

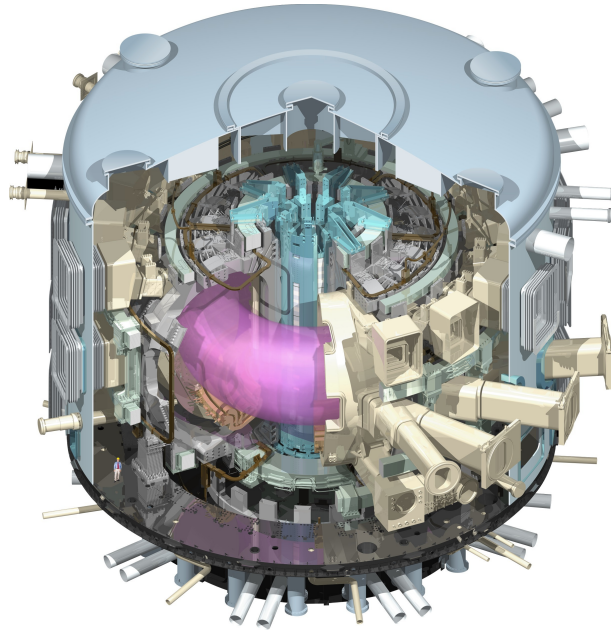
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## Fusion Energy and Plasma Physics

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## I. INTRO

In recent years a large and quickly growing collaboration between plasma physicists and engineers have materialised in one of the most ambitious energy producing projects ever seen. The proof-of-concept plasma fusion tokamak reactor ITER<sup>1</sup> in Cadarache is

Symbol	Quantity
$n_{\text{flux fraction}}$	n flux in breeder end/n flux in breeder start []
$C_F$	Fixed cost propotionality constant [\$]
$C_I$	Nuclear island cost propotionality constant [ $\$ \cdot \text{W} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ ]
$P_E$	Desired output power [MW]
$P_W$	Maximum wall load [ $\text{MW} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$ ]
$B_{\text{max}}$	Magnetic field at the edge of the coil [T]
$\sigma_{\text{max}}$	Tensile strenght of the magnetic field coils [atm]
$\eta_t$	Energy conversion efficiency []

Table I: Variables in the Freidberg's model

currently taking shape in order to adress the issue of growing energy demands and climate changes.

The mission is simple: Prove that plasma fusion is a viable source of electricity.

Whilst not being the most surmountable task, many researchers and institutions have gathered from across the world, including the Department of Physics at DTU.

In this paper, three assignments are solved as part of the course “10401 Fusion Energy and Fusion Plasma Physics”. Some key aspects of fusion plasma fueled reactors are adressed and discussed in the assignments.

## II. PART 1: A SIMPLE REACTOR MODEL

### A. Freidberg's simple reactor model

In the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of the textbook by Freidberg<sup>2</sup>, he makes a simple model for designing a fusion reactor power plant. The model uses simple geometric and electromagnetic assumptions with little involvement of plasma physics. The variables put into the model are shown in Table I. Table II shows the output quantities from the model. This model has been implemented in a matlab script provided for the course. The script is shown

Symbol	Quantity	Obtained values
$b$	Blanket-and-shield thickness	1.20 m
$c$	Magnet coil thickness	0.799 m
$a$	Minor radius	2.01 m
$R_0$	Major radius	4.96 m
$A$	Aspect ratio	2.4670
$A_p$	Plasma surface	393 m <sup>2</sup>
$V_p$	Plasma volume	395 m <sup>3</sup>
$P_{\text{dens}}$	Power density	$4.97 \times 10^6 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$
$p$	Plasma pressure	$7.37 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
$n$	Particle density	$1.53 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$B_0$	Magnetic field at magnetic axis	4.57 T
$\beta$	Normalised plasma pressure	8.85%
$\tau_{E_{\text{min}}}$	Min confinement time for $(p \times \tau_E)_{\text{min}}$	1.14 s

Table II: Output quantities in the model in Freidberg's<sup>2</sup> along with the obtained values when inserting the parameters from Eq. (1)

included in Appendix A. As an example, the model is run with the following parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_{\text{flux fraction}} &= 0.01 & P_E &= 1000 \text{ MW} \\
 P_W &= 4 \text{ MW}\cdot\text{m}^{-2} & B_{\text{max}} &= 13 \text{ T} \\
 \sigma_{\text{max}} &= 3000 \text{ atm} & \eta_t &= 0.4
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Note that  $C_F$  and  $C_I$  has been omitted as these serve no purpose for this assignment. It is not of interest how expensive the plant will be. Rather the geometries and physical quantities are of interest. The results from the model is given in Table II.

