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Experimental Measurements of the Lower Hybrid Electric Field and Induced Neutral Flow in Tore Supra by Optical Emission Spectroscopy¹ E.H. MARTIN, C.C. KLEPPER, R.C. ISLER, ORNL, M. GO-NICHE, IRFM, J.B.O. CAUGHMAN, ORNL — Recently, the RF electric field vector $(\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{LH}})$ in front of a lower hybrid (LH) launcher, operating at 3.7 GHz, at the low field side of the Tore Supra tokamak was determined by spectroscopic analysis of passive D_{β} spectral emission from the near-antenna plasma. The E_{LH} was determined by globally minimizing the χ associated with the experimental and theoretical spectral line profile. The theoretical profile is calculated from a non-perturbative solution to the Schrödinger equation, which includes the magnetic and dynamic electric field vectors. The magnitude, the direction, and the scaling with LH power of the measured $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{LH}}$ were fairly consistent with those calculated from a full-wave LH model. In addition to $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{LH}}$ the inboard and an outboard neutral flow was determined from the Doppler shifts associated with the D_{α} and D_{β} spectral profiles. It was found that excitation of the LH wave induced both an inboard and outboard co-current neutral flow, which is linearly dependent on injected power; preliminary results indicate ICRH decreases the LH wave-induced co-current neutral flow. Neutral flow velocities are consistent with measurements of ion flow velocities obtained by charge exchange recombination spectroscopy.

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