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SOLPS-ITER Simulation Study for Power Exhaust in JA-DEMO Divertor

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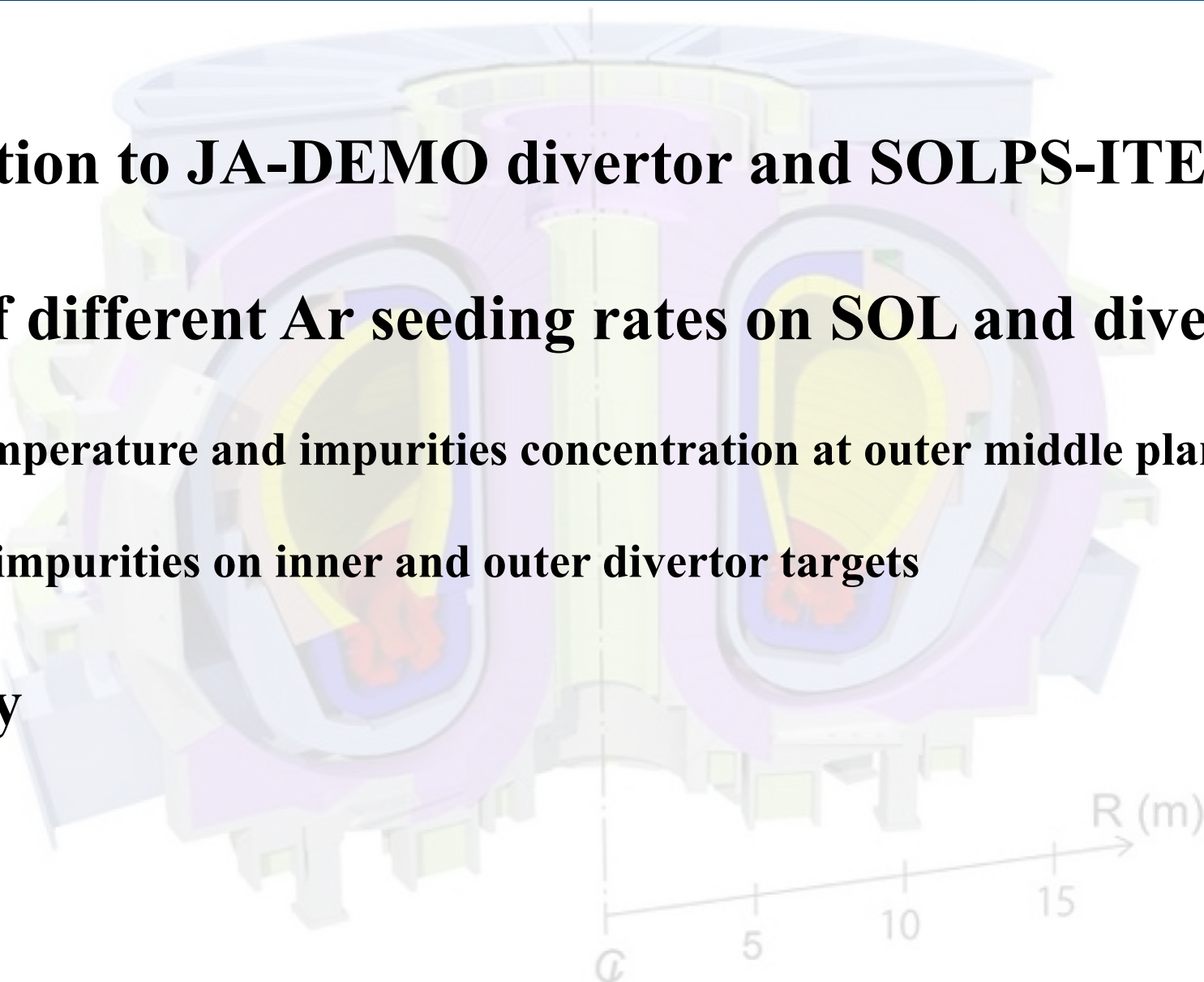
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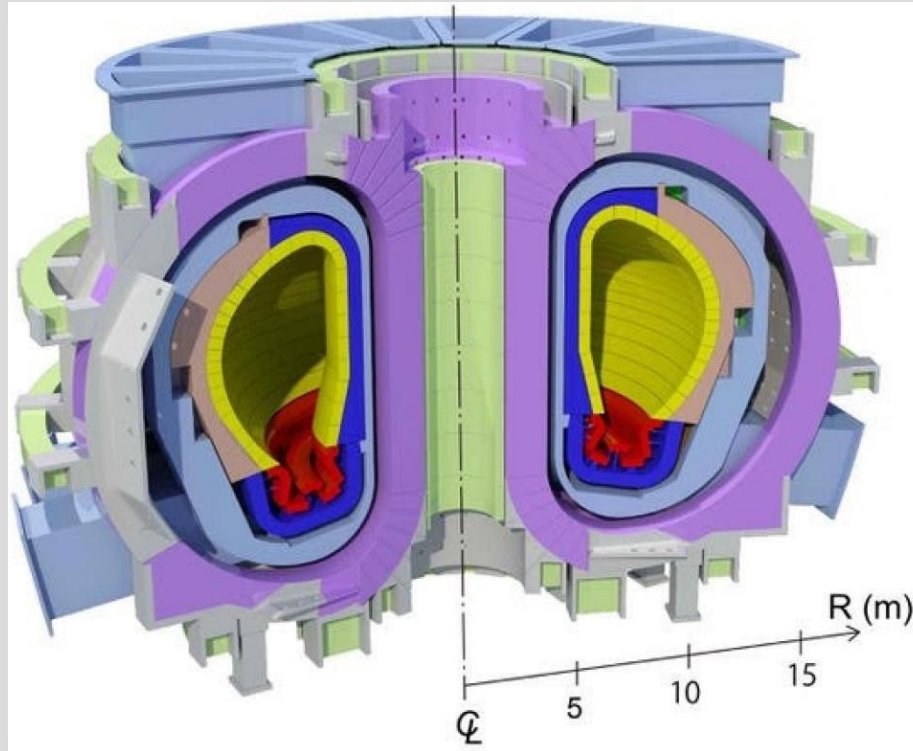
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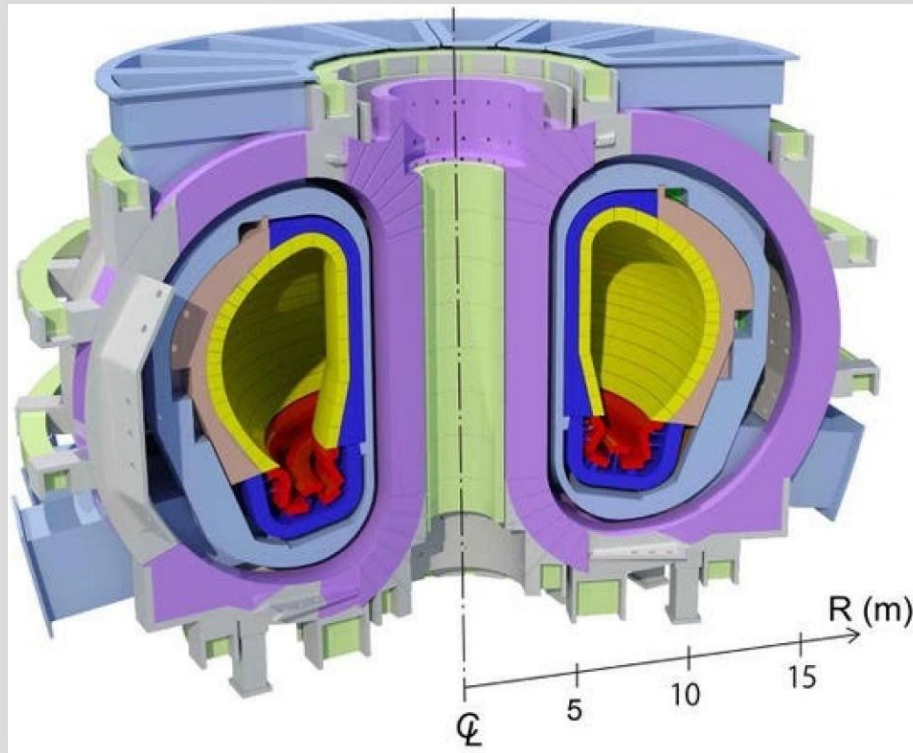


