Introduction to plasma theory and demonstration 電漿基礎理論與實作



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Lecture 4

https://capst.ncku.edu.tw/PGS/index.php/teaching/

https://nckucc.webex.com/nckucc/j.php?MTID=mb9ccf65ba2c981ce1f0f02e a60e1dbf2

開放式教育平台:

https://i-ocw.ctld.ncku.edu.tw/site/course_content/FTqT2RS1h7j

Stellarator uses twisted coil to generate poloidal magnetic field







https://www.euro-fusion.org/2011/09/tokamak-principle-2/ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stellarator

A figure-8 stellarator solved the drift issues



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Lyman Spitzer, Jr. came out the idea during a long ride on a ski lift at Garmisch-Partenkirchen



https://www.snowtrex.de/magazin/skigebiete/garmisch-classic-zugspitze/

Exhibit model of a figure-8 stellarator for the Atoms for Peace conference in Geneva in 1958





Twisted magnetic field lines can be provided by toroidal coils with helical coils



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LHD stellarator in Japan



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Wendelstein 7-X is a stellarator built by Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics (IPP)





Demonstration of a magnetic mirror machine





Show video.

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Plasma is partially confined by the magnetic field





Many mirror points are provided by a pair of ring-type magnets











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Plasma is confined by its own inertia in inertial confinement fusion (ICF)





The laser light cannot propagate past a critical density



• Critical density is given by plasma frequency=laser frequency

The laser generates a pressure by depositing energy at the critical surface



A ball can not be compressed uniformly by being squeezed between several fingers





 ρ_2

P.-Y. Chang, PhD Thesis, U of Rochester (2013) R. S. Craxton, etc., *Phys. Plasmas* **22**, 110501 (2015)

A spherical capsule can be imploded through directly or indirectly laser illumination





Rochester is known as "The World's Image Center"





There are many famous optical companies at Rochester



Kodak





Eastman school of music



BAUSCH + LOMB

Laboratory for Laser Energetics, University of Rochester is a pioneer in laser fusion

- OMEGA Laser System
 - 60 beams
 - >30 kJ UV on target
 - 1%~2% irradiation nonuniformity
 - Flexible pulse shaping

- OMEGA EP Laser System
 - 4 beams; 6.5 kJ UV (10ns)
 - Two beams can be highenergy petawatt
 - 2.6 kJ IR in 10 ps
 - Can propagate to the OMEGA or OMEGA EP target chamber



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The OMEGA Facility is carrying out ICF experiments using a full suite of target diagnostics



The 1.8-MJ National Ignition Facility (NIF) will demonstrate ICF ignition and modest energy gain



OMEGA experiments are integral to an ignition demonstration on the NIF.

Targets used in ICF





• Triple-point temperature : 19.79 K





http://www.lle.rochester.ed https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inertial_confinement_fusion R. S. Craxton, etc., *Phys. Plasmas* **22**, 110501 (2015)

Softer material can be compressed to higher density



Compression of a baseball

Compression of a tennis ball



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxIIdMoAwbY https://newsghana.com.gh/wimbledon-slow-motion-video-of-how-a-tennis-ball-turns-to-goo-after-serve/

A shock is formed due to the increasing sound speed of a compressed gas/plasma



• Acoustic/compression wave driven by a piston:



http://neamtic.ioc-unesco.org/tsunami-info/the-cause-of-tsunamis *R. Betti, HEDSA HEDP Summer School, 2015

Targets used in ICF





Cryogenic shroud







Rugby hohlraum

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d Tent holder

https://www.lle.rochester.edu/index.php/2014/11/10/next-generation-cryo-target/ Introduction to Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion 3rd Edition, by Francis F. Chen https://www.llnl.gov/news/nif-shot-lights-way-new-fusion-ignition-phase

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Nature letter "Fuel gain exceeding unity in an inertially confined fusion implosion"



 Fuel gain exceeding unity (scientific breakeven) was demonstrated for the first time.

The hot spot has entered the burning plasma regime





Science 370, p1019, 2020

Nature 601, p542, 2022

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THE ROAD TO IGNITION

The National Ignition Facility (NIF) struggled for years before achieving a high-yield fusion reaction (considered ignition, by some measures) in 2021. Repeat experiments, however, produced less than half the energy of that result.



