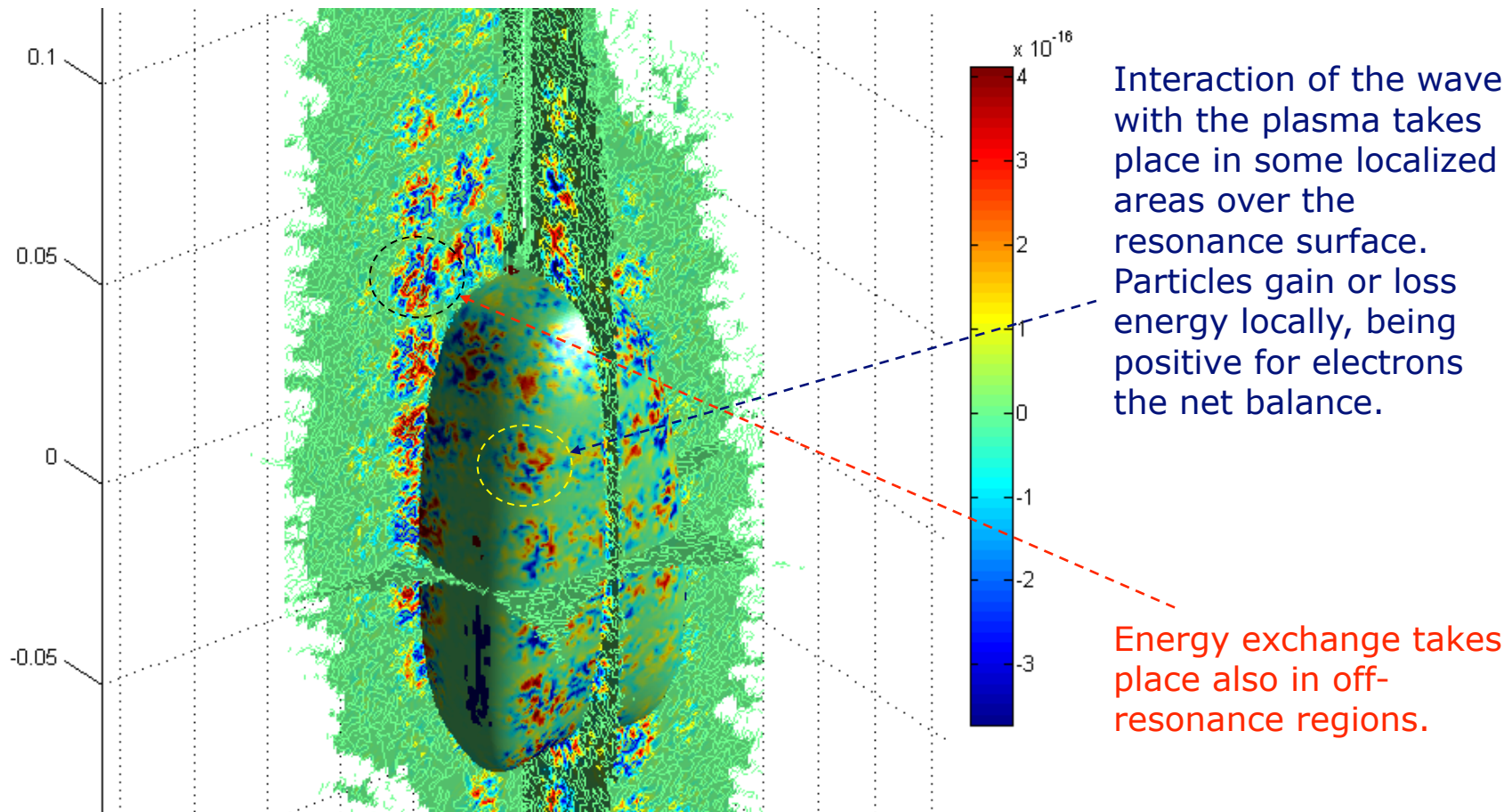
Explanation of frequency tuning effect



The heating efficiency strongly depends on the microwave pattern. The electrons cross the resonance surface in particular regions according to the field lines structure.

