



# Summary of Magnetic Fusion plasma session

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**General Information for MF** 

- **Plenary (4)**
- **Invited (44)**
- **c** Oral (41)
- **>** Poster (32)
- **Total : 121**





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### PL20: KSTAR [Si-Woo Yoon]

B<sub>T</sub>=2.44 T

0.0

1.5

1.0

V<sub>loop</sub> (v)

P<sub>EC</sub> (MW)

β<sub>N</sub>

70

80

90

#### **Overview of KSTAR results and Plan**

Important developments for advanced scenario have been achieved: early diverting, long-pulse capabilities and high Ti operation



#### High T<sub>i</sub> with stable ITB





### I26: KSTAR advanced operation [Jinil Chung]





### PL14: HL-2A [Min Xu]

#### Advances in understanding of turbulent transport and confinement improvement in HL-2A

- Modulation of turbulence by MHD has been systematically studied in the HL-2A tokamak
- It was found that residual stress drives an off-diagonal turbulent momentum flux and its divergence defines an intrinsic poloidal torque.
- The study reveals that the damped zonal flow results in edge cooling which excites MHD instability and even disruption.
- Radial transport of impurity ions is strongly enhanced in the plasma core region with the on-axis ECRH.
- The **pedestal dynamics** and the underlying physics have been extensively studied.
- The increase of the mean  $E \times B$  shear flow plays a key role in L-H transition
- **ELM mitigation** realized by using LHCD, impurity seeding, RMP.
- Turbulence and transport, MHD and energetic particle physics under β<sub>N</sub> high plasmas will be emphasized in the future.

Understandings of the multi-scale physics, the nonlinear coupling between flows, MHD and turbulences



**Overview of experimental results in EAST Tokamak** 

Significant progress has been made in EAST SS long-pulse operation and physics research towards CFETR:

- Scenario development, H&CD, ELM control, PWI, D&SOL
- **SS** scenarios demonstrated with extension of fusion performance:
  - High  $f_{BS}$ ~40-50% with improved confinement (H<sub>98,y2</sub> >1) at high-n<sub>e</sub>;
  - Zero/low NBI torque, high performance experiments on EAST offer unique contributions toward ITER and CFETR.
- Further research on core-edge integration for scenarios development and resolving heat flux issues is essential to extrapolate to SS reactor:
  - Lower divertor upgrade for enhanced heat/particle exhaust compatible with highperformance SS operations.



### I40: DIIID-EAST: High-β<sub>P</sub> & SS scenario [Andrea Garofalo]

q<sub>95</sub> ~ 6.0-7.0

v<sub>loop</sub>~ 0.0

#### The high poloidal beta path towards steady state tokamak fusion

- High-β<sub>P</sub> regime optimizes at:
  - low current  $\rightarrow$  low disruption risks
  - high pressure → Shafranov shift suppression of turbulence
  - low pedestal  $\rightarrow$  natural divertor solution
- Projection of high-β<sub>P</sub> scenario to ITER yields SS Q~6 with no rotation, day-one H&CD
- Extension of DIII-D high-β<sub>P</sub> scenario to EAST achieves performance for SS C=5 in CEETR

How high- $\beta_P$  tokamaks provide promise for attractive fusion, power reactors

1.0





Successful 1<sup>st</sup>

experiments on

WEST

paving way for

steady state

operation in full

W-environment

### I11: WEST: [Jerome Bucalossi]

#### First experiments in WEST with tungsten plasma facing components

**1**<sup>st</sup> phase of operation with inertially cooled lower divertor elements and ITER-like prototypes

- ▶ 8 MW of RF power injected (5 LHCD + 3 ICRH)
  - 5 MW of LHCD alone
  - 5 MW of ICRH alone
- Tunsgten radiation dominates (~50% of P<sub>inj</sub>)
- Plasmas prone to tungsten induced MHD
- Intermittent LH-transition observed @ P<sub>loss</sub>~3MW
- Long pulse achieved (30s+) in USN (actively cooled upper divertor)
- First damages observed on the ITER-like Plasma
   Facing Units (PFU)
- Top tace
- Cracks, melting and droplets on the edges of the monoblocks of the misaligned PFU (0.79 mm)
- Optical hot spot evidenced (local melting) on aligned PFU within ITER tolerance (<0.3mm)

#### 2nd phase of operation (1000s pulses) to start in fall 2020

Manufacturing of the fully actively cooled ITER-like lower divertor has started (456 PFUs)





### O25: MAST-U [Nick Walkden]



#### **MAST Upgrade status and first results**



("core scope")

Greater *I<sub>p</sub>*, pulse duration

**19 New PF Coils** Improved shaping

#### **Super-X Divertor**

Improved power handling

#### **Off-Axis NBI** Improved profile control

After upgrade, MAST would get greater Ip and Bt, improved shaping and power handling abilities.



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DRP

### I9: small/no ELM regime [Guosheng Xu]



The mechanism of EAST grassy-ELM regime has been revealed, could benefit the CFETR scenario



### I32: ELM triggering [Julien Dominski]

**Emerging Picture on the Pedestal Dynamics and Triggering Mechanism of ELMs** 

Study of a "mini-ELM" gives insight on the potential nonlinear mechanisms triggering an Edge Localized Mode (ELM).



Figure: Bi-coherence during mini-ELM.

Bi-coherence analysis reveals the nonlinear interactions at play between dominant modes of the mini-ELM.





### **I19: ELM suppression exp. [Zhen Sun]**

#### **Real-time impurity powder injection for ELM and H-mode pedestal control in EAST**



ELM in EAST were completely suppressed by boron powder injection into the X-point region of an upper-single null configuration plasma over a wide range of operating conditions (2.8 < Paux < 7.1 MW,  $0.35 < ne/n_{GW} < 0.82$ , RF-only and RF+NBI heating scenarios).

The injection of boron powder above the minimum amount for ELM suppression coincides with the occurrence of an edge oscillation with several harmonics in magnetics

boron powder injection into the X-point could achieve complete ELM suppression over a wide plasma parameters.