• Laser-fusion facility heads back to the drawing board.

J. Tollefson, Nature (News) 608, 20 (2022)

T. Ma, ARPA-E workshop, April 26, 2022

"Ignition" (target yield larger than one) was achieved in NIF on 2022/12/5

3 2.8

2.6

2.4

2.2

2

1.8

1.6

1.4

1.2

1

0.8

0.6

0.4

0

Fusion yield (MJ)



External "spark" can be used for ignition



Shock ignition

Fast ignition



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http://neamtic.ioc-unesco.org/tsunami-info/the-cause-of-tsunamis *R. Betti, HEDSA HEDP Summer School, 2015

Ignition can happen by itself or being triggered externally







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A strong magnetic field reduces the heat flux



 Typical hot spot conditions: R_{hs} ~ 40 μm, ρ ~ 20 g/cm³, T ~ 5 keV: B > 10 MG is needed for χ > 1

Magnetic-flux compression can be used to provide the needed magnetic field.

Principle of frozen magnetic flux in a good conductor is used to compress fields



M. Hohenberger, P.-Y. Chang, et al., Phys. Plasmas <u>19</u>, 056306 (2012). ₃₉

Plasma can be pinched by parallel propagating plasmas





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinch_(plasma_physics) 40

Sandia's Z machine is the world's most powerful and efficient laboratory radiation source





- Stored energy: 20 MJ
- Marx charge voltage: 85 kV
- Peak electrical power: 85 TW
- Peak current: 26 MA
- Rise time: 100 ns
- Peak X-ray emissions: 350 TW
- Peak X-ray output: 2.7 MJ

Z machine





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Z machine discharge





Before and after shots

• Before shots



SAND2017-0900PE_The sandia z machine - an overview of the world's most powerful pulsed power facility.pdf

• After shots



Promising results were shown in MagLIF concept conducted at the Sandia National Laboratories



The stagnation plasma reached fusion-relevant temperatures with a 70 km/s implosion velocity

S. A. Slutz et al Phys. Plasmas 17 056303 (2010)

M. R. Gomez et al Phys. Rev. Lett. 113 155003 (2014)

MagLIF target





Neutron yield increased by 100x with preheat and external magnetic field.





Sheared flow stabilizes MHD instabilities



 $\frac{dV_Z}{dr} \neq 0$

- M. G. Haines, etc., Phys. Plasmas 7, 1672 (2000)
- U. Shumlak, etc., Physical Rev. Lett. 75, 3285 (1995)
- U. Shumlak, etc., ALPHA Annual Review Meeting 2017

A z-pinch plasma can be stabilized by sheared flows



https://www.zapenergyinc.com/about A. D. Stepanov, etc., Phys. Plasmas 27, 112503 (2020)

Fusion reactor concept by ZAP energy



https://www.zapenergyinc.com/about E. G. Forbes, etc., Fusion Sci. Tech. 75, 599 (2019)

There are alternative

TRAPPING FUSION FIRE

When a superhot, ionized plasma is trapped in a magnetic field, it will fight to escape. Reactors are designed to keep it confined for long enough for the nuclei to fuse and produce energy.

A CHOICE OF FUELS

Many light isotopes will fuse to release energy. A deuterium-tritium mix ignites at the lowest temperature, roughly 100 million kelvin, but produces neutrons that make the reactor radioactive. Other fuels avoid that, but ignite at much higher temperatures.



Magnetic field coils

- Liquid metal

vortex

http://www.nextbigfuture.com/2016/05/nuclear-fusion-comany-tri-alpha-energy.html

Commonwealth Fusion Systems, a MIT spin-out company, is building a high-magnetic field tokamak





- Fusion power $\propto B^4$.
- The fusion gain Q > 2 is expected for SPARC tokamak.

Merging compression is used to heat the tokamak at the start-up process in ST40 Tokamak at Tokamak Energy Ltd



• High temperature superconductors are used.

