

## Soft X-ray emission profile and mode structure during MHD events in the TST-2 spherical tokamak

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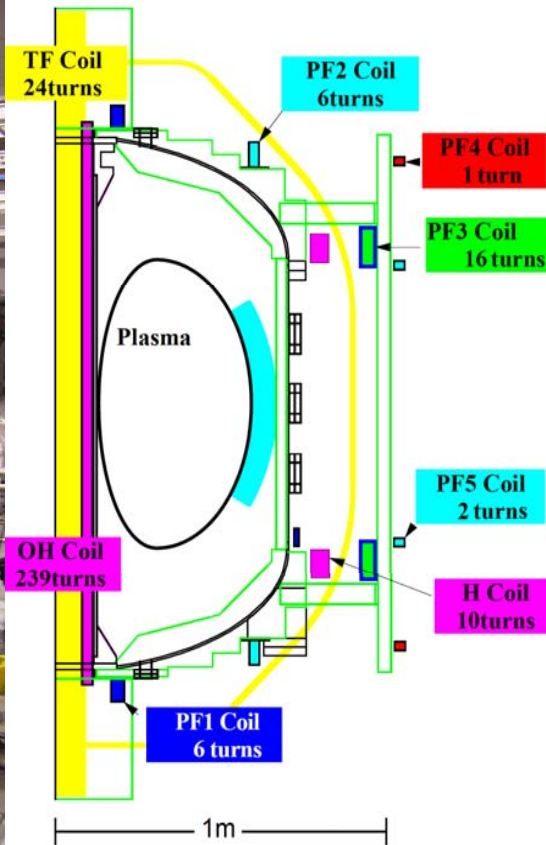
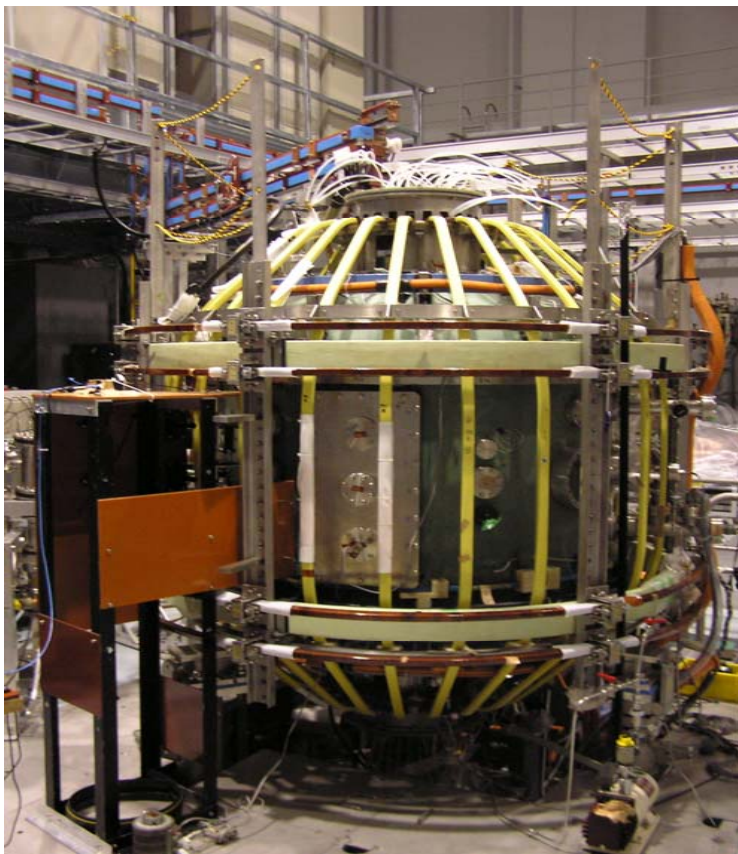
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# Tokyo Spherical Tokamak-2(TST-2)

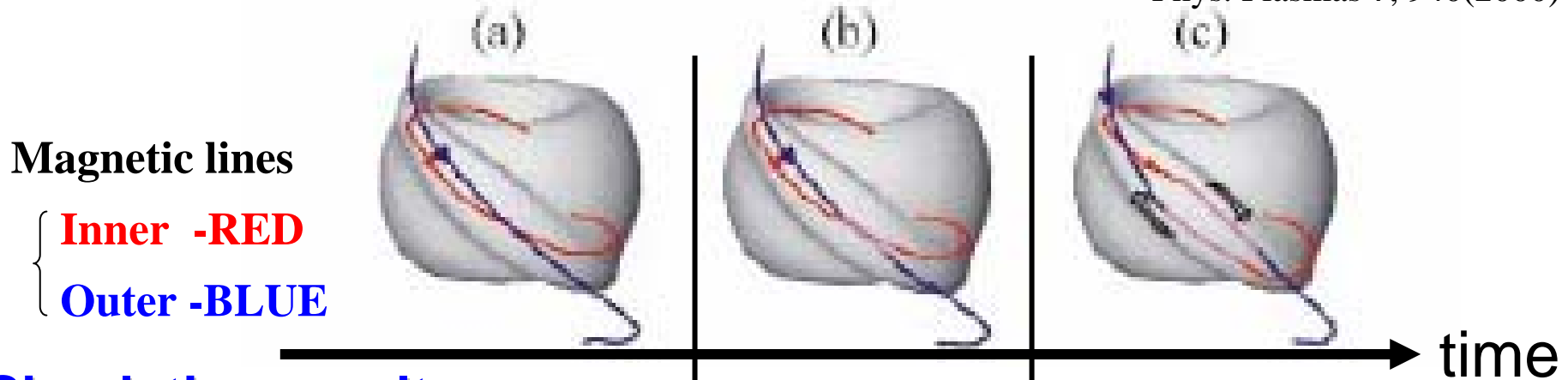
**TST2**  
Tokyo Spherical Tokamak



- Major Radius  $R_0 \sim 0.38$  m
- Minor Radius  $a \sim 0.25$  m
- Aspect ratio  $R/a \sim 1.5$
- Toroidal field  $B_T \sim 0.3$  T
- Electron density  $n_e \sim 10^{19}/\text{m}^3$
- Plasma current  $I_p \sim 0.1$  MA

# Simulation results of Reconnection Event

Previous study by MHD simulation



## Simulation results

Growth of  $(m, n) = (1, 1), (2, 2)$   
(initial state)

→ non-linear coupling  
(late state)

