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Recent experimental results of Lower Hybrid and Ion Cyclotron Range of Frequencies (LHRF and ICRF) heating and current drive are presented on JT-60 at JAERI. About 24 MW LHRF at 2 GHz and 6 MW ICRF at 120 MHz system are installed in JT-60. LHRF has launched 11.0 MW and ICRF has launched 2.1 MW of rf power into the JT-60 plasma through the sufficient aging process of the power injection into the TDC plasma and/or the vacuum chamber keeping 150°C baking of the launcher. Effective electron heating is performed with LHRF and with the combination of NBI and LHRF. Steady current drive of 2 MA for 2.5 sec and the current drive efficiency of  $\eta_{CD} = (1.5-3.0) \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-2}\text{AW}^{-1}$  are obtained with and without NBI. Current ramp-up saves the volt·sec of OH transformer, which supports the high plasma current formation of 3.25 MA. Improvement of the plasma confinement at the low density region in LHCD is discussed including the pinch effect. Optimization of  $2 \omega_{ci}$  ICRF heating is studied with  $2 \times 2$  phased loop antenna. Effective matching technique using movable stub tuner with high speed enable to quicken the aging process of ICRF power injection in JT-60 plasma. The phasing of  $(\pi, 0)$  of the loop antenna brings an effective power deposition into plasmas and the beam acceleration of NBI by ICRF wave was observed although the coupling resistance is relatively lower than the one of (0,0) mode. The beam

acceleration causes the relatively higher incremental energy confinement time of more than 200 msec, which is explained by the slowing down process of the accelerated ion tail.

Keywords: Lower-hybrid, Ion-cyclotron, Aging, Launcher, Current Drive, Current Ramp-up, Coupling Resistance, Beam Acceleration, Incremental Energy Confinement Time

## JT-60 に於けるRF加熱および電流駆動実験

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最近の原研JT-60に於ける低域混成波 (Lower Hybrid Range of Frequency, LHRF) 及びイオンサイクロトロン波 (Ion Cyclotron Range of Frequency, ICRF) 加熱実験及び電流駆動実験結果が示されている。JT-60では2GHz帯24MW出力のLHRF加熱装置と120MHz帯6MW出力のICRF加熱装置のシステムが装備されており、ランチャーを150°Cのベーキング状態に保ったまま、真空状態及びTDCプラズマへのRFパワーの入射という充分なエージング過程を経た上でLHRFは1.0MW、ICRFは2.1MWのRFパワーをJT-60プラズマへ入射することに成功した。効果的な電子加熱がLHRF及びLHRFとNBIとの組み合わせの両方に於いて達成された。2.5秒間2MAのプラズマ電流をrf電流駆動によって達成し、LHRF及びLHRFとNBIとの同時入射によって電流駆動効率 $\eta_{CD}=(1.5-3.0)\times 10^{19}\text{m}^{-2}\text{AW}^{-1}$ という値が得られた。電流点火によってOH変圧器のボルト秒を節約し、3.25MAのプラズマ電流の生成を支えた。電流駆動時の低密度領域での閉じ込め時間の改善という現象がピンチ効果を含んで議論された。2×2位相制御型ループアンテナを用いた2 $\omega_{ci}$  ICRF加熱実験が研究された。高速可動可能なスタブチューナを用いて整合する方法はICRFパワーとJT-60プラズマとのエージング過程を速めることを可能にした。ループアンテナの( $\pi$ , 0)位相は(0,0)位相に比べて結合インピーダンスが比較的低いにもかかわらずプラズマへの効果的なパワー吸収をもたらし、同時にICRF波によるNBIの顕著なビーム加速が観測された。このビーム加速は200msec以上の比較的大きなエネルギー閉じ込め時間をもたらしており、これはICRFによって加速されたNBIのイオン・テイルの減速過程によって説明できる。

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poloidal magnetic field, which is effective to suppress the break down due to the unipole multipacting discharge<sup>13)</sup>. During the experiment we keep enough baking ( $\sim 150^\circ\text{C}$ ) of launching structure continuously. Before the injection to the main plasma the rf injection into vacuum chamber and also the rf injection to TDC plasma are performed. Wave pattern is much contrived for a sufficient aging using the method of pin (pulse) and AM modulation, which is shown in Fig. 1. After the above mentioned aging we performs about 3.4 MW in each unit and 11 MW injection in total, the history of which is shown in Fig. 2. The reflection coefficient is kept to below 20 % in each unit and the coupling efficiency depends on the distance between a coupler and a plasma edge as shown in Fig. 3. Here, a solid and a broken curve indicate Brambilla gril theory, if we consider the density gradient in front of launcher as

$$\nabla n_e = \frac{n_{es}}{\nabla L} \exp(-\Delta l/\lambda) \quad (1)$$

where  $n_{es}$  is the density at the separatrix,  $\Delta l$  is the length between separatrix and limiter,  $\Delta L$  is the length between limiter and launcher. Obtained power density in maximum is  $6.4 \text{ kW/cm}^2$  and  $3.4 \text{ kW/cm}^2$  for LHCD and LHH launcher, respectively. The power density does not agree with the scaling,  $1 + 0.45f^2b$ , presented by Tonon<sup>14)</sup>, where  $f$  is the frequency and  $b$  is the width of each waveguide.

### 3.2 Electron Heating

Electron heating experiment is performed with  $\Delta\phi = 90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  for the current drive and heating launcher, respectively. Figure 4 shows the electron temperature profile measured by Thomson scattering in OH discharge and LHEH ones by LHRF power injection of 2.4 MW, in which a maximum electron temperature is obtained in JT-60. The increment of the central electron temperature  $T_{e0}$  is shown against the absorption power  $P_{abs}$  normalized by the average density  $\bar{n}_e$  in Fig. 5, which indicates that the increment of  $T_{e0}$  in LHEH is larger than NBI and comparable to OH case at the region of  $P_{abs}/\bar{n}_e < 3 \times 10^{-19} \text{ MW/m}^3$ . The value of  $T_{e0}$  decreases with  $\bar{n}_e$  and the ion temperature up to 1 keV is observed in this density region, while no high energy ion tail is observed. The stored energy  $W^*$  measured by diamagnetic loop is shown against  $P_{abs}$  in Fig. 6 putting the plasma current  $I_p$  as parameters, which indicates that  $W^*$  does not saturate at  $I_p = 2 \text{ MA}$  case although  $W^*$  saturates at  $I_p = 1.5 \text{ MA}$  case. In this case, the signal of hard X ray and

$3 \omega_{ce}$  electron gyrotron emission (ECE) does not further increase at  $P_{abs} > 6$  MW and the  $H_{\alpha}$  in the divertor room is enhanced at  $P_{abs} > 6$  MW. The comparison with NBI case is shown in Fig. 7. The value of  $\tau_E^{INC}$  for the LHEH case is 64 msec which is similar to NBI case ( $\tau_E^{INC} = 60$  msec) below 6 MW.

### 3.3 Combined LHRF and NBI

In order to expect the more deposition power into plasmas, we perform the simultaneous injection of LHRF and NBI. Typical data on the rf power, stored energy, average density, ion temperature by titanium XXI line  $T_I^{XXI}$  and active beam  $T_I^{AB}$  and emission by ECE are shown in Fig. 8. The stored energy reaches to about 1.7 MJ NBI of 19 MW and further increases about 270 kJ by LHRF of 4.7 MW and does not saturated at this density region ( $\bar{n}_e < 4 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) as shown in Fig. 9. The incremental energy confinement time ( $=\Delta W/\Delta P$ ) by LHRF decreases as  $\bar{n}_e$  increases as shown in Fig. 10, while this value is almost constant (about 0.06 sec) for NBI alone case. It is noted that the production of the higher energy electron tail is different between LHRF case and the combination of LHEH and NBI case as shown in Fig. 11, which indicates that the count of hard X ray  $I_{HX}$  normalized by  $P_{LH}$  suddenly drops beyond  $\bar{n}_e = 2.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  although  $I_{HX}/P_{LH}$  extend to about  $\bar{n}_e = 4 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  for LHEH alone case. This reduction must be compensated by the formation of higher energy ion tail by LHRF at the boundary region. In summary, the superposition effect by LHRF and NBI is obtained and in future the optimization of the phase difference must be tried.