### I31: ELM structure [Monica Spolaore]

#### Edge Localized Modes electromagnetic fine structure in the Scrape-Off Layer of tokamak discharges

**COMPASS** (Prague, Czech Rep.)

**RFX-mod** (Padova, Italy)

-3.3

415 420 425 430

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ELM electrostatic and magnetic features were investigated in details in tokamak configurations of COMPASS and RFX-mod



- Complex fragmented and radially extended filamentary structures emerge within a single ELM. Strong peaks in parallel current density J<sub>tor</sub> are observed to characterize the ELM bunch.
- Analogous features were observed in COMPASS and RFX-mod ELM structures.
- Within the ELM burst cycle (RFX-mod) the ejection phases were identified with the "crash" and "middle phase" where radial propagation of e.m. filaments recovers transiently the L-mode turbulent filament features.



### I25: ELM simulation [Zhanhui Wang]

#### Self-consistent multi-scale integrated modeling of ELM and transport

- One multi-scale self-consistent physical model of ELM turbulence and transport has been developed;
- Both transport trans-neut code and ELM elm-pb/-6field code have been integrated and coupling on OMFIT platform;
- Self-consistent multi-scale simulation results of ELM turbulence coupling with transport during ELM crash have been achieved;







### I14: RMP sim. [Juhyung Kim]

#### **Effects of RMPs on nonlinear resistive reduced MHD simulations**



RMPs are shown to expedite the magnetic field line stochastization process via the nonlinear energy transfer



#### **3D** divertor flux control using optimized dynamic RMP on EAST

- **Dynamic RMP application helps even 3D divertor flux distribution** •
  - field rigid rotation
  - upper-lower current phase scan
- Plasma response effects on the divertor power load were observed
  - screening/amplifying  $\rightarrow$  changing field line penetration depth  $\rightarrow$  power load strength
  - confirmed by modeling: MARS-F + TOP2D + EMC3-EIRENE ٠



The process of active divertor flux control through a dynamic RMP fields on EAST is investigated



### O19: RMP exp. [Ting Wu]

#### Effect of RMP on boundary plasma turbulence and transport on J-TEXT tokamak



Fig. 1. Radial profile of turbulent flux.

With 6 kA RMP averaged flux  $\Gamma_r$  drops Edge: about 38% near SOL: about 43%



Fig. 2. Blob properties with conditional average method and the radial profiles of the maximal values of blob parameters.

In the SOL with RMP:

✓ The blob amplitude and radial velocity decrease;

✓ Turbulent flux of blob drops dramatically.

fluctuations in the edge/SOL region, particle flux and blob transport has been dropped clearly with RMP



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### I23: EP-Chirping Mode [Liming Yu]





### I24: nonlinear AE [Wei Chen]

#### Nonlinear Dynamics of Alfvén Eigenmodes in HL-2A NBI Plasmas



The nonlinear dynamics of TAEs, including nonlinear wave-particle and wavewave interactions, have been observed in HL-2A NBI L- and H-mode plasmas.

The outer TAE with m/n=7-10/3 nonlinear dynamics triggers the onset of ELMs and pedestal collapse within several hundred Alfvén times, and they are correlated to the irregular ELM features.



**Gyrokinetic transport theory of phase space zonal structures** 

Theoretical framework to address fluctuation-induced and collisional transport on the same footing for applications in collisionless fusion plasmas.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\overline{F_{z0}} + \frac{1}{\tau_b} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial P_{\phi}} \overline{\left(\tau_b \delta \dot{P}_{\phi} \delta F\right)_z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{E}} \overline{\left(\tau_b \delta \dot{\mathcal{E}} \delta F\right)_z} \right]_S = \overline{C_{z0}} + \langle \bar{S} \rangle_S$$

$$\bar{F}_{z0}$$
contours
$$\bar{F}_{z,0}$$
for
$$\bar{F$$



### O30: Excitation of AE [Shuanghui Hu]

Discrete

eigenmode V

By passing

particles

By trapped particles

-10

54

52

-20

SW

SW

Alfven modes excited

by energetic particles

10

Preliminary efforts to detail kinetic compressions with resonance contributions upon trapped as well as passing particles with specific examples of kinetically excited Alfven waves.

**Excitations of Alfven Modes in Burning Plasmas** 

Vorticity equation  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (f \frac{\partial \widetilde{\psi}}{\partial \theta}) + \alpha g \widetilde{\psi} + \frac{\omega (\omega - \omega_{*P,Ci})}{\omega^2 / a^2} f (1 + 2\varepsilon \cos \theta) \widetilde{\psi}$ ( with kinetic compression  $+i\frac{\omega_{A0}}{\omega_{C0,Ci}}\frac{s(3-2s)}{\hat{\lambda}_{Ci}\varepsilon}\frac{\partial\widetilde{\psi}}{\partial\theta} = G(\theta,\omega,\widetilde{\psi})$ upon particles by analytical solution of gyrokinetic eq.) Kinetic compression supported by

wave-particle resonances upon the passing/trapped particles described by perturbed distribution function governed by gyrokinetic equation.



Kinetic excitation upon wave-particle resonances



#### **O24: GAE [Hooman Hezaveh Hesar Maskan]**

#### Modelling of a long range chirping global Alfven Eigenmode in tokamaks

A theoretical description has been developed to study the hard nonlinear evolution of a global Alfven eigenmode in resonance with energetic particles in an NBI scenario during the adiabatic frequency chirping



The radial profile is expanded in finite elements and the nonlinear mode equation is derived by varying the total Lagrangian of the system with respect to the weight of basis functions. The peak of the initial profile will be shifted inward towards the center of the plasma and the mode becomes more localized close to the plasma center. This inward displacement is in compliance with the drift of EPs. In addition, it can be observed that the radial profile is broadened as the frequency moves away from Alfven the shear continuum.



Fig.2 A slice  $(\mu \approx 0)$  of the phase-space showing the equilibrium phase-space density and the resonance line at different frequencies.

As the frequency deviates from the initial value, the energetic particles, which are initially in resonance with the mode, will be carried to other regions of the phase-space. During the frequency chirping, appropriate constants of motion have been introduced to reduce the dynamics to 1D.



