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### Abstract

We describe a fast method for the identification of the plasma boundary using results of magnetic measurements. The poloidal flux equation is solved inside the region bounded by the location of flux loops using the measured data as boundary values. Additional currents, substituting the plasma currents are distributed over a second control surface, chosen to lie inside the supposed plasma region. This surface current distribution is parameterized in the form of a truncated Fourier series whose coefficients are determined so as to yield an optimum fit to magnetic field component measurements by pick-up coils.

By separating the inner region from all outside effects, this method avoids the difficulties arising in calculating the effects of the iron core present in JET.

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## 1. Introduction

For a fast identification of the plasma boundary in tokamaks, the unknown plasma current distribution is usually substituted by several current filaments at fixed positions, where the single wire currents are adjusted so as to give an optimum fit to magnetic signals measured outside the plasma. A particular variant of this method is applied at ASDEX, where a single wire is used, but both its current and position are treated as variable.

The general way of expressing the fields of the single wire currents is the use of Green's function (i.e. Biot Savart's law). This direct way is suitable for Tokamaks with an air transformer, where also all other contributions to the poloidal field are assumed to be known and expressed in a similar fashion.

This method becomes uncertain and leads to calculations with long computer time (Blum-Code /1/), if as in JET the induction of currents is changed by the presence of an iron transformer having a complicated shape. Therefore in this paper we follow an alternative approach, which is possible due to JET's feature of providing knowledge of the flux functions along a closed surface C surrounding the plasma, in addition to measurement of the (tangential) poloidal field component on a second, nearby surface (Fig. 1). Assuming the two surfaces as coincident and the data known on them everywhere, this would constitute a Cauchy-type initial value problem for the elliptic equation

$$\Delta^* \psi = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial R^2} - \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial R} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

over the vacuum region between the surface C and the plasma boundary. Formulated like this, however, the problem is not well posed in the sense of Hadamard, and requires a regularization procedure for resulting in a numerically stable algorithm.

The present approach - like all the so-called wire codes - starts

from the assumption that in the vacuum region, up to the plasma boundary, the fields produced by plasma currents can be adequately approximated by those produced by adjustable currents at fixed positions. This would be rigorously true, if their assumed location would be a closed shell coincident with the plasma surface on which continuous surface currents were allowed to flow. Even in that case however, the determination of these surface currents from flux and field values measured at distant locations would be an ill-posed problem. This is also intuitively clear, as higher moments of the plasma or surface current distribution produce fields decaying rapidly outward and can therefore, conversely, not be determined from such data in a numerically stable way.

The solution to this consist in eliminating such higher moments from the current distribution to be fitted, by either allowing only currents in few discrete locations ("wires") or by assuming a more continuous distribution represented however by a Fourier series truncated at a low mode number. (The effect of the latter procedure can also be obtained by a regularization method penalizing large alternating currents at near-by locations.)

Truncation of the current distributions to be fitted is also consistent with our physical intentions as we aim at determining only the total current, the radial and vertical position, and the elongation and triangularity of the plasma column. Having obtained a substitute plasma current distribution fitting the measured signals, the plasma boundary is identified with the innermost flux surface tangent to a given limiter contour.

We have tested two different models for the substitute plasma currents. In a first model we approximate them by a certain number of wire loops in fixed positions and determine the current strength by some minimum square deviation principle from the magnetic probe measurements. In a second model we choose an arbitrary surface  $F$  (the so-called control surface) situated inside the region bounded by  $C$ , and distribute currents on it continuously



in Fourier modes. The different modes ( $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) correspond to circular, elliptic, triangular a.s.o. shape of the plasma boundary. The best results have been obtained for mode numbers between 3 and 4 using the same minimum principle to define the current strength as in the wire loops model.

The second model has - compared to the model with wire loops - the advantage that the plasma surface varies only very weakly with a shift or a deformation of the control surface whereas a displacement of the wire loops deforms the surface more strongly. Because of the better stability of the plasma surface we use only the method of the control surface in the plasma identification code and give the formulas in chapter 2 only for this case.

The "surface currents"  $i_c$  which describe the external part in the magnetic flux have been expanded in Fourier modes on C. The boundary conditions have been fulfilled at the positions of the flux loops. This gives a system of M linear equations for the M Fourier modes ( $2M = 14 =$  number of the flux loops). The matrix of the system and the inverse matrix are geometrical quantities which can be precalculated. In this way the computational effort for the determination of the substitute current distribution is reduced to three multiplications of vectors with matrices (where the number of rows and column are given by the number of pick up coils/flux loops and the Fourier modes used for their analysis, respectively) and the solution of one linear system of equation for the Fourier coefficients of the surface currents on the inner contour. The major part of the computation time is spent for the subsequent tracking of the plasma boundary: if only 6 "radial" grid points are used as basis for the latter process on each ray, the total CPU time needed on a Cray is 7 msec.

2. Mathematical Description

Fig. 1 shows the array of flux loops, pick up coils and a control surface in JET dimensions. A toroidal wire loop at  $R_s, z_s$  with current  $I$  produces the flux  $\Psi(R, z)$  in  $R, z$  :

$$\Psi(R, z) = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} I A$$

(All units are in ISU)

$A(R, z, R_s, z_s)$  is the Green function /2/

$$A = \frac{\sqrt{RR_s}}{k} \left( \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}k^2\right) K(k) - E(k) \right) \quad \dots \dots (1)$$

$$k^2 = \frac{4RR_s}{(R+R_s)^2 + (z-z_s)^2} \quad \dots \dots (2)$$

$E(k)$  and  $K(k)$  are the elliptic integrals of the first and second kind.

The magnetic field

$$B_R = -\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z}$$

$$B_z = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial R}$$

is given by:

$$B_R = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} I D_z$$

$$B_z = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} I D_R \quad \dots \dots (3)$$

$$D_R = \frac{(z-z_s)k}{4R(RR_s)^{1/2}} \left( -K(k) + \frac{R^2 + R_s^2 + (z-z_s)^2}{(R-R_s)^2 + (z-z_s)^2} E(k) \right) \quad (4)$$



$$D_z = \frac{k}{4(RR_s)^{1/2}} \left( k(k) + \frac{R_s^2 - R^2 - (z - z_s)^2}{(R - R_s)^2 + (z - z_s)^2} E(k) \right) \dots (5)$$

We proceed from the usual equation for the poloidal flux in terms of a given toroidal current density distribution

$$\Delta^* \psi = -\mu_0 R i_p \dots (6)$$

$$\Delta^* = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} - \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R}$$

and split the total flux function  $\psi$  into two parts

$$\psi = \psi_p + \psi_{ex},$$

where  $\psi_p$  is the contribution due to currents substituting the true plasma currents

$$\Delta^* \psi_p = -\mu_0 R i_p \dots (7)$$

and  $\psi_{ex}$  contains the flux due to currents flowing outside the considered region.

$$\Delta^* \psi_{ex} = 0 \dots (8)$$

We are looking for solutions of (7) and (8) inside a region limited by the boundary surface C of the flux loops (see Fig. 1). For this purpose we use the Green-function applied on currents flowing in toroidal direction on the surface C of the flux loops:

$$i(C) = \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} a_m \cos(m-1)\vartheta + \sum_{m=1}^{M_2} d_m \sin m\vartheta \dots (9)$$

( $\vartheta$  is the poloidal angle in a system of polar coordinates fixed at  $R_0$ .)

This ansatz corresponds to the common case where the plasma surface shows no symmetry to the midplane. If  $\Psi(R_R, z_k)$  is the measured flux in the flux loop at position  $R_R, z_k$ , then we split up the quantities in  $\frac{K}{2} + 1$  symmetric boundary values

$$\Psi_s(R_R, z_k) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \Psi(R_R, z_k) + \Psi(R_R, -z_k) \right), k=1, 2, \dots, \frac{K}{2} + 1 \quad (10)$$

and in  $\frac{K}{2} - 1$  antisymmetric boundary values

$$\Psi_a(R_R, z_k) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \Psi(R_R, z_k) - \Psi(R_R, -z_k) \right), k=1, 2, \dots, \frac{K}{2} - 1 \quad (11)$$

with  $k = 14$  the number of flux loops.

From the symmetric part we can calculate  $M_1 = \frac{K}{2} + 1 = 8$  cos-modes, but from the antisymmetric part only  $M_2 = \frac{K}{2} - 1 = 6$  sin-modes. The reason for this disadvantage in the determination of the sin-modes is due to the fact, that loops Nr. 1 and 8 have a position in the midplane.

In the same way the measured component of the magnetic field  $b$  in the pick up coils will be separated into  $\frac{K'}{2}$  symmetric ( $b_s$ ) and  $\frac{K'}{2}$  antisymmetric ( $b_a$ ) quantities, with  $K = 18$  the number of pick up coils. (Here the number of the symmetric and antisymmetric parts are the same, because none of the pick up coils is fixed in the mid plane.)

The plasma currents will be simulated by a continuous distribution on the control surface

$$i_p(F) = \sum_{m'=1}^{M'} b_{m'} \cos(m'-1)\vartheta + C_{m'} \sin(m'-1)\vartheta \quad \dots \quad (12)$$

The mode number  $M'$  we choose always much smaller than the maximum number  $\frac{K}{2}$  of the pick up coils  $M' \ll \frac{K}{2}$ , otherwise we would get results, which show high oscillations in the plasma surface and are therefore useless.



One observes, that we have two systems of equivalent equations, one for  $\psi_s, b_s$  and the other for  $\psi_a, b_a$ . Therefore in the following only the equations for the symmetric, measured quantities  $\psi_s$ , and  $b_s$  will be given. Only at the end, when we calculate the total flux and the total magnetic field at a grid point, we collect the symmetric and antisymmetric contributions. The fluxes  $\psi_{ex}(R_g, z_g)$  and  $\psi_p(R_g, z_g)$  at a given grid point  $R_g, z_g$ , produced by the surface currents  $i(C)$ , and the substitute plasma currents  $i_p(F)$ , respectively, are given by

$$\psi_{ex} = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} a_m B_{g,m} \quad \text{--- (13)}$$

$$\psi_p = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m'=1}^{M'} b_{m'} B_{g,m'}^*$$

with

$$B_{g,m} = \int_C \cos(m-1) \vartheta A(R_g, z_g, R_c, z_c) ds \quad \text{--- (14)}$$

and

$$B_{g,m'}^* = \int_F \cos(m'-1) \vartheta A(R_g, z_g, R_f, z_f) ds \quad \text{--- (15)}$$

The geometrical quantities  $B_{g,m}, B_{g,m'}^*$  are precalculated for all grid points and at the positions  $R_k, z_k$  of the flux loops.

