

Plan and Current Status of Plasma Wall Interaction Study in KSTAR

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Outline



- Introduction
- Operation plan
- 1st Plasma
- Design of PFCs
- Edge modeling activities





Introduction and operation plan of KSTAR



KSTAR Key parameters





Mission of KSTAR Project



To develop a steady-state-capable advanced superconducting tokamak

- Superconducting TF and PF magnet system
- Non-inductive current drive system
- Long-pulse diverter and PFC system
- Real-time plasma profile control system

 To establish the scientific and technological base for an attractive fusion reactor as a future energy source

- High-performance AT mode research
- Active control tools of the high beta MHD instabilities
- Flexible heating & CD system
- Advanced diagnostics

KSTAR Long-Term Plan









Superconducting magnet System



- SC Coils
 - Superconductor : Nb3Sn (TF & CS & PF) NbTi (PF 6,7)
 - Cable : Cable-in-conduit conductor
 - Cooling : Supercritical helium (5 K, 6 bar)
- Structures
- Structure : SS316LN
- Peak magnetic force : 15 MN





Shaping and Position Control



Strong Plasma Shaping ($\kappa_x \le 2.0, \delta_x \le 0.8$) Segmented In-vessel Coil

- High-n ideal ballooning stability
- Low-n external kink stability
- Peeling-ballooning stability etc.
- Passive plate close to the plasma
- Slowing down of vertical position instability

- Simplification in the fabrication, installation, and maintenance
- IVC, IRC, FEC/RWM control coil
- Simultaneous control of the axisymmetric and non-axisymmetric modes









- In-vessel control system to be installed for the simultaneous control of n=0 position and non-axisymmetric FEC & RWM control
- In n=2 up-down symmetric configuration, ELM suppression using RMP



• Utilizing toroidal segmentation concept for easy fabrication and installation







^{8. 2008.} Jun. : First Plasma

Tokamak & Vacuum Pumping Systems





Ancillary System Development Plan



Operation Phase	Initial Operation			Baseline Long-pulse Operation					
Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Operation Mode		First Plasm a	Circular Ohmic	Shaped Ohmic	L- & H-mode	Long-pulse H-mode	Hybrid	Long- pulse Hybrid	RS-mode
NBI (MW)				2.7	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	7.4
ICRH (MW)	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0	3.0
LHCD (MW)						1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0
ECCD (MW)	(0.5)			1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
Diagnostics	Basic	Base-I	Base-II	Base-III	Base-IV				
In-vessel coil				Position	FEC/RWM				
PFC		Inner- limiter		Divertor, P. P.					
Plasma Control				Position, Shape	FEC	ELM	NTM		RWM
Fueling/ pumping	Gas- puffing			Divertor Pumping	HFS- Pellet				
MPS	50MV A		100MVA		MG: 1.6GJ	SN(PF3-6)			



Major Goals

- Commissioning and first-plasma generation
- Development of basic operation skill of superconducting tokamak
- Circular and shaped Ohmic plasma experiments
- Development of ancillary systems for long-pulse operation
- Development of international collaboration framework

(2008.6)	• First-Plasma Exp.	l _p ≤ 200 kA	
	- pre-ionization test	ECH 500kW	
	- low dl _p /dt		
	Circular Ohmic Plasma Exp.	$I_P \leq 1 MA$	
Campaign-1	- Plasma current ramp-up	ICRH 2 MW	
(2009)	- RF/plasma interaction & fast ion physics		
	• Shaped Plasma Exp.	Double null shape	
Campaign-2	- H-mode exp.	$I_P \leq 2 MA$	
(2010)	- Plasma position & shape control	NBI 2.7 MW	
	- Heating/CD test (NBI, ICRH, ECH)		



Major Goal

- Increase of pulse length (20 ->300 sec) and input power (5 -> 16MW)
- Test of PS, heating/CD, PFCs, control, diagnostics systems etc.
- Basic physics study in long-pulse operation condition
- Real-time control for MHD instabilities (FEC, NTM, ELM etc.)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Experiment Mode	L & H- mode	Long-pulse H-mode	Hybrid Mode	Long-pulse Hybrid mode	RS-mode
Pulse-length	>20	>50	>50	>100	>100
Input- power(MW)	7.9	9.4	10.4	12.9	16.4
NBI	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	7.4
ICRH	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0	3.0
LHCD		1.5	1.5	1.5	3.0
ECCD	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0





