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Plasma Boundary Diagnostics in ITER

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Diagnostics are key part of tokamak research

They provide the realitycheck for our physics understanding



In this lecture:

Introduction to ITER Diagnostics

From the boundary physics and first-wall point of view, what measurements are required?

Why are these important?

How are these measurements made?

What are the unique problems faced in ITER in comparison to previous tokamaks?

3 levels of diagnostic ports



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In-Vessel Distributed Diagnostics



Ex-Vessel Distributed Diagnostics





Divertor Diagnostics (electrical)





Divertor Diagnostics (optical)























Diagnostic Locations: Divertor Cassettes





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Diagnostic Locations: Lower Ports



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Diagnostic Locations: Equatorial Port Plugs



Diagnostic Locations: Upper Port Plugs







ITER is different from previous devices - Issues

Issue	Solution
Diagnostic penetrations must not allow the "leakage" of radiation (neutrons, gammas).	Provide ~0.5 m of stainless steel and water shielding
	Provide optical labyrinth paths
Diagnostics must endure steady-state surface (plasma radiation) and volumetric (neutrons, gammas) heat loads.	Provide sufficient water cooling
Optical diagnostics must forgo the use of transmission lenses and fibres close to the plasma because of darkening.	Use metal mirrors and lenses
Large amounts of erosion/redeposition will rapidly coat and degrade forward mirrors.	Use fast shutters, hot mirrors, in situ mirror cleaning and replacement



Radiation Shielding and Optical Labyrinth

Upper Port Plug

Metal mirrors and lenses





Neutron Flux Contours

Vis/IR Camera Model



Test Mirrors Exposed in JET – equivalent to 8 ITER pulses

Outer Wall Molybdenum Mirrors



0 cm

1.5 cm



1.5 cm



3 cm



Inner Divertor, Stainless Steel Mirrors Base Outer Outer Outer Outer Outer



What measurements are required?



To protect the machine and to increase our understanding we need to measure:

•Plasma conditions (ne, Te) Neutral fuel and ash densities •Fuel and Impurity Fluxes Impurity densities and temperatures

•Spatially-resolved profiles

Measurements focus on,

•the SOL/boundary plasma in the

the divertor plasma (2D)

+ first-wall measurements (heat flux)



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Fenstermacher - DIII-D

Partially detached conditions



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Remainder of this lecture we will cover,

Langmuir Probes Thomson Scattering Bolometers Spectroscopy Interferometry Reflectometry IR Thermography Ionization Gauges Residual Gas Analyzers Thermocouples

Focussing on their use in diagnosing the plasma boundary and first-wall



Langmuir Probes

The first diagnostic in plasma physics (1920's)

The simplest....simply a wire inserted in the plasma!

Interpretation in unmagnetized plasma is straightforward

In magnetized plasma interpretation is sometimes not so simple.

See Stangeby's book.



Pitcher 1987

Langmuir Probes



ITER Divertor Plate Langmuir Probes

- Measurement of plasma parameters at divertor target lon flux 10²⁰-10²⁴ m⁻²s⁻¹ T_e at target 1-300eV n_e at target 10¹⁸-10²¹ m⁻³ Response time: 1 ms
- Indicate plasma state (eg. detachment)
- Measure of strike point position





ITER Divertor Langmuir Probes



Thomson Scattering

Re-radiation (scattering) of intense light by free electrons

The wavelength of the scattered light is shifted because the electron is moving, i.e. the scattered ligh is Doppler shifted

The scattered light has a wavelength distribution which depends on the velocity distribution of the free electrons.....can be related to Te, the amount of scattered light is proportional to ne

The efficiency of scattering is VERY low, requiring very intense lasers, i.e. Ps/P0 ~10-15

Because the wavelength of the scattered light is close to the laser wavelength extremely good rejection of incident laser beam and stray light is required.

Good light baffles, beam dumps, interference filters, spectrometers







$$P_{s} = P_{0} \frac{d\sigma_{T}}{d\Omega} \sin^{2}(\varphi) n_{e} \Delta L \Omega S(k, \omega) ,$$

Assuming a Maxwellian (non-relativistic),

$$S(\lambda_{s}) = \frac{1}{\Delta \lambda_{e} \sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{\lambda_{s} - \lambda_{0}}{\Delta \lambda_{e}}\right)^{2}\right] ,$$

where

$$k_{B} = \text{Boltzmann constant}$$

$$\lambda_{0} = \text{wavelength of the incident radiation}$$

$$\Delta \lambda_{e} (\text{nm}) = 1.94 \sqrt{T_{e} (\text{eV})}$$

Ruby laser 694.3 nm
**Ruby laser 694.3 nm
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Relativistic effects > 1 keV

