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Mission and Achievements



S KSTAR Mission

- To achieve the superconducting tokamak construction and operation experiences, and
- To develop high performance steadystate operation physics and technologies that are essential for ITER and fusion reactor development



S KSTAR Parameters

PARAMETERS	Designed	Achieved
Major radius, <i>R</i> o	1.8 m	1.8 m
Minor radius, a	0.5 m	0.5 m
Elongation, κ	2.0	1.8
Triangularity, δ	0.8	0.8
Plasma volume	17.8 m ³	17.8 m ³
Bootstrap Current, f _{bs}	> 0.7	-
PFC Materials	C, CFC (W)	С
Plasma shape	DN, SN	DN
Plasma current, I _P	2.0 MA	1.0 MA
Toroidal field, B ₀	3.5 T	3.5 T
Pulse length	300 s	10 s
β_N	5.0	> 1.5
Plasma fuel	H, D	H, D
Superconductor	Nb ₃ Sn, NbTi	Nb₃Sn, NbTi
Auxiliary heating /CD	~ 28 MW	2.0 MW
Cryogenic	9 kW @4.5K	5 kW @4.5 K

•Black:achieved •Red:by2011

Long Pulse Operation









Advanced Tokamak

Standard

Iso-flux control (2011)

Shaping (2010)



Integrated and Optimized Operation

For steady-state operation,♪

- Heating & Current drive
- Enhanced Performance
- Stability and Control
- Plasma boundary
- Long pulse operation capability

As expanding the operational limit, an integration and opti mization will be pursued with long pulse capability.

From "Realizing Steady-state Tokamak Operation for Fusion Energy" by T. Luce in 2009 APS-DPP





KSTAR Device for 2011 Campaign





KSTAR Heating and Current Drive Systems

KSTAR	Specification	Role	in 2011
NBI	 14 MW, 300 s D0/H0 Two beam lines Three ion sources per each beam line Positive based ion source at 120 keV 	- Ion heating & CD - H-mode in initial phase	 1.5 MW D0 One beam lines One ion source Beam energy : max. 100 keV Beam pulse : less than 10 s
ICRF	30–60 MHz, 8 MW(source), 300 s - Sources: Four 2MW transmitter	 Ion & electron heating in high density On- and off-axis CD Wall cleaning by RF discharge between shot 	Frequency : 30 MHz Source power : < 1.5 MW Pulse : > 10 s Use 4 straps in the antenna
LHCD	5 GHz, 2 MW(source), 300 s - 4 x 500 kW CW klystrons	 Electron heating Off-axis CD for plasma current profile control RS-mode 	
ECH/CD	84/110 GHz, 0.5 MW(source), 2 s - 84 GHz, 0.5 MW gyrotron 170 GHz, 3 MW(source), 300 s - 3 x 1 MW CW gyrotrons	 84 (or 110) GHz ECH Startup system Assisted startup using pre-ionization 170 GHz ECCD system 2nd harmonic heating & CD NTM stabilization leading to high beta Sawteeth mode control (heating around q=1 surface) 	ECH-assisted start up with 110 (and 84) GHz, 0.5 MW (5 s) Gyrotron ECH and CD with 170 GHz, 1 MW (10 s)

ASTRA Simulation of KSTAR Non-inductive Scenario

- Full non-inductive scenario possible with balanced-NBI & LHCD in RS q-profile plasmas
 - $I_P = 0.8MA$ obtained with $f_{NI} = 100\%$ at $P_{tot} = 8.4MW$



NBI Heating & CD Modeling for KSTAR

- Radial profiles of NBI heating & CD for KSTAR model equilibrium calculated using NUBEAM
- comparison made of three possible NBI configurations for the 2nd KSTAR NBI system
- more off-axis heating & CD with the variation of type A \rightarrow B1 \rightarrow B2



5 GHz, 500 kW CW Klystron Prototype & Launcher



Test at KSTAR: 20 s @460 kW, 800 s @300 kW
Utilization of this test-bed for ITER LH launche r window high power test.





