Current Distribution Inference from MSE Coherence Imaging using Bayesian Tomography

(Assesment of IMSE capabilities for Tokamaks and Stellartors - ASDEX Upgrade and W7X)

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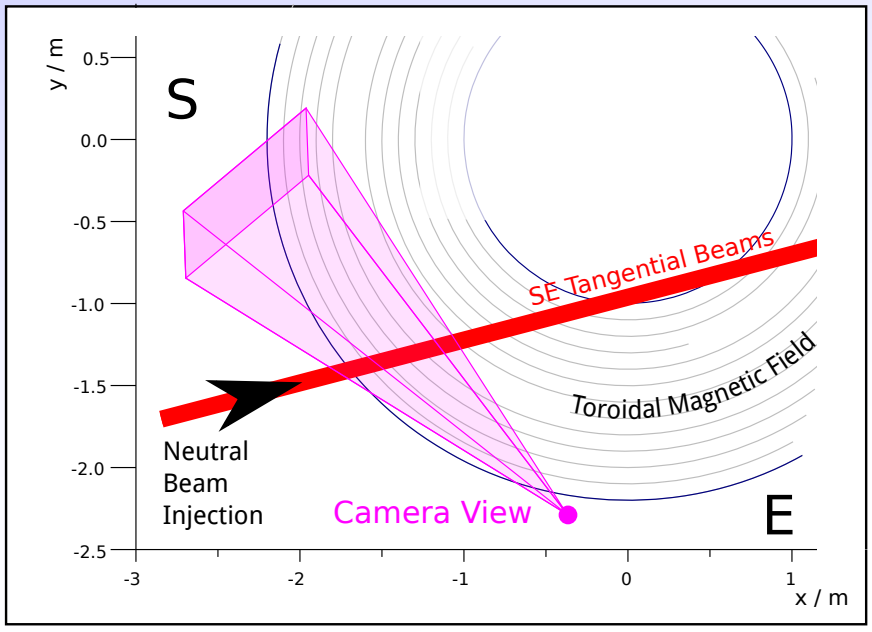
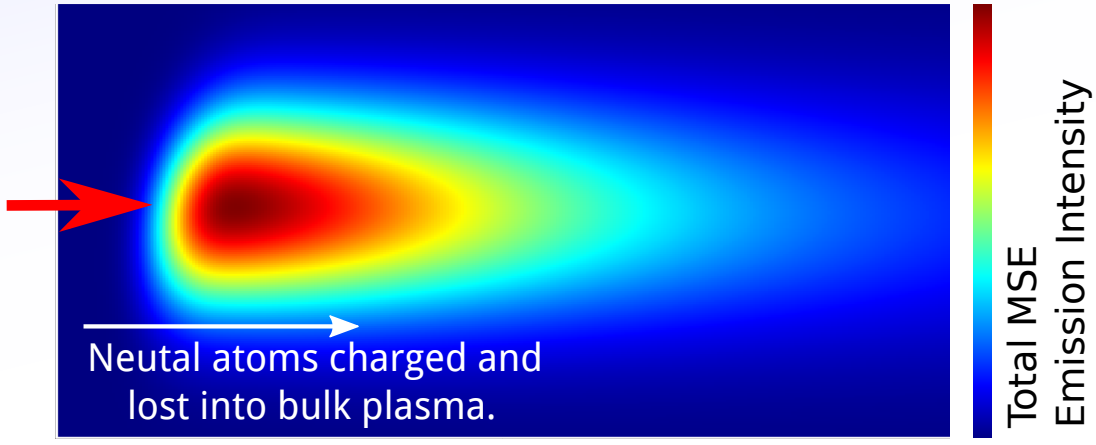
Introduction - Motional Stark Effect

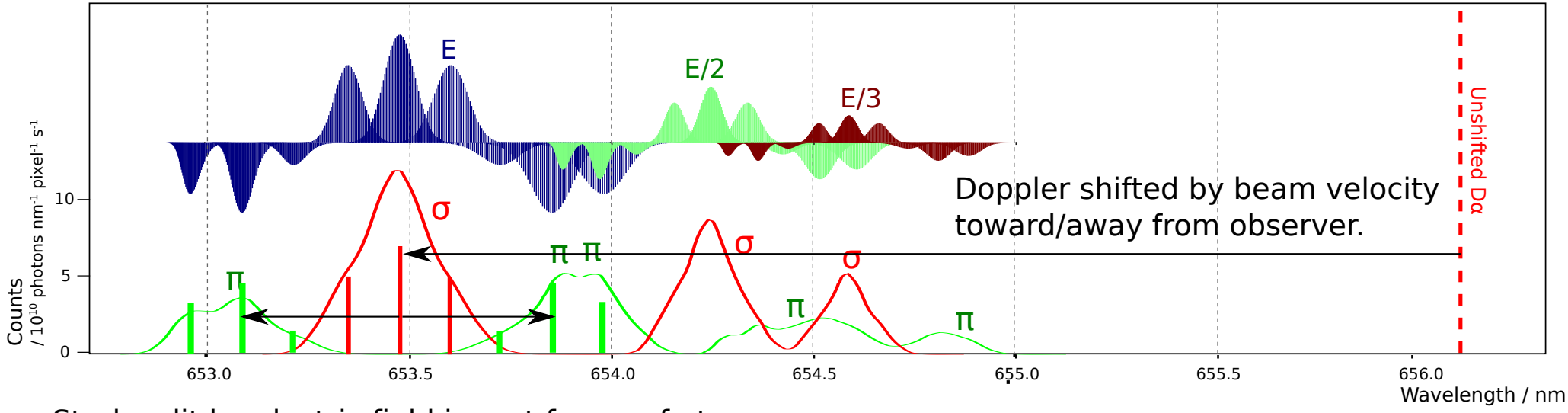


Neutral beam atoms injected into plasma.
Excited by plasma, then emit Hα/Dα radiation.



Complications:
Energy components, Doppler broadening,
Beam divergence, Line integration etc.

Spectrum from a single pixel:

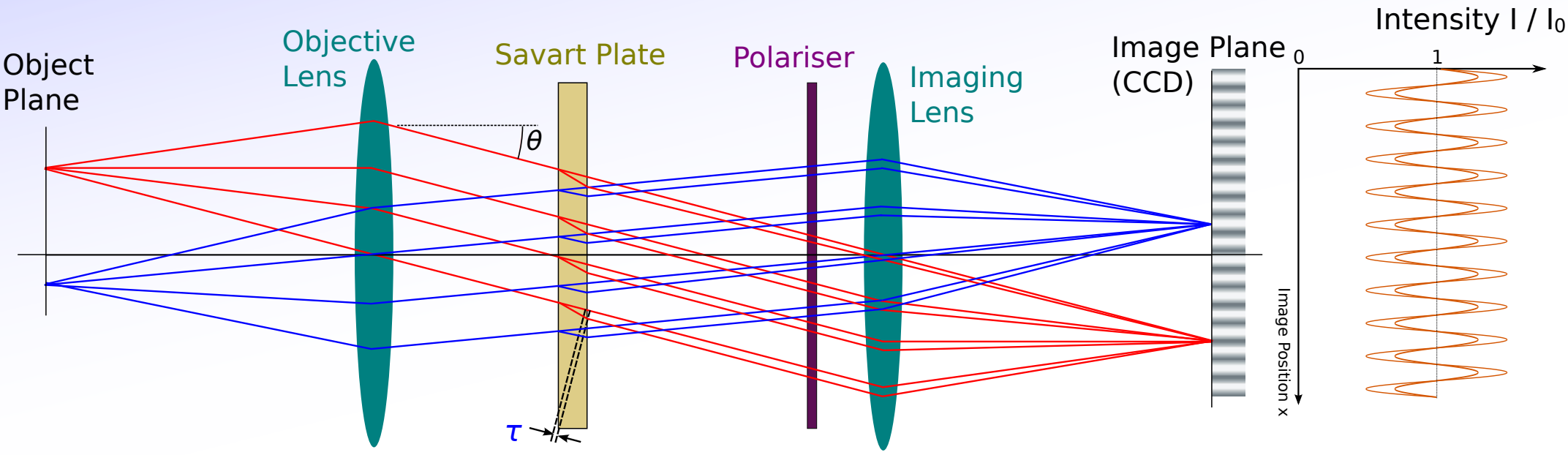


Stark split by electric field in rest frame of atom:
$\boldsymbol{E} = \boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{B}$

Roughly: π polarised parallel to E.
σ polarised perp' to E.

Inference Imaging with Savart Plates

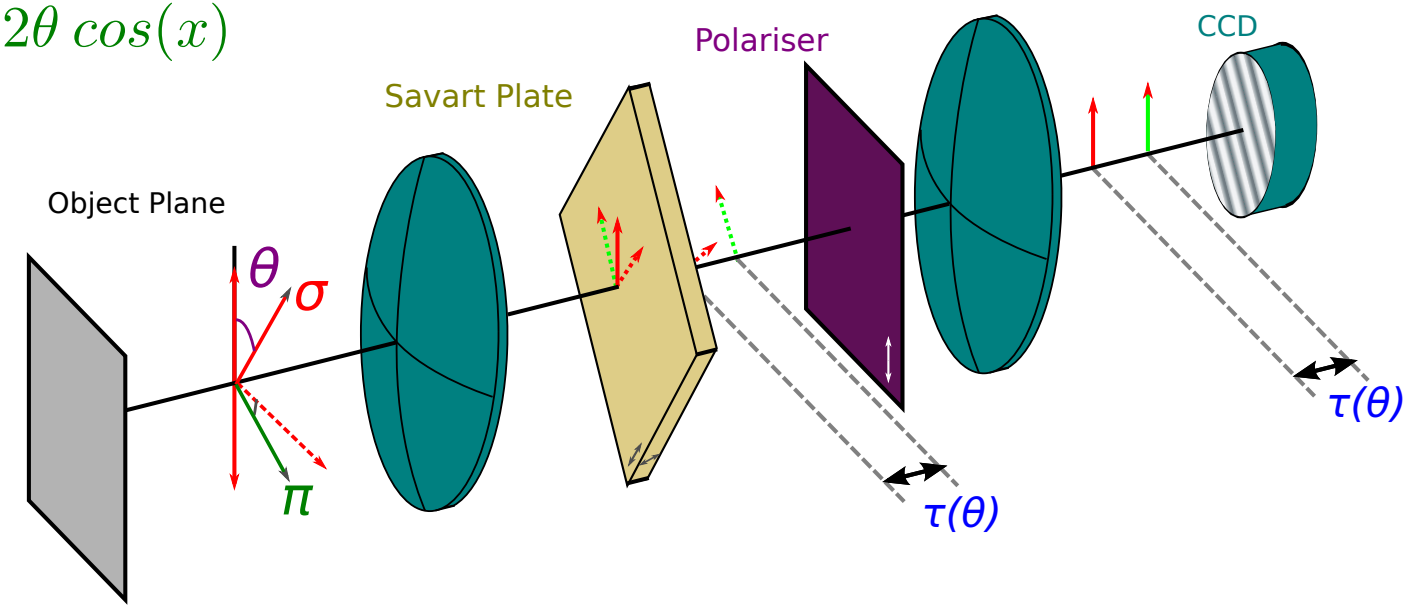
Savart Plate: Angle dependent phase shift --> Interference pattern accross image.



