Heavy Ion Beam Probe, Present Status and Future Development

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Present status of the analysis of HIBP data on zonal flows, streamers and drift-wave turbulence of the JIPPT-IIU tokamak plasmas, is reviewed. Limiting factors and improvements of heavy ion beam probe towards better understanding of tokamak turbulence, beam attenuation, beam quality of the probing beam, multiple energy analyzers for simultaneous measurement at various cross-sections of the plasmas, proposal for 2-dimensional measurement of the plasma turbulence, are discussed.

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1. Introduction

Heavy ion beam probe (HIBP) is a unique and powerful diagnostics, since it provides a local and non-perturbative measurement of plasma potential ($\Phi$). HIBP is the ideal diagnostics for the detection of zonal flow as well as streamers, since the sensitivity of small zonal flow as slow as ion diamagnetic drift velocity can be detected with high signal/noise ratio through $-\nabla\Phi \times B/B^2$ drift. As for the locality, it can be a Langmuire probe in the hot plasma core. However, the recent analysis of zonal flow and streamer in JIPPT-IIU HIBP clarifies the necessity of many modifications of the present HIBP for the future study of the turbulence in tokamak plasmas. One of the most serious problem may be smallness of the penetration length for core plasma, of the present Ti$^+$, Cs$^+$, or Au$^+$ injection beam species. In order to increase the penetration depth, we use Na$^+$ beam instead of Ti$^+$ beam. We discuss its successful results and make a survey of species of the beam for future experiment.

2. Present Status of Analysis of Tokamak Turbulence, Zonal Flows and Streamers

2.1 Short history

A. Hasegawa et al. pointed out in 1979 that the drift-wave turbulence should induce zonal flow along the magnetic surface, and zonal flows would have stabilizing effect by the shearing of the drift-wave by the gradient of the flow velocity [1]. In 1987, A. Hasegawa et al. showed in the computer simulation of the cylindrical plasma, the generation of zonal flows along the magnetic surface by $E_r/B_t$ through the buildup of the potential across the magnetic surfaces [2]. In 1988 J.F. Drake pointed out that slab plasmas have sharp structures, very narrow in poloidal directions and wide in radial direction by the buildup of the potential difference along poloidal direction and called this flow as streamers [3]. Later streamers and zonal flows are found to be fundamental phenomena in the large-scale computer simulation of tokamak plasmas [4–11].

Experimentally, early in 1990s, HIBP measurements in TEXT and JIPPT-IIU tokamak [12, 13] found that the secondary beam has large energy change due to local electric potential or the acceleration by the magnetic fluctuation, in the tokamak plasma column up to a few hundred electron Volt peak to peak in tens of kHz frequency regions with poloidal mode number ($m$), $m = 0$ [14]. We and probably TEXT group, at first, doubted that these oscillations may be noise induced by many high-voltage dc power supplies (HVPSs) in the HIBP. The HIBP has about 10 or more HVPSs for the ion source, acceleration to about half of million Volts, focusing by electric quadrupole lenses, deflection, sweeping of the beam across the cross-section of plasma column and high-voltage energy analyzer for secondary beam. Every highly stabilized HVPS rectifies the output of 30-50kHz high-voltage oscillators, since the smoothing action by network of capacitor and inductance is very effective in this frequency range compared to 50 or 60Hz. This frequency range is in rough agreement with that of the observed energy change of the secondary beam in the tokamak plasmas. We reduced ripples of HVPS by inserting the filter network and concluded that the energy change are due to plasma instead of being induced by ripples in power supplies. The most conclusive experiment may be the measurement of potential in the tokamak vessels by HIBP when the toroidal electric field for the plasma startup is not applied. The helium gas ionizes injected heavy ion beam and we found that there is no large energy change in this case [15, 16].

