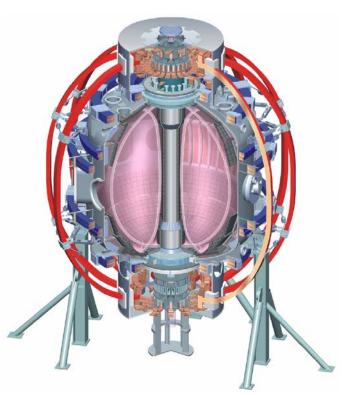
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# Initial Results from XP435 - Momentum Scan & iITB Evolution



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### We Started to Tackle One of the Persistent Mysteries of Plasma-Fields Dynamics: Momentum Loss

- Goals of experiment
  - Document broad momentum scan in sustained H-mode
  - Study and understand  $\chi_{\phi}$  and iITB evolution
- Scientific motivation: interplay between turbulence suppression and microinstability drive
  - $\chi_i \sim \chi_{NC}$  over substantial zone (r/a ~ 0.7 0.9), sustained
  - Coupled to high toroidal flow shear
  - Zone starts deeper (r/a ~ 0.5) and moves out
- Broad interest
  - Science of Momentum Transport; ITPA
  - Identity verification with MAST, joint study
  - Comparison study with DIII-D and AUG

## About 60% of XP435 Was Carried Out, Yielding Interesting and Desired Data

- Benefited greatly from rigorous review
- Thanks to excellent machine and NBI operation
- Allocated 5 hours, utilized 4 hours
- B<sub>T0</sub> = 3 kG
- Executed 18 shots successfully
- 11 shots with good data
- Designed 3 shots for MSE commissioning

**NSTX: Shot list** 



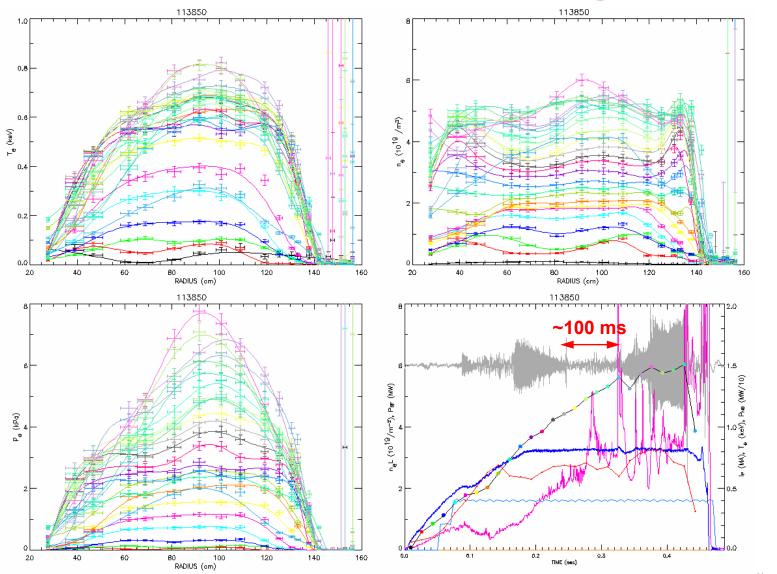
#### **Momentum Scan Matrix**

Combinations of [Case: sources/energy (kV), # shots] for constant power:

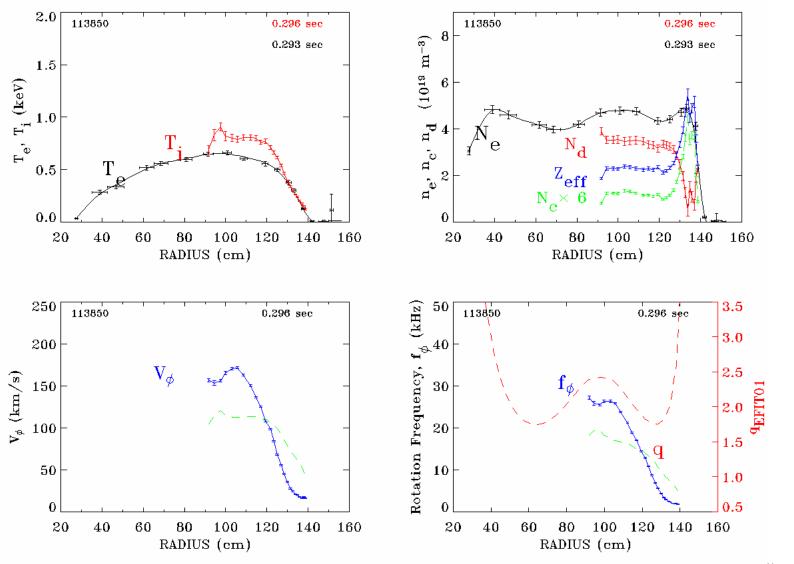
	~2.4 MW	~3.6 MW	~4.8 MW
	l: <mark>C</mark> /100, 2	II: C, 0.5B/100, 2	III: C, B/100, 2
MAST Matches	VIII: C, B/70, 2+2	IV: C, B/85, 1	<b>V</b> : C, B, 0.67A/85, 2
	<b>IX</b> : C, B, A/60, 2+2	<b>VII</b> : C, B, A/70, 2+2	<b>VI</b> : C, B, A/80, 2

- Momentum range: ~ E<sup>-0.5</sup> & R<sub>tang</sub> (37%) for constant power; ~ I<sub>NBI</sub> (100%) for constant energy ⇒ produce new needed data.
- **2-sources/85-kV** ~ fiducial shot 112114, i.e., 112152 in XP401, correct shape.
- 1 or 2-sources/100-kV = 112159, 112163, 112164, etc.  $\kappa \sim$  2.1-2.2,  $\delta \sim$  0.6-0.7.
- XP411 has some momentum points, but provides only L-mode plasmas.
- Lower left 4 conditions approachable by MAST in M4.
- Run sequence for best NBI availability: 100-kV shots; 85-kV shots; 80-kV shots; 70-kV shots; 60-kV shots.
- First priority: 2.4MW & 3.6 MW shots; 2<sup>nd</sup>: 4.8MW shots; 3<sup>rd</sup>: H timing shots

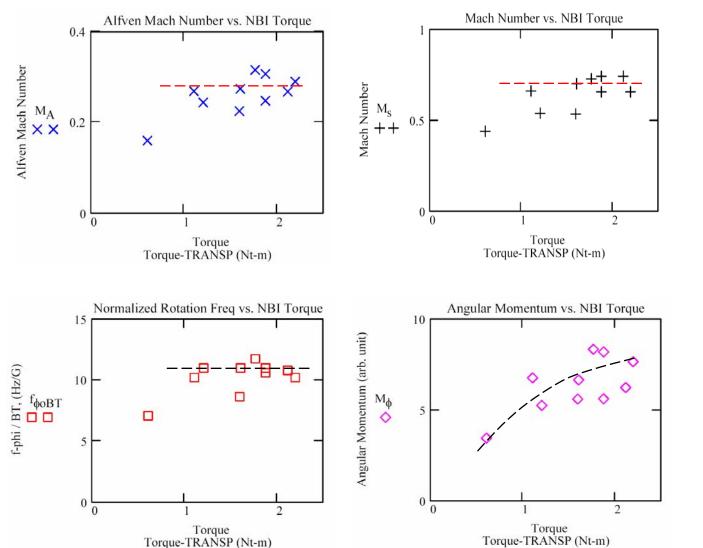
# H-Mode Plasmas Obtained with Sustained Flattop (> $3\tau_E$ ) and Moderate MHD activities



### Features of Strong Flow, Flow Shear, iITB Zone Were Produced



# Apparent Saturation in Mach Numbers and f $\phi$ /BT0 vs. Torque; Angular Momentum $\propto$ Torque<sup>- $\alpha$ </sup>



- One point per good shot
- Only with duration >2tE
- Maximum V<sub>6</sub>
- 800 kA
- 0 < α < 1</li>

### Plans to Complete the NSTX-MAST Identity Study on Momentum Scan and iITB Evolution

- Complete XP435; include B<sub>T0</sub> = 4.5 kG
- Carry out similar XP on MAST in 2005
- Include appropriate existing shots from other XPs
- Identify key physics elements in iITB evolution model – D. Newman et al
- Utilize TRANSP (include EFIT with strong flow?)
- Write paper for review and journal