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Overview of the KSTAR Research in Support of ITER and DEMO

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We appreciate all the research collaborators for their contribution to KSTAR program



Fully non inductive high beta ($\beta_P > 3$) discharge and physics validation of sawtooth and turbulence

High β_P steady-state (fully non-inductive) discharge and extension to 70s



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Research directions and key parameters in KSTAR

□ Research directions of KSTAR

- Extend the reference H-mode and high performance discharge into long-pulse utilizing SC magnets
- Explore confinement and stability issues using the KSTAR uniqueness
- Exploit new stable high-beta and advanced plasma operation regime for K-DEMO



□ Key parameters of KSTAR, ITER & K-DEMO

Daramaters	KSTAR	ITER	K-DEMO
T alameters	(achieved)	(Baseline)	(Option II)
Major radius, R ₀ [m]	1.8	6.2	6.8
Minor radius, a [m]	0.5	2.0	2.1
Elongation, ĸ	2.0 (1.8)	1.7	1.8
Triangularity, δ	0.8	0.33	0.63
Plasma shape	DN, SN	SN	DN (SN)
Plasma current, I _P [MA]	2.0 (1.0)	15	> 12
Toroidal field, B ₀ [T]	3.5	5.3	7.4
H-mode duration [sec]	300 (70)	400	SS
β _N	5.0 (4.3)	~ 2.0	~ 4.2
f _{bs}			~ 0.6
Superconductor	Nb₃Sn, NbTi	Nb ₃ Sn, NbTi	Nb ₃ Sn, NbTi
Heating /CD [MW]	~ 28 (10)	~ 73	160
PFC	C, W	W	W
Fusion power, P _{th} [GW]		~0.5	~ 2.1

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KSTAR has unique research tools as the test bed for ITER and **K-DEMO**

Lowest intrinsic error field (δ B/B0 ~ 1x10⁻⁵) and low magnetic ripple (~0.05%)

- Lower L-H transition threshold power
- High beta operation accessible without error field correction Y. In (NFRI) NF2015

ITER relevant In-vessel control coils (IVCC) for ELM control

- Three poloidal rows (top / middle / bottom) same as ITER
- \circ Stable ELM crash suppression/mitigation at n=1, 2 and mixed Y.M. Jeon (NFRI) PRL2012

Advanced 2D/3D imaging diagnostics

- 2D/3D ECEI, MIR, BES, etc
- New physics from the measurement of turbulence and MHD instabilities

G.S. Yun (POSTECH) PRL2011





n=1, +90 phase top mid bot

n=2, even			
+	-	+	-
-	+	Ð	+
+	-	+	-



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Status of heating & current driving systems in KSTAR



Diagnostics systems developed through collaboration



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Fully non-inductive current drive discharge has been achieved with high poloidal beta ($\beta_p > 3$)

□ Fully non-inductive discharge without limits in flux and MVA

- $\circ \ \ \, f_{NI} \sim 1, \, f_{BS} < 0.5, \, \beta_{p} > 3, \, \beta_{N} \sim 2, \, H_{89} \sim 2.0, \, \text{li} \sim 1.2,$
- \circ B_T=2.9 T, I_P=0.4 MA, P_{NBI}=5.0 MW, P_{ECH}~ 0.8 MW

□ Early termination due to safety interlock (heat load on poloidal limiter)

 Increases fast ion loss from neutral beam at lower plasma current Temperature rise in poloidal limiter



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H-mode discharge with highly non inductive current drive has been extended over 1 min (~ 70s)

- □ Problem of heatload on poloidal limiter was resolved by reduced NBI power (5.1 \rightarrow 3.8 MW) and increased gap between plasma and PFC
 - \circ f_{NI} ≤ 1, β_p : 2.4 ~ 1.9, β_N ~ 1.8 ~ 1.5, W_{MHD} ~ 0.3 − 0.25 MJ
 - $\circ~$ B_T=2.5 T, I_P=0.45 MA, P_{NBI}=3.8 MW, P_{ECH}\sim 0.8 MW
- □ However density and loop voltage increased slowly from 30s due to un-controlled striking point → need density control and striking point control



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KSTAR observed ITB formation in L-mode discharge with the confinement comparable to that of H-mode



- ITB could last up to 10s (> 40 $\tau_{\rm E}$).
- □ Significant improvement in confinement (stored energy and β_N) with comparable to that of H-mode discharge







Higher β_N and lower q95 discharges are under development for the stability limit research

