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Steady-state and hybrid mode operations of ITER are investigated by 0-D power balance calculations assuming no radiation and charge-exchange cooling in divertor region. Operation points are optimized with respect to divertor heat load which must be reduced to the level of ignition mode ( $\sim$ 5 MW/ $\mathrm{m}^2$ ). Dependence of the divertor heat load on the variety of the models, i.e., constant- $\chi$  model, Bohm-type- $\chi$  model and JT-60U empirical scaling model, is also discussed. The divertor heat load increases linearly with the fusion power (PFUS) in all models. The possible highest fusion power much differs for each model with an allowable divertor heat load. The heat load evaluated by constant- $\chi$  model is, for example, about 1.8 times larger than that by Bohm-type- $\chi$  model at  $P_{
m FUS}$  = 750 MW. Therefore, it should be important to refine the divertor scaling model. For these models assumed in this report, the fusion power for the steady-state mode should be smaller than about 200  $\sim$  400 MW within the constraint such as the divertor heat load, helium accumulation (He = 10%),  $\beta$ -limit (Troyon g  $\leq$  3), NBI power (PNBI  $\leq$  120 MW) and enhancement factor, H, of energy confinement time over L-mode scaling laws (H  $\leq$  2.1). Effect of reduction of the helium accumulation, improvements of the

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confinement capability and the current-drive efficiency are also investigated aiming at lowering the divertor heat load. If Troyon g = 3.4, H = 2.5, He = 5% and 40% enhancement of the current-drive efficiency are achieved simultaneously, the divertor heat load can be reduced to the level of ignition mode without impurity seeding at  $P_{FUS}$  = 690 MW corresponding to neutron wall load of 1 MW/m<sup>2</sup> at the test region. Hybrid mode operation appears to be suitable for the technology testing that requires long burn time and high neutron wall load. It is found that NBI power should be larger than about 60 MW to obtain a burn time longer than 2000 s. The optimized operation point, where the minimum divertor heat load is achieved, does not depend on the model and is the point with the minimum-P<sub>FUS</sub> and the maximum-P<sub>NBI</sub>. When P<sub>FUS</sub> = 690 MW and P<sub>NBI</sub> = 110 MW, the divertor heat load can be reduced to the level of ignition mode without impurity seeding if H = 2.2 is achieved. Controllability of the current-profile is also discussed.

Keywords: Tokamak, ITER, Fusion Reactor, Steady-state Tokamak
Operation, Divertor, Hybrid Tokamak Operation, H-factor,
Troyon Coefficient, Fusion Burn Time

ITERにおける長時間および定常運転モードでの ダイバータ熱負荷の比例則を用いた運転点の最適化

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国際熱核融合実験炉(ITER)における長時間および定常運転動作点のシステム検討を行い, ダイバータ熱負荷の観点から運転点の最適化を行った。エネルギー閉じ込め則としてITER89 パワー則を用いると定常運転可能領域は核融合出力が増加するにつれて小さくなるが、ITER の装置パラメータでは約 750MWまで運転が可能である。しかし実際に運転が可能かどうかはダ イバータ熱負荷の許容レベルによるため、与えられた核融合出力に対してダイバータ熱負荷を最 小にする運転点を見いだし、その時の熱負荷のレベルを評価することが重要である。本研究では 簡単な比例則を用いてダイバータ熱負荷を計算した。比例則としてはITERのガイドラインと なっている一定 $\chi$ (熱拡散係数)モデルだけでなく、ボーム型の $\chi$ モデル、 $\int T-60 U$ の実験で 得られた比例則を用い、モデルによる依存性も調べた。最適化された運転点におけるダイバータ 熱負荷の核融合出力依存性を調べたところ、定常運転モードでのダイバータ熱負荷は核融合出力 によって増加すること、その傾向はモデルによらず同様であるが、熱負荷の値は 750MWで 約 1.8倍異なることがわかった。これは許容される熱負荷が与えられたとき運転可能な核融合出 力がモデルによって大きく異なることを意味するので今後ダイバータ比例則の精密化が必要であ ろう。またヘリウム蓄積、閉じ込め、電流駆動効率の改善に対する効果を調べたところいずれも 1~3割程度の熱負荷の改善が見られた。また不純物注入では放射損失によりダイバータ部流入 パワーが減少するため熱負荷が数分の1に減少することがわかったが,主プラズマの閉じ込めに 与える影響が未解明であるため今後の実験で明らかにしていく必要があろう。長時間運転モード では、与えられた核融合出力と電流駆動パワーに対して到達可能最大燃焼時間を調べた。この場 合、燃焼時間が工学試験で要求される時間(約2000秒)より長ければ、燃焼時間を2000秒まで短 くすることにより、電子温度を下げてダイバータ熱負荷を減少させることができる。そうしてダ イバータ熱負荷を最適化した結果、最適点は比例則に依存せず、核融合出力が小さいほど、電流

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駆動パワーが大きいほど熱負荷が小さいことがわかった。また不純物添加を行わなくても閉じ込めを1割程度改善することで、熱負荷を自己点火モードと同程度にできることもわかった。

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#### 1. Introduction

Conceptual Design Activities (CDA) of International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) were successfully completed in December 1990. In CDA phase, parametric and design space analysis has been extensively performed and the choice of the ITER baseline design and operation modes have been determined [1]. ITER operation modes are categorized into three groups, i.e., inductive (ignition mode) operations, long-pulse (hybrid mode) operations and steady-state mode operations. In each operation mode, the reference operation points are chosen to satisfy the several constraints such as beta limit, auxiliary heating power, energy confinement time, neutron wall load for technology testing, divertor heat load, etc. The ignition capability is shown to be reasonable and the hybrid operations with impurity seeding satisfy the required conditions [2]. So far, however, no steadystate operation with high neutron wall load satisfies the divertor constraint because of the low density necessary for efficient noninductive current drive. In case of hybrid mode, the operation is possible, but the effect of impurity seeding on the confinement of main plasma is still unknown. Therefore, it is considered that the heat removal of the divertor plate is an important R & D issue and the further optimization of the operation points is necessary.

In this report, the operation point of ITER is analyzed by using a 0-D Tokamak Plasma Power Balance Calculation (TPC) code developed for ITER CDA. TPC code solves 0-D power balance of a tokamak plasma including profile effects and calculates beta values, Troyon coefficient, energy confinement time, neutron wall load, divertor heat load, etc. The divertor heat load is evaluated by using simplified scaling models. There are two reasons for this simple approach. First, the detailed local transport in the core plasma and divertor region has not well been understood. Second, the more sophisticated 2-D calculation is much more time consuming and is not suitable for the parametric study. Three types of divertor scaling models are compared.

In Chap. 2, we give a brief description of TPC code used to

analyze the operation points of ITER. The calculation models of divertor heat load are also described there. In Chap. 3, we concentrate on steady-state mode operations. Steady-state operation region of ITER is reviewed and the divertor heat load is predicted by using several scaling models. Operation points are optimized with respect to divertor heat load and requirements to reduce the heat load down to the level of ignition mode are discussed. Several methods to improve the divertor condition are also investigated. In Chap. 4, we investigate the hybrid mode operations. The operation points are optimized under the condition where the burn time is longer than 2000 s, which is necessary for the technology testing. Relation between the controllability of plasma current-profile and the divertor heat load is also discussed. Chapter 5 gives the conclusions and summary.

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#### 2-1 Power Balance Calculation

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where  $P_{\alpha}$  is alpha heating power,  $P_{OH}$  is ohmic power,  $P_{NBI}$  is auxiliary heating power,  $W_{P}$  is stored energy,  $\tau_{E}$  is the energy confinement time,  $P_{BR}$  is bremsstrahlung loss power,  $P_{SYN}$  is synchrotron loss power and  $P_{LIN}$  is line radiation losses, respectively. In this report, we consider only neutral beam injection (NBI) heating for simplicity. Carbon (C), oxygen (O) and iron (Fe) are assumed as impurities. Fractions of C and Fe to the electron density  $(n_{e})$  depend on  $n_{e}$ . Fraction of O is fixed to 0.1 %.

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Therefore, the effective ion charge  $(Z_{\rm eff})$  also depends on  $n_{\rm e}$ . Helium accumulation for the typical case is assumed to be 10 %. Typical values of  $Z_{\rm eff}$  are 1.7 at  $n_{\rm e}$ =1.2×10<sup>20</sup>m<sup>-3</sup> and 2.2 at  $n_{\rm e}$ =0.6×10<sup>20</sup>m<sup>-3</sup>. It is assumed that the wall reflectivity for the synchrotron loss is 80 %. Radiation losses from the plasma are calculated according to ITER Physics design guidelines [3].

Required energy confinement time is compared with ITER-89 L-mode scaling laws and the confinement enhancement factor (H-factor) is evaluated. Generally, confinement time evaluated by the scaling law is a function of net heating power  $P_{\rm HEAT}$ . We do not subtract the synchrotron loss power from  $P_{\rm HEAT}$ . That is,

$$P_{\rm HEAT} = P_{\alpha} + P_{\rm OH} + P_{\rm NBI} - (P_{\rm BR} + P_{\rm LIN}) .$$

This assumption is conservative since the estimation of H-factor is larger than the case that  $P_{\rm SYN}$  is subtracted.

The current-drive efficiency of NBI is based on ITER physics design guidelines [3]. Bootstrap current  $I_{BS}$  is calculated by the following equations [4];

$$I_{BS} / I_{P} = C_{BS} (\epsilon^{0.5} \beta_{p})^{1.3},$$

$$C_{BS} = 1.32 - 0.235(q_{\Psi}/q_0) + 0.0185(q_{\Psi}/q_0)^2,$$

where  $I_p$  is the plasma current,  $\epsilon$  is the inverse aspect ratio,  $\beta_p$  is poloidal beta value,  $q_{\Psi}$  is MHD safety factor at 95 % magnetic surface and  $q_0$  is the safety factor at the axis, respectively.

Major radius  $(R_p)$  is 6.0 m, minor radius  $(a_p)$  is 2.15 m, elongation  $(\kappa)$  is 2.0 and triangularity  $(\delta)$  is 0.35, respectively. Table 1 lists the major plasma parameters and machine parameters of ITER. Reference operation points of ITER calculated by TPC code are shown in Table 2. In this report, we designate the specific operation points as  $I_n$ ,  $S_n$  and  $H_n$  (n=1,2,3...). Here I, S and H denote ignition, steady-state and hybrid mode, respectively. And we also designate general operation points, such as the lowest- $I_p$  point, by Point A, Point B, etc.