Oscillation amplitude proportional to polarisation angle.

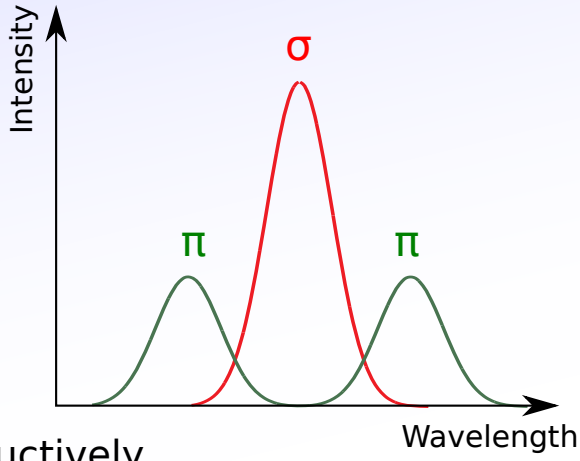
$$I \propto 1 + cos2\theta\, cos(x) - cos2\theta\, cos(x)$$

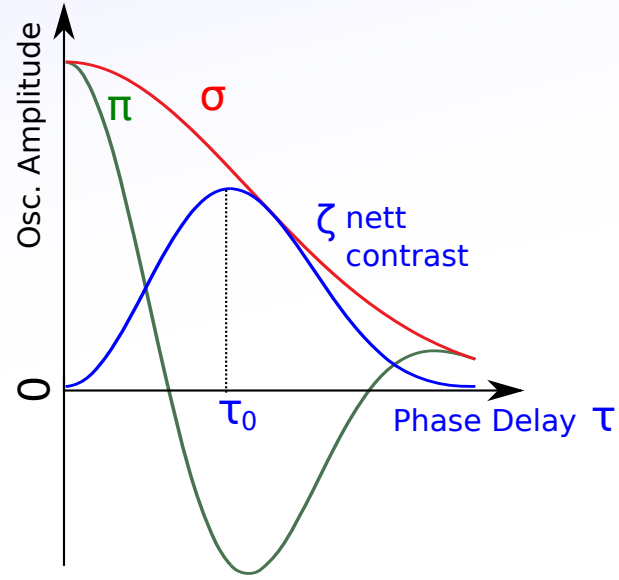
but σ and π are orthogonal.
If they were monochromatic, they would cancel out...



Spectral Coherence

π and σ orthogonal and always the same intensity, but different spectral profiles.





For large τ, different wavelengths have different phases --> decoherence.

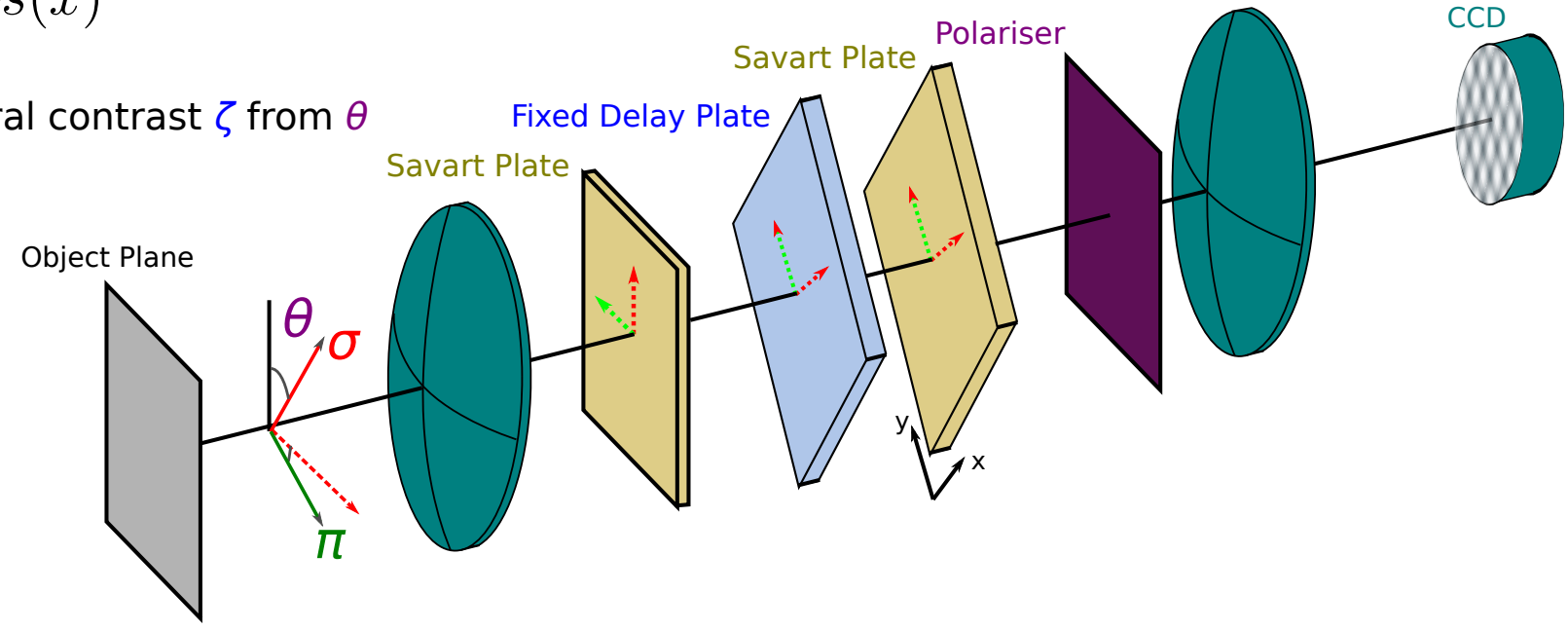
Add a delay plate to introduce the best τ_0 - where π and σ combine constructively.

but amplitude now also dependent on contrast:

$$I \propto 1 + \zeta \, cos2\theta \, cos(x)$$

Need to separate spectral contrast ζ from θ

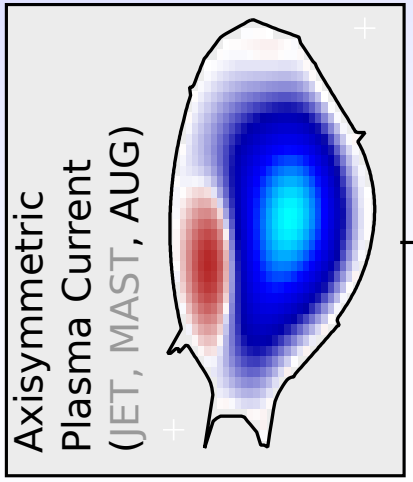
add another Savart plate at 45°. Combined effect adds 2 extra terms:



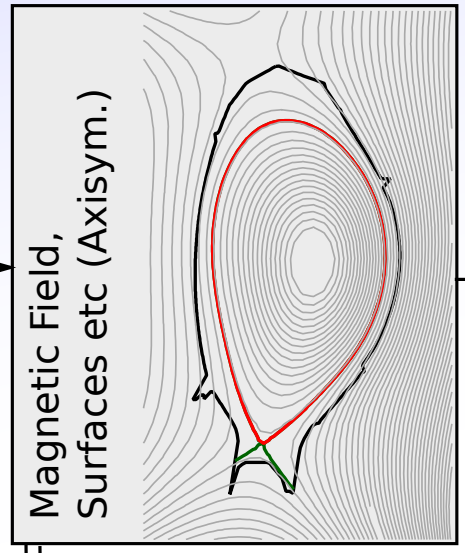
$$I \propto 1 + \zeta \, cos2\theta \, cos(x) + \zeta \, sin2\theta \, cos(x - y) - \zeta \, sin2\theta \, cos(x + y)$$

Forward Model

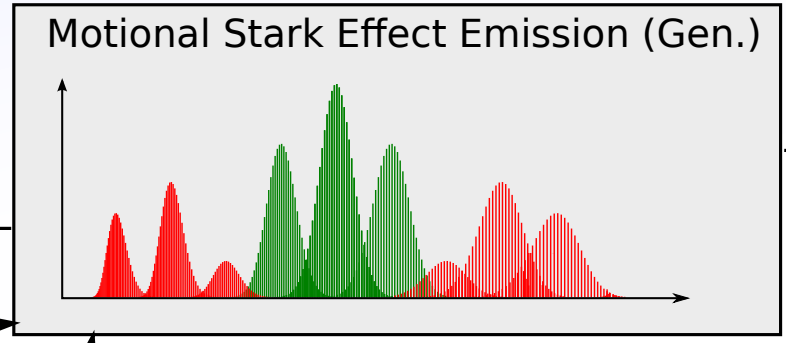
Developed several components for the Bayesian / forward modelling framework (Minerva).



j(R,Z)



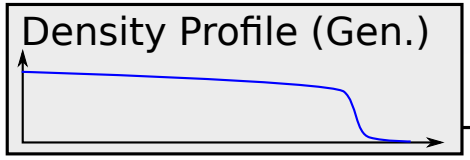
B(x,y,z)

