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**Fast Particle driven Alfvén Quasimodes in Tokamaks**<sup>1</sup> IAN ABEL,  
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cascade eigenmodes have long been observed in tokamak reverse shear discharges.  
These upward sweeping modes have been explained as eigenmodes, localized around  
 $q_{\min}$  driven by fast ion inhomogeneities in the plasma [Physics of Plasmas 10 3649].  
However in flat  $q$ -profile discharges an accompanying downward sweeping mode, not  
provided for by the previous work, are occasionally observed [Physics of Plasmas  
12 112506]. We explain these modes as quasimodes supported by energetic particle  
drive against their weak radiative decay. The computation of the fast particle drive is  
simplified using an action/angle variable drift kinetic formalism to treat the trapped  
fast particle population.

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