Rotation and Neoclassical Ripple Transport in ITER

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- Sufficient toroidal rotation is critical to ITER's success
 - Magnitude of rotation can stabilize resistive wall modes (RWMs)
 - Rotation shear can decrease microinstabilities and promote formation of ITBs
- Sources and sinks of rotation in ITER
 - Neutral beams: source
 - Turbulent intrinsic rotation: source
 - Neoclassical toroidal viscosity (NTV): typically sink
- I will focus on computing NTV torque caused by symmetry-breaking in ITER

Magnetic Field Ripple in ITER

- Finite number (18) of toroidal field (TF) coils
- Test blanket modules (TBMs)
 - Ferritic steel
 - Used to test tritium breeding
 - Installed in 3 equitorial ports (low *n* perturbation)
 - Experiments on DIII-D using TBM mock-ups found a reduction in rotation by as much as 60%
- Ferritic inserts (FIs)
 - Installed inside TF coils to reduce toroidal ripple
 - FIs implemented on JT-60U and JFT-2M have decreased counter-current rotation



(a) Ferritic inserts¹



(b) Test blanket modules¹

 1 K. Shinohara et al, Fusion Engineering and Design 84, 24 (2009) =

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Neoclassical Toroidal Viscosity (NTV)

- When toroidal symmetry is broken, trapped particles may wander off a flux surface
 - Banana diffusion: particles trapped poloidally (bananas) can drift radially, as $J_{||}$ becomes a function of toroidal angle
 - Ripple trapping: if local ripple wells exist along a field line and the collisionality is sufficiently small, particles can become helically trapped
 - ITER's collisionality may be sufficiently low such that this effect is important
 - For a general electric field, the ion and electron fluxes are not identical
 - Radial current induces a $\textbf{\textit{J}} \times \textbf{\textit{B}}$ torque, which is typically counter-current

$$\tau^{\rm NTV} = -B^\theta \sqrt{g} \sum_{a} Z_a e \Gamma_{\psi,a}$$

Classes of Trapped Particles

- The n = 18 ripple may allow for local trapping in addition to banana diffusion
- We must compute NTV torque such that all particle trajectories are accounted for



Method of Computing NTV

- Model of steady-state scenario profiles using TRANSP²
 - Includes NBI model (NUBEAM), EPED1 pedestal model, and current diffusive ballooning mode transport model
- Calculate 3D MHD equilibrium using free boundary VMEC
 - Vacuum FI and TBM magnetic fields (computed with FEMAG¹)
 - Filamentary coil models
 - Pressure and q profiles (from TRANSP)
- Estimate rotation (E_r) to find torque
 - Semi-analytic intrinsic rotation model
 - NBI torque (from NUBEAM)
 - Use SFINCS to determine E_r consistent with rotation
- Solve drift kinetic equation to compute radial particle flux using SFINCS
 - Using profiles, geometry, and E_r as explained above
 - Makes no assumptions about magnitude of perturbing field and accounts for all collisionality regimes
- ²F. Poli et al, Nuclear Fusion 54, 7 (2014)
- ¹K. Shinohara et al, Fusion Engineering and Design 84, 24 (2009)

- ITER steady state scenario
- VMEC equilibrium with ripple
- Rotation model (without NTV) to estimate E_r
- SFINCS calculations of particle and heat fluxes
- Comparison of NTV torque with analytic scaling predictions and other toroidal torques
- Tangential magnetic drift models

ITER Steady State Scenario²



Scenario Parameters

- 33 MW NBI, 20 MW EC, 20 MW LH heating
- 9 MA toroidal plasma current
- Fusion gain Q = 5
- Simulated using Tokamak Simulation Code (TSC) in IPS framework and TRANSP
- NBI source modeled using NUBEAM

²F. Poli *et al*, *Nuclear Fusion* 54, 7 (2014)



$$\delta_B = \frac{B_{\max} - B_{\min}}{B_{\max} + B_{\min}}$$

- TBMs increase magnitude of ripple near outboard midplane
- Fls decrease poloidal extent of ripple
- Ripple magnitude decreases with radius

Free Boundary VMEC Equilibrium



- Ferritic inserts decrease magnitude of ripple away from midplane
- TBMs locally decrease magnetic flux near midplane

- We need to determine a plausible range of toroidal rotation in ITER, as NTV torque is a nonlinear function of *E_r*
- To this end, we consider a model including turbulent momentum transport and an NBI source

Time-independent toroidal momentum balance

$$\nabla \cdot \Pi_{\zeta}^{\text{turb}}(\Omega_{\zeta}) + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \Pi_{\zeta}^{\text{NC}}(\Omega_{\zeta})}_{\text{NTV - will not consider here}} = \tau^{\text{NBI}}$$
$$\Pi_{\zeta}^{\text{turb}} = \underbrace{-m_{i}n_{i}\chi_{\zeta}\langle R^{2}\rangle\frac{\partial\Omega_{\zeta}}{\partial r}}_{\text{diffusion}} + \underbrace{\Pi_{\text{intmixing momentum source}}^{\text{Intmixing momentum source}}$$

Estimating Toroidal Rotation

• We compute Ω_ζ due to each source (turbulent intrinsic and NBI) and add results to obtain total Ω_ζ

$$-\frac{1}{V'}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(V'm_in_i\chi_{\zeta}\langle R^2\rangle\frac{\partial\Omega_{\zeta}}{\partial r}\right)=\tau^{\mathsf{NBI}}-\nabla\cdot\mathsf{\Pi}_{\mathsf{int}}$$

NBI rotation

• NUBEAM computes toroidal rotation by balancing τ^{NBI} with turbulent momentum diffusion ($P_r = 1$)

$$\tau^{\mathsf{NBI}} = -\frac{1}{V'} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(V' m_i n_i \chi_i \langle R^2 \rangle \frac{\partial \Omega_{\zeta}}{\partial r} \right)$$

Estimating Toroidal Rotation

Turbulent intrinsic rotation model³

• Steady-state:
$$\Pi_{int} = m_i n_i \chi_{\zeta} \langle R^2 \rangle \frac{\partial \Omega_{\zeta}}{\partial r}$$

- Up-down asymmetry due to neoclassical: $\Omega_{\zeta} \sim
 ho_{*, heta}(v_{ti}/R)$
- $\Omega_{\zeta}\Pi_{
 m int}/Q_i\sim
 ho_{*, heta}$ where Q_i is turbulent heat flux
- Boundary condition: $\Omega_{\zeta}(a) = 0$
- Consistent with gyrokinetic GS2 simulations and observations on MAST

$$\Omega_{\zeta}(r) = -\int_{r}^{a}rac{v_{ti}
ho_{*, heta}}{2L_{T}^{2}}dr'$$

• We assume $P_r = 1$ (consistent with NUBEAM calculations)

³J. Hillesheim *et al*, *Nuclear Fusion* 55, 032003 (2015) \bigcirc \bigcirc \checkmark \bigcirc \checkmark \bigcirc

Estimating Toroidal Rotation – Results

Intrinsic+NBI NBI Rotation 250 • Parra⁴ scaling: 200 $V_{\zeta} \sim T_i/I_P \sim 100 \ {
m km/s}$ $\langle V_c \rangle$ (km/s) 150 • Rice⁵ scaling: 100 $V_{\zeta} \sim W_p/I_p \sim 400 \ {
m km/s}$ 50 A critical Alfvèn Mach 0.16 0.024 number. 0.020 0.12 0.016 $M_A = \Omega_{\zeta}(0)/\omega_A \gtrsim 5\%$ 0.08 M_A 0.012 must be achieved for 0.008 0.04 stabilization of the 0.004 ___0.00 1.0 RWM⁶ 0.000 0.2 03 04 0.6 0.8 09 r/a

Intrinsic Rotation

⁴F. Parra et al, Physical Review Letters 108, 095001 (2012) ⁵J. Rice et al, Nuclear Fusion 47, 1618 (2007)

⁶Liu et al, Nuclear Fusion 44, 232 (2004)

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SFINCS Calculations

• Drift kinetic equation solved for f_{a1} on a flux surface

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_{||} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{v}_{E} + \mathbf{v}_{ma} \rangle \cdot (\nabla f_{a1})_{W,\mu} - C(f_{a1}) = \\ - \mathbf{v}_{ma} \cdot \nabla \psi \left(\frac{\partial f_{a0}}{\partial \psi} \right)_{W,\mu} + \frac{Z_{a} \mathbf{e} \mathbf{v}_{||} B \langle E_{||} B \rangle}{T_{a} \langle B^{2} \rangle} f_{a0} \end{aligned}$$

- Tangential magnetic drifts will not be included for most of the following calculations (stay tuned)
- Inductive electric field is small for this steady-state scenario (loop voltage $\sim 10^{-4} V$), so this term is not retained
- C linearized Fokker-Planck operator
- 3 species (*e*, *D*, *T*)

NTV Torque Density



- Circle indicates neoclassical offset rotation (pprox -10 km/s)
- Increased $|\tau^{NTV}|$ due to $1/\nu$ transport near $E_r = 0$
- Addition of FIs decreases $| au^{\rm NTV}|$ by \sim 75%

TBM Ripple Does Not Cause Significant NTV Torque

- |n| = 18: TF ripple and Fls (and |n| = 18 component of TBM ripple)
- *|n|* < 18: TBMs
- Torque due to |n| < 18component of TBM ripple $\approx 1\%$ of that due to |n| = 18 ripple
- More difficult to form local minima with low *n* ripple



NTV Torque - Radial Dependence



At large E_r, τ^{NTV} does not depend strongly on radius
At small |E_r|, |τ^{NTV}| increases with decreasing radius due to T_i^{7/2} scaling in the 1/ν regime

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NTV - Rippled Tokamak Collisionality Regimes⁷



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Scaling of NTV Torque with Ripple Magnitude

Banana Diffusion Regimes

- Collisional boundary layer $(\nu - \sqrt{\nu})$ • $\tau^{\text{NTV}} \sim (\delta_B)^2$
- Collisionless detrapping/trapping (CDT) • $\tau^{\text{NTV}} \sim (\delta_B)$

Ripple-trapping Regimes

- Tokamak ripple-trapping ν regime
 - $\tau^{\rm NTV} \sim (\delta_B)^0$
- Results appear consistent with stellarator $\sqrt{\nu}$ regime • $\tau^{\text{NTV}} \sim (\delta_B)^{3/2}$





 Toroidal symmetry-breaking causes additional radial heat flux over axisymmetric level

• Insignificant in comparison to turbulent heat flux $Q_i \approx 0.2 \text{ MW/m}^2$ (estimated from volume integral of heating and fusion power)

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- For calculations presented previously, $v_m \cdot \nabla f_1$ was not included in the drift kinetic equation solved by SFINCS
- SFINCS does not include radial coupling of f_1 , so $\nabla \psi$ component of \mathbf{v}_m is not retained when this term is included in the kinetic equation, which introduces a coordinate dependence

Tangential Magnetic Drifts

We compare two tangential drift models

- Typical definition of ∇B and curvature drifts
 - Coordinate-dependent form and does not conserve phase space when radially local assumption is made

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• For $\mathbf{v}_{\mathsf{m}}^{\perp}$, the ∇B drift has been projected onto a flux surface

- This eliminates dependence on choice of toroidal and poloidal angles
- This form has been shown⁸ to eliminate the need for additional particle and heat sources due to the radially local assumption
- Regularization required for conservation performed by dropping curvature drift (deeply-trapped assumption)

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⁸H. Sugama et al, Physics of Plasmas 23, 042502 (2016)

Comparison of Tangential Magnetic Drift Models



- At this radius, $ho_* \sim
 u_*$
- Inclusion of $\mathbf{v}_{m} \cdot \nabla f_{1}$ shifts resonant peak to E_{r} such that $(\mathbf{v}_{m} + \mathbf{v}_{E}) \approx 0$ (superbanana plateau resonance)
- Differences between tangential drift models are appreciable only for small $|{\cal E}_r|$

NTV Torque is Comparable to NBI and Turbulent Torques



- $\mathbf{v}_m^{\perp} \cdot \nabla f_1$ has been included for NTV calculations, as E_r has a zero-crossing for the NBI rotation model at r/a = 0.62
- We assume $\Pi_{\rm int} \sim \rho_{*,\theta} QR/v_{ti} \text{ to get}$ scaling for $\tau^{\rm turb}$
- τ^{NTV} of similar magnitude to NBI and turbulent torques (without FIs)

Conclusions

- SFINCS can be applied to compute neoclassical ripple transport without the need for simplifying assumptions about transport regimes, the magnitude of ripple, or the collision operator
- The TBM (low *n*) ripple will not cause significant NTV torque in ITER
- The TF ripple (without Fls) would cause NTV torque which is similar in magnitude to both the turbulent intrinsic and NBI torques and will significantly damp rotation
- The inclusion of FIs will decrease the magnitude of NTV torque by $\approx 75\%$
- Tangential drift models must be considered when *E_r* is near a zero-crossing
- Scaling of NTV torque with ripple magnitude indicates local ripple-trapping may be significant for ITER

Application of Adjoint Methods to Stellarator Coil Optimization (Work in Progress)

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Background & Motivation

- Adjoint methods allow rapid calculation of the sensitivity of output quantities with respect to a large number of input parameters in optimization and uncertainty quantification problems
- These methods have been widely applied in aerospace engineering, aerodynamics, and geophysics



Figure: CFD car aerodynamics - sensitivity maps of cost functionals⁹

⁹C. Othmer, Journal of Mathematics in Industry 4, (2016)

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{p}} \chi^2(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{p}) \text{ subject to } F(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{p}) = 0$$

- Cost functional: $\chi^2(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{p})$
- Input parameters: p
- State variables: **u**(**p**)
- State equation: $F(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{p}) = 0$
 - For linear system: $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{p})\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{p}) \boldsymbol{b}(\boldsymbol{p}) = 0$

Sensitivity for Linear Constrained Optimization The Hard Way

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial p_i}\Big|_{F=0} = \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial p_i} + \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}} \left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial p_i}\right)_{F=0}$$

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$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial p_i}$$
 and $\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}$ can be analytically differentiated (easy to compute)
• Computing $\left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial p_i}\right)_{F=0}$ requires $n_p = \text{length}(\boldsymbol{p})$ solves of linear system

- Can be obtained by finite differencing in *p_i*
- Or by inverting \boldsymbol{A} n_p times

$$\left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial p_i}\right)_{F=0} = -\boldsymbol{A}^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{A}}{\partial p_i} \boldsymbol{u} - \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{b}}{\partial p_i}\right)$$
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Sensitivity for Linear Constrained Optimization The Adjoint Way

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial p_i} \end{pmatrix}_{F=0} = -\boldsymbol{A}^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{A}}{\partial p_i} \boldsymbol{u} - \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{b}}{\partial p_i} \right)$$
$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial p_i} \Big|_{F=0} = \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial p_i} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}}_{\boldsymbol{q}^{\mathsf{T}}} \boldsymbol{A}^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{A}}{\partial p_i} \boldsymbol{u} - \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{b}}{\partial p_i} \right)$$

• Solve adjoint equation once:
$$\boldsymbol{A}^T \boldsymbol{q} = \left(\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}\right)^T$$

• Compute $\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial p_i}\Big|_{F=0}$ for **all** p_i with just two linear solves (forward and adjoint)

• Form inner product with \boldsymbol{q} to compute sensitivity for each p_i

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Stellarator Coil Optimization with REGCOIL¹⁰

- REGCOIL computes stellarator coil shapes given a target plasma shape and coil winding surface
 - Current density $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{n} \times \nabla \Phi$



Figure: Coil and plasma surfaces for W7-X

¹⁰Landreman, *Nuclear Fusion* 57, 046003 (2017)

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REGCOIL finds least squares solution for Φ_{SV}

• Tikhonov regularization (ridge regression) is applied to the ill-posed NESCOIL problem by including χ^2_K in the objective function

• Objective function
$$\chi^2 = \chi^2_B + \lambda \chi^2_K$$

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$$\chi^2_B = \int_{\text{plasma}} dA B_{\text{normal}}^2$$

• $\chi^2_K = \int_{\text{coil}} dA K^2$ (corresponds to inverse distance between coils)

- Least-squares solution for Φ_{SV} such that $\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \Phi_{SV}} = 0$
 - Takes the form $\pmb{A}\Phi_{\sf SV}=\pmb{b}$



Coil Geometry Optimization

- Suppose we want to compute sensitivity of some objective function with respect to the coil-winding surface geometry parameters for use in optimization
- Surface is parameterized by Fourier decomposition $(\Omega = r_{mn}^{c}, z_{mn}^{s})$

Sensitivity of χ^2

- It is straightforward to compute the sensitivity of χ^2 (same objective function used to compute $\Phi_{SV})$
- As Φ_{SV} is solution to the normal equations, $\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \Phi_{SV}} = 0$
- \bullet No adjoint solution is required, χ^2 can be analytically differentiated

$$\left. \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \Omega_i} \right|_{F=0} = \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \Omega_i}$$

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Adjoints Are Needed to Compute Sensitivity of Other Objective Functions

• If we would like to find the sensitivity with respect of a different objective function, $\tilde{\chi}^2$, than that used to solve for Φ_{SV} , we must find a solution to the adjoint equation

$$oldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{T}}oldsymbol{q} = \left(rac{\partial ilde{\chi}^2}{\partial \Phi_{\mathsf{SV}}}
ight)^{\mathcal{T}}$$

- A^T must be inverted with a different RHS for each objective function of interest
- For example, we may want to compute sensitivity of χ^2_B or χ^2_K with respect to Ω

Implementation and Testing



- Sensitivity computation of χ^2 has been implemented
- Testing has been performed by finite differencing in W7X and circular torus coil geometry parameters
- Next step: complete testing of adjoint solve

- Adjoint methods allow for fast computation of gradients with respect to input parameters
- This can be applied to the optimization of a coil winding surface in REGCOIL, requiring only 2 linear solves to compute gradients with respect to all geometry parameters (for W7X, length(Ω) \approx 50)
- Currently being implemented and tested (stay tuned for results)
- Eventually this extended REGCOIL method could be implemented within an optimization loop