Summary: EXC, EXS and PPC

Y. Kamada, QST

Papers: EXC 101, EXS 57, PPC 26 from 40 devices

MEDUSA (Costa Rica): R~0.14m, a~0.1m, GLAST-III (Pakistan): R=0.2m, a=0.1 m JET (EU): R~3m, a~1.2m



W7-X, Welcome to EX sessions!





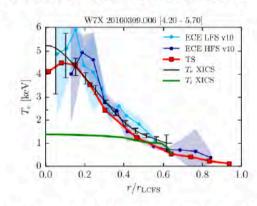




First plasma operation of Wendelstein 7-X

10 weeks of plasma operation from 10 Dec 2015 until 10 March 2016





Integral commissioning of superconducting stellarator, device control, plasma heating systems and diagnostics

ECRH power up to 4.3 MW, $T_e \le 8$ keV, $T_i \le 2$ keV, $n_e \sim 3 \times 10^{19}$ m⁻³, pulse durations up to 6 sec $(\int Pdt \le 4 MJ)$

Studies of plasma start-up, power balance, confinement (core electron-root conf.), bootstrap current, on-/off-axis heating, X2- and O2-ECRH, ECCD, plasma exhaust and SOL physics









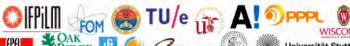














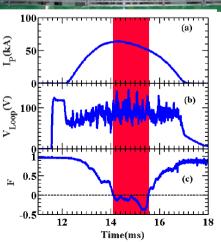


Welcome to EX! Start New Operation

KTX

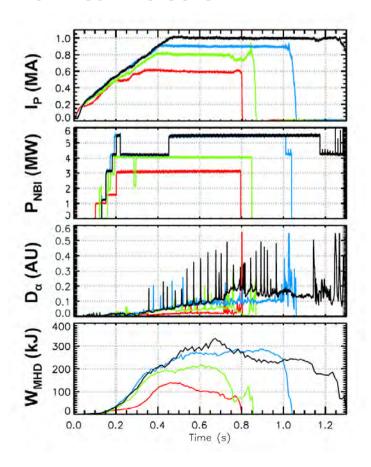
University of Science and Technology of China RFP R=1.4m, a=0.4m Ip=0.5MA (=>1MA) Bt max=0.35T (=>0.7T)





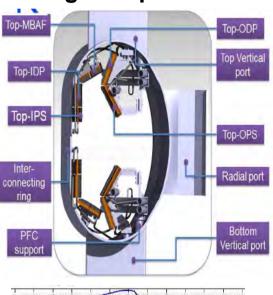
NSTX-U

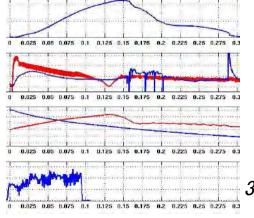
Ip~1MA H-modes, $H_{98} \ge 1$, $\beta_N \sim 4 \ge n=1$ no-wall limit with weak/no core MHD



SST-1

Upgraded with Plasma Facing Components.



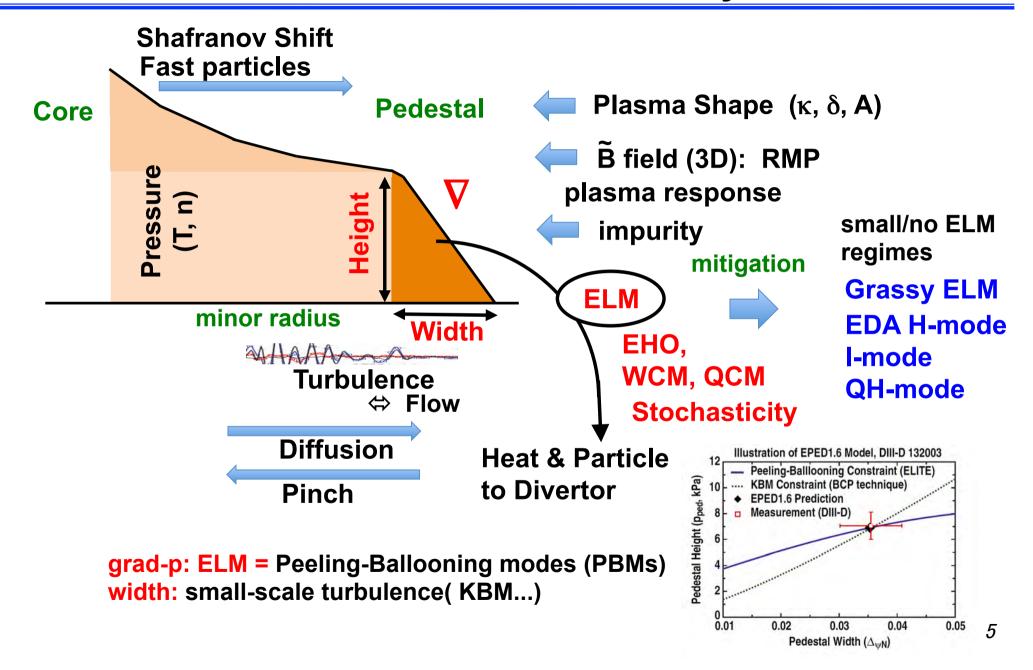


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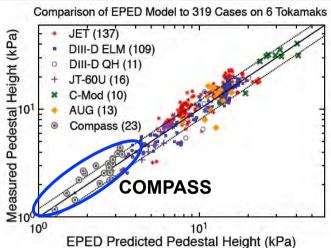
* Disruption Mitigation is treated in the next talk by Dr. D. Hill

H-mode Pedestal Structure and Dynamics



Pressure Gradient ~ Peeling Ballooning Mode

compass: The experimental data are in agreement with the EPED model. (EXP6-35, Komm)



Coperation point

JT-60U

MHD simulations reproduce

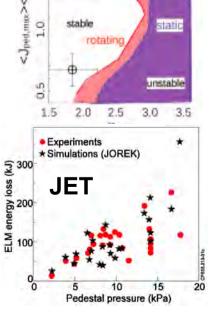
experiment very well.

JT-60U and JET:

MINERVA-DI: Rotation can destabilize PBMs due to minimizing the $\omega*i$ effect => better fit to exp. data.

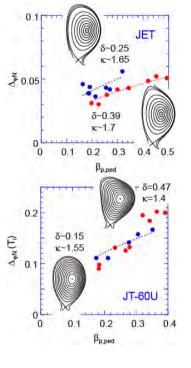
(TH8-1, Aiba)

Multi-machine: JOREK simulations at low resistivity/viscosity reproduce experiment (TH8-2, Pamela)



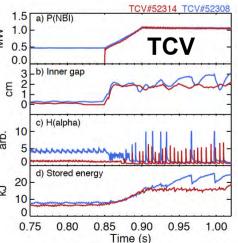
Shafranov shift stabilizes the pedestal gradient,

JET and JT-60U: confirmed in a wide space of (κ, δ) . Low κ high δ gives lower grad-p, but wider pedestal width, then grassy ELM & good confinement.



