



EPOS Optimization Progress And Perturbation Modelling

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MOTIVATIONS

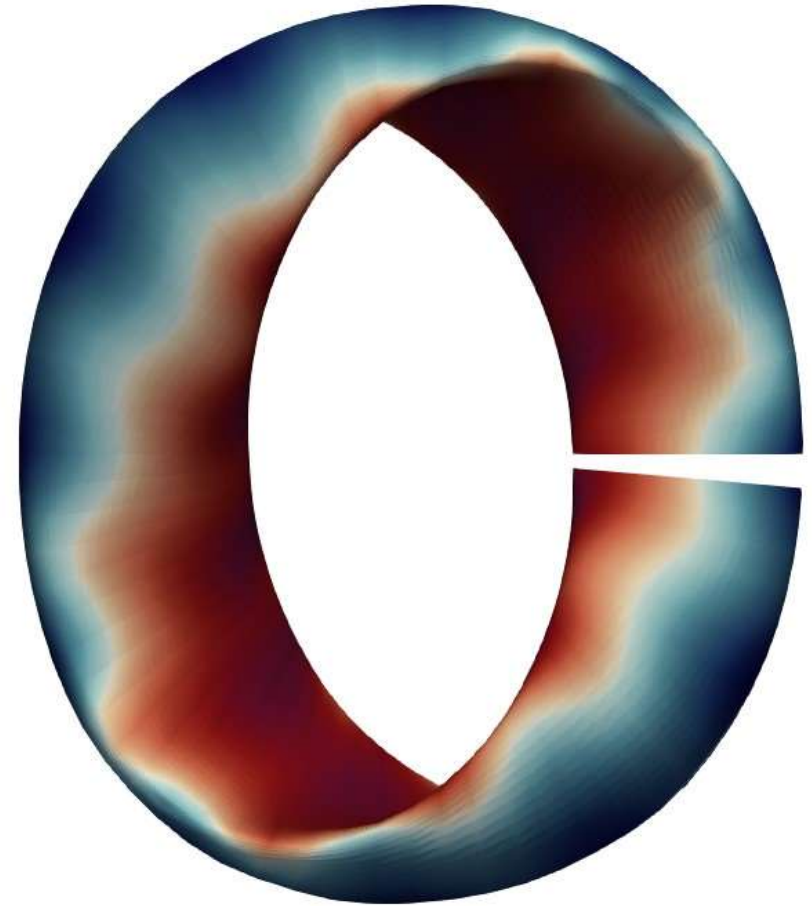
- **Stellarator with good confinement/quasisymmetry for e- and e+.**
- **Achieve low debye length compared to the minor radius.**
- **Respect HTS strain limits.**
- **Achieve a robust configuration to perturbations of the coils.**
- **Allows injection of positrons through ExB drift.**



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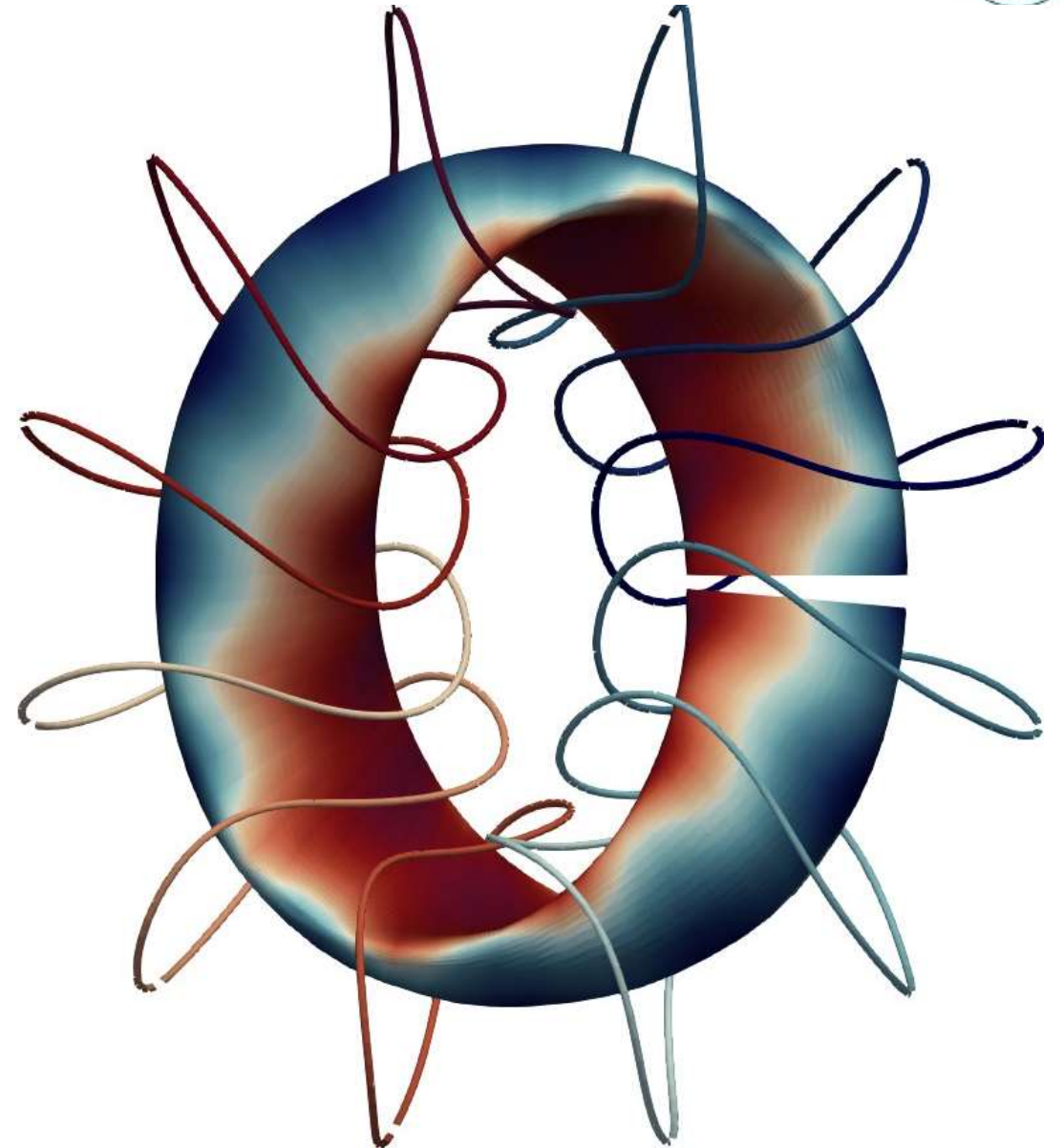
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 - Stage II: Generate the coils
- **METHODS:**
 - Stage I: Least Squares Optimization (Non-Linear)
 - Stage II: Quasi-Newton Non-Linear Optimization





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- Stage I + Stage II → Single Stage = PLASMA and COILS optimization all at once.

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$$\text{subject to } \psi = \psi_0, R_{\text{major}} = R_0, \quad (27b)$$

* Work developed in *Single-Stage Stellarator Optimization: Combining Coils with Fixed Boundary Equilibria*, R Jorge et al 2023 *Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion* **65** 074003



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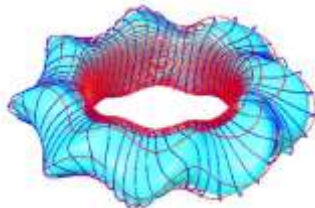
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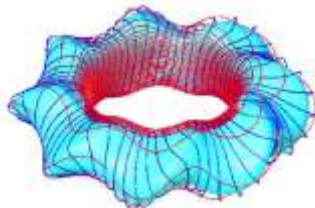
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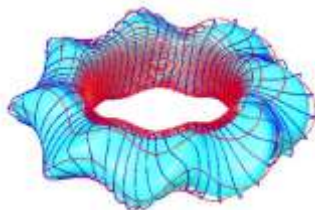
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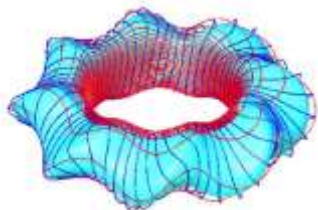
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$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_S (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n} - B_T)^2 ds$$

Ensures consistency!



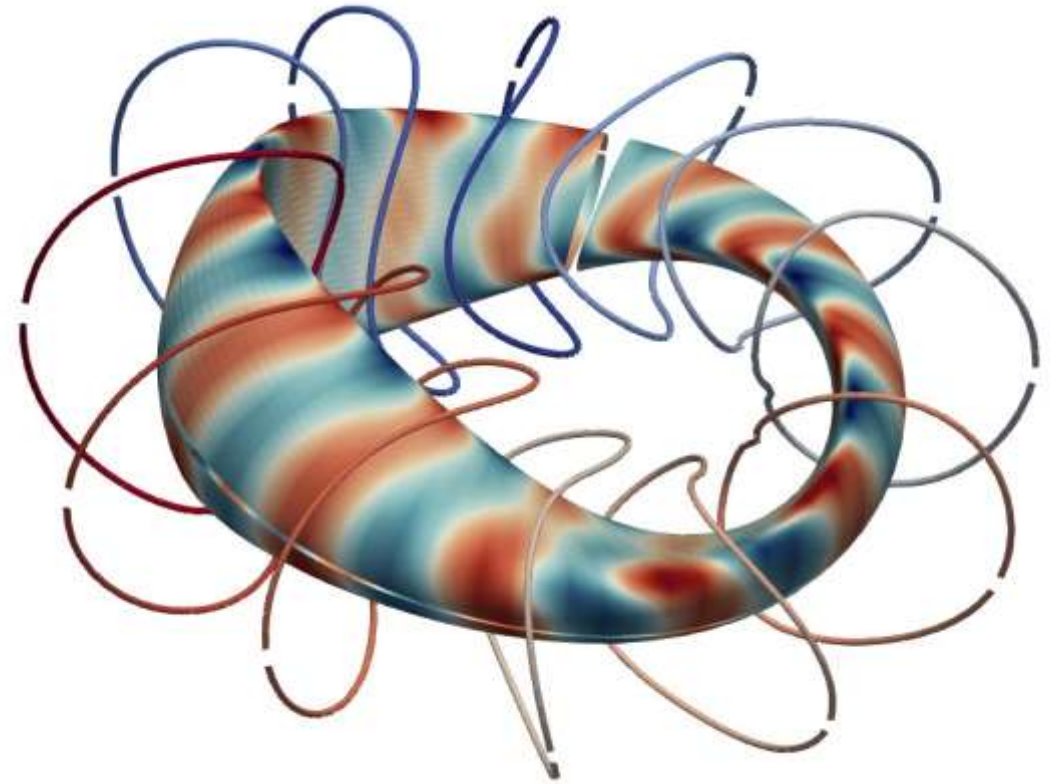
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NEW UPDATES ON OPTIMIZATION



OPTIMIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

- **Single Stage (Rogério Jorge)** ✓
- **Stochastic** ✓
- **Flexible to vary major radius** ✓
- **Coil dynamic resolution** ✓
- **Equilibrium dynamic resolution** ✓
- **Good Quasisymmetry** ?
- **Finite Build** ✓
- **HTS Strain (Now merged to SIMSOPT)** ✓
- **Weave-Lane Coils** ✓
- **Resilient to perturbations** ?



WHY STOCHASTIC OPTIMIZATION ?



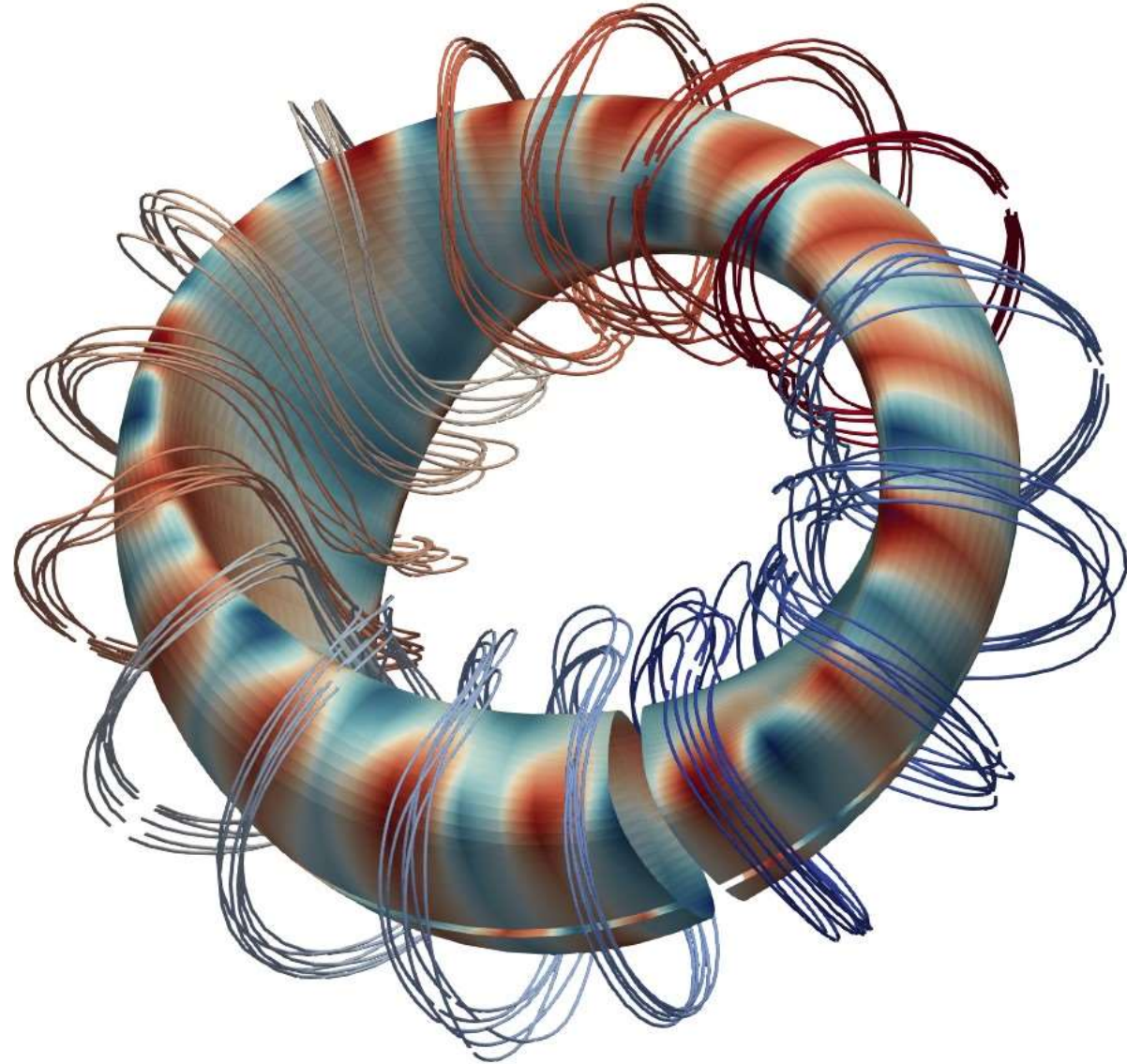
For field errors less than $2e-4$ of the magnetic field amplitude.	MANUFACTURING TOLERANCE (MM)	TILT ANGLE TOLERANCE (DEG)
W7X	2	0,1
EPOS	0,1	~ 0,2

- Reach “flatter” minima → More robust configurations.
→ EPOS appears to have strict building tolerances.
- Avoid sharp minima → avoid getting stuck in local minima.

