

Broad Band Energy Science Research Section

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1. Introduction

We are engaged in research aimed at new applications of energy over a wide range of spatiotemporal scales. For magnetic field energy and plasma energy, we are working on establishing powerful and precise magnetic field control methods, pioneering new local high field and strong gradient applications, optimizing fusion plasma confinement by magnetic fields, and clarifying plasma transport phenomena.

2. Generation of strong periodic magnetic field

Synchrotron radiation is produced when charged particles are accelerated. If the acceleration is periodically applied by a device that generates a periodic magnetic field, so called an undulator, intense synchrotron radiation can be obtained via interference. Therefore generation of strong and precise periodic magnetic field is quite attractive to develop high performance future synchrotron light sources. The resonant wavelength of the emitted radiation from planer undulator λ_R can be expressed using period length of the undulator λ_U , energy of the electron beam E , and the maximum transverse magnetic field strength of the undulator B_0 as following equations (1) and (2).

$$\lambda_R [\text{\AA}] = \frac{\lambda_U}{2\gamma^2} \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\approx 13.056 \frac{\lambda_U [\text{cm}]}{(E [\text{GeV}])^2} \left(1 + \frac{K^2}{2} \right) \quad (1),$$

$$K = \frac{e \cdot B_0 \cdot \lambda_U}{2\pi \cdot m_0 \cdot c} \approx 93.36 B_0 [T] \cdot \lambda_U [m] \quad (2).$$

Here, γ is the Lorentz factor, K is the undulator parameter which determines property of radiation, e is the charge of the electron, m_0 is the mass of electron, and c is the speed of light. The unit of wavelength is \AA , undulator period length is cm, electron energy is GeV, and magnetic field is Tesla respectively. According to Eq. (1), use of high energy electron beam is essential to generate short wavelength synchrotron lights. Thus, high brightness hard X-ray higher than 10 keV, which play an important role in material science, has been provided mainly at 6-8 GeV-class large synchrotron radiation facilities such as SPring-8 or high-energy

linac facilities such as SACLA. In order to increase usability of the hard X-ray, new innovative technology for generation of hard X-rays in a compact and energy-saving 3 GeV-class accelerator facilities is desired. Therefore, we focused on bulk superconductors, which can handle ultra-high currents, and have been working on an innovative undulator that enable to generate hard X-ray even at the 3 GeV-class accelerator facility.

The new undulator consists of stacked bulk high critical temperature superconductor array and a 6 T superconducting solenoid magnet. In this year, we have developed a hybrid array structure consisting bulk GdBaCuO superconductor and vanadium permendur. Photograph of the new undulator prototype and the hybrid array is shown in fig. 1, and on axis undulator field measured at 10 K is shown in fig. 2. This is the world highest level of the periodic magnetic field.

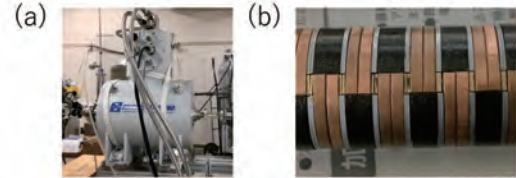


Fig. 1 (a) Photograph of the new undulator prototype and (b) the new hybrid stacked array.

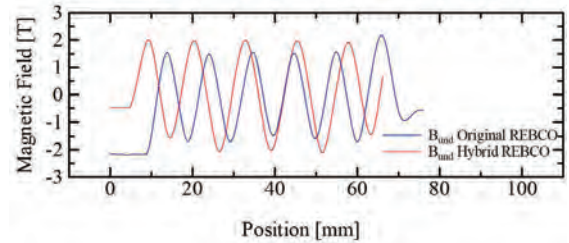


Fig. 2 Undulator field using the hybrid array of GdBaCuO bulk super conductor and vanadium permendur (red line: Hybrid REBCO) is stronger than that of conventional GdBaCuO bulk superconductor array (blue line: Original REBCO). Fluctuation of peak field strength is slightly reduced.

