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Local heat transport has been studied in auxiliary heated JT-60 plasmas with emphasis on understanding the deteriorated confinement observed in L-mode plasmas. The systematic experiment and analysis have been carried out in L-mode phase of divertor (single null, lower X-point), and limiter discharges with hydrogen neutral beam heating into hydrogen plasmas, based on sets of consistent experimental data including ion temperature profiles from CXR measurements. The deterioration in the energy confinement time with increasing the auxiliary heating power, so-called the power scaling, is mainly due to the degradation in ion energy transport. The confinement improvement as the plasma current increases is followed by both improvement in ion and electron transport properties. It is found that the ion thermal diffusivity has an approval dependence on the density. High ion temperature ( $T_i(0) \leq 12$  keV) L-mode plasmas are attained at high  $\beta_p$  up to 3.5. The centrally peaked ion temperature is significantly due to the improvement in ion transport property, which is reduced to the level of the electron thermal diffusivities.

Keywords: JT-60, Tokamak, L-mode, Transport, Thermal diffusivity,  
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JT-60 における L モードプラズマの局所熱輸送解析

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L モードプラズマの閉じ込め特性が劣化する原因を明らかにするために、JT-60 の追加熱時のプラズマの局所的熱輸送解析を行った。輸送解析に必要な CXR 測定によるイオン温度分布をはじめとする詳細な分布計測を、リミター放電、ダイバータ放電に関して系統的に行い、JT-60 の広範なパラメータ領域について、L モードプラズマの輸送特性を明らかにした。通常、パワー依存性と呼ばれる、加熱パワーの増大に伴う閉じ込め時間の低下は、主にイオンの熱輸送特性の劣化による。一方、プラズマ電流の増加にほぼ比例した閉じ込め時間の改善は、イオン及び電子、両者の熱輸送特性の改善に起因する。また、イオンの熱輸送係数は、明かに密度依存性を有する。

高ベータ・ポロイダル ( $< 3.5$ ) プラズマにおいて得られた高イオン温度モードは、 $r/a < 0.5$  の領域でのイオン熱輸送特性の改善による。また、その領域では、イオンの熱輸送係数は電子のそれとほぼ等しい値までに減少している。

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## 1. Introduction

As a tokamak plasma is auxiliary heated, the degradation in energy and particle confinement is generally observed. This plasma is so-called a L-mode. Although additionally heated plasmas of the L-mode are the most universal situation of a tokamak plasma, as well as saturated ohmically heated plasmas, it is presently uncertain which is responsible for the L-mode characteristics, electron or ion. Global confinement characteristics of such a L-mode are, however, well summarized as a power scaling, like INTOR89[1], in which the energy confinement time decreases in terms of the total heating power,  $P_{\text{abs}}$ , to the minus one-half power and improves almost linearly with increasing plasma current and has no or weak density dependence. The L-mode scaling also expresses the dependence of energy confinement time on the isotope and elongation effects. However, in order to extrapolate reliability to future plasma regimes, one needs to understand physics for local confinement in tokamaks, capable of describing global confinement scaling. The present work is intended to contribute to this important topic by analyzing profile data more systematically and by attempting to find mechanisms which are essential for the L-mode transport. In order to understand the transport physics based on the theoretical background, it is very important to clarify what parameter dependencies the local transport has. Therefore, our study will be concentrated on studying the parameter dependence of local thermal diffusivities in L-mode plasmas, so dependencies of density, power and plasma current.

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change recombination spectrometer (CXRS) viewing across a nearly perpendicularly injected diagnostic neutral beam. The JT-60 CXRS diagnostic uses the heating neutral beams as diagnostic beams. It features one tangential line of sight, which intersects the heating beams, and a multi chord arrangement for profile measurements with 8 nearly tangential viewing lines which intersect the heating beams at major radii between 2.9 m and 3.8 m. The ion temperature measurements by CXRS presented in this paper are based on Doppler broadening of the  $n=8$  to  $n=7$  transition of  $C^{+5}$  at 5290.5 Å. The radiated power profile was measured from two bolometer array systems with 16 channel and 15 channel and determined by Abel inversion. The effective ionic charge,  $Z_{\text{eff}}$ , was estimated by two chord spectrometers for visible Bremsstrahlung emissions and assumed to be spatially constant. The particle confinement time is inferred from empirical scaling[2],

$$\tau_p = 0.05 \left( \frac{\bar{n}_e}{10^{20} \text{m}^{-3}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{P_b}{\text{MW}} \right)^{-0.5} \text{ sec} \quad (1)$$

This scaling shows that  $\tau_p$  decreases inversely with the electron density and in terms of the heating power to the minus half-power.

Figure 2 shows typical time evolutions of the central ion temperature, the line electron density and the diamagnetic measured stored energy of a L-mode, diverted discharge with  $I_p = 1.5$  MA. Since the ion temperature from CXRS is obtained after subtracting the cold component level from measured spectrum, the JT-60 CXRS diagnostic is restricted to the duration in which the cold component level is estimated by stopping the diagnostic beam injection for 50 msec and could be interpolated, as shown in Fig. 2. NB heating starts at 5.5 second and lasts in 2 seconds with the power of  $\sim 15$  MW. The central temperature of ion and electron vary little during heating phase. The radiated power increases by heating, but remains at about 10-15 % of the heating power. The diamagnetic measured stored energy and the line electron density reach steady state quickly. The density rises initially at a slow rate, due mainly to the beam fueling, then reaches at a steady state. So, the profile data for transport analysis are taken at this steady state of 7.1 sec. Figure 3 shows profile data of ion temperature, electron temperature, radiated power, and electron density at that steady state. It is found that the radiated power profile is fairly flat, which is commonly observed in divertor discharges.

Diagnostics data measured in the space of (R,Z) are mapped to flux surfaces calculated by the magnetic fitting / MHD equilibrium code[3] and are reduced to profile data as a function of effective minor radius  $r$ , which is defined by  $r = \sqrt{V/2\pi^2 R_0}$  (  $V$ ; volume,  $R_0$ ; major radius ). These profile data in the  $r$  space are least-square-fitted by using a proper functional form. As the standard, we



select the following two types of fitting functions, depending on the number of available data points,

$$f(\rho) = (f_0 - f_a)\{1 - \rho^2 + \alpha\rho^2(1 - \rho) + \beta\rho^2(1 - \rho^2)\} + f_a \quad (2)$$

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where  $\rho = r/a$ . 'a' is the minor radius at a plasma boundary flux surface. 'f<sub>0</sub>' and 'f<sub>a</sub>' are central and boundary values, respectively. All these profile data are stored in the transport data base "SCOOP DATA" together with magnetic data and so on.

### 3. Analysis Procedure

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Assuming a steady state and using profile data, the thermal diffusivities of electron and ion, and the momentum diffusivity are determined as; the electron thermal diffusivity,

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and the momentum diffusivity,

$$\chi_\phi(r) = \frac{-\rho_i \Gamma_i R V_\phi + \frac{1}{r\langle|\nabla r|^2\rangle} \int_0^r T r dr}{-\rho_i R \frac{\partial V_\phi}{\partial r}} \quad (6)$$

where  $P_j$  is the joule heating power density profile,  $P_{NB_e}$  and  $P_{NB_i}$  neutral beam heat deposition profiles to electrons and ions, respectively,  $Q_{ei}$  is the electron-ion energy transfer term, and  $P_R$  and  $P_{CX}$  are the radiated power and charge-exchanged energy loss terms.  $\Gamma_e$  and  $\Gamma_i$  are the particle fluxes of electrons and ions, respectively. The coefficient in the convective term of energy balance equations is taken as 3/2, though there is a divergence of opinion associating with this coefficient [5],[6]. In the momentum diffusivity  $\rho_i (= \sum m_i n_i)$  is the local mass density, and  $\omega (= R V_\phi)$  the angular velocity.  $V_\phi$  is the toroidal rotation velocity.  $T$  is the torque density from sources due to collision, beam-thermalization, and ionization, and from the loss due to charge-exchange in the slowing-down process.

From the steady particle balance equation, the ion particle flux,  $\Gamma_i$ , is given by,

$$\Gamma_i(r) = \frac{1}{r\langle|\nabla r|^2\rangle} \int_0^r (S_n + S_{NB}) r dr \quad (7)$$

where  $S_n$  and  $S_{NB}$  are particle sources from neutrals estimated by the particle confinement time and due to the beam fueling, respectively. With the assumptions of the electrical neutrality of a plasma and of one ionic impurity specie as a dominant impurity, the electron density is

$$n_e = n_i + n_f + Z_k n_k \quad (8)$$

where  $n_i$  is the thermalized ion density,  $n_f$  the fast ion density, and  $n_k$  the impurity ion density with fully stripped ionic charge state of  $Z_k$ .

If the toroidal electric field is assumed to be radially constant, the current profile is

$$j_{//} = \frac{1}{\eta} \frac{v_l}{2\pi R_0} \quad (9)$$

where  $v_l$  is the loop voltage and  $\eta$  the neoclassical resistivity [7]. The Joule input power is evaluated as,

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feature of the consistent data set for limiter discharges is that the electron densities are increasing with heating power due to the neutral beam particle source. On the other hands, for divertor discharges, the power scan could be performed with almost constant electron densities ( $3.0 \times 10^{19} \leq \bar{n}_e \leq 4.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ).

