Characterization of argon impurity transport and measurement of toroidal plasma rotation using spectroscopic techniques in Aditya-U Ohmic plasma



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 - Aditya-U tokamak good candidate for the above studies.
- Development of tangential X-ray Crystal Spectrometer (XCS)
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 - Spectrometer parameters design and fabrication of the system
 - Testing of the entire system in lab and alignment
- Characterization of argon impurity transport in ohmic discharges
 - Turbulent transport behaviour of argon
 - Input XCS
- Results of plasma rotation in ohmic discharges
 - Rotation direction, rotation reversal, isotopic effect on rotation
 - Input for XCS
- Summary

Importance of plasma rotation in a Tokamak

A fusion relevant tokamak plasma must fulfill:

- High energy and particle confinement (Lawson criterion).
- The confinement must also be stable. (Instability control).
- Impurity optimization.

A fast rotating plasma helps in achieving the above through...



The tokamak: most advanced toroidal confinement system





PC: https://pure.tue.nl/ws/files/2338508/200612332.pdf, Shawn Zamperini, UT-Knoxville.

How a large plasma rotation can be driven?

(slow flows

Distance from inner target (m)

Fast flows

facilitate

Impurity

Removal

Importance of plasma rotation in a Tokamak



The original and most studied external rotation drive method is from Neutral Beam Injection

Limitations of NBI:

- large machine sizes,
- high densities and
- the limitations of beam current

may limit usage of this drive mechanism in future reactor-grade devices

Intrinsic (spontaneous) plasma rotation without external momentum input will be beneficial for achieving more economical reactor operation

Intrinsic plasma rotation has been widely observed in tokamaks

- ✓ However, the Intrinsic (spontaneous) plasma rotation are not well understood
- ✓ Reliable models are under development for predicting intrinsic rotation in large fusion devices
- ✓ LOC-SOC plasmas show rich phenomenology and will be useful to asses
 - Mechanisms of rotation reversal
 - Effect of turbulence on rotations
 - MHD effect
 - Coupling of core-edge physics

Why study impurity transport in tokamak?

Efficient fusion reactors should have clean plasma: We do not want Impurities!

Because:

Radiate energy (energy confinement time $\tau_e\downarrow$)

Impurity accumulation in the core Dilute the fuel (N↓)

At the same time: We do want Impurities! Because:

To radiate energy at plasma periphery to reduce the heat flux on PFCs

Impurity (Nitrogen etc.) seeding helps in confinement improvement

Impurities (Ar, Ne etc.) required for Diagnostics

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Hence knowledge of impurity behaviour in tokamak is essential!

- How the seeded or wall and PFC generated impurity transport to tokamak interior?
- In case of seeding and diagnostic, the appropriate injection quantities?
- How they affect the plasma rotation?
- How their transport depend on their charge and mass? etc.

No single model describes the behaviour of all relevant impurities



Rotation and Impurity studies in Aditya-U Tokamak

Machine and	Plasma Parameters	Limiter Materia
Major radius (R)	0.75 m	Graphite
Minor radius (a)	0.25 m	Poloidal
Plasma Shape	Circular / Shaped	Limiter
Toroidal Field	1.1 - 1.5 T	
Plasma Current	200 kA ±10 %	Limiter
Plasma Duration	~ 0.2 - 0.4 s	Representative Discharge
Electron Density (CA)	1.0 - 4.0 x 10 ¹⁹ m ⁻³ ±10%	
Electron Temp.	250 eV – 700 eV ± 30%	$ = H_{\alpha}^{D} $ $ = H_{\alpha}^{D} $ $ = H_{\alpha}^{D} $ $ = Gas pulses (a.u.) $ $ = Gas pulses (a.u.) $ $ = Gas pulses (a.u.) $
Ion Temp.	~ 150 eV	XS S XS S XS S XS XS XS XS XS XS XS XS X
Fuel Gas	H_2 and D_2	€ [°] 5 ⁰ 10
Impurities	O, C, Li, He, Ne, Ar, Fe	€ 0 50 100 150 200 250 3 Time (ms)

In this presentation: Results from Circular Plasmas with Toroidal Limiter Only

Rotation and Impurity studies in Aditya-U Tokamak



Discharges in LOC – SOC Regimes



simultaneous observation of Ar¹⁶⁺ (Xray) and C⁵⁺ (Visible CX) possible from plasma core



In this presentation: Results from Circular Plasmas with Toroidal Limiter Only

Development of Tangential X-ray Crystal Spectrometer (XCS) to measure toroidal rotation and ion temperature in ADITYA-U

- First XCS on Indian tokamaks
- Designed, fabricated and installed from scratch
- A great learning experience