Fig.3 Time evolution of the mode frequency

The dissipated power via weak collisions into the bulk plasma should be equal to the power released by the phase–space structures energy. The chirping rate is derived using this energy balance. It is shown that the square root dependency holds for the very early stages of frequency chirping.



### O2: Fishbone simulation [Wei Shen]

#### Hybrid simulation of fishbone instabilities with reversed safety factor profile

Fishbone instabilities with reversed safety factor profile have been investigated by M3D-K code. There are two types: dual resonant fishbone (DRF) with double q = 1 surfaces and non-resonant fishbone (NRF) with the minimum value of safety factor  $q_{min}$  a little larger than unity.

- ➤ When q<sub>min</sub> increases from below unity to above unity, the fishbone transits from DRF to NRF, and the mode frequency of the NRF is higher than the DRF as the NRF is resonant with fast ions with larger precessional frequency.
- Nonlinear simulations show that the saturation of the DRF is due to MHD nonlinearity with a large n = 0 component. However, the saturation of the NRF is mainly due to the nonlinearity of fast ions, and the frequency of the NRF chirps down nonlinearly.



Mode structures of DRF(left) and NRF (right)



### I44: EGAM [Ivan Novikau]

the dynamics of EGAMs is investigated with PIC code ORB5, the saturation mechanisms are identified by separating the waveparticle and wave-wave nonlinear dynamics, and the comparison with the experiments is discussed.



- Energy transferred 0 to thermal ions  $[{}^{0.20}_{\rm e}]{}^{0.15}$  $v_{\parallel,EP}[c_s]=3.5$  $m_{res}^D = 2$ ο  $p_{\mathcal{A}}^{0.10}$  $v_{\parallel,EP}[c_s]=6.0$  $m^{(,D)}_{res} = 1 \ m^D_{res} = 2$ 0 \$ 0.05\* 0.00 7.512.517.520.010.0 15.0 $\gamma_{egam,lin}(10^3/s)$ 
  - reproduced relative EGAM up-chirping in

NL ES simulations in the code ORB5.

enhancement of the EGAM channelling in the plasma heating due to the high-order EGAM-bulk plasma resonances.

reduction of the EGAM channelling due to the electron dynamics.



### I45: EGAM [Hao Wang]

#### Nonlinear simulation of energetic particle driven geodesic acoustic mode channeling in LHD



The mechanism and other properties of EGAM channeling in LHD plasmas is systematically investigated with realistic parameters through MEGA code.

- The ions obtain energy when the energetic particles lose energy, and this indicates that an energy channel is established by the EGAM. EGAM channeling is reproduced by simulation with realistic parameters for the first time.
- The sideband resonance is dominant during the energy transfer from EGAM to the bulk ions, and the transit frequencies of resonant bulk ions are one-half of the EGAM frequency.
- The lower mode frequency, the higher energy transfer efficiency. The interaction between EGAM and bulk ions is stronger for lower frequency mode.
- In order to enhance the energy transfer efficiency, we suggest to increase EP pressure, decrease NBI energy, increase  $T_i$ , and increase pitch angle  $\Lambda$ .



### I46: Plasmoid [Fatima Ebrahimi]

elongated currentsheets in toroidal geometry can result in a transition from slow reconnection to fast plasmoid-mediated reconnection;

The importance of reconnection physics during burst-like events in tokamaks, such as ELMs has been elucidated.



# Start up plasmoid formation Experiment Simulation

3-D MHD simulations shed light onto the role of reconnection in ELM nonlinear dynamics of a tokamak. The quasiperiodic dynamics of **peeling driven ELM** filaments are explained as reconnection events through a bi-directional emf dynamo term. Ebrahimi PoP 2017

Plasmoids A transition to plasmoid instability has for the first time been predicted by simulations in a large-scale toroidal fusion plasma.

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Ebrahimi & Raman, Phys. Rev. Lett
(2015)
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3-D MHD simulations have shown that system-size plasmoid formation can produce large plasma startup current in spherical tokamaks and a large-fraction conversion of injected open flux to closed flux. Ebrahimi&Raman Nucl.Fusion 2016, Ebrahimi PoP 2019



#### Dual role of radial electric field in edge MHD dynamics: Er-shear vs Er-curvature

Equilibrium flow



Er-shear can stabilize the ideal linear kink mode, while Er-curvature is destabilizing. The actual stability depends on which is stronger or which can take the leading position.

The Er-curvature destabilizing effect comes from the **Kelvin– Helmholtz instability**.



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### I10: I-mode [Tim Happel]

#### **Overview of ASDEX Upgrade I-mode results and extrapolation to future devices**



- I-mode is an improved energy confinement regime.
- Significant progress in stationary I-mode operation on ASDEX Upgrade.



- So far no detachment achieved in I-mode, experiments are ongoing.
- Understanding of I-mode edge turbulence: suppression of ITG yields drift wave, β stabilization gives weakly coherent mode (WCM).



### **I38: I-H transition [Jun Cheng]**

#### interaction between oscillation flows and turbulence across a transition to H mode in edge plasma





The dynamic progress during I-phase to Hmode has been investigated through Langmuir probes. The interactions between oscillation flows, QCM and turbulence across the transition is analyzed.

- Energy transfer from AT to QCM, consistent with the increasing b<sup>2</sup>
   The magnetic oscillation gets energy from QCM and its amplitude begins to rise when AT reaches the minimal value
- AT is locked at a low level , plasma cross the bifurcation point, i.e., directly towards to H mode



### **I8: L-H transition [Linming Shao]**

**Recent progress of L-H transition physics and H-mode power threshold studies in EAST** 



Both turbulent decorrelation rate and nonlinear energy transfer rate are found to play key roles on the turbulence quench.

Reduced H/D+H by the lithium conditioning is the probable cause for the reduced  $P_{\rm L-H}$ .

Lower  $P_{L-H}$  is also observed in discharges with metallic divertor, favorable configuration and shorter outer leg length.



