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DivSOL TSG leads and/or contributes to several milestones in 2015 and 2015

• FY 2015

- **R(15-1)**: Assess H-mode energy confinement, pedestal, and scrape off layer characteristics with higher B_T , I_P and NBI heating power
- R(15-3): Develop the physics and operational tools for obtaining high-performance discharges
- IR(15-1): Develop and assess the snowflake divertor configuration and edge properties
- FY 2016
 - R(16-1): Assess scaling and mitigation of steady-state and transient heat-fluxes with advanced divertor operation at high power density
 - R(16-2): Assess high-Z divertor PFC performance and impact on operating scenarios



Run schedule assumptions



- Pre-forum meeting #2 should emphasize XMP/XP title, goal, author identification to cover first 2 run months (Weeks 1-8)
- Forum should emphasize prioritization of XPs for weeks 3-18, but also document commissioning XMP/XP goals + run-time
- Mid-run (re-)assessment after first 6-8 Science run-weeks

Assumptions for first 2 run-months to use in identifying XMP/ XP titles/goals/authors for Jan 29th pre-forum meeting #2

- Machine Commissioning...assume 1 month (run weeks 1-4)
 - Develop basic breakdown, current ramp, shape/position control, diverted plasmas, H-mode access, basic fuelling optimizations.
 - Goal: 1 MA, 0.5 T, NBI-heated H-mode (i.e. ~NSTX fiducial levels)
 - Diagnostic commissioning
 - Boronized PFCs
 - Mostly XMPs
 - What science (aka XPs) can be done during this phase?
- 1st Month of Science Campaign (run weeks 5-8)
 - Boronized PFCs, possibly begin lithium coatings
 - Operations and basic profile diagnostics, neutron rate,...
 - Operation up to 1.4 MA and 0.65 T, 2 seconds
 - 6 beam sources up to 90 kV
 - HHFW available for commissioning
 - What critical XPs can/should be done during this phase?

- SOL transport and turbulence
 - Heat flux and SOL width Scaling in NSTX-U, Travis Gray
 - Relaxation of the interchange instability and effect on SOL width with Li wall conditioning, Travis Gray
 - Relationship between lambda_q, S and Connection Length, Travis Gray
 - Initial NSTX-U edge characterization, Vlad Soukhanovskii
 - Relation between the midplane SOL pressure width and the divertor heat flux width, Robert Hager
 - SOL Width Scaling: Goldston's Heuristic Drift Model vs Critical Pressure Gradient Model, Egemen Kolemen
 - Investigation of ELM heat flux footprints with the variation of ELM regime, Kaifu Gan
 - Parallel Correlation of SOL Turbulence, Stewart Zweben

- Radiative divertor
 - Radiative divertor experiments, Vlad Soukhanovskii
 - Toroidal divertor flux deposition asymmetries due to localized gas injection, Jeremy Lore
- Impact of 3D fields on divertor
 - Interaction of applied 3D fields with detachment, Joon-Wook Ahn
 - Role of plasma response in the formation of lobe structures by 3D fields, Joon-Wook Ahn
 - Distinguishing between 3d magnetic field structures and transport, John Canik
 - S parameter under 3D perturbations, Egemen Kolemen
 - Divertor conditions and detachment characteristics in plasmas with 3 D fields, Alberto Loarte

Snowflake divertor

- Clarifying Snowflake divertor configuration physics, Vlad Soukhanovskii
- Assessment of 3D field effects on the properties of the snowflake divertor, Gustavo Canal
- Compare alternative advanced divertor configurations: X-divertor, Snowflake, Egemen Kolemen
- Detachment comparison study for Snowflake, X-divertor, Standard Divertor and long/short divertor leg, David Eldon
- Performance optimization of divertor detachment, Joon-Wook Ahn



Miscellaneous

- Boundary diagnostic-optimized configuration (BDOC) for model comparisons, Vlad Soukhanovskii
- ENDD Midplane Neutral Density Profiles in NSTX-U, Daren Stotler
- Obtain 2D divertor density image using lithium emission, Oliver Schmitz
- Effect of Lithium on SOL Power Balance, Travis Gray
- Transport and radiation in the high flux expansion divertor configuration with cusp-like fields, Vlad Soukhanovskii
- Studies of low- and high-Z dust transport in NSTX-U, Roman Smirnov
- Testing advanced divertors on NSTX, Mike Kotschenreuther



Proposed run-time allocation

- Guidance: 5 Tier I run days and 2-3 Tier II run days
- DivSOL TSG Leaders propose Tier I run time
 - SOL transport and turbulence 1.5 days (R15-1), T. Gray and S. Zweben
 - Radiative divertor 1 day (R16-1), J. Lore and V. A. Soukhanovskii
 - 3D fields 1 day (ITER/ITPA), J.-W. Ahn and E. Kolemen
 - Snowflake divertor physics 1 day (R16-1), G. Canal and V. A. Soukhanovskii
 - B2Li transition studies 0.5 day, TBD
- Tier II run time and Piggyback
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