

Effects of 3D Magnetic Perturbations on Toroidal Plasmas

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- Theses:¹

- 1) Small 3D magnetic perturbations have interesting & useful effects on toroidal plasmas — directly on toroidal rotation Ω_t ; indirectly n_e, T_e, T_i .

- 2) Physics elements are beginning to be understood (NTV, ripple effects, FEs, plasma responses); combined & kinetic effects still being developed.

- 3) More work is needed to develop a predictive capability for ITER — for low $\Omega_t \sim \Omega_*$, RFA, density pump-out, ripple and TBM modeling, ...

- Outline:

Key physics elements — Ω_t eqn., NTV, ripple, field errors, plasma resp.

Combined effects — on NTMs and RWMs, with RMPs, plasma transport

Needs for developing predictive capability for ITER

Summary

¹J.D. Callen, "Effects of 3D Magnetic Perturbations on Toroidal Plasmas," UW-CPTC 10-8R, October 2010, via <http://www.cptc.wisc.edu>.

I. Main 3D Magnetic Field Effects Are On Toroidal Flow V_t

- Tokamak magnetic field is axisymmetric (2D) plus small 3D magnetic perturbations $\delta\vec{B}$ ($\lesssim 10^{-2}B_0$), which are expanded in a Fourier series.
- 3D field effects can be classified by toroidal mode number n of $\delta\vec{B}$:
 - Low n ($\sim 1-3$) non-resonant \implies neoclassical toroidal viscous (NTV) damping of V_t
 - Medium n (toroidal field ripple) \implies edge direct ion losses plus NTV braking of V_t
 - Low n (mostly $n=1$) resonant (with field lines) \implies resonant braking, locking, disruption
 - High n \implies microturbulence-induced Reynolds stress, anomalous V_t transport (OV/5-4)
- Radial force balance + poloidal flow damping + toroidal plasma torques + ambipolarity constraint \implies transport equation for toroidal flow V_t (E_ρ)
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Plasma Toroidal Rotation Equation Provides Context

- Magnetic field magnitude will be represented in ψ, θ, ζ coordinates by²

$$|\vec{B}| = \underbrace{|\vec{B}_0(\psi, \theta)|}_{2\text{D, axisymm.}} + \sum_{n,m} \underbrace{\delta B_n(\psi, m) \cos(m\theta - n\zeta - \varphi_{m,n})}_{n,m \text{ low } m, n \text{ resonant, non-resonant}} + \underbrace{\delta B_N(\psi, \theta) \cos(N\zeta)}_{\text{medium } n, \text{ ripple}} + \underbrace{\dots}_{\mu\text{turb.}}$$

- On μs time scale compressional Alfvén waves enforce radial force balance:

$$\vec{V}_i \cdot \vec{\nabla} \zeta = - \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_0}{\partial \psi} + \frac{1}{n_i q_i} \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial \psi} \right) + q \vec{V}_i \cdot \vec{\nabla} \theta \quad \implies \quad V_t \simeq \frac{E_\rho}{B_p} - \frac{1}{n_i q_i B_p} \frac{dp_i}{d\rho} + \frac{B_t}{B_p} V_p.$$

- On the ms time scale poloidal flow is damped to $V_p \simeq (c_p/q_i)(dT_i/d\psi) + \dots$

- Toroidal plasma torques cause radial particle fluxes: $\vec{\Gamma}_s \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi = - \vec{e}_\zeta \cdot \vec{F}_{\text{orce}}/q_s$.

- Setting the total radial plasma current induced by sum of the non-ambipolar particle fluxes to zero yields transport equation³ for plasma toroidal angular momentum density $L_t \equiv \sum_{\text{ions}} m_i n_i \langle R^2 \vec{V}_i \cdot \vec{\nabla} \zeta \rangle$, $\Omega_t(\rho, t) \equiv L_t/m_i n_i \langle R^2 \rangle$:

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial L_t}{\partial t}}_{\text{inertia}} \simeq - \underbrace{\langle \vec{e}_\zeta \cdot \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\pi}_{i\parallel}^{\bar{3}\text{D}} \rangle}_{\text{NTV from } \delta B} + \underbrace{\langle \vec{e}_\zeta \cdot \delta \vec{J} \times \delta \vec{B} \rangle}_{\text{resonant FEs}} - \underbrace{\langle \vec{e}_\zeta \cdot \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\pi}_{i\perp} \rangle}_{\text{cl, neo, paleo}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{V'} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (V' \Pi_{i\rho\zeta})}_{\text{Reynolds stress}^2} + \underbrace{\langle \vec{e}_\zeta \cdot \sum_s \vec{S}_{sm} \rangle}_{\text{mom. sources}}.$$

- Radial electric field for net ambipolar transport is determined by Ω_t :

$$E_\rho \equiv - |\vec{\nabla} \rho| \partial \Phi_0 / \partial \rho \simeq |\vec{\nabla} \rho| [\Omega_t \psi'_p + (1/n_{i0} q_i) dp_i/d\rho - (c_p/q_i) dT_i/d\rho], \quad \omega_E \simeq -E_\rho / RB_p.$$

²For microturbulence (μturb) effects see: P.H. Diamond et al., Nuclear Fus. **49**, 045002 (2009); A.G. Peeters et al., OV/5-4, Daejeon IAEA FEC.

³a) J.D. Callen A.J. Cole and C.C. Hegna, Nucl. Fusion **49**, 085021 (2009); b) Phys. Plasmas **16**, 082504 (2009); c) Phys. Pl. **17**, 056113 (2010).

II: NTV Is Caused By 3D-induced Radial Drifts Of Ions

- In axisymmetric (2D) theory, centers of banana drift orbits do not move radially \implies ambipolar radial flux \implies no 2D NTV torque
- Small 3D δB_n cause radial “banana drifts” at speed $v_d^{3D} \sim n (\delta B_n / B_0) v_{d0}^{2D}$.
- Radial excursions of trapped ions are limited by various physical processes:
 - collisions ($1/\nu$ regime) $\implies \Delta\rho \sim v_d^{3D} / (\nu_i / \epsilon)$
 - collisional boundary layer ($\sqrt{\nu}$ regime) $\implies \Delta\rho \sim v_d^{3D} / (|n| \omega_E)$, $\omega_E \equiv d\Phi/d\psi$
 - superbanana plateau (sbp, $\omega_E \rightarrow 0$, v_{d0}^{2D} limited) $\implies \delta\rho \sim v_d^{3D} / [(|n| v_{d0}^{2D} / R_0)^{2/3} (\nu_i / \epsilon)^{1/3}]$
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- Radial ion drifts \implies non-ambipolar radial ion flux \implies NTV plasma torque
- Experimental tests have confirmed key NTV predictions at $\delta B_n / B_0 \sim 10^{-3}$
 - see viewgraph #s 6, 7

