Characterization of Fast Ion Power Absorption of HHFW in NSTX

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NSTX Results Review

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Review of XP-214



- Scan $B_T(0)$ to examine prediction of off-axis shift in absorption profiles
- Vary k_{\parallel} between similar shots to test prediction of greater ion absorption for lower k_{\parallel}
- Scan beam energy maintaining constant beam power to observe non-Maxwellian effect
- Vary I_p
- Scan NPA with identical conditions to examine radial dependence of fast ion absorption

NPA shows fast ion tail build-up and decay

- HHFW turns off at t=320ms
- NBI Source A on throughout

- D⁺ tail extends to 130 keV
- Tail saturates in time during HHFW



• typical shot traces in 1082xx series

• Tail decays on collisional time scale

B-field scan, NPA data



B-field scan, neutron rate comparison



 k_{\parallel} scan

ONSTX



 k_{\parallel} scan

DNSTX



Beam energy scan



Beam energy scan



I_p scan

ONSTX



ISTX



NPA scan, $k_{\parallel} = 14 \text{ m}^{-1}$, $B_0 = 4.5 \text{ kG}$



NPA scan, $k_{\parallel} = 7 \text{ m}^{-1}$, $B_0 = 4.5 \text{ kG}$



Analysis Status and Plans

- Currently in the process of interfacing HPRT raytracer with the METS full wave code
 - Remi Dumont has added capability for METS to compute absorption with arbitrary distribution function
 - HPRT will compute ray paths, pass relevant parameters along paths to METS
 - Fast ion dist. fcn. will be pulled from TRANSP and converted to the appropriate form for METS
 - Allows better absorption profile comparisons between a 2D ray-tracer and a 1D full wave code
- CHERS data to be examined for trends and input into analysis codes