First, the density dependence of the kinetic stored energy is considered. Figure 5-(a) shows the diamagnetic measured stored energy against the density for 1.0 MA, divertor discharges with the fixed beam power of 2.1 to 2.6 MW. As the L-mode scaling indicates, the diamagnetic stored energy is independent on the density. However, the kinetic stored energy, which is estimated by subtracting the unthermalized beam component from the diamagnetic one, apparently increases with a rise of the density, as shown in Fig. 5-(a). So, there should be some improvements in the plasma confinement, as the density increases. The thermal diffusivities at half radii of plasmas indicate the reduction of the ion thermal diffusivity with increasing the density (Fig. 5-(b)). On the other hands, the electron thermal diffusivity does not seem to be reduced. Therefore, the improvement in the ion transport may account for the density dependence of the kinetic stored energy. Even in much higher heating power region of 11.1 to 13.7 MW for 1.5 MA, divertor discharges, we can also see that the kinetic stored energy increases with the density (Fig. 6-(a)). And the ion thermal diffusivity still seems to be a decreasing function of the density (Fig. 6-(b)), although the separation of the transport loss channel becomes to be slightly difficult because of high density.

In order to find out what changes in the transport, when the density increases, the temperature profiles of electron and ion are shown in Fig. 7, for two discharges with different densities of  $1.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  and  $3.1 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . As the density increases from  $1.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  to  $3.1 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , the electron temperature decreases over the whole radius (Fig. 7-(a)). On the other hands, the ion temperature moderately decreases, as shown in Fig. 7-(b). Figure 8 shows the comparison of the neutral beam deposition profiles. Since the JT-60 neutral beams are nearly perpendicularly injected, the deposition profile in higher density is not much different from that in the lower density. Therefore, the difference in temperature profiles shown in Fig. 7 are not caused by the difference in the neutral beam deposition profiles but by the transport process depending on the electron density. For these discharges, the inferred  $\chi_i$  and  $\chi_e$  profiles are shown in Fig. 9. When the density increases,  $\chi_i$  remarkably decreases by a factor of 10 inside the half radius. On the other hands,  $\chi_e$  does not show the reduction that is corresponding to the temperature degradation over the whole radius, as the density increases. This reduction in  $\chi_i$  suggests that the density dependence of the kinetic stored energy is mainly due to the improvement in the ion thermal transport with increasing the density. This density dependence, however, makes the transport study confusing. In the local transport study presented we have paid carefully attention to the density.

Next, the power dependence of the confinement, which is the most basic parameter dependence appeared in the L-mode scaling, is studied. Figure 10-(a) presents the kinetic stored energy,  $W_k$ , including the beam component,  $W_b$ , against the diamagnetic measured stored energy,  $W_{da}$ , for 1.0 MA, divertor discharges in the density region of  $\bar{n}_e = 3.0 \sim 4.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , where only two shots have the density higher than  $4.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , accompanied by higher heating power of around 15 MW, and the other shots are in the relatively narrow density region of  $3.0 \sim 4.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . The reasonable agreement shown in Fig. 10-(a) gives us confidence that we have an accurate estimate of the kinetic stored energy, as well as the beam component evaluated. In order to determine the each dependence of the stored energy components of ions, electrons, and unthermalized ions on the total heating power, the kinetic stored energy is decomposed into three components of ion, electron, and unthermalized ion, and shown against the total heating power in Fig. 10-(b). From this figure, it is found that the parts of electron and unthermalized ion increase with a rise of heating power. The ion stored energy, however, slightly increases and the increment of ion energy to the total power is only one-third of those of electron. Figure 10-(c) shows the change of  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  value followed by the increase of total heating power. As the power is greater than 15 MW, the value of  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  increases nonlinearly due to the radiative enhancement sublimation at the edge of the divertor plates [9]. Within a power of 10 MW,  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  is still less than two, in which a fraction of the ion density to the electron density is greater than 80 %. Therefore, the slight increase in the ion stored energy cannot be caused by proton dilution, for the power region less than 10 MW. It may be concluded that the deterioration of ion confinement will be responsible for the power degradation of the L-mode.

Local thermal transport analysis provide a better description of confinement properties of plasmas with substantially different heating powers. Thus, we describe radial transport analysis of the electron and ion thermal conductivities under several beam injection configurations with the low density of  $1.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3} \leq \bar{n}_e \leq 3.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , so that we can separate the electron and ion channels. Figure 11 shows thermal conductivities of ion and electron at a half radii of plasmas as a function of the total heating power, in which open symbols correspond to divertor discharges and closed one to limiter discharge. For both configurations with the plasma current of 1 MA (Fig. 11-(a)), the ion thermal conductivity significantly increases in proportional to the heating power and is about three times the electron thermal conductivity at around 9 MW, while the electron conductivity gradually increases with the power. This figure strongly suggests that the ion conduction loss plays a major role of energy loss mechanisms for low plasma current discharges of  $I_p = 1 \text{ MA}$ .

On the other hands, in the case of 2 MA plasmas under limiter configurations (Fig. 11-(b)), the transport loss process seems to be fairly different from the low current case. The electron conductivity is found to be larger than that of the ion,

at low power level of 4 MW as shown in Fig. 11-(b). The ion thermal conductivity, however, still increases to a level comparable to the electron conductivities, following a rise of auxiliary heating power : Data points shown by bracket in Fig. 11-(b) are only presented as a reference for higher heating power, because the line average electron density for this shot is  $4.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  and out of the limitation. Interesting feature that can be seen in Fig. 11 is that the dominant loss channel is different at a low power region of around 4 MW, depending on the plasma current. For two discharges where the plasma current is 2 MA, the line average electron density is  $2.3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , and heating powers are respectively  $\sim 3.7$  MW and  $\sim 6.3$  MW, radially integrated power flows of electron and ion are shown in Figs. 12 and 13, in which conduction,  $P_{\text{cnd}}$ , is the dominant loss in the both electron and ion power balances. The energy equipartition,  $P_{\text{eq}}$ , and convection,  $P_{\text{cnv}}$ , remain small loss. In the electron power balance the radiative power loss,  $P_{\text{rag}}$ , becomes comparable to  $P_{\text{cnd}}$  at a peripheral region. In the case of lower heating power of  $\sim 3.7$  MW (#10620), the joule input,  $P_{\text{joule}}$ , is still the dominant heating power in the electron power balance, comparing with auxiliary heating power. On the other hands, in the case of higher heating power of  $\sim 6.3$  MW (#10643),  $P_{\text{joule}}$  and the additional heating power to electrons,  $P_{\text{NB}}^e$ , becomes comparable, and  $P_{\text{joule}}$  results in a small fraction of total input power. The energy exchange is so small that the input power must be carried out through each loss channel. Therefore, the large input power into the electron channel and small energy exchange term between the electron and ion mean that the large flow through the electron channel can carry out the most of input power. That is the reason why the electron conduction is larger than that of ion at a low power level. For these shots, the profiles of  $\chi_e$  and  $\chi_i$  are shown in Fig. 14. A comparison of profiles under different heating power levels shows that as the auxiliary heating power increases by a typical factor of ohmic power, the ion diffusivity is enhanced over the whole radius and the enhancement factor of neoclassical  $\chi_i$  surprisingly increases by a factor of 13 to 36. On the other hands,  $\chi_e$  shows little changes in magnitude. Again, come back to the power dependence, we can still say that even in a higher current of 2 MA, the ion loss channels increases as the heating power increases. Therefore, power degradation is mainly caused by enhanced ion thermal transport and starts only with a slight auxiliary heating power.

Next, we will study the plasma current dependence of the confinement which is not only another important feature of the L-mode scaling but also a key issue to extrapolate reliability to future plasma regimes. A plasma current scan from 1.0 MA to 2.0 MA was performed for limiter discharges at nearly constant heating power of 5.6 MW to 6.3 MW and the same  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  value of 3.9, though the line average electron density for 2.0 MA shot ( $\bar{n}_e = 2.3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ) is slightly higher than that for 1.0 MA discharge ( $\bar{n}_e = 1.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ). The experimentally inferred



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High central ion temperature up to 12 keV was obtained at high poloidal-beta plasmas with high power long pulse neutral beam heating. Plasma profiles for High-Ti mode and L-mode discharges are compared in Fig. 16; electron and ion temperature, electron density, and toroidal rotation velocity. In this High-Ti mode, extremely peaked ion temperature profiles and well peaked density profile were realized in a narrow range of  $I_p = 0.3 \sim 0.5$  MA. The most remarkable feature is that the central ion temperature is about two times the electron temperature, decoupling of energy balance between electrons and ions. Another feature is the toroidal rotation velocity, which grows up to 75 to 100 km/s in a central region. Because of nearly balanced injection in JT-60, the rotation velocity in L-mode discharges is still small, as shown in Fig. 16-(d).