The TEXT groups suggested that the drift-tearing mode ($m = 10-20$) of the tokamak plasmas causes these
phenomena since the HIBP is very susceptible to these MHD phenomena [14]. The micro-magnetic field induces the additional deflections of the secondary beam into toroidal direction or acceleration by magnetic fluctuations. This deflection can be measured as the energy change in the parallel plate energy analyzer, since this energy analyzer measures the energy of the secondary beam in the analyzer plane perpendicular to the parallel plate and slit/detector plane. We measured the energy of the secondary beam by changing analyzer plane a little by little and concluded that the energy change is not due to the deflection of the beam. We reported in 1995 at seventh international Toki conference that the large energy change in the core is pure potential fluctuations or the acceleration of the beam by the change of magnetic vector potential [15, 16]. In addition, to interpret this difference of the facts that the poloidal mode number m is zero and the drift-tearing mode of m is larger than 10, is very difficult.

In 1996, we concluded in the study of observed large energy change at the sawtooth crash [17] that the acceleration of the HIBP beam by the magnetic fluctuation through the time derivative of vector potential is unlikely, because low-$\beta$ plasma like low-density OH plasmas have vector potential parallel to the main magnetic field [18] and the trajectory of HIBP beam is perpendicular to the magnetic field. Accordingly the large energy change of the beam means the existence of large electro-static potential oscillations in the plasma. The existence of zonal flows was already discussed in the large-scaled simulation of the tokamak plasmas when we found the large potential oscillations in the tokamak plasmas. But at that time zonal flow phenomena is thought to be low-frequency and rather stationary instead of the 10-50 kHz phenomena. Eight years later TEXT group suggested this is the potential oscillation [19].
2.2 Zonal flow and streamers in JIPPT-IIU tokamak plasmas

Figure 1(a) shows the setup of 500 keV HIBP for JIPPT-IIU tokamak which shut down in the fall of 1995 and the position and shape of the sample volumes (SVs) are shown in Fig. 2(b) and 2(c) [23–26]. The power source (HVPS) for the electrostatic acceleration up to 500 keV is originally developed for electron microscopes. The HVPS for electron microscopes has to be highly stabilized since the chromatic aberration of the electron microscope is caused by the ripple of HVPS. Ours HVPS has about 2 Vp-p at the voltage of 500 keV [13]. The analyzer has 7 sets of input slit opening and detector plates, about 1 cm apart each other [23]. The secondary beam to the analyzer tends to be diverging at the analyzer, and out of seven, we can measure at 6 sample volumes (SVs) routinely.

The beam source is a thermionic ion source and its temperature is about 0.1 eV and its size is about 3 mm. In addition, the beam current is about order of 10 µA in the experiment. Accordingly the phase-volume of the 500 keV beam is so small, we can focus from about 10 mm in diameter to the size of about 2 mm in diameter in the plasma by the focal length of 2 m. The position of the array of 6 SVs can be swept like steps A1 to A6 for 450 keV beam and steps B1-B6 for 300 keV beam and steps C1-C6 for 250 keV beam by changing the poloidal injection angle through the poloidal sweeper at the injection port of the primary beam. The shape of SVs is like a rhombus and the longer diagonal of the rhombus is about 5 mm, although its dimensions and shape are different on the position of the steps. These values are listed on Table 1 [24].

Figure 2 shows the time trace of the density and potential at A4 (core area, \( r/a_p \approx 0.2 \)) and C2 (outer area, \( r/a_p \approx 0.8 \)) of the low-density OH plasmas. At the core area, the fluctuation level of the normalized density fluctuation, \( \tilde{n}_e/\tilde{n}_c \), (Fig. 2(d)), is a few percents, as is discussed by HIBP and BES measurement, while the potential fluctuation (Fig. 2(c)) is very intense and can be about 400 Vp-p [26].

The time traces at C2 have very different characteristics, the signals tends to have sharp fronts, and \( \tilde{n}_e/\tilde{n}_c \) is order of 0.5-1.0 and the potential variation is order of order of 300 eV, about the electron temperature at C2. This fluctuation level is almost the same at steps C1-C6. The sharp fronts are observed at B2-B6 steps (\( r/a_p \approx 0.6 \)) with small amplitude and the potential waveform is mild. We assigned these fluctuations as streamer and discuss it later.