If we write  $\psi_{ex} = \psi_1 + \psi_2$ , then we have on the surface C the boundary conditions:

$$\psi_1(R_k, z_k) = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} a_m B_{k,m} \quad \text{--- (16)}$$

=  $\psi$   
measured

and

(15)

$$\psi_2(R_k, z_k) = - \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m'=1}^{M'} b_{m'} B_{k,m'}^* \quad \dots \quad (17)$$

This splitting-up of the surface currents on C is convenient as  $\psi_1$  will depend therefore only on flux loop measurements. The pick-up coils signals are to be fitted by the flux combination  $\psi_2 + \psi_p$ , which in turn satisfies homogeneous boundary conditions along C. (A coupling between the two distributions arises, as  $\psi_1$  will also contribute to the magnetic field at the location of the pick-up coils; this contribution is conveniently evaluated and subtracted from the measured signal before the determination of  $\psi_2 + \psi_p$ .)

Equation (16) can be solved by Matrix inversion

$$a_m^1 = \frac{\pi}{\mu_0} \psi_s(R_k, z_k) B_{k,m}^{-1} \quad \dots \quad (18)$$

whereby  $B_{k,m}^{-1}$  has been precalculated. To prepare the solution of equ. (17) we use again the linearity of the differential equation for  $\psi_2$ ,  $\Delta^* \psi_2 = 0$ , by the assumption:

$$\psi_2 = - \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m'=1}^{M'} b_{m'} \hat{\psi}_{2,m'} \quad \dots \quad (19)$$

where  $\hat{\psi}_{2,m'}$  is determined by  $\Delta^* \hat{\psi}_{2,m'} = 0$  and the boundary condition

$$\hat{\psi}_{2,m'}(R_k, z_k) = B_{k,m'} \quad \dots \quad (20)$$

$\hat{\psi}_{2,m'}$  plays the role of the fundamental solution, which can be found in analogy to equ. (18):

$$\hat{\psi}_{2,m'}(R_k, z_k) = B_{k,m'} = \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} \alpha_{m,m'} B_{k,m} \quad \dots \quad (21)$$

$$\alpha_{m,m'} = B_{k,m'} \times B_{k,m}^{-1} \quad \dots \quad (22)$$



Using this precalculated quantity and equ. (18) we find the total flux  $\Psi_S(R_g, z_g)$  for each given grid point  $R_g, z_g$  in the volume bounded by C and the control surface F

$$\Psi_S(R_g, z_g) = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} q_m^1 B_{g,m} + \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m'=1}^{M_1'} b_{m'} B_{g,m'} - \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m'=1}^{M_1'} b_{m'} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} \alpha_{m,m'} B_{g,m} \right) \quad \dots (23)$$

We will now proceed to calculate the components  $B_{R, \text{calculated}}$  and  $B_{z, \text{calculated}}$  at the positions of the pick up coils  $R_i, z_i$  from equ. (23) using the derivatives (4) and (5) of the Green function.

These are given by

$$B_{R, \text{calculated}}(R_i, z_i) = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} q_m^1 D_{i,m} + \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m'=1}^{M_1'} b_{m'} (D_{i,m'}^* - F_{i,m'}) \quad \dots (24)$$

$$B_{z, \text{calculated}}(R_i, z_i) = \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} q_m^1 E_{i,m} + \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \sum_{m'=1}^{M_1'} b_{m'} (E_{i,m'} - G_{i,m'}) \quad \dots (25)$$

$$F_{i,m'} = \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} \alpha_{m,m'} D_{i,m} \quad G_{i,m'} = \sum_{m=1}^{M_1} \alpha_{m,m'} E_{i,m} \quad \dots (26)$$

with the integrals

$$D_{i,m} = \int_C \cos(m-1) D_R(R_i, z_i, R_c, z_c) \delta s \quad \dots (27)$$

$$D_{i,m'}^* = \int_F \cos(m'-1) D_R(R_i, z_i, R_f, z_f) \delta s \quad \dots (28)$$

$$E_{i,m} = \int_C \cos(m-1) D_z(R_i, z_i, R_c, z_c) dS \dots (29)$$

$$E_{i,m}^* = \int_F \cos(m'-1) D_z(R_i, z_i, R_f, z_f) dS \dots (30)$$

The calculated magnetic field depends linearly from the unknown plasma currents  $b_m'$ . We will obtain a matrix equation for  $b_m'$ , from a minimum principle so, that the deviation of the measured field in pick up coil  $i$  from the calculated value is a minimum:

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^I W_i (b(R_i, z_i) - b_{\text{calculated}}(R_i, z_i))^2 = \text{Min} \dots (31)$$

$$b_{\text{calculated}} = B_{R, \text{calculated}} \cdot \cos \varphi_i + B_{Z, \text{calculated}} \cdot \sin \varphi_i \dots (32)$$

(I = 18 is the number of pick up coils)

The orientation angle  $\varphi_i$  of each pick up coil is given by  $\varphi_i = \theta_i - \frac{\pi}{2}$ .  $\theta_i$  is defined as angle between the normal to the vacuum vessel and the symmetry plane (see Fig. 1). The variation of Q with respect to  $b_m'$  shall be a minimum

$$\frac{\delta Q}{\delta b_m'} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{A} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{R} \dots (33)$$

This is a system of  $M'$  equations for the Fourier-components  $b_m'$ , (M is of order 4), which must be solved completely, because the vector  $\vec{R}$  and the matrix  $\underline{A}$  contain the measured values of  $b_s$  and the flux  $\psi_s$ , and can therefore not be precalculated.

### 3. Results

Calculations with the algorithm outlined in the previous chapter have been carried out for a number of test cases, where input data simulating pick up and flux-loop measurements were produced from numerical evaluation of the field of known sets of wires and external conductors, or from self-consistent equilibrium calculations.

An example of the former type is given by Fig. 2, showing flux surface contours produced by 6 top-bottom symmetric filamentary currents in the presence of the JET iron core and additional externally applied fields. The fictitious magnetic signals produced by these calculations of Christiansen /3/ using the Blum code were then fed into the present code. Although for this test case we can expect the assumption of a continuous current distribution on our control surface to lead to a maximum discrepancy, the results of our code, given in Fig. 3, give a very good fit to the "plasma surface" defined by limiter contact. Best agreement was found by restriction to Fourier modes with  $m$  up to two or three. For the reasons given in the introduction, inclusion of higher mode numbers tends to result in plasma boundaries with pronounced short wavelength oscillations.

Figs. 4 and 5 show calculations for truly self-consistent MHD equilibria. The equilibrium code used here by Zehrfeld and Casci /4/ determines resistive, steady-state MHD equilibria as a free-boundary problem, albeit presently under the assumption of a rectangular, perfect copper shell limiting the vacuum region. This feature explains the outward displacement column and the inverted D-shape of the plasma column, which make it, on the other hand, a more severe test case for our standard choice of control surface, which is optimized for centered, D-shaped JET plasmas. Again the agreement between the true and the reconstructed plasma boundary is very good (Fig. 4).

The agreement remains nearly unaltered, even when the control surface is shifted to a position strongly decentered with respect to the plasma column (Fig. 5). Also changes in size of the control surface showed an only weak influence on the plasma boundary as long as the two surfaces do not intersect.

Due to the truncation of the Fourier series, the method shows also good stability against random errors in the magnetic signals with an amplitude of 10 % of the local pick up signal or of the maximum flux difference between loops.

Clearly the algorithm outlined above cannot substitute equilibrium code versions deriving information about plasma shape and (to a limited degree) about current distributions and poloidal  $\beta$  from the same measured data /5/, /6/. Requiring the toroidal plasma current density to satisfy the MHD equilibrium relation

$$j_t = R \frac{dp}{d\psi} + \frac{\mu_0}{2R} \frac{dF^2}{d\psi}$$

in terms of the two functions  $p$  and  $F$  which depend on  $\psi$  only, such MHD equilibrium codes make implicate use of information not available to the present algorithm or the so-called wire-codes. On the other hand, such full-scale free-boundary equilibrium calculations require typically two to three orders of magnitude larger computer times.