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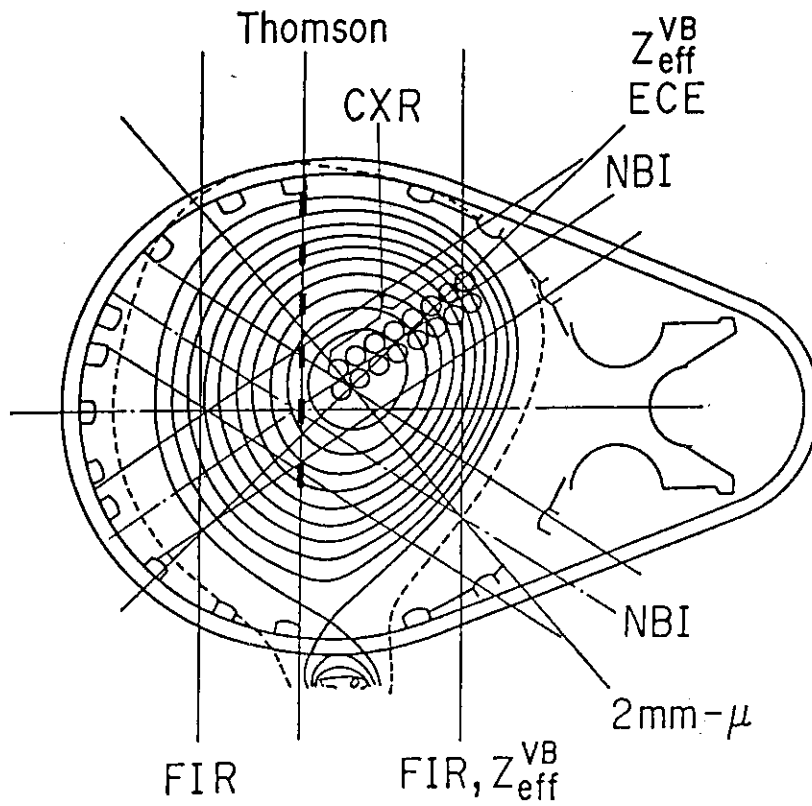


Fig. 1 Experimental set up of the JT-60 diagnostic systems; Thomson scattering and ECE for Te, CXRS for Ti, interferometers of two chord FIR and 2 mm-μ wave for  $\bar{n}_e$ , two channel spectrometers of visible bremsstrahlung for  $Z_{eff}^{VB}$ , and nearly perpendicular injected beam lines.

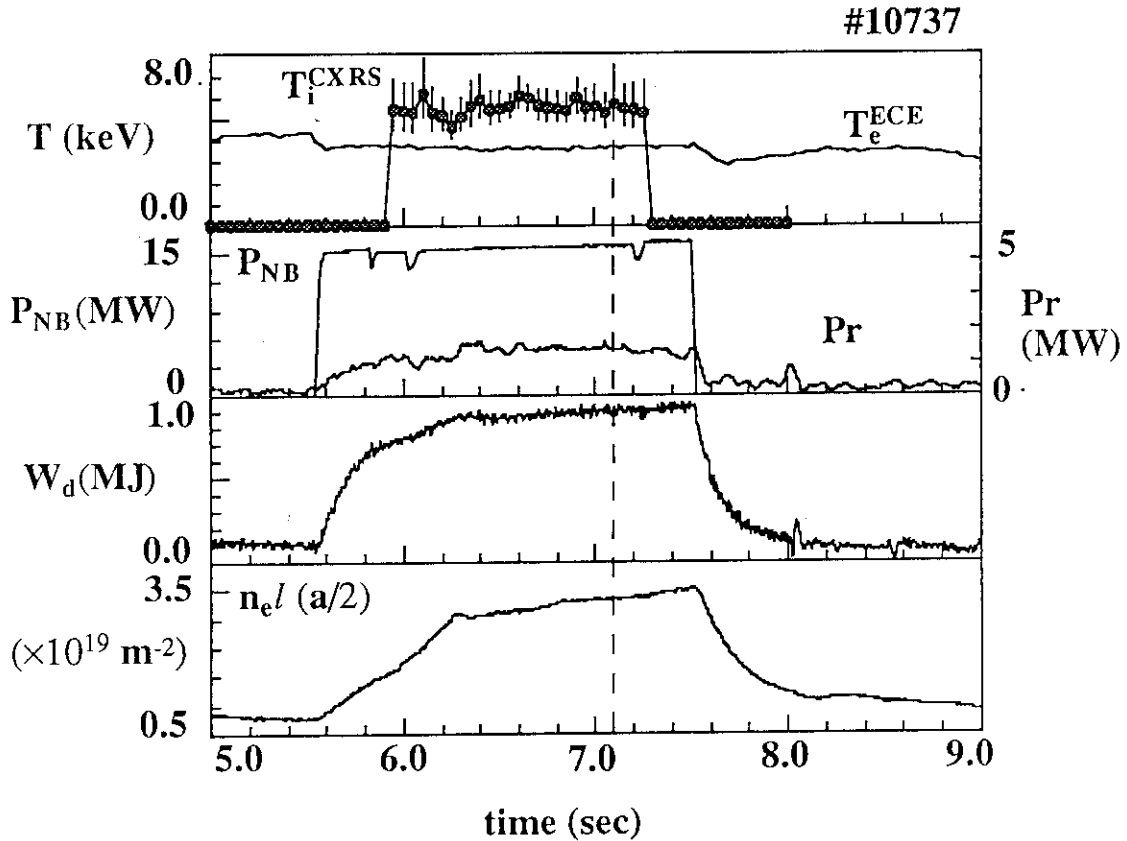


Fig. 2 Typical time evolutions of plasma parameters for the divertor discharge (#10737) with  $I_p=1.5$  MA,  $\bar{n}_e = 2.7 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $P_{\text{abs}} = 11.1$  MW and  $Z_{\text{eff}} = 3.8$ : a) central temperatures of the ion and the electron from CXRS and ECE, respectively; b) neutral beam heating power and total radiation power; c) diamagnetic stored energy; d) the line electron density at  $r/a \sim 1/2$ .

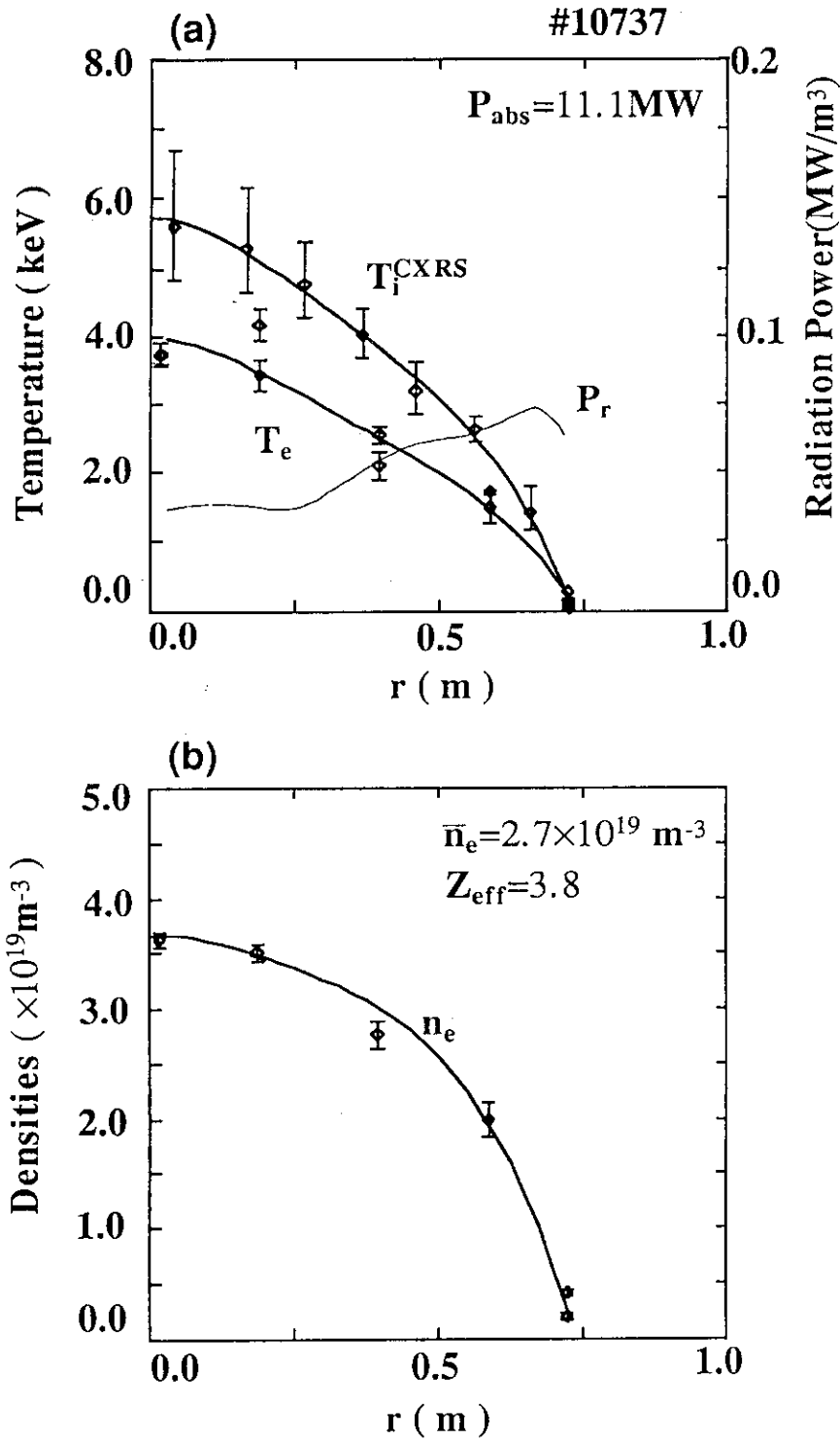


Fig. 3 Typical profile data of the divertor discharge (#10737) at a quasi-steady state of 7.1 sec: a) profiles of electron and ion temperatures, and radiation power; b) electron density profile.



