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#### **Research Operations Division Boundary Physics (H. Kugel)**

- Presented data from Quartz Deposition Monitor at meeting on "In-vessel Tritium Inventory", EFDA-JET, UK (Skinner)
- Calibrated all gas injectors for analyzing fueling data (Maingi)
- Partial bakeout (150°C) in Feb. to calibrate IR cameras
  - Now analyzing data taken during run
- Prototype Lithium Pellet Injector under test in lab.
  - Developing a diagnostic for pellet velocity
  - Controls designed and reviewed
- Supersonic Gas Injector nozzle (Mach 8) in procurement
  - Test setup being exercised with Mach 2 nozzle on loan from M&AE department (Soukhanovskii)
- Installing additional pressure gauges during outage

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#### **Research Operations Division** Diagnostics (D. Johnson, R. Kaita)

- Commissioned during the all-too-brief run:
  - Astrophysics X-ray crystal spectrometer
  - Divertor bolometer,
  - Edge deposition monitor
  - Edge rotation diagnostic for T<sub>i</sub> and v<sub>θ</sub>
    - interesting phenomena during ICRF (Biewer)
  - New 51 ch. CHERS
    - data being analyzed for  $T_i$  and  $v_\varphi$  profiles
  - New 1D-CCD camera
  - Imm interferometer (UCLA)
  - Full NPA scan capability with new bellows
- Now planning for diagnostic maintenance and some upgrades during outage
  - Validate/calibrate data from FY'03 operation
  - Prepare for extended FY'04 run



### Research Operations Division Diagnostics [2]

#### **In-vessel activities**

Description	Contact	Duration (days)	Start
In-vessel inspection & photography before floor installation	Kugel	0.25	4/17
Floor installation	Winston	0.5	4/18
In-vessel inspection & photography after floor installation	Kugel	0.25	4/21
Edge rotation calibration as is	Biewer	0.5	4/24
CHERS white-plate calibration	Bell	0.5	4/24
CHERS spatial calibration	Bell	0.5	4/25
USXR calibration of new array at Bay G bottom	Tritz	0.5	4/25
NPA sightline calibration	Roquemore	0.5	4/28
Calibrate position of new head for fast probe	Kugel	0.5	4/28
Measure positions of RWM coils	Menard	0.5	4/29
Investigate & repair 3 RWM Bp sensors	Menard	TBD	4/29
Bolometer calibration	Paul	0.5	4/30
Mirnov coil checkout	Fredrickson	0.25	4/30
Inspection of MPTS window	LeBlanc	0.15	4/30
Examine HHFW feedthrough modifications for arcing	Ellis	0.5	5/1
Replace the upper secondary passive plate flux loops	Menard	5	5/2
PIXCS calibration	Pacella	0.5	5/12
1D CCD calibration	Skinner	0.5	5/12
Filterscope calibration	Skinner	0.5	5/13
VB calibration	Skinner	0.15	5/13
Mirnov coil frequency response measurement	Fredrickson	0.25	5/13
MPTS white-plate calibration	LeBlanc	1 day	5/14
MPTS spatial calibration	LeBlanc	0.25 day	5/15
UCLA reflectometer spatial calibration	Kubota	2 days	5/15
Edge rotation calibration after mirror mount modification (&flux loop repair)	Biewer	0.5	5/19
USXR calibration of 4 arrays at Bay G	Tritz	0.5	5/20
Calibration of a single channel prototype neutron collimator using a Cf source	Roquemore		5/20

# Research Operations Division RF Systems (R. Wilson)

- Supported NSTX operations during the abbreviated run
  - Good progress on increasing power
  - Successfully repeated experiment to compare matched discharges with co- / ctr- CD
  - Commissioned remote operation from the Control Room
- Plans for outage
  - In-vessel inspection of antenna feedthroughs
    - modified during last outage
  - Position feedback to maintain the loading (c.f. TFTR)
  - Voltage feedback to hold antenna voltage below limit as loading fluctuates (*c.f.* JET)
  - Repair of RF Dummy Load
  - Design of the balanced antenna feed
    - Possible upgrade for FY'05

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#### **Research Operations Division Physics Operations (D. Mueller)**

- Good progress in rt-EFIT control before TF failure
- Some progress in CHI operation
  - New absorber does seem more resistant to arcing
  - Promising early results on "forced reconnection" scheme
- Plans for outage
  - Investigate with GA modelling of plasma response
    - Improve gain settings and include non-diagonal terms
    - Extend shape control
    - Develop better models for power supplies and structural currents
    - Single PF coil shots would be useful to calibrate new sensors and check power supply model.
  - Develop feedback on position of outer boundary to maintain RF loading
  - Continue collaboration with HIT on adding CHI to inductive discharge