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Hollow pellets for magnetic fusion

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Motivated by edge localized mode (ELM) control in H-mode plasmas, we summarize experimental and theoretical progress in MHD physics of plasma interaction with small pellets ranging from 10s of microns to a few mm in size. Layered spherical structures with a hollow core ("hollow pellets") are attractive in comparison with solid spheres and gas puffing. Theoretical results based on multi-fluid calculations of pellet-induced cold plasmoid formation and interactions with background plasmas are given. The experimental results include a new dual-spectroscopy technique for imaging of ELMs and fabrication of prototype hollow pellets.

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