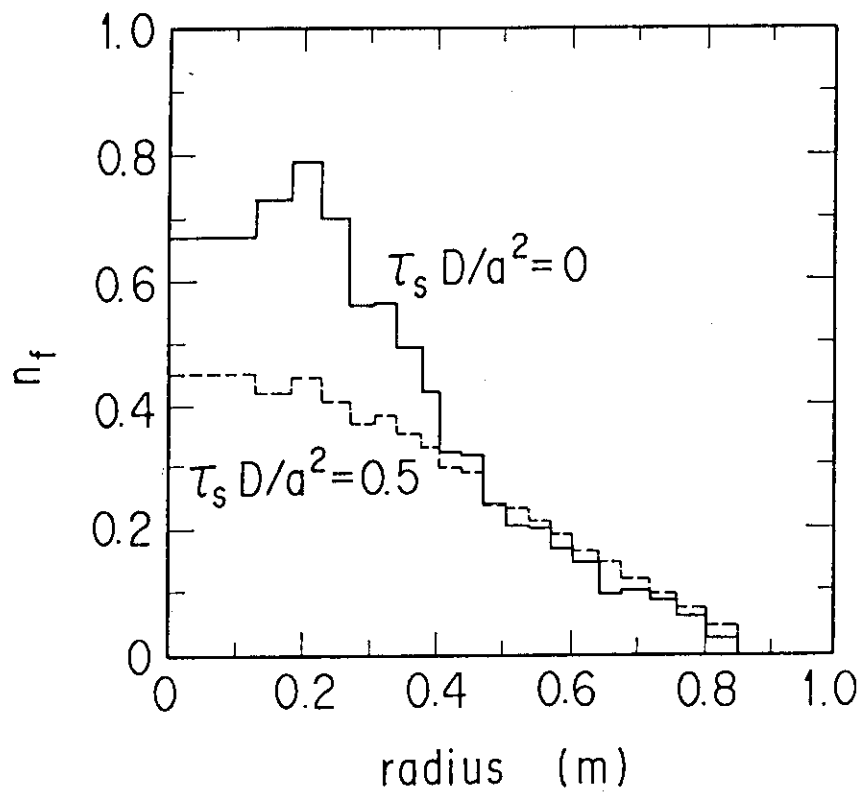


Fig. 4 Effect of particle diffusion on fast ions in slowing-down process. The beam acceleration energy is 75 keV. Normalized particle diffusion coefficient is assumed as  $\tau_s D/a^2 = 0.5$ , in which  $\tau_s$  is the slowing-down time.

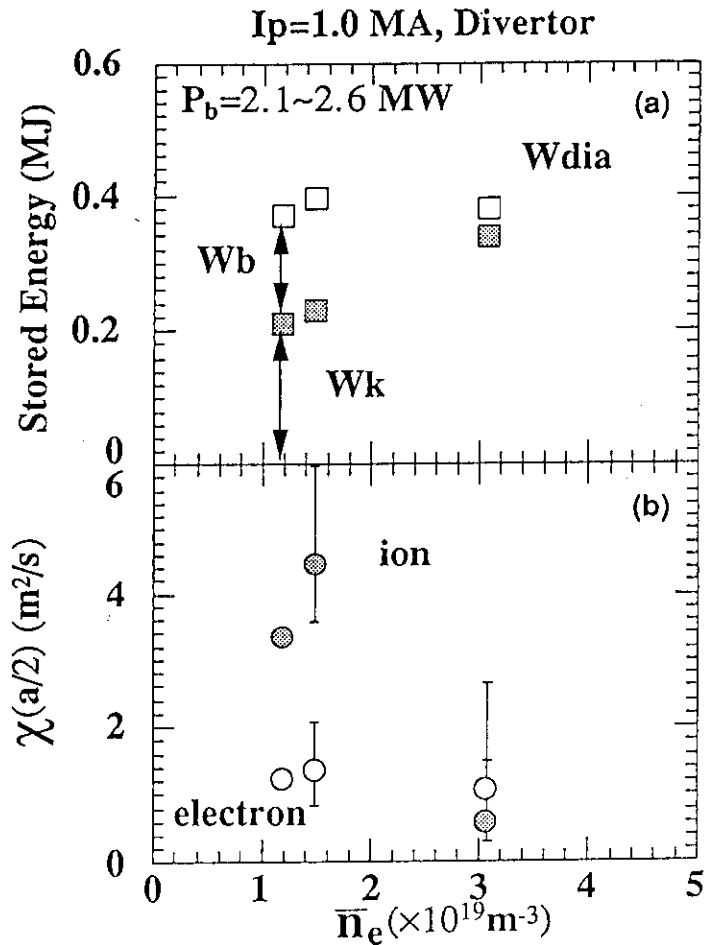


Fig. 5 Density dependencies of the diamagnetic measured stored energy, the kinetic stored energy, and the local thermal diffusivities of ions and electrons at half radii of plasmas with 1.0 MA, divertor configurations and the fixed beam powers of 2.1 MW to 2.6 MW: (a) the density dependencies of the diamagnetic stored energy,  $W_{da}$  (open square symbols) and of the kinetic stored energy,  $W_k$  (closed square symbols), subtracted the beam component,  $W_b$ , from the  $W_{da}$ ; (b) the thermal diffusivities of ions (open circles) and electrons (closed circles) versus the line average electron densities.

