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Time Behaviour of Heat Diffusivity during L-H-L Transitions in JT-60U

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The L-H-L transitions have been analyzed mainly for high field pulses (Bt \approx 4T) in JT-60U. The simultaneous response of electron temperature Te has been clearly observed during L-H-L transitions over the wide plasma region. This Te evolution is described as the result of the fast jump of electron heat diffusivity, $\delta \chi_e$, over the wide plasma region. Values of $\delta \chi_e$ were obtained as $0.5 \, \text{m}^2/\text{s} < |\delta \chi_e| < 1 \, \text{m}^2/\text{s}$. They usually increase with radius. The simultaneous response of ion temperature Ti was also observed similarly to the Te response. The jump of ion heat diffusivity, $\delta \chi_i$, is similar to $\delta \chi_e$ and usually increases with radius as the same as $\delta \chi_e$. In a low field pulse(Bt \approx 2.5T), $|\delta \chi_i|$ is as large as 2 m²/s. Values of $\delta \chi$ are consistent with the change of the energy confinement time during transitions. The dependence of $\delta \chi_i$ is negative on Bt or Ip like 1/Bt or 1/Ip, while the Bt or Ip dependence of $\delta \chi_e$ is weak. These Ip dependencies agree qualitatively with the result of the power balance analysis of JT-60U L-mode plasmas.

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JT-60U中のL-H-L遷移時における熱拡散係数の時間的挙動

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JT-60U の主に高磁場放電($B_t=4T$)における L-H-L 遷移について解析を行った。 L-H-L 遷移時に,プラズマの広い領域に亙り同時的な電子温度 T_e の応答が観測された。この T_e の時間変化は,プラズマの広い領域に亙る電子熱拡散係数の速い跳び $\delta\chi_e$ に因るものである。この $\delta\chi_e$ の絶対値, $0.5m^2/s < |\delta\chi_e| < 1m^2/s$,を求めた。これは通常,半径方向に大きくなっている。イオン温度の同時的な応答が T_e の応答と同様であることも観測した。イオン熱拡散係数の跳び $\delta\chi_i$ もまた, $\delta\chi_e$ と同様な値であり,半径方向に増大する。弱磁場放電($B_t=2.5T$)においては, $|\delta\chi_i|$ は $2m^2/s$ まで大きくなっている。これらの $\delta\chi$ の値は,遷移前後のエネルギー閉じ込め時間の変化と矛盾しない。イオン熱拡散係数の跳び $\delta\chi_i$ は B_t または I_p に対し $1/B_t$ または $1/I_p$ のような反対的依存性をしている。一方, $\delta\chi_e$ は B_t または I_p に弱くしか依存しない。これらの I_p 依存性は,JT-60U の Lモードプラズマのパワーバランス解析の結果と定性的に一致している。

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1. Introduction

An understanding of the time evolution of local transport coefficients during a transition between various confinement regimes is important to clarify the physical mechanism responsible for the anomalous transport observed in tokamak plasmas.

In relation to L-H-L transitions, soft terminations and strong ELMs on JET, the time evolutions of electron temperature Te, ion temperature Ti, electron heat diffusivity χ_e , and ion heat diffusivity χ_i have been analyzed and reported previously [1-4]. The simultaneous Te response (with few millisecond uncertainty) was clearly seen during L-H-L transitions in the plasma region, 0.2 < r/a < 1 (r is the volumeaveraged minor radius of a magnetic surface and a is the volume-averaged minor radius of the separatrix). To describe this event, we apply a simple heat diffusion equation with the change in χ_{e} after the transition. It was shown that χ_{e} changes across almost all plasma volume on a millisecond time scale (more than a hundred times faster than the energy confinement time $\tau_{\rm F}$). It can be considered that the anomalous L-mode transport is switched on and off on a millisecond time scale during transitions. Values of χ_e jump, $\delta\chi_e$, were easily obtained from experimental data. Note that these values can be calculated without knowing values of power balance diffusivity χ^{PB} before and after a transition. Interestingly, the profile of T_e gradient was almost unchanged in a limited space-time region by these transitions, but value of Te was changed. The behaviours of Ti and toroidal rotation velocity Vt were similar to T_e , and values of $\delta \chi_i$ and $\delta \chi_{mom}$ were obtained also. It was not obvious up to today whether these diffusivity jumps are the peculiar feature of JET or not.

The possible explanation for the jump of χ is that a part of the anomalous transport is controlled by "noise pumping" created by strong periphery turbulence [5]. The density fluctuation level and the correlation width measured by correlation reflectometry technique decrease simultaneously with χ_e variation at the L-H-L transitions on JET [3, 4]. The similar picture of the density turbulence behaviour at a transition was observed on JT-60U [6].

Let us remind that in the "traditional picture" the L-H or H-L transition occurs near the plasma surface, and the confinement improvement in plasma interior then evolves on a time scale of the order of τ_E [7].

Results of JET above mentioned [1-4] were severely criticized by Burrel [8]. The criticism seems based on the DIII-D results where the "traditional picture" was seen. This criticism seems also based on the result of the heat pulse propagation (HPP) study: The author of Ref. [8] might mix the fast T_e response during L-H-L transitions on JET with the short term (within one millisecond usually) non-diffusive spreading of the T_e perturbation during a sawtooth crash on TFTR[9] and JET [2, 10]. He suggested in Ref. [8] to use "inward heat pinch model" to describe JET

data. The unrealistic value of convective electron heat velocity (order of 100 m/s) is obviously necessary for the propagation of the $T_{\rm e}$ response over one meter within few milliseconds on JET. We believe, therefore, that the "inward heat pinch model" cannot be applied to describe the L-H-L transitions on JET.

