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## 4.6 Turbulence level effects on conventional reflectometry measurements observed in 2D full-wave simulations

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Numerical simulations are critical in improving the capabilities of microwave diagnostics. In this work, the 2D finite-difference time-domain full-wave code REFMUL [1] has been applied on broadband turbulent plasmas using the conventional reflectometry set-up. Simulations were performed with O-mode waves, fixed frequency probing and I/Q detection. Determining O-mode propagation, the plasma density  $n_e$  was modeled as the sum of a mean component of constant radial gradient and a fluctuating component following the Kolgomorov-like amplitude k-spectrum. Constant plasma velocity, in either radial or poloidal direction, and two different  $n_e$  gradients were considered. In each case, the turbulence level  $\delta n_e / n_e$  was scanned over several orders of magnitude. Simulations show trends, such as spectral broadening of the complex  $A(t)e^{i\phi(t)}$  signals with increasing  $\delta n_e / n_e$ , that are discussed taking into account geometrical and scattering efficiency competing effects. Variations in  $A(t)$  and  $\phi(t)$  proportional to  $\delta n_e / n_e$  are also shown, for low  $\delta n_e / n_e$  as previously observed with other 1D and 2D codes. The onset of non-linear effects and association with phase jumps and runaway as well as Doppler effects, is also observed and discussed. [1] F. da Silva et al, J. Comput. Phys., 203 (2005), 467-492

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