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Poloidal Magnetic Field Measurements and Analysis With the DIII-D LIBEAM System¹ D.M. THOMAS, J.J. PEAVY, T.N. CARLSTROM, R.J. GROEBNER, A.W. LEONARD, K.H. BUR-RELL, General Atomics, D.K. FINKENTHAL, Palomar Sci. Instrum. — On DIII-D the LIBEAM diagnostic has been designed to provide precise measurements of the local poloidal magnetic field in the edge region, an important parameter for understanding the stability of high performance tokamaks. We use the Zeeman splitting and polarization characteristics of the collisionally excited 670.8 nm Li resonance line to interpret magnetic field components viewed using a dense ($\Delta R \sim 5 \text{ mm}$) array of 32 viewchords. Narrowband etalons and interference filters are used to isolate one of the 3 Zeeman components, and the polarization state is recovered using a photo-elastic modulator along with a PCbased, multichannel digital lock-in detection system. Edge magnetic pitch angle profiles $(0.78 < \Psi_N < 1.05)$ for a variety of DIII-D shots during the 2002 campaign have been reconstructed using several chords and an analysis of the lock-in and dc signal levels. Measurement accuracy is presently limited by etalon performance which leads to a decreased polarization fraction. Analysis of this effect and some strategies for absolutely calibrating the measured polarization will be presented.

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