# Neutron diagnostics for EAST deuterium operation

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# Outline

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  - Neutron fluctuation diagnostic
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  - Compact NES systems
  - > 2.5 MeV neutron time-of-flight spectrometer (TOFED)
- Concluding marks

# Fusion neutron diagnostics of increasing importance

Neutrons, fusion energy carriers, deposit their energy in the blanket, where it would be extracted by the primary fluid to drive the turbines in the fusion reactor



10<sup>4</sup> times higher

(neutron fluence)

#### JET

- Neutron data for Fusion reactor material and engineering developing
- Tritium breeding:  $n + {}^{6}Li \rightarrow \alpha + t$
- Neutron spectrum and flux distribution data for radiation protection

The neutron emission is an immediate measure of the

progress towards the achievement of thermonuclear

reactor conditions.

**DEMO ~ 2045 (?)** 

Thirty-five participating nations

100 times higher

(neutron fluence)

# **Neutron diagnostics for fusion reactors**



## Neutron Emission Spectroscopy (NES) at tokamak devices



B. Esposito Rev. Sci. Instr. 75 (2004)

Liquid Scintilaion detectors @ JT60U

# **Neutron diagnostic systems for fusion reactors**

Fusion facilities	Time-resolved neutron monitors (no-energy- resolved)	Time-resolved neutron monitors (14 MeV)	Activati on system	Profile measurement s	spectrometer s (DD or DT )
JET	3	2	8	10H, 9V	D-D, D-T
JT-60U	3	1	1	6H, 1V	D-D
TFTR(close d)	4	1	4	10V	D-D, D-T
DIII-D	2	1	no	no	no
ASDEX-U	1	1	3	No	D-D, D-T
Tore-Supra	У	no	no	No	D-D
FTU	3	1	2	6H	D-D
KSTAR	3	no	no	no	D-D
EAST	5	1	1	6H	D-D, TOFED
HLD (Stellarato	r) 2	no	2	11H	TOFED (plan)

### <sup>235</sup>U fission chamber is a standard detector of NFM in fusion

Device	Туре	Countries	Organizations	NFM detectors	Remarks
JT-60U	tokamak	JA	JAEA	<sup>235</sup> U FC / <sup>238</sup> U FC / <sup>3</sup> He gas counter	Wide dynamic range Max. $S_n > 10^{16}$ (n/s)
JET	tokamak	UK	Culham Centre	<sup>235</sup> U FC/ <sup>238</sup> U FC	Wide dynamic range Max. S <sub>n</sub> > 10 <sup>18</sup> (n/s)
TFTR	tokamak	US	PPPL	<sup>235</sup> U FC / <sup>238</sup> U FC	Wide dynamic range Max. S <sub>n</sub> > 10 <sup>16</sup> (n/s)
DIII-D	tokamak	US	GA	<sup>235</sup> U FC / BF <sub>3</sub> & <sup>3</sup> He gas counter	Max. S <sub>n</sub> ~ 10 <sup>16</sup> (n/s) Only pulse counting
ASDEX- Upgrade	tokamak	Germany	IPP	235U FC/ 238U FC/ BF3 & 3He gas counter	Only pulse counting
Alcator C- Mod	tokamak	US	MIT	235U FC / BF3 gas counter	Only pulse counting
NSTX	tokamak	US	PPPL	235U FC	Wide dynamic range
MAST	tokamak	UK	Culham Centre	235U FC	Only pulse counting
EAST	tokamak	CN	ASIPP	235U FC / 3He gas counter	Only pulse counting
HL-2A	tokamak	CN	SWIP	235U FC	Only pulse counting
KSTAR	tokamak	КО	NFRI	235U FC / 3He gas counter	Only pulse counting
ATF	helical	US	ORNL	235U FC / 3He gas counter	?
Wendelst ein 7-X	helical	Germany	IPP	<sup>235</sup> U FC/ BF <sub>3</sub> & <sup>3</sup> He	Plan

Only large tokamaks and NSTX have been equipped with wide dynamic range NFM. M Isobe Pohang May 2014

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# EAST Tokamak @ CASIPP, Hefei, China



**EAST Auxiliary heating Capacity** 

- 4 MW LHW @ 2.45 GHz (E-port)
- 6 MW LHW @ 4.6 GHz (N-port)
- 6 MW ICRF @ 20-70 MHz (B-port)
- 6 MW ICRF @ 30-100 MHz (I-port)
- 2-4 MW ECRF @140 GHz (M-port)
- 4-8 MW NBI @ 50-80 keV (N-, K -port)

Mam	rarameters
B <sub>T</sub>	3.5 T
R <sub>0</sub>	1.85 m
a	0.45 m
к <sub>max</sub>	~ 1.8
I <sub>P</sub>	1.0 MA
H&CD	~25 MW
Diverter	Double & single Null
Expected	n τ <sub>E</sub> T~10 <sup>18~19</sup> m <sup>-3</sup> s kev
Long pulse	e or steady-state operatio