### I42: L-H transition [Zheng Yan]

#### Role of turbulence and shear flow dynamics in the L-H transition and power threshold scaling

f (kHz)

- Rapidly increasing shear flow generated from turbulence prior to and triggering the L-H transition <sup>[1-4]</sup>
  - Critical role of turbulence kinetic energy transfer between plasma turbulence and poloidal velocity flows in triggering the transition
- Unifying observations of multimode turbulence structure in plasmas with lower P<sub>LH</sub><sup>[5, 6]</sup>
  - Dual modes commonly observed in plasmas of deuterium (vs. hydrogen), at higher q<sub>95</sub> (vs. lower q<sub>95</sub>), and in favorable magnetic configuration (vs. unfavorable)
  - Associated with larger Reynolds stress and mode velocity shear



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## I39: power law [Jeronimo Garcia]

### On the validity of scale invariance and power laws for describing and predicting confined plasmas



- Validaty of power law thermal energy confinement time dependence on input power,  $\tau_E \sim P_{in}^{\alpha}$ , studied for JET
- In conditions of transport reduction with collinear effects from input power and magnetic shear, deviations from power laws are obtained
- A power law approximation with a constant exponent covering a broad range of plasma conditions can lead to misleading results when...
- ...Non-linear interplay between turbulence and input parameters is dominant
- Scale invariance can be broken in conditions of far from ion scale dominated plasmas
- In particular low ion transport obtained in high power plasmas



## I29: ITB; Rotation; ITG/TEM [Kenji Imadera]



✓ Co-current toroidal rotation in weak/reversed magnetic shear plasma can enhance mean  $E_r$  shear (Right Fig.) through the radial force balance, leading to ITB formation (Left Fig.).

2. Effect of kinetic electron on ITB formation in flux-driven ITG/TEM turbulence



 $\checkmark$  Co-current toroidal rotation becomes more effective in TEM case by reversing mean  $E_r$ .

Effect of kinetic electron dynamics on ITB formation in flux-driven ITG/TEM turbulence are investigated through the comparison with adiabatic electron case



## I34: Fast-Ion and ITG/TEM [Samuele Mazzi]

#### Impact of fast ions on microturbulence and transport: expectations for JT-60SA and ITER

- **Experimentally**  $\rightarrow$  Detected reduction of turbulent transport respect to IPB98(y,2) scaling law in several devices
- ➤ Numerically → Stabilization found for ITG-dominated systems in gyrokinetic simulations [Di Siena NF(2018), Zarzoso PRL(2013), Citrin PPCF(2014), Garcia NF(2015), Doerk NF(2017)]

The impact of Fast-Ion on Turbulent Transport is investigated with GENE based on a JT-60U high-ß discharge and found that TEMinduced heat flux is not affected by Fast Ions. Analysis of JT-60U TEM-dominated hybrid scenario with local version of GENE [Jenko POP(2000)]:



[S. Mazzi, *Nuclear Fusion*, 2019, submitted]

- TEM-induced heat flux is not affected by Fast Ions
- Possible explanation  $\rightarrow$  Weak impact of Zonal Flows as saturation mechanism in  $\nabla T$ -driven TEM [Merz PRL(2008), Ernst POP(2016)]
- ➤ ITER predictive Hybrid Scenario analysis [Garcia POP(2018)] : Fast ions (α-particles mainly) reduce ITG-driven turbulent transport (beneficial effect) → Similarity with JET and ASDEX-U cases
- ➤ JT-60SA predictive Hybrid Scenario preliminary analysis: Inconsistency between simplified electrostatic reduced models and GENE analyses → Electromagnetic effects must be taken into account in reduced models



## **O9: Staircase [Wenbin Liu]**

#### **Observation of multiple shear layers and long-range transport events on HL-2A tokamak**

Based on the BES data on HL-2A, multiple shear layers and longrange avalanchelike transport events are observed, suggesting the existence of  $E \times B$ staircase

*E*×*B* staircase:



- observation of multiple shear layers (red dashed lines):  $\geq$ 
  - Obvious changes of  $S(k_{\theta}|f)$  such as the slope of dispersion curve  $\omega(k)$ , poloidal direction of turbulence;
  - Termination of radial extension from  $\tilde{n}_{e}(R, t)$  or reduction of radial correlation from  $L_{r}(R)$ ;
  - Corrugation of  $\nabla T_{e}$  profile;
  - Eddies stretched and different tilt angles in the two sides of shear layers from  $\tilde{n}_e(R, t)$ .

#### $E \times B$ staircase dynamics:

- Long-range Avalanche-like transport events in-between transport barriers
- $\triangleright$ Semi-permeability (Strong disturbance is more likely to penetrate the barrier.)



## I28: Zonal flow staircase; avalanche [Lei Qi]

#### Role of zonal flow staircase in electron heat avalanches in KSTAR L-mode plasmas

- 1. Non-diffusive avalanche-like electron heat transport events are observed in KSTAR L-mode plasmas in the absence of MHD instabilities
  - ✓ The power law scaling  $|\delta T_e(f)|^2 \sim f^{-0.7}$  (*Fig. 1a*)
  - ✓ Corrugation scale in mean  $\delta T_e$  is  $\Delta \sim 45 \rho_i$  (*Fig. 2b,2d*)
- 2. Nonlinear gyrokinetic analysis shows consistent results with the experiments
  - ✓ The power law scaling  $|\delta T_e(f)|^2 \sim f^{-0.7}$  (Fig. 1b)
  - Corrugation scale in mean  $\delta T_e$  is  $\Delta \sim 40 \rho_i$  (*Fig. 2a,2c*)
- 3. Nonlinear gyrokinetic analysis shows that zonal flow staircase is responsible to shear the avalanches
  - Corrugation scale in zonal flow staircase is  $\Delta \sim 40\rho_i$ , consistent with  $\delta T_e$  corrugation. (*Fig. 3a,3b*)
  - Zonal flow shears electron temperature gradient fluctuations. (*Fig. 4a, 4b*)
  - Zonal flow shears the turbulence radial correlation.
     (*Fig. 4a, 4c*)
  - Regulates the electron heat transport avalanches (*Fig. 3e, 3f*)





## O20: KH instability [Chu Zhou]

Based on the Doppler reflectometry measurement, a KH-like coherent mode triggered by velocity shear is observed at the EAST pedestal and the mode features, as well as the coupling with H-mode GAM are shown.