NTV Theory: Non-resonant δB_n Induce NTV Torque

- Neoclassical toroidal viscous (NTV) torque⁴ induced by a single δB_n is

$$\boxed{-\langle \vec{e}_\zeta \cdot \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\pi}_{i\parallel}^{\text{3D}} \rangle \simeq -m_i n_i \mu_{\parallel} \left(\frac{\delta B_n}{B_0} \right)^2 \langle R^2 \rangle (\Omega_t - \Omega_*)}, \quad \Omega_* \simeq \frac{c_p + c_t}{q_i} \frac{dT_i}{d\psi_p} \sim \frac{1}{q_i R B_p} \frac{dT_i}{d\rho} < 0.$$

- NTV damps Ω_t to $\Omega_* < 0$ at rate $\mu_{\parallel} (\delta B_n / B_0)^2 \sim (D_i / \varrho_i^2) (B_p / B_0)^2$.

⁴For derivations and summary of radial particle fluxes see [K.C. Shaing et al.](#), Nuc. Fus. **50**, 025022 (2010) and [THS/P5-13](#) Daejeon IAEA FEC.

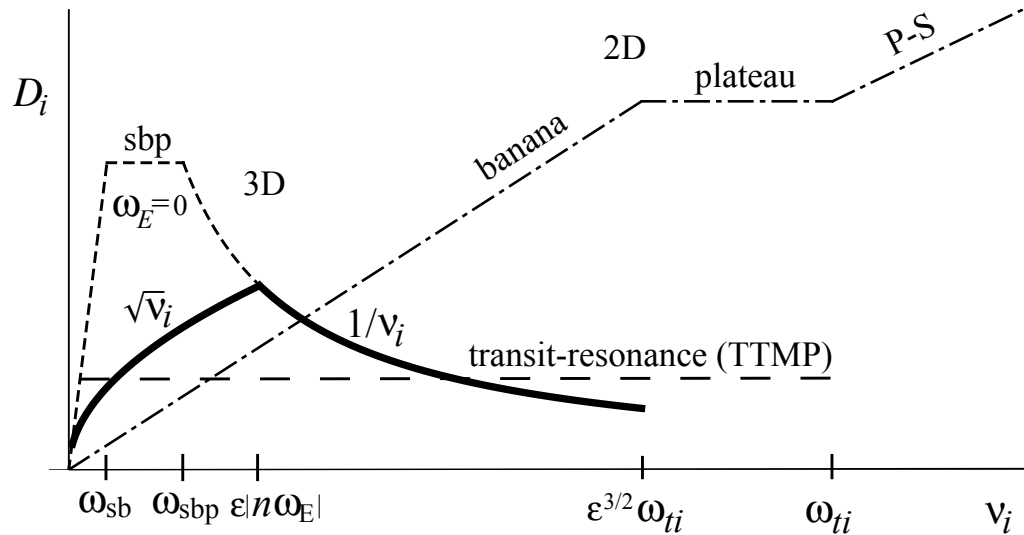


Figure 1: Ion collisionality regimes for particle diffusivity $D_i \propto$ NTV damping frequency μ_{\parallel} . Transitions occur at key frequencies: ion transit $\omega_{ti} \equiv v_{Ti}/R_0 q$, $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ -induced $\epsilon |n \omega_E|$, superbanana-plateau (sbp) radial drift $\omega_{sbp} \equiv \epsilon |n| \omega_{d0}$ and superbanana $\omega_{sb} \equiv \epsilon^{-1/2} (\delta B_n / B_0)^{3/2} (|n| \omega_{d0})$. The D_i and μ_{\parallel} become large when the radial electric field vanishes: $\omega_E \rightarrow 0$ (short dashes curve).

NTV Exp. I: NSTX Results Agreed With Early NTV Theory

- There have been many indications of NTV torque effects ($\delta B_n/B_0 \sim 10^{-3}$): for 1/3 fields (DIII-D, 2002), in quasi-symmetric stellarator (HSX, 2005), together with resonant n (DIII-D & NSTX, 2006–2010), from rotating MHD modes (MAST, 2010).
- Figures 2, 3 show first detailed comparisons of NTV theory (in $1/\nu$ regime, neglecting Lagrangian effects^{11a)} with toroidal torque data from NSTX.⁵

⁵W. Zhu, S.A. Sabbagh et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 225002 (2006).

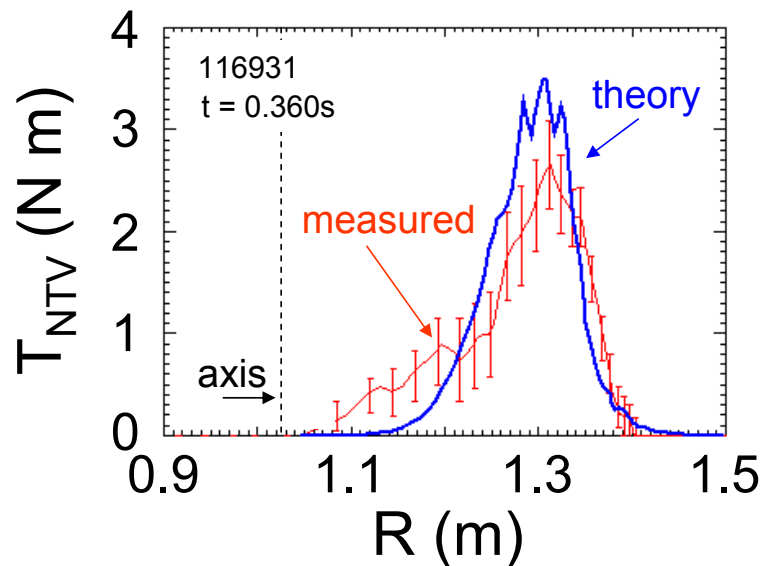


Figure 2: NSTX experimental test⁵ of the spatial profile and magnitude of NTV-induced torque T_{NTV} for $n = 3$ non-resonant 3D field.