Β_T ~ 3 T



M. Gryaznevich, etc., Fusion Eng. Design, **123**,177 (2017) https://www.tokamakenergy.co.uk/ P. F. Buxton, etc., Fusion Eng. Design, **123**, 551 (2017)

Reconnection





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sS3Lpzh0Zw

Merging compression is used to heat the plasma



http://www.100milliondegrees.com/merging-compression/ P. F. Buxton, etc., Fusion Eng. Design, **123**, 551 (2017)

Spherical torus (ST) and compact torus (CT)

Spherical torus (ST)



• Compact torus (CT)

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Spheromak



• Field reversed configuration (FRC)



Zhe Gao, Matter Radiat. Extremes **1**, 153 (2016) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Field-reversed_configuration

Field reverse configuration is used in Tri-alpha energy



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NBI for Tri-Alpha Energy Technologies





Neutral beams are injected in to the chamber for spinning the FRC





FRC sustain longer with neutral beam injection





Helion energy is compressing the two merging FRCs





https://youtu.be/HINfP3iywvl

Two FRCs are accelerated toward each other





Two FRCs merge with each other



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plasma expands, it pushes back on the magnetic y Faraday's law, the change in field induces t, which is directly recaptured as electricity. This usion electricity is used to power homes and unities, efficiently and affordably.

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The merged FRC is compressed electrically to high temperature





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Similar concept will be studied in our laboratory. •

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General fusion is a design ready to be migrated to a power plant



A spherical tokamak is first generated



Plasma injector for the spherical tokamak





A spherical tokamak is generated in a liquid metal vortex





The spherical tokamak is compressed by the pressure provided by the sournding hydraulic pistons



BBC: General Fusion to build its Fusion Demonstration Plant in the UK, at the UKAEA Culham Campus



By Matt McGrath Environment correspondent

🕑 17 June





A company backed by Amazon's Jeff Bezos is set to build a large-scale nuclear fusion demonstration plant in Oxfordshire.

Canada's General Fusion is one of the leading private firms aiming to turn the
Projectile Fusion is being established at First Light Fusion Ltd, UK





• I_{peak}=14 MA w/ T_{rise}~2us.





 High pressure is generated by the colliding shock.

https://firstlightfusion.com/ B. Tully and N. Hawker, Phys. Rev. **E93**, 053105 (2016) ₇₃

A gas gun is used to eject the projectile





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JN7lyxC11n0 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aW4eufacf-8

Many groups aim to achieve ignition in the MCF regime in the near future

 ITER – 2025 First Plasma 2035 D-T Exps 2050 DEMO



https://www.iter.org https://www.tokamakenergy.co.uk/ https://www.psfc.mit.edu/sparc

- Tokamak energy, UK
 - 2025 Gain
 - 2030 to power grid



 Commonwealth Fusion Systems, USA – 2025 Gain



Fusion is blooming!



We are closed to ignition!



A. J. Webster, Phys. Educ. **38**, 135 (2003) R. Betti, etc., Phys. Plasmas, **17**, 058102 (2010)

Fusion projects in Inst. Space and Plasma Sciences, National Cheng Kung University



We welcome anyone interested in fusion research to join our team!



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Plasma can be compressed when parallel propagating current occurs



• High energy density plasma (HEDP) regime: P > 1 Mbar

*https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinch_(plasma_physics) **Frontiers in High Energy Density Physics: The X-Games of Contemporary Science © (2003) by the National Academy of Sciences, courtesy of the National Academies Press, Washington, D.C.

A pulsed-power system is much cheaper than a laser facility



| Facility | Budgets (NTD) |
|--|-------------------------------|
| OMEGA at University of Rochester | ~1.8 billion |
| National Ignition Facility (NIF) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) | ~100 billion |
| Advanced Light Source (ALS) at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley (LBNL) | ~3 billion |
| Taiwan Photon Source (TPS) at National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center (NSRRC) | ~7 billion |
| Pulsed-power system at ISAPS, NCKU | ~0.002 billion (<0.1 %)!!! |

The pulsed-power system was built by only students



 A 1 kJ pulsed-power system has been built in ISAPS, NCKU in September, 2019.