#### 2-2 Calculation of Divertor Heat Load

In this section, we review the model of the divertor heat load briefly and introduce several scaling models. The peak divertor heat load  $W_{\rm div}$  (MW/m<sup>2</sup>) is described by

$$W_{div} = \frac{f_{div} \cdot P_{div}}{2\pi R_{div}} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta_{P}} \cdot \sin\Theta,$$

where  $P_{div}$  (MW) is the power inflow to the divertor region and given by

$$P_{div} = P_{\alpha} + P_{OH} + P_{NBI} - (P_{BR} + P_{SYN} + P_{LIN} + P_{EDGE}).$$

Here,  $P_{EDGE}$  is the radiation loss in SOL region.  $1/\Delta_P$  (m<sup>-1</sup>) is the peaking factor of the heat flux, that is an inverse of the half width of heat flux.  $R_{div}$  is the position of striking point and  $\Theta$  is the angle between the separatrix field line and the divertor plate in the poloidal cross-section, respectively. And  $f_{div}$  is the fraction of the power to the plate considered, that is,  $f_{div} = 0.6$  for the outer plate of SN divertor, 0.4 for the inner plate of SN divertor and the outer plate of DN divertor and 0.1 for the inner plate of DN divertor.

According to the experiments in JT-60U [5],  $1/\Delta_P$  is found to be proportional to  $Q_{div}^{0.49} n_e^{-0.46} q_{eff}^{-0.67}$  (See Fig. 1). Here,  $q_{eff}$  is the effective q value,  $Q_{div} = P_{div} / S_P$  and  $S_P$  is the plasma surface area. Therefore, we obtain the following scaling model;

$$W_{div}^{JT-60U} \propto P_{div}^{1.49} n_e^{-0.46} I_P^{0.67}$$
. [JT-60U model]

Theoretical scaling models are also proposed [6,7]. By using the equation of thermal conduction perpendicular to the magnetic field line,  $1/\Delta_p$  is scaled as follows;

$$\frac{1}{\Delta_{\rm p}} \propto Q_{\rm div}^{5/9} n_{\rm S}^{-7/9} \chi_{\perp}^{-7/9} L^{-4/9},$$

where  $n_s$  is the electron density at the mid-plane separatrix,  $\chi_{\perp}$  is the transverse thermal diffusion coefficient and L (=  $R_p q_{\Psi}$ ) is the connection length, respectively. In this report, we will use two typical models for  $\chi_{\perp}$ . The first one is that  $\chi_{\perp}$  is constant. In this case, we have

$$W_{\text{div}}^{\text{Const-}\chi} \propto P_{\text{div}}^{14/9} n_e^{-7/9} I_P^{4/9}$$
. [Const-\chi model]

Here, we assume  $n_s$  is proportional to  $n_e$  [8]. Another typical case is the Bohm diffusion case. In this case, by using  $\chi_{\perp} \propto P_{\rm div}^{3/4} / n_e^{1/2}$ , we obtain

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In ITER CDA, Const- $\chi$  model (Harrison-Kukushkin's simplified model [6]) is adopted to estimate the divertor heat load together with 2-D calculations [8]. In the following part of this report, we use above mentioned three models to evaluate the divertor heat load. Note that  $W_{\rm div}$  is a function only of  $P_{\rm div}$ ,  $n_{\rm e}$  and  $I_{\rm p}$  for the specific machine.  $W_{\rm div}$  is normalized to 5 MW/m<sup>2</sup> at the ITER reference ignition point ( $I_{\rm l}$ ) where  $P_{\rm div} = 116$  MW,  $n_{\rm e} = 1.22 \times 10^{20}$  m<sup>-3</sup> and  $I_{\rm p} = 22$  MA.

# 3. Optimization of Steady-state Mode Operation

# 3-1 Steady-state Operation Region

In this section, we review a steady-state operation of ITER. Optimization of the operation points is done in the next section. Major restrictions for the steady-state operation are beta limit, energy confinement time and available current-drive power.

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$$\beta_t (\%) = g \cdot \frac{I_p [MA]}{a_p [m] B_T [T]}$$
 ( g < g<sub>cr</sub>),

where  $a_p$  is the plasma minor radius and  $B_T$  is the toroidal magnetic field, respectively. The value of the proportionality constant (g) is called Troyon coefficient and must be smaller than the critical value  $(g_{cr})$ . Here,  $g_{cr} = 2 \sim 5$  depending on the plasma shape, the current profile, etc. In case of a steady-state plasma, we assume that  $g_{cr} = 3.0$  because the current-profile control might be possible, while  $g_{cr} = 2.0$  is adopted for the ignition mode of ITER. It is not clear at present whether only the perpendicular component of the injected beam pressure should be included in  $\beta$ -limit or whether the entire beam pressure should contribute. In this report, we assume that all component of the beam beta  $\beta_b$  contribute to  $\beta_t$ . This assumption is more conservative than the case that one third of  $\beta_b$  is included [1].

Confinement constraints are expressed in terms of the maximum permissible enhancement (H-factor) over L-mode energy confinement scaling laws. In this report, we consider two types of scaling laws, i.e., ITER-89 power scaling law and ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law. For these scaling laws, the confinement time increases with I<sub>p</sub>. Typical value of H-factor in the present experiments of large tokamaks is smaller than 2. H-mode experiments in JET and ASDEX show that H-factor for ITER-89 power scaling law is sometimes about 2.2 [1]. In this chapter, we assume that the maximum value of H-factor is 2.1 following the previous work [1,2].

Another constraint is the available current-drive power  $P_{NBI}$ . Since the current-drive efficiency is approximately proportional to the electron temperature  $T_e$ , the required power is larger in lower- $T_e$  region (and naturally in higher- $I_p$  region). In this report, we assume that the maximum value of  $P_{NBI}$  is 120 MW.

Fusion gain, or energy multiplication, Q may be another key issue. It is because the steady-state operation with Q > 5 might be necessary to extrapolate to DEMO reactor. In the previous work [1,2], the condition  $Q \ge 5$  is used instead of  $P_{NBI} \le 120$  MW. Obviously, the latter is stricter than the former when the fusion

power  $P_{FUS} > 600$  MW, which is the region of our concern. Therefore, we adopt the latter condition in this report.

For the reasons mentioned above, it is convenient to express the operation region of a steady-state plasma in  $T_e$ -  $I_p$  space together with the contour lines of g, H-factor and  $P_{\rm NBI}$ . Next, we show the steady-state operation region by using above mentioned two scaling laws.

## (i) ITER-89 power scaling law

Figure 2 shows the steady-state operation region for various fusion powers P<sub>FUS</sub>. H-factor is evaluated by using ITER-89 power scaling law. Average neutron wall load LWAL is also shown in the figures. In all figures, solid lines, dashed lines and short-long dashed lines denote contour lines of H-factor, P<sub>NBI</sub> and Troyon g, respectively. Note that the loop voltage V<sub>LOOP</sub> is equal to 0 V everywhere and the fusion gain Q is not constant on this Te-IP plane. The MHD safety factor  $q_{\Psi} > 3$  is another constraint. Here,  $q_{\Psi}$  = 3 is corresponding to  $I_p$  = 22 MA. Therefore, operation is possible in the shaded area of the figures. It is seen that the operation region is limited mainly by the confinement capability (H-factor) not by the beta limit (Troyon g) when the fusion power P<sub>FUS</sub> is relatively small. It is also seen that the possible operation area becomes very small when the average neutron wall load L<sub>WAL</sub> goes up to 0.6 MW/m<sup>2</sup>, corresponding to about 1 MW/m<sup>2</sup> in the testing region, which is considered to be the minimum requirement for the technology testing. It is also seen that there is no steady-state operation region when P<sub>FUS</sub> is larger than about 750 MW, since Troyon g exceeds the critical value. The reference operation point for steady-state mode is also shown on Fig.2-c) by Point S<sub>1</sub>. The reason why this point is chosen is explained in the next section.

When the condition  $H \le 2.0$  is adopted instead of the condition  $H \le 2.1$ , the maximum fusion power goes down to about 690 MW. The operation point with the lowest- $I_p$  for this case is shown in Fig.2-b) by Point  $S_2$ .

### (ii) ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law

Figure 3 shows the steady-state operation region for various fusion powers  $P_{FUS}$  when H-factor is evaluated by using ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law. In this case, the operation point is limited mainly by Troyon g rather than H-factor. Therefore, the lowest value of  $I_P$  increases with  $P_{FUS}$ . If the restriction on Troyon coefficient g is removed, the operation is limited by H-factor and the lowest value of  $I_P$  does not change much when  $P_{FUS}$  increases. Note that no restriction appears on  $P_{FUS}$  when H-factor is calculated by this scaling law, while the maximum value of  $P_{FUS}$  is about 1000 MW for the power scaling law.

#### 3-2 Divertor Heat Load for Steady-state Operation

The scaling model of divertor heat load considered in this report is generally written as follows;

$$W_{div} \propto (P_{\alpha} - P_{RAD} + P_{NBI})^a I_p^b / n_e^c$$
 (a, b, c > 0),

where  $P_{RAD}$  is the total radiation loss power. Then, the divertor heat load increases as  $I_P$  becomes large and decreases as  $n_e$  becomes high. On the other hand,  $n_e$  becomes high as  $T_e$  decreases when the fusion power is fixed. In case of steady-state operations, however, the lower- $T_e$  requires the larger- $P_{NBI}$  due to the low efficiency of current-drive. Therefore, the first term of the above equation becomes large. The resultant value of the divertor heat load depends on the exponent of each term.

Figure 4 shows the steady-state operation region for ITER-89 power scaling law when  $P_{FUS} = 450$  MW. This figure is corresponding to Fig. 2-a). Point A represents the operation point for the largest- $P_{NBI}$ , the smallest- $T_e$  and the smallest- $I_p$ . Point B denotes the operation point for the smallest- $P_{NBI}$ , the highest- $T_e$  and the highest- $T_p$ . Point C represents the operation point for the

largest-P<sub>NBI</sub>, the smallest-H and the highest-I<sub>P</sub>. The divertor heat load and other plasma parameters at these points are shown in Table 3. It is seen that the divertor heat load at Point A is the smallest for all scaling models. The result does not change even when ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law is used.