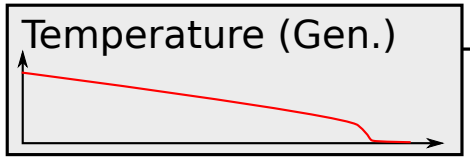


Stokes Spectral Distributions

$n_b(x,y,z)$
$v(x,y,z)$

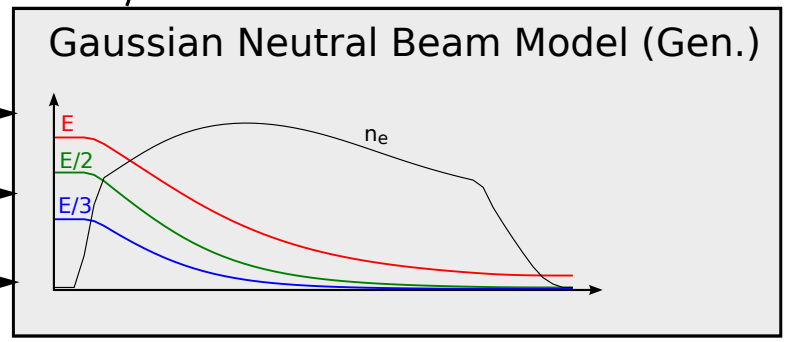
$n_e(x,y,z)$

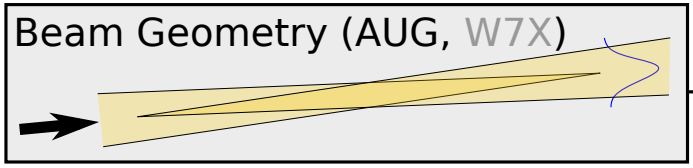


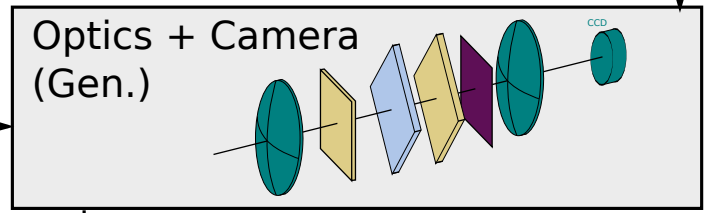


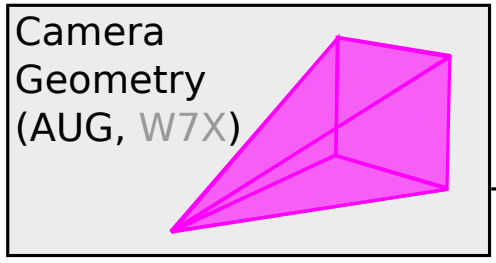
3D Density

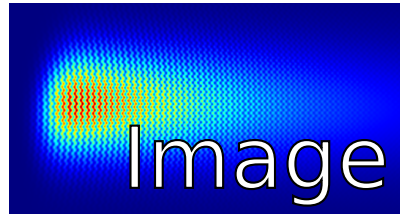
3D Temperature









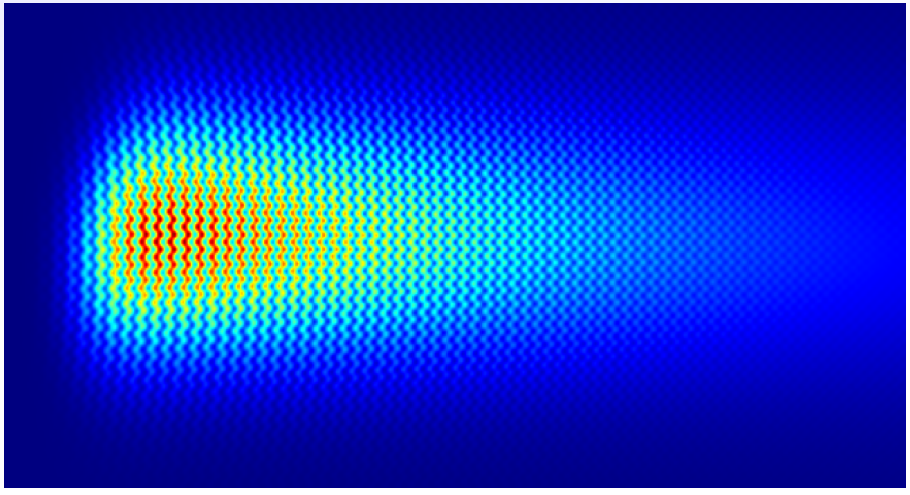


Savart Plates

(For the record: This is the '*Ampltiude Modulated Double Spatial Hetrodyne*' system).

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = 1 + \zeta\, cos2\theta\, cos(x) + \zeta\, sin2\theta\, cos(x-y) - \zeta\, sin2\theta\, cos(x+y)$$

Contrast — ϕ? — Polarisation Angle — ϕ? — ϕ?



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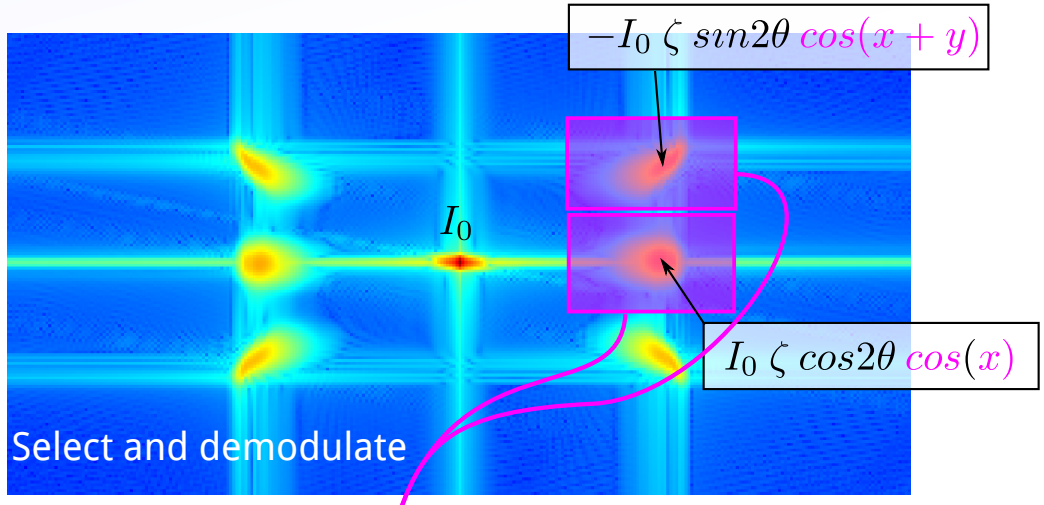
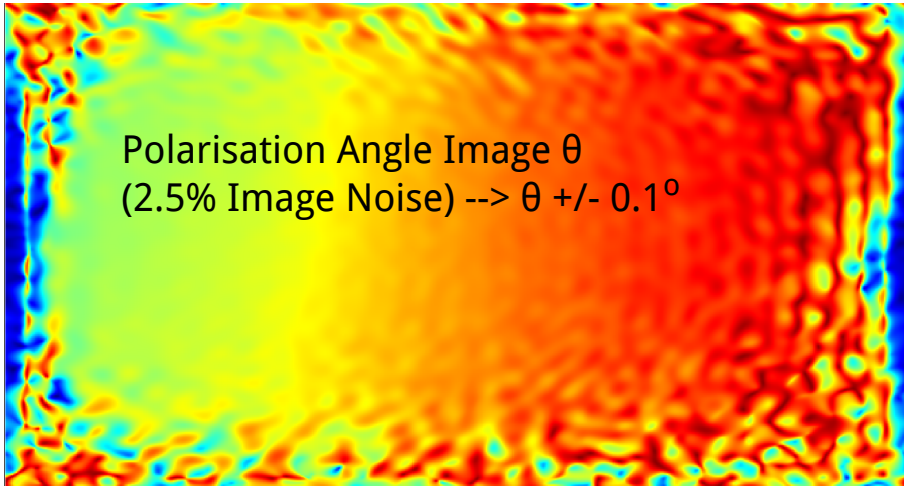
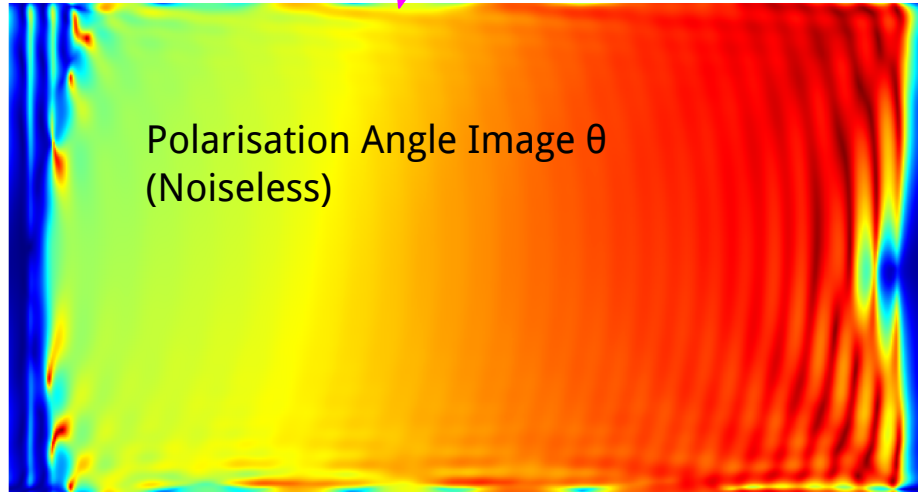






Recovery of plasma current - Axisymmetric

Final objective is plasma current - *j(R, Z)*.
Normally θ used as a constraint for equilibrium.
With 2D measurements, can we calculate *j* without equilibrium?

Assuming toroidal symmetry:

$$-\mu_0 j_\phi = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial R} + \frac{1}{R}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Z^2}\int_0^R R' B_z(R', Z)\, dR'$$

Assume known $B\phi$ (vacuum field), calulate B_Z from θ.

We only see where the MSE emission is, so can only integrate from some $R = R_0$:

$$-\mu_0 j_\phi = \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial R} + \frac{1}{R}\frac{\partial^2 \psi(R_0, Z)}{\partial Z^2} + \frac{1}{R}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Z^2}\int_{R_0}^R R' B_z(R', Z) dR'$$

This we have with 1D MSE.

