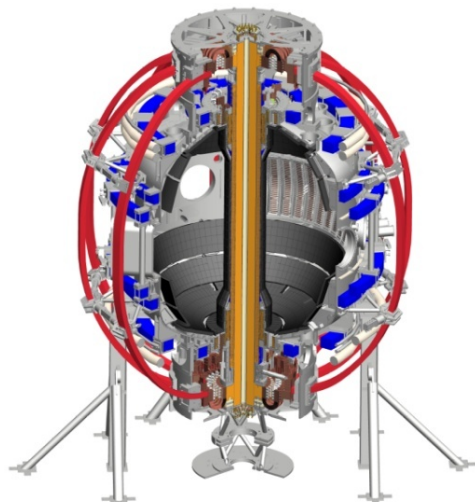


Response to PAC-35 Comments on Plans for Scrape-off Layer and Divertor Research on NSTX-U

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PAC-35 endorsed on-going and planned research

- “Overall, it is good and appropriate that this topical group is becoming more integrated to the central mission of the NSTX-U program...”
 - ????
- “The boundary / SOL team is congratulated on what appears to have been a very productive collaboration with DIII-D in further development and exploration of the snowflake divertor configuration for divertor heat flux control.”

PAC-35 is satisfied with the presented diagnostic and modeling plans

- The proposed diagnostic set is appropriate to both support the NSTXU overall mission and advance the edge physics in the first few years of operation.
 - The development and installation of divertor Thomson scattering would be a great addition to the diagnostic battery, and one that seems possible with the rather open divertor geometry of NSTX-U.
 - Continued deployment and improvement to PMI diagnosis should be considered.
 - encourage the team to involve boundary modeling...
- NSTX-U Team Response: fully agree

PAC-35 is concerned with particle control much more than with heat flux mitigation need

- “The issue of achieving stationary particle/density control should be the highest priority in the near-term for SOL/divertor research”
- “It is recommended that heat flux is not the highest priority since it appears unlikely that administrative energy-limits will be surpassed for the PFCs.”
- “Assure the necessary near-term effort to fully characterize the requirements and feasibility of the cryopump through measurement and modeling.”
- NSTX-U Team Response: agree and plan to maintain focus on particle control (while continuing to implement heat flux mitigation strategies)