

Be brave to pursue your dreams

---The growth experience of scientific researcher in universities of China

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Self-introduction



□ **Major:** Theoretical study of turbulent transport and confinement in the burning plasmas of magnetic confined fusion (MCF)

□ **Growing experience**

- 2012.09 to 2018.06: Doctor's Degree @ HUST (Top 10)
- 2017.12 to 2018.03: Visiting scholar @ UCSD, USA,
- 2018.06 to 2020.11: Post-doc @ HUST, China
- 2020.12 to 2023.02: Lecturer @ HUST, China (with Tenure-Track within 6 years)
- 2023.03 to Now: Associate Professor @ HUST, China (without limitation of Tenure-Track)

Personal experience and interviews from some fe-male researchers
(Senior professors; Young scientists; PhD student)

All ladies @ Our Lab: 芳华绝代不啻微芒 戮力同心造炬成阳



Cumulative force of female can facilitate the ignition of fusion and contribute to “artificial sun(人造太阳)” through incremental steps

Representative Chinese ladies of researchers from MCF



Senior professors (stable phase)

- **Juan Huang:** experimental coordinator of EAST tokamak; International cooperation with national large scientific devices
- **Lu Wang:** my supervisor in HUST; Joint-Supervision in PPPL (2 year) and PKU (4 year)

Academic freedom



Young professors (exploring balance → stable)

- **Ruirui Ma:** theorist from Southwestern Institute of Physics (SWIP)
- **Min Jiang:** experimentalist @ HL-3/2A tokamak
- **Linzi Liu:** experimentalist @HL-3/2A & J-TEXT

Having young child, pregnant, considering to have child

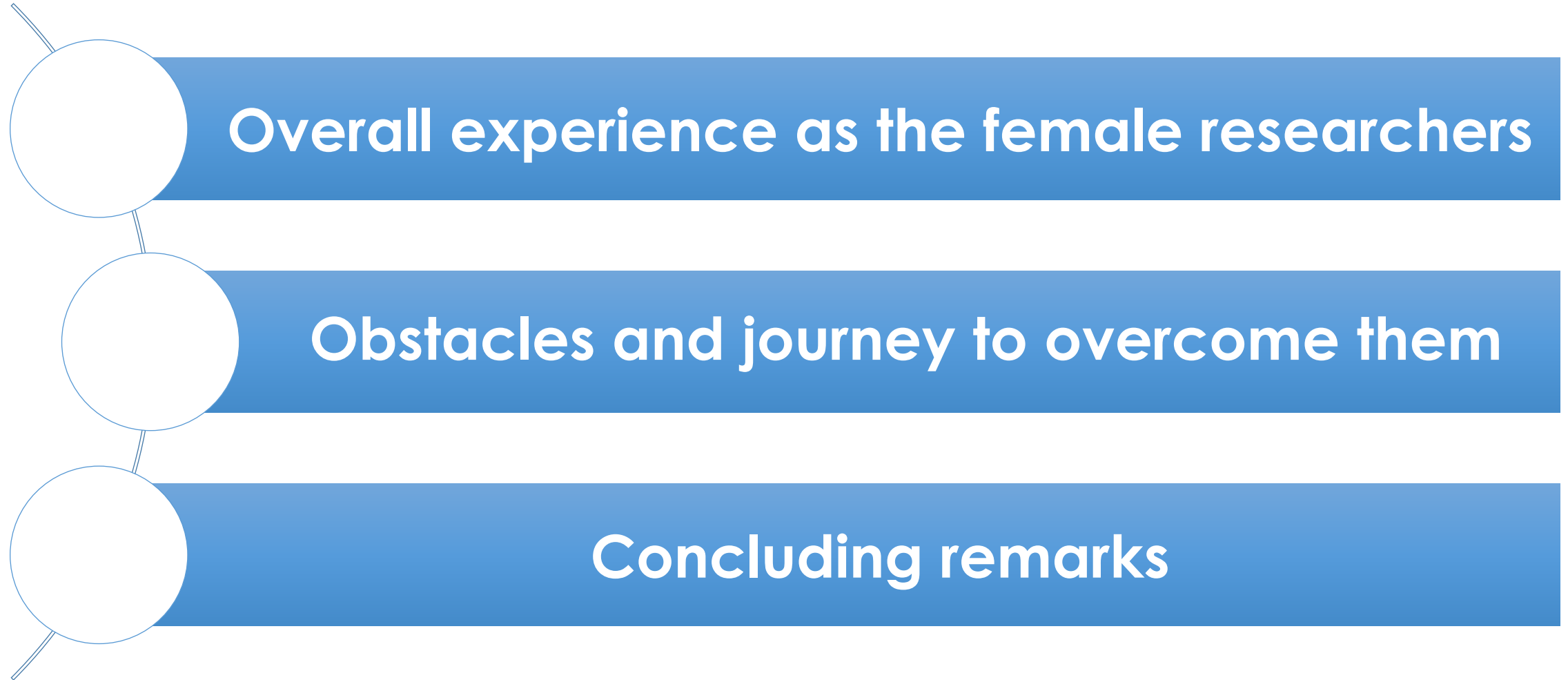


PhD student

- **Jiayan Liu:** under-graduate project → 2 year of PhD career, simulation@HD7

Enjoying...