Experiments will be taken placed at the center of the vacuum chamber



Unit: mm

A peak current of 110 kA with a rise time of 1.5 us is provided by the pulsed-power system



The pulsed-power system has been built





First shot with two synchronized rail-gap switches





Time-resolved imaging system with temporal resolution in the order of nanoseconds was implemented



Varies diagnostics were integrated to the system





M1-1





















f250 l9 f1-50-1

Different wire configurations can be used to generate plasma jets and hard x rays



• x pinch



• multi-wires x pinch



Anode

wire array

• conical-wire array



• inverse-wire array

- radial-wire array
 - radial foil





Spatial coherent hard x rays can be generated using x pinches for point-projection x-ray radiography

• x pinch



The process of an exploded x pinch



Point-projection x-ray radiography



- We are expecting x-ray yields of couple keV, < 1ns, <10 um, ~5 J in total energy generated in our system.
- * G. V. Ivanenkov et al. Plasma Physics Reports 34, 619 (2008)
- * T. A. Shelkovenko et al. Plasma Physics Reports 42, 226 (2016)
- * T. A. Shelkovenko et al. IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci. 34, 2336 (2006)
- * D. H. Kalantar et al. J. Applied Physics 73, 8134 (1993)

Soft x rays for 3-D x-ray tomographic microscopy can be generated using gas-puff z pinches



- Line radiation in the range of 40-15 Å (310-830 eV) with a total energy of 10 J using CO₂ is expected.
- Soft x rays (~520eV) from synchrotron radiation at Advanced Light Source (ALS) is used for 3-D x-ray tomographic microscopy.



- Single line emission in 41.8 / 32.8 nm is expected using Xenon or Krypton.
 - *P. Choi et al. Rev. Sci. Instru. 57, 2162 (1986)
 - *G. Nave et al. J. Appl. Phys. 65, 3385 (1989)
 - *M. Uchida et al. Proc. National Acad. Sci. 106, 19375 (2009) 96

Discharge produced plasma can generate EUV light for EUV lithography





V. Borisov, etc., Proc. SPIE 6611, Laser Optics 2006: High-Power Gas Lasers, 66110B (12 April 2007)

Soft x-ray laser can be generated using a capillary zpinch discharge



 If 200~500 mTorr Ar is used as the filled gas, 46.9 nm (26.5 eV) Ne-like Ar laser can be built.

Astrophysics and space science can be studied in laboratory environments.



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• Plasma jets in Herbig-Haro 111 taken by Hubble space telescope.



Solar wind is a supersonic plasma plume coming from the sun





A plasma jet can be generated by a conical-wire array due to the nonuniform z-pinch effect



- 1. Wire ablation : corona plasma is generated by wire ablations.
- 2. Precursor : corona plasma is pushed by the $\vec{J} \times \vec{B}$ force and accumulated on the axis forming a precursor.
- 3. Plasma jet is formed by the nonuniform z-pinch effect due to the radius difference between the top and the bottom of the array.

D. J. Ampleforda, et al., Phys. Plasmas 14, 102704 (2007)

G. Birkhoff, et al., J. Applied Physics 19, 563 (1948)

Our conical-wire array consists of 4 tungsten wires with an inclination angle of 30° with respect to the axis



Conical-wire array





- Material : Tungsten
- Number of wires : 4
- Diameter : 0.02 mm

Self-emission of the plasma jet in the UV to soft x-ray regions was captured by the pinhole camera



• Image in UV/soft x ray



(Brightness is increased by 40 %.)

 Pinhole diameter:
0.5 mm, i.e., spatial resolution: 1 mm. Image in visible light



(Enhanced by scaling the intensity range linearly from 0 – 64 to 0 – 255.)

P08 Ming-Hsiang Kuo

The MCP was burned due to the higher DC voltage supply



• Image in UV/soft x ray



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 Pinhole diameter:
0.5 mm, i.e., spatial resolution: 1 mm.



Y.-C. Lin, 2021/8/31 Final report P.-Y. Chang, etc, Rev. Sci. Instrum., 93, 043505 (2022) 104

Plasma jet propagation was observed using laser diagnostics



Plasma jet propagation was observed using laser diagnostics

• Shadowgraph images:



• Schlieren images:



± 20 ns

± 2 ns

± 3 ns

Tungsten wires are being evaporated by the pulsed current



To be continued.....

The measured plasma jet speed is 170 ± 70 km/s with the corresponding Mach number greater than 5


Plasma disk can be formed when two head-on plasma jets collide with each other

 Astronomers Find a 'Break' in One of the Milky Way's Spiral Arms.



