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Understanding Turbulence using Active and Passive Multipoint Measurements in Laboratory Magnetospheres¹ M.E. MAUEL, M.C. ABLER, T.M. QIAN, A. SAPERSTEIN, J.R. YAN, Columbia University — In a laboratory magnetosphere, plasma is confined by a strong dipole magnet, and interchange and entropy mode turbulence² can be studied and controlled in near steady-state conditions.³ Turbulence is dominated by long wavelength modes exhibiting chaotic dynamics, intermittency, and an inverse spectral cascade. Here, we summarize recent results: (i) high-resolution measurement of the frequency-wavenumber power spectrum using Capon’s “maximum likelihood method”,⁴ and (ii) direct measurement of the nonlinear coupling of interchange/entropy modes in a turbulent plasma through driven current injection at multiple locations and frequencies.⁵ These observations well-characterize plasma turbulence over a broad band of wavelengths and frequencies. Finally, we also discuss the application of these techniques to space-based experiments and observations aimed to reveal the nature of heliospheric and magnetospheric plasma turbulence.

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