→ local deformation

Reconnection

Loss of heat and particles  
along the lines outside of  
the plasma

## Experimental results

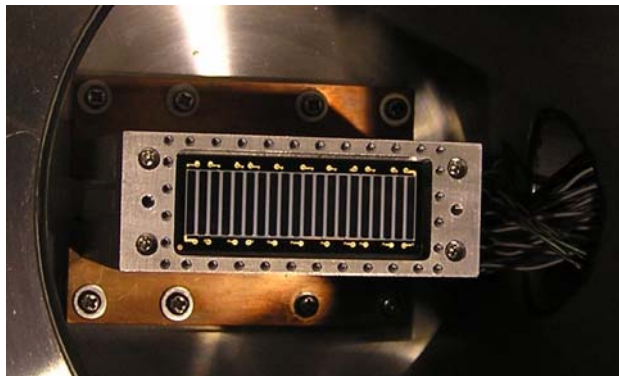
SX and magnetic  
fluctuation

$I_p, T_i$  increase

# Objective of this study

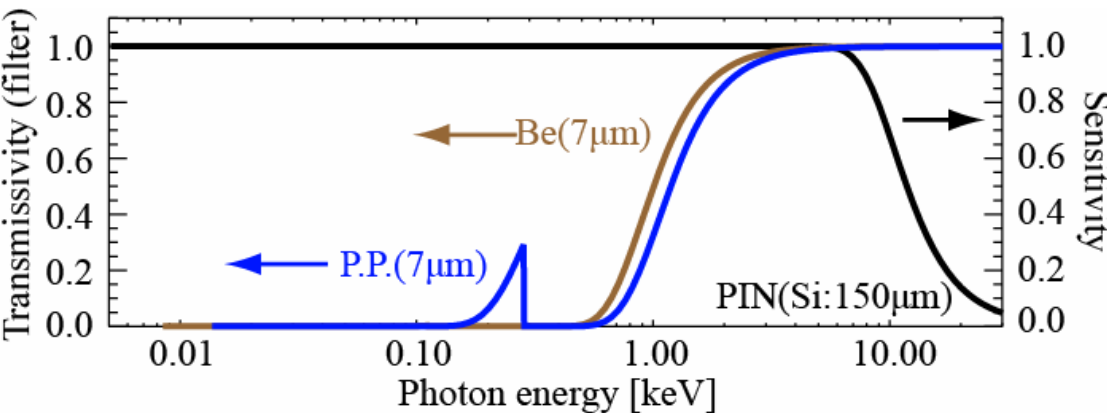
- **Comparison with MHD simulation**
  - To understand flow of heat and particles in plasma (slow behavior) by SX radiation profile
  - To determine the mode number in the initial state by...
    - SX radiation profile (internal) and magnetic signals (external)
  - To decide which modes grows by...
    - Special technique to know the each modes of time evolution and its spatial distribution. (Singular Value Decomposition)
  - To get supportable evidence of magnetic reconnection by...
    - Determination of ion temperature ( $T_i$ ) by spectroscopy
  - Identification of non-linear coupling (late state)
- **Experimental understanding of the source.**
  - To determine whether pressure gradient causes RE to know the difference of gradient on SX profile in RE and non-RE discharges
  - $n_e$  profile
  - Current profile( $q_0/q_a$ )

# Tangential SX camera

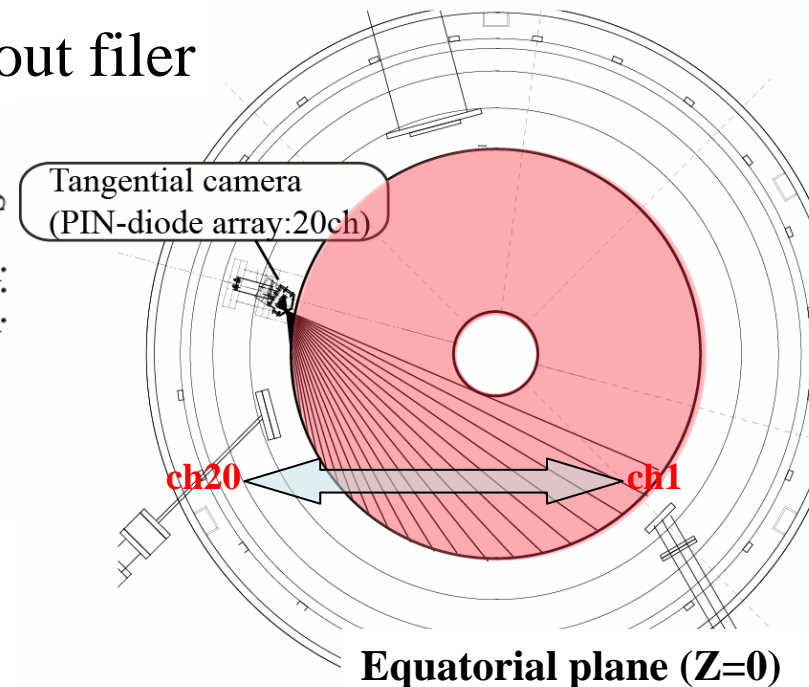


- Semi-conductor detector (P-I-N type)
- Pin-hole camera with 20ch
- Frequency response < 50kHz
- Curved filter
  - Polypropylene(P.P.):  $7 \mu\text{m}$
  - Beryllium(Be):  $7 \mu\text{m}$

From visible to soft X-ray ( $\sim 10\text{keV}$ ) without filter

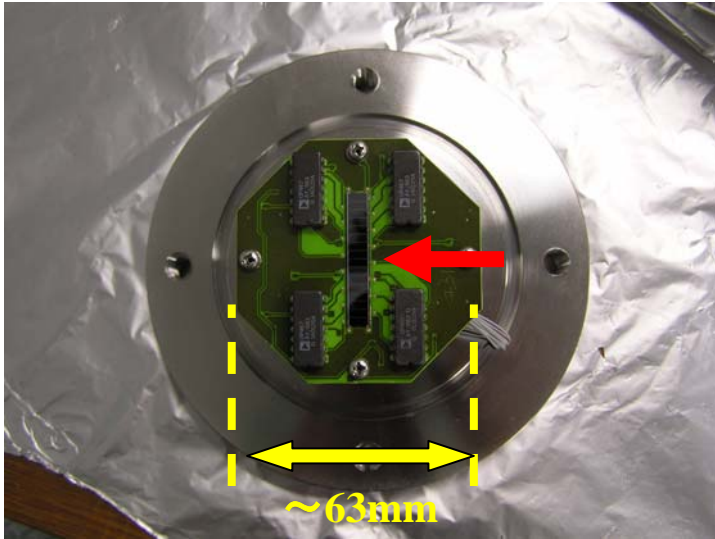


The sensitivity is calculated by effective thickness of Si ( $150 \mu\text{m}$ ).

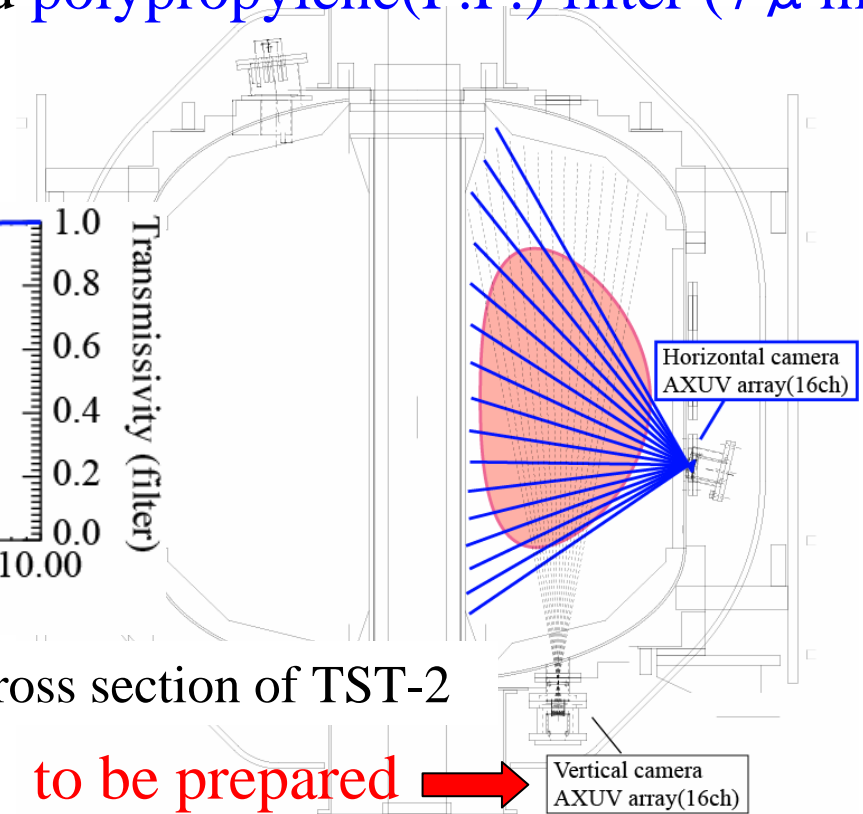
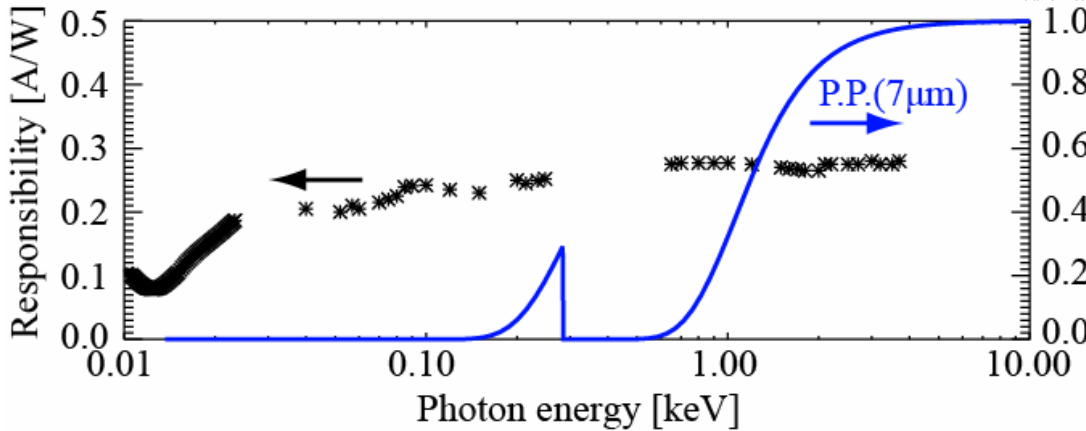




