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# ST Role in Fusion Development, NSTX Governance, Collaborations & Program Outline

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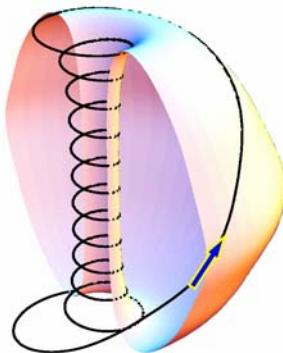
**DOE Review of  
NSTX Five-Year Research Program Proposal**  
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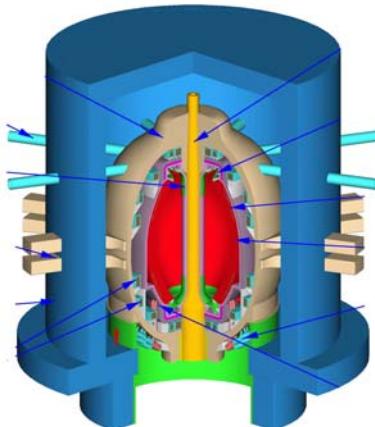
# NSTX Contributes to Fusion Energy Science Along a Broad Frontier



## Extended Science



## Optimized Power



## National Team



## Broad Cooperation

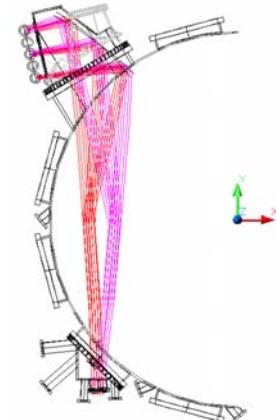
ST – HIT-II, CDX-U, Pegasus,  
MAST, TST-2, etc.

ICC – Spheromak, RFP, FRC

Burning Plasma – ITPA

Astrophysics. Plasmas – X-ray Spectrometer

## Frontier Diagnostics



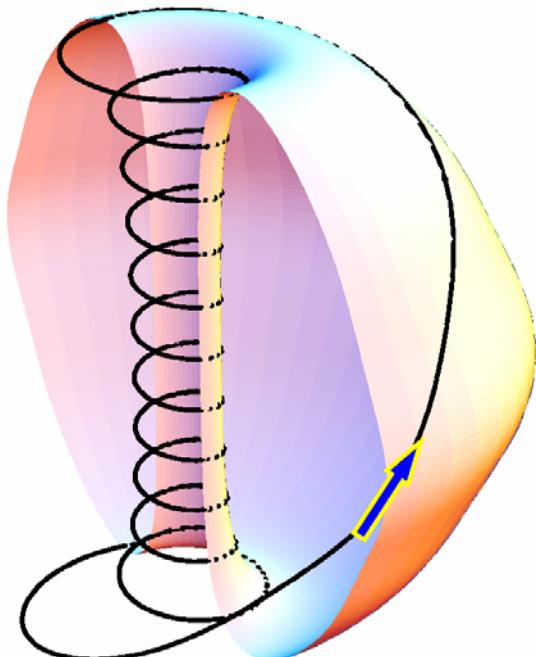
## Flexible Facility



# Spherical Torus Offers High $\beta$ Plasmas with Strong Toroidicity & High Safety Factor ( $q_{\text{edge}} \sim 10$ )



**Spherical Torus provides  
Scientifically Interesting  
plasmas**



## Extended Physics parameter space available for plasma science:

- High  $\beta_T$  ( $\leq 40\%$ ) & central  $\beta_0$  ( $\sim 100\%$ )
- Strong plasma shaping & self fields  
( $A \geq 1.27$ ,  $\kappa \leq 2.5$ ,  $B_p/B_t \sim 1$ ,  $q_{\text{edge}} \sim 10$ )
- Small plasma size relative to gyro-radius  
( $a/p_i \sim 30-50$ )
- Large mirror in core & edge B field ( $f_T \rightarrow 1$ )
- Large plasma flow ( $M_A = V_{\text{rotation}}/V_A \leq 0.3$ )
- Large flow shearing rate ( $\gamma_{ExB} \leq 10^6/\text{s}$ )
- Supra-Alfvénic fast ions ( $V_{\text{fast}}/V_A \sim 4-5$ )
- High dielectric constant ( $\epsilon = \omega_{pe}^2/\omega_{ce}^2 \sim 50$ )