### 3.4 Current drive, ramp-up and saving volt·sec

Current drive by LHRF must be most extensively performed to realize the steady state operation of tokamak reactor. In JT-60, 2 MA current drive at relatively low density region ( $\bar{n}_e = 0.32 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ) is already successful and the ramp-up as well as the saving of volt sec of OH transformer are obtained. The efficiency  $\eta_{CD} (= \bar{n}_e R I_{rf} / P_{LH})$  is about  $(0.9 - 2.0) \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ A/W}$  with LHRF alone, however,  $\eta_{CD}$  is improved to  $(1.5 - 3.0) \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ A/W}$  with the combination of NBI, which may be brought by the increment of the electron temperature. The optimum  $\eta_{CD}$  is obtained at  $\Delta\phi = 90^\circ$  for CD launcher and  $\Delta\phi = 140^\circ$  for heating launcher. The stored energy and pressure anisotropy of the superthermal electrons obtained by magnetic measurements indicates that the distribution function of the superthermal electrons modeled by a free temperature Maxwellian with a flat tail is extending to the accessibility energy in the forward direction, a perpendicular

temperature of 150 keV, a backward parallel temperature of 250 keV, and a backward-to forward ratio of  $2^{15}$ ).

A typical shot of ramp-up is shown in Fig. 12. The plasma current was ramped up from 0.46 to 0.60 MA in 5.5 sec at  $\bar{n}_e = 0.3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  with  $P_{LH} = 1.6 \text{ MW}$ . The ramp-up efficiency  $\eta_r$  is expressed as

$$\eta_r = (\dot{W}_{RF} - P_{ext} + V^2/R) / P_{LH} \quad (2)$$

and is estimated to be  $\eta_r = 5.3 \%$ , where poloidal field energy  $\dot{W}_{RF} = d(LI_p^2/2)/dt$  is 67 kW, the external inductance power input  $P_{ext}$  is 2.5 kW and the resistive power loss  $V^2/R$  is 4.2 kW. This value is consistent with typical medium size tokamak. The high plasma current formation of  $I_p = 3.25 \text{ MA}$  to get more good confinement plasma is performed by saving volt-sec due to LHCF ramp-up, which is shown in Fig. 13.

### 3.5 Discussion on the improvement of plasma confinement in LHCD

It is experimentally recognized that the energy confinement time in LHCD is improved at the low density region<sup>17,18)</sup>. In this case, the suppression of sawteeth oscillation<sup>19,20)</sup>, the stabilization of  $m=1$  mode<sup>21)</sup> and the broadening of the current profile are also observed. In JT-60, the improvement of  $\tau_E$  is also observed at a relatively low density region ( $\bar{n}_e < 1 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ) with the combination of NBI and LHCD<sup>22)</sup>. It is probable that the internal inductance is reduced when  $\tau_E$  is improved<sup>23)</sup>. However, these phenomena does not connect directly to the explanation of the improvement of  $\tau_E$ , because the current profile is independent on the temperature profile also from the standpoint of the profile consistency<sup>24)</sup>. Possible explanation of this must be related to the reduction of the energy loss from the plasma core, especially such as a reduction of the electron thermal conductivity  $\chi_e$  must be occurred in the plasma core. As early as 1982, one of the authors (K.U.) has proposed the pinch effect in the LHCD as a reason of the improvement of the particle confinement time<sup>25)</sup>. However, there had existed some problems in the theory whether the time averaged  $E_z \times B_\theta$  drift does not really cancel out? or how about is the  $E_x \times B_z$  term?, where  $E_z$  and  $E_x$  are the rf electric field in the toroidal and poloidal direction<sup>26)</sup>. These problems are carefully considered on the standpoint of Landau damping in the presence of the magnetic field following Dawson like treatment<sup>27)</sup> and in result it is obtained that  $E_z \times B_\theta$  pinch term still remains in the LHCD and form a inward flux  $\Gamma_{pinch}$  as

$$\Gamma_{\text{pinch}} = \pm \frac{E_z^2 \omega_{c\theta} \pi}{2B_z^2 k_z} \frac{df(v_z)}{dv_z} \Big|_{v_z = \omega/k_z} \quad (3)$$

where  $\omega_{c\theta} = eB_{\theta}/m$ ,  $B = \sqrt{B_z^2 + B_{\theta}^2}$  (16). The sign of - in R.H.S. of eq. (3) indicates the anti-current drive case. Assuming that the particle diffusion is reduced by this pinch effect as

$$-D \frac{\partial n_1}{\partial r} - \Gamma_{\text{pinch}} = -D_{\text{eff}} \frac{\partial n_2}{\partial r} \quad (4)$$

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The impedance of each antenna element is matched with 50  $\Omega$  transmission line by double stub tuner ( $\lambda/4$  choke type). The stub tuners are electrically insulated from the launcher by DC breaks, whose rf leakage is kept below -90 dB.  $\text{SF}_6$  gas in the feedthrough and stub tuner is circulated to bear the rf breakdown and to remove the rf joule loss. We employ two methods to get a impedance matching of antenna. One method is to move the stub tuner in preprogram with high speed of 25 mm/0.5 sec during plasma shot, in which we develop a choke plunger type stub with bearing 1.5 MW power rating of VSWR of 25. We can find the optimum position of the stub tuner within several shots. Another method is to predict the optimum matching position of stub by using the experimental data of antenna input impedance. Figure 15 shows the time evolution of antenna impedance,  $R_a + iX_a$ , when the

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The loading resistance versus  $\bar{n}_e$  are shown in Fig. 16, where two curves are the theoretical one obtained by a three dimensional antenna-plasma coupling code and circles and triangles represent the experimental data. The antenna loading resistance is about 5-10  $\Omega$  in (0,0) phasing and 2-3  $\Omega$  in ( $\pi$ ,0) phasing. The cavity resonance mode is observed over a wide density region in (0,0) case, however, it is negligible except for the low density region in ( $\pi$ ,0) case, which is supported by the theory.

#### 4.2 Heating results with $k_z$ phasing<sup>31)</sup>

The peak position of the  $k_z$  spectra of (0,0) and ( $\pi$ ,0) modes are calculated to be 0 m<sup>-1</sup> and 10 m<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. It is shown experimentally in (0,0) phasing that the rise time of the plasma stored energy (Shafranov  $\Lambda (= \beta_p + l_i / 2 - 1)$ ) is small and  $\tau_E^{INC}$  is 40 msec, indicating that the absorbed power in plasma core was very small. In ( $\pi$ ,0) case, the rise time of  $\Lambda$  is very short and  $\tau_E^{INC}$  is about 70 msec, which is comparable with NBI heating. Such large difference in the heating can be explained by the difference due to the power deposition profile. Figure 17 shows the Poynting vector in the poloidal cross section estimated by the two dimensional kinetic wave code<sup>32)</sup>, which indicates that the heating power is directed to the center in ( $\pi$ ,0) case, while the vector is scattering in (0,0) case and in resultant to broaden the power deposition.

The radiation loss also depends on the phasing. In OH plasma with  $\bar{n}_e = 6 \times 10^{19}$  m<sup>-3</sup> and in the TiC coated wall,  $\Delta P_{rad} / P_{IC}$  was about unity in (0,0) case but it decreases to 0.65 in ( $\pi$ ,0) case, where  $\Delta P_{rad}$  is the increment of the total radiation loss due to rf. Replacement of the first wall as well as the antenna guard limiter with carbon has brought the significant reduction of the radiation loss in both phasing.

#### 4.3 Beam acceleration of NBI by ICRF

In combination heating with NBI and ICRF, we observe remarkable beam acceleration further beyond the injection energy of NBI. It is shown experimentally that the increment of the beam energy spectra  $\Delta T_i^{tail}$  is

proportional to the slowing down time  $\tau_s (\propto T_e^{3/2}/\bar{n}_e)$  from  $\bar{n}_e$ -scan and  $n_b$ .  $\Delta T_i^{\text{tail}}/\tau_s (\propto P_{\text{IC}}^b)$ , if the rf power deposition is coupled to the beam component, where  $P_{\text{IC}}^b$  is the ICRF power absorbed by the beam component) is proportional to the NBI power, where  $n_b$  is the density of the NBI beam component. Thereby, the rf power density absorbed by the beam component must be proportional to the beam power density. The efficiency of the acceleration ( $T_i^{\text{tail}}/P_{\text{IC}}$ ) is 3.8 keV/MW in  $(\pi, 0)$  and is about two times higher than in  $(0, 0)$  at the same density ( $3 - 4 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ). The effective increment of a stored energy is observed as shown in Fig. 18 including the electron temperature by electron cyclotron emission and the neutral flux with the charge exchange analyser with the energy of 68 keV and 103 keV. We can see that with the injection of 18 MW of NBI and 1.4 MW of ICRF  $W^*$  reaches 1.9 MJ and the increment by ICRF is 300 kJ. Sawteeth oscillation in the center is enhanced by ICRF but the high energy flux of 103 keV clearly increases by ICRF wave. Accompanying the beam acceleration, the increment of  $\tau_E^{\text{INC}}$  is observed as shown in Fig. 19. The value of  $\tau_E^{\text{INC}}$  increases with decrease of  $\bar{n}_e$  and reaches to 210 msec, while  $\tau_E^{\text{INC}}$  is about 50 msec with NBI alone.