## B. Model sensitivity

At this point Freidberg has provided a model that produce some reasonable results for a powerplant. It could be interesting to see how this model behaves when some vital parameters are changed. In the last section the model used the parameters shown in Eq. (1). Now the model will be iterated over variations in the following parameters, while

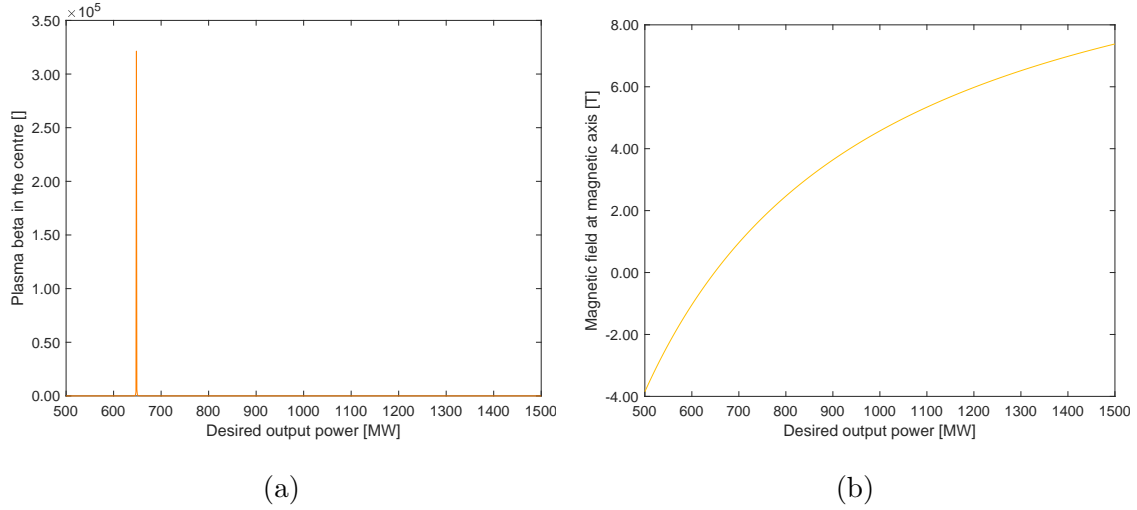


Figure 1: The evolution of the normalised plasma pressure (Fig. 1a) and the magnetic field strenght (Fig. 1b) when changing the desired power output.

retaining the rest. The variable parameters are the electric power  $P_E$ , the maximum wall loading  $P_W$ , the maximum magnetic field  $B_{\max}$  and the maximum stress  $\sigma_{\max}$ . Appendix B includes the code for iterating the matlab model over various paremeters.

### 1. Change in desired power output.

For the rise in megawatts produced (500-1000 MW) there are a linear rise in aspect ratio, major radius, plasma surface and plasma volume. The rest of the parameters where constant except for the magnetic field strenght at the magnetic axis and the normalised plasma pressure. These are shown in Fig. 1.

## C. Elliptic Cross section

Freidberg's model assumes a circular cross section of the plasma. In reality this is not the case, and as of such we will now make a more realistic, yet still approximate reactor for an elliptic plasma cross section. In describing the geometry one refers to the elongation ratio:

$$\kappa = \frac{a_{\max}}{a_{\min}} \quad (2)$$

With  $a_{\max}$  the major radius and  $a_{\min}$  the minor radius of the ellipse. This parameter ensures a true elliptic cross section as defined by the equation,

$$\frac{x^2}{a_{\max}^2} + \frac{y^2}{a_{\min}^2} = 1 \quad (3)$$

which can be parameterised as

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{\min} \cos \phi \\ \kappa a_{\min} \sin \phi \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$(5)$$

Meanwhile the blanket must be implemented as an ellipse or swelled ellipse. The true ellipse results in a difference of thickness in the blanket while the second results in a blanket of equal thickness throughout the structure. To this the choice of implementing the blanket as a true ellipse has been made since it simplifies derivations a bit. Note however that keeping a constant thickness is the preferable option as it will reduce the engineering volume and hence the cost of the machine.

The outer layer parameterised is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (b + a_{\min}) \cos \phi \\ \kappa (b + a_{\min}) \sin \phi \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

with  $b$  the blanket thickness at the minor ellipse axis. Choosing for now,  $a_{\min} = 2$ ,  $\kappa = 2$  and  $b = 1.2$ , 5 and 6 are plotted on Figure 2 along with the variation in thickness of the blanket.

Given 5 and 6 the engineering volume can easily be derived if  $c \cos(\phi)$  and  $\kappa c \sin(\phi)$  is added to the x and y-direction in 6 respectively, where  $c$  is the minimum thickness of the magnetic coils that provide the toroidal field.

