Introduction to Nuclear Fusion

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Plasma transport in a Tokamak

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$$\operatorname{Re} = \frac{\operatorname{inertial forces}}{\operatorname{viscous forces}} = \frac{\rho v L}{\mu} = \frac{v L}{v}$$

ρ: density of the fluid (kg/m³) *ν*: mean velocity of the object relative to the fluid (m/s) *L*: a characteristic linear dimension, (travelled length of the fluid; hydraulic diameter when dealing with river systems) (m) *μ*: dynamic viscosity of the fluid (Pa·s or N·s/m² or kg/(m·s)) *ν*: kinematic viscosity (μ/ρ) (m²/s)

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- *v*: kinematic viscosity (μ/ρ) (m²/s)

A vortex street around a cylinder. This occurs around cylinders, for any fluid, cylinder size and fluid speed, provided that there is a Reynolds number of between ~40 and 103 Cf. In a pipe water flow, transition from laminar to turbulent flow around Re~2300.



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> "When I meet God, I am going to ask him two questions: Why relativity? And why turbulence? I really believe he will have and answer for the first." - Werner Heisenberg

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- Transport mainly governed by turbulence: radial extent of turbulent eddy: 1 - 2 cm typical lifetime of turbulent eddy: 0.5 - 1 ms

- Classical
- $\chi_i \sim 40 \chi_e$
- $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$

Bohm diffusion (1946):

$$D_{\perp} = \frac{1}{16} \frac{kT_e}{eB}$$

- Anomalous transport coefficients are of the order 1 $\ensuremath{\text{m}^2/\text{s}}$

 $D \sim \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{\tau}$: diffusion coefficient (m²/s)

http://scidacreview.org/0801/html/fusion.html

Profile consistency (or profile resilience or stiffness)

- The observation that profiles (of temperature, density, and pressure) often tend to adopt roughly the same shape (in tokamaks), regardless of the applied heating and fueling profiles.
 B. Coppi, "Nonclassical Transport and the "Principle of Profile Consistency"", Comments Plasma Phys. Cont. Fusion 5 6 261-270 (1980)
 → tendency of profiles to stay close to marginal stability
- Due to plasma self-organisation, i.e., the feedback mechanism regulating the profiles (by turbulence) is often dominant over the various source terms.

Profile consistency (or profile resilience or stiffness)



- Three zones in which transport processes play the dominant part
 1: sawtooth oscillations volume depending on the inversion radius which depending on q_a
 2: heat transfer responsible for
 - magnetic confinement
- 3: atomic processes

Profile consistency (or profile resilience or stiffness)







Microinstabilities

 often associated with non-Maxwellian velocity distributions: deviation from thermodynamic equilibrium (nonuniformity, anisotropy of distributions) → free energy source which can drive instabilities

- kinetic approach required: limited MHD approach

Two-stream or beam-plasma instability

- Particle bunching \rightarrow **E** perturbation \rightarrow bunching $\uparrow \rightarrow$ unstable

Drift (or Universal) instability

- driven by ∇p (or ∇n) in magnetic field
- excited by drift waves with a phase velocity of v_{De} with a very short wavelength
- most unstable, dominant for anomalous transport

Trapped particle modes

- Preferably when the perturbation frequency < bounce frequency
- drift instability enhanced by trapped particle effects
- Trapped Electron Mode (TEM), Trapped Ion Mode (TIM)

Microinstabilities

 Plasma waves and their associated instabilities Electron drift wave: 'Universal', trapped electron Sound wave: Ion temperature gradient Alfven wave: Micro-tearing

Microinstabilities

- Electrostatic instabilities: drift wave instabilities
 perturbations of the magnetic field are ignored,
 so that only the perturbed electric field matters.
 Assumption appropriate if the plasma beta is lower than the
 instability threshold for electromagnetic interchange modes
 (called `kinetic ballooning modes')
 Passing particle instabilities
 - Trapped particle instabilities
 - Ex. Ion Temperature Gradient (ITG) modes,
 - Trapped Electron Modes (TEM)
- Electromagnetic instabilities: micro-tearing modes

Anomalous Transport





Unstable region: $\nabla B_t \cdot \nabla p > 0$

- Trapped particles are localised on the low field side, as this corresponds to the zone of minimum field along the field lines.
 - \rightarrow Trapped particles are expected to play a prominent role in the interchange process.