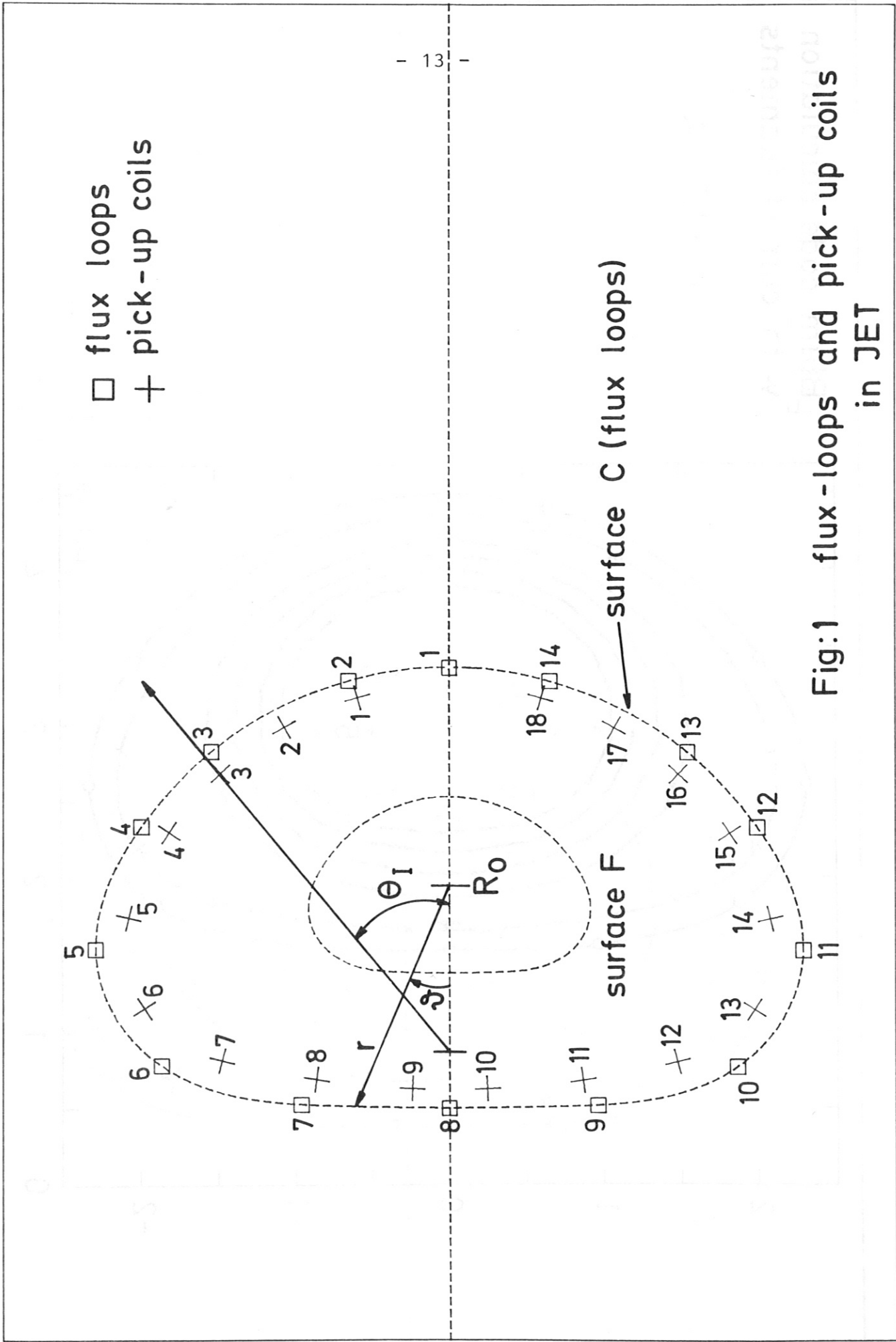


Fig:1 flux-loops and pick-up coils in JET

# Blum code calculation with current filaments

$I_t = 1.5 \text{ MA}$

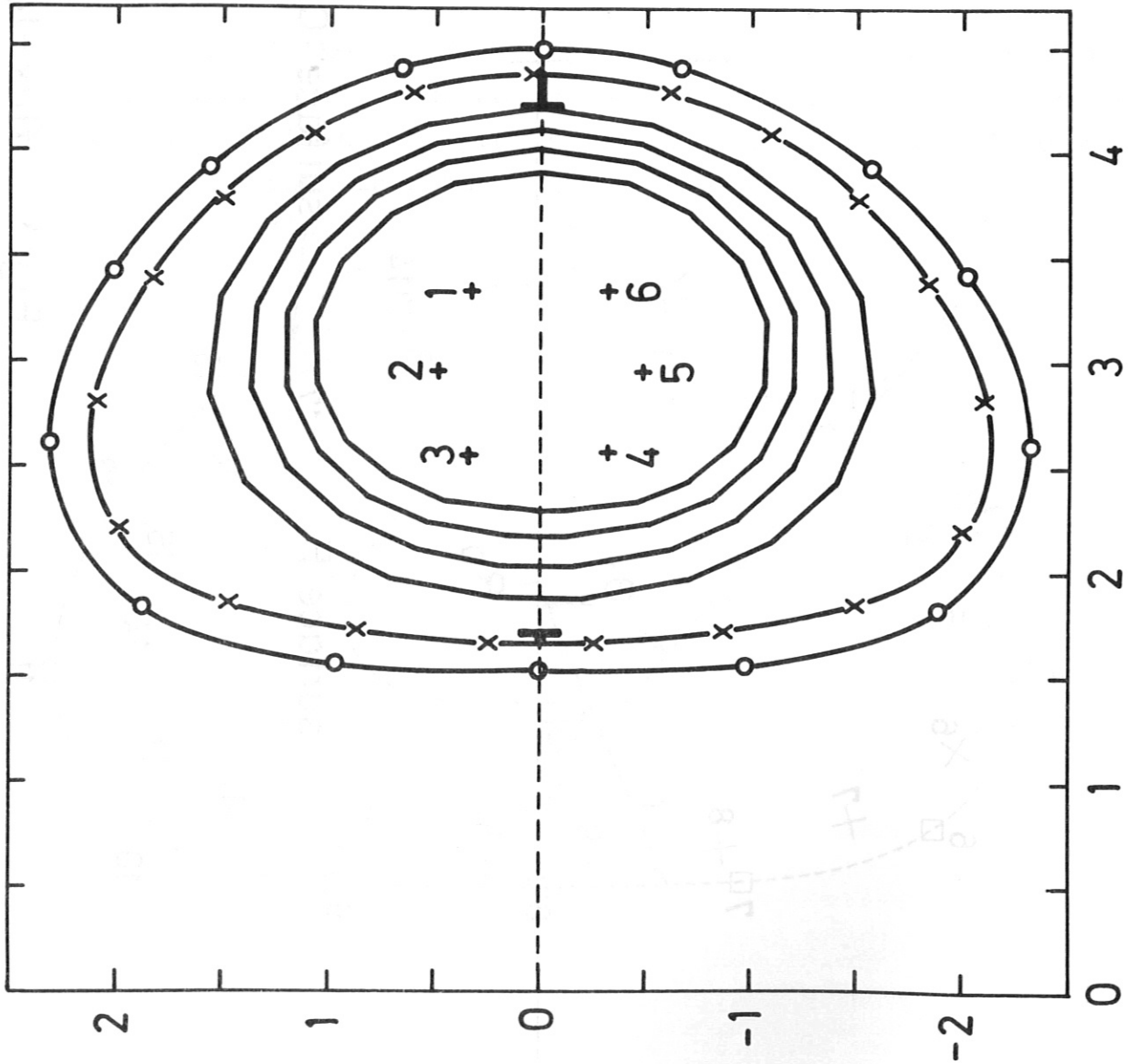


Fig: 2

Control surface method  
3 modes,  $I_t = 1.48 \text{ MA}$   
Calculation with data  
of Fig 2

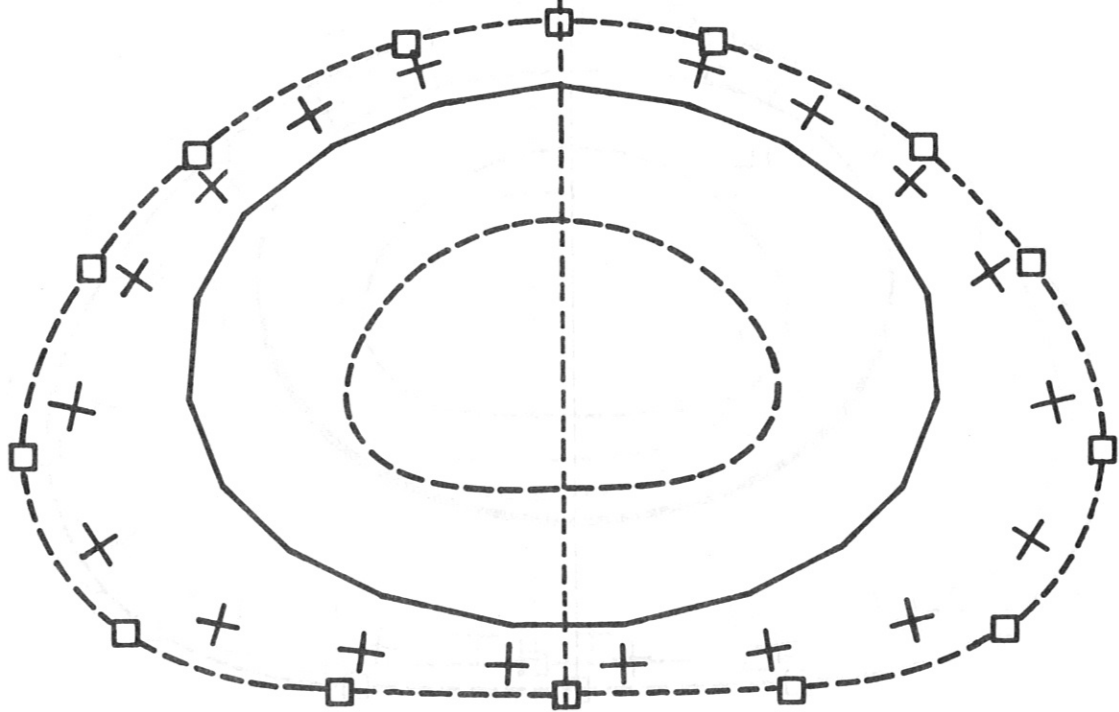
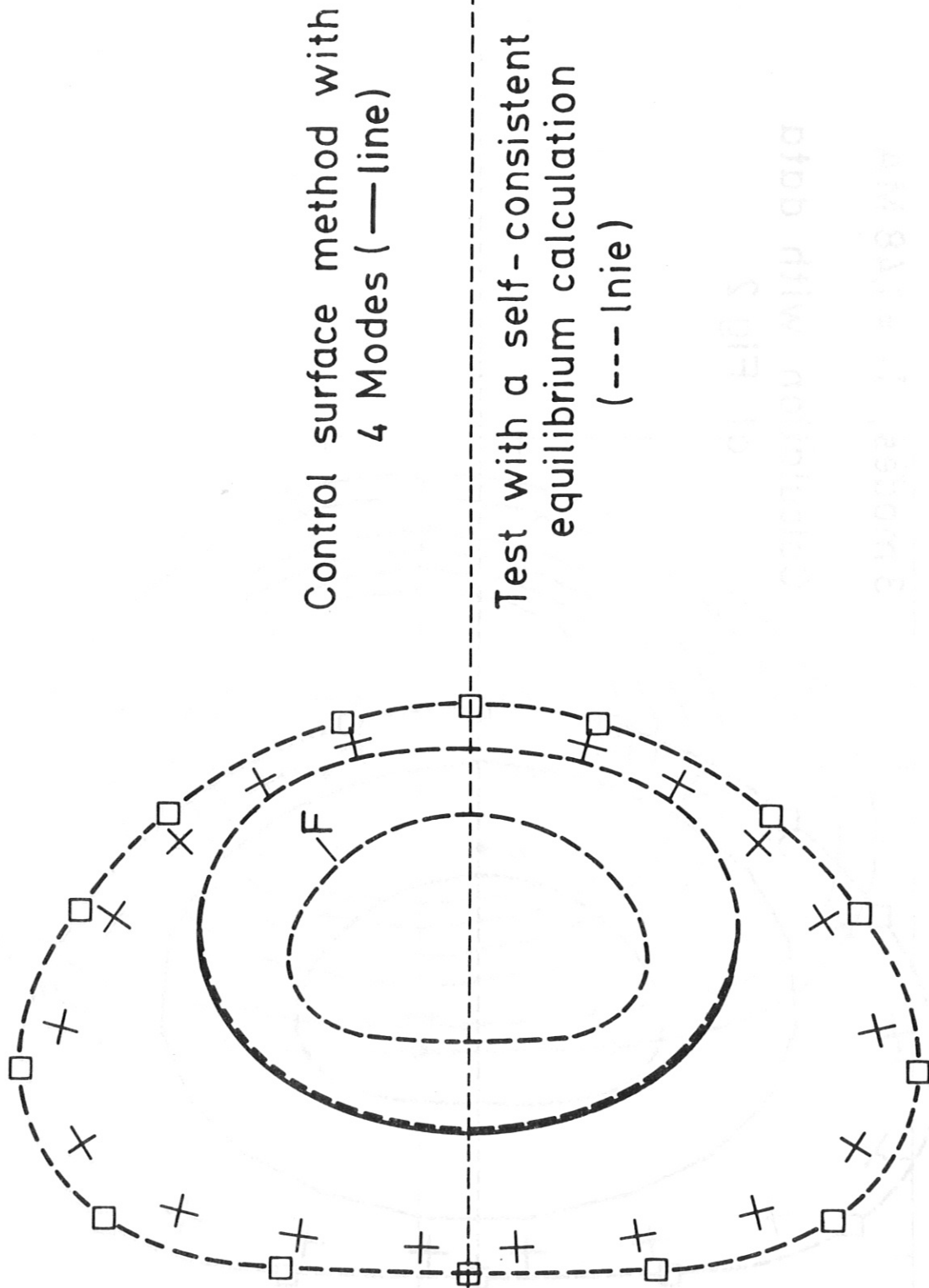


Fig: 3



Control surface method with  
4 Modes (—line)

Test with a self-consistent  
equilibrium calculation  
(---line)

Fig:4



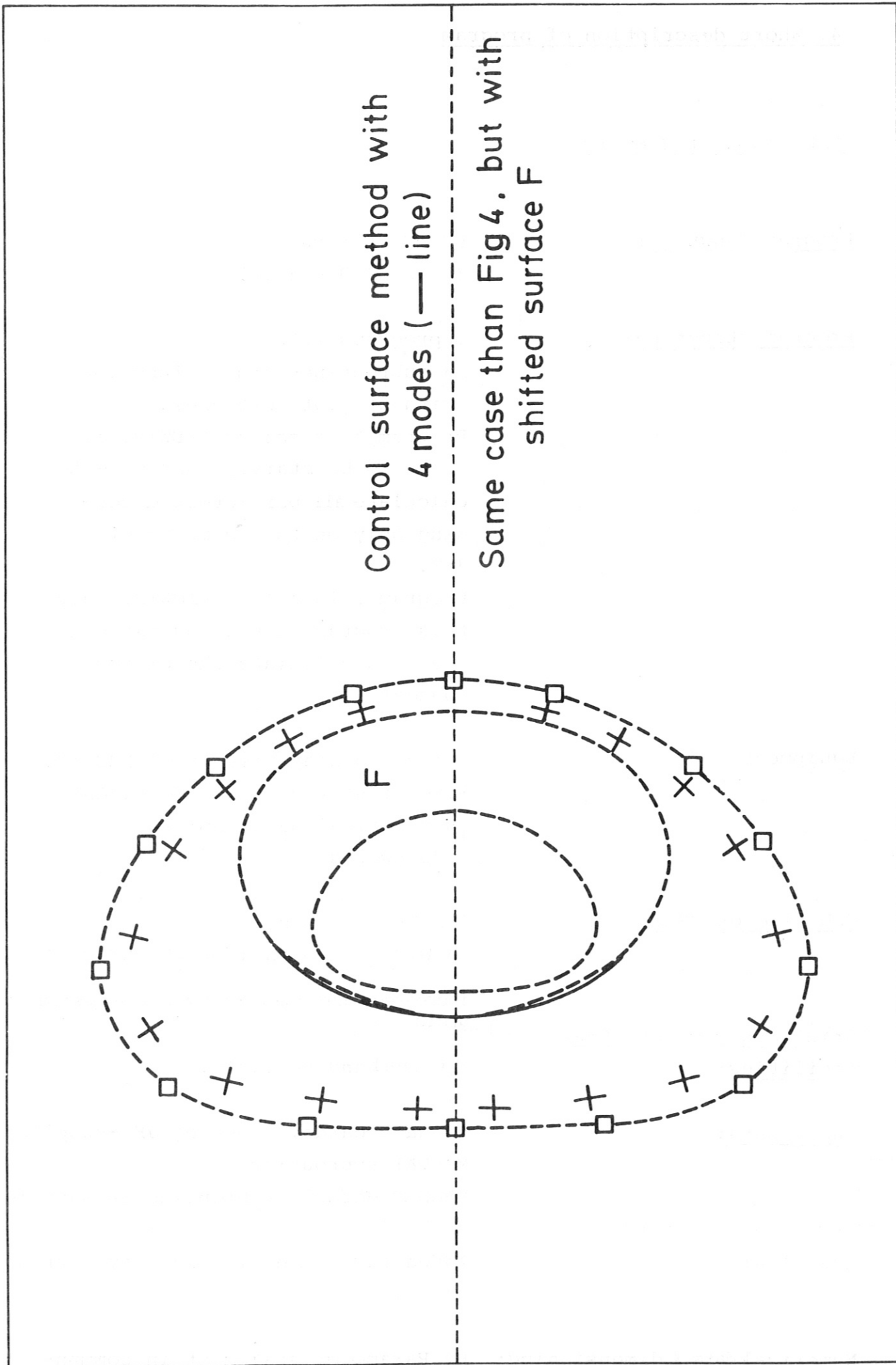


Fig: 5

#### 4. Short description of program

##### 4.1 Tabular Summary

Program language:

USANSI Fortran 77  
(Ansi X3.9 - 1978)

Program structure:

2 programs with  
23 subroutines and 9 functions  
(without plot software).  
Program 1 is called PREWIR. It  
needs to be started only once to  
calculate all parameters depend-  
ing only on the geometry of  
JET.  
Program 2 is called LACWIR. Only  
this program is started between  
shots to calculate the plasma  
boundary.

Equipment:

1 disk to keep results of PREWIR.  
Size of storage space dependent  
on numerical data, normally  
30 Kwords.

CPU time on CRAY:

PREWIR            3 s  
LACWIR            40 ms (for 200 grid points)

increased time due additional diagnostic inte-  
grals

Print and plot and test  
facilities:

Optional and variable.

Input data:

No data cards, input by JET-supplied  
MAGDAT subroutine.  
MAGDAT default subroutine is supplied.

Examples:

Added for symmetric and asymmetric  
cases.

Numerical data & dimensioning:

By Parameter statement in common-  
file PARWIR.

## 4.2 Design of Program

### a) Division of program into 2 steps: PREWIR and LACWIR

To meet the important requirement of short execution time, the program was divided into 2 parts.

Step 1, PREWIR program, calculates all components independently of the measured field and flux values. The precalculated matrices and vectors are permanently stored on disk.

Step 2, LACWIR program, reads those saved values and connects them with the field and flux actually measured. The plasma boundary is found and some additional test services are offered. See Fig. 6: Program and data set.

### b) Symmetric and asymmetric cases

Tests show no significant gain in execution time by distinguishing between symmetric and asymmetric cases.

Most time is saved by dividing the program into 2 parts described above. Only a single program was therefore written to treat both symmetric and asymmetric cases with very short execution times. The program is also more convenient to handle if there is only one program to start between shots of JET.

### c) Program parts, common blocks and names of variables

The program is of modular structure to afford good flexibility and convenient maintenance. See short description of subroutines 4.3, see also Figs. 8, 9 .

All names of subroutines and functions end with the 3 letters "WIR". Standard activities such as matrix multiplications and print of a matrix are generalized to a single each. At the be-

beginning of a subroutine or function program purpose and input- and output data are described. Comments refer to program structure and mathematical description of chapter 2.

Data transfer between subroutines and functions is performed by labelled common blocks (except for input- and output control parameters, which are sent always by argument list).

These common blocks are activated by substitute statements.

Names of variables are valid for the whole program. See detailed description of common blocks in Section 5.5. Do loop indices are assigned to specific elements in almost all cases (I for pick-up coils, K for flux loops, N for grid points, L for plasma currents). Program labels are assigned in accordance with the program structure represented in diagrams 10 and 11.

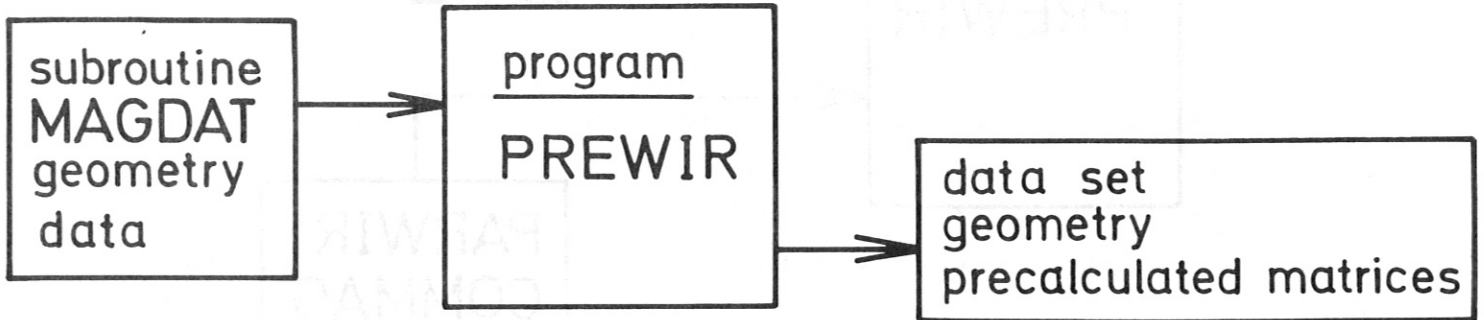
Dimensions are variable by means of parameter-statements. See short description of common files in 4.4.

#### d) Test facility

For better developing and control of execution, the program was provided with a test facility that readily provides the print output of all calculations. See Section 4.5 input and output.



preliminary step (execution once only)



second step (plasma boundary)

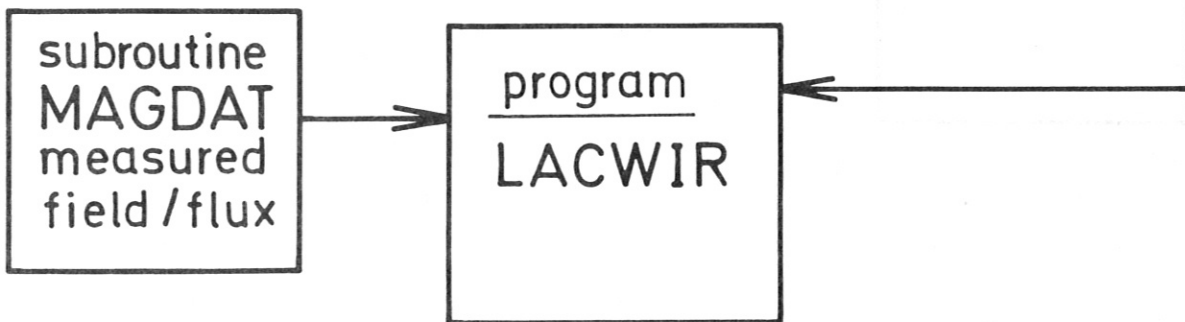


Fig: 6 program and data set

Program

Commonfile

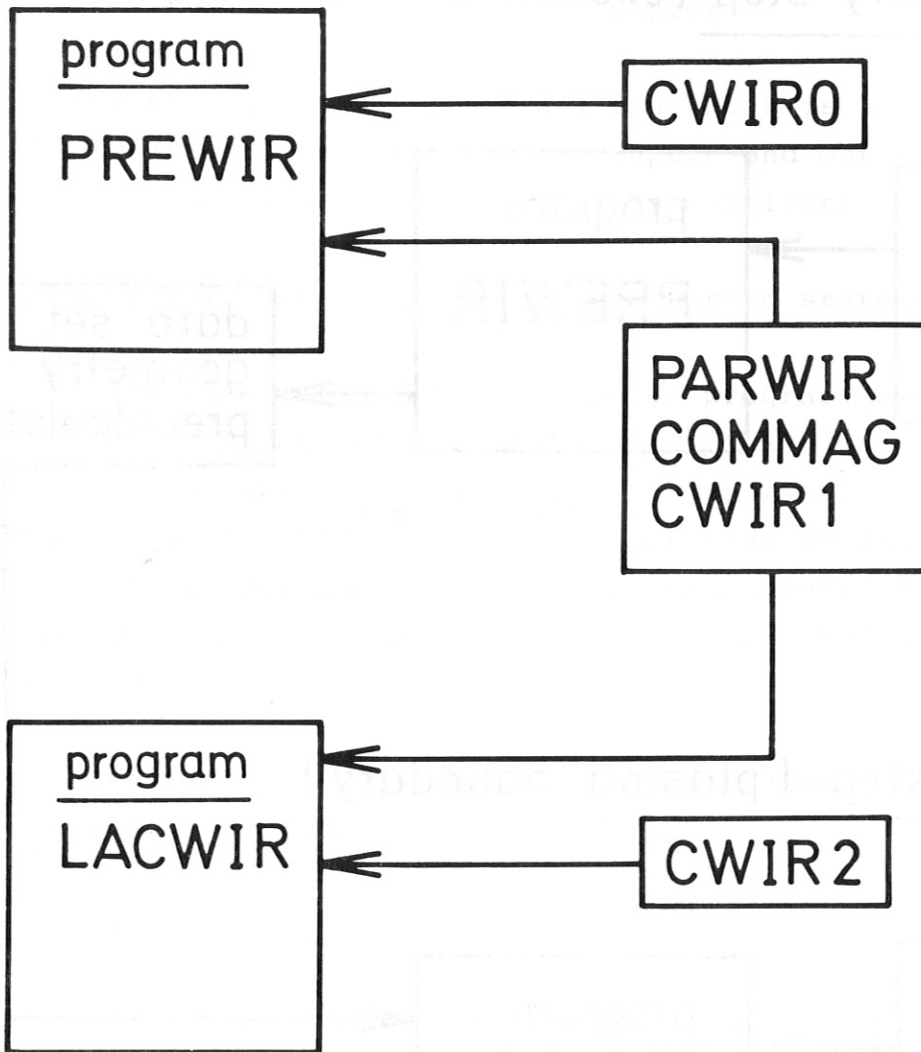


Fig: 7 program and commonfiles

4.3 Short Description of Subroutines and Functions

<u>Program</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
PREWIR	SUBR	Master program to preliminary step
LACWIR	SUBR	Master program for second step to find plasma boundary
MAGDAT	SUBR	JET-supplied subroutine, defines geometry of flux loops and pick-up coils and gives measured values of field and flux
RESETR	SUBR	Fill a vector with a constant
CHEWIR	SUBR	Test if measured values of field and flux are within range allowed
GRIWIR	SUBR	Defines grid points to calculate flux in inner region
FLXWIR	SUBR	Calculates flux or derivatives between flux loops - surface currents C flux loops - surface currents F pickup coils - surface currents C pickup coils - surface currents F grid points - surface currents C grid points - surface currents F
GWIR	FCT	Green function between 2 points
DGRWIR	FCT	Derivate in r of green function
DGZWIR	FCT	Derivate in z of green function
VWIR	SUBR	Elliptic integral of first and second kind
AMDWIR	FCT	Modulus K of Jacobian elliptic functions
PRTWIR	SUBR	Printout of geometry data of flux loops and pickup coils, printout of measured values and errors
PLTWIR	SUBR	Graphical representation of flux loops and pickup coils, plot of surfaces C and F.
CURWIR	SUBR	Calculation of surfaces C and F by cubic splines
TETWIR	FCT	Function value using calculated spline coefficients

BKMWIR	SUBR	Flux of surface C currents in flux loops
KMSWIR	SUBR	Flux of surface F currents in flux loops
BNMWIR	SUBR	Flux of surface C currents in grid points
NMSWIR	SUBR	Flux of surface F currents in grip points
DEWIR	SUBR	Field components $B_r$ and $B_z$ by surface C currents
DESWIR	SUBR	Field components $B_r$ and $B_z$ by surface F currents
NWIR	SUBR	Field components $B_r$ and $B_z$ by surface C currents in grid points
NSWIR	SUBR	Field components $B_r$ and $B_z$ by surface F currents in grid points
MTWIR	SUBR	Print a matrix with title
MXWIR	SUBR	Matrix by matrix multiplication or matrix by vector multiplication
INWIR	SUBR	Inverse of a general matrix
CNTWIR	SUBE	Calculates a contour line in limiter point
RSMWIR	FCT	Polar coordinate $r$ for a point in cartesian coordinates
TTKWIR	FCT	Polar coordinate $\rho$ for a point in cartesian coordinates

Fast Internal CRAY functions:

Equivalent subroutines and functions are supplied. The fast CRAY matrix inversion routine  $M \times M$  is already exchanged by INWIR.

SDOT	FCT	Inner product of 2 vectors
SSUM	FCT	Sum a vector

Internal IPP subroutines for plot

Dummy routines are supplied to bypass.

FRAME		New page
PLOTL		Plot a function, linear interpolation
PLOTLS		Plot a function, linear interpolation, curve is a dashed line
PLOTXT		Text on plot paper
ENDFR		Plot is finished.



#### 4.4 Short description of common files

Data transfer between program units is executed by 5 common files: PARWIR, CWIRO, CWIR1, CWIR2, COMMAG. These files describe a set of parameter statements (PARWIR) and 4 labelled common blocks. CWIRO, CWIR1, CWIR2, COMMAG. In these all variables and vectors were finalized for the entire program. A common file is activated by a reference statement. See Figs.

7 : program and common files.

- PARWIR defines constants by parameter statements (numerical constants, constants for dimensioning). Reference to one of the labelled common blocks "COMMAG", "CWIRO", "CWIR1", "CWIR2" requires reference to "PARWIR".
- CWIRO contains the labelled common block with the same name. This common block defines vectors and matrices used only in the preliminary program step.
- CWIR1 this common block is the connection between the two program steps. It essentially defines precalculated vectors and matrices.
- CWIR2 this common block contains vectors and matrices used only in program step 2.
- COMMAG JET-supplied common block that defines geometry and measured values for pick-up coils and flux loops. It also defines the range of values allowed.

#### 4.5 Input and Output

##### a) JET has supplied MAGDAT subroutine

This subroutine defines:

- geometry data of flux loops, measured flux and instrumental error
- geometry data of pick-up coils, measured field and instrumental error.

Subroutine MAGDAT is used in both programs PREWIR and LACWIR. Defined data are transferred by labelled common block COMMAG.

Data of flux loops:

NFLMAG           - number of flux loops  
TRFMAG, TZFMAG   - vectors, r- and z-coordinates  
FLXMAG           - vector, measured flux  
ERFMAG           - vector, instrumental error in percentage.

Data of pick-up coils:

NBPMAG           - number of pick-up coils  
TRBMAG, TZBMAG   - vectors, r- and z-coordinates  
BBPMAG           - vector, measured field  
ERBMAG           - vector, instrumental error in percentage  
Thetan           - vector, defines angle between normal to vessel  
                  and  $Z = 0$ .

##### b) Print and plot output control

The PREWIR and LACWIR programs contain at the beginning a data statement defining output control.

DATA IKEEP/9/, IPRINT /0/, IPLOT /0/, IWT /6/, ITEST /0/.

- IKEEP - channel for data set of precalculated values
- IWT - printer channel (normally 6)
- IPRINT - printout control  
IPRINT = 0: no printout  
IPRINT  $\neq$  0: print of geometry, measured field/  
flux values, coordinates of plasma  
boundary and short control values.  
Short control values:  
- total plasma current calculated  
- error of calculated field in pick-  
up positions  
- number of modes used for minimization
- IPLOT - plot output control  
IPLOT = 0: no plot  
IPLOT  $\neq$  0: plot of pick-up coils, flux loops,  
surfaces C and F. Additional in LACWIR:  
plasma boundary
- ITEST - control for test printout  
ITEST only works with IPRINT  $\neq$  0  
ITEST = 0: no test print  
ITEST  $\neq$  0: all matrices and vectors calculated  
are printed with title.

### c) Results

The LACWIR program calculates NBPMAG+2 points (normally 20) defining the plasma boundary. The r and z components are stored in RC and ZC. The flux value is kept in H.

In addition, the r and z components of the field at all points are supplied in vectors BRC and BZC. See common CWIR2. Print output is done in accordance with the rules in the previous section. The results are preserved independent of output activities.

## 4.6 Program structure

### a) Calling structure

The dependencies and calling structure of subroutines and functions are shown in Figs. 8 and 9.

Left side of a program name shows the calling subroutine or function. Right side shows all subroutines and functions called by this program.

For example:

GWIR is called by BKMWIR and calls VWIR and AMDWIR.

Most subroutines and functions use the common files described in 4.4 by reference statements.

### b) Structure flow diagrams

The structured flow of PREWIR and LACWIR is explained in Figs. 10 and 11.

Comments and structure inside of programs refer to these pictures.

Mentioned matrices in diagrams are explained in chapter 5.4 description of common files.

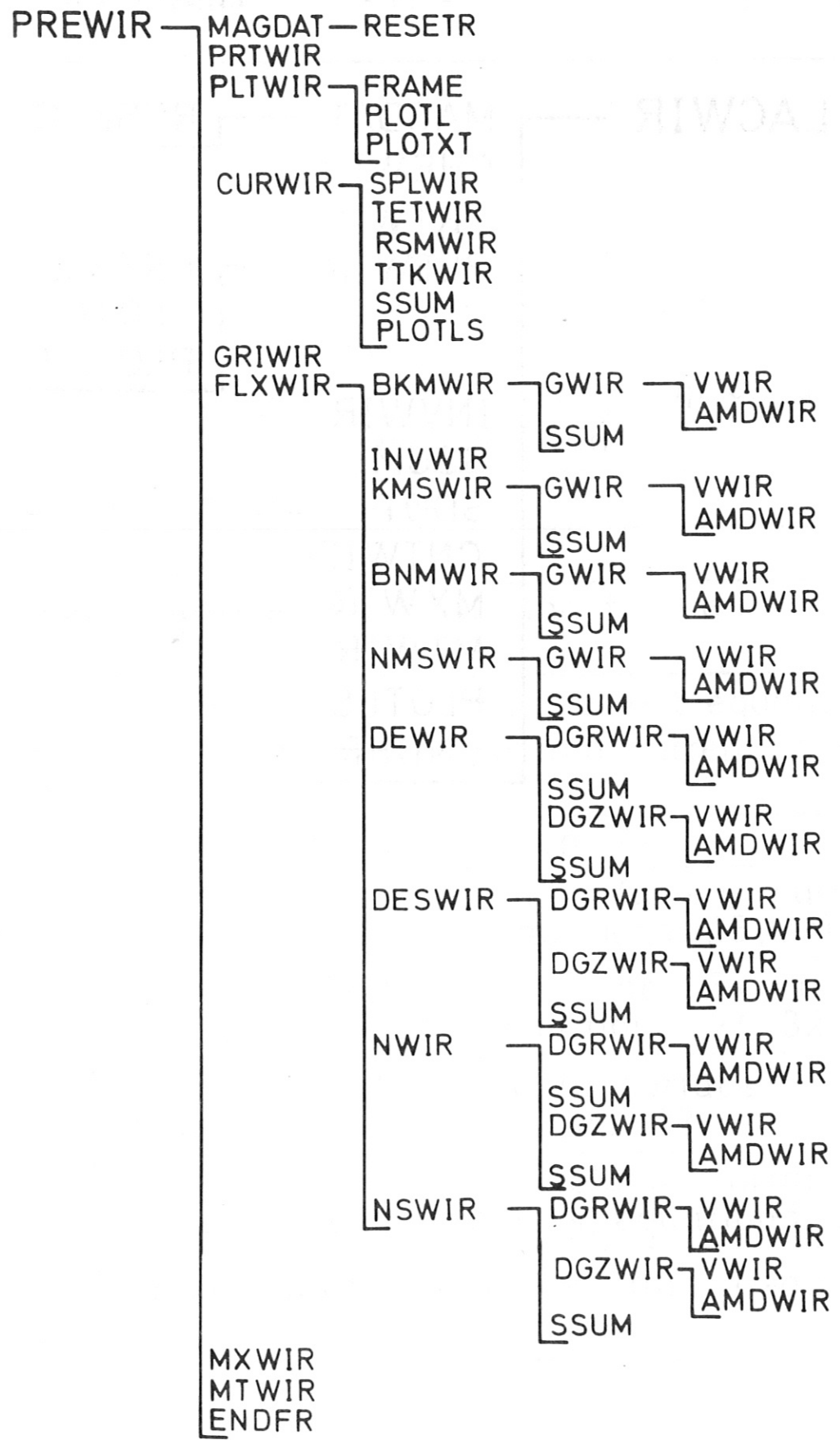


Fig: 8 structure of program PREWIR



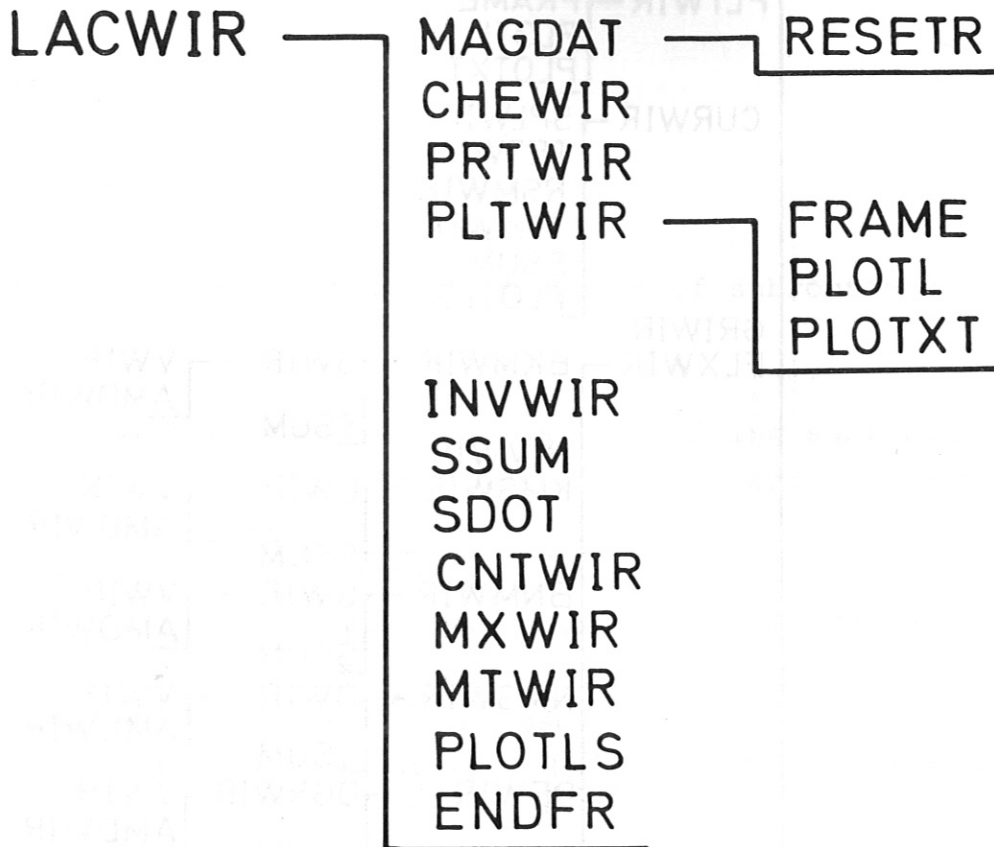


Fig:9 structure of program LACWIR

# PREWIR

get geometry data

JET aquisition program MAGDAT

standard weighting factors for  
instrumental error

angles for position of pick-up coils

print and plot if wished

define surfaces C and F

define grid points

basis matrices for field and flux due to surface  
currents, equations 14, 15

basis matrices for plasma current equations and for  
field and flux due to plasma current and currents  
outside

matrix ALPHA, equation 22

matrix TERM (field of surface C currents in  
pick-up positions equations 25, 32)

matrix FAKT (field of surface F currents in  
pick-up positions, equations 24, 32)

matrix RES (flux due to surface F currents  
in grid points, equations 23)

matrices DFS, EGS (field of surface F  
currents in grid points, equations 24, 25)

store precalculated matrices and geometry  
data

Fig:10 structured flow diagram of PREWIR program

# LACWIR

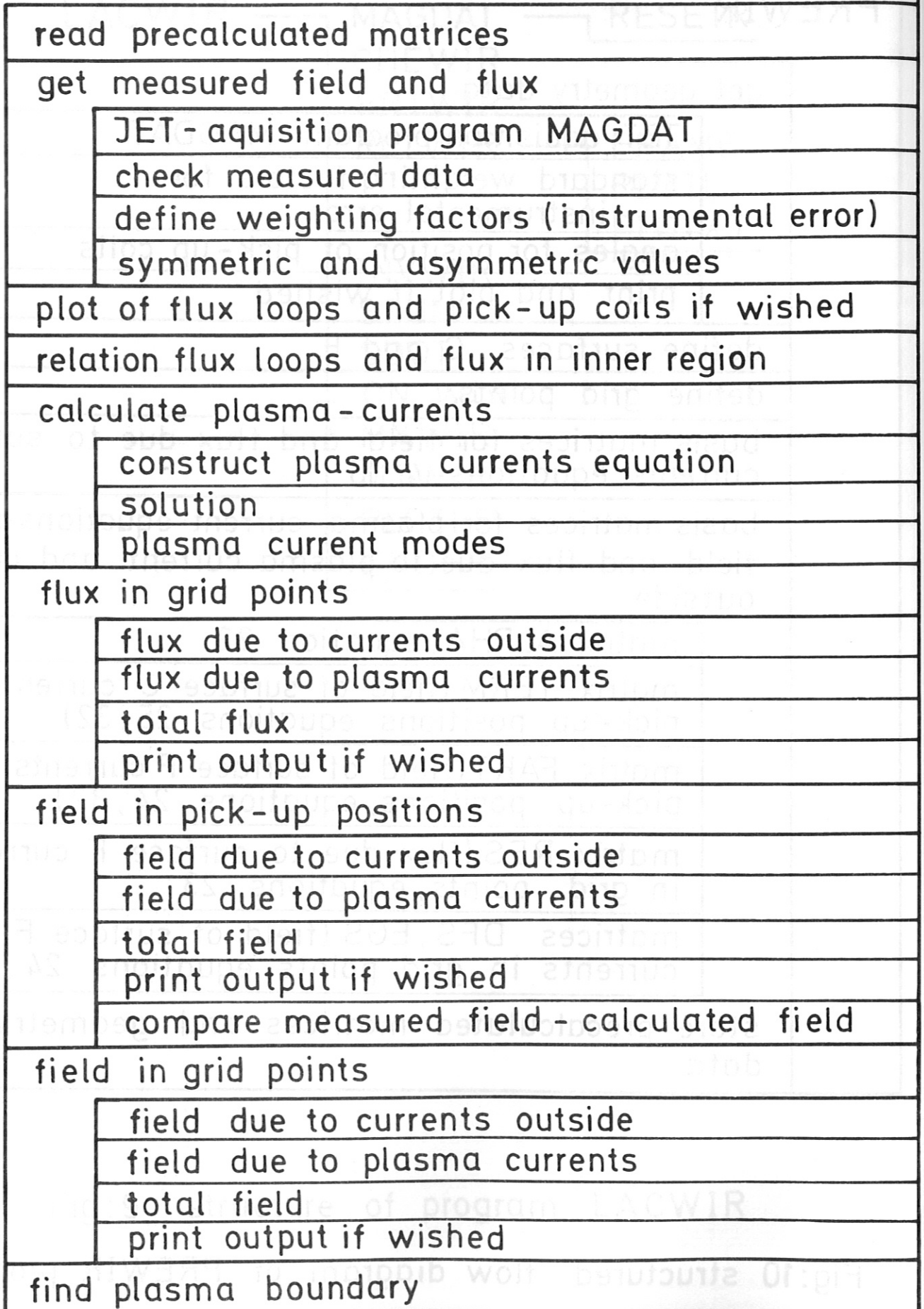


Fig:11 structured flow diagram of LACWIR program

5. Program Details

5.1 Generation of Control Surfaces

a) Polar coordinates for flux loop positions

For all flux loops positions the polar coordinates  $r$  and  $\psi$  are calculated and stored in RK and TETK. In order to get a closed cycle,  $r_1$  and  $\psi_1$  are stored additionally in RK(NFLMAG+1) and TETK (NFLMAG+1). See Fig. 12 .