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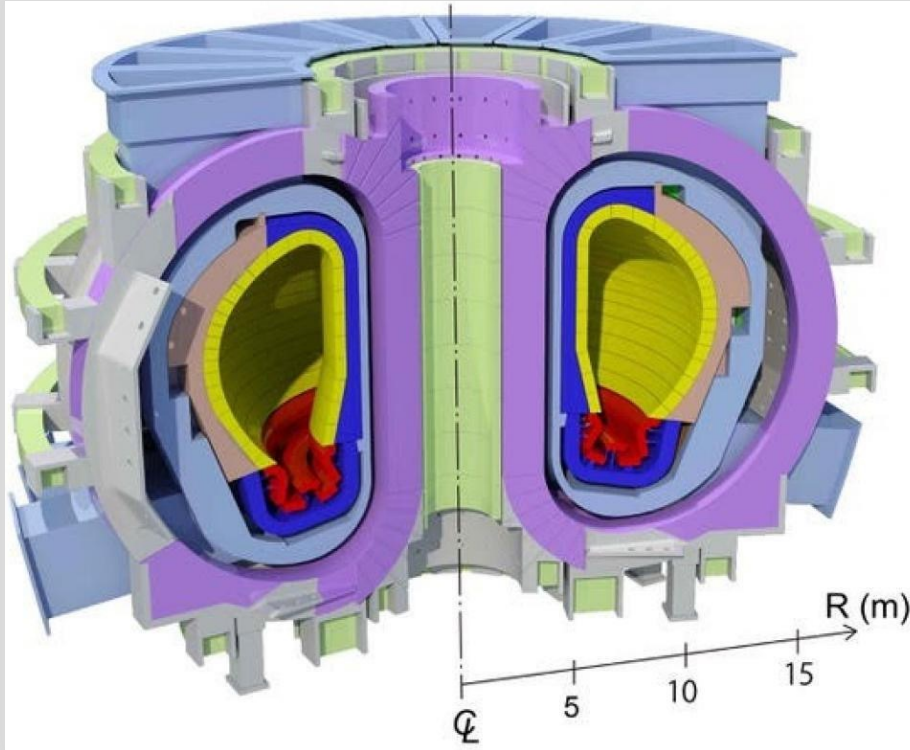
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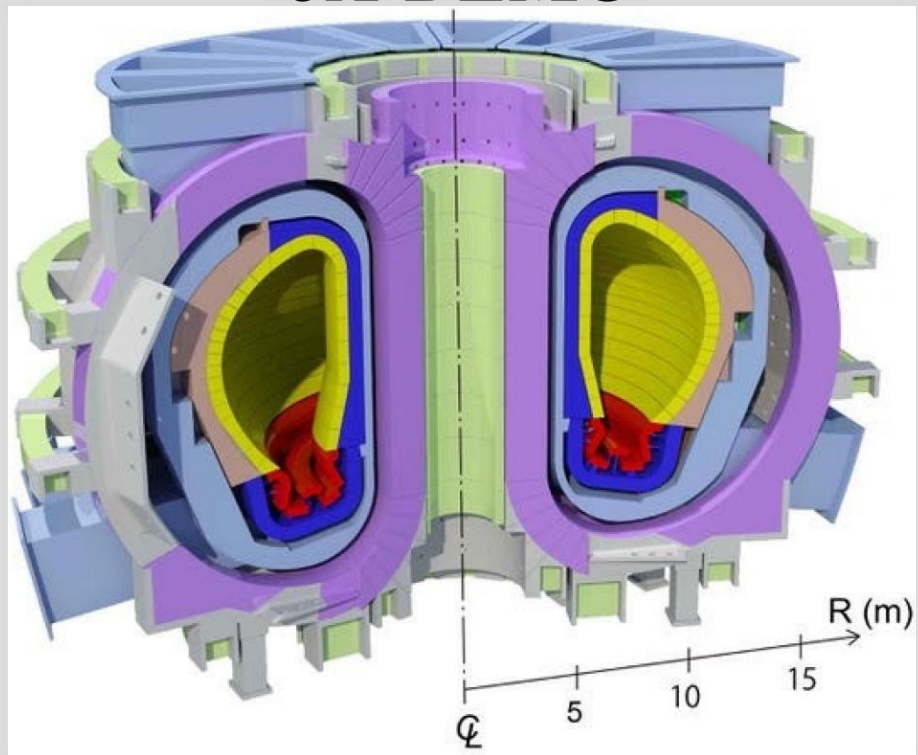
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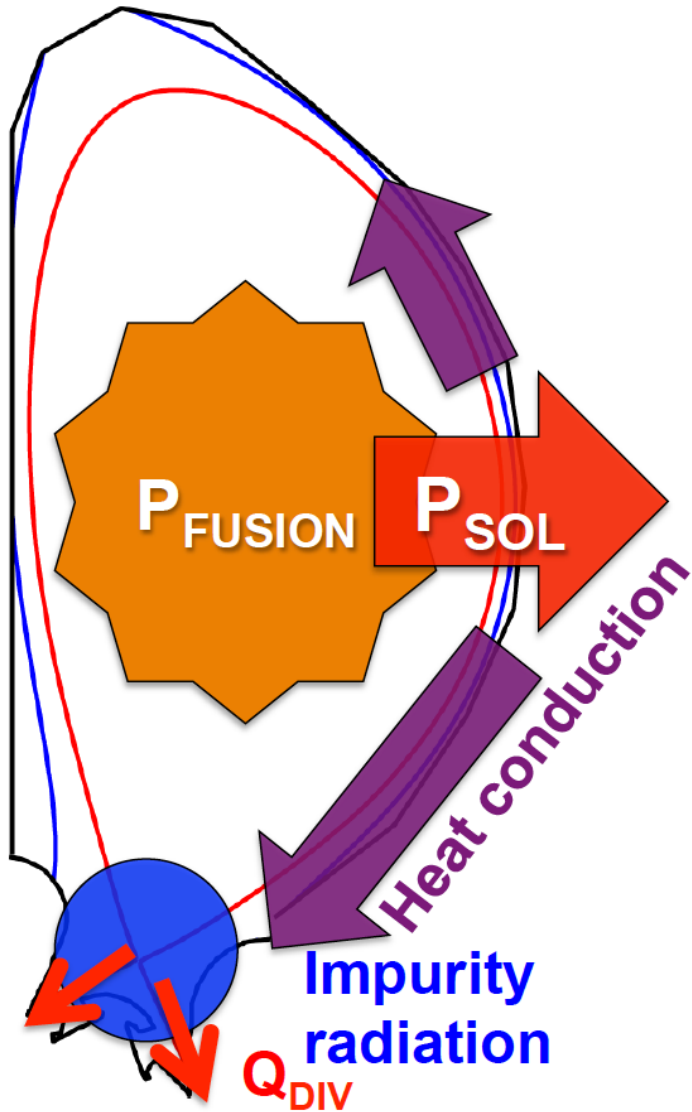
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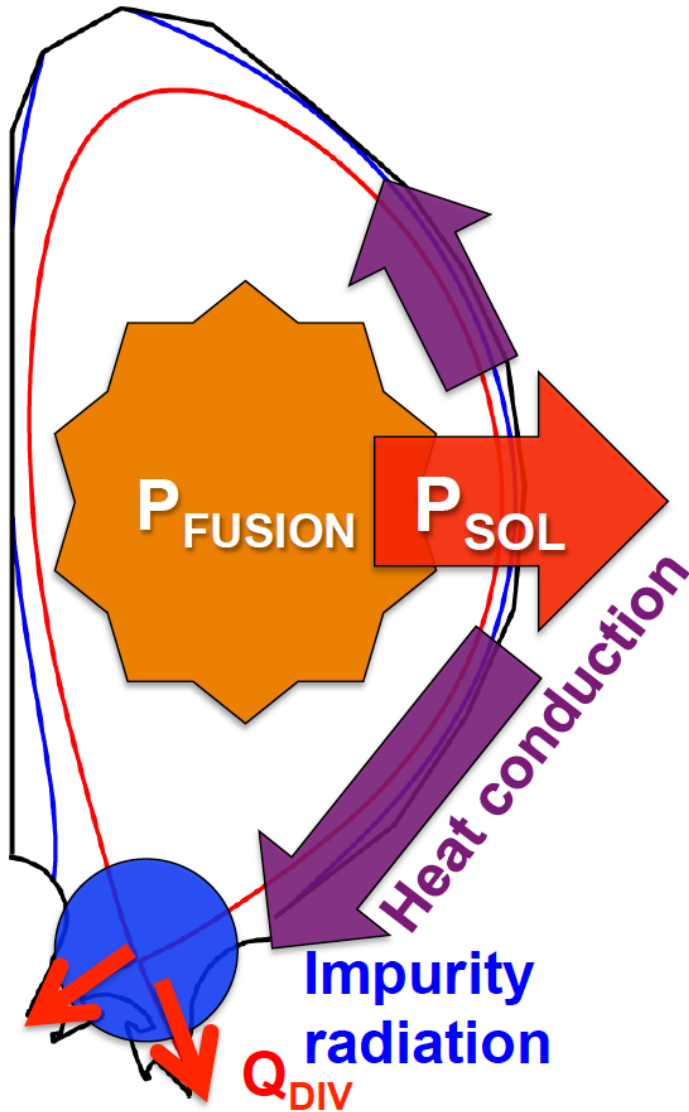
Power exhaust solutions for JA-DEMO divertor must meet the requirements beyond that of ITER. \Rightarrow A Huge Challenge! 😞

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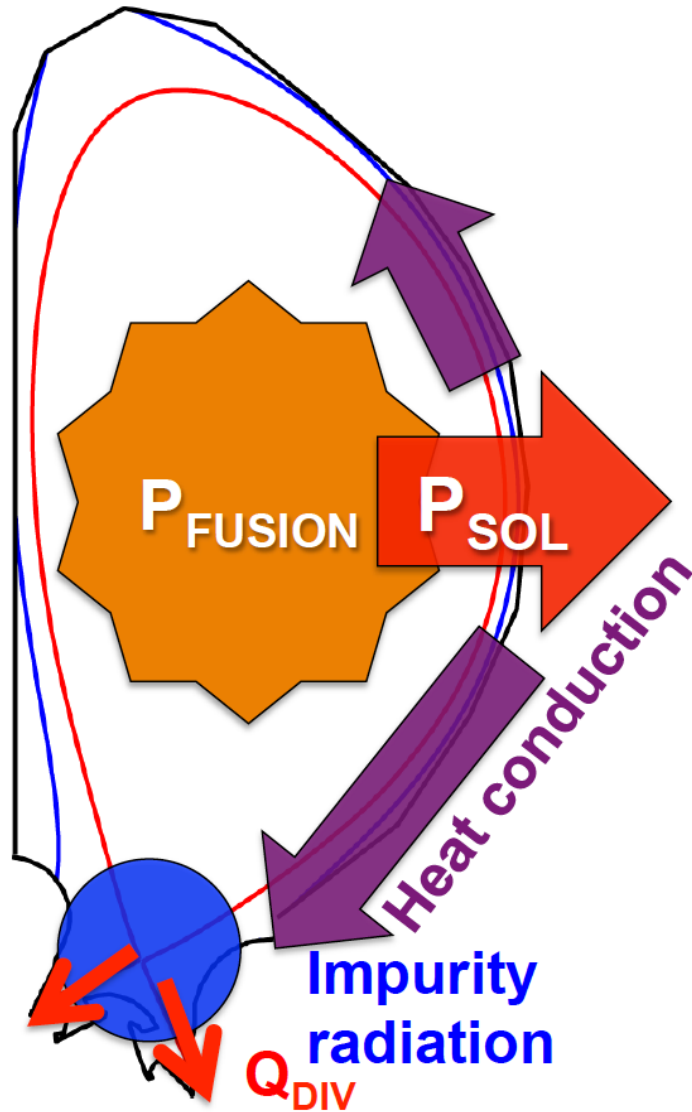


