Disruption Control Using Biased Electrode in Aditya Tokamak

- 1. First demonstration of controlling or mitigating gas puff induced 'disruptions' in discharges with $I_p \sim 65-70$ kA with biasing voltage of more than $\sim 180-190$ V to an electrode placed inside the last closed flux surface (LCFS) successfully by suppressing the MHD modes.
- 2. In this experiment sheared poloidal plasma rotation generated by biased electrode in the vicinity of m/n = 3/1 island through $E_r \times B_{\varphi}$ flow is seen to be profoundly stabilize magnetic islands corresponding to m/n = 3/1, 2/1 and 1/1 MHD modes.
- 3. The mechanism for the stabilization of tearing modes in this method lies into generation of poloidal flow shear more than the magnetic shear near q=3 rational surface [1].
- 4. A possible reason for the stabilization in the m = 2 and m = 1 modes may be toroidal coupling as ADITYA tokamak has not very large aspect ratio.

References:

[1]DHYANI, Pravesh, et al., A novel approach for mitigating disruptions using biased electrode in ADITYA tokamak, Nuclear Fusion **54** (2014) 083023.