Function of Z that we still cannot know.

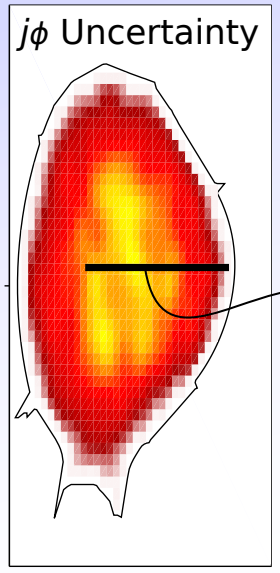
The new term gives localisation of current in Z (~via curvature of field).

~10% of j_ϕ and measurement too noisy.

No: It still cannot be directly calculated.

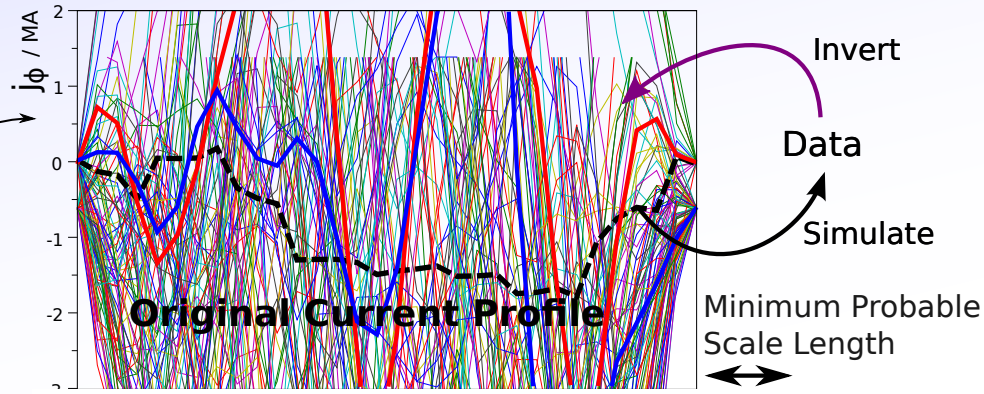
However, we gain dBz/dR at different Zs.
Complex tomography problem, but we may not need equilibrium...

By current tomography...



1) Magnetics only: We have the usual tomography situation:

P(J | D): Possible current profiles given data



Only weak short scale length prior/regularisation.

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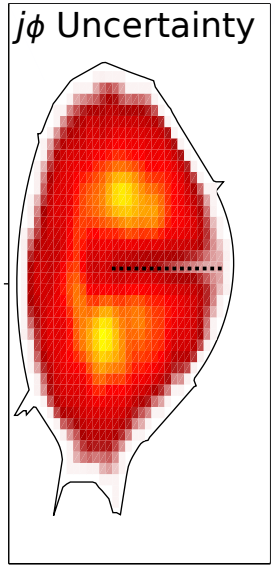
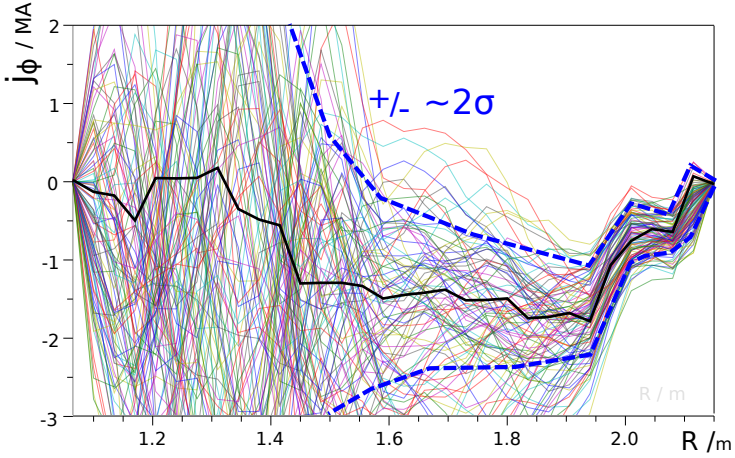
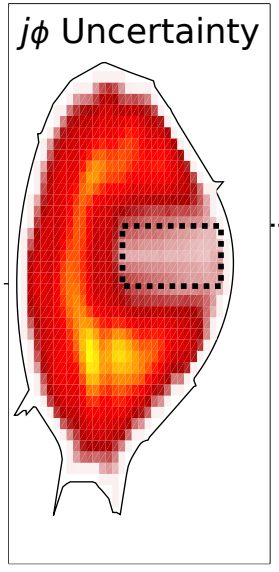
(Almost) infinite uncertainty
(but B and flux still good)

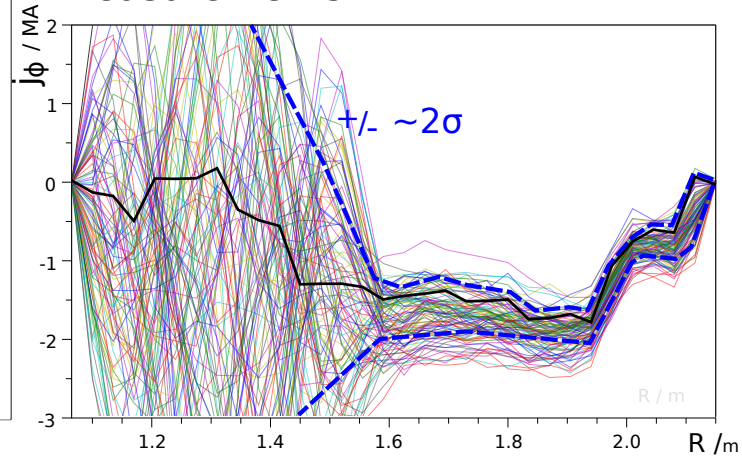


2) +Normal MSE system:
30 x *Bz* at 30 positions along NBI centre.





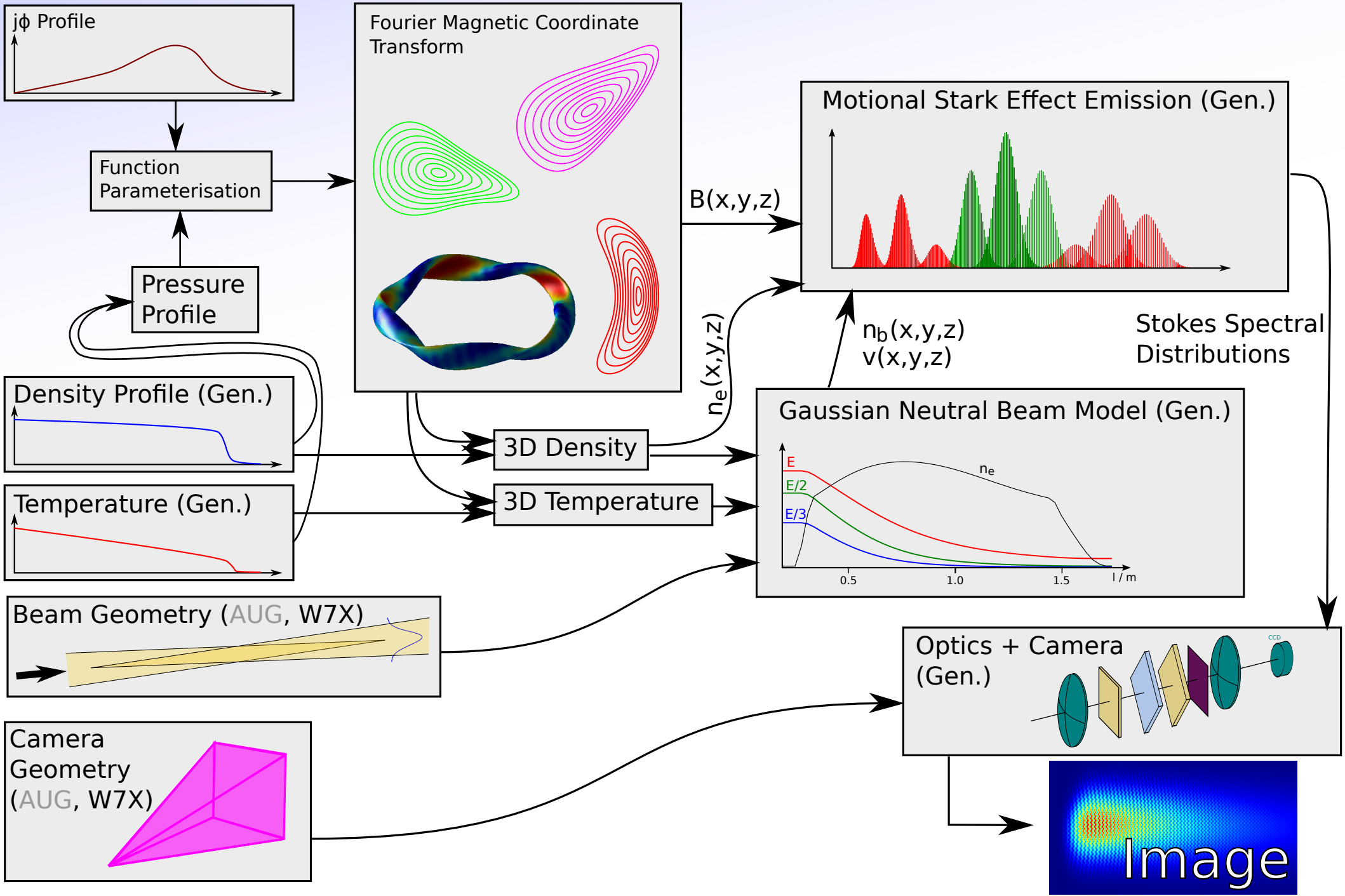
3) +1IMSE System:
30x30 grid of *Bz* measurements.



Each case has 900 measurements at σ = *10mT.* So difference is only in the ***type*** of information.

