NTM Excitation by Sawtooth Crashes and the Suppression of their Onset by RMP

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Time evolution of normalized m/n=3/2 island width. The 3/2 NTM is triggered by sawtooth (ST) crash (black curve) for a larger β value, bootstrap current density (f_b), ST amplitude ($r_{q=1}$), or a lower electron diamagnetic drift frequency (f_{*e}), but isn't in opposite cases (other curves). After its onset, the 3/2 mode begins as an ideal mode before t=0.00036 τ_R (~8*ms*) and changes into a tearing mode afterwards.



Time evolution of m/n=2/1 island width for various normalized static 2/1 RMP amplitude ψ_a . The island grows for a too small or large ψ_a , $\psi_a=0$, 7×10^{-5} or 6×10^{-4} , but is suppressed for 8×10^{-5} - 5×10^{-4} . The plasma rotation is in the co- I_p direction with a normalized (to ω_{*e}) electron fluid frequency ω_n =-3.5, being more effective for the island suppression by RMP than the rotation in counter- I_p direction.