

The text outlines the research and objectives related to the impact of new wall materials on impurity transport, pedestal performance, and core-edge integration in fusion reactors. Key points include:

**1. Impurity Transport and Mitigation:**

- Investigate impurity transport in the pedestal and methods to mitigate core penetration.
- Assess compatibility with non-ELMy or suppressed ELM scenarios.
- Reduce intrinsic plasma impurities to maintain a low effective charge ( $Z_{\text{eff}}$ ) in the core.
- Explore if neoclassical impurity screening can be achieved in the pedestal.

**2. Pedestal Performance:**

- Evaluate the impact of wall materials on pedestal performance, especially under non/small ELM scenarios.
- Determine if metal contamination from large ELMs affects access to peeling-limited pedestal conditions.
- Investigate whether longer divertor legs with increased closure can mitigate operational challenges.

**3. Core-Edge Integration:**

- Demonstrate high-performance plasmas with reactor-relevant wall materials, such as high beta<sub>N</sub> steady state, high-beta-p, QH-mode, and RMP ELM suppressed H-mode.
- Ensure wall materials do not negatively impact edge pedestal or core plasmas.
- Adapt and develop high-performance scenarios using reactor-relevant walls.

**4. Material Effects:**

- Examine the impact of different wall materials (e.g., tungsten, silicon carbide) on impurity transport and retention.
- Assess the effects of ELMs and ELM mitigation on impurity transport from the divertor and first wall.
- Validate chosen wall materials for core-edge integration without compromising advanced scenarios or diagnostic measurements.

**5. Performance Boost and Reactor Relevance:**

- Provide plasma physics output and ITER/reactor scenario development with reactor-relevant wall materials.
- Investigate heating schemes that flush out impurities and enhance performance.
- Demonstrate core-edge integrated scenarios with materials that have appropriate radiation properties.

**6. Experimental and Predictive Capabilities:**

- Use DIII-D's flexibility and operational space to test and understand impurity transport, edge performance, and core-edge integration.
- Develop high fidelity modeling for extrapolation to reactors.
- Compare impurity transport and retention among different materials in various regimes.

**7. Key Deliverables:**

- Large-scale implementation of innovative materials and wall management technologies.

- Demonstration of fusion power plant (FPP) relevant core-edge solutions.
- Development of predictive capabilities for reactor-relevant plasma conditions.

Overall, the research focuses on understanding and mitigating the impact of new wall materials on plasma performance, impurity transport, and achieving high-performance, reactor-relevant scenarios in fusion devices.