Main Danamatana

First fully superconducting tokamak with ITER-like magnetic field configurations and heating schemes to demonstrate high-power, long pulse plasma operations

Neutron yields: 10<sup>9</sup> ~ 10<sup>11</sup>n/s (OH, RF) 10<sup>11</sup>~ 10<sup>15</sup>n/s (NBI)

### Key neutron diagnostics available for EAST D-D plasmas

Detector system	Function	status
Neutron flux monitor	Total neutron emission	Working
Neutron fluctuation detector	Fast temporal response measurement	Working
Neutron activation system	Neutron yield calibration	Working
<b>Radical Neutron Camera</b>	Neutron emission profile	Working
Compact neutron spectrometers	Neutron energy spectrum measurement	Working
2.5 MeV neutron time-of-flight spectrometer (TOFED)	Advanced NES diagnosis of D plasmas	Working



# Neutron emission rate measurements

- Neutron flux monitors (NFM)
- Radial Neutron camera (RNC)
- Neutron fluctuation diagnostic



# **Neutron flux monitor (NFM)**



- Views: Integral measurement
- **Dynamic range:** 10<sup>8</sup>~10<sup>14</sup> n/s
- <sup>3</sup>He detectors (ZZ1/ZZ2)
- <sup>235</sup>U detectors (ZZ7/ZZ8)
- Upgrade data acquisition system
- Neutron in-situ calibration

<sup>235</sup>U FC Digital Data Acquisition (Count + Campbelling Modes)





**Pre-Amplifier** 

Data Acquisition Card 3U (FPGA Flash ADC 250MS/s 10bit)

G.Q. Zhong et al., Rev. Scient. Instrum. 87, 11D820(2016)

### **Radical neutron camera (RNC)**

Sight line distribution of the RNC and collimator framework





**Traditional electronics module** 



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**Neutron intensity** 

distribution measurement

**Spatial resolution: 15 cm** 

Time resolution: 10 ms

**Count rate > 1MHz** 

Total 5 tons and 6 CH (PE+B & Lead) Routine monitor



Upgraded in 2015

Digitizer CAEN VX1730: 8 CH. 500 MS/s 14 bit



G. Q. Zhong et al., Review of Scientific Instruments, 2016, 87(11):11D820.

# **NFM experimental results**

Count. Mode 700 #1 <sup>235</sup>11 Campbelling Shot No:55653 Electr, ZZ7 600 500 Shot:59653 K Port;227 counts rate(k/s) 400 300 200 100 -100Count Hode 900 # 2 <sup>235</sup>U Campbelling Mode 900 Electr. ZZ8 700 Succession 3 Port:228 counts rate(h/s) 600 500 400 300 208 100 -100Time(mo)

NBI Source Power ~ 2.8 MW

Traditional electronics count mode: black line Digital count mode: blue line Digital campbelling mode: red line







Count mode < 500kcps √ Campbelling mode >100kcps √

# **RNC plasma experimental results**



Shot No: 56962

15

neutrons

200

200

200

400

400

600

(channel)

400

500

(channel)

CH<sub>2</sub>

1000

1000

CH6

800

800

600

(channel)

1000

CH4

800

G. Q. Zhong et al., Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 58, 075013 (2016) PEKING UNIVERSITY

# **RNC plasma experimental results**

#### Shot No:56962



Time evolution of neutron flux measured by BC-501A (*E*<sub>n</sub>>1MeV, Temporal rep. 10ms)

![](_page_15_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### Neutron emission profile (not in-situ precise calibration)

Position (r/a)

![](_page_15_Picture_6.jpeg)

G. Q. Zhong et al ., Review of Scientific Instruments, 2016, 87(11):11D820.

Position (r/a)

### **Neutron fluctuation diagnostic**

![](_page_16_Figure_1.jpeg)

Scin. Light guide(1.5m) PMT(Current Mode)

![](_page_16_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_16_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_16_Figure_5.jpeg)

Fast response capability validation (1MS/s, NF3 measurement) *MP= Magnetic Probe* 

- Fast ion loss measurements
- Fast temporal response
- Time resolution: ~ 5 μs
- Compact & Not occupy flange

NF3: Fast neutrons and γ-rays (Plastic Scint.) Need n/γ response calibration Pu N, et al. Journal of Instrumentation, 2015, 10(12): P12013.

