

Energetic ion losses induced by various MHD modes on LHD

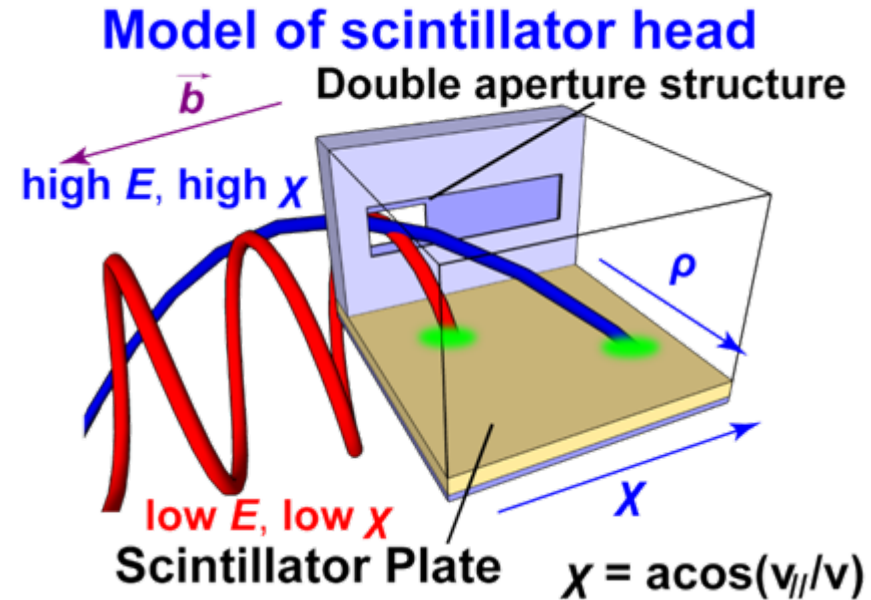
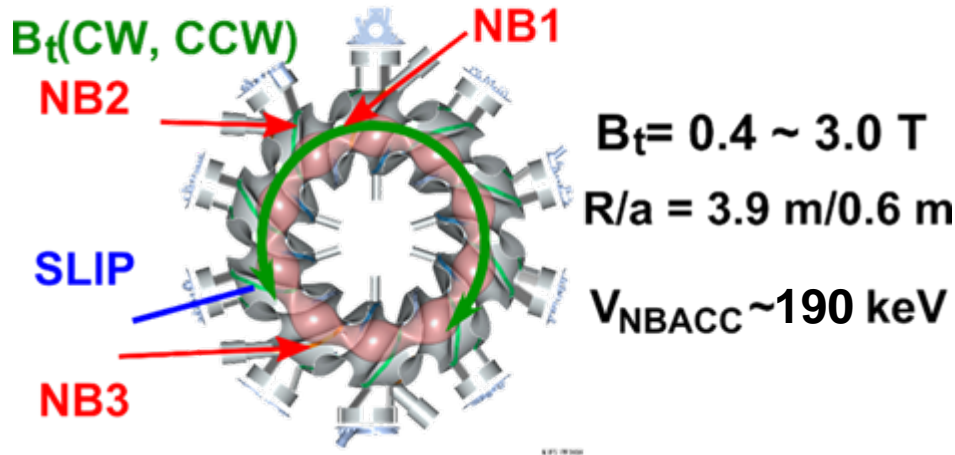
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Background

- **Energetic ion loss induced by MHD mode can cause the local damage of PFC in fusion device.**
- **Stellarator/Helical device: TAE, GAE or EPM induced losses are observed in previous experiments such as CHS, W7-AS.**
- **However, the loss process is still uncertain.**
- **LHD: usual TAE/EPM induced losses are observed in relatively high-beta plasma. In addition, pressure driven MHD mode induced loss is obtained.**
- **We need to understand loss process of energetic ion induced by MHD modes to reduce anomalous loss of energetic ion.**

Scintillator-based lost-fast ion probe (SLIP)