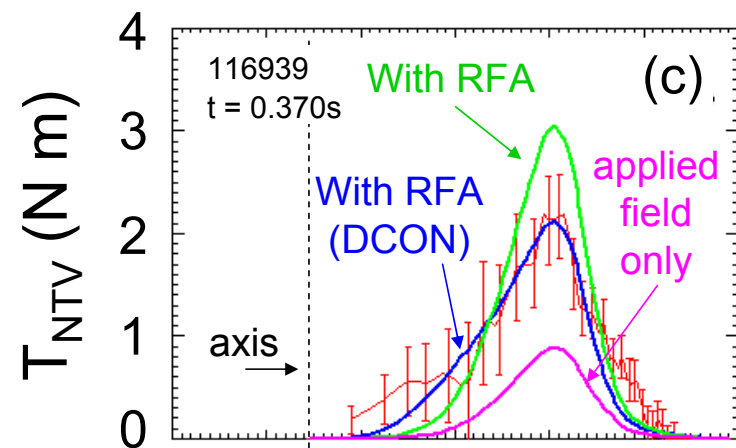


Figure 3: NSTX experimental test⁵ of the NTV torque shows resonant field amplification (RFA) effects are needed for $n = 1$ 3D field.

NTV Exp. II: Offset Ω_* And $\omega_E \rightarrow 0$ Peak Validated In DIII-D

- When I-coils are turned on in $n=3$ configuration⁶ in DIII-D, Ω_t is damped to the diamagnetic-level rotation frequency $\Omega_* < 0$ — see Fig. 4 below.
- As Ω_t is varied⁷ (via balancing co/ctr NBI beams in DIII-D), peak torque is where $\omega_E \rightarrow 0$, in agreement with NTV predictions — see Fig. 5 below.

⁶A.M. Garofalo et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 195005 (2008); Phys. Plasmas **16**, 056119 (2009).

⁷A.J. Cole et al., UW-CPTC 10-1, July 21, 2010 (to be published).

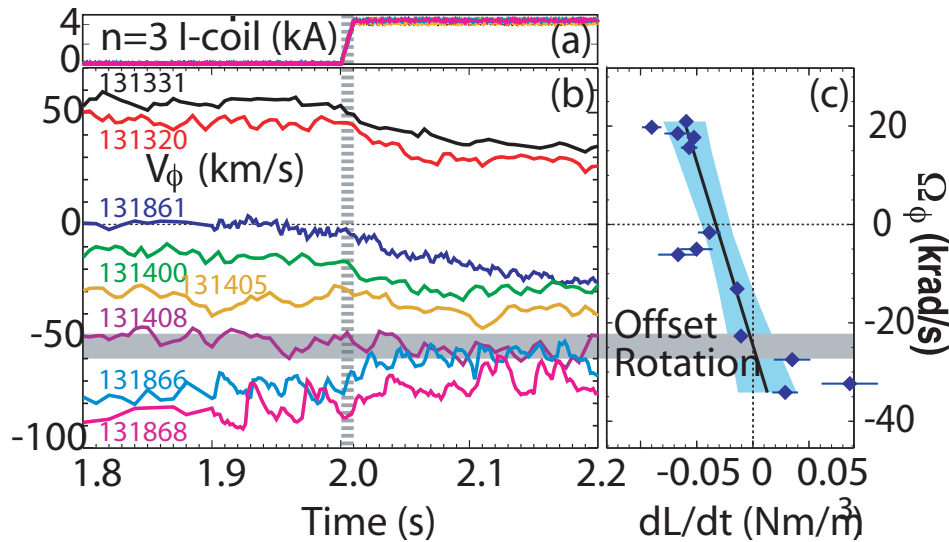


Figure 4: DIII-D experiments validated⁶ the NTV-induced damping/braking to offset rotation frequency $\Omega_* < 0$, as predicted by the NTV torque formula.

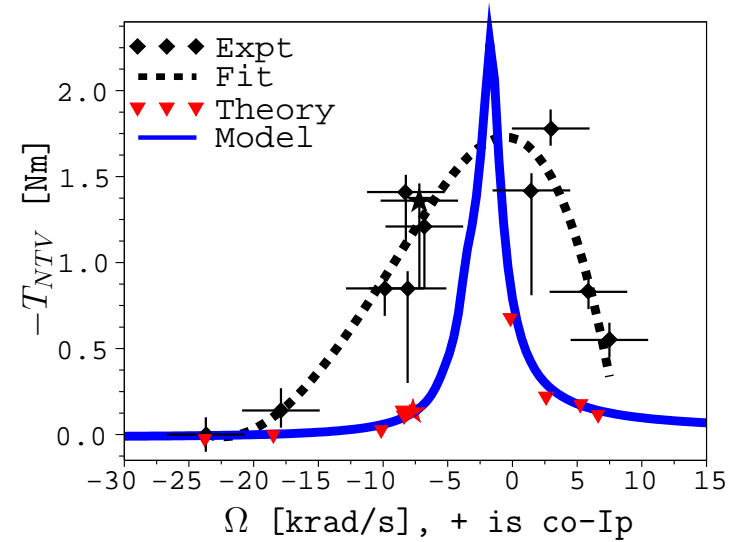


Figure 5: DIII-D experiments validated⁷ NTV peak caused by $\mu_{\parallel}(\nu_i, \omega_E)$ occurs where $\omega_E \simeq 0$ at which $\Omega_t \simeq -2$ krad/s.

III. Toroidal Field Ripple Causes Many Toroidal Torques

- Toroidal magnetic field ripple ($\delta \equiv \delta B_N / B_0 \lesssim 1\%$) is caused by the finite number N (typically 18–32) of toroidal field coils.
- Non-ambipolar particle fluxes and toroidal torques are induced by:
 - Ripple-induced direct ion losses at edge \implies radial current \implies return current in plasma $\implies \vec{J} \times \vec{B}_p$ toroidal torque in counter-current direction \implies reduction in Ω_t
 - NTV damping effects (TTMP, $\sqrt{\nu_i}$ regime) \implies braking of Ω_t toward $\Omega_* < 0$
 - Radially drifting ripple-trapped particles \implies NTV torque that scales as $(\delta B_N / B_0)^{3/2}$
- Experimental tests confirm reduction in Ω_t as ripple is increased, with smaller effects on n_e , T_e and T_i transport (but slight density “pump-out”)
 - see next 2 viewgraphs
- More modeling needed for NTV effects in core, with self-consistent E_ρ (Ω_t)

