

Predictive modelling of current ramp-down in JET discharges



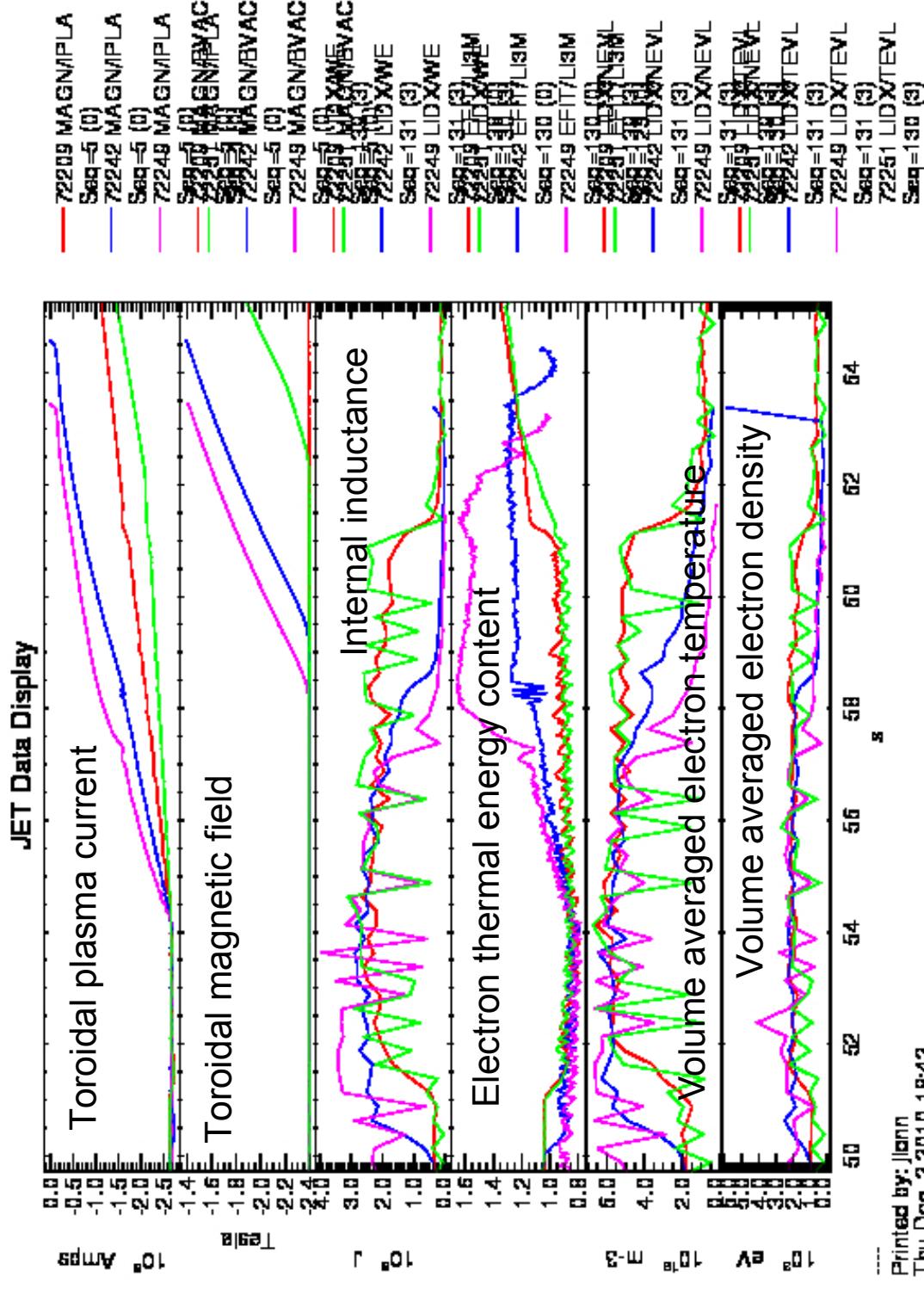
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Modelling of H-L transition during current ramp-down

- The H-L transition in ITER is one of the most challenging parts of ITER operation;
- The reason is that the H-L transition leads to a very fast reduction in plasma energy content, exacerbated by the further loss of fusion power;
- This fast change in W_{th} pushes the plasma to the inner wall and might cause a disruption, if the PF system can not react promptly on this transition;
- Therefore, proper modelling of H-L transition in existing devices is very important for proper predictions of ITER operation.

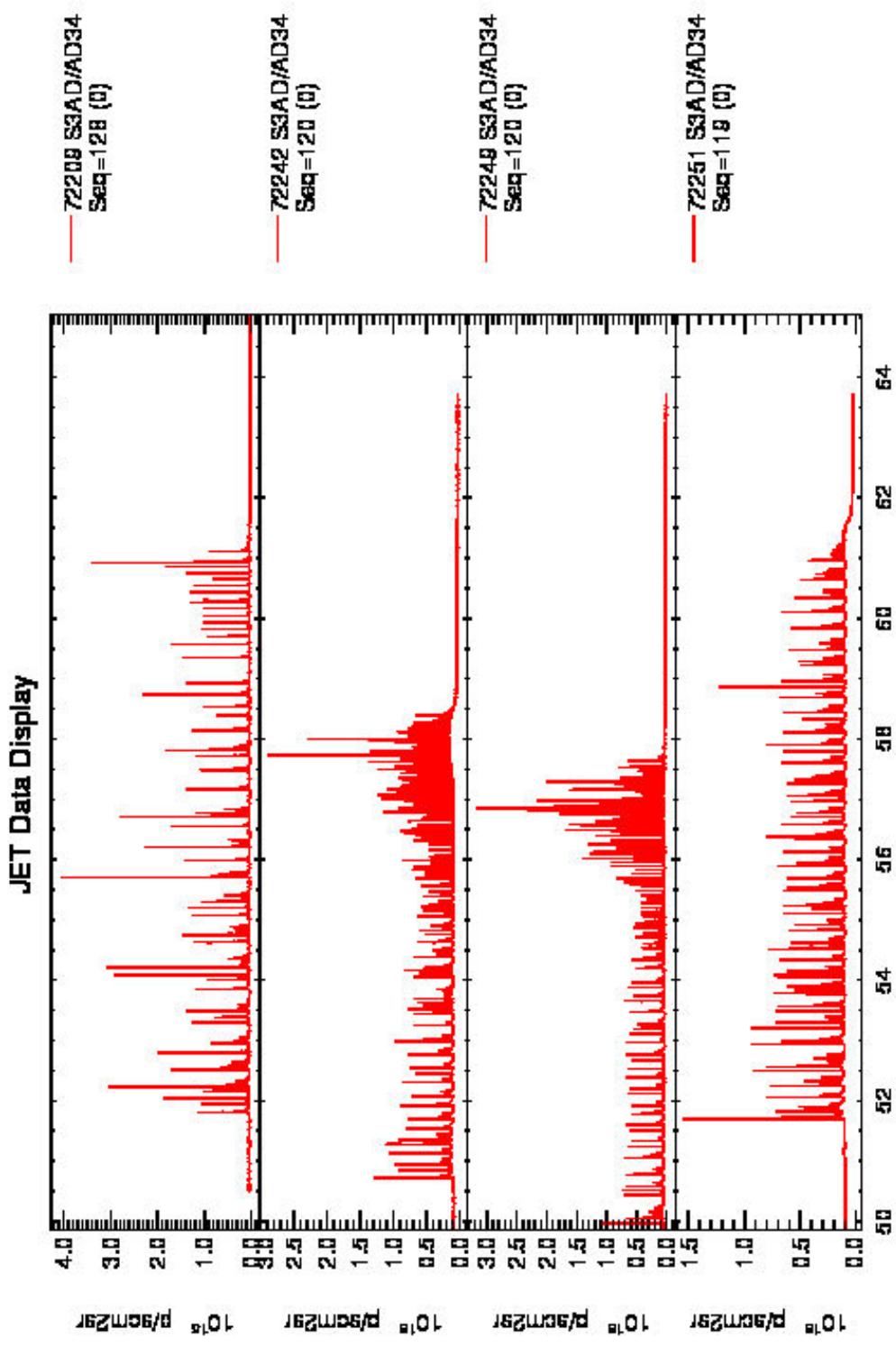
JET current ramp-down discharges

- JET current ramp-down discharges identified in the talk by I. Nunes have been studied.