# Horizontal SX camera



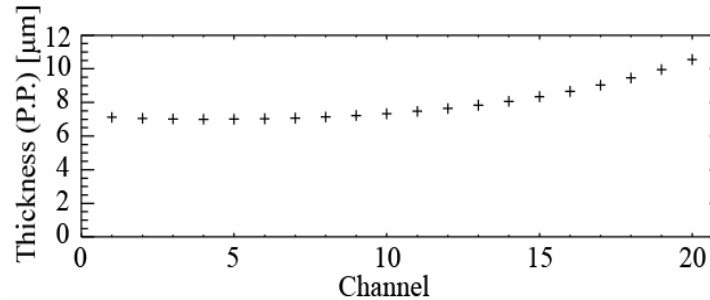
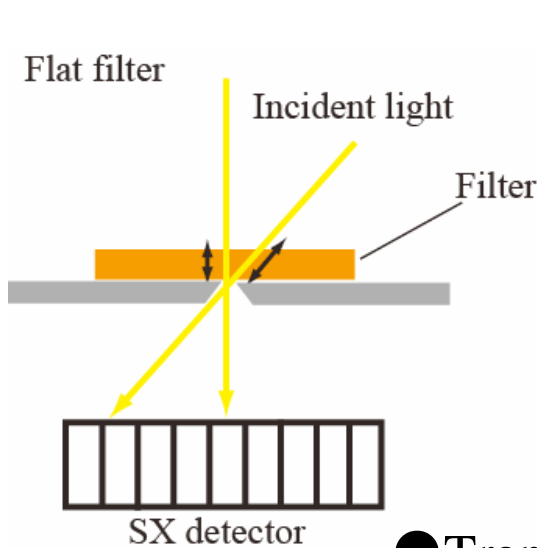
- AXUV16ELOHYB1(IRD Inc.)
- Frequency response  $\sim 300\text{kHz}$
- Pin-hole camera with 16ch
- Compact size
- Curved polypropylene(P.P.) filter ( $7\ \mu\text{m}$ )



Poloidal cross section of TST-2

to be prepared

# Disadvantage of flat filter

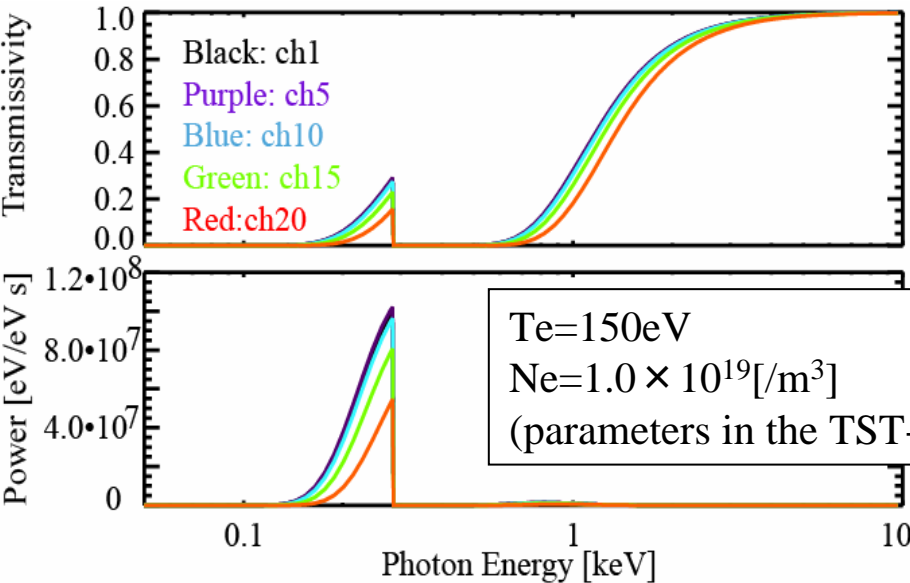


- P.P. thickness is different for each channel.
- It breaks quantitative evaluation of signal.

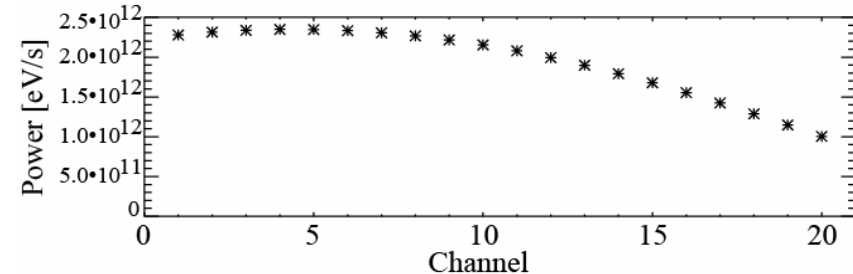
## ● Transmissivity of Be and expected incident power

by bremsstrahlung

- Since  $T_e \sim 150\text{eV}$ , thick P.P. filter reduce power.
- In the case of Be filter, it changes peak position on photon energy.