#### Investigation of the Kelvin–Helmholtz instability in EAST



•After ICRH turns, the KH-like coherent mode appears, and then turns into the ELM-free operation;

•The density and energy decrease as this instability;

•GAM may accompany with this instability;

•When the edge velocity shear is large enough, the K-H like instability is aroused.



## O44: turbulence and ICRF [Wei Zhang]

The interactions between ICRF and turbulence are Investigated on EAST. It is found that ICRF influences turbulence mainly by generating convective cells close to the antenna. While turbulence influences ICRF mainly by influencing the propagation of ICRF waves.

## Influence of ICRF on turbulence

In the scrape-off layer:

Through radiofrequency (RF) induced convective cells

In the plasma core:

Through fast ions

## Influence of turbulent on ICRF

- On ICRF power coupling
- By changing the width of fast wave

evanescent layer

On ICRF wave fields

By changing the plasma dielectric

properties in the filaments

Poloidal stretching and splitting of blobs by RF convective cells (#34676, measured by GPI) (a) w/o RF convective cells t0=2.008350s, dt=5µs









I30: Rotation; LHCD [Bo Lyu]

**Overview of experimental investigation of LHCD's effect on plasma rotation on EAST** 

- Plasma rotation change induced by the 4.6GHz LHCD on EAST were studied to characterize its behavior and dependence on various plasma parameters;
- For LHCD plasmas, co-current rotation increment was observed and increased with LHCD power. Rotation change was closely correlated with current density profile and inductance;
- Momentum transport analysis indicated a stron pinch in rotation, supported by intrinsic torque measurement with relatively co and large value the edge





## The drift kinetic effects of the magnetic coherent mode in the H-mode pedestal of EAST



MCM appearance is independent of:

- Heating
- Wall coating
- Wall materials
- This may rule out the possibility of energetic particle driven mode.

Model analysis of MCM



• A Magnetic Coherent Mode (MCM) is frequently observed in the EAST H-mode pedestal.

• Observations suggest that it is pressure-gradient-driven mode, but may rule out the possibility of energeticparticle-driven mode.

• An two-fluid model with drift kinetic effects successfully predicts a mode destabilized by the trapped electron bounce resonance. Its characteristics and parameter space are consistent with MCM.

• Model predicts that this mode could appear in the Hmode pedestal of future fusion reactors, such as CFETR.



## **O37: EAST coherent mode [Yanqing Huang]**

#### Nonlinear simulation and energy analysis of the EAST coherent mode

The coherent mode in the edge region is a potential candidate to solve the high heat flux issue for EAST long-pulse high-performance operation.

- ▶ In simulations, n=5 mode is dominant. Compared to experiments,  $k_{\theta} = 0.5(exp.) \rightarrow 0.2(sim.)cm^{-1}, n = 15(exp.) \rightarrow 5(sim.).$
- Coherent mode is driven by the DAW and Peeling-Ballooning mode in the linear phase of nonlinear simulation.

#### Three-wave interaction and bispectral analysis get

- 1. In the process of mode coupling, energy transfer: medium-n  $\rightarrow$  low-n modes, dominant modes: medium-n  $\rightarrow$  low-n modes.
- 2. The mode coupling effect : Saturation phase > early phase;  $T_e > N_i$
- > The turbulence extracts more energy from density profile than electron temperature.
- > The energy transfer rates prove that the coherent mode is electrostatic dominant.



**Quasilinear turbulent transport modeling with semi-empirical and mixing-length-like saturation rules** 

- **The neural-network based transport model DeKANIS has been constructed.** 
  - Quick prediction of quasilinear kinetic fluxes
  - Bringing information on the diagonal and off-diagonal terms



- How to estimate the coefficients

  - - Mixing-length-like rule -> DeKANIS-2
- ✓ DeKANIS predicts  $\overline{\Gamma}_{e}$  and  $\overline{Q}_{e}$  with a neural network, which has learned the coefficients estimated for JT-60U experimental data.
- $\checkmark$  The two models based on different saturation rules reproduce  $\overline{\Gamma}_{e}$  and  $\overline{Q}_{e}$  for unknown plasmas to a similar degree.





#### Self-consistent simulation of transport and turbulence by coupling SOLPS-ITER and BOUT++

- The method and the procedure of coupling the fluid plasma/neutral 2D transport code SOLPS-ITER and the fluid 3D turbulence code BOUT++ are reported. SOLPS-ITER can provide the background profiles of density, ion, and electron temperature to BOUT++. In turn, BOUT++ can provide the corresponding radial transport coefficients to SOLPS-ITER.
- After several steps of iteration, the profiles of density, ion, and electron temperature show fluctuations, and the differences of the changes between two consecutive profiles are getting smaller and smaller. Finally, the self-consistent solutions of turbulence and transport can be obtained.





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**Core-edge simulations of impurity behavior for the CFETR advanced scenarios** 

- The impurity behaviors for the CFETR advanced scenarios have been analyzed by core-edge integrated simulations;
- ◆ The simulations are performed by different seeding impurities (Ne, Ar, Kr) with W divertor;
- Simulations show that impurity behaviors for the steady state and hybrid scenarios are similar;
- ◆ If W concentration in the core region is higher than 7×10<sup>-5</sup>, power to SOL will be smaller than the L-H transition threshold and thus H mode cannot be sustained.
- Ne and Ar seeding is useful to reduce the heat load on divertor with high performance on core plasma;
- The operational window for Kr seeding is smaller, which requires higher density at separatrix or SOL diffusion coefficient.





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## I1: Small Angle Slot Divertor (SAS) [Dan M. Thomas]

#### **Closure, Detachment, and Energy Dissipation Studies Using the DIII-D SAS Divertor**

The DIII-D SAS divertor provides a useful testbed for detailed modeling-experiment studies in a closed divertor.

In this system, the combination of enhanced neutral buildup and ExB drifts can significantly increase power dissipation and decrease heat flux to < few eV across the divertor target, necessary for future high duty factor reactor designs. Pedestal improvement is also seen.