In order to answer above questions, we investigate in the present paper the time evolution of χ_e and χ_i during L-H-L transitions on JT-60U. The behaviour of T_e is measured by ECE grating polychromator [11] and that of T_i is measured by charge-exchange recombination spectroscopy [12]. It is well-known that the confinement behaviour in various stages of the discharges on JT-60U is complicatedly varied with plasma parameters. There are no clear first L-H transitions in many JT-60U high field pulses [6, 13]. The formation of the internal transport barrier occurs before or independently from the edge barrier formation [14]. Regarding any types of confinement modes, we restrict the analyses here for the cases of L-H-L transitions after the improved confinement with high H-factor (ratio of τ_E to τ_E transitions after the improved confinement with high H-factor discussion on the results. Conclusion is summarized in section 4.

2. Analyses of $\delta \chi$ during transitions

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2.1 Electron heat diffusivity

At first, we study the response of χ_e during an H-L transition. The waveforms of a hot ion H mode pulse 16130 with $I_p/B_t=3$ MA/4.2 T [6] are shown in Fig. 1. In the figure, the plasma current I_p , the line integrated electron density n_eL (length L is about 2.5 m), the stored energy measured by diamagnetic loop W, the injected neutral beam power PNB, and the H α intensity from the divertor region H α div are shown. The time evolution of electron temperature profile, $T_e(r, t)$, was observed with JT-60U multi-channel ECE grating polychromator [11]. The signals were calibrated from Fourier transform spectrometer system [15]. Figures 2 and 3 show $T_e(\rho, t)$ in the low field side and $T_e(\rho, t)$ in the high field side, respectively, where $\rho = r/a$ is the normalized minor radius. The time evolutions of $T_e(\rho)$ in both sides are basically the same with each other. In ECE signals, spikes induced by ELMs (Edge

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Localized Modes) are superimposed. Since we pay attention to only the monotonous evolution of the ECE signals, we excluded large spikes of ECE signals from the figures in this paper.

It is clearly seen that the growth of the stored energy W is interrupted by a series of ELMs. The decay of all ECE signals is clearly seen during the short Lmode phase for an approximately 30 ms time interval pointed as A-B. After the time B, the improved confinement recovers in the ELM-free H-mode phase. The L-mode again starts from the time C. The value of $\tau_E \equiv W/(P_{abs} - dW/dt)$ in the L-mode decreases by factor of two from that in the H-mode; τ_E during B-C is about 400 ms (H \approx 1.6), and τ_E after C is about 200 ms (H \approx 1.1), where we assume Pabs = 0.8 PNB by considering the shine through loss and the prompt ripple loss. The beginning of the decay of ECE signals over the region 0.1 < r/a < 0.8 and the jump of H_{α} occur simultaneously (about 10 ms uncertainties). Moreover we see an interesting and unusual feature of the transition C. The T_e decay for 0.2 < r/a < 0.4is sharper and earlier than that around r/a = 0.8. This rules out the possibility of the HPP from the periphery. Probably it is connected with complicated structure of transition in this particular case; the jump of χ_e for 0.2 < r/a < 0.4 occurs initially and χ_e increases slowly near r/a = 0.8. The propagation speed is estimated to be of order of 10 m/s.

Typical pictures for L-H and H-L transitions are seen in a so-called "steady-state high β_P ELMy H mode" pulse 21282 with 2.3 MA/4.2 T [16]. This plasma has a small volume, V ≈ 50 m³, compared with other plasmas, V ≈ 70 m³, analyzed in this paper. The waveforms of this discharge are shown in Fig. 4. The end of "steady-state phase" is around 7.5 s. Two L modes (A-B and C-D in Fig. 5) with transitions back to H-mode are clearly observed on the H_{α} and W signals. Values of τ_E after A and C are about 180 ms (H ≈ 1.5) and $\tau_E \approx 450$ ms (H ≈ 2.3) after B and D. In Fig. 5, one can see that the time behaviours of $T_e(\rho=0.66)$ and $T_e(\rho=0.5)$ are similar to that of W within 10 ms uncertainty. For the central region, r/a = 0.35 and 0.21, however, the time delay of T_e response is clearly seen as was observed in JET [1-4]. This result shows that HPP may play important role near the center or that the improvement and degradation of transport may propagate from the mid region to the center with the propagation speed of about 10 m/s. As for the outer region r/a >0.7, since there was no ECE channel available, we cannot analyze in detail the difference between plasmas of the 16130 pulse and the 21282 pulse.

It is natural for us to explain the sudden change in T_e at a transition caused by sudden variation of the electron heat flux. As described in Refs. [1-4] we apply a simple heat diffusion equation with the change in χ_e across almost all plasma volume after the transition. The value of χ_e jump, $\delta\chi_e$, can be estimated from a simple formula,

$$\delta \chi_e(r) \ \cong \ \frac{3}{2} \, \frac{1}{n_e \, \nabla T_e(r) \, A(r)} \, \int_0^{V(r)} \, n_e \frac{\partial \, \delta T_e}{\partial \, t} \, dV \; , \eqno(1)$$

where A(r) and V(r) are the surface area and the enclosed volume at the radius r, respectively. Heat sources, such as neutral beam heating power, Joule heating power, and energy transfer between electrons and ions, are considered here to be unchanged or to be changed only negligibly. The reliability of the formula (1) was checked with both interpretative and predictive transport calculations in Refs. [2-4].

In the 16130 pulse, the value of $\delta\chi_e$ after the H-L transition (C in Fig. 2) is about 0.75 m²/s at r/a \approx 0.35 and 0.6 m²/s at r/a \approx 0.64. After the L-H transition (D in Fig. 5) in the pulse 21282, the value of $\delta\chi_e$ is about -0.85 m²/s at r/a \approx 0.58.

2.2 Ion heat diffusivity

Next we analyze jumps of ion heat diffusivity, $\delta\chi_i$, as well as $\delta\chi_e$. The evolution of plasma parameters in a 3.5 MA/4.1 T hot ion H-mode pulse 17058 are shown in Fig. 6. The growth of W is interrupted by a clear H-L transition at the time A and the improved confinement does not recover later. The value of τ_E before A is about 380 ms (H \approx 1.5) and $\tau_E \approx$ 190 ms (H \approx 1.0) after A. The evolution of the T_e profile is shown in Fig. 7. A sawtooth crash occurs about 50 ms after the transition. The T_e in the region 0.43 < r/a < 0.83 varies simultaneously after the transition A, while in the central region, r/a < 0.36, the T_e is changed slowly as the same as for 16130 pulse. Values of $\delta\chi_e$ are about 0.65 m²/s and 0.85 m²/s at r/a \approx 0.61 and 0.71, respectively.

