

# Re: Traveling Wave Accelerator Coil Injector

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On 7 Feb, 02:17, "American" <[samuelran...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:samuelran...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

A device employing the utilization of charge entrainment in an electrohydrodynamic device such as a magnetic injector would require that turbulent flow characteristics are calculated for the fluid in question. I've posted information already in an overview of the coil windings.

A total of 600 – 360 coil charging units for the injector supplied by a pulse power supply that generates pulses up to 30 kv. Multivibrators in conjunction with peripheral components adjust the pulse repetition rate. The maximum repetition rate equals 20 Hz. for each injector's magnetic induction coil. Because of the high intensity magnetic field generated, a magneto-resistive shield is required between the circuit and coil.

An excellent mathematical model that describes flow rate in terms of both hydrodynamic viscosity,  $\nu$  (pronounced 'vue') and  $(p - p_c)$ , as pressure approaches critical uses an eigenvalue equation to solve for the dimensionless flow rate at critical pressure. Eigenvalues for superfluid helium-4 isotope are represented in a Fortran program EIGEN that is a result of technically investigating that I've dubbed "Eigenvalue Solution for Calculating Spectra of 4-He Hydrodynamic Stability for a Magnetohydrodynamic Traveling Wave Accelerator".

Traveling Magnetic Wave Interaction and Wave Growth:

For MHD (magneto-hydrodynamic) devices such as a control system (for the induction circuit of the pellet launcher) traveling magnetic waves propel fuel pellets by using a chamber that is magnetically sealed from the return circuit of LMH3 (liquid magnetic helium 3). In order to arrive at the conditions for which traveling magnetic wave interaction becomes destabilizing, we have to establish the general time dependent relations leading to the perturbation relations for small magnetic wave interaction. The interaction will produce only

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small changes in the average flow quantities under practical conditions and a perturbation analysis is justified despite the very nonlinear nature of the problem.

For partially ionized gases used in conversion devices the electrical conductivity is low and the magnetic Reynolds number is small. Hence low interaction implies small magnetic reaction and the magnetic field due to induced currents can be ignored. We can neglect charge density variations and considering steady state conditions we may ignore convection currents. The generalized Ohm's law is given by:

$$I / \sigma = E + u_r \times B + w_e (\tau / (\sigma)B ) I \times B$$

where

$E$  = external electric field

$u_r = u - u_\lambda$  = relative or slip velocity

$u$  = plasma velocity

$u_\lambda$  = wave velocity

$\Omega = w_e \tau$  = Hall coefficient

$\tau$  = collision period

$w_e = eB / m_e$  = cyclotron frequency for electrons

$e$  = charge of electron

$m_e$  = mass of electron

$I$  = current in plasma

$B = (\mu \cdot H)$  = magnetic flux density

Under one dimensional flow conditions with no externally applied electric field we assume that the induced voltage is absorbed as a resistance drop or  $E_y = 0$ . Since no current can flow in the  $x$  direction if we consider an infinitely wide channel, we have  $I_x = 0$ . Thus the open circuit Hall voltage is  $E_x = (\Omega)u_r \cdot B$  and the induced current becomes  $I = (\sigma)u_r \cdot B$ , which is independent of the Hall effect. What is the Hall effect? It is a disturbance of the lines of current flow in a conductor due to the application of a magnetic field, leading to an electric potential gradient transverse to the direction of current flow. Primarily, we can use the Hall effect for a theoretical basis in pellet acceleration.

The one dimensional interaction of a transverse magnetic wave and a moving plasma is resonant when the relative velocity equals the velocity of sound. Of course, this would not be the case for the design of the pellet injector. Lead titanate, which can sustain a field of over  $10^{*7}$  volts/meter and dielectric constant of up to 12,000, has a velocity of propagation constant available as a percentage of the speed of light. The field strength for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn at the mixed state\* at 4.2oK is 221 kg. Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn is a pellet outer skin candidate for several different types of pulse units, not just (Li<sub>6</sub>D+BLi), but frozen SH as well.

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A Slush Technology Facility, also adapted for p-B, (protium–boron or hydrogen–boron) could also be developed as a space–based refueling depot for space–mining facilities).

\* The mixed superconductive state is found in which fluxons (a minimal unit of magnetic flux) create lines of normal super–conductor in a superconductive matrix (CRC Handbook of Chemistry & Physics, 57th edition, p. E–86).

And the result is?

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