Our ability to control drift directions and strike point locations, perform detailed in-slot measurements with novel localized diagnostics, and conduct constrained driftdependent modeling are all key components of this research.





SAS operation has resulted in a confinement enhancement factor H\_98Y2 up to ~30% better than the open divertor at the onset of detachment, as well as delaying the degradation in confinement due to enhanced radiation to significantly higher (~30%) pedestal densities.



## **O6: Detachment [Kedong Li]**

### Radiative divertor study for detachment in the grassy ELMy H-mode in EAST



The combination of grassy ELMy regime and radiative divertor operation was proposed and performed in EAST

◆ Stable deep partial detachment

Patial detachment without confinement degrade



#### **Plasma-surface interaction studies in preparation of JET-ILW TT and DT operation**

- Plasma-wall interaction studies are an integrated part of JET exploitation
  - Be/W ITER-like wall
  - H, D, T isotope and DT
- Be and W impurity sources, Be migration, T retention are interconnected. ERO2.0 simulations give an insight on the interplay of various processes
  - interpretive as well as predictive modelling
- Dedicated experiments are used for code and data validation.
  - **ERO2.0** used both in situ (spectroscopy, QMB) and post mortem measured data.
- The lessons learned at JET-ILW are extrapolatable for ITER:
  - > The improved sheath model and  $Y_{eff}$  procedure tested at JET impact ITER life time predictions
  - Suppression of CAPS, CX and self-sputter contributions, effect of ICRH sheaths and molecular processes can impact ITER similarly to JET-ILW
- ILW contributed already to the ITER research plan (e.g. decision on W divertor) and will continue this in future with the isotope campaigns and DT operation

presents the general understanding of the PWI picture at JET in Be/W environment, gives an overview of key JET experiments including the outlook for TT/DT and modelling efforts



## **I33: Impurity flow; SOL [Cameron Samuell]**

#### Velocity Imaging for Understanding Particle Transport in the Boundary of Magnetically Confined Plasmas

- Detailed investigations of physics driving 2D and 3D features in impurity velocities are now possible
  - Enabled by absolutely calibrated 2D imaging of ion velocities
  - Estimation of convective heat transport points towards significant transport from cross-field drifts
    - 2D UEDGE comparisons indicate need for more ion data to complement electron diagnostic (eg T<sub>i</sub>)

First imaging of 3D flows in a tokamak





C.M. Samuell/AAPPS-DPP/November 5 2019



Two absolutely calibrated Doppler Coherence Imaging Spectroscopy diagnostic systems are employed on DIII-D for direct measurement of ion flows, and the first imaging of 3D flows in a tokamak is estimated.

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#### **Experiments and simulations for power exhaust by impurity seeding on EAST and future devices**

- Mitigation of high heat flux is a critical issue for ITER and future fusion reactors with high performance and long-pulse operation.
- •The divertor plasma detachment can be achieved by  $Ne/D_2$  and  $Ar/D_2$  mixture seeding with different ratios and the heat flux and particle flux onto the target can be reduced dramatically.
- Multi-pulsed method could effectively avoid excessive impurities entering the plasma core region and causing contaminations there.
- The active radiation feedback control experiments were successfully realized on EAST.
- The simulations for Ar/Ne seeded radiative divertor experiments in EAST basically agreed well with the experimental results.



## **I35: SOL simulation [Fabio Riva]**

**Comparison of three-dimensional plasma edge turbulence simulations in realistic double null tokamak geometry with experimental observations** 

How to simulate scrape-off layer plasma turbulence with the STORM code? How do the numerical result compare to experimental observations?

→ Simulations of L-mode MAST plasma discharge with STORM [Riva et al., 2019]. Simulations contain drift physics, turbulence, filaments, parallel flows, and sheath losses.

Good qualitative agreement between STORM simulations and experimental measurements both at the outer mid-plane and in the divertor legs is shown.



Ouasi toroidal mode number



## **O1: SOL-Divertor [YiPing Chen]**

#### **Simulations of SOL-Divertor Plasmas in EAST by using SOLPS-ITER**

1. The edge plasma simulation code SOLPS-ITER has been used for the simulation of SOL-Divertor plasmas on EAST tokamak.

2. The effort has been made to simulate the SOL-divertor plasmas in the experimental shots on EAST tokamak for the comparison between the simulation results and the experimental measurement.

3. The agreement between the code results and experimental measurement can be found in the profiles of plasma parameters at the inner and outer target plates.

4. The simulation of the tungsten impurity transport has been carried out by using the code and the density distribution of the tungsten impurity has been obtained.





## I4: Flowing liquid lithium limiter [Guizhong Zuo]

**Improvement of plasma performance with flowing liquid lithium PFCs in EAST** FLiLi can signifanctly improve high power H mode plasma performance.



- Compatible with high power plasmas!
  Heating power: ~8.3MW
- Similar plasma parameter
- rightarrow n<sub>e</sub> and I<sub>p</sub>=0.55MA
- Strong Li emission
- Low particle recycling
  Large ELM mitigation
- Increased plasma stored energy
   Max. Stored energy: > 280KJ



## O32: Liquid Lithium [Daniel Andruzyk]

- Liquid Lithium material testing
  - Thermo-electric properties
  - Wetting properties
  - Corrosion studies
- Flowing Liquid Lithium Limiters
  - LiMIT
    - A flowing concepts, self pumping, has been developed.
    - Control of the wetting is possible
  - Flowing Lithium Limiter
    - Flowing liquid lithium limiters are progressing.
    - Constant low recycling surface is available during a plasma.
    - On 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of FLiLi.
    - $\circ \quad {\rm Next\ tests\ preparing\ for\ LiMIT,\ Mo\ plate\ with\ TEMHD\ trench\ system.}$

#### **CPMI and HIDRA**

- HIDRA
  - up and running.
  - Magnetic flux surface have been measured.
  - Operation and first plasma experiments started and co
  - Material Analysis Test-stand (HIDRA-MAT)
- MEME
  - Liquid lithium limiter-EAST integration
  - Plug-and-Play.
- o Distillation Column
  - Hydrogenic species removal
  - Eventual loop design for fuel/impurity extraction

#### **Liquid Lithium/Metal Research for Fusion**



Liquid Lithium/Metal research for magnetic fusion at the University of Illinois is introduced in details



## O35: Heat flux sim. [Tianyang Xia]

#### LHW:

- LHW can drive the helical current filament (HCF) in SOL, which changes the edge topology.
- A modeled HCF with force-free form in SOL is added into BOUT++ as the extra magnetic flutter.
- > SOL width  $\lambda_q$  is indeed broadened by HCFs.
- > The splitting of strike point behavior is reproduced

Simulations on the transient heat fluxes for the RF wave heating H-mode on EAST through BOUT++ are shown.