Practically, the current-drive power should be at least  $5\sim10~\%$  smaller than the maximum value available. Figure 5 shows the divertor heat load and the required current-drive power when the operation point moves from A to B on the contour line of H = 2.1 in Fig. 2-c). It is seen that the divertor heat load does not increase very much when the operation point moves from A to B and the beam power takes the minimum value at Point  $S_1$ . Hence the ITER reference point of steady-state mode is selected as the one shown in Table 2.

In this report, we investigate the minimum divertor heat load. Therefore, we adopt the lowest- $I_P$  point (Point A) as the optimized point for this fusion power. Note that the dependence on the plasma current  $I_P$  is dominant in these cases, since  $(I_P^A/I_P^B)^{4/9} \sim 0.8$ . This implies that the dependence of the divertor heat load on the plasma current  $I_P$  or the connection length L (= $R_P^{}q_{\Psi}$ ) is important for this kind of analysis.

# 3-3 Divertor Heat Load for Various Fusion Powers

# (i) ITER-89 power scaling law

Figure 6 shows the divertor heat load at the lowest  $I_p$  point (Point A) for various fusion powers. Here, ITER-89 power scaling law is assumed. It is seen that the dependence of the divertor heat load on the fusion power is similar for all models considered. When  $P_{FUS}=750$  MW, the heat load given by Const- $\chi$  model is 1.8 times larger than that given by Bohm- $\chi$  model. The heat load given by JT-60U model takes the intermediate value.

## (ii) ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law

Figure 7 shows the divertor heat load at Point A for various fusion powers in case of ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law. The dependence of the heat load on the fusion power is similar to that of ITER-89 power scaling law. When  $P_{FUS} = 750$  MW, the heat load values are about equal to those for power scaling law. When  $P_{FUS} < 750$  MW, the heat load is smaller in offset-linear scaling law than in power scaling law.

Figure 8 shows the possible highest fusion power as a function of the allowable divertor heat load for several divertor models. This figure is the case for ITER-89 power scaling law. It is seen that the possible highest fusion power much differs for each model when the allowable divertor heat load is given. Therefore, it should be important to refine the divertor scaling model in the future physics R & D. The possible fusion power is 200 ~ 400 MW when the maximum allowable heat load is 5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>. This value may be too small for the technology testing.

#### 3-4 Reduction Scheme of Divertor Heat Load

In the previous section, we investigate the achievable fusion power under the conditions given by the ITER guidelines. In this section, we discuss the several reduction methods of the divertor heat load by improving the helium accumulation, the confinement capability and the current-drive efficiency when  $P_{FUS} = 690 \text{ MW}$  as an example. We also give the target of physics R & D.

In case of ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law, it is seen from Fig.3 that the very low operation temperature (consequently high operation density) can be chosen if the constraint on Troyon g is removed. Therefore, it is an important physics R & D to achieve high-g operation when this scaling law holds. In fact, the divertor heat load for the steady-state mode operation can be reduced to the level of ignition mode (~ 5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>) if Troyon g can be

increased up to 3.6 (Point  $S_0$  in Table 4). In the following part, only ITER-89 power scaling law is used to estimate the H-factor since this scaling law gives stricter constraint for the operation region than ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law.

Figure 9 shows the minimum divertor heat load as a function of helium concentration when  $P_{NBI} = 120$  MW, H = 2 and  $g \le 3$ . It is seen that the heat load decreases by about 15 % for all models as the helium concentration is reduced from 10 % to 6 %. This reduction is attributed to the decrease of the plasma current due to the decrease of the fuel dilution effect, which leads to the decrease of the operation temperature and increase of the density to achieve the same fusion power.

Figure 10 shows the minimum divertor heat load as a function of H-factor when  $P_{NBI} = 120$  MW and  $g \le 3$ . Here, the helium concentration is fixed to 10 %. It is seen that the heat load decreases by 20 ~ 25 % for all models as H-factor increases from 2.0 to 2.2. It is because the plasma current at the operation point becomes low due to the good confinement, which is basically the same as the case with decreasing helium concentration.

Figure 11 shows the minimum divertor heat load as a function of the current-drive efficiency  $\gamma$  normalized by  $\gamma_{ITER}$  when  $P_{NBI} = 120$  MW, H = 2 and  $g \le 3$ . Here,  $\gamma_{ITER}$  is the current-drive efficiency given by the ITER guidelines. It is seen that the heat load decreases by  $20 \sim 30$  % as  $\gamma/\gamma_{ITER}$  increases from 1.0 to 1.4. It is because the operation temperature becomes low due to the good current-drive efficiency.

It is considered that the additional impurity seeding is effective because the radiation loss becomes large [1,2]. Figure 12 shows the minimum divertor heat load as a function of the concentration of Fe when H = 2.1, g  $\leq$  3 and P<sub>FUS</sub> = 750 MW. In this case, the required P<sub>NBI</sub> increases due to the increase of the radiation loss. Corresponding Z<sub>eff</sub> and P<sub>NBI</sub> are shown in Fig. 13. Nevertheless, it is seen that the heat load decreases drastically for all models as Fe concentration increases. The heat load decreases to the level of ignition mode of operation (about 5 ~ 6 MW/m²) when Fe concentration increases from 0.06 % to 0.28 %. In this case, however, P<sub>NBI</sub> increases from 120 to 150 MW and Z<sub>eff</sub>

increases from 2.2 to 3.5. Further study should be done experimentally since the effect of impurity seeding on the confinement of the main plasma is unknown.

Figure 14 shows the synergetic effect of the above mentioned improvements. Operation point  $S_4$  in the figure is the most optimistic case of the present study, where H=2.5 and the improvement in current-drive efficiency of 40 % are assumed. Here,  $P_{FUS}=690$  MW and He accumulation is assumed to be 5 %. Reference operation point  $S_3$  with the lowest- $I_p$  for  $P_{FUS}=690$  MW is also shown in the figure. The divertor heat load at Point  $S_4$  is about 5 ~ 6 MW/m², which is the level of the ITER reference ignition point. On the other hand, the H-factor given by ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law is about 1.78 at Point  $S_4$ . The plasma parameters at Point  $S_3$  and Point  $S_4$  are listed in Table 4.

### 4. Optimization of Hybrid Mode Operation

## 4-1 Requirement for Hybrid Mode

As is discussed in the previous chapter, a steady-state mode operation with high wall load ( $L_{\rm wal} > 0.6~{\rm MW/m^2}$ ) requires a large improvement of the plasma performance. In the hybrid mode operations, both non-inductive and inductive current-drive are employed. Therefore, an operation point with the higher density can be chosen, since the required driven current is smaller than that of the steady-state operations. This fact tends to relieve the divertor condition. Hence, this mode could be the best operation mode for the technology phase of ITER.

The penalty incurred with the hybrid operation is the finite burn time. Therefore, we must determine the minimum burn time to optimize the operation parameters. The minimum burn time required should be determined by the mission of experiments and the time scales of the phenomena concerned. The time scales are divided into next two groups; increases from 2.2 to 3.5. Further study should be done experimentally since the effect of impurity seeding on the confinement of the main plasma is unknown.

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#### 1) Physics issues:

Time scales of thermal instability, particle confinement and  $\alpha$ -heating are several seconds to several tens of seconds. Helium ash exhaust experiment will require 100 s of pulse duration time. The longest time scale in this category would be the resistive skin time, which is about several hundred to several thousand seconds. At least 1000 s of the pulse length would be required for the current-profile control experiment.

# 2) Technology issues:

Thermal response of the reactor components should be tested in ITER technology phase. Thermal response of divertor plates is less than 10 s. Response of the first wall is considered to be 100 ~1000 s. Response of the blanket test module is more than 1000 s.

Another important issue is the required total neutron fluence for the technology testing. The required neutron fluence at the test module is about 1 MWa/m<sup>2</sup>. It means that the required total operation period is at least  $3.2 \times 10^7$  s when the peak neutron wall load is 1 MW/m<sup>2</sup>. On the other hand, the maximum number of operations is considered to be 40000 shots by the fatigue problem of the components, e.g., center solenoid coils. Therefore, 1000 s is the minimum requirement for the pulse duration time to this matter.

In this report, we assume that the minimum requirement for the burn time is 2000 s. We also assume that the minimum value of the average neutron wall load  $L_{\rm wal}$  is 0.6 MW/m² ( $P_{\rm FUS} = 690$  MW) since the local neutron wall load near the mid-plane will be about 1.6 times larger than the average value. The maximum value of Troyon g is assumed to be 3.0 same as steady-state operations. The maximum value of H-factor is assumed to be 2.0 for typical cases. Note that operation point generally exists anyway for all values of H-factor unlike the steady-state mode operations.

#### 4-2 Calculation of Burn Time

In this section, we estimate the magnetic flux consumption and calculate the burn time  $T_{burn}$  of ITER. In order to calculate the burn time, we have to know the supplied flux. Total flux supplied by PF coil system consists of two parts, the flux  $\Phi_{OH}$  supplied by the center solenoid (CS) coil and the flux  $\Phi_{VF}$  given by the vertical field (VF) coil. That is,

$$\Phi_{\text{total}} = 2 \times \Phi_{\text{OH}} + \Phi_{\text{VF}}$$
,

where

$$\Phi_{OH} = \pi R_{OH}^{2} B_{PMAX} f_{OH},$$

$$\Phi_{VF} = \pi \ R_p^{\ 2} \ B_V \ f_{VF} \ , \label{eq:phiVF}$$

and  $R_{OH}$  is the radius of CS coil,  $B_{PMAX}$  is the maximum magnetic field of CS coil and  $B_V$  is Shafranov vertical field, respectively. Here,  $f_{OH}$  (~ 1.04) is a factor due to the finite dimension of CS coil and  $f_{VF}$  (~ 0.65) is the factor that is obtained by the equilibrium calculation for the typical case. Note that  $\Phi_{VF}$  is approximately proportional to the plasma current  $I_P$ .

