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Measurements of Plasma Power Losses in the C-2 Field-Reversed Configuration Experiment SERGEY KOREPANOV, ARTEM SMIRNOV, EU-SEBIO GARATE, Tri Alpha Energy, ALEXANDR DONIN, ALEXEY KON-DAKOV, SHAVKAT SINGATULIN, Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics — A highconfinement operating regime [1] with plasma lifetimes significantly exceeding past empirical scaling laws was recently obtained by combining plasma gun edge biasing and tangential Neutral Beam Injection in the C-2 field-reversed configuration (FRC) experiment [2, 3]. To analyze the power balance in C-2, two new diagnostic instruments – the pyroelectric (PE) and infrared (IR) bolometers – were developed. The PE bolometer, designed to operate in the incident power density range from 0.1 - 100 W/cm², is used to measure the radial power loss, which is dominated by charge-exchange neutrals and radiation. The IR bolometer, which measures power irradiated onto a thin metal foil inserted in the plasma, is designed for the power density range from 0.5 - 5 kW/cm². The IR bolometer is used to measure the axial power loss from the plasma near the end divertors. The maximum measurable pulse duration of ~ 10 ms is limited by the heat capacitance of the IR detector. Both detectors have time resolution of about $10-100~\mu s$ and were calibrated in absolute units using a high power neutral beam. We present the results of first direct measurements of axial and radial plasma power losses in C-2.

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