The cross sectional area of an ellipse is  $A_e = \pi a_{\min} a_{\max}$  so the engineered volume becomes

$$V_I = 2 \pi R_0 (A_{e, \text{outer}} - A_{e, \text{inner}}) = 2 \pi^2 R_0 ((a_{\min} + b + c)^2 - a_{\min}^2) \kappa \quad (7)$$

and the plasma volume is similarly calculated as  $V_{\text{sip}} = 2 \pi^2 R_0 a_{\min} a_{\max}$ . The plasma surface area is a bit more tricky but the result is

$$S_p = 2 \pi R_0 C_{sp} = 2 \pi R_0 4 a_{\min} \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{1 - (1 - \kappa^{-2})^{1/2} \sin^2 \phi} d\phi \quad (8)$$

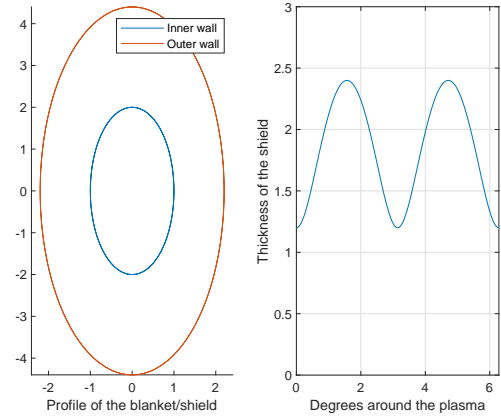


Figure 2: The profile of the blanket-and-shield and the thickness as a function of the angle around origo,  $\phi$ .

Symbol	Quantity	Obtained values
$c$	Magnet coil thickness	1.30 m
$A_p$	Plasma surface	1210 m <sup>2</sup>
$V_p$	Plasma volume	793 m <sup>3</sup>
$P_{\text{dens}}$	Power density	$2.48 \times 10^6 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$
$p$	Plasma pressure	$5.20 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
$n$	Particle density	$1.08 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$\beta$	Normalised plasma pressure	6.17%
$\tau_{E_{\text{min}}}$	Min confinement time for $(p \times \tau_E)_{\text{min}}$	1.62 s

Table III: Output quantities from the elliptical model

where the integral can be approximated after choosing  $\kappa$ . Thus our choice of  $\kappa$  yields  $S_p \approx 8 \pi R_0 a_{\text{min}} \times 4.8$ . The rest of the parameters in the code except  $c$  is approximated to be unchanged. Now  $c$  is also approximated, or rather overestimated using a slight change to eq. (5.24) in the textbook. The change is that since the force grows with  $a_{\text{min}}$  inserting  $\kappa a_{\text{min}}$  instead yields an overestimation on the vertical force on the magnet. The tensile forces are the same, so the force balance leads to

$$c = \frac{2\xi}{1-\xi}(\kappa a + b) \quad (9)$$

with  $\xi = B_{\text{sic}}^2/4\mu_0\sigma_{\text{max}}$ . These new parameter equations are inserted in the code. The parameters that changed significantly are displayed in III. The most dramatic change is the plasma volume and surface area which increased by a factor of around 2 and 3 respectively, this makes sense as the plasma was made twice as high. The coil thickness was also changed significantly due to the overestimation while the rest of the parameters did not change much. This most likely means that the model needs more work to make the approximations more precise.

#### D. Main parameters for DEMO

Setting  $P_E = 2000$  in the elliptical model yields the output parameters seen in table IV. Since  $R_0$  is directly proportional to the electric power this of course increases linearly. The other geometric output parameters regarding areas and volumes therefore also increases.  $\beta$  has decreased a lot, so the plasma is not confined effectively in DEMO.

Symbol	Quantity	Obtained values
$b$	Blanket-and-shield thickness	1.20 m
$c$	Magnet coil thickness	1.30 m
$a$	Minor radius	2.01 m
$R_0$	Major radius	9.95 m
$A$	Aspect ratio	4.95
$A_p$	Plasma surface	$2.41 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2$
$V_p$	Plasma volume	$1.59 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3$
$P_{\text{dens}}$	Power density	$2.48 \times 10^6 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$
$p$	Plasma pressure	$5.20 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
$n$	Particle density	$1.08 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$B_0$	Magnetic field at magnetic axis	8.80 T
$\beta$	Normalised plasma pressure	1.69%
$\tau_{E_{\text{min}}}$	Min confinement time for $(p \times \tau_E)_{\text{min}}$	1.62 s

Table IV: Output quantities for DEMO using the elliptical model with  $P_{siE} = 2$

### E. Designs for DEMO

With  $\kappa = 2$  and  $A = R_0/a_{\text{min}} = 3 \Leftrightarrow R_0 = 3 a_{\text{min}}$   $A$  is changed from 4.95 to 3 when going from Friedberg's model to this model. Meanwhile these changes yields the parameters seen in table V. Besides the obvious geometric changes which has decreased due to decreasing  $R_0$ . The pressure has increased while the magnetic field has decreased. Therefor a better confinement is achieved since this increases  $\beta$ . This is a positive, and decreasing the aspect ratio a bit is therefore recommended. Additional time could be spend on optimising this, but we are unfortunately unable to do so due to time and space restrictions.