Localization of electrons energy absorption regions

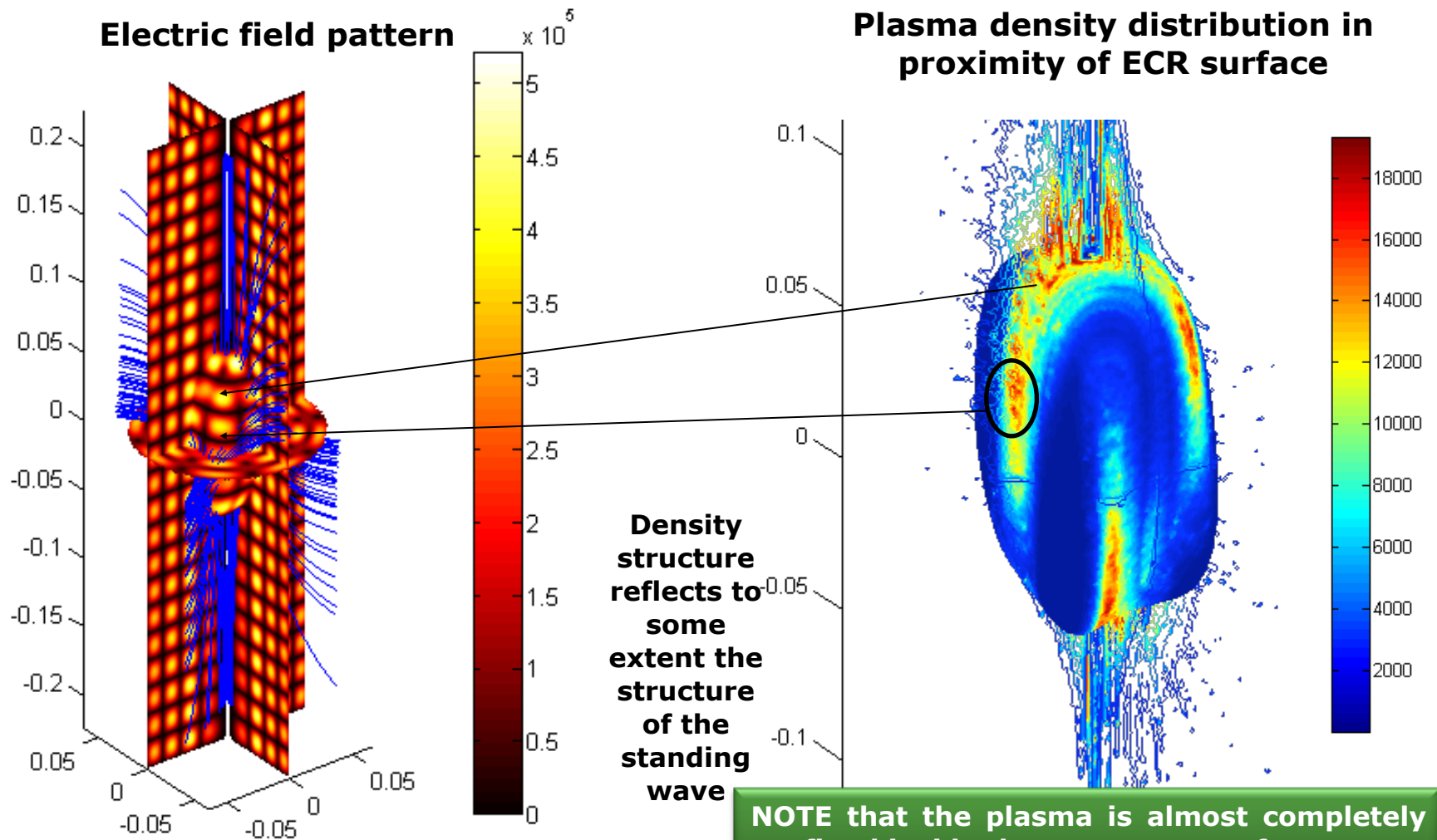
[D. Mascali et al., Oral presentation at 19th ECRIS Workshop, Grenoble, 2010]



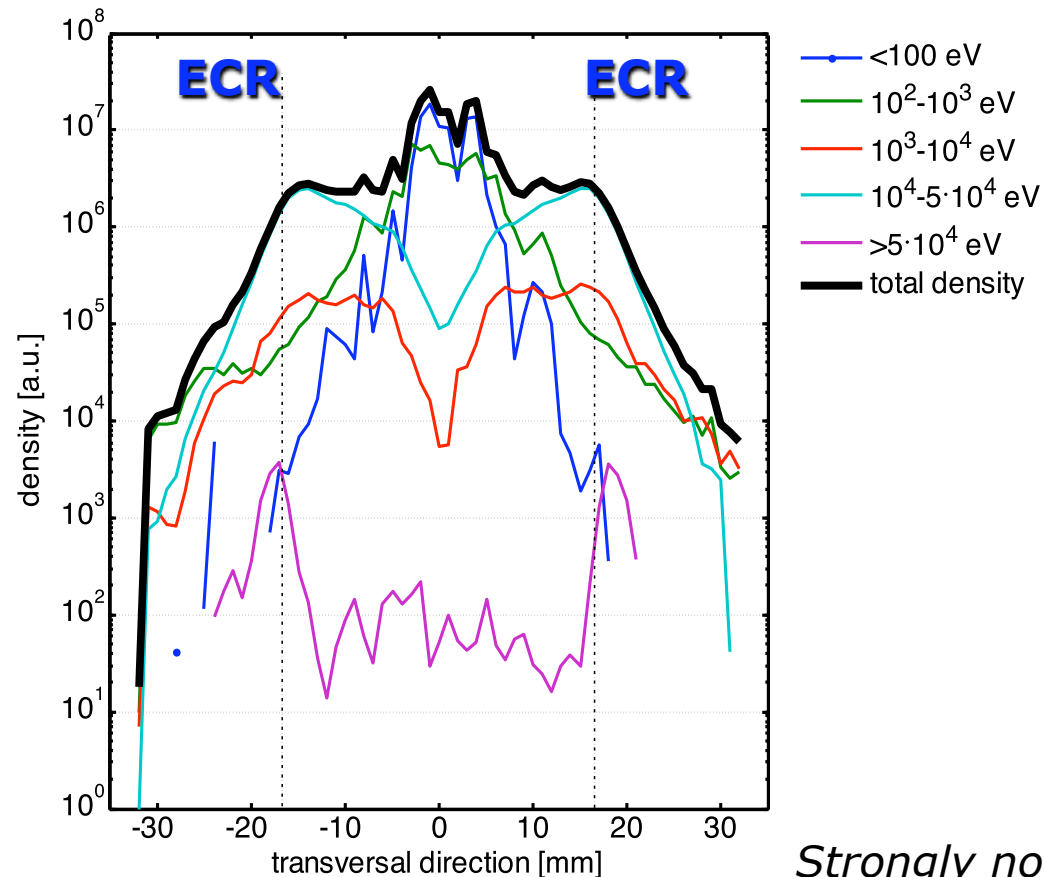
Off resonance interaction between wave and electrons must be more deeply investigated: relativistic effects (Doppler, mass)? It may be linked to ultra-hot electrons... 112