Ripple Th.: Toroidal Field Ripple Causes NTV & Other Effects

- Magnetic field ripple ($\delta B_N/B_0 \lesssim 1\%$) caused by finite number N of toroidal field coils induces various types of 3D NTV effects, which are additive:
 - 1) Transit-resonance plateau-type (TTMP) NTV effects are often dominant,
 - 2) Banana-drift NTV effects are likely in $\sqrt{\nu_i}$ regime because usually $\nu_i < \epsilon |N\omega_E|$, and
 - 3) Ions with $\nu_i < (\delta B_N/B_0)^{1/2} N\omega_{ti}$ can be trapped in ripples (if $\epsilon |\sin \theta| < Nq\delta$), drift radially and induce an ion particle flux and NTV torque that scales as $(\delta B_n/B_0)^{3/2}$.
- At the edge superthermal ions and NBI fast ions can be ripple trapped or have asymmetric banana drift orbits and drift out of the plasma, which:
 - 1) Causes a radial ion loss current $\langle \vec{J}_{dl} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi_p \rangle$ that induces a radially inward “return current” in the plasma to preserve quasineutrality;
 - 2) Induces a toroidal torque on the edge plasma in the counter-current direction when this radially inward (negative) plasma return current is crossed with \vec{B}_p ; and
 - 3) Is represented in the L_t equation by^{3b} a momentum sink $\langle \vec{e}_\zeta \cdot \vec{S}_m \rangle = - \langle \vec{J}_{dl} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi_p \rangle$.
- Thus, ripple-induced direct loss and NTV effects should both decrease the plasma toroidal rotation frequency Ω_t ; NTV effects damp it toward $\Omega_* < 0$.
- Ripple-induced reductions in Ω_t have been observed in many tokamaks:
ISX-B (1985), JT-60U (2006-08), JET (2008-2010), Tore-Supra (**EXC/3-4, 2010**).

Ripple Exp.: Increased Ripple Induces Large Reductions In Ω_t

- Addition of ferritic steel tiles (FSTs) in JT-60U reduced ripple and increased V_t ;⁸ modeled edge direct loss effects agree^{8b} — see Fig. 6 below.
- Increasing ripple in JET reduced edge Ω_t without changing other plasma parameters⁹ (gas puffing prevents density “pump-out”) — see Fig. 7 below.

⁸a) M. Yoshida et al., Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion **48**, 1673 (2006); b) M. Honda et al., Nucl. Fusion **48**, 085003 (2008).

⁹a) G. Saibene et al., Paper EX/2-1 at 2008 Geneva IAEA FEC (to be published); b) H. Urano et al., EXC/P8-17, 2010 Daejeon IAEA FEC.

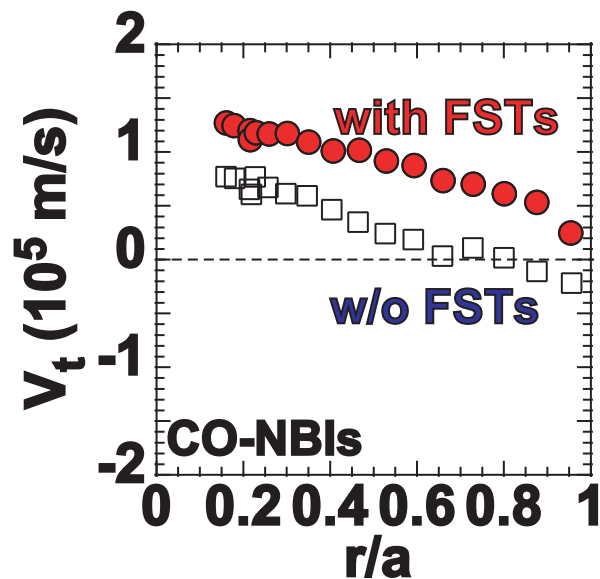


Figure 6: Toroidal plasma flow decreases as field ripple in JT-60U is increased from 1% (with FSTs) to 2% without (w/o) FSTs.^{8a}

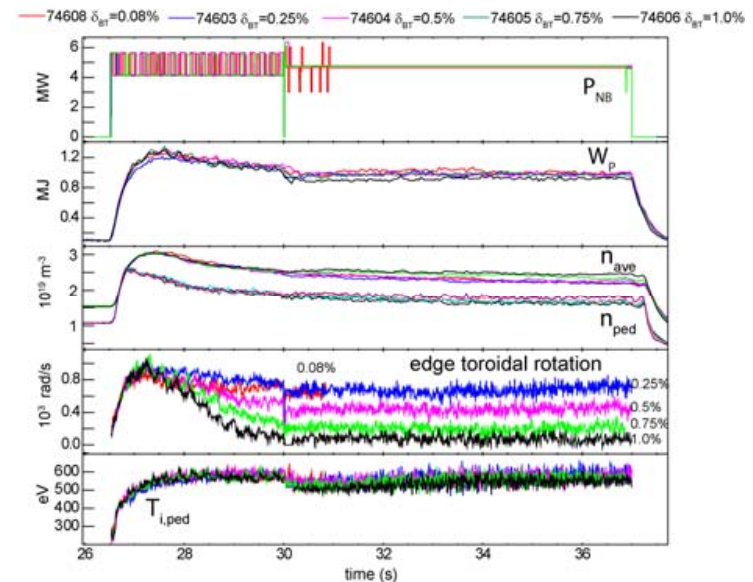


Figure 7: Toroidal plasma rotation decreases monotonically with increasing field ripple (% #s at right of 4th panel) in edge of JET.^{9a}

IV. Low n Resonant 3D Fields Cause Locking, Disruptions

- Field errors (FEs) can introduce resonant 3D fields that produce localized torques at rational surfaces $[q(\rho_{m/n}) = m/n]$ in the plasma.
- Well established (Fitzpatrick) cylindrical model of FE effects predicts:
 - Shielding/screening of FE on and inside of rational surface — if plasma rotates fast
 - For slow rotation FE “penetrates” \implies toroidal torque $\sim \delta B_{\rho_{m/n}}^2$ at $\rho_{m/n}$
 - Large FE torque vs \perp viscosity $\chi_{\zeta i}$ \implies locked mode \implies growing island \implies disruption
 - see next viewgraph (# 12)
- Recent developments in FE-induced $n=1$ locked mode studies:
 - Experiment: FE locking threshold characterized $\implies \delta B_{\rho_{2/1}}/B_0 \sim 10^{-4} \propto n_e R_0$
 - Theory: two-fluid layer physics plus NTV effects \implies closest to $\propto n_e$ scaling but $\chi_{\zeta i}$?
 - Compensation: “Correction” of FEs by using additional 3D fields shows that the **plasma response to them is critical** and the plasma response increases with β
 - see viewgraph # 13

FE Theory: Field Errors (FEs) Can Cause Mode Locking

- Field errors introduce low n resonant 3D fields which:

In the dissipationless ideal MHD model cause no toroidal torque on the plasma, but induces dissipative local torques in thin layers around rational surfaces at $q(\rho_{m/n}) = m/n$.