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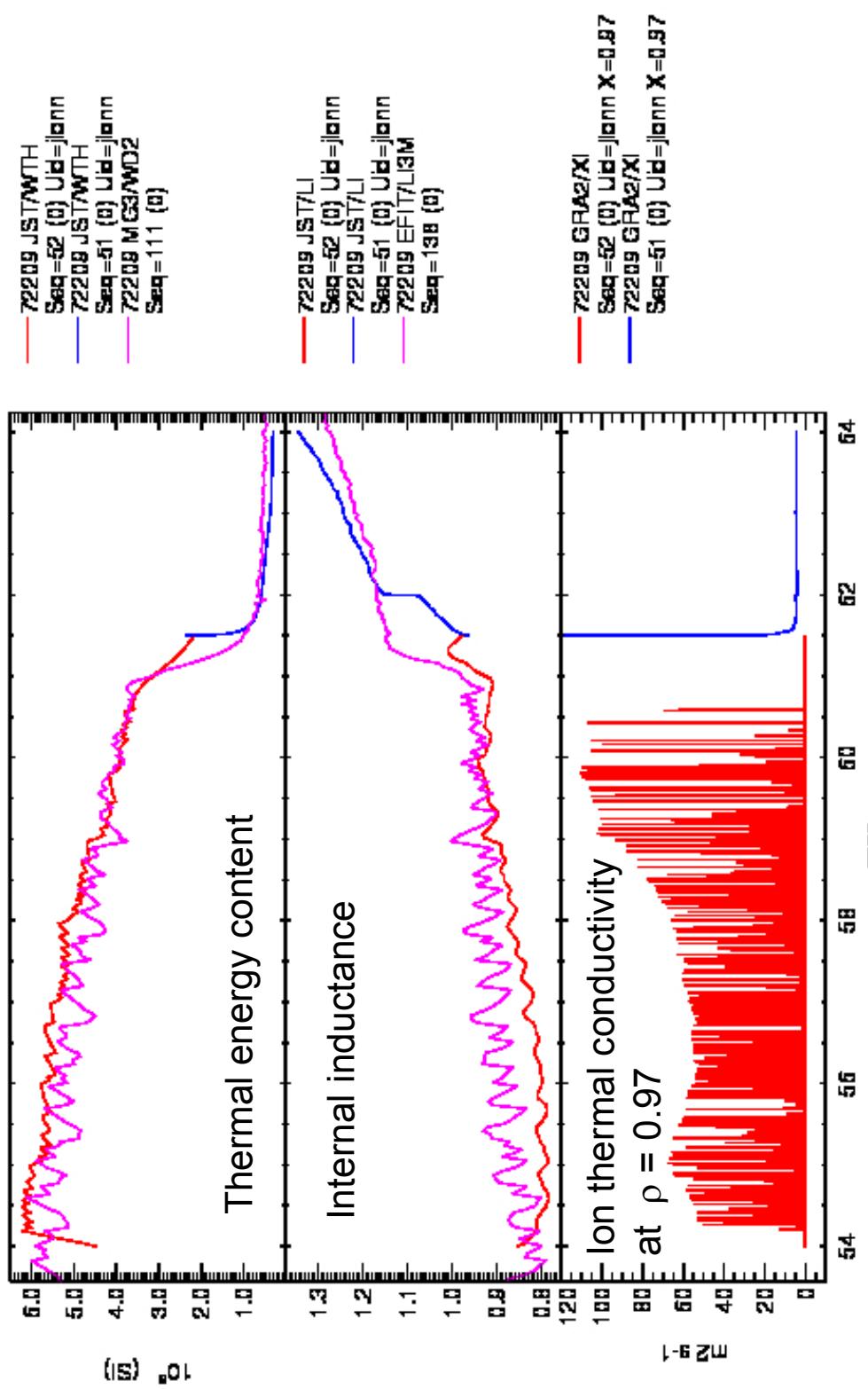
JET current ramp-down discharges (2)



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EFDA 72209 semi-predictive JETTO run

- Current and temperature predictive.
- Density interpretative.
- Bohm/gyro-Bohm transport model.



EFDA 72209 fully predictive JETTO run

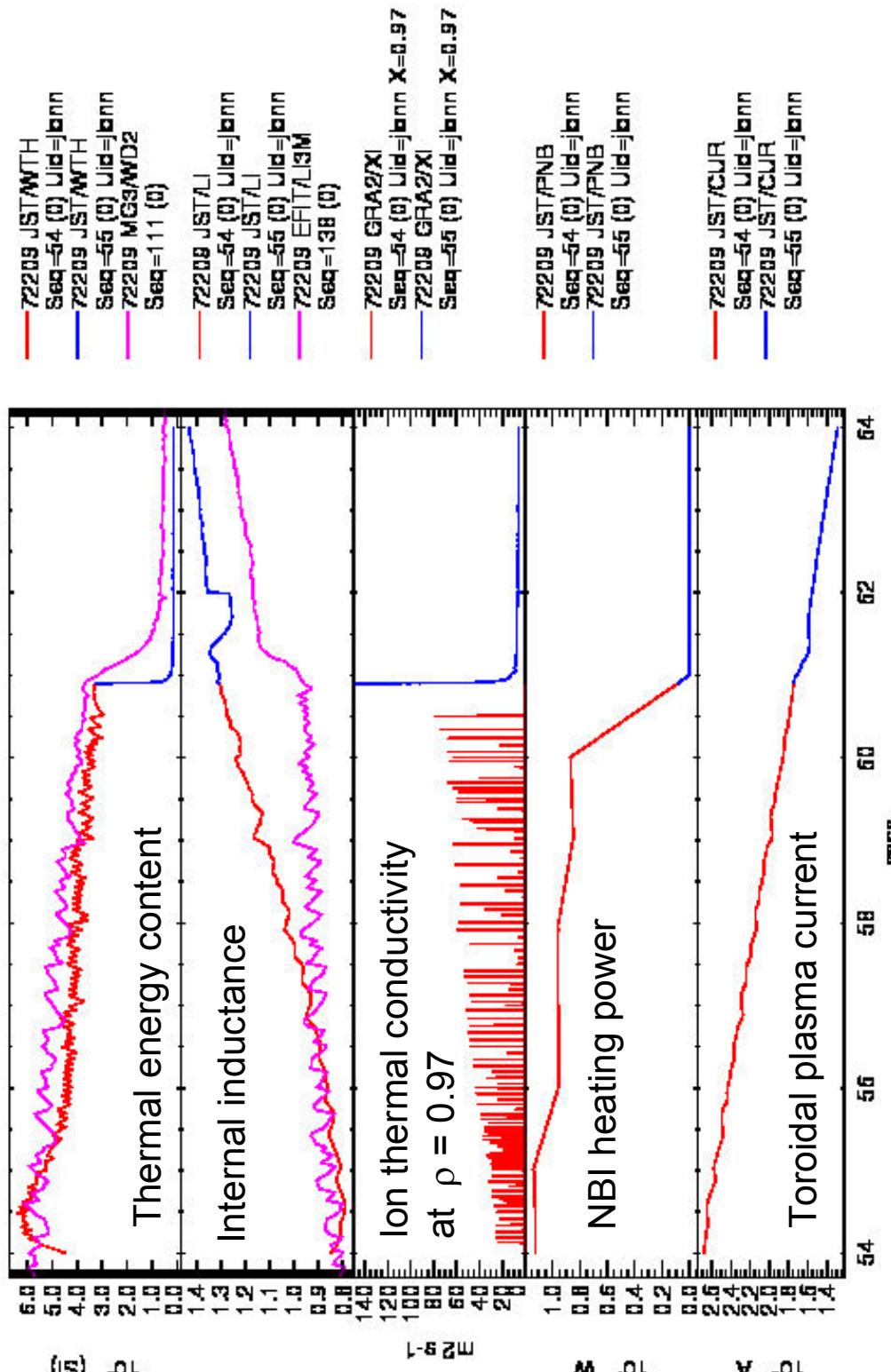
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H-mode simulation

