## **Three Sources of Li from Droppers**

Shot 135063 @ 79 ms

Bay I Li Particles

Pre-Positioned Li Particles

Bay C

Li Particles

## **A Few Musings About the Dropper**

- Li Enhanced I-Mode
- Can/Should ELMs be Eliminated Slowly?
  - Liter & Dropper Synergy
    - Light on LITER, Heavy on Dropper
    - Eliminate ELMs in Real Time with Dropper
      - Induce Very Few ELMs with External Fields (ala Canik) and Dropper
- Reduce Impurity Accumulation by Changing Shape with Dropper On.
- Pre-Post Conditioning of CS
- Can ELMs be Beaten to Death by Blunt Trauma?



# ELM-Free ~ H-Mode with Reduced Impurities (Lithium Enhanced I-Mode)



Requires ion grad-B drift point away from divertor (i.e. need upper single null)

Li travels directly to outer strike point

#### I-Mode Advantages:

- No Elms
- No Impurity Accumulation
- Reasonably High Confinement H<sub>98</sub> ~ 1
- Need not involve LLD

#### **Possibility:**

• Li injected from dropper could increase performance / confinement while reducing Zeff

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## **Can/Should Elms be Eliminated Slowly?**





## **Can/Should ELMs be Eliminated Slowly?**



# Shot 135063: Enhanced Confinement, No Elms, Low Prad





## Can We Flush Impurities from the Core by Allowing Early Elms with Shaping and Eliminating Later Elms with Dropper ?





Idea: Switch from Low  $\delta$  to Higher  $\delta$ During Discharge with Dropper on - Impurities Flushed from H-Mode Plasma Early – Elms then shut off and Plasma Remains Clean



# Post / Pre Conditioning of the CS with Lithium to Reduce Early OH Consumption

#### End discharges with an orderly injection of Li onto the CS instead of disruption

Flat Top



Inject Powder into Orderly Ramp-Down for ~200 ms







#### Shot 135060 @ 5 ms



Li

# Can ELMs be Beaten to Death by Blunt Trauma?

#### • Can Li Aerosol in SOL Buffer PFCs From ELMs & and Lower Zeff?





## **EXTRA SLIDES**



## Li Dropper Locations and Trajectories on NSTX Allow a Variety of Injection Scenarios

**Bay C Dropper Bay I Dropper Particles Drop Particles Scatter Straight Down** off Splash Plate Into SOL (45 degree) 0 Li Droplets on Li Droplets Into -2 **Plasma SOL NSTX Center Stack** at Breakdown at t = 25 ms0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 0 Using Bay C Unit **Using Bay I Unit** R(m)

135049: No Li; 135059: 74mg Li; 135065: 68mg Li













## 2005 First LSN NBI D Shot After 25 mg of Li Pellet Injection Exhibited Factor ~50% Decrease in Density



- 25 mg of Li pumping of edge density saturated after the 3 similar D discharges and returned to pre-Li wall conditions, as expected if most injected gas reacts with the deposited Li.
- Rate of density rise is below NBI fueling rate.





