An analytical review on electric Propulsion system for space satellites

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Abstract: *This paper describes the latest advances in electric propulsion systems prepared for the new space exploration activity. Missions to the Moon and Mars will require these new thrusters to convey the huge amounts of provisions that would be expected to help changeless bases on other universes. The new advancements are likewise being utilized for unmanned investigation missions that will go to the furthest reaches of the nearby planetary group. This paper is expected to provide some insight into some ideas for electric propulsion - standards and work skills, as well as a diagram of mission applications that would benefit from these frame drives and their use with state-of-the-art control systems.*

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1. INTRODUCTION

According to the researchers to manufacture future space vehicles with advanced nuclear systems, the electric propulsion systems must expect kilowatts to megawatts of energy. Larger diameter, higher particle thrusters and hall thrusters should be constructed and must be simulated in vacuum chambers along with the most advanced high-power systems, for example, Brayton systems.

High power electric propulsion systems are being manufactured and shown in the research facility, for example, magnetoplasma dynamic (MPD) thrusters and pulse inductive thrusters (PIT). This paper presents the latest advances in electrical impulse frames being appropriate for the new space investigation activity. Missions to the Moon and Mars will be required these new thrusters to provide extra energy that would be expected to explore other planetary missions for future. The new thrusters are going to be used for unmanned space exploration missions that can reach the distance which never been reached before. This paper is expected to provide some insight into some ideas for electric propulsion standards and work skills, as well as a diagram of mission applications that would benefit from these frame drives and their use with state-of-the-art control systems.

2. HISTORY OF PROPULSION

The most known punctual record in which the possibility of an electric propulsion system for rocket shows up at any rate verifiable is a page in the notebook of R. H. Goddrad. The incredible rocket pioneer, who was better referred to in his days as a physicist and teacher, explored different avenues regarding an electric gas release tube in 1906.

As he watched the exceptionally high speeds which were bestowed to the charged particles while the temperature of the cylinder remained genuinely low, the idea struck him that electrostatically repulsed particles may be the response to the issue of getting high fumes speeds at tolerable chamber temperature. He recorded a short comment in his journal, and the successive repeat of comments concerning electrostatic impetus in his notebooks for the years 1906 to 1912 uncovers that the particle rocket had taken a firm decent footing in the reasoning of his exceptional work over fifty years back. Goddard discussed high speed floods of negative and positive particles, invigorated by sunlight based electric supplies, which would be connected after the burnout of a compound sponsor rocket to quicken a planetary vehicle amid the principal half, and decelerate it amid the second half of its direction between the earth and a planet. Electrostatic powers could be utilized either to quicken the ionized fumes particles of a hydrogen-oxygen rocket, or to quicken the particles produced from ions on hot tungsten surfaces. As ahead of schedule as 1916, Goddard and his understudies led trials with particle sources and with jolted planes comprising of synthetic rocket planes into which particle had been infused. In his report of March, 1920, concerning further improvements, Goddard committed various sections to the creation of an ionized flow of gas, and he enhanced his comments in this report by a few consequent reminders. From Goddard's path breaking inventions, next-generation rocket scientists do further progress in the field of the electric propulsion system for spacecraft.

3. FUNDAMENTALS OF PROPULSION

In space with no solid or liquid available, Newton's third law of movement tells that the push might be delivered just by removing a portion of a spacecraft mass, the mass of the charges, m, and ousting it at a speed v_e. When pushing out issue, the dormancy of the removed mass creates an equivalent and inverse push or push against the rest of the rocket and the shuttle is accelerated [1].