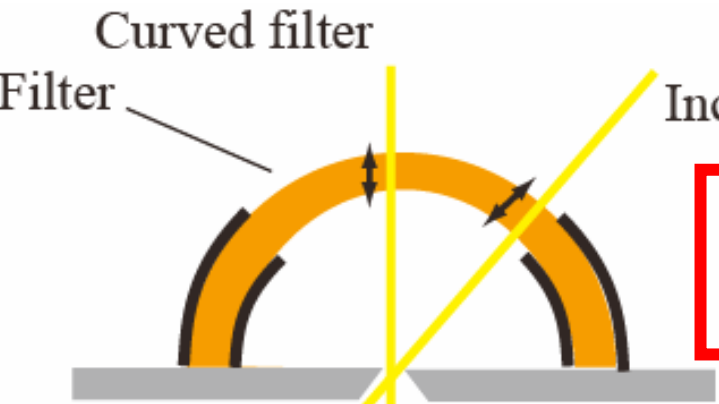


## ● Incident power for each channel [eV/s]





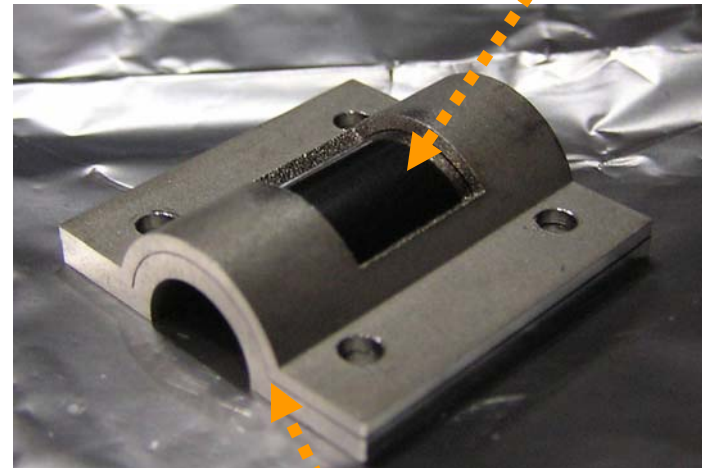
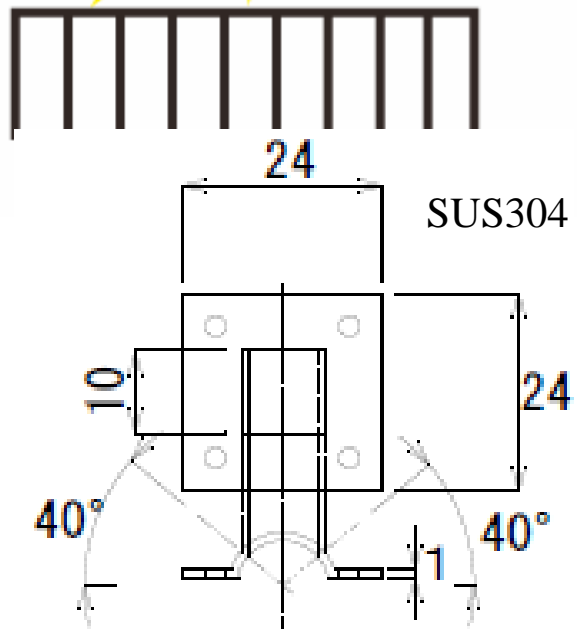
# Curved filter



Same thickness ( $7 \mu\text{m}$ )  
by curving

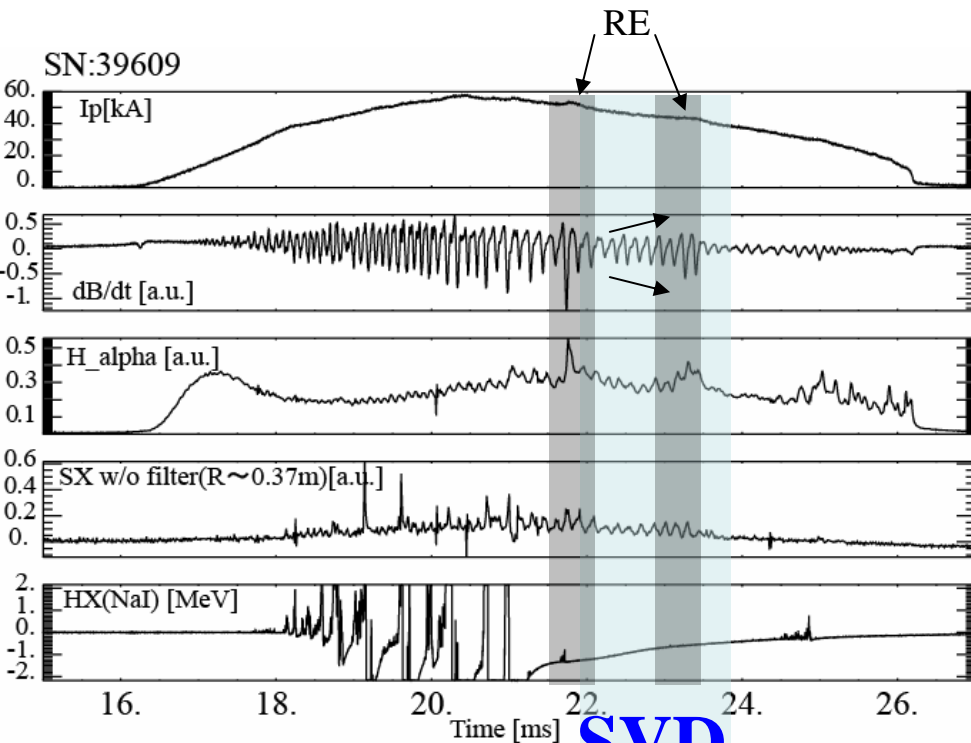
● Picture of filter-cover

Hole for Be or P.P. filter



Sandwiching curved filter

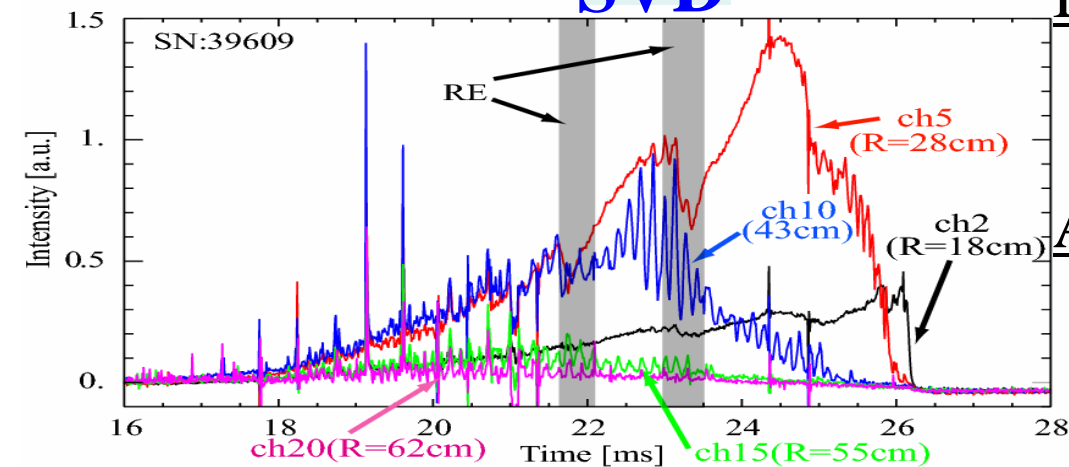
# Typical discharges with RE



- $I_p$  increased slightly during the events
- Fluctuation of  $dB/dt$  and SX
- Interaction between plasma and V.V. (enhanced emission of  $H_\alpha$  and HX)

**SVD**

● SX(PIN-diode array) w/o filter  
Before RE



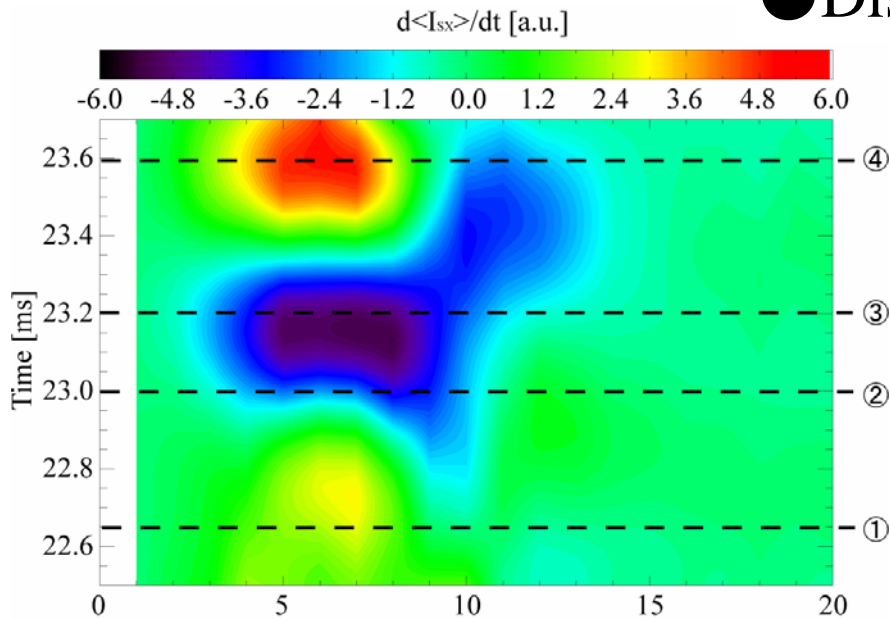
After RE  
Growth of the fluctuation  
Emission ↑