Figure 8 shows the evolution of T_i profile, $T_i(\rho,t)$, which behaves similarly to the $T_e(\rho,t)$. We can see more clearly the correlation between $V_t(\rho,t)$ and $T_e(\rho,t)$ in Fig. 9. The toroidal rotation is in counter direction for the H-mode phase, and decreases its speed after the H-L transition. Note that the time resolution of T_i and V_t measurement was about 17 ms. Assuming that the decrease of $T_i(\rho)$ starts together with $T_e(\rho)$ after the transition, we obtain the value of δX_i from Eq. (1) as $\delta X_i \approx 0.55$ m²/s at r/a ≈ 0.56 .

In the similar discharges with similar transitions, almost the same values of $\delta \chi$ are observed. Figure 10 shows the waveforms of a 3.5 MA/4.2T pulse 17160, where plasma parameters are similar to those in the pulse 17158. The $T_i(\rho,t)$ is also shown in the figure. Values of $\delta \chi_i$ is about 0.58 m²/s at r/a \approx 0.63 and $\delta \chi_e \approx$ 0.77 m²/s at r/a \approx 0.73.

The L-H and H-L transitions in a low-lp pulse 17038 (2 MA/4.2 T) are shown in Figs. 11, 12 and 13. During short ELM-free H-mode phases (A-B and C-D in Figs. 12 and 13) values of τ_E are about 330 ms (H \approx 1.8), while during high-T_i L-

mode phases (before A, B-C, and after D) $\tau_E \approx 190$ ms (H ≈ 1.3). The simultaneous response of T_e and T_i over the wide region, 0.3 < r/a < 0.8, is clearly seen in Figs. 12 and 13. The value of $\delta \chi_e$ is about -0.65 m²/s at $r/a \approx 0.63$, of which absolute value is almost the same as those at $r/a \approx 0.6$ for higher-lp pulses above analyzed. On the other hand, values of $\delta \chi_i$ after an L-H transition are about -0.64 m²/s and -0.93 m²/s at $r/a \approx 0.55$ and 0.63, respectively. These values are almost the same as or a little higher than those for high-lp pulses.

2.3 Transitions in a low field pulse

For the low field pulse in JT-60U, we found yet only one example with clear L-H-L transitions in a1.5 MA/2.5 T pulse 17298 [6]. The evolution of some plasma parameters and the $T_i(\rho,t)$ is presented in Fig. 14. During the L-mode phase, A-B in the figure, the value of τ_E is about 130 ms (H \approx 1.3), and $\tau_E \approx$ 250 ms (H \approx 1.8) during the H-mode phase, B-C. Similarly to JET result [3, 4], high values of δX_i are obtained compared with those in high field pulses; $\delta X_i \approx$ -0.85, -1.3 and -2.0 m²/s at r/a \approx 0.44, 0.52 and 0.60, respectively. The polychromator data, $T_e(\rho,t)$, are not available to use for low field pulses, $B_t <$ 3.5 T, because the grating filter is optimized for $B_t \approx$ 4 T.

3. Discussion

We have analyzed L-H-L transitions in JT-60U and evaluated values of δX . Plasma parameters and values of δX_e and δX_i are summarized in Tables 1 - 6.

We examine whether these values of δX are consistent with the change of τ_E during transitions. Though the value of τ_E was calculated not from the thermal stored energy but from the total stored energy including fast ion component, the following approximate relation is used for the comparison between $|\delta X|$ and the change of τ_E ; $\tau_E \approx a^2/4X_{\rho\approx0.6}$ and $|\delta X_{\rho\approx0.6}|\approx (a^2/4)\left\{\tau_E(L)^{-1} - \tau_E(H)^{-1}\right\}$. Here we consider cases of $\delta X_e \approx \delta X_i$ and the smooth radial variation of δX . Typical values of $\tau_E(L)$ and $\tau_E(H)$ in plasmas of $a\approx1.05$ m are about 0.2 s and 0.4 s, respectively, and the value of $|\delta X_{\rho\approx0.6}|$ is about 0.6 m²/s. These values roughly satisfy the above relation. This result supports the validity of the present model in which X jumps simultaneously over the wide plasma region during a transition.

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was about 3 for a low field pulse (3 MA/1.9 T) on JET [3,4]. For a low field pulse (1.5 MA/2.5 T) on JT-60U, only $\delta\chi_i$ values were evaluated (see sub-section 2.3). These values are about three times larger than those for high field pulses on JT-60U, but similar to those of JET data. If we combine JT-60U data and JET data together, we suppose that the dependence of $\delta\chi_i$ is negative on B_t like $1/B_t$, while the dependence of $\delta\chi_e$ is weak on B_t . Therefore the ratio $\delta\chi_i/\delta\chi_e$ may have a negative dependence on B_t . The tendency of the negative dependence on I_p is also seen for $\delta\chi_i$. The increase of χ_i^{PB} with decrease of I_p in JT-60U L-mode plasmas was found from the power balance analysis [18]. The weak I_p dependence of χ_e^{PB} was also reported in Ref. [18]. These dependencies on I_p are in qualitative agreement with each other.