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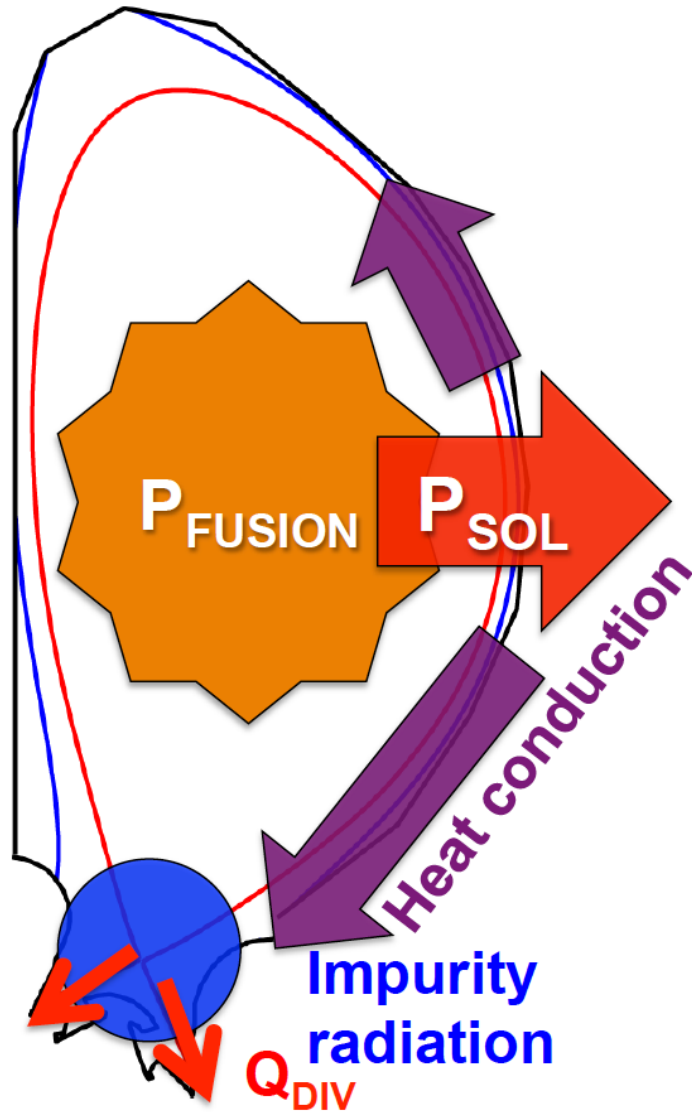
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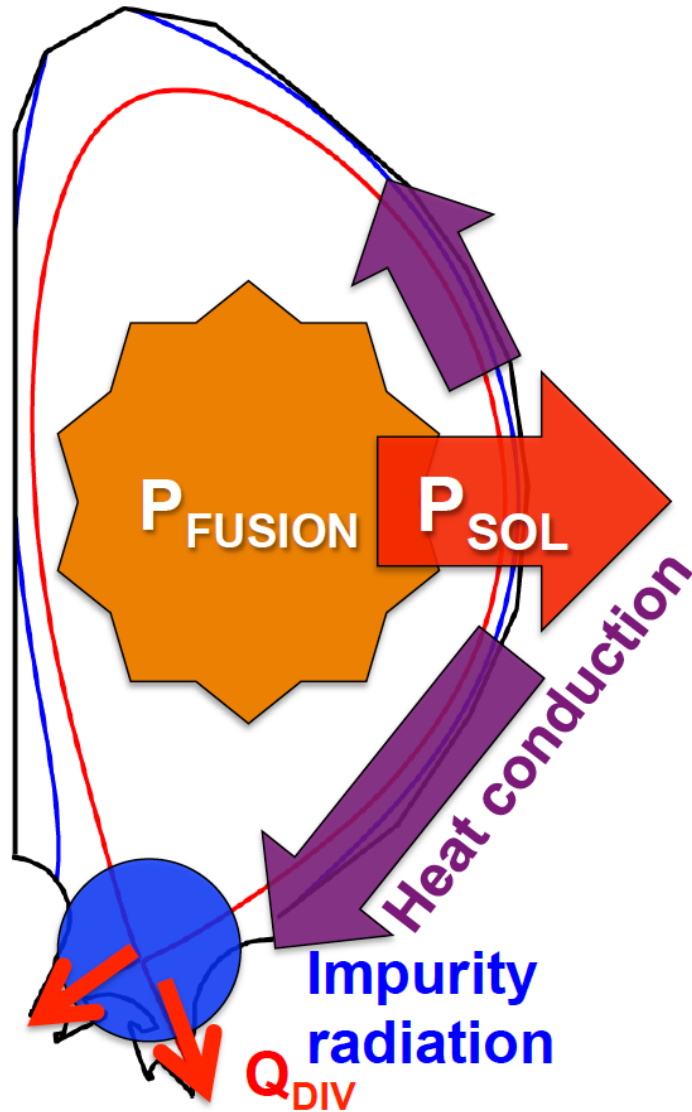
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**Impurity control
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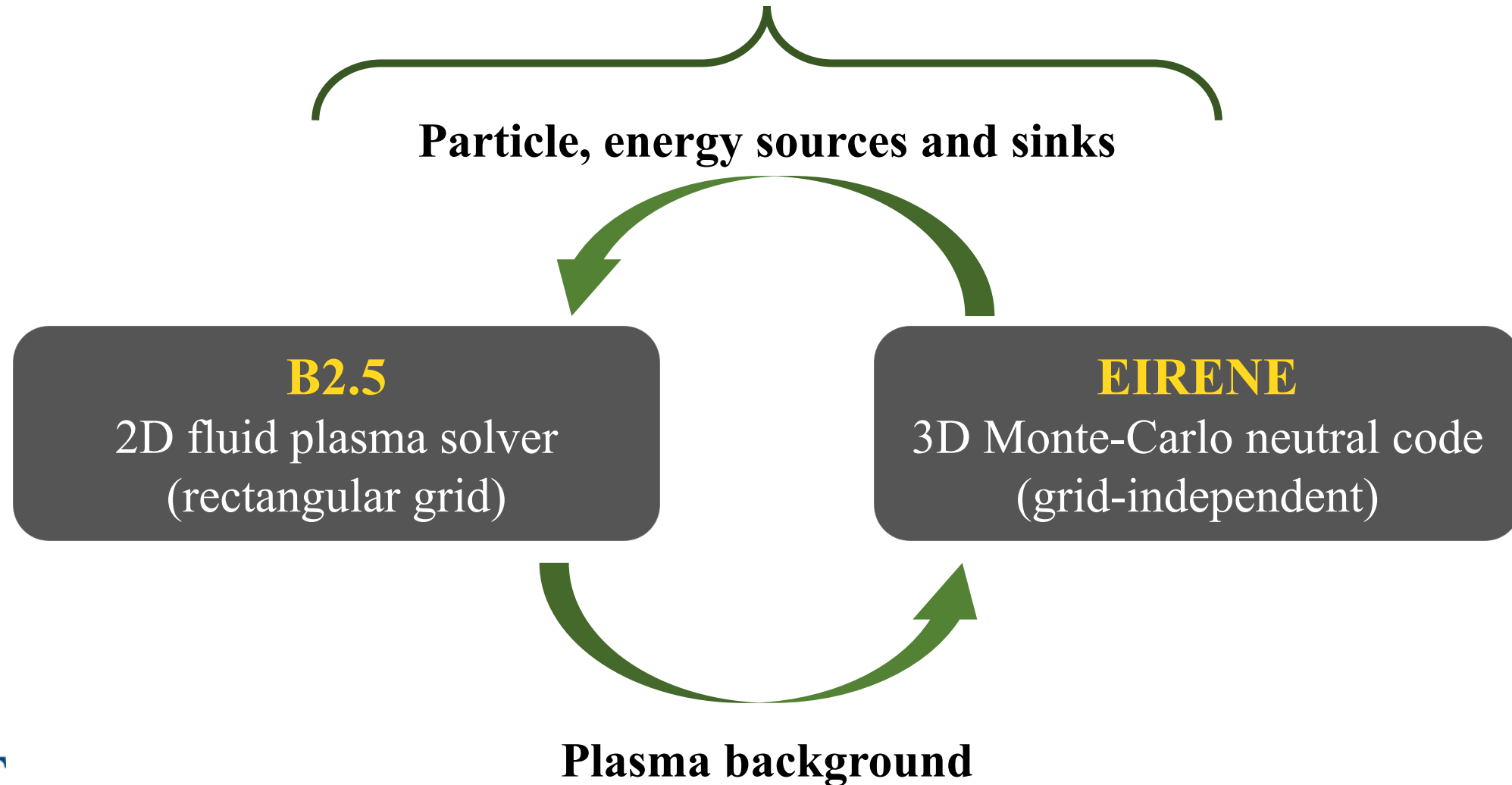
2D fluid plasma solver
(rectangular grid)

EIRENE

3D Monte-Carlo neutral code
(grid-independent)