LHD & Position of SLIP

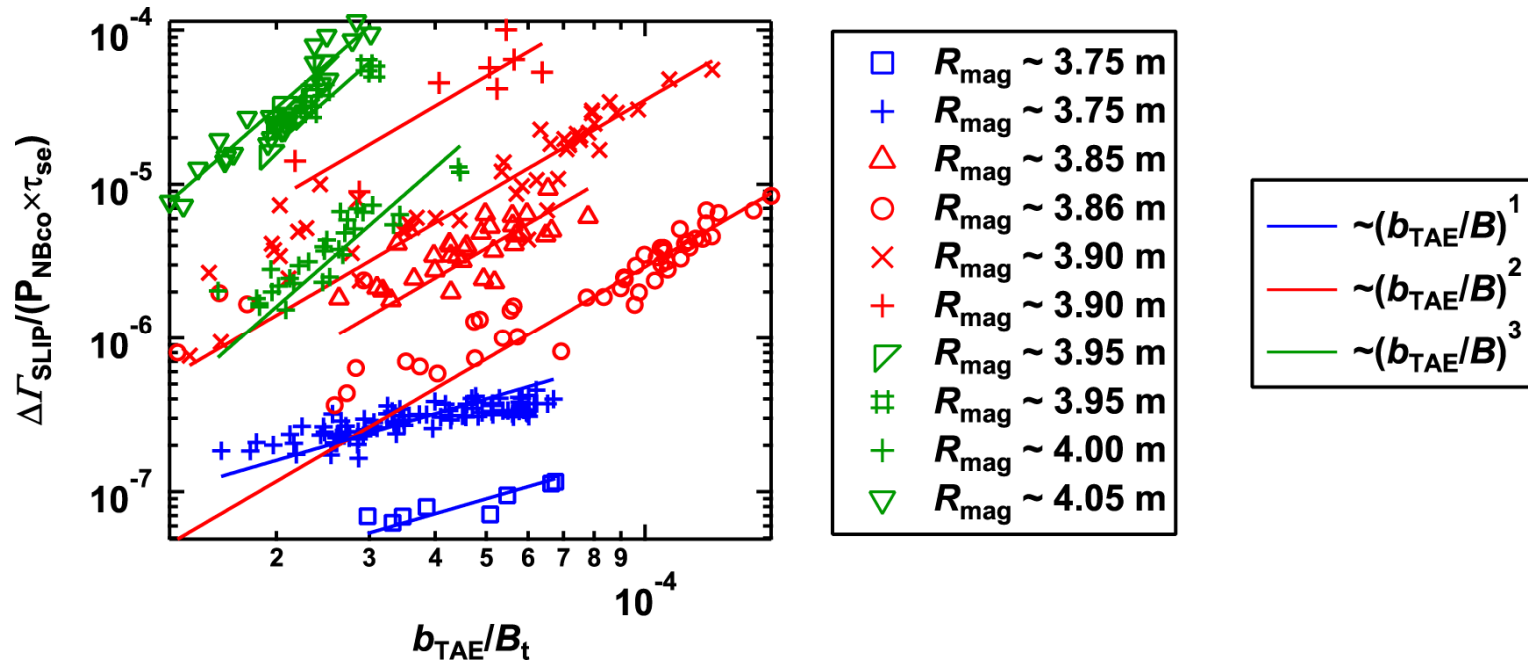


E : energy of ion, χ : pitch angle

- **Double aperture structure** has a role in discriminating E/χ of detectable ions
- **Scintillation point** gives the information of E and χ of lost ions
 - Scintillation points are measured with a CMOS camera and a 4×4 PMT array.
- **Two sets of double apertures are equipped.** “**Bi-directional lost-fast ion probe**”
 - It is applicable to both cases of CW or CCW direction of B_t