- ELM is able to be suppressed by ICRF on some EAST exps..
- The RF sheath is found the necessary factor to reproduce this effects
- Other effects, such as shear flow, turbulence, impurities..., are not practical.
- The RF sheath generates the strong flow shear near the separatrix, which leads to the widely nonlinear mode coupling.





Splitting of the strike point is reproduced within HCF Bicoherence analysis for RF sheath effects







#### B2.5 & EIRENE, Plasma computation grid not extended to first wall Through energy and parameters analysis from SOLPS, It provides a consistent input power and decay length for PFCFLUX.

Field tracing algorithm & exponential decay model



## O31: Carbon deposition inside gaps [Qian Xu]

#### Simulation of carbon deposition inside gaps





- The peak deposit amount is 7\*10<sup>15</sup> at/m<sup>2</sup>.
- It's consistent with experimental result for deposition on the open side but on the shadowed side.
- CHx neutral molecules generated from chemical sputtering and A&M processes in the plasma may be one reason.
- The experimental results were obtained after a campaign, that means the divertor tiles experience many difference discharges

The deposition mechanisms inside gaps of castellated blocks with different shapes by comparison with results from KSTAR through 3D Monte Carlo code PIC- EDDY



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## An Attractive Compact Pilot Plant is Possible when Advanced Tokamak Physics Principles are Applied

- High  $\beta_{\text{N}}$  & high density enable high bootstrap current to reduce recirculating power
  - -Mitigates divertor heat flux & neutron loads
  - Operation at high safety factor without disruptions

6T	<b>7</b> T
9.5	8.2
5.7	7.1
4.3	3.5
1.3	1.5
10	13
74	51
750	640
1.9	1.7
	6T 9.5 5.7 4.3 1.3 10 74 750 1.9

- 200MW net electric at R=4m B=6-7T
- Sets research challenge for community: Validate AT physics: high  $\beta_N$ , high density, transient-free Develop efficient current drive and steady state divertor solution Technology: High T superconductors, reactor materials, engineering

## Compact AT fusion device could realize net electric and nuclear research missions





## **Enhanced Pedestal (EP) H-mode Regime on NSTX**

EP H-mode on NSTX features a wide pedestal with improved energy and momentum confinement with a beneficial decrease in the impurity accumulation relative to a standard ELM-free H-mode; Largest normalized energy confinement on NSTX observed in EP H-mode;

- EP H-mode: edge ∇T<sub>i</sub> increases while edge density decreases
  - Due to reduced neoclassical transport at low  $\nu_i^*$  where  $\chi_{i,neo} \propto Z_{eff} n_e$
  - $H_{98y,2} > 1.5$  operation in an ELM-free regime
- Recovery from large ELM can result in new pedestal solution with larger  $\chi_{i,anom}$  and smaller  $\chi_{i,neo}$ 
  - At low  $\nu_i^*$ , can get improved thermal confinement while increasing particle transport







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#### The impact of anisotropy on ITER scenarios and ELMs

- New tools to study impact of anisotropy on equilibrium / stability
- $\blacktriangleright$  HELENA+ATF / remapping tools for equilibria with anisotropy for same J<sub>b</sub>, W<sub>th</sub>
- MISHKA-A studies continua, global modes with anisotropy and FLOW
- First application to ITER-scenario remapping show shift of pressure and density relative to flux surfaces is possible



cross-section



New tools are developed to study the impact of anisotropy on equilibrium / stability and firstly applied to ITER-scenario, as well as the impact of anisotropy on ballooning mode.



#### **Confinement and stability in DIII-D negative triangularity discharges and relevance for reactor devices**

- Growing database of DIII-D NT discharges shows
  - H-mode confinement w/ Lmode edge
  - Significant  $\beta_N$ , ~3, without disruption
  - Appreciable bootstrap current w/ good alignment
- Bodes well for an NT reactor in low collisionality regime (TEM dominant)



These good properties of NT, no ELMs, L-mode edge and high confinement without disruption, make it an attractive scenario for a reactor



## **O36:** NT study [Laurie Porte]

Exceeded

 $H_{98(y,2)}$  with

q<sub>95</sub><3

no problem

**MW NBI** 

**Experimental Studies of Negative Triangularity on TCV** 



With NBI and high collisionality, similar decrease of fluctuations at  $\delta < 0$ is observed as at low collisionality with ECRH or  $\Omega$ 'ic heating





Advances in physics basis of L-mode edge negative triangularity tokamak reactor L-mode edge NTT (Kikuchi, NF2019) is reactor concept for power handling Key is : Avoiding L-H transition, experimental and theoretical investigation of GAM/zonal flow in NT is crucially important

ITER Physics Basis,  $P_{LH}$  (MW) scales as  $P_{LH} = 0.042 n_{20}^{0.73} B_t^{0.74} S^{0.98}$ . Here  $n_{20}$ ,  $B_t$  and S are electron density (10<sup>20</sup> m<sup>-3</sup>), TF (T), and surface area (m<sup>2</sup>), respectively.

P<sub>heat</sub>/P<sub>LH</sub>~6.7 for DIII-D PT(limiter H-mode) and NT(stay L-mode edge).



Austin, PRL2019 What changes L-H transition?