Typical XCS schematic used in Tokamak



Major Considerations

- For single chord measurement

Cylindrical Crystal

• Crystal radius of curvature (R_c) = diameter of the Rowland circle

Choice of Crystal

• Ar or Ne line emission

Factors affecting resolving power of XCS

- Crystal rocking curve
- Johann error
- pixel width of detector
- Arrangement of the detector plane

Crystal Parameters

- Crystal size –length (l_c) , height (h_c)
- 2d spacing, R_c , Bragg angle (θ_b)

Line of sight

 Angle between LoS and Magnetic axis



Selection of line emission $n_e(\rho)$ $T_e(\rho)$ S Т Tokamak Geometry Α $n_{z,i}(r)$ R D(r)Н v(r)Impurity Source rate 1.0 1.0 Fractional_abundance Ne Ne⁸ 0.8 0.8 0.6 0.6 0.4 0.4 0.2 0.2 0.0 0.0

Estimating emissivity of He-like neon and He-like argon from coronal equilibrium using STRAHL code

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon_{z,i,j}(r) &= n_{z,i} \left(r \right) * n_e \ \left(r \right) * \textit{PEC}_{z,i,j} \ \left(r \right) \\ (\text{PEC from ADAS}) \\ n_{z,i} \left(r \right) &= \text{fractional abundance} * \% \text{ of impurity } * \\ n_e(\mathbf{r}) \end{split}$$



Both He-like neon and He-like argon are possible

Choice of Crystal

He like Ne, *Ne*⁸⁺ at 13.4474 Å Suitable crystals:

- Mica (200), 2d spacing:19.84 Å, θ_b~42°
 - natural crystalimperfections
 - Poor resolving power
 (λ/Δλ)~1800 Not available
- TIAP (100), 2d spacing: 25.9 Å,θ_b~31°
 - Engineering limitation due to θ_b
- KAP (100), 2d spacing: 26.63
 Å, θ_b~30°
 - Engineering limitation due to θ_h

He like Ar, Ar^{16+} at 3.9494 Å Suitable crystal:

- 1. Quartz (11 $\overline{2}$ 0), 2d spacing:
- **4.913** Å, θ_b~53.5°
 - Extensively used, high (λ/Δλ)
 - Engineering limitation due to θ_b
- 2. Silicon (111), 2d spacing: 6.271 Å,
 - Selected for study
 - Bragg angle:
 - θ_{b,w} = 39.03° for w line at 3.9494Å
 - θ_{b,z} =39.56° for z line at
 3.9944 Å

He-like Argon is chosen!

X-RAY DATA BOOKLET- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720

Silicon (111), 2d spacing: 6.271 Å, $\theta_b \sim 39^\circ$ is selected for the

measurements



Johann error further limits the resolution

R due to	Δθ	$rac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda}$	Min. measurable Temp	Number of pixels on CCD (500 eV corresponds to ~ 6 pixels)
Rocking curve	$\Delta \theta =$ 0.101mrad (XOP code)	~7000	~130 eV	~3 pixels
Johann error	$\Delta \theta = \frac{\Delta x_j}{R_c \sin \theta}$	~2700	~ 921 eV	~8 pixels
$\Delta x_j = \frac{l_c^2 \cos \theta}{8R_c} = 172 \mu m$	=3.017x 10 ⁻⁺	~ 4800	~280 eV (masking the crystal: <i>l_c</i> = 30 mm)	~4 pixels
Pixel width $\Delta x_p = 20 \ \mu m$; since $\Delta x_p << \Delta x_j$ hence error due to pixel width neglected				
The reciprocal Linear Dispersion: 0.170 mÅ / pixel (with $R_c = 0.9$ m)This corresponds to velocity resolution ~ 29 km/s per pixel shift $\left[v = \frac{\Delta \lambda_{shift} * c}{\lambda \cos \theta} \right]$ 14				

XCS for ADITYA-U: Final Design Parameters

Silicon (111) crystal parameters		CCD parameters – PIXIS-XO 400B	
2d spacing	6.271 Å	Overall size	26.8 mm x 8 mm
Crystal radius of	0.9 m	pixels	1340 x 400
curvature R _c		pixel size	20 x 20 µm ²
Length (l_c)	40 mm	Max. Readout rate	2 MHz/pixel
height (h_c)	50 mm	Readout time	1 ms
Bragg angle $\theta_{b,avg}$	39.3°	Typical time resolution	10 - 20 ms

Instrument parameters		
Crystal to plasma distance (L_{cp})	1.47 m	
Crystal to detector distance (L_{cd})	0.57 m	
Demagnification of plasma on detector	0.38	
Observable core plasma size (length x height)	70 x 21 (<i>mm</i> ²)	
Linear dispersion	8.512 mÅ/mm	
Resolution on CCD	0.172 mÅ/pixel	
Wavelength coverage on CCD	230 mÅ	
Tangential angle for rotation measurement	26° 1	





Side view



- L_{cp} (Crystal to plasma distance) = 1.47 m
- L_{cd} : Crystal to detector distance = 0.57 m
- Observable plasma area
 ~ 7 cm (l) x 2 cm (h)
- Maximum Tangential injection = 26° (~ 44%measurable component of v_{tor})

Assembly and Testing



Assembled XCS in Lab





Flange with Be foil

- Leak testing of all system components: Leak rate achieved: ~ 10^-8 mbar l/s No welding joint issues- critical for UHV
- 2) Baking test of the main beam line Baked at ~ 165 °C
- 3) Beryllium foil holder

(50 µm thickness, 50 mm diameter) Tested for differential pressures



System on Machine: First Results soon.....

