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Imaging of Boundary Plasma Displacements During RMPs in DIII-D,* R.A. Moyer, D.M. Orlov, *UCSD*; T.E. Evans, N. Ferraro, J. King, T. Strait, C. Paz-Soldan, *GA*; A. Wingen, *ORNL*; R. Nazikian, B. Grierson, *PPPL*; L. Zeng, *UCLA* – Visible imaging is used to measure the boundary displacement due to $n = 2$ and $n = 3$ RMPs in H-mode plasmas in DIII-D. Displacements ~ 2 cm on the outer midplane are measured in LSN H-modes using active imaging of Doppler shifted deuterium beam emission with $n = 2$ RMPs rotating in the co-current direction [1] where the kink response is expected to be maximized. In contrast, displacements due to static $n = 3$ RMPs are ~ 4 mm in similar LSN H-modes, with no measurable change when the $n = 3$ RMP phase is “flipped” by 60° toroidally. Plasma shape is also found to have a strong effect on the plasma response: $n = 3$ RMPs in Double Null Divertor plasmas are ~ 2 mm, 10x smaller than the displacements in similar LSN plasmas, consistent with magnetics measurements. We will compare boundary displacements measured with active beam emission and passive C III imaging to separatrix manifold displacements and kink response in plasma response models.

[1] R.A. Moyer, et al., Nucl. Fusion **52** 123019 (2012)

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