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Table 1 Plasma parameters and δX values for 16130 pulse

shot No	I _D (MA)	B _t (T)	q _{eff}	V (m ³)	W (MJ)
16130	3.0	4.2	3.78	68	5.9

t (s)	type	ρ	$\delta \chi$ (m ² /s)	T (keV)	∇T (keV/m)	n _e (10 ¹⁹ m ⁻³)
7.17	H-L	•		T -	1	$n_e(U2) = 3.4$

Table 2 Plasma parameters and $\delta\chi$ values for 21282 pulse

shot No	Ip (MA)	B _t (T)	Q _{eff}	V (m ³)	W (MJ)
21282	2.3	4.2	4.08	51	5.7

t (s)	type	ρ	$\delta \chi$ (m ² /s)	T (keV)	∇T (keV/m)	n _e (10 ¹⁹ m ⁻³)
7.92						$n_e(U2) = 2.5$

Table 3 Plasma parameters and $\delta \chi$ values for 17058 pulse

shot No	In (MA)	B _t (T)	q _{eff}	V (m ³)	W (MJ)	
17058	3.5	4.2	3.37	70	6.8	

t (s)	type	ρ	$\delta \chi$ (m ² /s)	T (keV)	∇T (keV/m)	n _e (10 ¹⁹ m ⁻³)
8.38	H-L	0.56	$\delta \chi_i = +0.55$	T _i = 11.5	$\nabla T_i = 16.5$	$n_e(U2) = 3.3$
		0.61	$\delta \chi_e = +0.65$	$T_e = 5.0$	$\nabla T_e = 6.5$	
		0.71	$\delta \chi_e = +0.85$	$T_{\rm e} = 4.5$	$\nabla T_e = 6.0$	

Table 4 Plasma parameters and δX values for 17060 pulse

1	shot No	I _D (MA)	B _t (T)	Q eff	V (m ³)	W (MJ)
	17060	3.5	4.2	3.25	68	7.6

t (s)	type	ρ	$\delta \chi$ (m ² /s)	T (keV)	∇T (keV/m)	n _e (10 ¹⁹ m ⁻³)
8.49	H-L	0.63	$\delta \chi_i = +0.58$	$T_i = 9.0$	$\nabla T_i = 16.0$	$n_e(U2) = 3.3$
		0.73	$\delta \chi_{e} = +0.77$	$T_e = 4.5$	$\nabla T_e = 6.5$	

Table 5 Plasma parameters and $\delta \chi$ values for 17038 pulse

shot No	I _p (MA)	B _t (T)	9eff	V (m ³)	W (MJ)
17038	2.0	4.2	5.85	68	4.5

t (s)	type	ρ	$\delta \chi$ (m ² /s)	T (keV)	∇T (keV/m)	n _e (10 ¹⁹ m ⁻³)
7.15	L-H	0.55	$\delta \chi_i = -0.64$	$T_i = 7.0$	$\nabla T_{i} = 12.0$	$n_e(U2) = 1.9$
		0.63	$\delta \chi_i = -0.93$	$T_i = 6.0$	$\nabla T_i = 13.0$	
		0.63	$\delta \chi_e = -0.65$	$T_e = 3.5$	$\nabla T_e = 6.0$	

Table 6 Plasma parameters and δX values for 17298 pulse

shot No	I _p (MA)	B _t (T)	q _{eff}	V (m ³)	W (MJ)
17298	1.5	2.5	4.46	70	2.8

t (s)	type	ρ	$\delta \chi$ (m ² /s)	T (keV)	∇T (keV/m)	n _e (10 ¹⁹ m ⁻³)
5.71	L-H	0.44	$\delta \chi_i = -0.85$	$T_i = 5.7$	$\nabla T_i = 10.0$	$n_e(U2) = 1.3$
		0.52	$\delta \chi_i = -1.3$	$T_1 = 4.8$	$\nabla T_{i} = 10.0$	
		0.60	$\delta \chi_i = -2.0$	$T_i = 3.9$	$\nabla T_i = 8.0$	

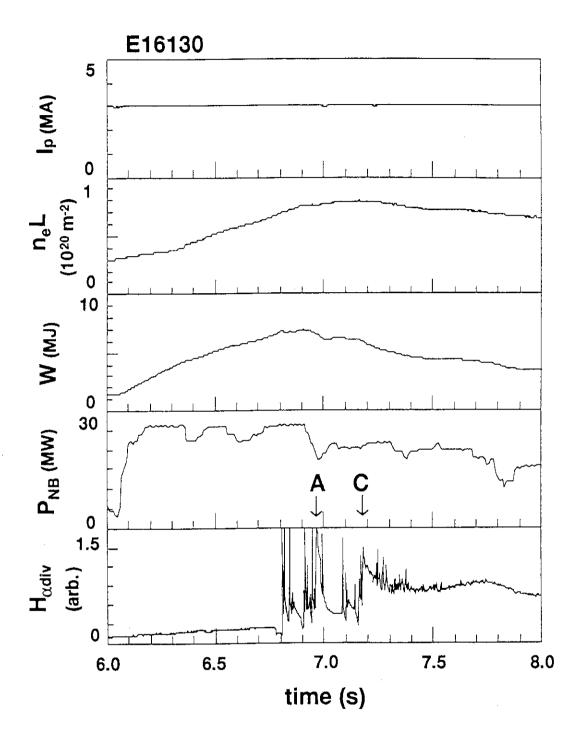


Fig. 1 Waveforms of a hot ion H mode pulse 16130 (3 MA/4.2 T). Plasma current I_{p} (MA), line integrated electron density $n_{e}L$ ($10^{20}m^{-2}$), stored energy measured by diamagnetic loop W (MJ), injected neutral beam power PNB (MW), and H $_{\alpha}$ intensity from the divertor region H $_{\alpha}$ div (arbitrary unit) are shown. H-L transitions of interest are pointed by arrows A and C.

