# Overview of the radiated fraction and radiation asymmetries following shattered pellet injection

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## Outline

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- Axisymmetric radiated fraction calculations
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  - JET observations
- Preliminary 3D radiated energy estimates in JET
- Resolving the toroidal peaking near the injection
- Magnetic control of the radiation asymmetry
- Radiation following dual injection



# ITER thermal mitigation requirements



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Longevity of the ITER divertor requires high radiated fractions

- Critical heat flux factor for tungsten is 50 MJ/m<sup>2</sup>s<sup>0.5</sup>
- Divertor thermal quench (TQ) heat flux area of 23 m<sup>2</sup> <sup>\*</sup>, and thermal quench duration of  $\tau_{tq} \approx 1$  ms

$$\frac{350 \, MJ}{23 \, m^2 \sqrt{10^{-3} \, s}} = 480 \, MJ/m^2 s^{0.5}$$

Conducted heat loads must be less than 10%

Conclusion: more careful analysis\*\* finds thermal radiated fraction  $f_{rad,th}$  must exceed 0.93 ( $f_{rad,th} = W_{rad,th}/W_{th}$ )

\*V. Riccardo et al., Nucl. Fusion **45** (2005) \*\* M. Lehnen et al., J. Nucl. Mater. **463** (2015) High radiated fractions reduce divertor loads, but increase first wall loads; longevity of the first wall requires uniform radiation

- The melt temperature of Be is  $T_{lim}=1551$  K, and the first wall can reach  $T_{0,fw}=600$  K
- Maximum allowable peaking factor is\*

$$PF \le \left(T_{lim} - T_{0,fw}\right) \sqrt{\pi \kappa \rho C_p} \sqrt{\tau_{tq}} \frac{A_{fw}}{f_{tq} W_{th}}$$

 $k \equiv$ heat conductivity,  $\rho \equiv$ mass density,  $C_p \equiv$ heat capacity per unit mass,  $A_{fw} \equiv$ first wall area,  $W_{th} \equiv$ thermal energy

#### • $PF \leq 2$ on Be tiles\*\*

\*\* M. Lehnen et al., J. Nucl. Mater. 463 (2015)

\*G. Olynyk, MIT Thesis 2013



#### ITER requires:

- *1.*  $f_{rad,th} \ge 0.93$
- *2.*  $PF \le 2$



## Radiated fractions in DIII-D and JET assuming axisymmetry



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### DIII-D: The thermal radiated fraction $\langle f_{rad,th} \rangle$ increases with the quantity of injected neon, doubling relative to unmitigated

 $\langle f_{rad.th} \rangle = \langle W_{rad.th} \rangle / W_{th}$  $\langle X \rangle \equiv X$  is calculated assuming axisymmetry

- <*f*<sub>rad,th</sub>> approaches 0.9
- Strike point temperatures decrease and first wall temperatures increase, consistent with expectation



D. Shiraki et al., Phys. Plasmas 23 (2016) 062516

JET: The maximum <f<sub>rad</sub>> decreases as f<sub>th</sub> increases with SPI, reproducing previous MGI results

- (Left) Trend originally found with massive gas injection (MGI)
  - Implies  $< f_{rad,th} > \sim 50\%$  at best
- (Right) Trend qualitatively reproduced with SPI



$$< f_{rad} > = < W_{rad} > /(W_{th} + W_{mag} - W_{coupled})$$

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## How accurate are the axisymmetric calculations, and is the decreasing $\langle f_{rad} \rangle$ with $f_{th}$ real?

The remainder of the talk investigates 3D properties to address these questions



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## Limitations of the axisymmetric assumption (JET case study)



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## Large errors in P<sub>rad</sub> can result from uncertainty in the location of the radiation in the poloidal plane

• Errors reach many tens of percent, but ITER must achieve within 10% of complete radiation!



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J. Lovell et al., RSI 2020, manuscript in review

Toroidally peaked radiation is expected, so an axisymmetric calculation is unlikely to correctly recover  $P_{\rm rad}$  or  $W_{\rm rad}$ 

- Two bolometer arrays (KB5H and KB5V) operated during JET SPI experiments
- For 3D studies, two measurements toroidally is limiting



## Helical radiation structures in DIII-D following SPI



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# Dual SPI experiments revealed the first empirical evidence that the dominant TQ radiation is helical

- Upper and lower AXUV arrays able to locate the peak radiation in one poloidal plane
- Peak radiation regions approximately map to the injection locations





## Reproducibility of two toroidally separated AXUV brightness contours suggests an ordered structure





## Post-SPI TQ radiation consistent with a helical structure positioned near the 2/1 island X-point





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## Infrared wall heating is consistent with a toroidally peaked helical

structure

- Two identical pellets, two different injectors, two separate discharges
- IR images differenced, field aligned model with Gaussian toroidal dependence fit
- Field pitch matches  $\psi_N=0.4$





Best-fit, modeled (PsiN = 0.4, HWHM = 45°)



## The calculated toroidal peaking can exceed the ITER limit within the error bar

• TQ TPF = 1.9 +0.5/-0.3



- Poloidal peaking will further increase the total peaking factor PF
- Need methods to reduce the asymmetry; multiple injections?



