

# Wrap Up Session

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> and fall 3<sup>rd</sup>

# 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 we 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