L-mode simulation

Experimental



EFDA 72242 semi-predictive JETTO run

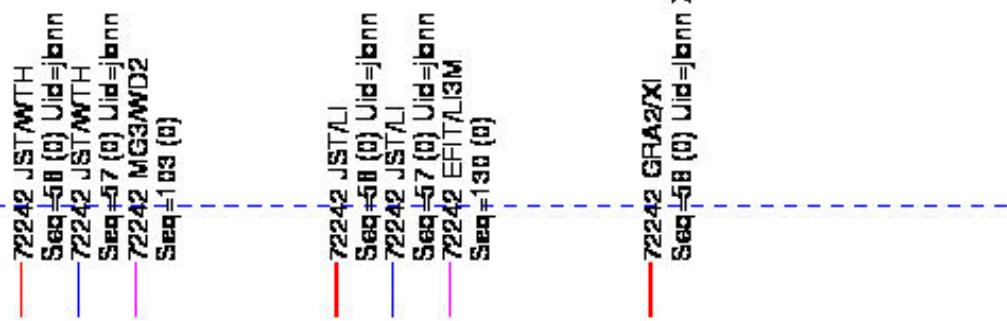
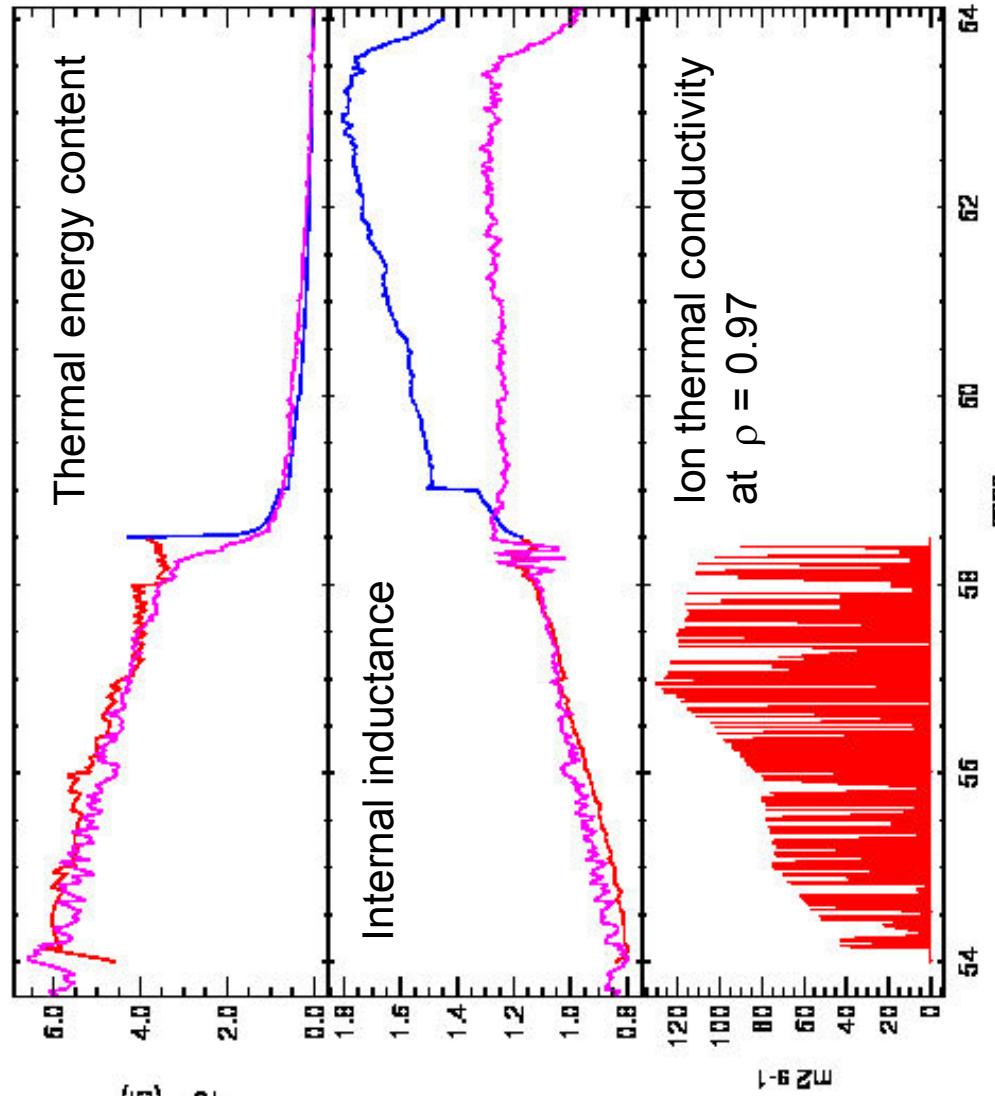
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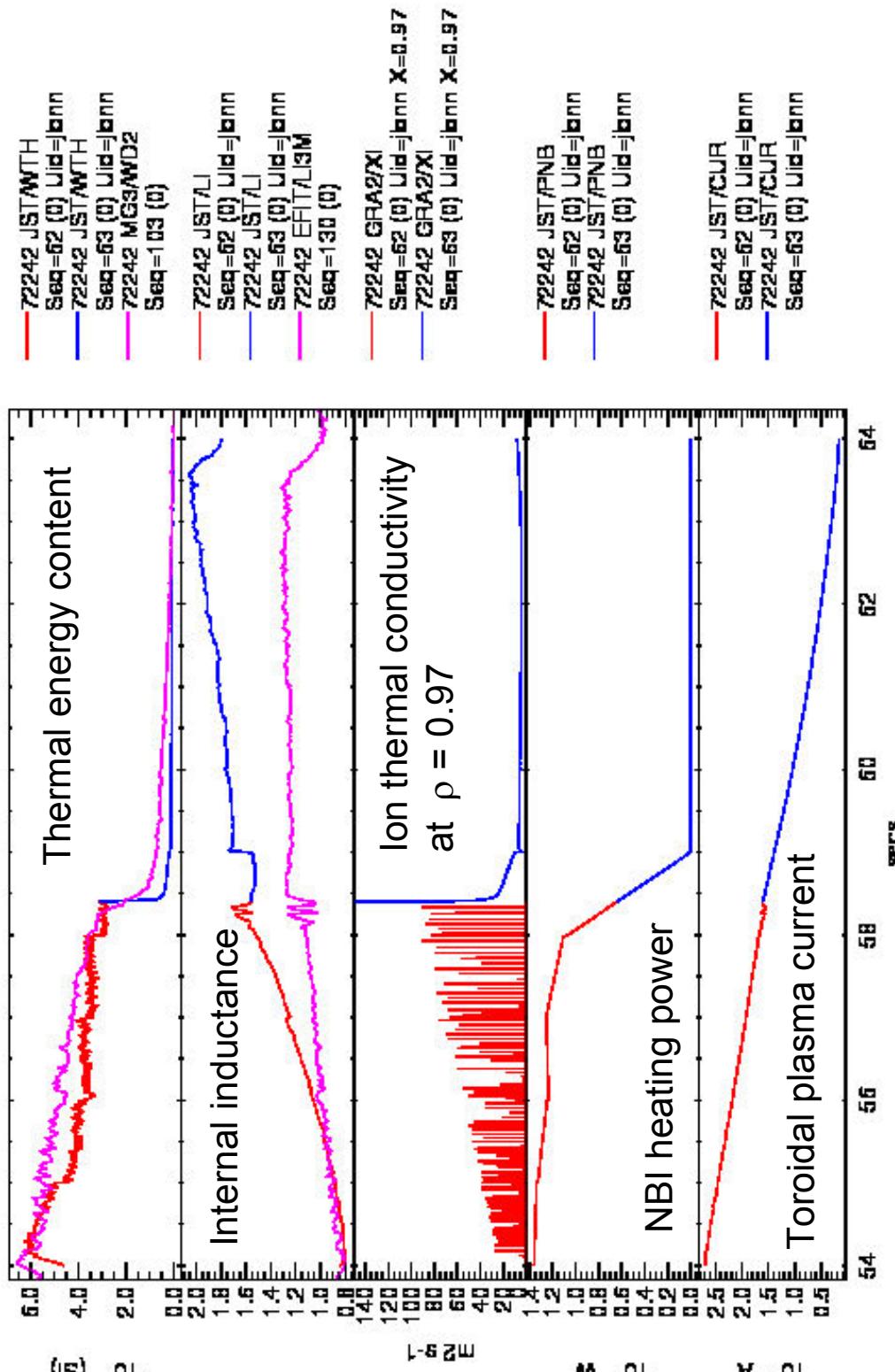