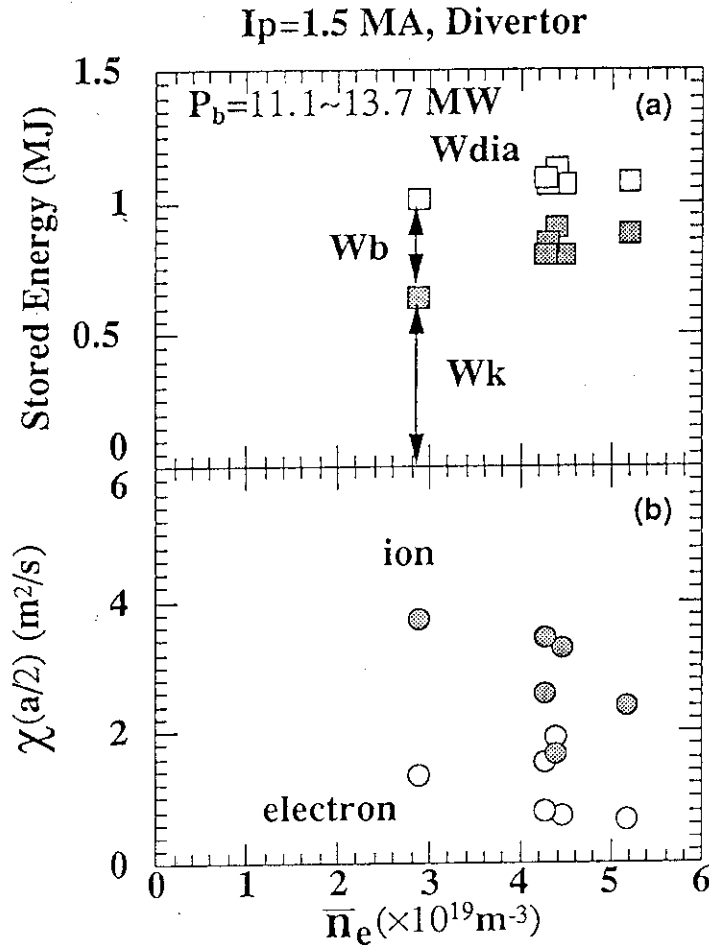


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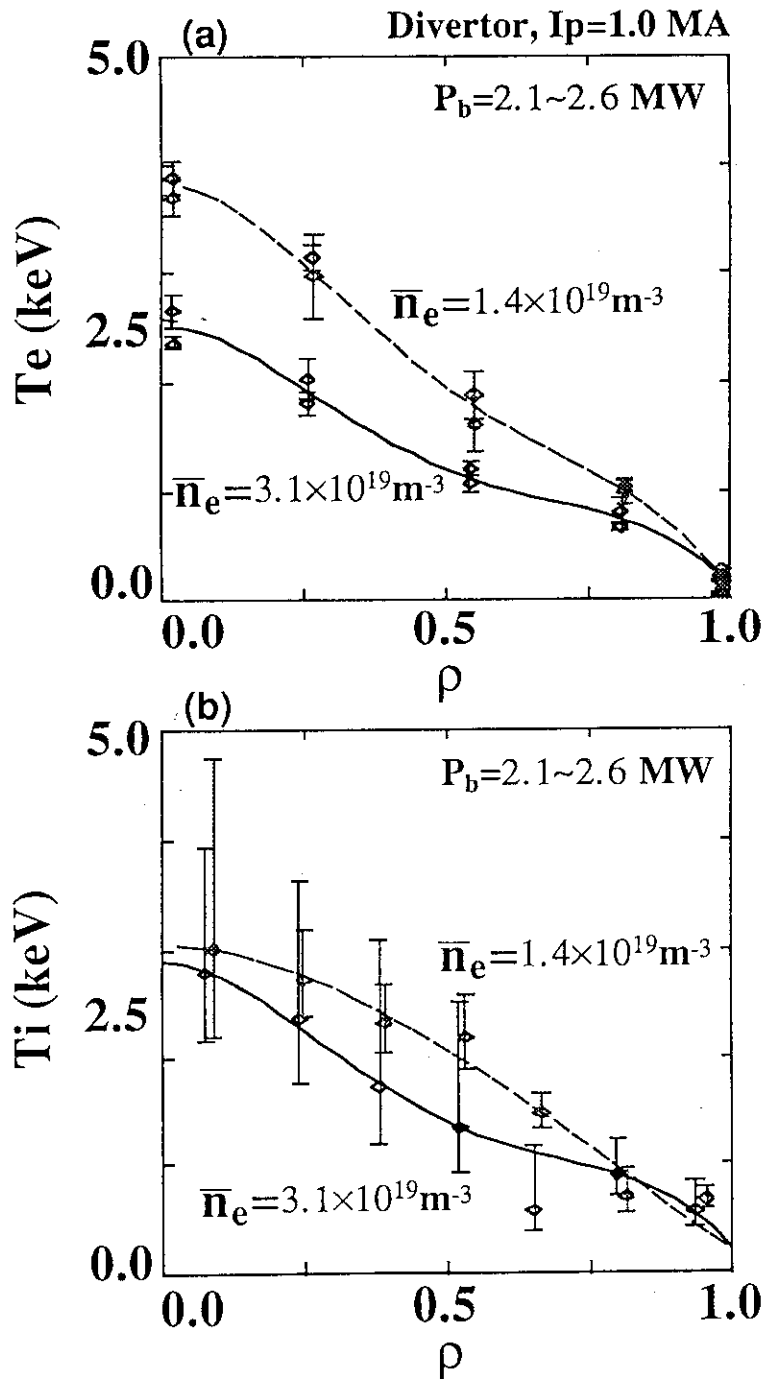


Fig. 7 Temperature profiles of 1.0 MA, divertor discharges for two different electron densities of  $1.4\times 10^{19}\text{ m}^{-3}$  (dashed lines) and  $3.1\times 10^{19}\text{ m}^{-3}$  (solid lines) with the fixed neutral beam heating powers of 2.1 MW to 2.6 MW: (a) the electron temperature profiles; (b) the ion temperature profiles.

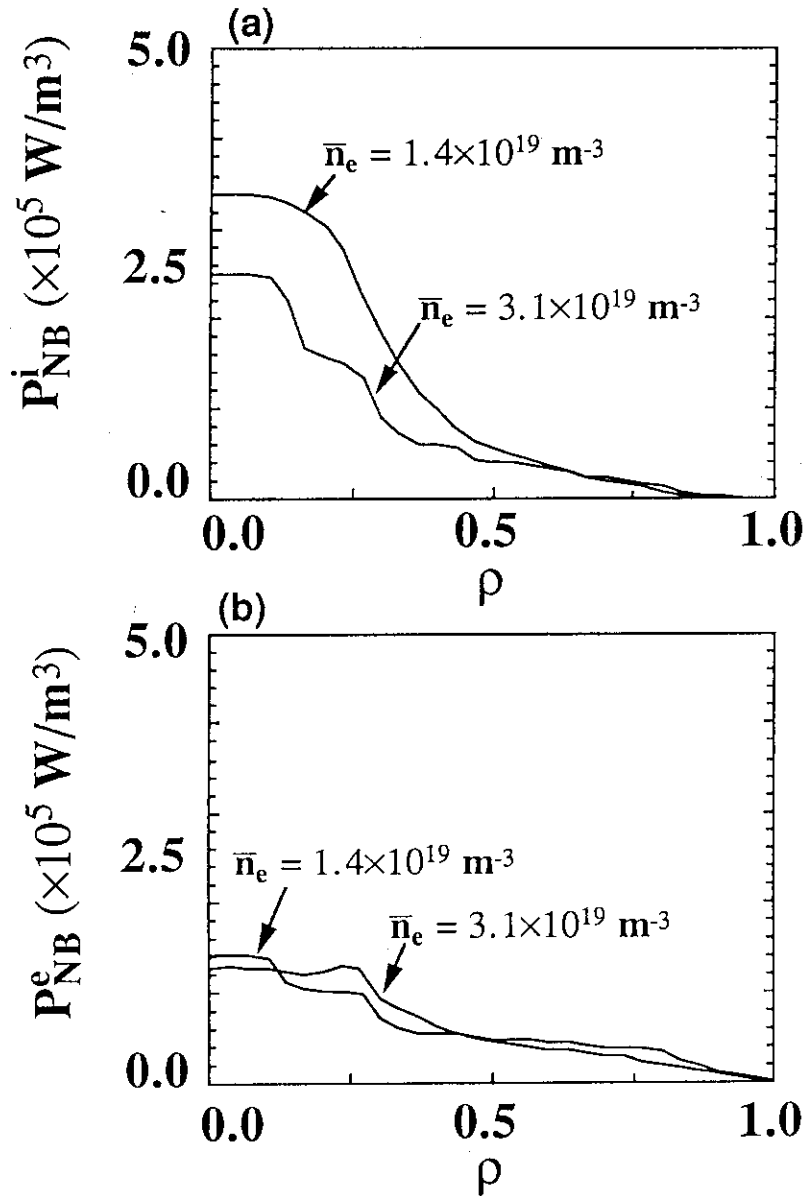


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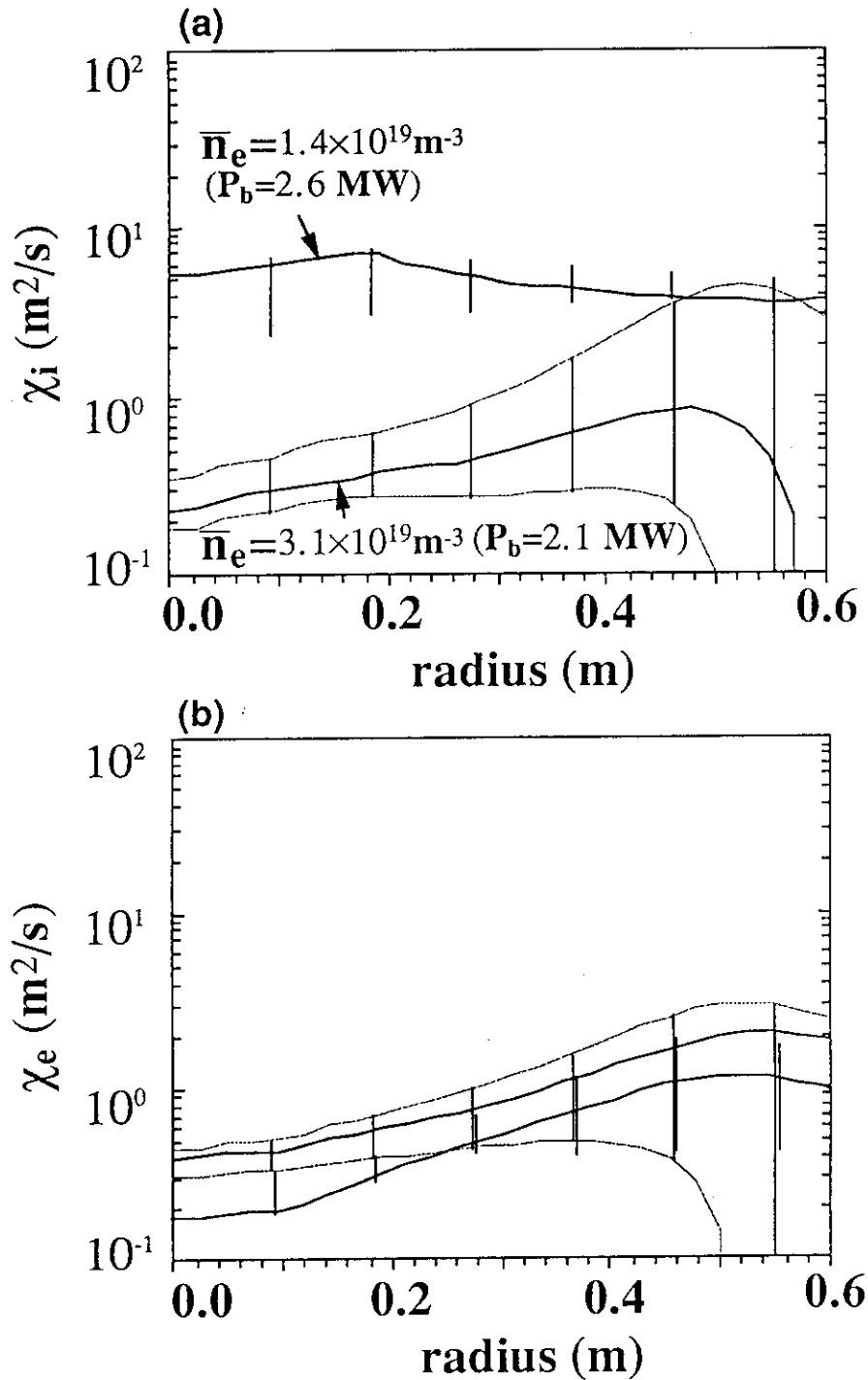