CCF (cross correlation function) of potentials at SV1 of A4, \( \Phi_{A4,1} \) and SVM of A4, \( \Phi_{A4,m} \) are shown in dotted curves of Fig. 2(b). Here CCF of function, \( u \) and \( v \) is defined by \( \rho(u, v, \tau_\alpha) = \frac{C(u, v, \tau_\alpha)}{\sqrt{C(u, 0, \tau_\alpha)} \sqrt{C(v, 0, \tau_\alpha)}} \) and \( C(u, v, \tau) = \int_0^T u(t)v(t+\tau)dt \). T is chosen as 2 ms in this analysis. Multiple curves are displaced upwards to avoid the overwriting. CCFs are displayed by shifting upwards by \( j-1 \).

Table 1 The positions (R(cm), Z(cm), r(cm)) are shown in the 2nd to 4th columns for each step specified by SV \( j \) for \( j = A, B, C \), and \( k = 1 \) to 5. The 5th column, \( rl \) denotes the length of the longer diagonal of the rhombus-like shape of SV \( j,k \). The 6th column, \( \delta r \) shows the radial separations between the sample volumes \( SV_{j,k,1} \) and \( SV_{j,k,3} \). The 7th column shows the ratio of coherence, \( \eta = \rho(\Phi_{j,k,3}, \Phi_{j,k,1})/\rho(\Phi_{j,k,1}, \Phi_{j,k,1}) \), the ratio of correlation between potentials at \( SV_3 \) and \( SV_1 \) with autocorrelation of potential at \( SV_1 \). The 8th column shows the radial correlation length \( l_c \), calculated using \( l_c = |\delta r / \log \rho(\Phi_{j,k,3}, \Phi_{j,k,1})/\rho(\Phi_{j,k,1}, \Phi_{j,k,1})| \). From Y. Hamada et al., Nuclear Fusion 45, 81 (2005).

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The radial correlation length tends to have large value near steps A4 and B2 as shown in Table 1. The SV array at A4 and B2 are nearly along the magnetic surface since near A4, B2 \( \delta r \) changes its sign as shown in Table 1. Accordingly the equation of \( l_c \) tends to have large error because of zero/zero procedure, the error due to the one-dimensional measurement by HIBP. We need to have the capability for 2-D measurement.

Figure 3 shows the difference of the zonal flow spectra at OH phase and heating phase. The dominance of high-frequency zonal flows in the GAM frequency range can be clearly observed, as is also apparent at Fig. 2(c) in OH phase, while we can clearly observe the growth of the low-frequency zonal flow and the decrease of the intensity of high-frequency zonal flow in the heating phase. This may be induced by the change of trapped electron mode (TEM) plasma of low-density OH phase to the ion temperature gradient mode (ITG) plasma. Our spectrum of zonal flow in ITG plasma are similar to the one given in the large-scale computer simulation by Hahm et al. [27], and we hope in near future we can compare the zonal flow spectrum of TEM plasma calculated by large-scale computer simulations with our spectrum. These changes of zonal flow spectra are very recent topic of the experimental study of zonal flow and our results will soon be printed in Physical Review Letters.

Figure 4 (b,c) shows time traces of density and potential at C5, where the array of SVs are rather radial. In this way.
In radial direction as it is shown in the flow pattern of the tokamak turbulence, in the cross-section of the tokamak plasma column, we have to separate the sheet-like secondary beam into several sections which has different injection angle to the analyzer as shown in Fig. 5. In order to have much wider coverage, installment of several analyzers at different ports of the tokamak can be performed as is also shown in Fig. 6. In this case, survey of the trajectory of $\text{Tl}^{3+}$ through the ionization $\text{Tl}^+ - \text{Tl}^{3+}$ as well as $\text{Tl}^2+$ may give wider coverage of the sample volume [31], since $\text{Tl}^{3+}$ has shorter gyroradius, it may more easily escape in some case the restriction of the port of the vacuum vessel. The cross-section of $\text{Tl}^+ - \text{Tl}^{3+}$ has about 4-5 times smaller than that of $\text{Tl}^+ - \text{Tl}^2+$. Fujisawa et al. installed another HIBP system at different toroidal an-

Fig. 4 (a) shows the time behavior of the intensity of the secondary beam, when the beam is swept continuously through C1- C6 instead of steps. Also time expanded view of raw data of density (2b) and potential (2c) at C5 by step mode are shown. From Y. Hamada et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 96 115003 (2006).

