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In the Ohmically heated plasma of JT-60, the transport of impurities has been studied by VUV and soft X-ray crystal spectroscopies, and from bolometer and soft X-ray diode signals, along with one-dimensional impurity transport code. Changing over a discharge from the limiter mode to the divertor mode, the decay of the bolometer signals was measured and the time constant was about 0.3 sec in the central chord. Temporal evolutions of  $T_i$  XIII(23.356Å),  $T_i$  XX(259.3Å) and  $T_i$  XXI (resonance line) were obtained in two different discharges with  $T_p$ =2MA which a piece of titanium was accidentally injected into. The comparison of the time behaviour of the respective lines with the simulation results by a diffusive/convective transport model shows that the anomalous diffusion coefficient is about 1.0  $m^2/s$  and convective inward velocity is not seen.

Keywords: Tokamak, Impurity Transport, Ohmically Heated Plasma, JT-60

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JT-60のオーミック加熱時のプラズマについて,不純物輸送の特性を,VUV分光器,軟 X線領域結晶分光器,ボロメータ,及び軟 X線ダイオード検出器による計測と,一次元不純物輸送コードを用いて解析した。プラズマ放電をリミタからダイバータに切り換えることにより,不純物の放射損失の減衰曲線を測定し,0.34 秒の時定数を得た。ダイバータ放電中に落下したチンタ不純物の線強度(TiXIII,23.356 Å,TiXX,259.3 Å,TiXXI)の時間変化を,拡散 / 移流輸送モデルの計算結果と比較することにより,拡散係数として $1m^2/s$ ,移流速度無しの時実験結果と良い一致を得た。

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# 1. Introduction

Impurity problem is one of the serious factors which should affect the tokamak plasma, following the degradation of confinement properties. Therefore, impurity transport phenomena have been paid attention in the last few years. In Ohmically heated PDX discharges [1], time- and space-resolved measurements of  $H_e^{++}$  density following a short puff of helium gas into the plasma edge are fitted with use of a diffusive/convective transport model with diffusion coefficient of  $D_A=(2.1\pm0.9)~m^2/s$  and convective inward velocity  $v(r)=(0.8\pm0.3)D_A\partial (\ln n_e)/\partial r$ . Decay time of the line emissivity of titanium injected into neutral beam heated Doublet III discharges by a laser blow-off technique is simulated with a diffusive transport model including the neoclassical impurity particle flux and the  $D_A(r)$  of  $(4-5)\times 10^{19}/n_e(r)$  m<sup>2</sup>/s is obtained as an anomalous diffusion coefficient, for discharges from the L-mode (bad confinement) to the H-mode (good confinement) with a modest beam power (<3-4 MW) [2]. Contrary to a discharge forcefully heated with a beam power of  $\sim 7.5 \text{MW} \, (3)$  , the modest heating results in the H-mode plasma with  $H_{lpha}$  burst in which impurity radiation loss does not accumulate into the discharge and the clear dependence of impurity transport properties is improved particle confinement time only proportional to the increment of the electron density, as a consequence of an improved confinement properties. On the other hand, in a neutral beam heated ASDEX plasma [4], H-mode discharges of  $\mathcal{H}_{\alpha}$  burst-free are obtained and then, strong impurity accumulation in the center of the discharge is observed. This accumulation often leads to excessive radiation loss and results in a thermal collapse of the good confined plasma. The degree of central impurity accumulation is found to be strongly dependent of the charge of the impurity ion in the central core of

PBX H-mode discharge [5]. Assuming a diffusive/convective transport model, reasonable fits to time-evolving redistribution of impurities, in the plasma associated with large sawteeth are obtained with the diffusion coefficient of  $D_A=0.1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , and a dimensionless peaking parameter of  $C_V=4$  ( $C_V=av/2D_A$ , where a is the minor radius) for light impurities and  $C_V=20$  for metal impurities. They conclude that transport inside the q=1 surface appeares to be close to neoclassical. In TFR (6), transport of impurities in Ohmic and ICRF-heated plasmas is studied by laser blow-off injection of vanadium. The best agreement between the experimental and simulated radiances of central ions is obtained for  $D_A=0.4 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and  $C_V=3$ . No difference is found between the two experimental situations although degradation of the energy confinement time is observed in an ICRF-heated plasma. Additionally, it is declared that the impurity transport parameters are not modified by the internal disruption. Recently, in JET, impurity transport is studied by utilizing a piece of iron fallen into a discharge and  $D_A$  is estimated to be of 0.6  $m^2/s$  within the framework of a purely diffusive transport model (7). It may be generally said that for the impurity transport properties in a tokamak plasma from medium size machines to large ones, the diffusion coefficient is (0.4-2.0)  $m^2/s$  and the peaking factor is (1-3), excepting the parameters in PBX H-mode plasma. The existence of convective inward velocity strongly modifies the plasma confinement properties, especially of beam heated plasma so as to be seen in ASDEX and PBX. Therefore, it is important to clarify the impurity transport properties in large tokamaks attaining the break-even condition.

JT-60 is a unique device with a poloidal divertor in three large tokamaks. Therefore, we can aggressively make the impurity control experiment due to changing over a discharge mode from limiter to divertor or vice versa. We also study impurity transport for some discharges into which a piece of titanium was

accidentally injected.

In this paper, section 2 presents bolometric results obtained by changing over a discharge from the limiter operation to the divertor operation, and VUV line radiances of titanium and crystal spetroscopic results observed in particular discharges. After a short description of a diffusive/convective transport model in section 3, we will, in section 4, deal with transport properties by fitting the time evolution of individual spectral lines with the transport model. The summary and discussion are given in section 5.

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impurity ions enhance the radiation power at the plasma boundary by a factor of 10 and result in making apparent decay time enlarged. Therefore, the decay time observed is apparently longer than the particle confinement time.

There are two discharges in which the spectral line intensities of titanium suddenly increase and subsequently decrease ;  $I_{p}$  = 2.0 MA,  $B_{t}$  = 4.5 T and hydrogen diverted plasma. During the flat top of discharge, line radiation is detected in the 0.5-50 nm VUV region by two units of flat field grazing-incident spectrometers with 512 and 1024 channel detectors. Figure 2 shows the temporal evolution of plasma current in the discharge of E1605 and the electron density profiles after accidental injection of a piece of titanium. Figure 3 shows the temporal evolution of chordal electron densities and the central electron temperature and the arrow shows the injection time. The soft X-ray, in fig. 4, are detected by fifteen channel pin diode arrays with  $B_e$  foil filter providing low energy cut-off at 4.5 KeV. Although the rapid increase of loop voltage appears at the injection time, the central electron temperature keeps to be almost constant. In the decaying stage of soft X-ray diode signals, the electron density begins to decrease owing to cut of fuelling gas. The change of the electron density, however, remains slight through our interesting time. another shot of E1968, the temporal evolution of the He-like  $T_i^{20+}$  ion resonance line is detected in a current rump up phase by a crystal spectrometer (silicon plate, crystal cut 224) of the Johann type. The temporal evolutions of plasma current and of the electron density profile after the injection are shown in fig. 5, with the arrow corresponding to the injection time.

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where  $n_k$  is the density of k-th charge state ion,  $\Gamma_k$  is the particle flux,  $S_k$  is the source term, and  $n_k/\tau_{\parallel}$  is the loss term along the magnetic lines in the

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scrape-off region. Based on a diffusive/convective transport model, the particle flux  $\Gamma_k$  for the k-th charge state ion is given by

$$\Gamma_{k}(r) = -D_{A}(r) \frac{\partial n_{k}}{\partial r} + V_{A}(r) n_{k}$$
(2)

where  $D_A(r)$  is the radial diffusion coefficient and  $V_A(r)$  is a convective velocity. Connecting with a shape parameter, a convective velocity is written as  $V_A(r) = -C_V D_A 2r/a^2$ . The diffusion coefficient is assumed to be radially constant.

In the plasma periphery ( r>a ), a limiter scrape-off model is employed. The cross field diffusion in this region is assumed to be the Bohm diffusion  $D_B$ , and  $V_A=0$ . The particles are lost along the field lines to the limiter with an averaged flow velocity  $V_f=C_f\sqrt{T_e/m_i}$ , where  $m_i$  is the background ion mass and  $T_e$  is the electron temperature. In the following simulation, we choose  $C_f=1$ . Thus, a parallel loss time is given as  $\tau_{\parallel}=\pi qR/V_f$ . Although we do not have the measurement of the boundary plasma, we apply the general feature in the scrape-off layer plasma as

$$n_e(r) = n_e(\alpha) exp(-\frac{r-\alpha}{\lambda_n})$$
 (3)

$$T_{e}(r) = T_{e}(\alpha)exp(-\frac{r-\alpha}{\lambda \tau})$$
 (4)

where  $\lambda_n$  and  $\lambda_T$  are the fall-off lengths of the electron density and the electron temperature. Using  $T_e(a)=50$  eV, the density fall-off length  $\sqrt{\tau_\parallel D_B}$  is about 1.5 cm and the electron temperature fall-off length (11) is about 0.6 cm. The width of a scrape-off layer is taken to be 4 cm.

The source term is given as

$$S_{k} = n_{e}\alpha_{k-1}n_{k-1} - (n_{e}\alpha_{k} + n_{e}\beta_{k})n_{k} + n_{e}\beta_{k+1}n_{k+1}$$
(5)

where  $\alpha_k$  and  $\beta_k$  are ionization and recombination rates, respectively, calculated by Hulse's multi ion model [12]. The line radiances respective to the measurements are calculated using the multi ion model and are deduced to the averaged line emission for the specified charge state ion. Impurity neutral density profile is calculated from the Boltzmann equation in a cylindrical geometry, with the assumption of the neutral energy of 2 eV.

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Figure 7-a shows the comparison of experimental peripheral line radiance (  $T_i \ XIII \ 23.256 \mbox{Å}$  ) with simulated one for  $D_A=1.0 m^2/s$  and  $C_V=0$ . This comparison is almost independent of the transport parameters, because of the passing ion in the ionization dominant process. The temporal evolution of this low ionized ion radiance, however, corresponds to the one of incoming ion flux. The agreement between time behaviours of peripheral line radiance shows that an assumed incoming neutral-particle flux would appear quite reasonable.

The time resolved measurement of  $T_i$  XX (259.3Å), which has a peak radiance nearly  $r\sim a/2$  for plasma parameters with  $T_e(0)\sim 2.2 \text{KeV}$ , is fitted with the diffusive/convective transport model and agrees with simulated one for  $D_A=1.0m^2/\text{s}$  and  $C_V=0$ , as shown in fig. 7-b. Since the temperature modulation due to the sawtooth, of which inversion radius is about  $a/4\sim a/3$  at the discharge of 2 MA, has little effect on the radiance of this ion, the electron temperature profile is assumed to be constant in time and the effect of the sawtooth on the impurity transport is not included.

A similar comparison is performed for the line radiance of central ion ( $T_i$  XXI resonance line) observed in another shot of E1968. Figure 8 shows the experimental and simulated radiances of central ion and the best fitness is again found for  $D_A=1.0m^2/s$  and  $C_V=0$ . The increment of this line happens to be observed at a current rump up phase when there is no sawtooth oscillation. Therefore, the sawtooth effect is not included in this simulation, too.

Figure 9 shows the comparison between the profile of soft X-ray diode array signals and the simulated one for the shot of E1605. The transport parameters of  $D_A=1.0m^2/s$  and  $C_V=0$  well reproduce the temporal evolution of the profile during a decaying stage.

#### 5. Summary and Discussion

Even in two different discharges, the time constant of the line radiances by the accidental titanium injection is 180 ms for  $T_i$  XX line and 160 ms for  $T_i$  XXI line, respectively. It is quite attractive that the time constant value of the central peaked ion of  $T_i$  XXI is almost same as the one of  $T_i$  XX ion peaked at  $\sim \alpha/2$ . That no convective inward flow velocity exits should be responsible for the concurrence of the time constant, resulting in the broad profile of  $T_i^{19+}$  ion. Really, observed same decay time in the different ionization stages is consistent with the transport analysis  $C_V=0$  and  $D_A=1.0m^2/s$  which is the same order as Doublet III scaling of  $4\times 10^{19}/n_e$  for  $n_e \sim 3\times 10^{19}$ . Whereas the value of the anomalous diffusion coefficient is not so different from the values estimated in many other tokamaks, the characteristic of no convective inward flow is a quite distinguished feature of JT-60 plasma.

In transport steady state, no impurity ion flux ( $\Gamma_k=0$ ) exists in the core plasma, which is a source/sink free region. Therefore, from eq. (2), a convective velocity is given in terms of the total impurity density as  $n_z=\Sigma n_k$ ,

$$\frac{V_A(r)}{D_A} = \frac{\partial \ln n_z}{\partial r}.$$
 (6)

According to the neoclassical impurity transport, the impurity density profile is connected with the hydrogenic ion density profile in steady state, as  $n_z(r) \infty n_i(r)^Z$ , where Z is the ionic charge state number and  $n_i$  the hydrogenic ion density. The  $n_z$  may be related to the electron density profile via  $n_z(r) \infty n_e(r)^{C_v}$ , which will be similar to the relation based on the neoclassical impurity transport. The convective velocity term of eq. (6) can be recast with above assumed relation into the form [1]

$$\frac{V_A(r)}{D_A} = C_V \frac{\partial \ln n_e(r)}{\partial r}. \tag{7}$$

If this relation is hold so as to be successfully seen in PDX, the flat electron density profile observed in JT-60 (13) will suggest a weak convective inward flow.

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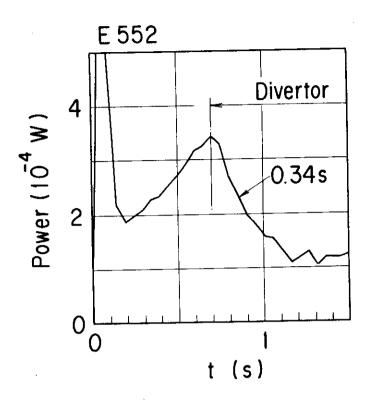


Fig. 1 The decay of impurity radiation power for the bolometric measurement, by changing a discharge mode from limiter to divertor.

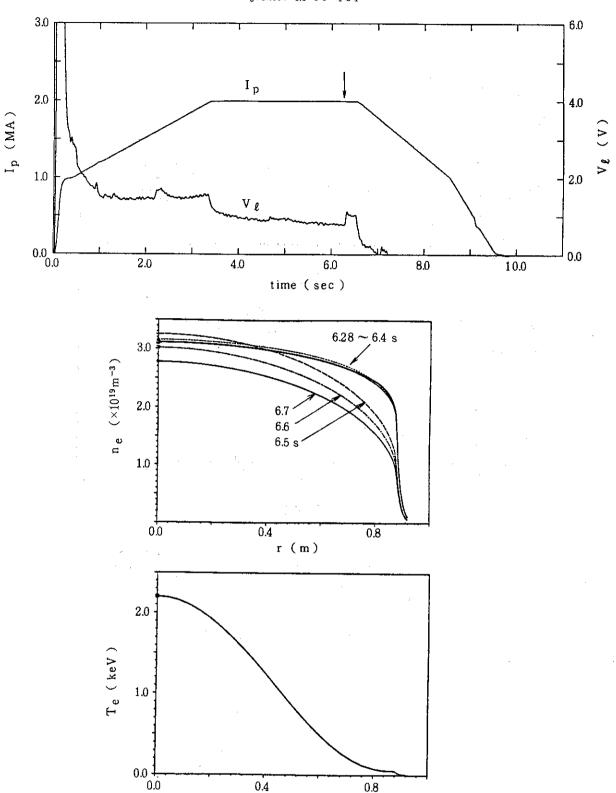


Fig. 2 The behaviour of plasma current and loop voltage for the shot of El605 (top). The arrow shows the accidental titanium injection time. The temporal evolution of the electron density profile (middle) after the injection. The electron temperature profile applied to the calculation (bottom).

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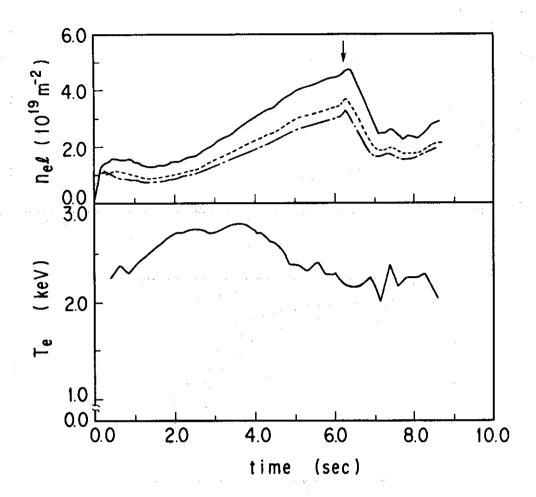


Fig. 3 The time evolution of chordal electron densities from the interferometers and the central electron temperature from ECE measurement. The arrow shows the accidental titanium injection time.

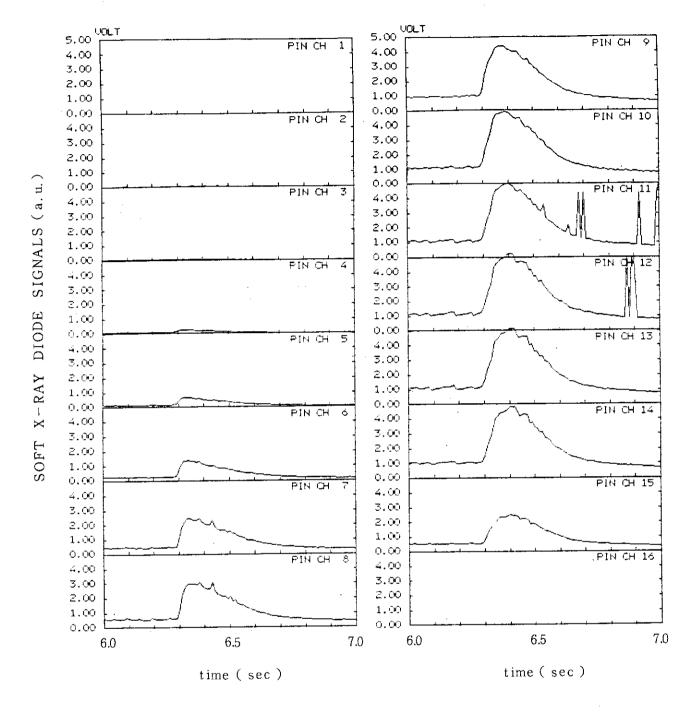
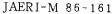
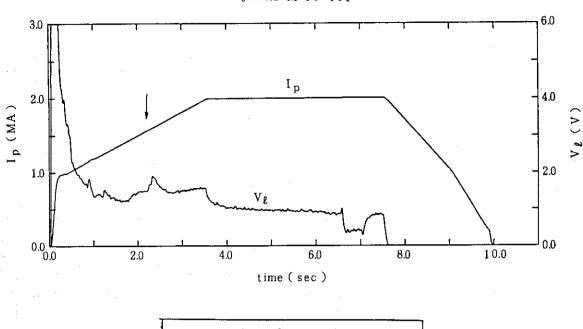
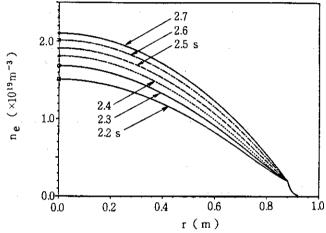


Fig. 4 The time evolutions of soft X-ray diode array signals for the shot of E1605. The channel numbers of 12 and 13 correspond to the radius position of  $\sim 3.5$  cm and  $\sim -3.5$  cm from the plasma center. The distance between the channels is roughly 7 cm on the plasma center chord.







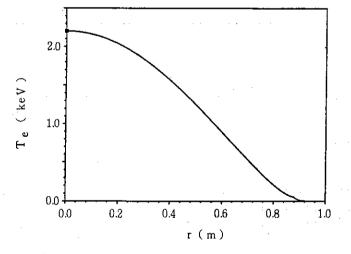


Fig. 5 The behaviour of plasma current and loop voltage for the shot of E1968 (top). The arrow shows the accidental titanium injection time. The temporal evolution of the electron density profile (middle) after the injection. The electron temperature profile applied to the calculation (bottom).

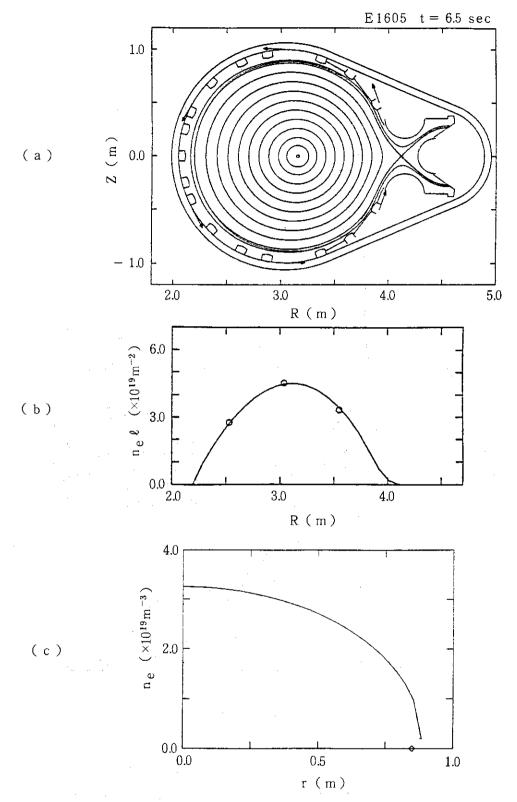
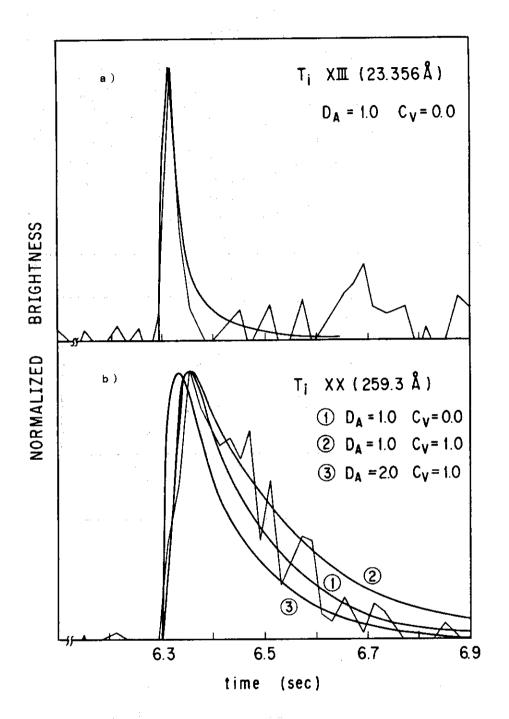
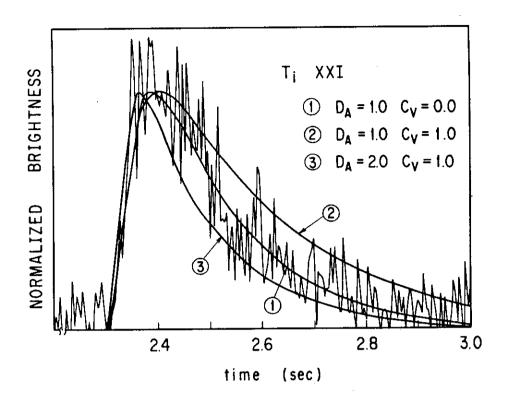


Fig. 6 a); magnetic flux surfaces estimated from the magnetic equilibrium code, at 6.5 sec for the shot of E1065 with plasma current  $I_p=2MA$ , b); the chordally integrated profile of fitted function shown as solid line and the values of three channel interferometer measurement shown as open circles, c); the electron density profile estimated from the fitted function, which is reduced to one-dimensional profile.



a); the time evolution of experimental peripheral line radiance ( $T_i \times IIII = 23.256 \text{ Å}$ ), which is subtracted the background level, and the simulated line radiance with  $D_A = 1.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and  $C_V = 0.0$ , b); the time evolution of experimental line radiance  $(T_i XX 259.3 \text{ Å})$ , which is subtracted the background level, and the simulated line radiances,

- 1)  $D_A = 1.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $C_V = 0.0$ , 2)  $D_A = 1.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $C_V = 1.0$ , 3)  $D_A = 2.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $C_V = 1.0$ .



The time evolution of the line radiance of center Fig. 8 ion ( $T_i$  XXI resonance line), which is subtracted the background level, for the shot of E1968. The simulated lines are shown as the case with,

- 1)  $D_A = 1.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $C_V = 0.0$ , 2)  $D_A = 1.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $C_V = 1.0$ , 3)  $D_A = 2.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $C_V = 1.0$ .

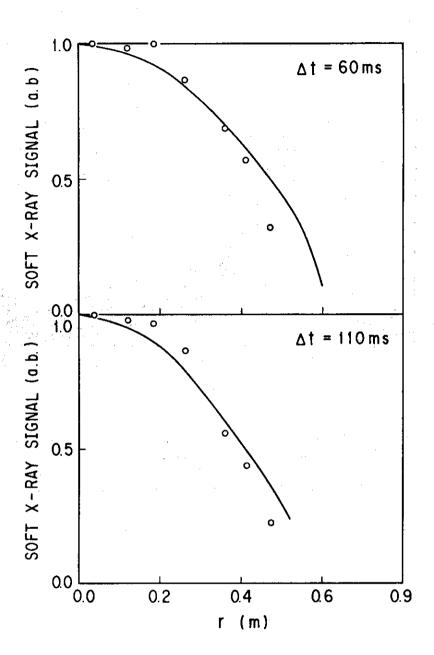


Fig. 9 The profile of soft X-ray signals form the fifteen channel diode arrays (open circles) for the shot of E1605 and from the calculation with  $D_A$  = 1.0  $m^2/s$  and  $C_V$  = 0.0. The  $\Delta t$  shows the time after the accidental titanium injection at 6.3 sec.

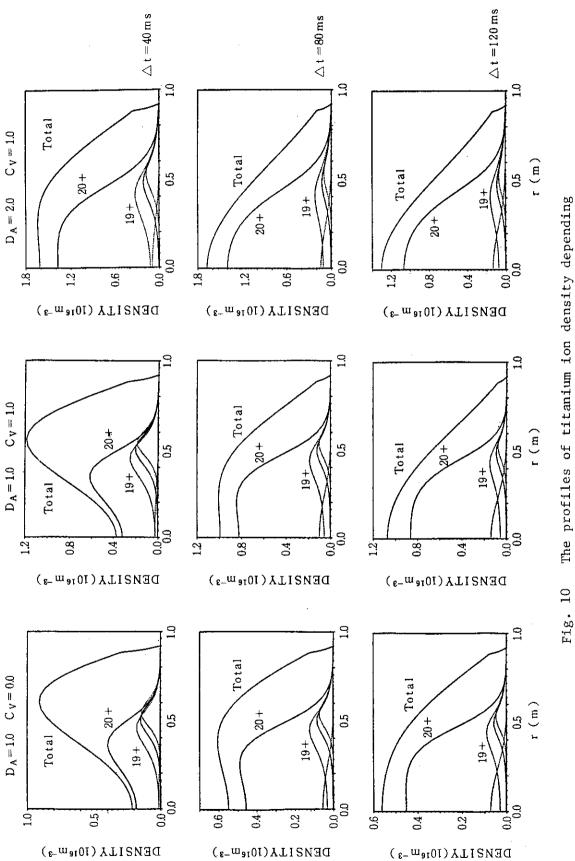


Fig. 10 ine profiles of titanium lon density depending on the impurity transport parameters,

a)  $D_A = 1.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $C_V = 0.0$ , b)  $D_A = 1.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $C_V = 1.0$ , c)  $D_A = 2.0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $C_V = 1.0$ , The  $\Delta t$  shows the time after the accidental titanium injection at 6.3 sec.