Fusion Reactor Engineering 2 (459.761) Final Examination 15 December, 2020

1. Neoclassical tearing mode can be described with the modified Rutherford equation as follows;



(1) (10 points) What is \triangle' and why is it destabilising?

(2) (10 points) Calculate the saturated island width from the equation above.

(3) (10 points) Discuss the beta-limit with the derived saturated island width.

(4) (10 points) Discuss the limitation of the above equation and suggest possible modification required for this equation.

(5) (10 points) Discuss how to stabilise NTM based on the above equation.

2. (10 points) Explain why the ion temperature profiles in KSTAR behave as shown in the figure below.



3. (1) (10 points) Describe the time evolution of the plasma disruption in terms of the electron temperature (red) and the plasma current (black and blue).



(2) (10 points) How to avoid disruption?

4. Consider that the hydrogen beam energy is 110 keV, the density is 10^{20} m⁻³, and the electron temperature is 10 keV in hydrogen discharges on KSTAR. (1) (10 points) Attenuation of a neutral beam particles in a plasma can be described as

$$\frac{dN_b(x)}{dx} = -N_b(x)n(x)\sigma_{tot}$$
Evaluate the penetration length of
the beam in KSTAR.
(2) (10 points) The neutral beam injection
power to ions and electrons can be expressed
as below,

$$P = 1.71 \times 10^{-18} \frac{n_e \xi_b}{A_b \hat{T}_e^{3/2}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\xi_c}{\xi_b}\right)^{3/2} \right) \text{ [keVs}^{-1]}, \quad \xi_c = \frac{14.8 A_b \hat{T}_e}{(Z_t A_t)^{2/3}}$$
Evaluate how much power goes to ions
in KSTAR.

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"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:18)