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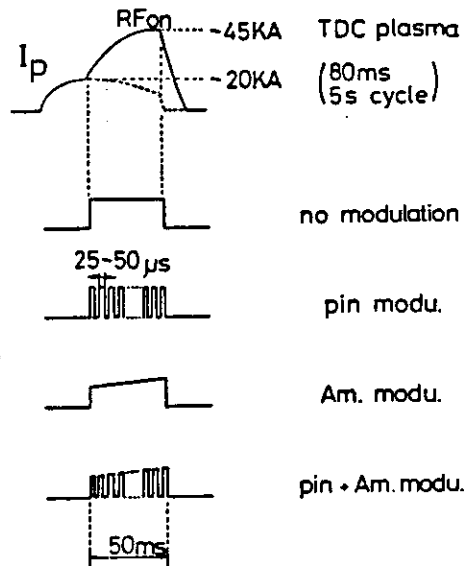


Fig. 1 LHRF Wave pattern in the aging process and the time behavior of TDC plasma

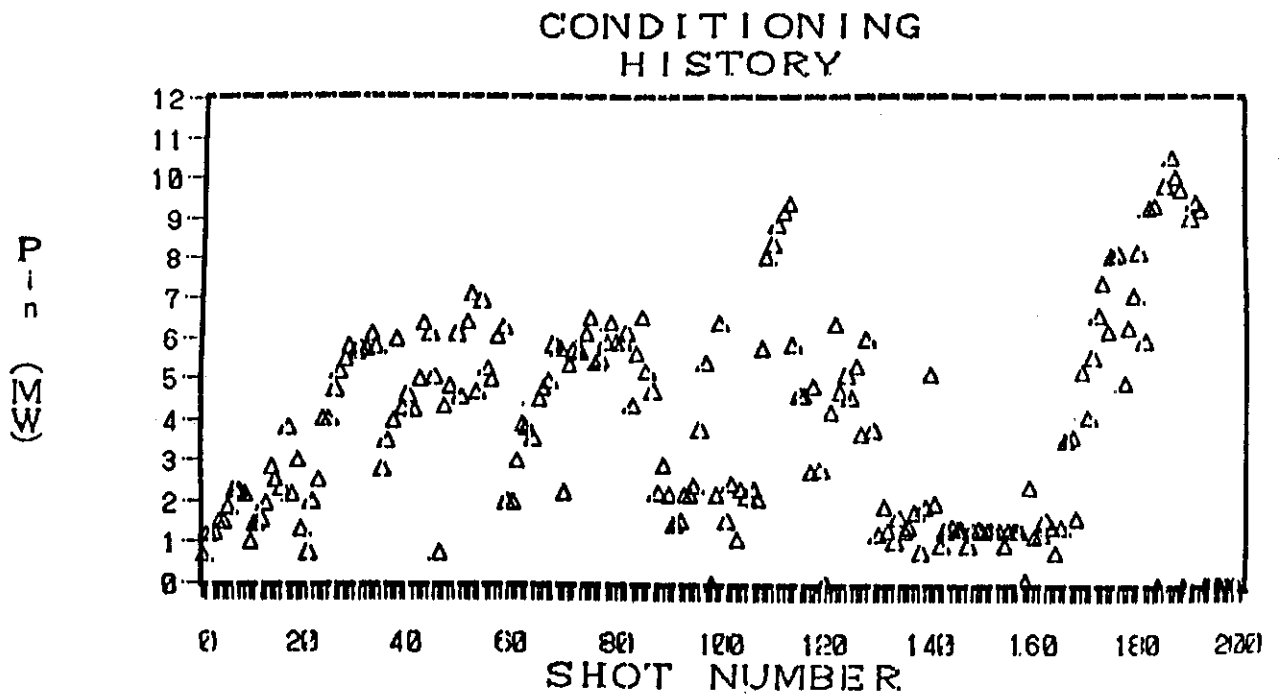


Fig. 2 LHRF conditioning history is shown against the shot number

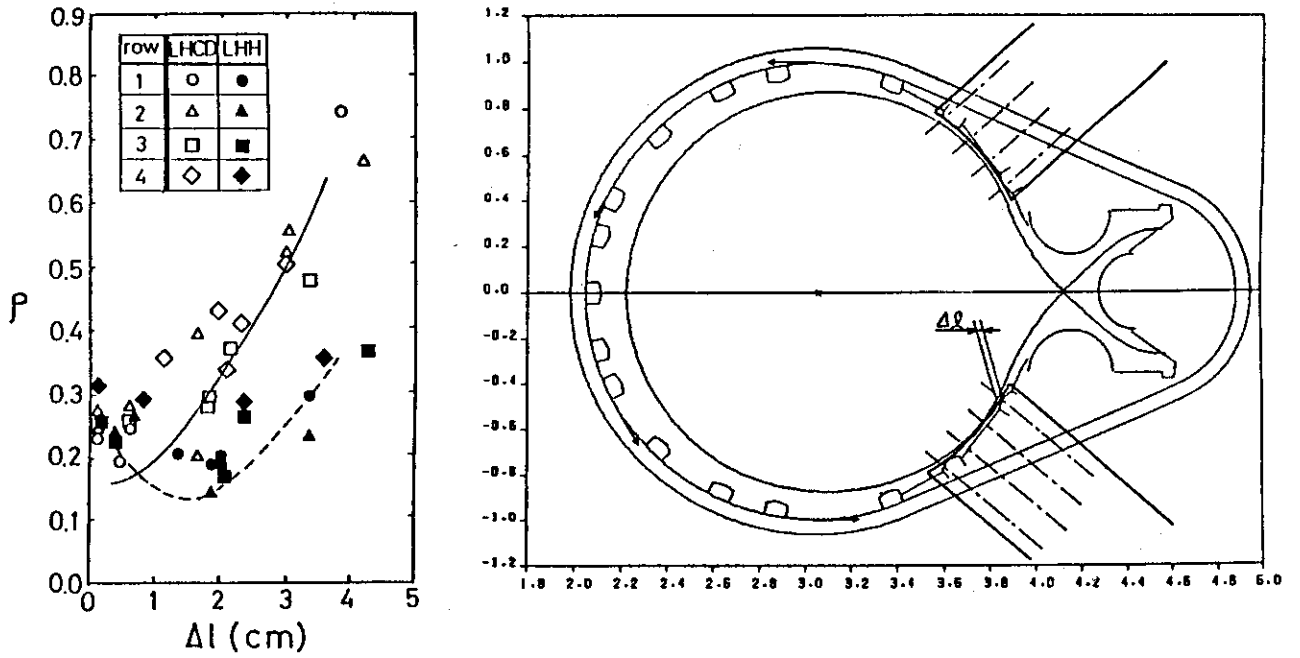


Fig. 3 Refraction coefficient vs the distance between plasma and the launcher, where  $n_{es} = 1 \times 10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $\Delta l = 0.5 \text{ cm}$  and  $\lambda = 0.5 \text{ cm}$  are assumed.