Transport dominated by turbulence



FIG. 1. Relative fluxuation levels of density \tilde{n}/n , plasma potential $e\tilde{\varphi}_{\rm pl}/k_B T_e$, electron temperature \tilde{T}_e/T_e , and magnetic field \tilde{B}_r/B_{ϕ} , as functions of radius. Filled symbols represent data from Langmuir probes, and open symbols from the HIBP.

Ch. P. Ritz et al, PRL **62** 1844 (1989) *X. Garbet, C.R. Physique* **7** 573 (2006)



FIG. 2. Radial profiles of the total electron and ion energy flux $q = q_e + q_i$ from power balance (shaded area, defined by the standard deviation), the fluctuation-induced convected flux $q_{\text{conv}}^{\tilde{E}}$ (filled circles from Langmuir probes, and open circles from HIBP; dotted line is upper bound in presence of η_i mode), and the total convected energy flux $q_{\text{conv}}(r)$ from a neutralpenetration code and H_a measurements.

- It was proved that in edge plasmas, turbulence particle and energy fluxes agree with the fluxes deduced from particle and heat balance (i.e., integral of the particle and heating sources). Since then, several studies have confirmed the close connection between turbulence and transport. In particular, a reduction of the fluctuation level is observed when a transport barrier is formed.

How to reduce plasma transport?

Suppression of Anomalous Transport: H-mode

- 1982 IAEA FEC, F. Wagner et al. (ASDEX, Germany)
- Transition to H-mode: state with reduced turbulence at the plasma edge
- Formation of an edge transport barrier: steep pressure gradient at the edge

Regime of Improved Confinement and High Beta in Neutral-Beam-Heated Divertor Discharges of the ASDEX Tokamak

F. Wagner, G. Becker, K. Behringer, D. Campbell, A. Eberhagen, W. Engelhardt, G. Fussmann,
O. Gehre, J. Gernhardt, G. v. Gierke, G. Haas, M. Huang,^(a) F. Karger, M. Keilhacker,
O. Klüber, M. Kornherr, K. Lackner, G. Lisitano, G. G. Lister, H. M. Mayer,
D. Meisel, E. R. Müller, H. Murmann, H. Niedermeyer, W. Poschenrieder,
H. Rapp, H. Röhr, F. Schneider, G. Siller, E. Speth, A. Stäbler,
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discharges. This regime is characterized by high β_p values comparable to the aspect ratio A ($\beta_p \leq 0.65A$) and by confinement times close to those of Ohmic discharges. The high- β_p regime develops at an injection power ≥ 1.9 MW, a mean density $\overline{n_e} \geq 3 \times 10^{13}$ cm⁻³, and a q(a) value ≥ 2.6 . Beyond these limits or in discharges with material limiter, low β_p values and reduced particle and energy confinement times are obtained compared to the Ohmic heating phase.

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L-H transition threshold power



• First H-mode Transition in KSTAR (November 8, 2010)



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Shot number : 4202	2010/11/08	001	0:00:00:00
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- ASTHA IVI (L100MS	,		

Suppression of Anomalous Transport: ITBs





Reversed shear mode



Suppression of Anomalous Transport



Suppression of Anomalous Transport



http://jolisfukyu.tokai-sc.jaea.go.jp/fukyu/tayu/ACT97E/frame0202.html

Improved confinement suitable for the steady-state operation



Pulsed Operation



Steady-State Operation



Turbulence Simulations

- XGC1 simulation



Turbulence Simulations

Gyrokinetic Simulations of Plasma Microinstabilities

simulation by

Zhihong Lin et al.

Science 281, 1835 (1998)

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What is a stellarator?

M. Otthe, "Stellarator: Experiments", IPP Summer School (2008)

Closed Magnetic System



Poloidal magnetic field required External coils → Stellarator







the external coils


LHD (Large Helical Device) under construction

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The Stellarator Concept*

LYMAN SPITZER, JR. Project Matterhorn, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey (Received May 27, 1958)

The basic concepts of the controlled thermonuclear program at Project Matterhorn, Princeton University are discussed. In particular, the theory of confinement of a fully ionized gas in the magnetic configuration of the stellarator is given, the theories of heating are outlined, and the bearing of observational results on these theories is described.