# Spherical Torus Is Also an Integral Part of the Development Plan

Fiscal Year

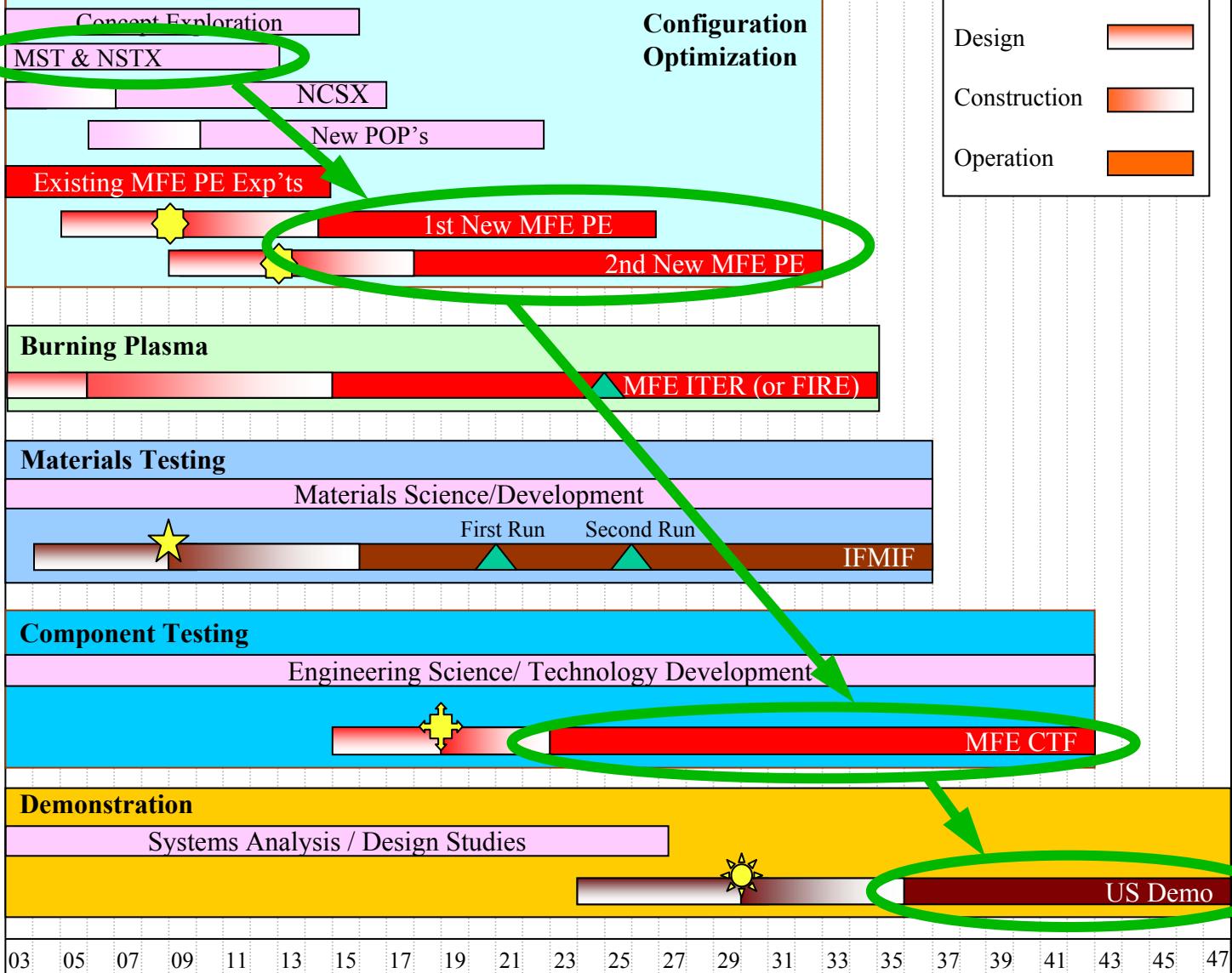
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## MFE Detail and Dependencies