### F. $A$ and $\kappa$ as free parameters

For this assignment we have chosen to try and optimise  $\beta$  and  $V_I$  with  $A$  and  $\kappa$  as free parameters.  $\beta$  is optimised first. The magnetic field in the centre was approximated as

$$B_0 = \frac{R_0 - a - b}{R_0} B_{\text{max}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{A} - \frac{A b}{a_{\text{min}}}\right) B_{\text{max}} \quad (10)$$



Symbol	Quantity	Obtained values
$b$	Blanket-and-shield thickness	1.20 m
$c$	Magnet coil thickness	1.30 m
$a$	Minor radius	2.01 m
$R_0$	Major radius	6.03 m
$A$	Aspect ratio	3
$A_p$	Plasma surface	$1.46 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2$
$V_p$	Plasma volume	$962 \text{ m}^3$
$P_{\text{dens}}$	Power density	$4.01 \times 10^6 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$
$p$	Plasma pressure	$6.68 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
$n$	Particle density	$1.39 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$B_0$	Magnetic field at magnetic axis	6.07 T
$\beta$	Normalised plasma pressure	4.55%
$\tau_{E_{\text{min}}}$	Min confinement time for $(p \times \tau_E)_{\text{min}}$	1.26 s

Table V: Output quantities for DEMO using the elliptical model with  $P_{siE} = 2$ ,  $\kappa = 2$  and setting  $A = 3$

this yields

$$\beta = \frac{2 p \mu_0}{(1 - \frac{1}{A} - \frac{A b}{a_{\text{min}}})^2} \quad (11)$$

Differentiating with respect to  $A$ , setting the expression equal to zero and solving for  $A$  yields  $A = \sqrt{a/b} = R_0/a_{\text{min}} \Leftrightarrow R_0 = \sqrt{a^3/b}$ . Meanwhile inserting this expression into eq. 7, substituting  $a_{\text{min}} = a_{\text{max}}/\kappa$ , differentiating with respect to  $\kappa$ , setting the expression equal to zero and solving yields  $a_{\text{max}} = -(b+c)\kappa/6$  so  $a_{\text{min}} = -(b+c)/6$ . Next Freidberg's expression for  $c$  is inserted and we solve for  $\kappa$  which yields

$$\kappa = \frac{6 a_{\text{min}} \xi - b \xi - 6 a_{\text{min}} - b}{2 a_{\text{min}} \xi} \quad (12)$$

$\kappa$  must of course be positive(as must the expression for  $a_{\text{min}}$ ) so it really must be the size of this expression that is calculated. This is inserted into the code yielding the output parameters seen in table VI. While an extremely large  $\beta$  and a very small engineered volume is achieved, there is most likely other problems with this design.

Symbol	Quantity	Obtained values
$b$	Blanket-and-shield thickness	1.20 m
$c$	Magnet coil thickness	1.30 m
$a$	Minor radius	2.01 m
$R_0$	Major radius	2.60 m
$A$	Aspect ratio	1.29
$A_p$	Plasma surface	630 m <sup>2</sup>
$V_p$	Plasma volume	414 m <sup>3</sup>
$P_{\text{dens}}$	Power density	$9.49 \times 10^6 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$
$p$	Plasma pressure	$1.02 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$
$n$	Particle density	$2.12 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$B_0$	Magnetic field at magnetic axis	-3.09 T
$\beta$	Normalised plasma pressure	26.9%
$\tau_{E_{\text{min}}}$	Min confinement time for $(p \times \tau_E)_{\text{min}}$	1.26 s

Table VI: Output quantities for the elliptical model after  $\beta$  and  $A$  has been optimised

### III. PART 2: DIAGNOSTICS VIA INTERFEROMETRY

When operating a fusion reactor a continuous process of diagnostics are necessary in order to optimise the plasma for the fusion process. One of the active diagnostic methods are interferometry. The goal here is to measure the plasma electron density in the Danish Tokamak Undertaking reactor. Using a interferometer one can measure the electron density  $n_e$  of the plasma. The refractive index of electromagnetic waves depend on the electron density and plasma frequency  $\omega_p$  as such:

$$\omega_p^2 \propto n_e \quad (13)$$

For O-mode plasma waves the refractive index is:

$$N_O = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} \quad (14)$$

with  $\omega$  being the probing wave frequency. The plasma is transparent if:

$$\omega > \omega_p = \sqrt{n_e \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_{e0}}} \quad (15)$$

So the critical cut off electron density is:

$$n_e < n_c = \omega^2 \frac{\epsilon_0 \cdot m_{e0}}{e^2} \quad (16)$$

which gives

$$N_O = \sqrt{1 - \frac{n_e}{n_c}} \quad (17)$$

With a probing frequency much higher than the plasma frequency and the critical density much higher than the electron density Eq. (17) can be approximated by:

$$N_O = \sqrt{1 - \frac{n_e}{n_c}} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n_e}{n_c} \approx 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{2\omega^2} \quad (18)$$

