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Assessment of the Baseline Scenario at $q_{95} \sim 3$ for ITER

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In the last two years the Integrated Operation Scenarios Topical Group (IOS-TG) of the ITPA IOS-TG has combined results of joint experiments with other data available at $q_{95} \sim 3$ in a database of global parameters with ~ 3300 entries of stationary discharges from AUG, C-Mod, DIII-D, JET and JT-60U for both carbon wall and metal wall experiments. The analyses focus on discharges that are stationary for ≥ 5 energy confinement times.

Compared to carbon wall data, experiments with metal walls (AUG, JET-ILW, and C-Mod) have (so-far) not found a way to access the low collision frequencies (as defined in [1]). No difference in performance is observed between carbon wall and metal wall discharges at high collisionality. Stationary discharges at $q_{95} \sim 3$ and $H_{98}(y,2) \sim 1.0$ are typically obtained at $\beta_N \sim 2.0$, using pre-dominantly co-current NBI heating (AUG, DIII-D and JET). In experiments using a metal walls in AUG, C-Mod H-mode and JET, the confinement is significantly reduced ($H_{98}(y,2) \sim 0.8-0.9$) at $\beta_N \leq 1.8$. The figure of merit $G = H_{98}(y,2) \beta_N / q_{95}^2$ should be 0.42 for $Q=10$ in ITER (note H_{89} is used here). For carbon wall data, G spans a range of 0.25 to 0.51 at the ITER reference beta of $\beta_N = 1.8$, while for data obtained with metal walls G varies from 0.23 to 0.36. More specifically, $G > 0.4$ has only been obtained at $\beta_N > 2.5$ for metal devices operating at $q_{95} \sim 3$, using dominant co-current NBI heating (AUG and JET). The ITER requirement for operation at $f_{GW} = 0.85$ can be obtained for triangularities (separatrix) in the range 0.2 to 0.45; an issue for ITER is that at the design value $\beta_N = 0.49$ or higher, DIII-D and C-mod (metal wall) have no data for $f_{GW} > 0.8$ and $H_{98}(y,2) > 0.95$.

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[1] T.C. Luce, et al, Nucl. Fusion 54 (2014) 013015.

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