### Key Decisions:

- ◆ MFE PEs
- ★ IFMIF
- ◆ MFE or IFE
- ◆ Demo

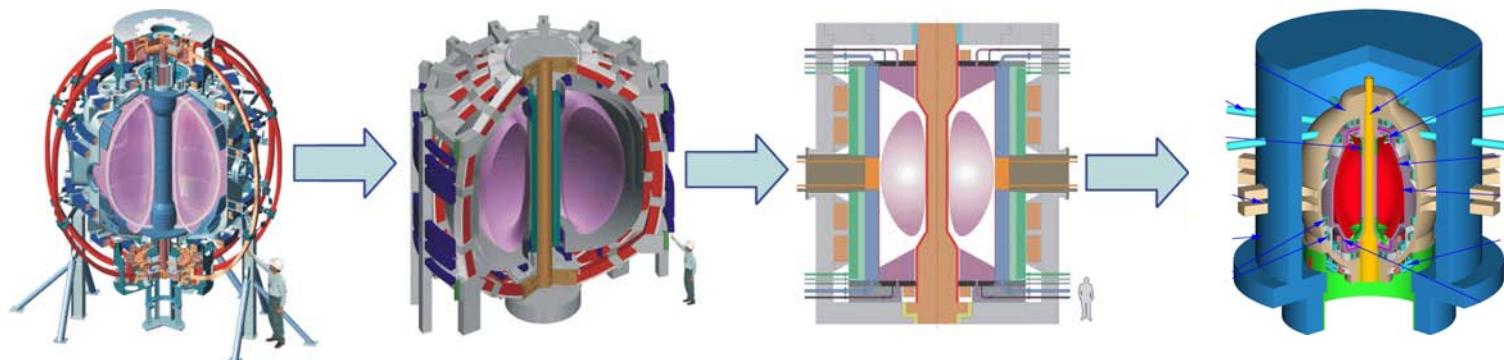
## Theory, Simulation and Basic Plasma Science