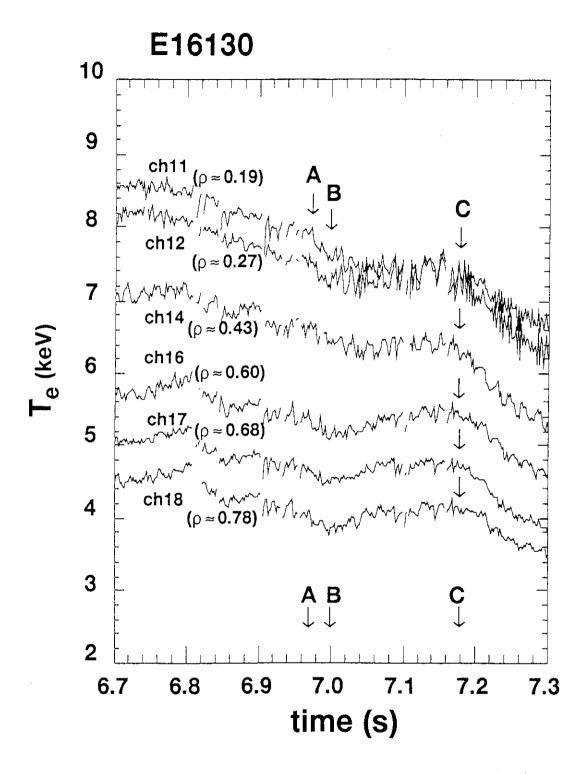


Fig. 2 Time evolution of electron temperature profile, $T_e(\rho, t)$, for 16130 pulse. Channel number of ECE grating polychromator and radial position ($\rho = r/a$) in the low field side are shown. Time of interest is pointed by an arrow. Simultaneous response of T_e during transitions is seen over the wide plasma region.

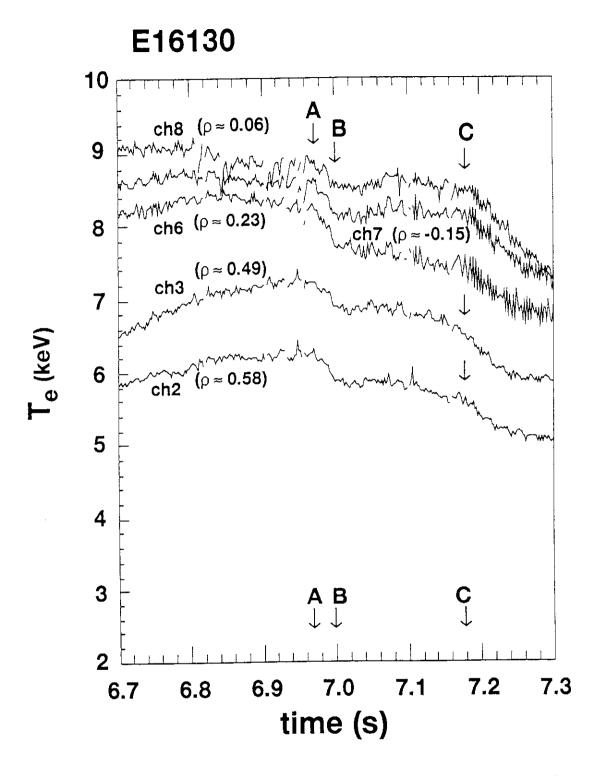


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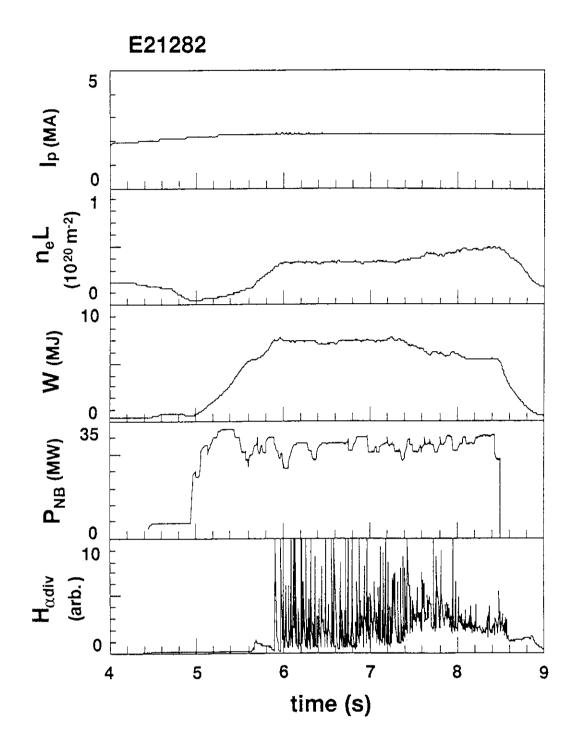


Fig. 4 Waveforms of a "steady-state high β_p ELMy H mode" pulse 21282 (2.3 MA/ 4.2 T and V \approx 50 m³). End of the "steady-state phase" is around 7.5 s.

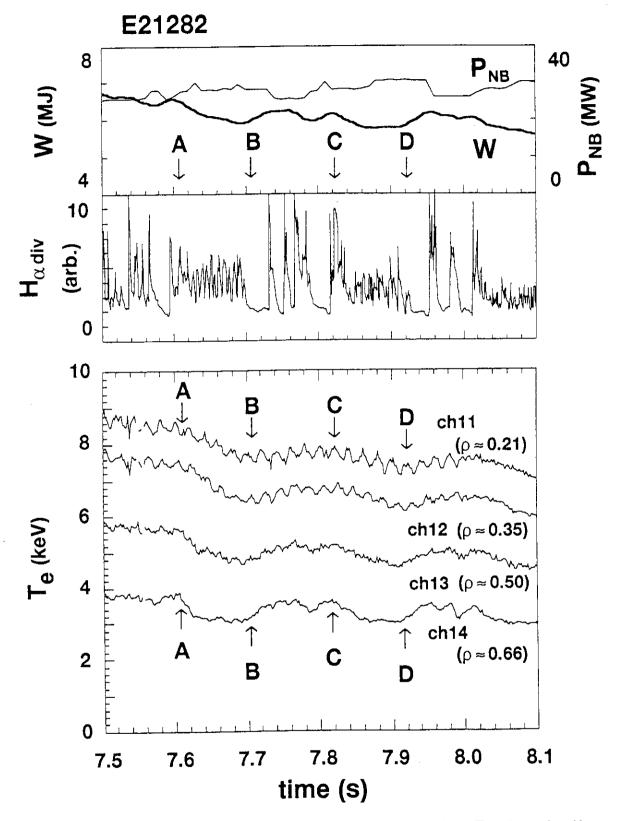


Fig. 5 Evolutions of W, PNB, H α div, and T $_{e}(\rho,t)$, for 21282 pulse. Two L modes (A-B and C-D) with transitions back to H-mode are clearly observed on H $_{\alpha}$ and W signals. Time behaviours of T $_{e}(\rho=0.66)$ and T $_{e}(\rho=0.5)$ are similar to that of W. For the central region, $\rho=0.35$ and 0.21, however, the time delay of T $_{e}$ response is clearly seen.

