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NSTX Experimental Proposal**

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## 1. Overview of planned experiment

1.1 The first purpose of this experiment is characterization of the Liquid Lithium Divertor (LLD) pumping capability and its effects on plasma performance as compared with solid lithium coatings.

1.2 The second purpose of this experiment is to qualify LLD-1 for use as an operational tool to support XPs for the duration of the 2010 Run.

1.3 The third purpose of this experiment is to achieve the LLD Milestone as follows:

- Install LLD-1.
- Determine the relationship between lithiated surface conditions and edge and core plasma conditions.
- Understand LLD-1 pumping, by a study of D retention as function of surface conditions such as Li coverage and LLD surface temperature, and plasma exhaust parameters such as: scrape-off layer density, temperature, strike-point location, and flux expansion.

## 2. Theoretical/ empirical justification

Recent NSTX high power divertor experiments have shown significant and recurring benefits of solid lithium coatings on plasma facing components to the performance of divertor plasmas in both L- and H- mode confinement regimes heated by high-power neutral beams. The next step in this work is the 2009 installation of a Liquid Lithium Divertor (LLD) and its characterization during the 2010 Experimental Campaign.

## 3. Experimental run plan

3.1 Prerequisites.

3.1.1 Perform OP-XMP-64, "NSTX Start-up Commissioning and Evaluation Using Lithiumization" until the required Reference Discharges achieve research grade, defined as 4MW NBI, 600ms Ip flattop,  $\tau_e \geq 50\text{ms}$ ,  $S_e=200\text{kJ}$ .

3.1.2 Depending on the results of OP-XMP-64, do or do not use strike point controls.

3.2 Guidelines, Decision Points, Contingency.

3.2.1 During the NBI power scans, stacking of the early beams shall be applied if necessary to ensure constant front-end evolution, and reproducible H-mode transitions.

3.2.2 During the NBI power scans, the pulse length and power shall be adjusted slowly to keep the LLD front-face temperature during discharges below 380-400°C to minimize evaporation.

3.2.3 The R=0.35m case shall not be tested unless the R=0.63m case exhibits pumping.

3.3 Perform the discharges (cold, R=0.5m, 0.63m) listed in Part 1A.

**DECISION POINT: If administratively approved, proceed to Part 2A (cold R=0.75m). If not approved, proceed to Part 1B (warm, R=0.5m, 0.63m).**

3.4 If Parts 1A and 1B completed (cold and warm R = 0.5m, 0.63m) and if administratively approved, proceed to complete Part 2A and 2B (cold and warm R = 0.75m).

Day	State of LLD	Outer Strike Pt R (m)	LLD °C	LITER 20 mg/min	Li g Deposited	Fueling	Pnbi MW /msec	No. of Shots
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**Part 1A. Do Reference Shots Using Cold LLD (To = 30-50°C).**

1	cold	0.50m	Rm temp	20mg/min		HFS	3	2
							5	2
						SGI	3	2
							5	2
		0.63m				HFS	2 /100	2
							2/TBD	
						SGI	2/100	2
							2/TBD	
Select best of HFS and SGI, and Test persistence of pumping effect								
		0.63m		OFF				5

**If administratively approved proceed to Part 2A. If not proceed to Part 1B.**

R = 0.35m, 0.5m: Candidate Reference shots: 129061, 132582.

R=0.65m, 0.75m: Same Candidate Reference shots: 129061, 132582 but with OSP extended to higher R for pumping demonstration.

Candidate Reference shots from 2008-09 database, 129015-19, 129038.

R=0.63m Kallman Shots 134986 - HFS, 134991 - SGI

PF2L current ~ 3.5 kA (the value that strike point control approaches)

## Part 1B. Do Reference Shots Using Warm LLD ( $T_o = 210-230^\circ\text{C}$ ).

- 1) Repeat Reference shots of Day-1.
- 2) Match  $n_e(t)$  by fueling with both HFS & SGI as required.
- 3) Proceed to lower fueling for lower  $n_e(t)$  using both HFS & SGI.
- 4) Power variation as needed to stay below beta limit.