With sufficient accuracy the linear dependence of the O-mode refractive index on the electron density is obtained if the normalized quantities obey:

$$\frac{n_e}{n_c} \leq 0.4 \quad \frac{\omega_p}{\omega} \leq 0.6 \quad (19)$$

We must calculate the phase shift as one beam travels in vacuum by the length  $L_V$  and one wave travels in the plasma by the length  $L_P$ . The phase shift in terms of  $2\pi$  is equal to the optical difference divided by the wavelength. With the refractive index in vacuum,  $N_V = 1$ , this yields:

$$\frac{\Phi}{2\pi} = \frac{\Delta L_{opt}}{\lambda} = \frac{\int_{x_1}^{x_2} (N_V - N_O(x')) dx'}{\lambda} \approx \frac{1}{2\lambda n_c} \int_0^x n_e(x') dx' \quad (20)$$

$$= 4.48 \times 10^{-16} \left( \frac{\lambda}{\text{m}} \right) \int_0^x \left( \frac{n_e(x')}{\text{m}^{-3}} \right) \left( \frac{dx'}{\text{m}} \right) \quad (21)$$

Assuming a Gaussian distribution the density at  $\pm\infty$  is approximately equal to the densities just outside the reactor walls. Therefore:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n_e \exp \left( -\frac{(y-b)^2}{2c^2} \right) dy \approx n_e c \sqrt{2\pi} \quad (22)$$

With the density at the center given as:

$$10^{16} \text{ m}^{-3} \leq n_e \leq 10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3}, \quad (23)$$

The  $c$  in Eq. (22) is the width of the Gaussian distribution and must fit inside the reactor.

The DTU tokamak has a minor radius of 0.250 m. Thus:

$$\frac{\Phi(x)}{2\pi} \approx 4.48 \times 10^{-16} \left( \frac{\lambda}{\text{m}} \right) 0.250 \text{ m} n_e = 1.12 \times 10^{-16} n_e \left( \frac{2\pi \cdot 0.250 \text{ m}}{\omega \text{ m}} \right) \quad (24)$$

$$= 1.12 \times 10^{-16} n_e \left( \frac{2\pi \cdot 3 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}}{\omega} \right) \quad (25)$$

$$= 2.1112 \times 10^{-7} \left( \frac{n_e}{\omega \text{ s}} \right) \quad (26)$$

Remembering Eq. (16):

$$\omega^2 \frac{\epsilon_0 \cdot m_{e0}}{e^2} = \omega^2 \frac{8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}{1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}} \quad (27)$$

$\Downarrow$

$$n_e < 0.000314 \omega^2 \quad (28)$$

We want the largest possible phase shift but we must still balance the equation to avoid cutoff first. Since the cutoff is given by Eq. (28) and since we want to measure densities up to  $10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3}$  the minimum frequency of the wave is:

$$\frac{\omega}{2\pi} > \frac{\sqrt{\frac{10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3}}{0.000314}}}{2\pi} \quad (29)$$

$\Downarrow$

$$f \approx 9 \text{ GHz} \quad (30)$$

### A. Evolving beam width

### B. Gauss telescope arrangement

From chapter 5 in “Fusion Plasma Diagnostics with mm-Waves”<sup>3</sup> the authors argue that a Gauss telescope arrangement can alter the beam waist independently of wavelength. This motivates narrowing the interferometer beam waist with a lense system.