- Prototype of one chann el has been fabricated a nd validated with 4-way RF power splitting
- Un-cooled 8-channel la uncher grill will be fabric ated for 2012 KSTAR ca mpaign with grill dimens ions
- → width, b = 5.5 mm, septum thickness, d = 1.5 mm, height, h = 55 mm

 Design of 8-channel fully active waveguide launcher (no. of waveguide = 32)

5 GHz LH CD Simulation Results in KSTAR

r_{RF} (MA/MW) Dashed line



■RF driven current of the order of ~200 kA/MW with efficiency larger than 0.25×10^{20} AW⁻¹m⁻² when peak $n_e \sim 0.6 \times 10^{20}$ m⁻³ or higher, peak $T_e \sim 10$ keV, $B_T = 3.0$ T and $N_{||} \sim 1.90$ with deposition position is $r/a \ge 0.3$. with current density ~4×10⁴ A cm⁻²

 N_{II}=1.9 is optimized for consist ent with good coupling, good a ccessibility, good current profil e control and efficient current drive for KSTAR 5 GHz LHCD launcher.

First 170 GHz, 1 MW ECCD Launcher



Plan of 170 GHz, 3 MW ECCD Launcher

- 1st 1-beam, 1 MW launcher (front-end two mirror syste m which is same as existing 84/110 GHz EC launcher except the curved surface of the focusing mirror for th e beam focusing
- 2nd 2-beam, 2 MW launcher for the upgrade phase



 First 1 MW 1-beam launcher i nstalled at KSTAR equatorial port (Bay Em)

Fixed Mirror

Copper

- Passively cooled mirrors (inla id Cu bars on back of steerin g mirror diffuse heat; SS use d to reduce eddy current)
- Steering mirror pivoted at -30 cm from the equatorial plane

170 GHz EC CD Simulation Results in KSTAR



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Current drive efficiency, $\eta = \langle n_e \rangle R_0 I_{CD} / P_{CD}$

- •Antenna pivot, z = +30 cm (or -30 cm)
- Beam divergence, FWHM = 1.7 de g
- Maximum driven current is 53.2 kA /MW for ϕ = -25 deg and θ = -15 d eg (or +15 deg).
- •The current drive efficiency η inc reases as the plasma density an d the electron temperature incre ases, but the peak value of the c urrent density decreases as the plasma density increases.
- •For the electron temperature de pendence; both the current drive efficiency and the peak value of the current density increases as the electron temperature increas es.

ECH-assisted Startup



Successful pre-ionization with 2nd harmonic ECH

- 2nd harmonic ECH pre-ionization : 1.5 T with 84 GHz and 2.0 T with 110 GHz
- Loop voltage for startup was lowered to 2 V (~15% decrease).
- Pre-ionization was characterized by scanning the injection angle, gas pressure and ECH power. Power threshold was about 250 kW.
- 2nd harmonic ECH pre-ionization could be applicable to ITER startup.



First H-modes in KSTAR

- Typical ELMy H-mode discharges achieved in KSTAR with NB I and ECRH
 - One year earlier than our plan (last days in the campaign)
- Total 30 shots obtained for non-adjacent 5 days
 - Ip=0.6 MA at B_T =2.0 T with DN diverted shape (kappa>1.7)
 - Relatively low density regime ($n_e < 4.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$)
 - With ~1.5 MW available power (NBI+ECRH)
 - After boronization with carborane
- Marginal powers for L/H transition
 - Slow L/H transitions and dithering
 - Often synchronized with sawtooth crashes
- Under limited controllability of plasma shape and vertical stability
 - H-mode phase lasted for ~1.0 sec

Typical H-mode Shot in KSTAR





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~30 shots observed in 5 days $B_T=2 T$, $I_p \sim 0.6 MA$, $N_e \sim 2e19 m^{-3}$ $P_{NBI} \sim 1.3 MW$ (80 keV, co-NBI) $P_{ECH} \sim 0.25 MW$ (cntr-injection to Ip) $P_{OH} \sim 0.2 MW$ Double null, $\kappa \sim 1.8$, $R \sim 1.8 m$, $a \sim 0.5 m$ Boronization with carborane $P_{thres} \sim 1.1 MW$ (ITER physics basis, 1999)