# The ST Leads to Cost-Effective Steps to Fusion Energy



NSTX

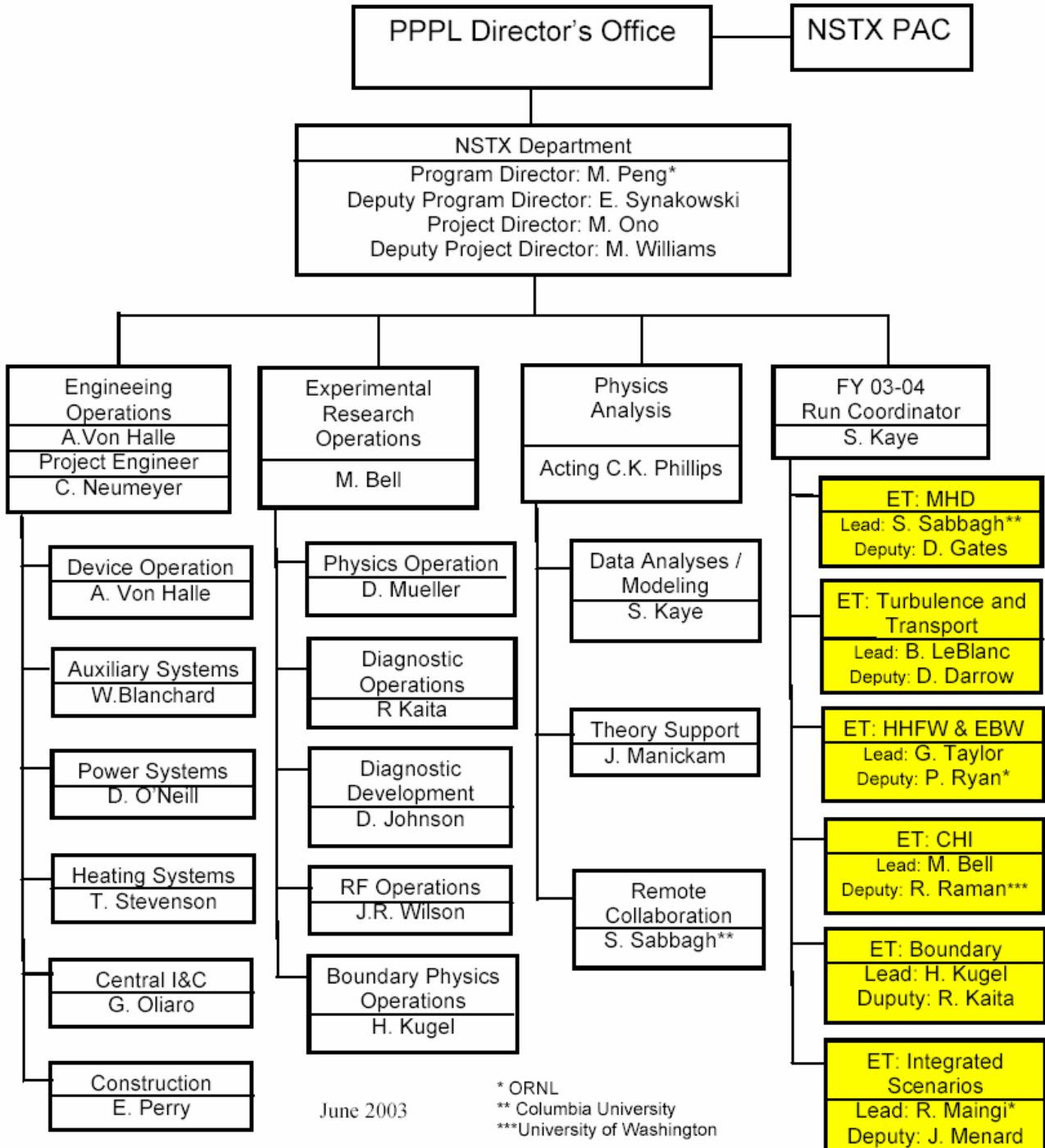


Device	NSTX		NSST		CTF		DEMO
Mission	Proof of Principle		Performance Extension		Energy Development, Component Testing		Practicality of Fusion Electricity
R (m)	0.85		1.5		~1.2		~3.4
a (m)	0.65		0.9		~0.8		~2.4
$\kappa, \delta$	2.5, 0.8		2.7, 0.6		~3, ~0.4		~3.2, ~0.5
$I_p$ (MA)	1.5	1	10	5	~11		~30
$B_T$ (T)	0.6	0.3	2.6	1.1	~2.2		~1.8
Pulse (s)	1	5	5	50	Steady state		Steady state
$P_{fusion}$ (MW)	–		50	10	~70	~280	~3000
$W_L$ (MW/m <sup>2</sup> )	–		–		~1	~4	~4
TF coil	Multi-turn		Multi-turn		Single-turn		Single-turn

# NSTX Is Organized Towards Enabling the Experimental Task (ET) Groups' Research

- Engineering ⇒ Experimental Research Ops & Physics Analysis ⇒ Experimental Tasks
- PAC has major role, meets twice per year

## NSTX Organization Chart



# NSTX National Research Team Has Been Integrated at All Levels of Research Activity

- Run Coordinator (RC) and Deputy, and Experimental Task (ET) Leaders and Deputies are assigned each year
- About 1/3 leaders are from collaboration teams