Once the loop voltage  $V_{loop}$  is determined,  $T_{burn}$  is calculated by the relation  $T_{burn} = \Phi_{burn}/V_{loop}$ . Here  $\Phi_{burn}$  is the flux available for the flat top and given by

$$\Phi_{burn} = \Phi_{total}$$
 -  $\Phi_{heat}$  -  $\Phi_{ramp}$  ,

where  $\Phi_{heat}$  (=10 Vs) is the flux used during heating phase and  $\Phi_{ramp}$  is the flux which is necessary for the current ramp-up and estimated by

$$\Phi_{\rm ramp} = (\ L_{\rm P} + 0.4\ \mu_0\ R_{\rm P}\ )\ I_{\rm P}.$$

Here,  $\mu_0$  is the vacuum permeability and  $L_p$  is the self-inductance of the plasma. In the following part, we estimate the burn time by

using these relations. Coil design parameters are listed in Table 1. Typical values of the magnetic flux for ITER reference points are shown in Table 2.

# 4-3 Achievable Burn Time and Divertor Heat Load

In this section, we estimate the achievable burn time when the fusion power and the current-drive power are given. The  $T_e$ - $I_p$  space analysis can also be used to investigate long burn (hybrid mode) operations systematically same as steady-state cases.

Figure 15 shows an example of the operation space for hybrid mode when  $P_{FUS} = 860 \text{ MW}$  and  $P_{NBI} = 80 \text{ MW}$ . Note that Q = 10.7everywhere and V<sub>loop</sub> is not constant in T<sub>e</sub>-I<sub>P</sub> space for this case. H-factor (dashed line) is calculated by using ITER-89 power scaling law. The upper part of the dashed line is the region where  $H \leq 2$ . The reason why H-factor takes the minimum value around  $T_e=10$  keV for the same  $I_p$  is that the ratio of  $W_p$  to  $P_{\alpha}^{-1/2}$  also takes the minimum value at this temperature, which comes from the temperature dependence of the fusion cross-section [2]. Contour lines of burn time are also shown by solid lines. Steadystate region appears at the lower right-hand corner of the figure. It is seen that the longest burn time is achieved when  $T_e = 15.5$ keV and  $I_p = 19$  MA for  $H \le 2.0$  (Point A in Fig. 15). Point A is called the point with the achievable (longest) burn time in this report. The burn time T<sub>burn</sub> is about 2700 s at this point. Point B is the operation point where H = 2.0 and  $g \le 3.0$  and the burn time is 2000 s. Similar graphs can be drawn and the longest burn time can be obtained for any P<sub>FUS</sub> and P<sub>NBI</sub>. Results are shown in Fig. 16, which shows the contour lines of the achievable longest burn time in P<sub>FUS</sub>-P<sub>NBI</sub> space. Point S<sub>1</sub> shows the ITER reference operation point of steady-state mode. Point I1 denotes the reference point of ignition mode and Point H<sub>1</sub> the reference point of hybrid mode.

It is seen that NBI power should be larger than about 60 MW in order to obtain the burn time longer than 2000 s that is

required for the technology testing. We assume that the minimum requirement for the fusion power is 690 MW in this report. Troyon g exceeds the critical value at the upper right-hand corner. Therefore, the operation region is inside of the hatched triangle. The reason why Troyon g increases with  $P_{\rm NBI}$  is that the plasma current at the longest burn time decreases.

Figure 17 shows the divertor heat load  $W_{\rm div}$  at the longest burn time for Const- $\chi$  model corresponding to Fig. 16. Figures 18 and 19 show the contour lines of  $W_{\rm div}$  for Bohm- $\chi$  model and for JT-60U empirical scaling model, respectively. It is seen that  $W_{\rm div}$  is larger in larger- $P_{\rm FUS}$  and larger- $P_{\rm NBI}$  region for all models. Therefore, the divertor heat load is minimum when both  $P_{\rm NBI}$  and  $P_{\rm FUS}$  are minimum (Point  $H_2$ ). The heat load at Point  $H_2$  is about 9 MW/m<sup>2</sup> for Const- $\chi$  model, about 7 MW/m<sup>2</sup> for Bohm- $\chi$  model and about 8 MW/m<sup>2</sup> for JT-60U model.

The reason why the divertor heat load at Point  $I_1$  is larger than 5 MW/m<sup>2</sup> is that the operation temperature is higher than 10 keV and the burn time is longer than 400 s. The plasma parameters at Point  $H_2$  are shown in Table 5.

#### 4-4 Reduction Scheme of Divertor Heat Load

In this section, we optimize the operation point with respect to the burn time. We assume that the required burn time for technology testing is  $2000 \, \text{s}$ . The divertor heat load can be reduced by decreasing the burn time down to  $2000 \, \text{s}$  when the achievable burn time is longer than  $2000 \, \text{s}$ . In Fig.15, for example, the burn time decreases as the operation point moves from Point A to Point B on the contour line of H = 2.0 and the operation temperature is reduced with the decrease of the burn time.

Figure 20 shows the burn time at Points A and B as a function of  $P_{NBI}$  when H=2.0 and  $P_{FUS}=860$  MW. It is seen that the achievable burn time is prolonged as  $P_{NBI}$  increases and the operation reaches steady-state when  $P_{NBI}$  is about 120 MW.

Figure 21 shows the corresponding divertor heat load W<sub>div</sub>

(Const- $\chi$  model). Closed circles denote  $W_{div}$  at the achievable longest burn time and open circles denote  $W_{div}$  at the burn time of 2000 s. It is seen that  $W_{div}$  at the burn time of 2000 s (B) decreases as  $P_{NBI}$  increases, while  $W_{div}$  at the longest burn time (A) increases with  $P_{NBI}$ . Similar tendency is shown for all models (See Figs. 22 and 23).

The contour lines of  $W_{\rm div}$  for hybrid operations with burn time of 2000 s are shown in Fig. 24. Here, H=2.0 and Const- $\chi$  model is used. It is seen that the divertor heat load  $W_{\rm div}$  becomes larger as the fusion power increases. The tendency is similar for all models (See Figs. 25 and 26). Therefore, we can conclude that the divertor heat load takes the minimum value when  $P_{\rm NBI}$  takes the installed maximum value and  $P_{\rm FUS}$  takes the allowable minimum value for the technology testing.

When the maximum value of  $P_{NBI}$  is 110 MW and the minimum value of  $P_{FUS}$  is 690 MW, the minimum value of the heat load is achieved at Point  $H_3$ , the value of which is 7.3 MW/m<sup>2</sup> for Const- $\chi$  model, 6.0 MW/m<sup>2</sup> for Bohm- $\chi$  model and 6.4 MW/m<sup>2</sup> for JT-60U model.

If we can expect the further enhancement of H-factor, the divertor heat load can be reduced still more. The divertor heat load at Point  $H_3$  can be reduced down to the level of the ignition mode without impurity seeding by increasing H-factor up to 2.2, which is the value used in the reference point  $(H_1)$ . The burn time, however, is 2000 s, while it is 2500 s at Point  $H_1$ . The parameters for this case are listed as Point  $H_4$  in Table 5.

Divertor heat load at Point  $H_1$  can be also reduced to the level of the ignition mode without impurity seeding by reducing the burn time from 2500 s to 2000 s (Shown by Point  $H_5$  in Table 5). However, H-factor should be increased up to 2.3 to secure the burn time of 2500 s without impurity seeding (Point  $H_6$ ). The parameters of these points are also listed in Table 5.

It is seen from Figs. 24, 25 and 26 that the divertor heat load decreases 10 ~ 20 % by increasing the beam power from 70 MW to 90 MW, but the heat load changes little beyond that. Therefore, the best operation point may be at the intermediate area between

H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>. The choice of operation points must be judged by considering the controllability for the current profile.

The operation points obtained in this section satisfy the requirements mentioned in Sec. 4-1. The ratio of the beam-driven current to the plasma current for these points, however, is smaller than that for Point  $H_1$  or  $H_2$ . This fact may lead to some disadvantage since this ratio is related to the controllability of the current-profile. This issue is discussed in the next section.

# 4-5 Controllability and Divertor Heat Load

The current-profile controllability is also an important issue. In a steady-state mode operation, the plasma is operated at a rather limited operation space near the beta limit to satisfy various constraints. Therefore, the plasma will need a specific range of current profiles. ITER guidelines require that more than 30 % of the plasma current is to be driven non-inductively to retain adequate current-profile control. In this report, we define the controllability by  $I_{NBI}/I_{P}$ . Here,  $I_{NBI}$  is the beam driven current. In case of steady-state mode, it is not difficult to satisfy the condition. Actually all steady-state operation points obtained in Chap. 3 satisfy the condition. For the hybrid mode operations, this condition is critical as is shown below.

In this section, we estimate the upper limit of the achievable controllability and investigate the relation between the controllability and the divertor heat load. According to the definition of toroidal beta  $\beta_t$ , we have

$$\beta_t = 2 \times 10^{25} \mu_0 k_B (1 + f_b) (1 + f_{ie}) n_{20} T_e \text{ [keV]} / B_T^2$$
 (%),

where  $k_B$  is Boltzmann constant (~1.602×10<sup>-19</sup>),  $f_b = (\beta_b + \beta_\alpha)/\beta_{th}$ ,  $f_{ie} = n_i/n_e$  and  $n_{20} = n_e/10^{20}$  m<sup>-3</sup>, respectively. Here,  $\beta_b$ ,  $\beta_\alpha$  and  $\beta_{th}$  denote the beam component, alpha component and the thermal component of the toroidal beta. By using Troyon coefficient g, the

above equation can be expressed by

$$T_e \text{ [keV]} = 0.2484 \frac{B_T}{a_P(1+f_b)(1+f_{ie})} \text{ g } I_P \text{ [MA] / } n_{20}.$$

On the other hand, the current-drive efficiency  $\eta_{NBI}$  is approximately given by

$$\eta_{NBI} = 0.0039 T_e [keV] / n_{20}$$
 [A/W].

Then we finally obtain a formula for the controllability as follows;

$$I_{NBI} / I_{P} = C_{NBI} P_{NBI} [MW] g / n_{20}^{2}$$
 (%),

where

$$C_{\text{NBI}} = 0.0484 \frac{B_{\text{T}}}{a_{\text{P}}(1+f_{\text{b}}) (1+f_{\text{ie}})/2}.$$

For typical cases,  $(1+f_{ie})/2=0.89\sim0.95$  and  $1+f_{b}=1.1\sim1.2$ . Then we have  $C_{NBI}=0.09\sim0.11$ . Generally the larger  $P_{NBI}$  is, the smaller  $C_{NBI}$  is. Therefore, we can conclude that the upper limit of the controllability is estimated by  $I_{NBI}/I_{p}\leq30/n_{20}^{2}$ %, when  $P_{NBI}\leq100$  MW and  $g\leq3$ . This estimation implies that the electron density should be smaller than  $1\times10^{20}$  m<sup>-3</sup> in order to secure the controllability more than 30 %. Steady-state operation points satisfy this condition (Note that g>3 for  $S_4$  and  $S_0$ ).

