A Collaboration between the University of Wisconsin-Madison and SWIP: Developing Fluctuation Diagnostics for Turbulence Physics*

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Objectives and Goals for a Collaboration on Fluctuation Measurements for Turbulence & Instability Research

• **Goal:** Collaborative research through advanced measurement capability

• **Wide range of instability phenomena impact tokamak plasma performance**
  – Core turbulence characterization: model & simulation testing and validation
  – L-H transition dynamics (see Z. Yan later this workshop), H-mode Pedestal Instabilities
  – Energetic Particle modes: Alfvén eigenmodes; Magnetic perturbation effects
  – Divertor/SOL-pedestal-core interactions; SOL heat flux width

• **Work-force development through university collaboration**
  – Graduate students & Postdoctoral researchers

• **Synergistic Diagnostic activities will benefit China and US MFE Programs**
Highlights and Accomplishments

- **Deployed 32-channel BES Diagnostic System at SWIP:**
  - Installed a 16-channel Modular BES Diagnostic System
  - Installed a new 16-channel Integrated BES Diagnostic System
  - Loaned a 16-channel NSTX-U BES Diagnostic (~1 year: 2018-2019)

- **Performed Experiments at HL-2A:**
  - Led turbulence experiment on $\rho^*$ scaling of turbulence on HL-2A
  - Led experiment on L-H physics with applied magnetic perturbations
  - Supported experiment on ExB Staircase turbulence + others

- **Multiple On-going Activities**
  - Jointly designing integrated multichannel Imaging BES for wide-field 2D turbulence measurements
  - Related diagnostic studies under consideration
  - Ongoing research seminars at SWIP
  - Graduate student/scientific staff research collaborations
    - *Thesis research project for graduate student*

- **Multiple publications and conference presentations**
Diagnostic Development Activities
Implemented a Multiphase Approach to Developing BES on HL-2A & HL-2M

• Objective: Develop a high-performance, multichannel 2D Beam Emission Spectroscopy diagnostic for HL-2A and HL-2M tokamaks to measure low-k density fluctuations
  – ΔR~1 cm, ΔZ~1.2 cm, f=2 MHz, 2D Imaging capability

• Phase 1: Build a modernized “NSTX-style” BES system
  – 2 8-channel modules, deployed in 2017

• Phase 2: Design and build a new, novel integrated system
  – 2 8-channel arrays; more economical (reduced $/channel)
  – Thermo-electrically cooled; integrated optical system, single filter
  – Deployed March, 2019

• Phase 3: Design and build a large-scale imaging BES
  – 64-channel array-based advanced imaging BES diagnostic
  – Underway through multi-institute collaboration: UW, DIII-D, SWIP
  – Designed at UW; related DIII-D CXI diagnostic being built, tested
  – Seek to built SWIP-BES system later this year: deploy 2022-23
Phase 2 Integrated BES System Installed at SWIP for HL-2A

- An integrated BES diagnostic with 16 channels, 8 per module (*2) developed by UW for SWIP and is installed at HL-2A Tokamak
  - More economical system ($/channel); improved performance
Joint Diagnostic Development Effort for Fluctuation Diagnostics Offers Benefits to US & China FES Programs

• By combining development resources with SWIP and US programs (DIII-D, NSTX-U, potentially others), have designed integrated system
  – Comparable or better performance than previous generation of modular detectors
  – Simpler deployment at remote facilities
    • Smaller, more compact system
    • Only requires AC power, network linkages (no cryo, vacuum, coolant, external chiller)
  – Significantly lower costs-per-channel

• SWIP collaboration provided unique opportunity to pursue the integrated development path

• Benefits to diagnostic activities in US:
  – Charge eXchange Imaging deployment @DIII-D
  – BES-Expansion @DIII-D
  – UF-CHERS, SHS Improvements at DIII-D
  – Application to NSTX-U, +
64-Channel APD-based Integrated Imaging CXI System: Foundation for Phase 3 SWIP-BES Diagnostic

- Input Fibers
- Interference Filter
- Telecentric imaging

- Cooled Detector Electronics Module
- Thermoelectric Cooler
- Closed-Loop Refrigerator
- Power Supply
  - High Voltage
  - Power Supply
  - Control interface
- Vacuum Rough Pump
High-Throughput Telecentric Optical System Designed to Relay Input Fiber Light to Detector and Provide Spectral Filter

6-element lens design for HL-2A

Input Fiber Array

Interference Filter at Aperture Stop \( \lambda = 659-661 \text{ nm} \)

Vacuum Interface Lens

Photodiode Array (Chilled, in Vacuum)

Photodiode Array (Hamamatsu 8x8)

D. DenHartog - UW-Madison

Near-Unity Optical Transmission
2D APD/PD Array and Pre-Amplifier Electronics Compressed into Single TEC-Cooled Detector Module

Radial Preamplifier Electronics Layout
Detector @ Center

Sector Layout with “Fin Board”
PCB Preamplifiers

High-Gain, High Frequency Preamplifier Circuit
f=2 MHz, G=10 MOhm

Multichannel Imaging Detector Array (@Image Plane)
Scientific Research Activity
**ρ* Scaling of Turbulence Characteristics Measured at HL-2A**