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## Appendix A: tokamakDTU\_asign\_1

```
1  %*****
2  % Name:          tokamakDTU
3  %
4  % Version:       1.0
5  %
6  % Purpose:       Contains the function 'tokamakDTU' which gives parameters
7  %                for a tokamak fusion power plant as output based on a
8  %                simplified model. The equations used are derived in
9  %                chapter 5 in Friedberg, Plasma physics and Fusion
10 %                Energy, 2007 (all references are referring thereto).
11 %
12 % To do (NOT for 10401 - Fusion Energi students):
13 %               1. Rewrite the code to a class (this is not done on purpose so
14 %               that the code is more readable for students not familiar
15 %               with classes). Can from that merge the files which takes
16 %               R_0/a and/or the ellipticity as an input into one file.
17 %
18 % Changelog:
19 %               1. December 2014:
20 %               Written by Michael Løiten based on a similar code written
21 %               as a bachelor project by Elias Pagh Sentius
22 %               mailto: mmag@fysik.dtu.dk
23 %*****
24
25 function [b, c, a, R_0, A, A_p, V_p, P_dens, p, n, B_0, beta, tau_E_min,...
26          C_per_watt] =...
27          tokamakDTU_asign_1(...
28          n_flux_fraction, C_F, C_I, P_E, P_W, B_max, sigma_max, eta_t)
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29 %TOKAMAK_DTU Function which returns the parameters of a power plant
30 %
31 % Output parameters
32 %-----
33 % b          - Blanket/shield thickness [m]
34 % c          - Magnet coil thickness [m]
35 % a          - Minor radius [m]
36 % R_0        - Major radius [m]
37 % A          - Aspect ratio []
38 % A_p        - Plasma surface [m^2]
39 % V_p        - Plasma volume [m^3]
40 % P_dens     - Power density [W/m]
41 % p          - Plasma pressure [Pa]
42 % n          - Particle density [m^-3]
43 % B_0        - Magnetic field at magnetic axis [T]
44 % beta       - Plasma beta in the centre []
45 % tau_E_min  - Min confinement time for satisfaction of (p*tau_E)_min [s]
46 % C_per_watt - The cost of the powerplant [$]
47 %
48 % Input parameters
49 %-----
50 % n_flux_fraction - n flux in breeder end/n flux in breeder start []
51 % C_F          - Fixed cost propotionality constant [$]
52 % C_I          - Nuclear island cost propotionality constant [$W/m^3]
53 % P_E          - Desired output power [MW]
54 % P_W          - Maximum wall load [MW/m^2]
55 % B_max        - Magnetic field at the edge of the coil [T]
56 % sigma_max    - Tensile strenght of the magnetic field coils [atm]
57 % eta_t        - Energy conversion efficiency []
58
59
60 % The function starts by defining fixed constants

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61 % Note that this is inefficient if we are looping over the function, but it
62 % makes the code easier to use, as these are not needed as input parameters
63
64 % Fixed constants
65 %#####
66 % Nuclear
67 %-----
68 % Energies
69 E_t      = 2.5e-8; % [MeV] Energy of slow (thermal) neutron (eq 5.6)
70 E_n      = 14.1;  % [MeV] Neutron energy after fusion (eq 2.17)
71 E_a      = 3.5;   % [MeV] alpha energy after fusion (eq 2.17)
72 E_Li     = 4.8;   % [MeV] Heat produced by breeding Li (under eq 4.31)
73 % Cross section and main free paths
74 sigma_v_avg = 3.0e-22; % [m^3/s] DT fusion cross section @ 15keV (table 5.2)
75 lambda_br   = 0.0031; % [m] Breeding mean free path (under eq 5.7)
76 lambda_sd   = 0.055;  % [m] Mean free path from sigma_sd (eq 5.3)
77
78 % Plasma physics
79 %-----
80 % Parameters for infinity gain at the minimum of p tau_E (eq 4.20)
81 T          = 15.0;  % [keV] Temperature for obtaining min tripple product
82 tripple_min = 8.3;  % [atm s] Min tripple prod to obtain Q=inf @ T=15 keV
83
84 % Natural constants
85 %-----
86 mu_0 = 4.0*pi*1e-7; % Vacuum permeability [T*m/A]
87 e    = 1.602176565e-19; % Elementary charge [C]
88 %#####
89
90
91 % Secondly we convert everything to SI units, so that the variables are
92 % easier to handle

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93 % Again, this is computationally inefficient, but it suffices for our use
94 % Conversion to SI-units
95 %#####
96 % Conversion factors
97 W_per_MW      = 1.0e6;
98 Pa_per_atm    = 1.01325e5;
99 eV_per_keV    = 1.0e3;
100 eV_per_MeV    = 1.0e6;
101 J_per_eV      = e;
102 J_per_keV     = J_per_eV * eV_per_keV;
103 J_per_MeV     = J_per_eV * eV_per_MeV;
104 % Conversions
105 P_E           = P_E * W_per_MW;           % Desired output power
106 P_W           = P_W * W_per_MW;           % Wall Loading limit on first wall
107 E_t           = E_t * J_per_MeV;           % Energy of slow (thermal) neutron
108 E_n           = E_n * J_per_MeV;           % Neutron energy after fusion
109 E_a           = E_a * J_per_MeV;           % alpha energy after fusion
110 E_Li          = E_Li * J_per_MeV;           % Heat produced by breeding Li
111 sigma_max     = sigma_max * Pa_per_atm;    % Max allowable structural stress
112 T             = T * J_per_keV;             % Temperature for minimum p*tau_E
113 tripple_min   = tripple_min * Pa_per_atm;  % The Lawson parameter (p*tau_E)
114 %#####
115
116
117 % Calculate the geometrical factors
118 %-----
119 % Find the breeder thickness
120 b = get_b(lambda_sd, E_n, E_t, lambda_br, n_flux_fraction);
121 % Find the minor plasma radius and the coil thickness
122 [a, c] = get_a_and_c(B_max, mu_0, sigma_max, b);
123 % Find the major radius
124 R_0 = get_R_0(a, eta_t, E_n, E_a, E_Li, P_E, P_W);

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125 % Find the resulting geometrical factors
126 A = R_0/a; % Aspect Ratio
127 A_p = (2.0*pi*a)*(2.0*pi*R_0); % Plasma surface area
128 V_p = (pi*a^(2.0))*(2.0*pi*R_0); % Plasma volume
129
130
131 % Calculate the plasma physics parameters
132 %-----
133 % Find the power density in the plasma
134 P_dens = get_P_dens(E_a, E_n, E_Li, P_E, eta_t, V_p);
135 % Find the plasma pressure
136 p = get_p(E_a, E_n, P_dens, T, sigma_v_avg);
137 % Calculate the density from the definition of p under eq 5.36