On Earth, the push to accelerate a body might be against the ground, as in strolling, when the speeding up is the consequence of the asphalt pushing against the shoe soles or foot and a push drive is connected to the dirt by grating. In swimming, or paddling, power is connected to the water by utilizing a strong surface, oar or arm, and the subsequent weight accelerates the paddle or arm consequently. In space, there is nothing to push against, and it is the activity of ejecting mass from a shuttle, that is, of granting an energy to the mass catapulted that applies the precisely inverse response, bringing about a difference in the force of the rocket [2]. All in all, the mass shot out might be as of now in movement as for the shuttle, so the push compel F is in this way depicted as the contrast between the energy inside the motor of the mass to be catapulted, and that when leaving the rocket. The scalar type of F is

$$\mathrm{F} = \frac{dm}{dt} v_e \tag{1}$$

The above equation is a function of time in general. In propulsion systems where the fumes are acquired by a thermodynamic expansion and the mass vaporous, there is an additional term $A_e(p_e - p_a)$ adding to the absolute F, due to the fact that there is a weight distinction between the engine output and the ambient condition. In space, the encompassing weight is obviously essentially zero. The all-out time I_{tot}, comparing to a push compel F representing an all-out time t is defined as,

$$I_{tot} = \int_{0}^{t} \mathrm{F}(t)dt \tag{2}$$

The complete impulse is a proportion of the absolute difference in force accessible from a drive framework, and is particularly critical when the pushed changes after some time. Precedents are strong force rocket sponsors, where the push is constant yet set aside a few minutes with a predefined law, and demeanour control rockets that must convey short pushed heartbeats numerous hundreds of time. The rate at which the mass is launched out and its fumes speed, v_e decides the push and explicit motivation I_{sp} which is the proportion of pushed to Earth-surface weight stream rate, $\dot{m}g$ where $\dot{m}$ is the charge mass stream rate.

$$I_{sp} = \mathrm{F}/\dot{m}g = v_e/\mathrm{g} \tag{3}$$

4. ELECTRIC PROPULSION SYSTEM

An EP system comprises a number of organized segments to eventually convert electrical power from the S/C control system into the engine power of a fuel jet.

Fig. 1 shows the key components of an EP framework in the schematic structure and its interfaces with different S/C systems. Typically, the power supply system provides a direct current capacity directed to a power processor unit (PPU), as well as other auxiliary components, such as valves, radiators and so on. The PPU forms this raw power into the particular structure required by the thrusters and it is normally a standout among the most promising for testing with respect to other thrusters. A weight-based managed fuel system is presented below, although basic air sources can sometimes be used [3, 6].

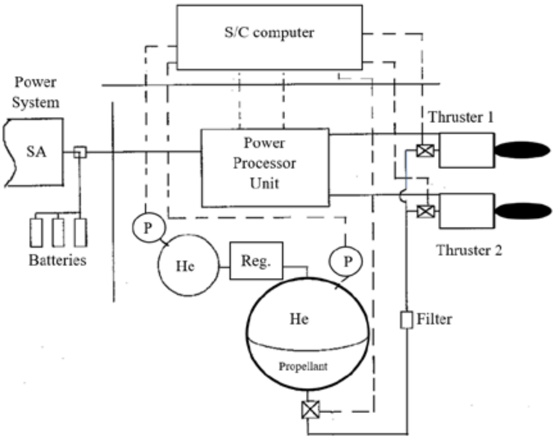

Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of Electric propulsion

No details of the pipes appear, which frequently incorporate parallel arrangements and valves, pyrotechnic valves for opening or shutting and so on. The streams to be taken care of are typically little, yet happen for exceptionally drawn out time frames (months), which presents uncommon difficulties for the plan of exact flow controller and release free valving. Commands to the different power switches, valves and so on, are provided by the S/C computer, which likewise gets and forms a variety of status signals from sensors. The core of the framework is, obviously, the thrusters itself, and this paper will focus on thrusters. It must be seen, in any case, that an extensive extent of the drive engineer's exertion must be created to the equalization of the electric impetus framework, which is normally heavier, bulkier, and more expensive than the thrusters. Luckily, beside the PPU characteristics, whatever remains of the system isn't radically the same as progressively natural cold-gas or monopropellant frameworks, and surely, EP has profited in its continuous presentation from this current experience base.

