

Numerical Investigation of Nanoparticle Formation in the Inductively Coupled Plasma

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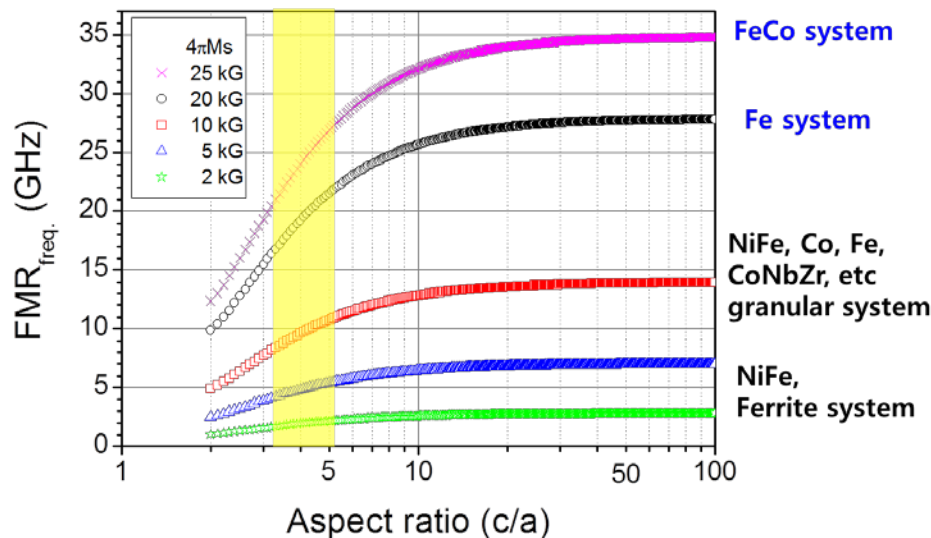
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Development of magnetic particles with high permeability

□ When designing a new magnetic material intended for broadband electromagnetic wave absorbing material (EWAM) properties, the following conditions should be met:

- (1) High saturation magnetization
- (2) Structural anisotropy for higher magnetic anisotropy
- (3) Modulated permittivity for impedance matching



Change in FMR according to the saturation magnetic flux density and aspect ratio of magnetic particles

inclusion type	sketch	$A(ka)$	2 nd order approx.
plate		$\frac{\tan(ka)}{ka}$	$1 + \frac{(ka)^2}{3}$
cylinder $\perp H$		$\frac{J_1(ka)}{ka \cdot J_0(ka) - J_1(ka)}$	$1 + \frac{(ka)^2}{4}$
cylinder $// H$		$\frac{2J_1(ka)}{ka \cdot J_0(ka)}$	$1 + \frac{(ka)^2}{8}$
sphere		$\frac{2(\tan(ka) - ka)}{ka + ((ka)^2 - 1)\tan(ka)}$	$1 + \frac{(ka)^2}{10}$

Improvement in permeability through powder shape control

(O. Acher et al., 2007)

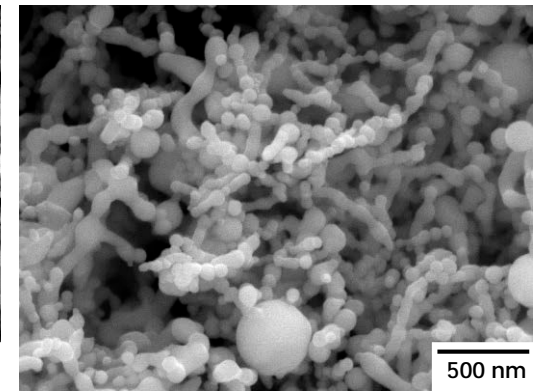
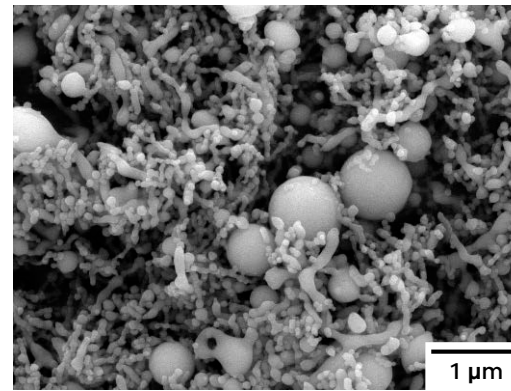
Development of magnetic particles with high permeability – thermal plasma synthesis

□ Synthesis of magnetic nanorod particles through thermal plasma



- **Thermal Plasma** synthesis of Fe, FeCo nanoparticles (6000 ~ 15000 K)
- 1-dimensional nano-chained particles were successfully fabricated without need for templates or complex directional growth process.

