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Turbulent Ion Fluctuation Measurements in Negative Triangularity Plasmas¹ DINH TRUONG, GEORGE MCKEE, ZHENG YAN, RAYMOND FONCK, University of Wisconsin - Madison, MAX AUSTIN, University of Texas - Austin, ALESSANDRO MARINONI, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, THE DIII-D TEAM — A new detector array on the UF-CHERS (Ultra Fast CHarge Exchange Recombination Spectroscopy) diagnostic at DIII-D has resulted in significantly improved signal to noise ratio and sensitivity to ion thermal fluctuations. UF-CHERS measures local, long-wavelength Carbon density, ion temperature, and toroidal velocity fluctuations at turbulence-relevant spatiotemporal scales (1 μ s time resolution, \sim 1 cm spatial resolution which is approximately the turbulence correlation length) from emission of the CVI $n=8\rightarrow 7$ transition. UF-CHERS and BES fluctuation measurements were obtained in equivalent positive and negative triangularity (δ) discharges with an L-mode edge to compare with theoretical models of turbulence-driven transport and elucidate the mechanisms for improved confinement with negative- δ . Finite coherence is observed between UF-CHERS and co-located BES channels, demonstrating that critical multifield fluctuations such as $\langle n^*T_i \rangle$ and $\langle n^*v_{\text{tor}} \rangle$ can be measured. Initial analysis shows positive- δ has radially decreasing, low coherency between \sim 20-200 kHz for main ion density (BES) and Carbon density, ion temperature, and toroidal rotation (UF-CHERS) fluctuations.

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