

# “Diagnostics Associated With Redistribution of Confined EPs and the Causes”

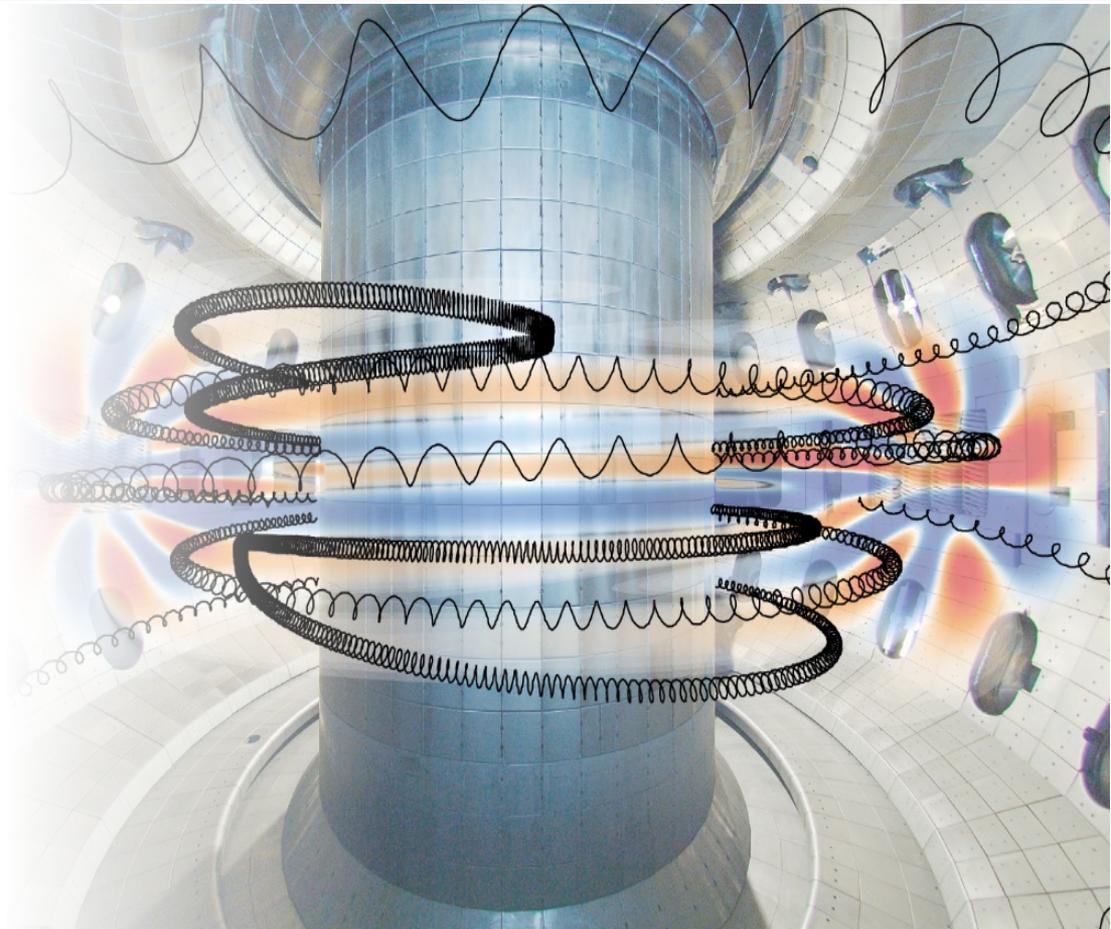
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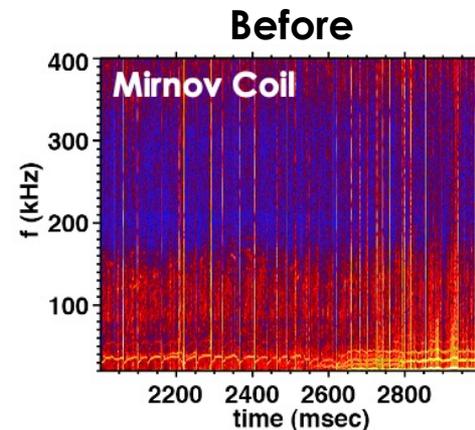
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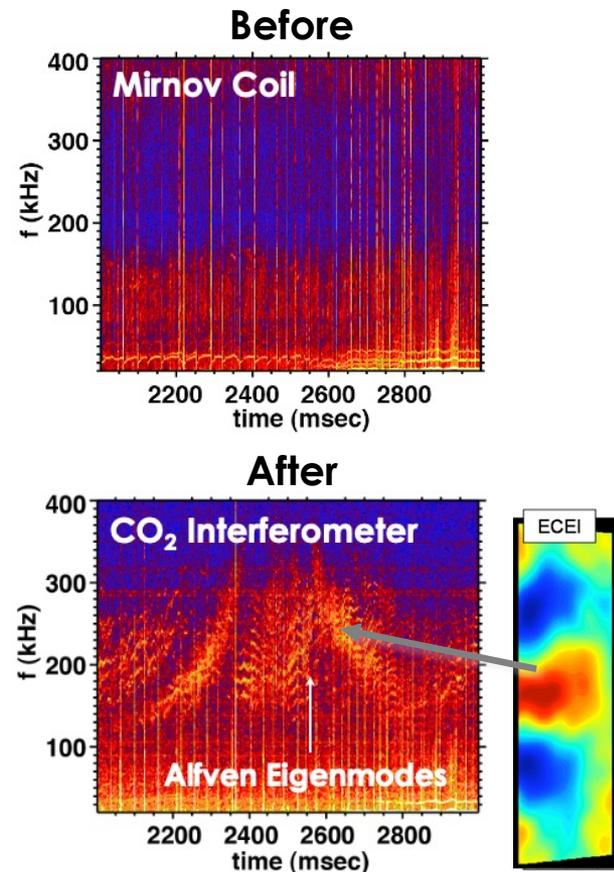
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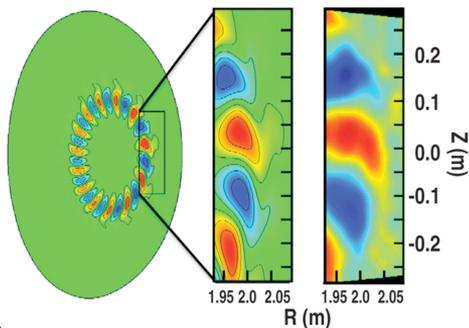
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- **Enter new diagnostic advances!**
  - New core fluctuation measurements revealed wealth of relatively low amplitude core modes
  - New core fast ion diagnostics began making phase space resolved measurements of large-scale transport
- **Eventually, simulations confirmed measured modes and were able to resolve overlap of resonances leading to transport**
- **Talk is about tools and techniques that enabled understanding and *that you can use today***



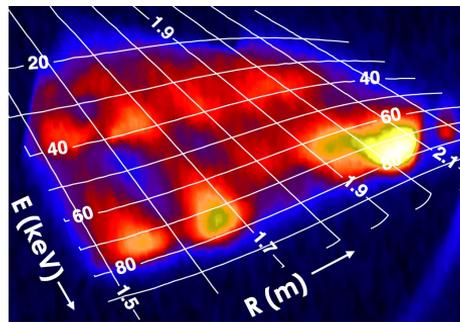
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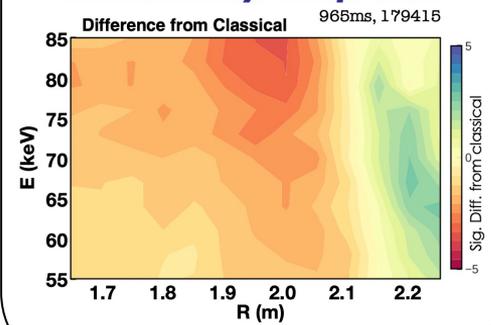
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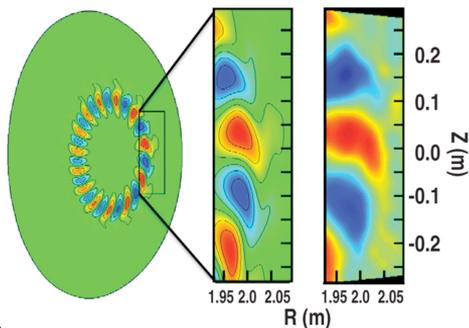
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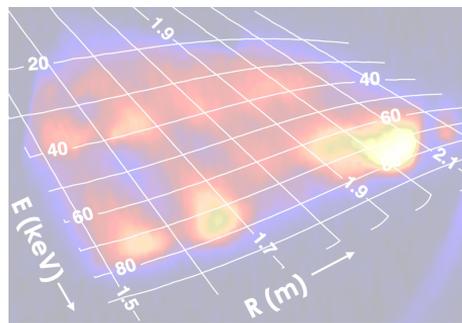
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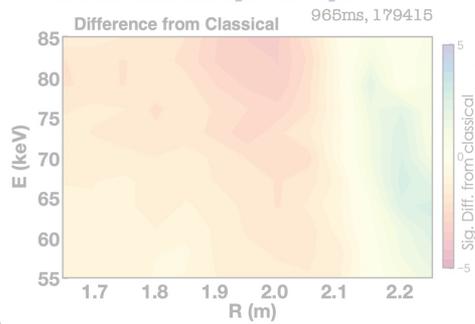
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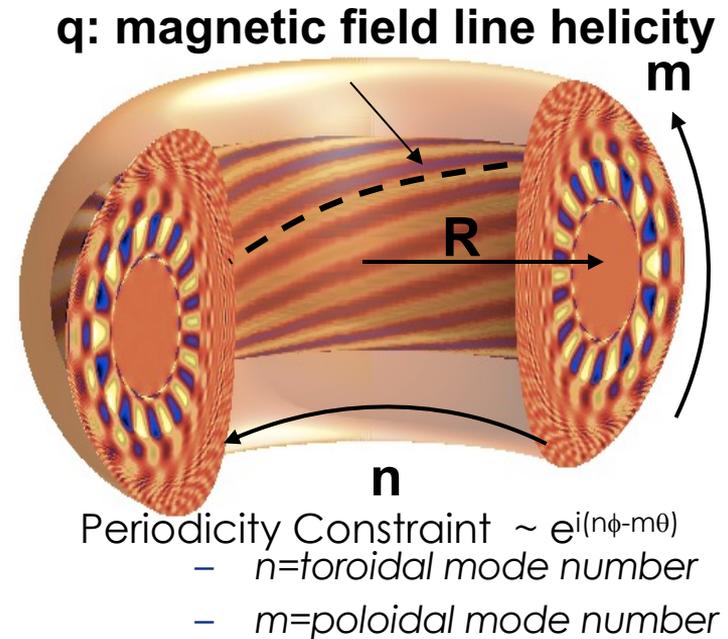
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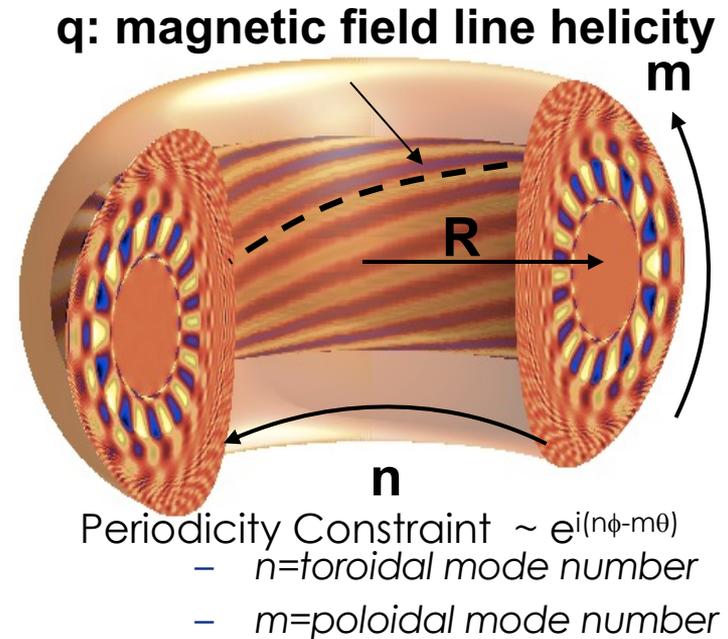
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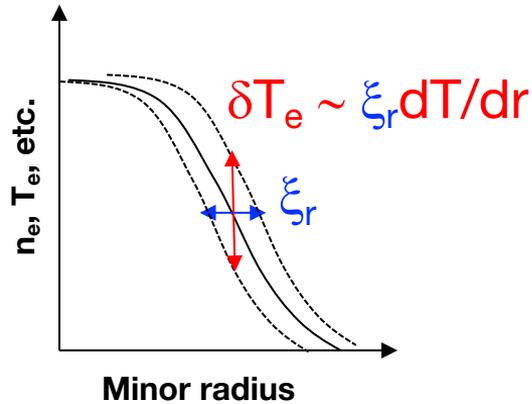
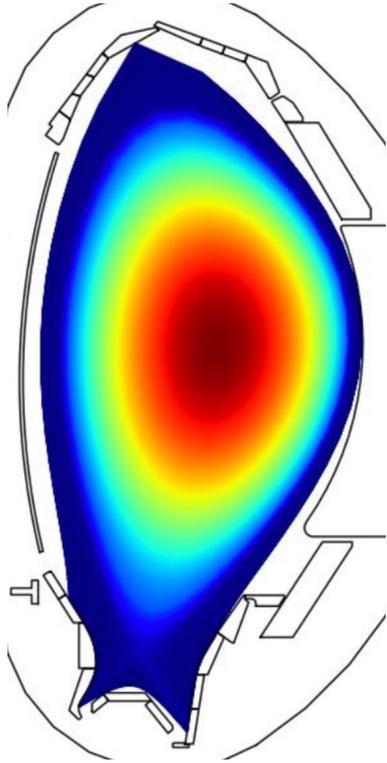
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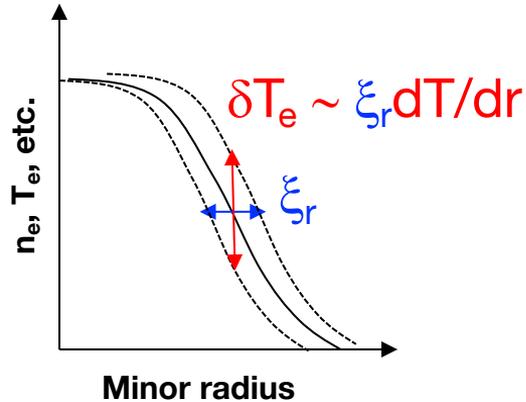
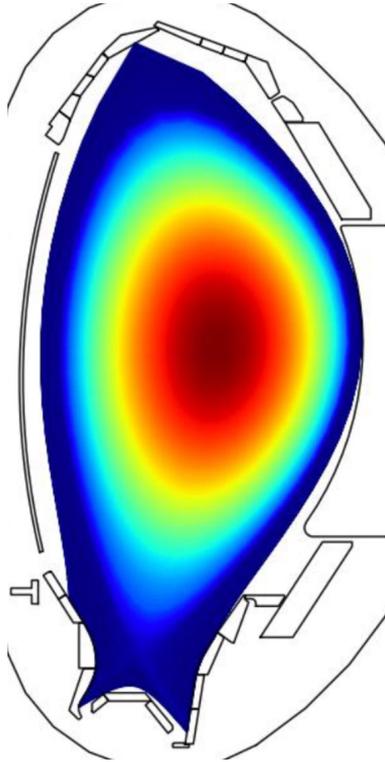
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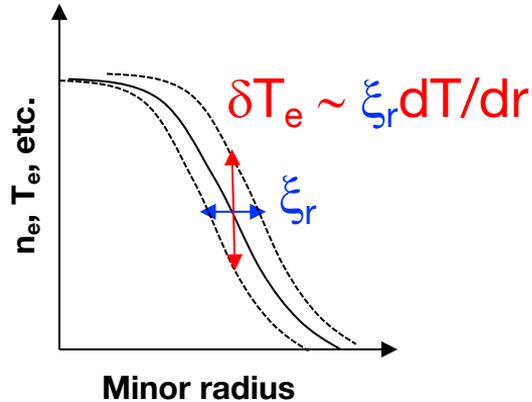
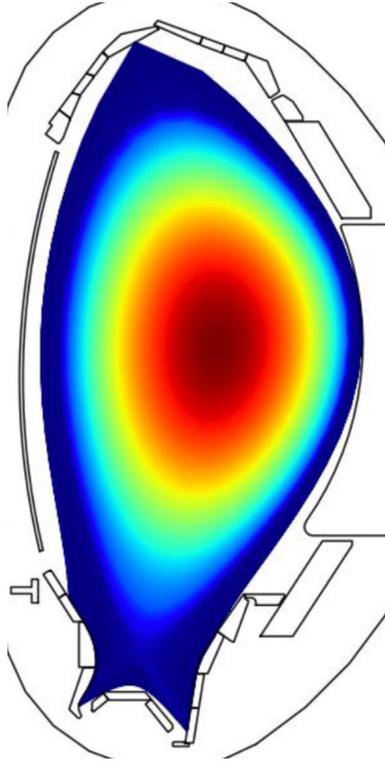
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For shear waves, compressional term is small but not always the case for other instabilities – also need some gradient

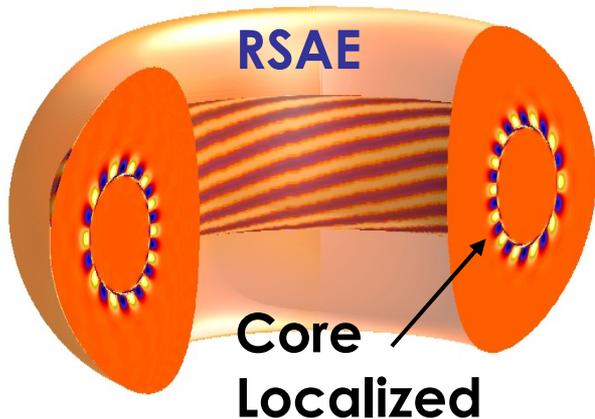
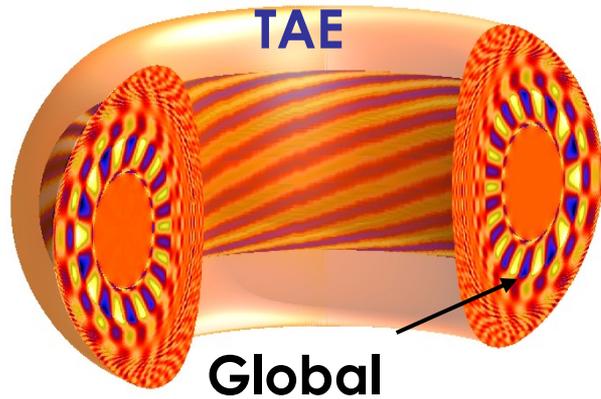
# Perturbed Quantities Have Complex 3D Structures

## TAE Temperature Perturbation



- Combination of multiple poloidal mode numbers, radial structure and  $n$ , leads to complex 3-D structure
- Rotates past fixed diagnostics in time

# Different Modes Have Different Localizations with Different Implications for Impact on Fast Ion Profile

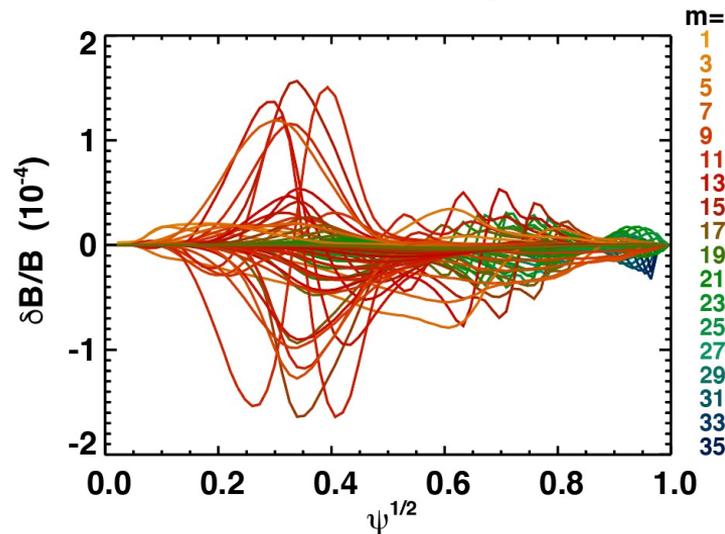


- Sergei covered in detail
- Obvious implication is that larger scale modes can potentially transport particles further across plasma
- Key to assessing impact is measurements of mode localization

# Even Very Low Level Fluctuations Can Cause Large EP Transport....

- AEs with peak  $\delta B/B \sim 10^{-4}$  are typical
  - Still can cause large scale transport
- What does that mean?...**Means low signal levels!!**
  - Typically  $\delta T/T$  &  $\delta n/n < 1\%$

*This set of AEs caused 50% reduction in central fast ion density  $\delta B/B < 2 \times 10^{-4}$*



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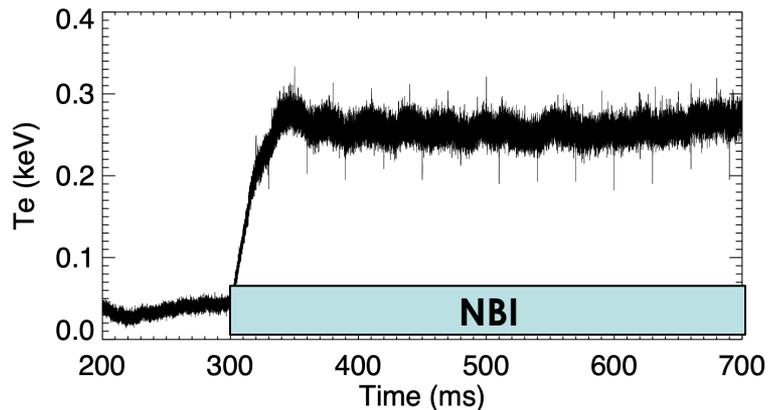
# Fortunately, Many of the Instabilities We Focus on are Coherent Oscillations and Several Analysis Techniques Exist to Extract Key Information

$X_1(\omega) = FFT[x_1(t)]$ $X_2(\omega) = FFT[x_2(t)]$	Complex FFT of time series $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$
$C_{12}(\omega) = \langle X_1(\omega)X_2^*(\omega) \rangle$	Cross Spectrum
$P_{12}(\omega) =  C_{12}(\omega)  = [C_{12}(\omega)C_{12}^*(\omega)]^{1/2}$	Cross Power
$\Theta_{12}(\omega) = \tan^{-1}[Imag.[C_{12}(\omega)]/Re.[C_{12}(\omega)]]$	Cross Phase Spectrum
$n(\omega) = \Theta_{12}(\omega)/\Delta\phi_{12}$	Toroidal mode number spectrum from probes separated by $\Delta\phi$
$\gamma_{12}(\omega) = \frac{P_{12}(\omega)}{[P_{11}(\omega)P_{22}(\omega)]^{1/2}}$	Coherence Spectrum
$\gamma_{95\%} = \tanh [1.96/\sqrt{2M - 2}]$	95% Confidence Level

