

ITPA Topical Physics Group on “Integrated Operation Scenarios”  
Report of Activities in the period of July 2010 – December 2011

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The general scope of the “Integrated Operation Scenarios (IOS)” topical group (the TG) is to contribute to establishing operational scenarios in burning plasma experiments, especially, candidate scenarios in ITER, including standard inductive operation, Hybrid operation and steady state operation.

**High priority research topics in 2010 – 2011**

Following issues have been centrally discussed in this group both through experiments on machines, tokamaks and stellarators, and modelling.

1. ITER scenario development:

- Demonstration of the ITER standard scenario.
- Assessment of the ITER ramp-down scenario.
- Assessment of the access conditions for advanced scenarios (advanced inductive and steady-state).
- Development of advanced scenarios.

2. Assessment of heating and current drive actuators:

- Assessment of actuators and heating mix.

3. Integrated control:

- Development and assessment of integrated control scheme both in experiment and modelling.

**TG Meetings**

The TG had three meetings in the period:

The 5th IOS TG meeting:

Seoul University, Seoul, Korea, 18th – 21st October 2010 37 participant

The 6th IOS TG meeting:

Culham CFR, Culham, UK, 11th – 14th April 2011, 34 participants (3 participated remotely from US, IO and Korea)

The 7th IOS TG meeting:

Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, 18th – 21st October 2011, 45 participants (8 participated remotely from US and EU)

In these meetings, the progress on the related research was reported and discussions on future issues and coordination were held. Also, ITER research needs and it’s status, status and progress in ITER program (especially hardware design) were reported from the IO.

The TG acknowledges the effort of the local organizers to hold these meetings.

**Summary of the activities**

Summary of the activities during the period in areas of the group's focus are summarized as follow. It is noted that details of discussions can be found in the minutes of each meetings.

### ***Joint experiments (JE)***

The following experiments were proposed from the IOS TG for 2010 and 2011.

- IOS-1.1: ITER demo, at  $q_{95}=3$ ,  $\beta_N=1.8$ ,  $n \leq 0.85n_{GW}$
- IOS-1.2: Study seeding effects
- IOS-2.2: Ramp-down from  $q_{95}=3$  (closed in 2010)
- IOS-2.3: X2-breakdown assist after application of  $U_{loop}$
- IOS-3.1: Beta limit for AT with ITER recommended q-profile.
- IOS-3.2: Define access conditions to get to SS
- IOS-4.1: Access conditions for hybrid with ITER-relevant restrictions
- IOS-4.2:  $\rho^*$  dependence on transport and stability in hybrid scenarios
- IOS-5.2: Maintaining ICRH Coupling in expected ITER regime
- IOS-5.3: Assessment of lower hybrid current drive at high density for extrapolation to ITER advanced scenarios
- IOS-6.1: Modulation of actuators to qualify real-time profile control methods for hybrid and steady state scenarios (closed in 2011)
- IOS-6.2: li controller ( $I_p$  ramp) with primary voltage / additional heating (closed in 2010)
- IOS-6.3: Control of experimentally simulated burning state

These joint experiments are summarized in another document (JE\_Summary11\_IOS). Details are referred to the document.

### ***ITER scenario development***

Development experiments of ITER operational scenarios have been intensively done within JEs:

Standard H-mode operation (IOS-1.x)

IOS-1.1: Demonstration of Standard H-mode

IOS-1.2: Study seeding effect

Advanced Inductive operation (IOS-4.x)

IOS-4.1: Access conditions for hybrid with ITER-relevant restrictions

IOS-4.2:  $\rho^*$  dependence on transport and stability in hybrid scenarios

IOS-4.3: Collisionality scaling of advanced inductive plasmas

Steady-state operation (IOS-3.x)

IOS-3.1: Beta limit for AT with ITER recommended q-profile.

IOS-3.2: Define access conditions to get to SS

Also outside JEs, scenario developments have been carried out, such as scenario optimization of advanced inductive and steady-state operations in various machines.

### ***Heating and current drive actuators***

Two JEs are on going in this area:

IOS-5.2: Maintaining ICRH Coupling in expected ITER regime

IOS-5.3: Assessment of lower hybrid current drive at high density for

extrapolation to ITER advanced scenarios

Assessments of ITER actuators have been carried out;

EC system: optimization of launching parameters (injection angle)

NB system: effect of filed pitch, beam energy

It was found that more off-axis ECCD could be possible, with some tradeoff, by modifying injection angles of both the equatorial and the steering mirror launchers. In this area, there were frequent reports of status/update of the actuators from the IO, and of activities in side the IO. Compatibilities of the results of these assessments with the engineering constraints should be examined in the next step.

### ***Integrated control***

Three JEs in this area:

IOS-6.1: Modulation of actuators to qualify real-time profile control methods for hybrid and steady state  $\Rightarrow$  closed in 2011

IOS-6.2: li controller ( $I_p$  ramp) with primary voltage / additional heating  $\Rightarrow$  closed in 2010

IOS-6.3: Control of experimentally simulated burning state

Burn control is an important issue in this group. This JE should be reinforced with help of the modeling activity (IOS-JA8, see below).

The Integrated Plasma Control Working Group (IPCWG) was established pan-TGs. The ITPA IPCWG will determine the physics requirements of the actuators and diagnostics of the ITER Plasma Control System (PCS) to permit the PCS to carry out its control functions and to meet the goals of the ITER reference scenarios. There is participation from the IOS. The latest status has been reported at each meeting. We have had discussion to support the IPCWG activity.

### ***Modeling***

Importance and demand of modeling is increasing in many areas. There are many issues in modeling within our group. We have been trying to organize these activities similar to JEs. For that specific issues have been selected and following activities have launched:

IOS-JA1: Modeling ITER-like discharges in DIII-D, JET, AUG, C-Mod, etc,

IOS-JA2: ITER rampdown simulations

IOS-JA3: Hybrid benchmark  $\Rightarrow$  almost closed

IOS-JA4: Steady state benchmark  $\Rightarrow$  almost closed

IOS-JA5: Rampup of ITER Hybrid and Steady State scenarios

IOS-JA6: IC Benchmarking

IOS-JA7: Steady State exploration

IOS-JA8: Burn control simulation

IOS-JA9: Optimisation of Operational Space for Long pulse Scenarios

IOS-JA10: Scenario modeling for low- and non-activation early operation of ITER

IOS-JA1: Modeling of ramp-up discharges in various machines (Alcator C-Mod, ASDEX-U, DIII-D, JET Tore Supra) has been yet continued in collaboration with the Transport and Confinement TG. Various transport models (Coppi-Tang,

empirical Bohm/gyro-Bohm, CDBM, GLF23, MMM08, scaling based models) in various codes (CRONOS, JETTO, TASK, TRANSP, TSC) have been benchmarked with the demonstration discharges. Still more studies would be necessary to find a decent transport model for ramp-up scenario development.

IOS-JA2: Modeling of the ramp-down phase has been also carried out. Impact of H-L back transition has been studied. More experimental data to benchmark modeling would be necessary.

IOS-JA3, 4: These activities are almost closed. New data, if any, will be added into the archive.

IOS-JA5: This has not produced a certain result yet. More input from experiments would be required. Also more participants will be welcome.

IOS-JA6: Nuclear Fusion paper of the IAEA FEC 2010 is now accepted. Further study for poor absorption case, an H plasma with He<sup>3</sup> minority at half current (7.5 MA) and half magnetic field (2.65 T), would be necessary.

IOS-JA-7: It would be necessary to formulate a target steady-state case. Actuator study could be separated after review of the actuator benchmark in the coming meeting.

IOS-JA8: The objective has been set. We'll start from entry into and exit from H-mode. We'll put focus on this activity in 2012.

IOS-JA9: This JA is to explore long pulse DT H-mode operation. Though this is rather a new activity, quite a large number of contributions have been obtained.

IOS-JA10: Investigation of scenarios in H, He and DD plasmas have been initiated. We'll put more focus on this activity in 2012.

Also outside these joint activities, efforts on scenario modeling have been done. Modeling of ITER hybrid and steady-state operations is also underway with several contributors. Stability boundaries for steady-state target were investigated as well. For further development of plasmas in these areas, more established transport models would be required.

### **Presentations and publications**

Seven papers were proposed from the TG and presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> IAEA Fusion Energy Conference:

“Benchmarking ICRF simulations for ITER”

R. Budny, et.al.

“Current ramps in tokamaks : from present experiments to ITER scenarios”

F. Imbeaux, et.al.

“Development of Advanced Inductive Scenarios for ITER”

T. Luce, et.al.

“On Maximizing the ICRF Antenna Loading for ITER plasmas “

M.-L. Mayoral, et.al.

“Integrated Modeling of Steady-state Scenarios and Heating and Current Drive Mixes for ITER”

M. Murakami, et.al.

“ECRH assisted plasma start-up with toroidally inclined launch: multi- machine comparison and perspectives for ITER”

J. Stober, et.al.

“Experimental Investigation And Validation of Neutral Beam Current Drive for ITER through ITPA Joint Experiments”

T. Suzuki, et.al.

Also following three papers accepted for the FEC are closely related to the group activity:

“Development of the ITER Baseline Inductive Scenario”

T. Casper, et.al.

“Development of ITER Advanced Hybrid and Steady State Scenarios”

C. E. Kessel, et.al.

“Plasma Models for Real-Time Control of Advanced Tokamak Scenarios”

D. Moreau, et.al.

Most of these have already been published in Nuclear Fusion.

Five papers will be proposed from the TG to the 24<sup>th</sup> IAEA Fusion Energy Conference (titles are tentative):

“ITER standard H-mode demonstration (IOS-1.1)”

A. Sips, et.al.

“Study of seeding effect (IOS-1.2)”

A. Kallenbach, et.al.

“LHCD at high density (IOS-5.3)”

A. Tuccillo, et.al.

“Integrated profile control (IOS-6.1)”

D. Moreau, et.al.

“Modeling of low activation scenarios (IOS-JA10)”

T. Casper, et.al.

### **High priority research items for 2012**

For 2012, the IOS-TG has contributions to the following for the high priority research items for the TG, including response to ITER’s research needs.

- JE on ITER scenario development:
  - ITER baseline (IOS-1.1, IOS-1.2), including fast current ramp-up
  - Actuators: Coupling issues (IOS-5.2, IOS-5.3)
- Modelling: Continue on all Joint Activities, but focus on:
  - Burn control simulations, entry into H-mode & H - L transition
  - Optimization (exploitation) of operating space for long-pulse scenarios
  - Modelling for H, He and low activation DD operation (including available heating scenarios)
- Plasma Control
  - Support the Integrated Plasma Control Working Group (ITER-IO)
  - Experiments and modelling of kinetic (profile) control
- Actuators
  - EC launch options and implications for ITER scenarios
- Publication and documentation

- Encourage summary and publication from JEs
- IAEA FEC 2012 contributions (5 proposals)

The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TG will be held in Madrid, Spain, 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TG will be held in San Diego, US, 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (temporal schedule).

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