5. ELECTRIC PROPULSION

Electric propulsion is an innovation dependent on the acceleration of matter by electric power methods. The powers that can accelerate it could be electrostatic or electrodynamic. The primary needs are just an electric field, i.e. a voltage difference, and the power between two point-like charges q_1 and q_2 at a separation r is

$$F = Kq_1 q_2 r/r^3 \tag{4}$$

where K is a constant, K = $1/4\pi\varepsilon_0$, The vacuum permittivity ε_0 is $8.854*10^{-12}$ F/m. The Lorentz force acts in the simultaneous presence of an electric and a magnetic field, and for a single charge, e, it is simply

$$F = eU*B \tag{5}$$

where U is the velocity of the point-like charge e, and B is the magnetic induction. For fluid mixture composed by i= 1, 2, N ionized species, with charge density $q_i \rho_i$, subject to both an electric field, E, and a magnetic field, B, the total electric force acting on the ith component of the mixture is

$$F = q_i \rho_i (E + U_i * B) \tag{6}$$

6. ELECTRIC PROPULSION TECHNIQUES

There are several types of electric propulsion techniques, those are electrostatic propulsion, electrothermal propulsion, electromagnetic propulsion. Electro thermal thrusters are presented at this point. The structure and capacity of electrostatic and electrodynamic thrusters are portrayed in the accompanying. For electrostatic thrusters the three primary advancements utilizing xenon as a fuel are depicted in Fig. 2.

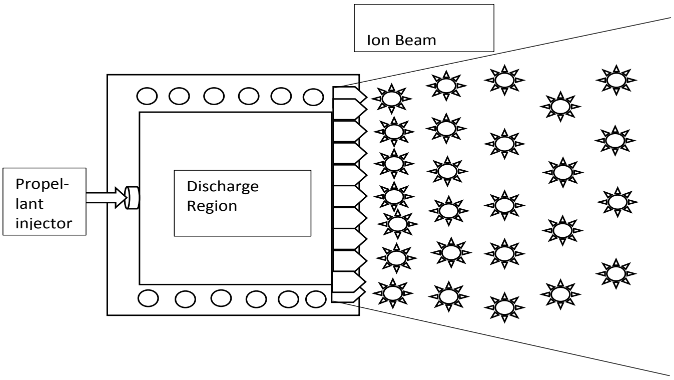

Fig. 2 Schematic diagram of a spacecraft thruster

In electrostatic thrusters the increasing speed is brought about by electrostatic possibilities. Models are ion engines, the colloidal thrusters and the field emission thruster (FEEP). The ionization can be performed by methods for DC release, radiofrequency or electron synchrotron.

The positively charged particles need to be neutralized by adding electrons outside of the acceleration zone.

7. FIELD EMISSION THRUSTER

The field emission thruster (FEEP) is an advanced electrostatic thruster that uses fluid metal particles to transmit an extremely low thrust level in the micronewton range at high explicit motivations in the range of high explicit driving forces in the scope of 60000 Ns/kg. Likewise, it permits thrust control with an exceptionally high exactness at low thrust roughness.

However, it requires high calibre concerning compound immaculateness and vacuum. The low thrust levels settle on this innovation which is a first decision for applications requiring an undisturbed miniaturized scale gravity condition or exceptionally exact moving between two satellites.

The needle configuration, utilizing indium as a force, comprises a producer with an indium source and a tungsten needle with a tip sharpness of a few micrometres, see Fig. 3.

