

FUSION ENERGY: QUICK SUMMARY OF THE DPF PROCESS & POWER PRODUCTION

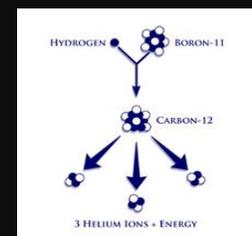
1. PLASMOID CREATION – ENERGY COMPRESSION



- Magnetic energy generated by the currents flowing from a capacitor in the DPF device is compressed into the plasmoid through the “pinch effect”.
- Through this compression, magnetic energy is converted into the energy of motion (kinetic energy) of the plasma.
- As the plasmoid reaches full compression, the viscosity of the plasma converts some of the bulk kinetic energy of the plasmas into random kinetic energy—heat.

2. NUCLEAR FUSION REACTION - ENERGY PRODUCTION

- The heated, rapidly moving protons and boron nuclei in the plasmoid collide with each other, producing fusion reactions. In these reactions, the strong nuclear force releases a large amount of additional energy. This is the fusion energy. It appears as the kinetic energy of the three helium nuclei that result.



3. ELECTROMAGNETIC COLLISIONS - ENERGY PROPAGATION

- The fast-moving helium nuclei collide electromagnetically (at a distance through their electric forces) with hydrogen protons and boron nuclei, speeding those nuclei up further and making the fusion reaction go faster.
- Nuclei also collide electromagnetically with electrons, accelerating them.

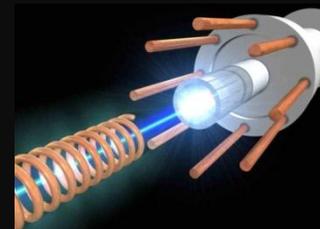
4. X-RAYS & ION BEAM - ENERGY EMISSION

- The accelerated electrons in the plasma, during these collisions with the nuclei, emit x-ray photons, which leave the plasmoid, carrying away some of the electrons' kinetic energy.
- The plasmoid, through its own instabilities, generates a huge electric field which accelerates a beam of electrons and a beam of nuclei—also called ion beam-- in opposite directions.
- The ion beam carries both the magnetic field energy and the thermal, heat, or kinetic energy.
- Most of the electron beam's energy is dissipated in heating the electrons and ions in the plasmoid before the beam can leave the plasmoid.

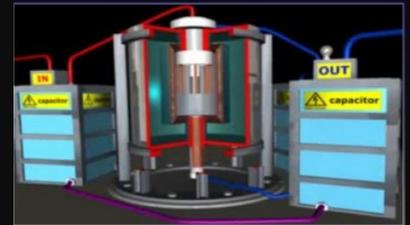
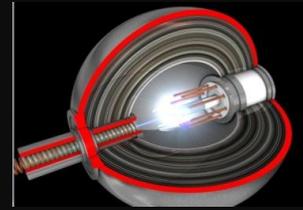


5. ENERGY CAPTURE - CONVERSION TO NET POWER

- The ion beam's energy is converted to current in a circuit by passing through a helical coil—a sort of high-tech transformer. The ion beam creates changing magnetic fields that induce currents of electrons in the coil. The current flows to a capacitor—an energy storage device.



- The x-ray pulse energy is converted to electric energy by a multi-layer onion-shaped photoelectric convertor. The x-ray photons collide with electrons in thin foils, giving the electrons energy which can be collected on grids. This charges a capacitor.
- The energy-collecting capacitor recharges with main capacitor bank, so that there is energy for the next pulse, and the excess energy flows out to a DC-AC convertor, which then feeds it into the electric power network.



The plasmoid lasts for only 10 nanoseconds, during which these processes occur. The whole process repeats about 200 times per second in a generator. It all starts in the order presented but then all the processes run concurrently. Each pulse generates about 25 kJ of energy, so the generator will produce about 5 MW of power. Click to see an energy flow chart of the whole process.

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