Session Introduction Disruption Mitigation by Shattered Pellet Injection (SPI)

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Goals of This Session:

- 1. Determine where state of science has resolved uncertainties in SPI operation
- 2. Create action plans to retire remaining



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Key Questions

- 1. Is our RE understanding sufficient to predict conditions for avoidance?
- 2. Can many SPI be superimposed to provide necessary D2 for RE avoidance?
- 3. Are there other paths for dissipative RE mitigation besides avoidance?
- 4. Are above compatible with effective thermal quench (TQ) mitigation (radiation fraction, symmetry) & current quench (CQ) mitigation (eddy & halo currents)?

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JOREK, NIMROD, M3D-C1 Modeling of ITER/JET/KSTAR/D3D SPI Scenarios

Basic SPI ablation modeling

+ massive RE modeling effort



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ITPA MDC-24 "SPI Physics Validation" to provide umbrella for data sharing

A wide variety of presentations have been organized to collate & discuss the state of SPI science

Invited Presentations

On the possible injection schemes with the ITER SPI system	E. Nardon (CEA)
Prospects for runaway electron avoidance with massive material injection in tokamak disruptions	T. Fülöp (Chalmers U.)
Progress on non-linear MHD simulations of ITER Shattered Pellet Injection	D. Hu (Beihang U.)
Disruption mitigation by multiple injection of shattered pellets in KSTAR	J. Kim (NFRI)
Mitigation of runaway electron heat loads by deuterium SPI injection and kink activity	C. Reux (CEA)
Overview of the Radiated Fraction and Radiation Asymmetries Following Shattered Pellet Injection	R. Sweeney (MIT)
Verification and Validation of Extended-Magnetohydrodynamic Modeling of Disruption Mitigation	B. Lyons (GA)
Near-field models and simulation of the ablation of pellets and SPI fragments for plasma disruption mitigation in tokamaks	R. Samulyak (Stony Brook U.)
Particle Assimilation During Shattered Pellet Injection	D. Shiraki (ORNL)

+ numerous contributions

But this remote session will only succeed with your active participation **BEFORE** the conference

- Discussion board for presentation & session is here lacksquare
 - Includes list of ALL SPL session contributions

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

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