Experimental Task Groups	Leader	Deputy
<b>FY-2000 – RC: M. Bell; Deputy: E. Synakowski</b>		
Ohmic Plasmas	M. Bell	<a href="#">S. Sabbagh (Columbia U)</a>
HHFW Heating	J. R. Wilson	<a href="#">D. Swain (ORNL)</a>
CHI	<a href="#">R. Raman (U Washington)</a>	D. Mueller
<b>FY-2001 – RC: E. Synakowski; Deputy: R. Maingi (ORNL)</b>		
MHD	<a href="#">S. Sabbagh (Columbia U)</a>	J. Menard
Transport & Turbulence	S. Kaye	B. LeBlanc
HHFW	J. R. Wilson	<a href="#">D. Swain (ORNL)</a>
CHI	<a href="#">R. Raman (U Washington)</a>	D. Gates
Boundary Physics	<a href="#">R. Maingi (ORNL)</a>	C. Skinner
<b>FY-2002 – RC: R. Maingi (ORNL); Deputy: S. Kaye</b>		
MHD	J. Menard	E. Fredrickson
Transport & Turbulence	D. Darrow	<a href="#">D. Stutman (JHU)</a>
RF Heating & Current Drive	J. R. Wilson	<a href="#">D. Swain (ORNL)</a>
Non-Inductive Startup	<a href="#">R. Raman (U Washington)</a>	D. Mueller
Boundary Physics	H. Kugel	<a href="#">C. Bush (ORNL)</a>
Integrated Scenarios Development	D. Gates	<a href="#">S. Sabbagh (Columbia U)</a>
<b>FY-2003 – RC: S. Kaye</b>		
MHD	<a href="#">S. Sabbagh (Columbia U)</a>	D. Gates
Transport & Turbulence	B. LeBlanc	D. Darrow
HHFW & EBW	G. Taylor	<a href="#">P. Ryan (ORNL)</a>
CHI	M. Bell	<a href="#">R. Raman (U Washington)</a>
Boundary Physics	H. Kugel	R. Kaita
Integrated Scenarios Development	<a href="#">R. Maingi (ORNL)</a>	J. Menard

**Extensive Direct DOE-Funded Collaboration**  
**Forms Major Part of NSTX National Research Team**  
**(16 Institutions, 27 Programs)**

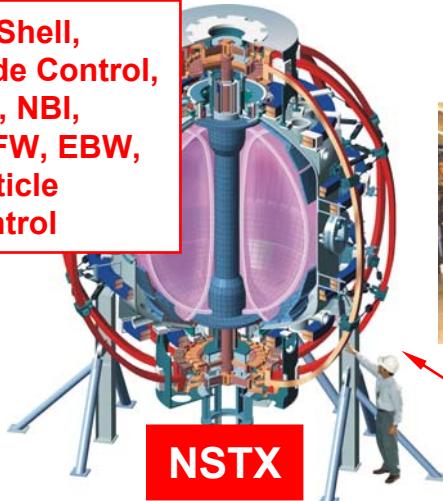
Institution	Home-Site Lead	Topical Programmatic Role	Collab. Lead	Onsite Contact
Columbia U	J. Navratil	MHD studies	S. Sabbagh	J. Menard
Comp-X	R. Harvey	RF heating and current drive	R. Harvey	C. Phillips
General Atomics	J. Ferron	CHI equilibrium reconstruction	M. Schaffer	S. Kaye
		RF physics	R. Pinsker	R. Wilson
		Plasma control	J. Ferron	D. Gates
JHU	M. Finkenthal	Ultra-soft X-ray diagnostics	D. Stutman	R. Kaita
LANL	G. Wurden	Fast visible & infrared imaging	R. Maqueda	S. Zweben
	A. Glasser	CHI plasma MHD	X. Tang	R. Raman (UW)
LLNL	G. Porter	Edge, scrape-off layer modeling	G. Porter	R. Maingi (ORNL)
		Boundary stability & turbulence	X. Xu	D. Stotler
Lodestar	D. D'Ippolito	Boundary stability & turbulence	J. Myra	D. Stotler
MIT	M. Porkolab	EBW Modeling	A. Bers, A. Ram	G. Taylor
		HHFW modeling	P. Bonoli	C. Phillips
Nova Photonics	F. Levinton	MSE diagnostics	F. Levinton	D. Johnson
ORNL	D. Rasmussen	RF launcher & experiments	D. Swain	R. Wilson
		ECH/EBW initiation & ramp-up	T. Bigelow	G. Taylor
		Fueling & transport modification	L. Baylor	H. Kugel
	P. Mioduszewski	Edge, H-mode experiments	R. Maingi	V. Soukhanovskii
	D. Batchelor	Transport and RF modeling	W. Houlberg	S. Kaye
UC Davis	N. Luhmann	FIR-TIP and scattering	K.C. Lee	H. Park
UC Irvine	B. Heidbrink	Fast ion-plasma interactions	B. Heidbrink	D. Darrow
UCLA	T. Peebles	Reflectometry	S. Kubota	T. Munsat
UCSD	F. Najmabadi	HHFW modeling	T. K. Mau	C. Phillips
	J. Boedo	Fast probe	J. Boedo	H. Kugel
	S. Krasheninnikov	Edge intermittent transport	A. Pigarov	R. Maingi (ORNL)
U Washington	T. Jarboe	Coaxial helicity injection	R. Raman	D. Mueller
U Wisconsin	J. Callen	Neoclassical transport modeling	K.C. Shaing	R. Bell