- KSTAR H-mode equilibria have reached and exceeded the computed n = 1 ideal no-wall stability limit
 - $_{\circ}$ Highest β_{N} = 4.3, $\beta_{\text{N}}/\text{I}_{\text{i}}$ =6.3
 - $\circ \ \mbox{High} \ \beta_{N} > \beta_{N}^{\ \mbox{no-wall}} \ \mbox{operation mostly limited} \\ \mbox{by 2/1 mode} \ (\beta_{N} = 3.3 \ \mbox{sustained 3 s}) \\ \label{eq:basic}$



- Attempt lower q₉₅ (< 2.3) discharge to minimize harmful MHDs (low m/n)
 - $\,\circ\,$ Low m/n rational surfaces are pushed out
 - Removal of strong n=3 mode brought the confinement recovery (red shade).





Development of hybrid and reverse shear scenarios for high confinement regime

- In KSTAR, hybrid mode was achieved by beam timing control in H-mode, and sustained for 5-8 s without any harmful MHD activities
 - G (= $\beta_{\rm N} H_{89} / q_{95}^2$) ~ 0.38,
 - $H_{89} < 2.3, \, \beta_N < 2.7 \, at \, q_{95} = 3.8-4.5$
 - It was close to ITER baseline (G = 0.4) and above ITER steady state (G = 0.3)



Courtesy of Y.S. Na (SNU), et al

Weak reverse shear profile achieved by revered I_p operation due to strong counter tangential NBCD





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Demonstration of extremely reliable ELM crash suppression (~ 10 s) under static and rotating RMP

- □ Robust ELM crash suppression is one of the high priority issues in ITER with W wall.
- Recently, KSTAR has demonstrated very stable ELM crash suppression under static and rotation of the RMP (resonance magnetic perturbation).
 - Wider $q_{95} = 5 \pm 0.25$ (relaxed constraint), Rx or triangularity dependance (Delta_lower ~ 0.74 \pm 0.04)



Profile of divertor heat flux has ben measured during ELM-crash suppression at static and rotating RMP

- Heat flux profile shows very different splitting pattern, depending on phasing and coil configuration
- Intentionally misaligned RMP configurations would spread the divertor heat fluxes in a wider area (in support of ITER)



Heat flux splitting by misaligned RMP configuration





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Plasma surface interaction of metal divertor using castellated Tungsten block

Install and exposure of castellated tungsten block

- Castellated W tile with different leading edge and shape installed on divertor
- Heat flux and temperature are monitored using IRTV (3x optical zoom)



□ A complete set of deposition profiles inside the gap of castellated blocks were analyzed.



Research on the retention and high-Z impurity transport in KSTAR

- Hydrogen retention on carbon wall depends on plasma current and pulse length.
 - Retention is proportional to pulse length and issues in long pulse discharge.
 - Wall conditioning between shot
- Ar impurity accumulation control using ECCD and RMP
 - On-axis ECCD suppressed core accumulation of Ar
 - Hollowed profile in L-mode and flat profile in H-mode
 - Kr injection changed ELM features (mitigation and suppression)



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- □ 2016, KSTAR validates $q_0 \ge 1.0$
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Required absolute accuracy is ± 0.01 for $q_0 \ge 1.0$ after the crash (challenging !!)

(EX/P4-27) J. Ko (NFRI), et al





- Growth and decay of the tearing mode Exp. within q=1 surface
- Sawtoothing discharge : tearing mode evolve (e.g. 3/3 to 2/2, 1/1)
- Non-sawtoothing discharge : no change
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Theoretical and experimental validation of the ELM crash suppression mechanism

Nonlinear interaction btw ELM & turbulent eddies induced by RMP

 Broadband turbulence induced by RMP damps the ELM amplitude



- Exploring optimum phasing angle and amplitude for reliable ELM crash suppression
 - Fixed top/bottom at 5kA/turn
 - Phasing and amplitude of middle coil
 - Experiments well match with modeling
 - Plasma response calculation is necessary over vacuum calculation



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KSTAR has an excellent environment for Neoclassical Toroidal Viscosity (NTV) physics research using reliable rotation profiles

Plasma rotation highly important for tokamak stability and confinement

- If sufficiently strong, this rotation could provide stabilization and improved performance in ITER and future devices
- Effect of localized NTV on toroidal rotation profile : (TH/P3-11) J. Seol (NFRI) et al
- Code verification and validation in most quiescent plasmas : (TH/P1-6) J.K. Park (PPPL) et al





