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Validation of BOUT++ Nonlinear ELM Simulations Using Fast Measurements from DIII-D[1] M.E. FENSTERMACHER, X. XU, I. JOSEPH, M.J. LANCTOT, C.J. LASNIER, W.H. MEYER, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, B.J. TOBIAS, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, L. ZENG, University of California Los Angeles — Nonlinear edge localized mode (ELM) simulations have now been carried out with BOUT++ [1] at low experimental collisionality using a hyper-resistivity model to allow reconnection and ELM crash without formation of unphysically thin current sheets. Multiple fast diagnostic measurements of ELM dynamics are available from DIII-D [2,3] to validate these BOUT++ simulations. Using kinetic plasma and E_r profiles averaged over the last 20% of multiple ELM cycles, BOUT++ linear and nonlinear simulations of a large Type-I ELM in DIII-D were performed. Multiple synthetic diagnostics applied to the BOUT++ output (e.g. ELM energy loss, pedestal pressure drop, target heat flux, ECE imaging etc.) will be compared with fast magnetics, Thomson scattering, IRTV, ECE-I and other measurements of the ELM dynamics.

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