

Nonlinear 3D MHD simulation is conducted to investigate the effect of RMP on the pedestal degradation ELM-crash suppression.

- Kink-tearing response and NTV result considerable pump-out.
 - ✓ Kink-tearing response (KTM) by RMPs results ExB particle convection at the pedestal.
 - ✓ NTV by KTM generates large radial particle flux.
 - ✓ KTM + NTV explains ~40% of Exp. pump-out.
- ELM is **nonlinearly saturated** by RMPs, resulting in crash suppression.
 - ✓ ELM crash suppression by
 - Reduced pedestal gradient.
 - **Mode coupling between RMP and ELM.**
 - ✓ **Importance of RMP-ELM coupling in suppression.**
 - Enhanced interactions between ELM harmonics.
 - Preventing nonlinear mode crash.