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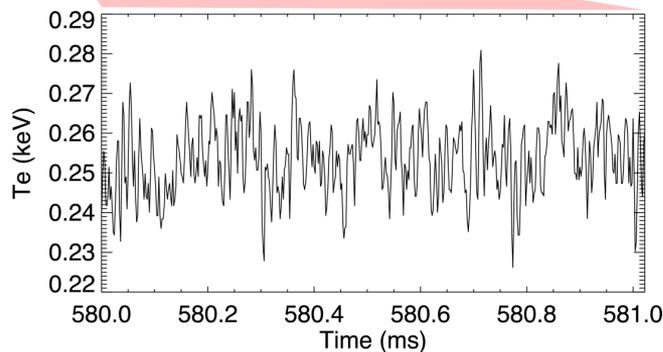
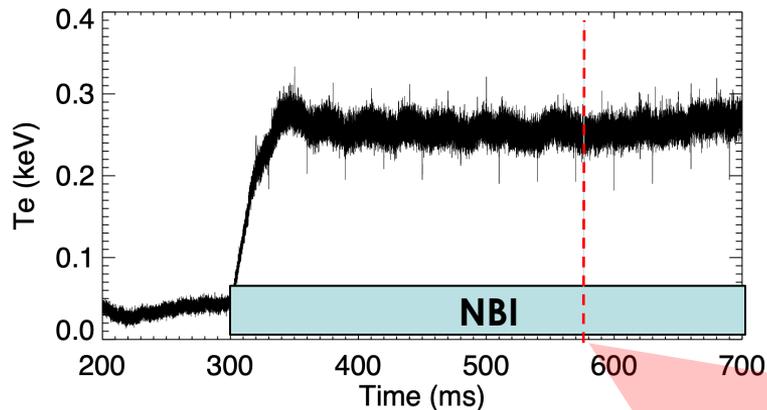
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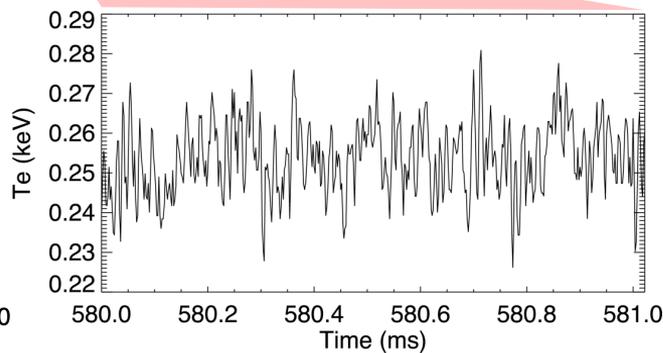
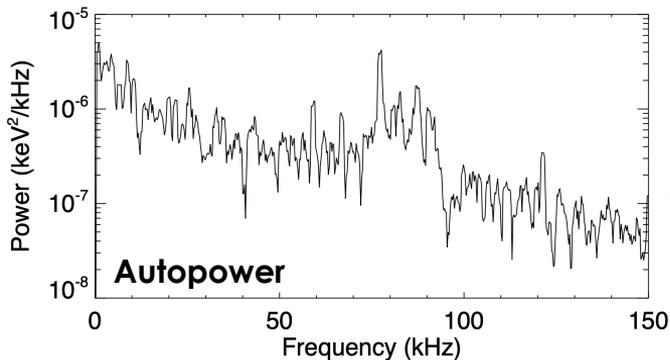
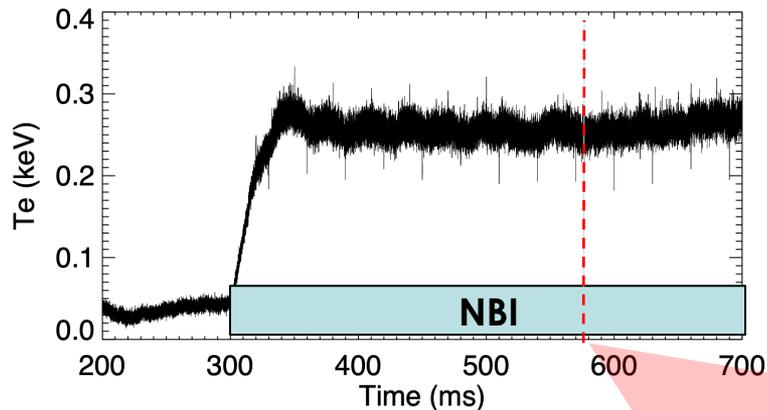
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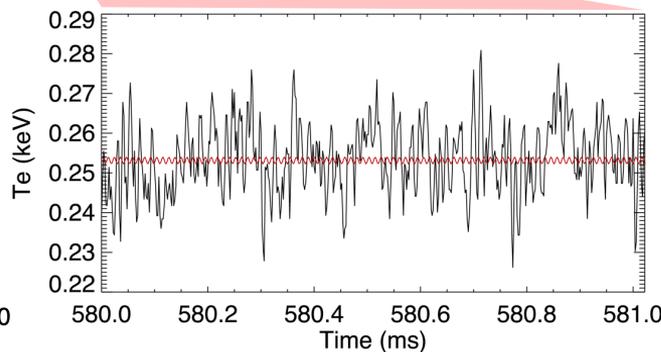
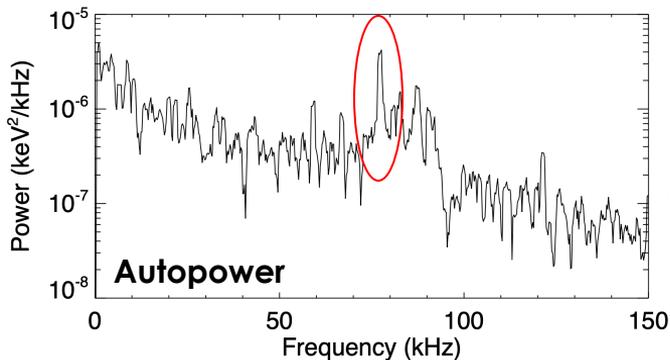
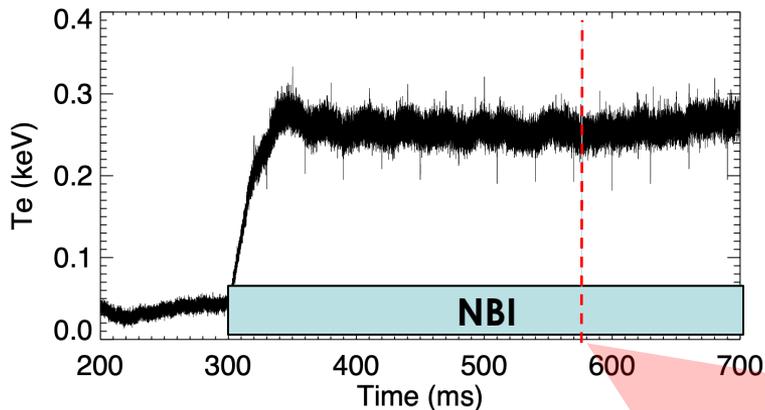
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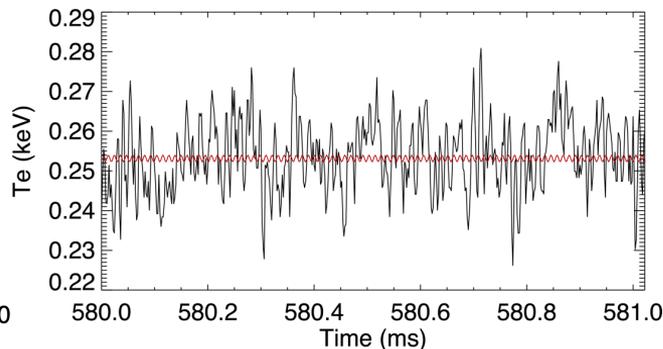
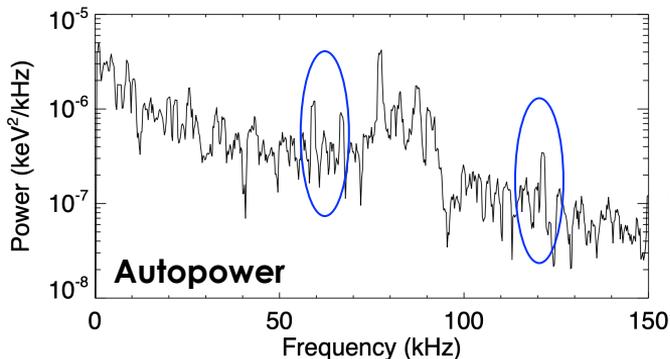
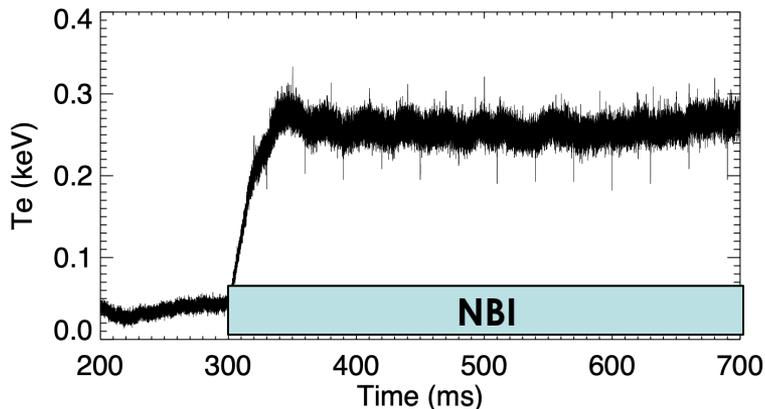
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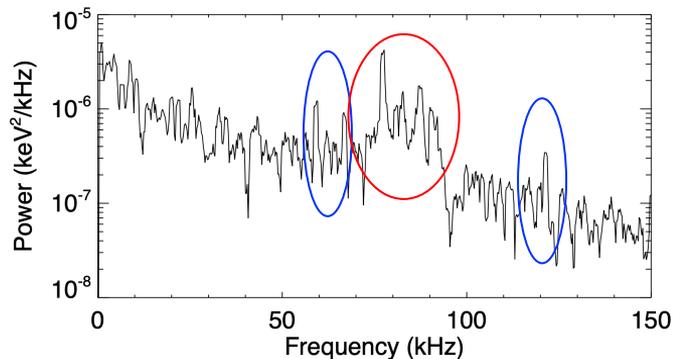
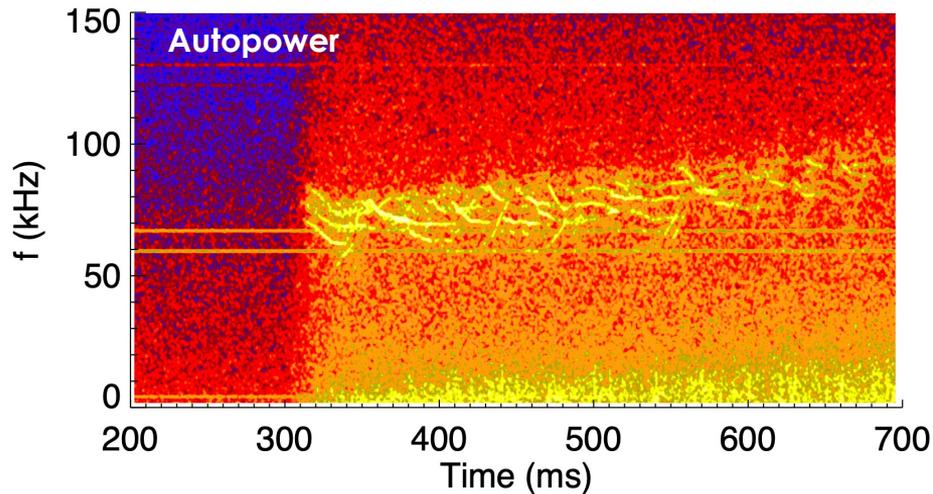
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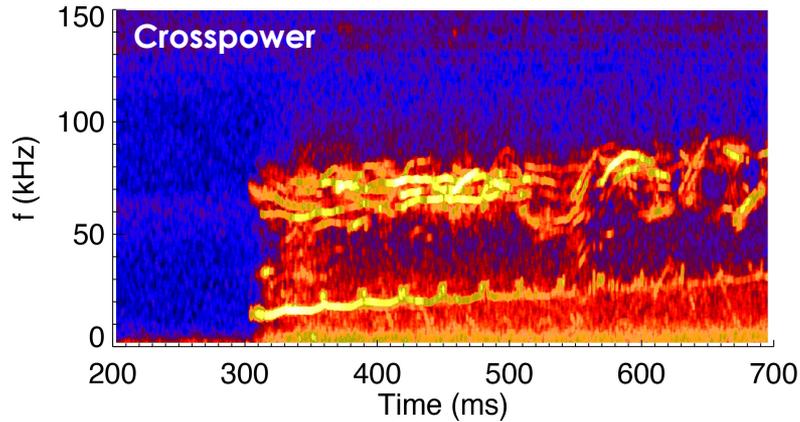
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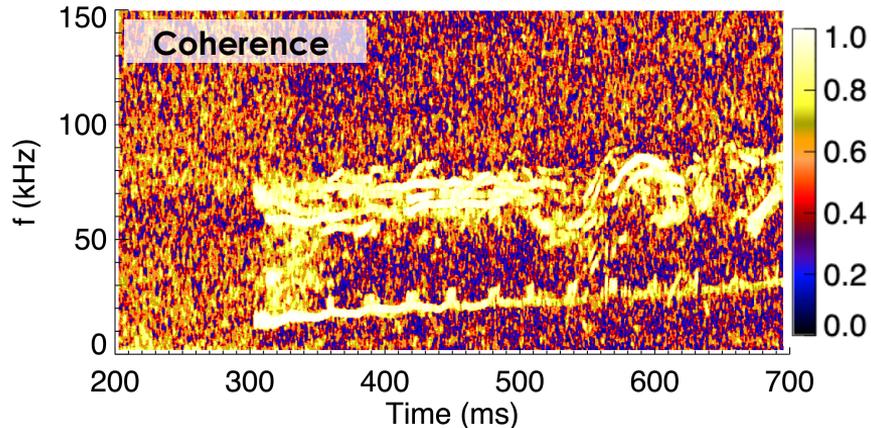
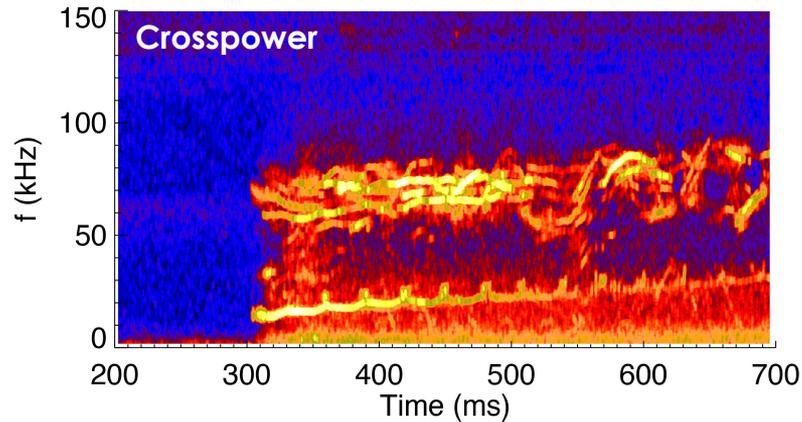
- **Windowed FFT or Spectrogram is constructed from series of small subsets of data**
  - Overlapping of windows smooths out evolution
- **Modes are clearly evolving with discharge**
- **Fixed frequency bands are typical of noise/pickup**

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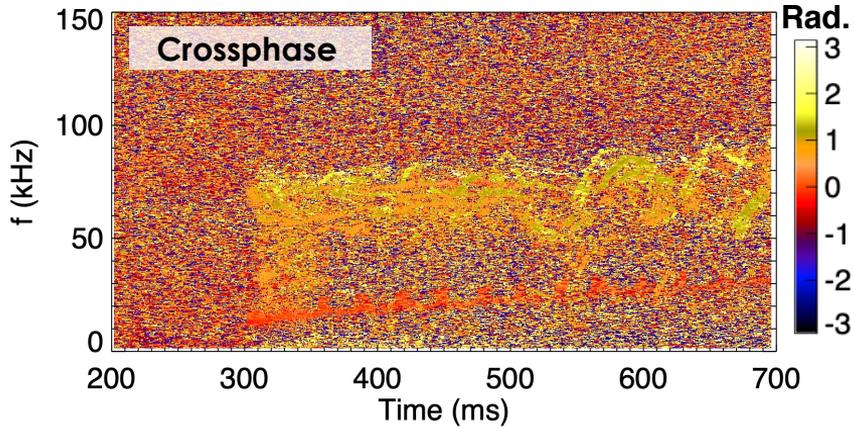
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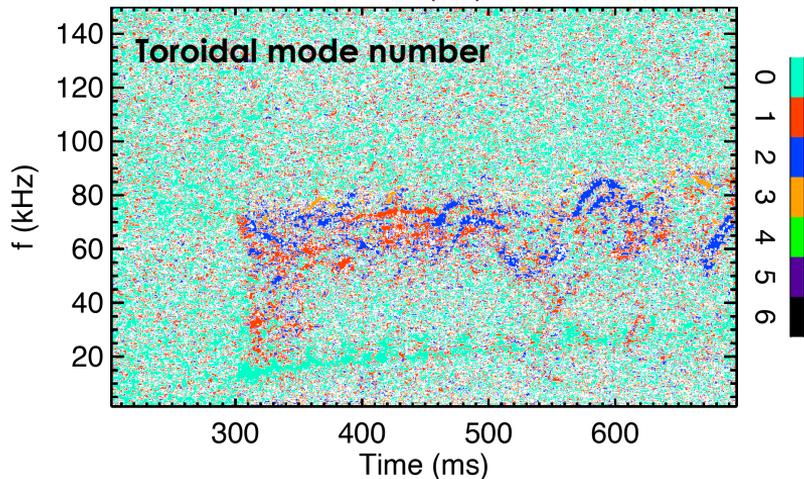
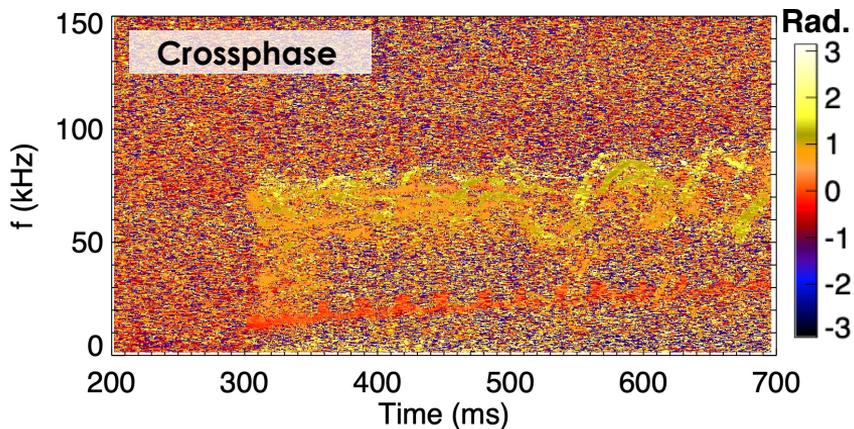
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- **Coherence is a normalized crosspower (0-1) and very useful in finding coherent mode activity without a-priori knowing amplitude cutoff**
  - Linear correlation of two signals vs. frequency
  - Examples to follow

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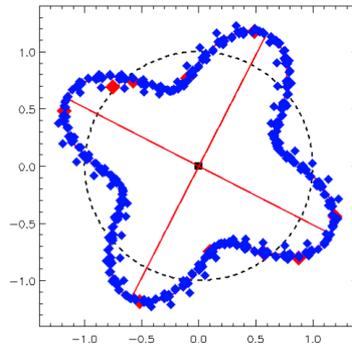


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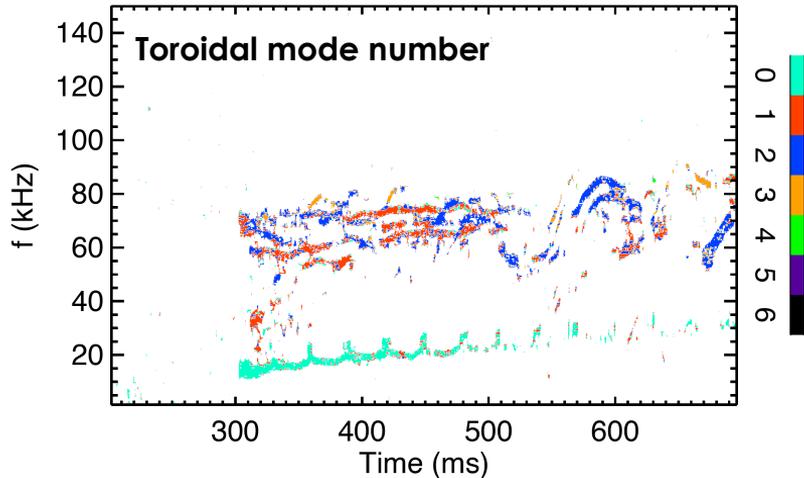
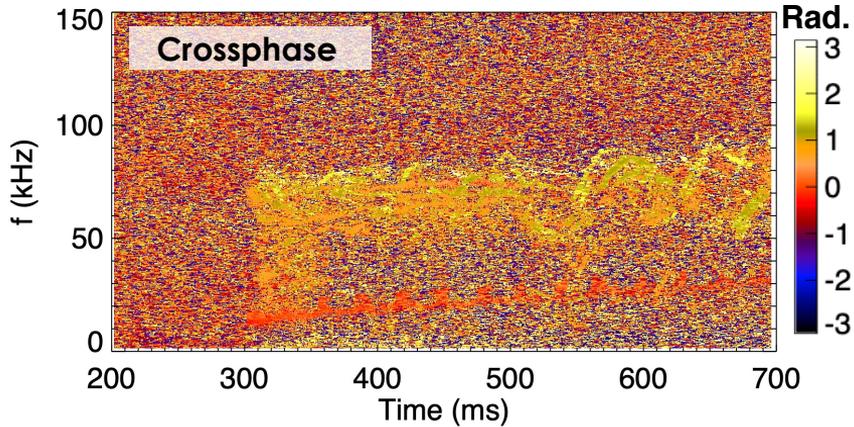
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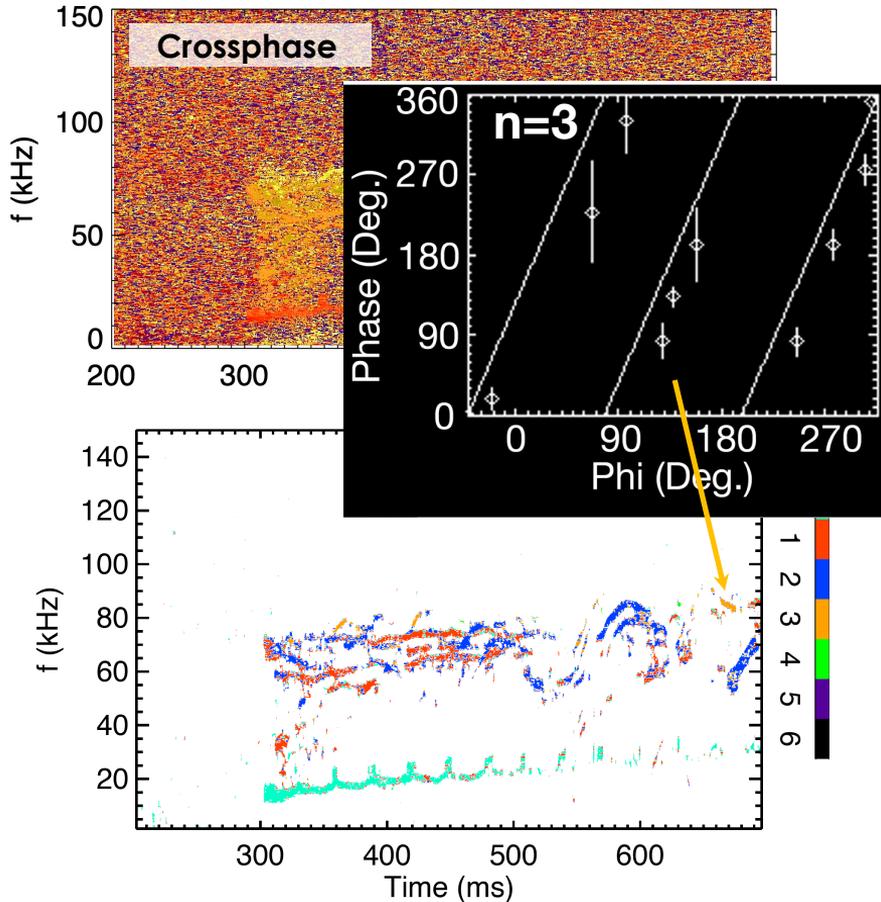


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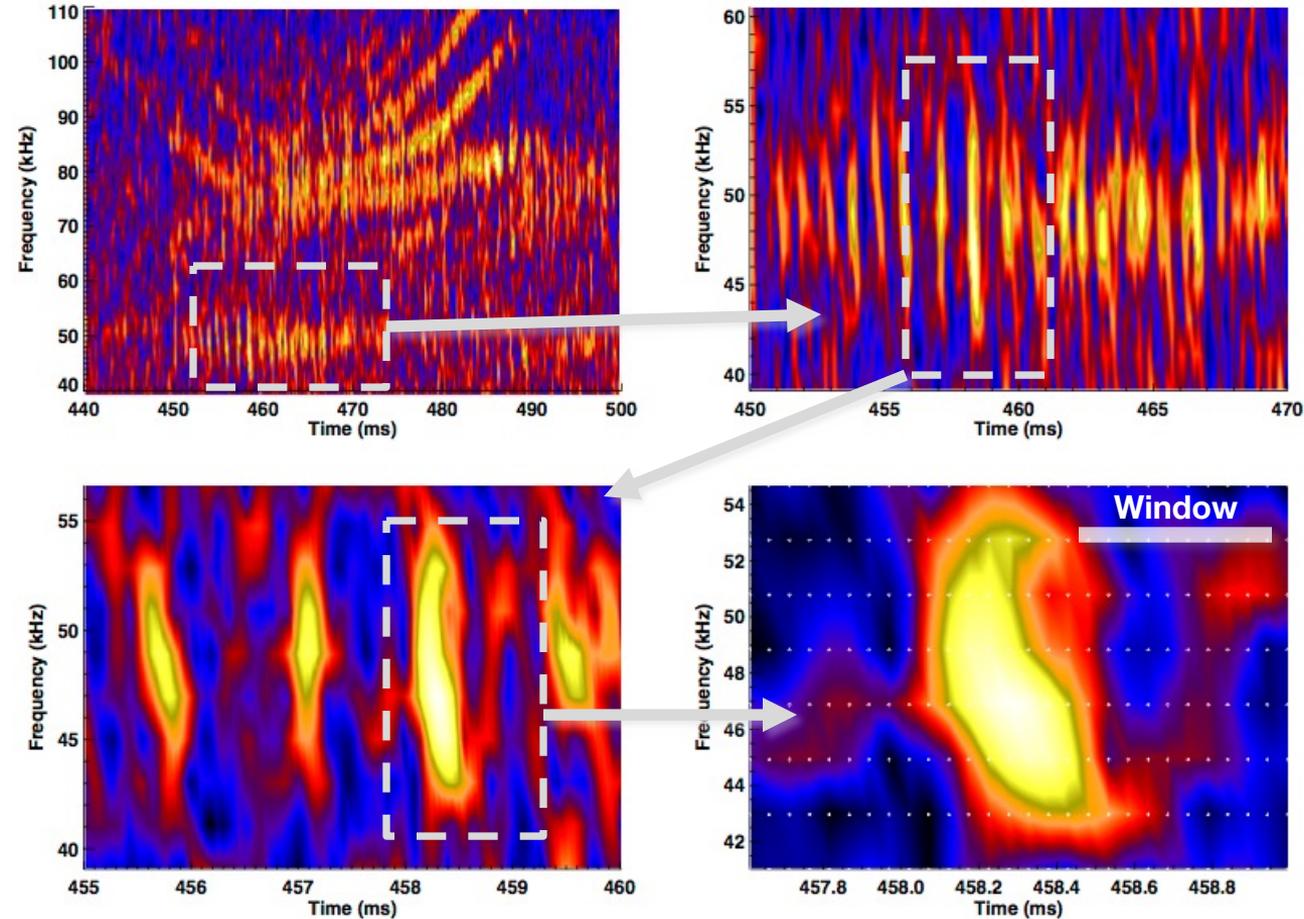
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- Using more toroidal probes allows fitting of the phase vs. toroidal angle

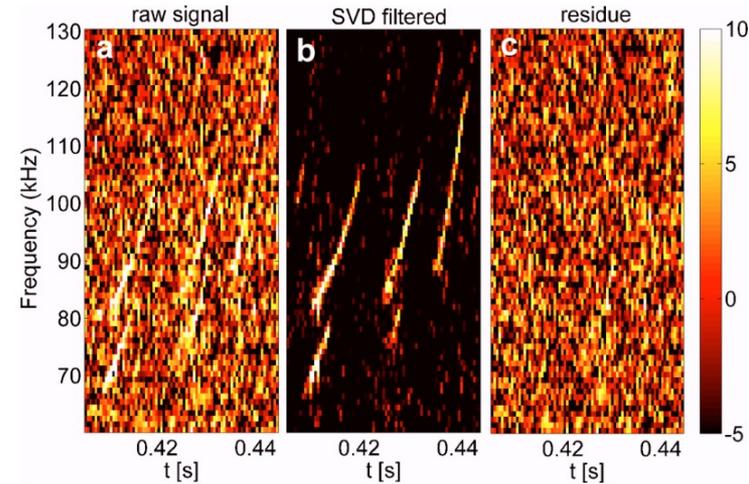
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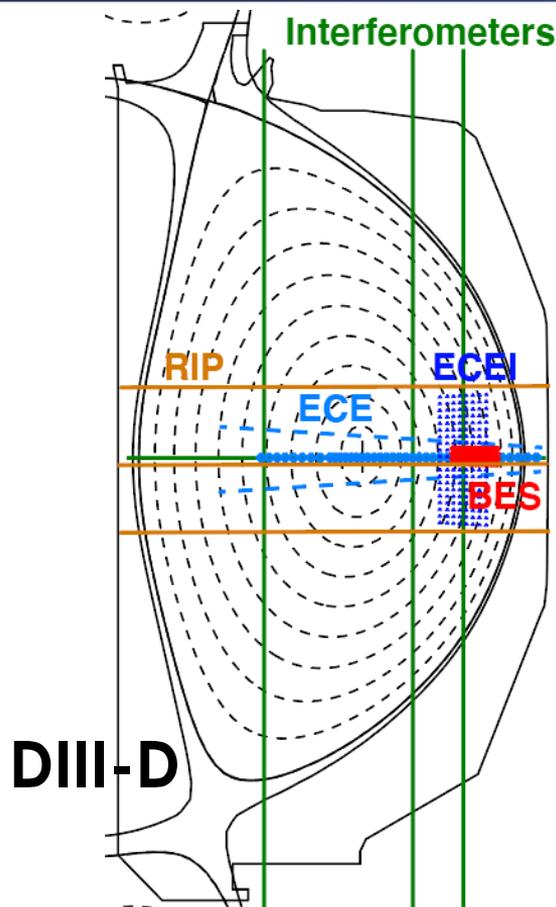
- Sampling rate ( $f_{\text{samp}}$ ) picks highest frequency (Nyquist Frequency= $f_{\text{samp}}/2$ )
- Window duration picks lowest resolvable frequency ( $f_{\text{samp}}/N$ ) and averaging interval
- Window overlap helps resolve short changes
- No fixed rules
  - Parameters often chosen to visualize desired info

# Many other techniques exist as well

- **Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)**
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# Multiple Core Fluctuation Diagnostics are Able To Provide Data on Different Aspects of EP Instabilities



*Magnetic Pickup Coils ( $\delta B$  at wall)*

*Interferometers (line-integrated,  $\delta n_e$ )*

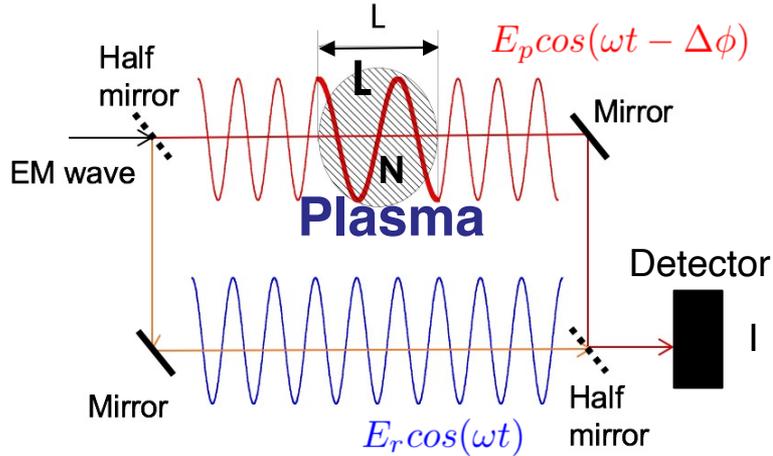
*Combined Interferometry and Polarimetry (RIP) (line-integrated,  $\delta B + \delta n_e$ )*

*ECE - Electron Cyclotron Emission Radiometer and ECEI (local,  $\delta T_e$ )*

*BES - Beam Emission Spectroscopy (local,  $\delta n_e$ )*

*Reflectometer (local,  $\delta n_e$ )*

# Interferometers Measure a Phase Shift Proportional to Line-Integrated Density



$$I \propto \left\{ \underbrace{E_r \cos(\omega t - \Delta\phi)}_{(I_p)} + \underbrace{E_p \cos \omega t}_{(I_R)} \right\}^2 = \underbrace{E_r^2/2}_{(2\sqrt{I_R I_P})} + \underbrace{E_p^2/2}_{(I_R)} + \underbrace{E_r E_p \cos \Delta\phi}_{(2\sqrt{I_R I_P})}$$

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_r - \phi_p$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \int (1 - N) dL$$

