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Plasma heating on MHz θ Pinch Bp Fuel Engine

MHz θ ピンチエンジンにおけるプラズマ加熱

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Tokamaku type fusion heating is difficult. For primary coil magnetic flux Φ , $e=-\partial \Phi/\partial t$ is not sufficient to produce enough Joule heating.

New coil MHz magnetic field make $J \times B$ acceleration every cycle. High temperature plasma ions could be accelerated by the MHz magnetic field of the new coil. Joule heat at acceleration place of snowplow is small.

For electron velocity v_e and ion velocity v_i , $u=v_i-v_e=3 \times 10^7$ m/s is easy. In this condition, electron resistance is small.

Energy increase rate for one ion

$$\langle d\epsilon/dt \rangle = \{-u^* (qq^*)^2 \ln A / 4\pi \epsilon_0^2 m_r u^3\} (V \cdot n) = 2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J/s}$$

is very small, where $m_r = m_e m_i / (m_e + m_i)$, $V = (m_e v_e + m_i v_i) / (m_e + m_i)$.

Accelerated ions and electrons are pinched each other at center of plasma container.

The coil is the bundle of electric resonance elements. The element is a capacity and a all coated fine wire one loop. The bundle has first mode when excited with MHz current of resonance frequency. The excited mode current of each element is almost same amplitude. And the current phases of the element is precisely same between each other so that strong stable MHz field is obtained.

0.1m plasma cylinder container radius, 0.1m cylinder width, with 0.2m radius system magnetic field shield coil or sheath metal, is considered.

Snowplow plasma of $1 \times 10^{16}/\text{m}^3$ density is accelerated to 2,699,510 m/s.

Snowplow plasma is compressed gradually at center, so that plasma is compressed adiabatically. And it is assumed that the plasma is ideal gas.

Plasma is compressed with constant pressure by pinch magnetic field pressure and reversible adiabatic change.

Snowplow plasma temp 0.0047 eV, temperature before pinch: $T_{gc} = 0.1$ eV, density before pinch: $n_{gc} = 1.38/\text{m}^3$, max density: $n_2 = 200,000/337.5 \times n_{gc} = 5.75 \times 10^{30}/\text{m}^3$.

Mean free path of pinch plasma is

$$\lambda_{i2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-4} Z^{-4} T_2^2 / (n_2 10^{-20}) = 1.33 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

Z: boron ion electrons charge number: 5, $T_2: 200,000$ eV.

Output efficiency is

$$\eta_s = (P_{out} - W_b - W_c - W_v - W_j - W_e) / P_{out} = 0.698$$

where output power is

$$P_{\text{out}} = n_B n_D \langle v \sigma \rangle E \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \Delta t f_s (\text{eV}) / 1000 = 276.2 \text{kw}$$

where n_B :boron density and n_D :hydrogen $n_B = n_D = n_2$, v :ion velocity at pinch,
 σ :nuclear fusion cross section, E :fusion release energy 8.7MeV, Δt :pinch time
 which is determined plasma acceralation from expanded state to required plasma
 speed to produce fusion heat, f_s :pinch repitition per sec, V :expanded plasma
 volume, ϵ :compression rate.

Bramaatrahlung radiation

$$W_b = 1.7 \times 10^{-38} Z n_e^2 T_e^{1/2} V_2 \Delta t_p f_0 = 12 \text{kw}$$

synchrotron radiation

$$W_c = e^4 v_{\perp}^2 B_p^2 / \{6 \pi \epsilon_0 c^2 m^2 (1 - v^2/c^2)\} \times V_2 \Delta t_p f_0 = 11.7 \text{kw}$$

Where n_e :pinch plasma electron density

$7.4 \times 10^{26} / \text{m}^3$, T_e :pinch plasma temperature 200,000eV. V_2 :pinch plasma volume
 $= 5.45 \times 10^{-18} \text{m}^3$, Δt_p :pinch time $3.08 \times 10^{-13} \text{sec}$, f_0 :MHz θ pinch cycle 5.921,034cycle.

Coil Jule loss $W_j = 0.2 \text{kw}$, coil fine wire voltex loss $W_v = 3.9 \text{kw}$. Capacity part
 loss W_e is made of fine wires array sheets and air gaps.

Ref.1 and 2 shows example for torus type plasma vessel. The vessels are
 changed to the combination of linear cylinder plasma vessel so that the MHz θ
 are made compleatly as shown in Fig.1.

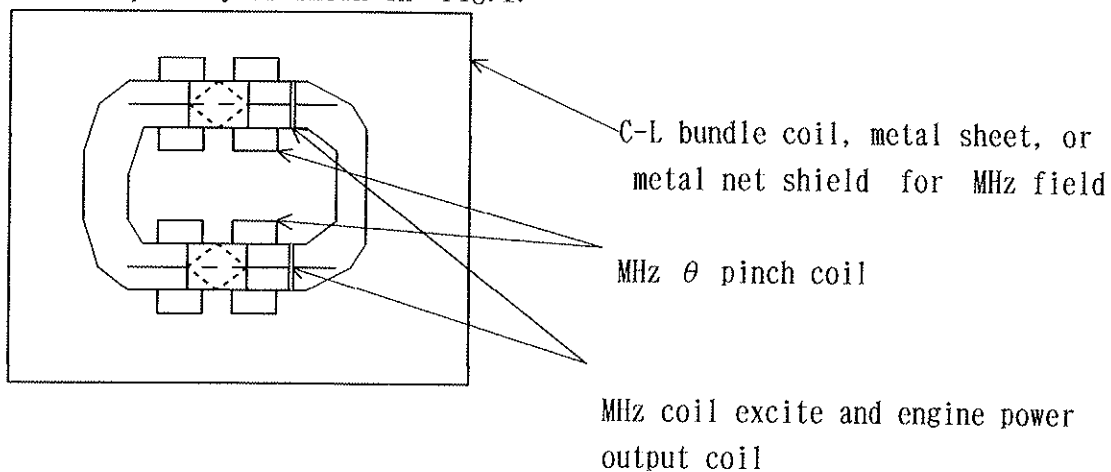


Fig.1

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Ref. 3; 先の予稿集