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**A Bicoherence Computation Tool for Analyzing Edge
Transport Dynamics**¹

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KEE, U. Wisconsin, T.L. RHODES, LLNL, J.C. ROST, MIT — Plasma
transport barrier formation has been a primary topic of investigation in
recent years. Current theories and simulations point to the importance
of shear flows in decorrelating and regulating plasma turbulence and
transport. Recent work² also indicates that nonlinear mode coupling
between drift waves and shear flows is an important part of this pic-
ture. In particular, these theories make specific predictions for the cross-
bispectrum of these modes, which can be checked against experimental
data. In this poster we present a tool for computation of the auto- and
cross-bispectrum of data, using either FFT or wavelets. Wavelets allow
one to address the issue of intermittancy in the signal (i.e., “bursty”
transport). Initial analysis of DIII-D and CCT data has been under-
taken using this tool, and the results will be compared with theory.

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