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Fast Ion Confinement in High Beta, Steady-State Scenario Plasmas,* W.W. Heidbrink, X. Chen, *UCI*; J.R. Ferron, M.A. Van Zeeland, *General Atomics;* B.A. Grierson, *PPPL;* C.T. Holcomb, *LLNL* – Fast-ion confinement is studied for q_{min} between 1.2–2.8 in plasmas with normalized beta > 2.6. Fast-ion D-alpha (FIDA), neutron, and neutral-particle diagnostics measure the confined fast ions. Tearing modes and a "sea" of unstable Alfvén eigenmodes (AE) are observed. In preliminary analysis, the degradation in fast-ion confinement increases with q_{min}; increased AE activity appears responsible. Predictions of a model that assumes that AE-induced fast-ion transport is stiff are compared with the data.

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