- The local Maxwell-stress-induced FSA plasma toroidal torque density for a cylindrical model (with a δ -function resistive singular layer at $\rho_{m/n}$) is¹⁰

$$\langle \vec{e}_\zeta \cdot \overline{\delta \vec{J}_{\parallel m/n} \times \delta \vec{B}_{\rho_{m/n}}} \rangle \simeq -m_i n_i (4n c_A^2) \left(\frac{\delta B_{\rho_{m/n}}^{\text{vac}}}{B_0} \right)^2 \left[\frac{(-\omega \tau_s)}{(-\Delta')^2 + (-\omega \tau_s)^2} \right] \frac{V \delta(\rho - \rho_{m/n})}{V'}$$

in which $\delta B_{\rho_{m/n}}^{\text{vac}} \equiv [\delta \vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \rho]_{\rho_{m/n}}$, $\omega \equiv \vec{k} \cdot \vec{V}_i \implies n [\omega_E + (1/n_i q_i)(dp_i/d\psi)]$, τ_s is the singular-layer diffusion time, and $\Delta' \sim -2m$ is the tearing mode instability index.

- This radially localized FE-induced electromagnetic toroidal torque:

Competes with the NBI momentum source and radial transport of Ω_t induced by $\chi_{\zeta i}$.

For $\omega \tau_s \gg 1$ “penetration” of $\delta B_{\rho_{m/n}}$ is limited by Ω_t ; $\delta B_{\rho_{m/n}}^{\text{vac}}$ vanishes for $\rho \leq \rho_{m/n}$.

For large $\delta B_{\rho_{m/n}}^{\text{vac}}$, the “penetration threshold” is exceeded (e.g., for $\delta B_{\rho_{2/1}}^{\text{vac}}/B_0 \gtrsim 10^{-4}$), $\Omega_t(\rho_{m/n})$ is no longer restrained by $\chi_{\zeta i}$ and Ω_t no longer “shields” out resonant torque;

Then, Ω_t solution bifurcates (in a few ms) to no flow at $\rho_{m/n}$, magnetic reconnection occurs and a growing m/n “locked mode” is induced, which often leads to a disruption.

¹⁰R. Fitzpatrick, Nucl. Fusion **33**, 1049 (1993). See also <http://farside.ph.utexas.edu/papers/lecture.html>.

FE Status: Locking Thresholds, Resonant Field Amplification

- Recent FE theory developments:
 - Two-fluid singular layer effects developed.
 - NTV shown^a to increase Ω_t shielding effects.
- Recent FE experimental developments:
 - Error field locking thresholds characterized.^b
 - Scaling closest to NTV-enhanced scaling.^a
 - Validation tests limited by $\chi_{\zeta i}$ uncertainty.
- Recent compensations of resonant field errors show that plasma resonant field amplification (RFA) is critical.^c
- Measured RFA agrees with ideal MHD MARS-F calculations,^d up to near no-wall β limit where non-ideal MHD effects become important — see Fig. 8.

^aA.J. Cole et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **99**, 065001 (2007).

^bS.M. Wolfe et al., Phys. Plasmas **12**, 056110 (2005).

^cJ.-K. Park et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **99**, 195003 (2007); [EXS/P5-12](#).

^dM.J. Lanctot et al., Phys. Plasmas **17**, 030701 (2010).

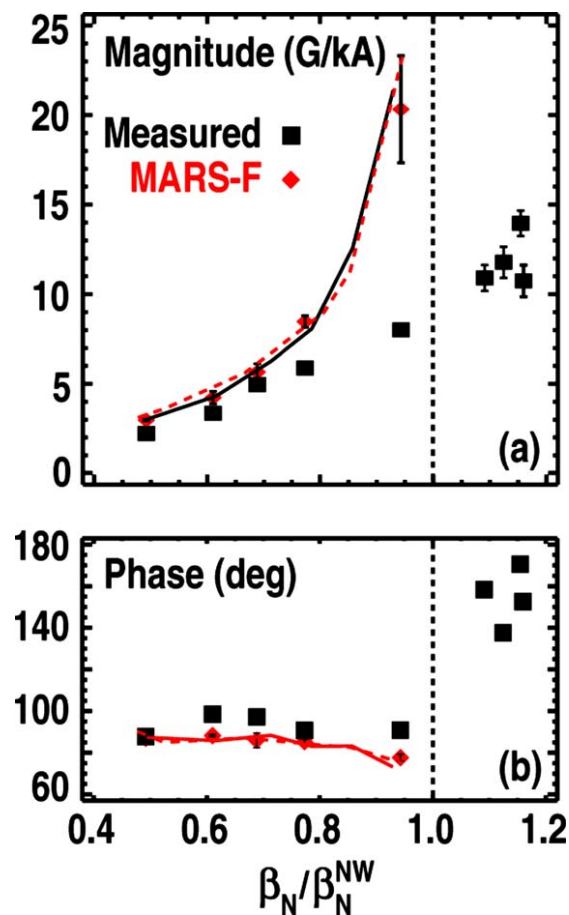


Figure 8: The magnitude of the $n = 1$ resonant 3D field on the DIII-D outer midplane increases about linearly with β .^d

V. Plasma, Combined Effects Complicated, Being Developed

- Plasma response to externally applied 3D fields:

Amplifies $\delta\vec{B}$ in plasma by coupling to “least stable” $n=1$ kinks, via edge $m > q_{95}$.

Can be estimated using an ideal MHD model (IPEC, [EXS/P5-12](#)), but self-consistent evaluation needs layer physics as in MARS-F ([EXS/P5-04](#), [EXS/P5-10](#)) — #s 15, 16

- Plasma instabilities (NTMs, RWMs) cause additional 3D fields & more FE sensitivity for low Ω_t , increasing β ([EXS/5-3](#), [EXS/5-4](#), [EXS/5-5](#)) — # 17

- Resonant magnetic perturbations (RMPs) for ELM control (viewgr. # 18):

Is based on stochasticity caused by island overlap (Chirikov criterion) — see [ITR/P1-30](#).

But Ω_t “screening” of RMP fields reduces stochastic region width ([THS/P5-04](#), [THS/P5-10](#)) & other effects are considered ([EXD/P3-30](#), [THC/P3-06](#), [THC/P4-04](#), [THS/P3-04](#))

While RMP effects are not yet fully understood, they are important tools for pedestals.