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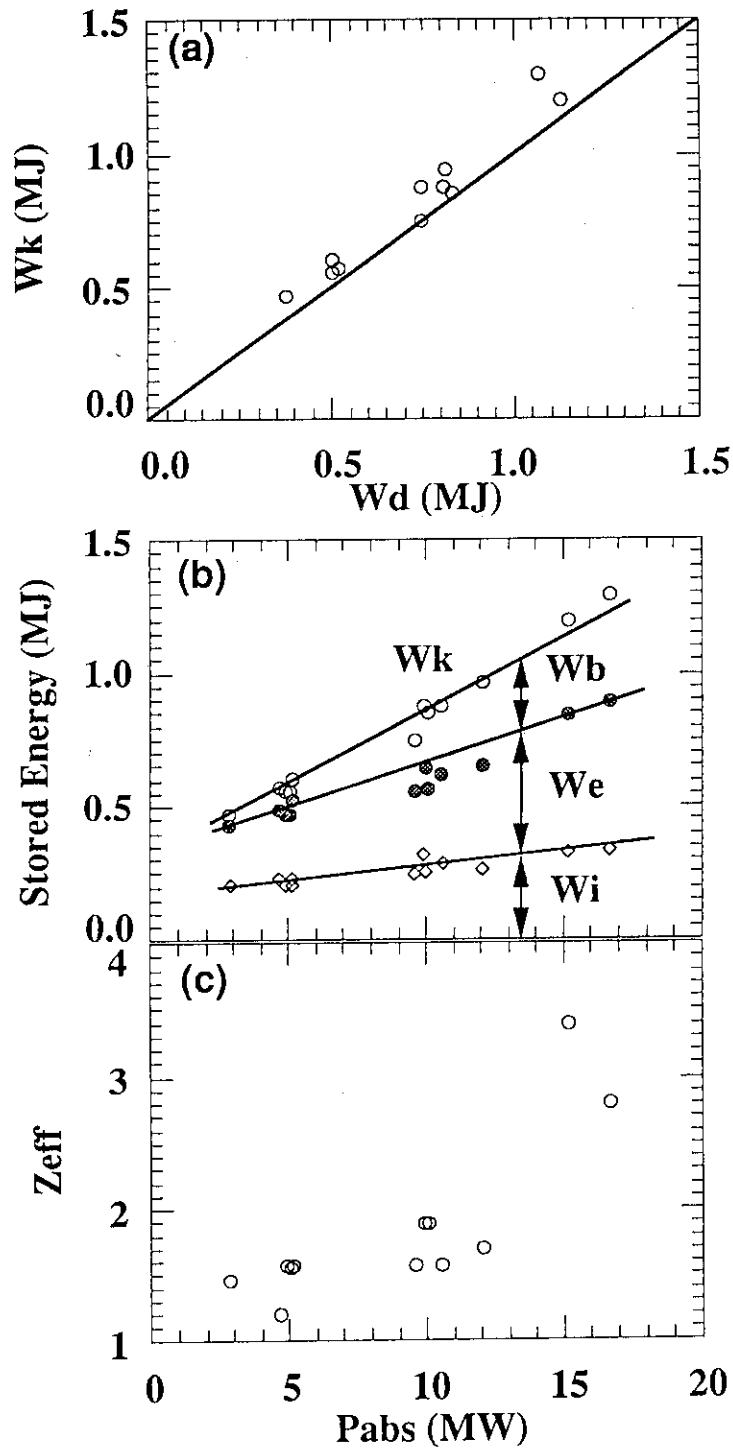


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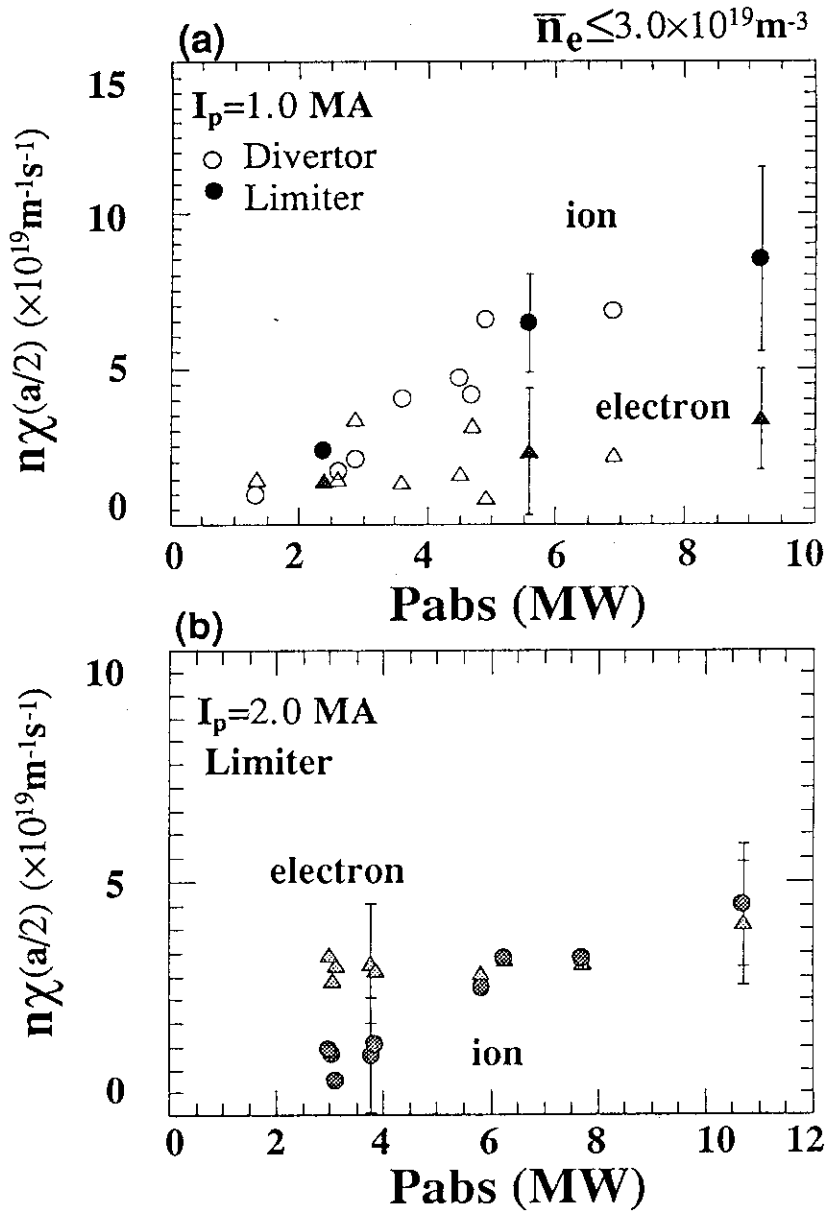


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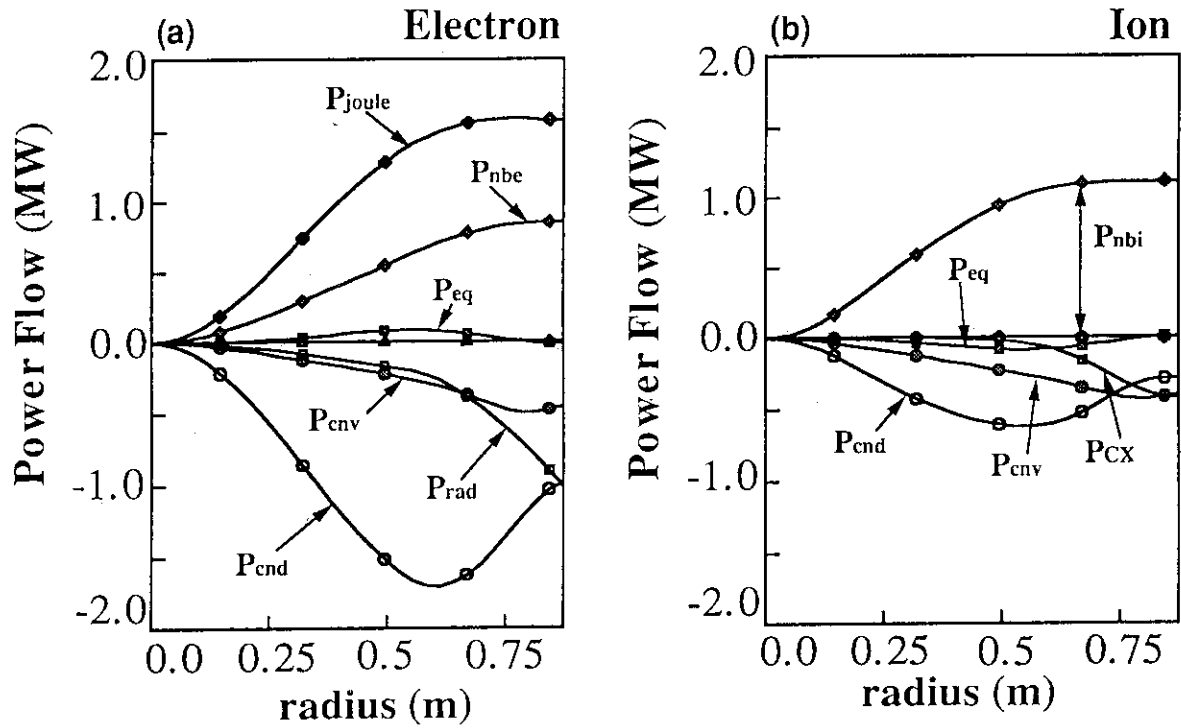