BES configured to measure radial profile of low-k density fluctuations

**HL-2A**

Density fluctuation amplitude, $\tilde{n}/n$ scales with $\rho^*$

Radial Correlation Lengths scales with ion gyro radius

Similar behavior to that observed at DIII-D

UW Graduate Student Xijie Qin presents results at APS-2019
**ExB Staircase Observed with BES in HL-2A**

- **Turbulence features consistent with theoretically predicted ExB shear layers observed**
  - Tilted eddy structures and propagation velocity reversals of turbulence near profile $T_e$ corrugation surfaces
  - Meso-scale transport events observed between corrugations

- **Contributed to Ph.D. dissertation by Tsinghua student, Wenbin Liu**

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Meso-Scale fluctuation events between surfaces

BES Power Spectra at multiple radii
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UW-SWIP Personnel Exchanges Fostered New Research Activities

- **Graduate Student: Rui Ke (Xinghua University, now SWIP)**
  - Spent 6 months at DIII-D working with UW scientists (McKee, Yan)
  - Learned diagnostics, supported experiments, analyzed data

- **Graduate Student: Yifan Wu (USTC-Hefei)**
  - Spent 12 months at DIII-D and at UW
  - Assisted with Integrated BES development, Pedestal fluctuations in SH-Mode

- **Graduate Student: Xijie Qin (University of Wisconsin)**
  - Currently spending 9 months at SWIP (pandemic response!)
  - Pursuing HL-2A experiment on *intrinsic rotation-turbulence* research
  - Will continue at DIII-D in future

- **Post-doctoral researcher: Lucas Mortan (University of Wisconsin, TAE)**
  - Travelled to SWIP for loaned system installation

- **G. McKee, Z. Yan (UW) travel frequently to SWIP**
  - Diagnostic activities, experiments
  - Presented multiple physics seminars
Multiple Scientific Publications Presentations Enabled Through Diagnostic Collaboration

- **Initial beam emission spectroscopy diagnostic system on HL-2A tokamak**

- **Simulation of neutral beam attenuation and its influence to beam emission spectroscopy diagnostic on HL-2A tokamak**
  - Yifan Wu et al. Journal of Instrumentation, 2018, **13**(10):P10026-P10026

- **Evidence of $E \times B$ staircase in HL-2A L-mode tokamak discharges**

- **Development of a 32-channel Beam Emission Spectroscopy diagnostic based on Neutral Beam Injection on HL-2A tokamak**
  - Yifan Wu et al. Fusion Engineering and Design, 2020, **156**:111734

- **Multi-scale interaction between tearing modes and micro-turbulence in HL-2A plasmas**
  - Min Jiang et al., Plasma Science and Technology, 2020, **22**(8):080501

- **Edge-coherent oscillation providing nearly continuous transport during ELM mitigation by $n = 1$ resonant magnetic perturbation in HL-2A**
  - Tengfei Sun et al. Nuclear Fusion, 2021, **61**(3):0360
Multiple Technical Presentations Enabled Through Diagnostic Collaboration

- **Development of Beam Emission Spectroscopy on HL-2A**

- **Integrated 2D BES for the HL-2A/2M Tokamaks**

- **Measuring Turbulence Characteristics on $\psi^*$ in HL-2A**

- **SWIP Scientific Seminars**
  - *Bursty Wiggles: A Pedestal-to-SOL Transport Mechanism During RMP-ELM Suppression*, G. McKee, June 2018
  - *Turbulence and sheared flow structures behind the isotopic dependence of the L-H power threshold*, Z. Yan, December, 2017
UW and SWIP Colleagues Participate Actively in Collaboration

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Ph.D Plan:
- Joint HL-2A & DIII-D
- Role of Turbulence in
- Driving Intrinsic Rotation
Future Activities for UW-SWIP Collaboration

• Develop and deploy Phase 3 BES diagnostic on HL-2A
  – 64-channel integrated imaging BES diagnostic for wide-field turbulence and flow measurement and analysis (complement existing 32-channel capability from Phases 1 & 2 development)

• Evaluate HL-2M designs options for implementation
  – Detector systems can be deployed to HL-2M
  – Requires new optical design to view neutral beam and fiber array

• Consider complementary turbulence diagnostic systems
  – UF-CHERS: $T_i$ and $V_{TOR}$ measurement
  – CXI: high-spatial resolution pedestal fluctuation measurements
  – Lyman-alpha BES: high SNR, high spatial resolution; challenging engineering
  – Spatial Heterodyne Spectroscopy (SHS): magnetic and electric field fluctuations

• Turbulence and Transport Research
  – Intrinsic Rotation and the Role of Turbulence (X. Qin, UW student) on HL-2A
  – Core transport, L-H physics, RMP, LHCD/ECH impacts, EP-xAE

• US and China fusion programs are benefitting from joint diagnostic development and research projects: HL-2A, HL-2M, DIII-D, NSTX-U