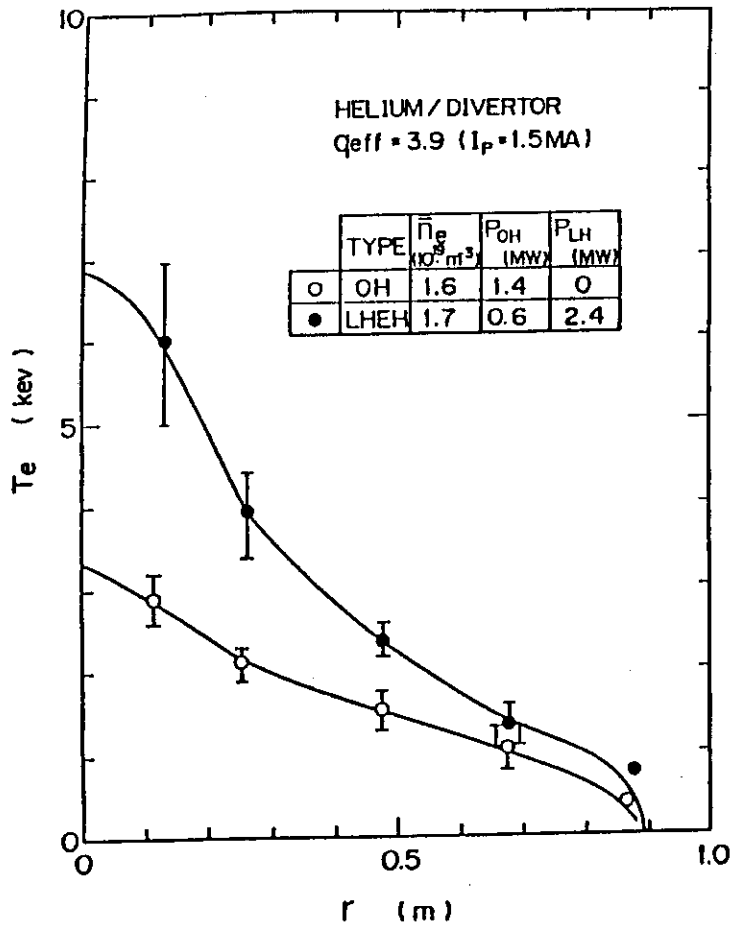


Fig. 4 Electron temperature profile when the maximum central electron temperature is obtained by LHEH, where  $\bar{n}_e = 1.7 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $I_p = 1.5 \text{ MA}$ .



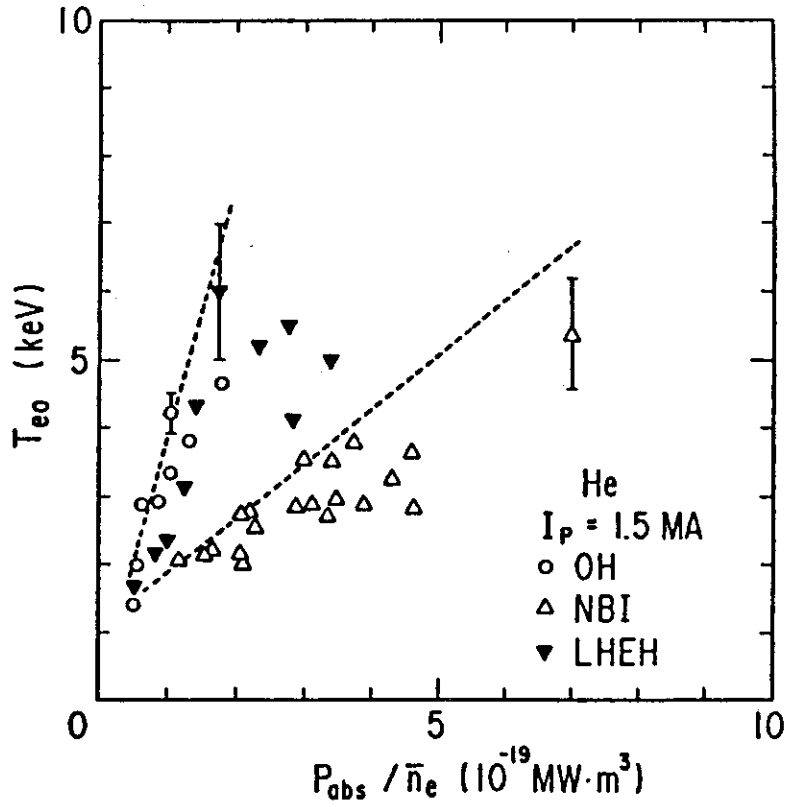


Fig. 5 Central electron temperature  $T_{e0}$  vs  $P_{abs}/\bar{n}$ , where the absorption power of LHRF is torus input  $P_{LH}$ .

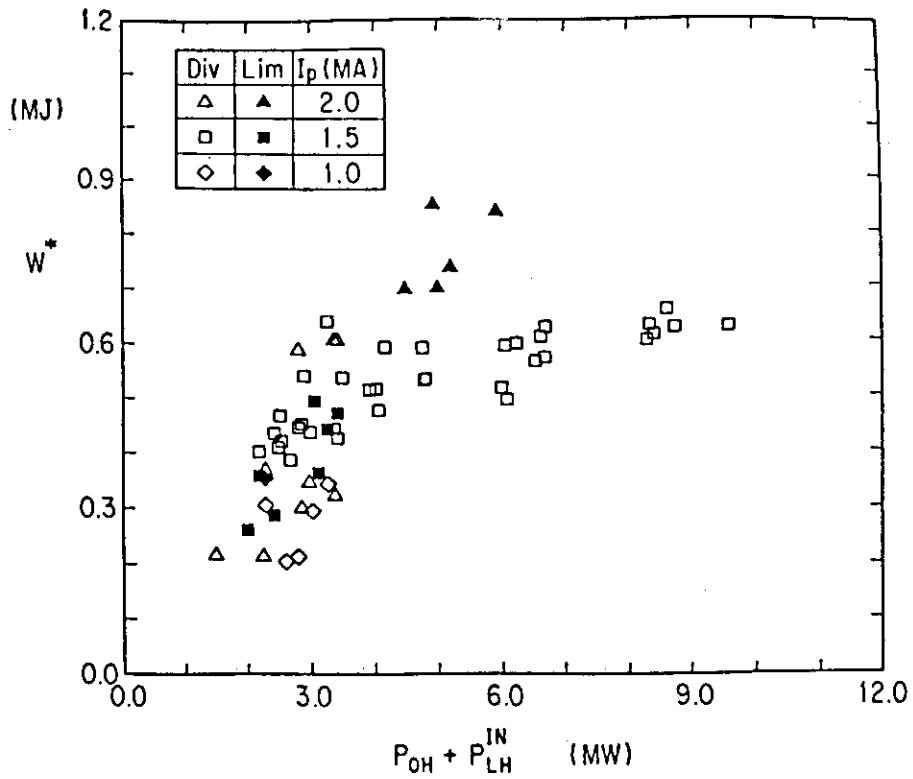


Fig. 6 Stored energy  $W^*$  against  $P_{abs}$  in LHEH putting  $I_p$  as a parameter. The value of  $W^*$  does not saturate at  $I = 2.0$  MA.