Main chamber boundary: $T_e = 1 \text{ keV}$ $\Delta\lambda = 61 \text{ nm}$

Divertor: $T_e = 10 eV \Delta \lambda = 6.1 nm$

Thomson Scattering: Divertor & x-point

- Measurement along outer divertor leg T_e at target 1-200eV n_e at target 10¹⁹-10²² m⁻³
- Measurement through x-point
 n_e profile near x-point 5x10¹⁸-3x10²⁰ m⁻³
 T_e profile near x-point 10ev-3keV



- Multipoint Thomson
- Uses gap between divertor cassettes
- Laser path stearable for minor path adjustment
- LIDAR Thomson
- Requires a cutout in blanket module above divertor



JA-Edge TS - Midplane Outline View



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Bolometers

To measure radiated power





Deconvolving complicated radiation patterns with arrays of bolometers

ASDEX-Upgrade



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6 **Complications Toroidal asymmetries** High level of radiated power in the divertor ₂ **Electrical noise** z [m] **Sparse data Neutral particles** Gas in the bolometers **Deposition/dust inside the bolometer** Radiation (n, gamma) effects





H. Meister

Port 8

Port 10

Port 16





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Head loading due to neutrons and gammas



H. Meister

UV and Visible Spectroscopy

Wavelength range: 200 nm to 1000 nm

Spectrometers (1D distributions) – good spectral resolution

Cameras + Interference Filters (2D distributions) – poor spectral resolution

Neutral and low ionization states >>> essentially influx measurements, not density measurements

2D images are essential for machine protection, i.e. points of intense plasma-wall interaction are easily identified



Low Ionization Stages

Spectroscopic Notation/Ion stage						
Bel	BII	BIII	BelV	fully- stripped		
Be	➡ Be⁺		Be⁺³ ■	Be ⁺⁴		

Are not in equilibrium with the plasma, i.e. electron ionization is not balanced by recombination

Recombination partly in the volume but mostly on surfaces.



Measured species and why they are important

D, T	Recycling and fuelling location, ionization source in the boundary
Не	Fusion ash fluxes, in comparison with D,T is related to gas compression in the divertor
Be, C, W	primary plasma-facing components, dominant source of radiated power, transport influences erosion/ redeposition, dust and tritium retention
0	indicative of recent air/water leaks
N, Ne, Ar	may be added on purpose as a radiator
Fe, Ni, Cr, Cu	may indicate a failure of a PFC
Molecular bands (e.g. CD, CT)	evidence of chemical erosion of graphite



Typical visible spectra



Pitcher DITE 1985





Partially detached conditions in DIII-D

At low temperatures (< 1 eV) volume recombination becomes important, e.g. in cold divertors.

In this case simple interpretation using photon efficiencies is not possible.

A high value of $H\chi$ compared with $H\alpha$ is indicative of recombination





Divertor Impurity Monitor



- Visible & UV light
- Divertor in flux of D &T, and D/T ratio
- Influx of impurities into divertor: Be, C, Cu impurities

Divertor Impurity Monitor

 Includes viewing from divertor dome, as well as from equatorial and upper ports





Divertor VUV

Eq. Port Plug



- W lines near 25nm
- Extention of vacuum



Charge-Exchange Recombination Spectroscopy

Once fully stripped low-Z impurities are nearly invisible

CXRS makes them visible by passing an electron to the ion

Allows both n_{imp} and T_i measurements

$$H^0 + A^Z \longrightarrow H^+ + A^{Z-1*}$$

- Advantages:
 - Provides localized measurements via 'crossed beams' geometry.
 - Improves background rejection using beam modulation, detector gating.



DM. Thomas et al., <u>Fusion Science</u> <u>and Technology</u>, vol <u>53</u>, 487 (2008)



ITER Edge CXRS



Divertor Inteferometry

Change in phase of laser beam passing through a plasma,



Typically, λ is 10 μ m to 1 mm.

<u>Two-Colour System</u>: To deal with vibrations and thermal expansion two coincident lasers are used at different wavelengths, e.g. 9.3 μ m and 10.6 μ m, or 48 μ m and 57 μ m. Phase shift due to plasma is proportional to λ , while that due to vibrations is proportional to 1/ λ . This allows shift due to plasma and mechanical shift to be separated.

Divertor Interferometer

- Measures divertor line integrated density along several chords
- Requirement 10¹⁹-10²² m⁻³, 1ms, 5cm spatial resolution along leg
- Determine position of ionization front





Divertor Interferometer



- Wave guide scheme vs. free propagation
- Work in 20mm gap between adjacent divertor cassettes
- Cube Corner Retroreflector
- Thermal expansion, machine movement, alignment system with feedback
- Optimum wavelength 10.6um (beam size)

Reflectometry

An alternative to interferometry is reflectometry.

