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Features of Regular Discharges in Uragan-3M Torsatron

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The Uragan-3M device is equipped with two antennas which are fed by RF power with the frequency below ion cyclotron. The frame antenna was used for pre-ionization and the three-half turn (THT) antenna makes plasma heating. Such a regime of heating is briefly described in Ref. 1. In this experimental series, the radial profiles of CV and H-alpha lines intensity and the second cyclotron harmonic emission are measured using a pulse-by-pulse technique. The results of these measurements and Biot-Savart calculations could be explained by existence of a small central area with relatively good plasma confinement surrounded by a zone where the confinement is poor. If so, the relatively low average electron temperature and high RF power needed to sustain plasma are the consequences.

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