# **NFM calibration test**

On 19, Jan., 2017 <sup>3</sup>He 235U FC Calibration position Remote hand 6 Points on mid-plane 235U FC <sup>3</sup>He

- source <sup>252</sup>Cf source factory activity:
  60MBq. During in-situ calibration test , neutron emission rate: ~ 1.764×10<sup>6</sup> n/s
- Source transferred by Remote hands
- Measuring time for each position: 1 hour

![](_page_17_Picture_5.jpeg)

#### Photograph of remote hands in EAST

![](_page_17_Figure_7.jpeg)

# Neutron Emission Spectroscopy (NES) Diagnostics

Compact NES Systems

# 2.5 MeV neutron time-of-flight spectrometer (TOFED)

![](_page_18_Picture_3.jpeg)

# **Neutron yield in D plasmas**

facilities	Year	Neutron Yield (n/s)
PLT with NB heating	In 1980'	≤ <b>10</b> <sup>14</sup>
JET with ohmic heating	From 1983	>10 <sup>13</sup>
JET with auxiliary heating	From 1983 on	>10 <sup>14</sup> 10 <sup>16</sup> Aiming for 10 <sup>17</sup>
LHD with auxiliary heating	March, 2017	3.3*10 <sup>15</sup> Aiming for 10 <sup>16</sup>
EAST with auxiliary heating	From 2008 on	>10 <sup>9</sup> 10 <sup>14</sup> Aiming for > 10 <sup>15</sup>
HL-2A with auxiliary heating	From 2007 on	<b>10</b> <sup>9</sup> <b>10</b> <sup>13</sup>

![](_page_19_Picture_2.jpeg)

# **Compact liquid scintillator spectrometer**

The influence of the gas bubble inside the EJ301 detector on the response of the detector has been investigated and the best detector placement was recommended for the neutron energy measurement for the first time.

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

Sketch diagram of the three detector placing

styles PEKING UNIVERSITY

*Xufei Xie NIM A 721(2013)* 

placement styles.

22Na at three different

Comparison of the theoretical and experimental pulse height spectra of gamma-rays and neutrons. 21

# **Stilbene crystal detector**

A new method for determining the anisotropic light output in the stilbene crystal is presented, and a new compact stilbene crystal neutron spectrometer is investigated and applied for NES on EAST.

![](_page_21_Figure_2.jpeg)

Comparisons of the simulated spectra with different alpha value to the experimental spectra induced by 2.4 MeV neutrons. The inset figure shows the ratios of the centroids in the simulated spectra to the measured with lower hybrid wave injection and ion cyclotron resonance heating on the EAST tokamak

Unfolded neutron spectra and TARGET calculated spectra of 2.5 MeV neutrons (a) and 14 MeV neutrons (b). (c) and (d) are the comparisons of the reconstructed pulse height spectra with measured ones.

Xing Zhang REV SCI INSTRUM 84(2013)

# **Digital data processing techniques**

The original moment analysis technique has been modified for digital PSD in the organic scintillation detectors. The good discrimination results are achieved in different neutron/gamma-ray mixed fields.

![](_page_22_Figure_2.jpeg)

Principle of Moment Analysis of averaged neutron and gamma signals from an Am-Be neutron source

![](_page_22_Figure_4.jpeg)

Plot of projection vs Eee for Neutron and gamma-ray signals acquired from Am/Be neutron source

![](_page_22_Figure_6.jpeg)

Plot of m2 vs m2 for neutron and gamma-ray signals acquired from Am/Be neutron source

Xufei Xie et al. Rev. Sci. Instrum. 83(2012)093507

![](_page_22_Picture_10.jpeg)

# **Digital data processing techniques**

Digital Delay-Line-Shaping (DLS) method has been presented to do neutron/gamma-rays discrimination in stilbene neutron detector. The method performs well for a wide energy range, the energy threshold can be as low as 500 keV for neutrons and 180 keV for g-rays.

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

Xing Zhang NIM A 687(2012)

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# **Compact liquid scintillator spectrometer**

• Time trace of neutron signals with Sawtooth @ EAST

Shot 41973 IP= 500 kA  $P_{LHI} = 1.4 \text{ MW}$ IP(Length): 9.87s IP(Max): 505.7KA ShotNo: 41973 IT: 0A Def: 0.00VS 600.00 IPM(KA) Plasma current 300.00 0.00 226.20 ZZ9() ᠧ᠕ᡊ᠕ 112.8 -0.5 1.03 ECE02(KEV) ctron Cyclotro Emission 0.85 0.68 1.05 ECE03(KEV) Electron Cyclotron Emission 0.86 0.68 1.02 ECE04(KEV) Electron Cyclotron Emission 0.83 0.64 5332.672 5429.156 5139,704 5236,188 5525.640 5043.220 07-Jun-2012 23:56:43 Time(ms)

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### **Compact NES system @ EAST**

#### High confinement H-mode discharge over 30s driven by ICRH & LHCD

Ti= 0.9 keV (shots: 41194-41196) @ EAST

![](_page_25_Figure_3.jpeg)

