NSTX Program Update

Martin Peng, 12/15/04 Team Meeting

- **Up-Coming NSTX Meetings and Preparation**
- **ITPA 2005 Meetings**

(consistency with our developing plans?)

Upcoming NSTX Meetings

Quarterly Review	1/17, PM	Tele-video: outage status, **FY05 FEAs**
PAC-17	1/20-21/05	PPPL: **charge, agenda**
MAST Forum	2/1-2/05	Culham: remote possible
FY05-07 BPM	3/15-16/05	Germantown: **milestones**

Draft FY05 Science Fusion Execution Agreements Being Vetted (HR, ET Leaders)

1: Phys Integration	*Plasma stability and confinement of strongly shaped high-beta plasmas for increased durations will be characterized.*
2: MHD Stability	*Produce and characterize strongly shaped ST plasmas approaching the "wall-stabilized" pressure limits.*
3: Wave-Particle	*Assess the requirements for the high-power Electron Bernstein Wave (EBW) heating and current drive systems on NSTX.*
4: Boundary Phys	*Characterize the plasma edge pedestals and scrape-off layer in high performance spherical torus plasmas.*
5: Turbulence & Transport	*The effects of variations in the magnetic shear and gradients in Te on electron transport will be characterized.*

Charge to the NSTX PAC-17th Meeting

Substantial evolution in the priorities of the U.S. Fusion Energy Sciences Program has occurred during 2004. Key elements in this evolution include the recent scientific recommendations of the FESAC Priorities Panel, and the approaching U.S. participation in the ITER Project with the associated increased importance of the International Tokamak Physics Activities (ITPA). The NSTX Program plans for FY2005 – 2007 and the specific FY2005 run plan need to be examined in light of these developments. The NSTX Team is preparing to present to the PAC for advice an updated description of these plans. It would be helpful if the PAC could address the following two questions:

1) Does the proposed research and facility plan for FY2005 – 2007 appropriately address the evolving priorities of the U.S. Fusion Energy Sciences Program?

2) Does the proposed FY2005 experimental run plan make good use of the available capabilities to achieve the FY2005 research milestones and support the FY2006 and FY2007 plans?

Thanks Speakers for Willingness and Planned Hard Work

Martin Peng	**Action Items and Introduction**
Ed Synakowski	**Research Plan for FY2005 – 2007**
J. Manickam	**Planned Contributions from Theory and Computation**
Masa Ono	**Facility Plan for FY2005 – 2007**
Bob Kaita	**Plans for Particle Control**
Jon Menard	**FY2005 Run Plan**
Steve Sabbagh	**Equilibrium Reconstruction Accounting for MSE Data**

Draft Baseline FY06-07 Research Milestones Are Subject of Discussion Now; Issues to Be Resolved

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- (06-1) Characterize high-k turbulence
- (07-1) Characterize local electron transport

2) Macroscopic Stability: Role of magnetic structure on plasma pressure & bootstrap current

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- (06-2) Identify tearing mode & onset conditions

3) Wave-Particle Interaction: Use of electromagnetic waves to sustain and control high-temperature plasmas

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- (06-3) Characterize HHW-plasma edge interactions
- (07-2) Optimize HHFW CD properties

4) Start-up, Ramp-up and Sustainment: Physical processes of magnetic flux generation

- (07-3) Test solenoid-free ramp-up to high current

5) Boundary Physics: Interface between fusion plasmas and normal temperature surroundings

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- (06-4) Characterize Li pellet & coating effectiveness
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Assuming Fuller Funding, What Should be Added?

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NSTX Interests in ITPA-IEA LT 2005 Joint Experiments

(Meeting: December 8-10, 2004)

- **Contributions by Kaye, Synakowski, Maingi, Peng, Skinner, Zweben, Sabbagh, Fredrickson, Menard**
- **Consistency with 2005 plan important**

Up-Coming 2005 ITPA Topical Group Meetings

TG	I	II
CDB	4/18-21, Kyoto	10/3-6, St. Petersburg*
TP	↑	↑
PEP	↑	↑
DSOL	7/4-6 (post-EPS)?	–
MDC	7/4-6 (post-EPS)?	–
SSO	?	?
Diag	?	?

* IAEA TM on H-Mode & Barriers: 9/28-30, St. Petersburg

*** Joint Int. ST Workshop & IAEA TCM on ST: 10/3-6, St. Petersburg!**