

Outcome of MHD WS Date Change Consultation

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Purpose

- **Concerns expressed on present date**
 - Conflicts with teaching time
 - 'Saturation' after APS
 - Repeats of APS material
- **Finding a better time**
 - Concerns over international participation
 - Consider non-teaching times
 - Spring break (late March) – somewhat variable between universities
 - June – conflicts a bit with EPS → morphed to 3rd week of May
- **Approach: *Considering 2013 onwards...***
 - Survey to rank 3 options + ask whether data matters
 - Collect comments and discuss

Some Comments Received

- Fall heavy with meetings, avoid other meetings
- Especially dislike thanksgiving clash – family, holidays, Sunday!
- Back to back with APS too long away (family/university)
 - Don't get most out of it
 - *But some people prefer back to back*
- Worried about important international involvement
- Post APS better if at same site (can't be)
- Spring break variable and crowded
- Late June EPS clash
- Sat/Sun might work?
- Not another free standing meeting!
- Hold every 18 months
- Combine with Sherwood

Survey Analysis

45 respondents, 21 say 'date matters'

Measure	Fall	Spring	Summer
Total score (ranking gives 3+2+1 points)	94	86	91
Total score (date matters people)	35	41	50
Give a vote at all (all respondents)	41	39	40
Give a vote at all (date matters people)	19	18	20
Favorite (all respondents)	17.66	12.66	14.66
Favorite (date matters)	5	8	8
Least favorite (all respondents)	16.7	12.7	16.7
Least favorite (date matters)	10	6.5	5.5
Total score (all international)	3.5048	2.581	1.9143
Total score (international, date matters)	2.9048	2.381	1.7143

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- No strong preference amongst general respondents, *but polarized*
- 'Date matters' people seem to prefer summer
 - Mostly US academic community
- But downside may be international participation
 - Not fully captured, as fewer international response & joint Japanese response

* Difference equivalent to 7 people placing summer 1st and fall 3rd

International Issue

- **MHD workshop combines with US-Japan workshop in even years**
 - Even years, Japan travel funded, ~5 people
 - Odd years harder to fund Japan at MHD WS – APS date slot helps (In odd years, Japan hosts another US-Japan WS in March)
 - Yamazaki-san comments best is post APS every year
 - But could do US arm of US-Japan in May 2014 – then would hold Japanese arm of US-J in Fall 2013 (instead of expected Feb 2014)*
 - Issue would be Japanese attendance in 2015 MHD workshop (no/fewer specific travel funds)*
 - NIFS admin think decision can be made in time for funding
 - So May 2014 date may work – we should check formally with Japan
- **EU + other Asia positions less clear**
 - PM advises costs similar whether 1 combined or 2 separate trips

*not agreed Japan position, Yamazaki's speculation to help us understand

Decision?

- Should we move 2013 workshop to May 18 2014?
 - And 2015 workshop also in May?
- Better/worse?
- Further checks?
- Possible approach:
 - Propose we might try 2014 as May meeting, provided Japanese colleagues confirm they can get their participation agreed in time
 - 2015 can be decided in light of 2014?
 - *We might consult this suggestions for a few more weeks...*
 - *Or should se just stick with post APS slot?*

Reference: APS plans:

- 2011 -- November 14-18, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2012 -- October 29-November 2, Providence, Rhode Island
- 2013 -- November 11-15, Denver, Colorado
- 2014 -- October 27-31, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2015 -- November 16-20, Savannah, Georgia
- 2016 -- Dates TBA, San Jose, California