Derived from D. Shiraki, Disruption Task Force Meeting, June 25, 2020

## Helical radiation structures in JET following SPI



# A toroidal array of vertically viewing bolometers indicates when plasma radiation is not uniform

- Four bolometers distributed toroidally, referred to collectively as KB1
- Partial view in the poloidal plane
- Cannot differentiate between helical structures and toroidal asymmetries



### When the non-uniformity is large, it is always observed in octant 2 nearest the SPI

• Define a parameter  $f_{peak}$  to quantify peaking:

 $f_{peak} = \frac{\max(\Delta Q_i)}{\operatorname{mean}(\Delta Q_i)}$ 



The measured **asymmetry** is correlated with the **axisymmetric** <*f*<sub>rad</sub>> at fixed neon quantity

- Suggests a systematic error in the axisymmetric  $\langle f_{rad} \rangle$  calculation
  - Can this explain the decreasing  $\langle f_{rad} \rangle$  with  $f_{th}$ ?

 $< f_{rad} > = < W_{rad} > /(W_{th} + W_{mag} - W_{coupled})$ 

 $\langle X \rangle \equiv X$  is calculated assuming axisymmetry

Pure Ne medium pellet 2.0 1.8 J.6 1.4 1.2 0.5 0.6 0.8 0.7 0.9  $< f_{rad} >$ 

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(left) J. Lovell et al., RSI 2020, manuscript in review

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- Helix must intersect KB1 Oct 2
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- Emission must **overlap** blue and **avoid** red, green, and cyan
- Emission constrained



## An example helical structure is constructed for 3D radiated power esimates

- 1. Choose field line satisfying KB1 constraint
- 2. Bivariate Gaussian assumed in RZ about the field line
- 3. Fit toroidal Gaussian centered at injection to KB5 measurements



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Using the example structure  $P_{rad}$  corrections are found

- Small corrections to the standard P<sub>rad</sub> weighted sums for this structure
  - Sensitivity study planned



## Using the corrected KB5s, and assuming axisymmetric CQ radiation, a *preliminary* radiated power from the 3D structure is found

- Toroidal Gaussian fit at times up to current spike
- Axisymmetric analysis used after current spike

Next steps:

- Vary helical structure within measurement constraints
- Try different toroidal distributions



# Resolving the toroidal peaking near the injection



## KSTAR will be the first device to measure the radiation 11° from the injection; closest measurement to date is 45°



# Magnetic control of the radiation asymmetry



#### Applied EF does not have the same influence in SPI shots

- During MGI, EF can completely determine MHD phase
- During SPI, MHD is strongly influenced by SPI location







#### Initial results from magnetic control of the asymmetry in SPI terminated H-mode discharges in JET are inconclusive



• Minimum at 235 deg?

Or

- No trend?
- This work is ongoing



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## In JET Ohmic discharges, the radiation asymmetry appears to reach a minimum at 235 deg following MGI; SPI statistics are low



- Is the asymmetry also minimized at 235 deg with SPI?
- Is the electromagnetic perturbation from the injection stronger than the applied EF?

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# Radiation following dual injection



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DIII-D dual pellet experiment found that simultaneous pellets reduce radiation relative to a single pure Ne pellet



Both 7.5 mm pellets Low Ne = 1.3 Pa  $m^3$ , rest D2 Pure Ne = 53 Pa  $m^3$ 

#### At least two possible interpretations:

- *3D effect:* Cooling multiple flux tubes, reducing cooling duration and assimilation
- *OD effect:* Saturating the plasma such that only a fraction of the total material is assimilated



### Conclusion

- ITER requires *f*<sub>rad,th</sub>>0.93 and *PF*<2
- In DIII-D, axisymmetric thermal fraction <f<sub>rad,th</sub> > approaches 0.9
- Decreasing  $\langle f_{rad} \rangle$  observed with increasing  $f_{th}$  in JET
- Helical radiation is observed in DIII-D:
  - 1. Varying injection location changes radiation
  - 2. Toroidally separated AXUVs consistent with field-aligned structures
  - 3. IR analysis consistent with helical structure, and predicts *TPF*=1.9+0.5/-0.3
- Helical radiation is also observed in JET:
  - KB1 bolometers are consistent with a helical structure
- Constrained helical structure used in preliminary 3D radiated energy calculations; predicts  $TPF \sim 1.75$  and  $f_{rad,th} \sim 0.5$ 
  - Sensitivity study to follow
- Magnetic control of radiation asymmetry in DIII-D unsuccessful, and JET experiments are inconclusive (more data to come)
- DIII-D dual injection results suggest a reduced  $f_{\rm rad}$ ; reason under investigation

## Extra slides

## J-TEXT has a similar diagnostic set to DIII-D and provides a small major radius data point for scalings





The poloidal layout of the AXUV array on the J-TEXT.

#### Can the n=1 mode be controlled, and to what degree does the asymmetry depend on its phase?



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## The SPI births island O-points, determining the initial phase, and perhaps a preferential phase



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### Installation/upgrade of diagnostics are concurrently progressing for investigating the disruption mitigation.



Installation status of poloidal AXUV arrays (PFAAs): The PFAAs at D-port and O-port have different design due to the interface.

- The PFAAs at O-port have in-vacuum housing design.
- The signal line is connected through vacuum feedthrough.
- They have their own internal shutter.



- The PFAAs at D-port have one body design with flange.
- They are protected by external shutter.
- In the figure, the shutter covers the front of PFAAs.



Lower PFAA

#### Final design and manufacture of IR sensor based bolometer (IRSB)



Courtesy of G.S. Yun et al.,