4. Future Development

4.1 Multiple sets of input-slit and detectors, multiple analyzers

The SVs should be increased as many as possible to have reasonable $k$-spectrum resolution. Since the analyzer is a parallel-plate electrostatic analyzer, we can install several of input-slit and detectors in the analyzer. We have installed 7 sets of the input slits and detectors which are 1 cm apart each other perpendicular to the incident beam, at the JIPPT-IIU HIBP analyzer. We usually have density measurement at 6 SVs instead of 7, and potential measurement at 5 SVs. The limit is due to the different injection angle of the beam let to each input slits, since the secondary beam tends to be diverging beam to the analyzer as we mentioned before. Accordingly, when we want to have much larger coverage for simultaneous measurement of the tokamak turbulence, the cross-section of the tokamak plasma column, we have to separate the sheet-like secondary beam into several sections which has different injection angle as an average to the analyzer. Then we have to insert a sweeper to each group for the adjustment of the input angle to the analyzer as shown in Fig. 5.

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3. Requirement for Further Analysis

Nowadays, the advantage of having SVs widely apart may be listed below, as

1) The radial eigen mode of the drift-wave can be wide in radial direction as it is shown in the flow pattern of the eddies of the large-scale computer simulation.

2) The eigen mode pattern of ballooning pattern of the drift wave is not experimentally established because of the lack of simultaneous turbulence measurement at far-apart SVs.

3) The radial extent of the streamer is much larger than our coverage of about 3 cm.

4) The radial coherent length of the zonal flow is short, about 1 or 2 cm, the radial coherent length of the density turbulence especially in low-density OH plasma, can be longer than our coverage, as is shown in our measurement [17].

5) As was done by CHS HIBP [30], the zonal field measurement is particularly useful by multiple and far apart SVs since we can tell easily select the zonal flow utilizing the same potential change on the same magnetic surface.

6) 2-dimensional measurement of the turbulence is useful, since every instability is 2 dimensional eddies and streamer and zonal flow is also 2-dimensional.

HIBP should be able to cover the whole cross-section by simultaneous measurement. Since the coverage of the distance by one energy analyzer is limited as we stated before, the increase of the number of the energy analyzer at one injected beam, is easiest way to handle these problems.
Fig. 5 Schematics of the parallel plate analyzers with as many sets of slit and detector in one analyzer.

Fig. 6 Schematics of as many analyzers as possible.

Fig. 7 Schematic for two-dimensional turbulence measurement by HIBP by poloidally and toroidally displaced injection beams.

4.2 2-D measurement of the turbulence

In order to expand HIBP to 2-D measurement, there can be two methods. One is usage of several parallel beamlets injection, which are separated in toroidal directions and with different radial position as shown in Fig. 7. The toroidal separation may be maintained from injection stage to analyzer stage, if it is carefully designed. By using one wide parallel plate analyzer with sets of detectors toroidally separated and sets of toroidally wide input slits, we may be able to perform 2-D turbulence measurements. Beam source and its acceleration must be done carefully, although Sony’s old color TV use 3 beam system (Trinitron) and we have to study it. Another method may be a rapid sweep of the primary beam by the poloidal sweeper at the injection port shown in Fig. 1. Fast sweep of about 2-5 MHz and the sweep voltage of 1-2 kV in our case, may be necessary for two dimensional measurement of the drift-wave turbulence up to about 300 kHz or so. We can test the effect of fast sweep of the primary beam by the signal due to the ionization by gas introduced into the tokamak vacuum chamber by gas puffing.