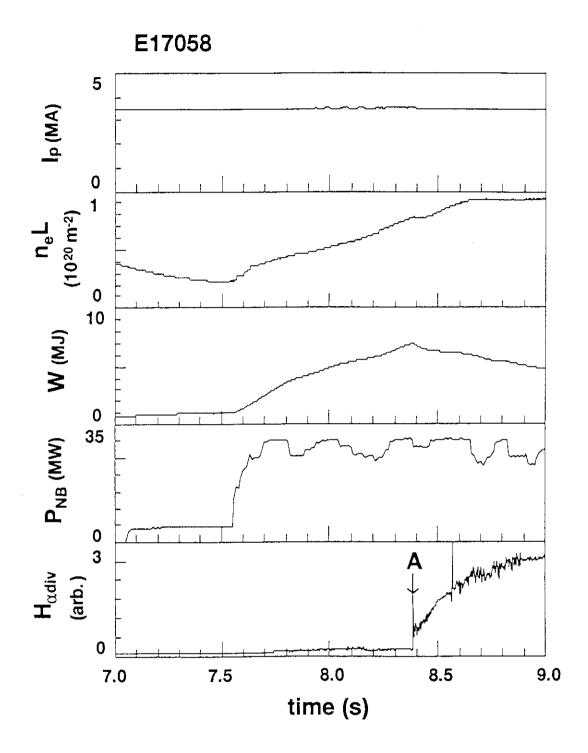


Fig. 6 Waveforms of a hot ion H mode pulse 17058 (3.5 MA/4.2 T). The growth of W is interrupted by a clear H-L transition at the time A and the improved confinement does not recover later.

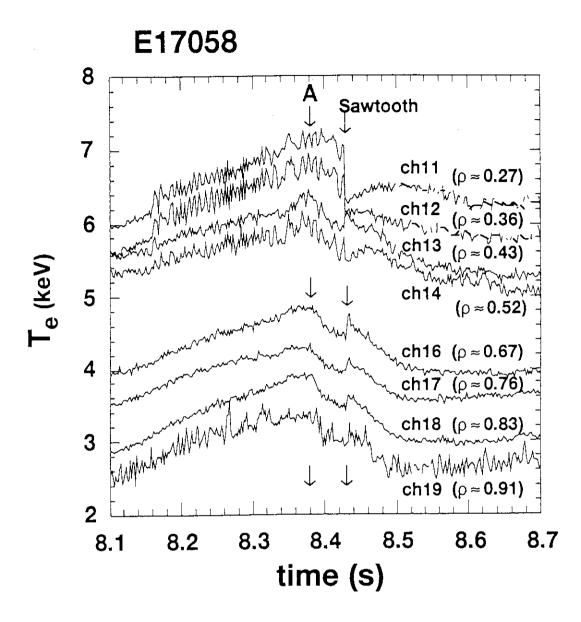


Fig. 7 Time evolution of $T_e(\rho,t)$ for 17058 pulse. Sawtooth crash occurs about 50 ms after the transition A. In the region, 0.43 < ρ < 0.83, T_e varies simultaneously after the transition, while in the central region, ρ < 0.36, T_e is changed slowly.

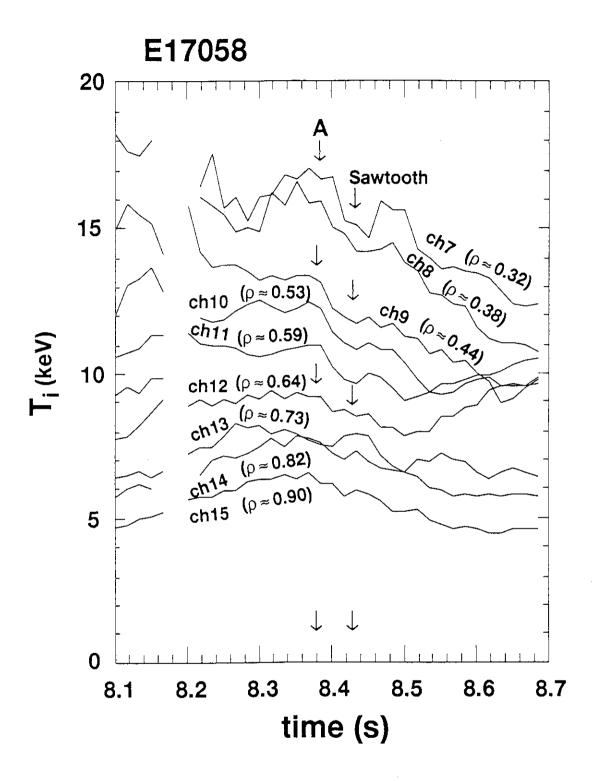


Fig. 8 Time evolution of ion temperature profile, $T_i(\rho, t)$, for 17058 pulse. $T_i(\rho, t)$ behaves similarly to $T_e(\rho, t)$.

