FULL Code Microinstability Calculations for NSTX Pre- and Post-Lithium Edge Regions

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• First developed in 1980, the FULL gyrokinetic eigenvalue code is useful for surveys of linear growth rates, etc, for ITG, TEM, microtearing, KBM, ..., roots.

• The FULL code is linear and quasilinear, radially-local (ballooning representation), electrostatic or electromagnetic, with trapped electrons, multiple ion species, FLR effects, model electron collision operator, axisymmetric and non-axisymmetric (stellarator) versions.

• Here, FULL code is applied to NSTX pre- and post-lithium shots. We have successively improved the input data, going from JSOLVER MHD equilibria computed using TRANSP data, to kinetic EFIT MHD equilibria (slightly up-down non-symmetric). We have also gone from density and temperature profiles from initial TRANSP runs, to those from improved TRANSP runs, to most recently using n_e , n_C , T_e , T_C (and thus T_i) profiles bypassing TRANSP (and thus not constrained by the TRANSP grid) (with the remaining input profiles still from the improved TRANSP runs).

• The calculation includes electrons, thermal deuterium ions, carbon impurity ions, and hot deuterium beam ions (with a slowing-down distribution function). Results presented here are in the collisionless limit, and both the electrostatic and electromagnetic versions of FULL are used.

NSTX Shots 129015 (pre-lithium) and 129038 (post-lithium)



• FULL finds ITG-TEM and antisymmetric ("microtearing") instabilities in pedestal region, but has not found KBM instabilities there so far.

- Relatively healthy linear growth rates, but ExB shearing frequencies (from TRANSP post-processor) are substantially greater!
- Looking for major difference between pre-lithium and post-lithium shot (linear) microinstabilities, but so far the two shots look fairly similar!

Backup Slides

Profiles for NSTX shot 129015A06 at t = 0.400 s



Profiles for NSTX shot 129038A06 at t = 0.400 s