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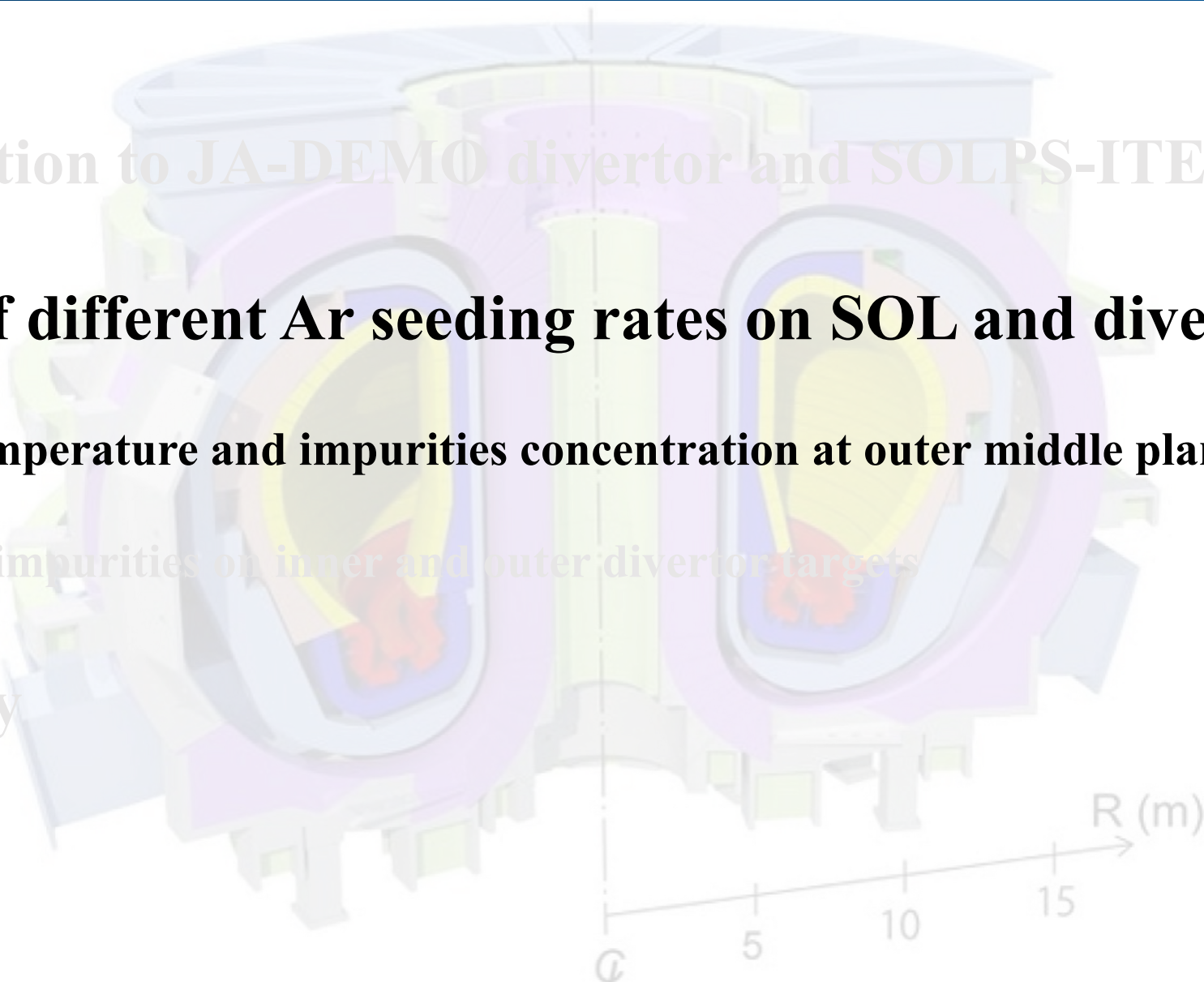
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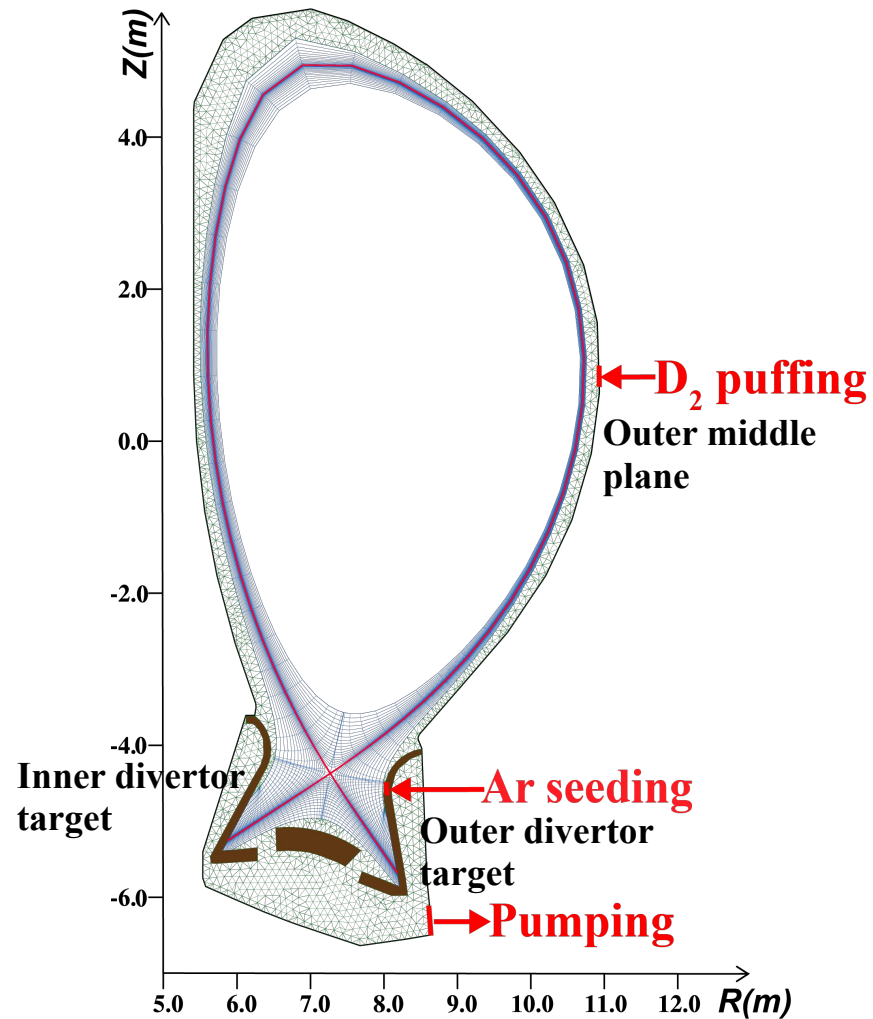
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B2	SOLPS4.0	SOLPS4.2	SOLPS4.3 (ITER divertor design)
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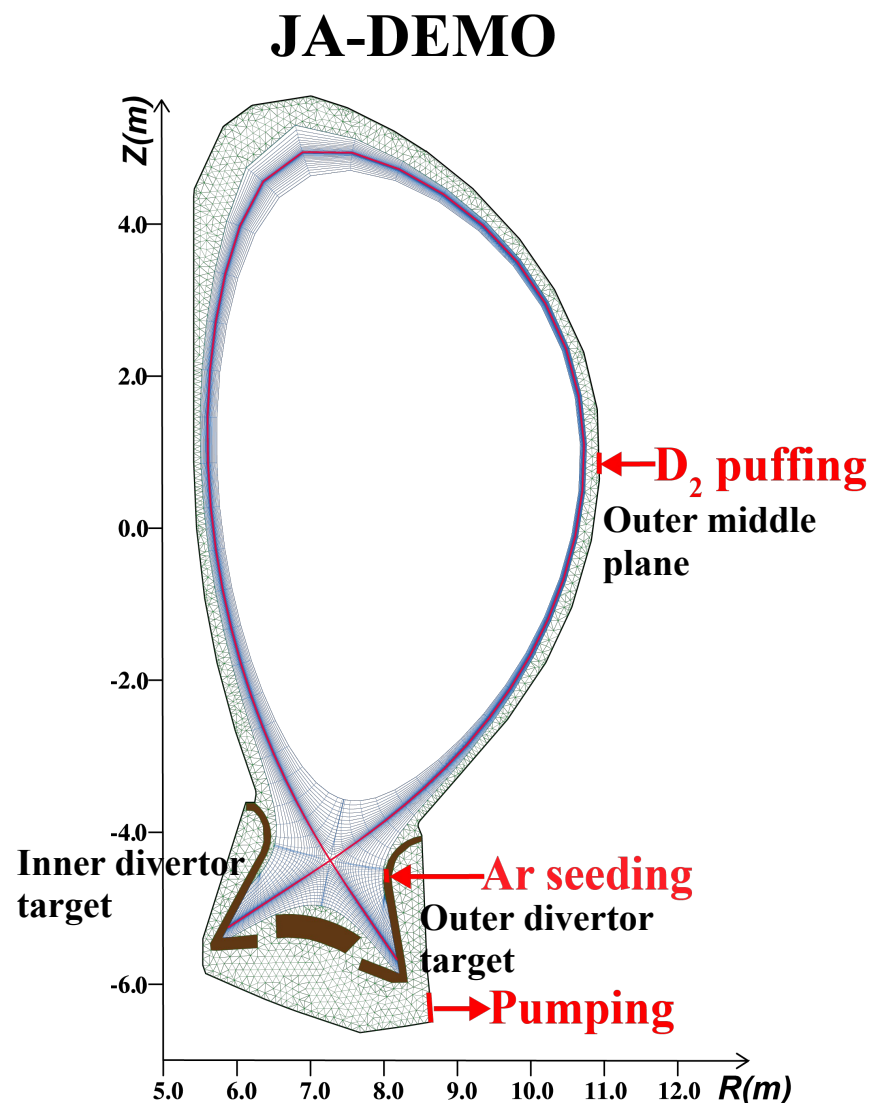
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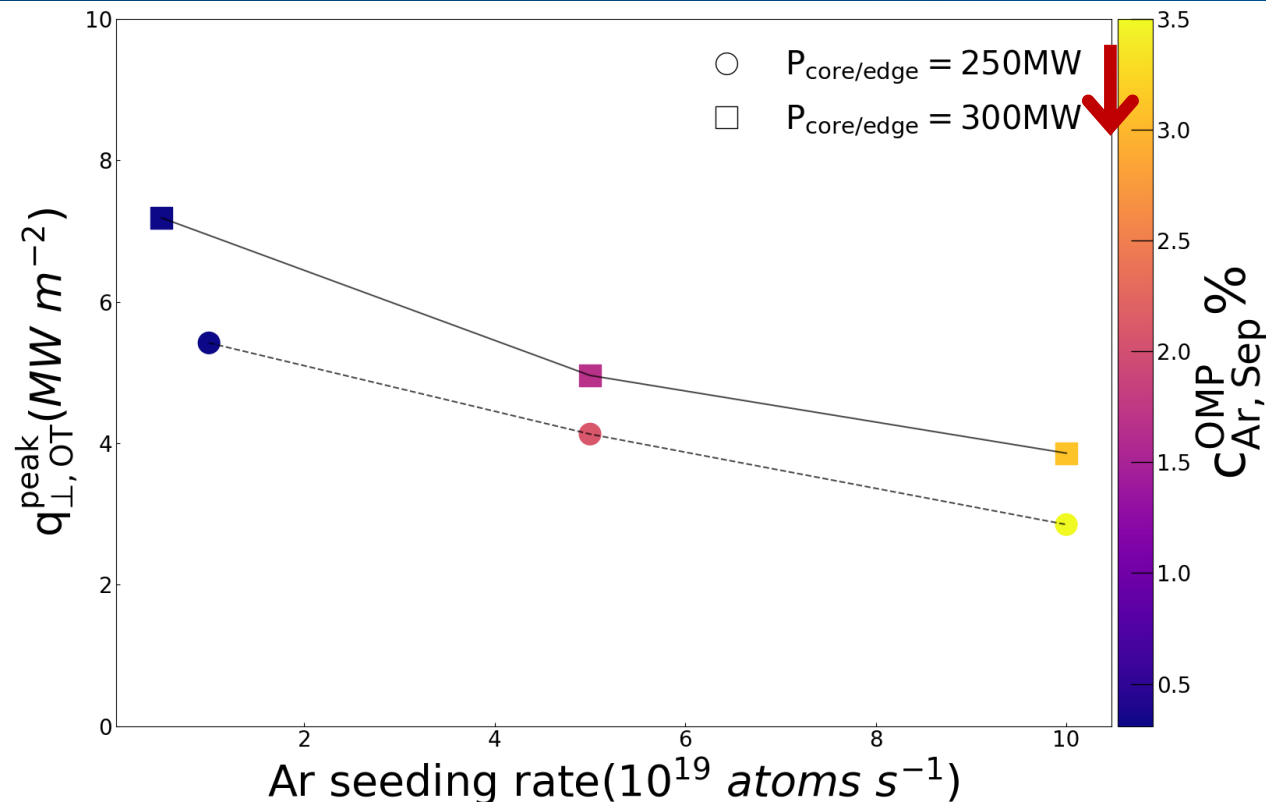


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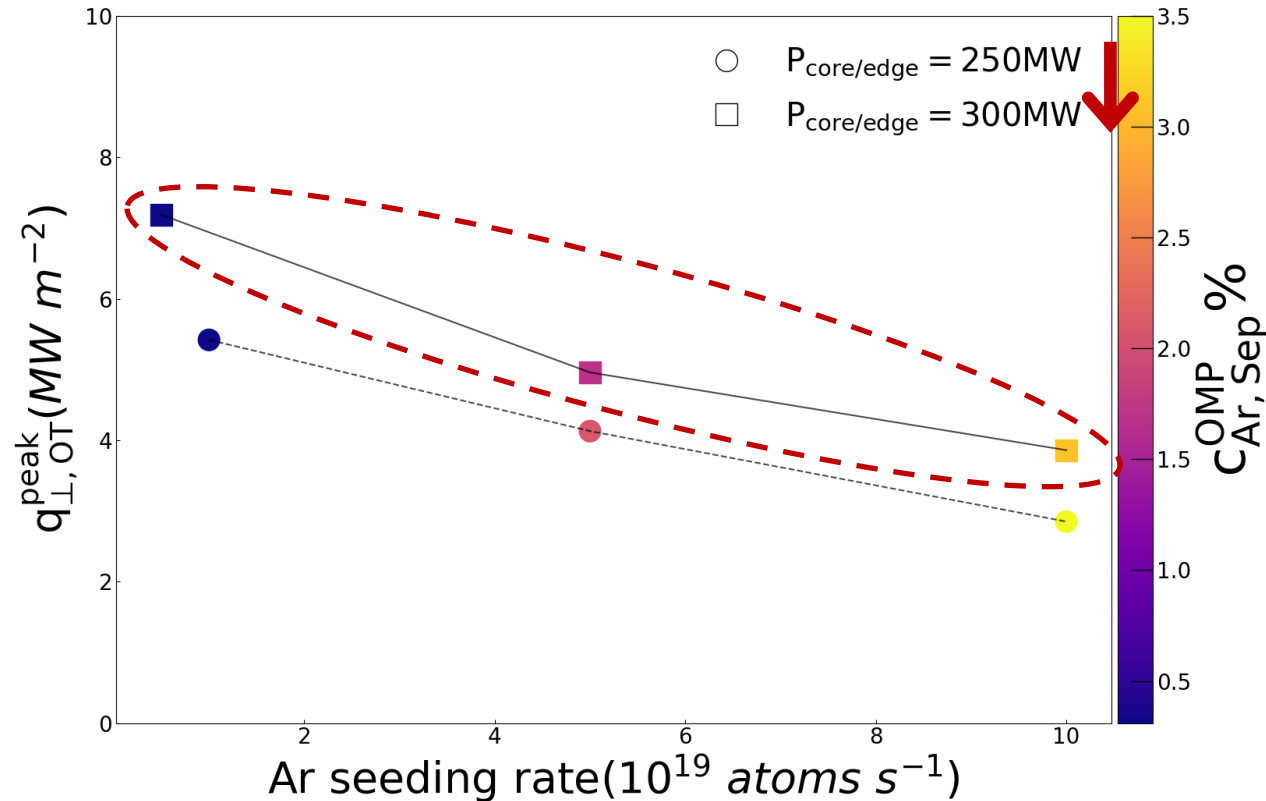
- $P_{\text{core/edge}} = 250$ and 300 MW
- Plasma species: D, He and Ar
- D_2 puffing rate = 7.0×10^{22} atoms/s
- Ar seeding rate = 1.0×10^{19} , 5.0×10^{19} and 1.0×10^{20} atoms/s
- Recycling coefficient at the pumping surface = 0.99
- $D = 0.3 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$, $X_e = X_i = 1.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$
- Without drift model