2	warm	0.50m	210°C	20mg/min		HFS	3	2
							5	2
						SGI	3	2
							5	2
		0.63m				HFS	2 /100	2
							2/TBD	
						SGI	2/100	2
							2/TBD	
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		0.63m		OFF		TBD		5

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**If administratively approved, proceed to Part 2A. If not, wait until scheduled.**

**Part 2A. Do Reference Shots Using Cold LLD ( $T_o = 30-50^\circ\text{C}$ ).**

- 1) Repeat Reference shots of Day-1.
- 2) Match  $n_e(t)$  by fueling with both HFS & SGI as required.
- 3) Proceed to lower fueling for lower  $n_e(t)$  using both HFS & SGI.
- 4) Power variation as needed to stay below beta limit.

3		0.75m		20mg/min		HFS	2/100	2
							2/TBD	2
						SGI	2/100	2
							2/TBD	2
Select best of HFS and SGI, and Test persistence of pumping effect								
		0.75m		OFF		TBD		5

**Part 2B. Do Reference Shots Using Warm LLD ( $T_o = 210-230^\circ\text{C}$ ).**

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

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#### **5. Planned analysis**

UEDGE, TRANSP, etc.

#### **6. Planned publication of results**

PSI2010, Nucl. Fusion, IAEA2010

# PHYSICS OPERATIONS REQUEST

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DATE: **3/04/10**

*(use additional sheets and attach waveform diagrams if necessary)*

## **Brief description of the most important operational plasma conditions required:**

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## **Previous shot(s) which can be repeated: Refer to Shot tables**

Previous shot(s) which can be modified: Ibid. Refer to Shot tables

## **Machine conditions: Ibid,**

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

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

Configuration: **LSN**

Equilibrium Control: **Outer gap / Isoflux (rtEFIT) / Strike-point control (rtEFIT)**

Outer gap (m): Inner gap (m): Z position (m):

Elongation: Triangularity (U/L): OSP radius (m):

Gas Species: Injector(s):

**NBI Species: D** Voltage (kV) **A:** **B:** **C:** Duration (s):

**ICRF Power (MW):** Phase between straps ( $^\circ$ ): Duration (s):

**LITERs: Off / On** Total deposition rate (mg/min):

**LLD:** Temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ ): **a) cold (30-50 $^\circ\text{C}$ , b) warm (210-230 $^\circ\text{C}$ )**

**EFC coils: Off/On** Configuration: **Odd / Even / Other**

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## DIAGNOSTIC CHECKLIST

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Diagnostic	Need	Want
Beam Emission Spectroscopy		
Bolometer – divertor		√
Bolometer – midplane array	√	
CHERS – poloidal		√
CHERS – toroidal		√
Dust detector		√
Edge deposition monitors	√	
Edge neutral density diag.		√
Edge pressure gauges	√	
Edge rotation diagnostic		√
Fast cameras – divertor/LLD	√	
Fast ion D_alpha - FIDA		
Fast lost ion probes - IFLIP		
Fast lost ion probes - SFLIP		
Filterscopes	√	
FIRETIP		√
Gas puff imaging – divertor		√
Gas puff imaging – midplane		√
H $\alpha$ camera - 1D		√
High-k scattering		√
Infrared cameras	√	
Interferometer - 1 mm		√
Langmuir probes – divertor		√
Langmuir probes – LLD		√
Langmuir probes – bias tile		√
Langmuir probes – RF ant.		√
Magnetics – B coils	√	
Magnetics – Diamagnetism	√	
Magnetics – Flux loops	√	
Magnetics – Locked modes	√	
Magnetics – Rogowski coils	√	
Magnetics – Halo currents		√
Magnetics – RWM sensors	√	
Mirnov coils – high f.		√
Mirnov coils – poloidal array		√
Mirnov coils – toroidal array		√
Mirnov coils – 3-axis proto.		√

Diagnostic	Need	Want
MSE		
NPA – EIB scanning		
NPA – solid state		
Neutron detectors		√
Plasma TV	√	
Reflectometer – 65GHz		√
Reflectometer – correlation		√
Reflectometer – FM/CW		√
Reflectometer – fixed f		√
Reflectometer – SOL		√
RF edge probes		
Spectrometer – divertor		√
Spectrometer – SPRED		√
Spectrometer – VIPS		√
Spectrometer – LOWEUS		√
Spectrometer – XEUS		√
SWIFT – 2D flow		√
Thomson scattering	√	
Ultrasoft X-ray – pol. arrays		√
Ultrasoft X-rays – bicolor		√
Ultrasoft X-rays – TG spectr.		√
Visible bremsstrahlung det.	√	
X-ray crystal spectrom. - H		√
X-ray crystal spectrom. - V		√
X-ray tang. pinhole camera		√