- 3D fields directly affect Ω_t [global NTV, local FE locking of $\Omega_t(\rho_{m/n}) \rightarrow 0$]; n_e , T_e & T_i transport effects are small, except for ripple- and RMP-induced slight density “pump-out” ([EXC/P8-17](#), [EXD/8-2](#), [THS/P5-10](#)) — # 19

FE Plasma Effects I: RFA From Coupling To $n=1$ Global Mode

- External 3D fields can amplify resonant components of $\delta\vec{B}$ in plasma by coupling to “least stable” MHD-type eigenmodes^d — $n=1$ kink-type.
- The largest $\delta B_{\rho m/n}$ responses at $m/n = 2/1, 3/1$ resonant surfaces in the plasma result from^c (Fig. 10) external $\delta\vec{B}$ which is pitch-aligned with edge $n=1$ global kink eigenmode components that have $m \gtrsim q \gtrsim q_{95}$ (Fig. 9).

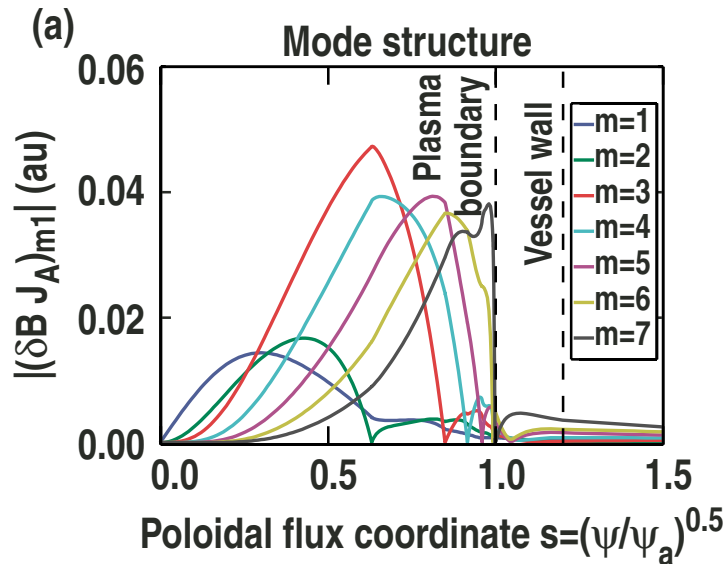


Figure 9: Poloidal mode spectrum of $\delta B_{\rho m/n=1}(\psi)$ for an unstable $n=1$ RWM for $q_{95} \simeq 5$ in DIII-D^d from MARS-F.

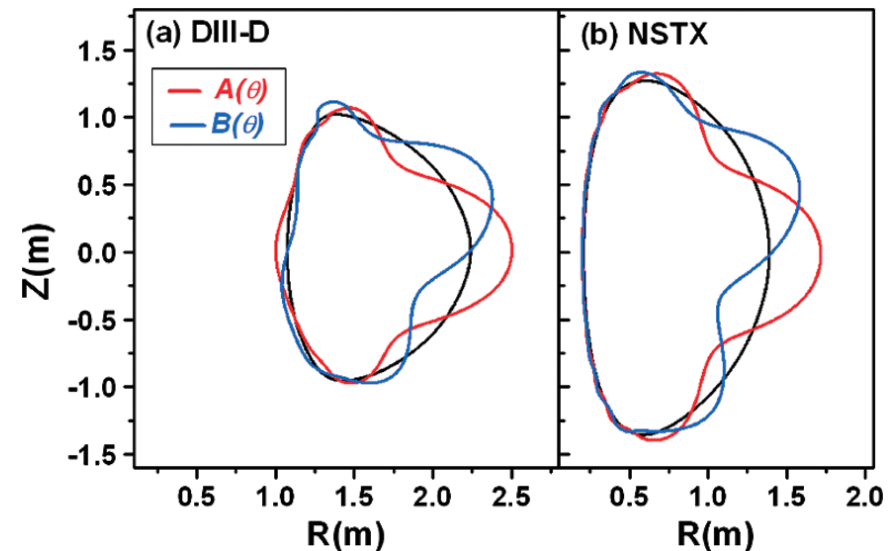


Figure 10: Distributions of external 3D field components from IPEC¹¹ that maximize^c the total resonant fields on rational surfaces in: a) DIII-D and b) NSTX.

FE Plasma Effects II: RFA Modeling Developments Are Needed

- RFA and its effects can be estimated using an ideal MHD model:

Radial component $\delta B_\rho \equiv \delta \vec{B} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \rho = [\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\xi} \times \vec{B}_0)] \cdot \vec{\nabla} \rho = (\vec{B}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla})(\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \rho)$ must vanish at rational (resonant) surfaces for finite $\vec{\xi}$ in the plasma because $\vec{B}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \sim i(m - nq)/R_0q$.

In ideal MHD when an external 3D m/n resonant perturbation is applied to a rapidly rotating (i.e., $\omega\tau_s \gg 1$) plasma, a delta-function “shielding current” $\delta J_{\parallel m/n}$ is induced.

An ideal perturbed equilibrium code (IPEC¹¹) has been developed to implement this procedure for all rational surfaces using the linear ideal MHD stability DCON code.

Shielding current $\delta J_{\parallel m/n}$ and the dissipatively relaxed $\delta B_{\rho, m/n}^{\text{plasma}}$ it could induce are used^c to estimate resonant toroidal torque using NTV-enhanced two-fluid layer physics.

This IPEC procedure explained^c field error compensation trends in DIII-D and NSTX.

However, subsequent more precise IPEC evaluations have been less conclusive.^{11b}

- Dissipative, non-ideal singular layer effects are critical for determining rotating plasma response and achieving stable plasmas above no-wall limit:

$\delta J_{\parallel m/n}$, $\delta B_{\rho, m/n}^{\text{plasma}}$ & resonant torque T_ζ can be evaluated self-consistently in MARS-F.¹²

Nonlinear 3D initial value codes (M3D, NIMROD or reduced MHD codes BOUT++, JOREK) can also calculate them and explore dynamics of FE-induced mode locking.

Resistive MHD or two-fluid layer models are now used; should add neoMHD inertia.

¹¹a) J.-K. Park et al., Phys. Plasmas 14, 052110 (2007), b) Phys. Plasmas 16, 056115 (2009), c) EXS/P5-12, 2010 Daejeon IAEA FEC.

¹²a) Y.Q. Liu et al., Phys. Plasmas 7, 3681 (2000), Y.Q. Liu et al., THS/P5-10, 2010 Daejeon IAEA FEC; b) M.S. Chu et al., THS/P5-04.