Impact of the modes on the density

The pattern of the electromagnetic field influences also the plasma density distribution



Profile of electron density for the different energy domains



The simulated structure of the electron density provides information on:

- **Regions of ion generation**

- **Properties of plasma heating**

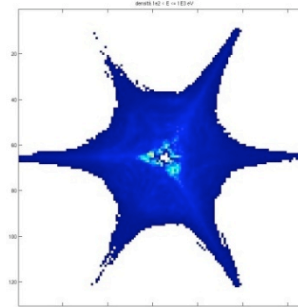
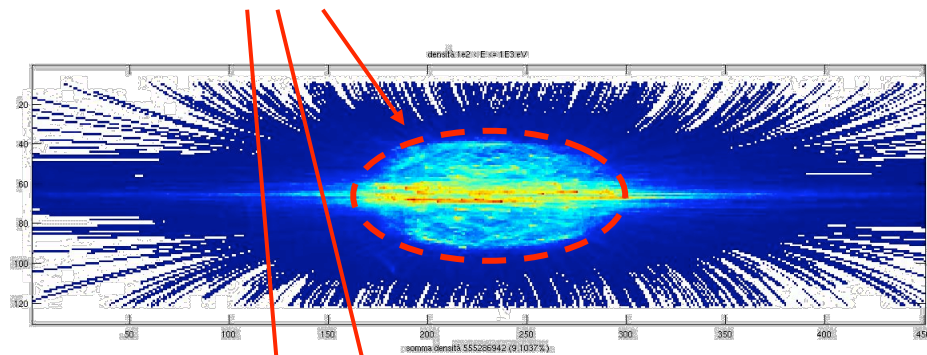
- **Mechanisms of plasma confinement**

Strongly non-homogeneous distribution of the electrons inside the plasma chamber

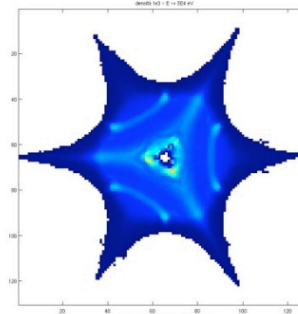
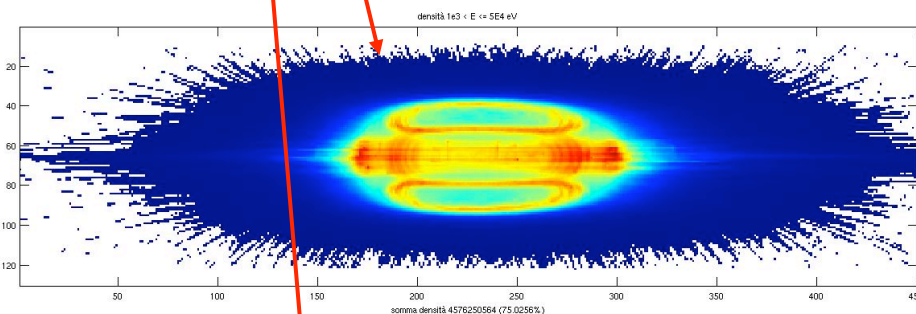
→ *due to the action of the electromagnetic wave through ECR*

SIMULATED 3D STRUCTURE OF THE PLASMA

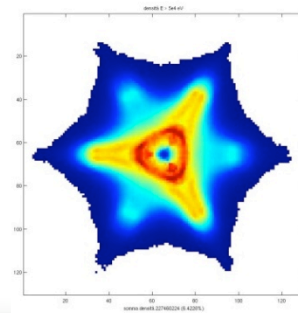
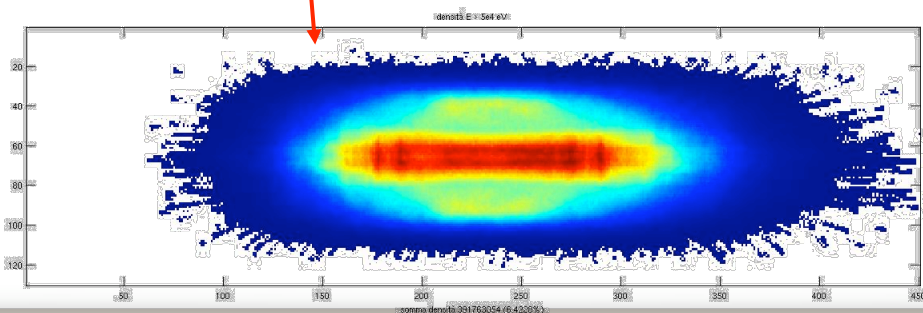
Simulations based on a 3D Monte-Carlo collisional approach reveal that the plasma almost totally accumulates inside the ECR surface (**PLASMOID GENERATION**).