4.3 Beam quality

The present thermionic ion source is very useful for obtaining smaller sample volume in the plasma. For smaller phase volume of the beam, the diameter of the ion source is very advantageous. The electron microscope use the sharp edged needle and field emission of the electron from the needle to reduce the phase volume of the beam, we have to study the field-emission-type positive ion source for electron temperature gradient drift wave turbulence, which has very high wave number.

4.4 Detector development

The injected beam should be stable and should have long-life, we should do our best to increase the sensitivity of the detector till the quantum noise (shot noise) becomes the dominant noise in the turbulence study. The most sensitive detector in the photon and beam measurement is the photo-multiplier or electron multiplier, although the direct use of the electron multiplier is difficult unless it has wide area of sensitivity.

5. Magnetic Field Measurement

It also may be possible to detect plasma current profile in the tokamak plasma much faster than MSE. The potential measurement of HIBP depends on the total energy conservation law in the electrostatic and magnetic field, while we may be able to measure the magnetic flux function, $R_A \phi$ through the by the angular canonical conservation law, $P_\phi = mR^2(d\phi/dt) + (e/c)R_A \phi$. The difficulty is this conservation holds inside the plasma where toroidal magnetic field ripple is small, while the beam detected go out of the region to the energy analyzer where the ripple is almost 100%. Then we have to make a tedious calculation of the beam trajectory to the analyzer in order to interpret
the result.

6. Penetration of the Probing Beam

When the plasma density increases, the most serious problem of the HIBP is the beam attenuation by the plasma electron and shortness of penetration depth of the primary beam. In JIPPT-IIU case, the highest average density for potential turbulence study is about $3 \times 10^{13} \text{cm}^{-3}$ for thallium beam.

Figure 8(a) shows the intensity of the secondary beam at the energy analyzer at the sweep from plasma center to the surface, A6 to A1, when thallium 450 keV beam is injected into the plasma of the average density of $1 \times 10^{13} \text{cm}^{-3}$ at toroidal magnetic field of 3 Tesla. Near the plasma surface, intensity of the beam has a peak and tends to decay by small amount, in the core region. At the average density of $3 \times 10^{13} \text{cm}^{-3}$, the decay of the intensity at the core is so strong and it becomes difficult to measure turbulence in the plasma core (A4-A6) because of small penetration length due to large ionization cross-section. Figure 8(b) shows the Na$^+$ beam case instead of Tl$^+$. Toroidal field is reduced to 1 Tesla for the identical trajectory with the case of Tl$^+$. The intensity grows as the beam approaches the core region just like density profile, indicating much longer penetration length compared with Tl$^+$ case.

For singly charged particle, Na or Ne beam can be candidates for more than 10 times longer penetration depth. As double charged particle, Na, Mg, Al, and as triple-charged particle, Mg, Al may be candidates.

9 shows the maximum cross-sections by electron impact ionization of various atoms [32]. Although the penetration length depends on the dependence of cross-section on the impact electron energy, plasma temperature, maximum cross-section can be a rough measure for the selection of the atom of primary beam.

General conclusion is the usage of the beam of higher ionization state of Tl, Cs and Au is not efficient for better penetration instead of usage of K or Na beam. When we changed the thallium beam to cesium, rubidium, potassium and sodium beam, the toroidal field matched to the beam, steadily goes down, and the penetration depth, however, grows steadily and the intensity profile becomes more like density profile. The tandem accelerator has another possibility for the choice of the beam with good penetration. If the negative Aluminum beam is accelerated to the central gas chamber of the tandem accelerator with the terminal voltage of Va, it may be highly ionized to Al$^{1+}$ or Al$^{2+}$ with the collision of particles in the gas chamber and got the final energy of 4 Va or 5 Va. The ionization energy of the Al$^{2+}$ is more than 100 eV, compared to about 6 eV of Thallium, the penetration depth can be so large and may be applicable to the large tokamak like JT-60U.

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