

FreeGS November 2020 Update Documentation

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1 General New Features

- Several new general-use features have been added to equilibrium.py.
- None of the following require input arguments. E.g to print a result: `print(eq.AveragePlasmaPressure())`.
- To call one of these functions within equilibrium.py you'd simply use: `self.plasmaArea() + self.AveragePlasmaPressure()`, as an example where you are adding the plasma area to the average plasma pressure.
- A function `plasmaArea()`, which operates very similarly to the already existing `plasmaVolume()`, has been added.
- A function `AveragePlasmaPressure()` has been added.
- `plasmaW()`, which calculates the internal energy (the plasma W), has been added.

2 New Functions for ITER-Like Tokamaks

- In addition to the above changes, several other functions have been added, but for the time being **these are tailored to ITER-like tokamaks operating in H-mode**.
- However, **this can be changed by changing the front factor of `AverageElDensity()` and the scaling parameters of `tauE_Coeffs`**.
- These functions also do not require input arguments, and can be called like those in the previous section.
- The following functions calculate average densities: `AverageElDensity()`; `AverageDT_IonDensities()` (returns a matrix with the two densities); `AverageImpurityDensity()`; `AverageTotDensity()`.
- `ElDensityRatio()` calculates the electron peak-to-average density ratio.

- Working from those functions, the following calculate the peak densities: `PeakElDensity()`; `PeakDT_IonDensities()` (returns a matrix with the two values); `PeakImpurityDensity()`; `PeakTotDensity()`.
- `AverageTemperature()` calculates the average particle temperature, by using the ideal gas law considering all particles.
- The function `PowerL()` calculates the loss power of the plasma.
- The function `tauE()` calculates the confinement time.
- The function `tauE_Coeffs` is required for `PowerL()` and `tauE()` to run.
- By default, `AverageElDensity()` uses 300 npoints (i.e, 300 points on the plasma's outer edge) when it calls on the `minorRadius` function, but this can be changed as appropriate. As a guide, with `npoints = 20` the results were observed to diverge at the second significant figure.

3 Additional Changes to the Code

- Some bugs in the last update to `equilibrium.py` have been patched.
- In this endeavour, changes have been made to the following functions: the three `internalInductance` functions, `poloidalBeta2()`, `intersectsWall()`, and `effectiveElongation()`.
- `effectiveElongation()`, which calculates the elongation of the plasma using its volume, does not require inner and outer wall positions as input arguments anymore.