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Experimental validation of atomic data for motional Stark effect diagnostics

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Scope of the project

Experimental validation of atomic data for motional Stark effect diagnostics

- High-precision measurements of beam-emission spectra from KSTAR discharges
- Development of a spectra analysis tool with a modulated interface for atomic data





Calculated spectra are not always reproduce experimental observations.

... especially, when we are dealing with polarized light.









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How the known pitch angles help the code validation?

Using ADAS for I_{\perp} 's can reduce the systematic error

2 ~ 3 % of systematic error can be reduced over the range of typical MST operating conditions, when compared with the analytic model* which tends to overestimate |B|.

*W. Mandl et al. Plasma Phys. Controlled Fusion 35, 1373 (1993) Ko et al, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 83, 10D513 (2012)

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- Operational since 2015
- Conventional polarimetric (photo-elastic modulation) method
- 25 channels with radial resolutions < 2 cm with ~ 10 msec interval
- Most of the systematic errors (Faraday, mirror reflections, geometric projections) have been calibrated.

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• Filter tuning: 0.2 - 0.4 nm red-shift from +3pi

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- Quantitative analysis on lpf, cpf etc enables precise determination of the optimized amount of filter offset.
- Recently, this calibration has been performed from beam-into-gas injection tests (independent of the regular plasma run time).

Direct derivation of q from pitch angle – q0 correlated with sawtooth events

$$q = -\frac{\kappa a^2}{2R_0(R_X - R_0)\tan\gamma} \left\{ \left[1 - \frac{4(R_X - R_0)}{a^2}(R - R_X) \right]^{-1/2} - 1 \right\}$$
$$q_0 = -\frac{\kappa}{R_X} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial R} \tan\gamma \right)_{R=R_X}^{-1}$$

R. Giannella et al, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 75 (2004) 4247-4250 C. Petty et al, Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 47 (2005) 1077-1100

- q₀ evolving around 1
- q₀ < 1 occurs before the sawtooth crash (confirming the internal kink) and the current build-up (q₀ > 1) is slow after the crash.

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Time line for work plan

Year 1 (2017)

- Construction of self-calibrated high-precision ($\Delta\lambda \leq$ 0.05 nm) spectral diagnostic
- Development of a single-ion-source-injection fitting routine and interface for existing atomic data and modeling packages (such as NOMAD, ADAS etc)

Year 2 (2018)

- Introduction of the polarization-distortion effects to the spectral analysis suite
- Systematic comparison with the PEM-base MSE

Year 3 (2019)

- Evaluation and assessment of the atomic data used in the spectral analyses
- Optimization of the spectral analysis suite for ITER application