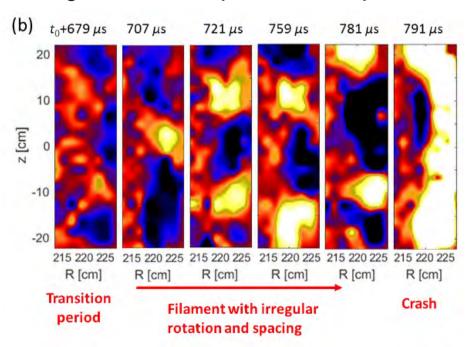
TCV, MAST and JET: The pedestal height has been significantly increased by early increase of βp-core. (EX3-6, Chapman)

(EX/3-4, Urano)

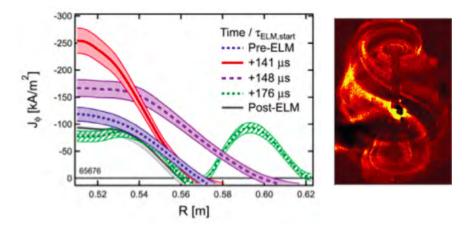


ELM crash new key findings

KSTAR: Three-stage evolution of ELM was identified using a 2D imaging: (1) quasi-steady filamentary mode with long life time n=4-15, (2) abrupt structural transformation into filaments with irregular poloidal spacing near the onset of crash, (3) and multiple filament bursts during the crash. **(EX10-3, Yun)**



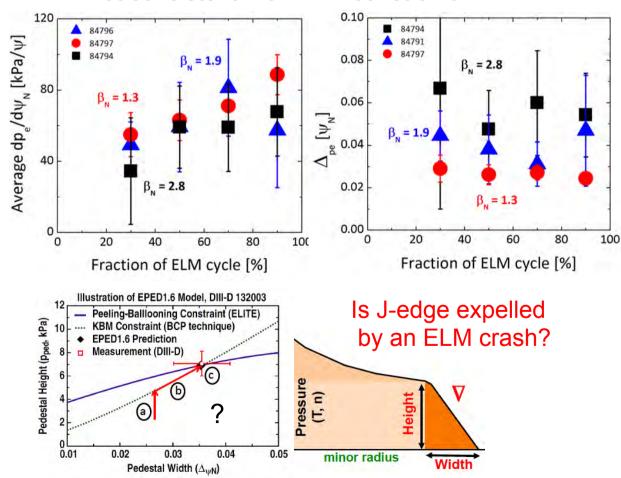
Pegasus: J-edge across single ELMs shows the nonlinear generation and expulsion of current-carrying filaments. **(EXP4-51, Bongard)**



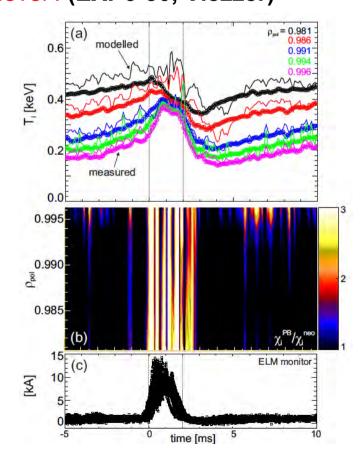
Pedestal evolution during the ELM cycle

JET: Pedestal evolution during the ELM cycle: not always consistent with EPED **(EX3-3, Maggi)**Low D2 Gas:

low-βN: Gradient increases and width constant: not consistent with KBM constraint



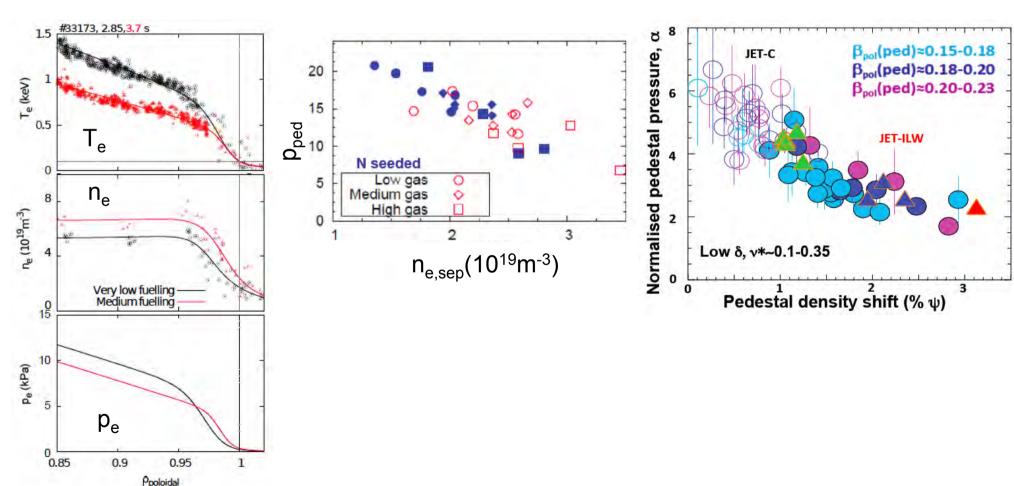
ASDEX-U: $70\mu s$ resolution Ti (r) measurement: At ELM, heat flux is first increased at the separatrix, then Ti(r) becomes flatter. χ_i comes back soon to its pre-ELM neoclassical level . (EXP6-30, Viezzer)



Pedestal Width: key = $n_e(r)$ relative to $T_{e,i}(r)$

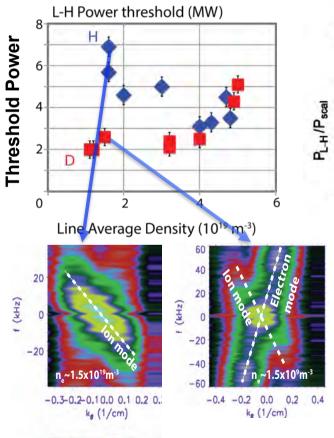
ASDEX-U: D fueling shifts density profile outward, and T profile anchored at separatrix => causes a significant degradation of the pedestal top pressure. **(EX3-5, Dunne)**

JET: Pedestal stability improves with reduced radial shift. JET-ILW tends to have larger relative shift than JET-C. (EXP6-13, Giroud)

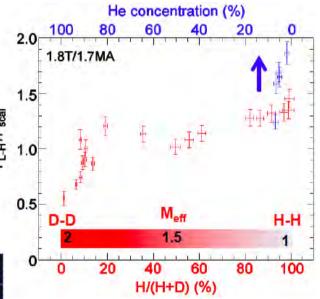


L-H Transition Threshold Power

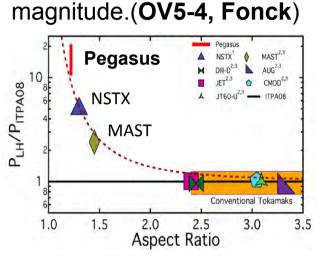
DIII-D: Dual Mode Nature of Edge Turbulence May Explain Isotope and Density Scaling of L-H Power Threshold **(EX5-1, Yan)**