Microwave radiation is launched up the density gradient and reflected at the critical frequency ω_{c}

Waves can propagate by two modes: ordinary mode (E parallel to B) and extraordinary mode (E field perpendicular to B)

In the case of the ordinary mode total reflection occurs when:

Total phase delay of an ordinary mode wave during propagation in the plasma and reflection at the cut-off layer is →

where,

 $\begin{array}{ll} R_{ant} & \mbox{the antenna radius} \\ R_c & \mbox{is the reflecting radius} \\ \mu(R) & \mbox{the refractive index for O-mode} \end{array}$

where the integral is along the major radius,
$$R$$
, and

$$\mu(R) = \left(1 - \frac{\omega_{\rm pe}^2(R)}{\omega^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

Plasma
Path to plasma
Source,
$$\omega$$

Reference path
 $n_e = n_c$
Detector

en:
mcy >>
$$\omega = \omega_{pe}$$

 $\omega_{pe} = \left(\frac{n_c e^2}{\varepsilon_0 m_e}\right)^{1/2}$

$$\phi = 2\frac{\omega}{c} \int_{R_c}^{R_{\text{ant}}} \mu(R) \, \mathrm{d}R - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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Development of profile reflectometer on JET



- KG8a system: installed Feb. 2007 by IST & JOC
- 1 swept frequency band (50-70 GHz)
- Promising results, but limited access (B_T = 2.4T)
- Data acquisition also limited (∆t = 2s)
- Some hardware improvements still to be implemented





Edge Reflectometry in ITER

O-mode, 3 bands, 15 – 60 GHz

O-mode plasma position	15 – 60 GHz	3 bands: K, Ka, U
LFS O-mode profile	15 – 60 GHz+	3 bands as above
LFS O-mode profile	40 – 160 GHz	4 bands: U, E, F or W, D
LFS Xu-mode profile	76 – 180GHz	2(or 3) bands: W, D, (G)
HFS XI-mode profile	8 – 78 GHz	3-5 bands: (X), K, Ka, U, (V/E)
HFS O-mode profile	15 – 127 GHz	5-6 bands: K, Ka, U, E, F



ITER reflectometer waveguide overview







Infra-Red Thermography

Has both a machine protection function and physics function

Heat flux related to incident plasma conditions

Fast cameras can follow ELMs

Need to cover large fraction of inside of the vessel, 80% appears feasible

Measures black-body radiation, 3 um to 12 um, depending on detector

< 3 um can be influenced by molecular band emission







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ITER Main Chamber IR Thermography view from equatorial ports





Main Chamber IR Thermography view from upper ports

IRTV system uses 6 locations to provide 360 degrees coverage on ITER divertor



Upper Vis/IR Views – downward and toroidal





Main Chamber IR Thermography

- ITER requirements: ~ full coverage, 3mm resolution at divertor
- Main chamber systems offer ~ 35 mm spatial resolution of divertor



Divertor IR Thermography



- Light from different points on target relayed to spectrometer
- Fiber optics or mirrors being considered for relaying light in vessel out from the cassette
- Implemented in central part of cassette

Toroidal gaps in dome PFC allow view of strike



Ionization Gauges

- Upper limit of ASDEX gauge pressure range 10 Pa, could be extended to 15Pa with some effort
- Gauges developed to extend range to 20 Pa.
- Uses thermionic emission from a hot filament: lifetime issue
- Also envisaged/considered for main chamber pressure measurement

Pressure Gauges

- Measure neutral pressure in the divertor
- Range: 10⁻⁴ -20 Pa
- Response time: 50 ms

- Locate gauges in volume between PFC & cassette body
- Electrical connection made through remote handled plugs & sockets
- Aperture in gauge housing samples incident flux



Ionization gauge



Residual Gas Analyzers

RGAs are used during plasma operation to analyze the composition of the divertor gases, e.g. H, D, T, He, Ne, Ar, H2O, hydrocarbons, etc

Like an ionization gauge, but with charge to mass resolution

Most common instrument is a quadrupole analyzer, commercially available

Often problems with coincident masses, e.g. D2 and He, mass 4





Residual Gas Analyser

- Sample gas through limiting orifice
- QMS gives charge to mass discrimination
- Penning discharge spectroscopy proposed for He/ D discrimination
- ~1 sec time response due to length of sample pipe
- Similar system sampling main chamber envisaged
- Measure composition of exhaust gas gaseous erosion products helium exhaust rate D/T ratio
- Divertor Neutral gas pressure ~1-20 Pa

Limiting orifice



Residual Gas Analyser




Summary

- ITER is a challenging machine to diagnose
 - Neutron and gamma radiation implications on shielding, cooling and optics
 - Erosion/redeposition >> mirror problem
- 1D distributions in the SOL, 2D in the divertor
- Several diagnostics are still at the pre-conceptual level. Significant R&D and design still required!
- A large amount of detailed design still ahead of us.
- We are starting now to be ready for first plasma in 2018, with probably 20 years of plasma operation to follow
- Close to 30 years of interesting diagnostic engineering and tokamak
 physics ahead of us!!



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