

LHCD during JET current ramp up

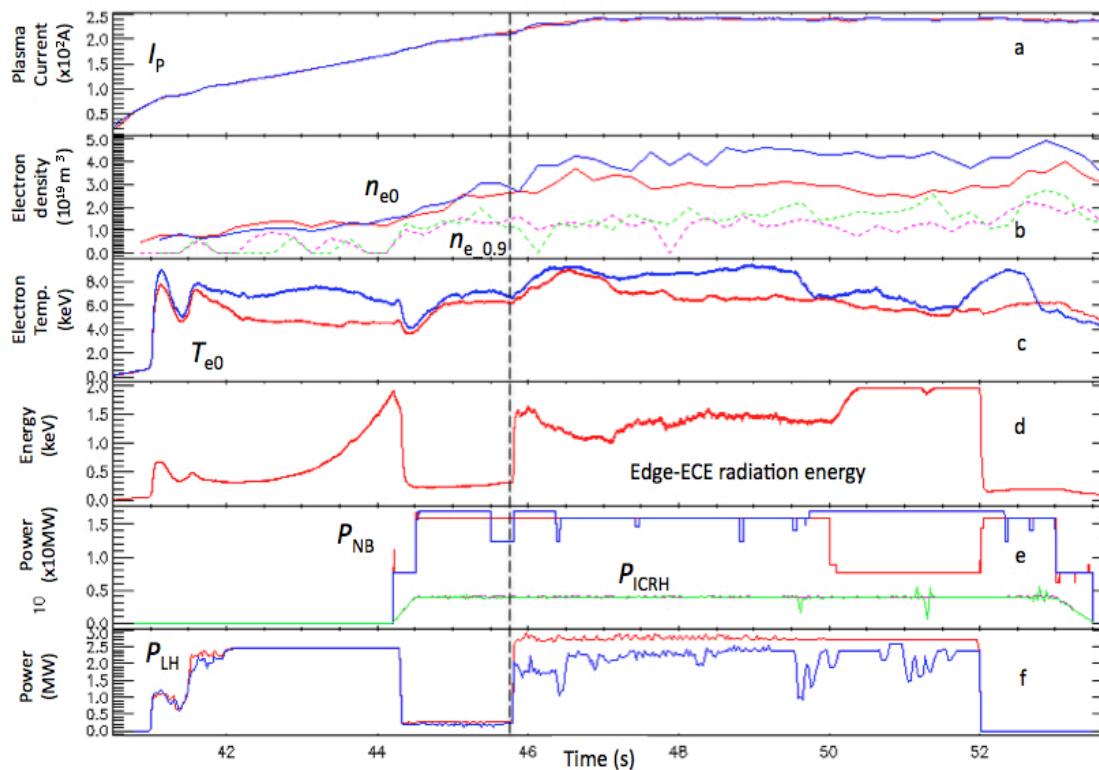
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Aims

- *Have a simulated reference discharge (from JET) useful to LHCD simulations in JT60_SA current ramp-up scenario*
 - *(Is LHCD useful to JT60_SA scenarios? In case, to which extent?)*
- Simulate a JET discharge with additional heating in the flat-top (NBI+ICRF)
 - **1 step:** Find the time evolution of the q-profile using ASTRA/FRTC **in the interpretative mode.** we are here ←
 - **2 step:** Have also **a predictive simulation** of the discharge
 - **3 step:** Predictive simulation of JT60_SA

Choosing the JET discharge, also looking at the LHCD physics

- 53430 red lines (disregard blue lines)



