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# NSTX-U 5 year plan status for Macroscopic Stability (MS)

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### Summary of high-level research thrusts/goals

- Stability: Understand and advance passive and active feedback control to sustain macroscopic stability
  - Berkery wrote some material, but need Sabbagh input
  - Also needs reorganization from subdivision by year to division by topic
- 3D: Understand 3D field effects and provide physics basis for optimizing stability through equilibrium profile control by 3D fields
  - Written by Park. Just needs some editing.
- Disruption: Understand disruption dynamics and develop techniques on disruption detection, mitigation, and avoidance, in highperformance ST plasmas
  - Three subthrusts: one by Gerhardt complete, one by Raman complete, one by Sabbagh empty.

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## **2.3 Summary of theory and simulation capabilities**

Code	Description	Scope	Improvements
EFIT	Equilibrium	Between-shots	Higher resolution, auto best
	reconstruction code	equilibriumreconstruction	level, new diagnostics
DCON	Ideal MHD stability	Ideal Kink stability analysis	Resistive layer physics
	code	with and without the wall	across rational surfaces
		up to n=6	(Resistive DCON)
IPEC/GPEC	Ideal and general	Plasma response, locking,	General force balance
	perturbed equilibrium	and NTV studies with 3D	equation including general
	with 3D fields	fields	jump conditions
MISK	Modifications to ideal	Calculation of resistive wall	Improved model of
	stability by kinetic	mode stability	energetic particle,
	effects		anisotropy effects
POCA	δf guiding-center orbit	Calculation of neoclassical	Improved numerical scheme
	code	transport, perturbed	to enhance computation
		pressures and NTV	speed
VALEN	Models currents in	Resistive wall mode active	Multi-mode VALEN
	structures with thin	feedback simulation	
	shell finite elements		
MARS-K	Self-consistent kinetic	Calculation of RWM	Inclusion of energy
	stability calculation	stability and plasma	dependent collisionality for
		response to perturbation	NTV calculation
M3D-C <sup>1</sup>	Implicit resistive and	Linear and nonlinear MHD	Neoclassical terms, resistive
	2-fluid MHD code	stability	wall being added
DEGAS-2	Monte Carlo code to	Calculation of neutral gas	Include multiple gas species
	compute transport of	penetration through SOL	Use exact NSTX-U SOL
	neutral atoms		conditions from UEDGE

Table 2.3: Summary table of the main codes used for theory-experiment comparison on NSTX-U.

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# 2.4 Summary of diagnostics for macroscopic stability research

- Magnetic BP and BR RWM sensor refurbishment and upgrade
  - Berkery wrote something need Sabbagh and Gerhardt to check.
- Real-time velocity measurement for successful implementation of rotation control, and disruption detection
  - Podesta sent material, but should be in Masa's chapter. Just a pointer here.
- Toroidally displaced multi-energy SXR to study 3D physics including island dynamics, and RWM eigenfunctions
  - Pointer to Masa's chapter.
- Core X-ray imaging spectrometer to study rotation effects on error field and early MHD without NBIs
  - Delgado?
- Internal magnetic fluctuation measurement for island structures
  - Levinton, Foley?
- Real time MSE and MPTS for fast and precise kinetic equilibrium reconstruction
  - Pointer to Masa's chapter.
- Diagnostics for disruption mitigation studies
  - Gerhardt described shunt tiles in chapter. Raman and Tritz sent proposed SXR/VUV diagnostic.

#### 2.5 Non-axisymmetric control coil (NCC)

- Motivation and design
  - Park wrote something. Just needs editing.
- RWM active control for significant multi-mode spectrum.
  - Berkery wrote something. Needs work from Sabbagh.
- Rotation control by NTV braking
  - Park wrote something. Needs more description and plots.
- Error field correction and tearing mode stabilization
  - Park wrote something. Needs more on tearing mode stabilization.
- RWM kinetic stabilization
  - Berkery wrote something, not much to it. Not sure this needs it's own subsection.
- ELM control and stabilization
  - Berkery wrote something based on Evans input. Doesn't have any results, just research questions that can be addressed. Needs work from Evans or Park on NSTX-U targets.
- Simultaneous control for rotation, error field, RWM, TM, ELM
  - Berkery wrote something. Needs work.
- Prediction for ITER and FNSF 3D coil capabilities
  - Berkery wrote something. Needs work.

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