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NSTX Experimental Proposal**

**Title: Moveable Glow Probe Evaluation**

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# Moveable Glow Probe Evaluation

## 1. Overview of planned experiment

Previously, NSTX HeGDC was performed with 2 Fixed Wall Probes: Bay G Fixed Glow Probe (G-FGP) and Bay L Fixed Glow Probe (L-FGP).

Recently, the bias power to the L-FGP can be routed to a Moveable Glow Probe (MGP) at Bay K Top. The anode of the MGP can be inserted into the middle of the vessel. This experiment will test if the MGP will give a more efficient and uniform GDC coverage of the vessel to allow shorter GDC durations between discharges, and/or improved wall conditions for long pulse development.

## 2. Theoretical/ empirical justification

NSTX long pulse development would benefit from faster duty cycles and improved wall conditions.

## 3. Experimental run plan: obtain Fixed Wall Probe baseline

1. For a comparison baseline, configure GDC system for  
Bay G Fixed Glow Probe (G-FGP)  
Bay L Fixed Glow Probe (L-FGP)

NOTE: Do 3.1 the evening before, or requires 15 minute Opening.

### • *11 Minute GDC for Long pulse DN*

2. After the standard morning fiducials have been performed, apply 11 minute standard GDC using the G-FGP and L-FGP.
3. Test the resulting wall conditions by trying to duplicate or enhance the best DN long pulse discharges to date, e.g. 117707, 117424.
4. Repeat step 3.
5. Repeat step 3.

#### **4. Experimental run plan: compare MGP with FGP**

1. Configure GDC system for MGP operation (requires 15 minute opening).

• ***11 Minute GDC for Long pulse DN***

2. Apply 11 minute standard GDC using the MGP and G-FGP.

3. Test the resulting wall conditions by trying to duplicate or enhance the best DN long pulse discharges to date, e.g. 117707, 117424.

4. Repeat step 3.

5. Repeat step 3.

• ***7 Minute GDC for Long pulse DN***

6. Determine if a shorter GDC duration is possible. Apply a 7 minute GDC using the MGP and G-FGP.

7. Repeat step 3.

8. Repeat step 3.

9. Repeat step 3.

#### **5. Experimental run plan: compare MGP at lower pressure**

• ***Apply 7 Minute GDC at 1.5 Torr for Long pulse DN***

1. Apply a 7 minute GDC using the MGP and G-FGP.

2. Test the resulting wall conditions by trying to duplicate or enhance the best DN long pulse discharges to date, e.g. 117707, 117424.

3. Repeat step 2.

4. Repeat step 2.

• ***Apply 7 Minute GDC at 1.0 or <1 Torr for Long pulse DN***

5. Apply a 7 minute GDC using the MGP and G-FGP.

6. Test the resulting wall conditions by trying to duplicate or enhance the best DN long pulse discharges to date, e.g. 117707, 117424.

7. Repeat step 6.

8. Repeat step 6.

**4. Required machine, NBI, RF, CHI and diagnostic capabilities**

Machine and NBI conditions for DN 117707, 117424, and LSN 116313,116318, 117147.

**5. Planned analysis**

Comparison of performance and spectroscopic waveforms.

**6. Planned publication of results**

The results will be presented at the APS, PSI, and IAEA meetings, and submitted to archival journals.

## PHYSICS OPERATIONS REQUEST

Machine conditions (specify ranges as appropriate)

$I_{TF}$  (kA): \_\_\_\_\_ Flattop start/stop (s): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

$I_p$  (MA): \_\_\_\_\_ Flattop start/stop (s): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Configuration: **Inner Wall / Lower Single Null / Upper SN / Double Null**

Outer gap (m): \_\_\_\_\_, Inner gap (m): \_\_\_\_\_

Elongation  $\kappa$ : \_\_\_\_\_, Triangularity  $\delta$ : \_\_\_\_\_

Z position (m): **0.00**

Gas Species: **D / He**, Injector: **Midplane / Inner wall / Lower Dome**

NBI - Species: **D**, Sources: **A/B/C**, Voltage (kV): \_\_\_\_\_, Duration (s): \_\_\_\_\_

ICRF – Power (MW): \_\_\_\_\_, Phasing: **Heating / CD**, Duration (s): \_\_\_\_\_

CHI: **On / Off**

*Either:* List previous shot numbers for setup:

a) The best DN long pulse discharges to date, e.g. 117707, 117424.

b) The best LSN long pulse discharges to date, e.g. 116313, 116318, 117147.

## DIAGNOSTIC CHECKLIST

Diagnostic	Need	Desire	Instructions
Bolometer – tangential array	X		
Bolometer array - divertor	X		
CHERS	X		
Divertor fast camera		X	
Dust detector		X	
EBW radiometers		X	
Edge deposition monitor		X	
Edge pressure gauges		X	
Edge rotation spectroscopy			
Fast lost ion probes - IFLIP		X	
Fast lost ion probes - SFLIP		X	
Fast X-ray pinhole camera		X	
Filtered 1D cameras	X		
Filterscopes	X		
FIReTIP	X		
Gas puff imaging		X	
Infrared cameras	X		
Interferometer - 1 mm			
Langmuir probe array		X	
Magnetics - Diamagnetism	X		
Magnetics - Flux loops	X		
Magnetics - Locked modes	X		
Magnetics - Pickup coils	X		
Magnetics - Rogowski coils	X		
Magnetics - RWM sensors	X		
Mirnov coils – high frequency	X		
Mirnov coils – poloidal array	X		
Mirnov coils – toroidal array	X		
MSE	X		
Neutral particle analyzer		X	
Neutron measurements	X		
Optical X-ray	X		
Plasma TV	X		
Reciprocating probe		X	
Reflectometer – core		X	
Reflectometer - SOL		X	
RF antenna camera		X	
RF antenna probe		X	
SPRED		X	
Thomson scattering	X		
Ultrasoft X-ray arrays	X		
Visible bremsstrahlung det.	X		
Visible spectrometer (VIPS)	X		
X-ray crystal spectrometer - H	X		
X-ray crystal spectrometer - V	X		
X-ray PIXCS (GEM) camera		X	