$0.001 < E < 1 \text{ keV}$

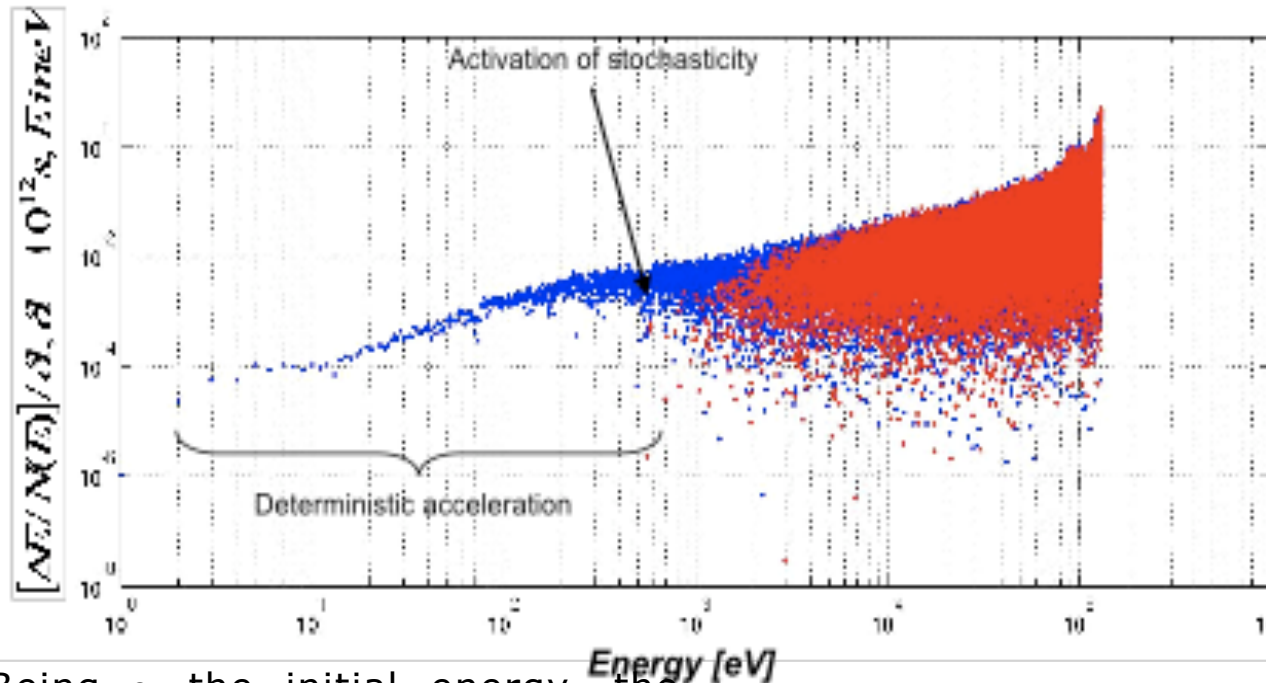


$1 < E < 50 \text{ keV}$



$E > 50 \text{ keV}$

Explanation of plasma plugging inside the plasmoid



BLUE: Accelerated
RED: Decelerated

✓ Low energy electrons (up to $3 \cdot 10^3$ eV) preferably gain energy when passing through the resonance;

✓ most of them are reflected the just at the resonance;

Being ε_i the initial energy, the energy after the resonance crossing will be given by the following equation:

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_i + \Delta\varepsilon + 2 \cos(\phi_0 - \phi_p) \sqrt{\varepsilon_i \times \Delta\varepsilon}$$

$$2 \cos(\phi_0 - \phi_p) \sqrt{\varepsilon_i \times \Delta\varepsilon} \ll \varepsilon_i + \Delta\varepsilon$$

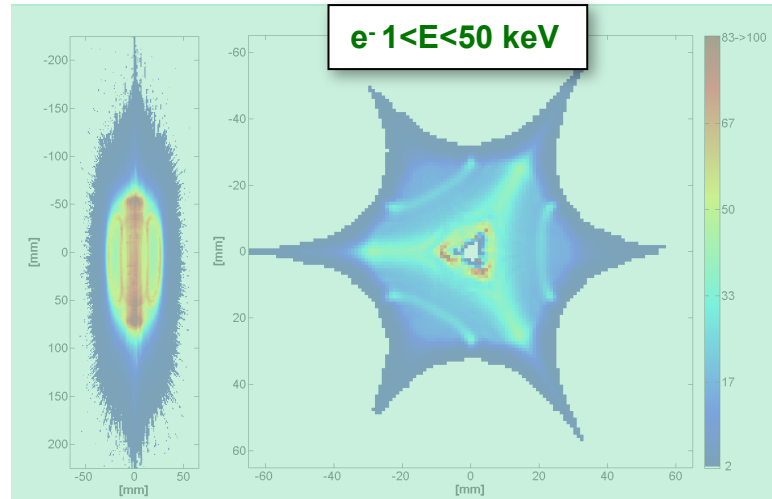
$$\varepsilon \approx \varepsilon_i + \Delta\varepsilon$$