## O29: Scenario design [Jiale Chen]

## **Progress in Design of CFETR Plasma**

- Both hybrid and steady-state scenarios are developed to meet the missions of CFETR with long pulse and high fusion plasmas.
- Core-pedestal coupled integrated modeling simulations are performed to provided solutions with consistent current drives including.
- For hybrid scenario a flattened q profile in the deep core is obtained with good confinement with high density. For steady state scenario a local reversed shear is sustained to significantly reduce the transport at mid-radius which is similar to the high β<sub>P</sub> and high density scenario developed in DIII-D/EAST joint experiment.
- Both scenarios is expected to be compatible with small ELMy or grassy ELMy pedestal.

"0 D table"	Hybrid	Steady State
Pfus (MW)	940	955
Q	9.39	11.17
β <sub>N</sub> (thermal/total)	2.06/2.28	2.41/2.72
fbs	0.45	0.68
H <sub>98Y2</sub>	1.11	1.29
Pfus(MW)	100	86
(NB/EC/Helicon)	(40/35/25)	(30/31/25)
lp(MA)	13	11
<n>/nGR</n>	1.08	1.16
Zeff	2.51	2.0
q95	5.82	7.32





## O28: Scenario design [Lei Xue]

lp(MA)/Bt(T)

 $P_{NBI}/P_{EC}/P_{LH}$  (MW)

κ/δ

 $f_G$ 

**q**<sub>95</sub>

 $\beta_p$ 

*a/R*(m)

X<sub>EC</sub>/X<sub>Ih</sub>

 $\beta_N/4li$ 

f<sub>BS</sub>/f<sub>ni</sub>

Te0/Ti0 (keV)

**Pped** (Pa)

 $W_{th}$  (MJ)

*H*<sub>98</sub>(y,2)

Teped/Tiped (keV)

neped/nesep (1e19)

3/3

0.65

15/8/4

0.3/0.1

2.5/3.4

11/8.4

1.6/1.6

8.4/5

4.0e4

5

1

0.28/0.34

3.4

1.0

1.8/0.5

0.65/1.78

### Integrated scenario analysis for HL-2M high-performance operation





The expected discharge regimes (Baseline, Hybrid and Steady-state) of HL-2M based on the integrated suite of codes METIS are presented



## O26: Startup [Jiaxian Li]

#### Preliminary analysis of breakdown and startup conditions for the first plasma of HL-2M





- Constraining the limiter configuration using the minimum coils (CS, PF6 & PF8)
- PF8 compensates the stray magnetic fields by eddy currents(I<sub>v</sub>). Both schemes (compensation current dI<sub>PF8</sub> changes with I<sub>v</sub> or fixed value) can maintain enough time for breakdown conditions.


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Achievements of active feedback control of divertor heat load in EAST Plasma Control System

- EAST achieves heat load reduction by advanced divertor configuration (QSF), radiation power control, and radiative divertor induced detachment control.
- Active feedback control via particle flux, Te, or Te+Prad with D<sub>2</sub> fueling or divertor impurity seeding has been achieved successfully, with excellent compatibility with the core plasma performance.



EAST Shot#85691



**Te+Prad control:** Success at high heating power  $P_{inj} \sim 5MW$  with good confinement



## O39: Recycling control [Yaowei Yu]

#### Fuel recycling control for long pulse H-mode operation in EAST superconducting tokamak

□ Various methods for recycling control in EAST

- Baking and discharge cleaning provides a basic clean wall condition
- Lithium coating/injection is more powerful than silicon
- Gradual decreasing of recycling by enhanced desorption of lithium from first wall/tile gaps during long pulse operation
- 101.2 s H-mode plasmas obtained with low fuel recycling by combined recycling control methods



Effect of Lithium Aerosol Injection



Lithium desorption for recycling control during long discharge



101.2 s H-mode with controlled recycling



## I15: System-on-chip [Jo-Han Yu]

#### **Revolution in Microwave Imaging of Magnetic Fusion Plasmas**

Electron Cyclotron Emission Imaging



Microwave Imaging Reflectometer





monolithic millimeter wave integrated circuit (MMIC) technology makes possible systemon-chip (SoC) solutions for Millimeter-wave plasma diagnostics

Current technology has been widely applied on a number of major tokamaks and has provided important contributions on sawtooth, Alfven eigenmodes, ELMs, etc. Limitations:

- ✤ Noise temperature limitations
- EMI shielding performance issues
- Difficulties for repair/replacement
- ✤ High cost
- ✓ Customized mm-wave chip/module design
- ✓ System integrated into individual module
- ✓ 3,000 K noise temperature base line
- ✓ Employ on DIII-D tokamak in mid 2019



The design of 1mm microwave interferometer with high stability and wide dynamic range for EAST is introduced

- Microwave interferometry is an effective and reliable way to measure line integrated plasma electron density on tokamaks;
- ⇒ Prototype design of a microwave interferometer for EAST has been finished on SUNIST;
- The bench test data and plasma electron density measurement result on SUNIST have verified the interferometer's excellent phase linearity, precision and resolution;
- The extremely low noise heterodyne interferometer has been routinely operated in SUNIST;
- Plan of 1mm microwave interferometer for EAST has been decided and the key components are available.



#### **Data-driven study of high-beta disruption prediction in JT-60U using exhaustive search**

#### Key parameters of high-beta disruption in JT-60U

- Results of feature extraction using exhaustive search, one of sparse modeling techniques
- Key parameters which seem to be relevant to high-beta disruption:  $\beta_{P}$ ,  $q_{95}$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $f_{GW}$ ,  $T_i$

#### **Disruption likelihood**

• Power low like decision function: boundary between disruptive and non-disruptive

 $f_{\rm exp}(\boldsymbol{x}) = e^{7.45} \beta_{\rm P}^{5.39} q_{95}^{-8.29} \kappa^{7.40} f_{\rm GW}^{4.50} T_{\rm i}^{-0.120}$ 

• Disruption likelihood against  $f_{exp}(x)$  and operational parameter region



A disruption predictor model has been developed by using a support vector machine (SVM) based on high beta experiment data in JT-60U. The result will be useful to design a secure operational regime and develop control systems of fusion reactors.



# Thank you! 谢谢: