Correlation microwave diagnostics on the Wendelstein 7-X stellarator for Operational Phase 2

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Correlation microwave radiometry and reflectometry diagnostics are used to measure electron temperature and plasma density fluctuations on Wendelstein 7-X (W7-X) [1] and the capabilities of these diagnostics are being extended for the second operational phase of W7-X. The ZOOM device [2] is a 16-channel, frequency scannable radiometer extension that is used as a high-resolution radial correlation electron cyclotron emission (CECE) diagnostic when connected to the ECE radiometer on W7-X [3]. A new toroidally displaced radial correlation system with a focusing antenna has been installed that is optimized for core electron temperature fluctuation measurements between 30% and 70% of the plasma minor radius. A secondary CECE antenna has also been installed for plasma density-electron temperature cross phase measurements in the outer 80% of the plasma minor radius. The poloidal correlation reflectometer (PCR) diagnostic [4] measures plasma density fluctuations in the same toroidal plane as the new CECE antennas and has overlapping measurement volumes. A second frequency synthesizer and detection system has been added to the PCR system allowing access to plasma densities up to 4.5×10^{19} m⁻³ and radial correlation length measurements in the outer 80% of plasma minor radius.

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