



## Ideas & Opportunity for Collaboration in ECH & EBW

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# ECH/EBW system is being designed to support start-up and ramp-up on NSTX-U



- Horn-type launcher is to be located at Bay E
- Gyrotron and power supplies to be located in the TFTR Test Cell basement
  - Long low loss waveguide run is planned from the source to the launcher
- Would like to collaborate with the QUEST project to gain experience with operations at 28 GHz
- Participation in current drive studies would be very valuable preparation for the NSTX-U applications

Plasma Research Center (PRC) at the University of Tsukuba gyrotron will be used for the NSTX-U ECH/EBW system



## NSTX-U Research: Synthetic aperture microwave imaging (SAMI) diagnostic to image EBW emission

- Assess O-X-B coupling efficiency versus poloidal and toroidal angle
  - Important for EBW heating design (mirror aiming)
- Image Doppler reflectometry to measure edge plasma flows
- Can observe density fluctuation on millisecond timescale
- Will measure magnetic pitch near edge region

#### [Collaboration with University of York and CCFE]





### PPPL Engineering: Enabling ECH on KSTAR; would like to continue technology development

- Designed and fabricated a fixed water-cooled steady-state mirror for the existing ECH launcher.
  - Fabricated with additive manufacturing (3D printing)
  - 1 MW steady-state power handling
- Designed and fabricated steadystate steerable mirror and steering assembly
  - Steering range and speed maintained with bellows in the water feeds for rapid NTM tracking
- Started conceptual design of an advanced steady-state water-cooled two-channel 2 MW ECH launcher
  - Supports increased ECH power for NTM modes stabilization.

R. Ellis and J. Hosea, *Additive Manufacturing Techniques for ECH Launcher Components*, KSTAR Conference 2015







Want to collaborate with technology and experiments; gain experience for future ECH/EBW system on NSTX-U

### **Technology**

- Gyrotron operation
  - Univ. Tsukuba
- Low-loss transmission line
- Polarizers: design for maximum flexibility
  - LATE
- Launchers & mirrors
  - QUEST, LATE

### **Experimental Physics**

- ECH in start-up plasma
  & current ramp
  - QUEST
- Optimize EBW heating through polarization & launch angle
  - LATE
- Synergies between EC/ EBW and parallel electron heating (e.g. LH or HHFW)