term which accounts of the stochasticity in the wave-particle interaction

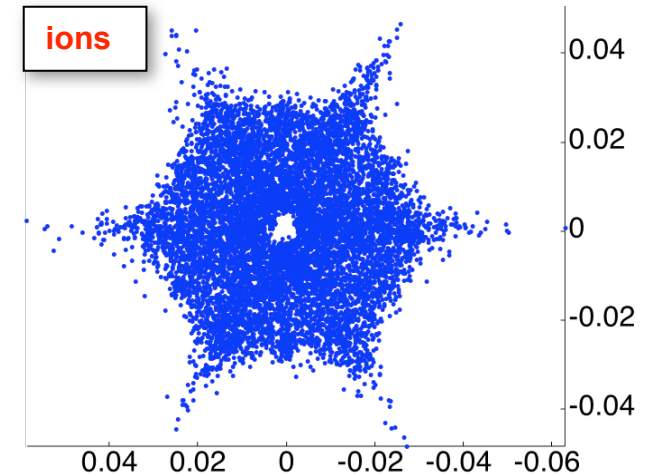
For low enough initial energies ($E < 1$ keV), the acceleration is purely deterministic

Towards self-consistency: ion formation

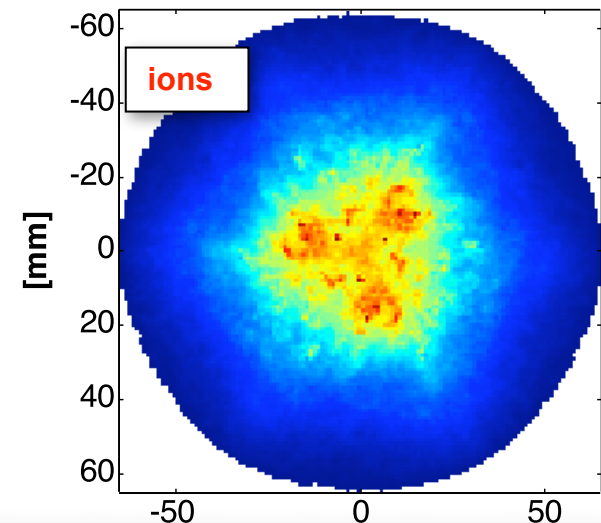
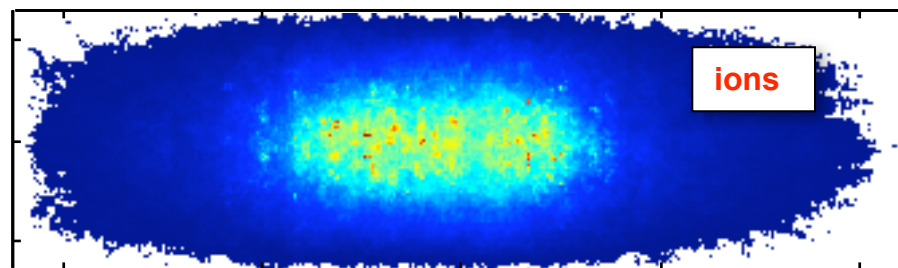
Ions initial position can be extracted where high energy electrons are placed. Net ion-electron density determines **fluctuations in plasma quasi-neutrality** (first step towards self-consistency).



