## FIP/P8-30: NSTX-U First Plasma Scheduled in February 2015

To provide data base to support ST-FNSF designs and ITER operations

**Key issues to resolve** for next-step STs

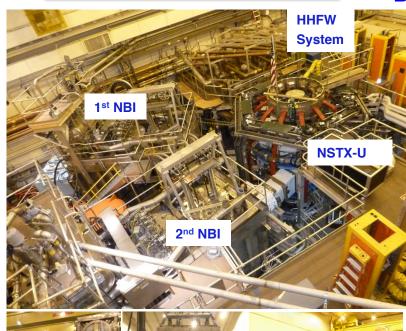
- Stability and steady-state control at high β
- Confinement scaling (esp. electron transport)
- Non-inductive start-up, ramp-up, sustainment
- **Divertor solutions for mitigating high heat flux**



~ X 5 - 10 increase in  $n\tau T$  from NSTX *NSTX-U average plasma pressure)* ~ Tokamaks

## **New Center-Stack Nearing Completion**





2<sup>nd</sup> NBI Being Installed