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Alfvén Eigenmode Induced Fast Ion Transport in DIII-D Resulting From Finite Larmor Radius Effects¹ G.J. KRAMER, G.Y. FU, R. NAZIKIAN, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, M.A. VAN ZEELAND, R.K. FISHER, D.C. PACE, General Atomics, L. CHEN, X. CHEN, W.W. HEIDBRINK, UC Irvine — Alfvén Eigenmode (AE) induced fast-ion redistribution and loss are commonly observed in DIII-D. In those experiments the perpendicular wave vector times the fast-ion Larmor radius is of order unity ($k_{\perp}\rho_i \sim 1$), which allows fast ion orbits to traverse the AE mode structures asymmetrically causing a significant change in magnetic moment. Full-orbit simulations of the expected transport in DIII-D plasmas show that this effect can lead to fast-ion radial diffusion constants of 5 m²/s at the measured mode amplitudes. This level of diffusion is not captured with a guiding center approximation and is in agreement with that deduced in DIII-D experiments when AE activity was present.

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