PERTURBATION MODELLING



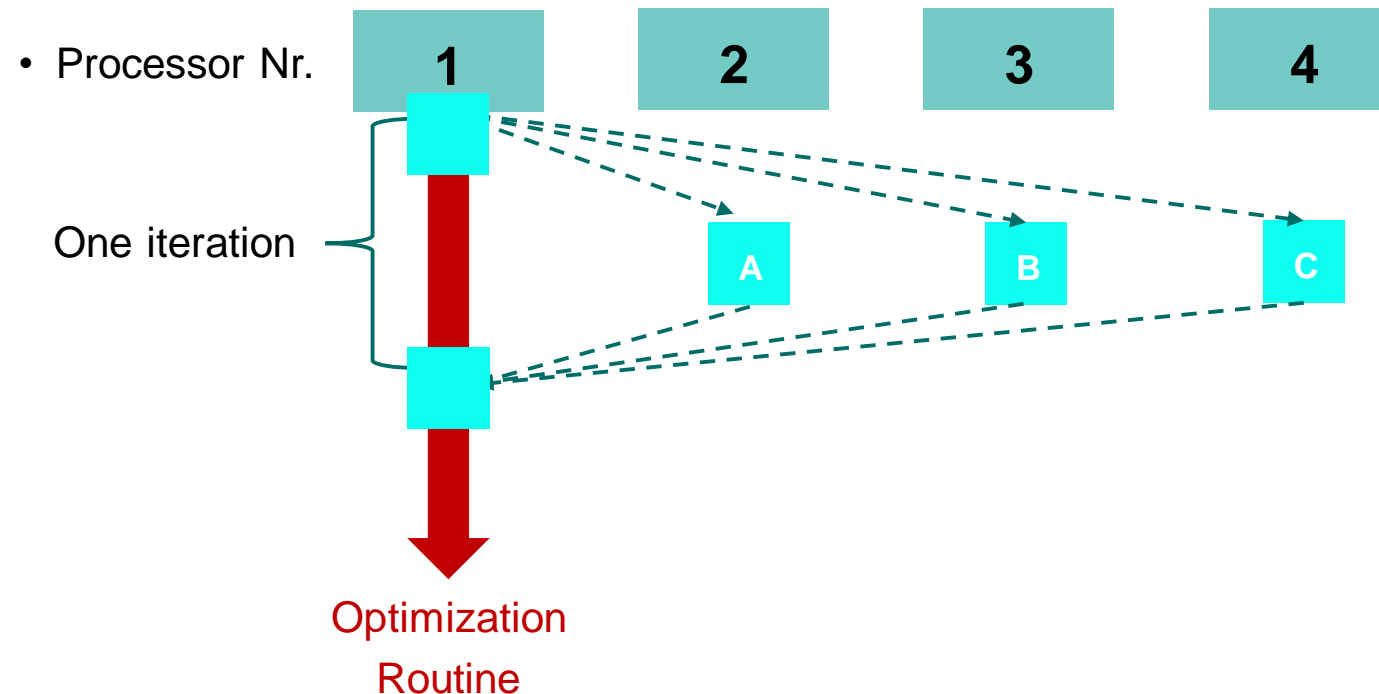
- So far manufacturing errors have been modeled on SIMSOPT:

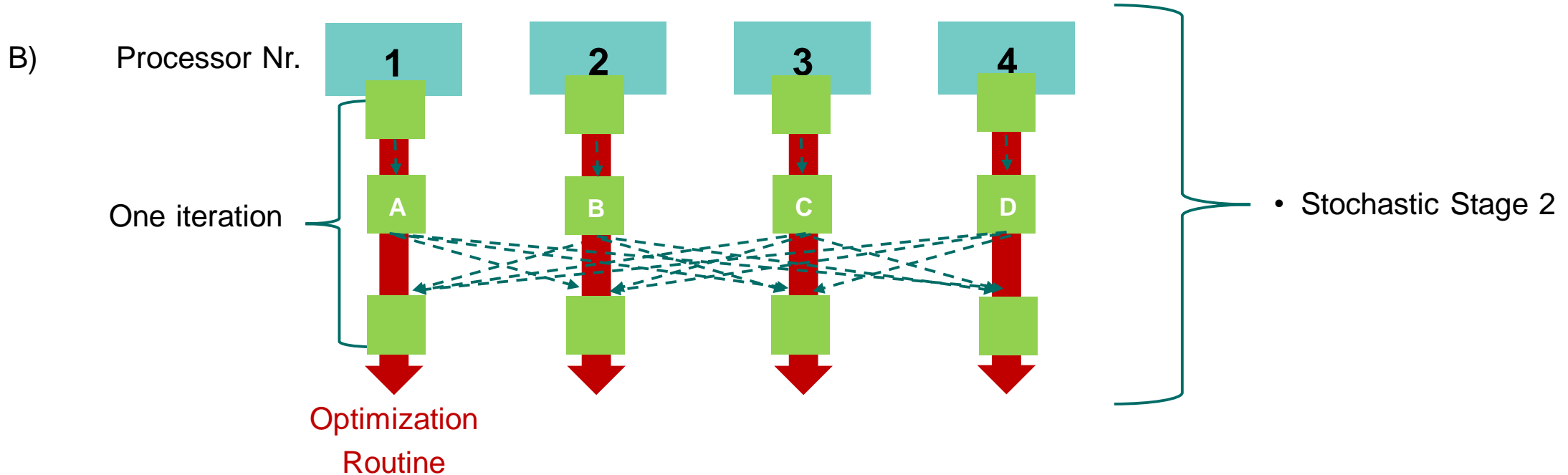
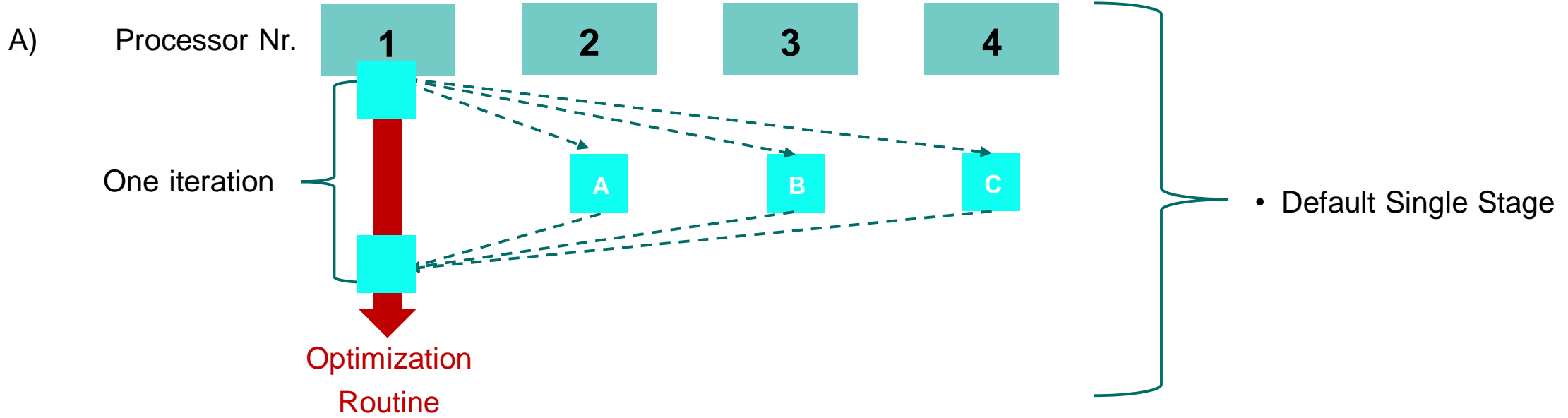




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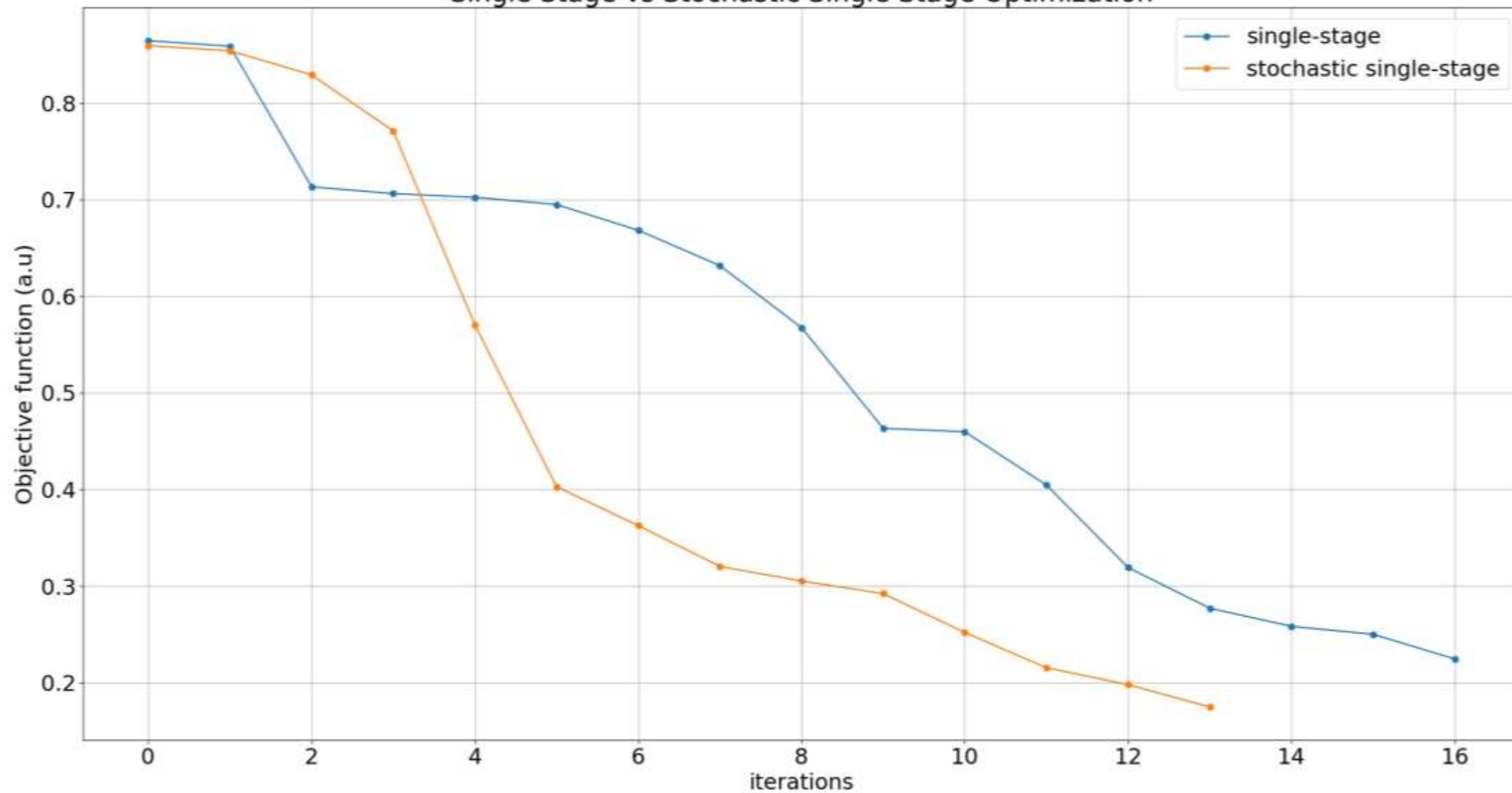
- **MAIN GOAL: GET STOCHASTIC SINGLE STAGE GOING**
 - **First Problem Found:** The machine cannot handle parallel calculations for of the squared flux and perform MPIFiniteDifference estimations of the gradient.