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Considerations for 1st plasma



First Plasma



- Low loop voltage & low magnetic flux startup (< 0.4 V/m, ~0.7 Wb)
 - Plasma control system operation (RFM digital control)
 - BRIS (Blip resistor insertion system)
 - Optimum discharge using SC PF coil & double-walled VV

• Pre-ionization startup

- ECH(84Ghz, 500kW) fundamental : $B_T = 2.4 \sim 3.5 T$
 - well proven technique by many tokamaks
- ECH 2^{nd} harmonic : : $B_T = 1.3 \sim 1.7 \text{ T}$
 - recent experiments by JT60U, DIII-D, ...
- ICRH vacuum eigen-mode pre-ionization
 - recent experiments by Tore-Supra, Textor, ...
 - further modeling is on-going

• PFC & wall conditioning

- Baking(<150C), GDC(boronization), ICR cleaning, ...
- Inboard limiter & poloidal limiter

In-vessel Components for 1st Plasma





Assessment of ECH 2nd harmonic pre-ionization



First of all, 60GHz and 110GHz experiments are rather confusing in terms of energy growth rate (β) as commented by Dr. England. Therefore, whether it applies to the case of KSTAR 1st plasma is still uncertain.

According to the paper,

$$\begin{split} \beta &= 0.5 E_0 k_0 / B_t \propto P^{1/2} / d_{beam} , \\ d_{beam} \sim d_0 \bigg[1 + \left(2x_a / k d_0^2 \right)^2 \bigg]^{1/2} \sim 2x_a c / \omega_{ECH} d_0 \end{split}$$

For KSTAR, $x_a \sim 0.5m$, $k=2\pi/\lambda=2\pi$ f/c=1.7e3[1/m], $d_0=0.322*63.5mm$,

$$\beta = 0.5E_0k_0 / B_t \propto P^{1/2} / d_{beam}k_0 / B_t ,$$

$$d_0 \left[1 + \left(2x_a / kd_0^2 \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \sim 0.35 > 2x_a c / \omega_{ECH} d_0 \sim 0.28$$

so, there are 20% different !!

$$\frac{\beta_{KSTAR}}{\beta_{DIII-D,60GHz}} = \left(\frac{P_{KSTAR}}{P_{DIII-D}}\right)^{1/2} \frac{d_{beam,DIII-D}}{d_{beam,KSTAR}}$$
$$= (450/400)^{1/2} \times 0.170/0.035 = 3.68$$

$$\frac{\beta_{KSTAR}}{\beta_{DIII-D,110GHz}} = \left(\frac{P_{KSTAR}}{P_{DIII-D}}\right)^{1/2} \frac{d_{beam,DIII-D}}{d_{beam,KSTAR}}$$
$$= (450/400)^{1/2} \times 0.034/0.035 = 0.75$$

Lower ratio for 60GHz!!

We may decrease the distance(x_a) of the 2nd harmonic resonance layer from the waveguide to decrease d_{beam} (ratio of beta will be easily larger than 1, so it will be good news for KSTAR!, e.g., B₁~1.7T->R=1.9m, x_a~0.3m, beta ratio~1 : LFS breakdown)

The results are encouraging, however, above calculations are for electron perpendicular energy growth rate only (1st phase). Avalanche criteria(2nd phase) is not assessed at all for 2nd harmonic ECH heated plasma! Also, connection length L will be uncertain for KSTAR initially(<1000m, probably less than DIII-D) !

Therefore, it seems we don't have the decisive experimental data and the theoretical model to judge ECH pre-ionization capability for KSTAR 1st plasma. (it will decrease the required loop voltage somewhat, at least, when synergy of V_{loop} & ECH is successful)

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GDC Operational Parameters



- S_P/A : 0.1m/s

 A : 80m² (7% of A_{vac})
 S_P : 8,000 l/s
- T_W : >150 ℃ (if possible)
- j_{GD} : 10-25 μ A/cm²
- P_{H2} : 3 x10⁻³torr
- Q_{in} : 24 torr l/s (~2000sccm)

- the ratio of the pump speed to the effective area of the wall.
- the wall temperature.
- the glow discharge current density.
- the hydrogen pressure.
- Gas feeding rate.

GDC :Concept of RF assisted DC Glow

- RF assisted DC glow discharge
 - Low ignition, low sustain pressure
 - No ignition circuit
 - Low RF power
 - Large pumping speed
 - Complex structure

 Mechanical arrangement of the RFX GDC system





GDC :Conceptual View of Electrode





Plasma Initiation Modeling



- 0-D plasma startup model
- 1.2x10⁻⁵ torr hydrogen pre-fill
- 150 kW absorption of assisted power using ECH 2nd harmonic pre-ionization



Initial magnetization Analysis



- PF current ~ 10kA in total, magnetization flux ~ 0.7 wb
- Breakdown radius ~ 10cm, residual vertical field ~ 2-4 G





Design and tile temperature calculations for 20s pulse phase



Plasma Facing Components









Heat Removal Modeling





Boundary conditions

Neuman (q=0) everywhere except for Tile surface : heat flux(~ MW/m^2) Coolant : q=h(T-T_{ext})

1-D model



Coolant h=0.25 W/cm²-C Grafoil conductance K=0.4 W/cm²-C (Due to computational concerns, Grafoil thickness is enlarged artificially)



Material Thermal Properties





Benchmark : Comparison with 1-D and 2-D calculations



Discrepancy are within 10%! So for 1-D : varying coefficients for 2-D : constant coefficients at 450K are used....

Example of 2-D calculation



Temperature at 20sec [m]

KSTAR

2-D : dependence of tile temperature on heat flux profile



As the peak move sideway, max. temperature increases.

(it returns to the original when x=0.01cm)

However, for divertor, heat flux profile is more like triangular rather than guassian

=> the case of x=0.05cm is a good guess for standard operation!

2-D calculations of tile temperature after 20sec exposure





1-D : Effect of active cooling for short pulse(<40sec)









2-D Simulation of striking point modulation for example KSTAR



1-D Simulation of tile thickness dependence





Conclusion from tile temperature calculations



•For ~6MW+20sec operation, graphite is well-suited for power handling with enough safety margin!

✓16MW->3.5MW/m² ----> 6MW-> 1.3MW/m²
 ✓In the worst case (flat heat flux profile), q_{limit} ~1.5MW/m² (this is not likely at all)
 ✓For normal operation, q_{limit} ~2.5MW/m² (e-folding length=2cm)
 ✓Above 3.5MW/m² might actually be lower to ~2MW/m² (according to DIII-D exp.)

- •Variation of tile thickness and striking point sweeping will also help
- •Active cooling is not so effective in short-pulse operation <~40sec
- •Current cooling design will be sufficient for PFC cooling in-between discharges

Further work needed for:

- 2-D calculations of heat flux from plasma
- 3-D calculations of temperature (including radiation loss)
- Structural analysis with graphite divertor



•The low power 20 second phase, we will use the present design of PFCs.

•However, in the present design, the density control may be not so efficient for long-pulse especially for single-null case due to the lack of inboard side cryo-pump.

•For high power 300 second phase, the divertor tile will be changed to CFC and brazing will be used between tiles and stainless steel backplates for better heat conduction.

•We are considering W-shape closed divertor with V-shape striking point modules for the long-pulse experiments.

•Also, during short pulse phase, we will test the various PFC materials including W in the dedicated toroidal sector.



Edge transport modeling activities with SOLPS5.0(B2.5)









Particle conservation:

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(n_i \mathbf{V}_i^{eff} \right) = S_i^n \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{V}_i^{eff} = V_{i||} \mathbf{b} + \frac{c}{B} \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \varphi + \frac{cT_i}{Z_i e} \nabla \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{b}}{B} \right) - \frac{D_{an}}{n_i} \nabla_{\perp} n_i$$

Parallel momentum conservation:

$$m_{i}\frac{\partial n_{i}V_{i\parallel}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(m_{i}n_{i}\mathbf{V}_{i}^{eff}V_{i\parallel}\right) = -\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla p_{i} + Z_{i}en_{i}\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \varphi - \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \Pi_{i\parallel} + \frac{3}{2}\frac{(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla B)}{B}\Pi_{i\parallel} + \nabla \cdot \left(\eta_{2}\nabla V_{i\parallel}\right) + S_{i\parallel}^{m} + F_{ie\parallel}$$

