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Experimental study of low frequency waves has been made in a low β plasma of the JAERI toroidal hexapole with and without toroidal field. The observed waves are identified as density-gradient-driven collisionless drift waves and the interpretation of their mode transitions of poloidal mode number is given by comparison of the experimental results with the results predicted from the linear theory of a slab geometry.

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原研トロイダル・ヘキサポールに閉じ込められた低ベータ・プラズマ中の低周波波動についての実験的研究である。ヘキサポール磁場に、トロイダル磁場を重畳した場合と、しない場合とが調べられた。スラブ模型による理論結果との比較により、観測された波動は、密度勾配による無衝突ドリフト波であると同定された。また、トロイダル・モード数の遷移についての物理的解釈がなされた。

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the laboratory frame with and without toroidal field, respectively, and another in the frequency range of 100-170 kHz in the laboratory frame and localized in the region of high field and locally bad curvature. The following observation is restricted to the former low-frequency fluctuation. Most of fluctuation measurements are performed using coaxially shielded spherical Langmuir probes 1 mm in diameter. The density fluctuation is estimated from the ion saturation current. The potential fluctuation is detected with a high impedance probe with a 200-k Ω resistor connected to the probe tip.

A. Distribution of Fluctuations

Typical scope traces of a density decay (the upper trace turned upside-down) and the density fluctuation triggered at 0.4 msec after the heating power is turned off are shown in Fig. 5 for two cases of (a) no toroidal field and (b) a small toroidal field of $I_T = 10$ A. Waveform of the fluctuation with and without toroidal field is seen to be almost sinusoidal. The observed frequency of the fluctuation is reproducible within 15%. Its amplitude, however, is less reproducible and varies by a factor of 2-4, which is partly because the fluctuation is in a state of large amplitude and sometimes of amplitude modulation. As seen from the photograph the frequency of the fluctuation becomes lower in time and it is found to decrease with about the same decay constant as the product of κT_e .

Radial profiles of density and its fluctuation are shown in Fig. 6 with (a) no toroidal field and (b) the toroidal field of $I_T = 10$ A. The fluctuations with and without toroidal field are localized near the region of the maximum density gradient towards the walls with $\nabla n_0/n_0 = 3.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ averaged along the typical flux line as $\oint (|\nabla\psi| (d/d\psi) \ln n_0) dl/B / \oint dl/B$. The amplitude is found to be almost uniformly distributed along the typical flux line regardless of the curvature of the line. This mode of fluctuation does not exist on the internal portion of the density gradient towards the hoops. The electron temperature gradient $\nabla T_e/T_e$ is measured to be smaller than the density gradient by a factor of 7-10. The average ion Larmor radius ρ_i is 1 mm.

B. Frequency and Propagation Direction of Waves

The observed frequency in the laboratory frame are shown in Fig. 7

as a function of toroidal field. With the addition of B_T to the hexapole field the frequency decreases by a factor of 2-3 and frequency jumps are observed beyond the critical toroidal fields. In each branch of three curves the frequency is found to be nearly held constant or slightly lowered. The frequency of the wave in the plasma rest frame is in the range of 19-39 kHz and 59-85 kHz with and without B_T , respectively, after a correction of $\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}$ rotation due to a radial electric field \vec{E}_0 estimated from the floating potential and electron temperature profiles. The Doppler shift of the frequency is less than 30%. The curvature drift velocity is negligible in the correction because the average velocity is found to be at most 2×10^4 cm/sec. The direction of propagation after the correction is also in the direction of the electron diamagnetic drift velocity. The ratio of the frequency in the plasma frame to the electron diamagnetic frequency ω/ω_{*e} lies in the range of 0.5-0.8 and 0.7-0.9 with and without toroidal field, respectively.

C. Phase difference between Density and Potential Fluctuations

The phase difference $\Delta\phi$ between density \tilde{n} and potential $\tilde{\phi}$ fluctuations are measured with a Langmuir probe and a high impedance probe parallel to the typical flux line. It is observed that the density wave is leading by 94 ± 51 and 71 ± 51 degrees with and without toroidal field, respectively. We note that the relative amplitude for potential $e\tilde{\phi}/KT$ and density \tilde{n}/n_0 fluctuations are equal within a factor of 2, as expected from an electrostatic mode (here, $\beta \approx 4 \times 10^{-6}$).

D. Determination of Parallel and Perpendicular Wavenumbers and Mode Transitions

The spatial properties of the wave are investigated by measuring the relative phase difference of probe signals at various positions. The correlation in the direction of the density gradient is good and no phase shift is observed. Figure 8 shows the azimuthal wavelength λ_θ in the direction perpendicular to both the magnetic field and the density gradient. Three branches of curves are obtained with the addition of B_T to the hexapole field.

Poloidal mode number n is obtained from the phase measurements using three probes on the same flux line. Probes are positioned within 1 mm on the line in given a poloidal plane at fixed azimuth using a narrow electron

beam. In Fig. 9 we plot the positions of the maxima of the waveform as shown in Fig. 5 as a function of time delay in the case of no toroidal field. The slope of a given line gives the parallel phase velocity of the wave in the laboratory frame ($3.2-3.5 \times 10^6$ cm/sec). It is also shown that the wave is a travelling wave and the poloidal mode number is $n = 1$ which also means that the parallel wavelength λ_{\parallel} ($= 2\pi/k_{\parallel}$) is equal to the length of the closed flux line L_0 ($= 80$ cm). Similarly, poloidal mode number in each branch of curve shown in Fig. 8 with toroidal field is found to be held constant and is shown to be successively $n = 0, -1,$ and -2 with increasing toroidal field. These mode transitions also correspond to the jumps of the frequency as observed in Fig. 7. Only in the mode transition regions two separate modes are detected as in a Q-machine plasma.^{8,9}

Assuming a perturbed potential $\tilde{\phi} = \phi_1 \exp(ik_{\perp}s + ik_{\parallel}l - i\omega t)$, we can define the parallel and perpendicular wavelengths, respectively, as

$$k_{\parallel} = \frac{2\pi}{\int dl} \left(\frac{l_{\theta}}{\lambda_{\theta}} + n \right), \quad (1)$$

and

$$k_{\perp} = \frac{2\pi}{\int dl} \left(\frac{R \int R^{-1} dl_p}{\lambda_{\theta}} - \frac{l_{\theta}}{L_0} n \right), \quad (2)$$

where l_{θ} is a pitch length of the flux line defined by $l_{\theta} = \int B_T/B_p dl_p$; dl_p is the poloidal line element and dl is the line element along the flux line. Integrations are carried out along the line once around the minor axis. Strictly speaking, k_{\perp} is replaced by $\sqrt{k_{\perp}^2 + k_r^2}$. However, since the radial wavenumber k_r is estimated from the radial amplitude distribution as 0.6 cm^{-1} , the error due to neglect of k_r is 5-20%. The pitch length is measured using the electron beam as (Fig. 10)

$$l_{\theta} = (0.1933 \pm 0.0045)I_T + (0.15 \pm 0.10), \quad (3)$$

while the theoretical relationship is $l_{\theta} = 0.17 I_T$. This result may suggest the presence of a small error field in the toroidal direction.