# Worldwide Collaboration is a Hallmark of ST Research



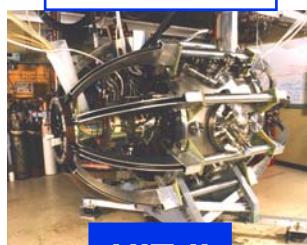
## ① Concept Exploration (~0.3 MA)

Cu Shell,  
Mode Control,  
CHI, NBI,  
HHFW, EBW,  
Particle  
Control



NSTX

CHI Synergy



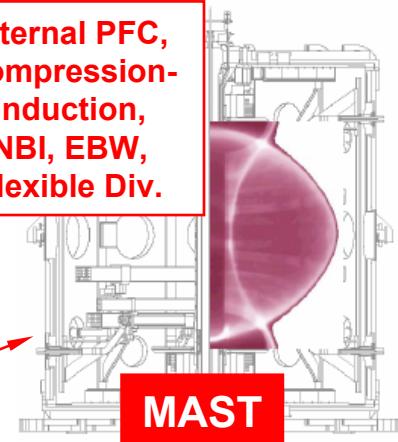
HIT-II

Extreme Low A,  
HHFW, EBW,  
Spheromak Comp.



Pegasus

Internal PFC,  
Compression-  
Induction,  
NBI, EBW,  
Flexible Div.



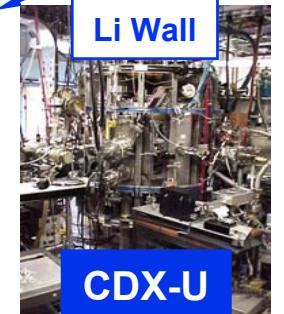
MAST

Brand-New!



SUNLIST

Advanced  
Diagnostics



ETE

CDX-U

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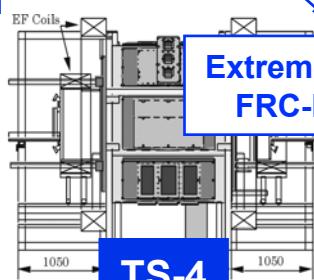
Extreme Low A,  
CHI, Spheromak

HIST

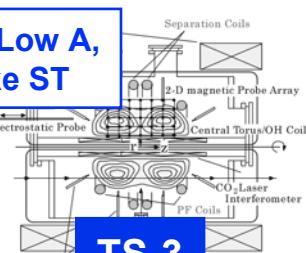
ECH startup,  
HHFW Innovation

TST-2

Extreme Low A,  
FRC-like ST

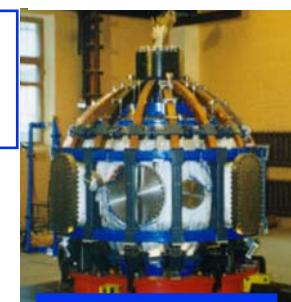


TS-4



TS-3

LHW, NBI,  
Advanced  
Diagnostics



Globus-M

# Extended ST Plasma Science Connects NSTX to the Broad Fusion & Plasma Science Portfolio

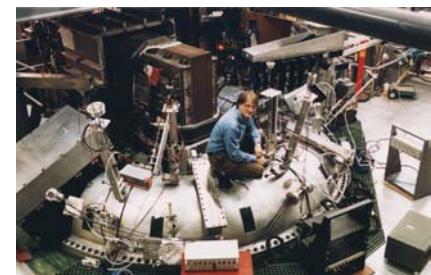


- **ICC Physics: SSPX, MST, FRC**
  - Magnetic reconnection – CHI
  - EBW H&CD – over-dense plasmas
  - Electromagnetic turbulence micro-tearing –  $\beta \sim 1$  plasmas
  - TAE's – supra-Alfvénic fast ions
  - FRC-like diamagnetic plasmas
- **Burning Plasma – ITPA**
  - A and  $\beta$  effects: H-mode, ITB, ELM's & pedestal, SOL, RWM, and NTM
- **Tokamak Physics: DIII-D, C-Mod**
  - RWM, Fast ion MHD, pedestal, core confinement, edge turbulence, core temperatures
- **Accretion Disk Plasma Physics**
  - Electromagnetic turbulence cascade in  $\beta \geq 1$  plasmas

