New Frontier Science Campaign on DIII-D launched in 2017

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2. Impact of Magnetic Perturbations on Turbulence: Zonal Flow Interactions and Saturation
3. Interaction of Alfvén/whistler fluctuations and Runaway Electrons
4. Self-consistent chaos in magnetic field dynamics

These basic-plasma experiments, conducted in collaboration with the DIII-D team, were carried out during 5 shot days in FY2017. Additional days are earmarked in FY2018. Future studies with additional FSE-community members are envisioned. Opportunities exist to piggy back with DIII-D research. A proper solicitation and peer review would be appropriate going forward if this activity on DIII-D continues. Funding from U.S. DOE is gratefully acknowledged.

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