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原型炉ダイバータプラズマにおける放射冷却用希ガス不純物種の検討 Investigation on Noble Gas Species for Radiation Cooling of DEMO Divertor Plasmas

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A Japanese DEMO reactor design is being developed by *the Joint Special Design Team for Fusion DEMO*. Handling huge exhaust heat is one of the major issues for divertor protection. A potentially effective solution approach is injection of noble gas impurity to dissipate large amount of plasma energy. Since each impurity species radiates at different electron temperature range, the distribution of radiation has to be carefully designed by balancing the divertor heat load and the core plasma performance. Our goal is to decide the noble gas species most appropriate for a steady state operation of DEMO plasma.

As a first step toward the goal, we have carried out SOL/divertor plasma simulation under actual DEMO tokamak geometry [1] with four different noble gas species: neon(Ne), argon(Ar), krypton(Kr), xenon(Xe). Integrated SOL/divertor simulation code SONIC [2] is used. Simulation conditions are summarized as follows: Plasma power (electron & deuterium ion D⁺) 250MW, additional D gas puff $4.8 \times 10^{22} \text{s}^{-1}$ at the outer mid-plane to promote the detachment, 200MW of energy is radiated by impurity.

The results have been analyzed focusing on impurity density profile, radiation profile, divertor heat load as well as amount of injected impurity particle flux. For example, Fig. 1 shows the radiated power profile by Kr. Strong radiation is seen in front of the inner/outer divertor target and along the separatrix. In the SOL and edge region radiation intensity is much weaker, but the total radiated power becomes important when integrated over their large volume. Fig. 2 summarizes spatial distribution of radiated power by each impurity species. As the atomic number increases, the radiating area moves from the divertor regions to the upper SOL/edge region.

Characteristics of Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe injection are

presented more in detail in the presentation. Advantages/disadvantages of each impurity species are summarized, and their appropriate choice for DEMO will be discussed.



Figure 1: Radiated power profile by Kr, projected onto the poloidal cross section. The arrow indicates the position of impurity injection.



Figure 2: Radiated power by each impurity species is summarized as a function of plasma regions. Total radiated power is 200MW for all impurity cases.

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