138 n = p/(2.0*T);
139 % Find the magnetic field strength on the magnetic axis
140 B_0 = get_B_0(R_0,a,b,B_max);
141 % Find the plasma beta on the magnetic axis
142 beta = get_beta(p, B_0, mu_0);
143 % Find the minimum required confinement time from the definition of the
144 % minimum tripple product.
145 % NOTE: A higher confinement time is advantageous, and could in principle
146 % yield a smaller (and cheaper) reactor. However, the effect is not
147 % included in this model
148 tau_E_min = tripple_min/p;
149
150
151 % Calculate the cost
152 % (details about the cost can be found in the function get_a_and_c)
153 %-----
154 % Find the volume of the nuclear island
155 % (the material surrounding the plasma)
156 V_I = get_V_I(R_0,a,b,c);

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157 % Find the reactor volume per power out
158 % In the current model, this is the only non-constant in the expression for
159 % cost per watt
160 V_I_per_P_E = V_I/P_E;
161 C_per_watt = get_C_per_watt(C_F, C_I, V_I_per_P_E);
162 end
163
164
165
166 function [b] = get_b(lambda_sd, E_n, E_t, lambda_br, n_flux_fraction)
167 %GET_B Calculates b from the need of slowing down and breeding neutrons
168
169 % Thickness of the moderator-breeding region so that 1 - n_flux_fraction
170 % have slowed down and undergone a breeding reaction
171 % [m]
172 % Equation 5.10
173 delta_x = 2.0*lambda_sd*...
174         log( 1.0-(1.0/2.0)*(E_n/E_t)^(1.0/2.0)*...
175             (lambda_br/lambda_sd)*log( n_flux_fraction )...
176         );
177
178 % Set b from delta_x
179 % Friedberg argues above equation 5.11 that b should be between 1 and 1.5 m
180 % Therefore a self chose constant is set to 0.38
181 self_chosen_constant = 0.32;
182 b = delta_x + self_chosen_constant;
183 end
184
185
186
187
188 function [a,c] = get_a_and_c(B_max, mu_0, sigma_max, b)
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189 %GET_A_AND_C Calculates a and c
190
191 % c is obtained from requiring that the magnets are so thin that they are
192 % on the limit of the tensile strenght
193 % a is obtained from minimizing the costs
194
195 % xi defined when making the magnetic coil c as thin as possible
196 % Under equation 5.27
197 xi = B_max^(2.0) / (4.0*mu_0*sigma_max);
198
199 % a is found from optimization of the cost, where
200 % total cost = fixed cost + nuclear island cost
201 %.....
202 % Fixed cost
203 %.....
204 % K_F = Fixed cost for building, turbines, generators etc (also applies to
205 % fusion, fission, fossil)
206 % Assumption: The fixed cost is proportional to power output:
207 % Equation 5.13
208 % K_F = C_F*P_E;
209 %.....
210 % Nuclear island cost (mainly cost of magnets, blanket and shield)
211 %.....
212 % Assumption: The proportional to reactor volume:
213 % Equation 5.14
214 % K_I = C_I*V_I;
215 % Equation 5.15
216 % V_I = 2.0*pi^(2.0) * R_0 * ( (a+b+c)^(2.0) - a^(2.0) ); % Reactor volume
217 %.....
218 % Cost per watt:
219 %.....
220 % Defined as C_p_watt = (K_F + K_I)/P_E, rewritten to

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221 % C_p_watt = C_F + C_I*(V_I/P_E);
222 % Since the cost per watt contains two constants, we can minimize the
223 % V_I/P_E in order to optimize the cost
224 % Given by equation 5.20 inserted in 5.17
225 % Equation 5.21
226 % V_I_per_P_E = V_I/P_E; % Reactor volume per power out
227 % a is found by setting the derivative of V_I_per_P_E = 0
228 % Equation 5.29
229 a = ((1.0 + xi)/(2.0*xi^(1.0/2.0))) * b;
230
231 % Knowing xi, a, and, b, we can calculate c
232 % c found by comparing tensile force and magnetic force working on the coil
233 % Equation 5.27
234 c = 2*xi/(1-xi)*(a+b);
235 end
236
237
238
239 function [R_0] = get_R_0(a, eta_t, E_n, E_a, E_Li, P_E, P_W)
240 %GET_R_0 Calculate the major radius
241
242 % Divide eq 5.18 (electric power out) by
243 % eq 5.19 (wall loading * area = total neutron production) and solve for R0
244 % Equation 5.20
245 R_0 = (1.0/(4.0*pi^(2.0)*eta_t))*(E_n/(E_n + E_a + E_Li))*(P_E/(a*P_W));
246 end
247
248
249
250 function [P_dens] = get_P_dens(E_a, E_n, E_Li, P_E, eta_t, V_p)
251 %GET_P_DENS Calculate the power density
252

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253 % The power density is found by the sum of the power from the alphas plus
254 % the power from the neutrons, divided by the plasma volume
255 % Equation 5.35
256 P_dens = (E_a + E_n)/(E_a + E_n + E_Li)*P_E/(eta_t*V_p);
257 end
258
259
260
261 function [B_0] = get_B_0(R_0, a, b, B_max)
262 %GET_B_0 Calculte the magnetic field strength on the magnetic axis
263
264 % B_max is found in the edge of the magnet (at R = R_0-a-b)
265 % B0 is the magnetic field at R0
266 % As B propto 1/R. we have that B_0/B_max = (R_0-a-b)/R_0, which leads to
267 % Equation 5.42
268 B_0 = ((R_0-a-b)/R_0)*B_max;
269 end
270
271
272
273 function [beta] = get_beta(p, B_0, mu_0)
274 %GET_beta Calculte the magnetic field strength on the magnetic axis
275
276 % Plasma beta in the center (kinetical pressure over magnetical pressure):
277 % Equation 5.43
278 beta = p / (B_0^2/(2.0*mu_0));
279 end
280
281
282
283 function [p] = get_p(E_a, E_n, P_dens, T, sigma_v_avg)
284 %GET_P Calculate the plasma pressure
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285
286 % Found from solving the sum of neutron and alpha power for n, and multiply
287 % the result with T
288 % Equation 5.37
289 p = ( (16.0/(E_a + E_n)) * P_dens )^(1.0/2.0)*...
290      (T^(2.0)/sigma_v_avg)^(1.0/2.0);
291 end
292
293
294
295 function [V_I] = get_V_I(R_0, a,b,c)
296 %GET_V_I Calculate the volume of the material surrounding the plasma
297
298 % Equation 5.15
299 V_I = 2.0*pi^(2.0) * R_0 * ( (a+b+c)^(2.0) - a^(2.0) );
300 end
301
302
303
304 function [C_per_watt] = get_C_per_watt(C_F, C_I, V_I_per_P_E)
305 %GET_C_PER_WATT Calculates the cost for one watt out from the power plant
306
307 % For details in how the cost is derived, see comments in the function
308 % get_a_and_c
309
310 C_per_watt = C_F + C_I*(V_I_per_P_E);
311 end
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## Appendix B: IterateTokamakDTU