# **TOFED:** design

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### TOFED (80 S2 channels) @ EAST

- TOFED = Time Of Flight Enhanced Diagnostics
- Increasing the covered solid angle of the scattered neutrons to increase the detection efficiency (1.6% for 80 S2 dectectors)
- Decreasing the geometric indetermination to improve the energy resolution (designed 6%)

Z.J. Chen, et al., **REV. SCI. INSTRUM., 85**, 11D830(2014) X. Zhang, et al., **NUCL. FUSION, 54**, 104008(2014)

# **TOFED:** design

A double-ring structure and a fully digital data acquisition system allows for a Double dynamic Energy selection in the time-of-flight/recoil proton energy space

![](_page_27_Figure_2.jpeg)

Improving the spectrometer capability to resolve fast ion signatures in the time-of-flight spectrum up to a factor ~ 100 for the first time

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X. Peng, et al. REV. SCI. INSTRUM., 85, 11E112(2014)

# **TOFED:** design

#### **Double kinematic Energy Selection Windows: GEANT4 cal. & experimental results**

![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

2.45 MeV neutron Flight time vs. the recoil proton Pulse Height in S1 for TOFED

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X. Peng, et al. REV. SCI. INSTRUM., 85, 11E112(2014) 2

## Design & simulations using Geant 4.9 & ROOT5.2 6

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

### **Double ring structure of TOFED**

![](_page_30_Picture_1.jpeg)

# Design and test of magnetic shield of PM tubes

B < 200 G @ TOFED in EAST hall

![](_page_31_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_31_Picture_3.jpeg)

# LED timing monitoring system

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

The LED with 1\*90 splitters used to determine the time alignment among TOFED detectors

![](_page_32_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_4.jpeg)

# TOF spectra of 2.5 MeV neutron beams produced by a 4.5 MV Van de Graaff accelerator at Peking University

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### **Synergized diagnostics from TOFED & SL Spectrometers**

![](_page_34_Picture_1.jpeg)

# Preliminary Results in 2017 summer campaign

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_35_Figure_2.jpeg)

# Preliminary Results in 2017 summer campaign

![](_page_36_Figure_1.jpeg)

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### Synergic diagnostics by TOFED & compact SL spectrometers

Velocity distributions of fast ions simulated by NUBEAM code The neutron spectra have been analyzed from dynamics of fusion reactions and fast ion distributions by GENESIS & MCNP codes

![](_page_37_Figure_3.jpeg)

# **TOFED & compact SL spectrometers**

Synergized diagnostics from TOFED and LS spectral measurements

![](_page_38_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_38_Figure_3.jpeg)

Comparison between calculated and measured TOF spectra by TOFED

Pulse Height spectra measured by the Liquid Scintillation spectrometer LS2

- The measured data are in reasonable agreement with the simulated data, specially for broadening width
- The different components of neutron spectra are successfully separated at EAST plasmas with NBI heating
- Fusion neutrons mainly come from beam-target reactions for these NBI heating discharges

- A whole set of diagnostic systems for EAST deuterium operation has been developed including
  - **D** Neutron Flux Monitors for neutron yield and fusion output
  - **D** Radial Neutron Camera (6 ch) for neutron emission profiles
  - Neutron activation and fluctuation diagnostics for fast time response and calibration
  - Compact neutron emission spectrometers for neutron emission spectrum measurements
  - **D** TOFED neutron time-of-flight spectrometer for fast ion physics
- The synergized diagnostics from TOFED & compact liquid scintillator spectrometers show that fusion neutrons sill mainly come from beam-target reactions during for D plasma operation with NBI heating

![](_page_40_Picture_1.jpeg)

> TOFED at EAST is the first high performance neutron spectrometer on a long pulse tokamak and it is of relevance as a step in the development of NES diagnostics after JET. [Nucl. Fusion, 54, (2014)]

HL-2M: an advanced tokamak for fusion science studies relevant to ITER physics: High beta plasma, new configurations, higher auxiliary power heating (20MW)

# TOFED @ HL-2M is under construction

![](_page_41_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_41_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_41_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

To do list (draft) toward implementation of TOFED on LHD based on discussion between NIFS and Peking University in Dec.19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

#### TOFED @ LHD, NIFS, presented by Prof. M. Isobe on 2016. 12. 20

#### General remarks

Neutron spectrometry plays an important role in energetic-particle physics in existing fusion experiments. Because of this background, NIFS is going to install TOFED-type neutron spectrometer with a help of Prof. T.S. Fan's group of Peking University (PKU). M. ISOBE (MI) and K. OGAWA (KO) will submit a budget request to NIFS in Jan. 2017 in order to start the LHD TOFED project in 2017 JFY (from April, 2017 to

![](_page_43_Picture_1.jpeg)

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Thank you for your attention!