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# **Halo Current Studies in NSTX-U**

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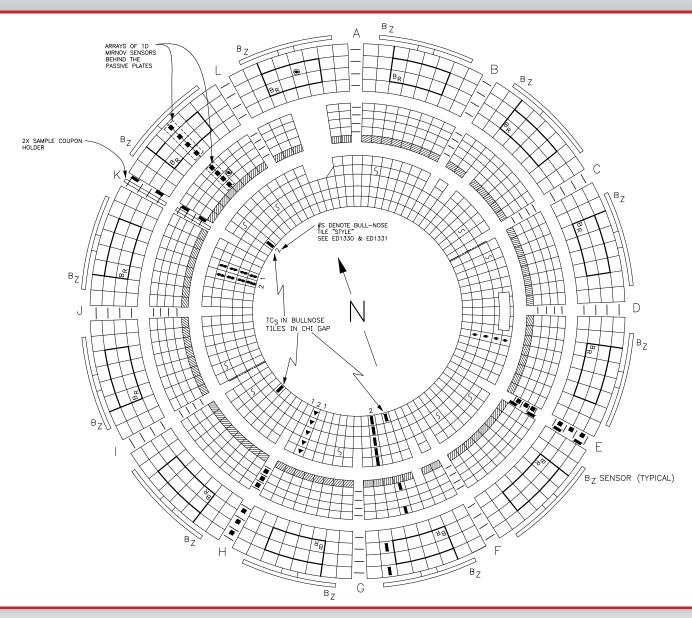


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- Sensors Installed:
  - 10 shunt tiles in the outboard divertor

#### **Lower Divertor Tiles-S**



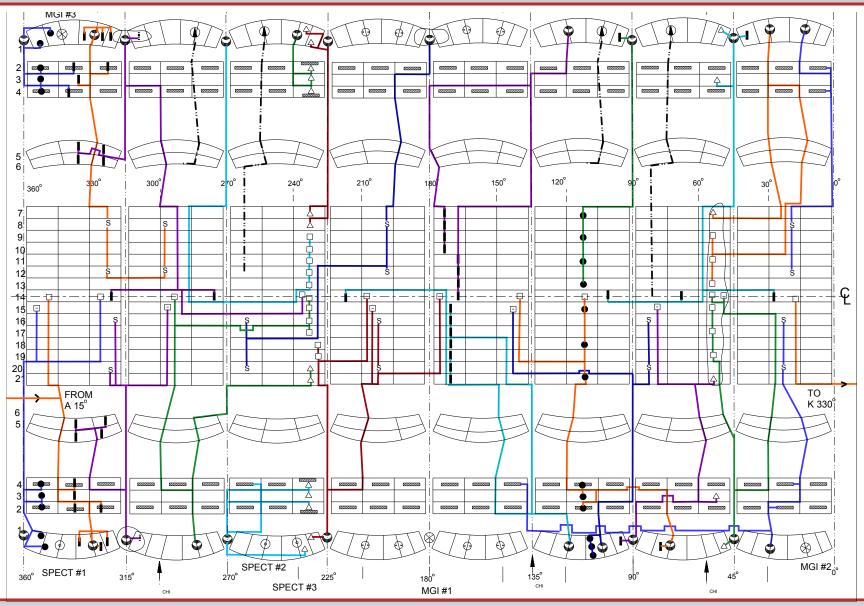


### **Halo Current Diagnostics**

- Sensors Installed:
  - 10 shunt tiles in the outboard divertor
  - 18 shunt tiles on the center column.
  - 5 "tilted Mirnovs" on the CS at the midplane.



#### **CS Shunt Tiles - S**



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#### **Halo Currents**

- Sensors Installed:
  - 10 shunt tiles in the outboard divertor
  - 12 shunt tiles on the center column.
  - 5 "tilted Mirnovs" on the CS at the midplane.
- Sensors on CS motivated by question of non-axisymmetric halo currents on the CS.
  - JxB forces obviously have potential to be highest on the CS.
  - Non-axisymmetric halo currents can lead to large sideways forces.
    - Note: NSTX-U has some shims installed at the top of the vessel to attempt to prevent bending of the CS.
- Cross-TSG connection to ASC:
  - Should be able to correlate reduced halo currents when Stefan's automated shutdown "dud detector" kicks in

## This XP

- Piggyback data from VDE experiments and normal operation
  - Routine halo current data will be collected and analyzed
  - First measurements of center stack halo currents in an ST
  - Quantify the impact of various disruption avoidance and mitigation techniques
- Theory collaboration with Amitava:
  - Dedicated postdoc, VALEN (Bialek), M3D-C1 (Jardin), etc.
  - Compute halo current forces in detail
  - Inform future halo current diagnostics
- Support ITPA disruption and halo current MDC's and JRT16