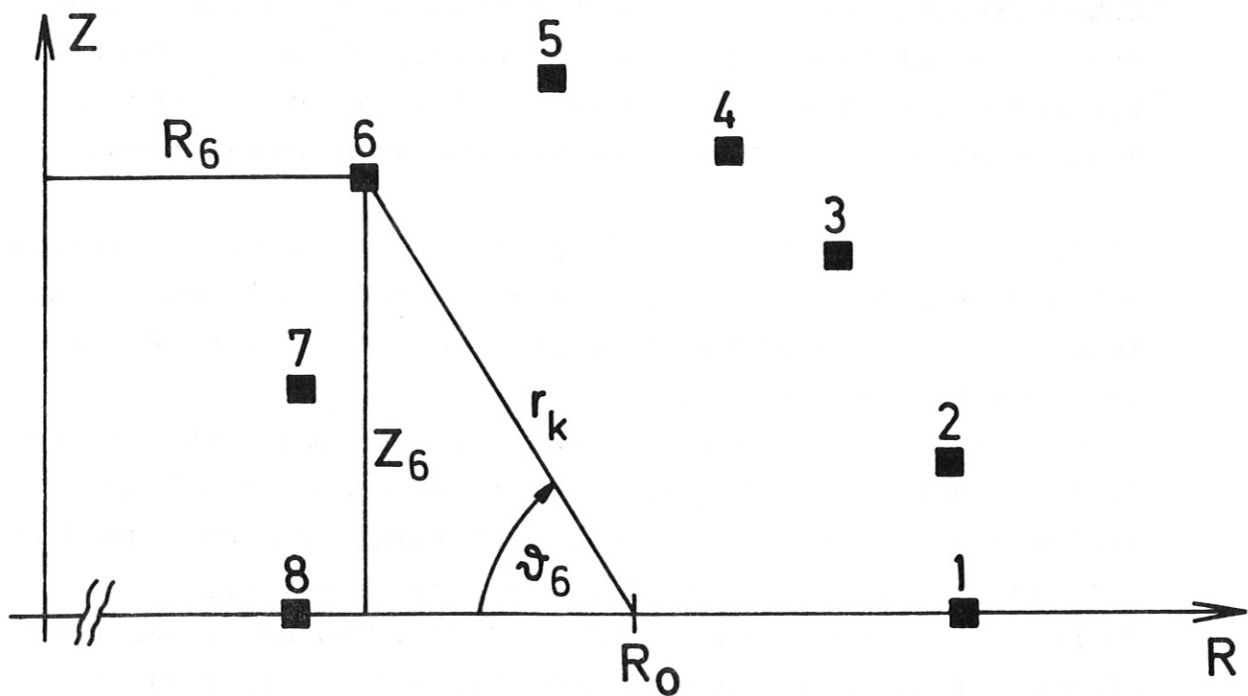


Fig. 12 :  $R_6, Z_6$  are the coordinates of flux loop 6.

$$r_6 = \sqrt{(R_6 - R_0)^2 + Z_6^2}$$

$$\psi_6 = \arctg \frac{Z_6}{R_0 - R_6}$$

b) Surfaces C and F as Polygon

For better use, reorganized values in RTK (for R) and TK (for TETK) are produced by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{RTK (K+1)} &= \text{RK (NFLMAG+1-K)} \\
\text{TK (K+1)} &= \text{TETK (NFLMAG+1-K)} \\
\text{K} &= 0, \text{NFLMAG}, 1
\end{aligned}$$

Subroutine SPLWIR calculates for these reorganized values the cubic spline coefficients, variability in  $\psi$ . Vector RTK keeps coefficients of order 0, B of order 1, C of order 2 and D of order 3. Note that RTK has been overwritten.

After this between the flux loops an equidistantly in spaced polygon is produced. The number of polygons between 2 flux loops is defined by variable NTET in common file PARWIR (advice: NTET = 20).

As the flux loops are nearly equally positioned on surface C, the lengths of polygons between different flux loops differ very little. The points describing surface C (and F) are placed in the middle of these polygons, note Fig. .

Number of points is  $IL = NTET \cdot NFLMAG$ . The cartesian coordinates of surface C points are stored in H1 (for x) and H2 (for z):

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{H1} &= R_0 - r_K \cdot \cos(\psi) \\
\text{H2} &= r_K \cdot \sin(\psi) .
\end{aligned}$$

To get surface F we use factor GAMMA defined in common file PARWIR.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{P1} &= R_0 - r_K \cdot \cos(\psi) \cdot \text{GAMMA} \\
\text{P2} &= r_K \cdot \sin(\psi) \cdot \text{GAMMA} .
\end{aligned}$$

( $r_K$  - polar coordinate produced by spline coefficients)



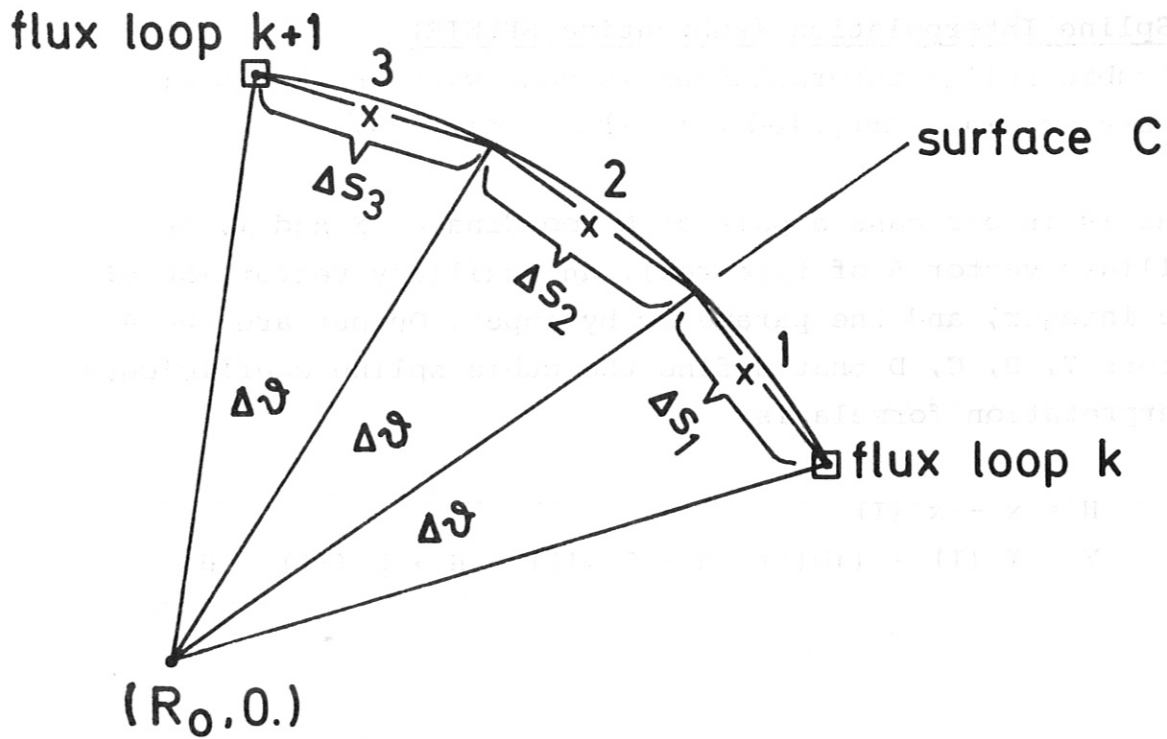


Fig:13 approximation of surface C  
(NTET = 3)

The lengths of polygons are stored to shorten execution time for integration of equations 14 and 15 (vector DELC for surface C, vector DELF for surface F).

Also the additional matrices STET and CTET facilitate integrations.

$$\text{STET}_{j m} = \sin (\vartheta_j \times m)$$

$$\text{CTET}_{j m} = \cos (\vartheta_j \times (m-1)).$$

(m = current mode,  $\vartheta_j$  = polar coordinate  $\vartheta$  of point j)

c) Spline Interpolation (subroutine SPLWIR)

The cubic spline interpolation is done with an IPP internal library program, supplied with the program /7/.

Input is in our case a pair of N coordinates X and Y, an auxiliary vector A of type real, an auxiliary vector IND of type integer, and the parameter by input. Output are the 4 vectors Y, B, C, D that define the cubic spline coefficients. Interpretation formula is:

$$H = x - x (I)$$

$$Y = Y (I) + ((D(I) \cdot H + C (I)) \cdot H + B (I)) \cdot H.$$

5.2 Definition of computational grid

The grid points are equidistantly spaced on rays between surface F and the centre of the pick-up coils. The distance between 2 radial points is expressed in the program by the 2 variables DX and DZ. Two additional rays are constructed to represent the z = 0-line with the limiter position at r = RLIM.

The r and z-components of the grid points are stored in the variables RG and ZG. See common CWIR1.

The numbering in radial direction starts from outside to inside. First ray is for z = 0 line, last ray connects surface F and the last pick-up coil. The total number of grid points:  $NN = NX \times (NBPMAG+2) = NX \times NZ$ .

Note the small shift of DX/10 and DZ/10 for the last point of each ray to avoid infinite values in surface F positions.

### 5.3 Tracking of plasma boundary

If we know the total flux PSITOT in all grid points, we are able to calculate the desired contour line (plasma boundary).

First the flux value H at a limiter point (RLIM,0.) is determined by linear interpolation. Then, for each ray, an index N is ascertained so that  $PSITOT(N) < H < PSITOT(N+1)$ , if the plasma currents is positive. Linear interpolation leads to the desired points (coordinates of plasma boundary points in RC and ZC). If there is no index N for a ray, the last point on the ray is used (point on surface F).

In addition, the r and z components of magnetic field is calculated in plasma boundary points by linear interpolation.

### 5.4 Evaluation of auxiliary integrals

Integration of equations 14 and 15 along surface C and F is done by trapezoidal rule of Maclaurin (order of error  $h^3$ ). This is possible because the surface points are placed in the middle of a polygon spaced equidistantly in . See chapter 5.2. Integration formula:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f d\vartheta \approx \sum_{k=1}^{N_{FLMAG}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{TET}} f(\rho_j) \cdot \Delta S_j$$

Integration along surface C:

<u>subroutine</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>result matrices</u>
BKMWIR	flux of surface C currents in flux loops	BKM

BNMWIR	flux of surface C currents in grid points	BNM
DEWIR	$B_r$ and $B_z$ components of surface C currents in pick-up coils	DI, EI
NWIR	$B_r$ and $B_z$ components of surface C currents in grid points	

Integration along surface F:

<u>subroutine</u>	<u>description</u>	<u>result matrices</u>
KMSWIR	flux of surface F currents in flux loops	BKMS
NMSWIR	flux of surface F currents in grid points	DNMS
DESWIR	$B_r$ and $B_z$ components of surface F currents in pick-up coils	DIS, EIS
NSWIR	$B_r$ and $B_z$ components of surface F currents in grid points	

### 5.5 Variables stored on Permanent Data Set

All data necessary to run LACWIR program are stored on a permanent data set. This includes: geometry data, coordinates of surfaces C and F, data of grid points, predefined field and flux data and precalculated matrices of PREWIR program.

a) Geometry data:

TRBMAG, TZBMAG, TRFMAG, TZFMAG, THETAN,  
NFLMAG, NBPMAG, PHIB, SINP, COSP.

b) Coordinates of surfaces C and F and auxiliary matrices:

H1, H2, DELC, P1, P2, DELF, CTET, STET, IL.

c) Data of grid points:

RG, ZG, NX, NZ, NN.

d) Predefined field and flux data:

FLXMAG, BBPMAG, W, ERBMAG, ERFMAG, BMNMAG,  
BMXMAG, FLNMAG, FMXMAG, W.

e) Precalculated Matrices:

BKM, TERM, FAKT, BNM, RES, DNM, ENM, DFS, EGS.

The meaning of these names of program variables is described in chapter 5.6: description of common files.



