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Introduction of EAST Project — Mission and Progress YUANXI WAN, InS, EAST PROJECT TEAM — EAST is an Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak approved in 1997. Main parameters: $B_t=3.5$ T, $R_0=$ 1.75 m, $I_p = 1MA$, a = 0.4m, $(b/a) = 1 \sim 2$ with the flexibility of double and single null divertor, $P_{LHCD} = 3.5 \sim 4$ MW, $P_{ICRH} = 3 \sim 4$ MW, $P_{ECRH} = 0.5$ MW and pulse long will be 1000 s. For the second phase T_c on SC magnet will decrease from 4.2 K to 3.8 K and then $B_t = 4.0$ T, $I_p = 1.5$ MA, the power for heating and CD will increase further. Characteristics: "D" shape TF and both TF and PF are SC; PF coil each has own PS to be able to produce double or single null diverter; The vacuum chamber has double-layer and can be cooling, heating and shielding of neutron; Changeable interior components included in: first wall;diverter; internal feeadback control coils and all magnetic measuring systems; CW LHCD, ICRH and NBI in second phase. **Mission:** Investigate 1) both physics and technology bases of SSO advanced tokamak included in: full ST and un-transformer start-up operation; the control technology included avoiding or mitigation of disruption for SSO; CW heating included simulated α particle heating and CW CD; 2) the power and particle handle with diverters under SSO(3) advanced (higher β and τ) model under SSO. **Progress:**1) Final assembly completed at end of 2005. 2) The engineering commissioning has been done successfully at early of 2006. Both TF and PF were cooling down to 4.5-5 K and then charged successfully. 3) The first plasma will be obtained around August–September of 2006. The results will be given.

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