Single Stage vs Stochastic Single Stage Optimization



EXAMPLE OF HOW IT CAN GO WRONG



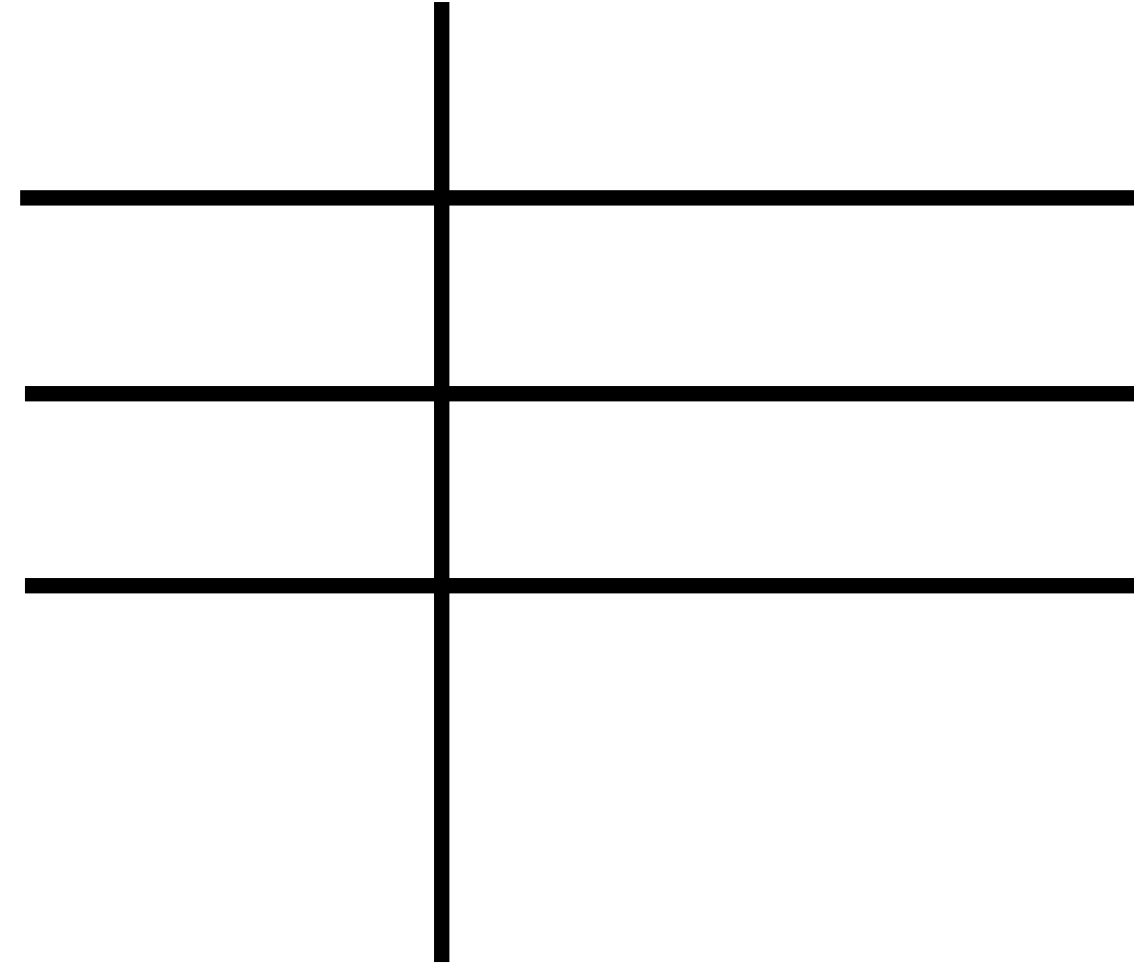


DYNAMIC COIL AND SURFACE RESOLUTION

- Targeted optimization, reiterated with an increasing number of targeted modes:

$$R(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{m=0}^{m_{pol}} \sum_{n=-n_{tor}}^{n_{tor}} r_{c,m,n} \cos(m\theta - n_{fp}n\phi) + r_{s,m,n} \sin(m\theta - n_{fp}n\phi)$$

$$x(\theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{order} x_{c,m} \cos(m\theta) + \sum_{n=0}^{order} x_{s,n} \sin(n\theta)$$





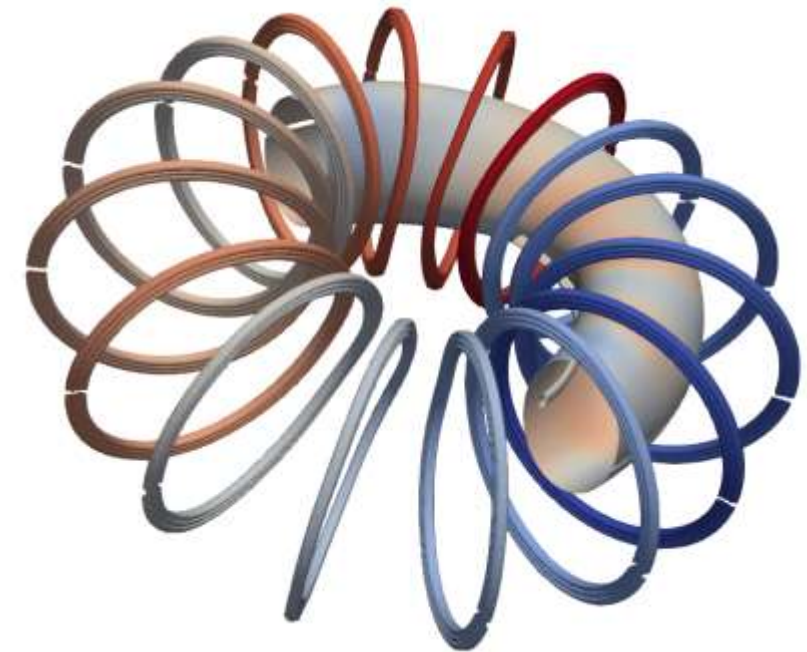
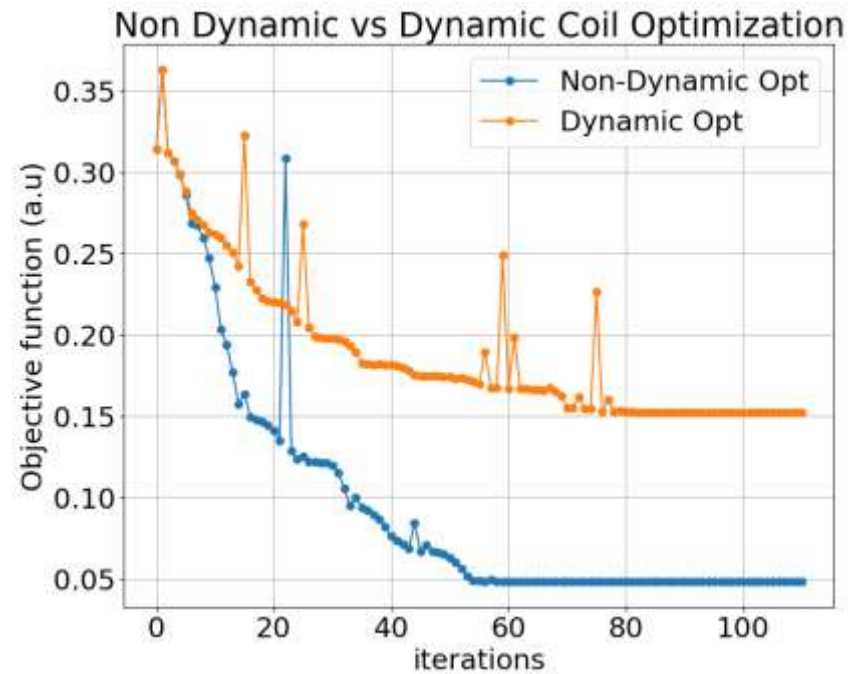
COMPARATIVE RESULTS ON DYNAMIC COIL RESOLUTION

Squared Flux on Non-Dynamic Routine:

SF = $7.366290890536663e-05$

Squared Flux on Dynamic Routine:

SF = $8.759861049042492e-05$

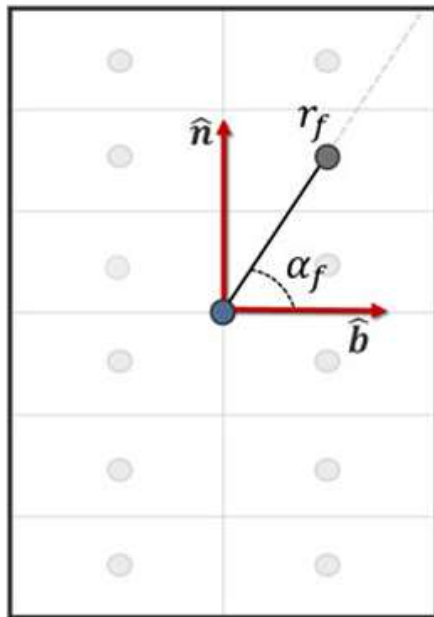




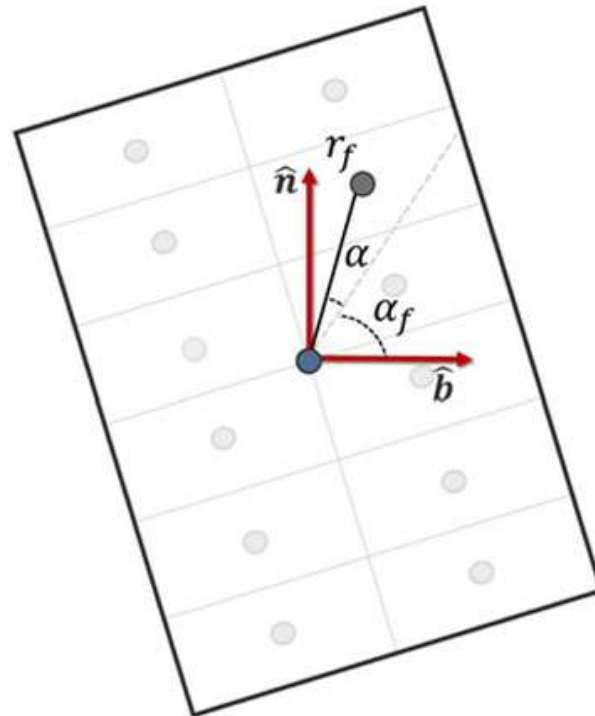
FINITE BUILD

- **What is Finite Built?**

- Turning single curves into real coils with a multi-filament coil model.



(a)



(b)

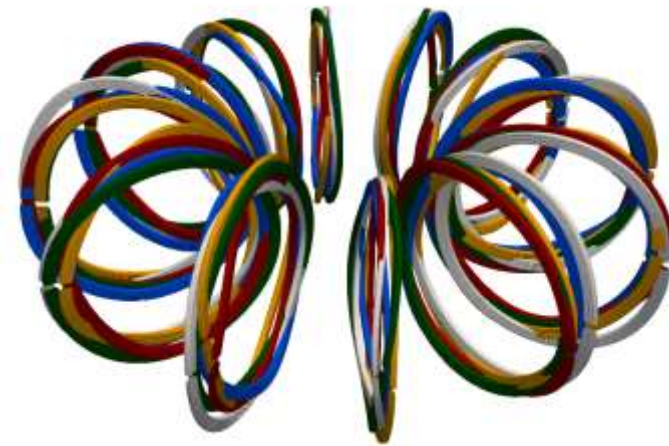
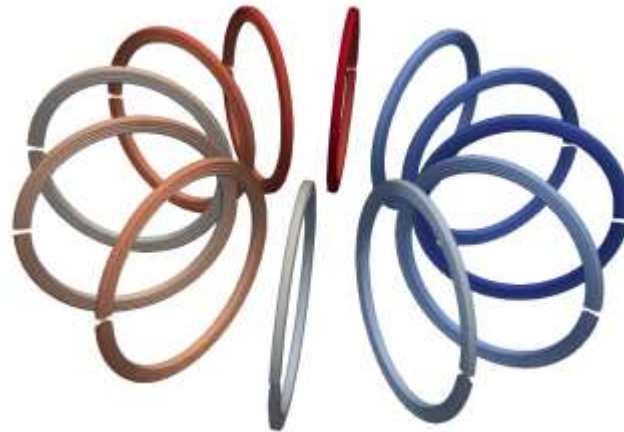
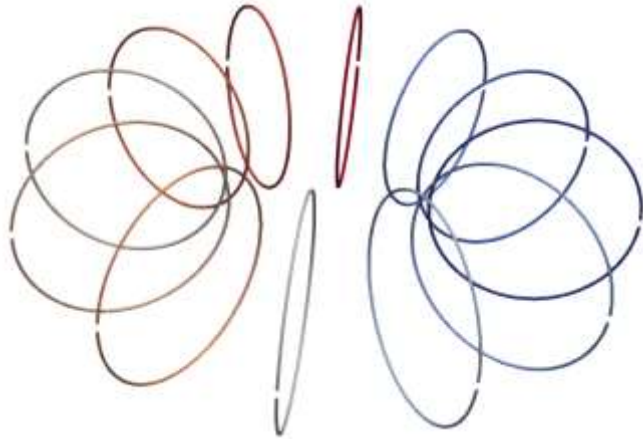
- Here the angle α is optimized to replicate as well as possible the plasma boundaries.

$$\alpha(\phi) = \alpha_{c,0} + \sum_{n=1}^{N_\alpha} [\alpha_{c,n} \cos(n\phi) + \alpha_{s,n} \sin(n\phi)]$$



FINITE BUILD AND COHERENCE WITH PERTURBED COILS

- Next step: Stochastic Finite Build.