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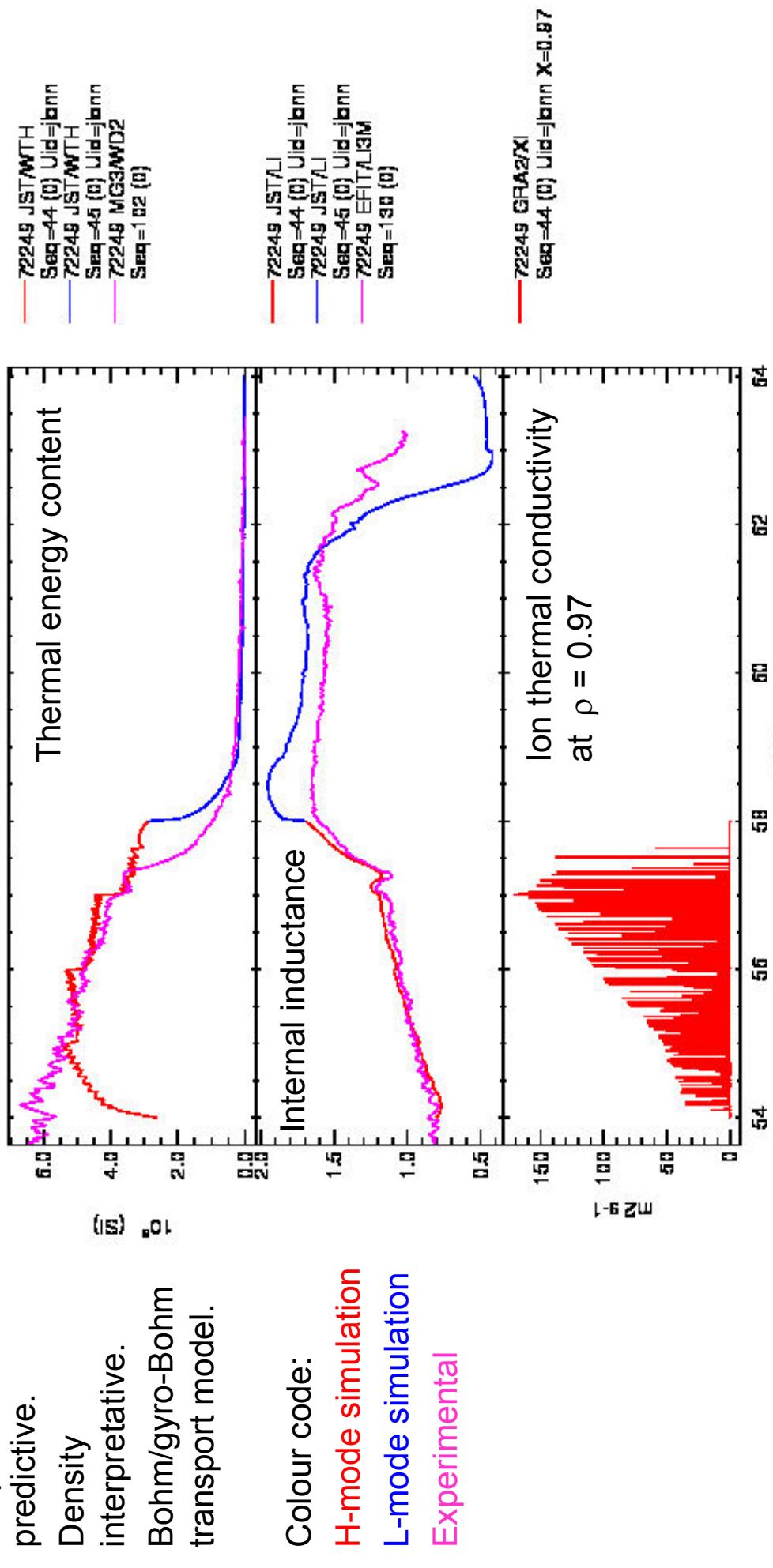
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EFDA 72249 semi-predictive JETTO run

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EFDA 72249 fully predictive JETTO run