Decay of the fluctuation  
Emission ↓

# Distribution of time derivative



● Distribution of  $d\langle I_{SX} \rangle / dt$  against the time



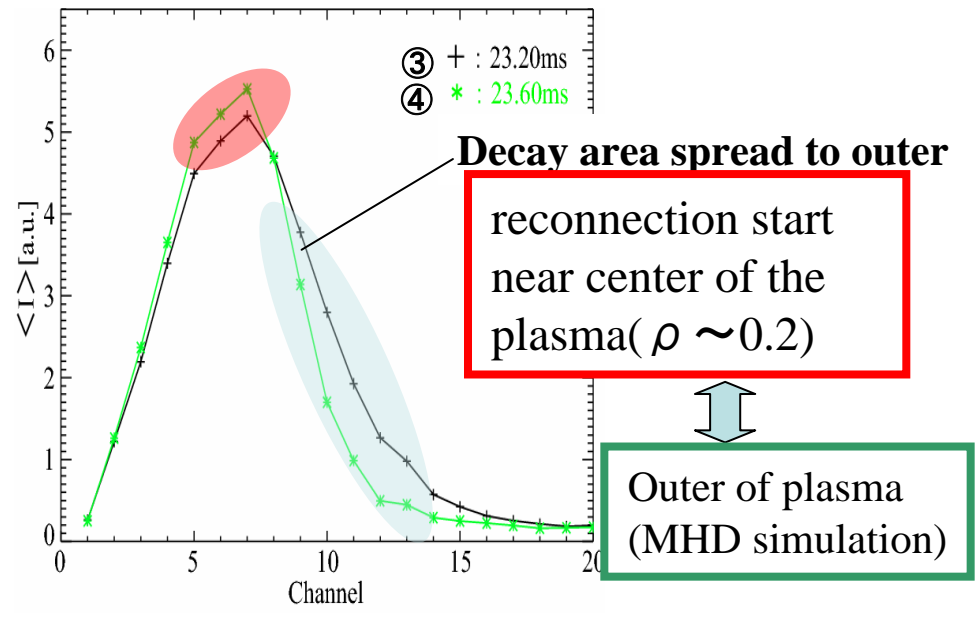
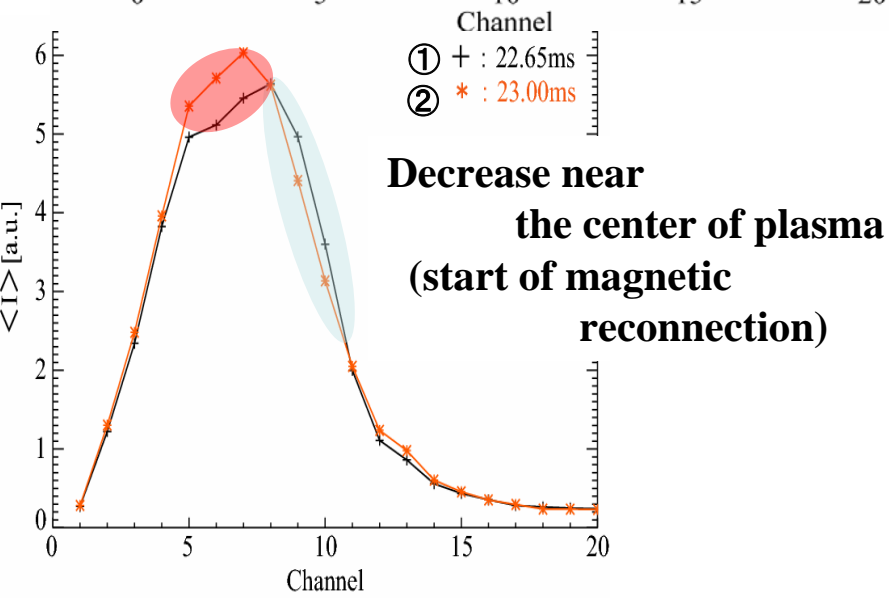
Signal from PIN

Low-pass filter

( $< 3\text{kHz}$ )

mean intensity  $\langle I_{SX} \rangle$  (no fluctuation)

$$\frac{d \langle I_{SX} \rangle}{dt} \text{ (derivative)}$$





# Results of SVD analysis with tangential chords and n-coils

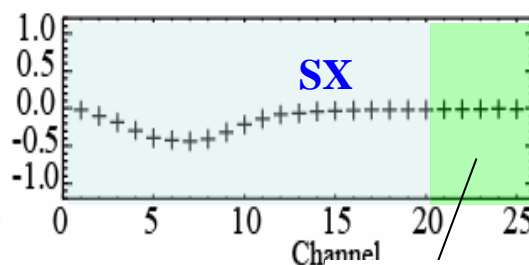
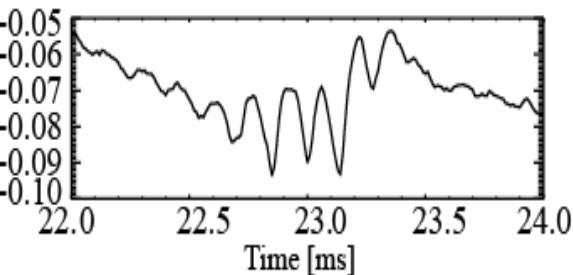
■  $i=1$  (mode number)

• chrono:

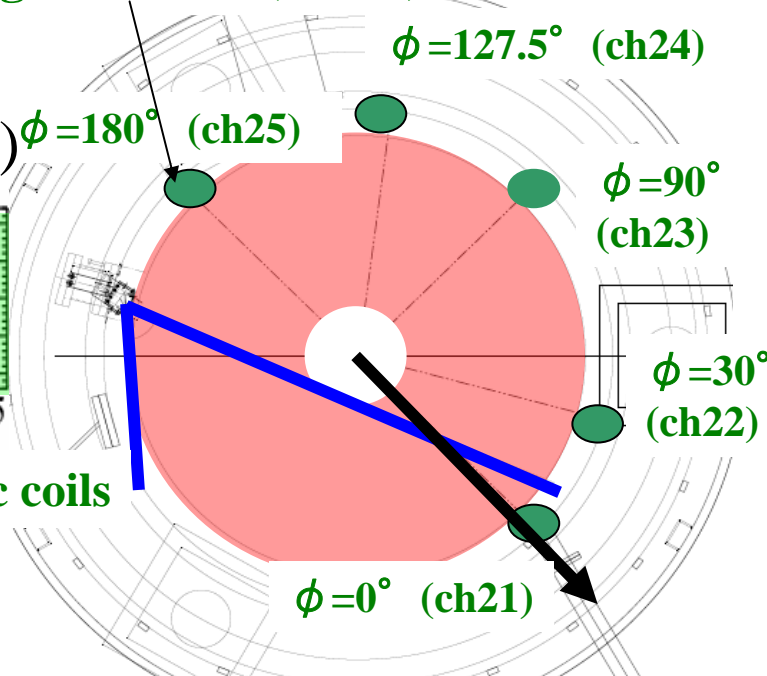
(temporal eigenmode)

• topo:

(spatial eigenmode)