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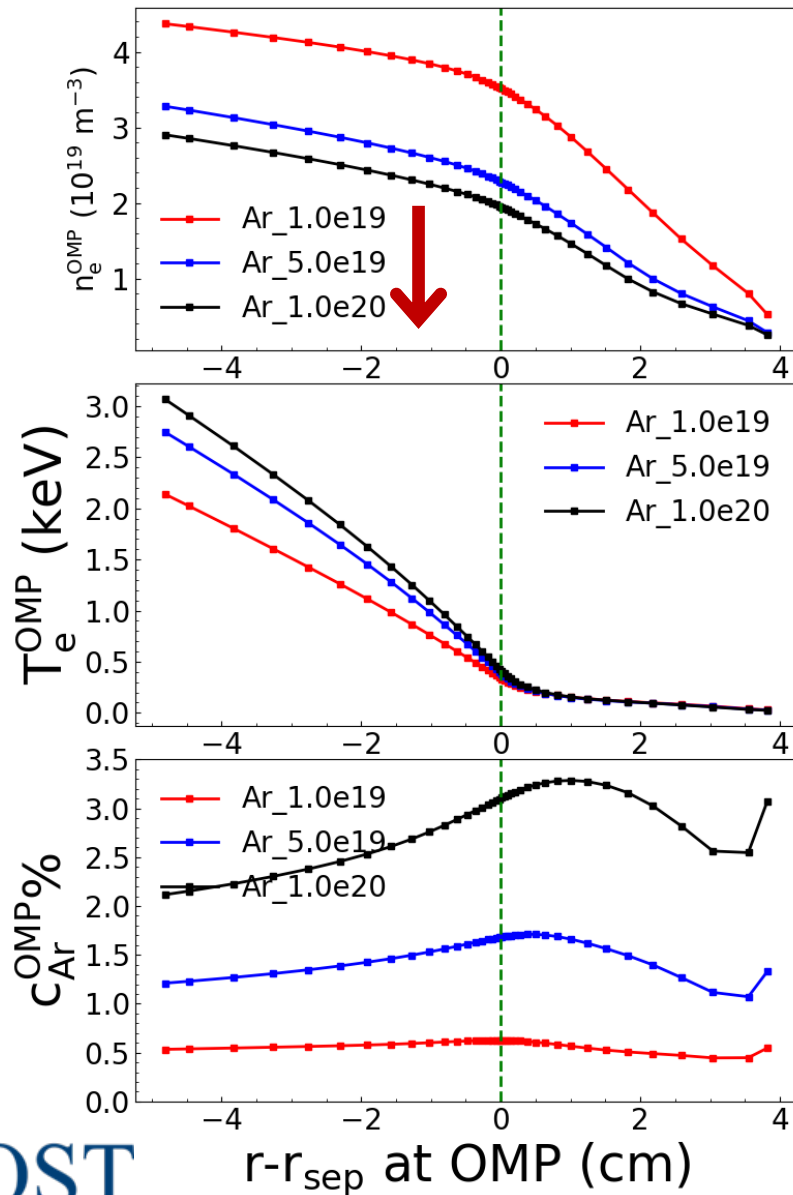
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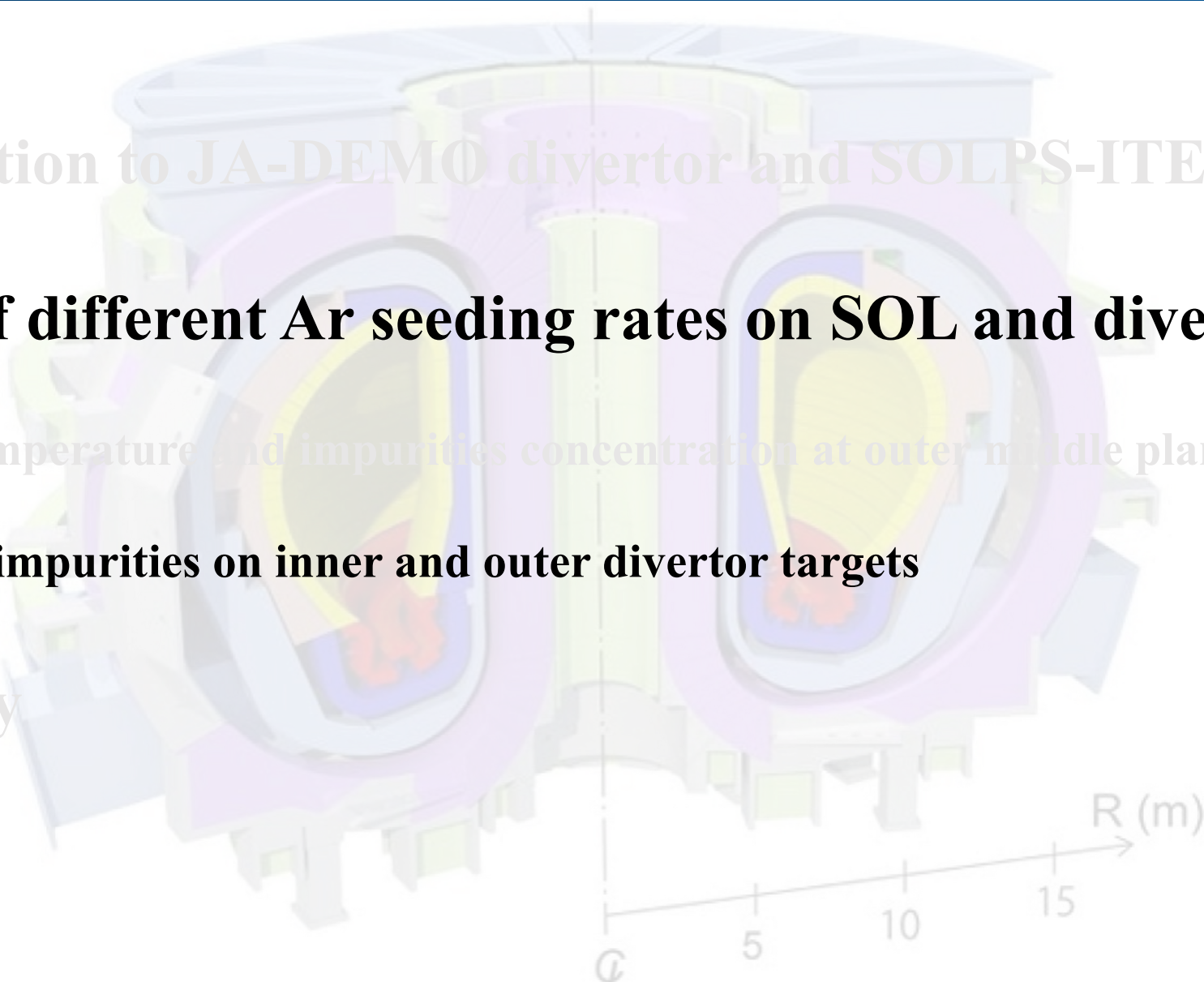
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Upstream profiles of **electron density**, **electron temperature**, **He/Ar ions concentration**, **He/Ar ion density** at the outer mid-plane for cases with different Ar seeding rates ($P_{core/edge} = 300\text{MW}$)

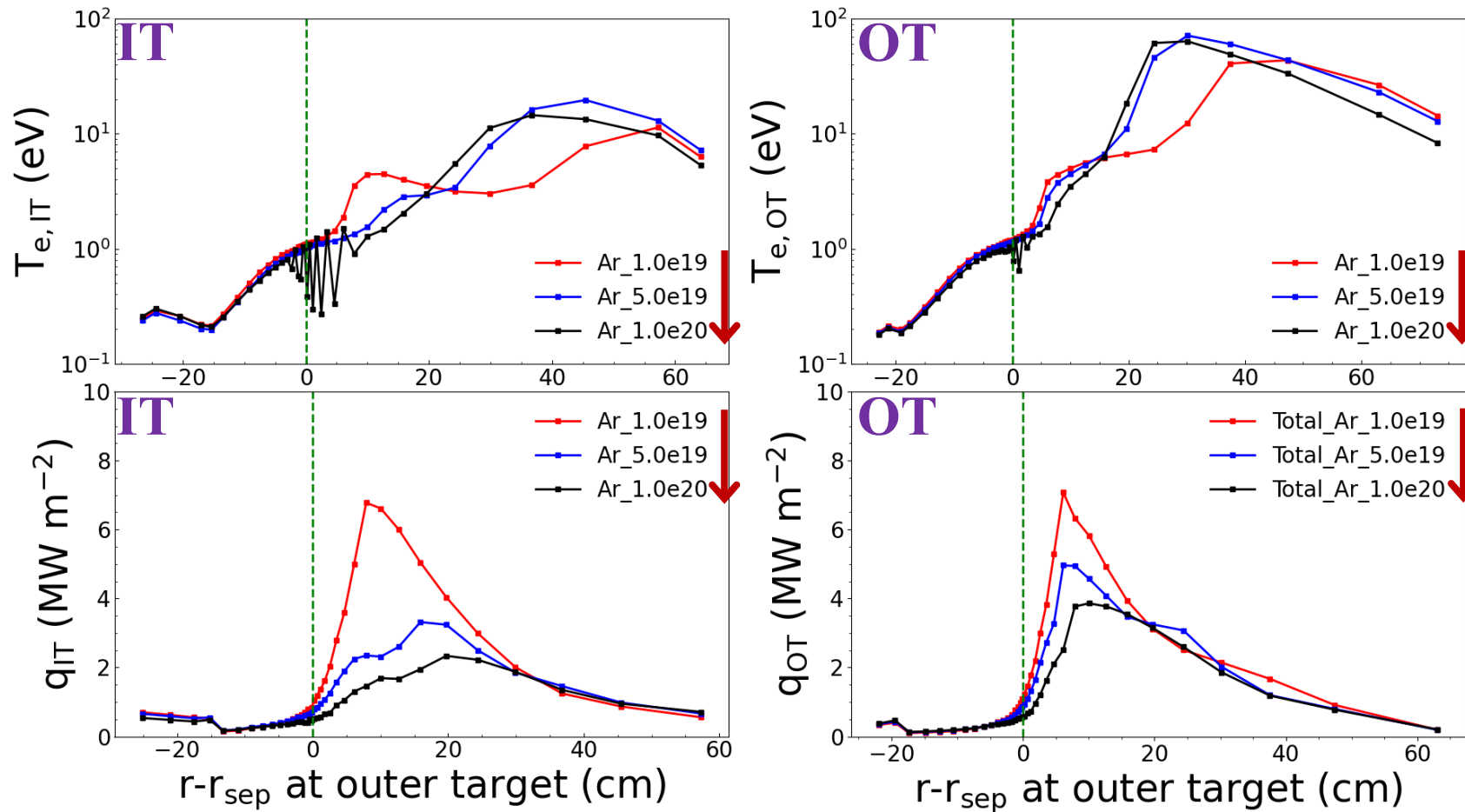


- ✓ As Ar seeding rate is increased, the separatrix electron density at outer middle plane is reduced.
- ✓ Owing to more and more Ar seeded from outer divertor region, Ar ion density at outer middle plane is also increased.