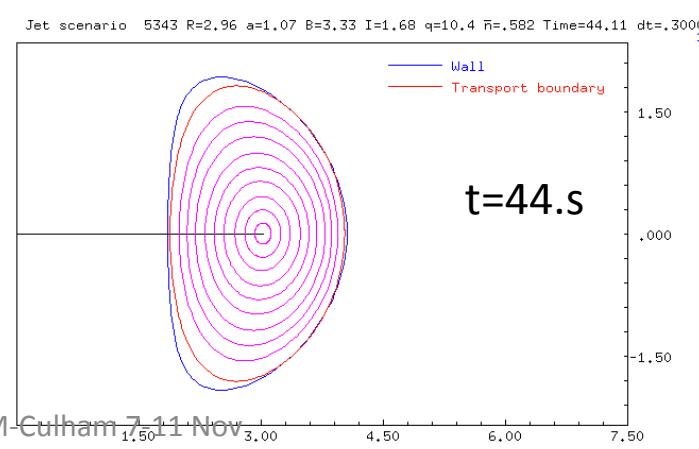
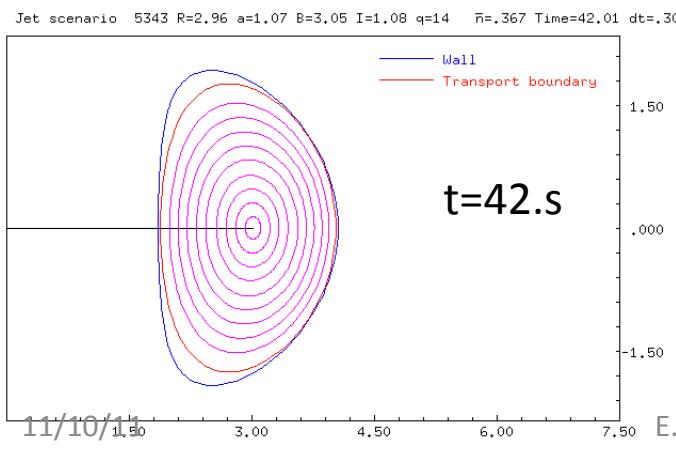
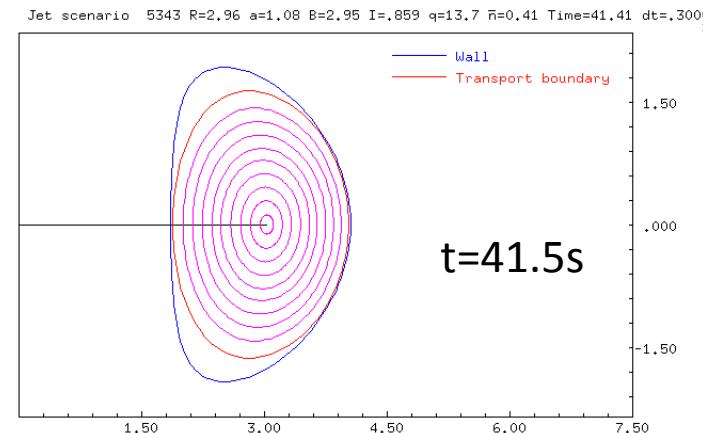
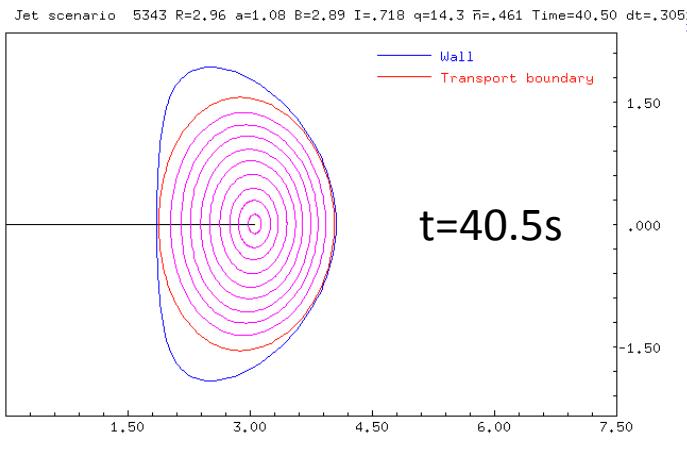
PLH=2.5MW
very early