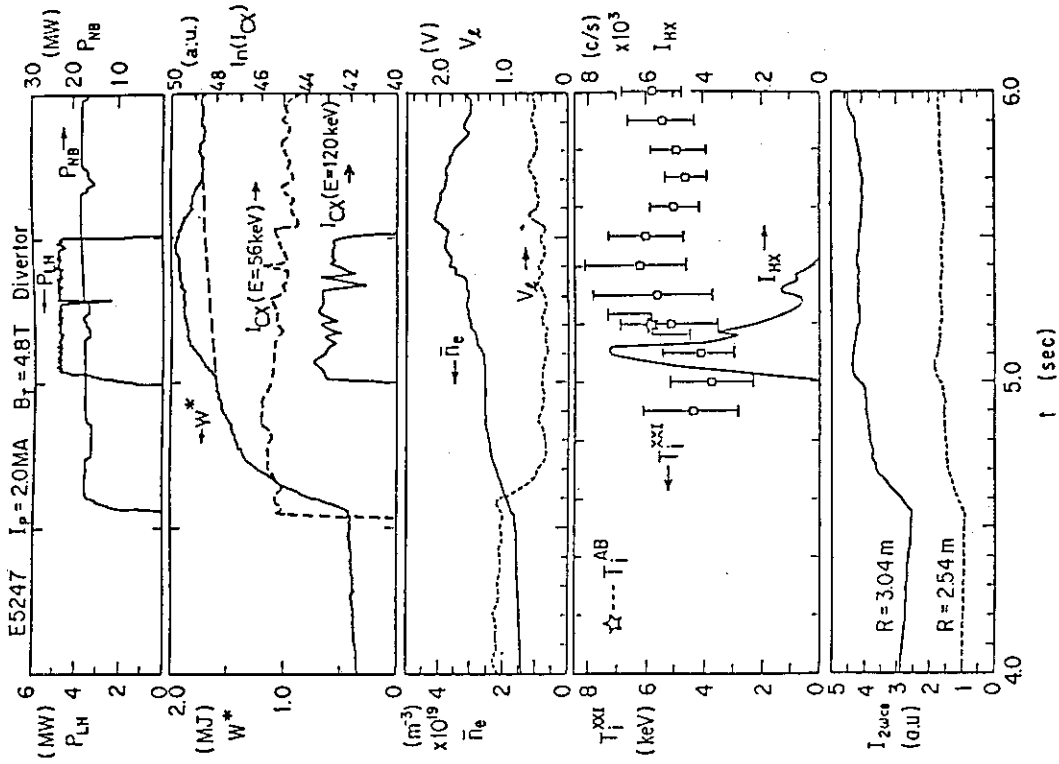


Fig. 8 Simultaneous injection of NBI and LHRF. Time behaviour of input power of both PLH and PNB,  $W^*$ ,  $\bar{n}_e$ , ion temperature by titanium XXI line  $T_{XXI}$ , active beam  $T_{AB}$ , hard X ray signal and electron cyclotron emission ( $2 \omega_{ce}$ ) are shown, respectively.

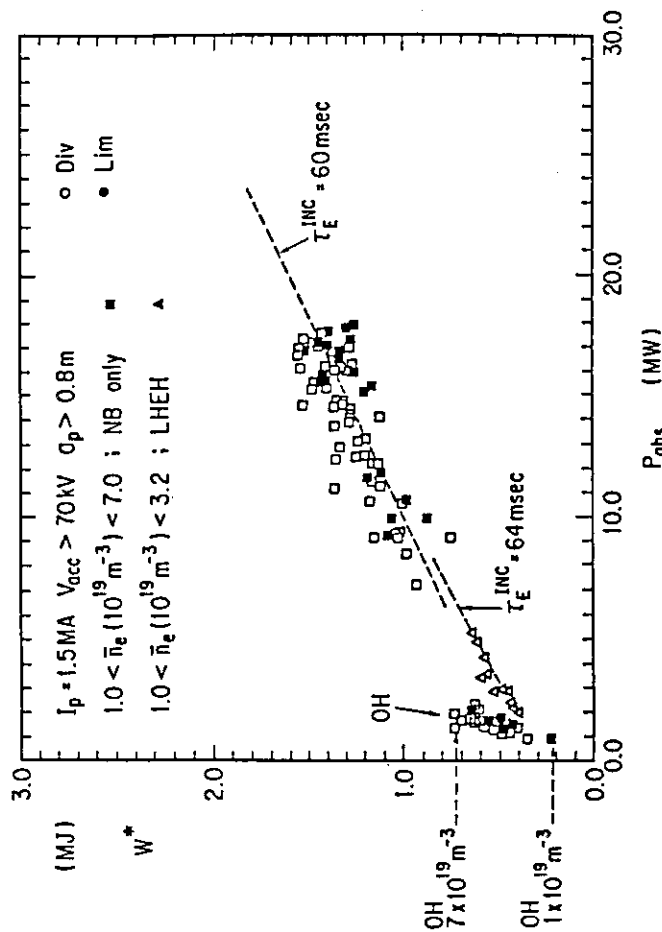


Fig. 7 Comparison of  $W^*$  and  $\tau_E$  in LHEH case with NBI case.

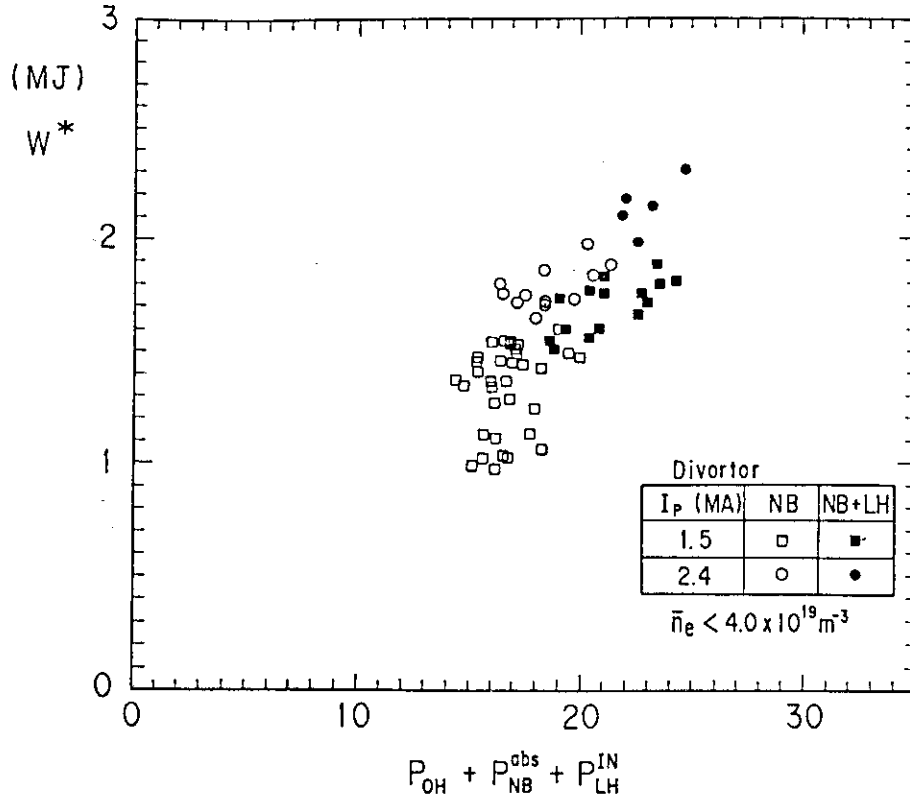


Fig. 9 The value of  $W^*$  in NBI+LHEH case is shown against  $P_{OH} + P_{NB} + P_{LH}$ .

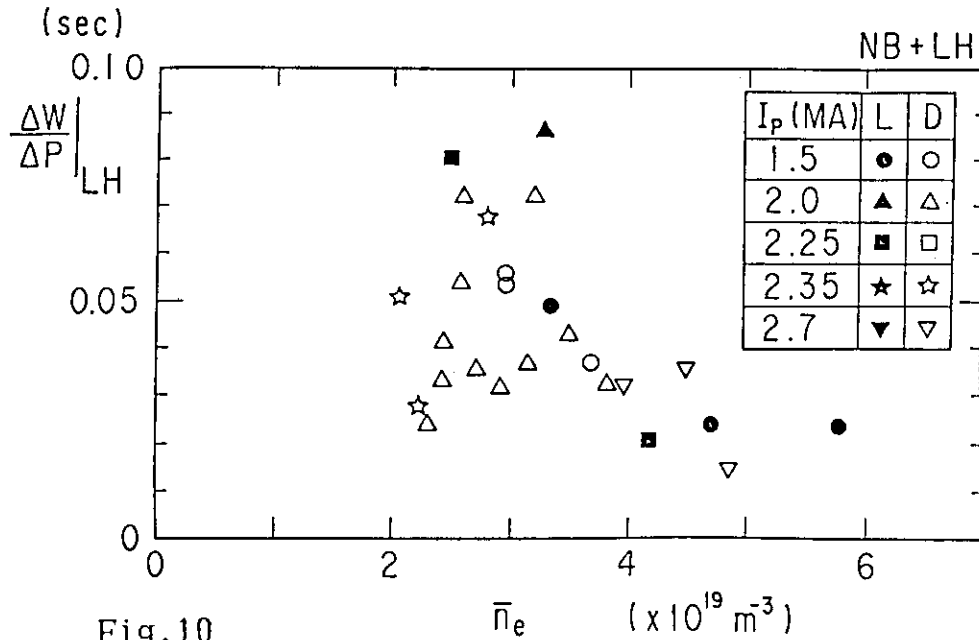


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Fig. 10 Incremental energy confinement time ( $\Delta W/\Delta P$ ) by LHRF in NBI+LHRF case is shown against  $\bar{n}_e$ .

