Some Thoughts on Future NSTX Experiments

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Electron Thermal Transport

Elucidate possible role of high-k fluctuations in anomalous electron thermal transport

From Core measurements : pursue identification of TEM, ETG, Micro-tearing,... with accompanying gyro-kinetic analyses

From high-B side density fluctuation measurements: TEM, ETG: strongly Ballooning outside μ -tearing: extended along field line

From k_y scan of frequency spectrum with ExB Doppler correction (MSE, or CHERS):

TEM, ETG: $\omega < \omega_{*n} + \omega_{*Te}$:dispersive μ -tearing: $\omega = \omega_{*n} + c \omega_{*Te}$, c < 1: less dispersive





Transport Barrier Physics

From HHFW or early NBI expts:

address role of RS, low order rational q (with MSE capability) look for changes in ambient fluctuations during ITB formation, explore $T_i \sim T_e$ regime.

RS: TEM reduction due to precession reversal ?

Can e-fishbone (a symptom of precession reversal, eg., Wong) be excited in NSTX ? : High energy electrons in HHFW plasmas ~ α particles in ITER ? small orbits/machine size, near isotropic distribution function

--> coordination with energetic particle phys. and wave experts:

Elimination of ETG streamers?

Measure high-k fluctuations during ITB formation !

Low Order Rational q:

ZF produced by microturbulence : measure with new diagnostics?

or

by Alfvenic modes? --> coordination with energetic particle phys.



Edge Turbulence

Clarify causal relation with simultaneous measurements of turbulence at disparate scales H-mode usually initiates at outer edge where larger scale fluctuations including blobs exist (GPI by Zweben et al.,) . Elucidate possible role of high-k fluctuations in residual anomalous electron thermal transport in H-mode plasmas

From probe measurements (eg., Boedo,...), Calculate the Reynolds stress during L-H transition, (Let Bruce Scott check it from his simulation) Further quantify the observed trend of holes coming inward, and blobs going outward (~ generic property of a marginal system?) Look for turbulence spreading

(from edge toward core) after H-L back transition.



Perturbed Momentum Transport Experiment

JT-60U momentum

momentum pinch from perturbative NBI experiments



Courtesy: M. Yoshida

With excellent diagnostics in NSTX (CHERS, MSE) experience from TFTR, and theory capabilities (GTC, GTC-Neo, Analytic theory) including SciDAC; Momentum Transport Study is an outstanding topic in which PPPL should put more effort.