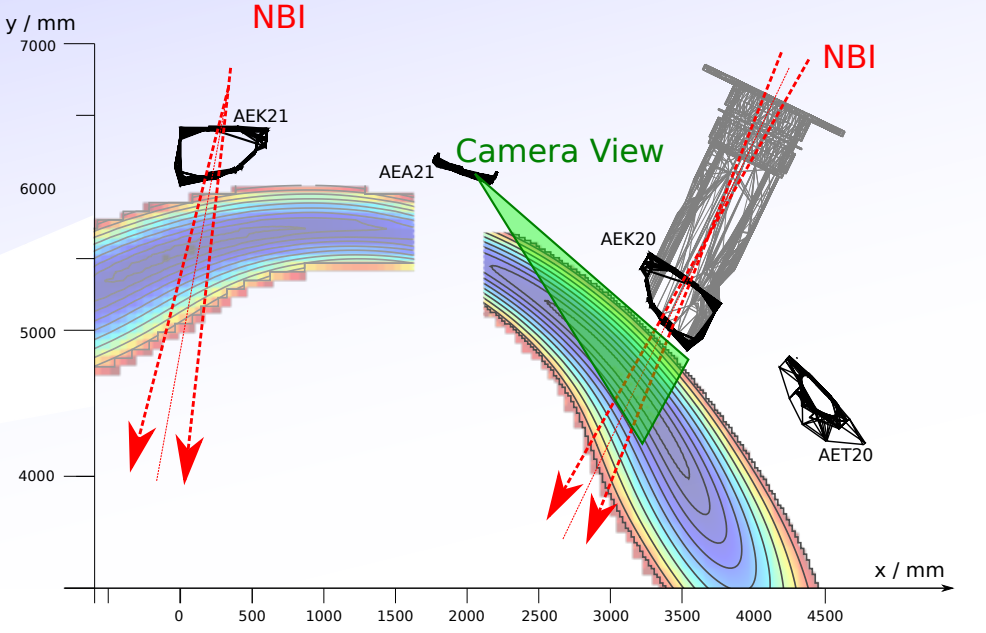
Conclusion: 2D information greatly improves current inference ability, even *excluding* increase in data quantity.

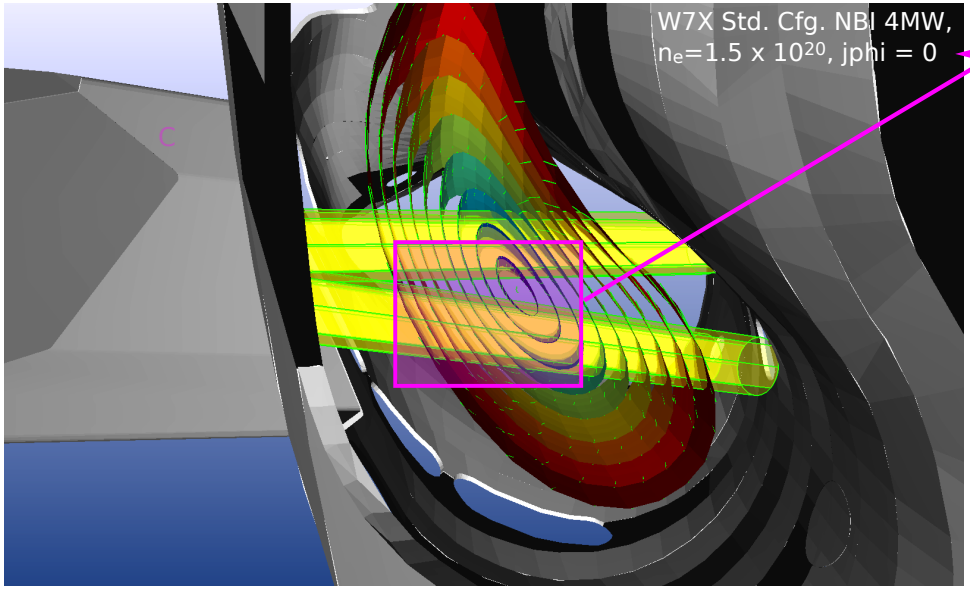
Forward Model (W7X)

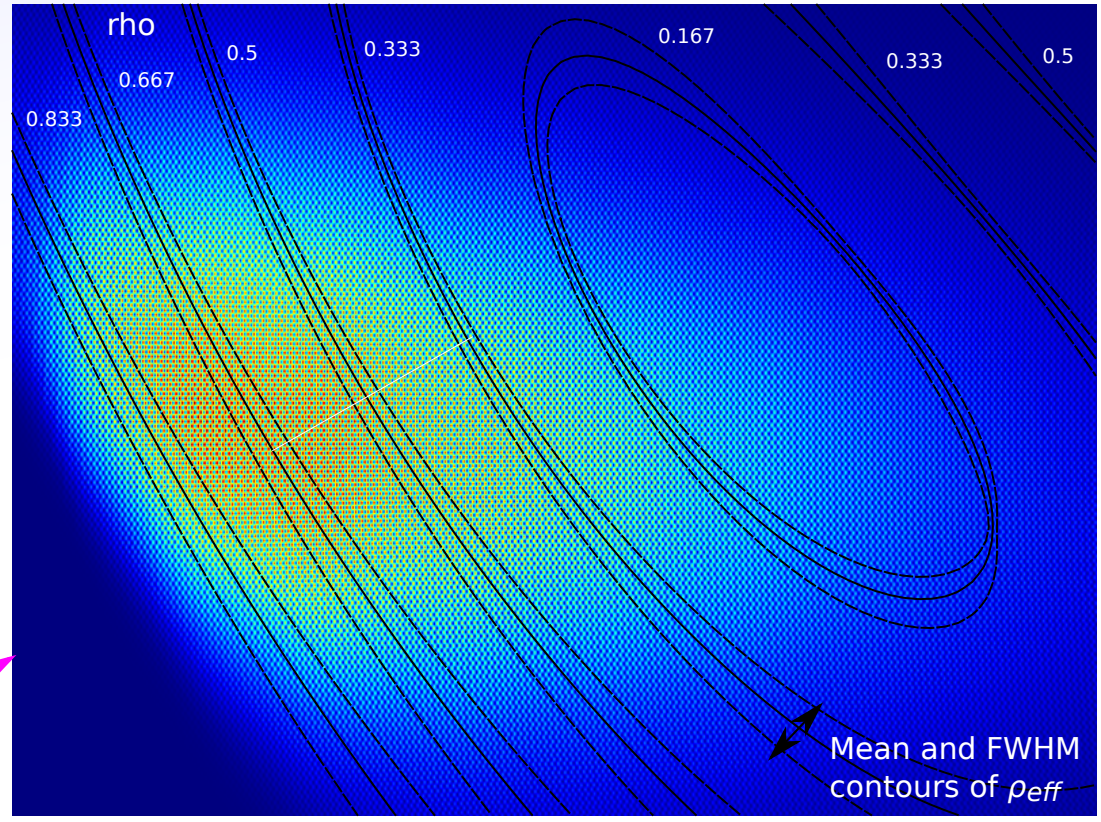


Geometry (W7X)

Best view of NBI to reduce cross-surface integration.
More tangential lower beam gives best Doppler shift --> Better image fringe contrast.



