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Forward modelling for the design and analysis of polarisation imaging diagnostics.

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- Simple 'ideal π phase shift' for dielectric mirror.
- Later with measured spectro-polarisation transfer properties of mirror.







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- 5) Mechanical angles/positions
 - Angle/position of camera Measured with uncertainties
 - Small inaccuracies in lens/mirror positions fitted...







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Correctly predicts beam emission intensity axis:







- Final prediction entirely without calibration

















Forward Model















- Final prediction entirely without calibration within ~0.7° of measurement.
- Remaining uncertainties only affect offset.
- $d\theta/dr$ most important well modelled.







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- Different beam geometries also approximately predicted
 - --> Confirmation of geometric effects, variation over image etc.













































FusionOptics Ray Tracer - Aspherics

Many optimisation algorithms available (Hooke & Jeeves, Genetic Algorithms, ...), so easy to optimise any parameters to any cost function. e.g:

- Auto-focus (moving elements).
- Determining unknown lens properties (e.g. refractive indices) by fitting measured image.
- Aspheric surface optimisation for aberration control.







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FusionOptics Ray Tracer - In place design

Has now been used for optical design/analysis of various systems at IPP:

- Permanent IMSE at ASDEX Upgrade:





- Complex multi-component system, fully maintaining polarisation and image quality.
 - 3 Spheric lenses, 2 Aspheric, 2 compound objectives.
 - 3 dielectric mirrors







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Fit model alignment from backlighting:





200

150

100

50



ITER Flow Monitor

Optical relay

ITER 'Flow Monitor'

- Coherence imaging system for SOL impurity/bulk flow.
- Use polarisation to discriminate reflections.
- Several other measurements simultaneously.



0 20 80 100 120 140 16/23 40 60 X pixels





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General:

- Fitting of known image points and vignetting/limit circles constrains many unknowns such that polarisation state is well predicted.
- Coupling of 3D ray-tracing and CAD allows easy simultaneous convergence of optic and mechanical design.
- Very complex optical chains can be handled without too much difficulty (e.g. most optical ITER diangnostics)
- Small polarisation effects ($\sim 0.1^{\circ}$) are numerous, but can be modelled.
- Particular relevance for ITER Flow Monitor (coherence imaging / divertor viewing).





Fusion Frontiers and Interfaces, 2019 Improved measurements and analysis of the current profile in tokamak Fusion plasmas



PEMs-based

MSE

Comparison IMSE to PEMs

20-

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Sawteeth - Magnetic Reconnection



- Sawtooth changes are very small need good statistics.
- Average over Z near axis
- Synchronous average over many sawteeth in time.



¹⁹/^M/₂easurements every ~3cm (resolution):

 $\Delta(d\theta/dR) \sim 0.7^{\circ}m^{-1} \quad --> \quad \Delta\theta \pm 0.02^{\circ} \text{ required for } \Delta R=3cm$



Integrated Equilibrium vs IMSE - Sawteeth

Required precision is so high, many other factors become important:

Plasma radial electric field:

 $E = v \times B + E_r$

At some locations, ΔE_r during sawtooth dominates measurement:



Shafranov shift:

Movement of plasma axis with pressure. (including redistribution of fast-ions from neutral beam)

> data 0









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Required precision is so high, many other factors become important:

but...

we now have good agreement between full integrated model and IMSE measurements for sawtooth evolution in θ .



- This is where we are - 'the state of the art ... science' What next?







The return of the Magic Number

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The crystal parallelism isn't enough to explain all of the magic number. E.g. United Crystals plate A has < 60° and is very flat in the middle (< 5° variation). That should give a constrast of > 98%, but the measured constrast is always below 90%.



So, there is more to the story....

Using a big sphere to light all of the CCD/lens and looking at the full 16mm CCD shows a consistent pattern:

