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High Harmonic Ion Cyclotron Heating in DIII-D: II. Sawtooth Stabilization¹ W.W. HEIDBRINK, T. DANG, UC Irvine, F.W. BAITY, E.A. LAZARUS, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, S. BERNABEI, E.D. FREDRICKSON, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, J.S. DEGRASSIE, C.C. PETTY, R.I. PINSKER, General Atomics, B.W. RICE, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory — Combined neutral beam injection and fast wave heating at the fourth cyclotron harmonic can produce an energetic, perpendicular deuterium beam-ion population inside the q=1 surface. The beam-ion tail transiently stabilizes the sawtooth instability but destabilizes toroidicityinduced Alfvén eigenmodes (TAE). Saturation of the central heating correlates with the onset of the TAE. Continued expansion of the q=1radius eventually precipitates a sawtooth crash; complete magnetic reconnection is observed. In recent experiments, the effect of plasma shaping, harmonic number, and beam species on these findings are investigated.

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