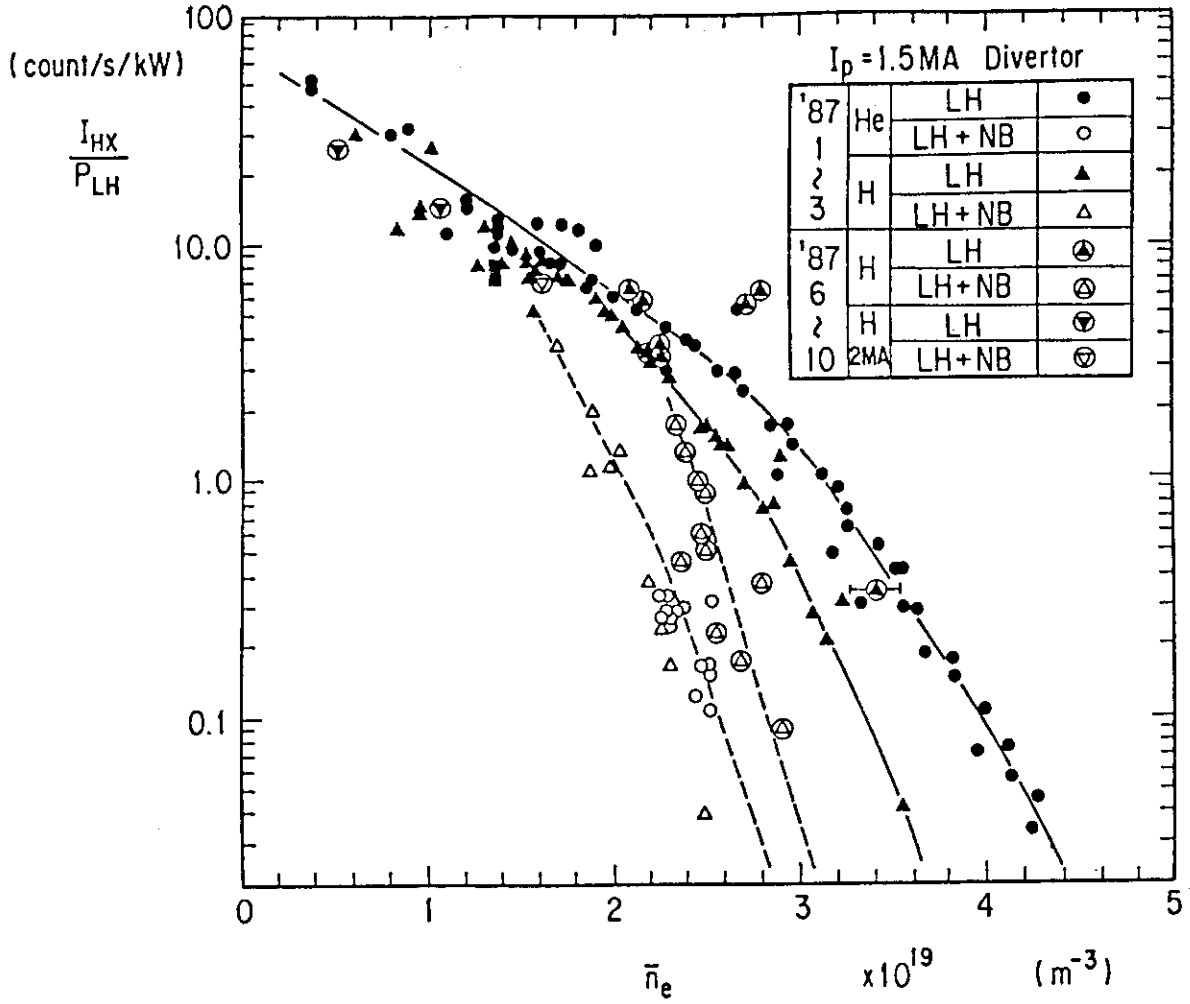


Fig. 11 Signal intensity of hard X ray  $I_{HX}$  normalized by  $P_{LH}$  is shown against  $\bar{n}_e$ . In NBI+LHEH case,  $I_{HX}/P_{LH}$  decreases suddenly at  $\bar{n}_e = 2.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ .

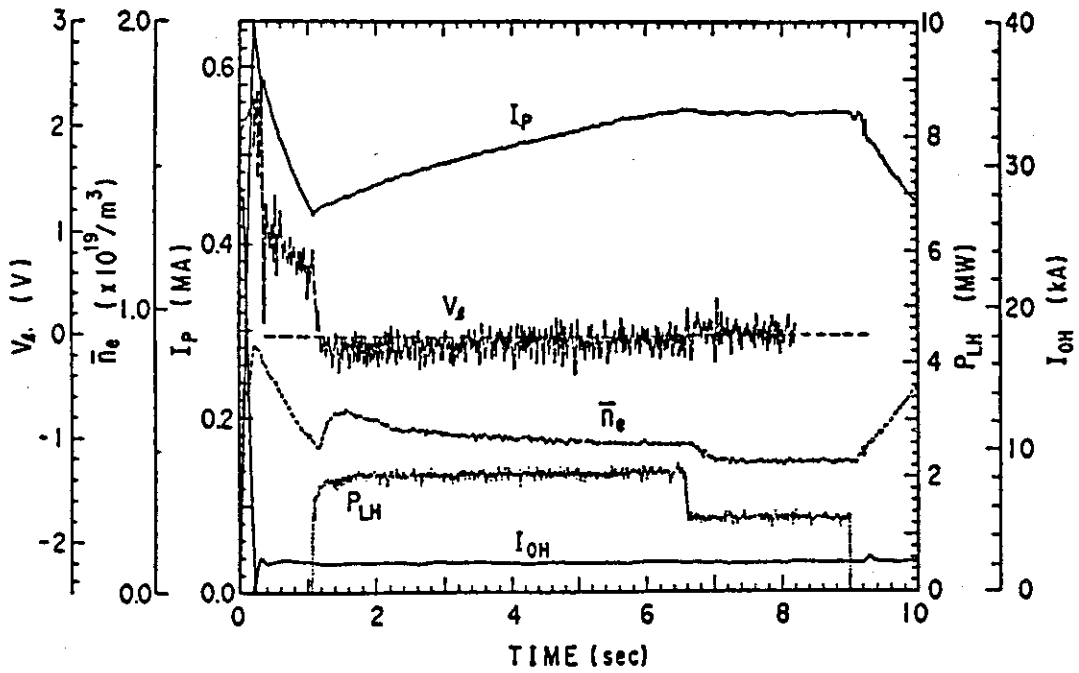


Fig. 12 Typical current ramp-up shot in JT-60.

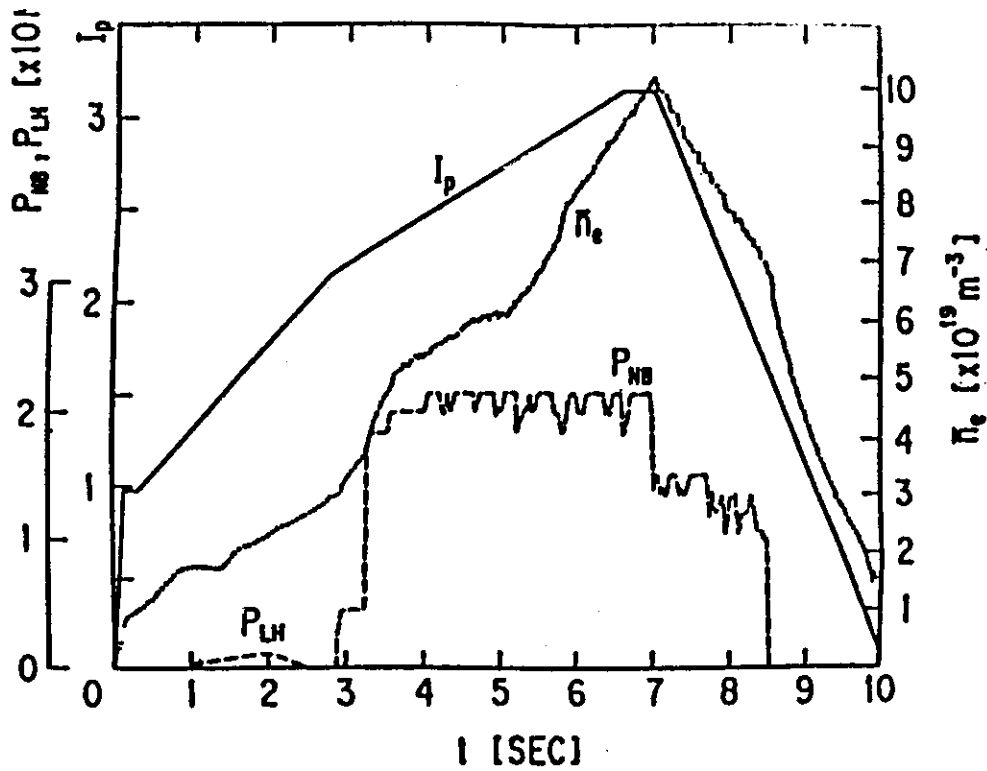


Fig. 13 High plasma current formation of 3.25 MA by assistance of LHRF ramp-up. In this short, about 0.6 volt·sec is saved by LHRF.