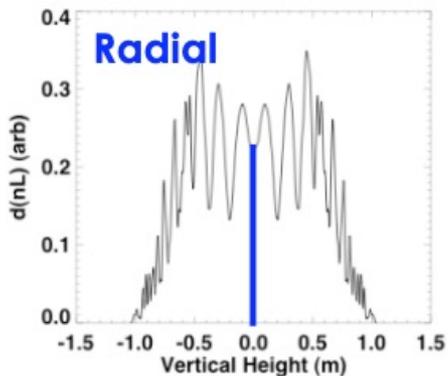
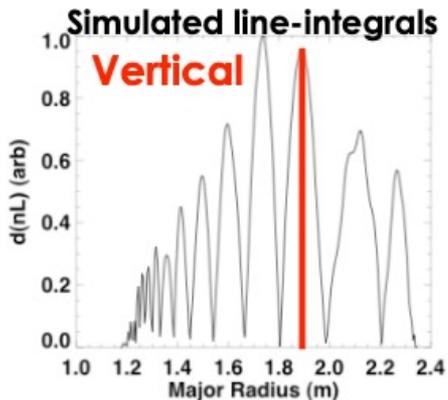
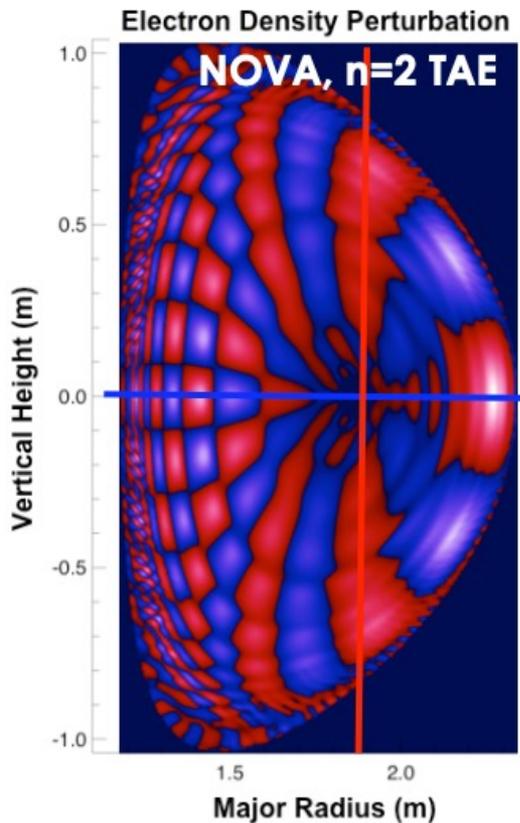
**Plasma-Induced  
Phase Shift**

$$= r_e \lambda \int n_e dL$$

$$r_e = 2.82 \times 10^{-15} \text{ rad-m}$$

- **Interferometer – interferes two waves to make precise measurements of the relative change in phase**
  - Many different configurations (Mach-Zehnder, Michelson, etc.)
- **Change in optical path length between probe and reference leg result in change in intensity (phase)**
- **Plasma phase shift is proportional to line-integrated electron-density and wavelength**
  - Refraction typically limits wavelengths to mid or far infrared (10.59 micron CO2 laser typical) in fusion plasmas
- **Many techniques for phase determination**
  - Most precise interferes two slightly different frequency waves = heterodyne detection

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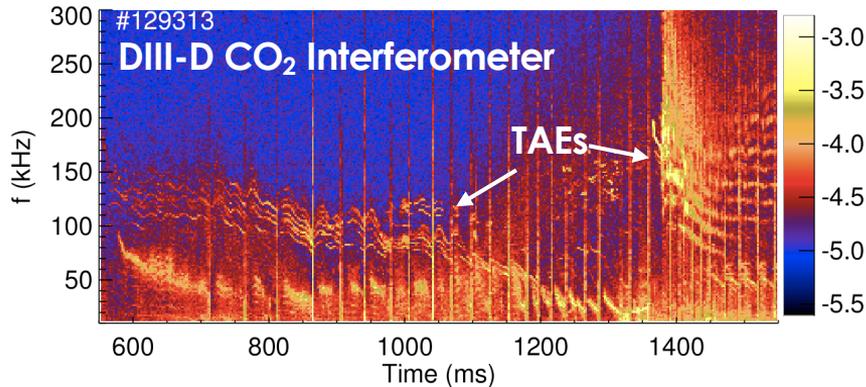
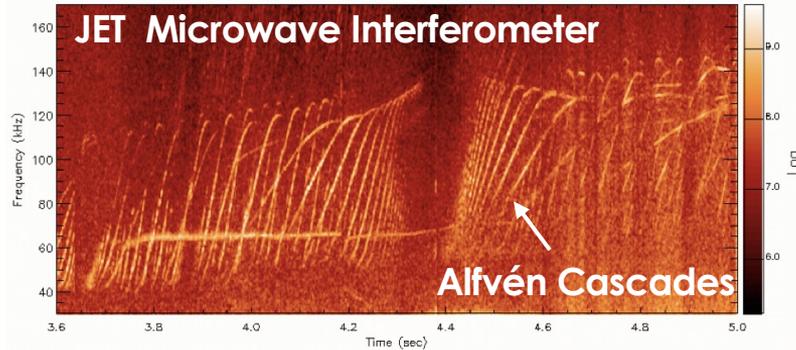


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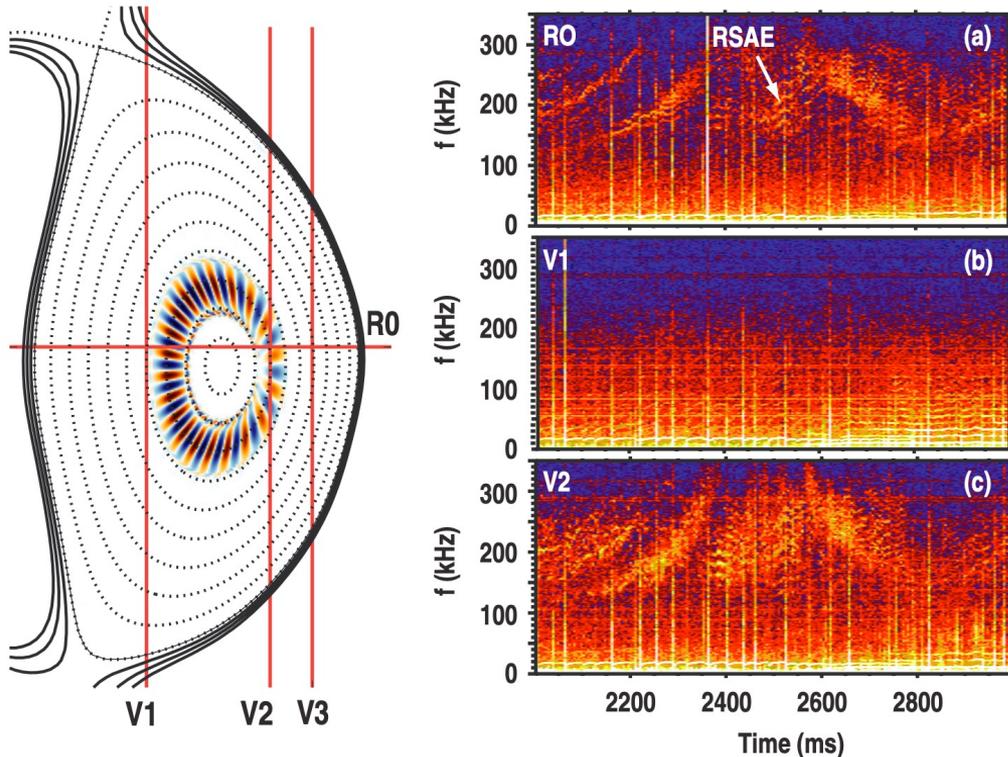


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- Very sensitive ( $\delta nL/nL \sim 10^{-5}$ ), large bandwidth capability, and typically capable of running in all plasma conditions
- Provides an excellent global view of long wavelength fluctuations
- Extrapolates favorably to ITER
  - Same noise floor but larger line-integrated densities

# Interferometry Can Provide Rudimentary Mode Localization



- **Tangency radii constrain minimum minor radius of mode**
  - Can also tell if a mode is peaked on high-field side or low-field side (Ballooning, anti-ballooning), etc.
- **Higher density arrays with spatial coverage also have been employed<sup>1,2,3</sup>**
  - Some of first AE structure measurements were made with interferometry<sup>3</sup>

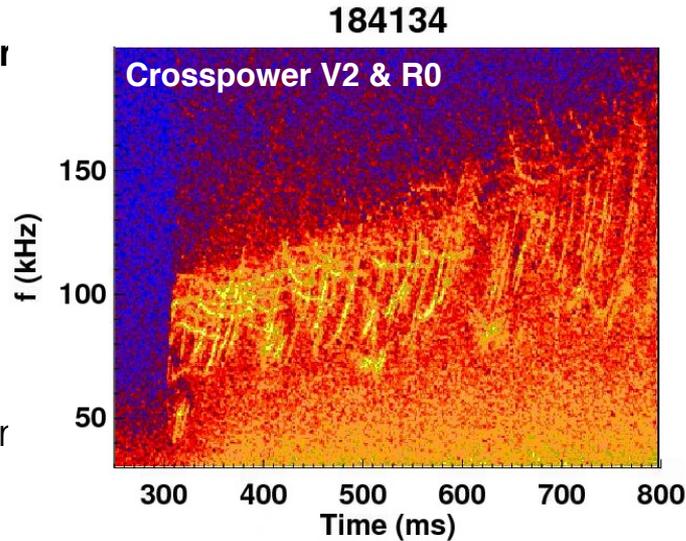
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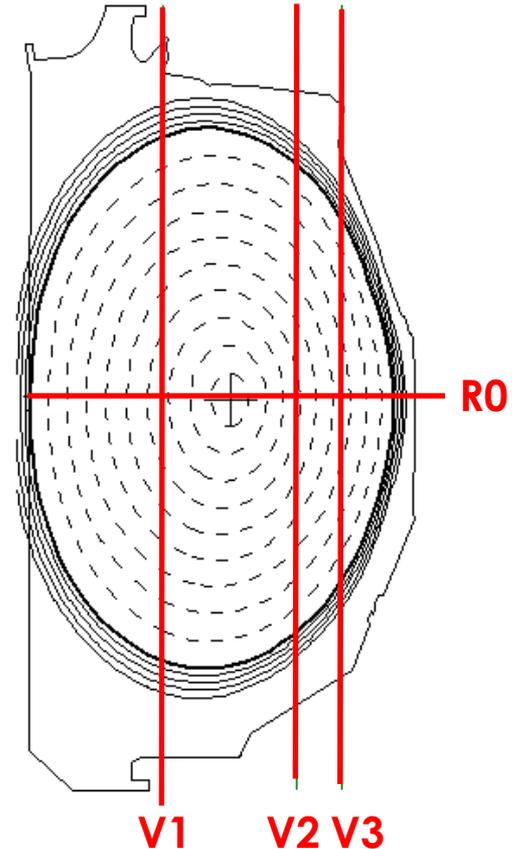
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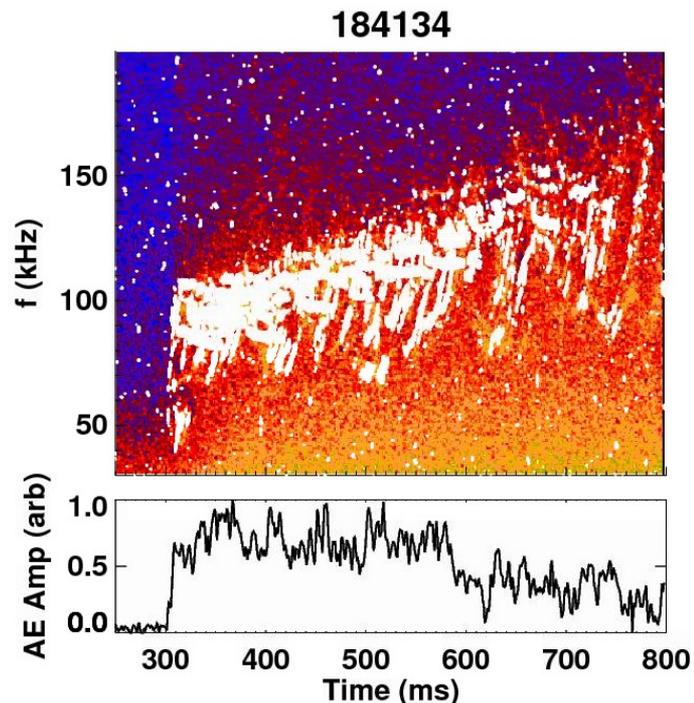
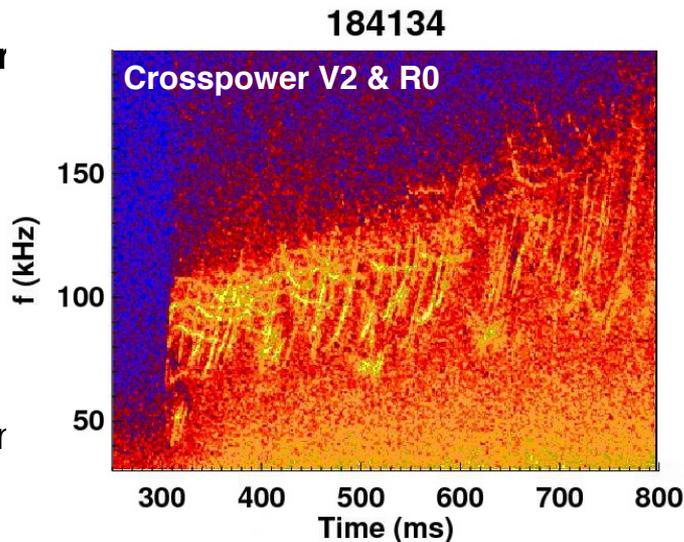


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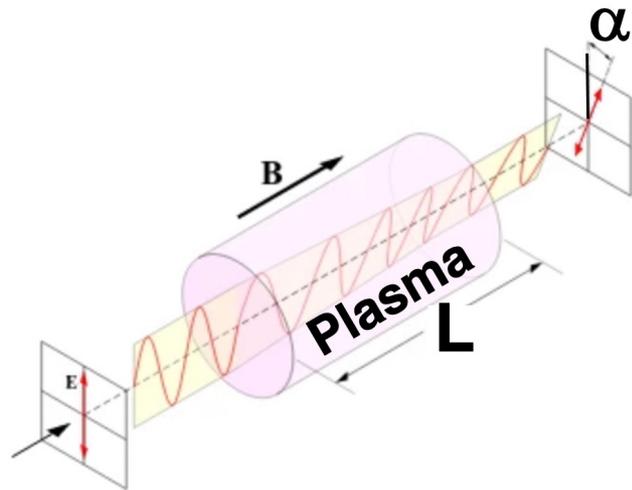


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# Polarimeters Can Be Used To Measure Faraday Rotation



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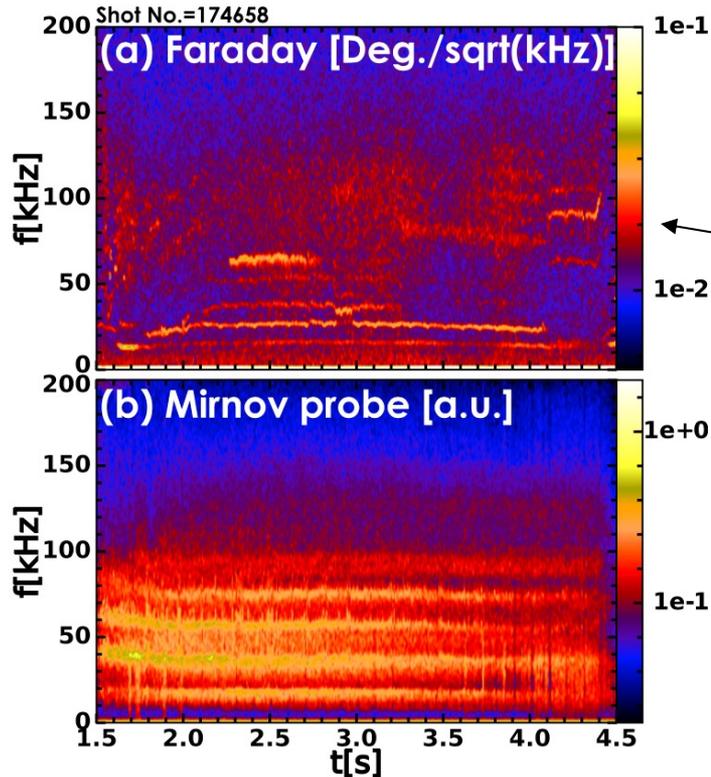
$$\alpha = C_p \lambda^2 \int n_e \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{L}$$

$$C_p = 2.62 \times 10^{-13} \text{ rad/T}$$

$$\omega \gg \omega_{pe} \text{ \& } \omega \gg \omega_{ce}$$

- Linearly polarized electromagnetic wave propagating along magnetic field in plasma will see plane of polarization rotated
- Effect is due to difference in RH and LH index of refraction = “Faraday Rotation”
- Can be used to measure electron density or magnetic field if one or other is known
- Typically probed with lasers or high frequency microwaves
  - Fairly small effect (example, for  $L=1\text{ m}$ ,  $n_e=1 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $B_{||}=1\text{ T}$ ,  $\lambda=10.59\text{ }\mu\text{m}$   $\rightarrow$   $\alpha \sim 0.17$  Degrees)

# Polarimeter Faraday Rotation Measurements Provide Instability Induced Magnetic and Density Fluctuations



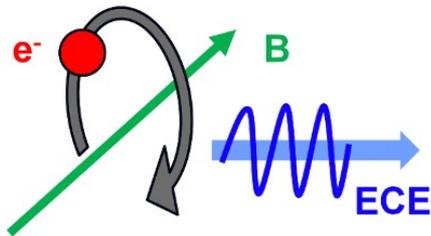
- For instability studies gives information about density and magnetic field fluctuations

$$\delta\alpha = C_p \lambda^2 \left[ \int \delta n_e B_{||} dL + \int n_e \delta B_{||} dL \right]$$

– Example shows midplane radial view = no  $B_{||}$  so purely  $n_e \delta B$

- When combined with interferometry, potential to isolate magnetic and density perturbation components
- For fluctuations, typically require <1THz sources
- One of only diagnostics that can provide core magnetic fluctuation information at relevant frequencies

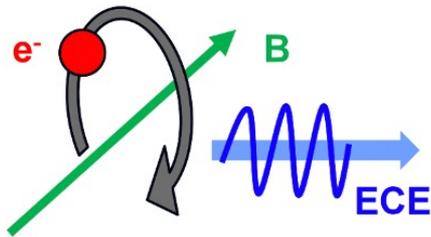
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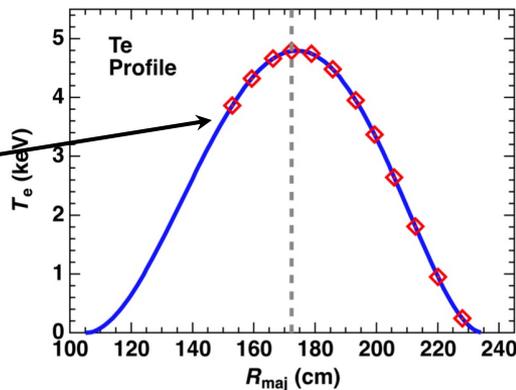
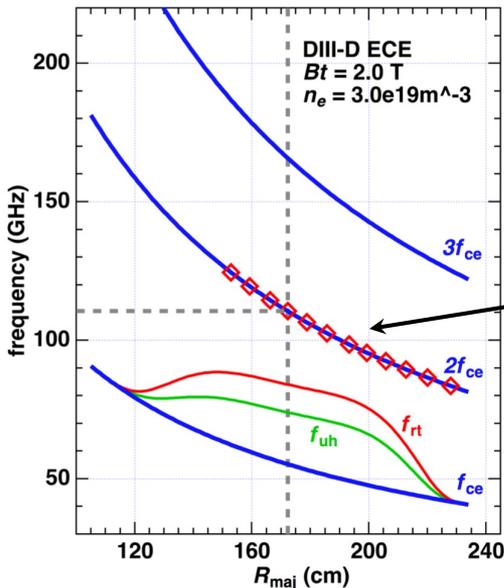
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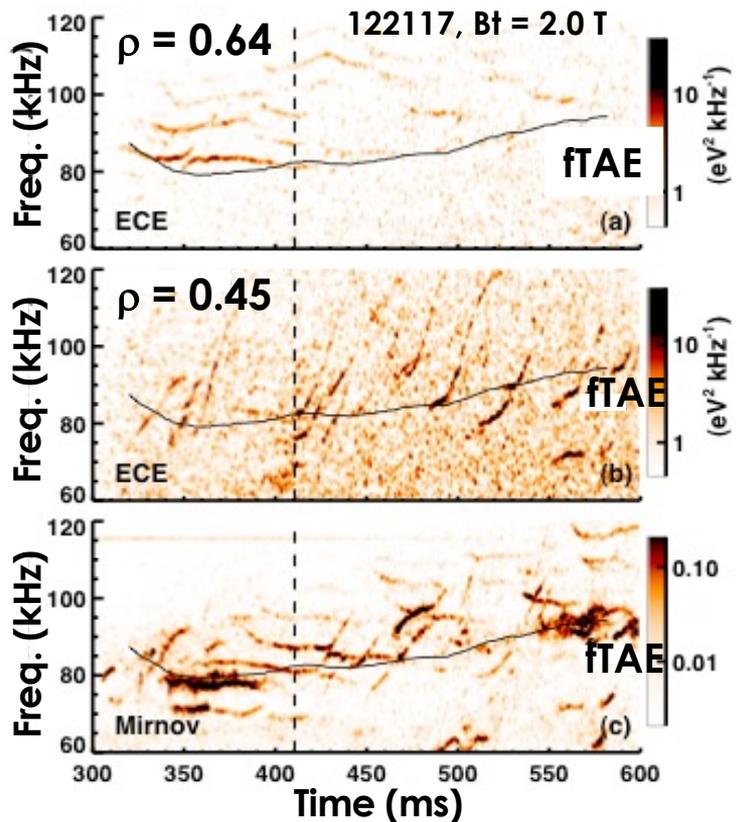
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- In tokamaks  $B \sim 1/R$  so radius maps to cyclotron frequency



- Monitoring emitted power in frequency band  $\Delta f$  vs. frequency gives  $T_e(\text{Radius})$ 
    - Emitted power in narrow band is small
- $kT_e = 1 \text{ keV} \ \& \ \Delta f = 1 \text{ GHz}, \ \underline{P = 160 \text{ nW}}$
- Large bandwidth measurements with very sensitive detectors and large bit depth digitizers can yield  $\delta T_e(\text{Radius})$

# ECE Channels at Different Locations Can See Very Different Mode Activity



ECE measures local  $\delta T_e$  at multiple locations along midplane

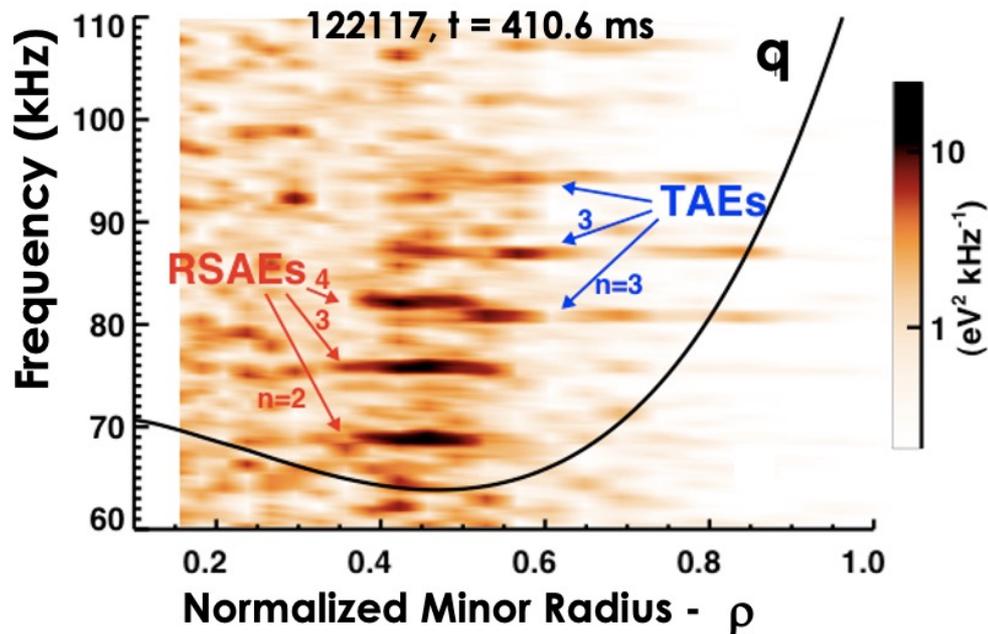
Outer radii ECE channels see mostly TAE

Inner radii ECE channels see RSAE

Mirnov ( $\delta B$ ) coil sees a combination of both RSAE and TAE

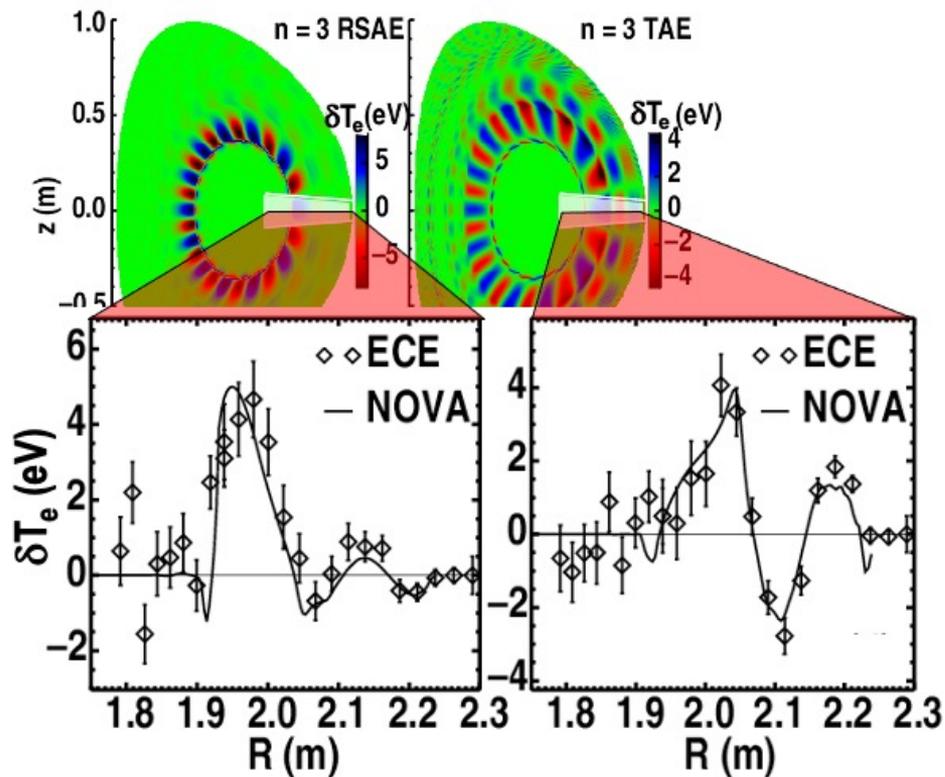
# Analysis of Many ECE Channels Reveals AE Structure

Radial profile of ECE radiometer power spectra at a fixed time



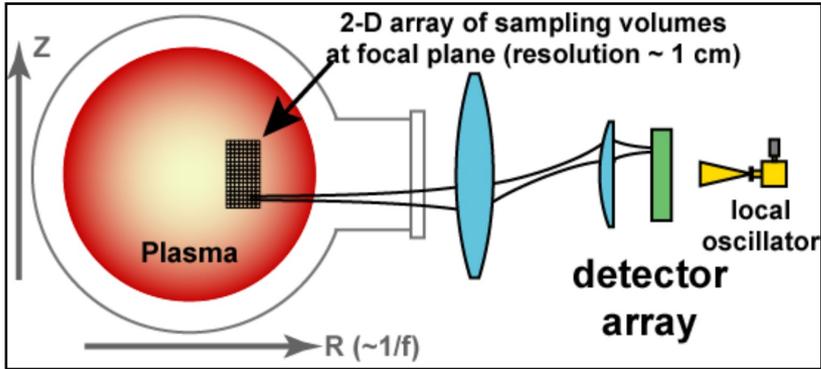
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# Structure of Individual Modes Can be Extracted and Compared to Modeling