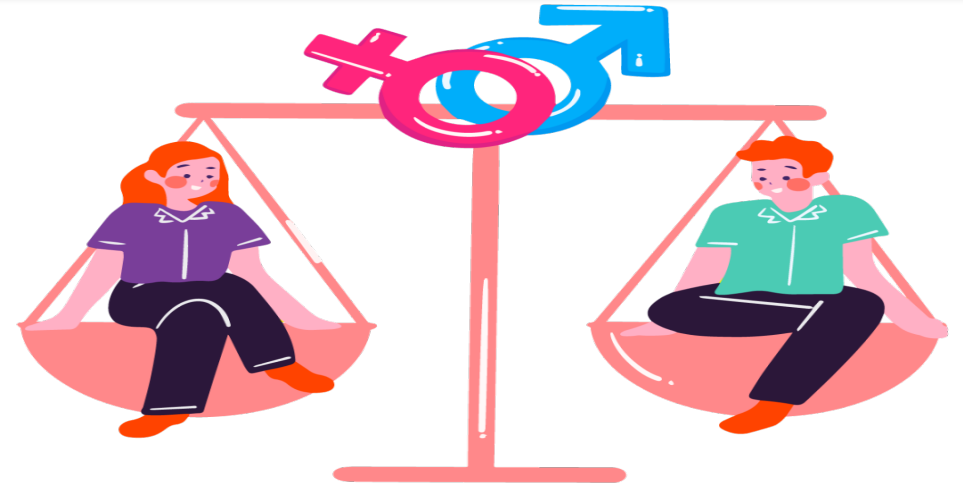
Outline



Gender equality in both academic and life in China

□ Work: same opportunity and benefits

- Much **easier to be recognized** with comparable academic level
- **+3 years** as limit for project application
- **Avoid heavy lifting**.....





□ Life: respect and support from family

- **Be proud of us** as a researcher / PhD
- **Shared** housework and body-caring
- **Spiritual attention and communication** from husband/boyfriend



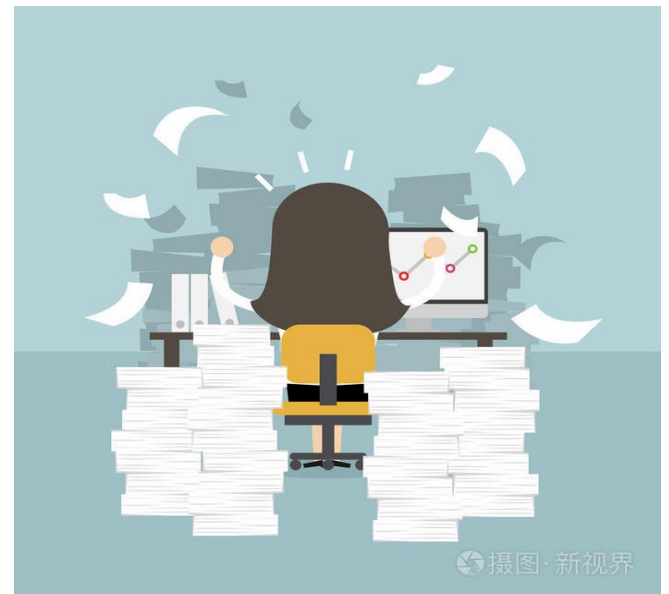
Don't let work bite you

□ Growing experience in work

- **Hardworking**, representative from older generation of scientists in China such as Youyou Tu, winner of Nobel Prize 
- **No life but work** (8 students in our group, at least one discussion/per week; teaching) 

□ Be brave to refuse

- Select the real and key things, **following heart**
- Embrace nature and reserve time for **thinking**
- **Stay/Travel** with husband, child(children), parents



Few obstacles/problems VS ways to overcome them

- **Lazy young students** EXIST to face the challenge during research



- **Encourage** to sense of responsibility; **MAKE RULES!** Growing together with students



The student is **best production** for supervisor in university!