Fig.12 Radially integrated power flows of limiter discharge (#10620) with  $I_p = 2$  MA,  $P_{abs} = 3.7$  MW,  $\bar{n}_e = 2.3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  and  $Z_{eff} = 2.7$  :  
 (a) electron power flows, in which the electron conduction loss is  $P_{cnd}^e$ , the electron convection loss  $P_{cnv}^e$ , the energy exchange term  $P_{eq}$ , the radiation loss  $P_{rad}$ , the joule input power  $P_{joule}$ , and the neutral beam heating power to electrons  $P_{NB}^e$  ; (b) ion power flows, in which the ion conduction loss is  $P_{cnd}^i$ , the ion convection loss  $P_{cnv}^i$ , the charge exchange loss  $P_{CX}$ , and the neutral beam heating power to ions  $P_{NB}^i$ .

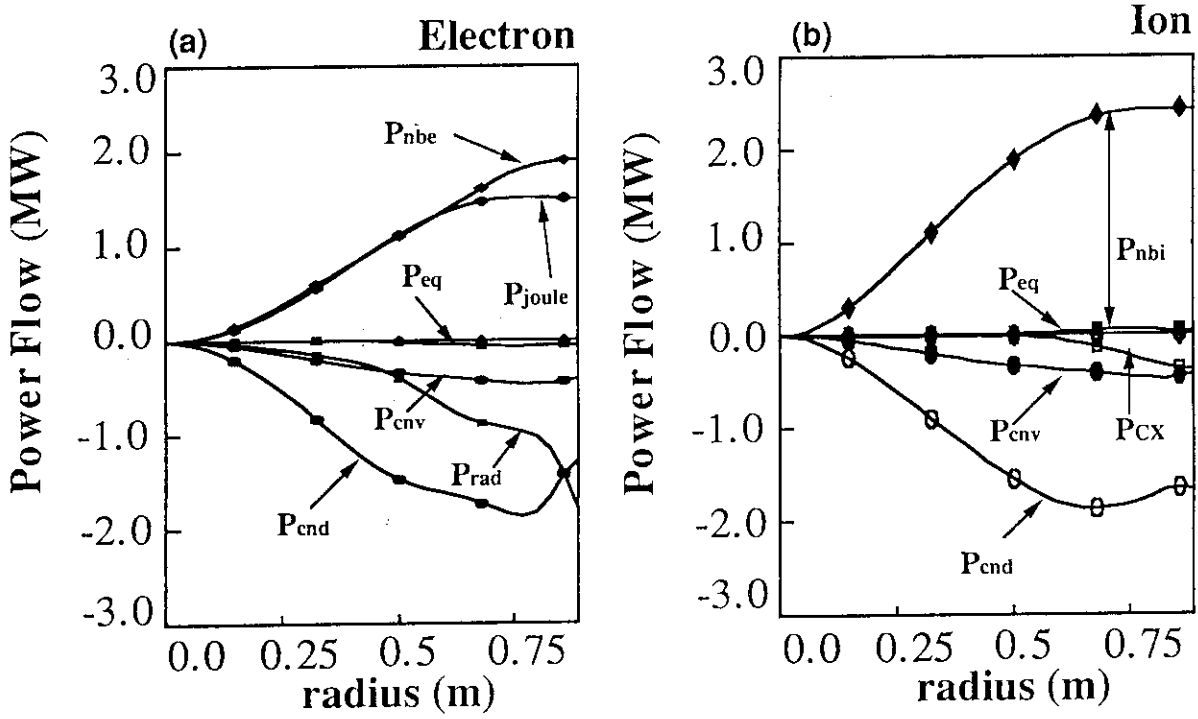


Fig. 13 Radially integrated power flows of limiter discharge (#10643) with  $I_p = 2$  MA,  $P_{abs} = 6.3$  MW,  $\bar{n}_e = 2.3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , and  $Z_{eff} = 3.9$  :  
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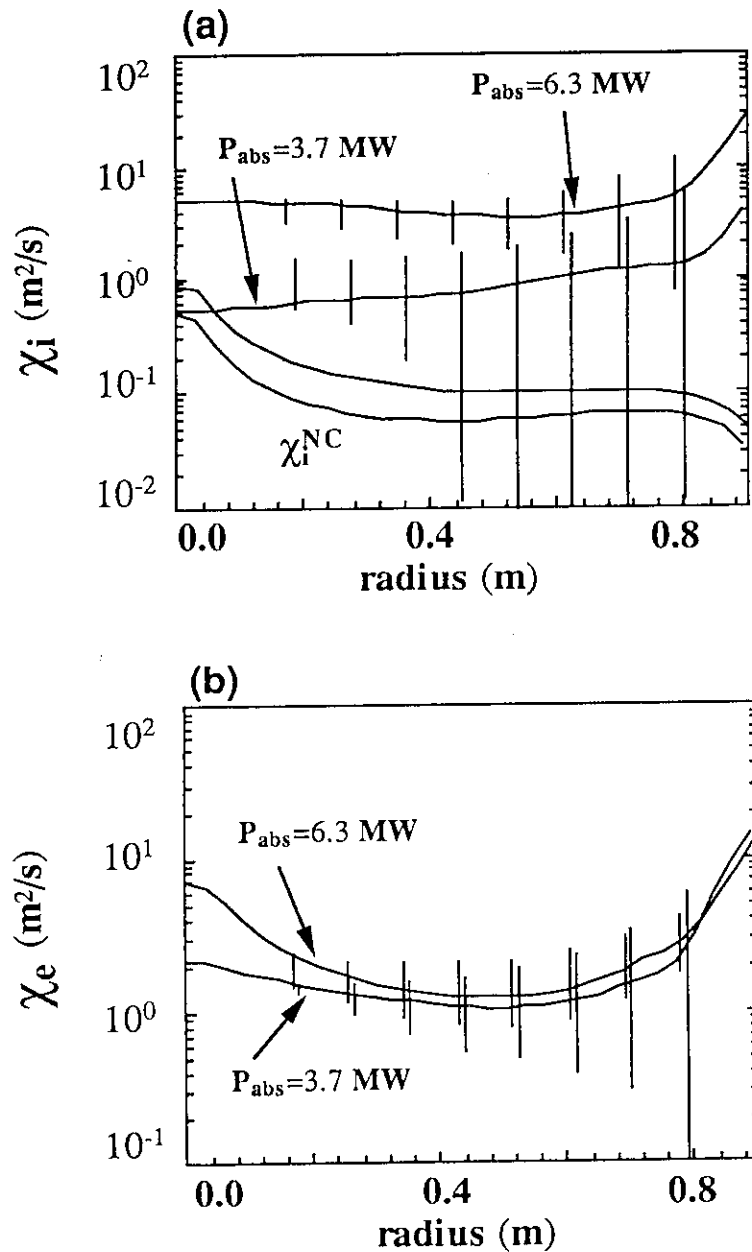


Fig. 14 The inferred diffusivity profiles of electron and ion under different heating powers. Two shots are #10620 and #10643, plasma parameters of which are referred in Figs. 12 and 13, respectively : (a) the inferred ion thermal diffusivity and the predicted neoclassical value,  $\chi_i^{NC}$ ; (b) the experimental value of the electron thermal diffusivity.

