# Study of real-time $n_e$ profile evolution and control

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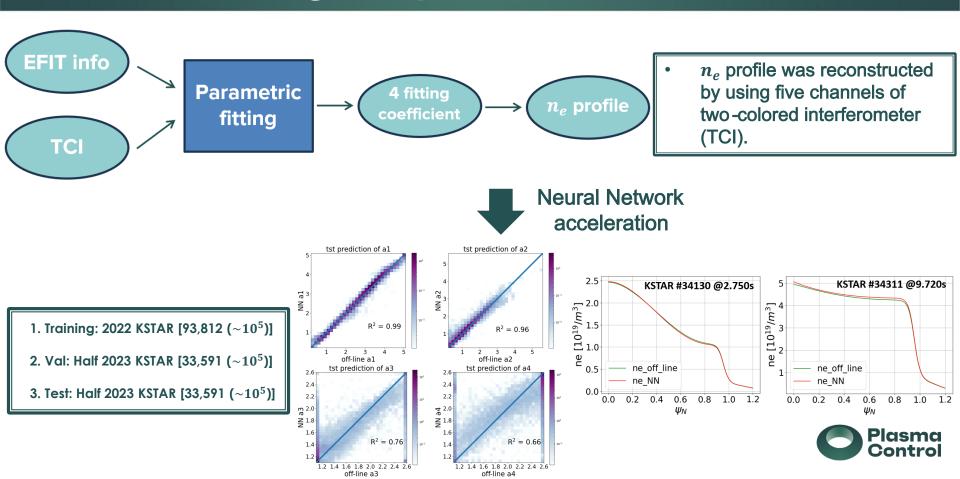


# **Objectives**

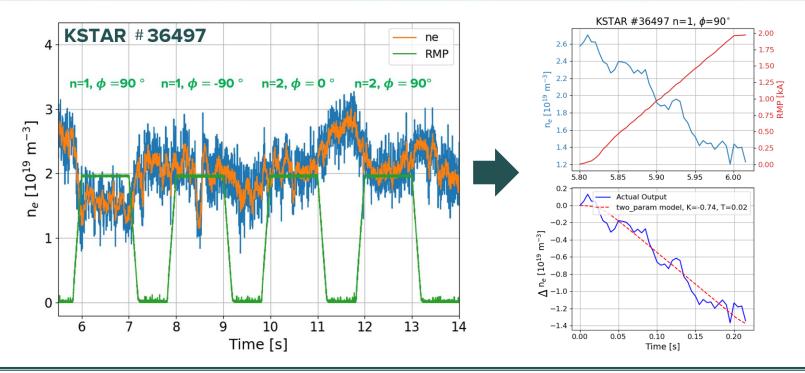
- Conducting system identification of  $n_e$  with respect to RMP, GAS, Pellet, and SMBI
- Developing pedestal -top  $n_e$  controller using multiple actuators
- Developing two -point  $n_e$  controller one at core another at edge
- Studying profile evolution with respect to different actuators



# Reconstructing $n_e$ profile



### System identification w.r.t. RMP



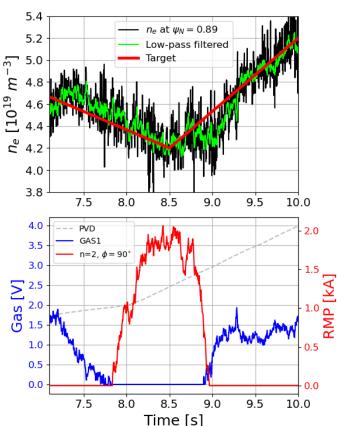
By analyzing the plasma density response w.r.t. RMP (as well as Gas), we designed PI controller.



#### Controlling pedestal -top $n_e$ using Gas1 and RMP

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- The controller could successfully follow the density target by using both actuators.
- When we run out of the Gas, RMP can be applied to further decrease the density.
- Even if the system identification was conducted for n=1,  $\phi = 90^{\circ}$  RMP and PVD, the controller was functional for different actuator set.



#### Conclusion

• Conducting system identification of  $n_e$  with respect to RMP, GAS, Pellet, and SMBI



For RMP and Gas are done, and pellet and SMBI can also be done from other's experimental data.

• Developing pedestal -top  $n_e$  controller using multiple actuators



Done

• Developing two -point  $n_e$  controller one at core another at edge



Can be proposed for the coming campaign

 Studying profile evolution with respect to different actuators



Can be conducted for the coming paper

Successful!



#### **Appendix**

(a) Edge model: 
$$a_1 \left[ \gamma + \frac{1 - \gamma}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\tanh(\frac{\psi - \psi_m}{\Delta/2})}{\tanh(1)} \right) \right]$$

 $\psi$  : Normalized poloidal flux function

 $\psi_m$ : Position of the middle of pedestal  $(\psi_m=1-\Delta/2)$ 

 $\Delta$ : Pedestal width

 $a_1$  : Plasma density at the pedestal top

 $\gamma$  : The ratio of electron density between pedestal top and LCFS

(b) Core model: 
$$a_2 \left| 1 - \left( \frac{\psi}{\psi_t} \right)^{a_3} \right|^{a_4}$$

 $\psi_t$  : Position of the pedestal top  $\qquad \qquad (\psi_t = 1 - \Delta)$ 

 $a_2\;\;$  : The difference of the plasma density between axis and pedestal top

 $a_3$  : Fitting coefficient in the core region

 $a_4$ : Fitting coefficient in the core region

(c) Scrape off layer multiplier:  $4-3\psi$ 

$$s(\psi) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (1 \ge \psi \ge 0) \\ 4 - 3\psi & (\psi > 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) 
$$n_{e0}(\psi) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Edge model} & (\psi \ge \psi_t) \\ \text{Edge model + Core model} & (\psi < \psi_t) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$n_e(\psi) = n_{e0} \times s$$