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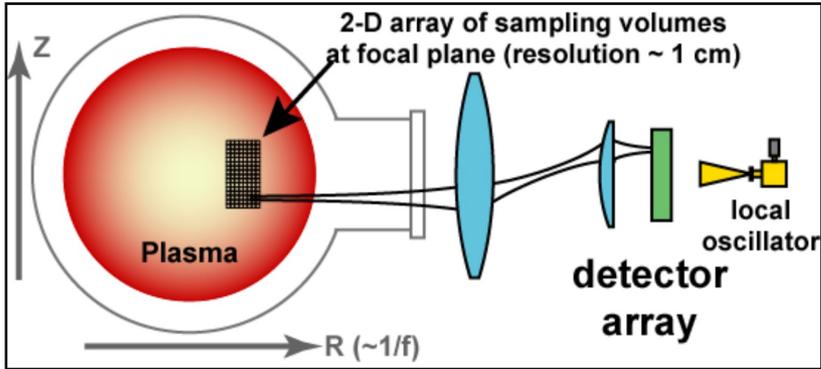
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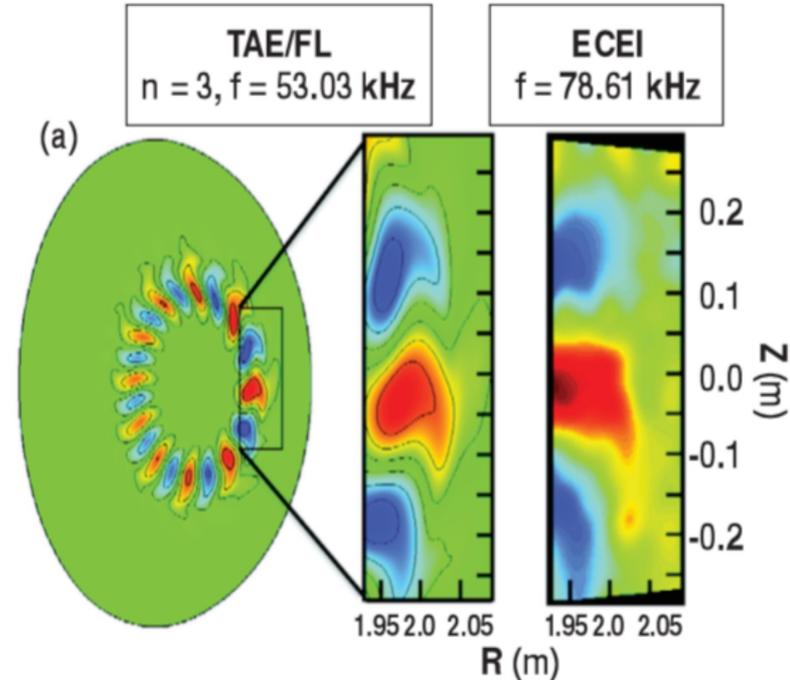
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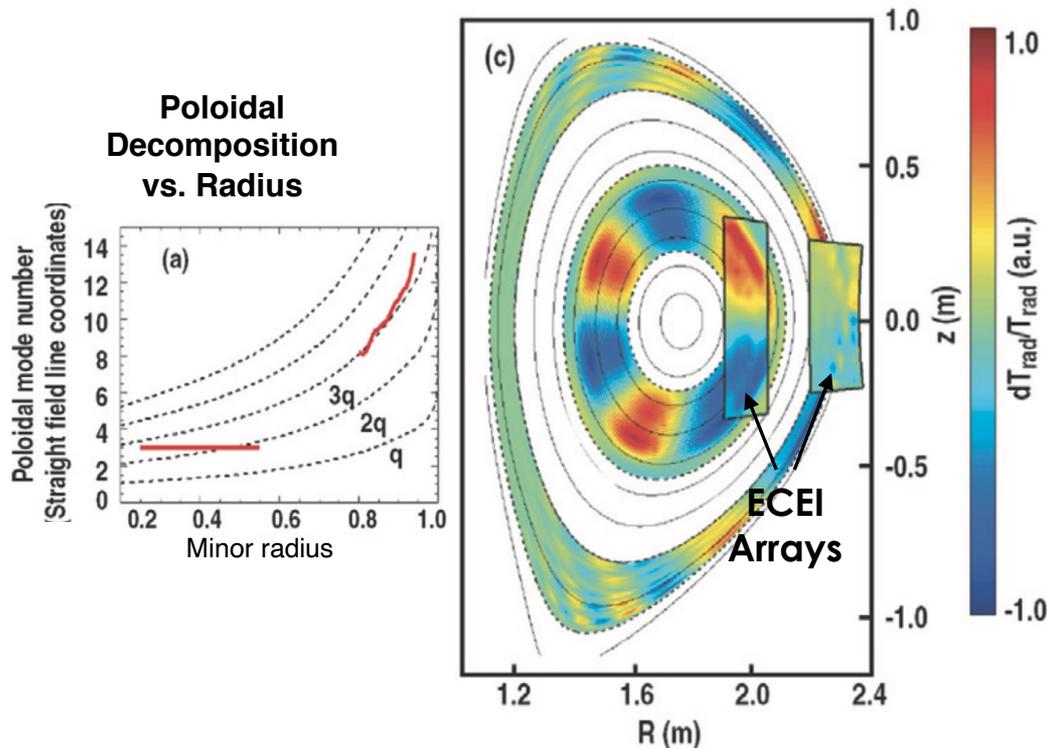
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## TAEs imaged with ECE-I system



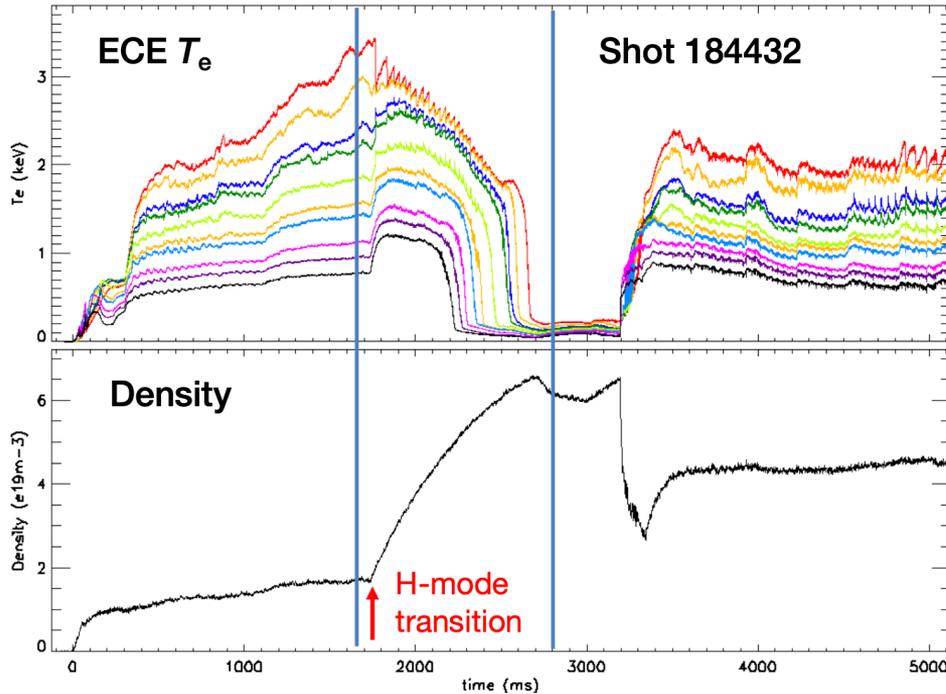
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# 2D Measurements Allow Poloidal Decomposition



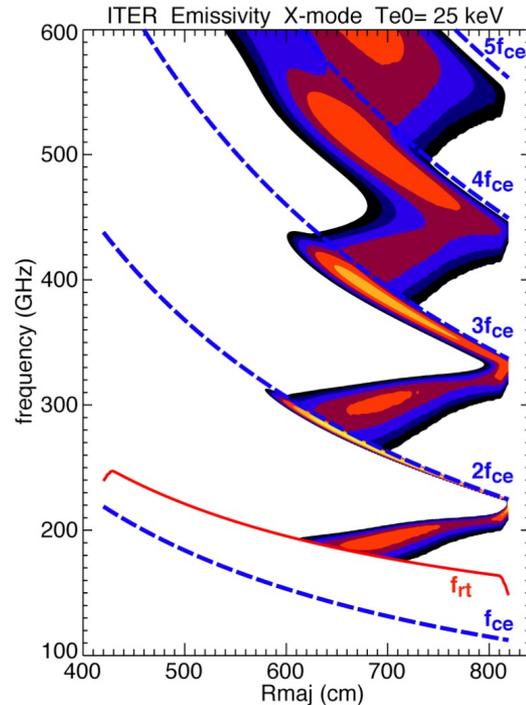
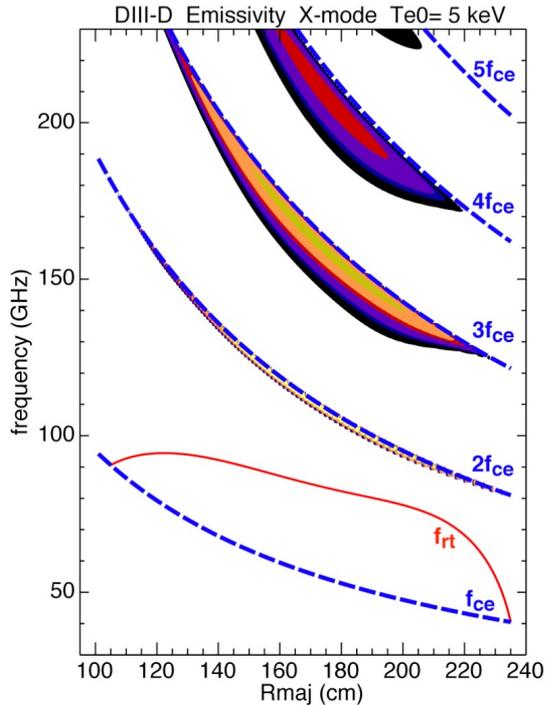
- Similar procedure as discussed for  $n_{\text{tor}}$  from magnetics
- Decomposition carried out vs. minor radius
  - Gives effective  $m_{\text{pol}}$  vs. radius
  - Key for validation
- Multiple arrays of limited extent combined with poloidal decomposition  $\rightarrow$  mode reconstruction over almost entire plasma cross section

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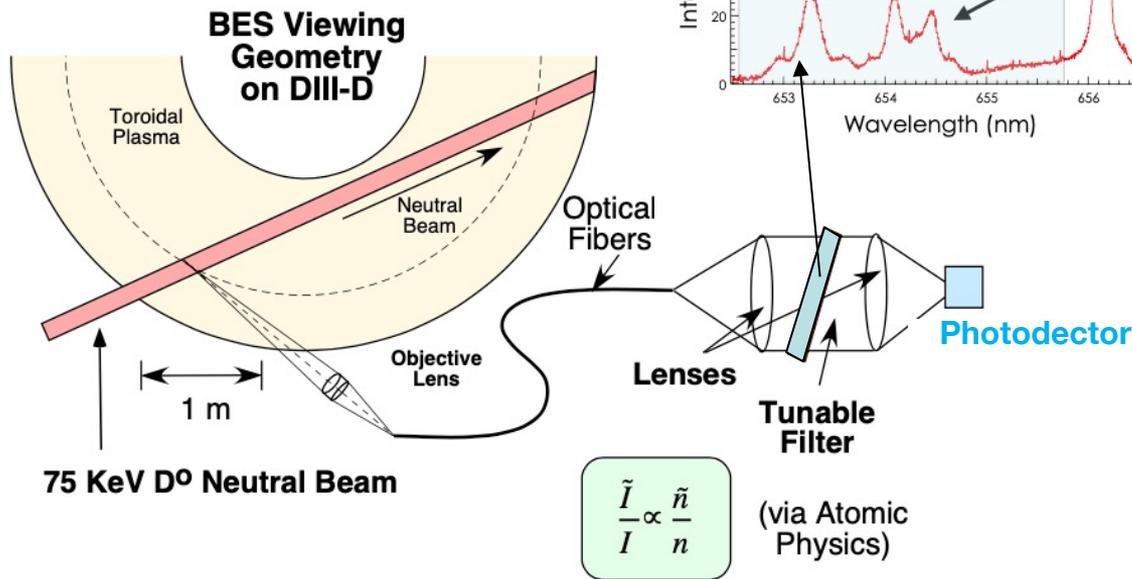
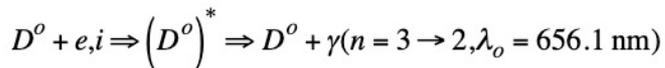
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- In higher temperature plasmas, relativistic broadening is a concern
  - Broadened emission region ruins spatial resolution
  - Downshifted absorption from higher harmonics blocks emission from HFS

# Beam Emission Spectroscopy (BES) Measures Fluctuations in Beam D-alpha to Give Local Density Fluctuation Amplitude

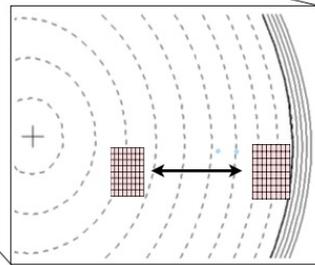
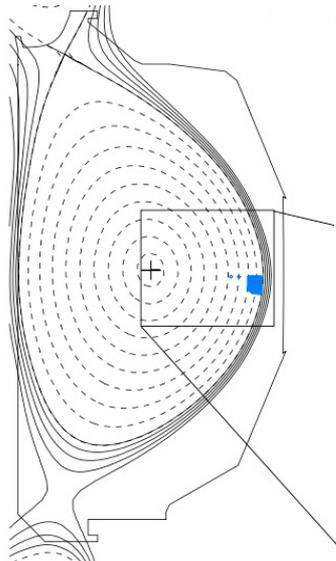
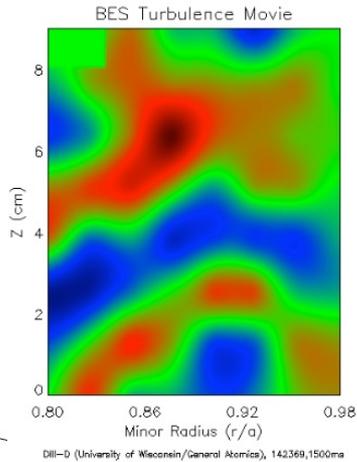
**Collisionally-excited, Doppler-shifted neutral beam fluorescence**



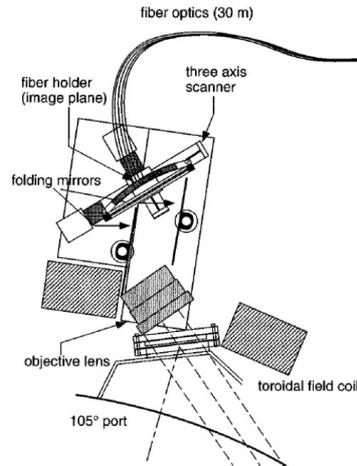
- **Active diagnostic – requires injected neutral source**
- **Injected neutrals are excited by plasma and emit D-alpha**
  - Emission proportional to density  $dI/I \sim dn/n$
- **Measurement localized to sightline intersection with beam**
- **Poor signal at high density because of beam attenuation**
- **~100s kHz bandwidth**

$$\frac{\tilde{I}}{I} \propto \frac{\tilde{n}}{n} \quad (\text{via Atomic Physics})$$

# Array of BES Detectors / Fibers Used to Build up 1D and 2D Images of Fluctuations



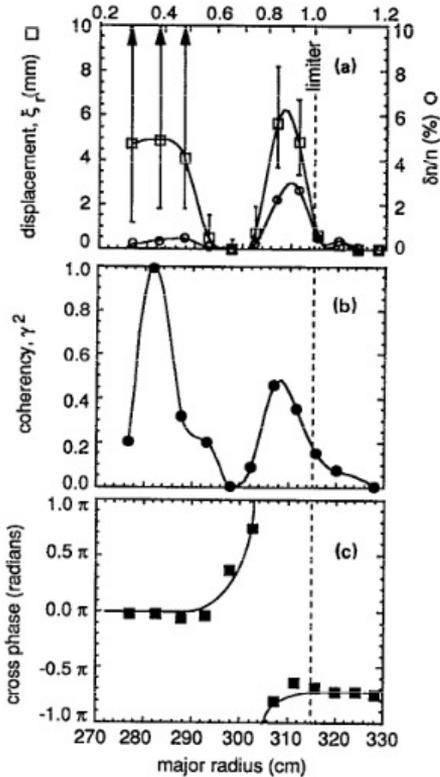
Size of Current  
8x8 BES view:  
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- Motorized fiber array moves fibers in image plane of fixed lens to change location in plasma

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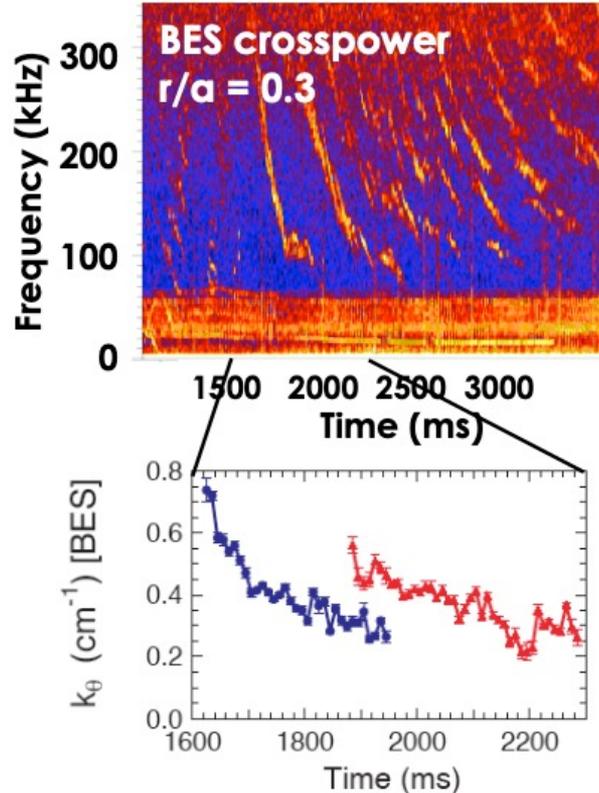
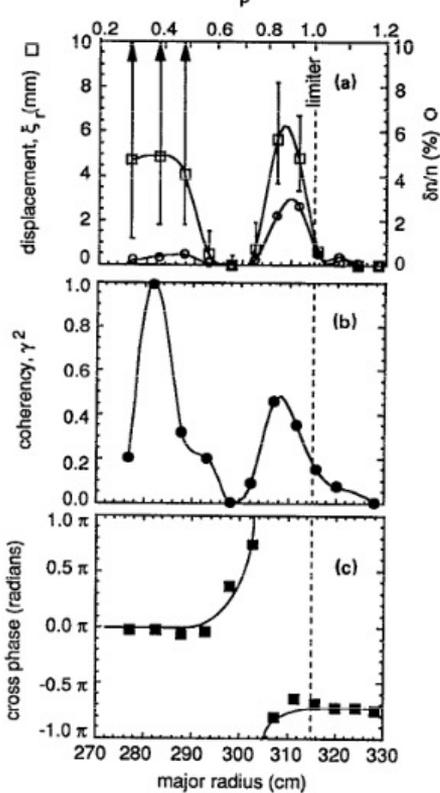
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# Reflectometry Can Provide Localized Measurements of Electron Density

- **Cutoff (reflection) layers depend on density, magnetic field and microwave frequency**

- 1-to-1 correspondence between density and frequency

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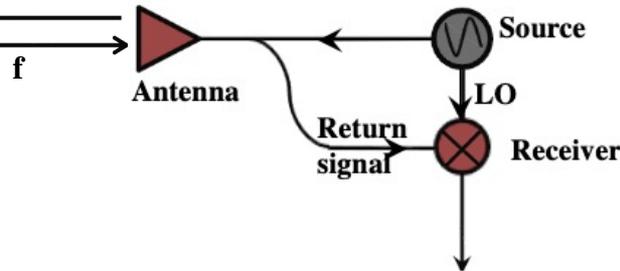
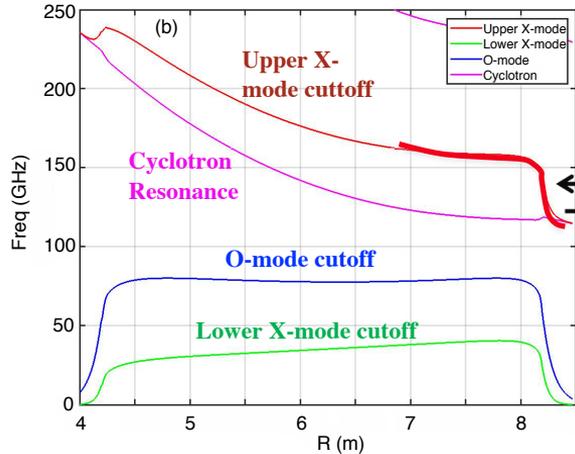
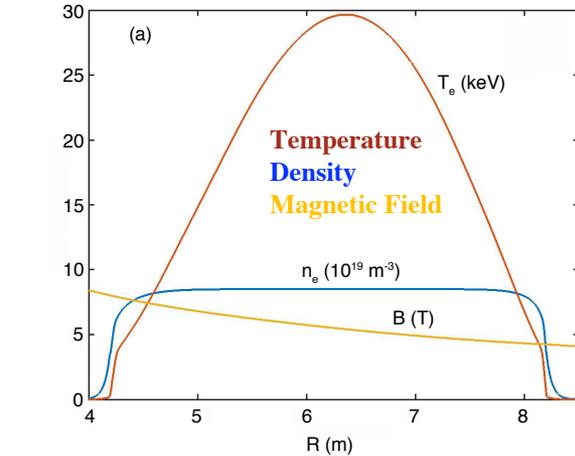
$$\omega_{lower-x} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\omega_c + (\omega_c^2 + 4\omega_p^2)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$\omega_c = eB/m_e$$

- **By launching known frequency/polarization and measuring time delay (phase), location of corresponding cutoff in plasma can be determined**

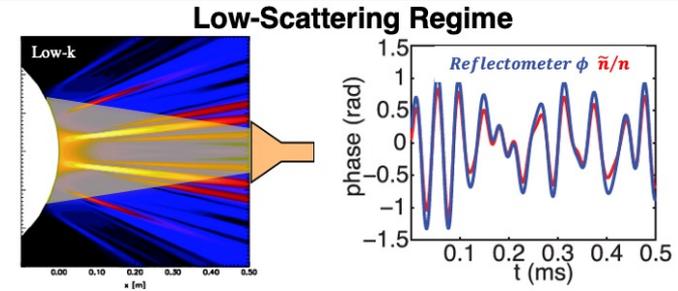
- **Launching multiple frequencies allows spatial profile of cutoff (and density) in plasma to be reconstructed**

- Similarly can be used for density fluctuation measurements



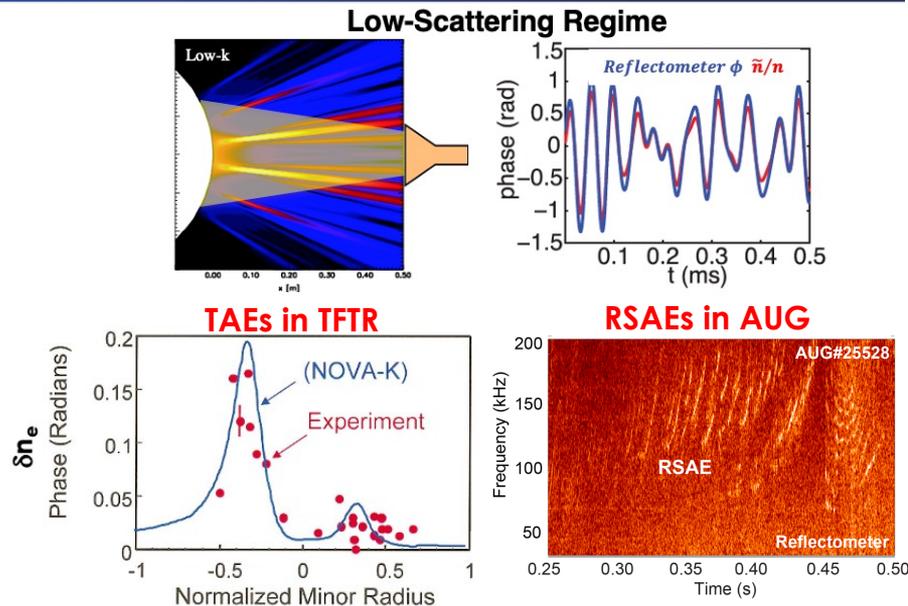
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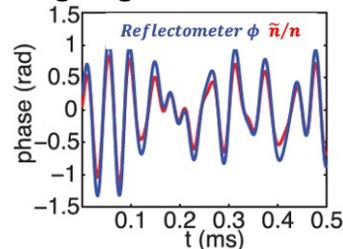
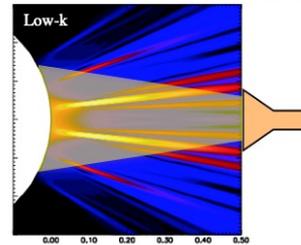
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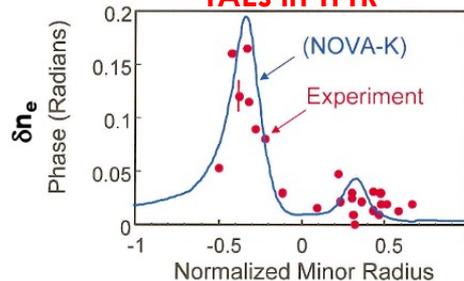
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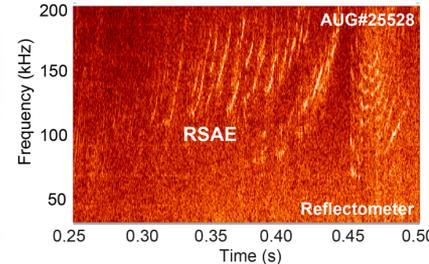
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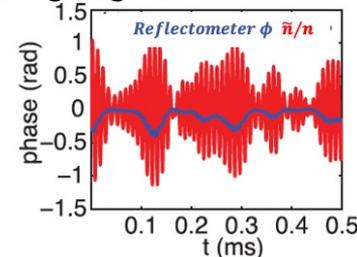
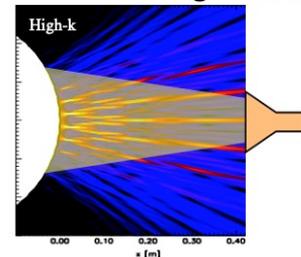
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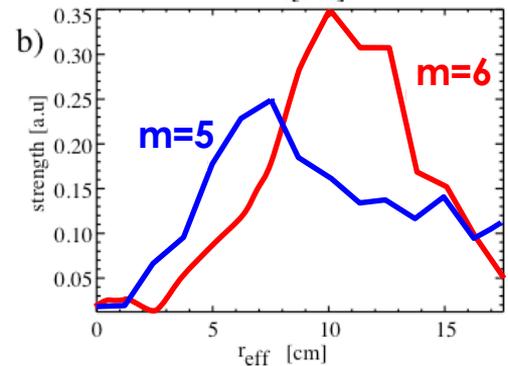
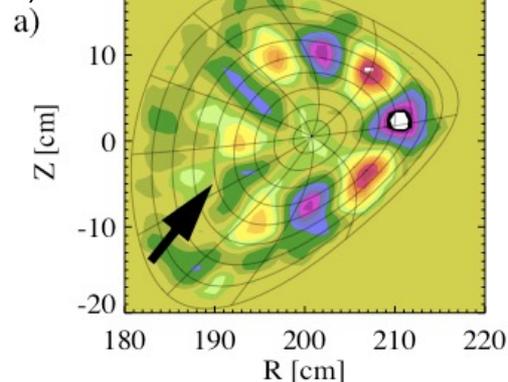
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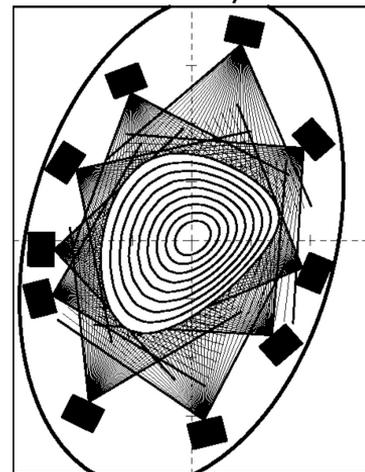
# Some of the Most Detailed TAE Measurements to Date Have Been Made in a Stellerator (W7-AS)

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  - Continuum radiation - function of  $n_e$ ,  $Z$ ,  $T_e$
- **Eigenmode is obtained through SXR tomographic reconstruction of fluctuating component**
  - 10 Cameras, 320 viewing chords
  - 200 kHz bandwidth
- **Clear identification of the two dominant poloidal harmonics present ( $m=5,6$ )**
  - Up to  $m=9$  was identified unambiguously with this system

C. Gorner, et. al., *EPS - CCFPP, Praha (1998)*



W7-AS MiniSoX System



Weller, 94

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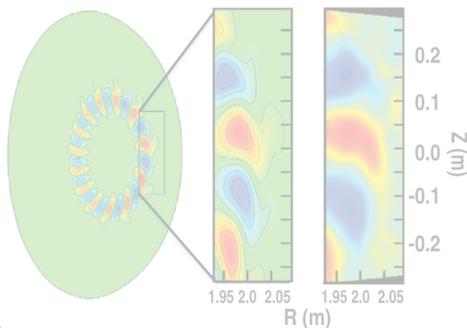
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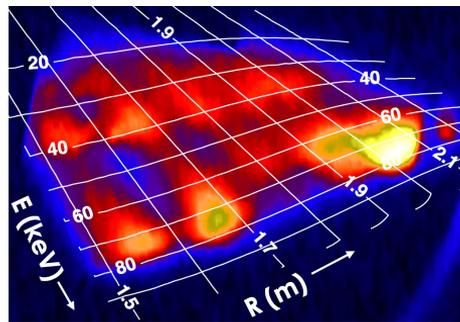
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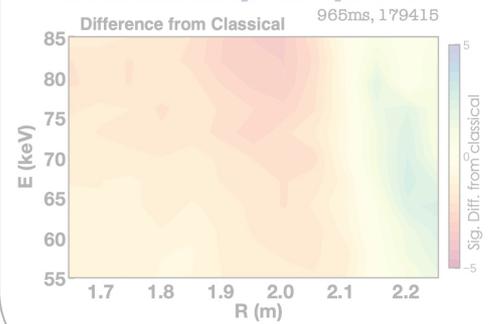
- Perturbed quantities
- Spectral analysis and pulling small signals out of noise
- Fluctuation diagnostics (Interf., Polarimetry, ECE, BES, Reflectometry, SXR)

## Measurement of Confined Fast Ions



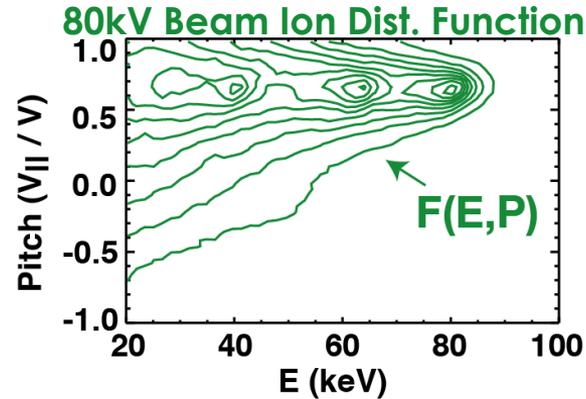
- DD Beam-Plasma neutrons
- Neutral Particle Analyzers (NPA, INPA)
- Equilibrium pressure