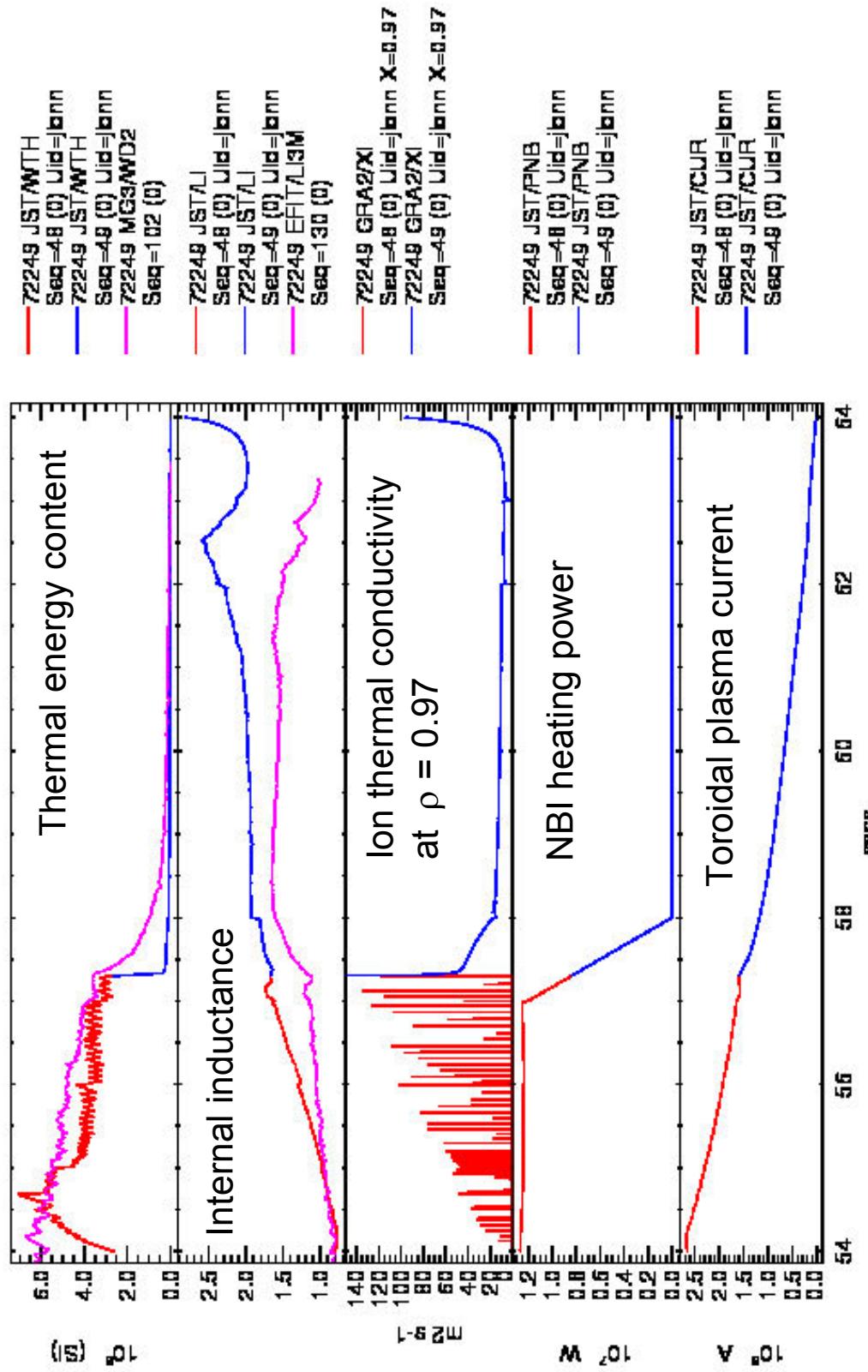
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What if H-mode is lost during flat top?

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- H-L transition at the end of the current flat top...