The parallel and perpendicular wavelengths are determined from Eqs. (1), (2), and (3) as shown in Fig. 11 (a) and (b), respectively, as a function of toroidal field. Three branches of curves are accompanied with the transitions of poloidal mode number when the toroidal field is superimposed on the hexapole. It is also found that the ratio of the

parallel wavenumber to the perpendicular wavenumber lies in the order of 10^{-2} . Figure 11 (c) shows amplitude of the density fluctuations as a function of toroidal field. It seems that large amplitude of the waves corresponds to small parallel wavenumber and large perpendicular wavenumber at least in the case of small toroidal fields. These wave behaviours with increasing the toroidal field will be well understood on the $(\lambda_{\parallel}, \kappa, k_{\perp}, \rho_i)$ plane as shown in Fig. 12. Also shown are the stable and unstable regions of a collisionless drift wave and contour lines of its constant growth rate, $\gamma = \omega_I / \kappa v_{thi}$, for $T_e/T_i = 10$ and $\nabla T_e = 0$ calculated by Brossier,¹⁰ where ω_I is the imaginary part of the frequency and v_{thi} is the ion thermal velocity. Without toroidal field (the solid dot in the figure) the observed parallel wavelength of the $n = 1$ mode is the longest one because it must be L_0/n from geometrical considerations. With the addition of B_T of a few gauss to the hexapole the flux lines are no longer closed and the wave is found to have considerably longer parallel wavelength and smaller perpendicular wavenumber compared with those without toroidal field. In the first branch ($n = 0$; the open circles) the wave moves towards the stable region of the drift wave with increasing the toroidal field. Similar variations are observed in the subsequent modes of waves with $n = -1$ and -2 (the rectangles and the triangles, respectively). Generally, plasma is unstable against the drift wave due to the inverse Landau damping and stabilized due to two possible mechanisms;^{9,11} the first is contributed by the resonant electrons in the case of the frequency ω larger than the electron diamagnetic drift velocity $\omega * e$ and the second is on account of ion Landau damping. The drift wave cannot be stabilized by good curvature in our toroidal hexapole especially for the microwave produced plasma ($T_e > T_i$) because the parameter κR_c in the good region of the hexapole field is larger than the term $2(1 + T_i/T_e)$ by a factor of about 2 against the stability criterion⁵ (see Fig. 3).

Measured wave characteristics in the plasma rest frame are summarized in Table II. The parallel phase velocity of the wave falls between the ion thermal velocity (4×10^5 cm/sec) and the electron thermal velocity (4.7×10^7 cm/sec). Also shown is the ratio of the parallel phase velocity to the electron thermal velocity v_{\parallel} / v_{the} . Except the differences in the frequency, the parallel wave length and the parallel phase velocity, the waves with and without toroidal field have similar properties suggesting that they belong to the same mode of waves. All these observations are consistent with the predictions for the density-gradient-driven drift wave.

E. Dispersion Relation

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The experimental parallel dispersion curve of the waves is similarly obtained as shown in Fig. 13 (b). The solid dots represent the wave without toroidal field. With the addition of B_T to the hexapole the wave of the $n = 0$ mode jumps the minimum of k_{\parallel} / κ (the open circles in the figure) and the value of k_{\parallel} / κ is found to increase with increasing the toroidal field.

IV DISCUSSIONS

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B. Mode Transition of Poloidal Mode Number

As to the mode transition of poloidal mode number n we assume in the analogy of the results in the Q-machine^{8,9} that one mode with a given n becomes dominant, within the limits of the linearized theory, if it has a larger growth rate than those of the other modes. By eliminating λ_θ from Eqs. (1) and (2), the geometrical condition for λ_\parallel and k_\perp is obtained as

$$\lambda_\parallel \left\{ k_\perp + n \left(\frac{1_\theta}{L_0} + \frac{2\pi R \int R^{-1} dl_P / \int dl}{1_\theta} \right) \right\} = \frac{2\pi R \int R^{-1} dl_P}{1_\theta} \quad (4)$$

The curves of Eq. (4) with $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ for a given toroidal field will be drawn on the $(\lambda_\parallel \kappa, k_\perp \rho_i)$ plane, as shown in Fig. 14 for $I_T = 3$ A (the dot-dash-lines). Also shown in the figure are the stable and unstable regions of the density-gradient-driven collisionless drift wave and the contours lines of constant growth rate.¹⁰ The first mode number n with the addition of B_T to the hexapole is expected from the curve to be $n = 0$ as observed in the experiment. According to Eq. (4) the group of curves with different mode number are shifted towards the left ordinate with increasing the toroidal field. Successive mode transitions of $n = -1, -2, \dots$ are predicted to occur with increasing the toroidal field which agree with the experimental results. The stabilization of each mode beyond a critical toroidal field is likely due to ion Landau damping,^{9,11} because the ratio of the parallel phase velocity to the ion thermal velocity v_\parallel / v_{thi} is found to decrease with increasing the toroidal field under the condition of $\omega < \omega_{*e}$ and to be about 5 near the transition region for the $n = 0$ mode as shown in Fig. 15. The observed critical ratio is in reasonable agreement with a theoretical value of 2.6.⁹

On the other hand, there are several difficulties to be solved. Firstly, the wave behaviours on the $(\lambda_\parallel \kappa, k_\perp \rho_i)$ plane expected from the above assumption are shown in Fig. 14 by the open circles (the $n = 0$ mode) and the rectangles (the $n = -1$ mode) when the toroidal field is added to the hexapole. The behaviours of the waves with $n = -1$ differ considerably from the experimental results shown in Fig. 12 and the critical toroidal fields where mode transitions are predicted to occur ($I_T = 2, 7, \text{ and } 14$ A) are smaller than the observed ones ($I_T = 3, 22, \text{ and } \sim 45$ A) by a factor of 2-3. However, we believe that these discrepancies are ascribed mostly to the difference of the contour lines of constant growth rate referred¹⁰

from those in our plasmas. For example, the lines are known to be very sensitive to the temperature gradient ∇T_e in the long wavelength region ($k_{\perp} \rho_i \lesssim 1$)^{5,15} as in the present experiment. Secondly, the correspondence of the observed wave amplitude shown in Fig. 11 (c) to the growth rate is not so good when the toroidal field is increased. This discrepancy may be partly due to the difference of the contour lines described above and partly due to lack of linearity of the observed waves since the waves are found to be in a state of large amplitude and sometimes of amplitude modulation.

In the above discussions we have neglected the effect of magnetic shear because the maximum shear parameter in the present experiment is 3.7×10^{-3} which is smaller than a theoretical value estimated from a criterion for the shear stabilization of the collisionless drift wave¹⁶ at least by a factor of about 10. Experimentally, the wave amplitude is reduced to less than 3 % when the toroidal field of $I_T = 300-400$ A is superimposed on the hexapole field. This result is presumably related to shear stabilization.

In summary, we have observed the density-gradient-driven collisionless drift waves in the JAERI toroidal hexapole (JFT-1). The identification of the mode and the interpretation of mode transitions of poloidal mode number are made on the basis of the experimental results compared with the results predicted from linear theory of a slab geometry.

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from those in our plasmas. For example, the lines are known to be very sensitive to the temperature gradient ∇T_e in the long wavelength region ($k_{\perp} \rho_i \lesssim 1$)^{5,15} as in the present experiment. Secondly, the correspondence of the observed wave amplitude shown in Fig. 11 (c) to the growth rate is not so good when the toroidal field is increased. This discrepancy may be partly due to the difference of the contour lines described above and partly due to lack of linearity of the observed waves since the waves are found to be in a state of large amplitude and sometimes of amplitude modulation.

In the above discussions we have neglected the effect of magnetic shear because the maximum shear parameter in the present experiment is 3.7×10^{-3} which is smaller than a theoretical value estimated from a criterion for the shear stabilization of the collisionless drift wave¹⁶ at least by a factor of about 10. Experimentally, the wave amplitude is reduced to less than 3% when the toroidal field of $I_T = 300-400$ A is superimposed on the hexapole field. This result is presumably related to shear stabilization.

In summary, we have observed the density-gradient-driven collisionless drift waves in the JAERI toroidal hexapole (JFT-1). The identification of the mode and the interpretation of mode transitions of poloidal mode number are made on the basis of the experimental results compared with the results predicted from linear theory of a slab geometry.