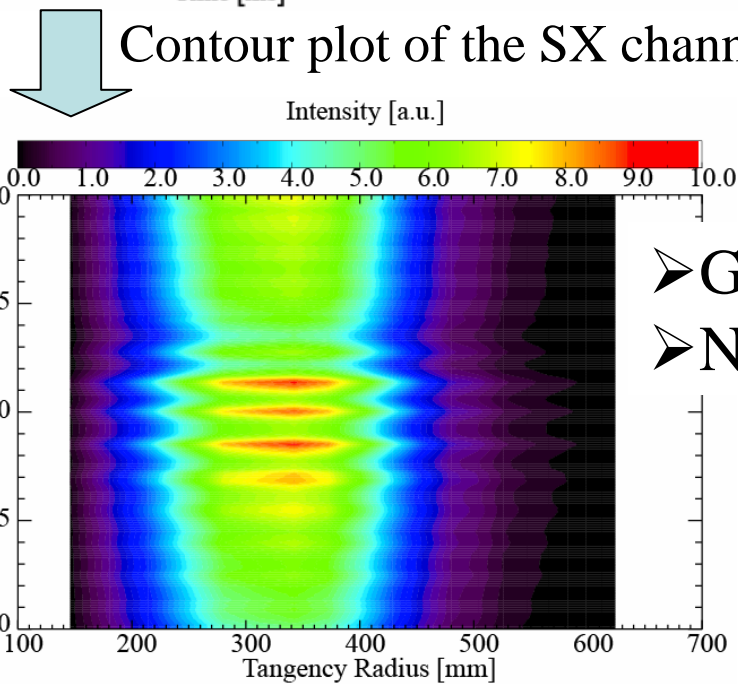


Magnetic coils (n-coil)



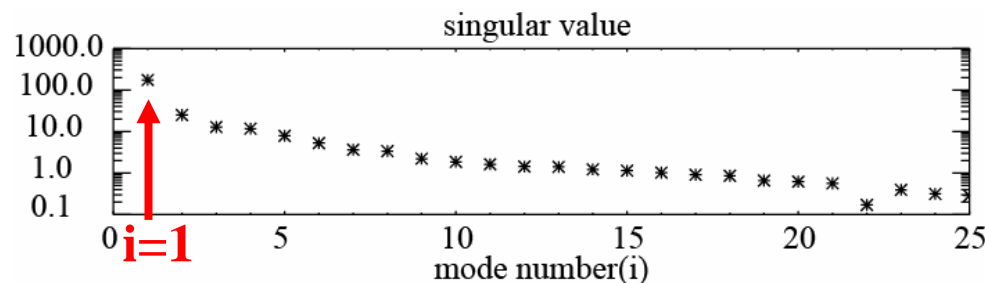
Contour plot of the SX channels

Magnetic coils

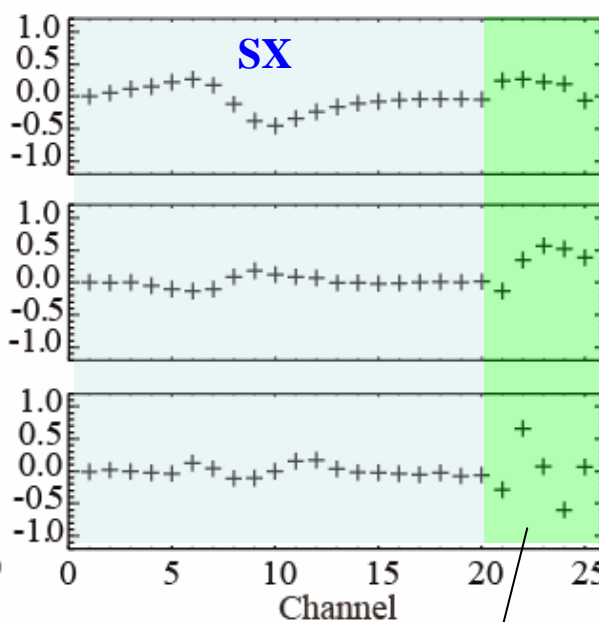
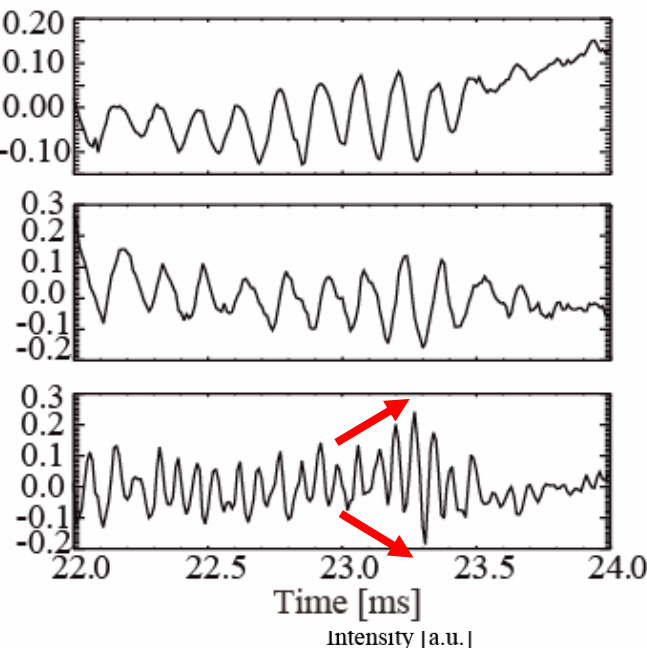


➤ Growth of even mode

➤ No component of toroidal mode



# Results of SVD analysis with tangential Chords and n-coils



●  $i=2$

➤ Odd mode (below Fig.)

➤ small effect by toroidal mode

●  $i=4$

➤  $n=1$

➤ Small effect to SX signal

●  $i=7$

➤  $n=2$

(frequency in chrono  $\sim 20\text{kHz}$ )

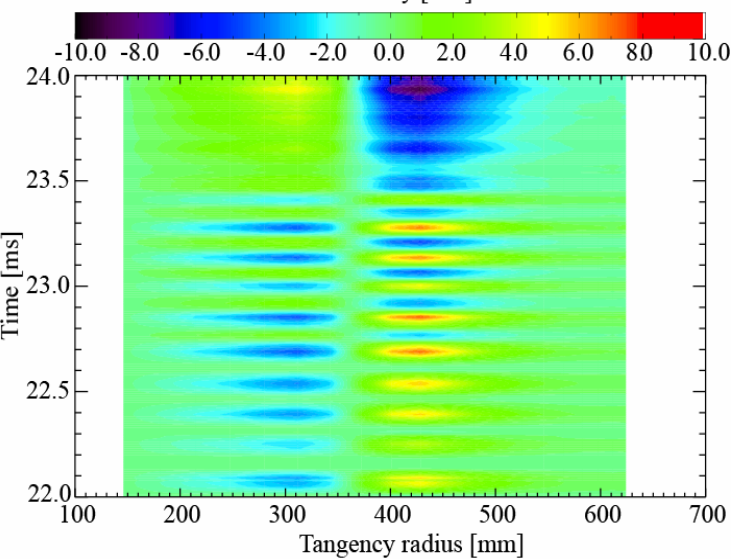
**Magnetic coils** ➤ Growth of chrono

➤  $i=2$  indicates existence of poloidal (Odd) mode.