Invented by Lyman Spitzer, Jr. in Princeton in 1951



Richard Georg Strauss (1864 – 1949)



Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

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Figure-8 stellarator: Proof of principle experiment (helicity achieved by twisting the torus and hence the magnetic field)

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Large Helical Device (LHD), Japan



3D configuration!

http://fire.pppl.gov http://ztopics.com/Large%20Helical%20Device/ 10



3D configuration!

http://scienceblogs.com.br/100nexos/2008/09/louvado-seja-o-grande-dispositivo-helicoidal/





Divertor



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Plasma Vessel

Parameter

Volume: 110 m^3 Surface: 200 m^2 Vacuum: $< 10^{-8} \text{ mbar}$ Mass: 35 tTolerances < 2 mm



http://scienceblogs.com.br/100nexos/2008/09/louvado-seja-o-grande-dispositivo-helicoidal/



Superconducting Coils

Coils

NbTi superconductor (> 3.4 K) Induction on axis: 2.5 T (< 3T) Induction at coil: 6.8 T at 17.8 kA Stored magnetic energy: 600 MJ

Parameter

50 non-planar coils, 5 types20 planar coils, 2 types,variation5 modules, 2 sym. halfmodules



http://scienceblogs.com.br/100nexos/2008/09/louvado-seja-o-grande-dispositivo-helicoidal/



Coil Support Structure

Max. moments: 0.8 MNm 2 supports/coil Welded connections between coils







Thermal insulation on all warm surfaces of the cryostat





Schematic View

Parameter

Machine height: 4.5 m Machine diameter: 16 m Machine mass: 725 t Cold mass: 425 t

Heating power: 15 - 30 MW Nominal pulse length: 30 min





What a complex system it is!

The Construction of Wendelstein 7-X, ITER Seminar, 14th April Cadarache, IPP

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What a complex system it is!





The helical winding generates a toroidal field as well as a vertical field.
 → To eliminate it, currents in adjacent helical windings of the same pitch flow in opposite directions canceling out one another's vertical fields and also their toroidal fields, on average. Thus, toroidal field coils are still required.

A. A. Harms et al, "Principles of Fusion Energy", World Scientific (2000) http://www.ua.all.biz/img/ua/catalog/1067534.jpeg 22





The magnetic surface for a stellarator with l = 3 pairs of helical coils of opposite currents





Complete magnetic flux surfaces: The geometrical simplicity of axisymmetry lost

> http://www.ornl.gov/sci/fed/mhd/mhd.html A. A. Harms et al, "Principles of Fusion Energy", World Scientific (2000) 24

- Inhomogeneity of the magnetic field
 - Due to the absence of a current in a stellarator, Ampere's law yields,

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 J \longrightarrow \oint_s \frac{B}{\mu_0} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

- : The line integral of the poloidal component of the magnetic field vanishes along a contour *s* encircling the magnetic axis on each magnetic flux surface.
 - → The poloidal field must change sign and magnitude along s. Each such so-called fundamental field period incrementally rotates the filed lines in the poloidal direction.
- Curvature associated with torus geometry

Inhomogeneity of the magnetic field



 The deep and more frequent oscillations of B are caused by the helical windings alternately carrying currents of different direction, and where the slow modulation of B corresponds to the toroidal curvature.



- Inhomogeneity of the magnetic field
- Particle motions in this magnetic field configurations
- (1) Circulating particles passing entirely around the torus without encountering a reflection
- (2) Helically trapped particles reflected in the local mirrors of the helical field
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\rightarrow Enhanced transport losses!



LHD achievement up to 2016 before D operation

Plasma parameters	Achieved	Target	Fusion condition
lon temperature	8.1 keV at 1×10 ¹⁹ m⁻³	10 keV at 2×10¹⁰m⁻³	
Electron temperature	20 keV at 2×10 ¹⁸ m ⁻³ 10 keV at 1.6×10 ¹⁹ m ⁻³	<mark>10 keV</mark> at 2×10 ¹⁹ m⁻³	> 10 keV > 1×10²⁰m⁻³
Density	1.2×10 ²¹ m⁻³ with <i>T_e</i> of 0.25 keV	<mark>4×10²⁰m⁻³</mark> with <i>T_e</i> of 1.3 keV	
Beta	5.1% at 0.425 T 4.1% at 1 T	<mark>5%</mark> at 1-2 T	> 5% at > 5 T
Steady-state operation	54min. 28sec (0.5 MW) (1keV, 4×10 ¹⁸ m ⁻³) 47min. 30sec. (1,2 MW) (2keV、1×10 ¹⁹ m ⁻³)	<mark>1 hour</mark> (3 MW)	Steady-state (1 year)



Tokamak .VS. Stellarator

	Advantage	Disadvantage
Tokamak	 Simple 2D structure, so relatively easy to analyze and fabricate the device The most studied and successful up to now (mainstream in the roadmap to a feasible fusion reactor) 	 Need an external current drive (inductive or non-inductive) for plasma current generation & steady-state operation Subject to plasma current-driven instabilities and disruptions
Stellerator	 No external current drive necessary, so inherently steady-state operation possible Relatively free from plasma current-driven instabilities and disruptions 	 Complicated 3D structure, so difficult to analyse and fabricate the device Large system size required with a high aspect ratio Subject to large neoclassical transport at low collisionality existence of boostrap current

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Plasma Equilibrium, Stability and Transport



Plasma transport in a Tokamak

Energy Confinement Time



Energy Confinement Time



- The loss rate is smallest, τ_E largest
 - if the fusion plasma is big and well insulated.