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TABLE I Machine parameters

Major radius (cm)	43.5
Average hexapole field on (G)	$B_P = \oint dl_P / \oint dl_P / B_P = 460$
Length of the closed flux line (cm)	$L_0 = \oint dl_P = 80$
Toroidal field near the minor axis (G)	0-90
Maximum shear parameter	$\textcircled{H} = 1/\kappa L_S = 3.7 \times 10^{-3}$

TABLE II Measured wave characteristics in the plasma rest frame

I_T (A)	0	2-80
Frequency (kHz)	59-85	19-39
Perpendicular wavelength (cm)	2.0-3.2	3.6-8.7
Perpendicular phase velocity v_{\perp} (10^5 cm/sec)	1.2-2.7	0.7-3.4
ω / ω_{*e}	0.7-0.9	0.5-0.8
$k_{\perp} \rho_i$	0.21-0.3	0.09-0.18
Propagation	Electrons	Electrons
Parallel wavelength (cm)	80	89-749
Parallel phase velocity v_{\parallel} (10^6 cm/sec)	4.7-6.8	1.7-29
v_{\parallel} / v_{the}	0.1-0.14	0.04-0.6
Phase difference $\Delta\psi = \psi(\tilde{n}) - \psi(\tilde{\phi})$ (deg)	71 ± 27	94 ± 51

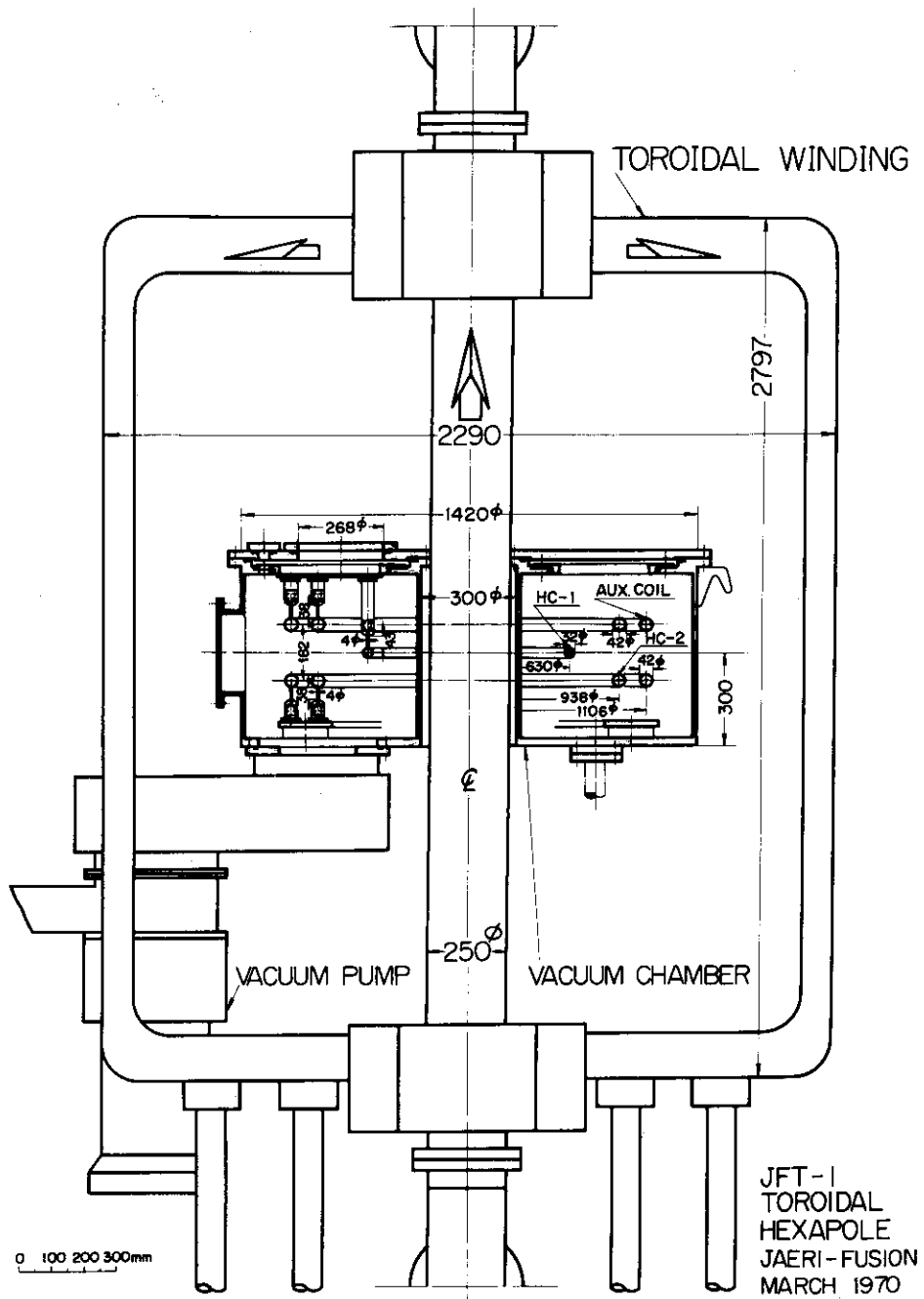


Fig. 1. Cross-sectional view of the JAERI toroidal hexapole (JFT-1).

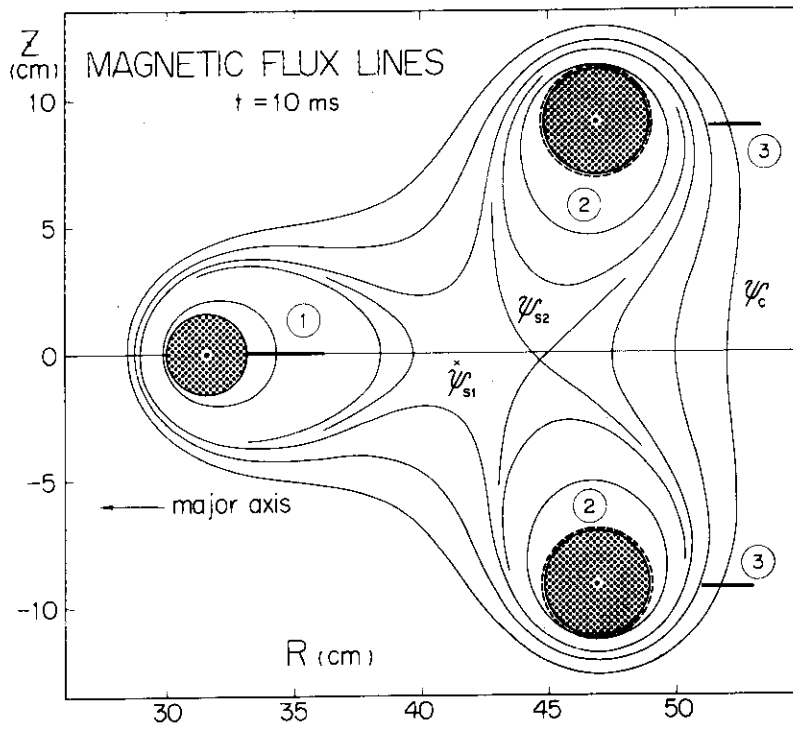


Fig. 2. Flux pattern of the hexapole. Also shown are the limiters (1 and 3) used as particle loss detectors and the outer hoop loss detectors (2).

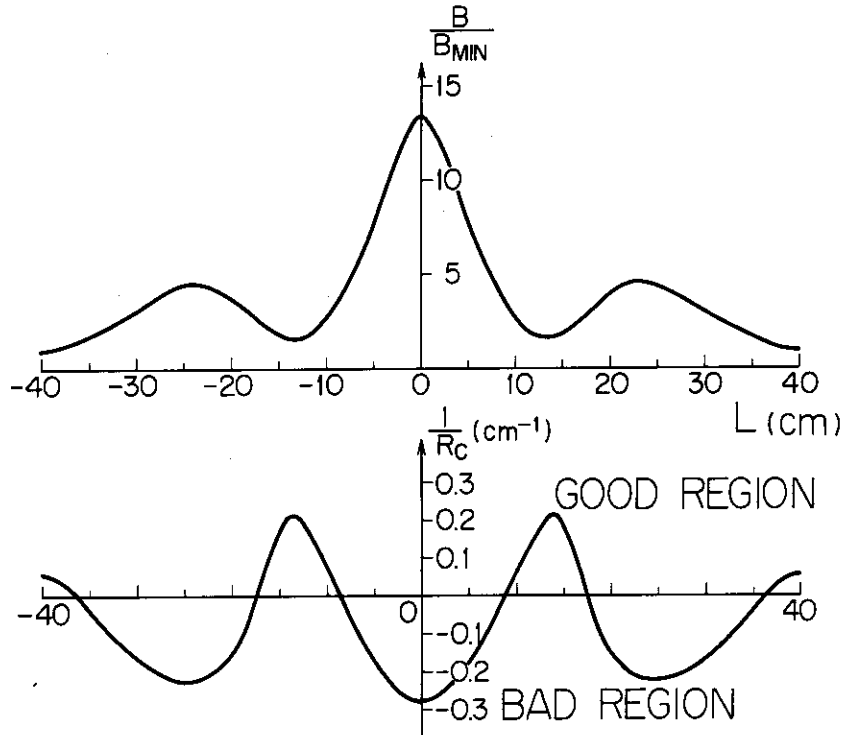


Fig. 3. Mirror ratio B/B_{MIN} and reciprocal of the radius of curvature of the magnetic field along the typical flux line which passes through the point with the coordinates (40, 5.5) in Fig. 2. The distance L is measured along the flux line from the nearest point to the symmetric axis.

