RF interactions with edge produce a bright hot spiral on the divertor



- Edge interactions apparent on camera images
- Bright streaks emanate from antenna region
- Bright spirals form on both upper and lower divertor
 - IR cameras show strong divertor heating under spiral
 - Edge loss up to ~ 60% of RF power

Evidence that RF power couples SOL and flows along field lines to divertor

- Experimental observations
 - IR cameras measure strong heat flux underneath RF spirals
 - Position measured with divertor floor camera (Li I line)
 - RF spiral moves when magnetic pitch changes
 - Movement observed with Langmuir probes and current-sensing tiles
- Numerical modeling: HHFW power flows along field lines
 - Magnetic mapping from SOL midplane to divertor
 - Mapping agrees with IR data and with divertor-floor images
 - Mapping reproduces spiral motion when pitch is changed
- Conclusion: RF spiral originates from across the SOL at the midplane and not solely from the antenna face
 - Consistent with location of onset density for perpendicular fast-wave propagation

Hot RF spiral suggests fast-wave propagation along field lines in SOL



- Fraction of HHFW power lost is related to location of onset density for perpendicular fast-wave propagation^{*}
 - Moving the onset density too close to antenna seems to induce more losses
- Suspect standing wave patterns are formed in SOL
 - Leads to significant Poynting flux along SOL magnetic field
- Could be other loss mechanisms: such as hot ion flux due to parametric decay instability

*J.C. Hosea et al., Physics of Plasmas 15 (2008) 056104.

Diagnostics in divertor measure RF spiral properties



- IR cameras show strong divertor heating under spiral
- Divertor optical camera (Li I line)
- Langmuir probes respond strongly to RF when under spiral
- Current-sensing tiles
 detect increase in tile
 currents when under spiral



Major radius of RF spiral at any toroidal position depends on field pitch

- Radius shifts by ~ 15 cm inward with increased pitch
 - Upper figure: low pitch I_P/B_T = 0.8 MA/ 5.5 kG (31°)
 - Lower figure: high pitch $I_P/B_T = 1 \text{ MA} / 4.5 \text{ kG} (42^\circ)$
- Can sweep RF spiral across diagnostics by changing the field pitch

141888 time = 0.312s - bkg 0.247s 141899 time = 0.319s - bkg 0.247s

Divertor IR cameras show strong RF-induced heating



- Strong divertor heating under spiral during RF (t=0.444 s)
 - Pre-RF heat profile (t=0.244 s) subtracted
 - RF-induced divertor heating (ΔQ) at various radii
 - Including outer divertor region well away from outer strike point
- Negative dip due to outward motion of outer strike points

High field pitch puts spiral over Langmuir probe^{*} 4 but not on other probes a few cm in





Current-sensor tiles track movement of RF spiral



- Certain divertor tiles are instrumented to measure currents
- Bay K tile current decreases as RF spiral moves inward...
- ... while Bay I tile current rises

S. Gerhardt et al., Review of Scientific Instruments 82 (2011) 103502.

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Field-line mapping hypothesized to show path of HHFW power flow



- Follow field lines using SPIRAL code
 - SPIRAL is a full-orbit code
 - Particle trajectories approximate field lines to high accuracy
 - Only using field-line tracing ability of SPIRAL
- K• Start field lines between antenna and separatrix
- Integrate SOL field lines until they strike divertor

G.J. Kramer et al., 22 IAEA Fusion Energy Conference (Geneva, 2008) CD-ROM file IT/P6-3.

Field-line mapping models flow of RF power along field to divertor



- Analyze a set of field lines
 - Colors indicate different starting radii at midplane
 - Field lines have ninety degree span (same as antenna)
- Field lines spiral and focus radially around the center column
- Field lines started farther from antenna spiral in more
- Field lines to probe come from 153 cm at midplane, well away from the antenna

Strike points on divertor form a spiral that closely matches the observed RF spiral

Strike points on divertor for field lines started at midplane...

... create spiral pattern close to camera images



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Computed strike points move with pitch and match diagnostic measurements



- Strike points move with pitch and match tile and probe measurements
- As the magnetic pitch increases:
 - Spiral moves over probe 4 location
 - Spiral moves over tile 3i and off of tile 3k

<u>NOTE</u>: Coloring scheme differs from previous slide

Optical divertor camera agrees with SPIRAL strike points until close to LCFS



- Green strike points come from right edge of antenna
- Blue strike points come from left edge

- Optical divertor camera measures Li I emission
 - Li comes from wall (divertor) sputtering
 - Enhanced via RF sheaths or RF-driven particle flux
- Overlayed with SPIRAL strike points
 - Jagged portion due to CHI gap
 - Camera data agree with strike points until close to the LCFS
- EFIT02 equilibrium fit

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Lower divertor IR camera data agrees with SPIRAL strike points



- RF pulse heats divertor in several locations
- Measured radii of deposited heat coincide with strike-point radii computed by SPIRAL
- Inverting the magnetic map gives an idea of how much HHFW power couples to different SOL field lines
- LRDFIT04 equilibrium fit

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Upper divertor IR camera data agrees with SPIRAL strike points



- Upper divertor IR signal
 weaker than lower divertor
 - Could be up/down asymmetries
 - Could be toroidal position of camera relative to spiral
- Measured radii of deposited heat coincide with strike-point radii computed by SPIRAL
- LRDFIT04 equilibrium fit

Summary

- Strike points computed by SPIRAL agree with experimental data
 - IR cameras measure heat peaks at strike-point locations
 - Strike point positions agree with camera images
 - Strike points move as magnetic pitch changes, rotates spiral
 - Langmuir probe and divertor tiles show strong RF-response when under the RF spiral
- Much of the RF power-deposition spiral comes from the SOL between antenna and separatrix
 - Could be consistent with location of onset density for perpendicular fast wave propagation
- Will invert map to estimate midplane profile of HHFW power coupling to field lines
- Will explore differences in strike-point locations with different magnetic field equilibrium fits