Joint NSTX/DIII-D poloidal rotation experiment

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- Test aspect ratio dependence of neoclassical theory of poloidal rotation
- Measured poloidal velocities differ from neoclassical expectation
 - NSTX: H-mode plasmas at or below neoclassical expectation
 - DIII-D: QH-mode, sign and magnitude of measured poloidal velocity differ from neoclassical theory
 - JET: Measured poloidal velocity in ITB an order of magnitude large than neoclassical
 - JT-60: Poloidal flow consistent with neoclassical in ITB, within experimental error
 - MAST: Poloidal flow consistent with neoclassical in L and H mode plasmas, within expt. error
- Compare similar discharges at DIII-D and NSTX
 - Low magnetic field (B=0.55 T), eliminate systematic errors due to gyro orbit finite lifetime effects.
 - Match B_T , I_p , Shape, Temperature, Density, Toroidal Rotation
- Approved in FY2009 on NSTX, no run-time in FY2009 on DIII-D
- Scheduled in Jan. 2010 on DIII-D
- Initial experiment on DIII-D to match NSTX plasma
- Need ~ 1 day, (0.25 day minimum) for follow up on NSTX pending DIII-D ability to improve match between machines