- For realising the velocity and temperatures measurements with XCS using Ar^{16+ ----} Few questions still remained to be answered:
- Is Ar¹⁶⁺ available in sufficient quantity in ADITYA-U core?
- How much quantity of Ar needs to puffed?
- How the Ar transport to ADITYA-U core?
- Does ADITYA-U core-plasma rotate toroidally with sufficient velocity?
- Can the core-plasma rotation be measured with another diagnostics and used for calibrating the crystal spectrometer?

Earlier calculations based on assumed quantities



Scarce Literature on Ar transport

Plasma rotation measurements and Argon impurity transport studies in Ohmic discharges of ADITYA-U using passive spectroscopy

- Answers above questions regarding XCS
- Increases the knowledge base of Ar impurity transport in tokamaks
- Increases the knowledge base on plasma rotation

Set-up: Passive Visible Spectroscopy in ADITYA-U

Collection Optics: Light collection from Tokamak



Seven LoSs covering the entire plasma radius



Two Spectrometer- CCD systems

Focal Length: 1 m / 0.5 m F-number: *f/8.7 / f/*15 Grating: 1800 / 600 grooves/mm CCD: 2048 x 512 pixels (13.5 µm) / 1024 x 256 pixels (26 µm) Dispersion: 0.00749 / 0.0433 nm / pixel

Instrumental function



Relative intensity



Wavelength Calibration

- (1) Pen-ray sources
- (2) Perpendicular view measurements
- (3) Parallel View measurements from both sides



Intensity Calibration

Using Lab-sphere and white-light source CSTM-URS-600



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Passive Visible Spectroscopy in ADITYA-U

Argon Transport studies using Spectral Line intensities



Radial Brightness profile is converted into radial Emissivity profile using Abel-like Matrix inversion technique

(R. Bell, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 66 (1) January 1995)



Toroidal rotation velocity is estimated using Doppler shift measurements

Spectral emission of passive charge exchange line, C⁵⁺ at 529.05 nm (n 8 \rightarrow 7)



$$v = \frac{\Delta \lambda_{shift} * c}{\lambda \cos \theta}$$

Velocity resolution: 4.27 km/s per pixel shift

Radial profile of Toroidal rotation (v_{tor}) profile obtained by inverting the chord-averaged velocity measurements (Shi et al. Rev. Sci. Instrum. 83, 10D717 (2012)) ₂₀

Set-up: VUV Spectroscopy in ADITYA-U



Three Gratings: 290, 450, 2105 grooves/mm

Wavelength range:

- Grating 290 : 15 < λ < 170 nm
- Grating 450 : 10 < λ < 110 nm
- <u>Grating 2105 : 9.5 < λ < 32 nm</u>

Entrance slit: 10-250 μm , (<u>30 μm for present</u> study)

Reciprocal linear dispersion respectively: 0.122 nm/pixel / 0.0813 nm/pixel / 0.020 nm/pixel

CCD: 1340/255 pixels and Pixel size: 20 μm

Used for Measurement of Ar^{13+} and Ar^{14+} VUV line emissions



Observed Ar^{13+} and Ar^{14+} transitions Ar^{13+} at 18.796 nm (2s²2p ²P_{1.5} - 2s2p² ²P_{1.5}) Ar^{14+} at 22.115 nm (1s²2s² ¹S₀ - 1s²2s2p ¹P₁)

Line integrated measurements Experimental Ratio of the brightness of the Lines:

$$\frac{I_{Ar^{13+}}}{I_{Ar^{14+}}}$$

used for estimating the radial profile of Ar emission 21



After obtaining the emissivity profile of Ar⁺ line and the intensity ratio of Ar^{13+} at 18.796 nm and Ar^{14+} at 22.115 nm spectral line

The Argon transport coefficients are obtained by comparing the measured emissivity and line ratio with the those simulated with STRAHL code





R. Dux,2005 Impurity Transport in Tokamak Plasmas IPP10/27,Garching. Behringer K. 1987 JET-R(87)08, JET Joint Undertaking, Culham.



