Procedure of the turbulence wave number spectra reconstruction using the radial correlation reflectometry data.

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Fluctuation reflectometry is widely used technique providing information on the tokamak plasma drift wave turbulence. Technical simplicity and operation at a single access to plasma are among its merits, which however cause interpretation problems related to localization of measurements and wave number spectrum sensitivity. In order to improve the fluctuation reflectometry wave number selectivity a more sophisticated radial correlation reflectometry (RCR), using simultaneously different frequencies for probing was proposed and developed at numerous magnetic fusion devices. The coherence decay of two scattering signals with growing difference of probing frequencies is studied in this diagnostic and interpreted in terms of the turbulence radial correlation length. However, as it was shown in [1-4] using different theoretical models, the small angle scattering along the probing trajectory provides a dominant contribution to the fluctuation reflectometry signal leading to a very slow decay of coherence in RCR in the case of small density perturbation level, thus requiring a more sophisticated RCR data interpretation. Recently [5] an analytical integral formula expressing the RCR cross-correlation function (CCF) in terms of turbulence radial wave number spectrum was derived and a procedure of its correct inversion for the spectrum determination from the CCF in the case of linear density profile was proposed.

In the present paper the feasibility of this spectrum reconstruction procedure is checked using 1D numerical modeling. The reflectometry signals are computed in the case of linear density profile for sets of density fluctuations obeying different spectra. As a result of ensemble averaging, the RCR cross correlation function is determined and the turbulence radial wave number spectra and radial correlation functions are reconstructed and compared to the original one. The procedure accuracy dependence on the probing frequency range and resolution as well as on the noise level is investigated.

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