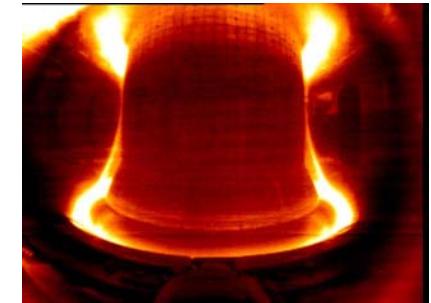
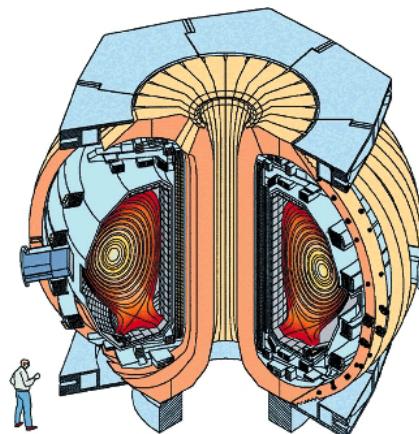
**SSPX**



**MST**



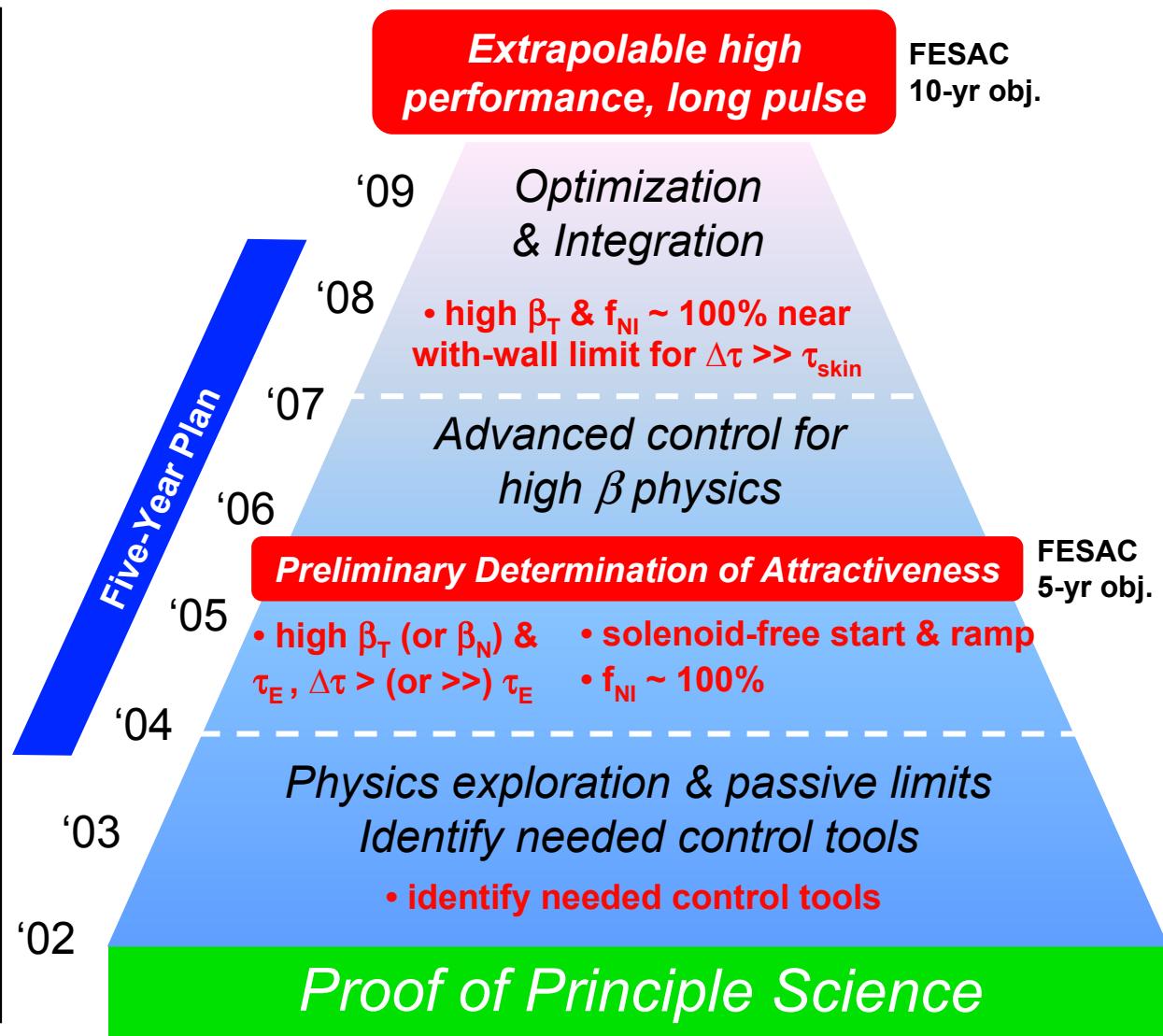
**C-Mod**



# Proposed 5-Year Research Aims to Demonstrate Long Pulse, High Performance Plasma Operations



- **5-year goals**
  - Determine attractiveness
  - Establish science basis for extrapolable high performance and long pulse
  - Database for next PE step (NSST), and in turn for CTF & DEMO
- **Supporting**
  - Implement new key diagnostics
  - Advance control tools & facility upgrades
  - Carry out theory, analyses & modeling



# Exciting Diagnostic and Facility Upgrades are Proposed to Support Research



Diagnostics	Facility
<b>MHD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– EBW radiometer, fast <math>\Delta T_e</math></li><li>– MSE/CIF, LIF polarimeter [Nova]</li></ul>	<b>Very High <math>\beta</math></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Ex-vessel field and mode control coils [CU]</li><li>– Modification of PF1A (<math>k=2.6</math>, <math>\delta=0.6</math>)</li><li>– Active mode control systems [CU]</li></ul>
<b>Transport &amp; Turbulence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– High &amp; low-<math>k</math> <math>\mu</math>-wave scattering [UCLA, UCD]</li><li>– <math>\mu</math>-wave imaging reflectometer [UCD]</li><li>– GPI – Planar LIF edge fluctuations [C-Mod, DIII-D, Nova, PSI, SBIR]</li></ul>	<b>CD, MHD, Integrated Scenarios</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– EBW (1→4 MW source power) [VLT, MIT, ORNL]</li></ul>