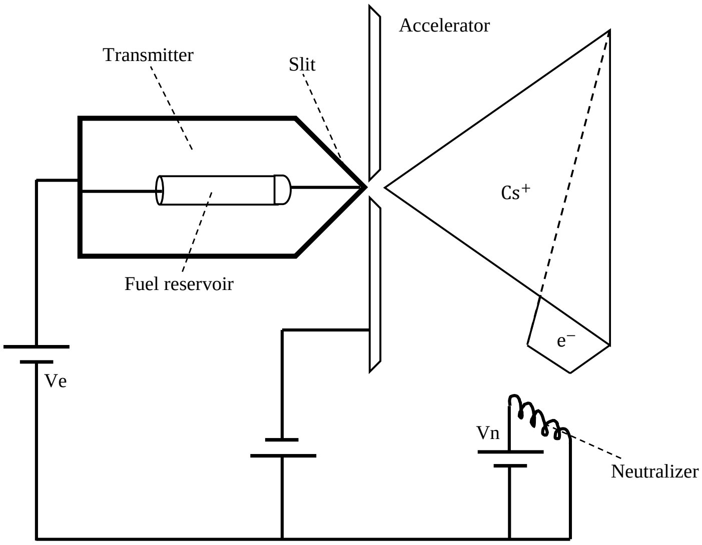

Fig. 3 Diagram of a FEEP thruster

Another FEEP innovation utilizes caesium as a propellant that is transported by capillary powers between two sharp, almost parallel cutting edges having a thickness of about 1 μm toward the end.

For both FEEP types the producers are provided by a high positive capability of 3 to 12 kv, the high potential makes the fluid metal structure a supposed Taylor cone that has a sharp tip with an outrageous field quality of more than 100 V/m.

The increasing speed of the particles is accomplished with an extractor terminal that is at a capability of 1 kV.

The subsequent particle bar conveys a push somewhere in the range of 0.1 and 300 μN. The block diagram of a FEEP thruster is shown in Fig. 4.

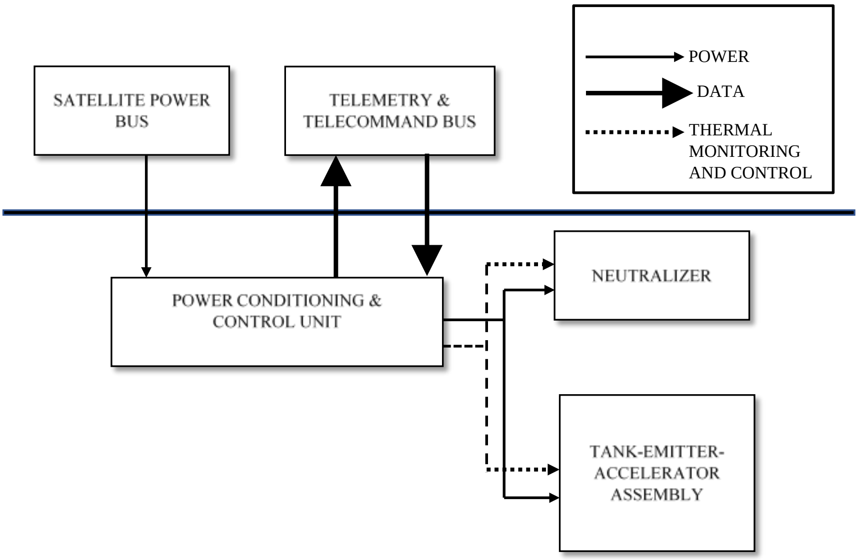

Fig. 4 Block diagram of a FEEP thruster

8. HALL EFFECT THRUSTERS

In a hall effect thruster (HET) or stationary plasma thruster (SPT) xenon ions are accelerated by a DC field, too; however [4], in spite of the RIT or to the Kaufman thruster, increasing speed lattice as well as the potential contrast between the anode at the base of the roundabout release vessel and the outer cathode in the scope of a couple of hundred volts are utilized. Ionization is performed by a DC release among the anode and the cathode within the circular discharge vessel. By methods for magnetic field the electrons are caught and quickened in the release vessel to expand the ionization productivity and to structure a Hall current. The substantial particles are not influenced by this magnetic field, see Fig. 5.

