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Benchmarking finite-  $\beta$  ITG gyrokinetic simulations<sup>1</sup> A.M. DIM-ITS, W.M. NEVINS, LLNL, J. CANDY, GA, San Diego, C. HOLLAND, UCSD, N. HOWARD, MIT — We report the results of an electromagnetic gyrokineticsimulation benchmarking study based on a well-diagnosed ion-temperature-gradient (ITG)-turbulence dominated experimental plasma. We compare the 4x3 matrix of transport/transfer quantities for each plasma species; namely the (a) particle flux,  $\Gamma_a$ , (b) momentum flux,  $\Pi_a$ , (c) energy flux,  $Q_a$ , and (d) anomalous heat exchange,  $S_a$ , with each transport coefficient broken down into: (1) electrostatic ( $\delta \varphi$ ) (2) transverse electromagnetic ( $\delta A_{\parallel}$ ), and (3) compressional electromagnetic, ( $\delta B_{\parallel}$ ) contributions. We compare realization-independent quantities (correlation functions, spectral densities, etc.), which characterize the fluctuating fields from various gyrokinetic simulation codes.

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