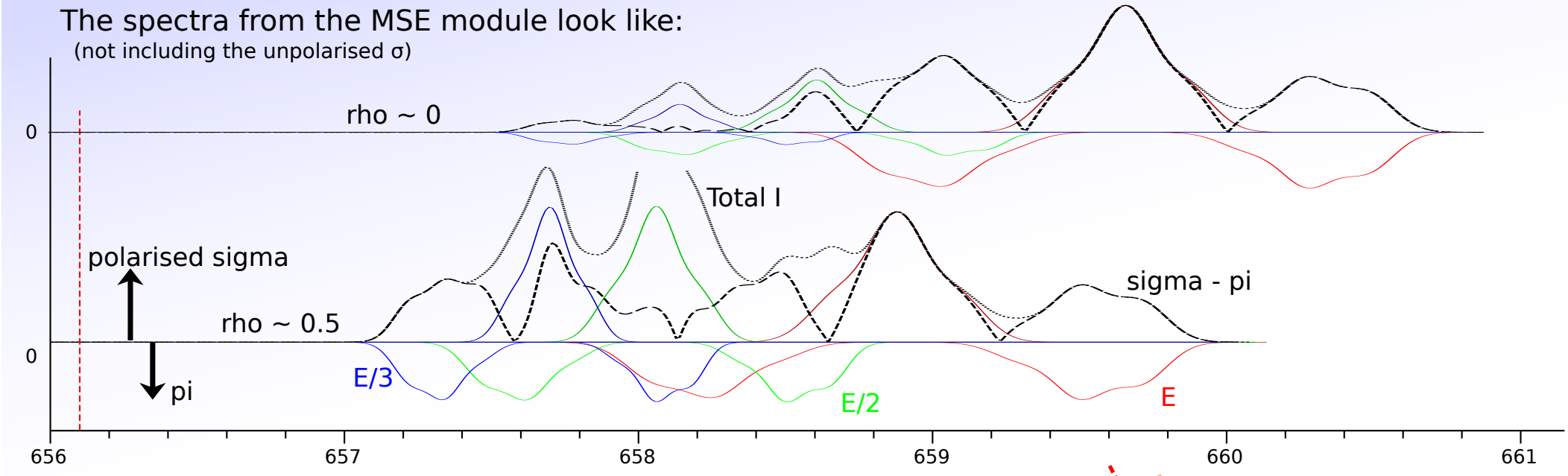


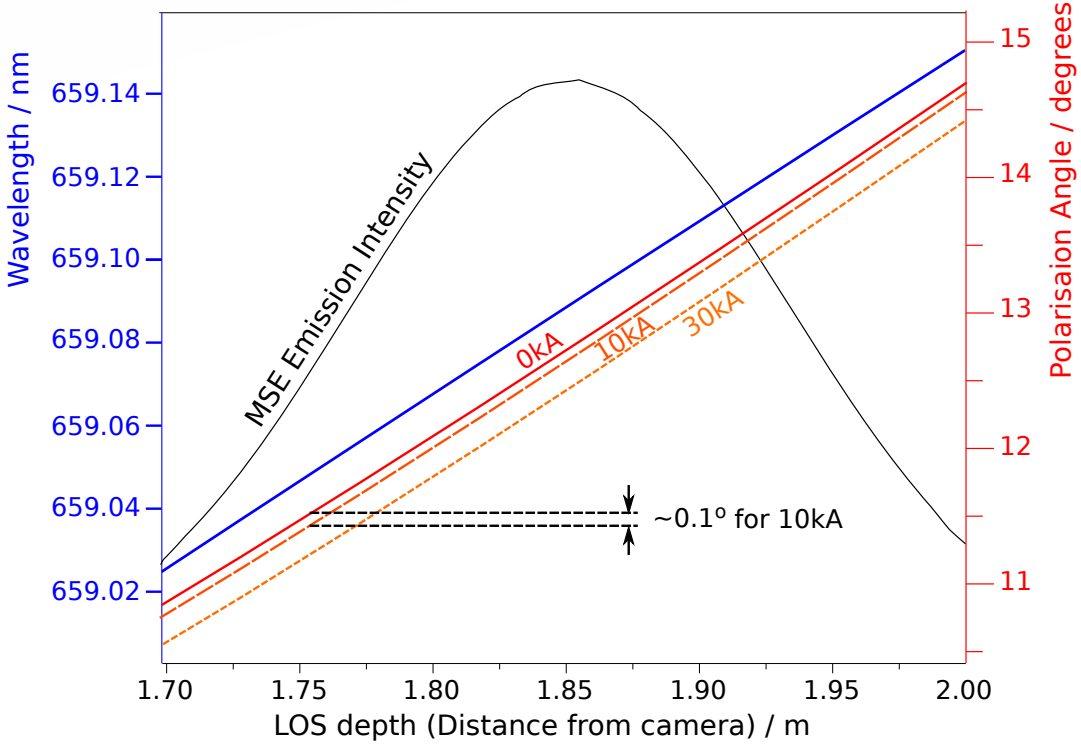


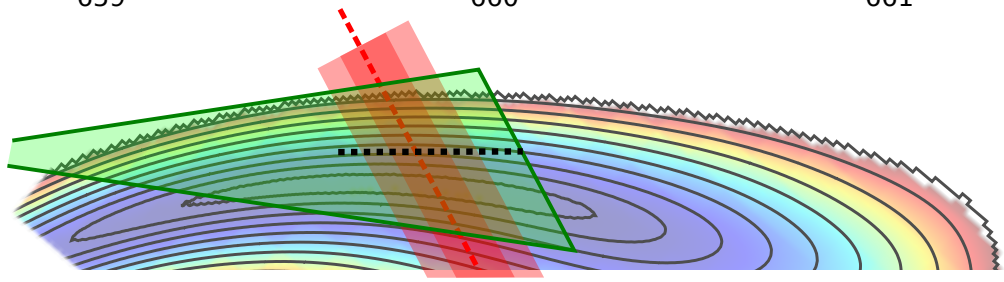
LOS is almost parallel to surfaces
--> Good flux surface resolution.

Geometry (W7X)

The spectra from the MSE module look like:
(not including the unpolarised σ)







For the Tokamak, pitch change is mostly due to cross-surface LOS integration ~0.6°.

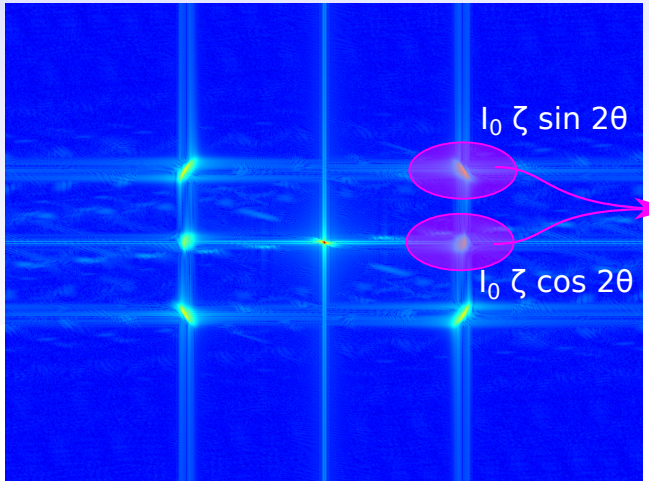
For W7X, pitch changes along ϕ by **>3°.**

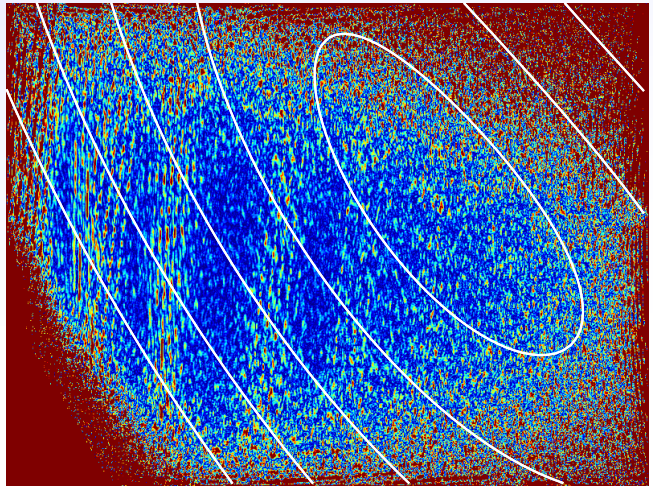
A toroidal current of 10kA will give only ~0.08° change, but is constant.

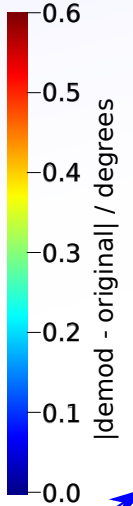
Need to be able to recover the *average* θ.

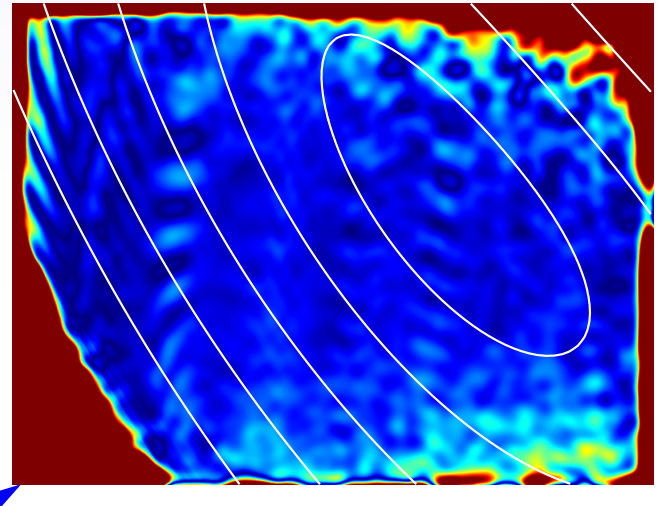
Demodulation (W7X)

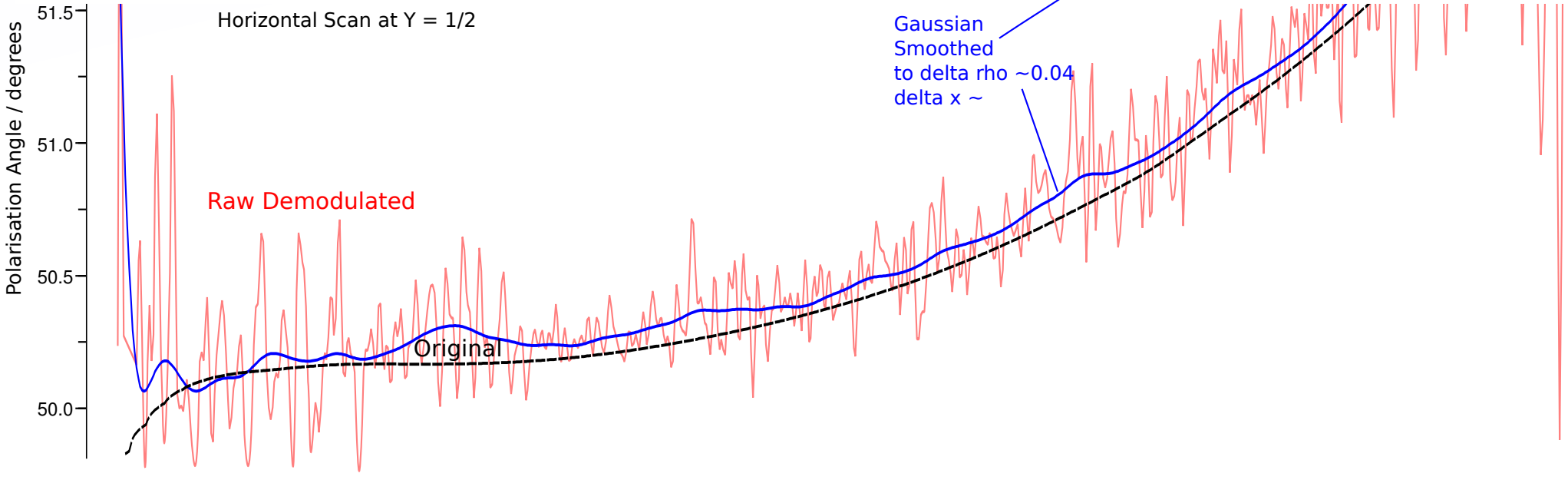
Generated full forward modelled image, add 1% random noise and demodulate:







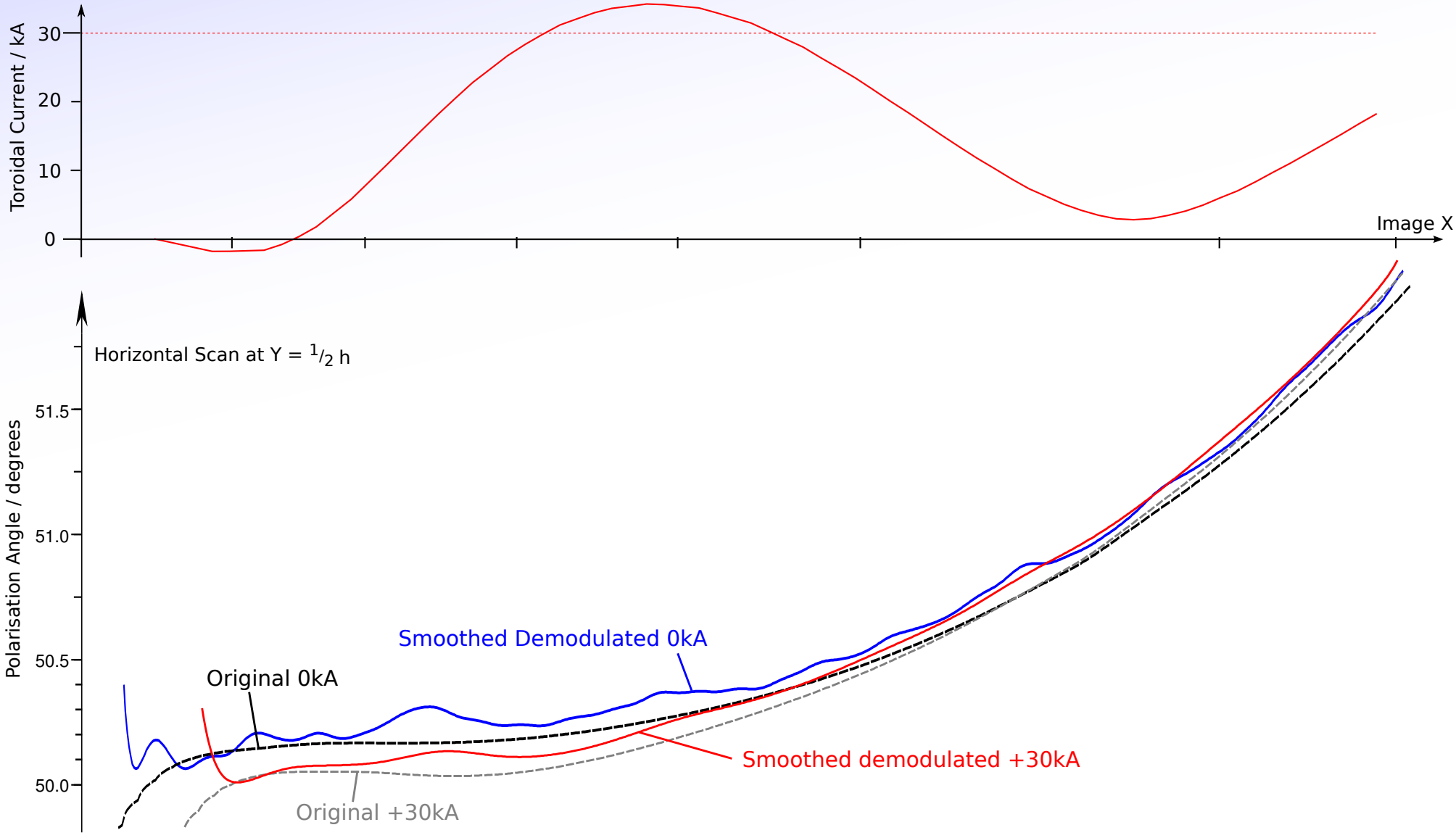




Demodulation not as good as AUG - possibly due to integration of wide range of θ with varying wavelength. Generated image is integration of images but demodulated assuming a single image.

Demodulation Response to jphi (W7X)

Add 30kA peak modification to toroidal current profile:



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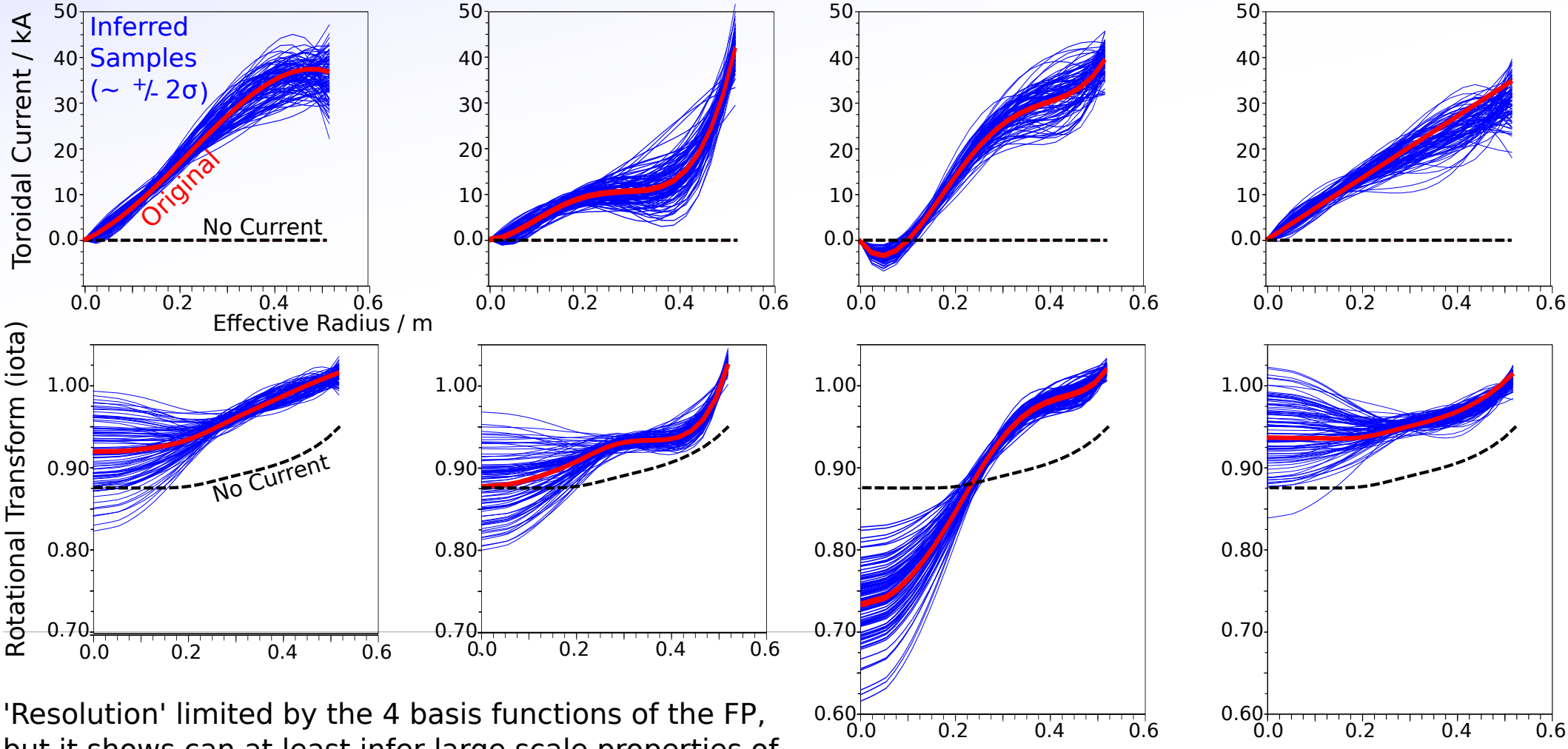
Inference of j_ϕ (W7X)

Can't do the current tomography in 3D (at present).
For a rough idea of the inference capability - use Function Parameterisation in forward model.
Assume fixed/known pressure and coil currents and invert 40x30 polarisation angle map to j_ϕ, assuming we can reconstruct to $^+/_-$ 0.14º.



'Resolution' limited by the 4 basis functions of the FP, but it shows can at least infer large scale properties of the bootstrap current profile.
Including other magnetic diagnostics should make it even better.

Summary

- Developed detailed modular forward models for AUG + W7X magnetics, Neutral Beams, MSE and IMSE camera systems.

- Full modelling of the IMSE system under development for ASDEX Upgrade and its capability to infer pitch angle.

- Assesment of ability to directly calculate current in Axisymmetric systems from 2D IMSE measurements.

- Simulated Bayesian inference of plasma current from IMSE in ASDEX, without the assumptions associated with equilibrium codes, shows a significant improvement over equivalent 1D measurements.
  - It is relatively easy to also include equilibrium (axisym, isotropic, flow-free) within the Bayesian analysis.

- Modelling of IMSE system for W7X and initial assesment of local average polarisation/pitch angle measurement.

- Assesment of inference of broad information about induced plasma currents in W7X.

Geometry (W7X)

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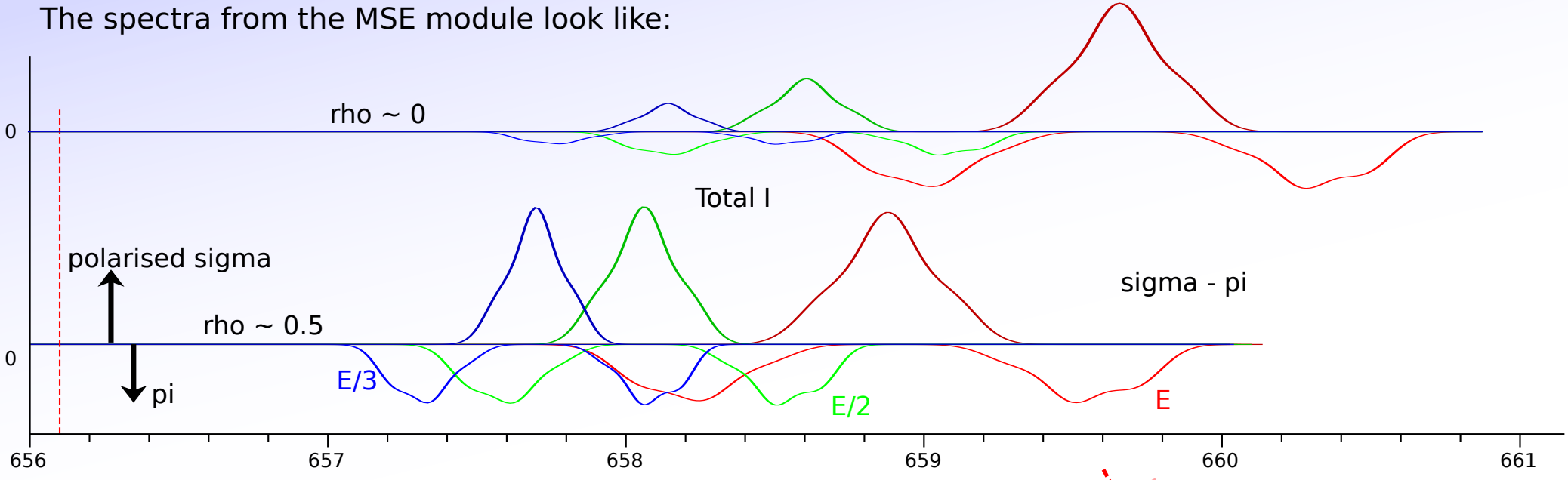