➤  $n=2$  component is mixed with  $n=1$  in SX and magnetic coils

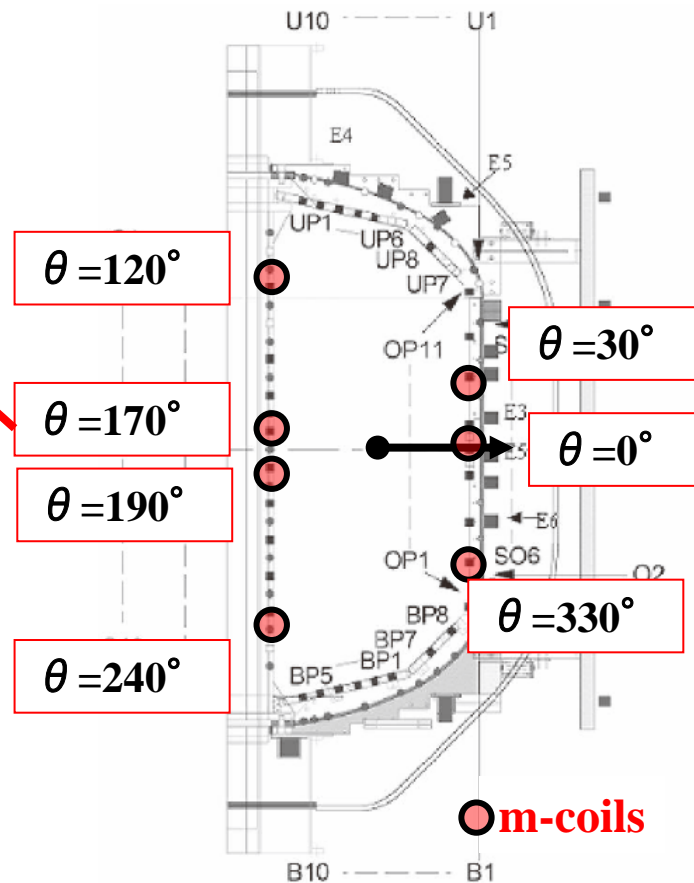
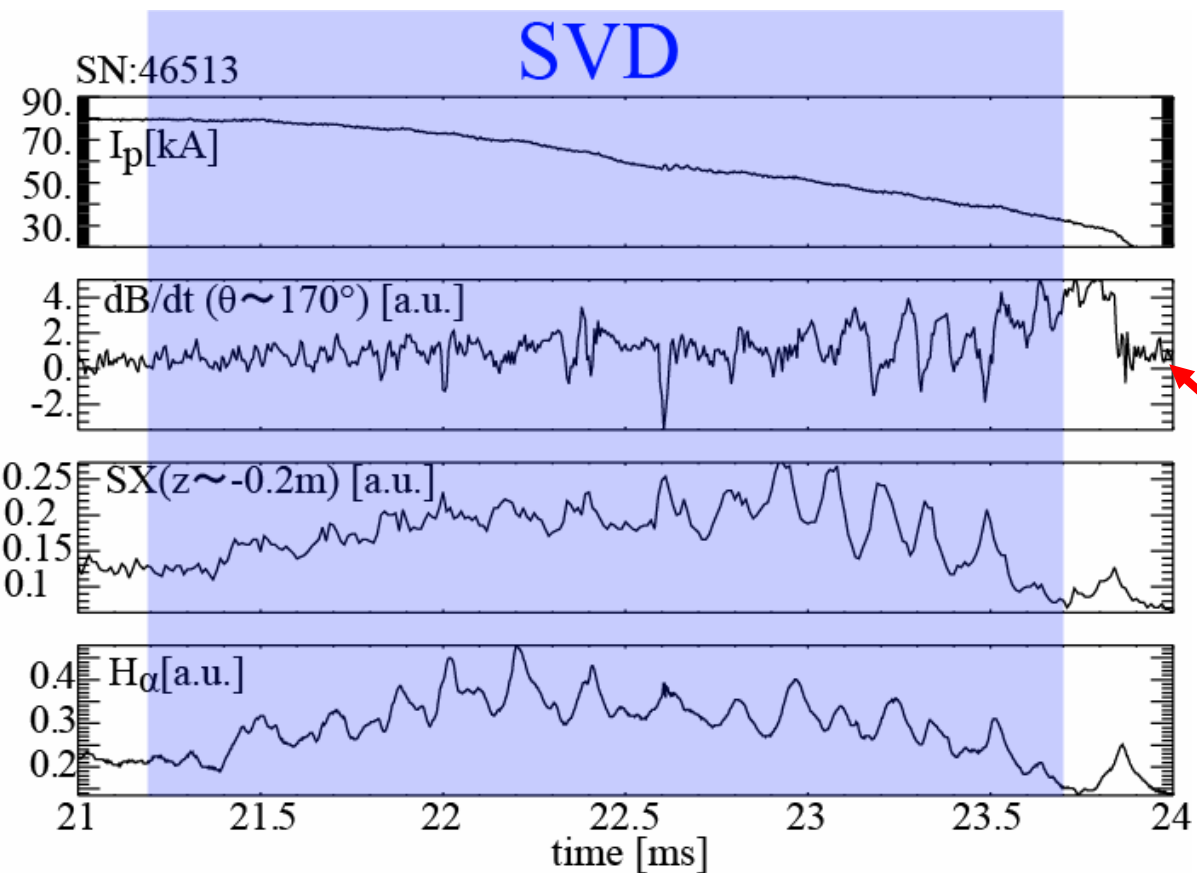
● Contour plot of only SX channels ( $i=2$ )

➤ Growth of odd-mode is observed.





# SVD analysis with horizontal chords and m-coils



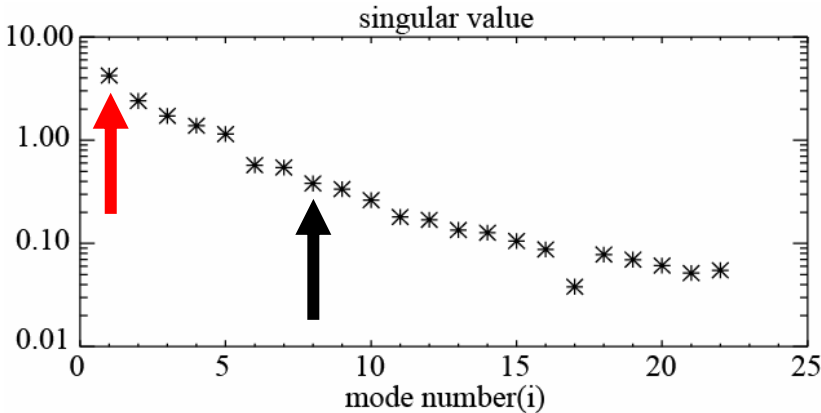
● Configuration of magnetic coils

(m-coils)

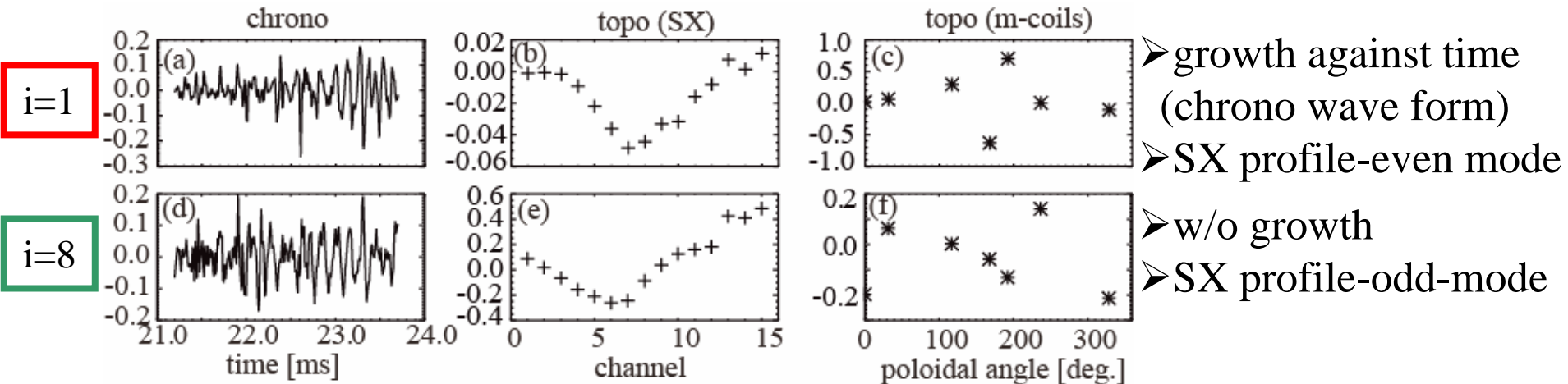
➤ Using the P.P. filter for SX

➤ taking fluctuation components by using frequency filter (5-40kHz)