On the other hand, the most optimistic divertor scaling model considered in this report is

$$W_{div}^{Bohm-\chi} = 0.0118 P_{div} I_P^{4/9} / n_{20}^{0.4}$$
 [MW/m<sup>2</sup>].

Here, the units of  $P_{div}$  and  $I_P$  are MW and MA, respectively. Figures 27 and 28 show the contour line plots of  $P_{div}$  at the operation point of the longest burn time and of 2000 s burn time, respectively. It is seen that the smallest  $P_{div}$  without impurity seeding is about 140 MW when  $P_{FUS} \ge 690$  MW and  $T_{burn} \ge 2000$  s.

The reason why  $P_{\rm div}$  at the operation point of 2000 s is smaller than that at the operation point of the longest burn time is the enhanced radiation power due to the higher density (the lower temperature for the same fusion power). The achievable lowest- $I_p$  is about 14 MA when  $P_{FUS} \ge 690$  MW and  $P_{NBI} \le 120$  MW (See Fig. 29). Then, we obtain  $W_{div} > 5.3 / n_{20}^{0.4} \text{ MW/m}^2$ , which means that  $n_e$  should be larger than  $1\times10^{20}$  m<sup>-3</sup> in order to reduce the divertor heat load down to the level of ignition mode (5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>). For this reason, the low divertor heat load (< 5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>) is hardly compatible with the high controllability (>30 %). Figures 30 and 31 show the contour line plots of the controllability  $(I_{NRI}/I_{P})$  at the operation point of the longest burn time and of 2000 s burn time, respectively. It is seen that  $I_{NRI}/I_{P}$  decreases from 63 % to 23 % at Point H<sub>2</sub> when the operation point is optimized by reducing the burn time. On the other hand, the divertor heat load decreases from 14.8 MW/m<sup>2</sup> to 7.3 MW/m<sup>2</sup> (Const-x case) to make up for it. The best operation point is Point H2, if the controllability must be larger than 30 %.

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690 MW when  $H \le 2.0$  is assumed. The operation point is optimized with respect to divertor heat load. Three types of scaling models (Const- $\chi$  model, Bohm- $\chi$  model and JT-60U model) for peak divertor heat load are considered to include the uncertainty in the models. The divertor heat load is minimum at the lowest- $I_P$  operation point for all scaling models. The dependence of the divertor heat load on the fusion power is similar for all models. The divertor heat load given by Const- $\chi$  model is, however, 1.8 times larger than that by Bohm- $\chi$  model when  $P_{FUS} = 750$  MW. The highest fusion power differs greatly with each model when the allowable heat load is given. The possible highest fusion power is  $200 \sim 400$  MW when the maximum allowable heat load is the same as ignition mode operations (5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>). Therefore, it is important to refine the divertor scaling model in the future physics R & D.

Several schemes to improve the divertor condition are also discussed. Divertor heat load can be reduced about 15 % by reducing the helium concentration from 10 % to 6 %. The heat load decreases by 20 ~ 25 % as H-factor increases from 2.0 to 2.2. Improvement of the current-drive efficiency  $\gamma$  is also effective. The divertor heat load decreases by 20 ~ 30 % as  $\gamma/\gamma_{ITER}$  increases from 1.0 to 1.4, where  $\gamma_{ITER}$  is the current-drive efficiency given by ITER guidelines. Impurity seeding is more effective. The heat load decreases to the level of ignition mode (~5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>) when Fe concentration increases from 0.06 % to 0.28 %. In this case, however,  $Z_{eff}$  increases from 2.2 to 3.5 and  $P_{NBI}$  increases from 120 MW to 150 MW to compensate the enhanced radiation. Further study should be done experimentally, since the effect of the impurity seeding on the main plasma is uncertain. In this context, divertor cooling by seeding the impurities directly into the divertor region should be also critical in future works.

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### (ii) Hybrid mode operations

Hybrid mode operation appears to be suitable for the technology testing that requires long burn time and high neutron wall load simultaneously. The achievable burn time is calculated for the given fusion power and NBI current-drive power. It is found that NBI power should be larger than about 60 MW in order to obtain the burn time longer than 2000 s that is required for the technology testing. Here, we assume that  $P_{NB1} \le 120$  MW,  $g \le 3$  and  $H \le 2.0$ . The divertor heat load is optimized by decreasing the burn time down to 2000 s when the achievable burn time is longer than 2000 s. It is found that the heat load is minimum when  $P_{NBI}$  is maximum and  $P_{FUS}$  is minimum. For  $P_{FUS} = 690$  MW, the smallest divertor heat load (about  $6 \sim 7 \text{ MW/m}^2$ ) is achieved when  $P_{NRI} = 110$  MW (See Point  $H_3$  in Table 5). The divertor heat load can be reduced to the level of the ignition mode (~5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>) without impurity seeding by increasing H-factor from 2.0 to 2.2 (See Point H<sub>4</sub> in Table 5). The burn time is, however, 2000 s, while it is 2500 s for the reference point (Point  $H_1$ ). In this case, the controllability (I<sub>NRI</sub>/I<sub>P</sub>) is about 18 %. MHD safety factor at Point H<sub>4</sub> is a little larger than that of Point H<sub>1</sub> and Troyon g is smaller than the critical value. This fact may lead to the relaxation of the requirement of controllability somewhat. It is an important R & D to investigate the required controllability quantitatively.

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Table 1 Major plasma parameters and design parameters.

Major radius	$R_p$	(m)	6.0
Minor radius	a <sub>p</sub>	(m)	2.15
Aspect ratio	Å,		2.79
Elongation	К 95	÷	2.0
Triangularity	δ 95		0.35
Elongation at separatrix	κ <sub>x</sub>		2.22
Triangularity at separatrix	δ <sub>x</sub>		0.518
Plasma volume	$V_{p}$	$(m^3)$	1070
Plasma surface area	$S_{P}$	$(m^2)$	880
Plasma current	I <sub>P</sub>	(MA)	25 / 22
MHD safety factor	$q_{\mathbf{\Psi}}$		2.7 / 3.0
Plasma self-inductance	$L_{P}$	$(\mu H)$	9.24
Toroidal field on axis	$\mathrm{B}_{\mathbf{T}}$	(T)	4.85
Maximum toroidal field	$B_{TMAX}$	(T)	11.2
Position of maximum field	R <sub>TFC</sub>	(m)	2.72
TF coil stored energy	II C	(GJ)	4 2
Maximum poloidal field	$B_{PMAX}$	(T)	13.4
Position of OH coils	$R_{OH}$	(m)	1.725
PF coil stored energy	<b>011</b>	(GJ)	15 / 12
Weight		(ton)	28400

Table 2 Parameters of ITER reference operation points.

			Ignition (I <sub>1</sub> )	Steady-state (S <sub>1</sub> )	Hybrid (H <sub>1</sub> )
Electron temperature	$T_{e}$	(keV)	10	20	11
Electron density	ne	$(10^{20}/\text{m}^3)$	1.22	0.64	1.06
Plasma current	I <sub>P</sub>	(MA)	22.0	18.9	15.4
Bootstrap current	IBS	(MA)	3.3	5.4	4.7
NBI current	I <sub>NBI</sub>	(MA)	-	13.5	4.4
OH current	$I_{OH}$	(MA)	18.7	-	6.3
MHD safety factor	$q_{\mathbf{\psi}}$		3.0	3.5	4.3
Cylindrical q	q <sub>cyl</sub>		2.5	2.9	3.5
Engineering q	$q_{I}$		2.1	2.5	3.0
Troyon coefficient Toroidal beta	$g \\ \beta_t$	(%)	2.0 4.2	3.0 5.4	2.7 4.0
Poloidal beta	$\beta_{\rm p}$		0.65	1.1	1.4
Effective ion charge	z <sub>eff</sub>		1.66	2.16	2.17
Helium accumulation Impurity seeding (Fe)	He f <sub>seed</sub>	(%) (%)	10	10	10 0.07
Fusion power	P <sub>FUS</sub>	(MW)	1080	750	860
Neutron wall load	$L_{wal}$	$(MW/m^2)$	1.0	0.7	0.8
Fusion gain	Q		∞	6.7	7.9
Alpha heating power	$P_{\alpha}$	(MW)	216	150	172
Ohmic power	$P_{OH}$	(MW)	2	-	1
NBI power	$P_{NBI}$	(MW)	-	115	110
Bremsstrahlung loss	$P_{BR}$	(MW)	49	25	50
Line radiation loss	$P_{LIN}$	(MW)	14	7	35
Synchrotron loss	$P_{SYN}$	(MW)	4	16	5
Convection loss		(MW)	151	217	193
Confinement time	$^{ au}\mathrm{E}$	(s)	3.8		
H-factor	$H_{IP}/2$	$H_{IO}$	2.0/1.9	2.1/1.7	2.2/1.8
Radiation loss in SOL	PEDGI	E (MW)	35	27	95
Power to SOL		(MW)	116	190	98
Divertor temperature	$T_{div}$	(eV)	28	640	30
Divertor heat load	$w_{div}$	$(MW/m^2)$	5	17	4
Total flux	$\Phi_{ m total}$	(Vs)	325	324	314
Flux for current-rize	Φ <sub>ram]</sub>	(Vs)	270	232	189
Flux for burn	$\Phi_{ ext{burn}}$	(Vs)	45	82	115
Loop voltage	Vloop	(V)	0.114	-	0.046
Pulse duration	T <sub>burn</sub>		400	∞	2500

Table 3 Plasma parameters of steady-state mode at the boundary of operation region when  $P_{FUS}=450~\text{MW}$ . It is seen that the divertor heat load  $W_{\mbox{div}}$  is smallest at Point A for all models.

		Α	В	С
I <sub>P</sub>	(MA)	13.1	22.0	22.0
$T_e$	(KeV)	12.3	23.4	21.2
n <sub>e</sub>	$(10^{20} \text{m}^{-3})$	0.69	0.50	0.52
g		2.6	2.3	2.2
H <sub>IP</sub>		2.1	2.1	1.8
P <sub>NBI</sub>	(MW)	120	107	120
W div. Const-X		9.1	11.9	13.9
$W_{div}^{Bohm-\chi}$	$(MW/m^2)$	6.4	8.0	8.9
W div JT-60U	$(MW/m^2)$	6.6	8.9	10.4

Table 4 Parameters of Steady-state mode operations.