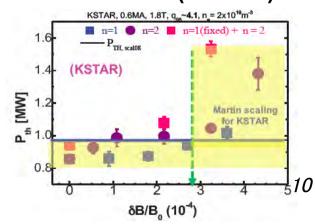
JET: Isotope Effect: Nonlinear mass dependence on L-H power threshold (EX5-2,Hillesheim) PD, Nunes)



Pegasus: Ultralow-A At low A(\sim 1.2), $P_{LH} >> ITPA$ scaling by one order of



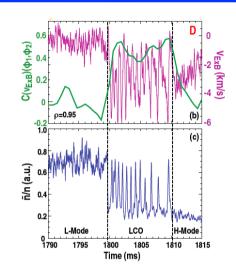
KSTAR: P_{LH} increases with δB for any cases with n=1, n=2 or mixed-n. **(EXP4-4)**



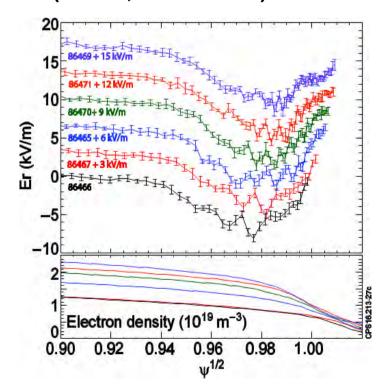
L-H transition: Behavior of turbulence

JET: Radial wavelength of Stationary Zonal Flows scales with the radial correlation length of turbulence, ~ several times smaller than the width of the edge radial electric field well.

DIII-D: The main-ion poloidal flow acceleration is quantitatively consistent with Reynolds-stressdriven shear flow amplification (EXP3-11, Schmitz)



(EX5-2, Hillesheim)



NSTX: The energy exchange between flows and turbulence was analyzed using GPI. The edge fluctuation do not vary just prior to the H-transition.

=> Turbulence depletion is probably not the mechanism of the L-H transition in NSTX. (EX5-3, Diallo)

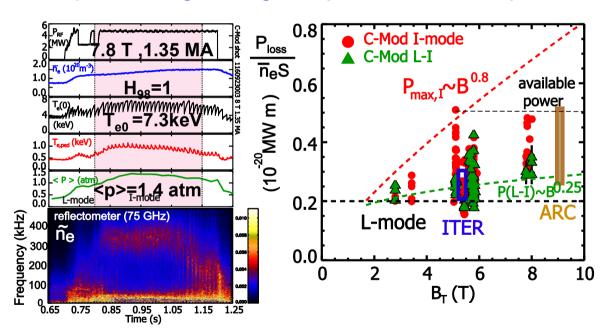
ASDEX-U: L-I Transition: Negligible contributions of ZFs. (EXP6-29, Putterich)

ELM-free regimes : extended remarkably

I-mode

Alcator C-mod:

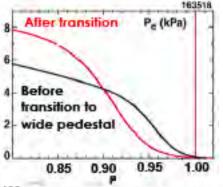
High energy confinement with Temperature pedestal, L-mode Density pedestal, Small impurity, Stationary and ELM-free. Extended to full field 8T and current 1.7MA. Confirms weak L-I threshold dep. on B, and wide power range at high B. (EX3-1, Hubbard)



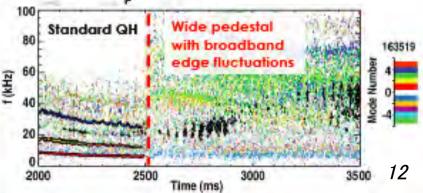
QH-mode

DIII-D: Discovered Stationary Quiescent H-mode with Zero Net NBI Torque in double-null shaped plasmas, characterized by increased pedestal height & width: sustained for $12\tau_E$ with excellent confinement (H98y2 ~ 1.5, β N ~ 2).

(EX3-2, Chen)

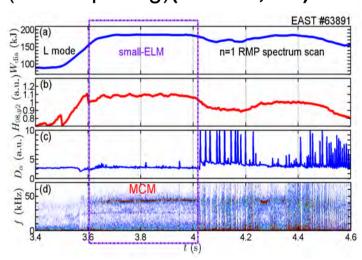


decreased edge *ExB* shear enables destabilization of broadband turbulence

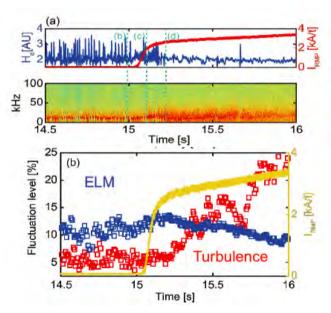


Pedestal fluctuations: variety of interplay

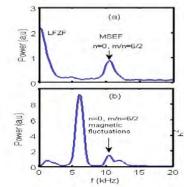
EAST: A new stationary small/no ELM H-mode was found at low νe^* < 0.5, H98 ≥ 1.1, exhibiting a low-n electro-Magnetic Coherent Mode. It appears at the low frequency boundary of TAE gap. (+ ELM pacing)(EX10-2, Xu)



KSTAR: Broadband turbulence induced by RMP damps the ELM amplitude (EXP4-15, Lee)

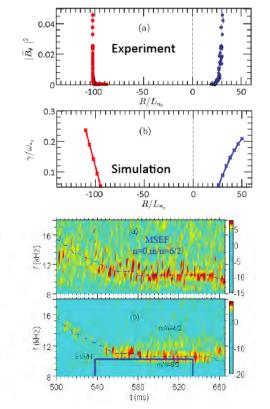


HL-2A: Synchronization of GAMs and magnetic fluctuations was observed in the edge plasmas. (EXP7-27, Yan)

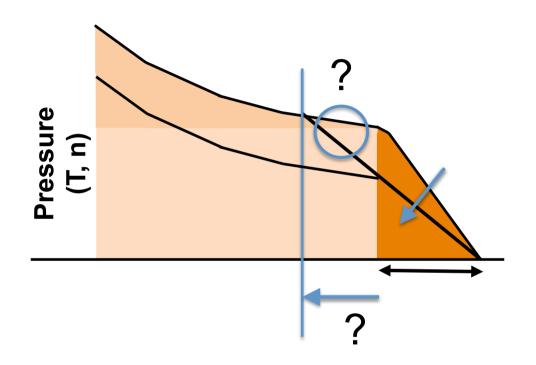


HL-2A: EM turbulence was excited by locallyaccumulated impurities. Double critical gradients of impurity density were observed and reproduced by theoretical simulation.

(OV4-4, Duan)



Remaining Issue: How is the Pedestal Width determined ?



When pedestal grad-p is below Peeling-Ballooning limit, how does the pedestal width evolve and saturate?

During the ELM cycle?

Controllable?

Success of RMP ELM Suppression = Phase and Shape

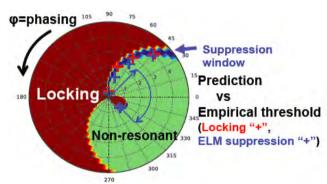
DIII-D: ELM control requires the applied field to couple to an edge stable MHD mode, directly observed on high field side. The response is inversely proportional to v^* .

(EX1-2, Paz-Soldan)

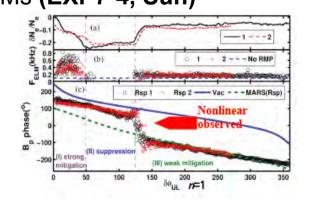
(AUG : EXP6-25, Willensdorfer MAST: peeling, OV5-3, Kirk)

data == trendline

KSTAR: Optimal phasing for n=1 RMP is consistent with an ideal plasma response modeling.(**EX1-3**, **In**)

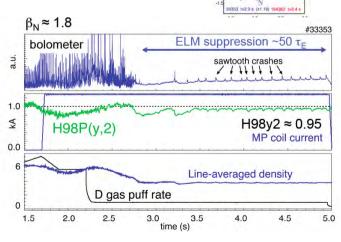


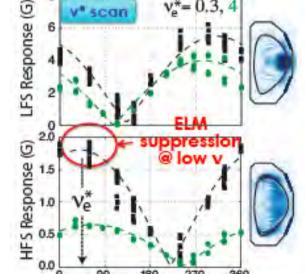
EAST: n=1 RMP, Plasma response behaves a nonlinear transition from mitigation to suppression of the ELMs (EXP7-4, Sun)



ASDEX + DIII-D: ELM Suppression was obtained for the first time in AUG at low v^* with a plasma shape matched to DIII-D ($\delta \sim 0.3$) showing the importance of stable edge kink response.







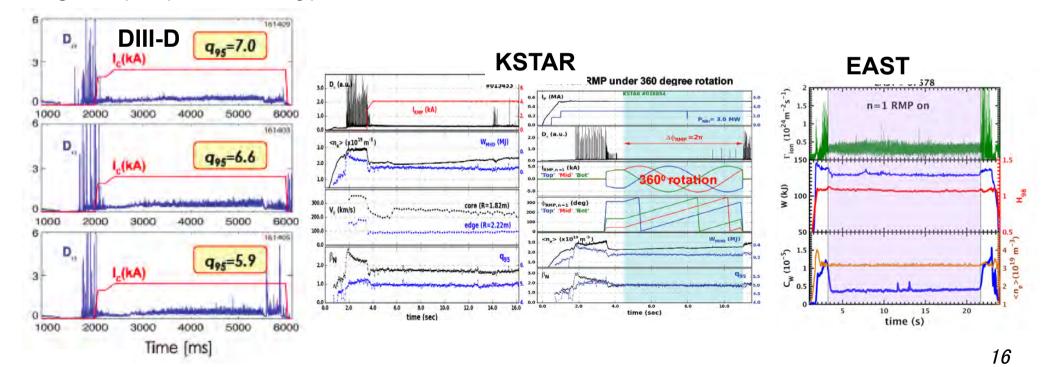
applied n=2 spectrum (Δφ_{iii})

Long Pulse ELM Suppression by RMP: Big Progress

DIII-D: Fully Noninductive plasmas with high β (\leq 2.8%) and high confinement (H \leq 1.4) sustained for \leq 2 current relaxation with ECCD and NBCD, and integrated with ELM suppression by n=3 RMP; the strong resonant interaction allows ELM suppression over a wide range of q95 (**EX4-1, Petty**)

KSTAR: n=1 RMP ELM suppression was sustained for more than ~90 $\tau_{\rm E}$ (H89=1.5), and also confirmed to be compatible with rotating RMP, wide q95 (4.75 – 5.25) (EX1-3, In), (PD, Jeon)

EAST: n=1 RMP ELM suppression in long-pulse (> 20s) was realized with small effect on plasma performance (H98>1) **(P7-4, Sun)**

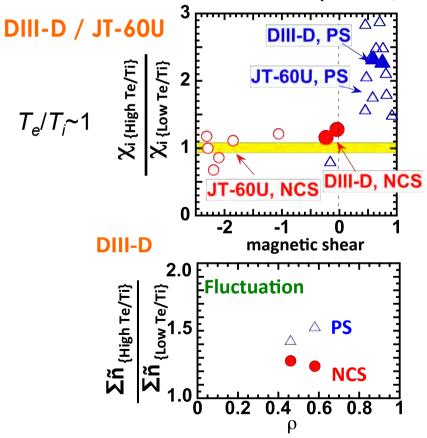


Core Plasma Transport issues for ITER & DEMO

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Te/Ti ~ 1 (<= electron heating (\alpha, high energy NB, IC, ECH), high ne) Electron Transport Small rotation due to small external torque (=> intrinsic torque) Small central fueling (high energy NB) => density profile? Confinement performance with metal divertor can be recovered? Accumulation of heavy impurity (metal wall)? Isotope Effects on Confinement?
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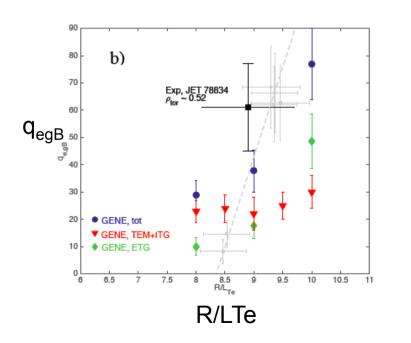
Thermal Transport at high Te/Ti

DIII-D and **JT-60U**: Positive Shear (PS) shows reduction in T_i when ECH is added. Negative Central Shear (NCS) minimizes confinement degradation even with increasing $T_e/T_i\sim 1$. DIII-D shows smaller rise in low-k turbulent fluctuations in NCS than PS. **(EX8-1, Yoshida)**



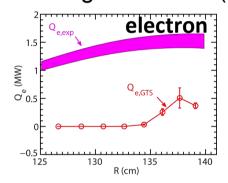
JET: High Te/Ti plasmas: Electron transport evaluated with linear gyro-kinetic simulations GENE: most consistent with (ITG/TEM) + ETG. => Multi-scale non-linear gyro-kinetic simulation underway.

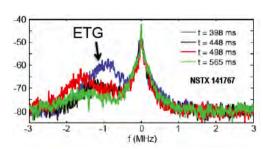
(EXP6-14, Mantica)



Electron thermal Transport

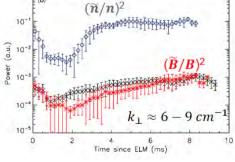
NSTX: Electrostatic low-k Gyrokinetic Simulation (GTS) explains ion thermal transport, but is not able to explain electron transport. => high-k ETG / EM is important for electron transport. Nonlinear GYRO simulation explains grad-n stabilization of ETG, but not enough => EM? (EXP4-35, Ren)





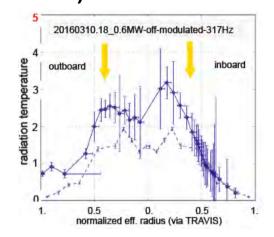
MAST: Fluctuation measured at the top of pedestal is consistent with Electron transport evaluated with linear gyro-kinetic simulations GENE: consistent with

ETG. (OV5-3, Kirk)

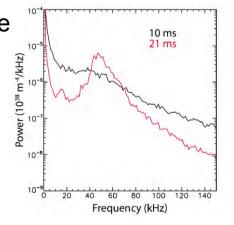


W-7X: T_e profile shape follows the ECRH Power deposition

-> no indication of profile stiffness (EX4-5, Hirsch)

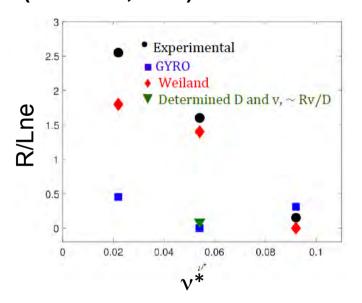


MST: Drift wave turbulence (TEM) emerges in RFP plasmas when global tearing instability is reduced by PPCD. (EXP5-17, Brower)



Density Profile => low v^* ITER ?

JET: Density peaks with decreasing $v^* =>$ experimentally determined particle transport coefficients. =>suggest that NBI fueling is the main contributor to the observed density peaking. **(EXP6-12, Tala)**

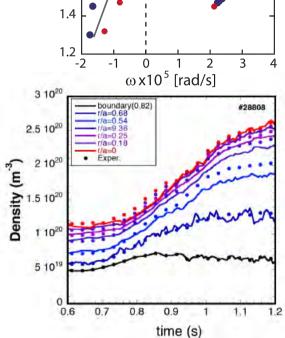


DIII-D: Change in peaking is reproduced by changes in core fueling only . **(EXP3-9, Mordijck)**

DIII-D: The density scale length R/Ln is well-correlated with the frequency of the dominant unstable mode, with the peaking when the turbulence switches from ITG to TEM.

(EXP3-9, Mordijck)

FTU: The density profile evolution in high density regime has been well reproduced using a particle pinch term with dependence on temperature gradients (U= DT /Te ∂Te/∂r) (EXP8-24, Tudisco)



ITG

2

1.8

1.6

TEM

R/L_N

ρ=0.4ρ=0.5

ISTTOK:Edge electrode biasing improves particle confinement by reducing radial transport via ExB shear layer formation. **(EXP7-36, Malaquias)**

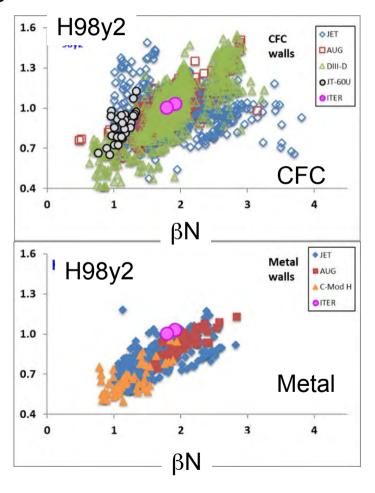
Confinement towards ITER: high β_N is the key

AUG, C-Mod, DIII-D, JET and JT-60U:

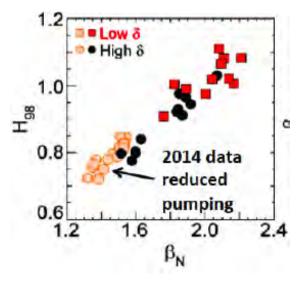
Stationary H-mode discharges at q95=2.7-3.3:

- 1) The maximum H98 increases at lower v^* .
- 2) H98 increases with βN, however for metal wall H98 significantly reduced (~0.8-0.9) at βN≤1.8, H98~1 is obtained only for βN~2 or higher.

(EX6-42, Sips)



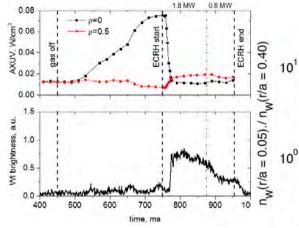
JET-ILW: stationary (5s) ITER Baseline Operation at high- δ (~0.4) achieved at 2MA/2.2T, q_{95} =3.2. New high- δ configuration optimized for pumping H=1-1.1, β_N =1.8-2.1 but n/n_{GW} ~ 0.5 **(EX/P6-11, De la Luna)**



Avoidance of Heavy Impurity Accumulation ~ good

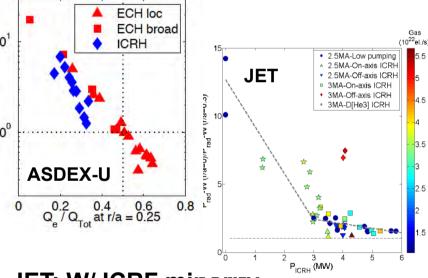
T-10: W / ECH

After ECRH start a fast decay of core radiation occurs. (EXP8-36, Nurgaliev)



KSTAR: Ar / ECH (EXP4-18, Hong)

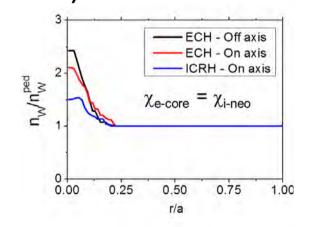
HL-2A:AI / ECH m/n=1/1 (EXP7-21, Cui) ASDEX-U: Central ECH and ICRH to NB heated H-mode shows the impact of Qe/Qi on the impurity turbulent diffusion as predicted by Nonlinear gyrokinetic simulations with GKW (THP2-6, Angioni)



JET: W/ ICRF minority

Central ICRH is beneficial on tungsten transport in the ITERbaseline scenario (EXP6-16, Goniche)

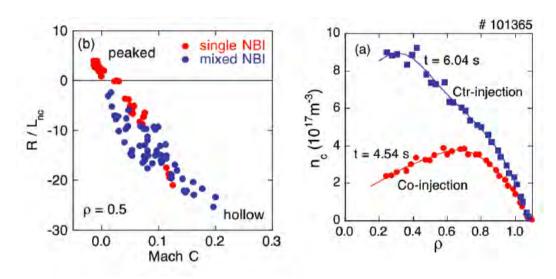
ITER Prediction: No strong W accumulation expected in ITER Q = 10 plasmas due to low NBI fueling. W accumulation in H-L transitions can take place, optimization of heating and fueling rampdown required. (PPC2-1, Loarte)



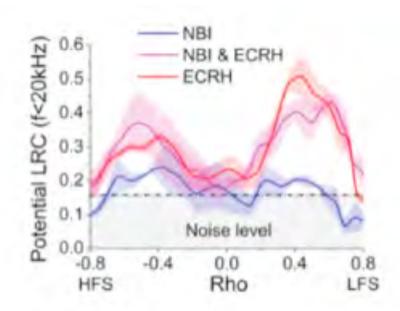
Alcator C-mod: W / ICRF minority (EXP3-3, Reinke)

Impurity Transport in the helical system: rotation shear & turbulence drive

LHD: Carbon density profile peaks with decreasing Mach number ~ rotation gradient (EXP8-4, Nakamura).



TJ-II: Dual HIBP: ECRH enhances turbulence and amplitude of Long-Range-Correlations (LRC) for potential. **(EXP7-44, Hidargo)**



Intrinsic Torque & NTV

DIII-D + JET: The total intrinsic torque in the plasma is found to increase at lower ρ^* (=favorable way to ITER).

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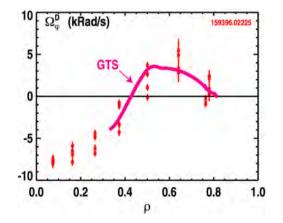
EXP3-13 Degrassie)

1.0 Norm. Intrinsic Torque

O.1 DIII-D JET

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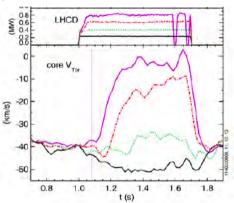
DIII-D: Simulations with GTS gyrokinetic code reproduces reversal of core intrinsic rotation (EX11-1 Grierson)



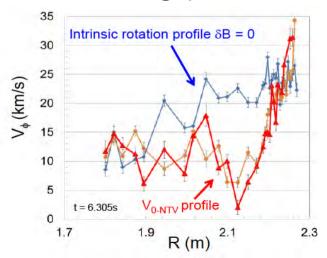
Alcator C-mod: Direction

of core rotation changes in the following LHRF injection depends on the whether q0 is below or above unity.

(EXP3-2,Rice)

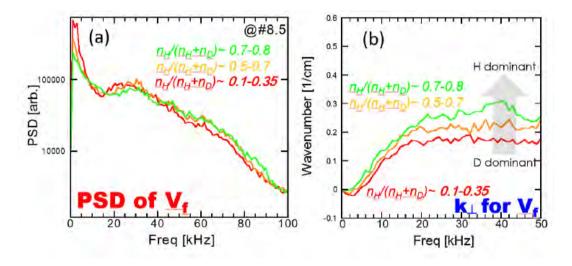


KSTAR+NSTX: Neoclassical Toroidal Viscosity (NTV) Torque: The measured rotation profile change due to the 3D field (EXP4-33, Sabbagh)

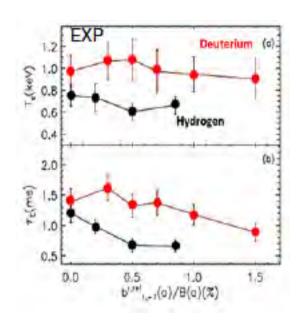


Confinement: Isotope Effects / Mass Dependence

Heliotron-J: The turbulence scale size increases as D2 gas becomes dominant. = The first evidence for the isotope effect on turbulence-zonal flow system in helical systems. **(EXP8-20: Ohshima)**

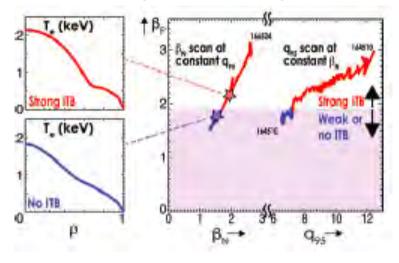


RFX-mod: 3D RFP Confinement is better for D than H (OVP-2, Zuin)

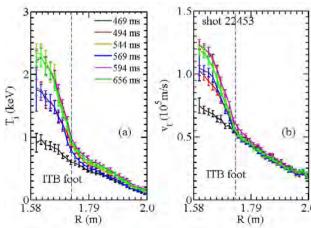


Improved Confinement Performance: ITB

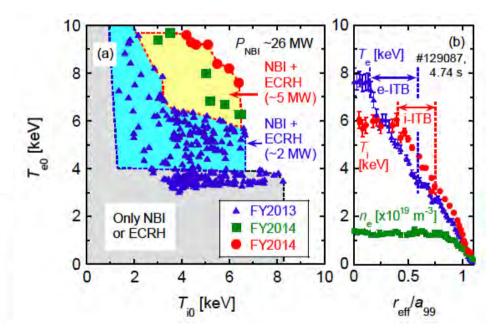
DIII-D: Large radius ITB and excellent confinement due to Shafranov Shift Stabilization. **(EX4-2, Qian)**



HL-2A: Ion ITB
was observed at
the q=1 surface.
ITG is suppressed
by the toroidal
rotation shear.
(EX8-2, Yu)



LHD: High *T*i & *T*e > 6 keV were simultaneously achieved by high power ECH injected into NB heated plasmas characterized by simultaneous formation of electron and ion ITBs. **(PPC1-1, Takahashi)**.

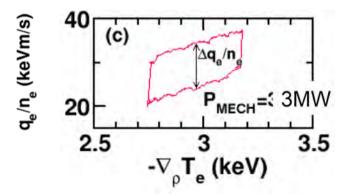


Transport hysteresis & non-localness

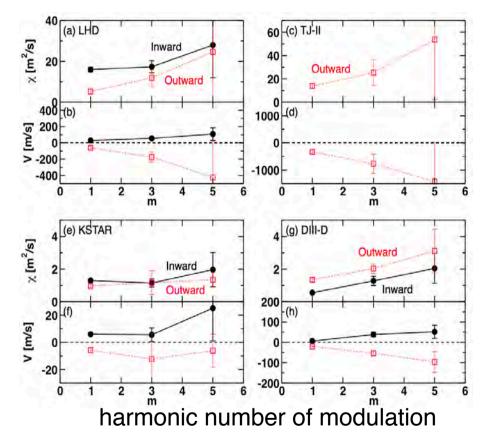
Multiple Machine: Transport hysteresis in core plasmas is widely observed.

The core hysteresis involves two elements:

- 1. Interaction at long distance
- 2. Direct influence of heating on transport/fluctuations =>'The heating heats turbulence'
- => I ne neating neats turbulence
 (OVP-8, Itoh)



Modulation ECH: Difference between results from the inward pulse and the outward pulse becomes larger as the harmonic number increases (**EXP8-15**, **Kobayashi**)



KSTAR: The non local transport (NLT) can be affected by ECH, and the intrinsic rotation direction follows the changes of NLT. **(EXP4-17, Shi)**

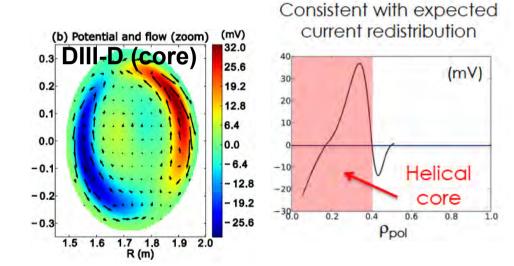
Effects of 3D field on equilibrium & stability

DIII-D & RFX-mod : Role of MHD dynamo in the formation of 3D equilibria.

high-β **tokamak**: The MHD dynamo model predicts current redistribution consistent with DIII-D experiments

Mean-field dynamo EMF.

(EX1-1, Piovesan)



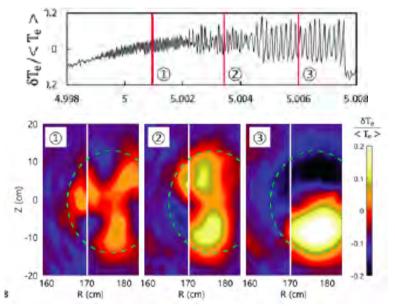
LHD: Phase shifted magnetic islands from externally imposed m/n = 1/1 RMP was obserbed (**EXP8-8**, **Narushima**)

J-TEXT: RMP increases the density limit from less than 0.7nG to 0.85nG and lowers the limit of the edge safety factor from 2.15 to 2.0. **(OVP-6, Zhuang)**

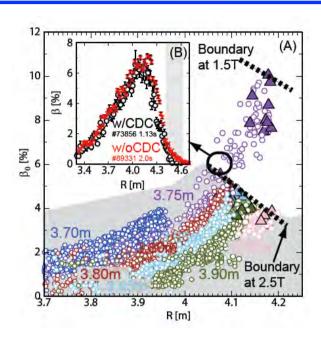
EXTRAP T2R: The resonant MP produces tearing mode braking and locking consistent with the prediction. **(EXP5-18, Frassinetti)**

Sawtooth, high β stability

KSTAR: validated q0>1 after sawtooth crash: tearing mode evolve (e.g. 3/3 to 2/2, 1/1) **(EXP4-3, Park, EXP4-27, Ko)**



LHD: Central β of the super dense core plasma is limited by "core density collapse" (CDC). A new type of ballooning mode destabilized from the 3D nature is the cause of the CDC. **(EXP8-10, Ohdachi)**



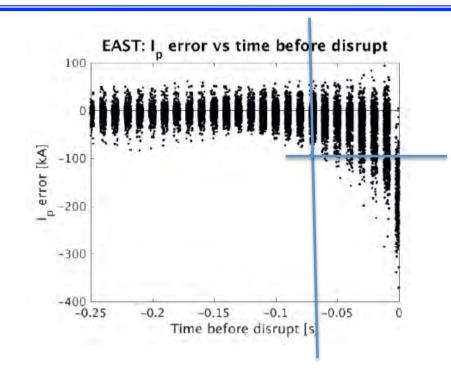
RELAX: The discharge duration is limited(RWM). The central $\beta p \sim 15\%$ was achived in the Quasi-Single Helicity (QSH) state.(EXP5-22, Masamune)

Disruption Prediction/Characterization

Alcator C-mod & EAST: Developing Disruption Warning Algorithms Using Large Databases. (EXP3-8, Granetz)

NSTX: Disruption Event Characterization and Forecasting (DECAF) code has the potential to track RWM stability in real-time for disruption avoidance. (Berkery, EX/P4-34)

ADITYA: The current quench time is inversely proportional to q-edge. **(Tanna, OV/4-3Rb)**



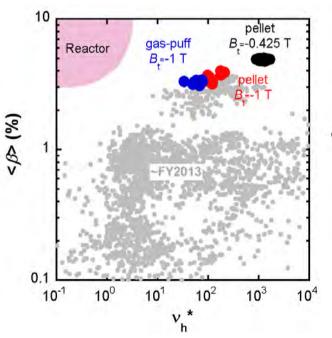
Expanded High β **Regimes**

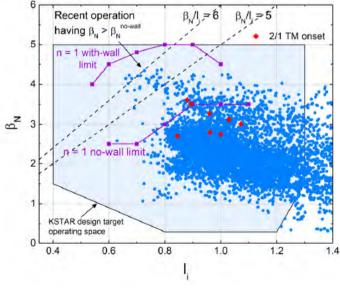
LHD: High- β ~ 4% was produced by multi-pellet injections at low ν^* . Improved particle confinement was observed during a high-beta discharge produced by gas-puff. (EX4-4, Sakakibara)

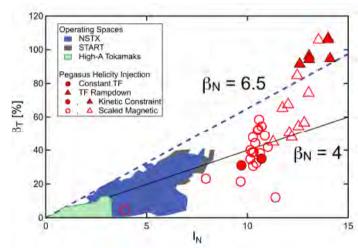
KSTAR: High β_N , up to 4.3 was achieved with high ratios of β_N //// up to 6.3. High $\beta_N \sim$ 3.3 was sustained for 3 s, and was limited by a 2/1 tearing mode.

(EXP4-2, Park)

PEGASUS: With Local Helicity Injection (LHI), βt~100% was achieved, often terminated by disruption (n=1) (OV5-4, Fonck)

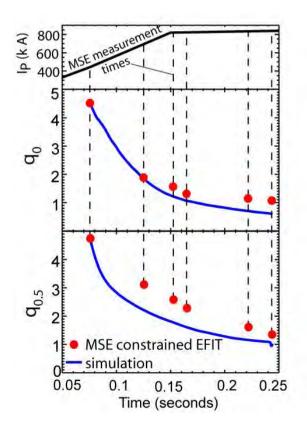






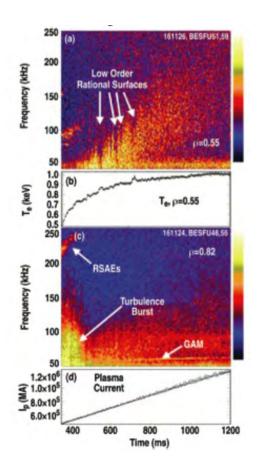
Operation: Plasma Current Rump-up → ITER & DEMO

MAST: In Ip ramp-up, the real current diffusion is slower than TRANSP. But, it is well modeled during Ip flat top. (OV5-3, Kirk)



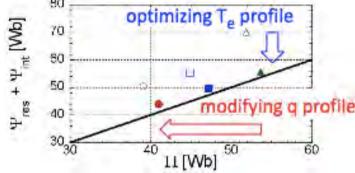
DIII-D: There are strong interactions between Te, fluctuation, thermal transport, safety factor, and low-order rational surfaces.

(EXP3-10, McKee)



JA-DEMO: Reduction of CS flux consumption at I_p ramp-up

(EX/P8-38, Wakatsuki)



By optimization of both Te and q profiles, ~20% reduction of flux consumption is possible.