Electrons
distribution
fixes regions of
ion generation

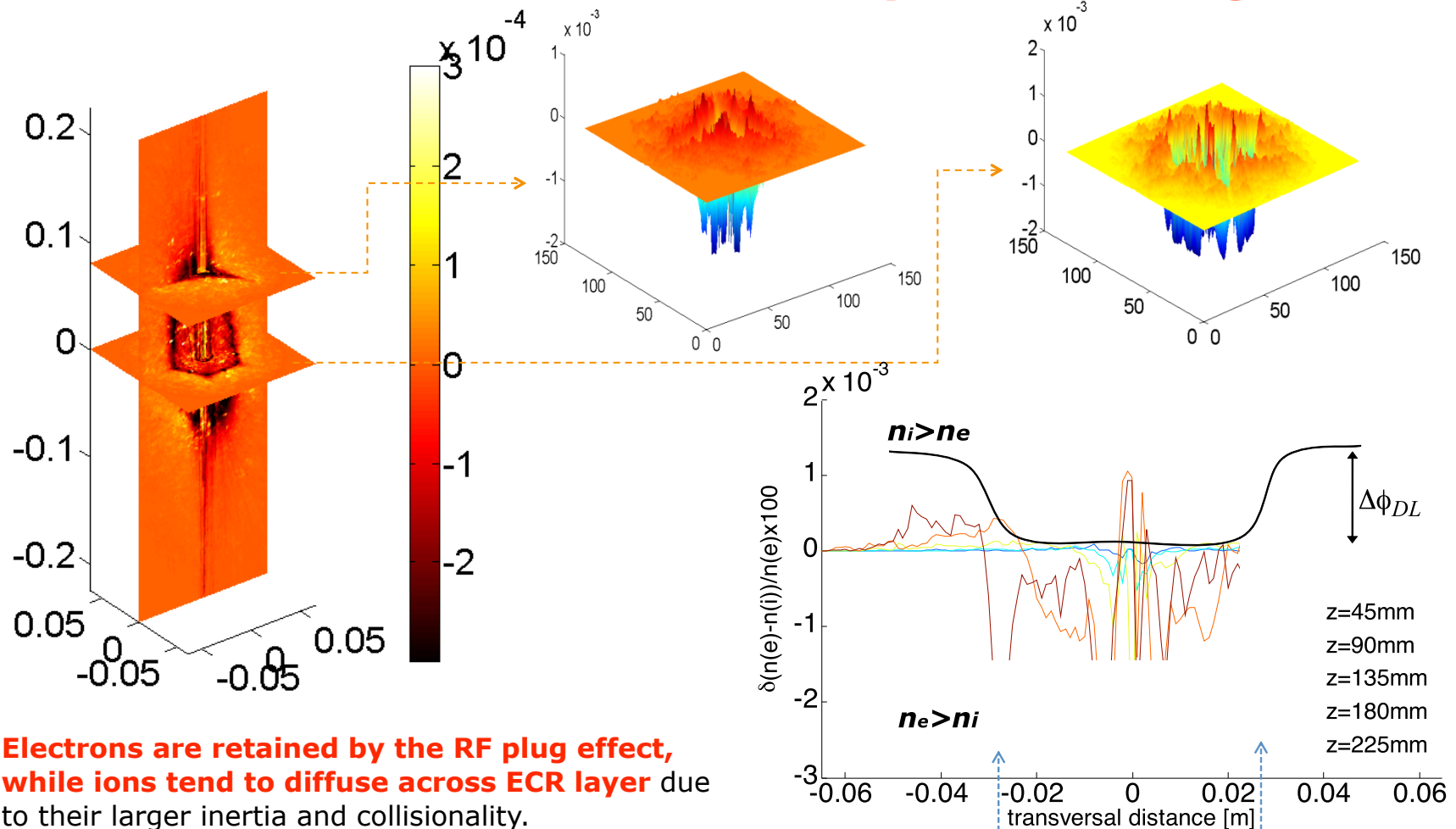


Ions were simulated as uniquely
subjected to collisions and
eventually to the magnetic field



An example of Self-Consistency

The DL formation at the plasmoid edge



Electrons are retained by the RF plug effect, while ions tend to diffuse across ECR layer due to their larger inertia and collisionality.

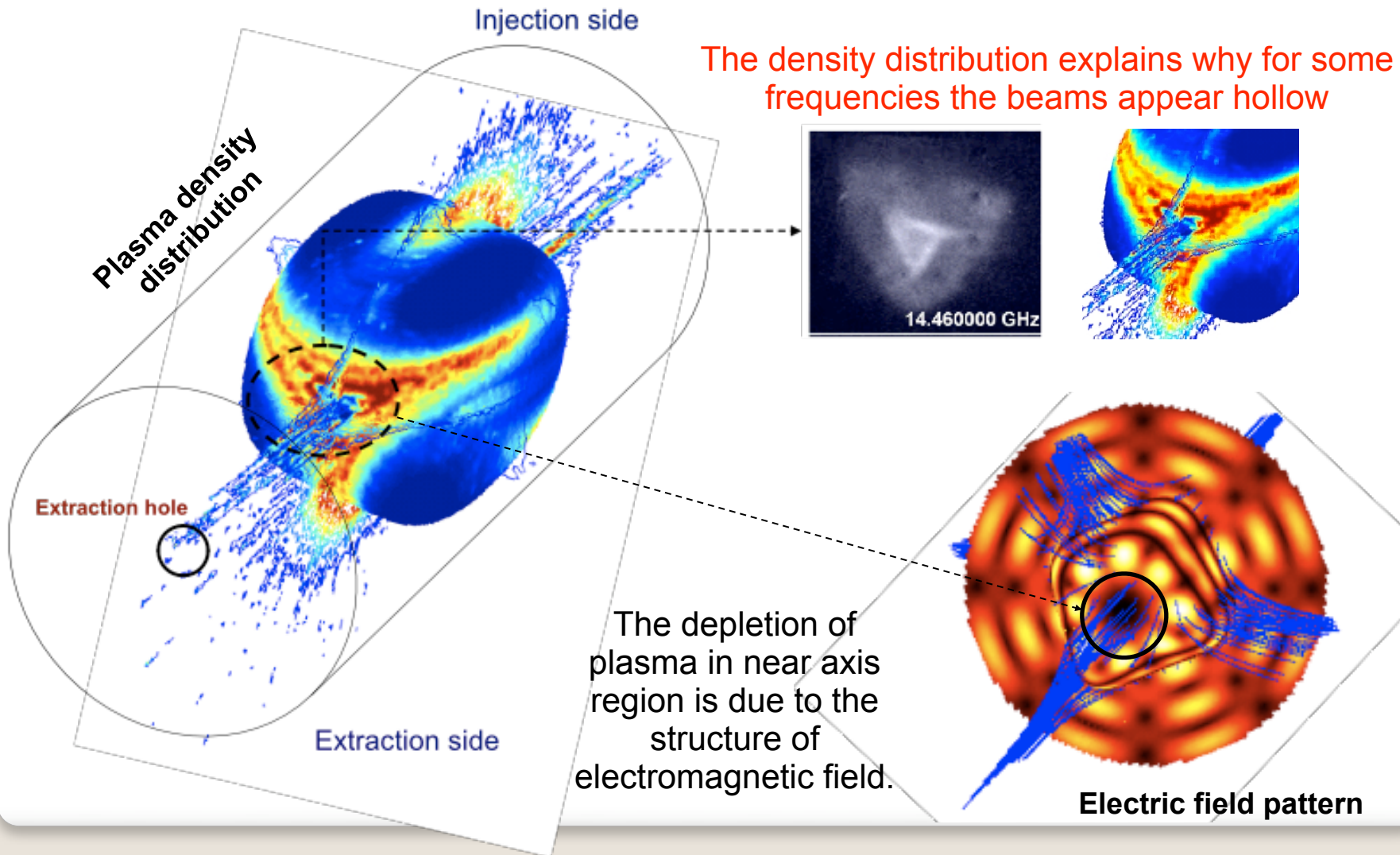
The DL potential arises radially to preserve quasi-neutrality in high magnetic field side.