Few obstacles/problems VS ways to overcome them

- ❑ Anxiety about Optimal Childbearing Age



- ❑ **Whenever! Having a baby is a wonderful, wonderful process! !**

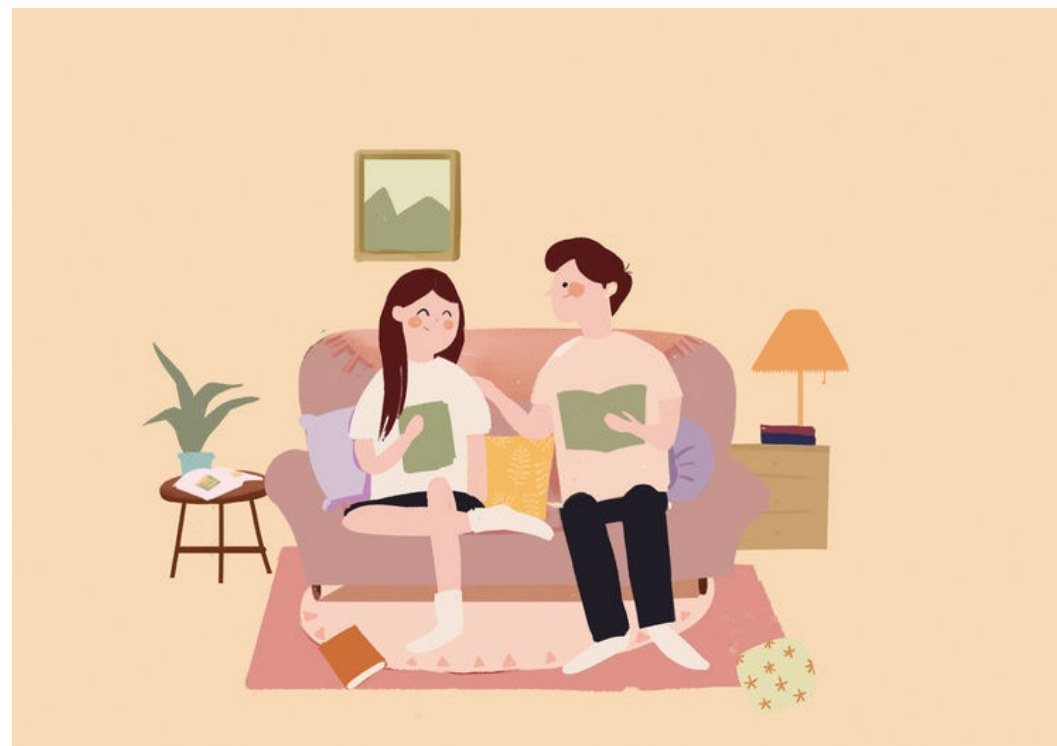


Few obstacles/problems VS ways to overcome them

- ❑ **Husband may complain**
- ❑ Love or not when having fight?
(for a short moment)



- ❑ Communicate with him, **express** daily **love** and believe in love!
- ❑ **Have the world of only husband and wife / per week** for a moment wo baby



Few obstacles/problems VS ways to overcome them

- ❑ **Balance to family care:** child is growing faster; parents are getting older while being independent



Left: Caring baby during going out to attend academic conference; Right: my parents

- ❑ **Support from lovely husband is key!**
Listen → Accept → Encourage baby to be independent day by day, share work story as friends
- ❑ **Say “I love you” to parents**
travel together; celebrate special days together



Lovely families are happy to be together

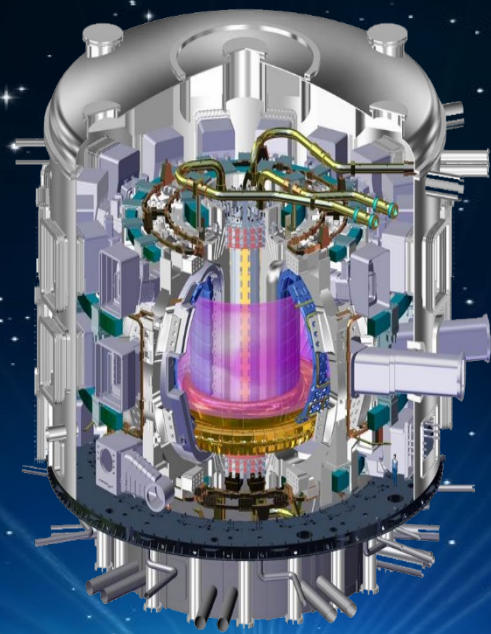
Concluding remarks

- ❑ China is growing, **gender equality** has been achieved in both academic and life, at least for class of researchers
- ❑ We are acting as the “**Lady boss**” in family, full support from husband
- ❑ Raising young children and caring for elderly parents are indeed the **sweet burden** for a given period, but they are part of the life. We are braving to face and **enjoying** the burden

Gentleman also meets similar obstacles/problems !!!

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谢谢