Improved modeling is needed for DEMO design

=> CS size = economy of DEMO

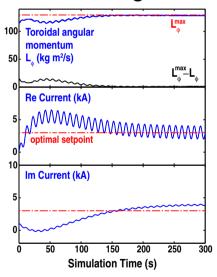
Control of ITER & SC tokamak operation

For ITER Plasms Control system (PCS)

- Preliminary design of the ITER PCS focusing on the needs for 1st and early plasmas. (EXP6-36, Snipes)
- Control analysis and design tools developed at DIII-D have been applied in studies supporting the ITER PCS design.

(EXP6-37, Humphreys)

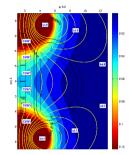
Real-time Error
Field Correction:
Varies correction
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phase to maximize
plasma rotation



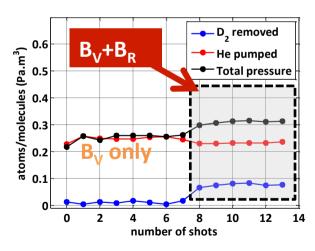
Generation of the disruption mitigation.
 (EXP6-38, Pautasso)

KSTAR: Extending vertical stabilization controllability (**EXP4-12**, **Hahn**)

KSTAR: Trapped Particle Configuration for EC plasma breakdown **(EXP4-14, Lee)**

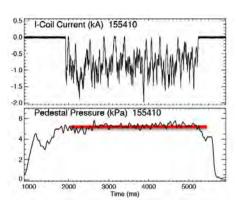


TCV: EC wall conditioning for JT-60SA **(EXP8-31, Douai)**



Advanced control

DIII-D:demonstrated Adaptive Real-Time Pedestal Control with RMP by real time stability evaluation **(EXP3-21,Kolemen)**



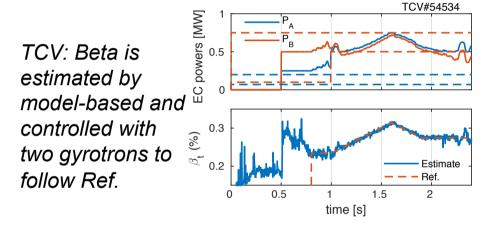
DIII-D: Physics-model-based q-profile Feedback Control (**EXP3-23**, **Schuster**)

KSTAR: Physics-Based Profile Control **(EX/P4-13, Kim)**

Realtime tokamak simulation with a firstprinciple-based neural network turbulent transport model (EX/P6-45, Citrin)

NSTX-U: Feedback Control Using TRANSP for Non-inductive Scenarios (EX/P4-43, Boyer)

TCV, ASDEX-U & ITER: Real-time model -based plasma state estimation (EX/P8-33, Felici)



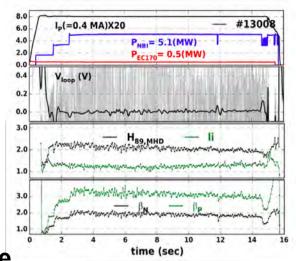
STOR-M: Toroidal Flow was modified through Momentum Injection by CT Injection (EXP7-39, Xiao)

FT-2: Improved Core Confinement Observed with LHCD (EXP7-41, Lashku)

Steady-state Advanced Tokamak Operation Extended

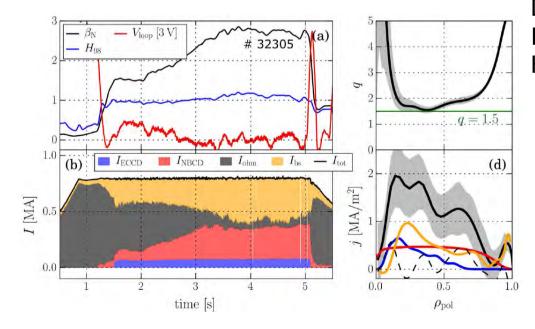
ASDEX-U: Fully non-inductive operation with W wall at I_p = 0.8 MA(40% NBCD, 50 % boostrap, 10 % ECCD). ECCD is used to tailor current profile for optimum stability and $q_{min} > 1.5$ (**PD, Stober**)

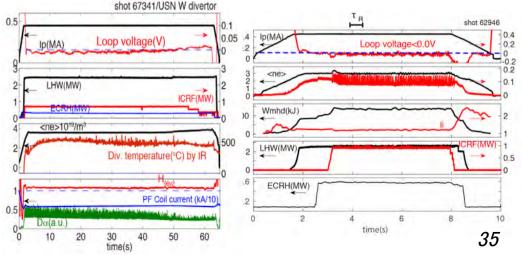
KSTAR: Fully non-inductive current drive with fBS < 0.5, $\beta p > 3$, $\beta N \sim 2$, H89 ~ 2.0 with NBCD & ECCD (Ip=0.45MA) **(EXP4-1, Yoon)**



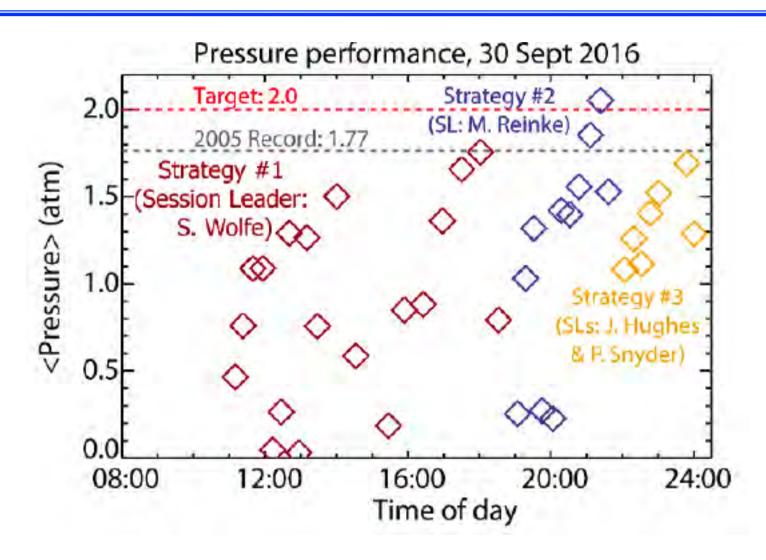
EAST: 60sec H-mode

Demonstration of full-CD (LHCD, ECCD, ICRRF) with W wall, $\beta_P \sim 1.1$; $q_{95} \sim 6.3$, $t/\tau R \sim 15$, H98>1.1.(**EX4-3, Garofalo**)





New Tokamak World Record of volume averaged pressure 2.05atm was achieved in Alcator C-mod



Summary: EXC, EXS and PPC

'3D' has become more common language and tool.

Understanding of H-mode & ELMs, and practical control scenarios have been progressed toward ITER.

(such as, wide applicability & steady-state ELM mitigation by RMP, understanding of confinement with W-divertor)

Transport / turbulence / instabilities are reproduced well by simulations

Encouragements towards next FEC

Width of the H-mode pedestal
Electron Transport / multiple scale transport
Disruption Prediction
Enhanced Effort towards SS tokamak operation