#### 26<sup>th</sup> IAEA FEC

# Summary : EXC, EXS and PPC

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

#### MEDUSA (Costa Rica ): R~0.14m, a~0.1cm, 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<sup>-3</sup>, pulse durations up to 6 sec (JPdt  $\le 4$  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**

### SST-1

Ip~1MA H-modes, H<sub>98</sub> ≥ 1,  $β_N$  ~4 ≥ n=1 no-wall limit with weak/no core MHD



# Upgraded with Plasma Facing Components.



### Contents

Edge Pedestal System
 Core Transport
 Core MHD Stability
 Operation & Control

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

### H-mode Pedestal Structure and Dynamics



### Pressure Gradient ~ Peeling Ballooning Mode



# 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  $(\kappa, \delta)$ . Low  $\kappa$  high  $\delta$ gives lower grad-p, but wider pedestal width, then grassy ELM & good confinement. (EX/3-4, Urano )

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





### 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:

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



#### ASDEX-U: 70µs resolution Ti (r)

measurement: At ELM, heat flux is first increased at the separatrix, then Ti(r) becomes flatter.  $\chi_i$  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)** 

Ppoloidal

**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(~1.2), P<sub>LH</sub> >> ITPA scaling by one order of magnitude.(**OV5-4, Fonck**)



### 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. (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,  $\beta$ N ~ 2). **(EX3-2, Chen)** 



### Pedestal fluctuations : variety of interplay

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



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

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





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 )



**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 ( $\delta$ ~0.3) showing the importance of stable edge kink response.

(PD, Nazikian)





### Long Pulse ELM Suppression by RMP: Big Progress

**DIII-D:** Fully Noninductive plasmas with high  $\beta$  ( $\leq$  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  $\tau_E$  (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)** 



- 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?

### 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  $T_e/T_i$ ~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 gyrokinetic 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<sub>e</sub> 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  $v^* \Rightarrow$  experimentally determined particle transport coefficients. =>suggest that NBI fueling is the main contributor to the observed density peaking. (EXP6-12, Tala)



**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  $\partial$ Te/ $\partial$ r) (EXP8-24, Tudisco)



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

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

### Confinement towards ITER: high $\beta_N$ 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  $\beta$ N, however for metal wall H98 significantly reduced (~0.8-0.9) at  $\beta$ N≤1.8, H98~1 is obtained only for  $\beta$ N~2 or higher. (EX6-42, Sips)



**JET-ILW:** stationary (5s) ITER Baseline Operation at high- $\delta$  (~0.4) achieved at 2MA/2.2T, q<sub>95</sub>=3.2. New high- $\delta$  configuration optimized for pumping H=1-1.1,  $\beta_N$ =1.8-2.1 but n/n<sub>GW</sub>~ 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)

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

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)



# 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



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)



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



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



### **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:

 Interaction at long distance
 Direct influence of heating on transport/fluctuations
 *'The heating heats 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

#### (EX1-1, Piovesan)

(b) Potential and flow (zoom) (mV) 32.0 DIII-D (core) 0.3 25.6 19.2 0.2 12.8 0.1 6.4 0.0 0.0 - 6.4 -0.1 - 12.8 -0.2 - 19.2 - 25.6 -0.3 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.9 2.0 R (m) 1.5

Mean-field dynamo EMF. Consistent with expected current redistribution



**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 $\beta$ stability



**KSTAR:** validated q0>1 after

sawtooth crash: tearing mode

**LHD:** Central  $\beta$  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)** 

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### Expanded High $\beta$ Regimes

# **LHD:** High- $\beta \sim 4\%$ was produced by multi-pellet injections at low v<sup>\*</sup>.

Improved particle confinement was observed during a high-beta discharge produced by gas-puff. (EX4-4, Sakakibara)

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**KSTAR:** High  $\beta_N$ , up to 4.3 was achieved with high ratios of  $\beta_N/l_i$  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)

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### 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)

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**DIII-D:** There are strong interactions between Te, fluctuation, thermal transport, safety factor, and low-order rational surfaces. **(EXP3-10, McKee)** 

![](_page_31_Figure_4.jpeg)

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

#### (EX/P8-38, Wakatsuki)

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 field amplitude phase to maximize plasma rotation

![](_page_32_Figure_6.jpeg)

• 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)** 

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

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### **Advanced control**

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

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**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)

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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  $\sim 2.0$ with NBCD & ECCD (Ip=0.45MA) **(EXP4-1, Yoon)** 

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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**)

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

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# 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

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