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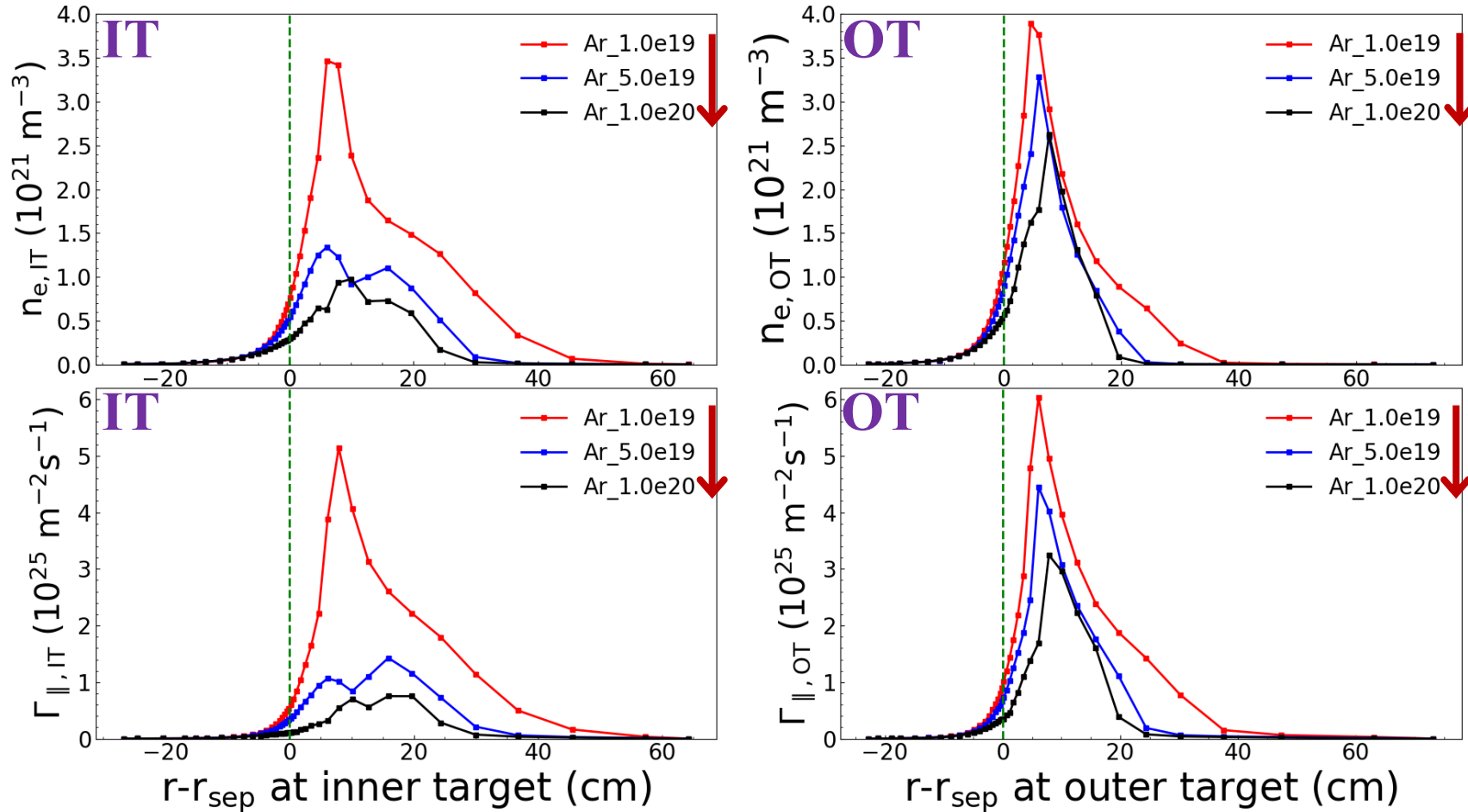
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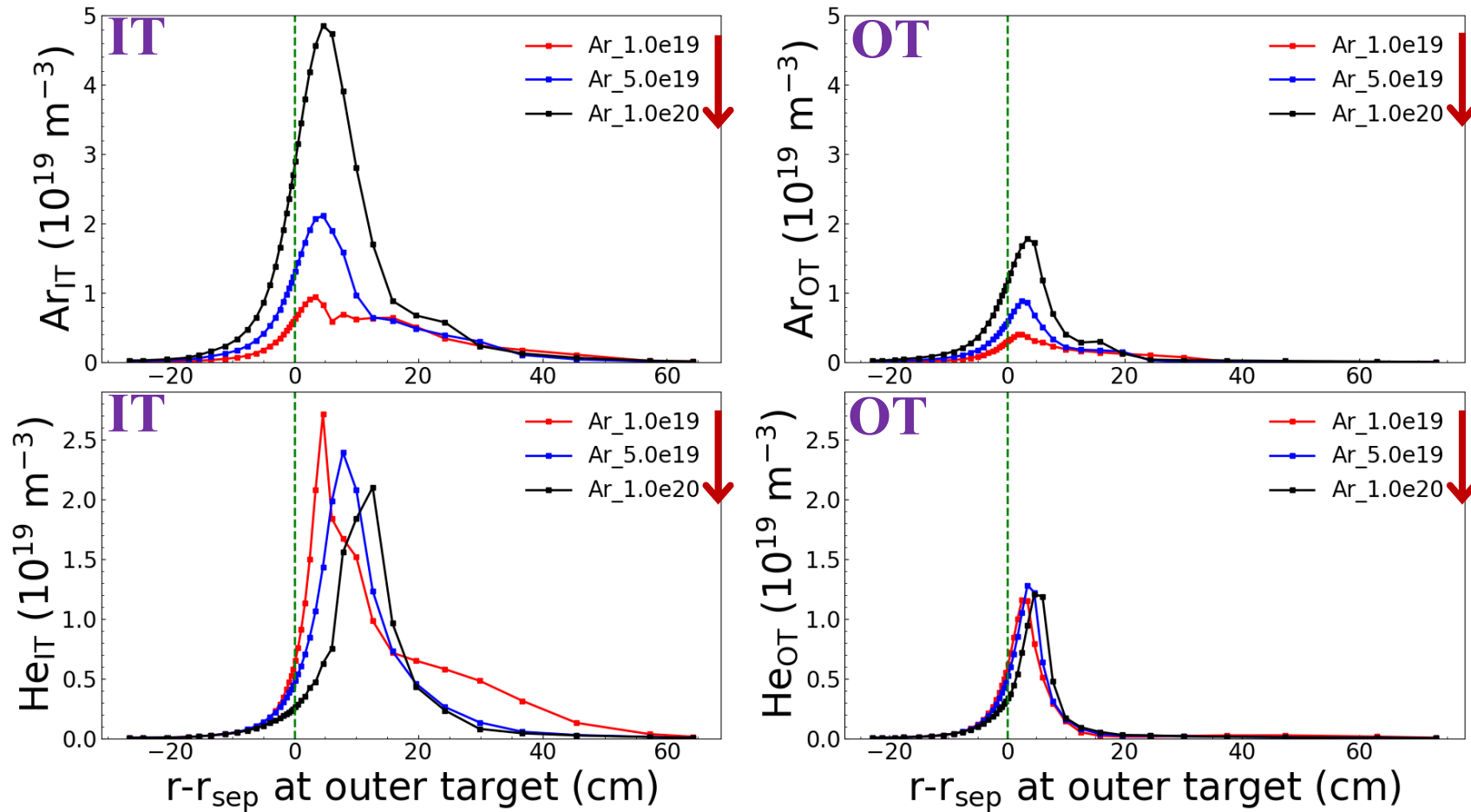
✓ As Ar seeding rate is increased from 1.0×10^{19} atom/s to 1.0×10^{20} atom/s with increasing divertor radiation, the peak heat load at inner and outer divertor target are reduced separately.

Electron density and parallel particle flux density on the inner and outer divertor targets for cases with different Ar seeding rates ($P_{core/edge} = 300\text{MW}$)



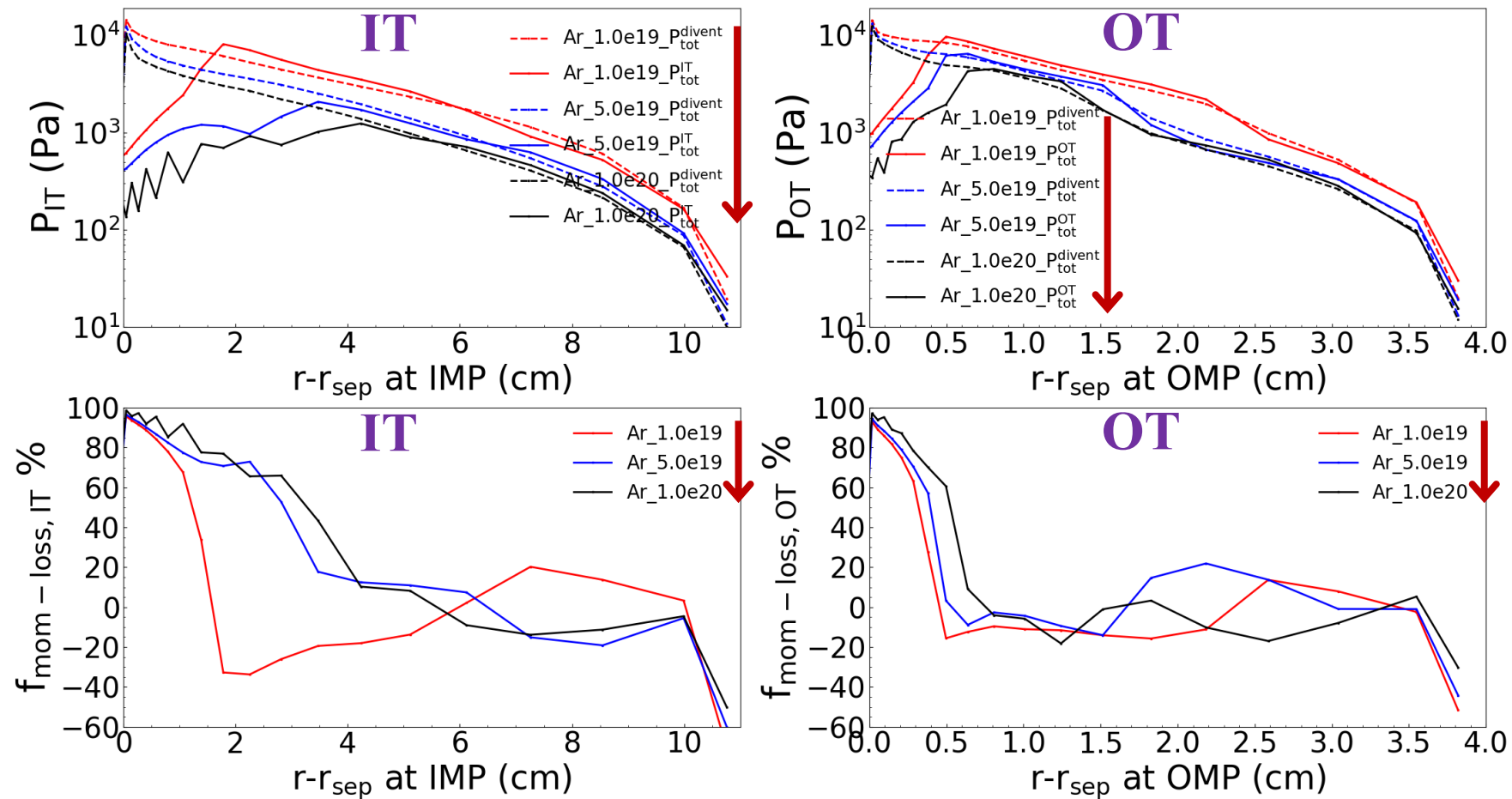
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Ar ion density and He ions density on the inner and outer divertor targets for cases with different Ar seeding rates($P_{core/edge} = 300\text{MW}$)