PNBI=15 MW
PICRF=5MW
at $t > 44\text{s}$

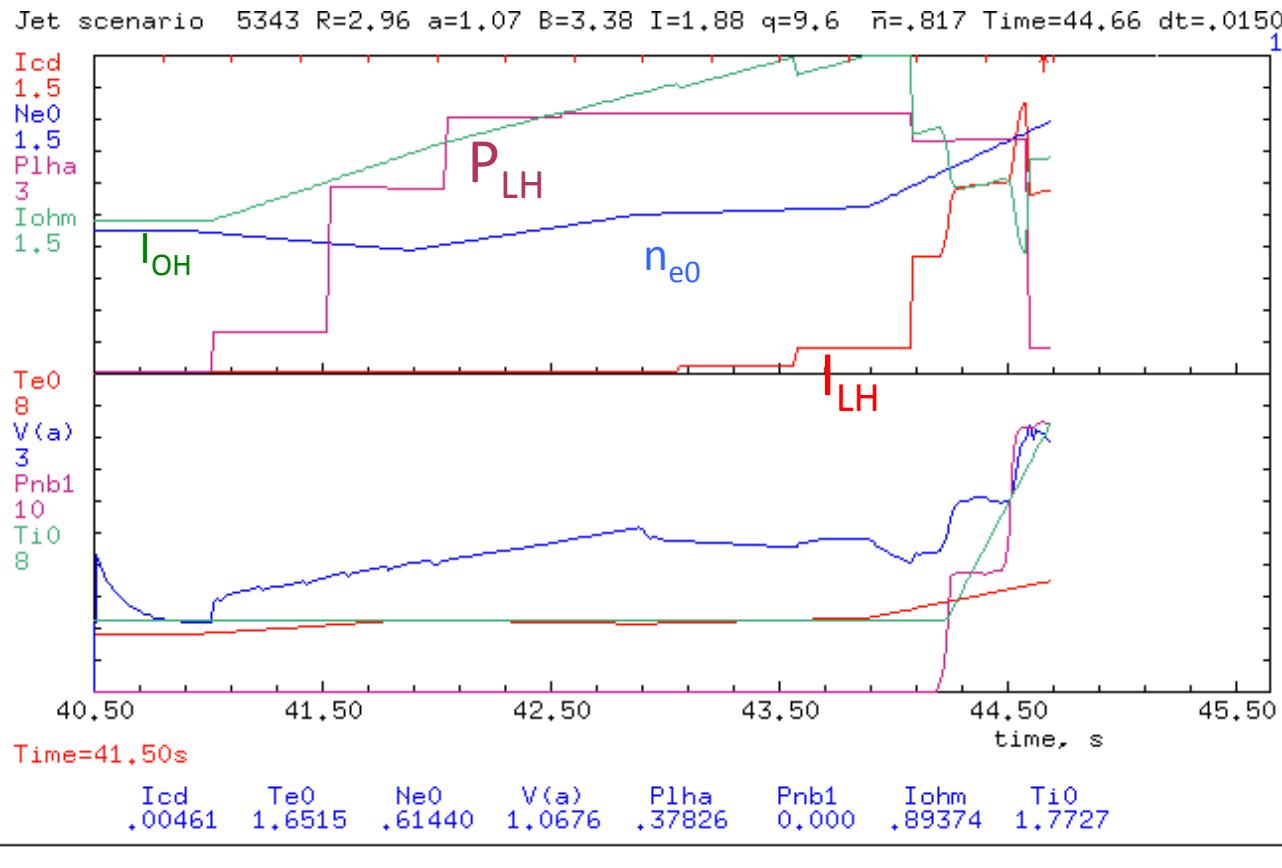
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Astra/FRTC simulation

