Neutral Beam Ion Loss During Multimode MHD

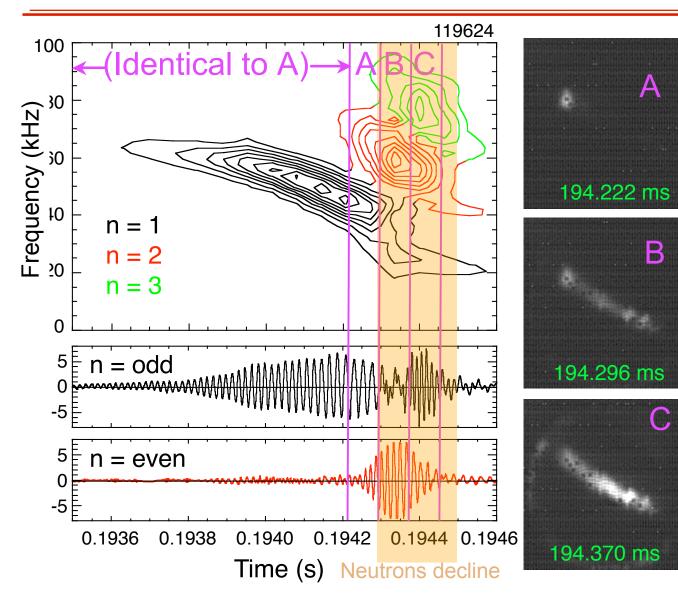
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Why do multiple simultaneous fast ion driven MHD modes sometimes affect large populations of fast ions, but at other times not?

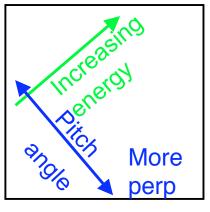
Fast ion redistribution & loss important for ITER

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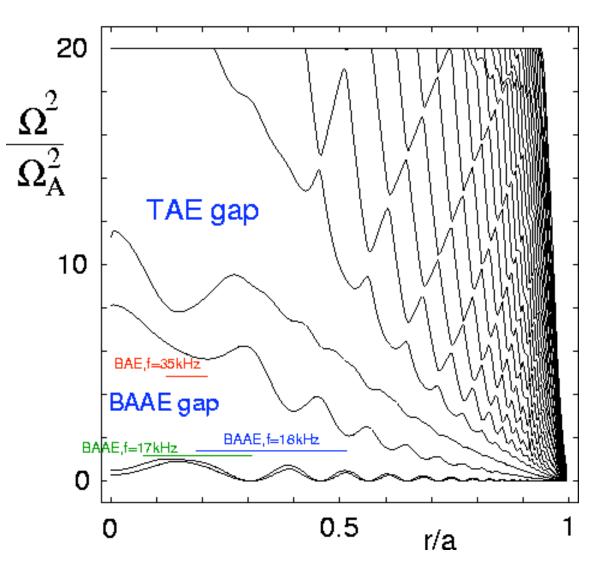
EPM burst causes broad pitch range loss when multiple n values present



- Neutron rate drops 13%
- when multiple n values present & broad pitch angle loss seen