From best fit of Ar^{1+} profile in the edge and $(I_{Ar^{13+/}}/I_{Ar^{14+}})$ line ratio in the core



Measured profiles of diffusion and convection



Comparison-Neoclassical and Measured diffusion and convection



Argon transport is above Neoclassical values in edge and core of ADITYA-U !

Transport in odgo region scome to bo		
Transport in euge region seems to be		
influenced by fluctuations		
$(a^{4}P)^{1/4}$		
$D_{mc} \sim \frac{c_s \rho_s}{c_s \rho_s} \left(\frac{q}{\kappa}\right) \sim 13 m^2/s$		
$L_n R$ $(L_n R)^{1/2} \langle L_n \rangle$		
c_s : ion sound speed, ρ_s : ion Larmor radius, R: major		
radius		
q : edge safety factor, $L \square p$: pressure scale length		

C _S	8.66 x 10 ³ m/s	
$ ho_s$	3.83 mm	Transport in core
R	0.75 m	region is under
q	3.45	Investigation!
L P	0.011m	26

Toroidal Rotation in Aditya-U Tokamak

From the Doppler shift of passive charge exchange line of C5+ at 529 nm Intrinsic toroidal rotation $v_{\phi} \sim -20 \frac{km}{s}$ in counter-current direction in low density Ohmic discharges of ADITYA-U



Direction of toroidal rotation reverses to co-current direction in high density Ohmic discharges (SOC regime) [Density threshold ~ $2.8 \times 10^{19} m^{-3}$]



G. Shukla, K. Shah. et al ., Nucl. Fusion 59 (2019) 106049 27

Toroidal Rotation in Aditya-U Tokamak

The core rotation increases with stored energy



The core and mid-radius rotation velocity increases in opposite directions with plasma current



Toroidal Rotation in Aditya-U Tokamak

Intrinsic toroidal rotation values can be modified using neon injection



Counter-Current rotation values decreases with neon injection





Energy confinement time increases with neon injection



Density threshold for rotation reversal can be lowered using Ne puff

M. B. Chowdhuri, K. Shah et al., manuscript in progress

Outcome from visible and VUV spectroscopy

From Argon transport studies:

Input to XCS:

- Estimated Ar^{16+} density in core plasma of ADITYA-U ~ (4 x 10¹⁵/m³)
- Ar¹⁶⁺density (~ 4 x 10^{15} /m³) corresponds to Ar¹⁶⁺ emissivity ~ (8x10¹⁴/m³s sr)
- Assuming ~ 50% overall losses in the spectrometer, this corresponds to intensity ~ 10^4 counts on CCD

Physics Study:

- Argon transport is found to exceed the non-neoclassical value both in plasma edge and core. Argon transport in the edge seems to be influenced by fluctuations (ITG).

From Rotation studies:

Input to XCS:

- Intrinsic toroidal plasma rotation (~ 20 km/s) is observed in ADITYA-U, hence measurements are possible with the designed XCS system
- Simultaneous measurement with PCX and XCS will be useful in wavelength calibration of XCS.

Physics Study:

- Advantage with ADITYA-U: Passive charge exchange line of C⁵⁺ available from core.
 Reversal of rotation direction is observed in high density plasmas
- Variations in rotation magnitudes has been observed using Ne puff.
- Controlled variation of intrinsic toroidal rotation by changing fuel gas, varying the plasma current as well as neon puffing will help in consolidating rotation measurements using XCS.

Summary

- Design, development, fabrication, installation of first Tangential X-ray Crystal Spectrometer (XCS) for an Indian tokamak (Aditya-U)
- Intrinsic plasma toroidal rotation and ion (electron) temperature will be obtained by measuring the He-like Ar¹⁶⁺ spectral line emission at 0.39494 nm using the XCS system.
- To optimize the Argon injection for sufficient presence of Ar¹⁶⁺ from the core-plasma, detailed argon transport study is carried out.
- Ar¹⁺ line emission in the visible range using a visible spectrometer and Ar¹³⁺ and Ar¹⁴⁺spectral emissions in VUV range using a VUV spectrometer are measured.
- Measured emissions are compared with those simulated using STRAHL code to obtain the diffusivity and convective velocity of argon in ADITYA-U.
- Argon transport is found to exceed the neoclassical value both in plasma edge and core. Argon transport in the edge seems to be influenced by fluctuations (ITG).
- Intrinsic plasma toroidal rotation ~ 20 km/s measured using the passive charge exchange line of C⁵⁺ (529 nm) using Doppler shift measurements in visible region.
- Reversal of rotation direction is observed in high density plasmas and variations in rotation magnitudes has been observed using Ne puff.
- Intrinsic toroidal rotation increase with stored energy and its radial shear has been found to be increasing with plasma current.
- Simultaneous measurement with PCX and XCS will be useful in wavelength calibration of XCS.

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