MHD Mode Effects: NTMs And RWMs Interact With 3D Fields

- Direct effects of the 3D fields produced by NTMs and RWMs are:
 - 1) RWM-induced $\delta B_n(\psi, m)$ perturbations cause non-resonant low n NTV effects; and
 - 2) Resonant classical and neoclassical tearing modes bifurcate the magnetic topology and form magnetic islands within the plasma that complicate and modify NTV effects.⁴

- Ideal MHD-type RWMs are stabilized if Ω_t is large enough for the resistive wall to represent a conducting wall to the rotating plasma:

If $\Omega_t \rightarrow 0$ magnetic field perturbations penetrate the resistive wall and RWMs can become unstable. RWMs become unstable when toroidal rotation $|\Omega_t|$ is too small.

Recently, low critical Ω_t explained by¹³ stabilizing kinetic effects¹⁴ of fast and thermal ions whose toroidal precessional drifts are resonant with mode rotation frequency ω .

Even stable RWMs increase RFA of the $n=1$ $\delta \vec{B}$ in the plasma (see Fig. 8).

This increases NTV damping, sensitivity to low n field errors and excitation of NTMs.

- Tearing modes can be nonlinearly excited by low m/n (typically 3/2 and 2/1) 3D magnetic perturbations or they can appear “spontaneously.”

Critical issue is: what is threshold β_N for given combinations of $\delta B_{\rho m/n}^{\text{plasma}}$ and Ω_t ?

Recent experiments indicate low Ω_t via NTV affects Δ' , β_N limits and 3D sensitivity.¹⁵

¹³a) J.W. Berkery et al., Phys. Pl. **17**, 082504 (2010); b) H. Reimerdes et al., EXS/5-4, 2010 Daejeon IAEA FEC; c) S.A. Sabbagh et al., EXS/5-5.

¹⁴B. Hu, R. Betti, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 1005002 (2004).

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RMPs: Resonant Magnetic Perturbations Have Many Effects

- Use of resonant magnetic perturbations (RMPs)¹⁶ to control ELMs is based on edge magnetic stochasticity¹⁷ to reduce pedestal region gradients:

Magnetic field stochasticity is caused by island overlap — Chirikov criterion.

Key RMP effects explained by resonances are: q_{95} sensitivity, divertor flux patterns.

But some may not be — electron heat transport \sim same, but density “pump-out.”

- Many possible RMP effects are currently being explored:

Most importantly, “screening” of RMP fields by Ω_t reduces stochastic region width.¹⁸

n_e pump-out via $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ cells,^{18a} large $\xi \cdot \vec{\nabla} \rho$ ^{18c,d} at X-point, q_{95} resonances¹⁸ⁱ or μ turb?^{18j}

Collision lengths may be comparable to magnetic decorrelation length in pedestal.^{16c}

Possible “laminar” helical ribbons of magnetic flux in the pedestal, SOL regions.¹⁹

Radial plasma current driven by combination of E_ρ and magnetic stochasticity.^{20a}

Kinetic simulation of RMP effects on pedestal^{20b} — screening of RMPs, reduced pedestal E_ρ key for density pump-out, only untrapped particles contribute to RR transport.

- **BOTTOM LINE:** RMPs have many effects & are interesting tools for modifying edge plasma transport (n_e , T_e , T_i & Ω_t) and associated edge stability.

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Transport Effects: 3D Fields Directly Affect Ω_t , Indirectly n_e, T

- 3D fields affect Ω_t via
 - resonant $\delta B_{\rho m/n}/B_0 \gtrsim 10^{-4}$,
 - NTV for $\delta B_n/B_0 \gtrsim 10^{-3}$, and
 - TF ripple for $\delta B_N/B_0 \gtrsim 10^{-2}$.
- Ω_t responds to NTV and resonant modes differently:
 - 11a: NTV damping is global,
 - 11b: resonant is local, spreads.
- Theoretically, 3D-induced T_e, T_i , net n_e transport are $\varrho_*^2 (B_t^2/B_p)^2$ smaller.
- Experimentally, 3D effects are usually a factor $\gtrsim 3$ smaller for T_e, T_i transport, when density held constant.
- But RMPs, ripple cause density “pump-out” — how?

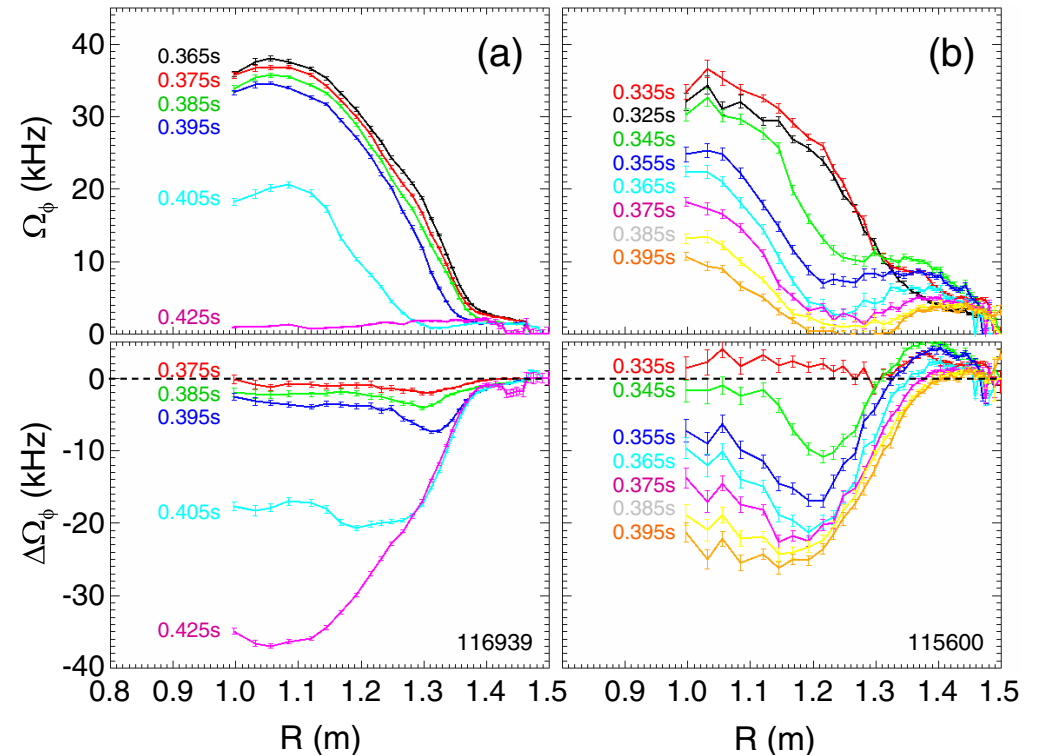


Figure 11: NSTX toroidal plasma rotation profile vs major radius, and difference between initial and subsequent profiles for rotation damping: a) during application of 3D field, and (b) during excitation of rotating tearing instability.⁵