13.7 mm









A plasma disk with a height of ~0.68 mm and a width of ~7.51 mm was generated ~0.15 mm above the middle plane

• Schlieren image:



Time-integrated image:







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Plasma disk can be formed when two head-on plasma jets collide with each other

Schlieren



Interferometer













The plasma disk with a number density of $\sim 10^{18}$ cm⁻³ was generated

Schlieren



Interferometer



 $-2\pi \sim 2\pi \Rightarrow 0 \sim 4.2 \text{ x } 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ => 8.4 x 10¹⁷ cm⁻³ for L= 5mm



High energy density plasma (HEDP) is the regime where the pressure is greater than 1 Mbar



 The energy density of HEDP regime is higher than 1 kJ of energy per 10 mm³.

Frontiers in High Energy Density Physics: The X-Games of Contemporary Science © (2003) by the National Academy of Sciences, courtesy of the National Academies Press, Washington, D.C.

What if we twist the conical-wire array?



The plasma jet is a bright spot from the top view



Non-rotation







Hollow plasma jets were generated when the conicalwire arrays were twisted



Clockwise 30 °



Counter clockwise 30 °





The hollow region at the center was due to angular momentum conservation of the in-coming plasma flow



A "tornado" is generated by the twisted conical-wire array





A "tornado" is generated by the twisted conical-wire array





Can a rotating plasma disk be formed? To be continue...





No rotation



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The rotational plasma jet produced by a twisted-conicalwire array is being studied





- Neutral beam injection for heating plasma in Tokamak
 - Jure Maglica, Seminar at University in Ljubljana
 - Ian G. Brown, The Physics and Technology of Ion Sources
- Electric propulsion (plasma thrusters)
 - D. M. Goebel and I. Katz, Fundamentals of Electric Propulsion: Ion and Hall Thrusters

Hot plasma is confined by the magnetic field in magnetic confinement fusion



http://www.dailykos.com/story/2010/5/24/869588/https://www.euro-fusion.org/jet/

Neutral beam injector is one of the main heat mechanisms in MCF



Varies way of heating a MCF device

| | Sy | stem | Frequency/ energy | Maximum power coupled to plasma | Overall system efficiency | Development/ demonstration required | Remarks |
|------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---|
| ECRF | | Demonstrated in tokamaks | $28157~\mathrm{GHz}$ | 2.8 MW, $0.2 \ \rm s$ | 30-40% | Power sources and windows, off-axis CD | Provides off-axis CD |
| | | ITER needs | $150170~\mathrm{GHz}$ | 50 MW, S S | | | |
| ICRF | | Demonstrated in tokamaks | 25–120 MHz | 22 MW, 3 s (L-mode); 16.5 MW, 3 s (H-mode) | 50–60% | ELM tolerant system | Provides ion heating and smaller ELMs |
| | | ITER needs | 40–75 MHz | 50 MW, SS | | | |
| LHRF | | Demonstrated in tokamaks | 1.3–8 GHz | 2.5 MW, 120 s; 10 MW, 0.5 s | 45–55% | Launcher, coupling to H-mode | Provides off-axis CD |
| | | ITER needs | $5~\mathrm{GHz}$ | 50 MW, S S | | | |
| +1 | +ve ion | Demonstrated in tokamaks | $80–140~{\rm keV}$ | 40 MW, 2 s; 20 MW, 8 s | 35–45% | None | Not applicable |
| NDI | | ITER needs | None | None | | | |
| INDI | -ve ion | Demonstrated in tokamaks | $0.35~{\rm MeV}$ | $5.2 \text{ MW}, \text{ D}^-, 0.8 \text{ s}$ (from 2 sources) | | | |
| -1 | | ITER needs | $1 { m MeV}$ | 50 MW, S S | $\sim 37\%$ | System, tests on tokamak, plasma CD | provides rotation |

 $\rm ^{\prime S}\,S^{\prime}$ indicates steady state



Neutral particles heat the plasma via coulomb collisions





- 1. create energetic (fast) neutral ions
- 2. ionize the neutral particles
- 3. heat the plasma (electrons and ions) via Coulomb collisions