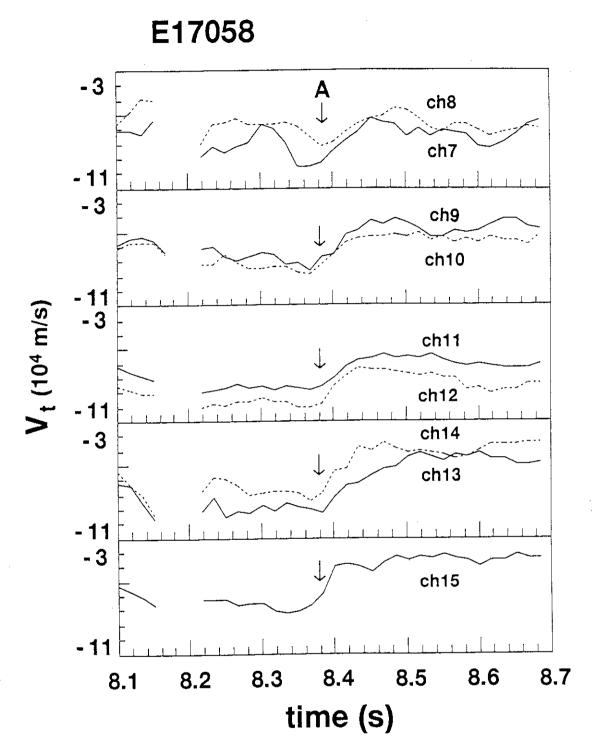


Fig. 9 Time evolution of toroidal rotation velocity, $V_t(\rho,t)$, for 17058 pulse. Clear correlation between $V_t(\rho,t)$ and $T_e(\rho,t)$ is seen.

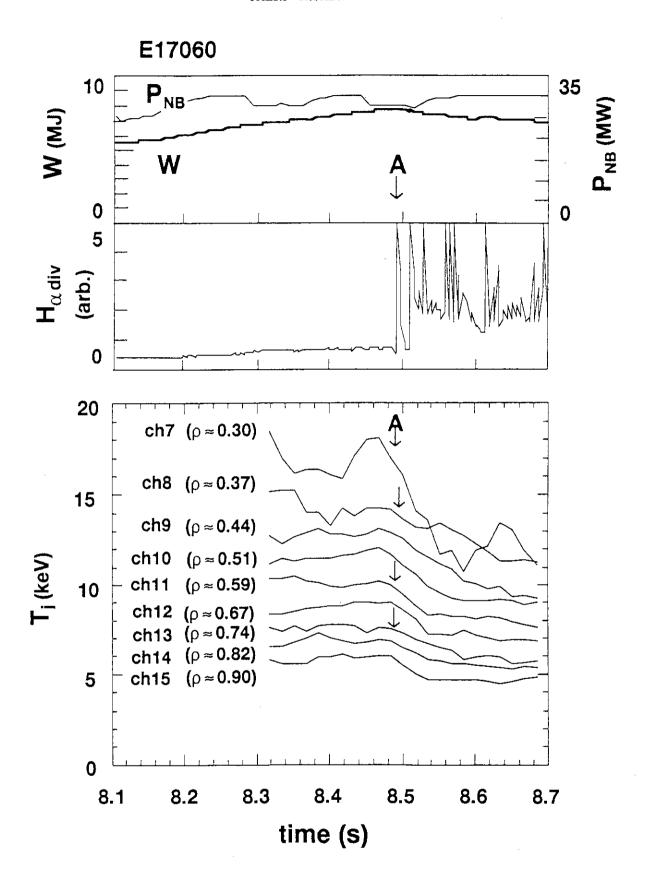


Fig. 10 Evolutions of W, PNB, $H_{\alpha div}$, and $T_i(\rho, t)$, for a hot ion H-mode pulse 17060 (3.5 MA/4.2 T). Clear H-L transition is seen at the time A.

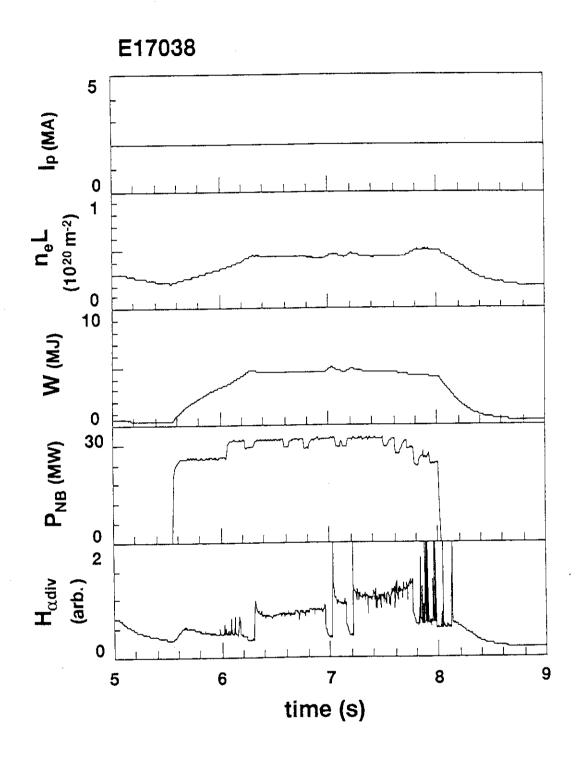


Fig. 11 Waveforms of a hot ion H mode pulse 17038 with low I_p (2 MA/4.2 T). Two short H-mode phases are seen around 7 s.

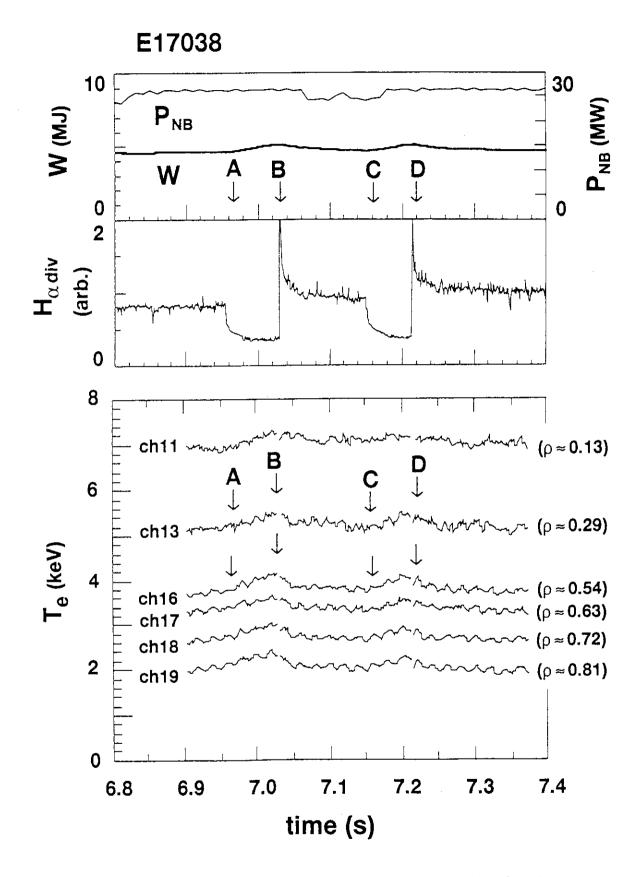


Fig. 12 Evolutions of W, PNB, H α div, and T $_{e}(\rho,t)$, for 17038 pulse. Simultaneous response of T $_{e}$ over the wide region, 0.3 < ρ < 0.8, with W and H α div is clearly seen