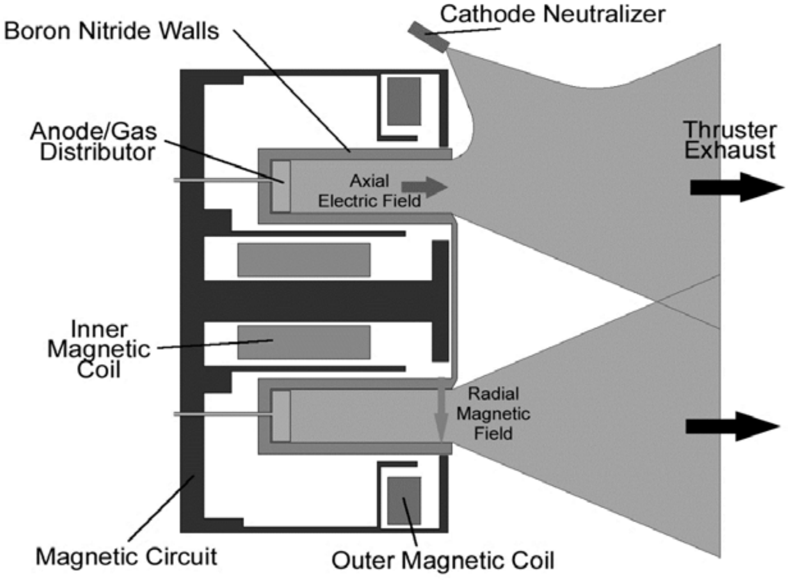

Fig. 5 Diagram of a hall thruster

HETs of various sizes can convey thrust levels somewhere in the range of 20 and 1000 mN. For instance, the SPT100 made by the Design Bureau Fakel in Kaliningrad with an electrical power utilization of 1500W and a particular drive of around 16000 N s/kg delivers a push of around 80 nM.

Rather than the gridded particle thruster, the particle light emission HET has a generally unfavourable difference edge of 45-degree half angle. In light of the thoughts of A. Morozov, the improvement of the HET started during the 1960s in the previous USSR at TsNIMASH and the Keldysh look into focus.

Fakel was in charge of the industrialization. More than 200 HETs are working in space. ESA's Moon mission smart-1 was propelled from GTO into lunar orbit by a PPS 1350 from Snecma Moteurs.

9. ELECTROMAGNETIC PROPULSION

In the low thrust range, PPT furnish incredibly low motivation bits with a pulse frequency relying upon the accessible capacity to charge the capacitor [5].

The PPT system delivers short vitality beats that vaporize, ionize and quicken the strong charge, ordinarily Teflon.

Because of the beat task with recurrence of 1 Hz or less, the normal power request is just a couple of watts.

The power is put away in a capacitor for about a second after starting, the beat length is just a couple of microseconds. The capacitor is then revived during the time between pulse ignition Fig. 6.

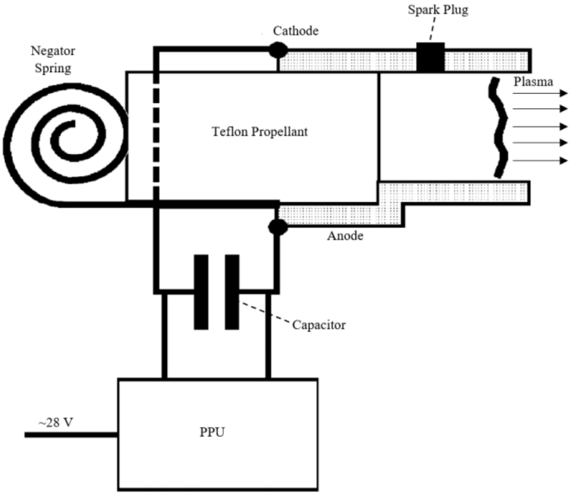

Fig. 6 Diagram of an electromagnetic thruster

10. MAGNETOPLASMA DYNAMIC THRUSTERS

On the powerful side from many kilowatts to super watts (MPD) thrusters might be utilized for future human space investigation missions. In Germany MPD thrusters are under scrutiny at the IRS [7]. The MPD thrusters are the Lorentz power to produce push. In the 100 Kw to 1 MW range the magnetic field that frames the magnetic nozzle to quicken the particles is created by the communication of the DC discharge between the cathode and anode. This sort is known as the MPD self-field thruster.