VI. Extrapolation Of 3D Effects To ITER Still Embryonic

- Test blanket module (TBM) mock-up in DIII-D (**ITR/1-3**, viewgr. # 21):
 - Results \sim consistent with theory (**EXS/P5-12**) — reduced Ω_t , slight density pump-out
 - Highlights need for NTV, FE & RFA theory for δ -function 3D field (mapping calc.)
- Major 3D field effects in ITER seem to be (viewgraph # 22):
 - Ripple-induced NTV torque likely causes low $\Omega_t \sim \Omega_* < 0 \implies$ greater 3D, β sensitivity
 - Density pump-out, RFA effects on $n=1$ FEs, avoiding locked modes at low Ω_t , high β
- Needs for improving predictive capability for ITER (viewgraph # 23):
 - Theory: analytic theories of combined 3D effects (RFA, NTMs, RWMs), mapping calc.
 - Modeling: Ω_t screening of RMPs, RFA with best layer physics, NTV ripple effects
 - Experiments: screening of RMPs with reduced Ω_t in edge, cause of 3D-induced density pump-out, low Ω_t effects on NTMs and RWMs

ITER I: What Common 3D Physics Is Involved In TBM Test?

- Recent experiments were performed²¹ on DIII-D to explore possible effects of field errors introduced by ITER test blanket modules (TBMs, $\delta \sim 1.2\%$):
TBM mock-up was toroidally localized ($\Delta\zeta \sim 2\pi/24$) with $\delta \equiv \delta B_N/B_0 \sim 1-3\%$.
Main effect was braking of Ω_t ($\propto \Omega_t$) with increasing δ , causing $\Delta\Omega_t/\Omega_t$ up to -50% .
Changes in density (slight pump-out), confinement and β were factor $\gtrsim 3$ smaller.
More locking sensitivity to $n=1$ fields, for higher β & lower Ω_t ; but easily compensated.
- Major issue for previous theory is that TBM is toroidally localized, represented by a very large δB_n Fourier spectrum ($\pm n$ up to $\gg 2 \times 24$ coils):
NTV, FE & RFA theory need to be developed for delta-function-type field ripple.
Nonetheless, 3D effects of TBM test was estimated by summing over all Fourier δB_n .
- TBM test results were consistent with²¹ 3D effects theory, modeling:
Global NTV Ω_t braking semi-quantitatively predicted^{21b} by IPEC¹¹ calculations — very small $n=1$ edge FE from TBM is amplified in core by edge coupling to $n=1$ kink.
I-coil compensation of TBM-induced $n=1$ FE semi-quantitatively matched^{21b} by IPEC.¹¹
TBM mainly affects Ω_t , with lesser effects on n, T transport (slight density pump-out).

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ITER II: What Are The Major 3D Fields Issues For ITER?

- Plasma torques from edge direct ion losses and ripple-induced NTV (from $N = 18$ coils + FSTs $\implies \delta \lesssim 0.4$ % at edge) is likely to cause braking of Ω_t toward $\Omega_* < 0$ — NBI and other torques are likely to be smaller. Lower, diamagnetic-level plasma toroidal rotation Ω_t could have some effects:

Greater sensitivity to $n = 1$ external 3D field errors that can induce locked modes?

Smaller radial electric field shear with less stabilization effects on microturbulence?

Reduced β_N thresholds for NTMs?

More reliance on kinetic ion effects to stabilize RWMs above no-wall limit?

Non-resonant fields in ITER may be able to use NTV effects to control $\Omega_t(\rho, t)$.

- Some additional important 3D field effects issues are:

Precise 3D RMP field characteristics required for stabilization or amelioration of ELMs.

Density pump-out caused by FEs, RMPs and ripple/TBMs, that is not yet understood.

RFA effects on $n = 1$ fields in plasmas including singular layer and kinetic effects.

Determination of how small field errors must be to avoid locked modes as β is increased — and assessment of degree to which dynamic compensation coils might be needed.

What's Needed To Improve Predictive Capability For ITER?

- **Theory of 3D magnetic perturbation effects:**

- Mapping calculation of NTV induced by TBM “delta-function” δB (avoid Fourier exp.).

- Analytic model of $n=1$ “global” resonant plasma response including layer physics.

- Theoretical models of 3D field effects plus toroidal flow and flow shear on tearing modes.

- More development of combined resonant 3D field, NTV and kinetic effects on RWMs.

- **Modeling of 3D magnetic perturbation effects:**

- NTV ripple effects throughout plasma including self-consistent Ω_t (radial electric field).

- More modeling of Ω_t screening effects on penetration of RMPs into edge plasmas.

- More extensive modeling of plasma responses to $n=1$ global modes including layer physics — with linear eigenmode, reduced MHD and nonlinear initial value codes.

- Complete modeling of Ω_t evolution using comprehensive L_t transport equation.

- **Experimental explorations of effects of 3D magnetic perturbations:**

- More validation of NTV effects in core plasma, particularly for rippled tokamaks.

- Clarify how 3D fields from ripple, field errors and RMPs cause “density pump-out.”

- Elucidate effects of 3D fields and rotation on NTMs and RWMs at low Ω_t ($\sim \Omega_*$).

- Studies of screening effects of various toroidal rotation magnitudes on RMPs in edge.

Summary

- Fundamental physics of the effects of 3D magnetic perturbations on toroidal plasmas has “come of age” over the past 5 years:

Transport-time-scale equation for Ω_t evolution including 3D effects is now available.

NTV theory nearly validated — torque magnitude, offset frequency, peak at $\omega_E \rightarrow 0$.

Toroidal field ripple reduces Ω_t — edge direct ion losses plus (?) global NTV effects.

Resonant $n=1$ field error effects, correction — mode locking criteria, need RFA effects.

Resonant field amplification (RFA) — via “least stable” $n=1$ kink, edge-resonant FEs.

- Combination of 3D field effects with other effects are still being developed:

NTMs and RWMs interact with low n external $\delta\vec{B}$ — sensitivity increases at low Ω_t .

Resonant magnetic perturbations (RMPs) — stochasticity limited by Ω_t “screening.”

3D plasma transport effects — directly on Ω_t , but mostly indirectly on n_e , T transport.

- PREDICTIVE CAPABILITY?: More exploration is needed of the effects of diamagnetic-level flows, RFA and density pump-out caused by 3D fields.

- Personal observations about possible “dynamic, interior” coils in ITER:

Their requirements and the key physics for RMP control of ELMs are still developing.

They may be needed to control resonant field error effects as β increases, Ω_t decreases.

Their non-resonant components could be used to control Ω_t through NTV effects.