		$(S_1)$	$(S_2)$	$(S_3)$	(S <sub>4</sub> )	(S <sub>0</sub> )
P <sub>FUS</sub>	(MW)	750	690	←	$\leftarrow$	$\leftarrow$
$L_{wal}$	$(MW/m^2)$	0.7	0.6	←	<del>(</del>	<b>←</b>
$T_e$	(keV)	20	18.9	15.7	7.4	8.3
n <sub>e</sub>	$(10^{20}/\text{m}^3)$	0.64	0.63	0.70	1.21	1.20
I <sub>P</sub>	(MA)	18.9	19.0	15.8	10.1	10.0
${\bf q}_{\psi}$		3.5	3.5	4.2	6.6	6.7
$P_{NBI}$	(MW)	115	120	<b>←</b>	←	<del>(</del>
$\gamma / \gamma_{ITE}$	R	1.0	<b>←</b>	←	1.4	1.0
$I_{NBI}/I_{P}$		0.71	0.74	0.68	0.39	0.32
$\eta_{NBI}$	(A/W)	0.121	0.116	0.090	0.033	0.027
$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{Q} \\ \mathbf{Troyon} \\ \mathbf{H_{IP}} \\ \mathbf{H_{IO}} \end{array}$	g	6.7 3.0 2.1 1.7	5.7 2.8 2.0 1.6	← 2.9 2.1 1.6	← 3.4 2.5 1.8	← 3.6 2.8 2.0
He Z <sub>eff</sub> Impurity	(%) v seeding (%)	1 0 2.16 No	← 2.17 ←	← 2.04 ←	5 1.56 <del>(</del>	10 1.66 ←
P <sub>MAIN</sub>	(MW)	47	4.5	43	5 7	63
P <sub>EDGE</sub>	(MW)	25	25	26	3 4	3 5
P <sub>div</sub>	(MW)	190	190	189	166	159
T <sub>div</sub>	(eV)	640	650	480	6 4	59
W Con	$st-\chi$ $(MW/m^2)$	1 7	17	1 4	6	6
WBoh	$m-\chi$ $(MW/m^2)$	10	10	9	5	5
W div	60U (MW/m <sup>2</sup> )	1 3	1 3	11	5	5
$V_{loop}$	(V)	0.0	<b>←</b>	←	←	<del></del>
Tburn	(s)	∞	←	$\leftarrow$	<del>&lt;</del>	$\leftarrow$

Table 5 Parameters of Hybrid mode operations.

		(H <sub>1</sub> )	(H <sub>2</sub> )	(H <sub>3</sub> )	$(H_4)$	(H <sub>5</sub> )	(H <sub>6</sub> )
P <sub>FUS</sub>	(MW)	860	690	←	←	860	←
L <sub>wal</sub>	$(MW/m^2)$	0.8	0.6	←	←	0.8	<del>(-</del>
$T_e$	(keV)	10.6	14.6	8.8	7.7	7.8	7.9
	$(10^{20}/\text{m}^3)$	1.06	0.72	1.12	1.31	1.44	1.41
-	(MA)	15.4	18.9	15.1			13.7
$\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{\psi}}$		4.3	3.5	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.9
$P_{NBI}$	(MW)	110	70	110	$\leftarrow$	<b>←</b>	<del>(-</del>
γ/γ <sub>ΙΤ</sub>		1.0	$\leftarrow$	←	$\leftarrow$	$\leftarrow$	$\leftarrow$
$I_{NBI}/I_{I}$		0.29	0.30	0.23	0.18	0.16	0.18
	(A/W)	0.041	0.081	0.031	0.023	0.021	0.022
Q		7.9	9.9	6.3	<b>←</b>	7.8	←
Troyor	ı g	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9
$H_{IP}$		2.2	2.0	←	2.2	$\leftarrow$	2.3
$H_{IO}$		1.8	$\leftarrow$	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8
He	(%)	10	←	←	←	←	<del>(-</del>
$\mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{eff}}$		2.17	1.98	1.69	1.64	1.62	1.62
	ity seeding (%)	0.07	No	$\leftarrow$	$\leftarrow$	$\leftarrow$	←
P <sub>MAIN</sub>	(MW)	90	43	58	69	7 9	77
P <sub>EDGE</sub>		9 5	26	3 3	37	40	3 9
P <sub>div</sub>		98	139	157	142	163	166
T <sub>div</sub>	(eV)	30	210	72	35	3 5	4 0
$W_{div}^{C}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ const- $\chi$ (MW/m <sup>2</sup> )	3.7	9.3	7.3	5.3	6.2	6.4
W <sub>div</sub> B	ohm- $\chi$ $(MW/m^2)$	3.8	6.9	6.0	4.9	5.4	5.4
W div	$T-60U$ $(MW/m^2)$					5.8	5.8
V <sub>loop</sub>	(V)	0.046	0.039	0.058	0.065	0.063	0.053
T <sub>burn</sub>			2000		<b>←</b>	←	2500

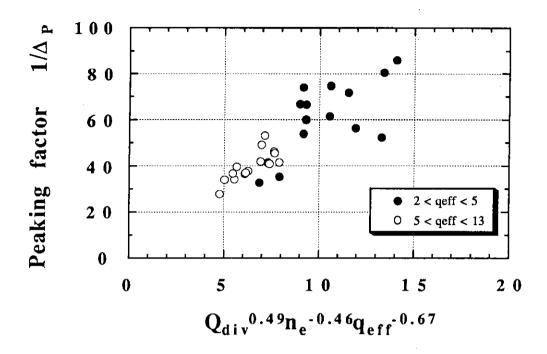


Fig. 1 Empirical scaling law for the peaking factor in JT-60U [5]. Here,  $1/\Delta_p$  (m<sup>-1</sup>) is the peaking factor,  $Q_{\mbox{div}}$  (MW) is the power to the scrape off layer,  $n_e$  ( $10^{19}/m^3$ ) is the average electron density and  $q_{\mbox{eff}}$  is the effective safety factor, respectively.

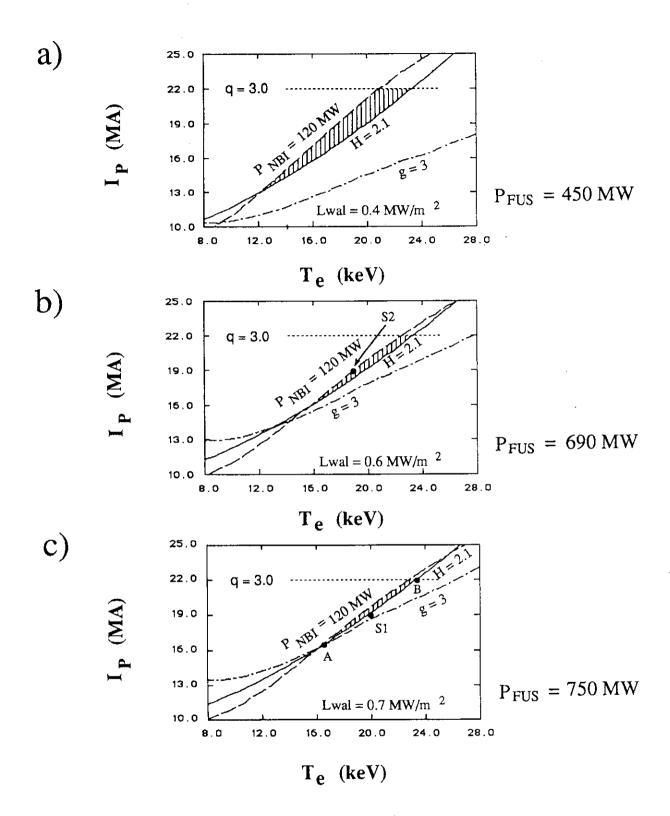


Fig. 2 Steady-state operation region of ITER for ITER-89 power scaling law.

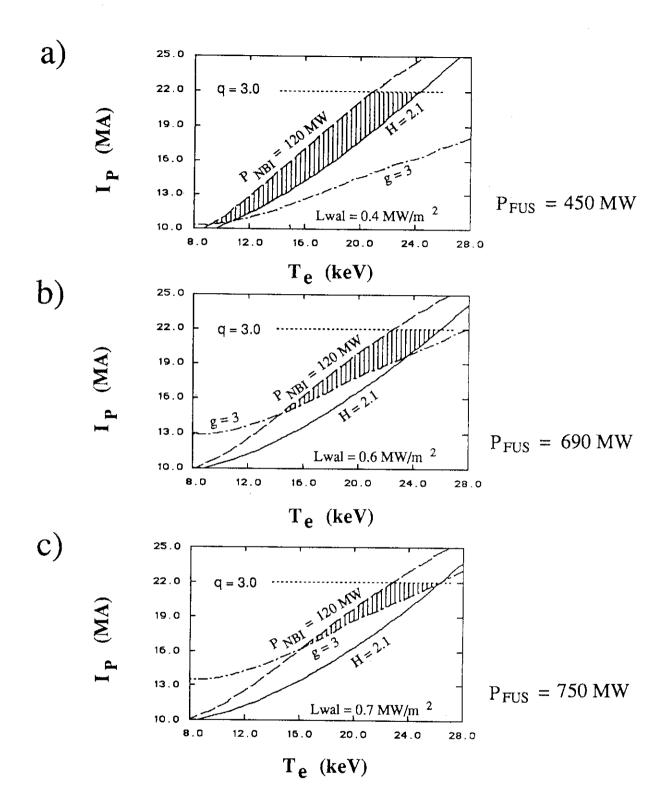


Fig. 3 Steady-state operation region of ITER for ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law.

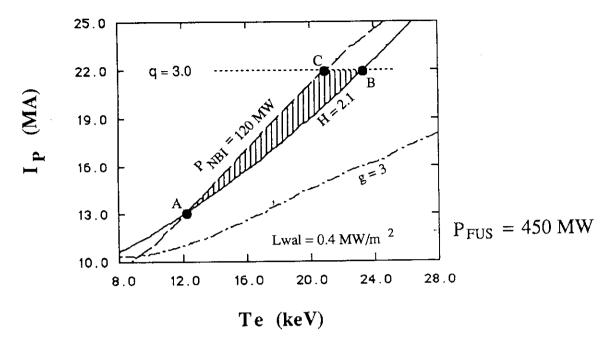


Fig. 4 Steady-state operation region for  $L_{Wal} = 0.4 \text{ MW/m}^2$ .