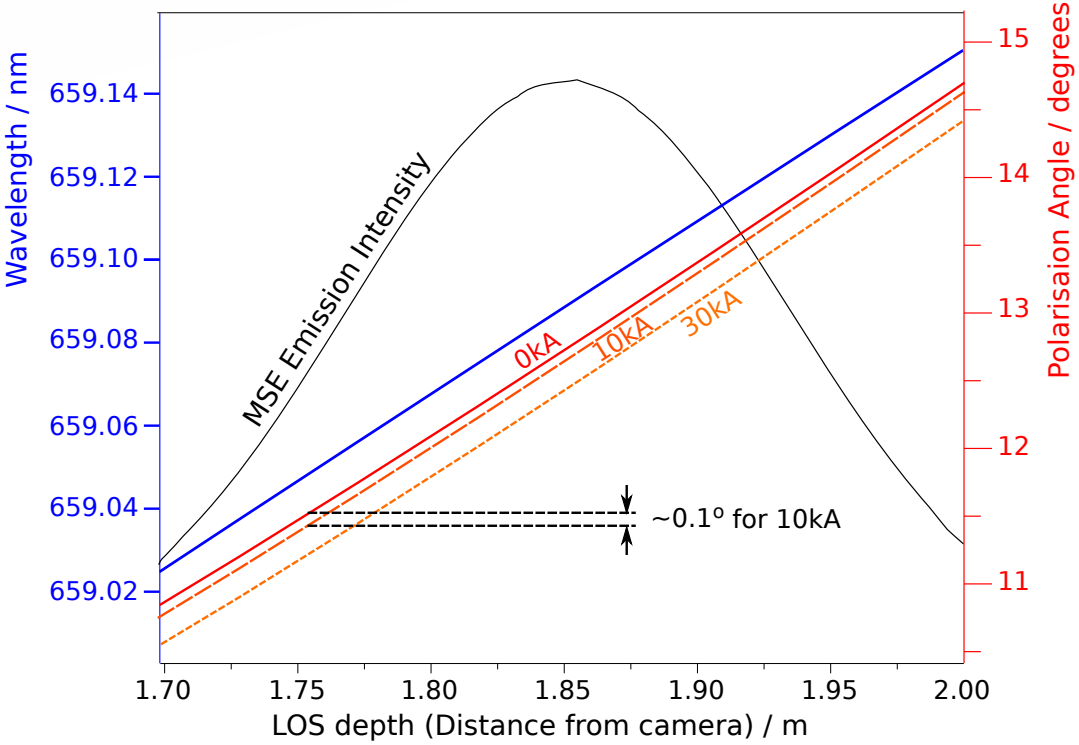

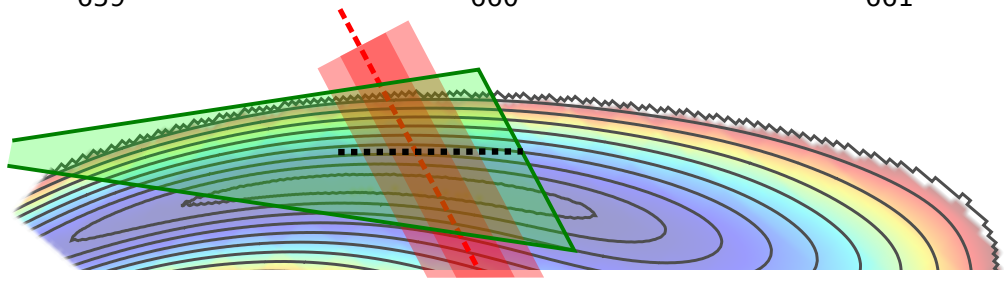

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Geometry (W7X)

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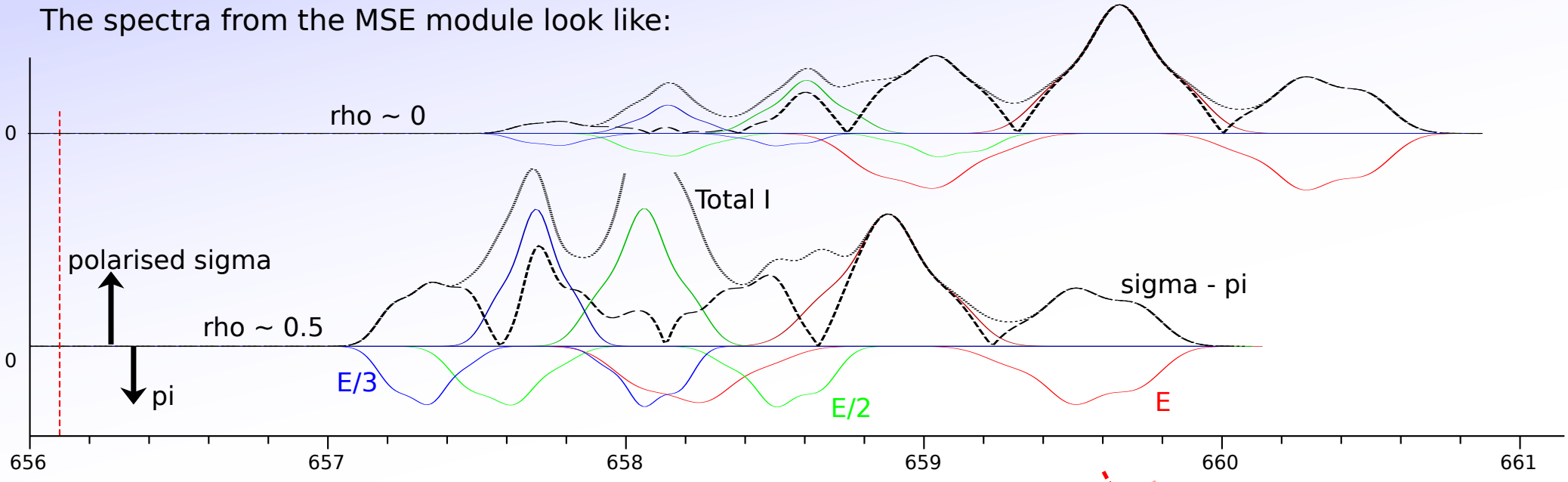

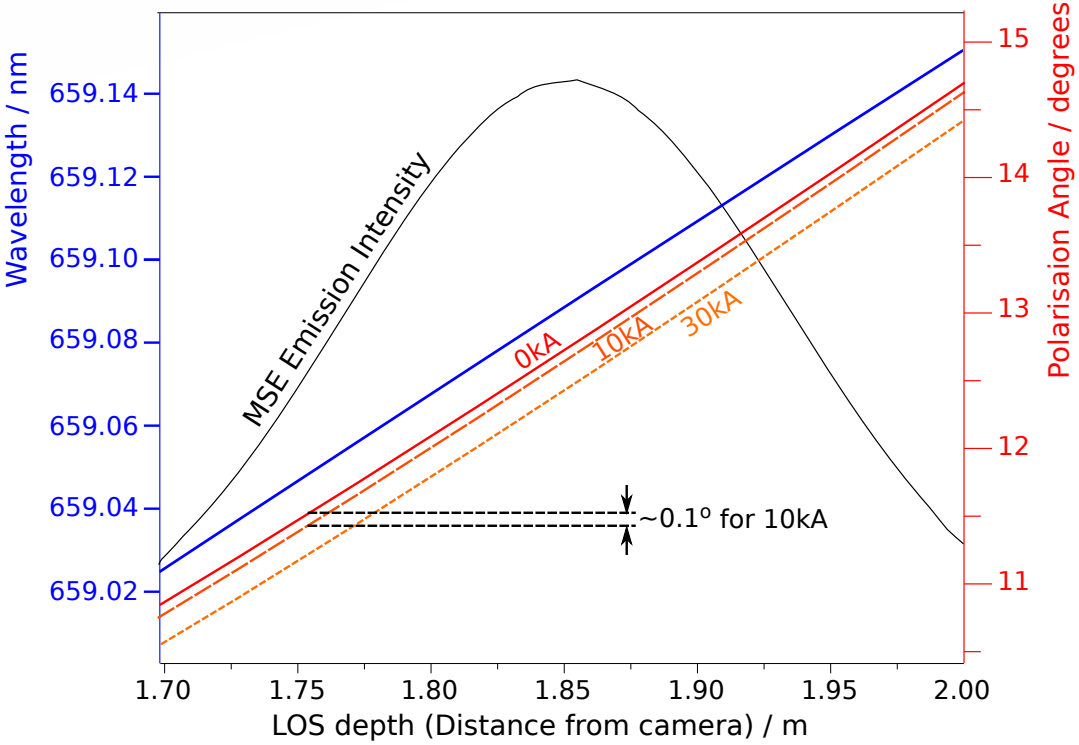

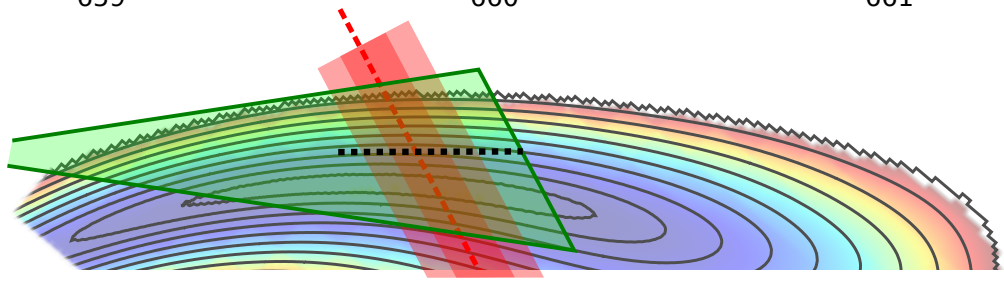

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