## Measurement of Instability Impact



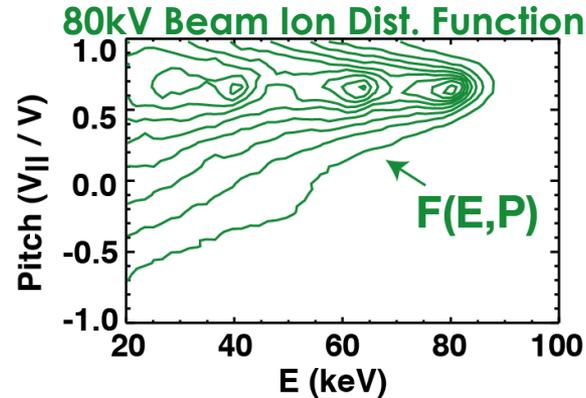
- Abrupt events / relative measurements
- Quantitative / absolute measurements
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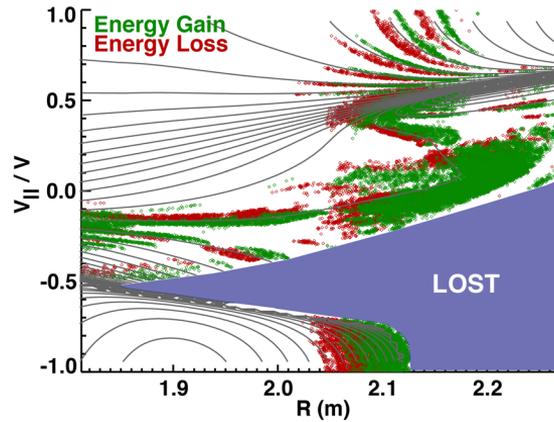
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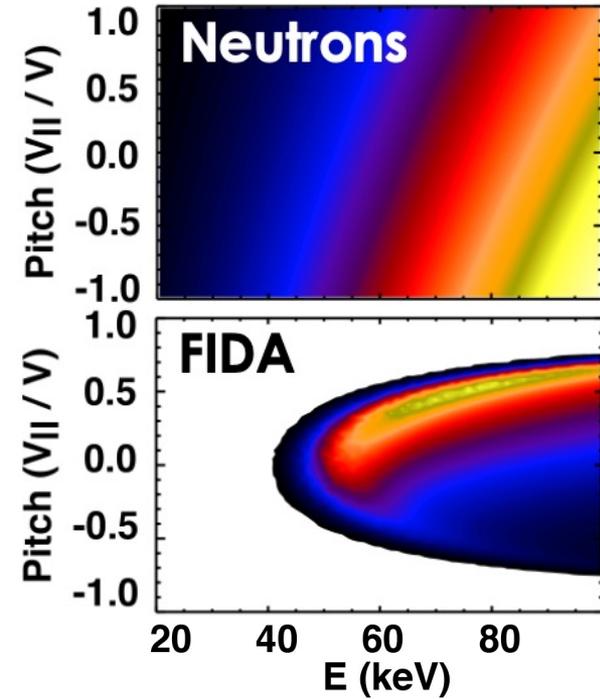
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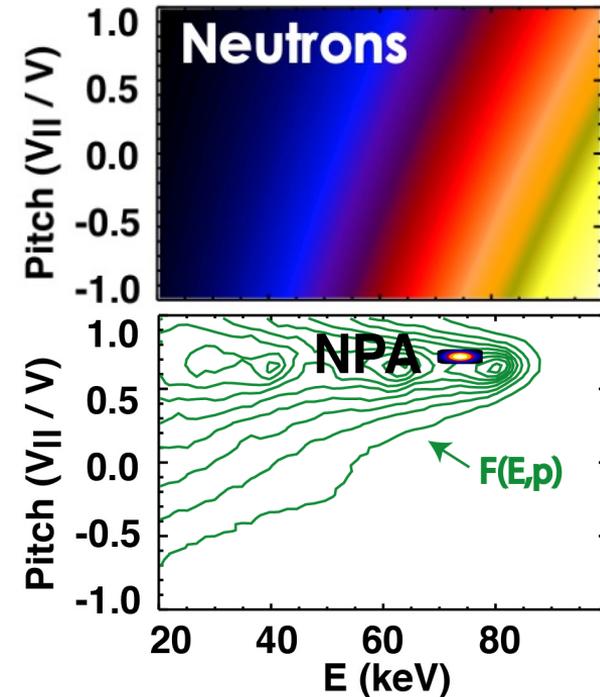


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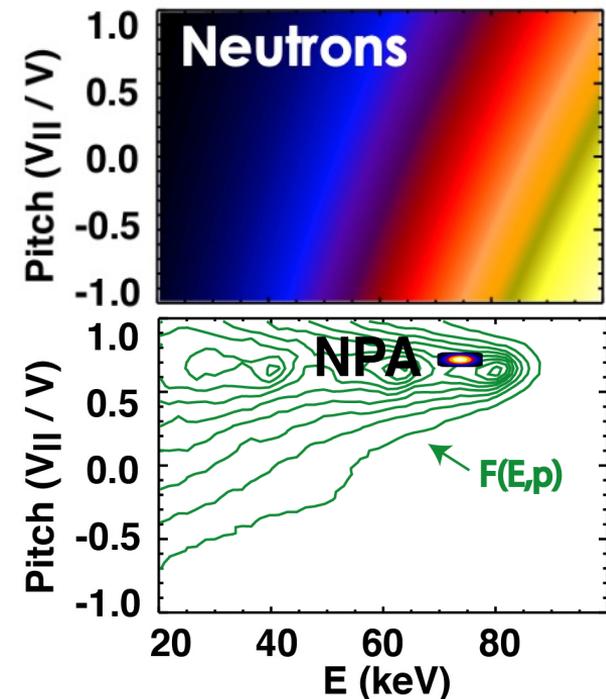


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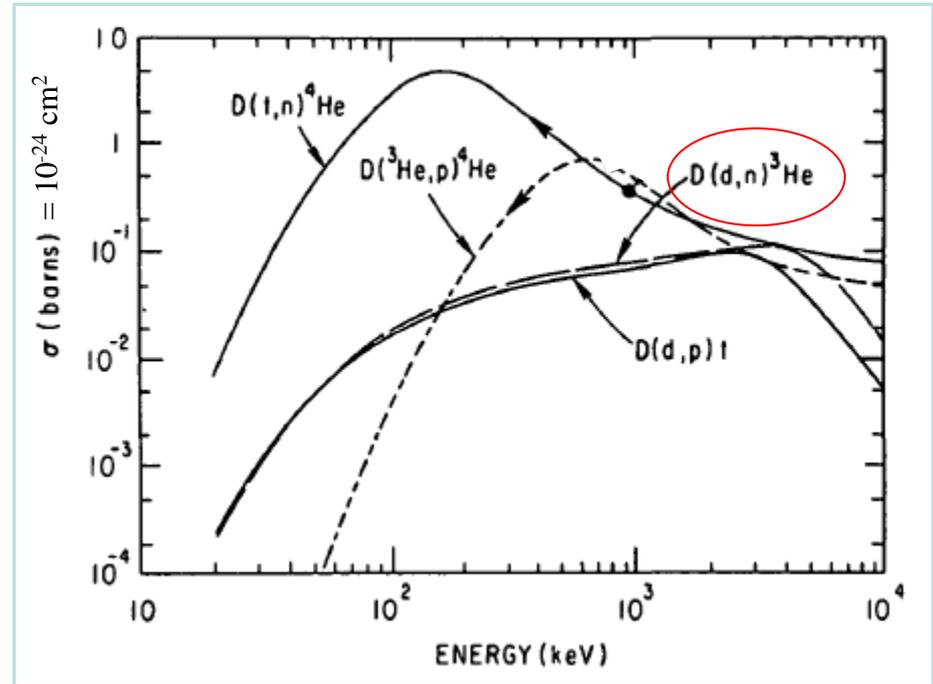


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  - Must ensure localized measurements probe populated region of phase space!

# Fusion Reactions Require High Energies and Can Be Used for EP Diagnostics

- $D + T \rightarrow n + {}^4\text{He}$  is written  $T(D,n){}^4\text{He}$  in nuclear physics notation
- All cross sections increase rapidly with energy  $\rightarrow$  highest energy ions create most of the reactions
- Discussion here focuses on measurements of D+D generated 2.5 MeV neutrons in beam heated plasmas



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# For Beam-Plasma Reactions, the Beam Velocity Governs the Reaction Rate

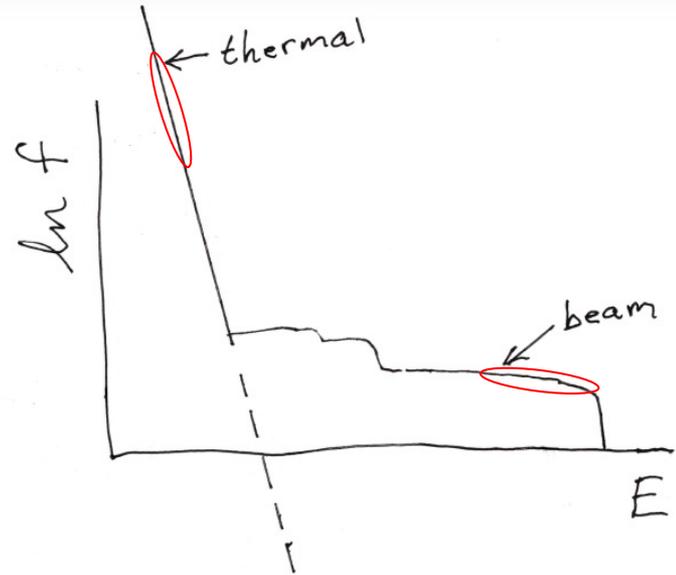
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- For D-D reactions, often artificially divide the distribution function into a thermal and fast beam population.
  - Can have: **beam-plasma**, beam-beam, thermonuclear
- **Beam-plasma reactivity depends primarily on the beam velocity with some (relatively weak) dependence on  $T_i$  & thermal drift velocity**

This implies that

$$S_{beam-plasma} \propto N_1 \bar{n}_2 \langle \sigma v \rangle_{beam-plasma}$$

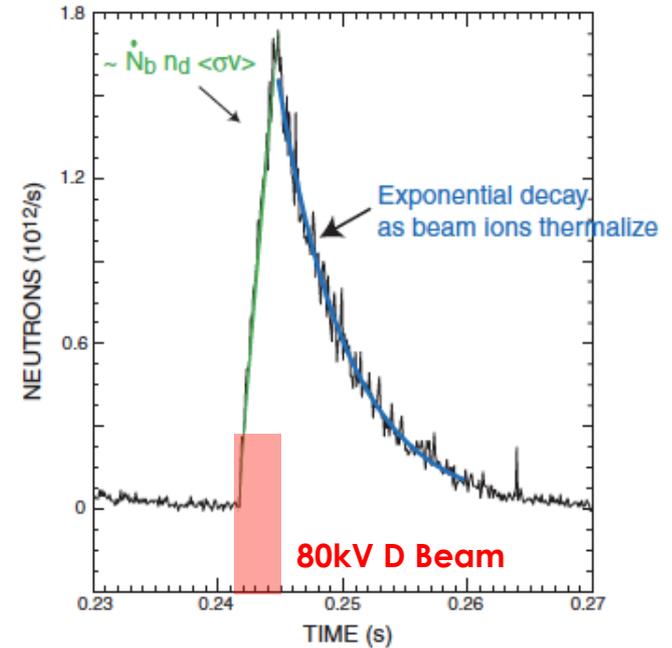
where  $N_1$  is the number of beam ions.



- **When beam-thermal reactions predominate, the reaction rate is proportional to the number of fast ions = confined fast ion diagnostic**

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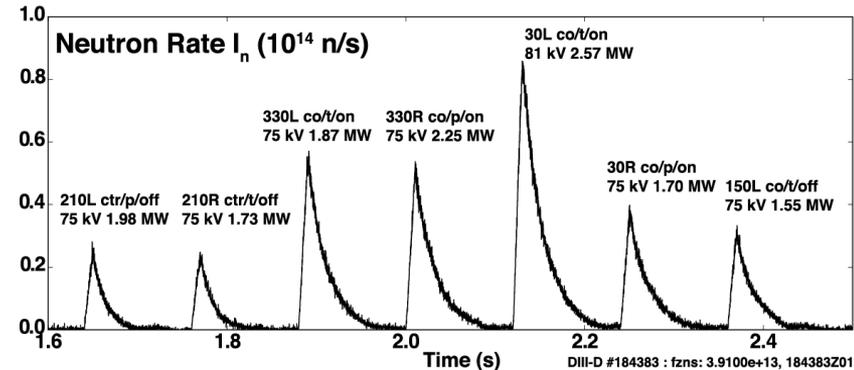
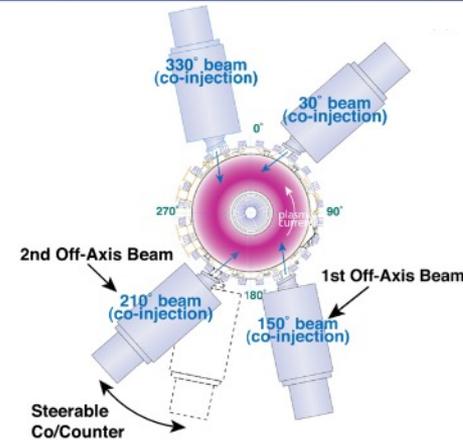


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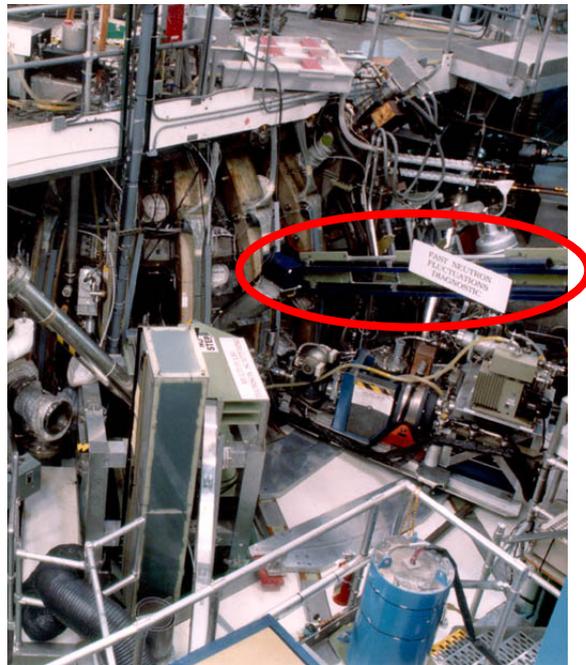
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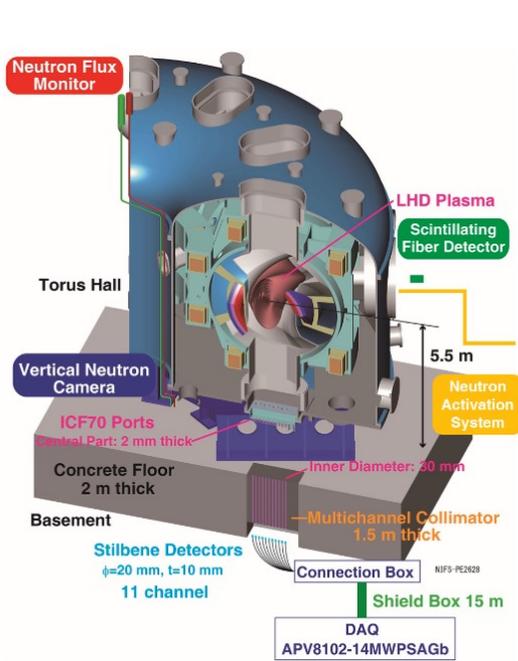


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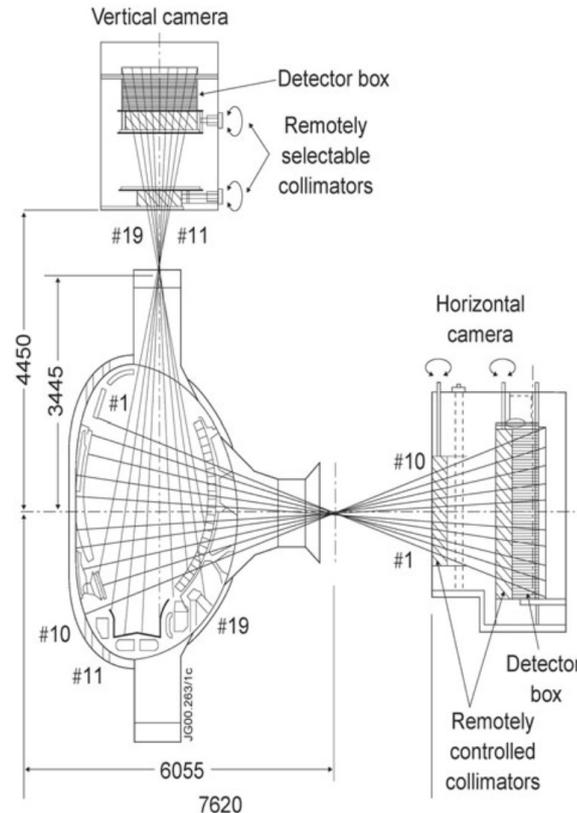
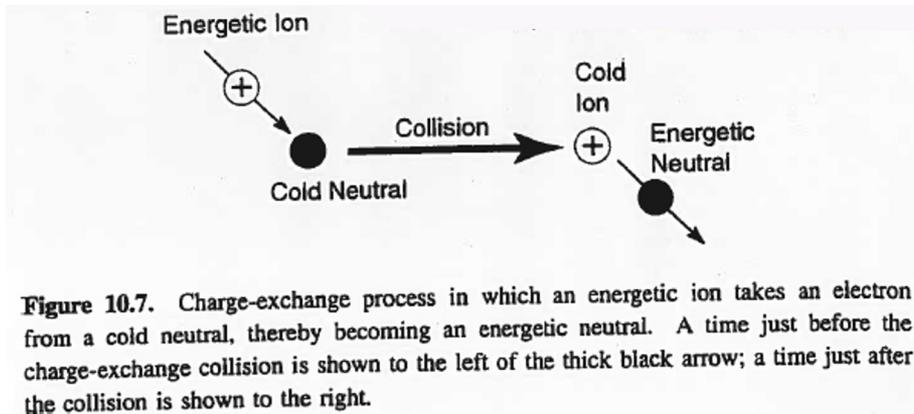


Fig. 13. Schematic view of JET neutron profile monitor.  
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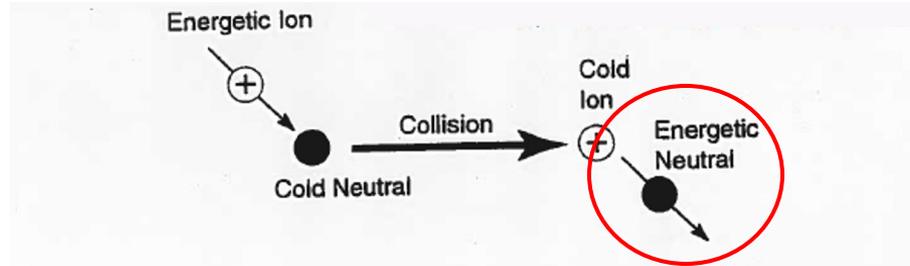
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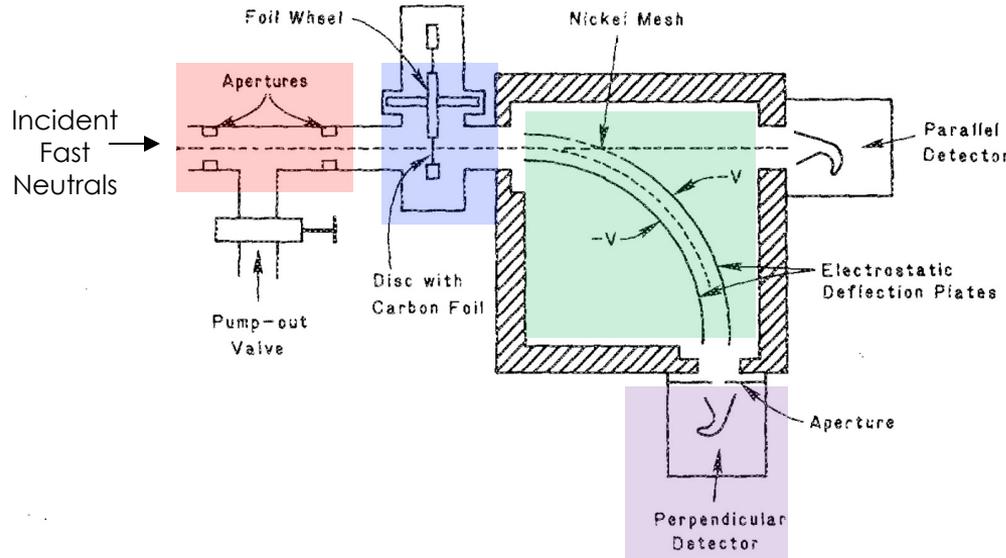
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- **Energetic neutral can escape plasma and be detected (“Neutral Particle Analysis”)**
  - Escaping neutral flux → density and energy of ions with the velocity vector and localization defined by the collection sightlines
- **NPAs measured Ti in the ‘60s, e.g., Afrosimov, Sov. Phys. Tech. Phys. 5 (1961) 1378 and are now routinely employed to probe fast ions**

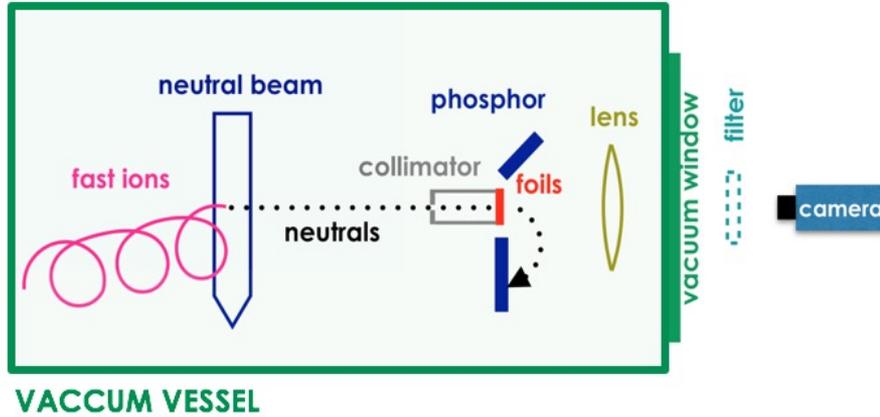
# A Variety of Neutral Particle Analyzer Designs Exist



- **Common features include:**
  - some type of collimation (to limit the line-of-sight through the plasma)
  - Stripping agent to reionize neutral particle (foil, gas)
  - Energy / mass selection mechanism (Electrostatic, Magnetic,  $E \parallel B$ )
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- **Can include multiple sightlines but bulky and typically provides relatively few channels**

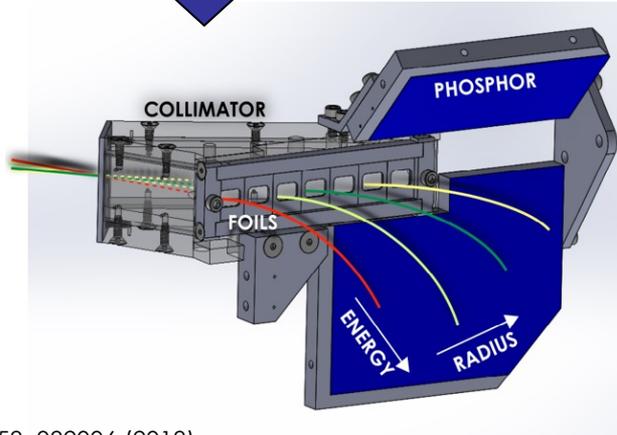
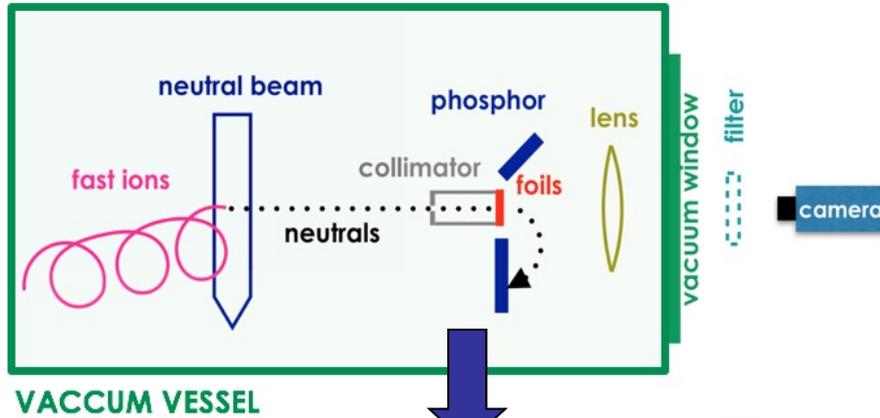
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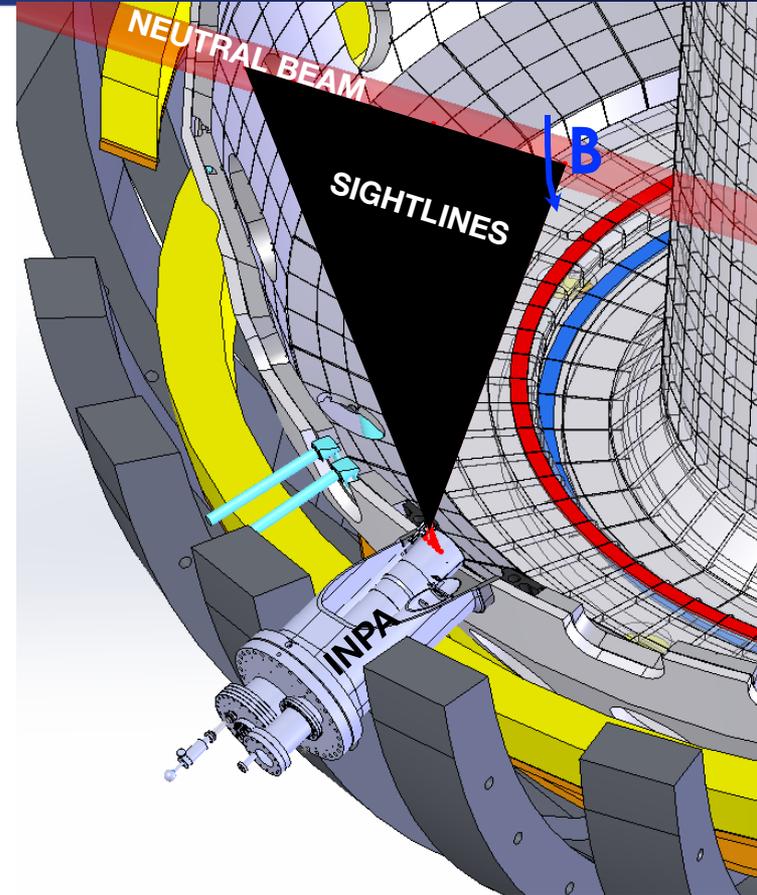
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  - Line of sight  $\rightarrow$  Radius
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  - Localized velocity space measurements
  - Light emission vs current
  - Low noise