Tokamak Transport

Transport Coefficients

$$\Gamma = -D\nabla n \quad : \text{ Fick's law} \qquad D = \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2\tau} \quad : \text{ diffusion coefficient (m²/s)}$$
$$q = -\kappa \nabla T \quad : \text{ Fourier's law} \qquad D \sim v_{th}^2 \tau \sim \frac{\lambda_m^2}{\tau}$$

Thermal diffusivity

$$\chi \equiv \frac{\kappa}{n} \approx D \approx \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{\tau} \approx \frac{a^2}{\tau_E} \rightarrow \tau_E \approx \frac{a^2}{\chi}$$

- Particle transport in fully ionised plasmas with magnetic field

$$D_{\perp} = \frac{\eta_{\perp} n \sum kT}{B^2}$$

Tokamak Transport

Classical Transport

- Classical thermal conductivity (expectation): $\chi_i \sim 40 \chi_e$
- Typical numbers expected: ${\sim}10^{\text{-4}}\ \text{m}^{2}\text{/s}$
- Experimentally found: ~1 m²/s, $\chi_i \sim \chi_e$

Bohm diffusion (1946):
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WIKIPEDIA The Free Encyclopedia

Aharanov-Bohm effect

Tokamak Transport

Classical Transport

Bohm diffusion:



 τ_E in various types of discharges in the Model C Stellarator

F. F. Chen, "Introduction to Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion" (2006)
Neoclassical Transport

- Major changes arise from toroidal effects characterised by inverse aspect ratio, $\varepsilon = a/R_0$



Particle Trapping

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot B &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \ \frac{1}{1 + \varepsilon \cos \theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r(1 + \varepsilon \cos \theta) B_r \right] + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[(1 + \varepsilon \cos \theta) B_\theta \right] + \frac{1}{rR_0} \frac{\partial (rB_\phi)}{\partial \phi} \right\} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$
$$\Rightarrow \ B_\theta(r, \theta) &= \frac{B_\theta^0(\theta = 0)}{1 + \varepsilon \cos \theta} \\ \left| B(r, \theta) \right| &= \left| B_\theta(r, \theta) \hat{\theta} + B_\phi(r, \theta) \hat{\phi} \right| = \frac{B_0}{1 + \varepsilon \cos \theta} \end{aligned}$$

 $\mathbf{\mathbf{\theta}}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\mathbb{F}}_{\frac{1}{2}} \quad Ampere^{2} \quad Iaw, \quad \nabla \times \overrightarrow{\mathbb{F}} = \mathcal{U}, \overrightarrow{\mathbb{J}}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \nabla \times \overrightarrow{\mathbb{A}} = \frac{1}{h_{1}} \\ \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}}, \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}} \\ \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}}, \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}} \\ \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}}, \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}} \\ \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}}, \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}} \\ \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}}, \overrightarrow{\mathbb{h}},$$

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$$- \text{Condition for trapping of particles}$$

$$\frac{\left(v_{\parallel}^2 \right)_{\text{max}}}{\left(v_{\perp}^2 \right)_{\text{min}}} = \left(\frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{v_{\perp}^2} \right)_{\text{mid-plane}} \le \frac{B_{\text{max}}}{B_{\text{min}}} - 1 = \frac{\frac{B_0}{1 - \varepsilon}}{\frac{B_0}{1 + \varepsilon}} - 1 = \frac{2\varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon} \sim 2\varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{\parallel}^2 \le 2\varepsilon v_{\perp}^2$$

Particle Trapping

 Particle trapping by magnetic mirrors trapped particles with banana orbits untrapped particles with circular orbits

- Trapped fraction:
$$f_{trap} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{R_m}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{B_{\min}}{B_{\max}}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon}}$$

for a typical tokamak, $\varepsilon \sim 1/3 \rightarrow f_{trap} \sim 70\%$



Particle Trapping



Neoclassical Bootstrap current



Tim Hender, "Neoclassical Tearing Modes in Tokamaks", KPS/DPP, Daejun, Korea, 24 April 2009

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Neoclassical Bootstrap current



- This is transferred to a helical bootstrap current via collisions.