 Final saturated rotation profile at n=2 lead to strong rotation shear at edge



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L-H transition threshold power (P_{th}) depends on the level of error field in fusion devices

- □ The dependence of P_{th} on the applied error field ($\delta B/B_0$) was reported by DIII-D team (2011). □ P_{th} dependence on n=1, 2 error field has been measured In KSTAR,
 - P_{th} in KSTAR is much less than the *Martin scaling* (Journal of Physics, 2008) at single mode error field ($\delta B/B_0 < 2.7 \times 10^{-4}$), which is level of intrinsic error field in conventional devices.
 - However, in mixed mode error field case, strong dependence of Pth on $\delta B/B_0$
- □ It showed that the n=2 error field is not negligible compared to n=1 error field to get H-mode within limited heating power such as in early state of ITER operation.
 - For ITER, the test blanket module is one of the sources of error field and need a clear mapping of δB .





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Major system upgrade toward high beta long pulse operation (~2021)

- □ Up to 2020, research campaigns to explore the optimum operation regime for steadystate and high beta using NBI-2 : Confinement, Stability, Bootstrap current, etc.
- From 2021, In-vessel components upgrade for the optimized plasma volume and shape
- Optimized divertor configuration with new first wall material (compatible for k-DEMO)
- Optimum current drive configuration: high field side LHCD, Helicon CD, top launching ECCD





Contribution to IAEA FEC from KSTAR collaborators

[Overview & scenarios]

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Algorithm for K-DEMO Structure analysis for K-DEMO

KSTAR Overview

Nonaxissymetric

NTV & rotation

NTV profile & 3D

Magnetic braking

ELM & global structure

Magnetic perturbation

ECEI ELM observation

Deposition inside gaps

Heat flux to first wall

Divertor target heat load

Diverter heat flux & 3D

Divertor heat flux & 3D

L-H treshold under 3D field

Edge turbulence interaction

High beta operation

Vertical stabilization control

Trap Particle Confinement

EBW assisted startup, VEST

Physics based profile control

[MHD, EP & disruption]

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- TH/P1-17 A. Aydemir
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- EX/P4-29 C.M. Ryu
- EX/P4-22 J.G. Kwak Neutron yield

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- EX/P4-16 S. Ko • EX/P4-23 K.C. Lee Poloidal asymetry on ELMs
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- TH/P3-13 H.H. Kaang
- TH/P3-25 T.S. Hahm
- TH/P3-27 M. Leconte Zonal flow & RMP
- TH/P3-29 S.S. Kim
- TH/P3-32 C.Y. An

- Sawtooth crash
- Disruption
- Perturbation & MHD
- MHD stability at high betaN
 - Destabilizing Edge instability
 - Locked mode dissipation
- Halo current
- Long-lived mode
 - Ion-scale turbulence

Particle transport

Ar transport

ExB shear

- Alfven Eigenmode
- Runaway Runaway electron

Rotation reversal & transport

Zonal flow and edge collapse

Intrinsic rotation reversal

Current profile evolution

Momentum transport

Turbulence BOUT++

Energy non-trapping

TAE



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Summary

KSTAR, as an international collaboration device, has directions to resolve the scientific and technical issues in developing steady-state high beta and advanced plasma operation regime for ITER and K-DEMO.

KSTAR is well engineered superconducting tokamak with several unique research tools as a test bed for ITER and K-DEMO ;

- lowest intrinsic error field and ITER relevant in-vessel control coils (top/middle/bottom)
- Advanced 2D/3D imaging diagnostics and long pulse heating/CD systems

Remarkable progress in plasma operation and physics research has been conducted according to strong contribution from domestic and international collaborators.

- extension of H-mode discharge into large lp (1 MA) and long pulsed (up to 70s)
- developing stationary high performance discharge (high beta and ITB operation)
- robust ELM-crash suppression (~10sec) at n=1 under static and rotational RMP.
- theoretical and experimental validation of MHD instabilities (sawtooth and ELMs)

Improved research long pulse & high performance operation (Ti ~ 10 keV) and in-depth r esearch are planned using NBI-II installation (2018) and in-vessel components upgrade i n divertor and current drive (2021).

Your recommendation and collaboration on KSTAR are very welcome everytime.



Thank you for your attention !