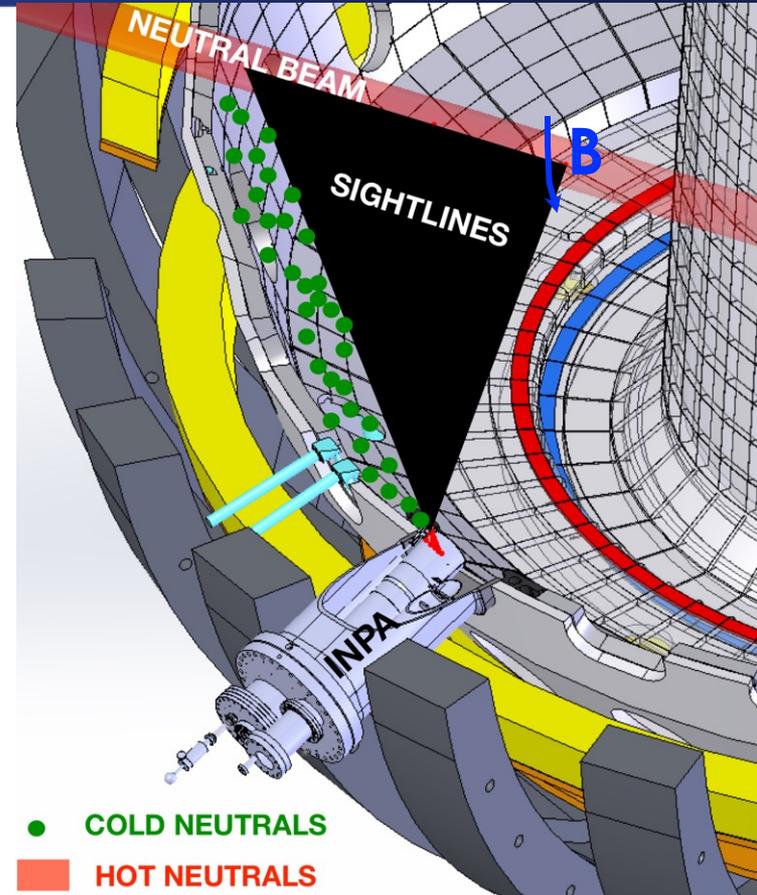
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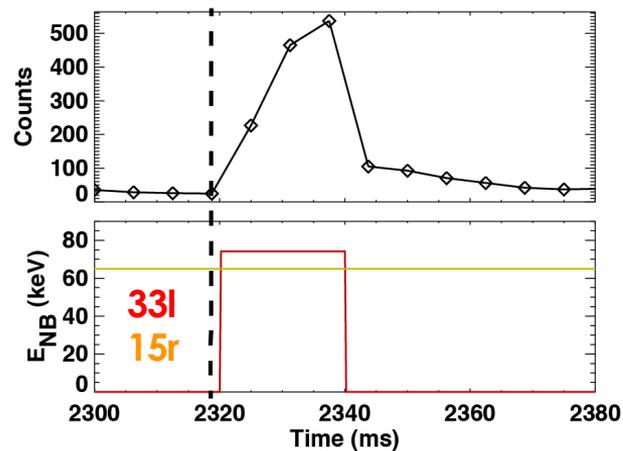
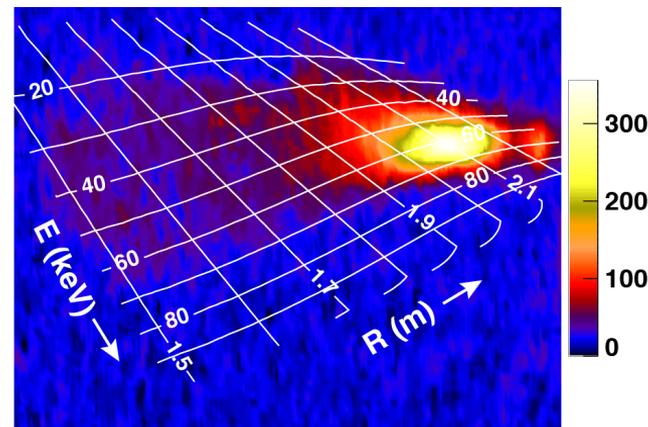
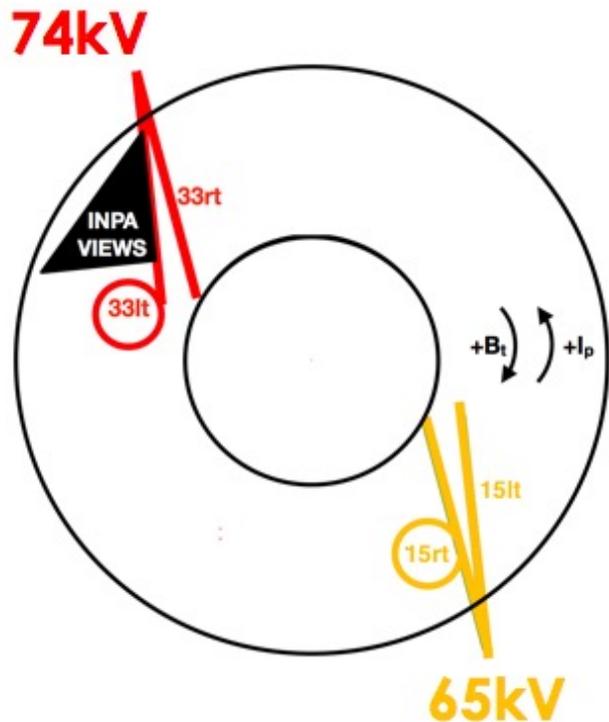
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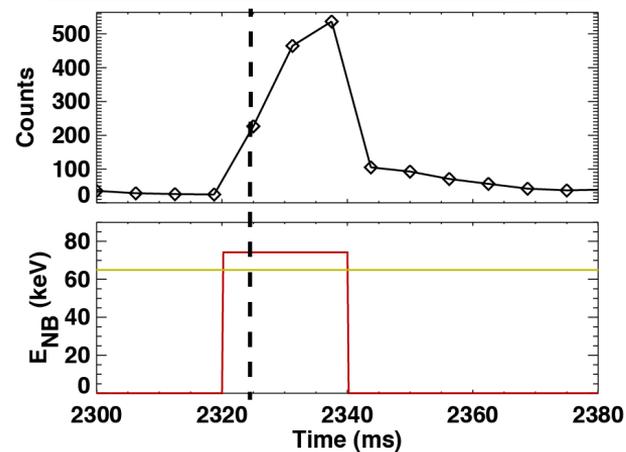
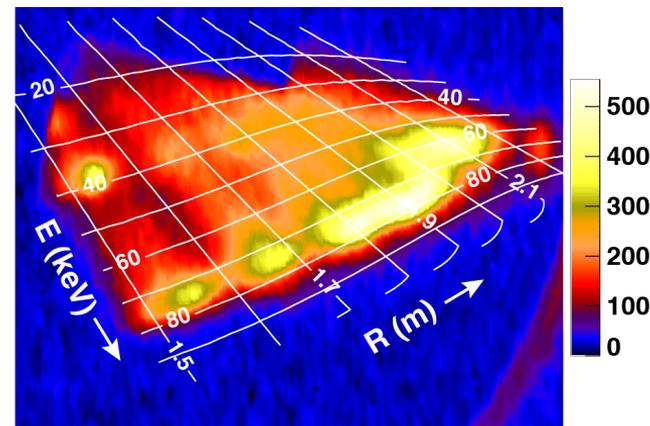
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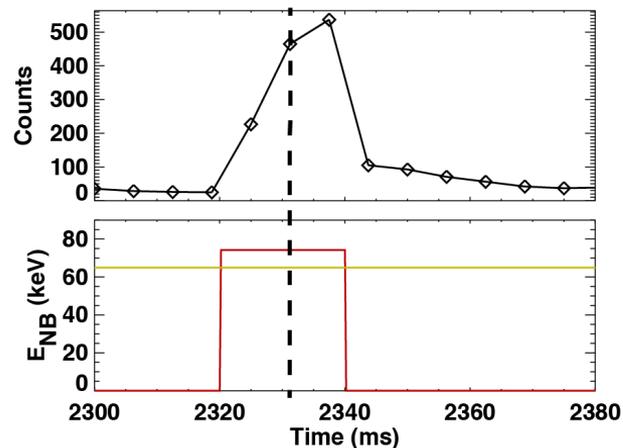
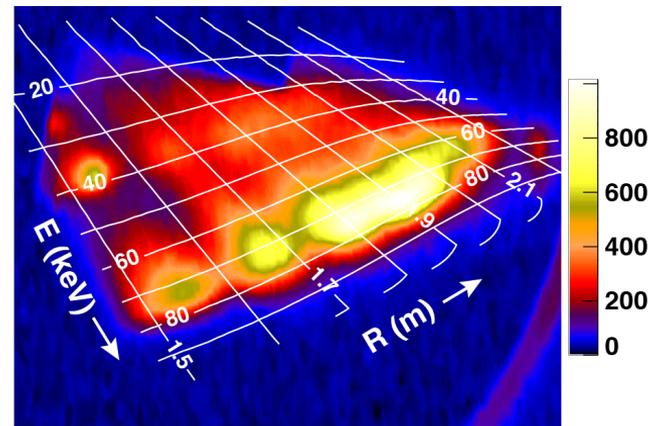
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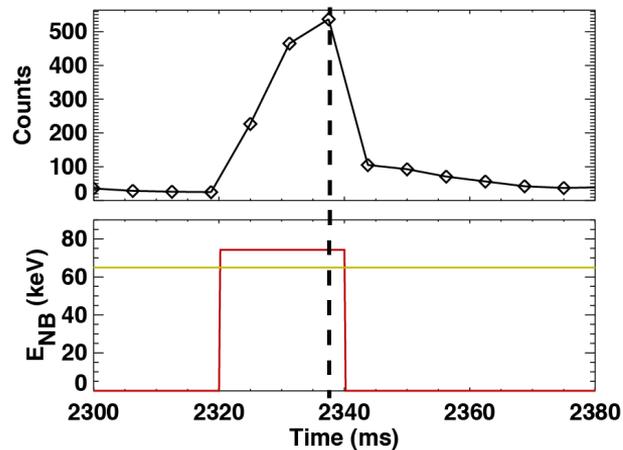
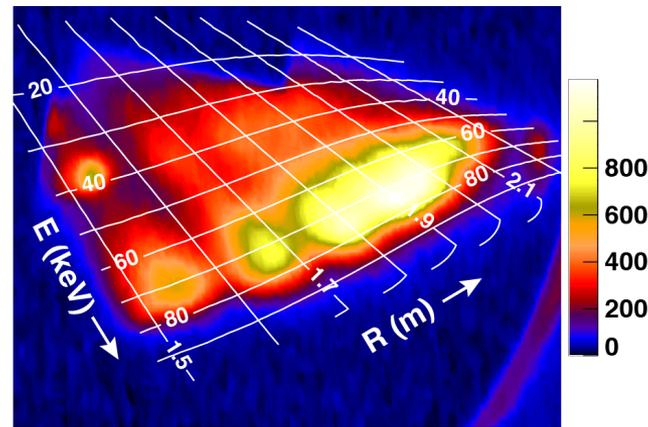
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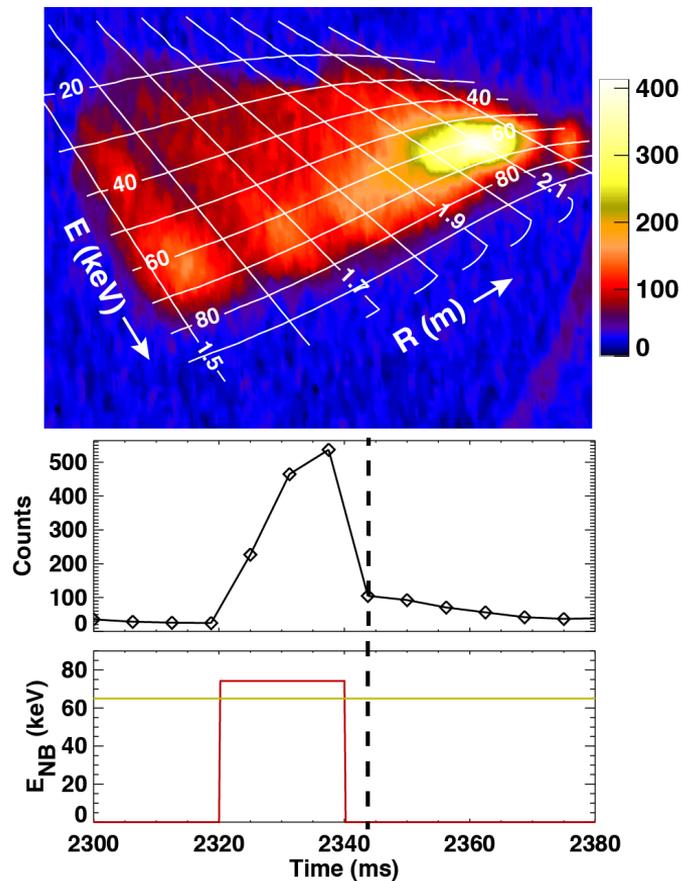
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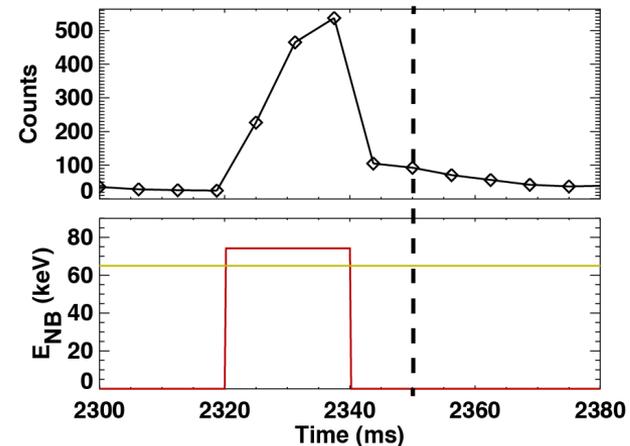
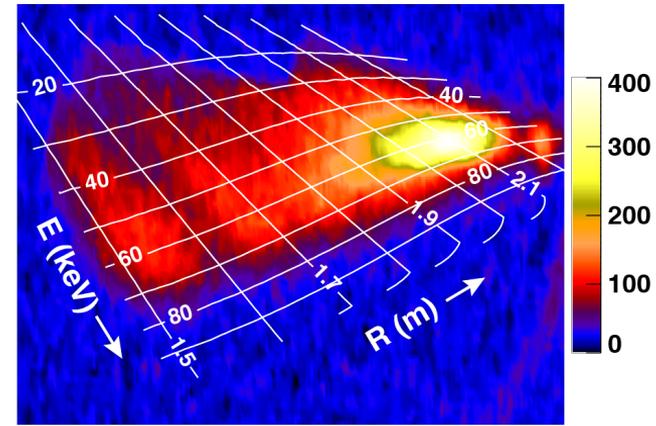
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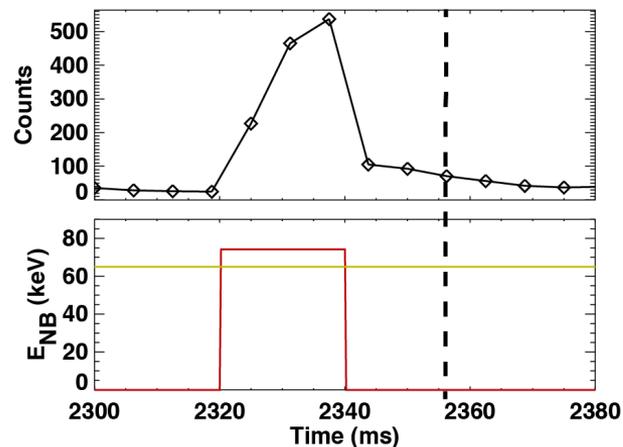
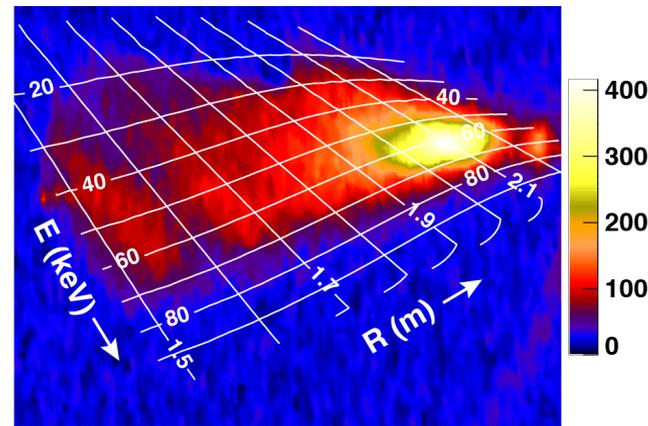
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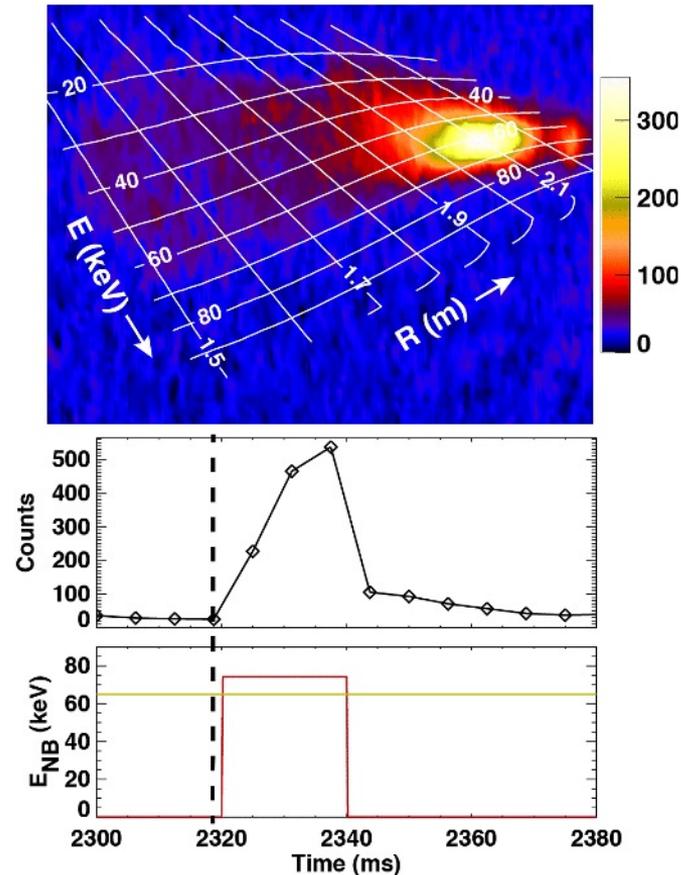
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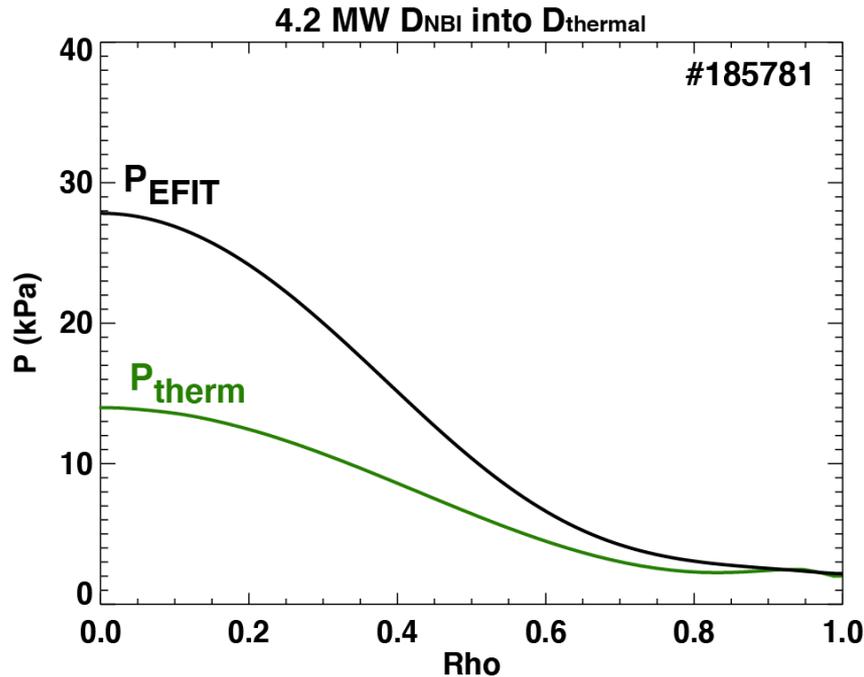


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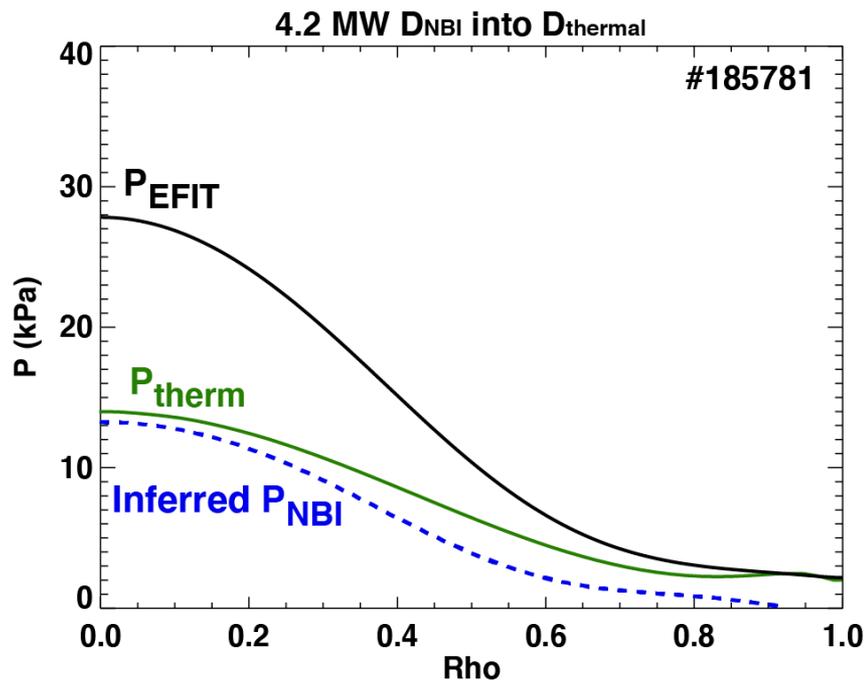


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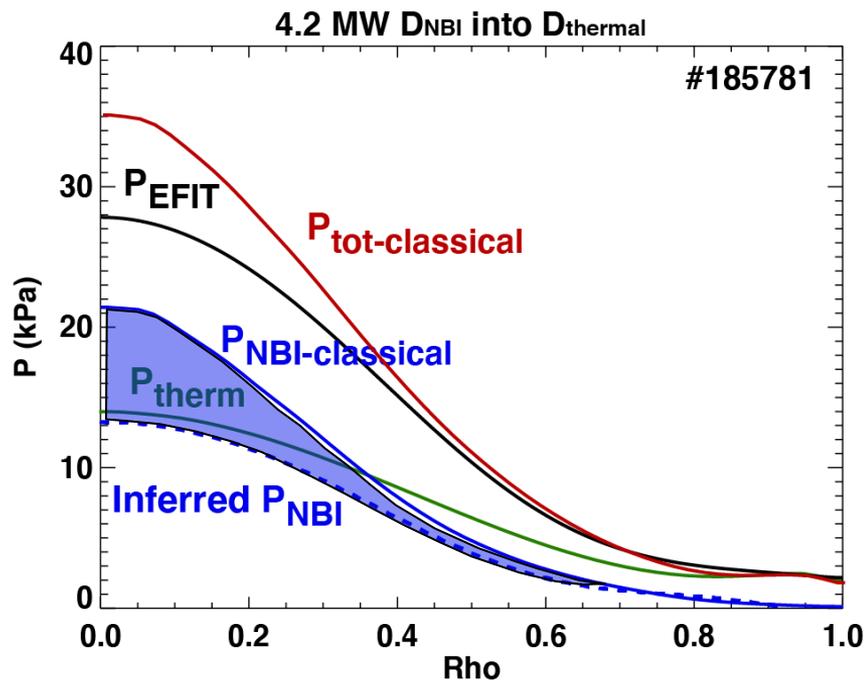
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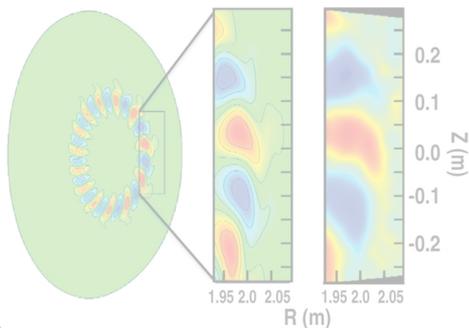
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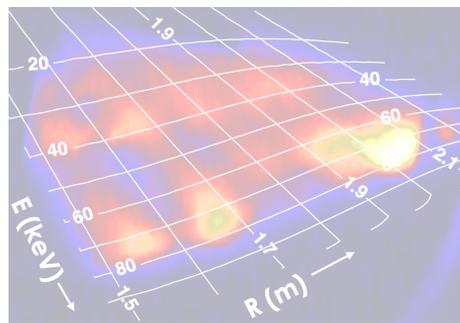
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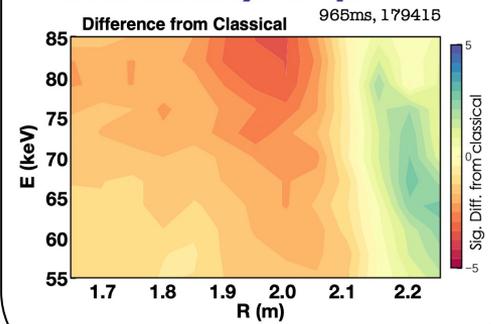
- Perturbed quantities
- Spectral analysis and pulling small signals out of noise
- Fluctuation diagnostics (Interf., Polarimetry, ECE, BES, Reflectometry, SXR)

## Measurement of Confined Fast Ions



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- Neutral Particle Analyzers (NPA, INPA)
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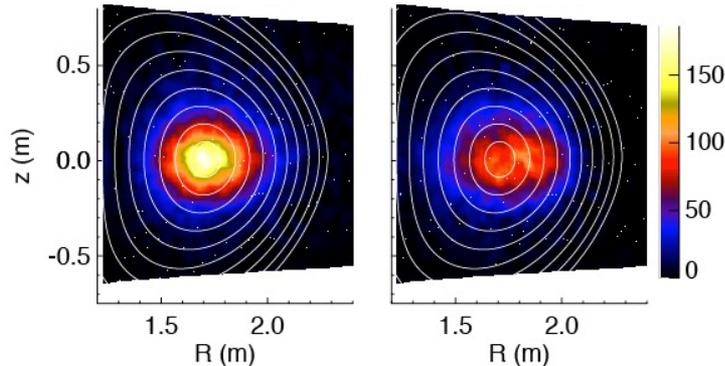


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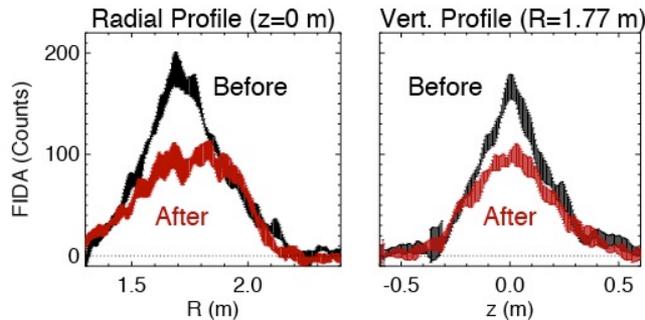
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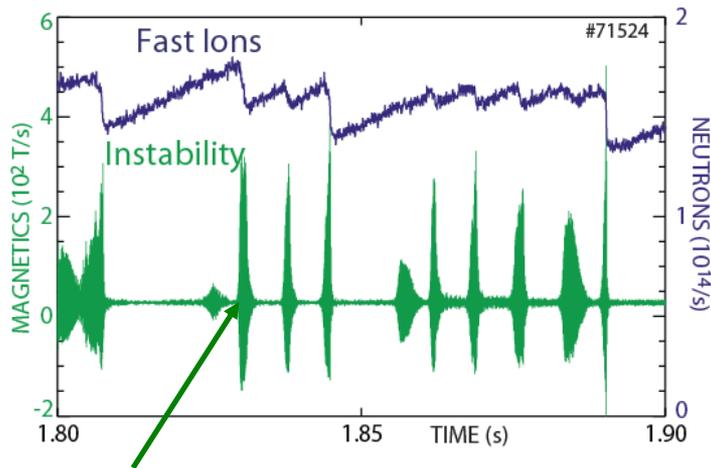
- **Sawteeth**

- Drop in central FIDA emission and flattening of fast ion profile



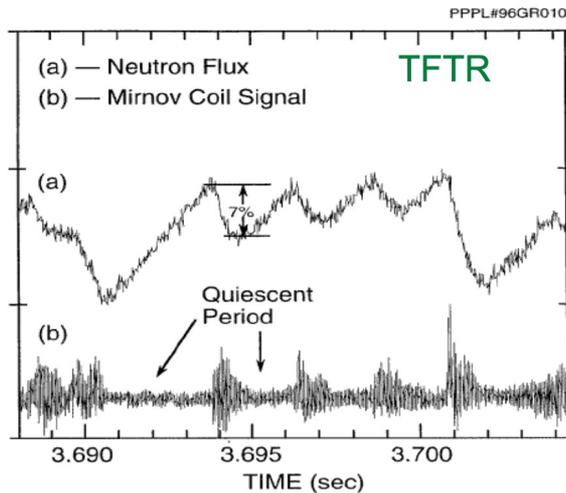
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Large drops in neutron emission at each burst of AE activity caused by rapid transport of beam ions



## Mode amplitude

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Several examples:

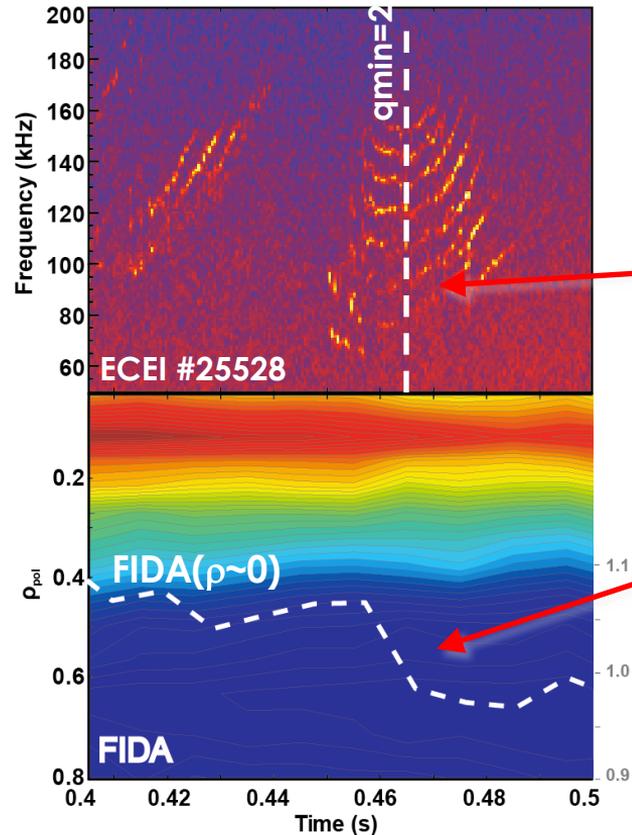
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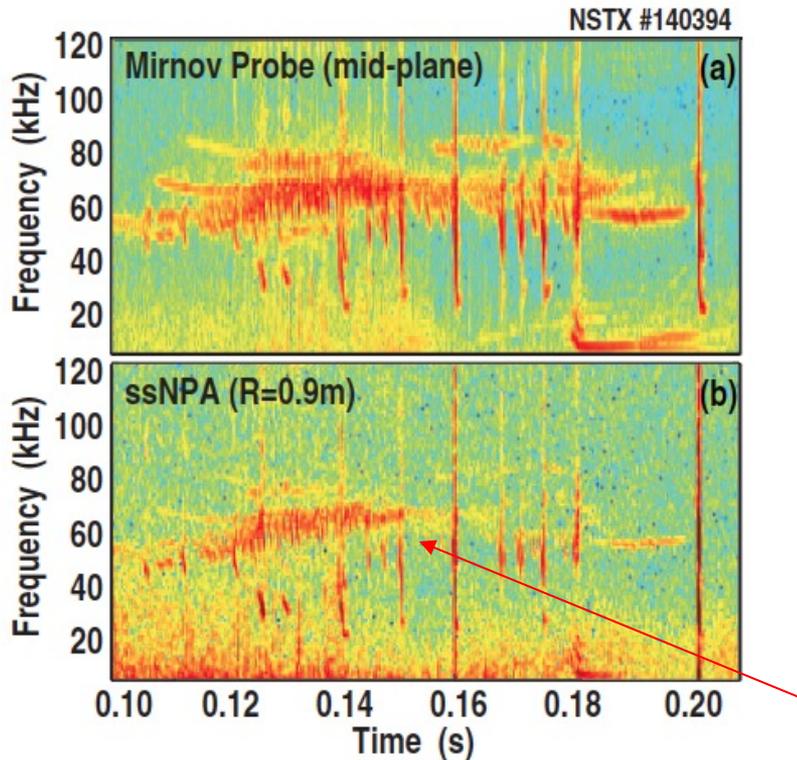
- Drops in neutron emission due to fast ion loss or transport

# ASDEX Upgrade FIDA System Measures a Drop in Central Fast Ion Population as $q_{\min}$ Passes Through an Integer



- At  $q_{\min}=2$  crossing, several RSAEs are excited by 60kV beams
- Rapid drop in central fast ion density corresponding to peak in RSAE amplitude

# Coherent Fluctuations in Fast Ion Signals are Another Way to Quantify Impact of Instabilities

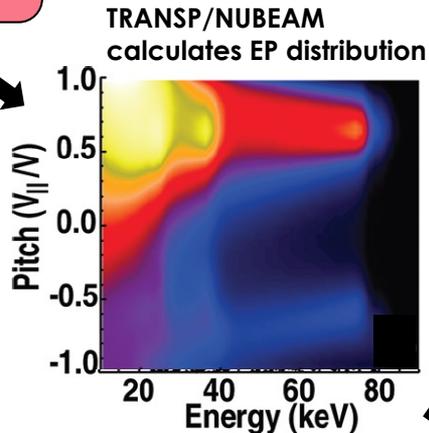


- **Example shows fluctuations in solid-state NPA signal at EP driven instability frequencies**
  - Correlated with magnetics
- **Can clearly resolve which modes are causing transport as well as amplitude of fluctuation**

**Coherent fluctuations in fast ion density (in small region of phase space)**

# Often, To Quantitatively Assess Impact of Modes on Fast Ion Profile, Modeling of Classical Expectation Is Required

Measured equil.,  
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heating waveforms



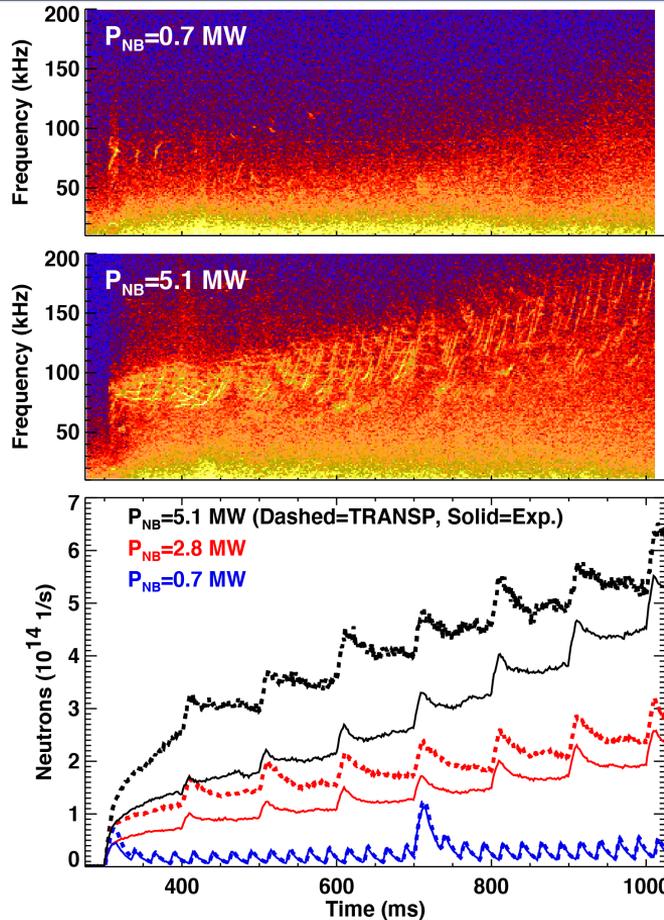
Synthetic EP  
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Diagnostic  
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codes<sup>3,4</sup>

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- TRANSP/NUBEAM<sup>1,2</sup>, etc.  
calculation of classical fast ion  
distribution function
  - Takes measured kinetic profiles and heating waveforms
  - Assumes fast ion profile evolves purely under influence of scattering, CXR, etc. (NO MHD)
  - Gives expected distribution function, fusion products, etc.
  - Can be processed with **synthetic diagnostics** for comparison to EP measurements
  - Can also be run w/ some type of diffusivity to quantify transport

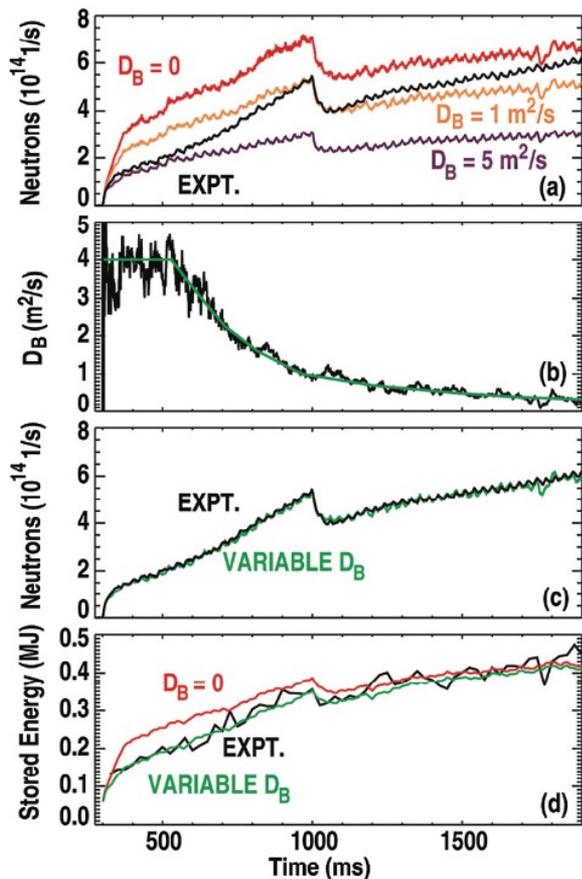
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# Example Shows Neutron Deficit Relative to Classical Calculations as AE Amplitude Increases



- **Low beam power (0.7MW) - few AEs**
  - Measured neutrons match classical TRANSP calculations
- **High beam power (5.1MW) - multiple AEs**
  - Up to 50% deficit relative to classical
  - Beam ions are being transported out of plasma or to lower  $T_e/n_D$

# Approximate Diffusivity from AEs Can Be Inferred

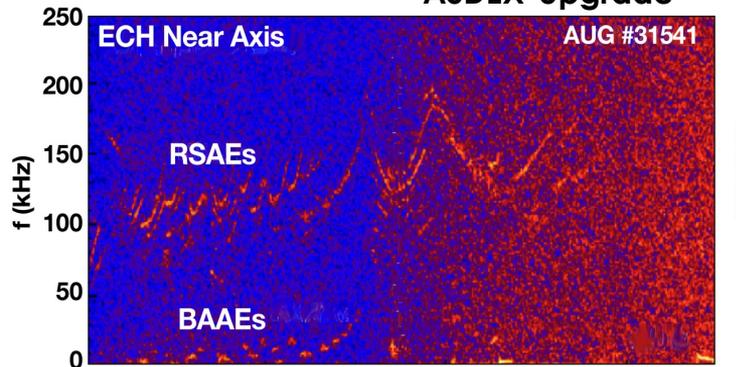


- **TRANSP and other codes can be run with an assumed ad-hoc fast ion diffusivity ( $D_B$ )**
  - Can be spatially, energy, pitch angle dependent
- **By adjusting diffusivity to match measured neutron rate, an effective diffusivity can be inferred**
- **In example, stored energy from equilibrium reconstructions also matches prediction with diffusivity**
  - Deficit from classical case is due to reduction in EP pressure

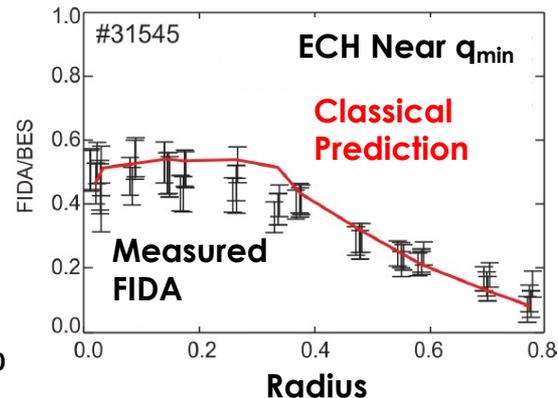
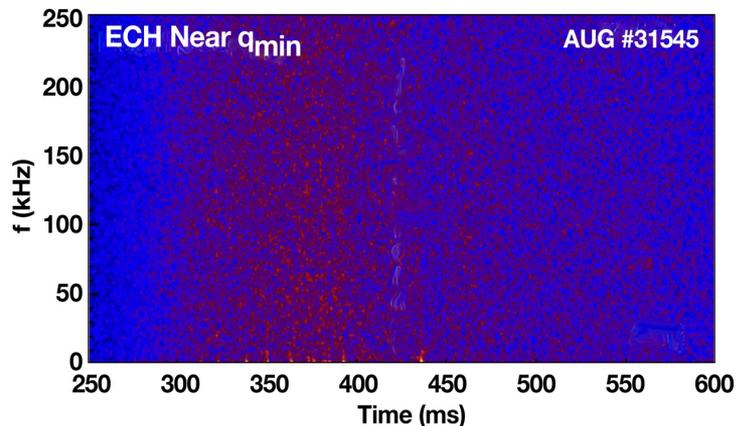
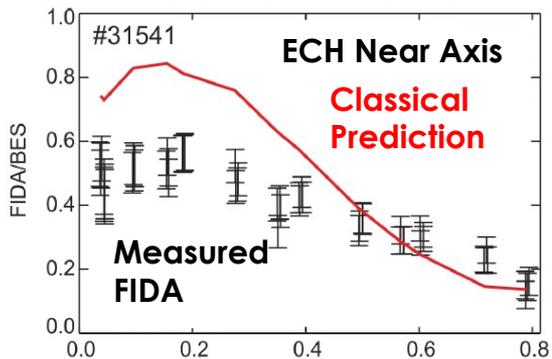
# Similar Comparisons of Fast Ion Transport Can Be Made Using More Complex Fast Ion Diagnostics



ASDEX-Upgrade

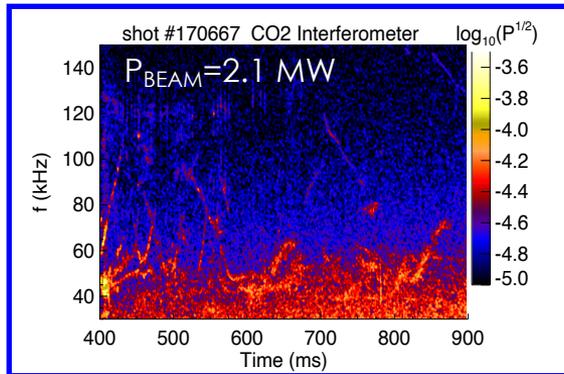
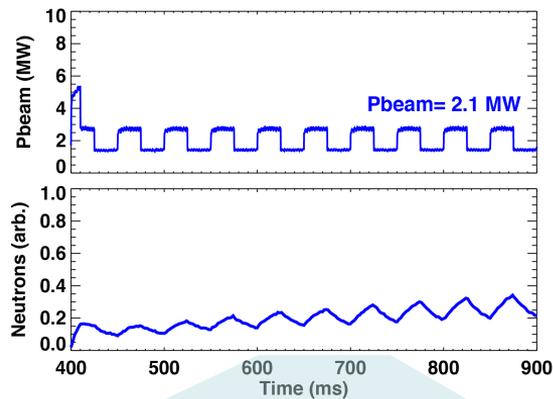


Fast Ion Profile

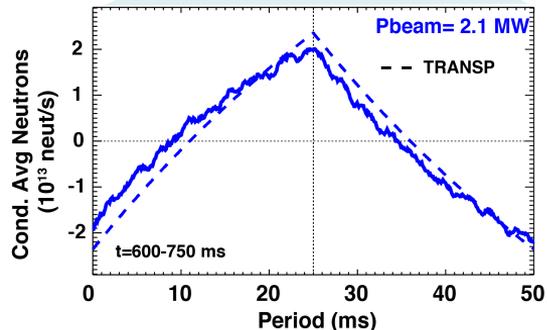


- In this ASDEX-Upgrade example, two cases with and without AEs are compared to predicted FIDA profiles
- ECH near  $q_{min}$  resulted in:
  - NO AE activity
  - Classical fast ion confinement
- ECH near axis resulted in:
  - Strong AE activity
  - ~35% central fast ion deficit!
- This is forward modeling
  - Alternatively, can compare local distribution using tomography as Mirko discussed

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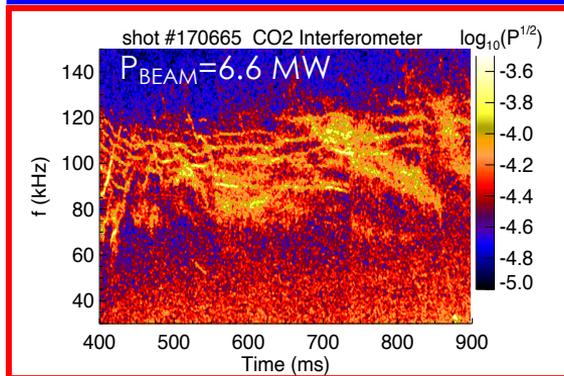
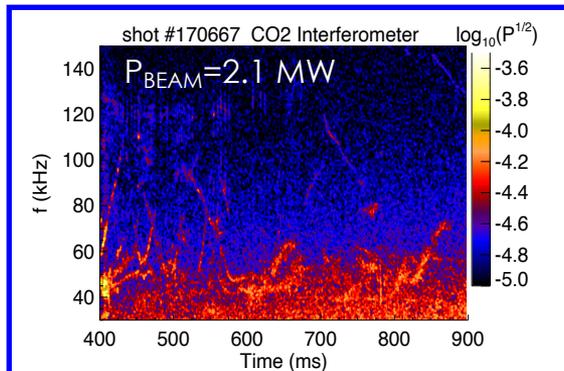
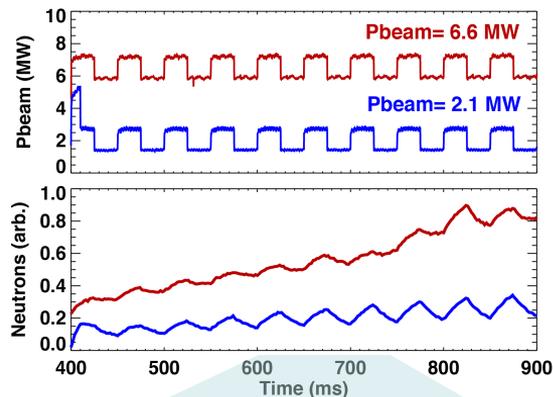
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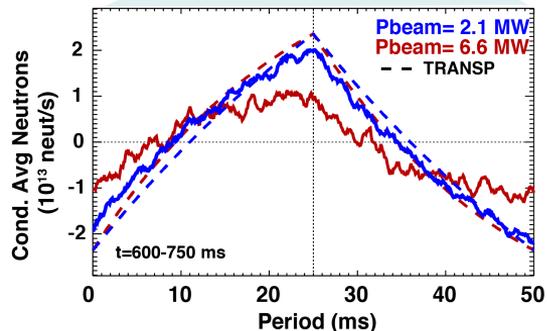
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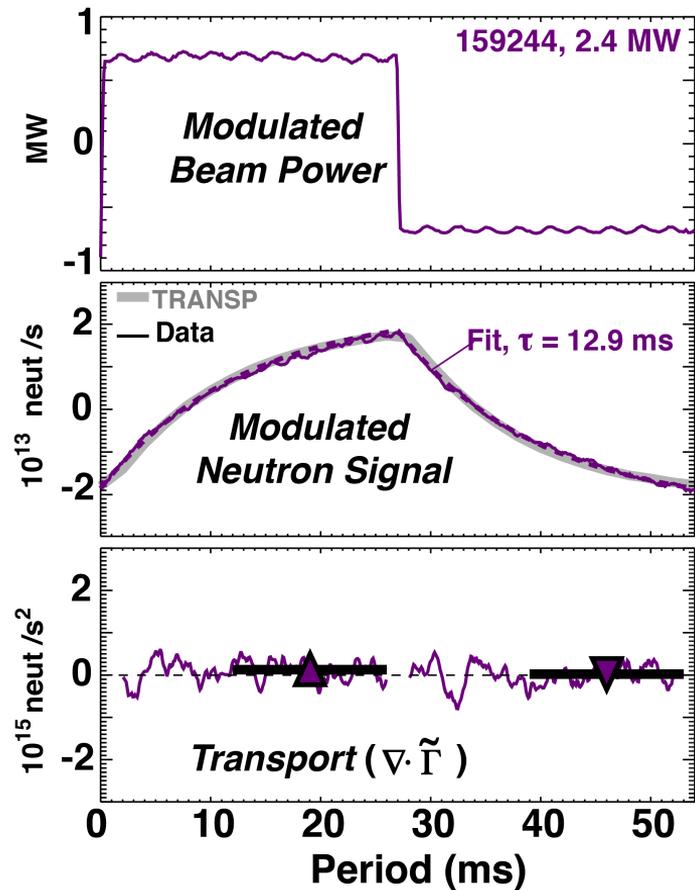
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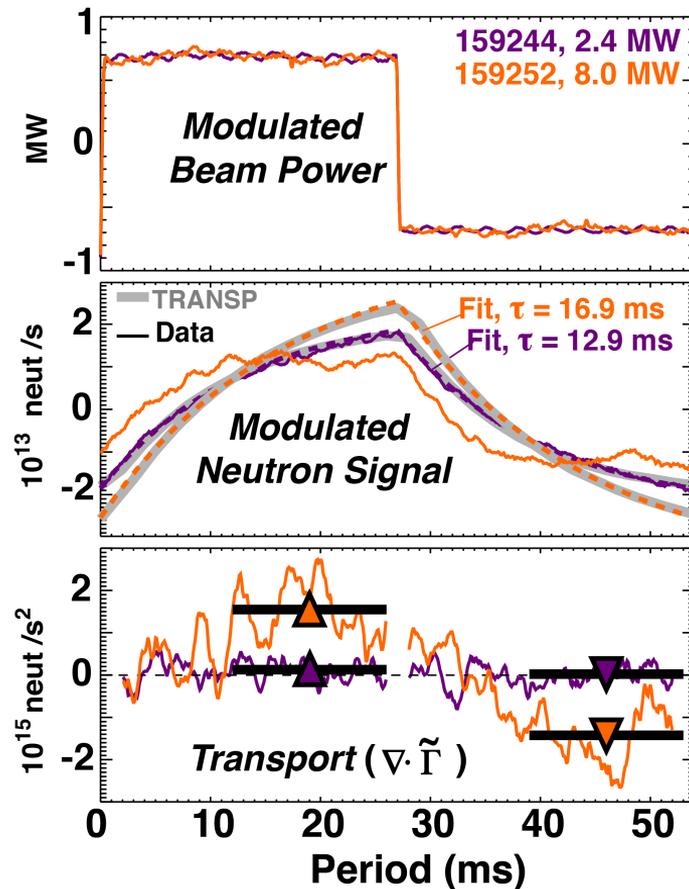
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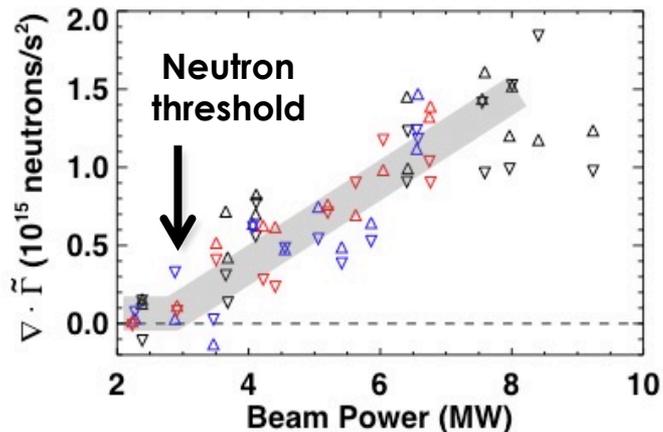
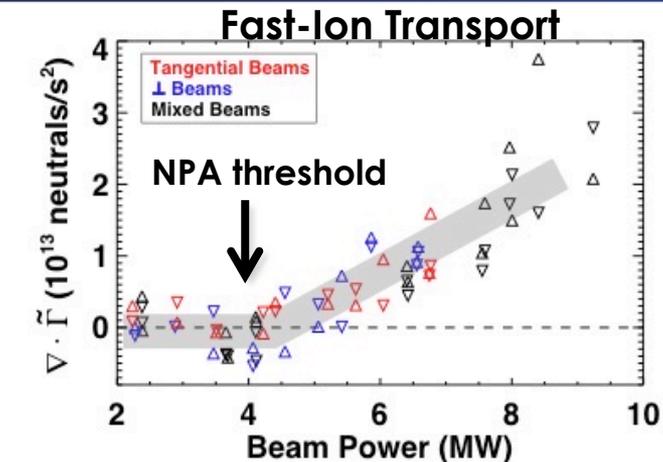
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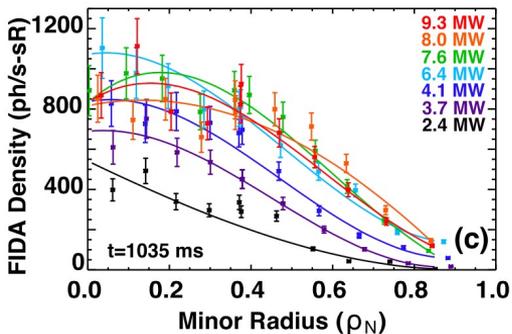
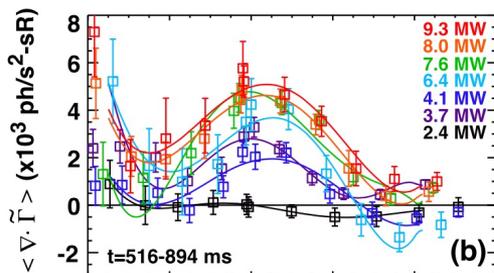
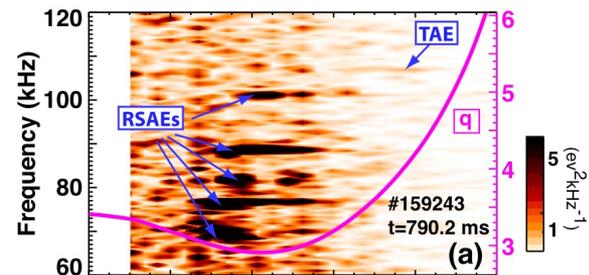


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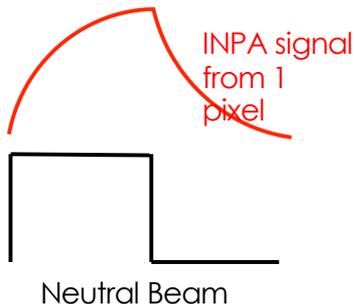
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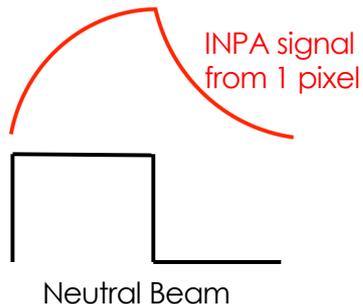
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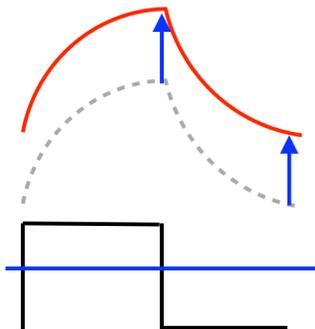
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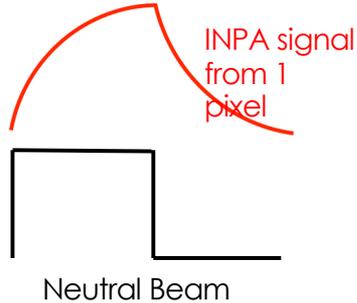
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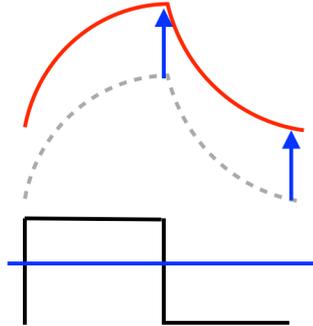
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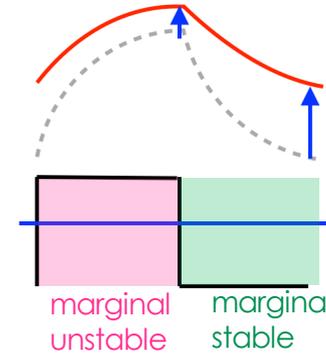
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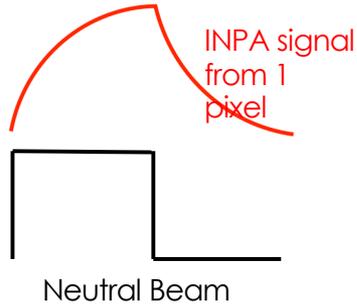
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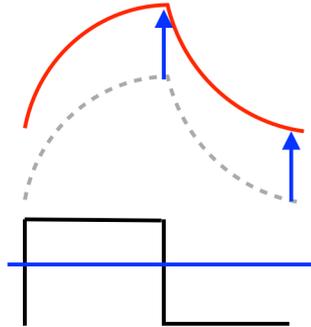
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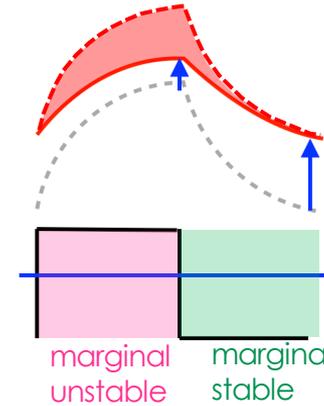
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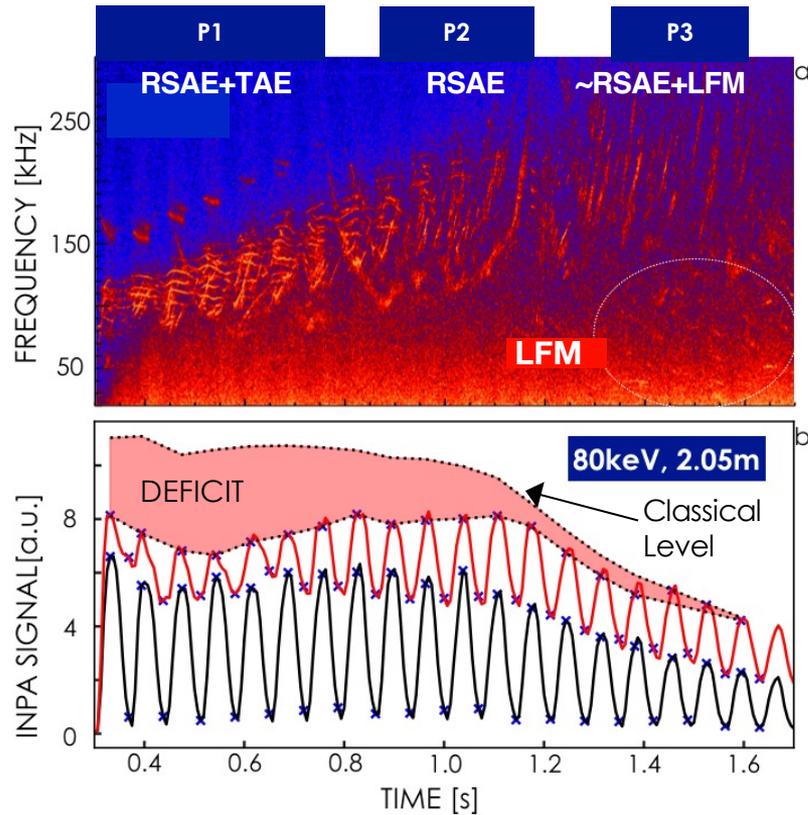