3. Direct sampling ECE radiometer for investigate avalanching transport in magnetized plasmas

The magnetic confinement nuclear fusion is one of the promising energies to realize a sustainable society. Over many years, the study of plasma confinement has been the central issue of magnetic fusion research. The widely known problem is called power degradation: the degradation of energy confinement time (τ_E) against heating power (P), i.e., $\tau_E \propto P^{-0.6 \pm 0.1}$. Due to the power degradation, the plasma heating for achieving fusion reaction becomes inefficient. The origin of power degradation is caused by turbulence, which is present a broad range of scales. Although the variety of dynamics due to the nonlinearity of turbulence makes the system complex, the recent studies predict the significant amount of avalanching transport, which is based on the self-organized criticality [1,2]. In this year, we have work on the study of turbulence and avalanching transport in the experimental device, Heliotron J.

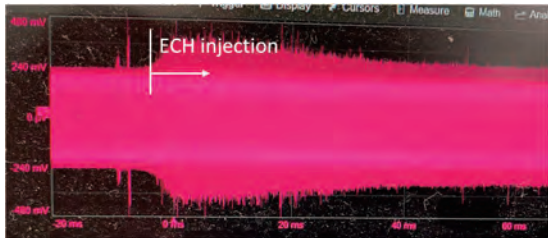


Fig. 3 A waveform of ECE obtained by the GHz sampling DSO.

The electron cyclotron emission (ECE) is one of the promising diagnostics to measure electron plasma temperature (T_e). Because avalanching transport ranges from micro to macro scale, the high spatial resolution is necessary for the measurement. In this year, we tested the direct sampling of the intermediate frequency (IF) of ECE radiometry. This technique has advantages to the previous filter-bank type of radiometer in the point that the spatio-temporal resolution and signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) can be adjusted after the data acquisition [3]. The GHz sampling digital storage oscilloscope (DSO) with a sampling rate of 80GHz, a band width of 36GHz and a record length of 2Gpts are tested for the measurement. At the front-end, the local oscillator of 56GHz is used for down-converting the radio frequency (RF) waves to IF with single-side-band. Thus, the RF waves from 56GHz to 98GHz ($f_{IF} = 0-36$ GHz) are simultaneously measured by the DSO (Fig. 3). The relation between spatio-temporal resolution and SNR, which is based on the radiometer equation, was confirmed from the measurement data. We also investigated the effect of noise from electron cyclotron heating (ECH). The correlations between ECH radiation (70GHz) and other IF channels show no-correlation, which indicates the ECE system is not directly suffered by the ECH noise.

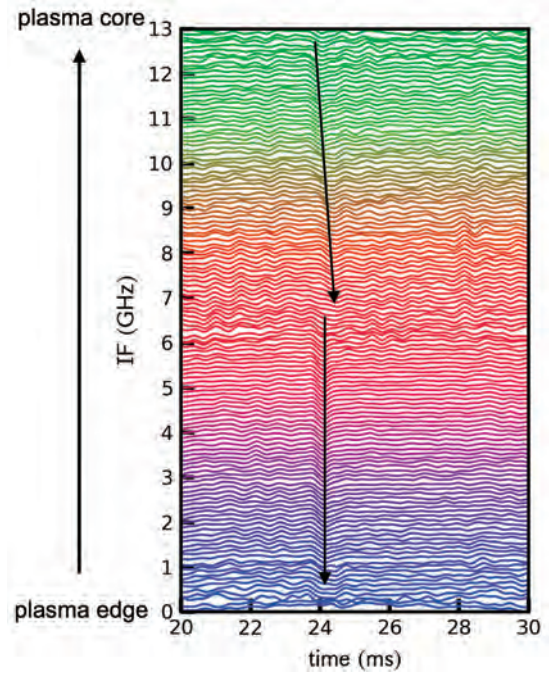


Fig. 4 Temporal evolution of direct sampling ECE radiometer observed in Heliotron J. The large-scale avalanche-like dynamics is indicated as the black arrow.

Figure 4 shows the spatio-temporal evolution of ECE fluctuations. The interval of IF frequency, which corresponds to the spatial location, is set to 0.1 GHz. This is roughly equivalent to the spatial resolution of $\Delta(r/a) \sim 0.008$. As shown in Fig. 4, the large scale (almost half of the plasma radius) of avalanche-like events are shown with slowly propagating (~ 160 m/s) and rapidly propagating (almost simultaneous) features. The temporal dynamics of avalanches are found as a signature of $1/f$ type of ECE spectrum. We also found the $1/f$ spectrum is increased against the increases of heating power, which suggest the cause of power degradation.

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