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# **NSTX-U Program Update**

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- FESAC facility review
- NSTX-U 5 Year Plan preparation
- Request of research team members



### FESAC facility prioritization for 2014-2024 ranked NSTX-U "(a) absolutely central" for enabling world-leading science

- Contributions critical to ITER
  - Energetic particle physics, where the new heating systems in NSTX-U will provide expanded ability to vary the velocity and spatial distribution of energetic ions in the plasma
  - Radiative divertor solutions to the ITER-relevant heat fluxes, impurity transport using multiple conditioning and PFC scenarios to enable control techniques to be developed in impurity-seeded ITER plasmas

#### • Developing new solutions for the plasma-material interface:

- The ability to explore very high exhaust power density, high magnetic expansion, and liquid metals in the same device is unique in the world fusion program
- Establishing the physics basis for FNSF
  - With access to the highest magnetic field and heating and current drive power of any low aspect ratio tokamak, NSTX-U will be the leading device in the world program to assess the viability of this regime for FNSF applications

### **NSTX-U research team recently completed 5 year plan text**



- Plan text single file (40MB)
- Plan text individual chapters
- Review agenda and presentations (May 21-23, 2013)

- Plan text made available to review panel in April
- 760 pages total panel given 1 month to read
- Plan structure
  - Executive Summary
  - Ch 1: Overview
  - Ch 2-9: TSG research plans
  - Ch 10: Facility and diagnostics
  - Ch 11: Collaborator plans
- Thanks to chapter authors for all your hard work!
- Thanks also to the internal reviewers for their comments
  - welcome back to PPPL Rich!

#### Your comments on the plan are no longer welcome! 🙂

NSTX-U 5 year plan review will be held May 21-23 at PPPL

#### Charge questions (many sub-questions not shown)

- 1. Assess the scientific and technical merit of the ongoing and planned research
- 2. Comment on the appropriateness of the proposed research plan.
- 3. Evaluate the competency of the proposed senior research personnel, adequacy of the proposed research environment & resources
- 4. Assess the reasonableness of the proposed costs for fusion research and facility operations
- 5. Assess the performance of the NSTX research team during the previous five-year period. Also, assess the plans for NSTX Upgrade facility operations (at a top level)

- 2 key measures of the productivity and quality of our scientific research: publications and invited talks
- Please work with Stan to identify APS-DPP invited talk ideas - nominations due May 15, 2013
- We urge you to try to publish your results in a prominent/widely read journal (PRL, Science, Nature)
  - Utilize time between 5YP review and prep for NSTX-U 1<sup>st</sup> plasma
  - 2012 PRL count was 1 vs. recent years: 3-6 need to increase this