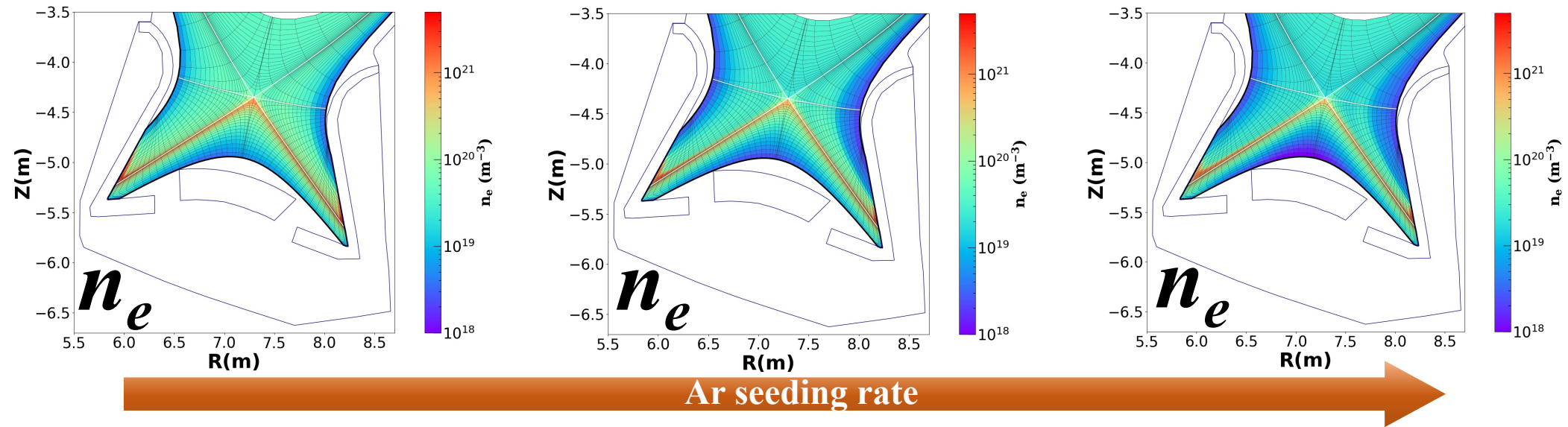
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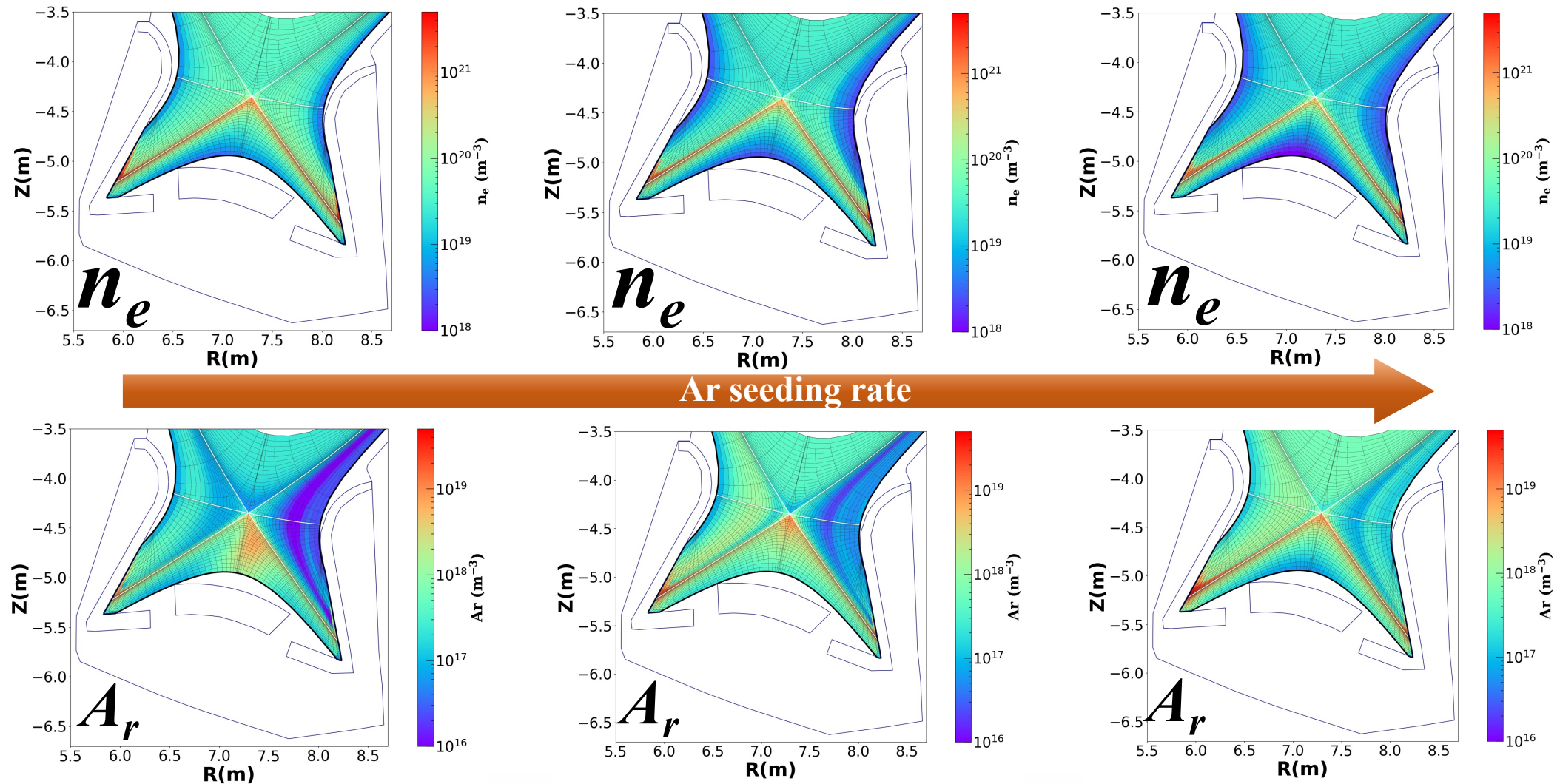


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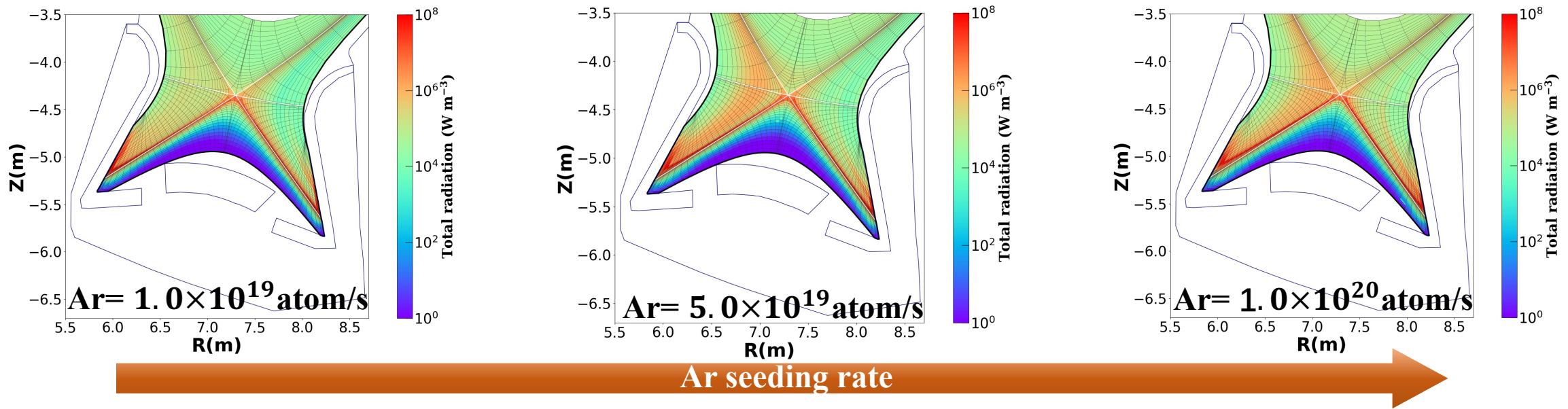


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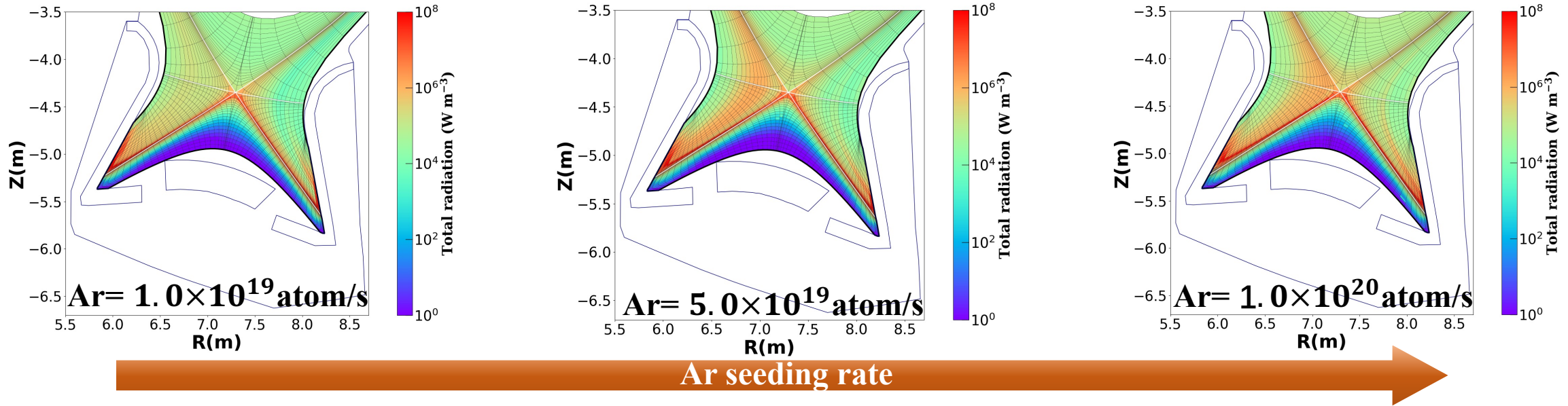