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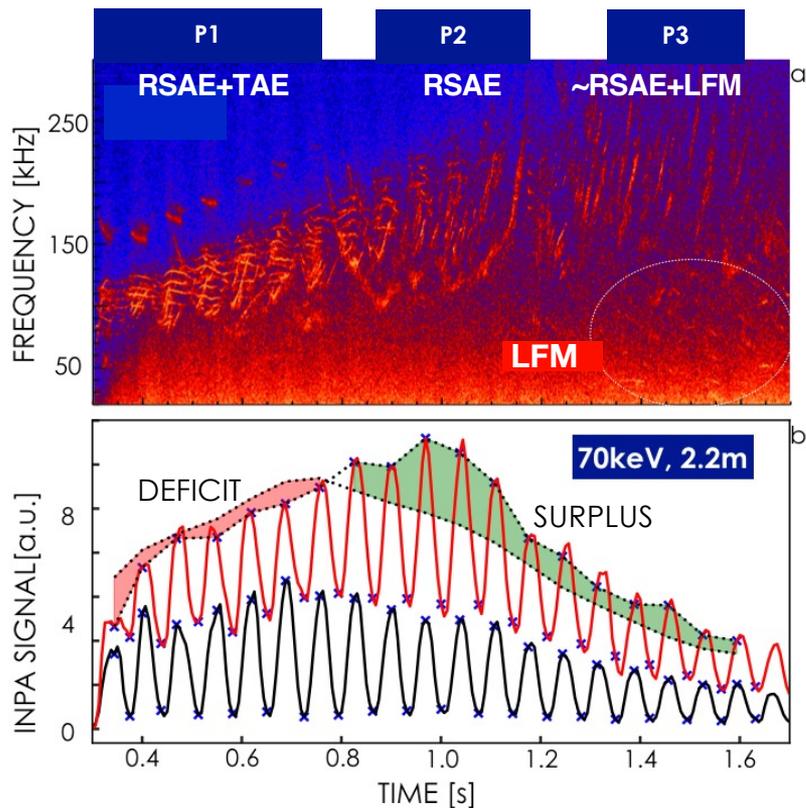
# Phase Space Behavior Can Largely Deviate From Classical Predictions When AEs Are Destabilized



At 80kV and R=2.05m

- **P1: During the RSAE & TAE dominant phase**
  - Large transport at inj. energy
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  - Reduced transport at injection energy
  - 50% signal from the steady beam missing
- **P3: LFM dominant phase with weakened RSAE**
  - Reaches classical

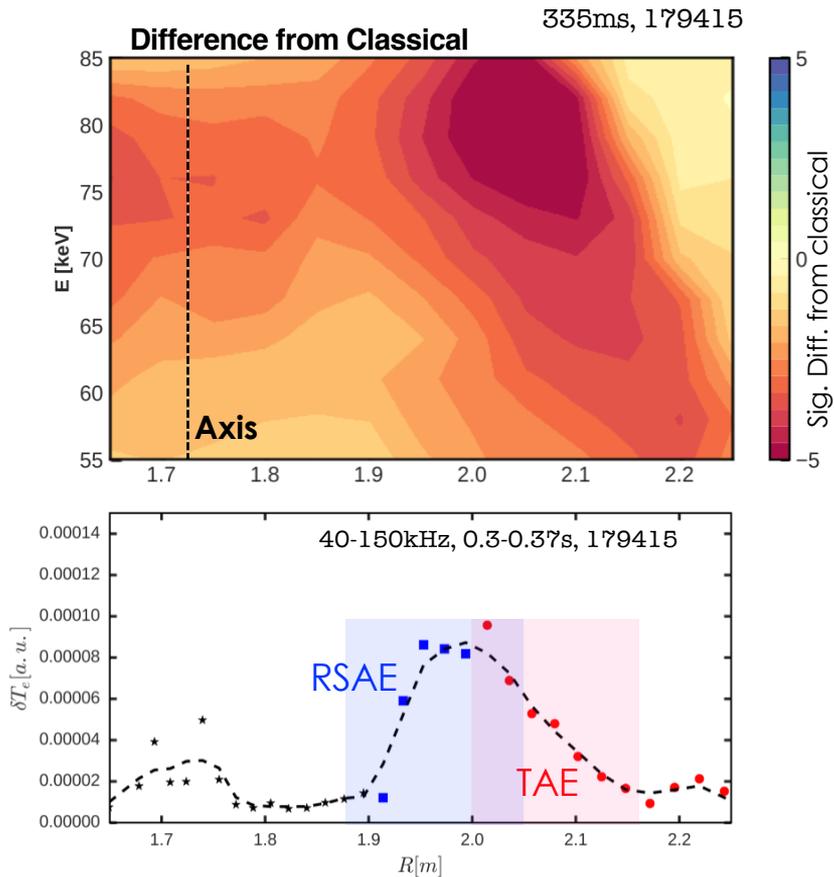
# The Inferred Fast Ion Transport Can Vary Significantly Depending On The Interrogated Region of Velocity Space



At 70kV and R=2.2m

- **P1: During the RS&AE & TAE dominant phase**
  - Small deficit at 70kV and R=2.2m
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  - *Signal exceeds the classical expectations*
- **P3: LFM dominant phase with weakened RS&AE**
  - Nearly classical

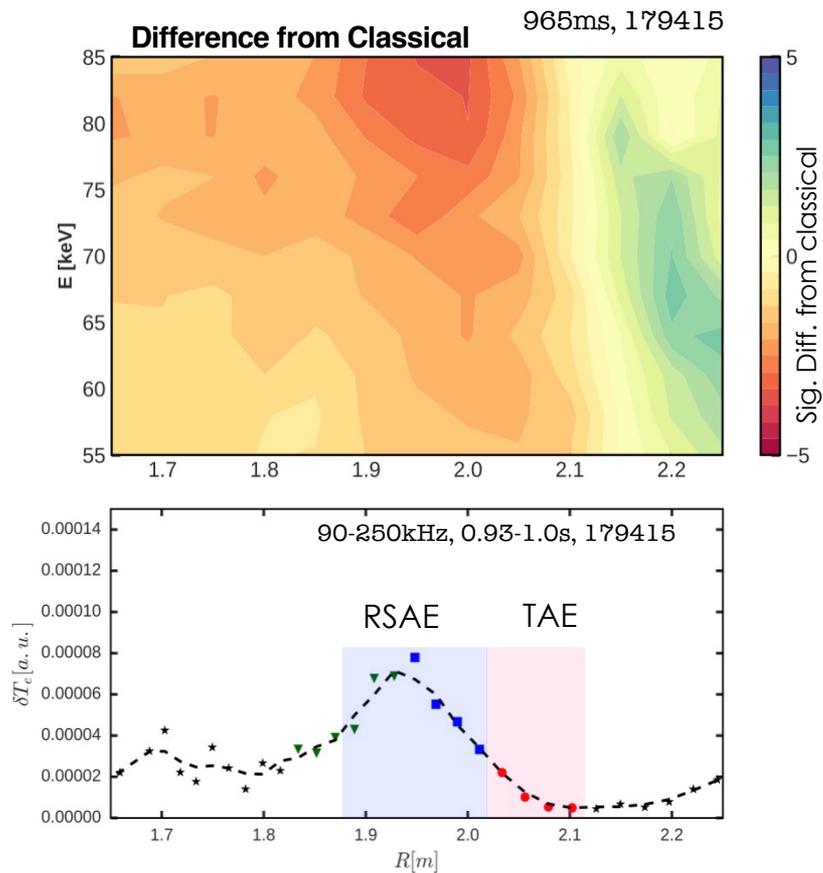
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- TAE,  $R \sim 2.05 - 2.1$  m
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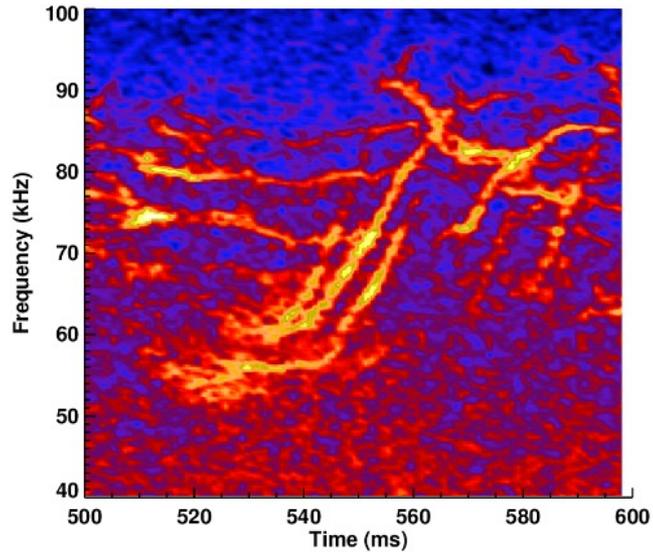
# Evolution Of The Phase Space Transport Map Is Consistent With The Change In AE Activity



- **The plasma is dominated by the RSAE**
  - TAE amplitude is reduced
- **The transport region moves inward with  $q_{\min}$** 
  - Significant transport aligns with the RSAE locations
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  - Clear redistribution in phase space is observed
- **The transport in the plasma core  $R \sim 1.7$  m is reduced**

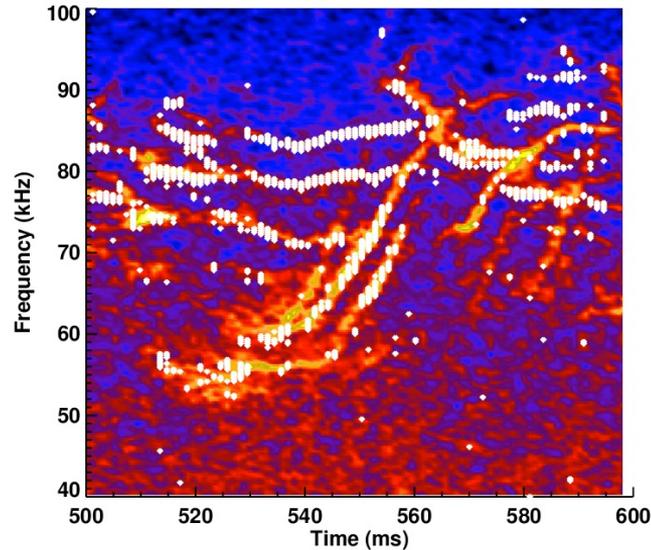
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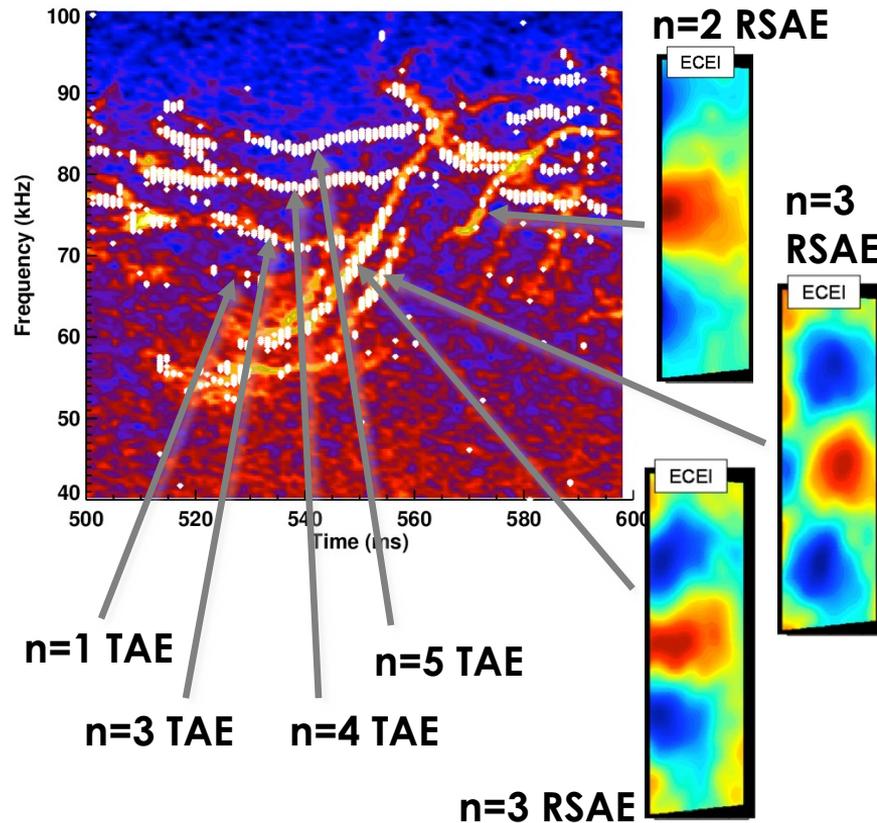
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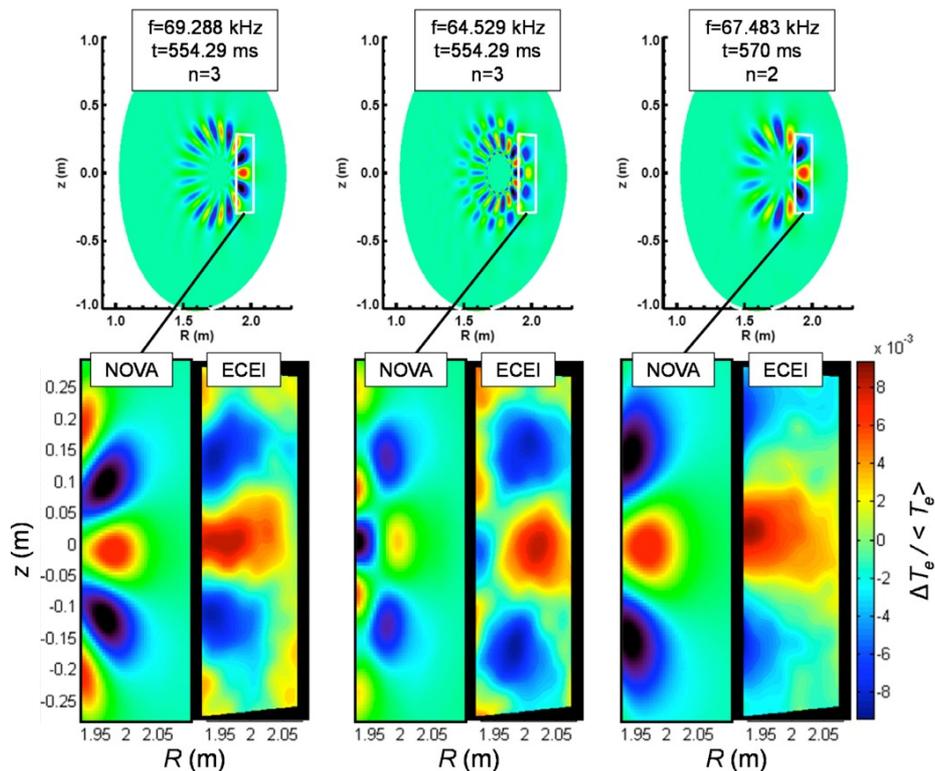
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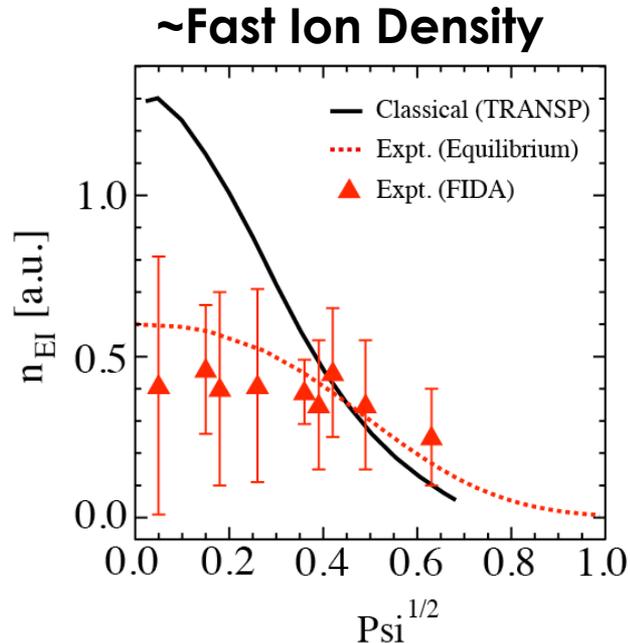
# NOVA\* Calculated Eigenmodes are Selected Based on Mode Type and Match to ECE and ECEI Data



- NOVA\* solves for linear ideal MHD eigenmodes using experimentally measured profiles
- $\delta T_e$  is used to determine experimental amplitude

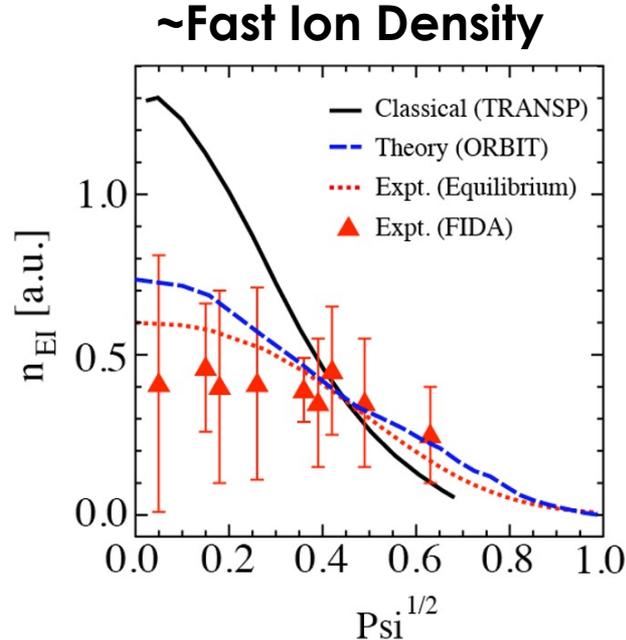
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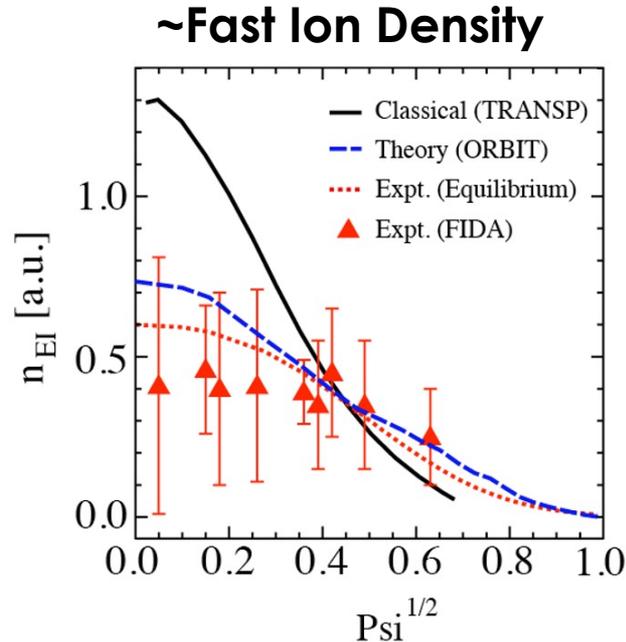
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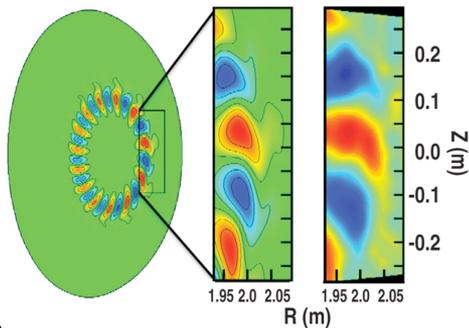
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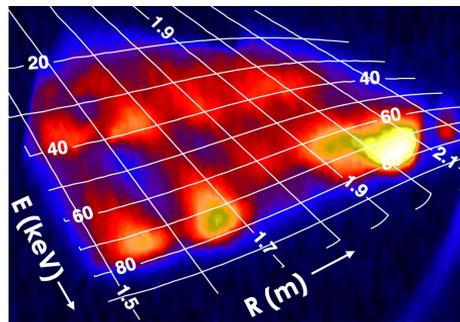
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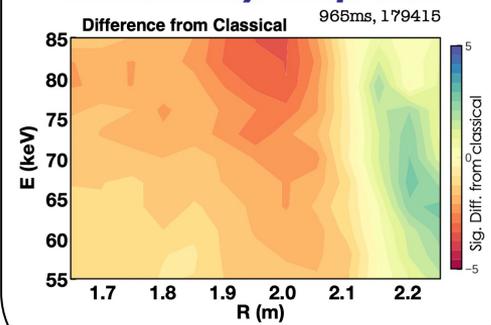
- Perturbed quantities
- Spectral analysis and pulling small signals out of noise
- Fluctuation diagnostics (Interf., Polarimetry, ECE, BES, Reflectometry, SXR)

## Measurement of Confined Fast Ions



- DD Beam-Plasma neutrons
- Neutral Particle Analyzers (NPA, INPA)
- Equilibrium pressure

## Measurement of Instability Impact

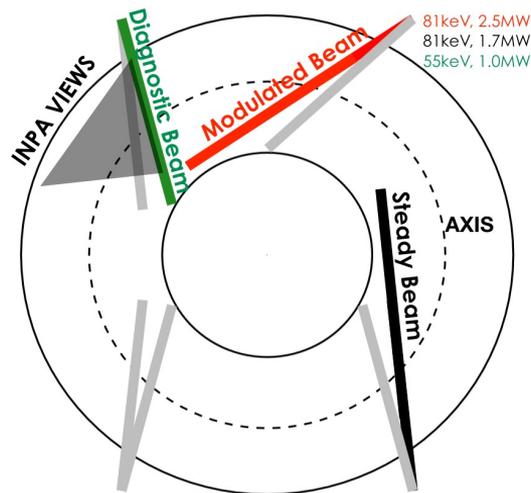
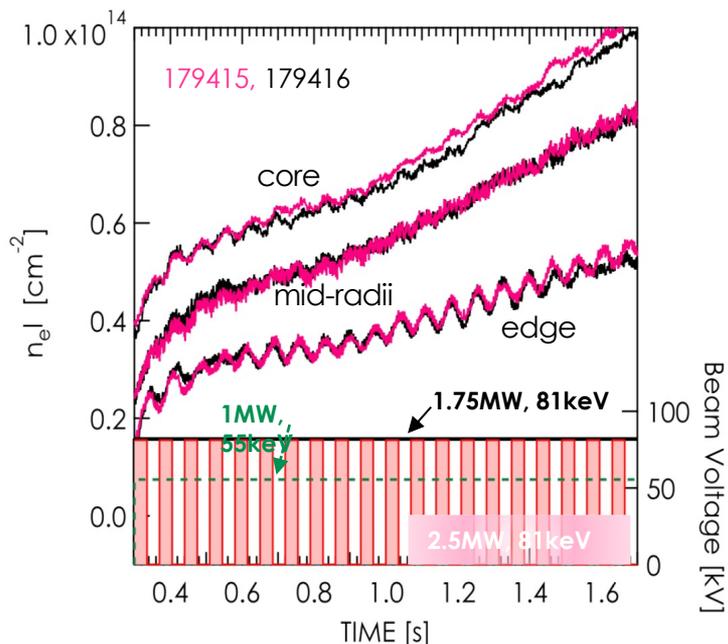


- Abrupt events / relative measurements
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# A Well-Matched Density Profile In Low-Power And High-Power Discharges Is Important For Simplified Interpretation of This Beam Modulation Experiment

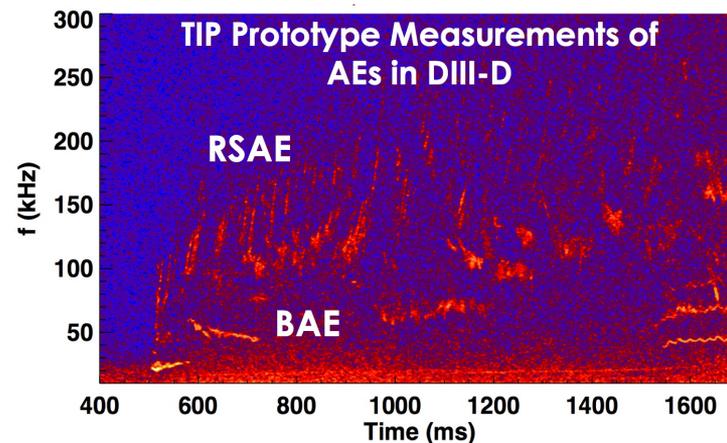
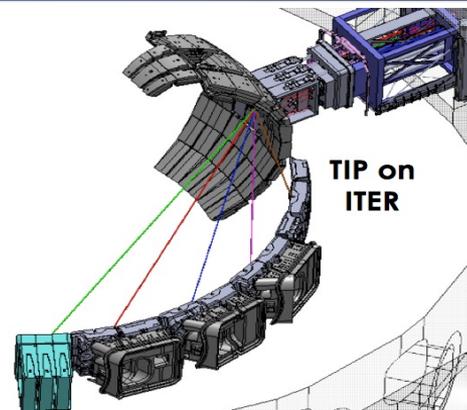


- **Low power, 1MW 55kV Diagnostic beam (provides neutrals for charge exchange) held steady**
  - It does not populate the interrogated phase space of the INPA
- **Modulated beam and Steady beam populate the same phase space**
  - Modulated beam: 2.5MW, 81keV
  - Steady beam: 1.7MW, 81keV
- **Density profile well matched from 0.3s to 1.7s – Critical, otherwise slowing down doesn't match**

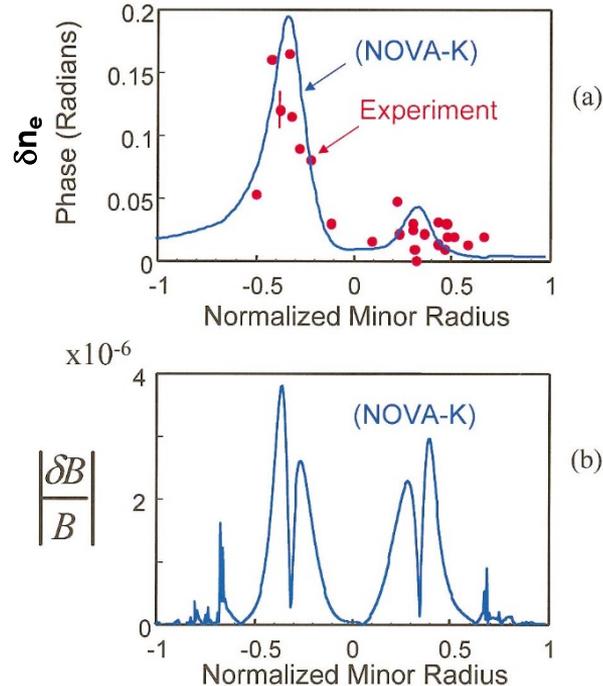
# ITER Interferometer Prototype Shows Diagnostic Should Be Sensitive Monitor of Core Instabilities

- **Toroidal Interferometer Polarimeter (TIP)**

- ~500kHz bandwidth, 5 tangential chords spanning midplane
- Prototype shows encouraging results on DIII-D. Likely can detect AEs with  $\delta n/n \sim 10^{-5+}$
- Will work independent of magnetic field, density, etc.



# Primary Quantities Measured in Core are Perturbed Temperature and Density



- Perturbed field leads to field line and flux surface displacement ( $\xi$ )
- Localized measurements see fluctuating quantities proportional to gradient
- Perturbed kinetic profiles have displacement and compressional contributions

## Electron Density

$$\frac{\delta n_e}{n_e} = -\nabla \cdot \xi - \xi \cdot \frac{\nabla n_e}{n_e}$$

## Electron Temperature

$$\frac{\delta T_e}{T_e} = -(\gamma - 1)\nabla \cdot \xi - \xi \cdot \frac{\nabla T_e}{T_e}$$

- Relative contribution of each depends on mode properties and structure
  - Can make a cylindrical mode appear anti-balloning

$$\frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} = -\nabla \cdot \xi - \xi \cdot \frac{\nabla \rho}{\rho} \cong \left( \frac{-2\hat{\mathbf{R}}}{R} + \frac{\hat{\mathbf{n}}}{L_\rho} \right) \cdot \xi,$$