TAE induced loss

Loss flux dependence on TAE fluctuation amplitude

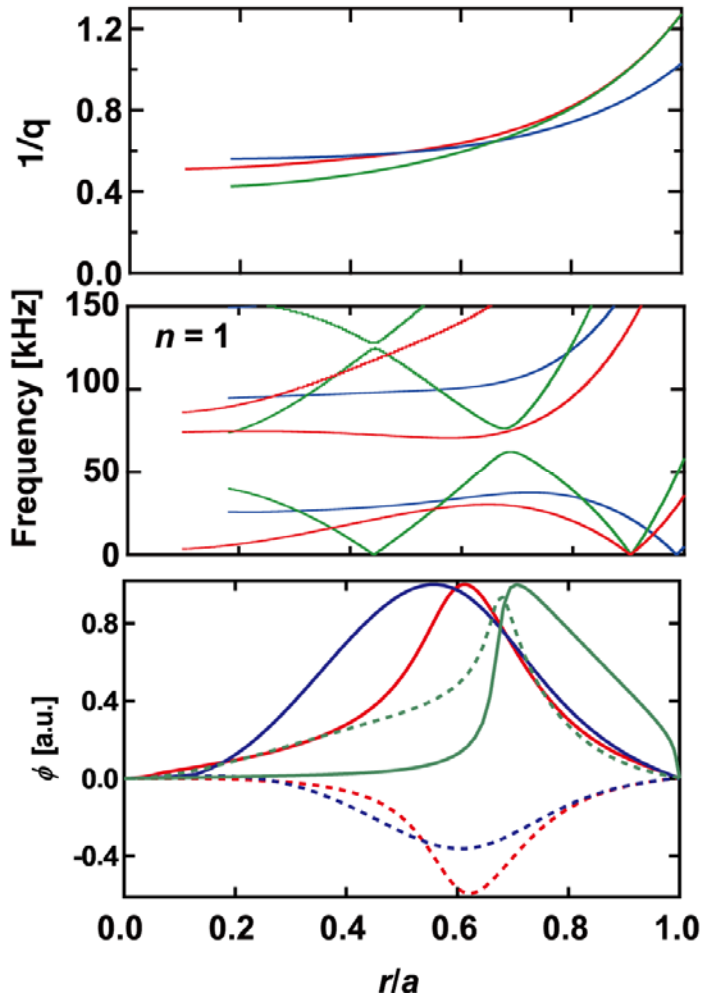


- Loss flux induced by TAE is observed using SLIP.
 - Peak of TAE : $r/a \sim 0.6$
- Energy/pitch angle of lost ions are 100~150 keV/~40° at SLIP position.
- Dependence of loss induced by TAE on TAE fluctuation amplitude become steeper as increasing R_{mag} .
 - Expansion of TAE eigenfunction, and loss cone thought to be candidate.

Expansion of eigenfunction and loss cone

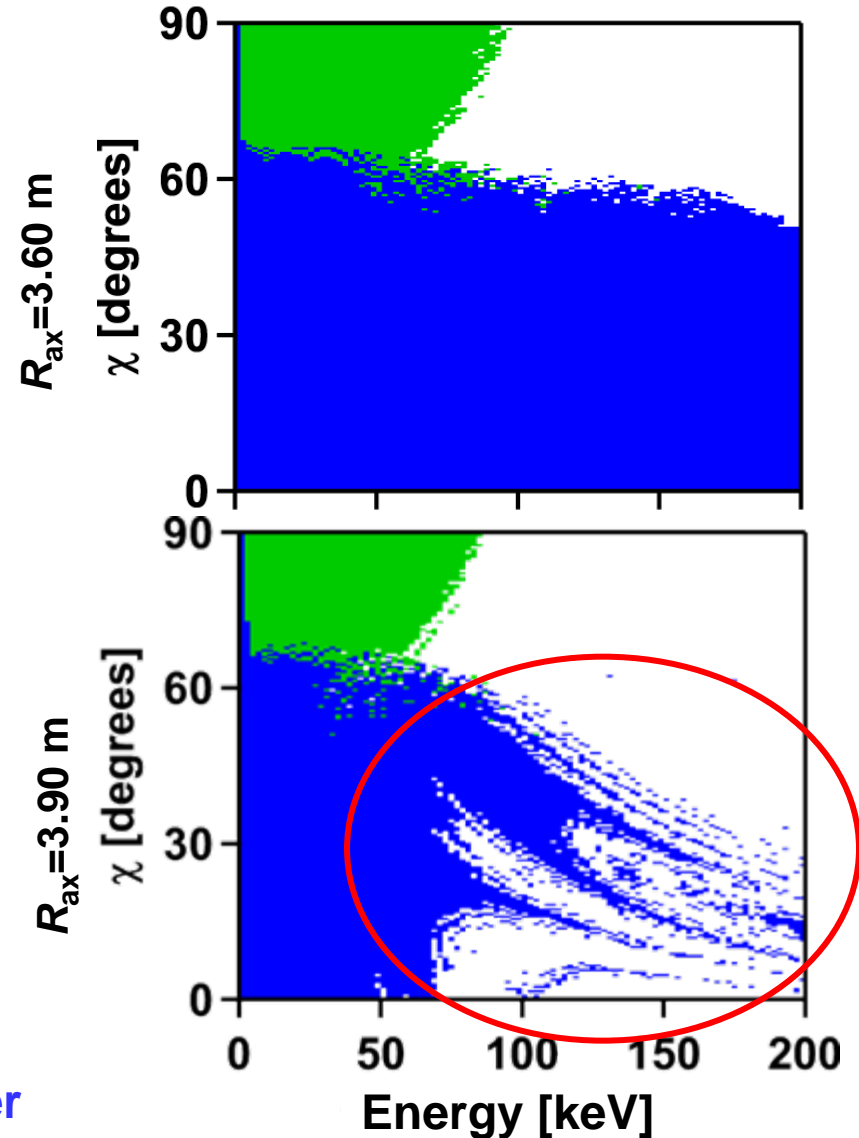
q profile, SAS, eigenfunction

— $R_{\text{mag}} \sim 3.75$ m — $R_{\text{mag}} \sim 3.86$ m — $R_{\text{mag}} \sim 4.05$ m



R_{mag} increases $\rightarrow 1/q$ becomes flatter
 \rightarrow radial width of ϕ becomes large

Loss cone of protons at certain position

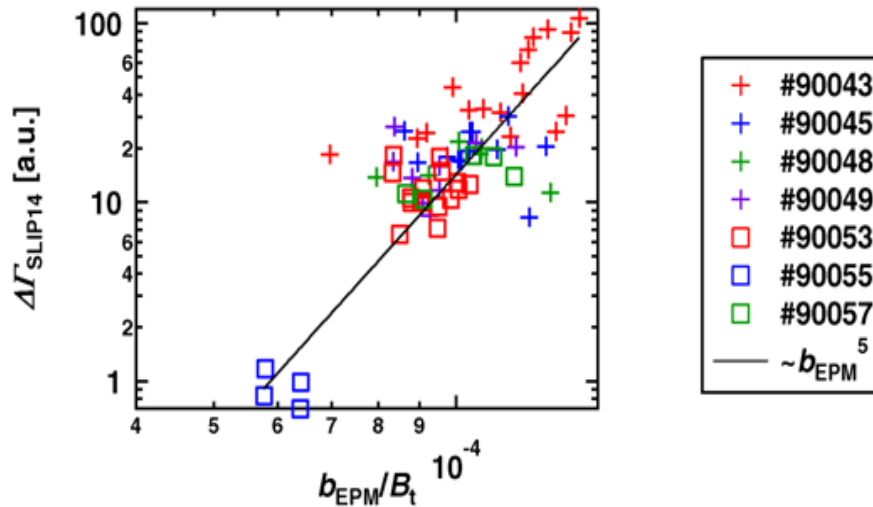


R_{ax} increases \rightarrow loss cone expands

EPM induced loss

Loss flux dependence on EPM fluctuation

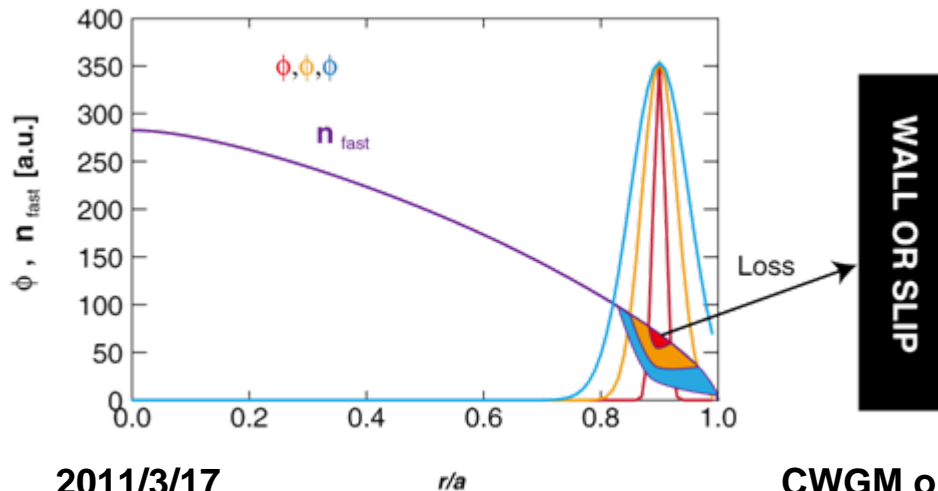
$B_t=0.75$ T, $R_{ax_vac}=3.75$ m



- Energy/pitch angle of lost ions are 100~190 keV /~30° at SLIP position.
- Dependence of loss flux induced by EPM on EPM amplitude is sufficient comparing with TAE case.

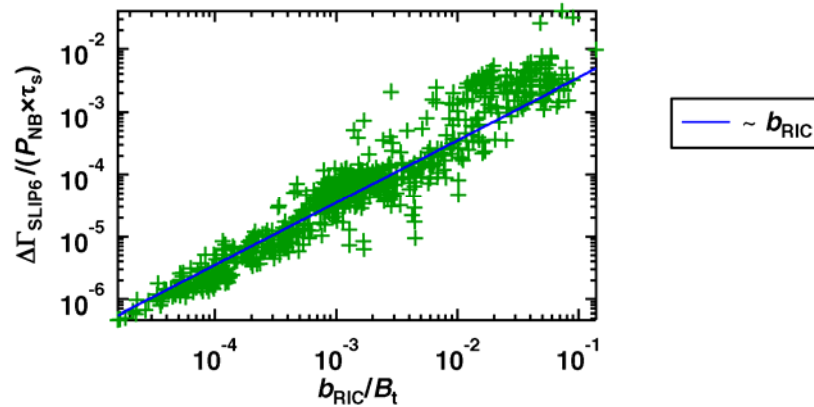
- Possible reason:
 - large amplitude
 - the position ($r/a \sim 0.9$) seems to be outside comparing with TAE ($r/a \sim 0.6$).