Negative ion source is preferred due to higher neutralization efficiency







- beam components (Ion Source, Accelerator, Neutralizer, Residual Ion Dump and Calorimeter)
- other components (cryo-pump, vessels, fast shutter, duct, magnetic shielding, and residual magnetic field compensating coils)



The ITER neutral beam system: status of the project and review of the main technological issues, presented by V. Antoni

Neutral beam penetration





- Parallel direction
 - Longest path through the densest part of the plasma
 - Harder to be built
- Perpendicular direction
 - Path is short
 - Larger perpendicular energies leads to larger losses
 - Easier to be built



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Satellites are widely used in our daily life



 SpaceX's Starlink – 12,000 satellites



GPS signal



Foromsa 5 – Optical remote sensing



https://phys.org/news/2019-05-starlink-satellites-orbiting-altitude-space.html https://www.nspo.narl.org.tw/inprogress.php?c=20021501 https://www.theengineeringcommunity.org/satellite-positioning-gps-advantages-and-disadvantages-for-site-engineers/ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arase_%28satellite%29

https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2022/first-images-from-nasa-s-webb-space-telescope-coming-soon

Satellites are classified by their weights and sizes



| Mass | Classification |
|---------------|------------------|
| ≥ 1000 kg | Large satellite |
| 500 ~ 1000 kg | Medium satellite |
| ≤ 500 kg | Small satellite |
| 100 ~ 500 kg | Mini satellite |
| 10 ~ 100 kg | Micro satellite |
| 1 ~ 10 kg | Nano satellite |
| 0.1 ~ 1 kg | Pico satellite |
| ≤ 0.1 kg | Femto satellite |

• Triton: 300 kg



https://www.nspo.narl.org.tw/index.php?ln=zh_TW https://alen.space/basic-guide-nanosatellites/



CubeSat

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• Formosa 5: 450 kg



A rocket is used to deploy a satellite to orbit



SpaceX Dragon reaches the international space station with several steps



Hohmann orbit transformation uses two impulses to transfer the vehicle between two circular orbits with different altitudes



 $mV_{1'}R = mV_2R'$

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hohmann_transfer_orbit

Satellites are slowly deployed for Starlink constellation



https://www.nasaspaceflight.com/2020/06/evaluating-spacexs-starlink-push/ https://www.space.com/spacex-starlink-satellites.html https://metro.co.uk/2020/04/24/starlink-satellites-work-12604227/

Satellite may encounter air drag so that reboost is needed to remain the altitude



 Altitude of the international space station Altitude of the Hubble telescope





https://www.heavens-above.com/IssHeight.aspx V. Nwankwo and S. Chakrabarti, Trans. JSASS Aero. Tech. Japan 12, 47 (2014)

Trajectories including the gravitational force needs to be solved numerically



Force on exhaust propellant from the thruster



Force on the vehicle

$$F = T - F_{g} = M_{p}V_{ex} - \frac{GM_{E}m}{r^{2}}$$
$$\frac{d(mv)}{dt} = M_{p}V_{ex} - \frac{GM_{E}m}{(x+r_{E})^{2}}$$
$$m\frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{dm}{dt}v = M_{p}V_{ex} - \frac{GM_{E}m}{(x+r_{E})^{2}}$$



$$\left(\begin{array}{c} m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} - M_p \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{GM_E m}{(x+r_E)^2} = M_p V_{ex} \\ m = M_{sat} + M_P = \left(M_{sat} + M_{p0} \right) - M_p t \end{array} \right)$$

The final velocity of a vehicle in gravitational-free space is proportional to the exhaust velocity of the propolant

$$p(t) = p(t + dt)$$

$$Mv = (M - dm_{p})(v + dv) + dm_{p}(v - V_{ex})$$

$$Mv = Mv + Mdv - dm_{p}v - dm_{p}dv + dm_{p}v - dm_{p}V_{ex}$$

$$dv \sim - V_{ex}\frac{dM}{M} \text{ where } dm_{p}dv \text{ is neglected and } dm_{p} = -dM$$

$$\int_{v_{i}}^{v_{f}} dv = -V_{ex}\int_{m_{d}+m_{p}}^{m_{d}}\frac{dM}{M} \qquad M$$

$$Specific \text{ impulse: } Isp \equiv \frac{V_{ex}}{g}$$

$$\Delta v = (Isp \times g) \ln\left(\frac{m_{s} + m_{p}}{m_{s}}\right) \qquad m_{p} = m_{s}[e^{\Delta v/vex} - 1]$$

$$= m_{s}[e^{\Delta v/(Isp \times g)} - 1]$$

• Specific impulse represents how efficient a thruster is.