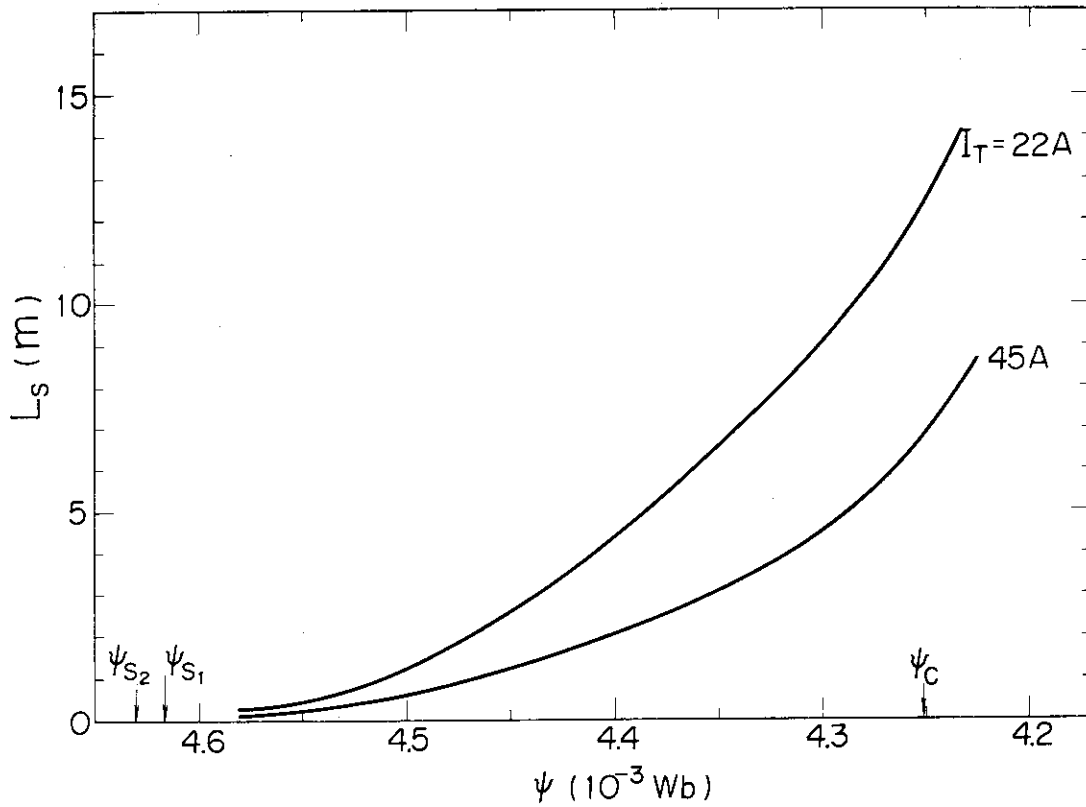
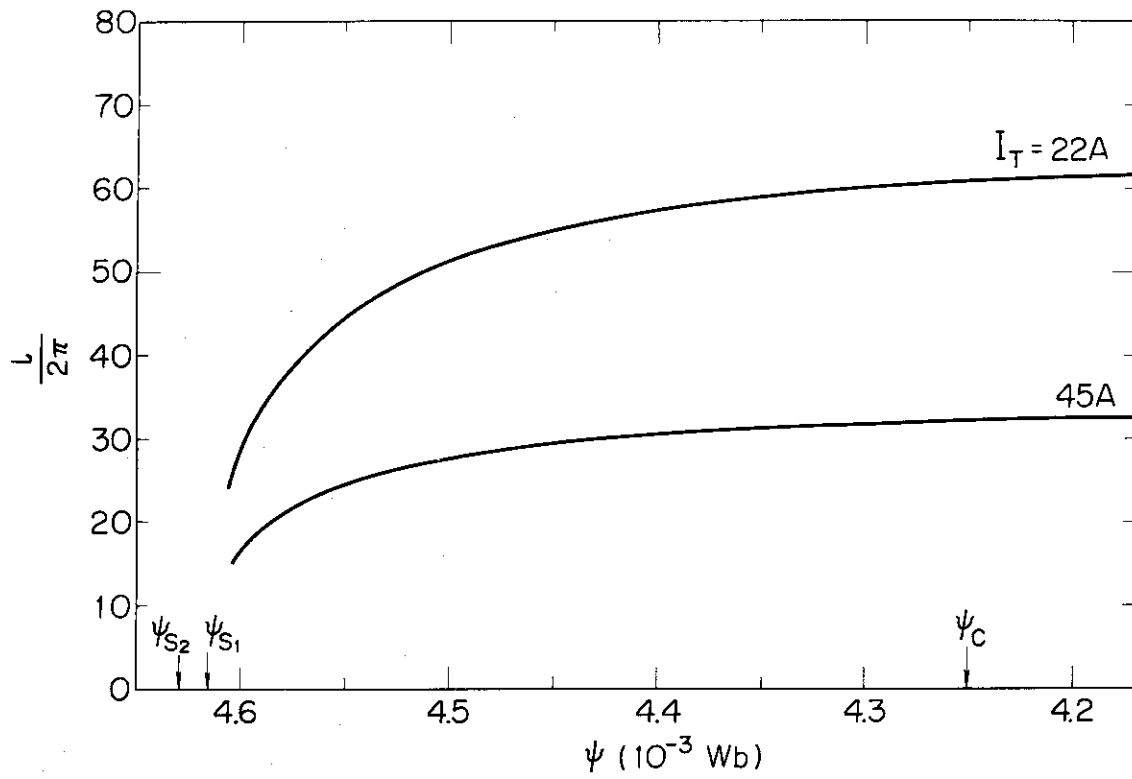


Fig. 4. (a) Rotational transform angle $\cdot/2\pi$ as a function of the flux ψ for two toroidal fields of $I_T = 22$ and 45 A. (b) Average shear length L_s as a function of the flux ψ for two toroidal fields of $I_T = 22$ and 45 A.

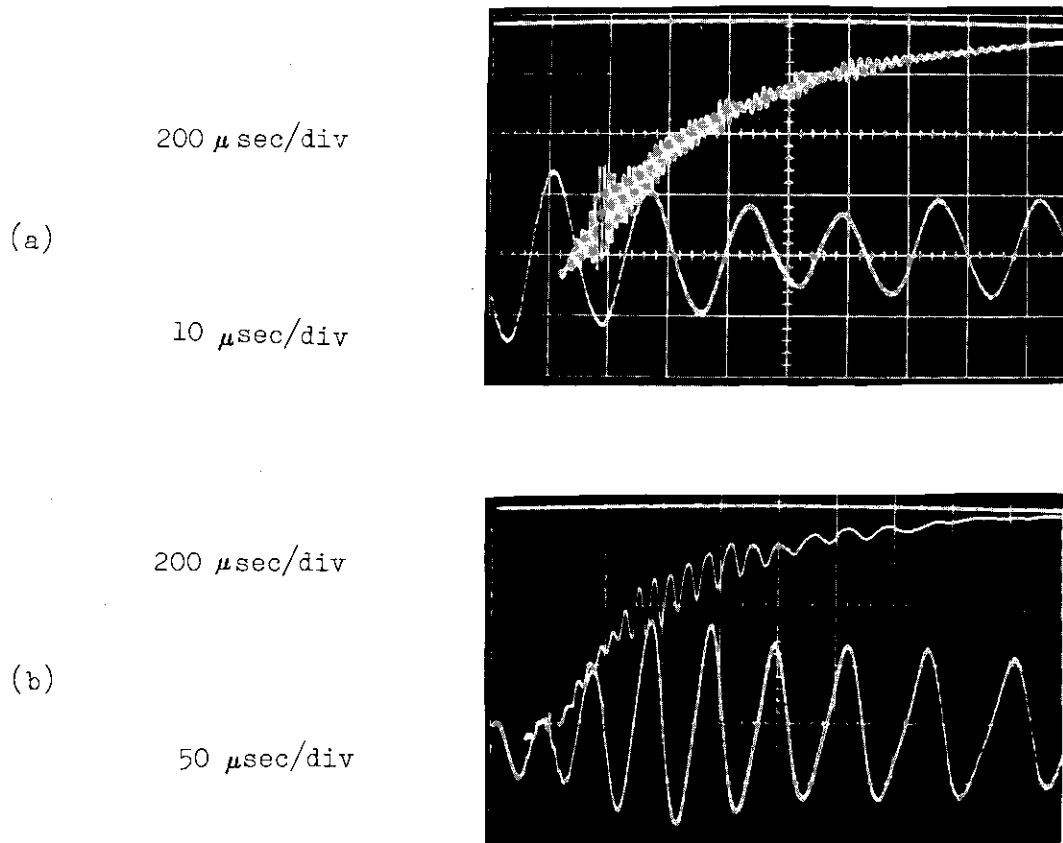


Fig. 5. Oscilloscope traces of ion saturation current are shown (a) with no toroidal field and (b) with toroidal field of $I_T = 10$ A. The upper traces (turned upside-down) are triggered just after the microwave heating pulse is turned off and the lower traces are at 400 μ sec after the pulse.

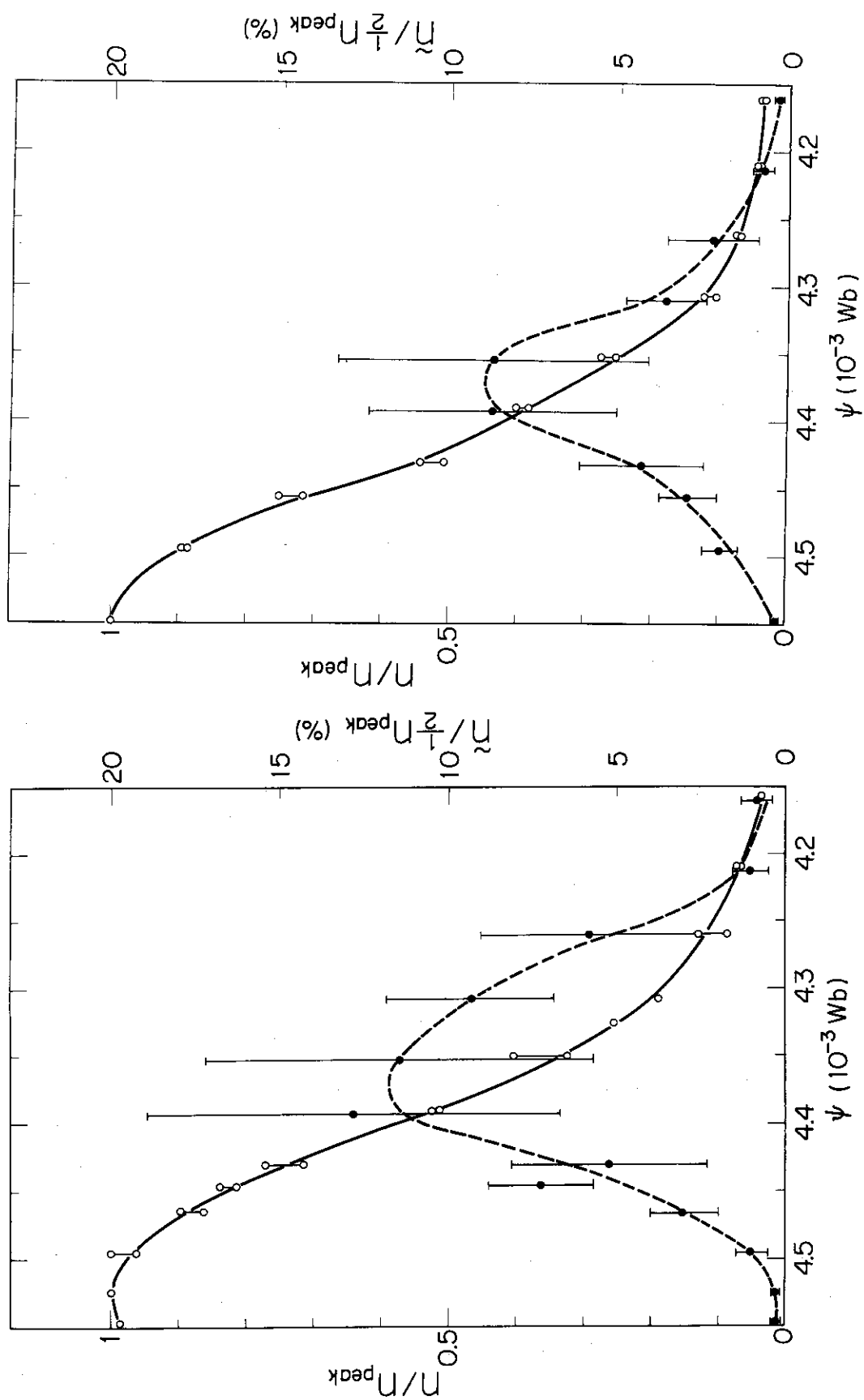


Fig. 6. Radial density profile (the solid line) and the localization of the wave amplitude (the dotted line) versus the flux ψ . (a) With no toroidal field, (b) with toroidal field of $I_T = 10$ A.

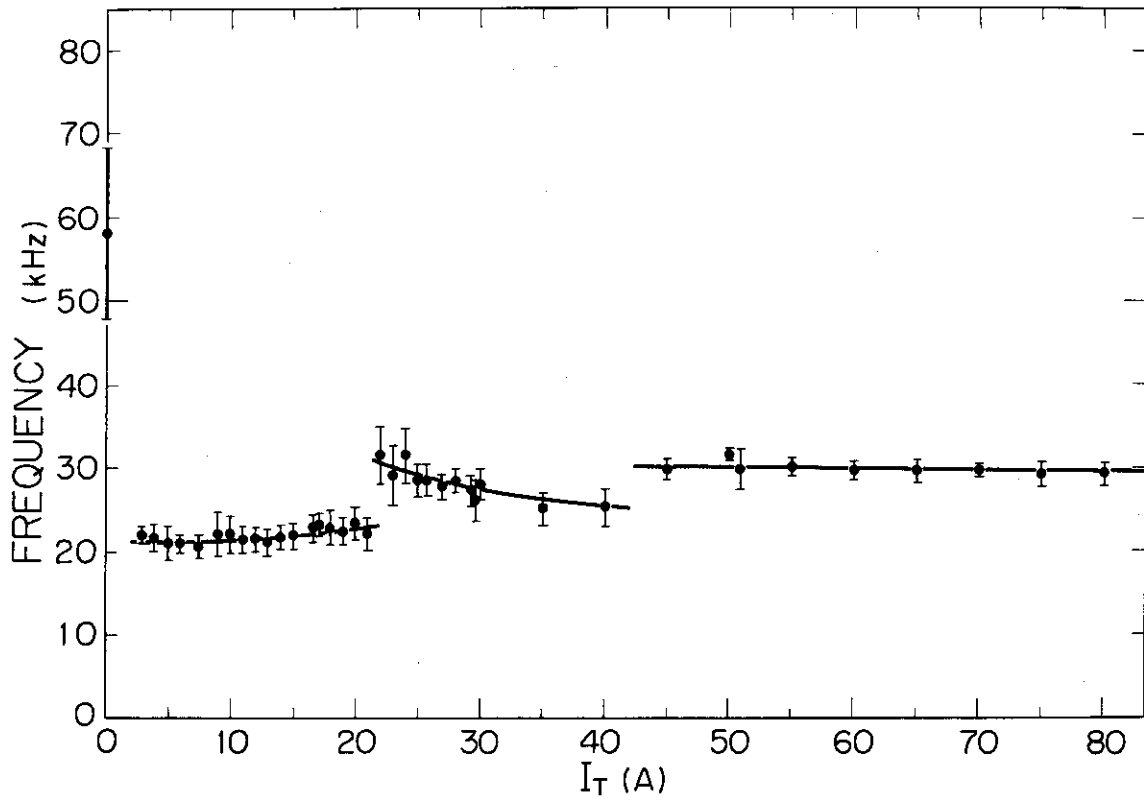


Fig. 7. Frequency of the wave in the laboratory frame as a function of toroidal field.

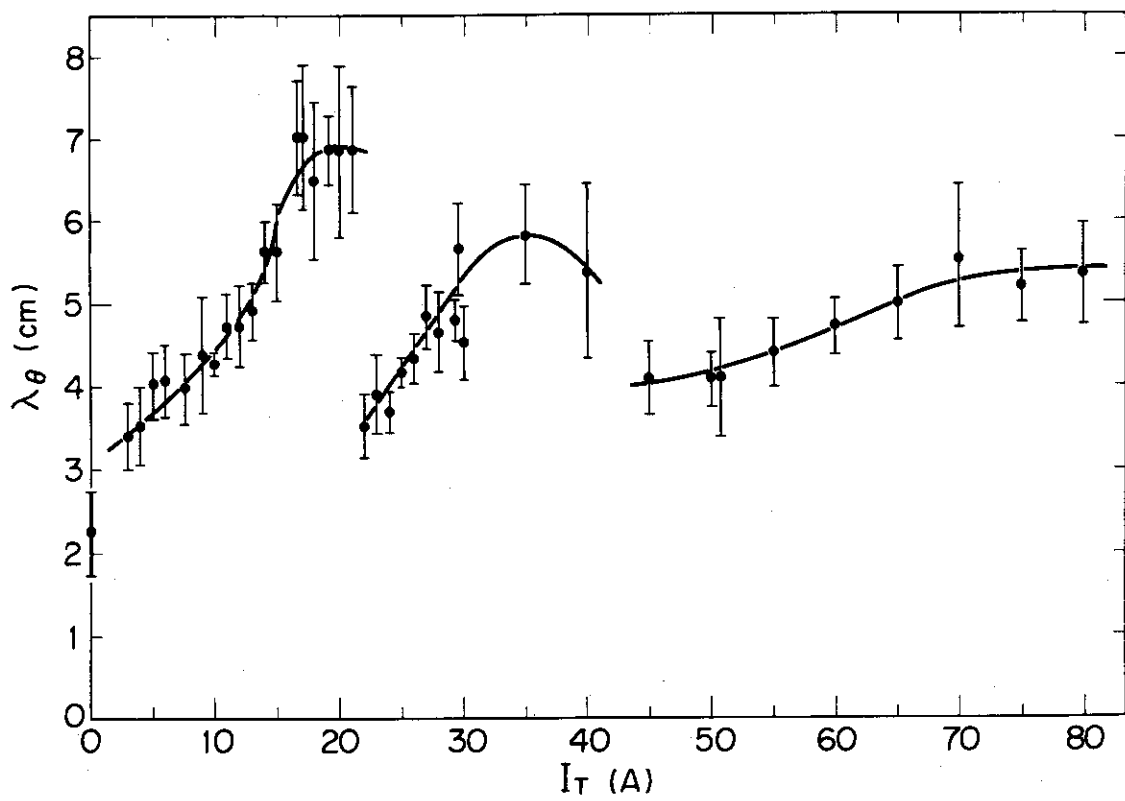


Fig. 8. Azimuthal wavelengths as a function of toroidal field.

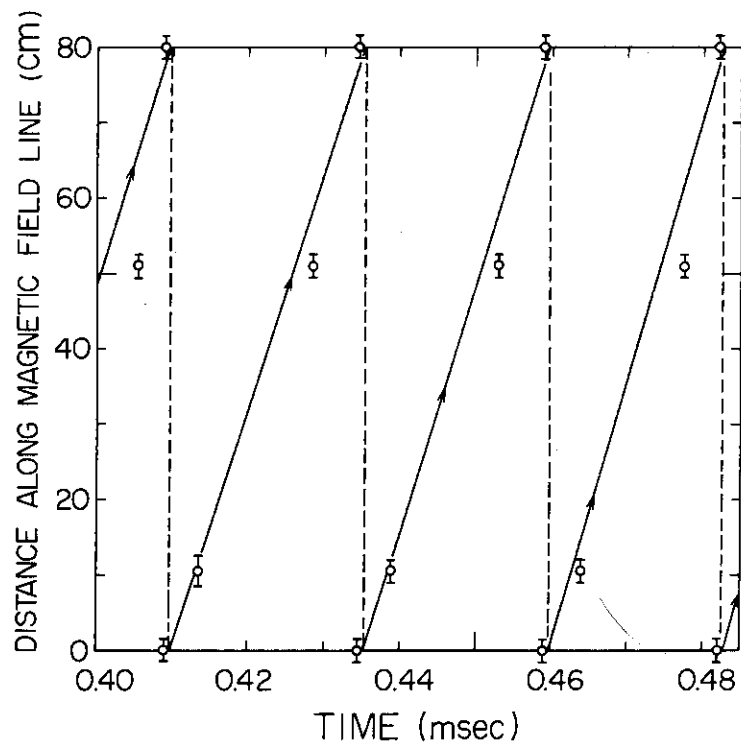


Fig. 9. Positions of the maxima of the waveform shown in Fig. 5 are plotted as a function of time delay for three positions along the same flux line.

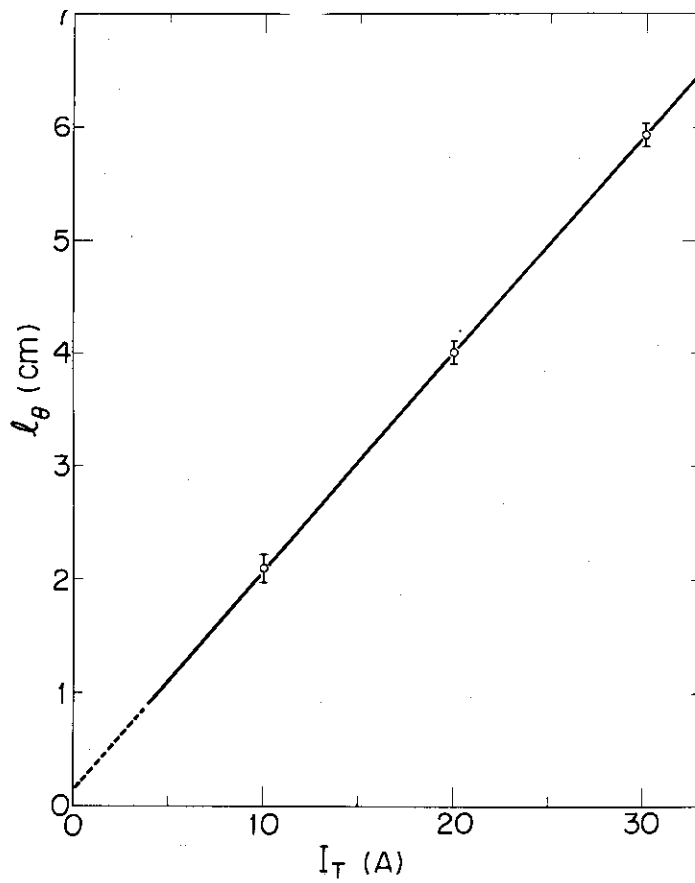


Fig. 10. Pitch length l_θ of the flux line as a function of toroidal field.

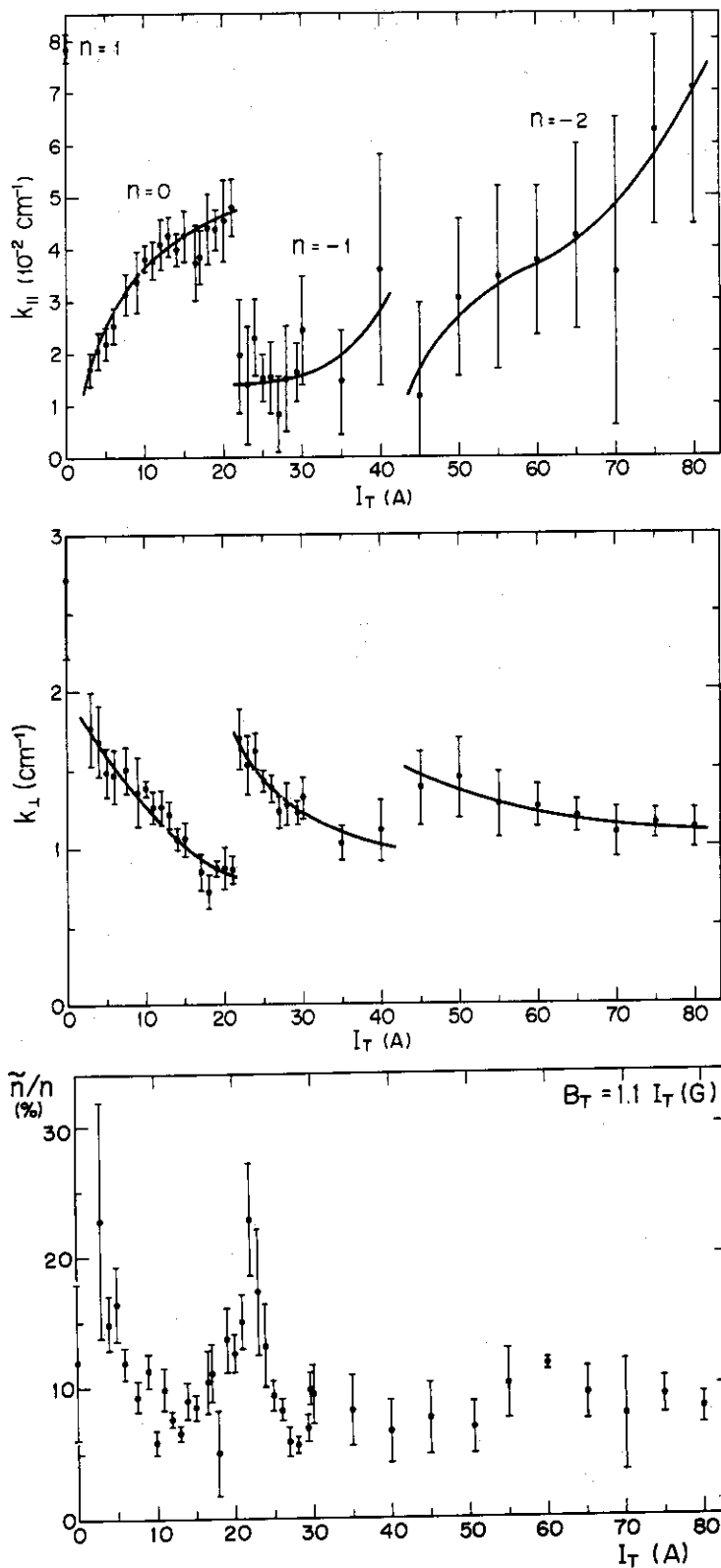


Fig. 11. Parallel and perpendicular wavenumbers versus toroidal field are shown in (a) and (b), respectively. The wave amplitude versus toroidal field is shown in (c).

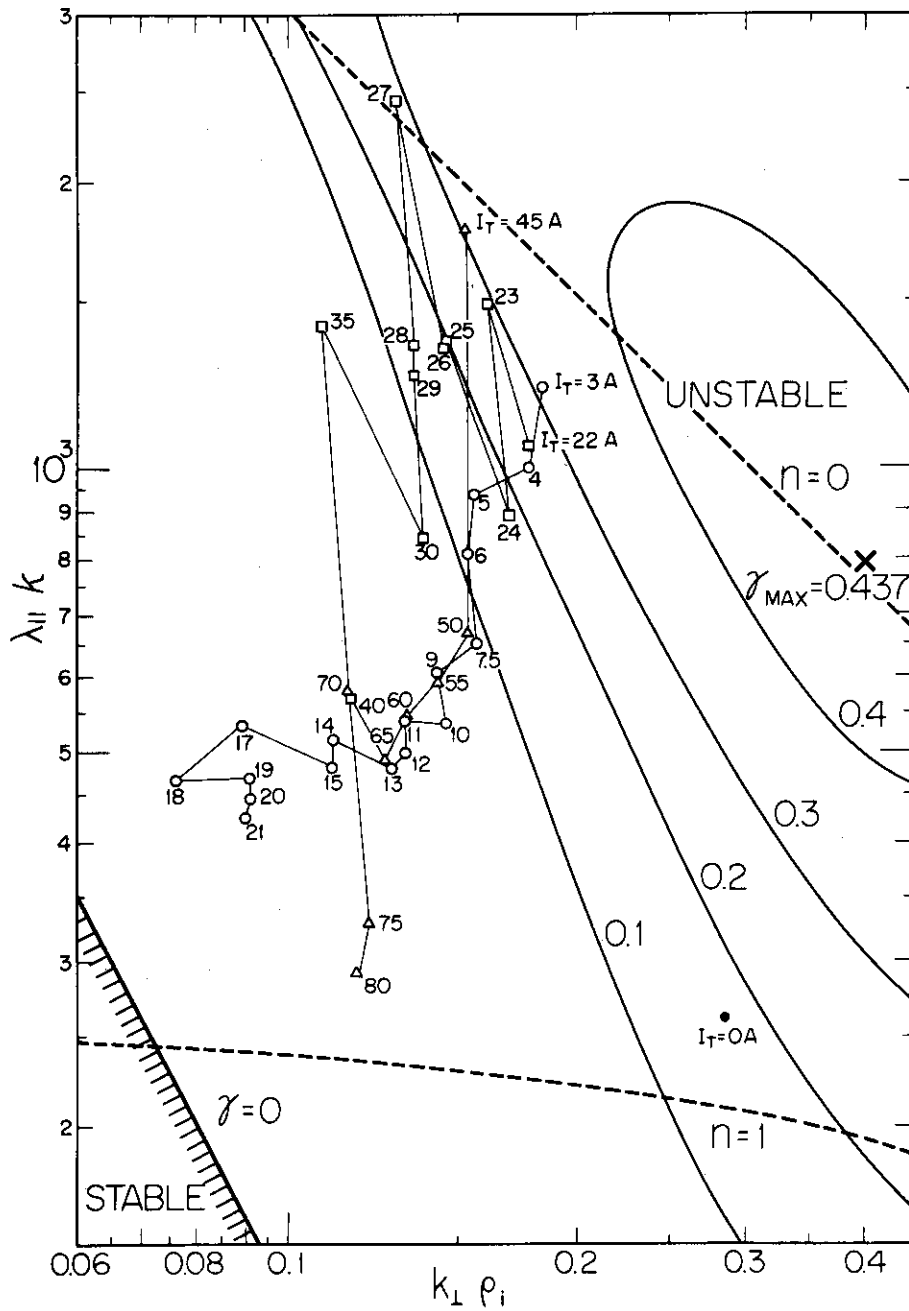


Fig. 12. Wave behaviors on the $(\lambda_{||} k, k_{\perp} \rho_i)$ plane when the toroidal field is increased from $I_T = 0$ A. Also partly shown are the stable and unstable regions of the collisionless drift waves and contour of constant growth rates, $\gamma = \omega_1 / \kappa v_{thi}$ for $T_e/T_i = 10$ and $\nabla T_e = 0$, where ω_1 is the imaginary part of the frequency ω and v_{thi} is the ion thermal velocity.¹⁰ The dotted lines are calculated from Eq. (4) for $I_T = 2$ A with $n = 0$ and -1 , respectively.

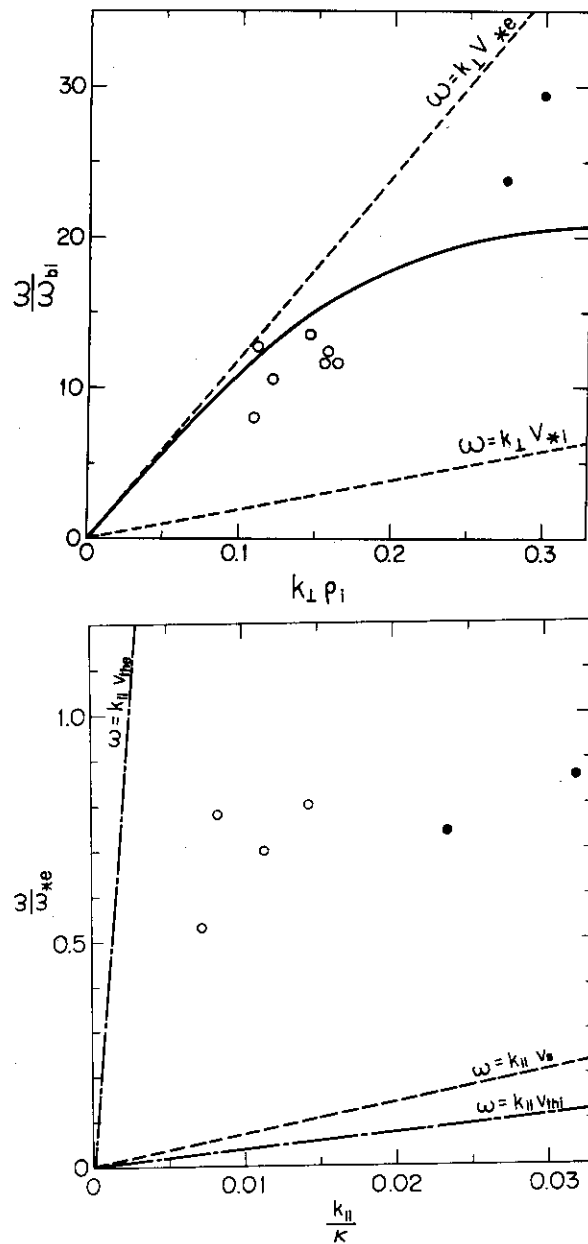


Fig. 13. (a) Perpendicular dispersion relation. The open circles and solid dots represent the $n = 0$ mode and the $n = 1$ mode, respectively. The upper dotted line is the dispersion curve predicted qualitatively for a $\beta = 0$ plasma in the multipole configuration¹² and the solid curve is calculated for a $T_e = T_i$ plasma of a slab geometry.¹¹ Here, the ion bounce frequency ω_{bi} is defined as $\omega_{bi} = \pi v_{thi}/L_0$. (b) Parallel dispersion relation. The dotted line is the velocity of the ion sound wave.

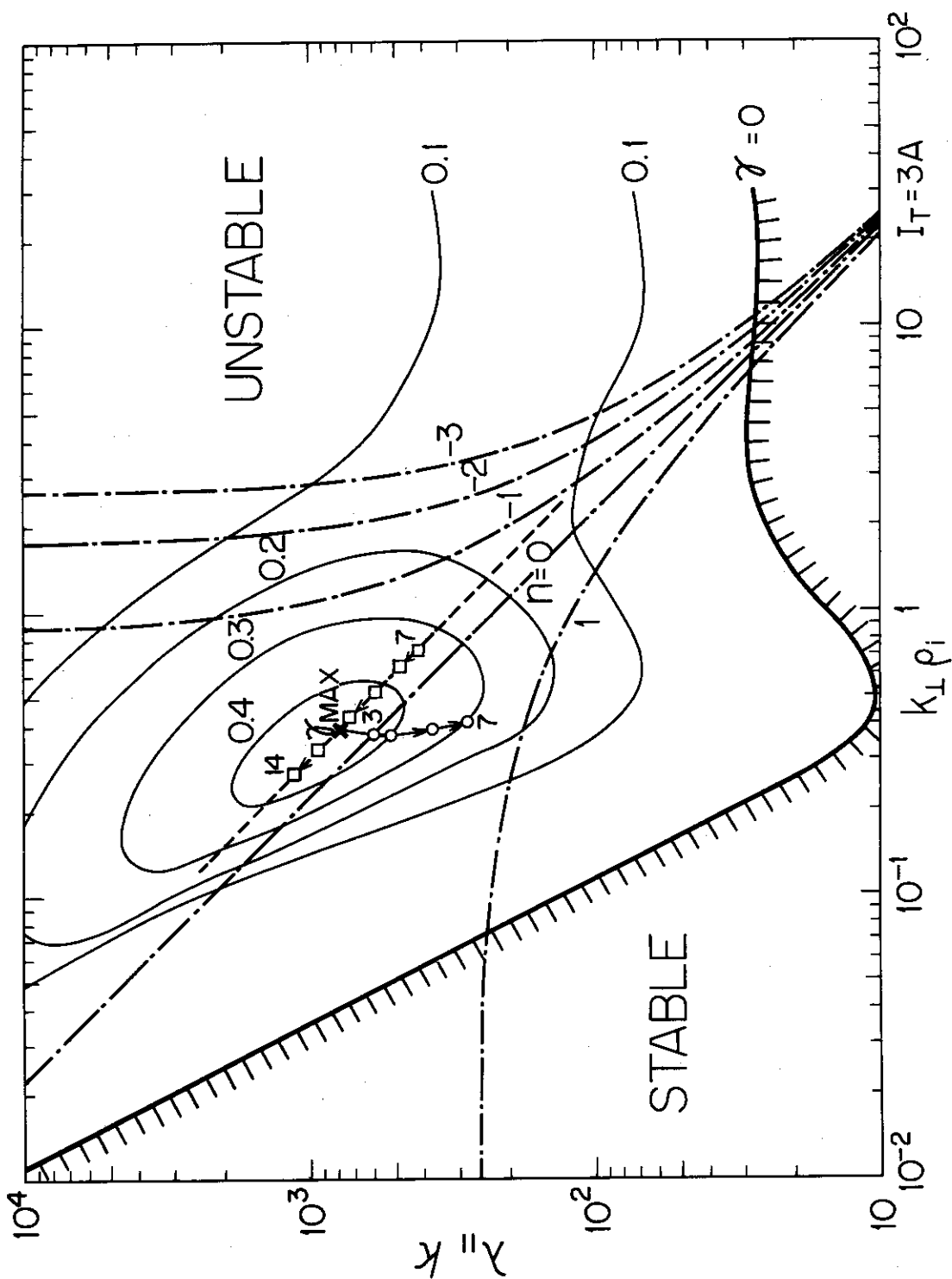


Fig. 14. Expected wave behaviours and the curve of Eq. (4) with $n = 0, \pm 1, -2, \text{ and } -3$ for $I_T = 3A$. The open circles and the rectangles represent the waves with $n = 0$ and -1 , respectively. Also shown are the contour lines of constant growth rates of the drift waves.¹⁰

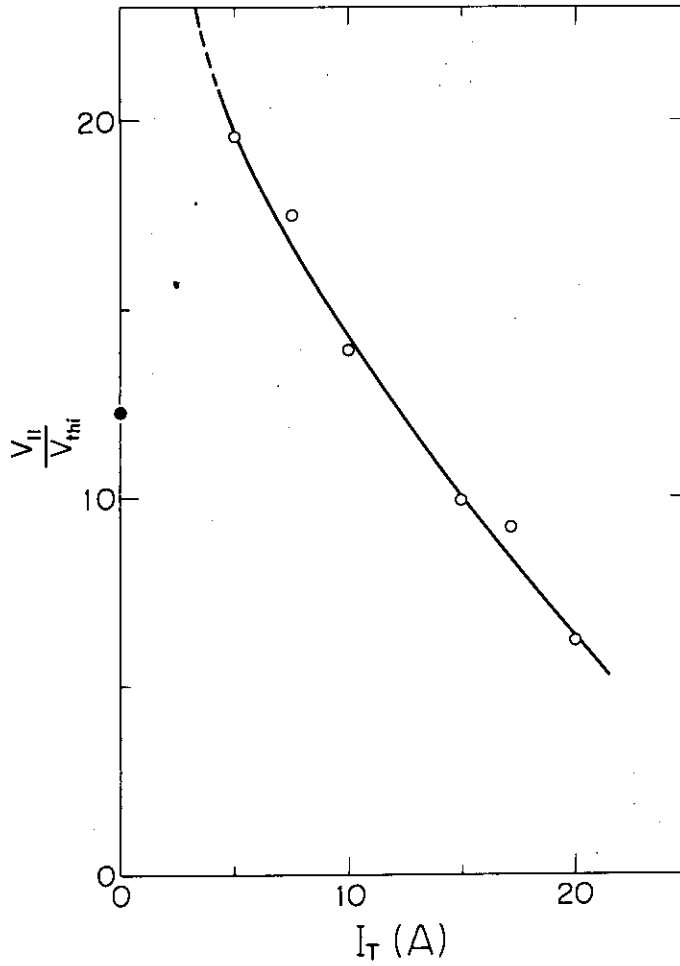


Fig. 15. Ratio of the parallel phase velocity to the ion thermal velocity for the $n = 1$ mode (the solid dot) and the $n = 0$ mode (the open circles) as a function of toroidal field.