Model of EPM induced loss

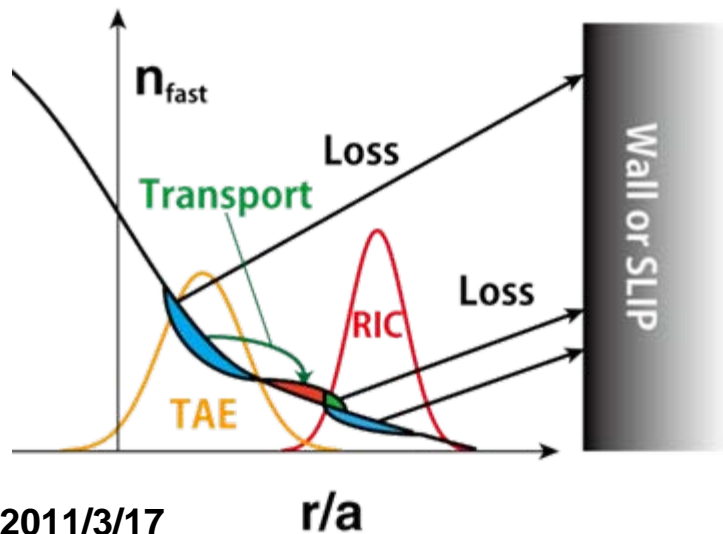


Resistive interchange mode (RIC) induced loss

Loss flux dependence on RIC fluctuation

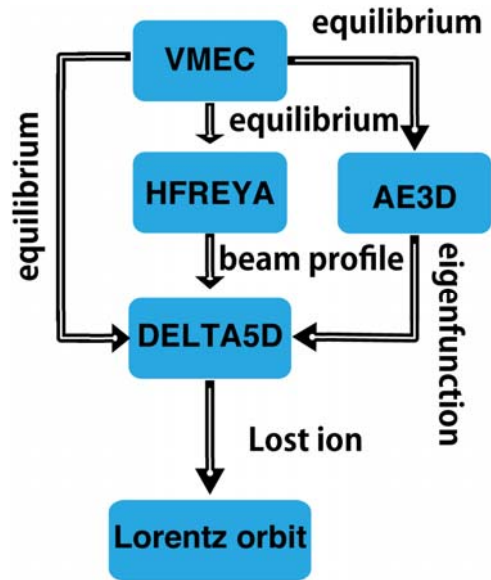


Model of synergy effect



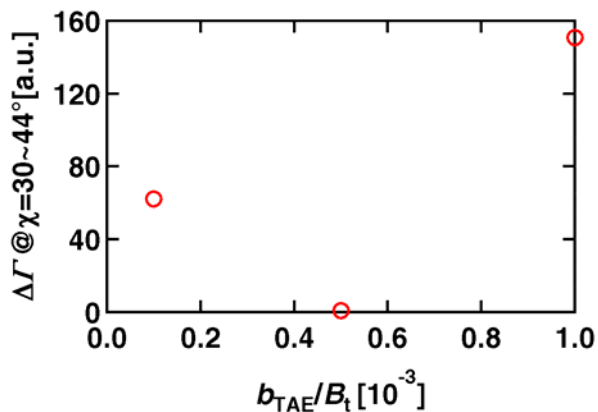
- RIC: peak position $r/a \sim 0.9$
 $f_{RIC} \ll f_{ep}$ in lab frame
 -> no wave-particle interaction
- Loss flux dependence on magnetic fluctuation amplitude shows loss process is convective.
 - Energetic ion existing near the loss cone can be lost due to RIC
- Moreover, synergy effect: TAE+ RIC loss is observed.

Initial result of model calculation



- Model calculation is held.
- TAE fluctuation: $b = \nabla \times \alpha B$
 - No interaction between modes and particles
- Loss flux comes to $\chi \sim 40^\circ$ does not increase with increasing fluctuation amplitude.
 - It is not applicable that TAE fluctuation is treated as a external fluctuation.
 - Wave-particle interaction need to be included?

Loss flux as a function of fluctuation amplitude



Summary

- Energetic ion driven MHD mode such as TAE and EPM induced loss is observed.
 - Loss flux dependence on TAE fluctuation becomes steeper as increasing R_{mag} .
 - Loss flux dependence on EPM fluctuation is steeper than that of TAE.
- MHD modes driven by plasma pressure (RIC) induced loss is observed.
- Model simulation
 - TAE can not be treated as a external fluctuation.
- Wave-particle interaction needs to be considered to clarify the loss process of energetic ion.
- The effect of magnetic structure on loss process is also need to be figure out.