A thrust larger than gravitational force is needed to bring the vehicle to the space

- Assumptions:
 - Only vertical motion
 - No air resistance
- Rocket (similar to Falcon 9*):
 - $M_{Sat} = 1000 \text{ kg}$
 - $-V_{ex} = 3000 \text{ m/s} (lsp = 306 \text{ sec})$
 - $-M_{\rm p} = 5 \times 10^5 \, \rm kg$
 - $-\dot{M}_{\rm p}$ = 2700 kg/s



A thrust larger than gravitational force is needed to bring the vehicle to the space

- Assumptions:
 - Only vertical motion
 - No air resistance
- Electrical propulsion (similar to 500 25-cm XIPS*):

$$- M_{\rm Sat} = 1000 \, \rm kg$$

$$-V_{\rm ex}$$
 = 34790 m/s (lsp = 3550 sec)

$$-M_{\rm p} = 5 \times 10^5 \, \rm kg$$

 $-M_{\rm p} = 2.4 \text{ x } 10^{-3} \text{ kg/s}$





An ion thruster provides much higher Δv than that provided by a rocket

- Rocket (similar to Falcon 9*):
 - $M_{Sat} = 900 \text{ kg}$
 - $V_{\rm ex}$ = 3000 m/s (lsp = 306 sec)
 - $-M_{\rm p} = 100 \, \rm kg$
 - $-M_{\rm p} = 2700 \, \rm kg/s$
 - $T_{total} = 37 ms$

- Electrical propulsion (similar to 25cm XIPS*):
 - $M_{Sat} = 900 \text{ kg}$
 - $V_{\rm ex}$ = 34790 m/s (lsp = 3550 sec)
 - $-M_{\rm p} = 100 \ {\rm kg}$
 - $-M_{\rm p} = 4.77 \text{ x } 10^{-6} \text{ kg/s}$



Comparison between liquid rockets and ion thrusters



- Liquid rockests
 - u~4500 m/s
 - Isp~450 s
 - Energy ~ 100GJ
 - Power ~ 300MW
 - Thrust ~ 2x10⁶ N
- Ion thrusters
 - u~30000 m/s
 - Isp~3000 s
 - Energy ~ 1000GJ
 - Power ~ 1kW
 - Thrust ~ 0.1 N





Electric thruster types - electrothermal

• Resistojet






Electric thruster types - electrostatic

• Ion thruster





lons are accelerated by the electric field in an ion thruster



- lon thrusters consist of: •
 - Ionization chamber to generate ions. •
 - Acceleration electrodes to accelerate ions. ٠
 - Neutralizer to neutralize the ions. •

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = e\Delta V \qquad v = \sqrt{\frac{2e\Delta V}{m}}$$





| Parameters | Performance |
|--------------|-------------|
| Diameter | 25 cm |
| Power | 4.3 kW |
| lsp | 3550 sec |
| Thrust | 166 mN |
| Beam voltage | 1215 V |
| Beam current | 3.05 A |

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/lon_thruster

Dan M. Geobel and I. Katz, Fundamentals of electric propulsion - ion and hall thrusters

Electrons are confined by magnetic field so that ionization fraction increases in a Hall thruster

- Ion thrusters consist of:
 - Ionization chamber to generate ions.
 - Radial magnetic field is used to confine electrons.
 - Acceleration electrodes to accelerate ions.
 - Single electron gun is used as the neutralizer and for ionization.
 - **ExB** drift hollow cathode cathode roocoocoocoo ()) Xe electrons • В anode anode ions magnetic dielectric wall poles Vgc coil electrons Ϋ́ Xe -ION ELECTRON Х ions R magnetic field ions anode **EXB** cathode J.-P Boeuf, J. Appl. Phys. 212, 011101 (2017) 147

lons are ejected by strong electric field applied on a liquid metal tip in a field-emission-electric propulsion (FEEP)