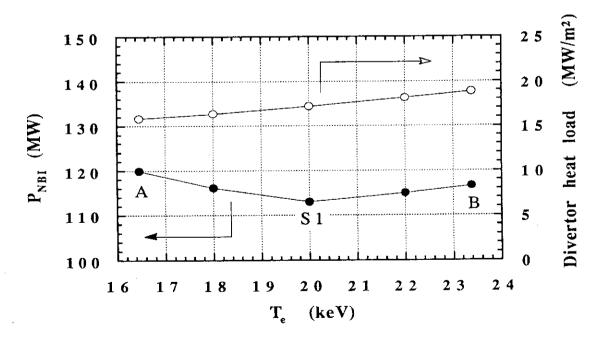


Fig. 5 Current-drive power and the divertor heat load when  $\rm L_{Wa\,1}=0.7~MW/m^2~(P_{FUS}=750~MW)$  .

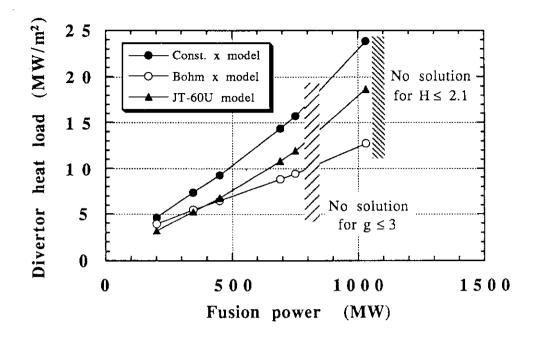


Fig. 6 Divertor heat load of steady-state mode at Point A for various fusion powers. Here, ITER-89 power scaling law is assumed.

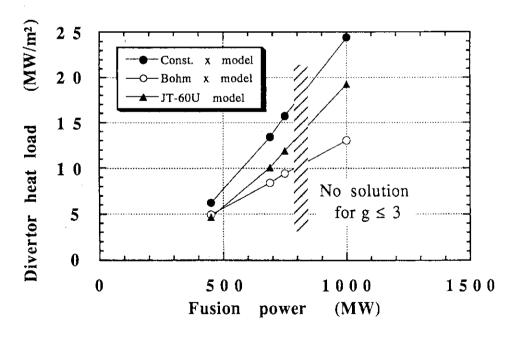


Fig. 7 Divertor heat load of steady-state mode at Point A for various fusion powers. Here, ITER-89 offset-linear scaling law is assumed.

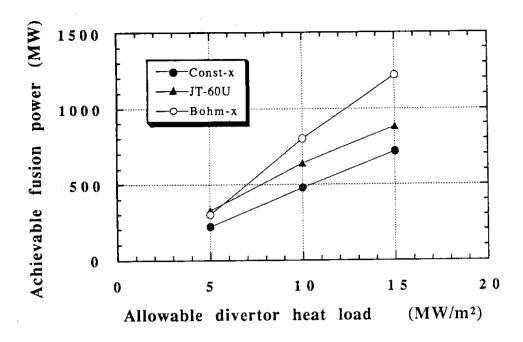


Fig. 8 Maximum fusion power of steady-state mode as a function of the allowable divertor heat load for various models. Here, ITER-89 power scaling law is used.

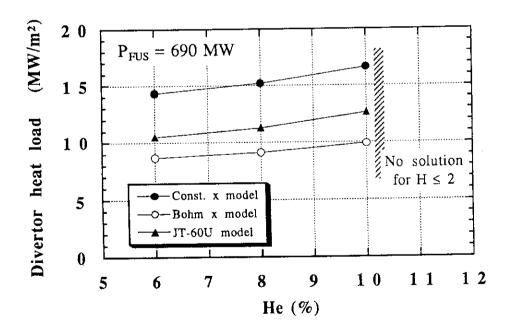


Fig. 9 Divertor heat load of steady-state mode as a function of helium concentration for  $P_{FUS}$  = 690 MW. Here,  $P_{NBI}$  = 120 MW, H = 2, g  $\leq$  3 and ITER-89 power scaling law is used.

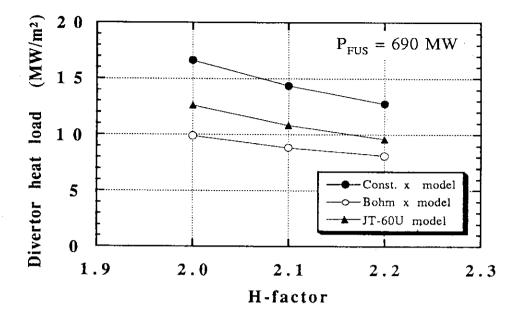


Fig. 10 Divertor heat load of steady-state mode as a function of H-factor when  $P_{FUS}$  = 690 MW. Here,  $P_{NBI}$  = 120 MW,  $g \leq 3$ , He = 10% and ITER-89 power scaling law is assumed.

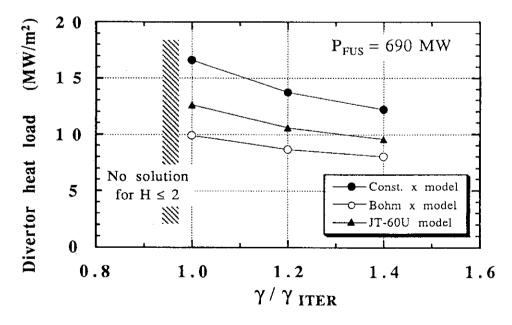


Fig. 11 Divertor heat load of steady-state mode as a function of current-drive efficiency  $\gamma$  normalized by  $\gamma_{ITER}$  when  $P_{FUS}$  = 690 MW. Here,  $\gamma_{ITER}$  is the current-drive efficiency given by ITER guidelines, H = 2.0 and ITER-89 power scaling law is assumed.

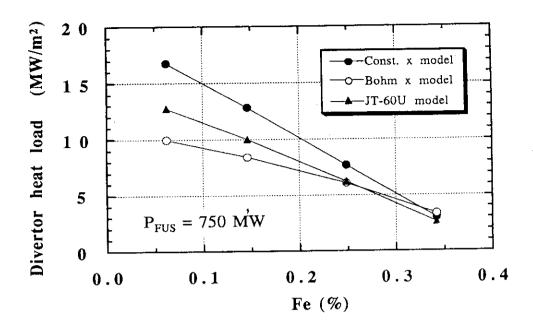


Fig. 12 Divertor heat load of steady-state mode as a function of Fe concentration when  $P_{FUS}=750$  MW. Here, H=2.1,  $g\leq 3$  and ITER-89 power scaling law is assumed.

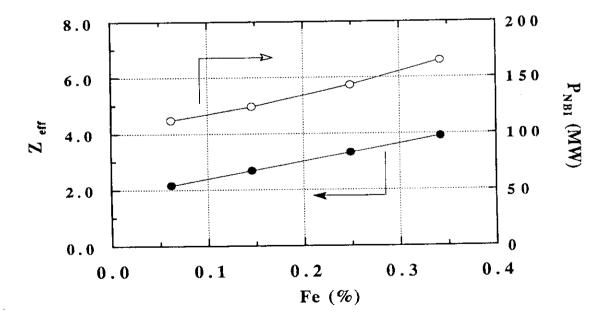


Fig. 13 Effective ion charge and required current-drive power corresponding to Fig. 12. Here, H=2.1,  $g\leq 3$  and ITER-89 power scaling law is assumed.

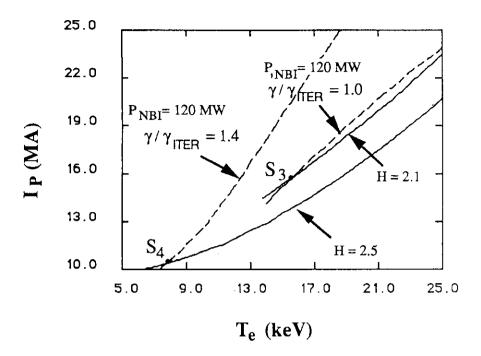


Fig. 14 Steady-state operation region of ITER when  $P_{FUS}$  = 690 MW. Here, solid lines and dashed lines denote the contours of H-factor and  $P_{NBI}$ , respectively. In this figure, ITER-89 power scaling law is assumed.

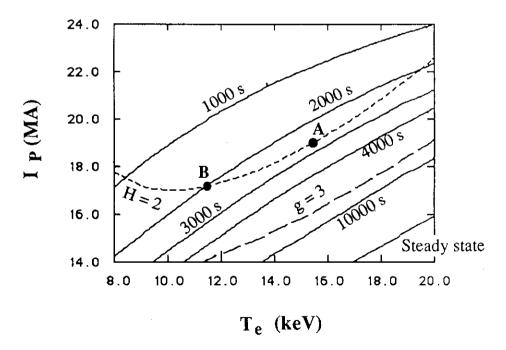


Fig. 15 Hybrid operation region of ITER when  $P_{FUS} = 860$  MW and  $P_{NBI} = 80$  MW. Here, solid lines, dotted line and dashed line denote the contours of burn time, H-factor and Troyon g, respectively. In this figure, ITER-89 power scaling law is assumed.

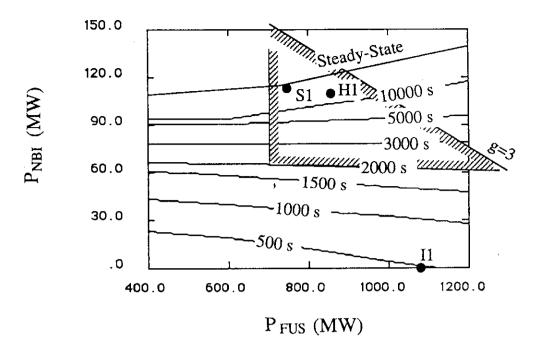


Fig. 16 Achievable longest burn time in  $P_{\mbox{NBI}}-P_{\mbox{FUS}}$  space. Here, H=2 and  $g \le 3$  .

