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## **Phase Locking, Phase Slips and Turbulence: A New Approach to Mechanisms for Quiescent H-Mode**

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We demonstrate  $E \times B$  shear governs the dynamics of the cross phase of the peeling-ballooning-(PB)mode-driven heat flux, and so determines the evolution from the edge-localized (ELMy) H mode to the quiescent (Q) H mode. A physics-based scaling of the  $E \times B$  shearing rate for accessing the QH mode is predicted. The ELMy H mode to the QH-mode evolution is shown to follow from the conversion from a phase locked state to a phase slip state. In the phase locked state, PB modes are pumped continuously, so bursts occur. In the slip state, the PB activity is a coherent oscillation. Strong  $E \times B$  shearing implies a higher phase slip frequency. PB turbulence can degrade slip coherency. This model predicts a new state of cross phase dynamics and gives a new understanding of the mechanism for ELMy to QH-mode evolution.

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