Charge conservation:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}^{eff} = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{J}^{eff} = J_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} + cp \nabla \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{b}}{B}\right) + \mathbf{J}_{\perp}^{vis+in+s} - \sigma_{an} \nabla \varphi$$
$$\mathbf{J}_{\parallel} = \sigma_{\parallel} \left[\frac{1}{e} \left(\frac{1}{n_e} \nabla_{\parallel} p_e + \frac{\kappa_{12}}{\kappa_{11}} \nabla_{\parallel} T_e\right) - \nabla_{\parallel} \varphi\right]$$

Energy conservation:

$$\frac{3}{2}\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_i^{eff} = \mathbf{V}_i \cdot \nabla p_i - \mathbf{\Pi}_i : \nabla \mathbf{V}_i + Q_i, \text{ where} \mathbf{q}_i^{eff} = -\kappa_{\parallel}^i \nabla_{\parallel} T_i - \kappa_{\perp}^i \nabla_{\perp} T_i - \chi_{an} n_i \nabla T_i + \frac{5}{2} p_i \mathbf{V}_i^{eff}$$
$$\frac{3}{2}\frac{\partial p_e}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_e^{eff} = \mathbf{V}_e \cdot \nabla p_e + Q_e, \text{ where} \mathbf{q}_e^{eff} = \frac{\kappa_{12}}{\kappa_{11}}\frac{T_e}{e}J_{\parallel}\mathbf{b} - \kappa_{\parallel}^e \nabla_{\parallel} T_e - \kappa_{\perp}^e \nabla_{\perp} T_e - \chi_{an} n_e \nabla T_e + \frac{3}{2}\frac{T_e}{m_e \Omega_e^2 \tau_e} \nabla_{\perp} p + \frac{5}{2} p_e \mathbf{V}_e^{eff}$$



Simulations were performed at the following various conditions. For simplicity, we neglected the drift terms.

Parameter	Value
Input power	2~13 MW
Plasma density at core boundary	$3 \sim 7 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$
Anomalous particle diffusivity D_{an}	$0.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$
Anomalous thermal diffusivity χ_{an}	$1 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$
Recycling coefficient at wall and divertor	1.0
Leakage factor in private region by pumping	1~6 %
Decay length at wall boundary	0.02 m







The leakage factor or core density affects midplane plasma conditions, on which divertor heat flux strongly depends.

Similar midplane plasma case at different condition





Divertor heat flux is mainly governed by midplane condition: if different combinatio of leakage factor and core density produce similar plasmas on midplane, divertor heat fluxes are also similar.





When midplane density is $5 \sim 2 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$, divertor heat flux is maximized.









$$(n_c = 5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}, \text{ leak} = 3.5 \%)$$





4MW $(n_c = 5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}, \text{ leak} = 3.5 \%)$





Case I : No drift is considered.

- Case II : Only diamagnetic drift is included.
- Case III : All drifts are switched on.

Parameter	Value
Input power	4 MW
Plasma density at core boundary	$3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$
Anomalous particle diffusivity D_{an}	$2 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$
Anomalous thermal diffusivity χ_{an}	$4 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$
Recycling coefficient at wall and divertor	1.0
Leakage factor in private region by pumping	0.3 %
Decay length at wall boundary	0.03 m

Effect of cross-field drifts on density distribution





Heat load to divertors





Heat load to divertors







		Total heat load (MW)			
		Case I	Case II	Case III	
$D_{an} = 2 \text{m}^2/\text{s}$ $\chi_{an} = 4 \text{m}^2/\text{s}$	Divertor	1.30	0.97	0.89	
	Wall	1.91	2.06	2.02	
$D_{an} = 1 \text{m}^2/\text{s}$ $\chi_{an} = 2 \text{m}^2/\text{s}$	Divertor	2.38	1.82	1.52	
	Wall	1.12	1.26	1.17	





- Assembly of KSTAR will be finished in Aug this year.
- 1st plasma is scheduled in the mid of next year. during this campagin, the various startup configuration for superconducting tokamak will be explored.
- For short-pulse operation, graphite will be suitable for heat removal both the limiter and divertor area.
- PWI modeling will be continued including density control and impurity migration.



We hope KSTAR will be soon one of the best machines for the PSI research...

We need your valuable experience definitely!

Thank you!