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Neoclassical Bootstrap current

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- Named after the reported ability of Baron von Munchausen to lift himself by his bootstraps (Raspe, 1785)
- Suggested with 'Alice in Wonderland' in mind where the heroine managed to support herself in the air by her shoelaces.

Bootstrap

MEANING:

verb tr.: To help oneself with one's own initiative and no outside help. noun: Unaided efforts. adjective: Reliant on one's own efforts.

ETYMOLOGY:

While pulling on bootstraps may help with putting on one's boots, it's impossible to lift oneself up like that. Nonetheless the fanciful idea is a great visual and it gave birth to the idiom "to pull oneself up by one's (own) bootstraps", meaning to better oneself with one's own efforts, with little outside help. It probably originated from the tall tales of Baron Münchausen who claimed to have lifted himself (and his horse) up from the swamp by pulling on his own hair.

In computing, booting or bootstrapping is to load a fixed sequence of instructions in a computer to initiate the operating system. Earliest documented use: 1891.1



Baron Münchausen lifting himself up from the swamp by his own hair Illustrator: Theodor Hosemann

Bootstrap

"I was still a couple of miles above the clouds when it broke, and with such violence I fell to the ground that I found myself stunned, and in a hole nine fathoms under the grass, when I recovered, hardly knowing how to get out again. Looking down, I observed that I had on a pair of boots with exceptionally sturdy straps. Grasping them firmly, I pulled with all my might. Soon I had hoist myself to the top and stepped out on terra firma without further ado."

- With acknowledgement to R. E. Raspe, *Singular Travels, Campaigns and Adventures of Baron Munchausen*, 1786. Edition edited by J. Carswell. London: The Cresset Press, 1948. Adapted from the story on p. 22(???).

Neoclassical Bootstrap current

Diffusion Driven Plasma Currents and **Bootstrap Tokamak**

the usual toroidal coordinates. Then in the regime of low collision frequency and in the absence of any driving electric R. J. field, steady state diffusion is accompanied by a toroidal current R UKAEA Re density of magnitude

$$j = -A\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{B_{\theta}} \frac{\mathrm{d}p}{\mathrm{d}r}$$
(1)

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toroid where A is a coefficient whose value depends on the exact the ma collision operator but is of order unity, and p is the plasma to mag currer pressure.

of Tokamak machine which operates in a steady state, unlike present pulsed designs.

Nature Physical Science 229 110 (1971)

Neoclassical Bootstrap current



Neoclassical Bootstrap current

- Trapped-electron orbits and schematics of the velocity distribution function in a collisionless tokamak plasma



Small Coulomb collision smoothes the gap and causes particle diffusion in the velocity space. Collisional pitch angle scattering at the trapped-untrapped boundary produces unidirectional parallel flow/momentum input and is balanced by the collisional friction force between electrons and ions.



M. Kikuch et al, PPCF 37 1215 (1995) 23

Neoclassical Bootstrap current

- Bootstrap current fraction

$$f_B(r) \equiv \frac{J_B}{J_{\phi}} \approx -1.18G\varepsilon^{1/2}\beta_P \sim \varepsilon^{1/2}\beta_P \qquad \beta_P = \frac{\langle p \rangle}{B_P^2/2\mu_0}$$
$$G(r) = \left(\ln n + 0.04\ln T\right)' / \left(\ln rB_{\theta}\right)'$$

- In high- β tokamak, $\beta_p \sim 1/\epsilon$, implying that $f_B \sim 1/\epsilon^{1/2} >>1$: The bootstrap current can theoretically overdrive the total current
- No obvious "anomalous" degradation of J_B due to micro-turbulence
- The bootstrap current is capable of being maintained in steady state without the need of an Ohmic transformer or external current drive. This is indeed a favourable result as it opens up the possibility of steady state operation without the need for excessive amounts of external current drive power.
- This is critical since bootstrap current fractions on the order of $f_B > 0.7$ are probably required for economic viability of fusion reactors.

100% bootstrap discharges

Y. Takase, IAEA FEC 1996, S. Coda, IAEA FEC 2008



Particle Trapping

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$$\Gamma = -D\nabla n \approx -\frac{(\Delta r)^2}{\tau} \nabla n$$
 : Fick's law

Neoclassical Transports

- May increase D, χ up to two orders of magnitude:
 - χ_i 'only' wrong by factor 3-5
 - D, χ_e still wrong by up to two orders of magnitude!