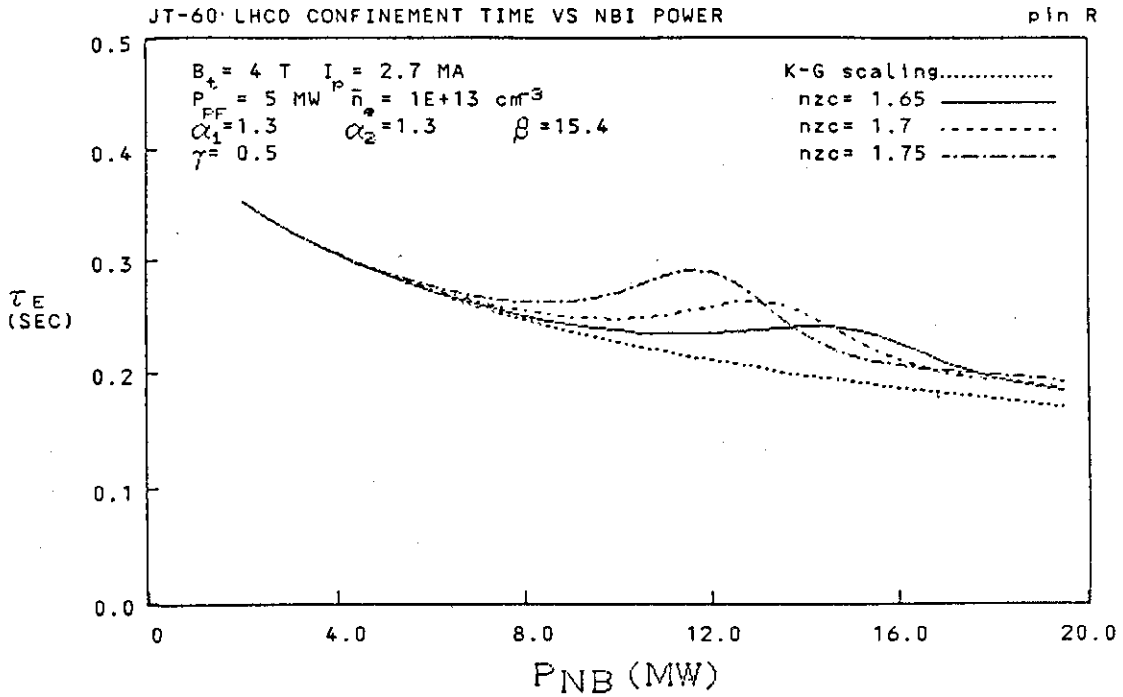


Fig. 14 Simulation of the improvement of  $\tau_E$  in JT-60 LHCD and NBI by the pinch effect. The value of  $\tau_E$  is improved when electron temperature is in a certain value, where  $P_{NB}$  is the function of the electron temperature.

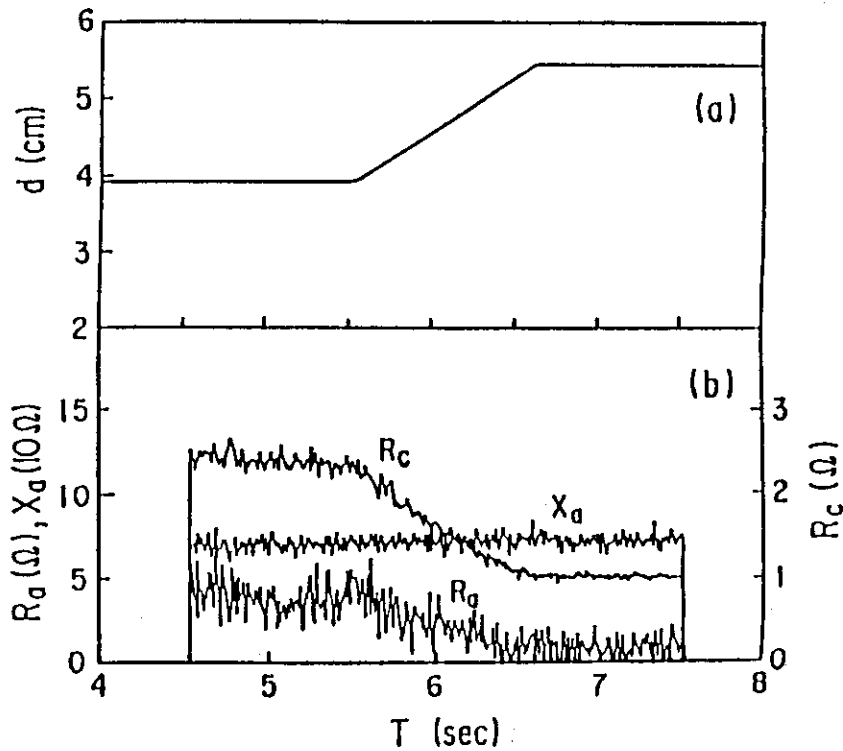


Fig. 15 Data for the prediction of stub position, where  $R_c$  is real resistance,  $X_a$  is imaginary part and  $R_a$  is obtained impedance.

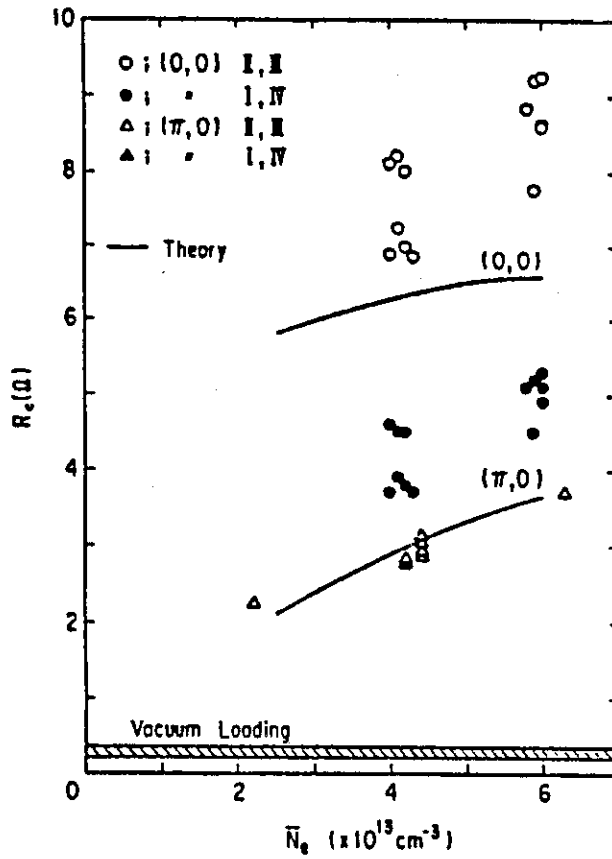


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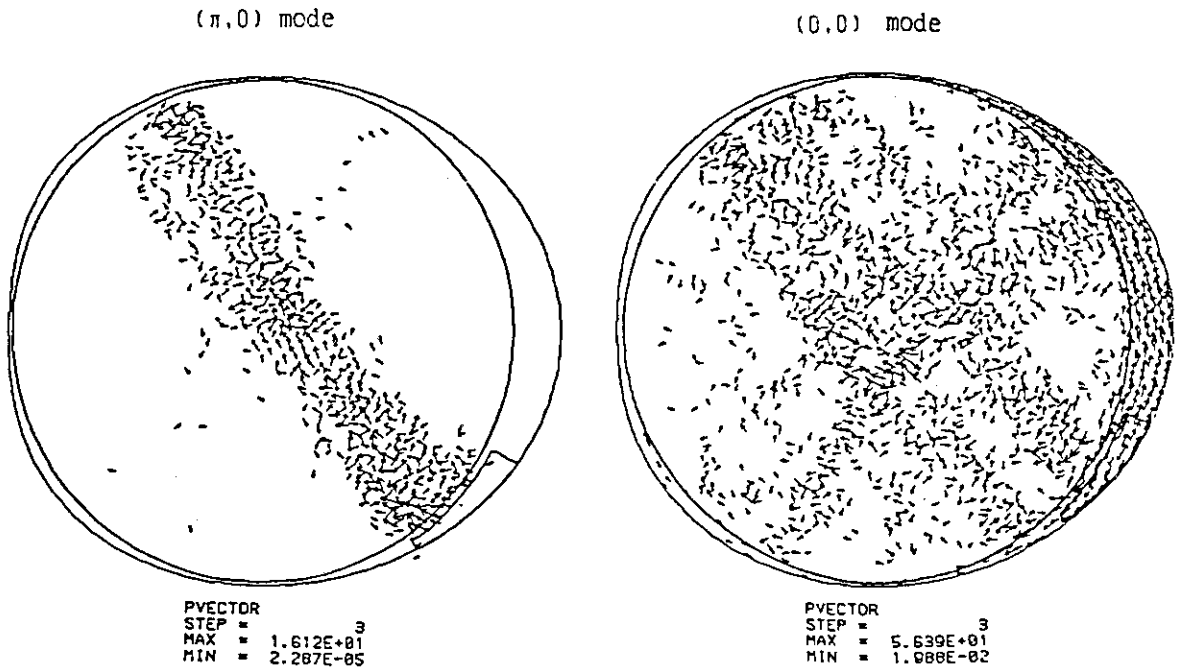


Fig. 17 Poynting vector and power deposition profile in the poloidal cross section estimated by two dimensional kinetic wave theory in (0,0) and  $(\pi,0)$  phasing.

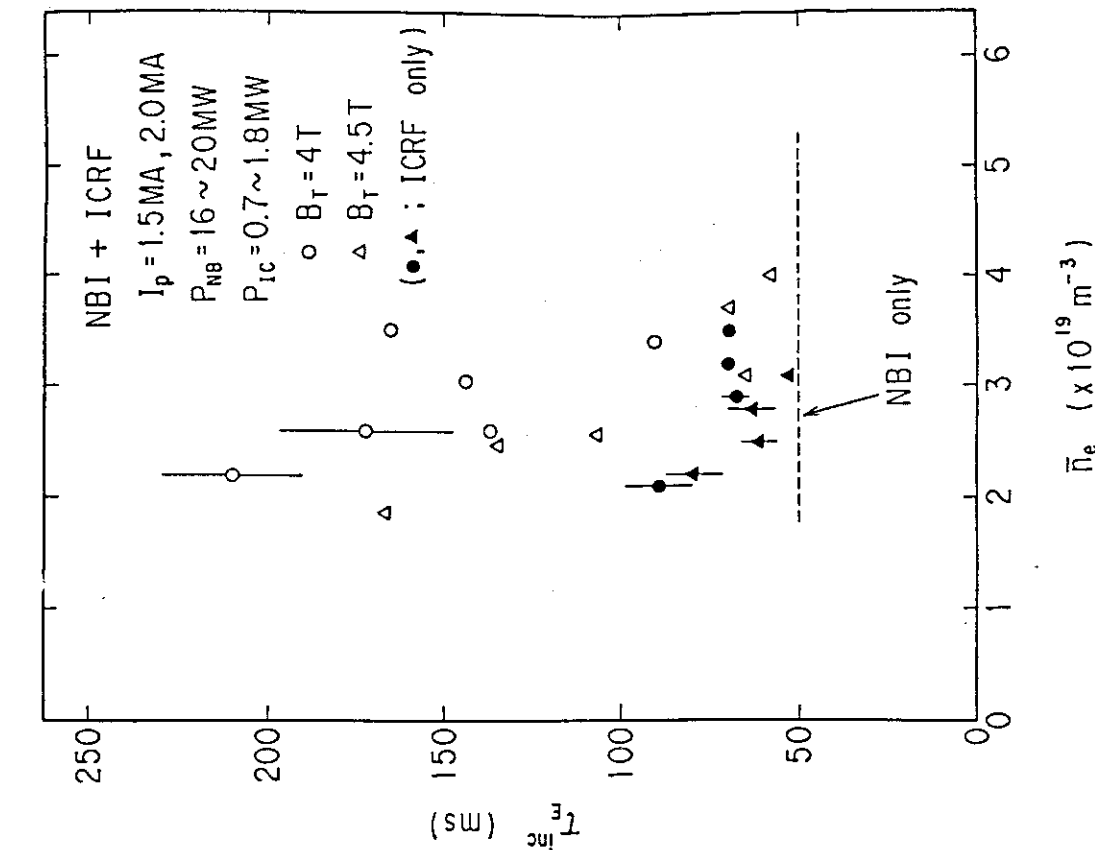


Fig. 18 Data on beam acceleration by ICRF including  $W^*$ ,  $\bar{n}_e$ ,  $P_{NB}$ ,  $P_{IC}$ ,  $T_e$  by ECE and the neutral flux with 68 keV and 103 keV by charge exchange analyser.

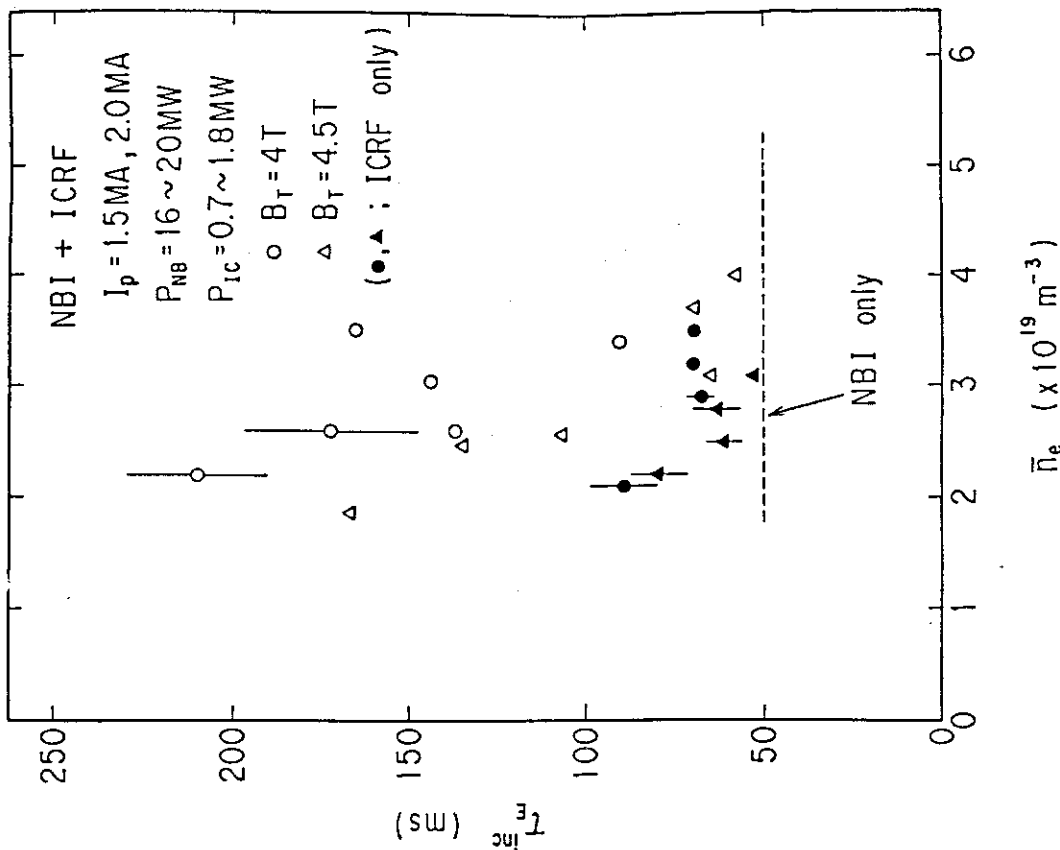


Fig. 19 The value of  $T_{inc}^{ICRF}$  is shown against  $\bar{n}_e$  in the beam acceleration by ICRF.