

SUMMARY

- The functional dependence and values of LHCD efficiency $\eta_{CD} = I_{RF}^N \langle n_e \rangle \approx 0.4 \cdot 10^{19} \text{Am}^{-2} \text{W}^{-1}$ for density interval $\langle n_e \rangle = (1.5 \div 2.5) \cdot 10^{19} \text{m}^{-3}$ and normalized LHCD $I_{RF}^N = I_{RF} R / P_{RF}$ - turned out to be close to those which are obtained in larger tokamaks
- Periphery cooling at the density rise during RF pulse can promote PDI [Lashkul et al., NF, 2015], which results in ion heating observed at periphery and middle radii as well as decreasing of LHCD efficiency η_{CD} .
- During RF pulse density rise and decrease of the electron temperature are observed. But at threshold power $P_{RF} = P_{RF}^{th} \geq 63 \text{ kW}$ the central electron temperature $T_e(y = 0 \text{ cm})$ increases from 550eV to 700eV with the increase in density.
- Comprehensive GRILL3D, FRTC and ASTRA codes modeling showed that ICC transition happens due to a strong reduction of the electron transport inside the region $r < 3\text{cm}$ resulting from broadening of the plasma current density profile by suprathermal and runaway electrons generated by LHW. When the magnetic shear $s = (r/q)(dq/dr)$ decreases down to zero or small negative value inside $r < 3\text{cm}$ the value of thermal diffusivity χ_{eff} and diffusion factor D_e decreases, according to the Bohm and gyro-Bohm models..