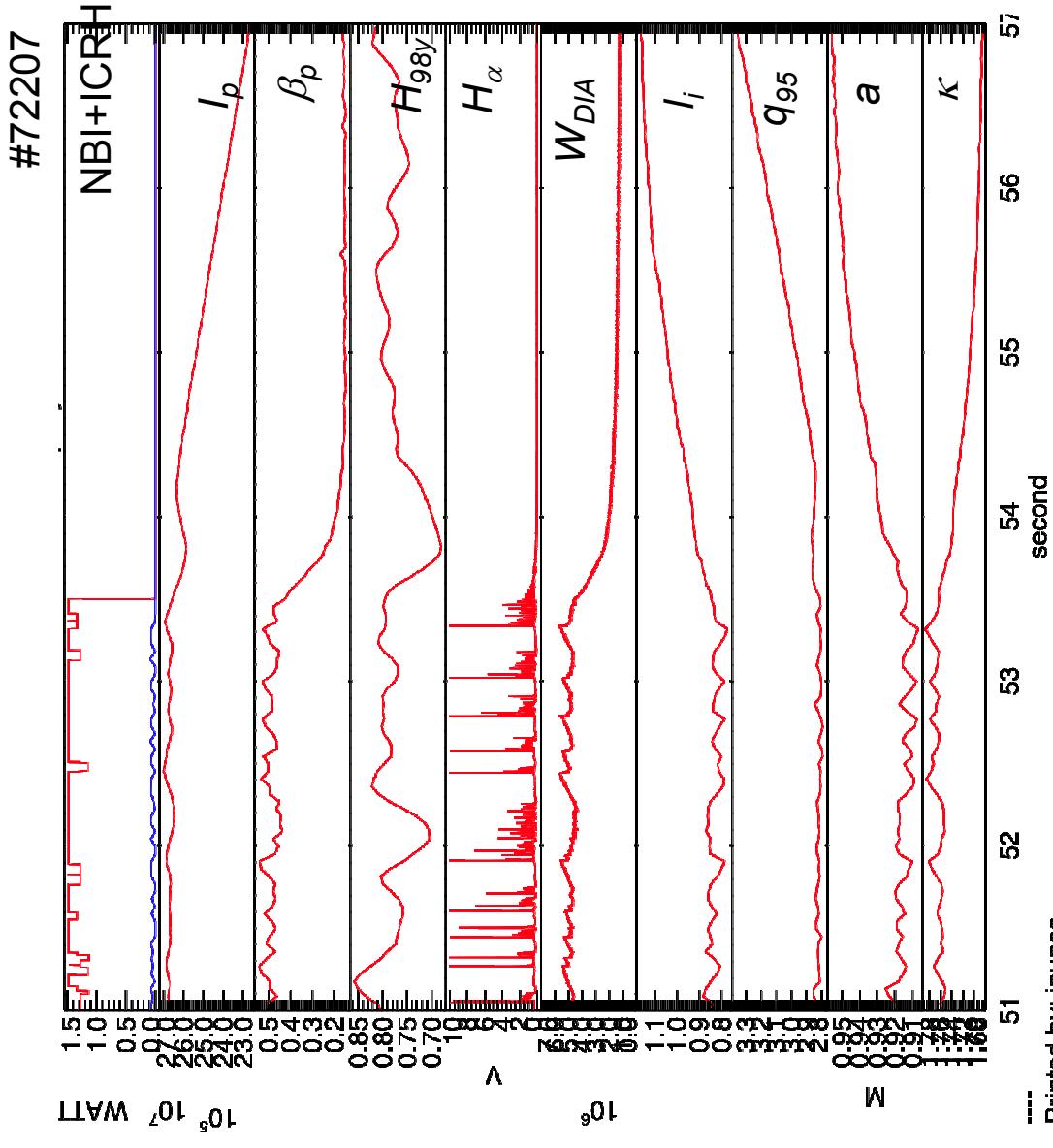
- $dI_p/dt = 0.14 \text{ MA/s}$

- $W_{DIA} = 4.6 \text{ MJ}$

- $\Delta W(0.1\text{s}) = 3.655 \text{ MJ}$

- $\Delta W(1.8\text{s}) = 1.386 \text{ MJ}$

- Note: Elongation decreases and minor radius increases during ramp-down

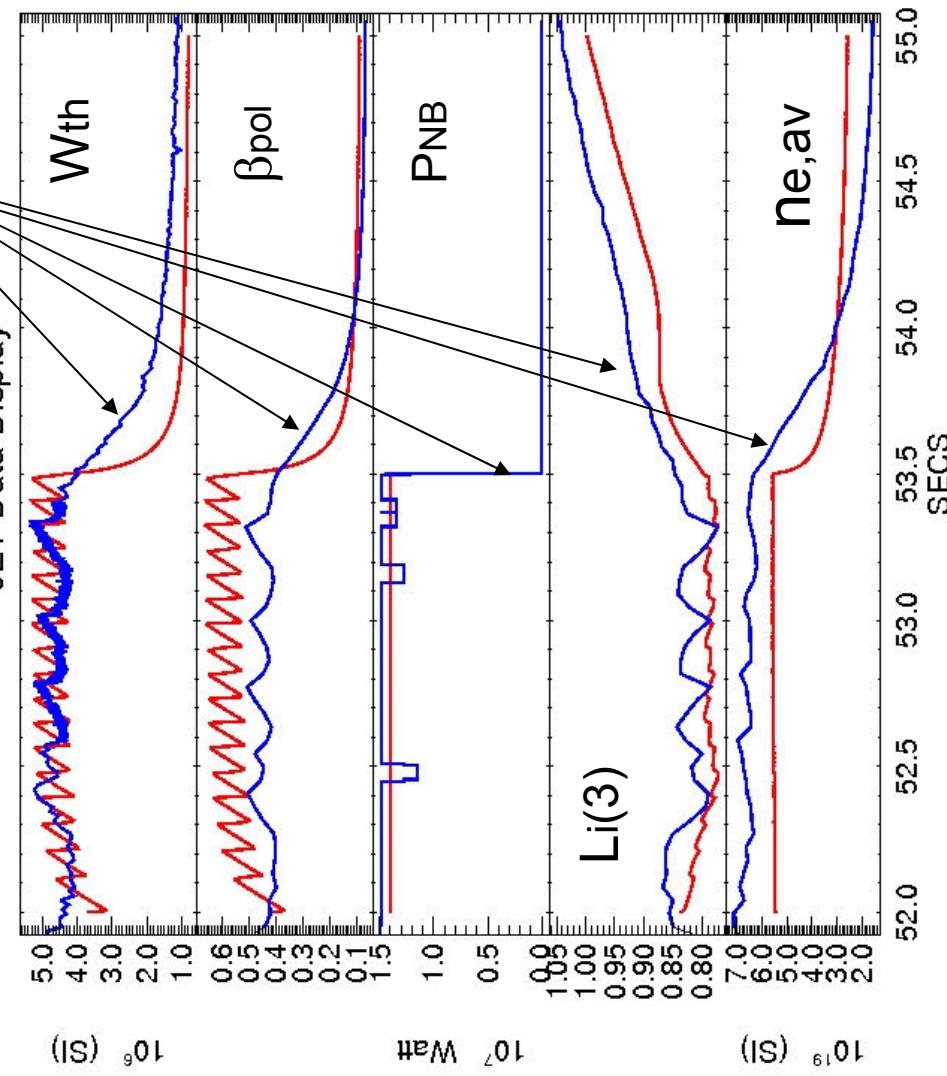


What if H-mode is lost during flat top? (2)

Fully predictive modelling of shot #72207 has been done using JINTRAC with BgB model and model for ETB and ELMs

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Main profiles during H-mode (red) and L-mode (blue)

solid lines- modelling, dash - experiment

72207