```
1 close;
2 clear;
3
4 titl = ["Desired output power [MW]", "Maximum wall load [MW m^-2]",...
5        "Magnetic field at the edge of the coil [T]",...
6        "Tensile strenght of the magnetic field coils [atm]"];
7 foldertitl = ["DesiredOutputPower", "MaximumWallLoad",...
8              "MagneticFieldAtTheEdgeOfTheCoil",...
9              "TensileStrenghtOfTheMagneticFieldCoils"];
10 l = 5;
11 p1 = [];
12 x = [];
13 mkdir('../MatlabFigures', foldertitl(1))
14
15 for i = 2000:5000
16     [b, c, a, R_0, A, A_p, V_p, P_dens, p,...
17      n, B_0, beta, tau_E_min, C_per_watt] =...
18     tokamakDTU_asign_1(0.01, 1, 2, 1000, 4, 13, 3000, 0.4);
19     q=[b, c, a, R_0, A, A_p, V_p, P_dens, p,...
20        n, B_0, beta, tau_E_min, C_per_watt];
21     p1=cat(1,p1,q);
22     x=cat(1,x,i);
23 end
24
25 T = ["Blanket-shield thickness [m]", "Magnet coil thickness [m]"...
26      "Minor radius [m]", "Major radius [m]", "Aspect ratio []"...
27      "Plasma surface [m^2]", "Plasma volume [m^3]", "Power density [W m^-1]"...
28      "Plasma pressure [Pa]", "Particle density [m^-3]",...
29      "Magnetic field at magnetic axis [T]", "Plasma beta in the centre []"...
30      "Min confinement time for satisfaction of (p tau_E)_min [s]",...
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31     "The cost of the powerplant [$]");
32 fileT = ["Blanket-shieldThickness", "MagnetCoilThickness"...
33     "MinorRadius", "MajorRadius", "AspectRatio"...
34     "PlasmaSurface", "PlasmaVolume", "PowerDensity"...
35     "PlasmaPressure", "ParticleDensity",...
36     "MagneticFieldAtMagneticAxis", "PlasmaBetaInTheCentre"...
37     "MinConfinementTime",...
38     "TheCostOfThePowerplant"];
39 for k = 1:14
40     q = figure;
41     y = p1(:,k);
42     CM = jet(14);
43     plot(x, y, 'color', CM(k,:));
44     ylabel(T(k));
45     xlabel(titl(1));
46     ytickformat('%.2f');
47     epsfilename = sprintf('%s.eps',fileT(k));
48     foldername = sprintf('../MatlabFigures/%s', foldertitl(1));
49     fullfilename = fullfile(foldername,epsfilename);
50     saveas(q, fullfilename, 'epsc')
51 end
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