Slow L/H Transition and Synchronization with ST Crash



Threshold Power for L/H Transition Was Rolled Over In Low Density Regime



- Most of H-modes were obtained in the range
 - 0.14 ≤n_{e,line} ≤0.31x10²⁰m⁻³ (13% ≤ n_e/n_{GW} ≤40%) with ext. power of 1.1≤P_{in}≤1.5MW
 - Corresponding to n_{e.min} for L/H threshold (ITER physics basis, 1999)
- In the low density below 0.2x10²⁰m⁻³, the threshold power increased (rolled over) as the density decreased like as previous reports from JT-60U¹ and ASDEX-U²

 ¹ Fukuda T. et al 2000 Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 42 A289
 ² Ryter F. et al 2009 Nucl. Fusion 49 062003

Energy Confinement Time Is in Line with Multi-Machine Database for L- and H-mode



 τ_E estimated using measured stored energy and ASTRA simulation with some assumptions

$$\tau_{\rm E,exp} \equiv (W_{\rm tot} - W_{f \, ast}) / P_{\rm loss}$$
$$P_{\rm loss} = P_{\rm Ohm} + P_{\rm aux} - P_{\rm rad} - P_{\rm fastion} - dW_{\rm tot} / dt$$

- Assuming 20% (due to low density regime) fast ion fraction in the stored energy, the experimental τ_E was estimated
 - L-mode: τ_E= ~86ms, H_{L96}=1.3
 - H-mode: τ_E=~130ms, H_{H98}=1.1



Variety of ELM phenomena found: mixing EC heating changes ELM characteristics



Large/isolated bursts (#4356)

1.5 MW of NB injections makes a dithering/small ELM first, and isolated, large bursts appear after a long ELM-free period (>0.2 s)

Small/grassy or mixed

(#4333,4362):

- Any deposition of EC heating eliminates first dithering
- Either small "grassy" ELMs or mix of small & large bursts appears after the ELM-free period

2D ECEI Observation: A Single Large ELM Crash Event Con sisted of A Series of Multiple Filament Bursts



- A single large ELM crash was consist ed of a series of multiple filament burs ts
- Similar observations on ion saturation currents measured from divertor prob es



Courtesy by G.S. Yun (Postech) and J.G. Bak(NFRI) Accepted for publication in PRL (2011)

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Filament Burst in A Large ELM Crash: Finger-Like Structure Formation and Its Evolution to A Burst



- Fast burst < 50 ms, localized burst zone
- Finger connection to LCFS initiates the ELM

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N=2 RMP Applicable for KSTAR 2011 ELM Control



- n=2 magnetic perturbatio n applicable
- Poloidally three coils avail able for changes of even/o dd parity and phasing
- Note that these are all inn er coils close to plasma. A nd the middle coil is very u seful for variations of mag. perturbation.

KSTAR Picture-Frame RMP Coils

Preliminary Analysis of ELM Control by RMP for KSTAR 2011 : ELM Suppression May Possible



 Reducing B_T doesn't change much, but helpful due to reducing q₉₅

- ψ_N >0.83 can be met
- q_{95} =3.7 with B_T =1.7 T
- → ELM could be suppressed

- I_P can make large changes on
 - RMP penetration

- q₉₅

➔ I_p optimization with lowest B_T need ed for ELM suppression



ELM and its Control Simulation using M3D code etc.

Calculation of the growth rate and mode structure of unstable ELM using a linear ELM stability code, ELITE

Nonlinear simulation of ELM evolution using M3D code



 Simulation studies of ELM control mechanisms using RMP or Pellet pace-making method are also being performed using the M3D, XGC0 codes

Dust conversion from layers



- 1. Stable layers at far distance.
- 2. Flake formation at coupon #3, #6 is observed (several weeks after vent).
- 3. Connected to internal stress and adhesion.



Deposition in the gap in KSTAR

SIMS analysis

- 1. H/H+C ratio ~ 0.2-0.4 while D/D+C ratio ~0-0.3 at top and bottom.
- 2. H/H+C ratio ~ 0.1-0.6 while D/D+C ratio ~0-0.3 at midi-plane. H/H+C ratio ~ 0.02 at coupon #6.