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Plasma control improvement for Mega-ampere discharge and ITER baseline scenario





Plasma control improvement to access Mega-ampere current (1 MA) H-mode

- Advanced control technique integrations developed for ITER baseline scenario research in KSTAR
 - "Decoupled" Z control in the frequency responses
 - Real-time PF feedforward calculation w/ plasma resistance tracking
 - MIMO X-point controller

ITER-similar shape (scaled for KSTAR)

parameter	#16380 t=6.4s	Scaled ITER BS
$\beta_{\rm N}$	2.0	1.8
q ₉₅	3.2	3.2
к	1.8	1.9
I _p ∕aB _⊤	1.0	1.4

Courtesy of M. Lanctot (GA), et al

(EX/P4-12) S.-H. Hahn (NFRI), et al

s, shot = 1880 bit = FEITRT1, time = 12.0

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Validation of complete reconnection model

- Time evolution of the 3/3 mode in one sawtooth cycle suggests q₀ >1.0 up to 2/2 mode.
- q₀ drops below ~1.0 as the 1/1 kink mode appears
- The strength of 1/1 mode may suggests the depth of the drop.
- No mode number change in non-sawtoothing discharge
- Kadomtsev model is valid model !!!

Complete or incomplete reconnection ? (q₀?)

- Measurement of q₀ at the center has been intrinsically difficult !! <u>MSE</u>:E_r and kappa. <u>Polarimeter</u>;uncertainties in double inversion
 - $q_0 = 0.75 \pm 0.5$ [TEXTOR;Soltwisch(1988)], [TFTR; Levinton (1989)]
 - q₀ ~ 0.95 to 1.1 [DIII-D; Wroblewski (1992,1993), Rice (1997)]
 - q₀ ~ 0.8 to 1.1 [JET; N. Hawkes (1996?)]
- If the measurement is ~1.0, then it is difficult to conclude the sawtooth instability is complete or incomplete

H. Soltwitsch (TEXTOR)

Figure 9. Behaviour of q(0), during a Sawtooth on TEXTOR. The axial value of q never rises above 0.8. Box-car averaging techniques were used to sum the signals from many similar Sawteeth, and enable the ~ 5% sudden changes in q_0 to be monitored.

ITB

Model discharge for high beta steady state operation for K-DEMO

- Eliminate ELM-crash
 - Core H-mode + edge L-mode
- Eliminate harmful MHDs such as 2/1 mode
 - Edge q95 ~2.1 2.3
- Easy control of sawtooth for particle exhaust
 - ECH for crash time
 - Off-axis CD for on/off switch for sawtooth
- 3/2 mode is relatively easy to control

Upgrade plan of the heating and CD for high performance steady-state operation

12 MW NBI systems

- 8 MW on-axis and 4MW off-axis
- Broader j(r) & p(r) for higher β_N limits

6 MW ECH/CD

- 4MW 105/140 & 2 MW 140/170 GHz
- Higher Te/Ti, q(r) tailoring, Rotation control, MHD control
- 4 MW LHCD and 4MW Helicon
 - off-axis CD & $\beta_N \sim 5$ (RS with $q_{min} > 2$)
- Expected high performance discharge $G = \beta_N H_{89}/q_{95}^2 = 0.92$

Upgrade plan of heating system for high performance steady-state operation

□ Heating system upgrade to ~28 MW

- NBI : 5.5 MW → total 12 MW ('18) : on & off-axis, collab. KAERI, QST, PPPL
- ECH/CD : 105/140 GHz (2 MW) & 140/170 GHz (4 MW) *collab.* QST, PPPL, KAERI
- LHCD : 5 GHz (4 MW, PAM or HFS launch) *collab. CEA, MIT, POSTECH*
- Helicon CD : 0.5 MHz (4MW) *collab. KI, SLAC, POSTECH*
- ICRF : 30-60 MHz, optimize for IC wall condition

Courtesy : J.M Park (ORNL)

	Near Term	Long Term
P _{NB} On/Off	4/4 MW	6/4 MW
P _{EC} (X2)	2.4 MW	4.8 MW
P _{LH}	-	3 MW (n//=2.0 from off-mid)
Ι _p /Β _τ	0.6 MA/1.8 T	1 MA/1.8T
9 ₉₅	5.2	3.1
Shape	SN	DN
β _N	3.45	4.2
f _{NI} /f _{BS}	1.0/0.5	1.1/0.47
H ₈₉	2.2	2.1
q_{min}	1.54	1.63
$G = H_{89} \beta_N / q_{95}^2$	0.3	0.92
T_/T	1.31	1.1