- *Equilibrium over time*

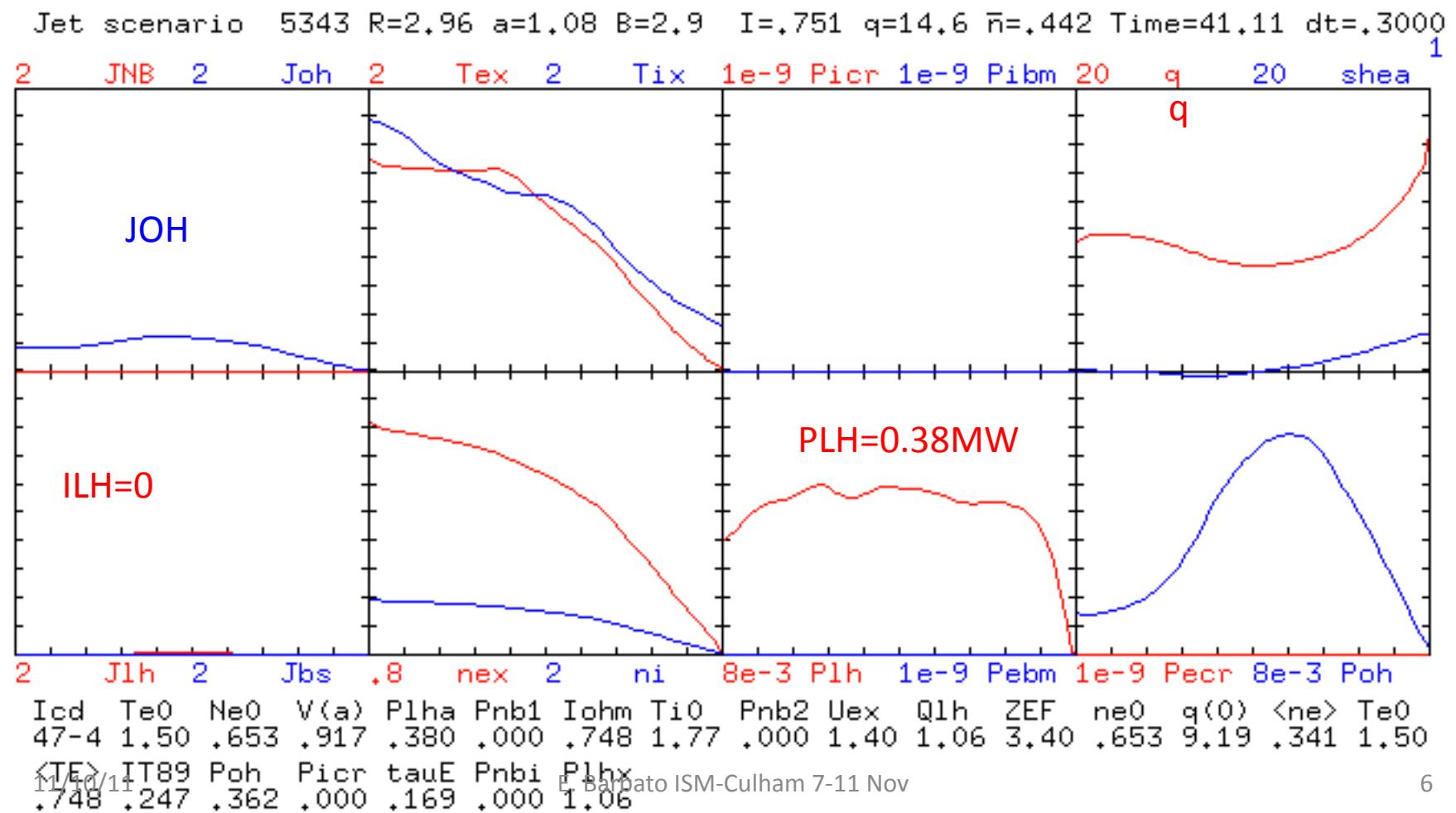


The ramp-up phase

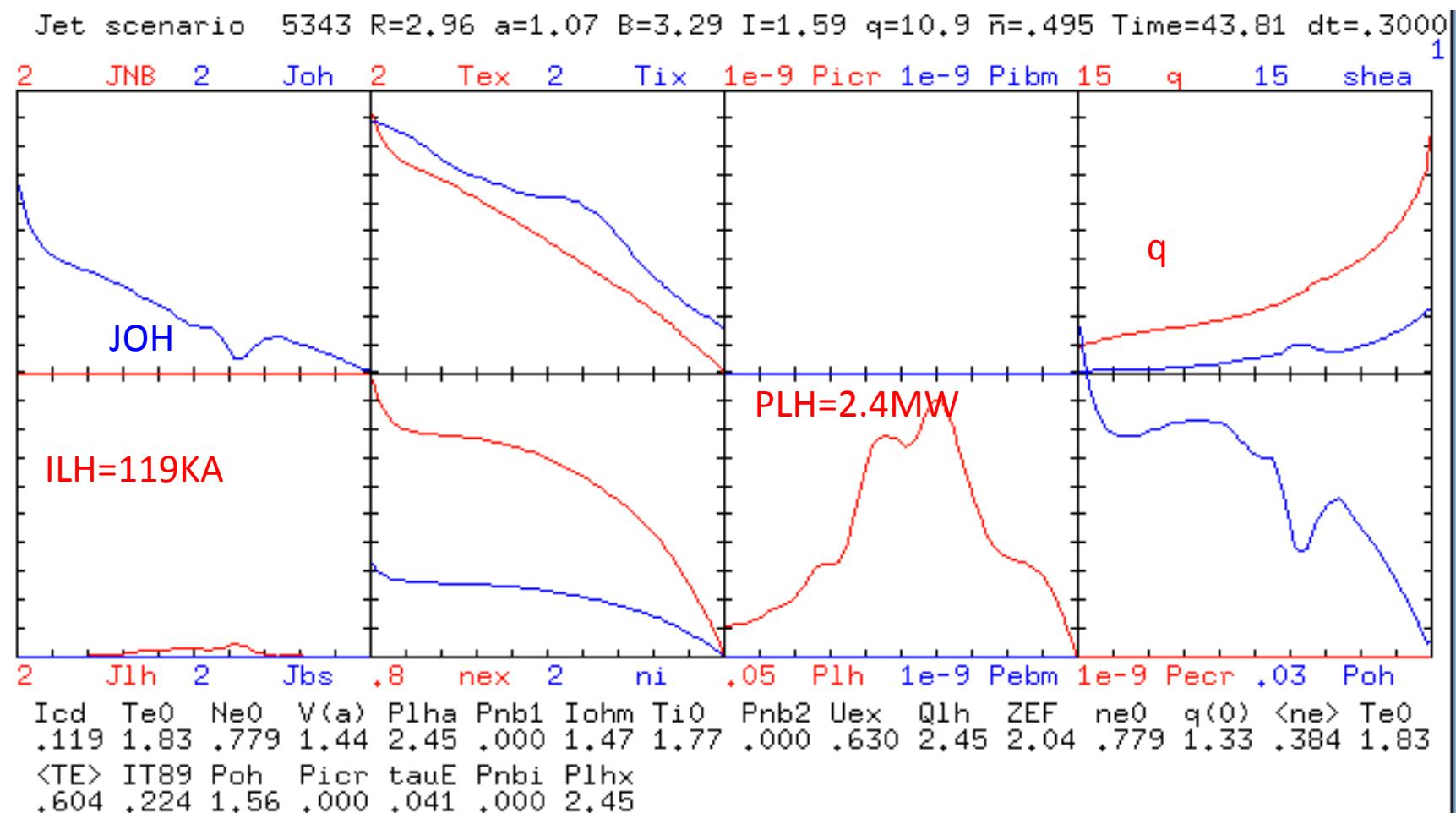


I_{LH} starts to increase $t \sim 43\text{sec}$, 1.5 after P_{LH} has turned on.
nicely in agreement with ECE signal!