## 5.6 Description of Common Files

### a) Common file CWIRO

Matrices without detailed description are of three dimensions:

dimension 1: for pick-up coils, resp. flux loops,  
resp. grid points

dimension 2: for surface C currents, resp. surface F  
currents

dimension 3: for type of mode  
index = 1: cos modes  
index = 2: sin modes

### a) Common file CWIRO

EI -  $E_{i,m}$  of equation 29 for pick-up coils

DIS -  $D_{i,m'}$  of equation 28 for pick-up coils

EIS -  $E_{i,m'}$  of equation 30 for pick-up coils

ALPHA -  $\alpha_{m,m'}$  in equation 22  
dimension 1 for surface C current modes  
dimension 2 for surface F current modes  
dimension 3 for type of mode

FIS -  $F_{i,m'}$  of equation 26 for pick-up coils

GIS -  $G_{i,m'}$  of equation 26 for pick-up coils

DNMS -  $D_{i,m'}$  of equation 28 for grid points

- ENMS -  $E_{i,m}$ , of equation 30 for grid points
- FNMS -  $F_{i,m}$ , of equation 26 for grid points
- GNMS -  $G_{i,m}$ , of equation 26 for grid points
  
- B - coefficients of 1st order of cubic spline function,  
length: NFLMAG + 1
- C - coefficients of 2nd order, length: NFLMAG + 1
- D - coefficients of 3rd order, length: NFLMAG + 1
  
- R - polar coordinates  $r$  of surface C points,  
length: IL = NTET \* NFLMAG
- TETA - polar coordinates  $\vartheta$  of surface C points,  
length: IL
  
- TETK - polar coordinates  $\vartheta$  of flux loops,  
length: NFLMAG + 1
  
- RK - polar coordinates  $r$  of flux loops,  
length: NFLMAG + 1
  
- DTET - auxiliary vector to get surface C points,  
length: IL
  
- RTK - reorganized polar coordinates  $r$  of flux loops,  
length: NFLMAG + 1
  
- TK - reorganized polar coordinates  $\vartheta$  of flux loops,  
length: NFLMAG + 1
  
- HP1 - auxiliary vector for calculation of spline  
coefficients, length: NFLMAG + 1
  
- IND - auxiliary integer-vector for calculation of  
spline coefficients,  
length: NFLMAG + 1

- FDR - auxiliary vector for integration, stores derivatives in r of Green function, length: IL
- FDZ - auxiliary vector for integration, stores derivatives in z of Green function, length: IL
- GWF - auxiliary vector for integration, stores Green function, length: IL
  
- VC - auxiliary vector for integration, stores subintegrals of COS modes, length: IL
- VS - auxiliary vector for integration, stores subintegrals of SIN modes, length: IL
  
- HELPO - auxiliary matrix for inversion, size: MM \* MM
  
- HELPT1 - auxiliary vector, length NBPMAG
- HELPT2 - auxiliary vector, length NBPMAG

b) Common file CWIR1

- BKM -  $B_{n,m}$  of equation 14 for relation between surface C and flux loops
- BKMS -  $B_{nm}'$ , of equation 15 for relation between surface F and flux loops
  
- BNM -  $B_{n,m}$  of equation 14 for relation between surface C and grid points
- BNMS -  $B_{n,m}'$ , of equation 15 for relation between surface F and grid points
  
- TERM -  $D_{im} \cos \varphi + E_{im} \sin \varphi$   
see equation 32

- MM - number of surface C current modes  
NM = (NFLMAG + 1)/2
- MMS - number of surface F current modes,  
NMS = NBPMAG/2
- H1 - x-coordinates of surface C points,  
length: IL
- H2 - z-coordinates of surface C points,  
length: IL
- DELC - abscissa for integration, surface C  
points are positioned in the centre of  
distance DELC, length: IL
- P1 - x-coordinates of surface F points,  
length: IL
- P2 - z-coordinates of surface F points  
length: IL
- DELF - analogous to DELC, for surface F,  
length: IL
- IL - number of surfaces C and F points,  
IL = NTET \* (NFLMAG + 1)
- RG - x-coordinates of grid points, length NN
- ZG - z-coordinates of grid points, length NN
- NN - total number of grid points,  
NN = NX \* NZ
- NX - number of grid points in radial direction
- NZ - number of grid points in circumference
- W - weighting factor for instrumental error of  
measured field, length: NBPMAG

- PHIB - THETAN- /2, length NBPMAG
- COSP - COS(PHIB), length NBPMAG
- SINP - SIN (PHIB), length NBPMAG
- THETAN - angle between normal to vessel and  $z = 0$ ,  
at pick-up positions, length:NBPMAG
- CT - auxiliary vector for plot,  
CT = COS (THETAN), length: NBPMAG
- ST - auxiliary vector for plot,  
ST = SIN (THETAN), length NBPMAG
- FAKT -  $(D_{im'} - F_{im'}) \cos \vartheta +$   
 $(E_{im'} - G_{im'}) \sin \vartheta$   
see equations 24, 32,
- RES -  $B_{nm'} - \frac{\mu_0}{\pi} \cdot \sum B_{nm} \alpha_{mm'}$   
see equation 23,
- DNM -  $D_{i,m}$  of equation 27 for grid points
- ENM -  $E_{i,m}$  of equation 24 for grid points
- DFS - (DNMS - FNMS) x ALFA 1
- EGS - (ENMS - GNMS) x ALFA 1  
see equation 24
- LL - number of surface F-current modes used  
LL is fixed to 4 in program LACWIR

c) Common file CWIR2

- FLXS - symmetric flux values, length: NFLMAG
- FLXA - antisymmetric flux values, length: NFLMAG
- BBPS - symmetric field, length: NBPMAG
- BBPA - antisymmetric field, length: NBPMAG
- BCAL - magnitude of total field in pick-up positions  
length: NBPMAG
- BCAL1 - magnitude of field in pick-up positions  
due to currents
- BCAL2 - magnitude of field in pick-up positions  
due to plasma current, length: NBPMAG
- PSITOT - total flux in grid points,  
length: NN
- PC - plasma current modes, solution of equation 31  
dimension 1 for modes,  
dimension 2 for type of mode
- BC -  $B_{km}^{-1} \Psi$  see equation 18,  
dimension 1 for modes,  $K = 1, MM$   
dimension 2 for type of mode
- CONST - TERM \* BC, see equations 24, 25,  
dimension 1 for pick-up coils  
dimension 2 for type of mode
- ABC - auxiliary matrix,  
flux due to currents outside, later field in  
grid points due to plasma current  
dimension 1 for grid points, length: NN  
dimension 2 for type of mode



- RESPC - auxiliary matrix,  
flux in grid points due to plasma current  
later field in grid points due to plasma  
currents,  
dimension 1 for grid points, length: NN  
dimension 2 for type of mode
  
- A1 - matrix for plasma current equations for  
cos-modes,  
size LL \* LL
  
- A2 - matrix for plasma current equations for  
SIN-modes, size LL \* LL
  
- R1 - right hand side of plasma current equation  
for cos modes, length: LL
  
- R2 - right hand side of plasma current equations  
for sin modes, length: LL
  
- BR1 - field  $B_r$  in grid points due to currents  
outside, length: NN
  
- BZ1 - field  $B_z$  in grid points due to currents out-  
side, length: NN
  
- BR - total field  $B_r$  in grid points, length: NN
  
- BZ - total field  $B_z$  in grid points, length: NN
  
- BRC - total field  $B_r$  in points of plasma boundary,  
length: NBPMAG+2
  
- BZC - total field  $B_z$  in points of plasma boundary,  
length: NBPMAG+2

- PCM - integrated plasma mode currents,  
dimension 1 for used modes,  
dimension 2 for type of mode
- HELP3 - auxiliary vector of length NBPMAG
- HELP4 - auxiliary vector of length NBPMAG
- HELP5 - auxiliary vector of length NBPMAG
- HELP6 - auxiliary matrix, size: LL \* LL
- ERR - error between measured field and calculated  
field, scalar
- A1INV - inverse of matrix A1, size LL \* LL
- A2INV - inverse of matrix A2, size LL \* LL

d) Common file COMMAG

- BBPMAX (MAXBP) - B (poloidal) by pick-up coils
- BMNMAG - permitted minimum of B (poloidal)
- BMXMAG - permitted maximum of B (poloidal)
- BTOMAG - toroidal vacuum B on axis  $R = R_0$ ,  
not used
- ERBMAT (MAXBP) - error on B (poloidal)
- ERFMAG (MAXFL) - error on flux
- FLXMAG (MAXFL) - flux by loops
- FMNMAG - permitted minimum of flux
- FMXMAG - permitted maximum of flux

- SAMMAG - sampling rate of magn. measurements,  
not used
- TRBMAG (MAXBP) - toroidal r of pick-up coils
- TRFMAG (MAXFL) - toroidal r of pick-up loops
- TZBMAG (MAXBP) - toroidal z of pick-up coils
- TZFMAG (MAXFL) - toroidal z of flux loops
- VLPMAG - toroidal loop voltage,  
not used
- NBPMAG - no. of pick-up coils
- NFLMAG - no. of flux loops
- NLMAG - true if data is available

c) Common file PARWIR

Constants for dimensioning of labelled common blocks

Primary:

- MAXBP - max number of pick-up coils
- MAXFL - max number of flux loops
- MAXNN - max number of grid points
- NTET - integration-points between 2 flux-loops  
(number of polygons for surface C between  
2 flux loops)

Secondaries:

- MAXMM - max. number of surface C current modes:  $MAXMM = MAXFL/2 + 1$
- MAXMMS - max. number of surface F current modes:  $MAXMMS = MAXBP/2$
- MAXFLN - total number of surface F resp. surface C points:  $MAXFLN = NTET * MAXFL$
- Others are: MAXFL1, MAXFL2, MAXMT, MAXM2, MAXMS2, MAXBPT

Other constants used

- EPS - numerical constant: minimum of matrix determinant allowed
- GAMMA - factor to construct surface F by surface C
- ALFA1 -  $4 \cdot 10^{-7}$

Standard values in common file PARWIR

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| MAXBP = 18            | MAXFL = 14        |
| NTET = 20             | MAXNN = 200       |
| MAXMM = MAXFL/2+1     | MAXMMS = MAXBP/2  |
| MAXFLN = NTET * MAXFL | MAXFL2 = MAXFL 2  |
| MAXM2 = 2 X MAXMM     | MAXMS2 = MAXMMS 2 |
| MAXFL1 = MAXFL+1      | MAXBPT = MAXBP+2  |

- GAMMA = 0.3
- PI = 3.14159265

5.7 Formulas for elliptic integrals

Subroutine VWIR calculates the elliptic integrals of first and second kind by polynomial approximation with absolute error  $2 \times 10^{-8} / 8/$ .

Elliptic integral of first kind is stored in program variable EK, integral of second kind in variable EE.

Subroutine ADMWIR calculates the modulus  $K^2$  of the Jacobian elliptic integrals between 2 points  $(R_1, Z_1)$  and  $(R_2, Z_2)$  :

$$K^2 = 4 R_1 \cdot R_2 / \left[ (R_1 + R_2)^3 + (Z_1 - Z_2)^2 \right] .$$

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