Li transport study in XGC0 and XGC1 (C.S. Chang, et al)

Simulation: as much first-principles as possible, diverted geometry

- XGC0: Neoclassical guiding center, not simulating turbulence, but modeling in the anomalous transport
- XGC1: gyrokinetic neoclassical and turbulence
- Both XGC0 and XGC1 will include Li and impurities, neutral transport with atomic physics, wall interaction coefficients, and radiation
- Li effect on ELM stability boundary, in coupling with M3D-C1 and Elite
- Li effect on the core plasma and impurity transport
- Li effect on divertor heat load width will also be studied simultaneously

Diagnostics

- Measure Li and impurity profile time-dependence at all radii, 2D preferred

Code development

- Move Li and impurity particle routine from XGC0 to XGC1
- Add poloidal electric field routine to XGC0
- Couple M3D-C1 and XGC1 into EFFIS framework
- Complete the kinetic electron capability to XGC1 across separatrix (discussed elsewhere)

Comprehensive gyrokinetic code XGC1 (Unique in the world fusion program)

- Diverted magnetic field geometry with material wall BD condition
- Includes magnetic axis: wall-to-wall simulation
 - \circ Lagragian operation (particle time-advance) in cylindrical coordinates
 - \circ Eulerian operation (field solver) in field-following coordinates
- Wall-recycling of neutral particle with atomic physics
- Multiscale simulation of neoclassical, turbulence, neutral particle, and atomic physics
- Aim for 24 hour simulation by utilizing HPC



Ion turbulence fills the whole volume, but is confined by magnetic separatrix surface (green curve). DIII-D geometry is used.



XGC1 performance on 3mm ITER grid

XGC1 scales efficiently all the way to the maximal Jaguarpf capability, with MPI+ OpenMP. Routinely uses >70% capability.

XGC0 says, at n_C/n_e =10%, Li moves outward while C⁺⁶ moves in at ψ_N <1.

Radial transport speed profiles



<u>Carbon depletion from pedestal strengthens ExB shearing</u> E_r -well depth/width at n_c/n_e =5% is stronger than at 10%

Weaker X-loss effect by C in pedestal $V_{\nabla B} \propto 1/Z$, $v_{||} \propto 1/m^{1/2}$: Thus, $V_{\nabla B}/v_{||} \propto m^{1/2}/Z$: where $Z_C/Z_D=6$, $(m_C/m_d)^{1/2}=6^{1/2}$



Conjecture: Reduction of P_{L-H} with abundance of Li in the scrape-off layer:

- XGC0 observation: reduction in C⁺⁶ in the pedestal by high Li population in scrape-off layer (C⁺⁶ screening, but C⁰ can still penetrate)
- Momentum conservation is not a constraint in scrape-off: Collisional transport yields Γ_C>0 just outside separatrix. → higher C collisionality by abundant Li,
 → higher Γ_C>0 just outside separatrix → more C depletion in pedestal → Increased ExB shearing rate.in pedestal

Conclusion and Discussion, from Li Symposium 2011

- It appears that many of the Li behaviors and its influence on plasma in the H-mode, as seen in NSTX, could be related to neoclassical physics
 - Blockage of Li influx, except in the early low-carbon stage, following the L-H transition
 - Enhanced flux of ionized C into core throughout H-discharge period
 - Reduction of C and Li in a thin layer toward separatrix
 - Lower P_{L-H} with Li evaporation
 - Broadening n_e pedestal
- The initial large drop of C into hollow profile appears to be outside of neoclassical physics: A transient turbulence-neoclassical effect is suspected

→ to be investigated from XGC1 gyrokinetic edge turbulenceneoclassical code

- A more realistic plasma "simulation," as opposed to the "academic" study, is needed
- Divertor heat load scaling with Li is to be studied. ADAS data to be used, in collaboration with the Auburn group.

New Lithium Density Measurements in H-mode

(We will try to connect the blue items with XGC0 simulation results.)