OPTIMISATION ROUTINE



①

Select Configuration:

(iota, aspect ratio, modes, filaments etc...)

• Single-Stage Optimization

(Cold start)

• Dynamic Resolution on VMEC

• Dynamic Resolution on Coils

(Quick VMEC modifications)

• Full Resolution on Coils

(Increase single stage iterations to start polishing VMEC, increase QS weight)

- Finite Build
- Stochastic
- Coil Length
- HTS strain
- Squared Flux
- Mean Iota
- Shear
- Aspect Ratio
- Quasisymmetry

②

- Finite Build
- Stochastic
- Coil Length
- HTS strain
- Squared Flux
- Max Curvature

• Stage 2 Optimization

Fixed Equilibrium, get good SF and HTS strain

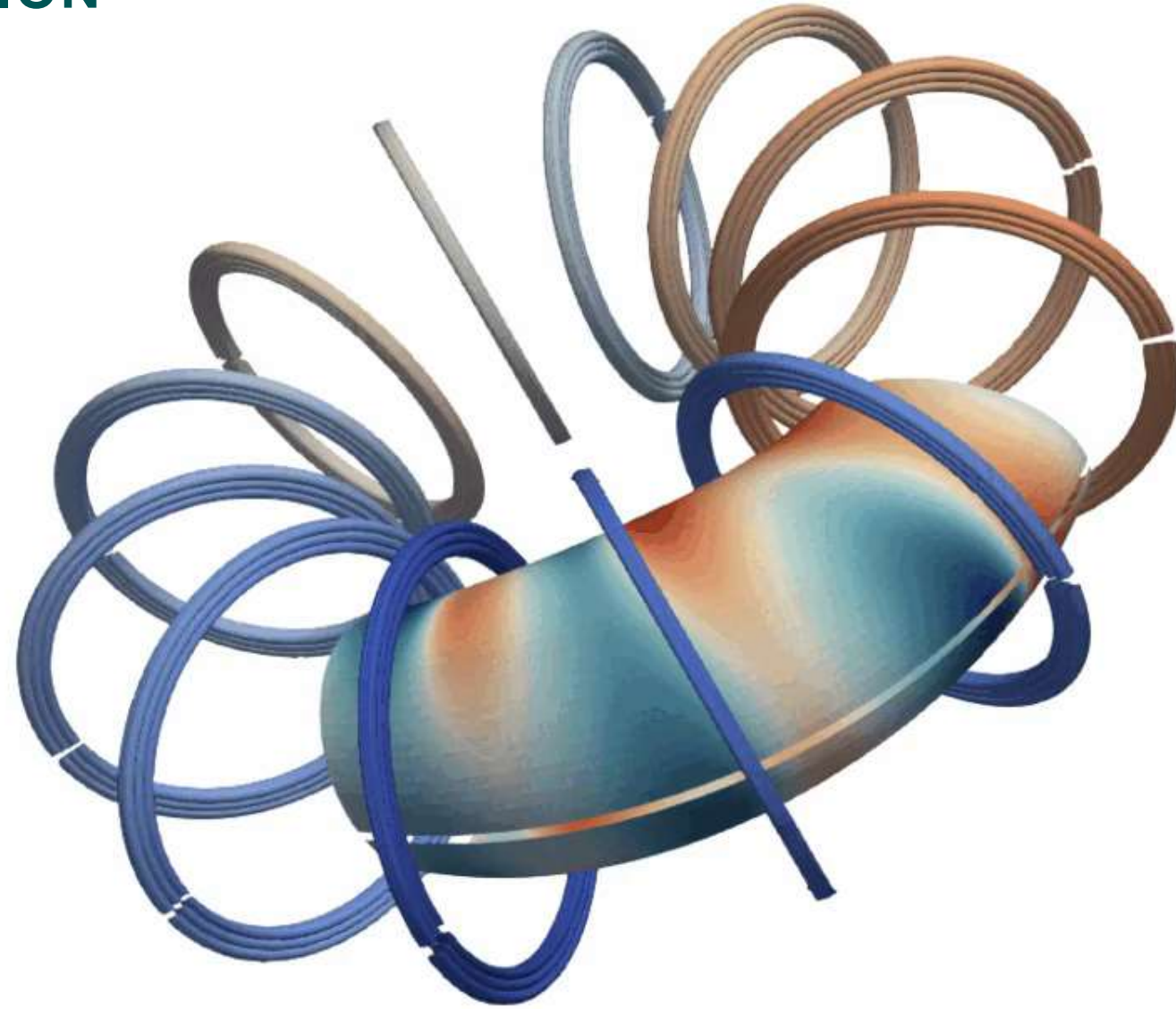
③

• A-posteriori perturbations

Vary the standard deviation and periodicity of the perturbations



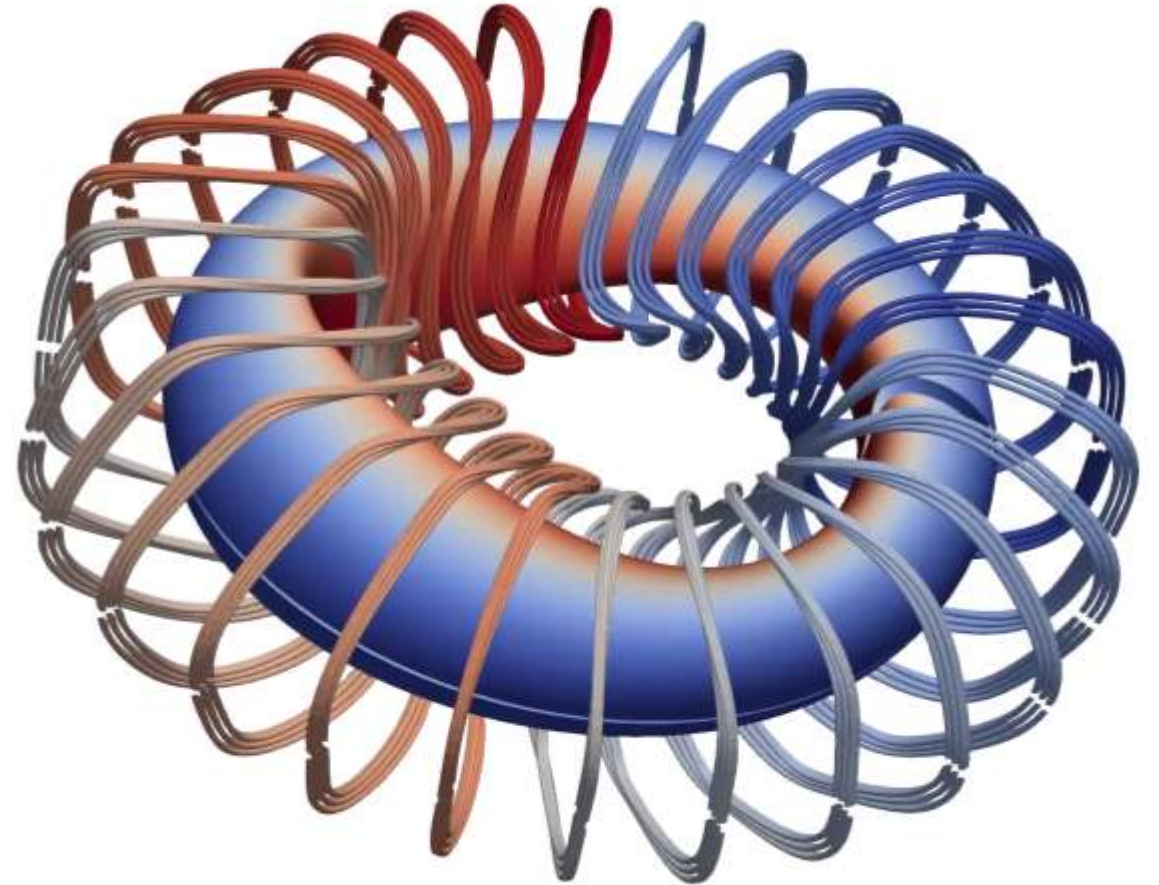
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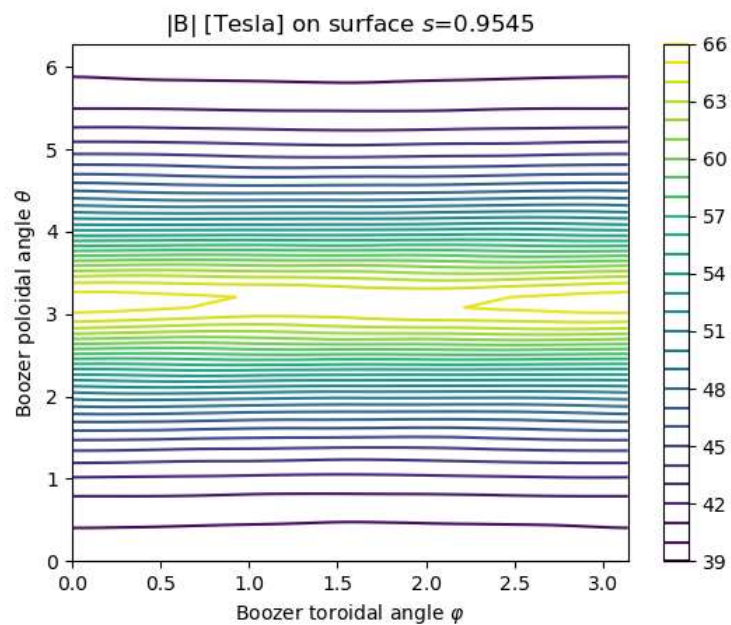
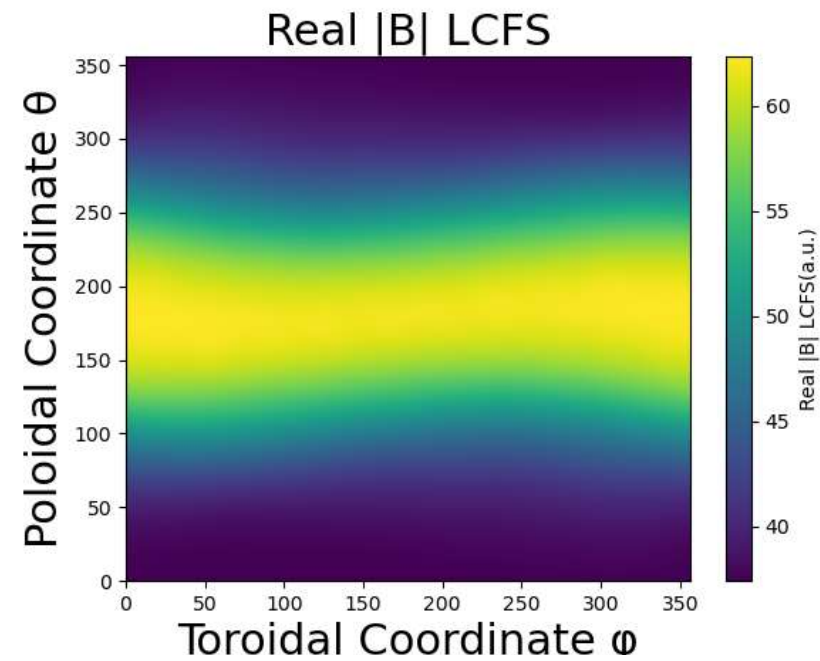
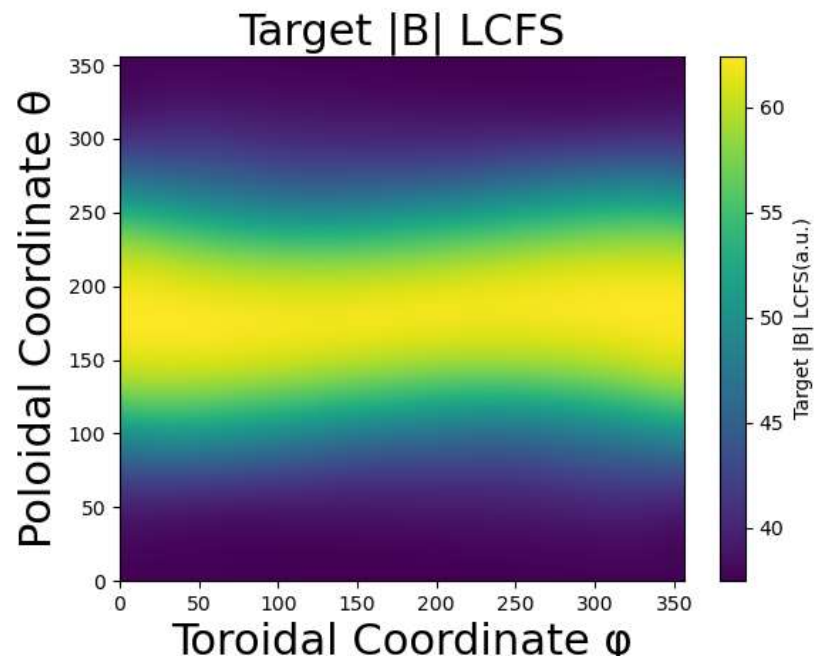