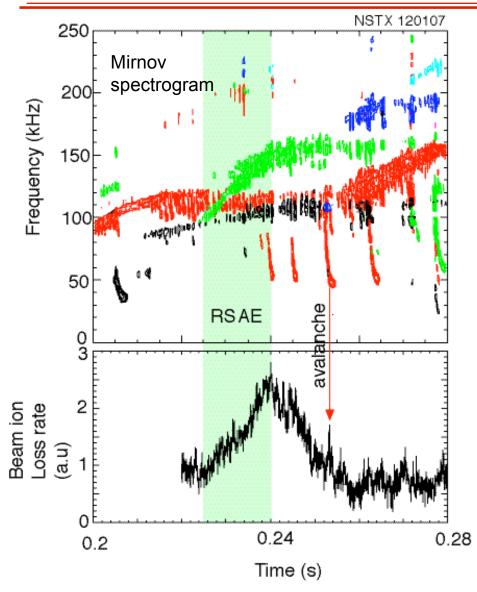


n=3 mode frequency lies in BAAE gap



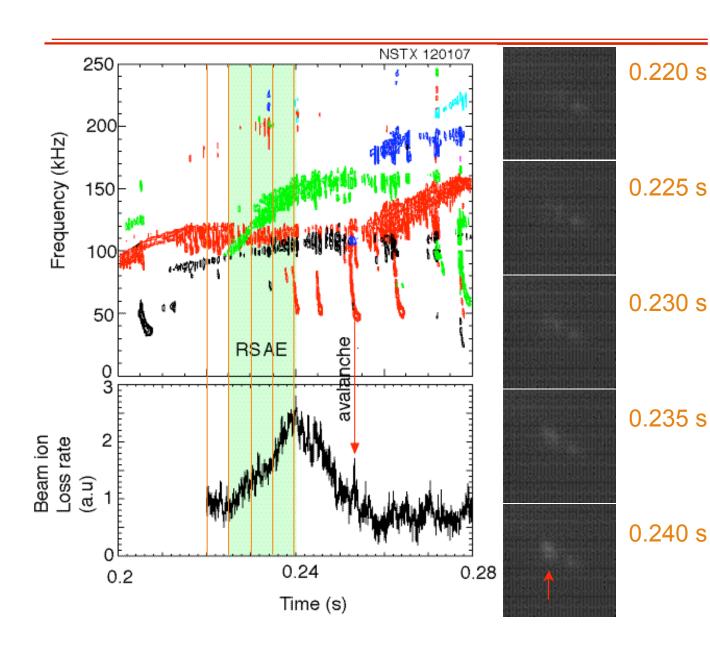
- BAAE=betainduced Alfvén coustic eigenmode
- f_{rot}=20 kHz
- For n=3 mode:
 - f_{BAAE}=78 kHz – f_{obs} =78 kHz
- Good agreement

Interesting shot with RSAE & AE Avalanche



- Losses increase while RSAE frequency increases
- Avalanche also produces burst of loss
- Colors designate n numbers

RSAE loss localized in pitch angle



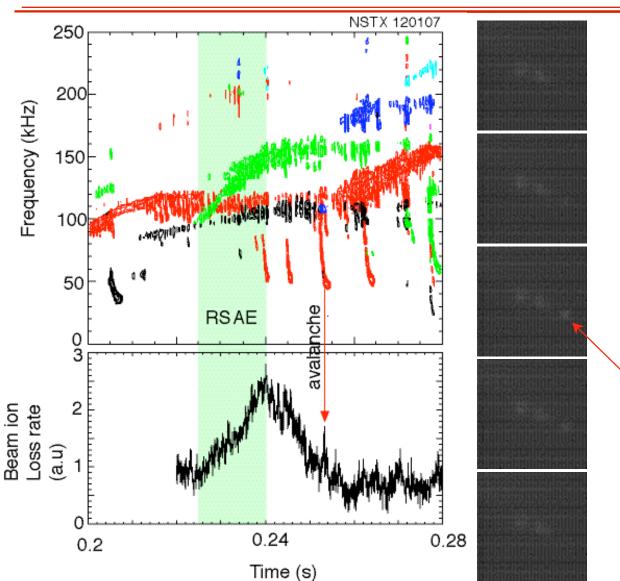
 2 pitch angles lost

- Camera images at times marked in orange shown
- Upper left
 spot (more
 passing)
 grows
 brighter with
 time during
 RSAE

RSAE loss contrasts with EPM

- During EPM, simultaneous multiple n modes appear to cause stochastic loss of fast ions (broad range of pitch angles)
- During RSAE, even though multiple n modes are present concurrently, loss is over only a small range of pitch angles
- Are modes seen during RSAE radially disjoint?

Avalanche loss also localized in pitch angle



- Loss appears at right (more perp) during avalanche
- Only this avalanche studied in detail to date
- Study of more events warranted