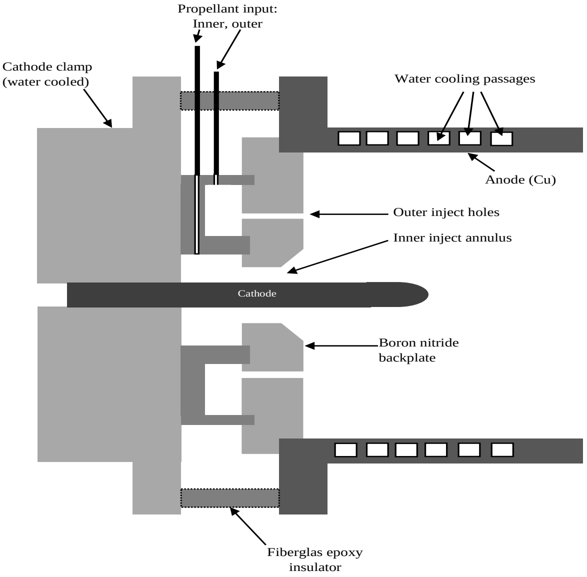

Fig. 7 Diagram of a magnetoplasma dynamic thruster

In the lower power range from 10 to 30 KW the power is too feeble to even think about generating without any other input a magnetic field for the longevity of a magnetic nozzle. Subsequently, a magnetic nozzle is produced by devoted magnetic rings which make the connected MPD field. An incredible number of forces, for example, xenon, neon, argon, hydrazine and lithium have been utilized, with lithium giving the best proficiency. MPD thrusters with a laval nozzle are a mix of a thermal arc jet thruster and the MPD accelerating agent. At low currents the greater part of the thrust is created by the heating of the force in the DC release circular segment and the accompanying practically perfect adiabatic enhancement in the nozzle, see Fig. 7. The list of recent spacecrafts using electric propulsion are shown in Table:1.

Table :1 - List of recent spacecrafts using electric propulsion

Spacecraft name	**Launch date**	**Thruster type**	**No.**	**Model**	**Thruster prime**	
PSN-6 (Nusantara Satu)	22 Feb 2019				USA	SSL
AOBA-VELOX IV	18 Jan 2019	Pulsed plasma thruster	4		Singapore	NTU
UWE-4	27 Dec 2018	FEEP	4	NanoFEEP	Germany	Morpheus Space
BepiColombo	20 Oct 2018	Ion engine	4	T6	UK	QinetiQ
NovaSAR	16 Sep 2018	Resistojet Quad confinement thruster	1 1	 QCT-200	UK	SSTL SSC/SSTL
SES-12	4 Jun 2018	Hall effect thruster		SPT-140	Russia	OKB Fakel
SES-14	25 Jan 2018	Hall effect thruster		SPT-140	Russia	OKB Fakel
Flock-3p'	12 Jan 2018	FEEP	1	IFM Nano	Austria	Enpulsion

11. CONCLUSIONS

This paper has given a dense diagram of the electric propulsion field, when it is experiencing an extremely quick change from the research facility to genuine flight application. The general impression is one of generous development in a few imperative zones, compared to the situation that existed only a few years before. In the meantime, it likewise gives the idea that critical execution upgrades are as yet conceivable by and large, and that the zone will remain an indispensable research field for a long time to come.

Because much progress will certainly be made in the near future in terms of electric propulsion (EP) and in order to increase the electric power for propulsion it is necessary to further develop the thrusters.Ion thrusters had proven to be the most successful and efficient for the alternative propulsion system to the conventional propulsion system. This thruster can easily beat the chemical thruster even if the produced thrust is much less. And this can be used in various missions such as maintaining the orbital station for geostationary satellites, orbit and attitude controlling and multi-goal missions.

Chemical thrusters are not suitable for deep space mission. Therefore, in the future, research will focus on the development of ion propellants for space missions.

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