# SVD analysis with horizontal chords and m-coils



- Growth of SX mode were observed
- Signal of m-coils strongly depend on the position of plasma  
(It's difficult to determine poloidal mode number)

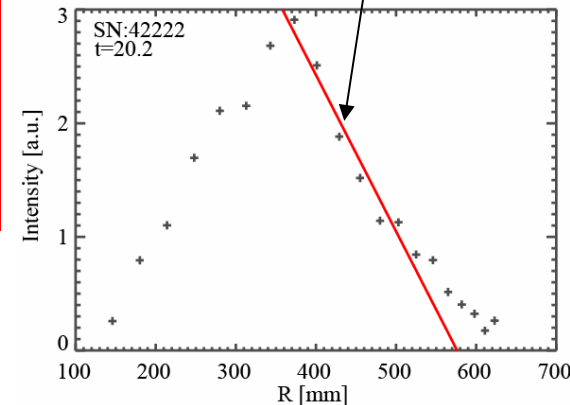


# Correlation between SX gradient and $\Delta I_p$

- Correlation between  $dI_{SX}/dr$  and  $I_p$   
( $I_{SX}$ : SX intensity)

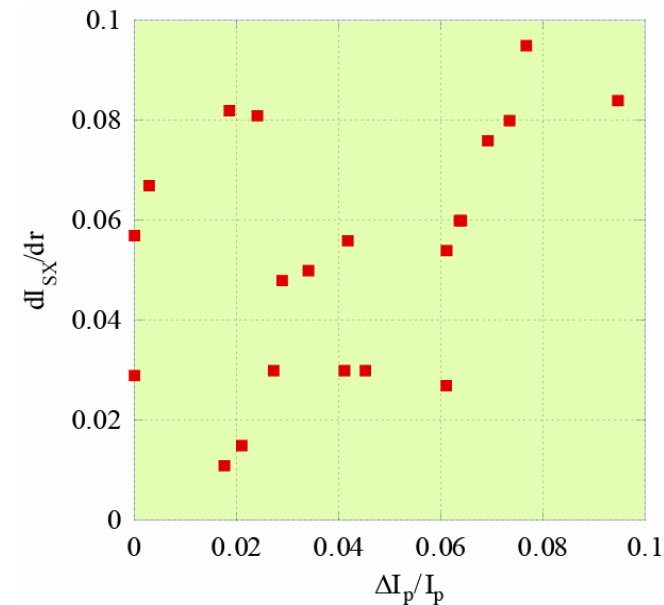
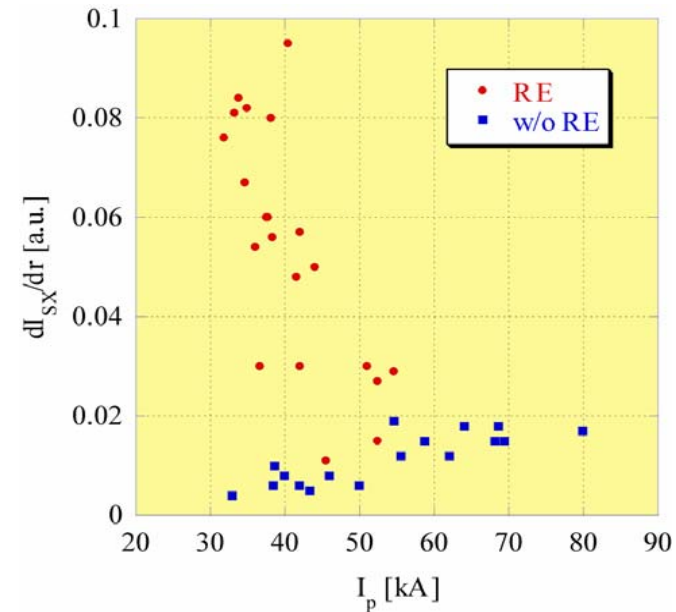
$dI_{SX}/dr$  is determined by linear fitting

Steep profile have important role for RE  
( $dI_{SX}/dr > 0.02$ )



- $dI_{SX}/dr$  and  $\Delta I_p/I_p$   
➤ positively correlated

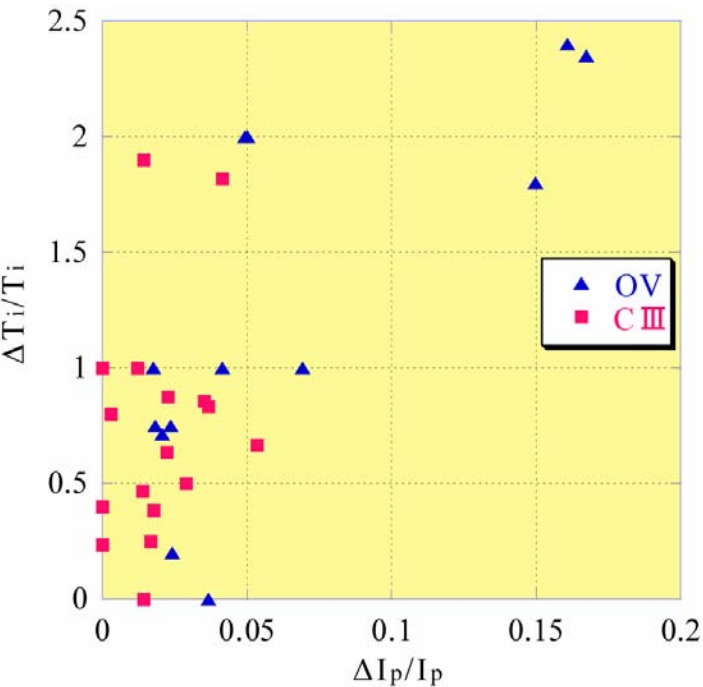
Steeper profile enlarge scale ( $\Delta I_p/I_p$ ) of RE



# Ion temperature increase during the events

The resulting ion heating during the event

support release of magnetic energy



● Correlation between  $T_i$  (C III and OV) and  $I_p$

➤ positively correlated

➤  $\Delta T_i / T_i \sim 2.4$  at the maximum (OV)

➤ w/o RE,  $T_i \sim 40\text{eV}$  (OV),  $20\text{eV}$  (C III)

➤ The ion heating are also observed

in other STs

(MAST [1] TST-2 [2] HIT- II [3])

[1] P. Helander et al., Phys. Rev. Lett 89, 235002 (2002).

[2] A. Ejiri, et al., Nuclear Fusion 43, 547 (2003).

[3] R. G. O'Neill Physics of Plasmas 12, 122506 (2005)

# Summary

- Tangential and horizontal SX cameras
  - Curved filter has a flat sensitivity, while with a flat filter the difference of the detected power for the curved is up to a factor of two larger for edge channels.
- Slow behavior of SX profile shows position of crash was  $\rho \sim 0.2$
- The results of SVD analysis is following
  - Using both SX and magnetic coils are effective to understand the correlation between toroidal mode and SX profile.
  - Growth of  $n=1$  and  $n=2$  were observed. (consistent with the MHD simulation)
  - $m$  was difficult to determine because of effect of the plasma position.
  - Horizontal SX camera showed growth of even-mode.
- Steep profile ( $dI_{SX}/dr > \sim 0.2$ ) is necessary for RE and can be a candidate of driving force of the instability.
- Ion temperature increase ( $\Delta T_i/T_i \sim 2.4$  at the maximum (OV)) and its  $\Delta T_i$  is positively correlated with  $\Delta I_p$  (magnetic energy)