HALF-FIELD PERIOD SYMMETRIC STELLARATOR

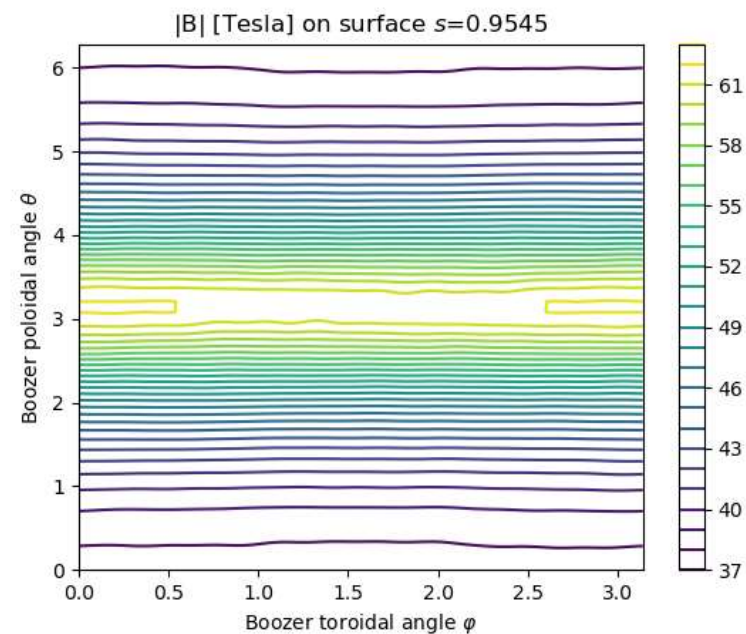


- 28 Coils (independent currents per half field period)
- Max Curvature Strain (Hard Bending):
 - $1,3e-3 < 2e-3$
- Squared Flux: $1,01e-6$
- Max Torsional Strain
 - $9,4e-4 < 2e-3$





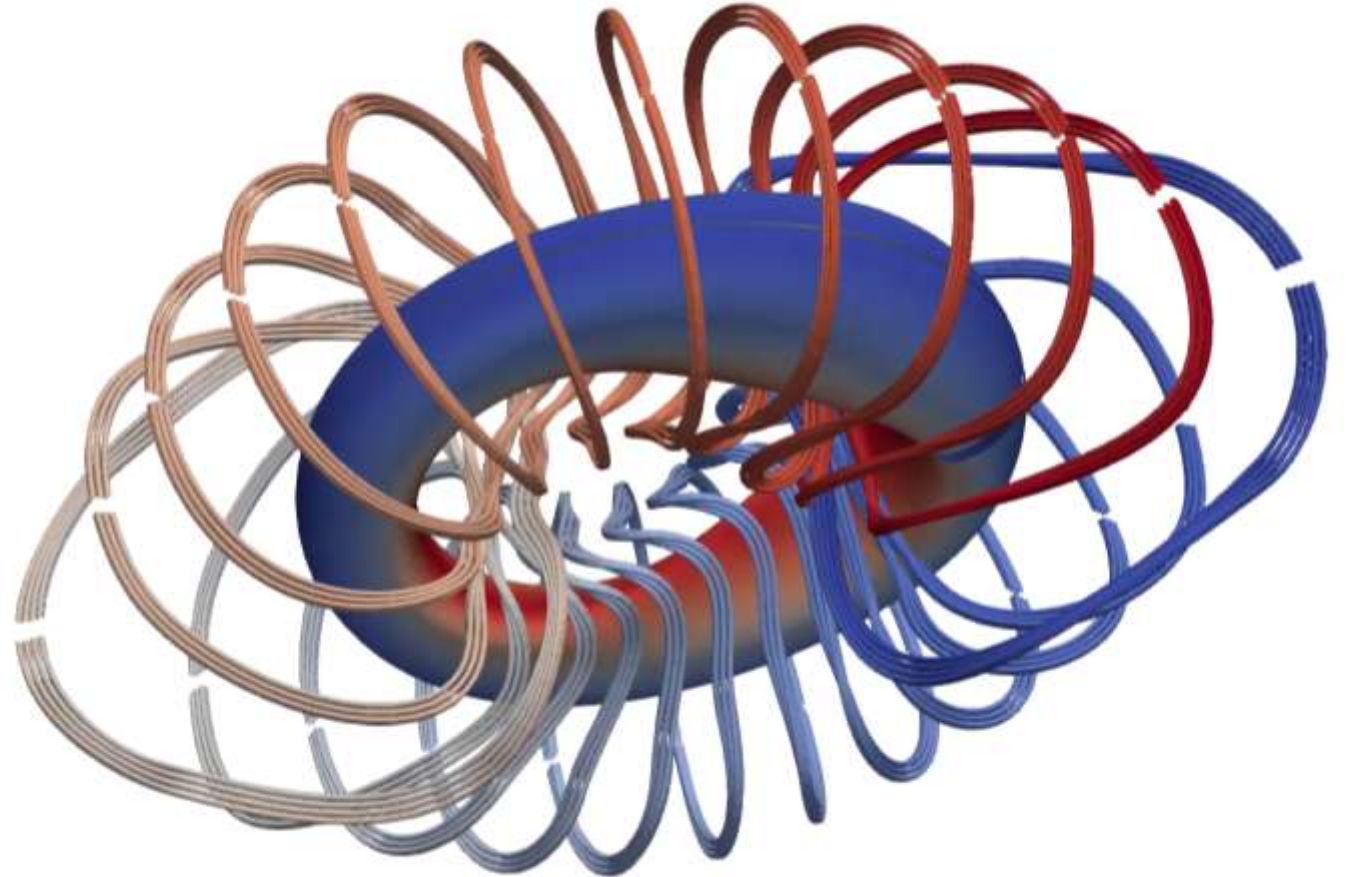
- Target QS: $8,2e-5$
- Reproduced QS: $1,1e-4$

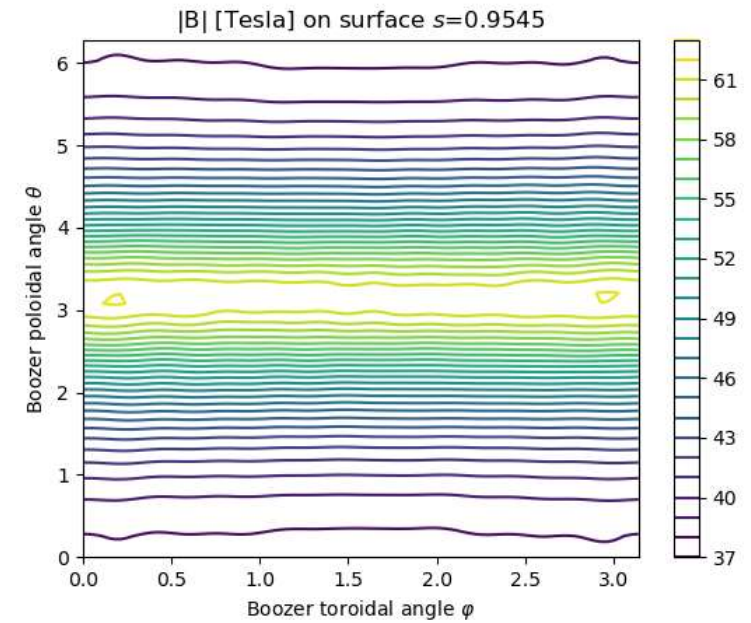
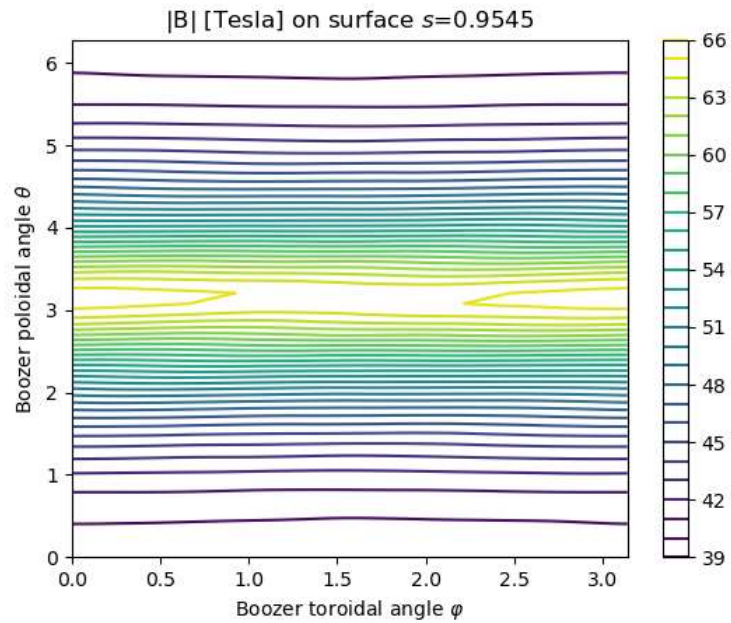
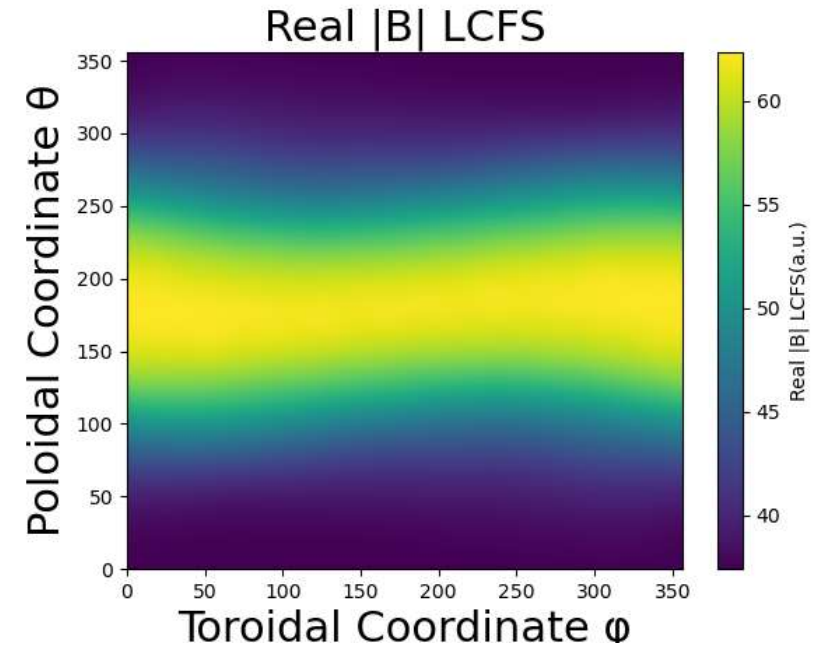
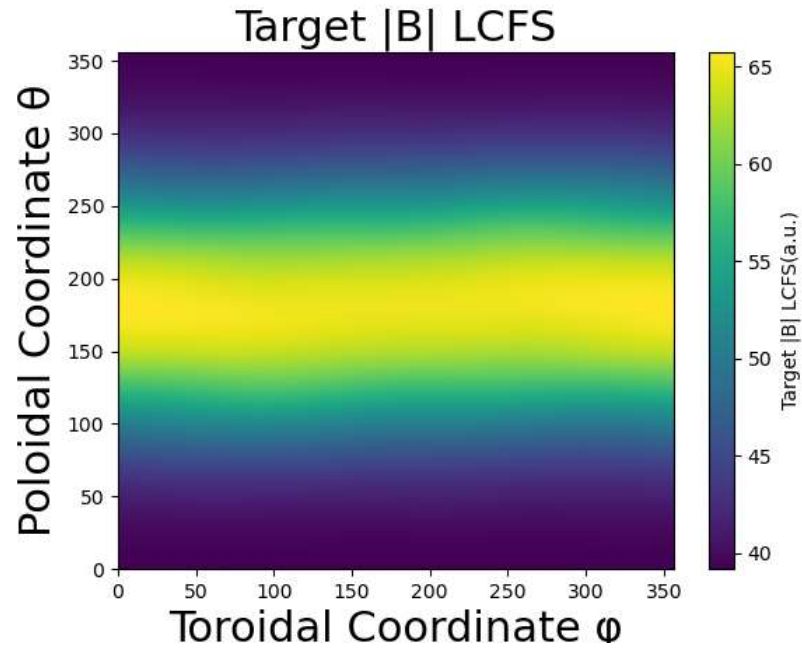


WEAVE-LANE COIL STELLARATOR



- 22 Coils (independent currents)
- Max Curvature Strain (Hard Bending):
 - $1,1e-3 < 2e-3$
- Squared Flux: $1,29e-6$
- Weave-Lane Gap $\sim 7\text{cm}$
- Max Torsional Strain:
 - $7,8e-4 < 2e-3$



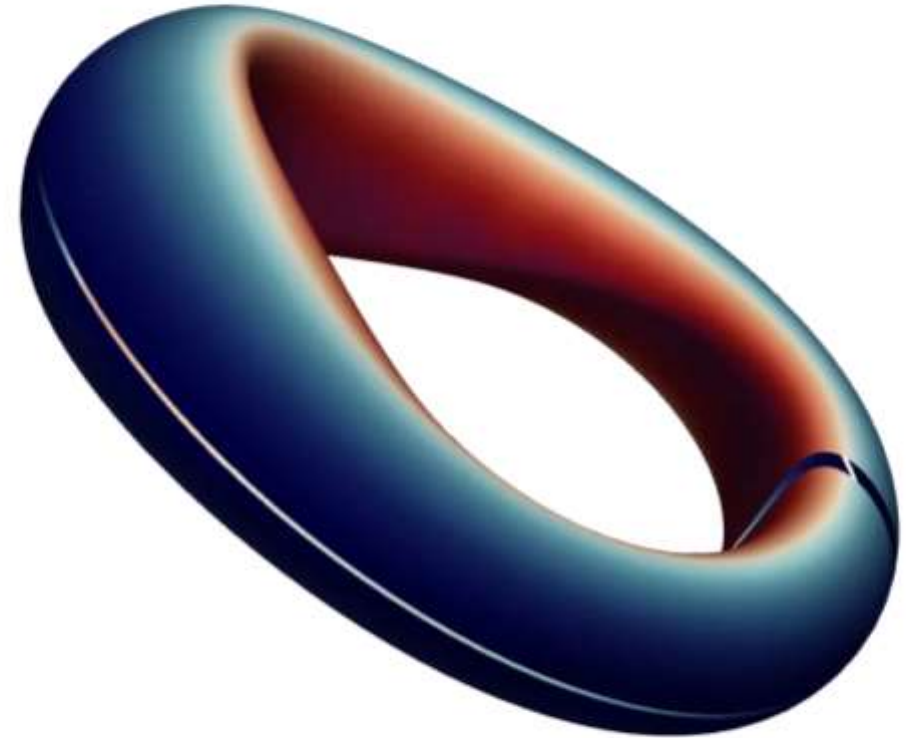


- Target QS: $8,2e-5$
- Reproduced QS: $4,6e-4$



EQUILIBRIUM DATA:

- Iota on axis: **0,108**
- Iota on edge: **0,1039**
- Mean Iota: **0,111**
- Equilibrium Volume: **10,21 L**
- Aspect Ratio: **3,7**
- QS on LCFS / Cumulated : **1,47e-5 / 8,21e-5**
- Minor Radius a: **4,07 cm**
- Major Radius (Longest): **19,4 cm**
- Positrons at 1eV to achieve $a/\lambda=10$: **1,63e10**





A POSTERIORI PERTURBATIONS

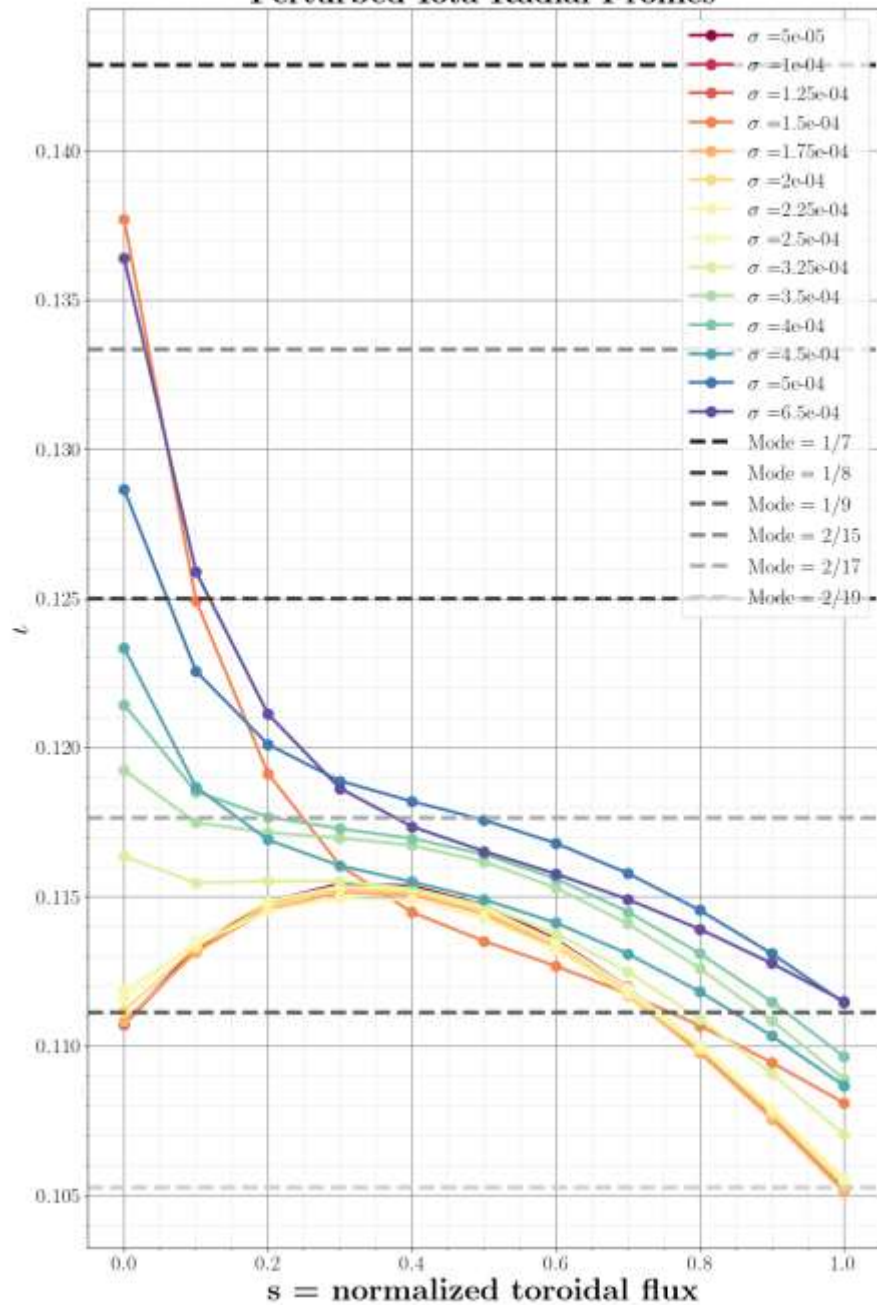


MAIN DATA COMPARISON, INITIAL A-POSTERIORI COIL PERTURBATION

- **8 SAMPLES, Gaussian process along the coil.**
- **Perturbations STD ranging from 5e-5 m to 7e-4 m. (Weave-lane coils undergo double the perturbation amplitude)**
- **Characteristic length kept constant at 0,2 m.**
- **Dimensions:**
 - Standard stellarator: minor radius coils: ~ **9 cm** ↔ perimeter of around 56 cm
 - Weave-lane stellarator: minor radius normal coils : ~ **12 cm** ↔ perimeter of around 75 cm
minor radius WL : ~ **19 cm** ↔ perimeter of around 119 cm

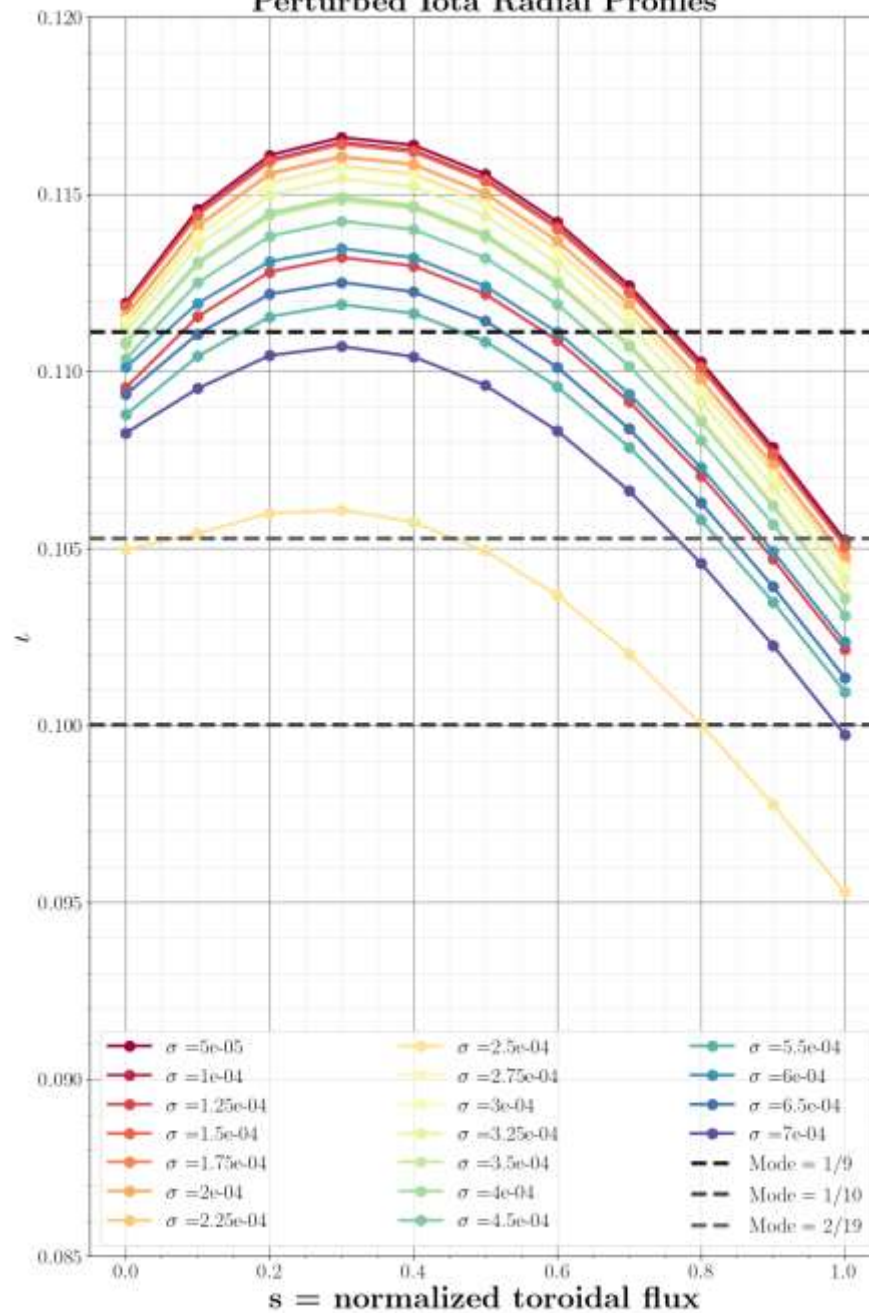
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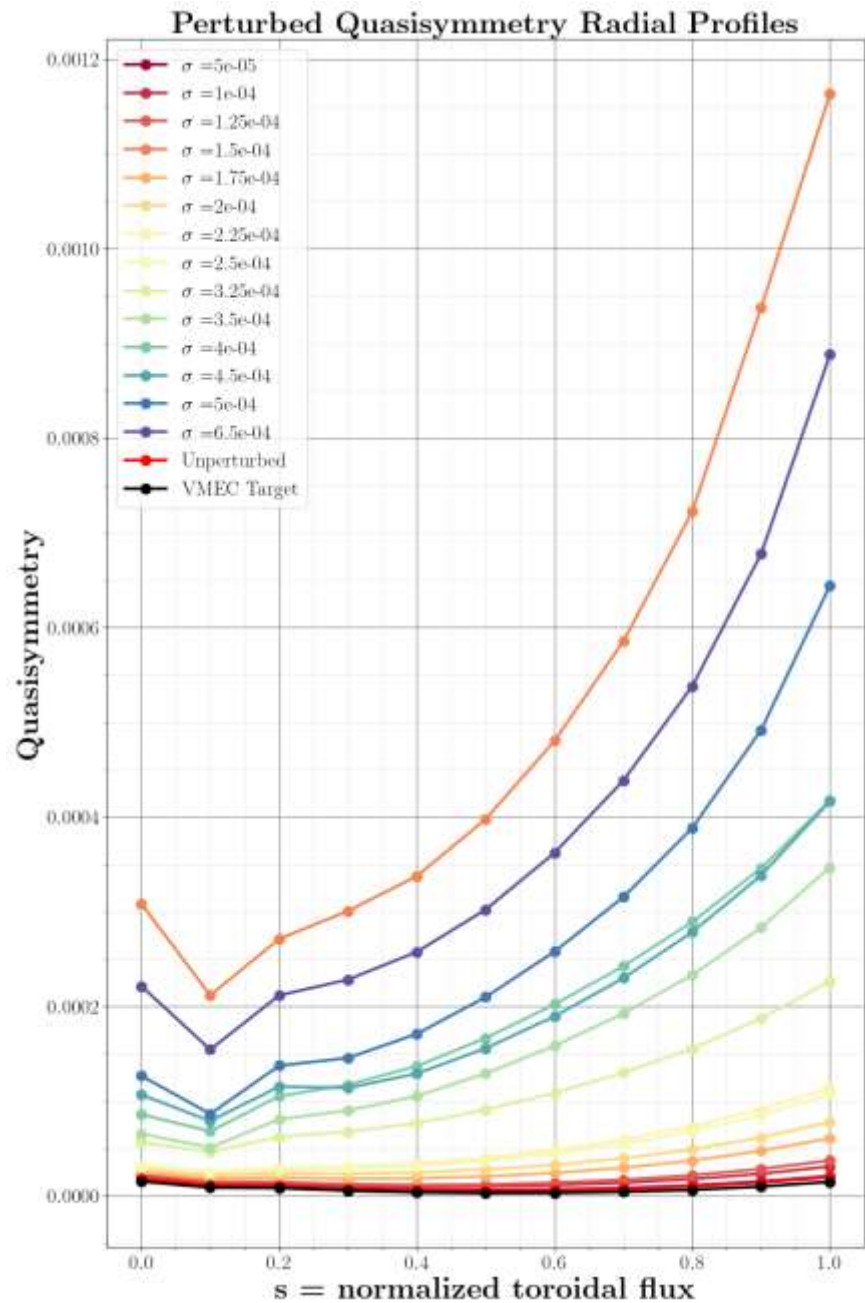


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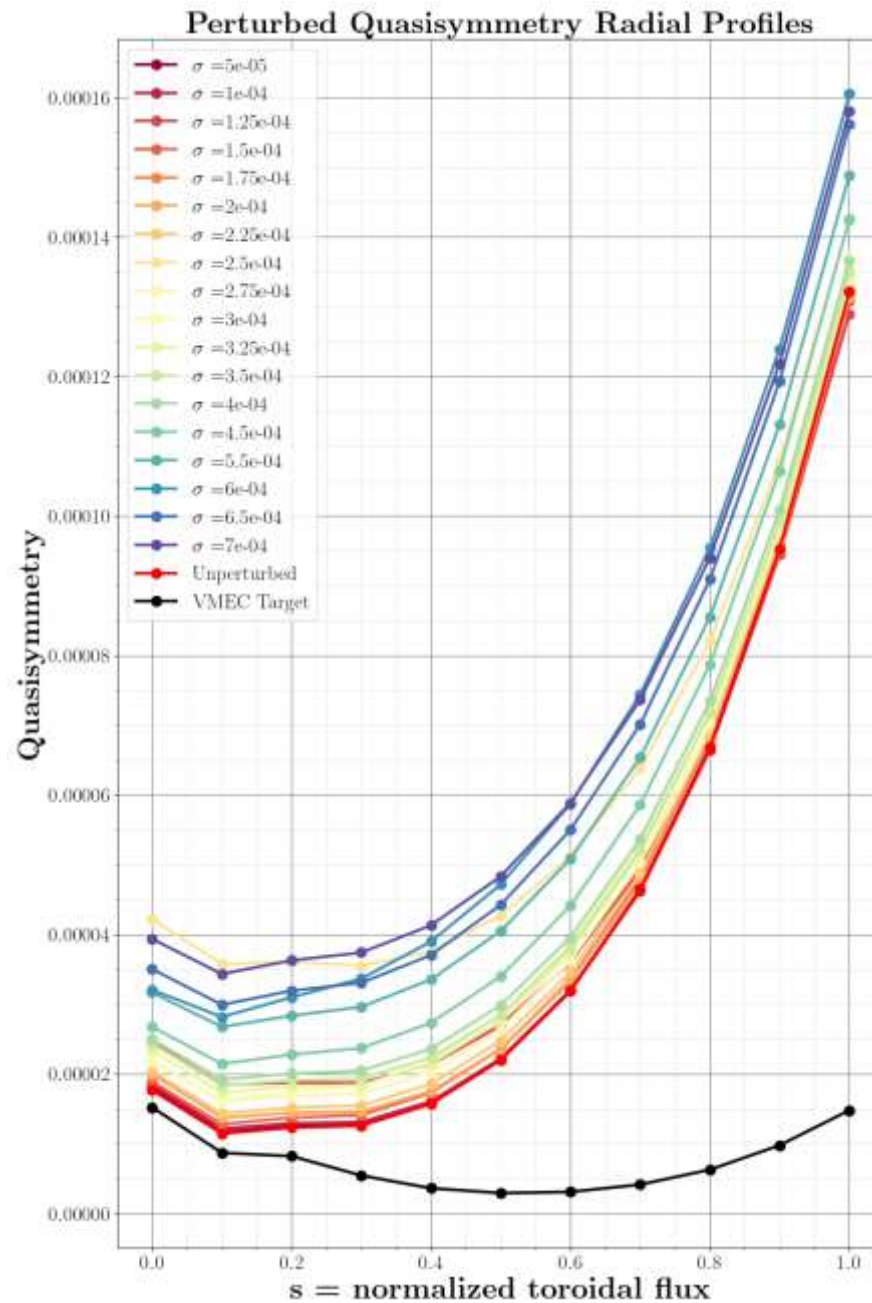
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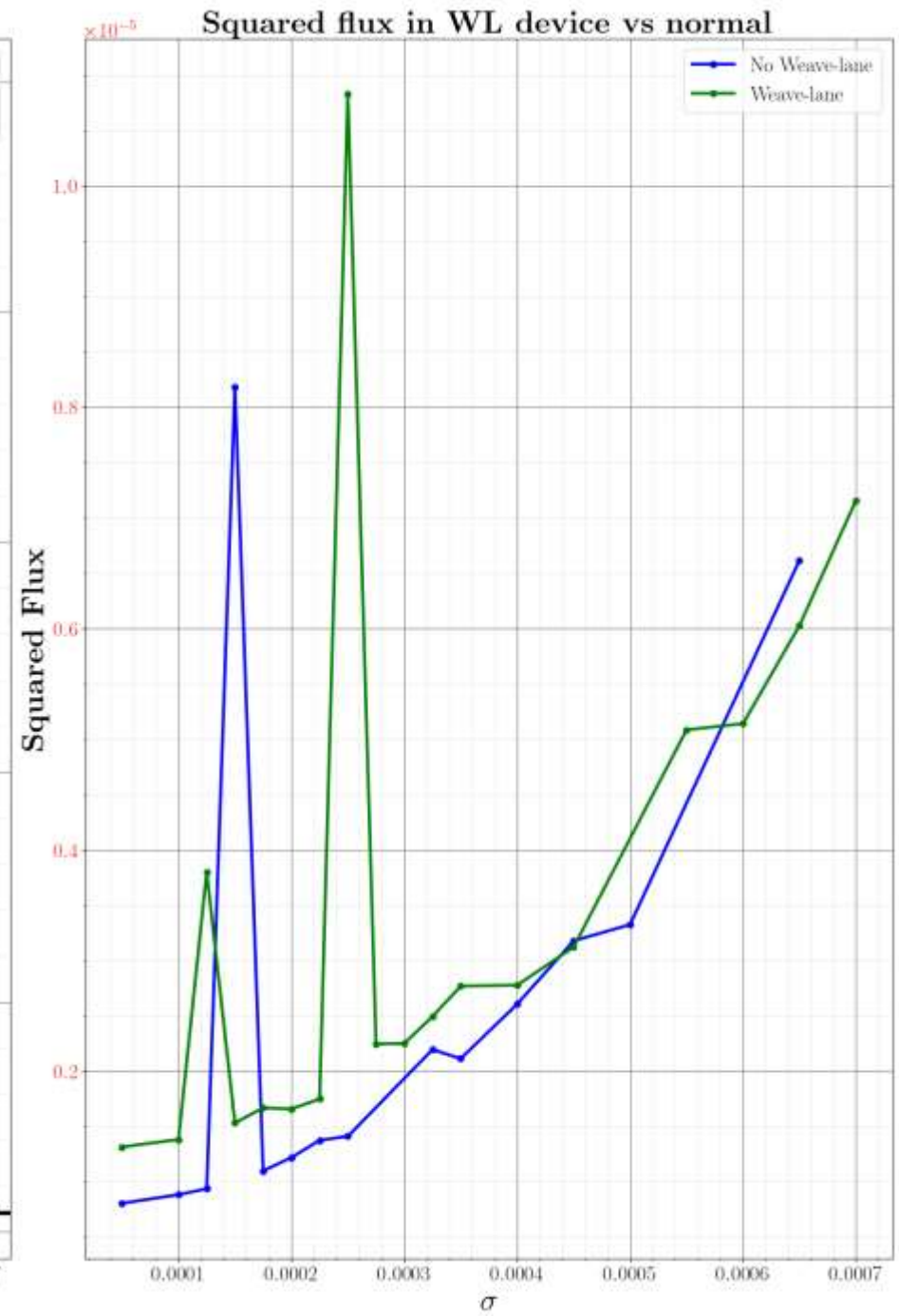
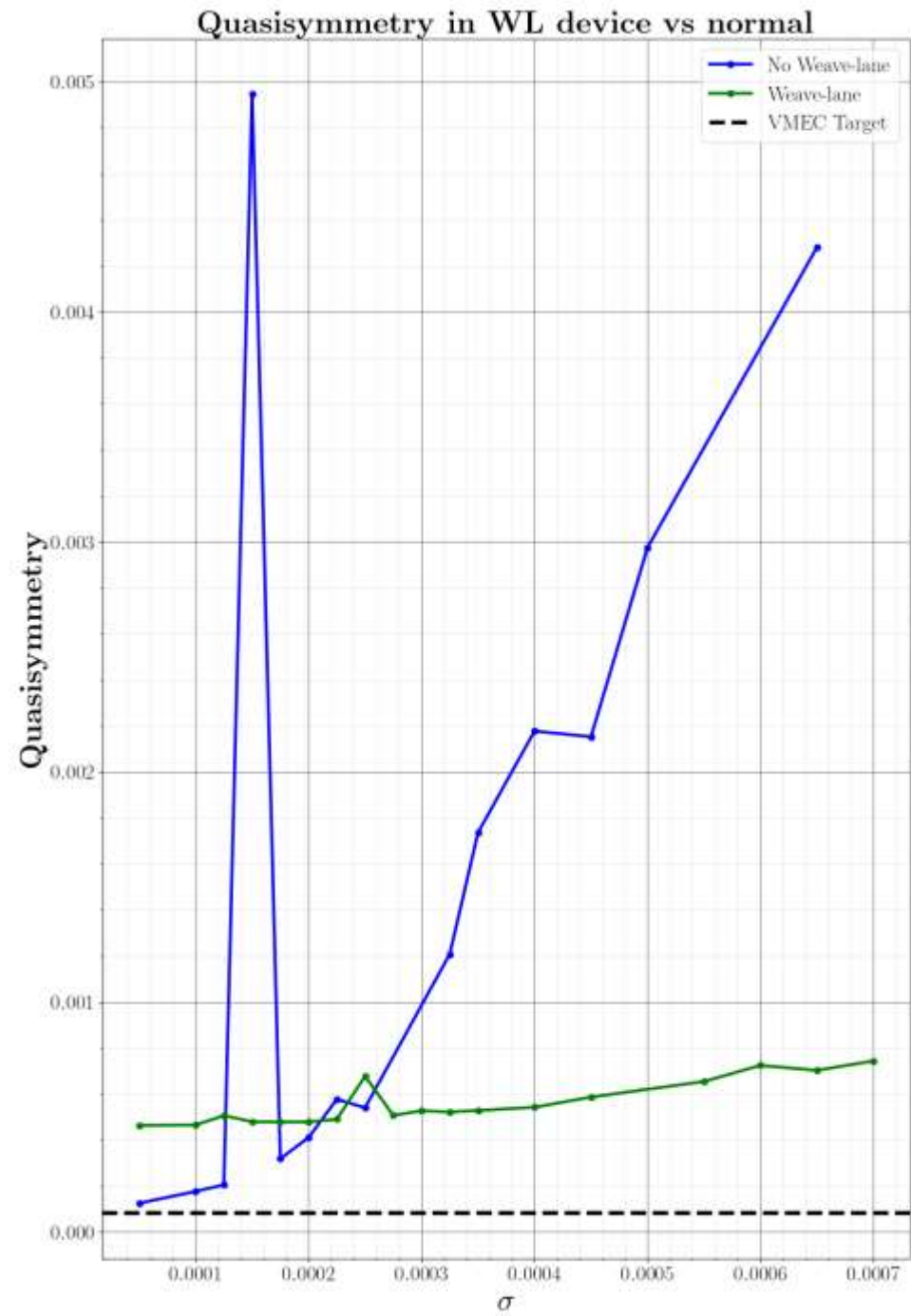


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• Weave-Lane







PERTURBATION MODELLING

- **Motivation: For coils that are 1m in minor radius, a tilt angle $\pm 0,1$ degrees (W7X limit) \Leftrightarrow ± 1 mm in the sampling, PDF is modified.**

“The sources of these [magnetic field] errors are differences between the designed and fabricated coil shapes at the **manufacturing** stage or misalignments of the coils at the **assembly** stage.”

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- **Stochastic errors impact the most stellarator symmetry as opposed to systematic fabrication errors.**
- **Vertical axis rotations had a bigger impact than toroidal axis rotations.**
- **Distributions to be assymetrical.**

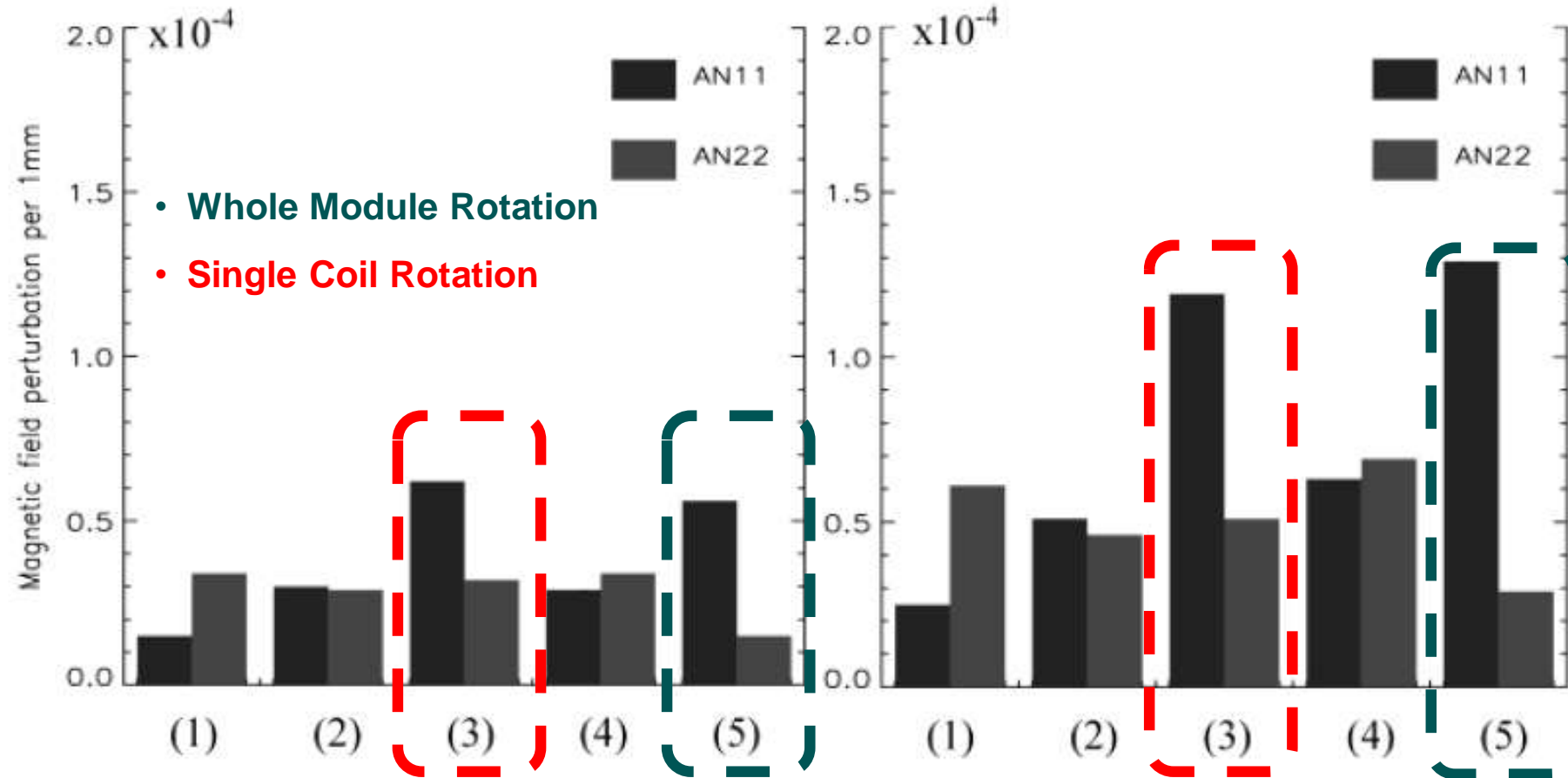
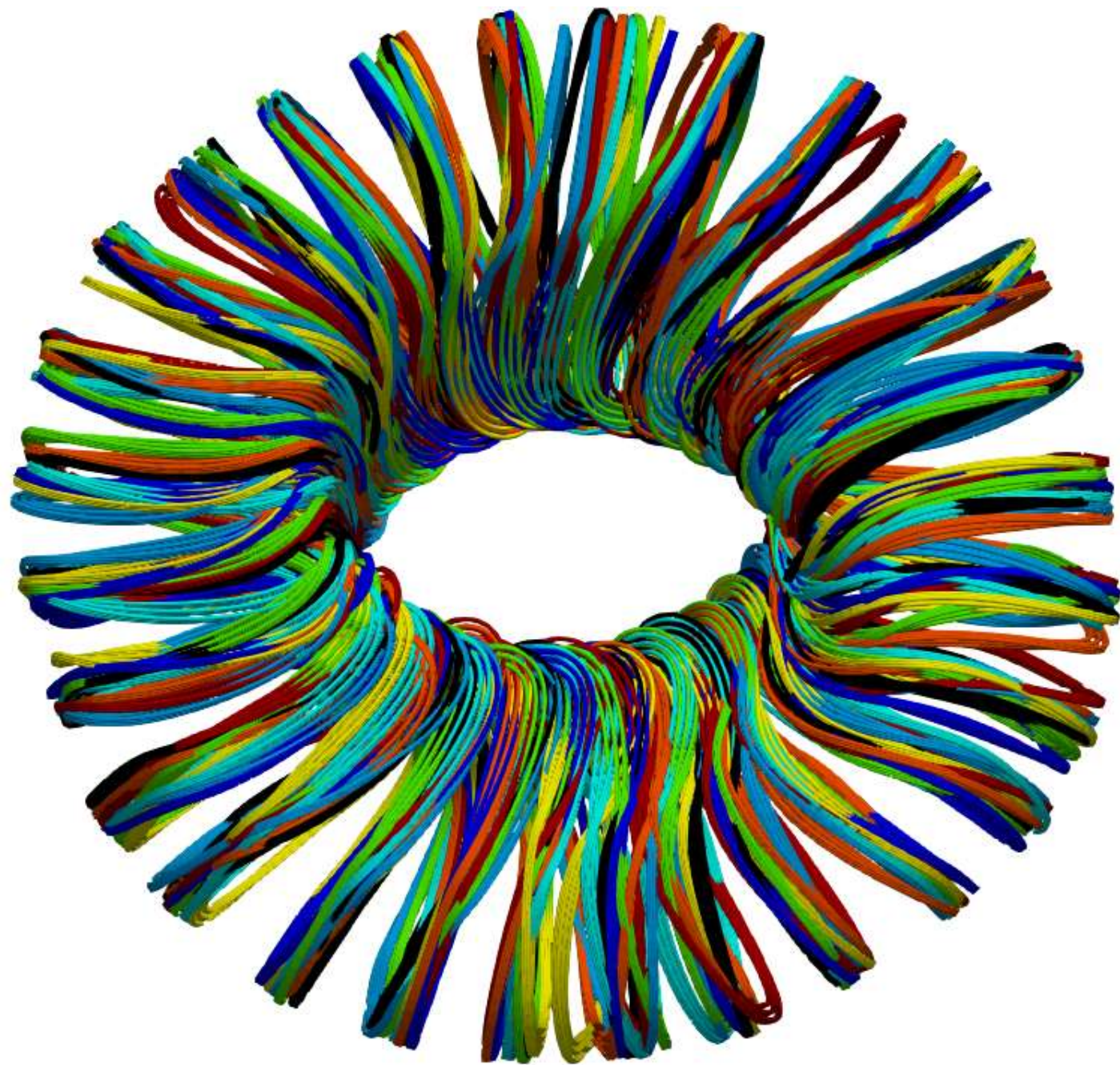
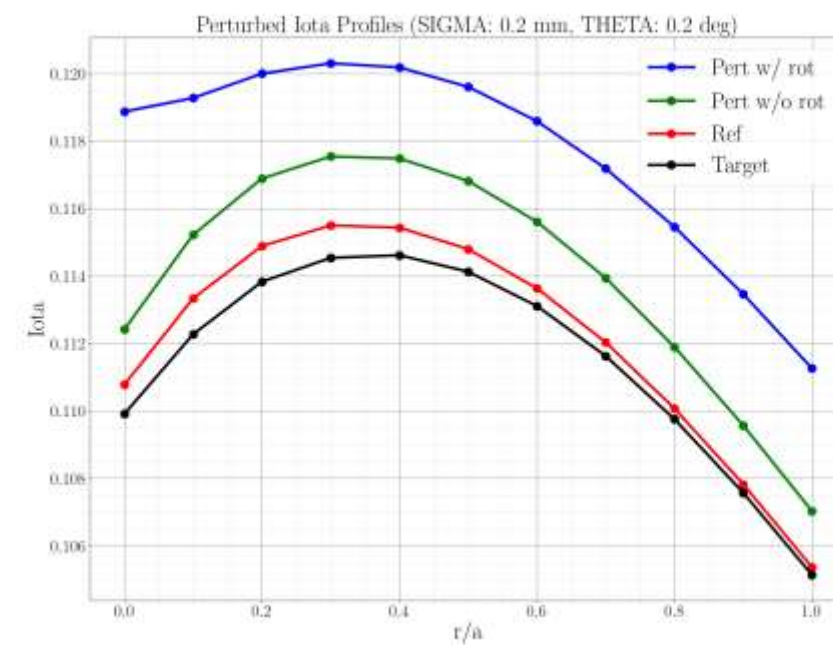
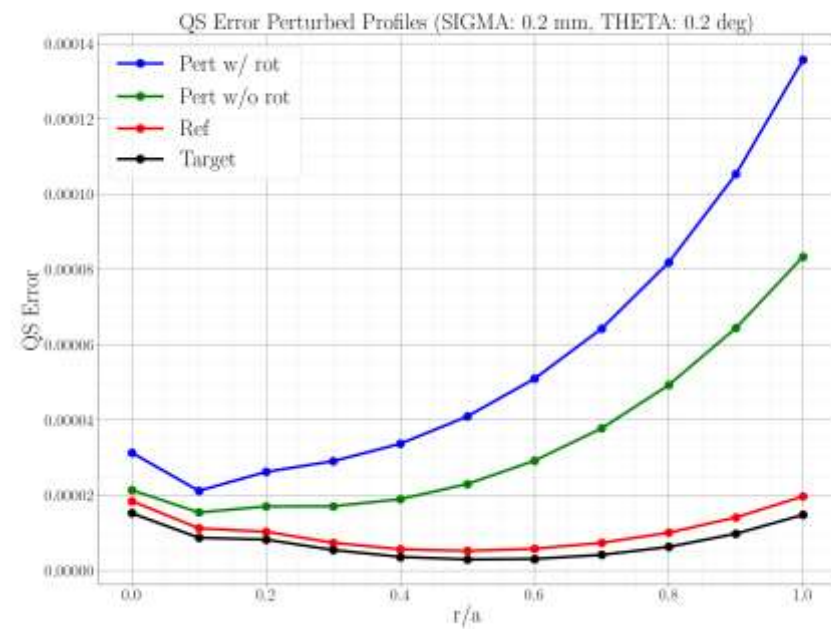
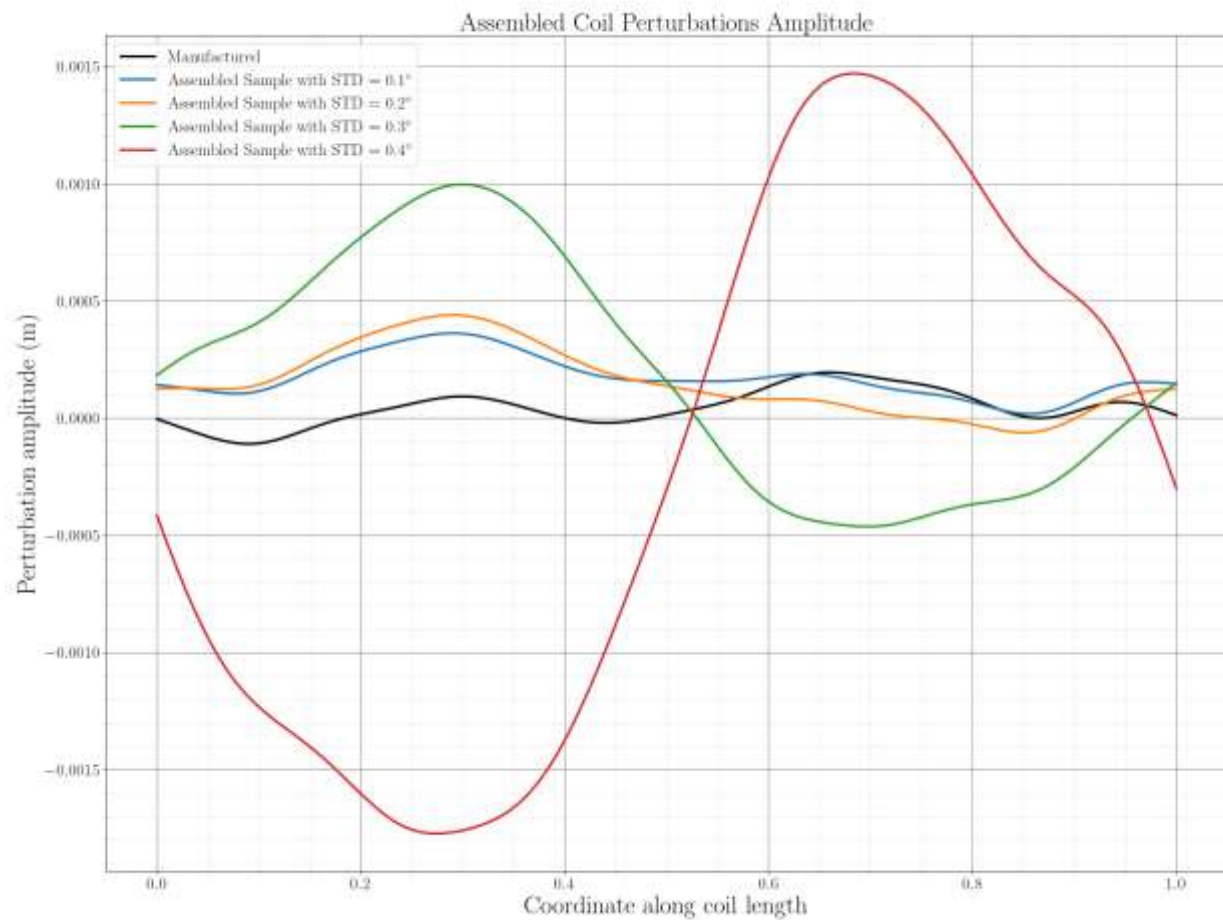


Fig. 9. Relative magnetic field perturbations for an average deviation of 1 mm: (left) average over 10 runs, (right) maximum of 10 runs; in each frame from left to right: (1) shifts of individual coils, (2) manufacturing errors, (3) rotations of individual coils, (4) shifts of whole modules, and (5) rotations of whole modules.

ROTATION DISTRIBUTION: INDEPENDENT MULTIVARIATE GAUSSIAN OF ANGLES.









CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

- PROMISING OPTIMIZATION ROUTINE.
- GOOD FLUX SURFACES HAVE BEEN FOUND.
- GOOD QUASISYMMETRY IS POSSIBLE.
- ROBUSTNESS OF THE STELLARATOR IS STILL TO BE DETERMINED.
- EXPANSION OF STOCHASTIC OPTIMIZATION TO SIMULATE REAL LIFE PERTURBATIONS.
- UNDERSTANDING LINK BETWEEN QUASISYMMETRY AND STOCHASTIC PERTURBATIONS



GENERALIZATION OF STOCHASTIC PERTURBATIONS



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- **CURRENT TECHNIQUES ONLY
SIMULATE MANUFACTURING
ERRORS**
- **INTEGRATE ROTATIONS AND
TRANSLATIONS (AND TILTS OF
WP ?)**
- **ROTATIONS APPEAR TO
CONTRIBUTE THE MOST TO
MAGNETIC FIELD DEGRADATION**