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A modern Infrastructure to manage shared diagnostic and very high amount of data

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Summary

1. The WEST Tokamak

Quite a big data producer

2. The Tungsten density measurement

Just a little bit of physics

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An effective one

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How to take into account the new needs

The WEST Tokamak

Quite a big data producer

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A superconducting MA class full W tokamak



Superconducting tokamak
 Actively cooled Plasma Facing Components

Long pulse operation (1000 s) Means a lot of data



WEST – the recent record 2024/03/08

364s (6min) and 1,15GJ of Lower Hybrid Heating



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Inside WEST : a full W environment



(W coatings on CuCrZr/CFC, W bulk)



The Tungsten's benefits & drawbacks



Highest melting point of any metal and maintains strength at high temps

Do not retain Tritium > no activation !



Gradually (but slightly) **eroded** by the plasma

- \rightarrow Damage induced
- → Impacts plasma performance even with a small amount of W (Cw 0,01%)

>> the Tungsten density is an important measurement to achieve

2 The Tungsten ratio measurement

Just a little bit of physics



A little bit of physics

particle

E=mc²

Electromagnetic spectrum



Each radiation has a **specific wavelength** (and energy which is inversely proportional).

photon

E=hf

For tungsten some interesting radiation have a wavelength in between 100ev to 15kev >> SOFT X RAY





A little bit of physic : the general case

Tungsten emissivity general equation is :



 $L_W(h
u, T_e, n_e, \vec{\Gamma}_{W,q})$

A little bit of physic (just a few last)



Detection principles



An electric charge is measured and photon energy is deduced by computation

This gave an integrated measurement on a line of sight

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Thanks to tomographic inversion we deduce **emissivity radially**

The real instrument

Vertical Camera



The instrument contents :

- the **detector** which has so stay at a certain distance of the high temperature
- An **helium buffer** : that helps photon to reach the detector
- An inner **Fe55 source** : a known source to calibrate
- A **Be pinhole** : to limit the amount of photon



Figure 9. The GEM detector characteristics for two 55 Fe reference sources with different intensity for *XY* array structure: planar distribution (left), energy spectra (right).

Data produced

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The GEM instrument is a **photon counter** .. It produces 100Gb for a 300s pulse

50 data acquisition unit @WEST >> 5T per pulse ...

But the needed value is actually "only" the Tungsten density, which is obtain by **post-processing**.



The WEST Acquisition infrastructure

An effective one



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The world of .. security





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What is the problem ?

Data are growing (much too) fast .. Faster than the network





The problem



Network link are not easy to change :

- evolutions are limited
- it's highly expensive



Acquisition network remains a IPV4 network .. That means .. Only 255 devices possibles



The modern acquisition method

How to take into account the new needs

The requirements



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IMPORTANT AMOUNT OF LOCAL DISK

SSD support high magnetic fields .. Allow to avoid useless and time consuming data transfert





A PRIVATE NETWORK

To allow multiple actors sharing data without impacting the others acquisition units.



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USE & SHARE STANDARD

A lot of requirements are common : pulse sequence synchronization, parameter readings, datafile saving..





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NO NEED LICENCES

Also a need of cost effectivness but mainly for long terme maintenance purpose..



The WESTBOX gateway



A specialized **advanced** computer called « Westbox » acts as **gateway** between GEM network and acquisition network with **65Tb** of SSD available (650Pulses \rightarrow ~6 weeks)



WESTBOXES are synchronized with Pulse experiments by an expert system called « supervisor »





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The manager

A raspberry Pi has been chosen to manage the different device

- Backup is easy
- Robust
- Lite and simple to program : bash/Php
- Cost effective

Autonomous & dedicated remote powerstrip

First function of the manager, turning on/off the different units thanks to a **dedicated HTML interface**.

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Autonomous & dedicated slow controller



A **basic schema**: lift up or down by actuating a motor

As there is no **side effect** on other system, we are able to manage locally.

Motor are managed with a ABB driver



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Autonomous & dedicated Cooling system

basic Schema : turn on or off the cooler for electronic boards.

No side effect if GEM detector is in trouble.

Manageable through **RS232 communication** (converted in USB on raspberry)

Autonomous & dedicated Gas injection & measurement

The GEM requires a precise gas injection to retrieve and manage :

the **helium pressure** in the buffer Helium is needed for the photon not to be absorbed and to reach the detector

The **argon pressure** in the detector : argon is needed for the photon to generate an electron

\rightarrow Impact on the computation

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Autonomous & dedicated cabinet

[D. Guibert et al., SOFT 2024]

Compact design of the cabinet

Entirely **exportable** for laboratory test



Data automatically produced in IMAS Format





5 Conclusion

Still some works to do

Results and plans

The modern acquisition methods implemented has succeeded taking into account different « standard » needs (synchronization, data storage, postprocessing)

For GEM purpose it has shown his benefits : the acquisition is now **automatized**.

Horizontal camera to install for improve precision

Next step will be to produce data on the **real-time network** (means at least in milliseconds) in order to have the tungsten density live.









Obrigado ! Thank you ! Merci





The problem -







Vertical Camera

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[D. Mazon et al., JINST 2017]

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A little bit of physic (just a few last)

General equation for emissivity of a given **S source** (which have different ions **Zs**) source is :

$$\varepsilon_{S}(h\nu, T_{e}, n_{e}, \vec{\Gamma}_{S,q}) = n_{e}n_{S}\sum_{i=0}^{Z_{S}} f_{S,q}(T_{e}, n_{e}, \vec{\Gamma}_{S,q}) \cdot \left[\epsilon_{S,i}^{f-f}(T_{e}, n_{e}, h\nu) + \epsilon_{S,i}^{f-b}(T_{e}, n_{e}, h\nu) + \epsilon_{S,i}^{b-b}(T_{e}, n_{e}, h\nu)\right]$$

We ignore the transport term in the case of high temperature and high atomic number Z We assume plasma is emittinggsten density: only W impurities (we even H) $n_W \simeq \frac{\varepsilon_{SXR}}{n_e, L_W}$

Cooling factor $L_{S}(hv, T_{e}, n_{e}, \vec{\Gamma}_{S,q}) \rightarrow L_{W}(hv, T_{e}) \rightarrow Lw$ tabulated

Electronic Density Ne is measured by interferopolarymetry
 Cooling factor of the tungsten Lw is tabulated
 → Emissivity has to be measured