Profiles during the early stage of the current rump up ($t=41$ s): cold and dense plasma at this stage



$t=43.8s$



Comments I

- *Collisional absorption of LHW power nicely accounts for LHCD experimental results on FTU at high density [*]*

1. cold edge: No LHCD into the plasma
2. hot edge: LHCD observed into the plasma

Simulations accordingly show

1. collisional absorption prevents any tail formation into the plasma
2. collisional absorption does not prevent landau damping into the plasma.

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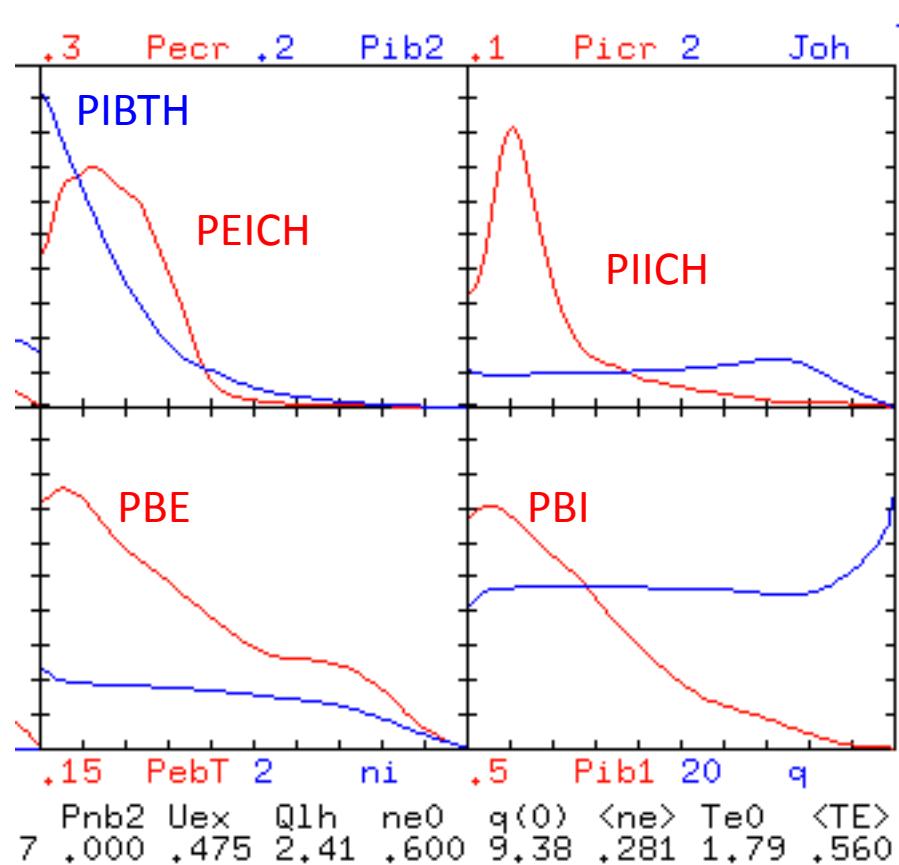
Comments II

- Collisional absorptions of LHW power *seems to be important* also in the early phase of the analyzed JET discharge
- It could account for the slowly growing ECE signal in this discharge.

How do we proceed with the simulation during the flat top?

- TRANSP run (already done) provide PICRF (e and i) to ASTRA
- Comparison of q profile from ASTRA and TRANP
- Comparison of the NBI part from ASTRA and TRANSP
- Complete the simulation

DATA from TRANSP run are starting to be provided to ASTRA



Plans

- *Proceed with the steps to JT60_SA predictive simulation.*
- *Look at other JET discharges where collisional absorption could be important*