Finite Pressure Effects on Momentum Transport in a Toroidal Plasma

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Magnetic Fluctuations Play an Important Role in Momentum Transport



In this talk, we focus on the interaction between tearing instability driven magnetic and pressure fluctuations, resulting in the momentum transport in MST.

Madison Symmetric Torus -Reversed Field Pinch



Multiple Overlapping Tearing Modes \longrightarrow

Stochastic Magnetic Field on MST



Measurements of

Fluctuation-Induced Momentum Flux:

(1) MHD effects on Momentum Transport

-Maxwell stress and Reynolds stress

(2) Kinetic (pressure) effects on Momentum Transport

-Density fluctuations in a stochastic magnetic field

Momentum Transport and Fluctuations in the MST



Toroidal flow in the core

Momentum transport is strongly associated with magnetic fluctuation

Momentum Relaxation during a Sawtooth Event



There is a coupling between the edge and the core flow

Parallel momentum is redistributed within the time scale (~ 100 μ s) much faster than classical ion-ion viscous transport time

Momentum transport by Fluctuations in a Torus

$$\rho(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\vec{V} + \vec{V} \bullet \nabla \vec{V}) = \vec{J} \times \vec{B} - \nabla \bullet \vec{P}$$

Parallel momentum components

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} < V_{//} > = <\delta \vec{J} \times \delta \vec{B} >_{//} -\rho < \delta \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \delta \vec{V} >_{//} - <\nabla \cdot \vec{P} >_{//}$$
Flow Maxwell Stress Reynolds finite pressure effect

Laser-based FIR system is used to measure density and magnetic fluctuations



Interferometer:

$$\phi_{\text{int}}(x) \sim \int n_e dz \qquad \Rightarrow n_e, \tilde{n}_e$$

Differential interferometer (Ax 1mm):

$$\partial \phi_{\text{int}} / \partial x \qquad \Rightarrow \nabla n_e, \nabla \tilde{n}_e$$

Polarimeter:

 $\psi_{\rm pol}(x) \sim \int n_e B_z dz$

$$\delta \vec{B}, \rightarrow \delta \vec{J} \times \delta \vec{B}$$
$$\rightarrow (\nabla \times \delta \vec{B}) \times \delta \vec{B}$$

32 magnetic coils: \Rightarrow (*m*,*n*)

11 chords, $\Delta x \sim 8$ cm, phase ~ 0.05°, time response ~ 1µs

In plasma core, measured Maxwell Stress is much larger than momentum change



Reynolds stress is expected to offset huge Maxwell Stress

Various Probes are used to measure Maxwell and Reynolds Stress





Torque probe measures all 3 comp. of j and B

Mach Probe +IDS (optical probe) measure velocity fluctuations

(Maxwell Stress)

(Reynolds Stress)

In plasma edge, both Maxwell and Reynolds stress are measured



Maxwell and Reynolds stresses are in opposite directions and largely offset

Two-fluid NIMROD simulation for RFP has been carried out



Reynolds and Maxwell stresses from fluctuations are large and tend to balance each other, similar to observations in MST

Parallel and Perpendicular Flows Appear as a Natural Consequence of Two-fluid Relaxation



Simulations produce a flow modification quantitatively similar to measurements on MST

Kinetic effects on Momentum beyond MHD

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} < V_{||} > = <\delta \vec{J} \times \delta \vec{B} >_{||} - \rho < \delta \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \delta \vec{V} >_{||} - < \nabla \cdot \vec{P} >_{||}$$

$$< \nabla \cdot \vec{P} >_{||} = \nabla \cdot < p_{||} \vec{b} > - < p_{\perp} \nabla \cdot \vec{b} > \qquad \vec{P} = p_{\perp} \vec{I} + (p_{||} - p_{\perp}) \vec{b} \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{b} = \frac{\vec{B}}{B}$$

$$Flux = < p_{||} \vec{b} > \cdot \vec{e}_r = \frac{<\delta p_{||} \delta b_r >}{B}$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} < V_{||} > = <\delta \vec{J} \times \delta \vec{B} >_{||} - \rho < \delta \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \delta \vec{V} >_{||} - \nabla \cdot \frac{<\delta p_{||} \delta b_r >}{B} \vec{e}_r + \dots$$
Kinetic Stress

Parallel Pressure Fluctuation-Induced Momentum Transport

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} < V_{//} > = <\delta \vec{J} \times \delta \vec{B} >_{//} -\rho < \delta \vec{V} \bullet \nabla \delta \vec{V} >_{//} -\nabla \bullet \frac{<\delta p_{//} \delta b_r >}{B} \vec{e}_r + \dots$$



Density correlated with
magnetic fluctuationTemperature correlated with
magnetic fluctuation

Here, we focus on the role of density fluctuation on momentum transport

Measurement of Density Fluctuation-induced Momentum Flux



Density fluctuation-induced force is comparable to momentum change



$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} < V_{//} > = <\delta \vec{J} \times \delta \vec{B} >_{//} -\rho < \delta \vec{V} \bullet \nabla \delta \vec{V} >_{//} -\nabla \bullet \frac{<\delta p_{//} \delta b_r >}{B} \vec{e}_r$$

Comparison between Density Fluctuationinduced Flow and Plasma Flow



Direction of density fluctuation-induced force is consistent with flow change

The Effect of Phase between Fluctuations on Momentum Flux





Why does phase change during a sawtooth cycle?

Coupling between Density Fluctuations and Magnetic Fluctuations in Plasmas

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(n_e \vec{V_e} \right) = 0$$

[Fluctuation. Equation]

$$\frac{\partial \delta n}{\partial t} = -\delta v_r \nabla n_0 - \delta v_r \nabla \delta n - \dots$$
[1]

[Magnetic field line equation]

$$\frac{dr}{b_r} = \frac{dl}{B} \longrightarrow \delta v_r = \delta b_r \frac{V_{l/,e}}{B}$$
[2]

 $\times \delta n \longrightarrow$

$$(\frac{B}{2V_{//,e}})\frac{\partial}{\partial t} < \delta n^{2} >= - < \delta n \delta b_{r} > \nabla n_{0} - \sum < \delta n \delta b_{r} \nabla \delta n > - \dots \quad [3]$$

Fluct. Energy Quasi-linear Nonlinear terms

<...> Flux Surface Average

Nonlinear Coupling between Density and Magnetic Fluctuations is Significant over Sawtooth



Removal of (0,1) Edge Mode Reduces Nonlinear Coupling



This confirms the importance of nonlinear coupling on momentum transport on MST

Summary

 Kinetic stress, Maxwell stress and Reynolds Stress are measured to be important on momentum transport for MST plasmas.

(2) Nonlinear coupling can alter the phase between fluctuations, leading to finite momentum transport.

Pressure fluctuation is important for momentum transport at fusion-relevant beta



 What is the role of temperature fluctuation on Momentum Transport? (Code Prediction)

$$\frac{\langle \delta p_{//} \delta b_r \rangle}{B} = T \frac{\langle \delta n \delta b_r \rangle}{B} + n \frac{\langle \delta T_{//} \delta b_r \rangle}{B}$$

(2) Fluid Stress Measurements in the core.
 (Code Validation)

Advanced Faraday Rotation System on C-Mod



Multiple chords with 4MHz bandwidth



by Irby, Xu, Bergerson, Brower, Ding, etc

Faraday Rotation Fluctuations are Measured on C-Mod, providing new opportunity to study transport on Tokamak.