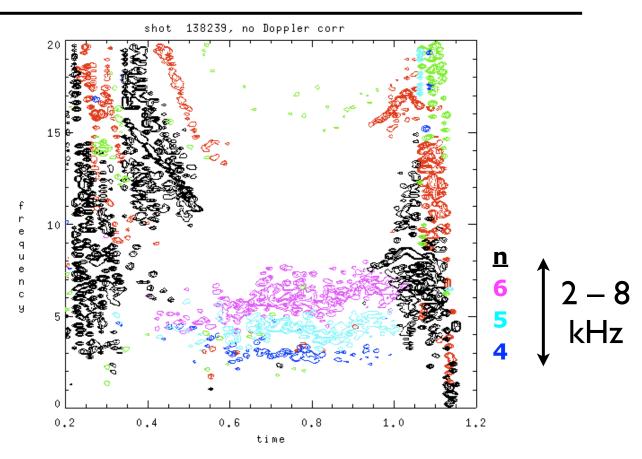
# Driving EHO's via Amplitude Modulated HHFW

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#### **EHOs Seen on NSTX Mirnov Coils**

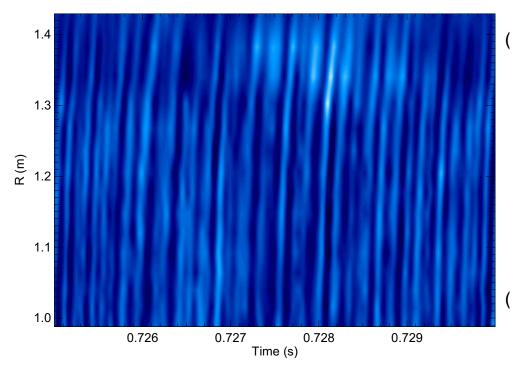
- Eric Fredrickson's MODE code
- Tuned for low frequency (long samples)
- Tuned for low amplitude (measures dB/dt)



- Studied current, field and power scans from Rajesh's SOL study
  - ELM-free, lithiated, steady density rise
- Clearest EHO cases are 4 MW, 800 kA, 4.5 kG
  - Need time window with very low n = 1 modes
- EHOs do not obviously reduce density rise in NSTX

#### **EHOs Seen on USXR**

Shot# 138239, USXR HUp array, 5um Be filter, 20kHz low-pass f



- Kevin Tritz / Johns Hopkins
- Such clear USXR signals not seen on shots without EHOs on Mirnov signals
- FFT by eye gives ~6 kHz

#### **Driving EHOs Using Modulated HHFW**

- Easy to amplitude modulate HHFW
- HHFW couples to the edge plasma in ways we don't completely understand
- Maybe we can use it to drive EHOs and even control impurity influx.
  - Evidence of coupling would motivate theory.
  - Theory would allow optimization of experiments. For example what wave numbers should we use?
- XP approved for last year. But not executed.
  - HHFW did not exceed 2 MW
- Propose to try this experiment in FY11
- Propose to try resonant mode amplification in FY12
  - Will provide information for ITER and for NSTX-U

# Driving EHO's via Acoustic Frequency Resonant Mode Amplification

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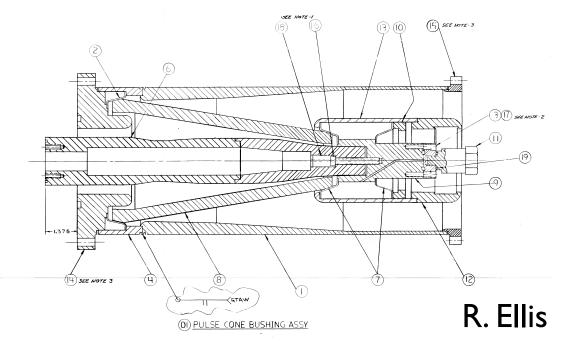
### ~2 kA, 2 - 8 kHz Looks Doable

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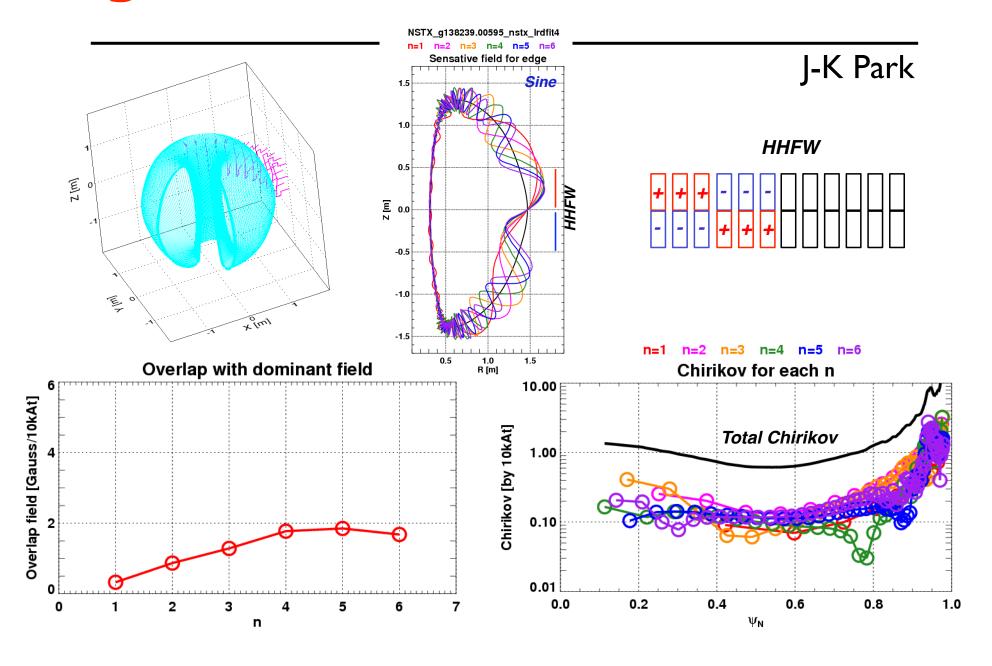


Commercial induction heater. CW power up to 50 kW, frequency up to 10 kHz.

By running current through center pin of RF feedthru, thermal limits should be OK.



# **Edge Chirikov > 1 Looks Doable**



## **Proposed Run Plan(s)**

#### I. Establish conditions similar to 138239

- Establish the presence of EHOs both on the Mirnov and soft X-ray systems
- Measure density rise and impurity accumulation

#### II. Add EHO Drive (Amplitude Modulated HHFW or Acoustic RMA)

- Determine level of power and pulse length that can be reliably obtained.
- $\bullet$  Establish level of amplitude modulation that can be obtained at observed frequency of strongest EHO  $\sim$  4 kHz.
- Sweep frequency of amplitude modulation from 2 8 kHz, and determine where maximum amplification occurs.

#### III. Scan drive power

- Select optimum point for EHO amplification, if some is observed, and scan drive power.
- By looking at the swept results may decide to have some sweeping still in this case.
- Interleave with shots with non-AM HHFW / no acoustic RMA.