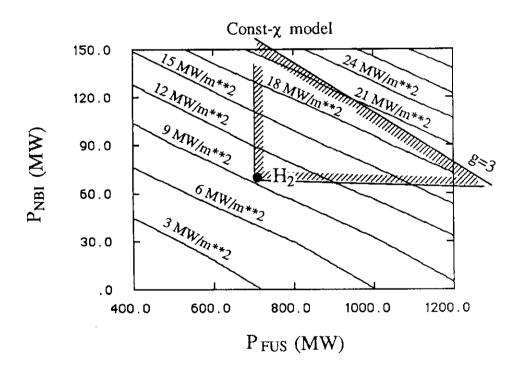


Fig. 17 Divertor heat load at the operation point of the longest burn time (Const- $\chi$  model).

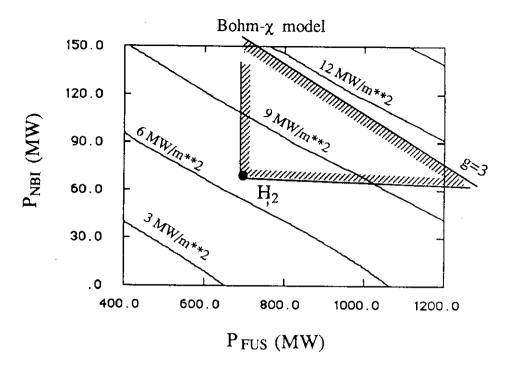


Fig. 18 Divertor heat load at the operation point of the longest burn time (Bohm- $\chi$  model).

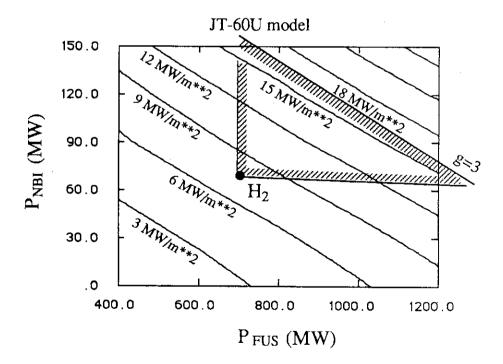


Fig. 19 Divertor heat load at the operation point of the longest burn time (JT-60U model).

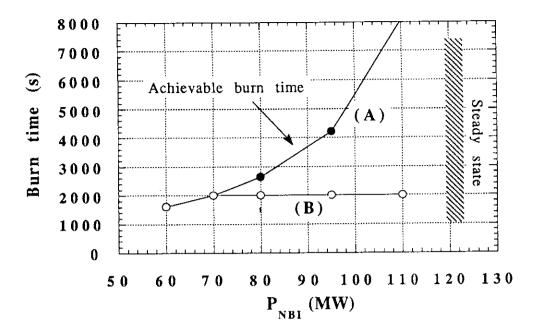


Fig. 20 Burn time at Point A and Point B for various  $P_{NBI}$  when  $P_{FUS} = 860$  MW. Here, H = 2, g < 3 and ITER-89 power scaling law is assumed.

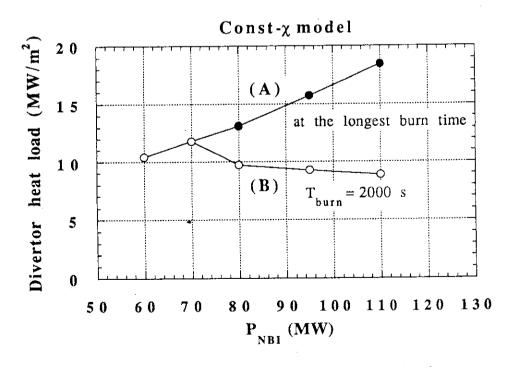


Fig. 21 Divertor heat load (Const- $\chi$  model) at the longest burn time and at 2000 s for PFUS = 860 MW.

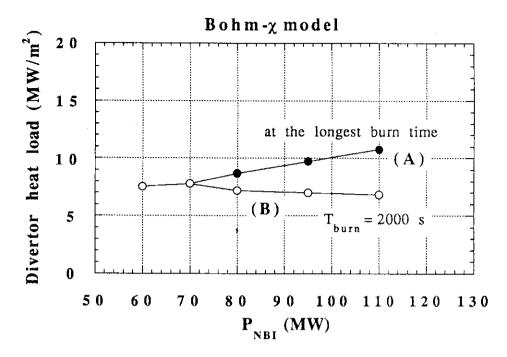


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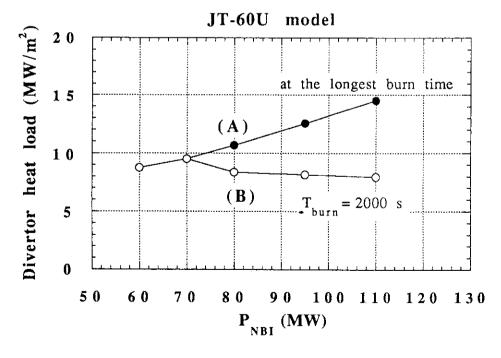


Fig. 23 Divertor heat load (JT-60U model) at the longest burn time and at 2000 s for  $P_{FUS}$  = 860 MW.

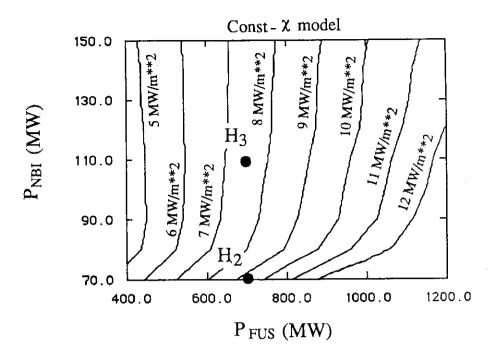


Fig. 24 Divertor heat load at 2000 s burn (Const- $\chi$  model).

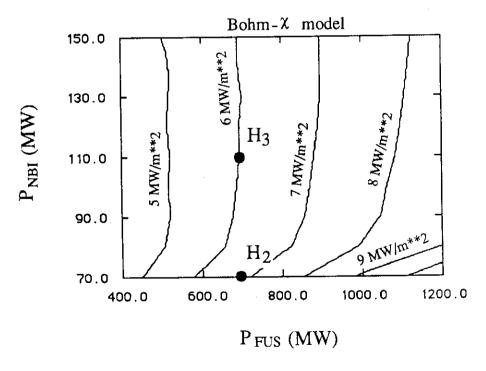


Fig. 25 Divertor heat load at 2000 s burn (Bohm- $\chi$  model).

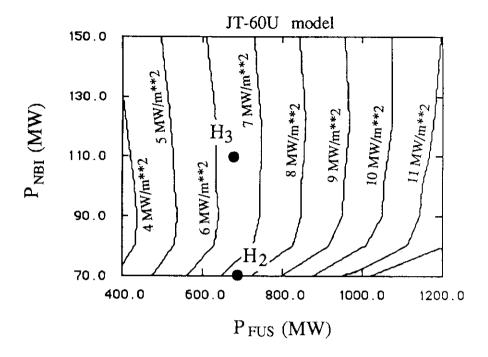


Fig. 26 Divertor heat load at 2000 s burn (JT-60U model).

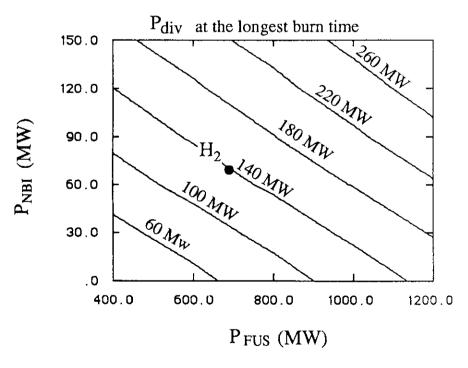


Fig. 27 Power to the divertor region at the operation point with the longest burn time.

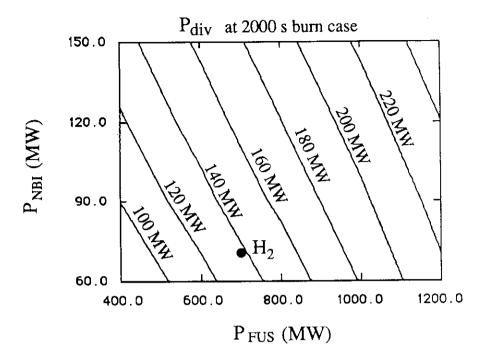


Fig. 28 Power to the divertor region at the operation point with the burn time of  $2000 \, \text{s.}$ 

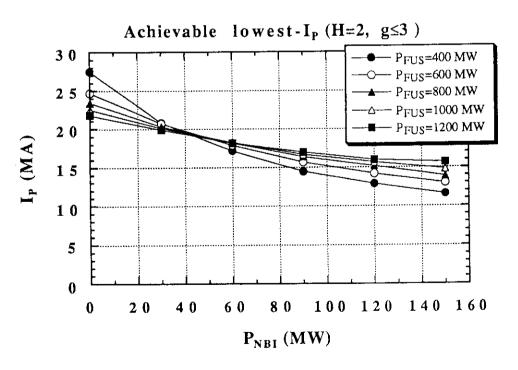


Fig. 29 Achievable lowest-I  $_p$  when  ${\rm H=2}$  and  ${\rm g\leq3}$  .

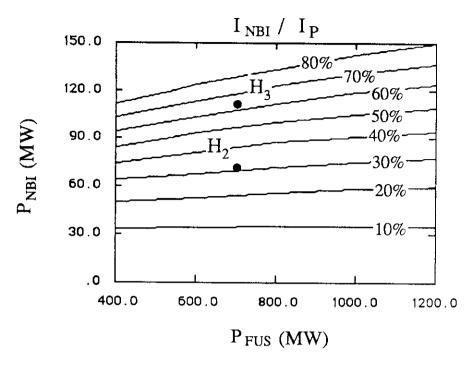


Fig. 30 Controllability at the operation point with the longest burn time.

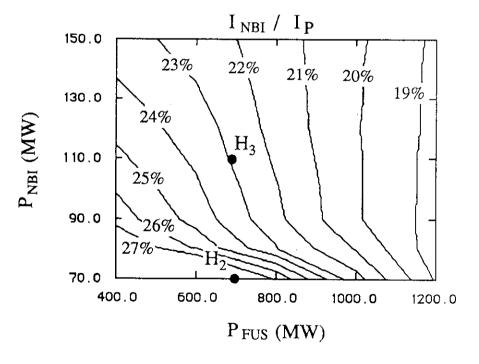


Fig. 31 Controllability at the operation point with the burn time of 2000 s.