- A Taylor cone is formed when the liquid metal's surface tension is balanced by the applied electric field.
- If the evaporation field strength of about 10¹⁰ V/m is reached at the needle tip, the liquid metal is evaporated and ionized.
- Thrust: 0.1~100 uN.
- lsp = 1600~8000 sec.
- Power = 13 W





M. K. Bharti and S. Chalia, I. Res. J. Engin. Tech., 4, p2777 (2017) J. Mitterauer, IEEE Trans. Plas. Sci., PS-15, 593 (1987) M. Taimar, etc., J. Propulsion and Power, 20, 211 (2004)

Charged particles gyro around the magnetic fields





Charged particles can be partially confined by a magnetic mirror machine



• Charged particles with small $v_{||}$ eventually stop and are reflected while those with large $v_{||}$ escape.



- Large v_{\parallel} may occur from collisions between particles.
- Those confined charged particle are eventually lost due to collisions.

lons are accelerated by the ambipolar electric field created by electrons in a magnetic nozzle



Electric thruster types - Electromagnetic



Pulsed plasma thruster

 Magnetoplasmadynamic thruster (MPD)



Current carries are accelerated by the Lorentz force in a pulsed-plasma thruster



• A pulsed-plasma thruster (PPT) is suitable for small satellite.



Ion thruster has the highest specific impulse (Isp)



| Thruster | Specific Impulse (s) | Input Power (kW) | Efficiency Range (%) | Propellant |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Cold gas | 50-75 | | | Various |
| Chemical (monopropellant) | 150-225 | _ | | N_2H_4 H_2O_2 |
| Chemical (bipropellant) | 300-450 | | — | Various |
| Resistojet | 300 | 0.5-1 | 65-90 | N ₂ H ₄ monoprop |
| Arcjet | 500-600 | 0.9-2.2 | 25-45 | N ₂ H ₄ monoprop |
| Ion thruster | 2500-3600 | 0.4-4.3 | 40-80 | Xenon |
| Hall thrusters | 1500-2000 | 1.5-4.5 | 35-60 | Xenon |
| PPTs | 850-1200 | <0.2 | 7-13 | Teflon |

Metallic Ion Thruster Using Magnetron E-Beam Bombardment (MIT-MEB)



Electrons are used to generate metallic gas, metallic plasma and to neutralize ions



An unbalanced theta pinch can be used as the propulsion



• We are looking for students who are interested in electrical propulsion.

Thrusters are picked by their specific impulses and thrusts





D. Krejci and R. Lozano, Proc. of the IEEE, 106, p362 (2018) 158

Thrusters are also picked by their powers





Plasma is everywhere and has many applications



- What is a plasma?
- Important plasma parameters
 - Debye length, Plasma parameter, Plasma frequency
- DC electrical discharges
 - Dark / glow / arc discharges
- AC electrical discharges
 - RF / Microwave discharges / Electron cyclotron resonance (ECR) plasma
- Space science
 - Aurora / Reconnection / Corona mass ejection /



Plasma is everywhere and has many applications



- Semiconductor device fabrication
 - etching / deposition / implantation
- Plasma medicine dielectric barrier discharge (DBD)
- Nuclear fusion
 - MCF / ICF / Innovation
- Neutral beam source
 - Neutral beam injection (NBI) / Electric propulsion
- High energy particle accelerator
- Pulsed-power system in ISAPS, NCKU

Course Outline

4. Demonstration

- a. Planeterrella
- b. Magnetron sputtering
- c. Dielectric barrier discharge (DBD)
- d. Magnetic mirror
- e. Tesla coil









Magnetron sputtering

DBD plasma

Magnetic mirror

Tesla Coil



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 - EUV light generation
 - Electrical propulsion
 - Pulsed-power system



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- Presentations 40 %
- Final report 60 %
 - Pick a plasma application or plasma application/phenomenon.
 - Explain in details how the application/phenomenon works.
 - Where the application/phenomenon is used or occurs?
 - How is the plasma generated in the application/phenomenon?
 - What role does the plasma play in the application/phenomenon?
 - The writing part of the report needs to be longer than two full pages with font size 14 and single-line spacing.
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