Fe-Co nanorods



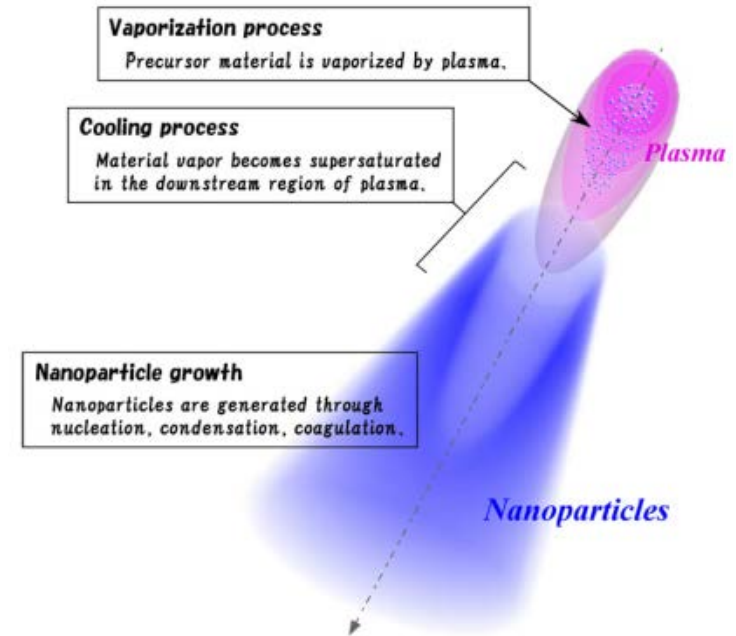
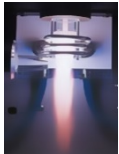
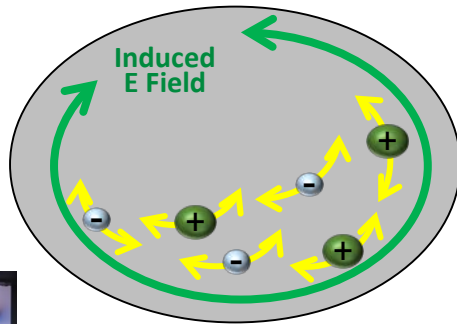
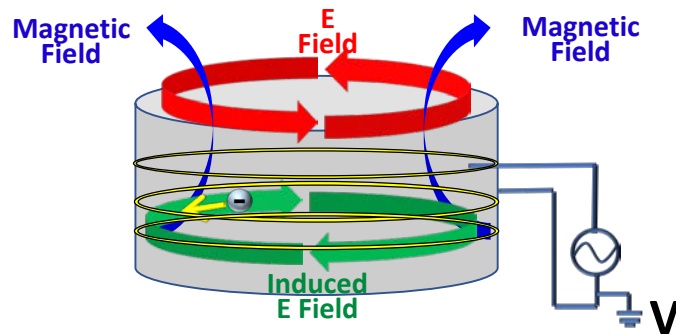
- How could varying the parameters of the plasma system affect the particle size of the FeCo nanorods?

→ Numerical simulation needed

Thermal Plasma synthesis

□ Thermal Plasma

Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP)



➤ Thermal plasma

- Temperature: 6000 ~ 15000 K
 - Heavy particles possess temperature as high as $10^6 \sim 10^8$ K while pressure is at atm.

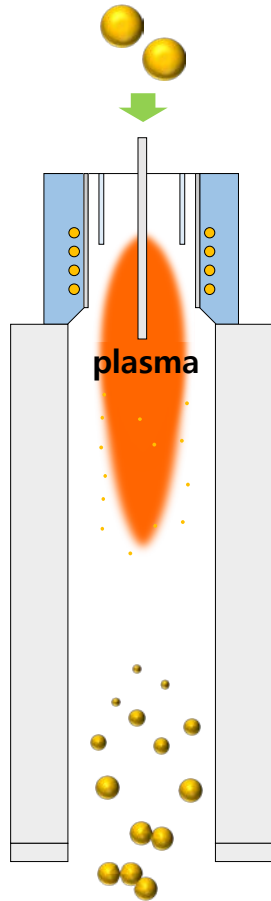
➤ Nanofabrication using RF-ICP

- Evaporation of precursor
- Nanoparticle formation by condensation

Numerical investigation

❑ Numerical investigation of nanoparticle formation in ICP

Precursory powders



← Inductively coupled thermal plasma modeling

- Conservation of mass
- Conservation of energy

← Behavior of powders in ICP

- Particle motion accelerated by plasma flow
- Heat transfer between plasma and particle

← Nanoparticle formation

- Saturation of vapor
- Nucleation and growth

Summary

- Tailoring the shape of magnetic nanoparticles to 1-dimensional nanomaterials and further tuning the length or the size of the nanochain can improve the magnetic response due to the anisotropic properties.
- Controlling the length or the size of the FeCo nanochain may be difficult due to numerous controlling parameters within the ICP system.
- Numerical investigation of ICP and formation of nanoparticle can predict size distribution of nanoparticles and aspect ratio of nanochain.

Thank You