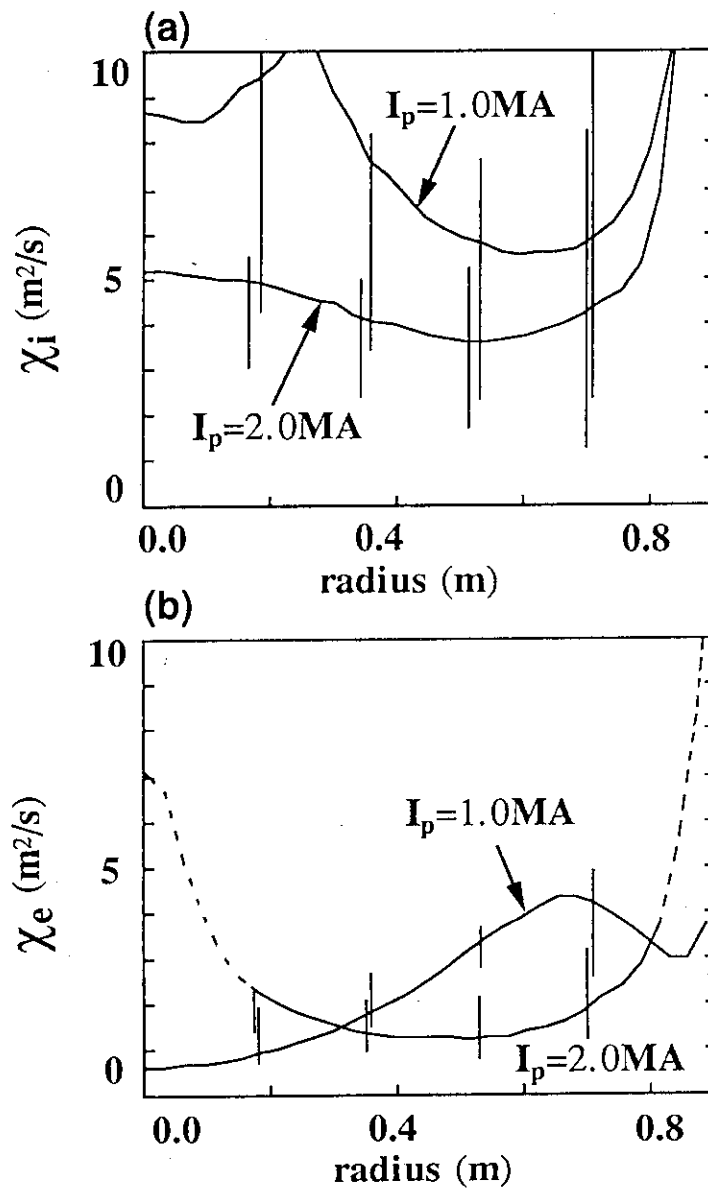


Fig. 15 Comparison of experimentally inferred  $\chi_i$  and  $\chi_e$  for plasma current scans from 1.0 MA to 2.0 MA at almost same heating power of 5.6 MW or 6.3 MW and constant  $Z_{\text{eff}}$  of 3.9. The line average electron densities are  $1.6 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  for  $I_p = 1.0 \text{ MA}$  and  $2.3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$  for  $I_p = 2.0 \text{ MA}$ : (a) ion thermal diffusivity profiles; (b) electron thermal diffusivity profiles.

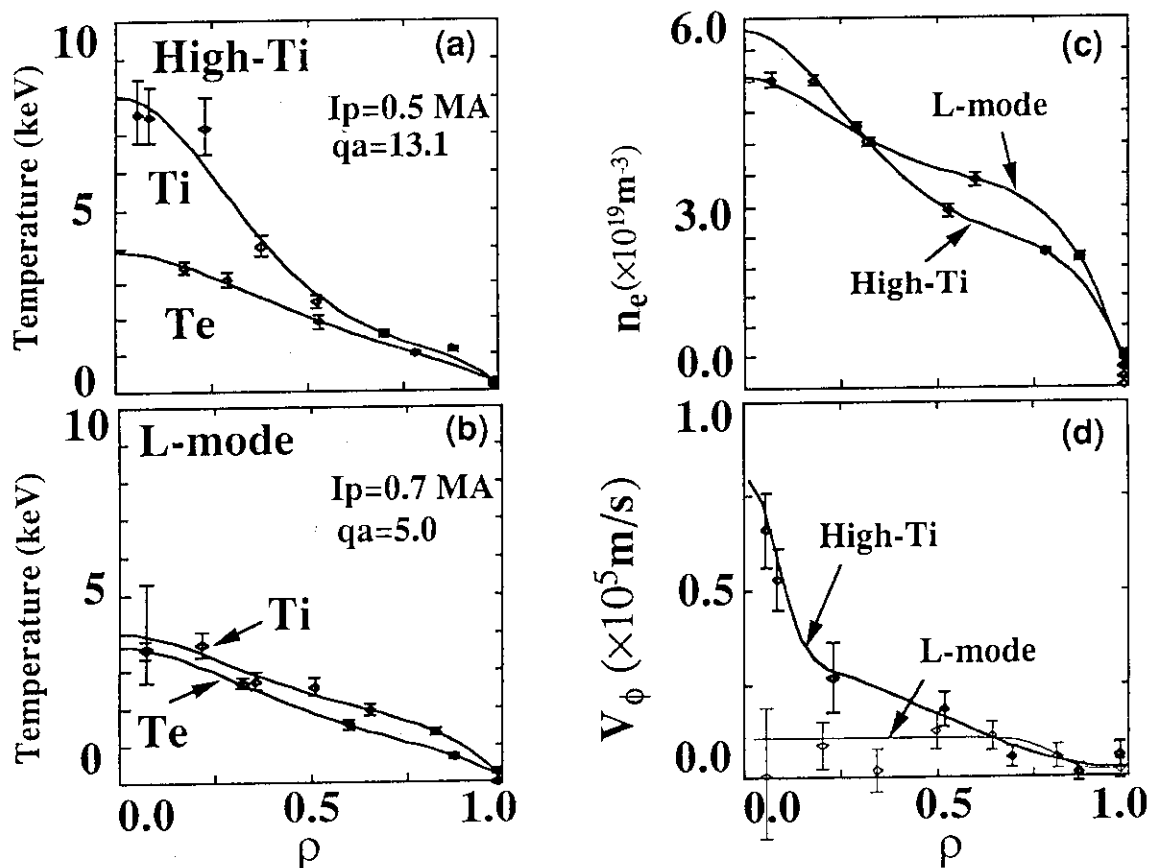


Fig. 16 Comparison of plasma profiles between High-Ti mode and L-mode discharges: (a) electron and ion temperature profiles for High-Ti mode discharge with  $I_p = 0.5$  MA,  $B_t = 4.5$  T,  $q_a = 13.1$ ,  $P_{\text{abs}} = 18$  MW, and  $\bar{n}_e = 3.5 \times 10^{19}$ ; (b) electron and ion temperature profiles for L-mode discharge with  $I_p = 0.7$  MA,  $B_t = 3.5$ ,  $q_a = 5.0$ ,  $P_{\text{abs}} = 18$  MW, and  $\bar{n}_e = 3.5 \times 10^{19} \text{m}^{-3}$ ; (c) electron density profiles, in which peaking factors of density profile are 2.3 for High-Ti mode and 1.7 for L-mode, respectively; (d) the rotation velocity profiles.

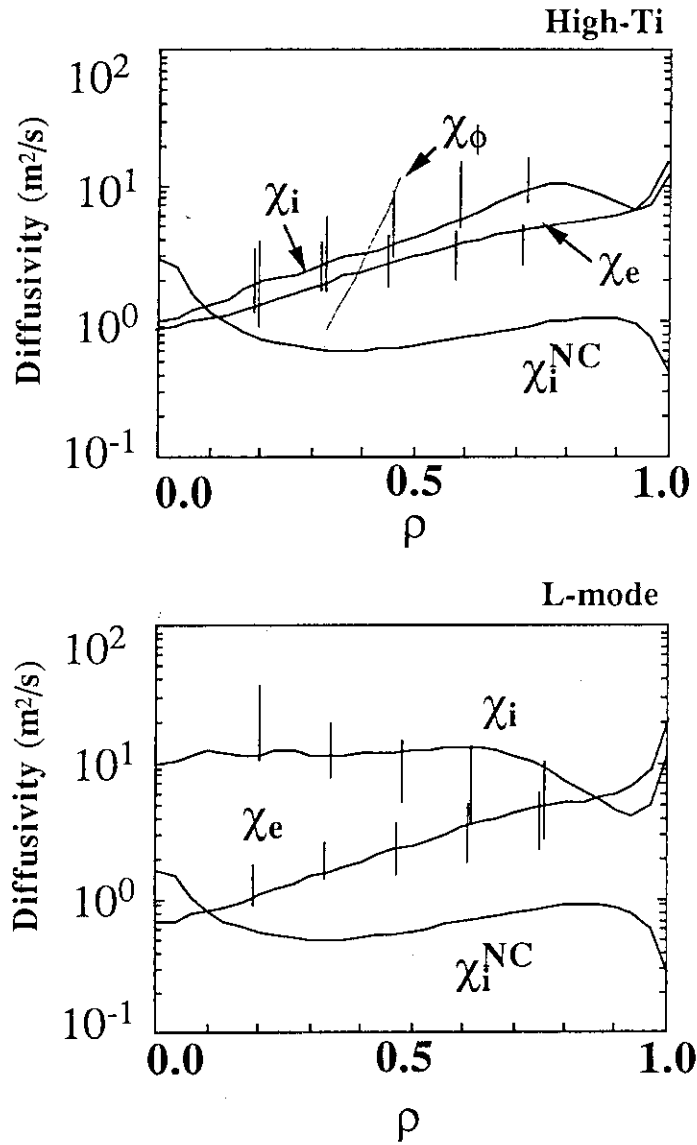


Fig. 17 Comparison of experimentally inferred  $\chi_e$ ,  $\chi_i$ , and  $\chi_\phi$  for the High-Ti mode and L-mode discharges: (a) High-Ti mode discharge; (b) L-mode discharge.