<b>Edge &amp; Divertor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Divertor laser Thomson scattering</li></ul>	<b>Startup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– EBW</li><li>– CHI absorber control coils</li><li>– Outboard PF-only induction</li></ul>
<b>Astrophysics &amp; Diagnostic Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– X-ray imaging crystal spectrometer [LLNL, Chandra, C-mod, KSTAR, Adv. Diagnostics Program]</li></ul>	<b>Particle &amp; Edge Plasma Control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Cryopumps</li><li>– Lithium pellets, coating, flowing surface module [VLT-PFC, CDX-U]</li></ul>

# NSTX Proposes a Very Exciting Five-Year Program



- NSTX research will make very important contributions: science – energy; ST – broad portfolio
- Critical and exciting research is planned
  - MHD: mode control with  $\beta_0 \sim 1$ , large  $M_A$  &  $M_S$ ,  $\gamma_{E\times B} \sim \gamma_{MHD}$ ?
  - T&T: electromagnetic turbulence &  $\mu$ -tearing with ability to manipulate low-k turbulences via flow shear
  - Startup & Sustainment: CHI, PF-only, HHFW, EBW ( $f_T \sim 1!$ ), supra-Alfvénic ions
  - Towards non-recycling edge: Cryopumps, lithium systems
  - Exciting integrated scenarios developed to take NSTX to limit!
- Broadly based national team will carry out this exciting research