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Characterization of the Pedestal Structure as function Ip, BT, and Pnbi

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Characterize the pedestal structure on NSTX-U an compare with previous NSTX results

 Fulfill R(15-1) milestone : Assess H-mode energy confinement, pedestal, and scrape-off-layer characteristics with higher BT, Ip and NBI heating power

Goals

- Map out the stability diagram for three Ip and 2 shaping parameters
 - Is NSTX-U still kink/peeling limited?
- Determine the pedestal scaling with beta_pol
 - Compare with the scaling observed in other tokamaks
- Pedestal structure and evolution after L-H transition and between ELMs
 - Width-height scaling during the inter-ELM phase
- Turbulence characterization to understand the pedestal dynamics
 - Test the KBM hypothesis
- Generate database for testing EPED on ST and for gyrokinetic codes

Experimental Approach

- Request: 1.5 run day of operation for each wall conditioning (B and Li)
- Scan Ip = [0.7, 1.0, 1.3] @ BT = 0.5 T, Medium triangularity
 - Pnbi = [4, 6] MW [beam line #1]
 - Pnbi = [4, 6] MW [beam line #2]
- Repeat at high triangularity [and for low triangularity discharges if available]
- Fix Ip = 1.0 MA and scan BT = [0.4, 0.55, 0.65] T @high and medium triangularity
 - Pnbi = [4, 6, 8] MW [Explore combination of the two beam lines]
- Diagnostics Required: All kinetic profiles (MPTS, CHERS etc...) and pedestal turbulence diagnostics