Location of resonances

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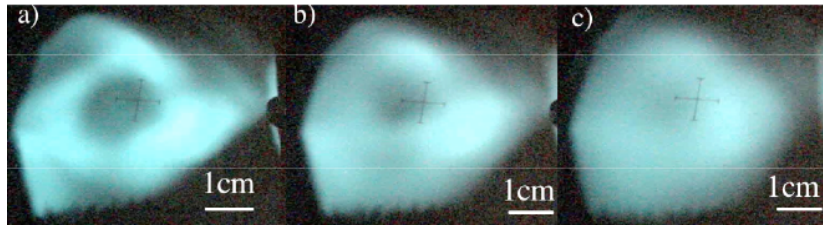
Explanation of frequency impact on the ion beam structure

Hollow beams are a consequence of plasma depletion
in the near axis region

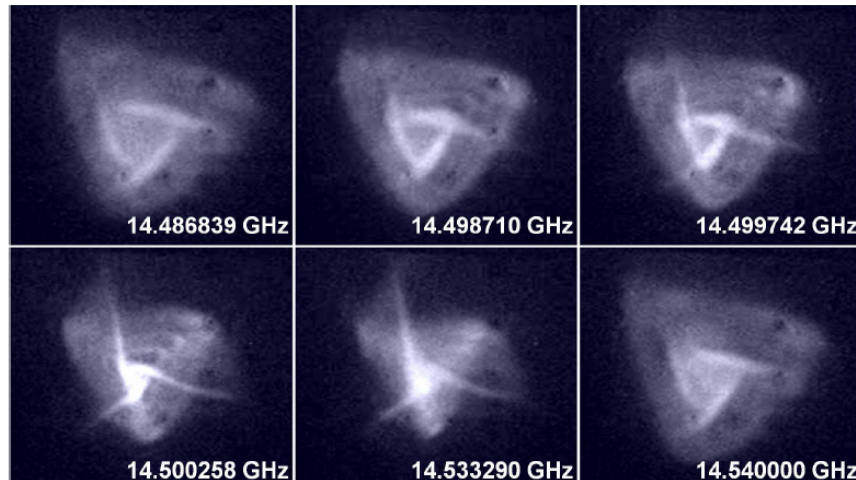


Huge impact of FTE on ion dynamics and beam formation

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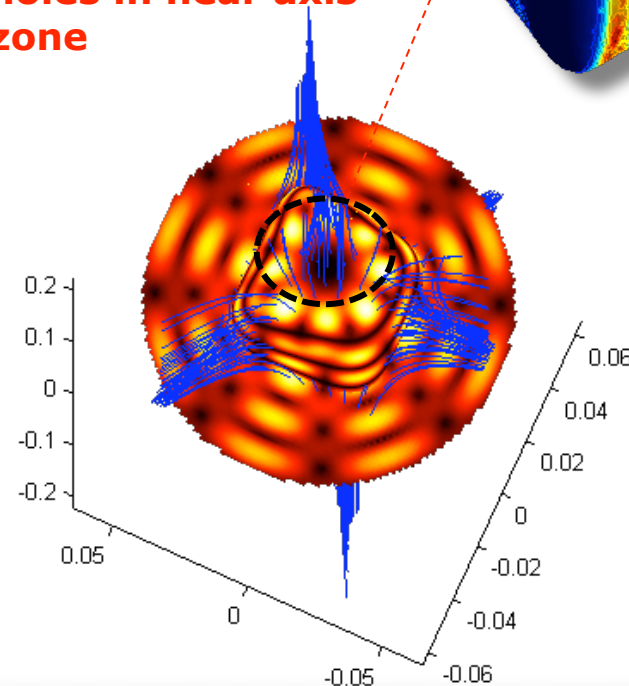
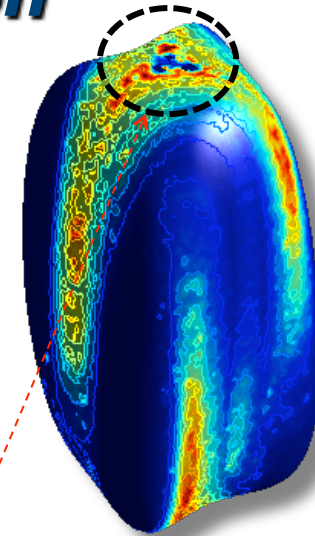