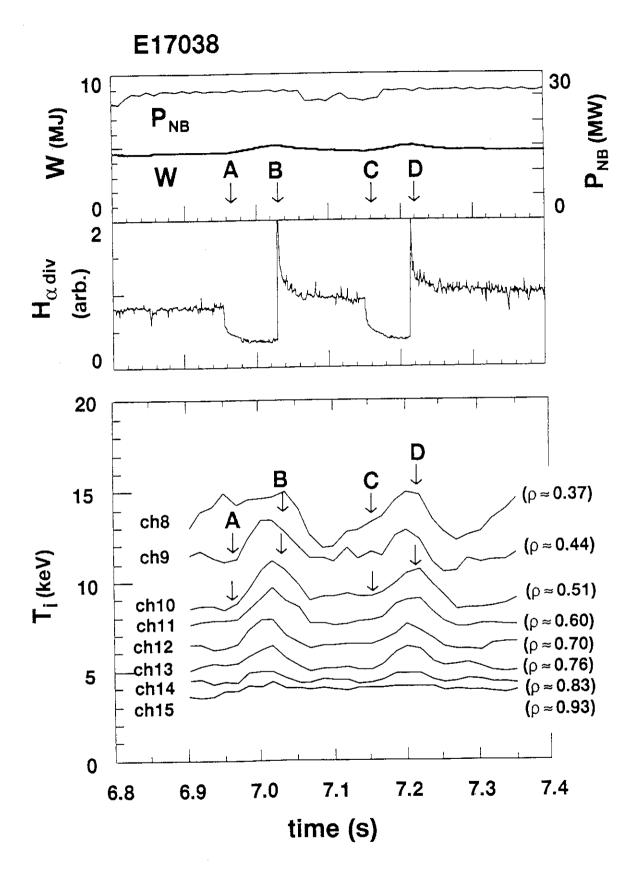


Fig. 13 Evolutions of W, PNB, H α div, and Ti(ρ , t), for 17038 pulse. Simultaneous response of Ti over the wide region, 0.3 < ρ < 0.8, is clearly seen as the same as Te(ρ , t).

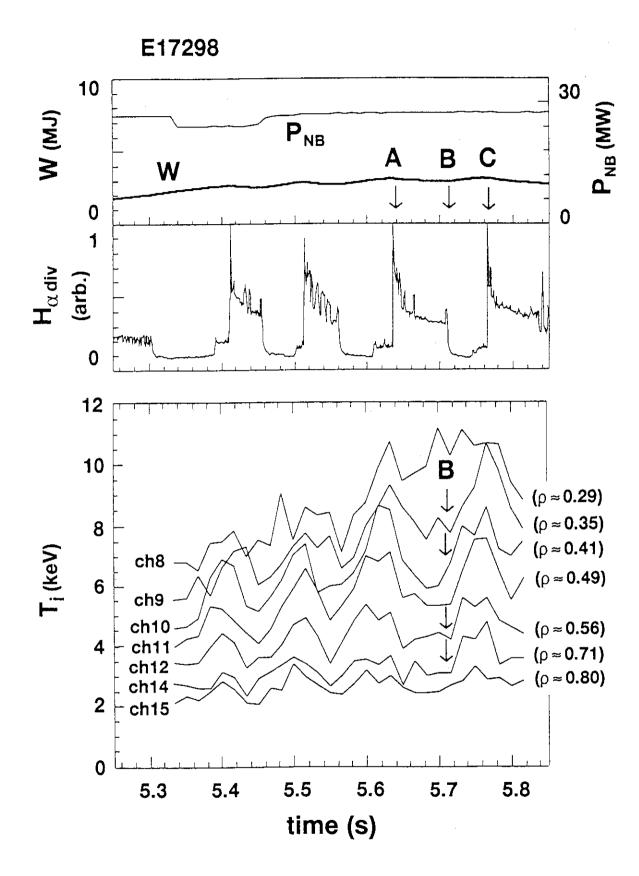


Fig. 14 Evolutions of W, PNB, H α div, and Ti(ρ , t), for a low field H-mode pulse 17298 (1.5 MA/2.5 T). Clear H-L-H-L transitions (A, B and C) are observed. Simultaneous response of Ti over the wide region, 0.3 < ρ < 0.8, is seen.

Appendix Plasma configurations and parameters

6.933	0	.39	5	7	. 03	0.041	7.005	64.444	0.48	1.522	0	0.053	œ	63.265	Ō	1.145	Ś	0.061	6	8	2.839	٦.	3.238	,	1	0	~	. 0.2	-	•		3	0.710	2.982	2.967	0.000	96.	2.967	000.0	000.0	ō	9.5	000E+00
CRCM	CRCM1		CNXII	CNXIO	SLP1I	SLP10	R M	CNCL2	NX2	NX2	SLP2I	SLP20	RCM		CNX31	CNX30	SLP31	SLP30	RSP11	RSP2I	RSP3I	RSP10	SP2		٦,	14528	BTSP1	B2/T1	BISPI	BTSP2	8Z/T2	ALNE	DENG	DENAV	d I	RKC03	RKC11	IPUNC	PRTOT	PRMAI	PRDIV	QSTAR	NEUT2 0.0