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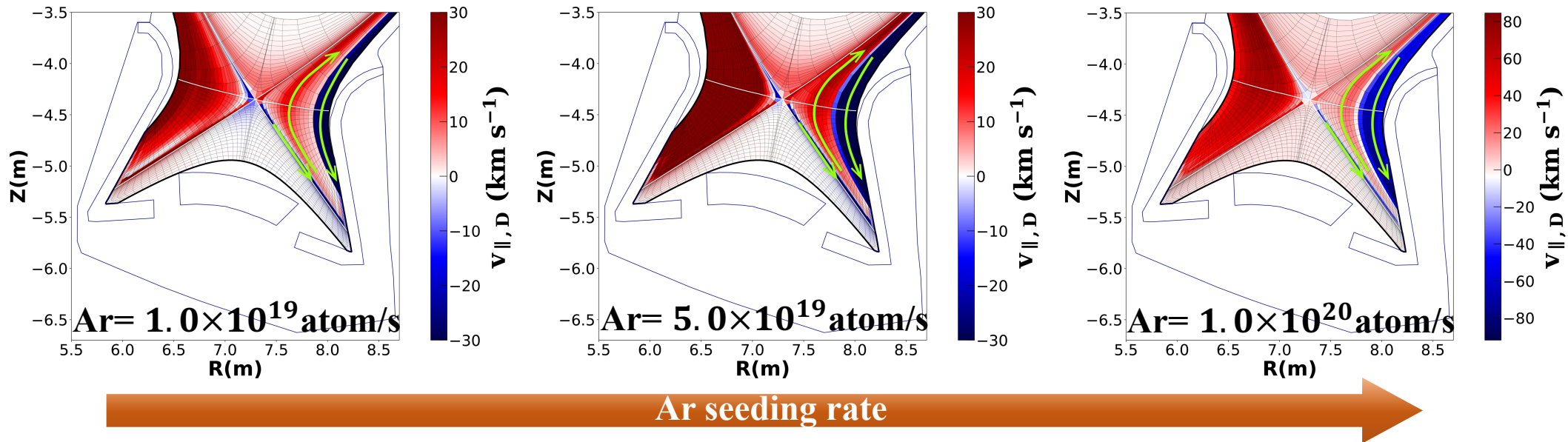
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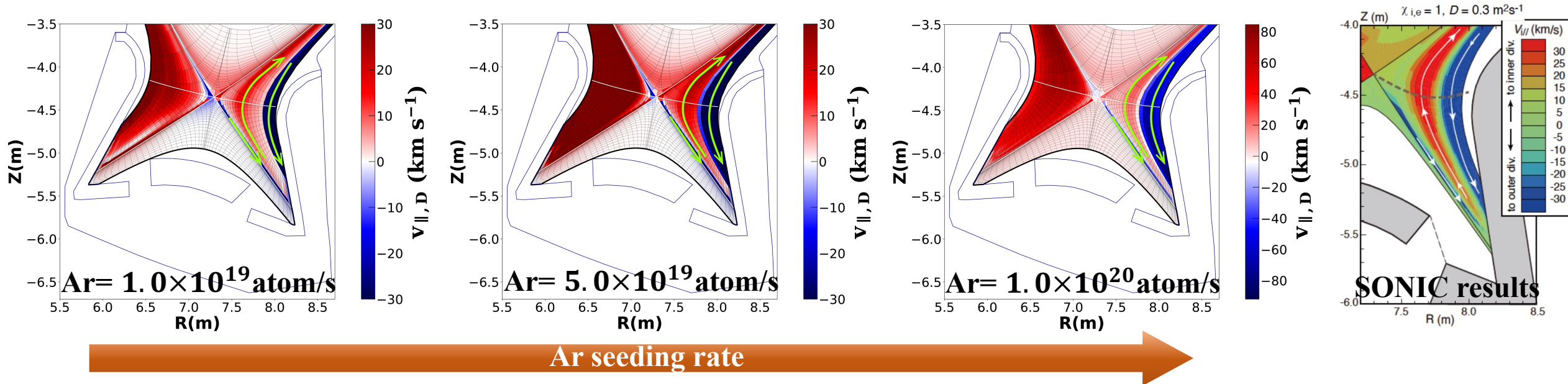
	$P_{core/edge}$ (MW)	P_{sep} (MW)	Total radiation (MW)	Total radiation for IT (MW)	Total radiation for OT (MW)	Total radiation for SOL (MW)	f_{rad}^{div}
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Ar=5.0e19/s	300	273.2	194.1(Ar=175.2)	84.2	78.1	18.4	66.1%
Ar=1.0e20/s	300	266.3	206.5(Ar=190.3)	78.9	88.9	20.9	70.9%

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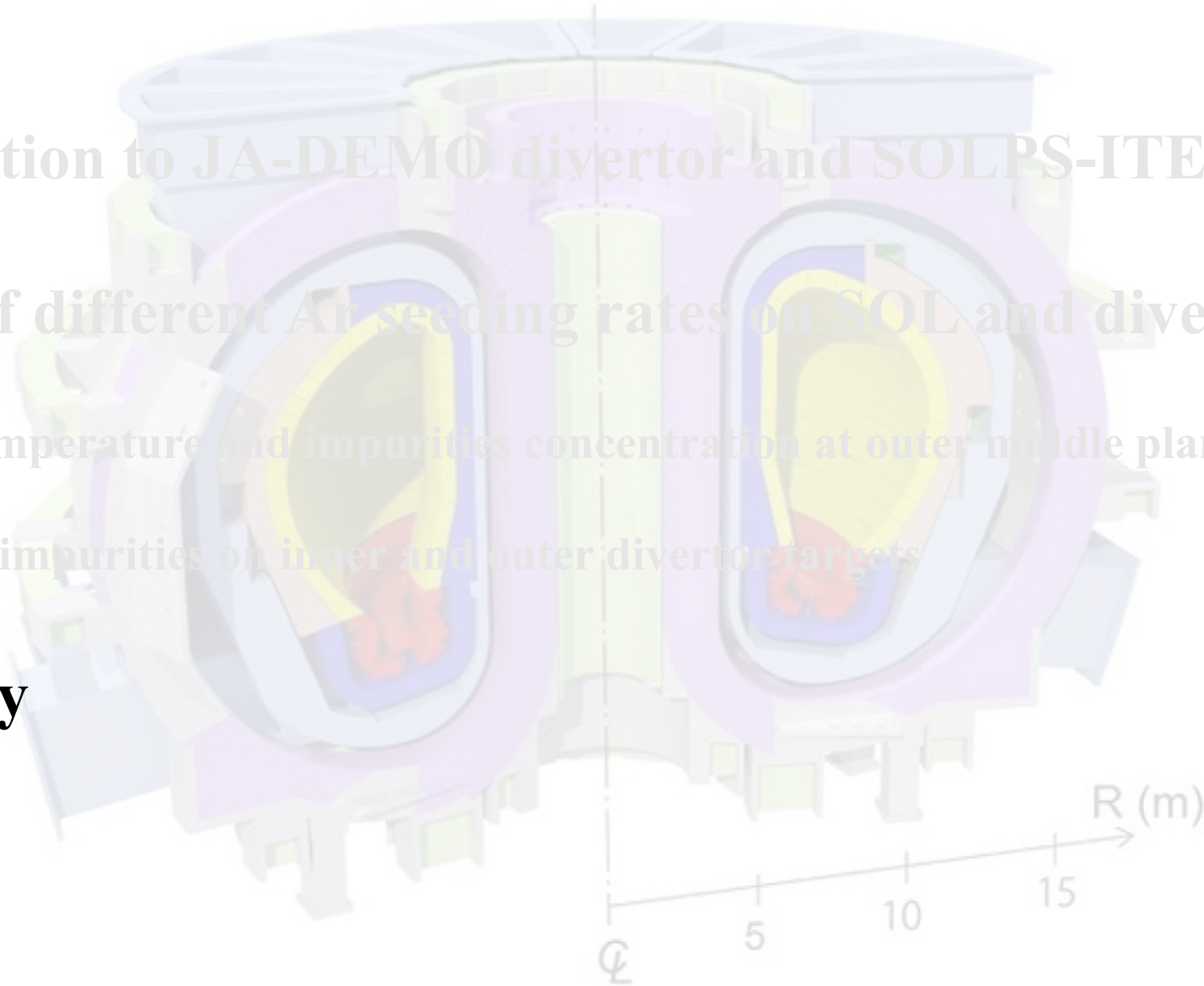
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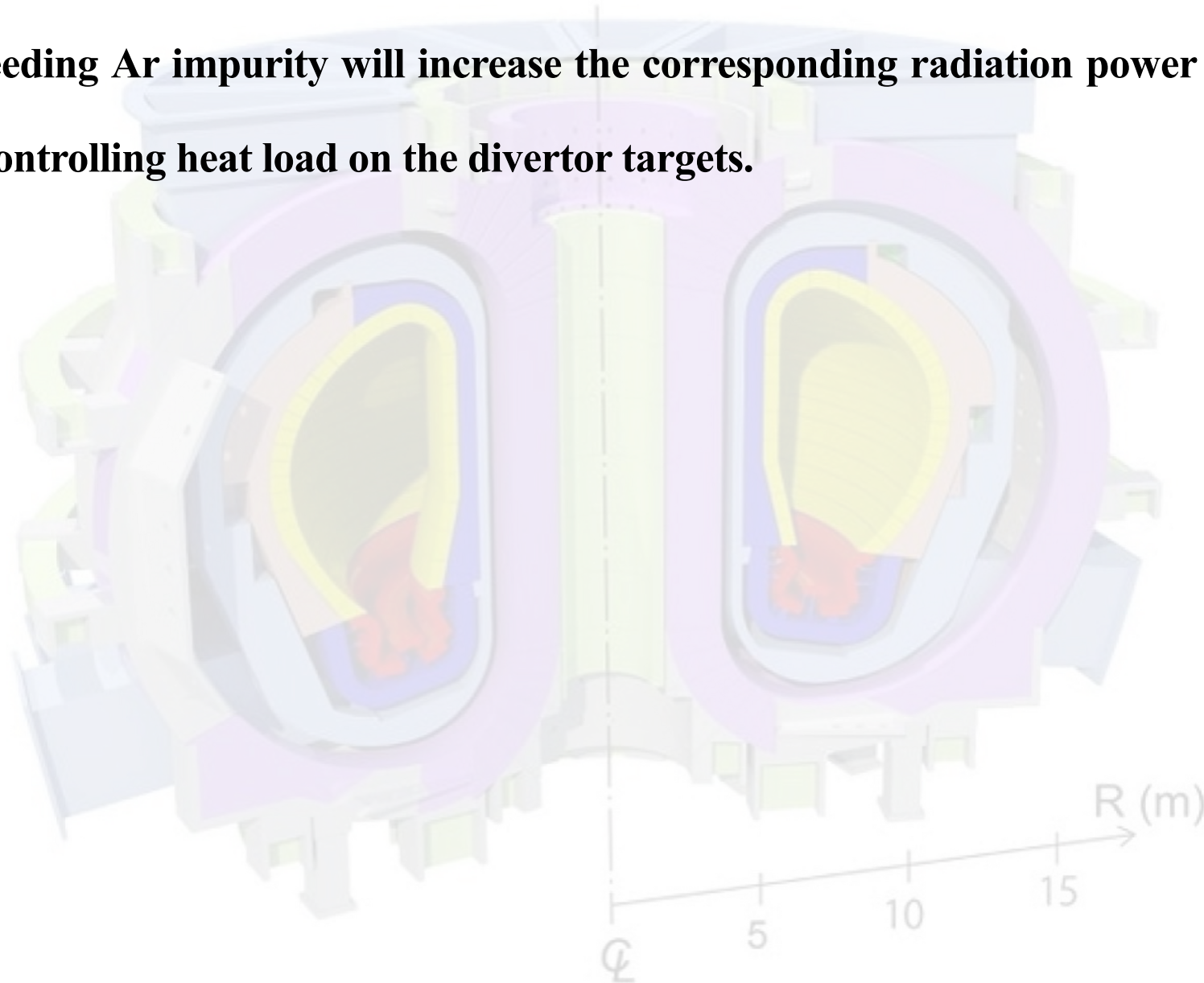
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