Deposition in the gap in KSTAR

- (Average) total carbon flux towards outer wall in 2009 campaign is about ~2.94×10¹⁶ atoms/cm²/s.
- 2. KSTAR vacuum vessel has surface area of 80 m² with 11 m² covered by graphite P FC tiles in 2nd campaign.
- 3. Assuming that the erosion source of the carbon is only in-board PFCs (effective ero sion area 8.8 m²), an erosion flux of 2.32×10¹⁷ atoms/cm²/s.
- Total carbon atoms eroded from PFC during the campaign would be ~4.1×10²⁴ atom s (82 g).
- 5. (Average) hydrogen (deuterium) retention (inside layers) of $\sim 7.5 \times 10^{23}$ H (D) atoms (1.26g H + 2.51g D = 3.77g) in 2009.

Gross erosion (TPL) from spectroscopy (per campaign)	60 - 160 g $\Gamma_{C^0}^{\text{in}} = 1.5 - 3.5 \times 10^{20} \text{ C/m}^2/\text{s}$	
Estimated deposits mass (per campaign)	15 – 30 g	
Estimated distant redeposition	20 – 50 %	
Estimated local redeposition	80 - 50 %	
Integrated D quantity retained in the vessel	4.10 ²³ D	
Integrated D content in analysed deposits	5.10 ²² D	
D/C ratio in the deposits	0.01 - 0.10	

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Table 1 : Summary of carbon and deuterium balances for one campaign.

Divertor Transport Simulation for KSTAR

 Divertor heat fluxes calculated using B2 code for various operation powers an d C⁺ impurity condition for KSTAR divertor model



ITER High Priority Research Topics (IEA/ITPA)

Keywords of key issues : Shaping / H-mode / rotation / disruption ECRH breakdown / ICRF conditioning / runaway / dust

- TC-2 Power ratio Hysteresis and access to H-mode with H~1
- TC-3 Scaling of the Low-Density Limit of the H-mode threshold
- TC-9 Scaling of intrinsic plasma rotation with no external momentum input
- TC-14 RF rotation drive
- PEP-22 Controllability of pedestal and ELM characteristics by edge ECH/ECCD/LHCD
- PEP-28 Physics of H-mode access with different X-point height
- DSOL-8 ICRF conditioning
- DSOL-9 C injection experiments to understand C migration
- DSOL-13 Deuterium co-deposition with carbon in gaps of plasma facing components
- MDC-13 Vertical stability physics and performance limits in Tokamaks with highly elongated pla smas
- MDC-15 Disruption database development
- MDC-16 Runaway electron generation, confinement, and loss
- IOS-2.1 ECRH breakdown assist at 20-degree toroidal angle
- IOS-2.2 Ramp-down from q95=3
- IOS-5.2 Maintaining ICRH coupling in expected ITER Regime.
- IOS-6.2 li controller (Ip ramp) with primary voltage / additional heating
- DIAG-3 Resolving the discrepancy between ECE and TS at high Te
- DIAG-4 Field test of a Capacitance diaphragm Gauge as a dust monitor for ITER

5-Year Operation Plan (Phase I)



Campaign	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Operation Tim e	'08. 3 <i>~</i> '08. 8	'09. 8 <i>~</i> '09.12	'10.6 <i>~</i> '10. 12	'11.4 <i>~</i> '11.9	'12. 3 ~'12. 8
Experimental g oals	 First plasma startup 2nd Harmonic ECH pre -ionization 	 Startup stabilization ECH pre-ionization ICRF wall conditionin g 	 Shape control L-mode MHD study Wall conditioning 	 H-mode MHD ELM & Disruption Wall interaction 	 Profile control ITER shape ELM & disruption
Operation Para meters	• $B_T \sim 1.5 \text{ T}$ • $I_P > 0.1 \text{ MA}$ • $t_P > 0.1 \text{ s}$ • Te ~ 0.3 keV • Shape ~ Circular • Gas : H ₂	 B_T: 2 ~ 3.5 T I_P > 0.3 MA t_P > 2 s Te ~ 1 keV Shape ~ Circular Gas : D₂ 	 B_T: 2 ~ 3.5 T I_P > 0.5 MA t_P > 5 s Ti ~ 1 keV Shape ~ DN (κ2.0) Gas: D₂ 	 B_T: 2 ~ 3.5 T I_p > 1 MA t_p > 10 s Ti ~ 3 keV Shape ~ DN & SN Gas: D₂ 	 B_T: 2 ~ 3.5 T I_P > 1 MA t_P ~ 20 s Ti ~ 5 keV Shape ~ DN & SN Gas: D₂
Magnetic Contr ol	• TF : 15 kA [1.5T) • PF : 4 kA (~1 Wb) • Grid : 50 MVA	• TF : 35 kA [3.5 T] • PF : +/-4 kA (~2 Wb) • Grid : 50 MVA	• TF : 35 kA [3.5 T] • PF : +/-10 kA (~4 Wb) • IVCC : VS • Grid: 100 MVA	• TF : 35 kA [3.5 T] • PF : +/-15 kA (~6Wb) • IVCC : VS • Grid: 100 MVA	• TF : 35 kA [3.5 T] • PF : +/-20 kA (~8Wb) • IVCC : FEC,RMP,RWM • Grid: 100 MVA
Vacuum Conditi oning	 Inboard limiter (belt) Gas puff Glow DC 	 Inboard limiter + Boronization + ICRF DC 	+ Divertor + Passive stabilizer + In-vessel coil + PFC baking	+ PFC cooling	+ Cryopump operation
Heating & Curre nt Drive	• ECH(84G):0.3MW, 0.4s	• ECH(110G):0.2MW, 2s • ICRH: 0.3MW, 1s	• ECH(110G):0.5MW • ICRH: 1MW • NBI: 1MW	• ECH(84/110G):0.5MW • ECCD(170G): 1MW • ICRH : 1.5MW • NBI: 1.5MW	 ECH(84/110G):0.5MW ECCD(170G): 1MW ICRH : 1.5MW NBI : 3MW LHCD : 0.3MW
Diagnostics	 Magnetic Diagnostics / MMWI / ECE / Hα / V S / filterscope / TV / Hall probe array 	 + XICS / Soft X-ray / Hard X-ray/ Resistive Bolometer / Probe / R eflectometer e-beam 	+ Thomson (5ch)/ ECEI / IRTV / Image Bolomet er / CES / neutron / XI CS-2 / Ellipsometry /	+ FIR / Div. bolometer /X -ray pinhole / Cohere nce imaging/ fast-ion / etc	+ MSE / MIR / BES / VUV / CX-NPA /etc

Long-term Operation Plan

KSTAR will be operated as an international collaboratory to exploit the key scientifi c and technological issues for the ITER and attractive fusion reactor.





Summary: Toward Steady-State Operations

SC magnet system for steady-state :

Reliable operations of SC magnet & cryogenic facility for long pulse operation
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Divertor & PFC :

- Active-cooling on PFC & divertor will be prepared for long pulse operation
- Particle and flow control (fueling, wall conditioning, pumping)
- Dust characterization as a ITER safety issue

Heating & Current drive optimization :

- Simulation study with ASTRA, ONETWO, TSC/TRANSP predicts possible ste ady-state operation scenarios
- Long-pulse, non-inductive NBCD, LHCD, ECCD being installed

Advanced confinement by active plasma control:

- ELMy H-modes were achieved in the 2010 campaign, although the controllability of plasma shape and vertical stability was limited.
- Extensive experimental program will be done for advanced confinement phys ics using profile diagnostics, heating and current drive systems and IVCC

KSTAR Presentations in SOFE 2011

- SO1B-2 (invited) Key Features in the Operation of KSTAR J.G. Kwak
- SO4C-2 (invited) The Construction of ITER, Viewed from Lessons Learn ed from KSTAR Project <u>H. Y. Yang</u>
- SP3-39 Current Control Method of Thyristor Converter for PF Supercond ucting Coil in KSTAR, <u>H. -S. Ahn</u>
- SP3-40 Development of in-Vessel Vertical Coil (ivc) Power Supply <u>J. K. Jin</u>
- SP1-15 Design Feature & Operation Results of Kstar PFC GN2 Baking System <u>S. -T. Kim</u>
- SP1-32 Temporal and Spatial PFC Temperature Profiles in KSTAR 2010 Campaign <u>E. N. Bang</u>