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Electron Temperature Fluctuations in DIII-D SOL¹ D.L. RUDAKOV, J.A. BOEDO, R.A. MOYER, UCSD, J.G. WATKINS, SNL — We present an overview of electron temperature T_e fluctuation properties in the scrapeoff layer (SOL) of low (L) and high (H) confinement discharges, over L-H transitions, and during edge localized modes. T_e fluctuations play an important role in the tokamak SOL, being responsible for the "conductive" (due to correlated fluctuations of T_e and poloidal electric field E_{θ}) part of the cross-field turbulent transport. In DIII-D, SOL T_e fluctuations are measured using a harmonic technique deployed on the midplane reciprocating probe and having a bandwidth of up to 100 kHz. Relative T_e fluctuation levels range from 0.1-0.2 inside the last closed flux surface (LCFS) to 0.3-0.5 in the SOL. T_e fluctuations tend to be roughly in phase with the electron density n_e fluctuations. "Conductive" and "convective" (due to correlated n_e and E_{θ} fluctuations) components of the cross-field turbulent heat fluxes are comparable near the LCFS, while in the far SOL the convective component tends to be larger. Most of the T_e fluctuation and heat flux spectral energy is below 50 kHz. Cross-field heat fluxes measured near the LCFS in L-mode are in reasonable agreement with the SOL power balance.

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