GSI-ECRIS (CAPRICE)



Hollow beam formation is a common feature of most of ECRIS. Transversal beam shape confirms ions are magnetized in outer plasmoid region

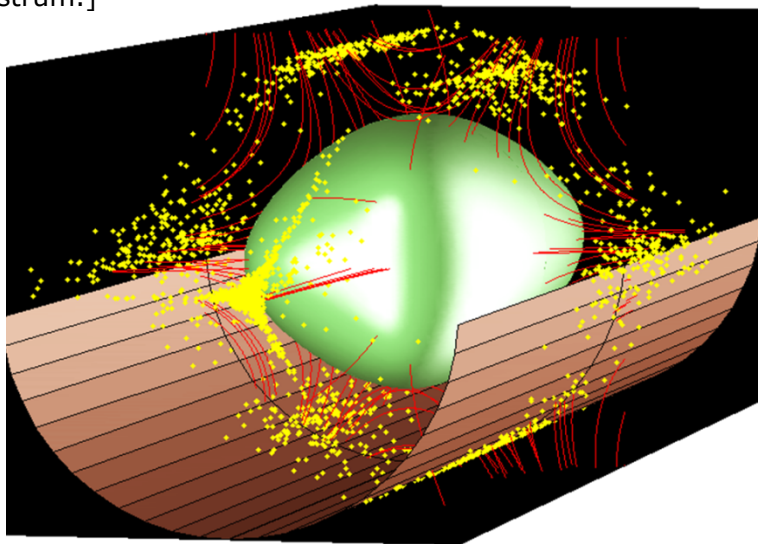
Near axis density depletion takes place because of low EM field. **Most of the resonant modes at $f > 10\text{GHz}$ exhibit holes in near axis zone**



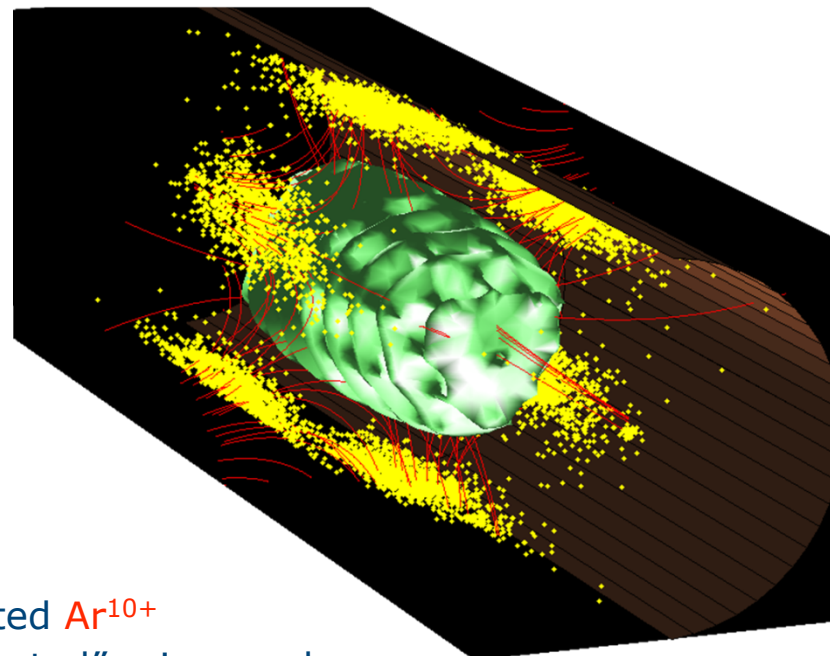
Preliminary results on self-consistent Ion Dynamics Corrugation of the primary plasma surface

At first approximation it was assumed to be the same of the electromagnetic field pattern

[D. Mascali et al. *Plasma ion dynamics and beam formation in Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Sources*, Rev. Sci. Instrum.]



Simulated Ar^{10+}
Smooth primary plasma surface
30 V of PP-SP electrostatic potential



Simulated Ar^{10+}
"Corrugated" primary plasma surface
30 V of mean PP-SP potential

Ion lifetime depends strongly on corrugation, mean value of accelerating potential and inner resonance plasma density. Recent simulations estimate $\tau_i \sim 0.5-3$ ms, according to density fluctuations.

Thank you for your attention!!

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