## Multi-Program High Bay Facility (Buildings 7625/7627)

Installing a 4 mm microwave interferometer on Proto-MPEX to measure plasma density



7625 high bay supports Proto-MPEX helicon plasma source and plasma materials interaction R&D

## Description

The Multi-Program High Bay Facility comprises buildings 7625 and 7627 and provides space and infrastructure for multiple research & development programs and projects primarily through ORNL's Fusion and Materials for Nuclear Systems Division. Sixteen individual lab spaces with a combined total gross floor area of over 33,000 square feet typically support 10-15 scientists, technicians, and other operations personnel depending on research experiment status.

In Building 7625, a variety of experimental projects are in progress, and currently include

- High power radiofrequency (RF) transmission line component testing for ITER;
- Plasma material interaction experiments and plasma source development using the Prototype Materials Plasma Exposure experiment (Proto-MPEX);
- Microwave-assisted plasma processing of materials;
- High temperature superconductivity component and device testing;
- High power electron cyclotron transmission line testing for ITER;
- Electrothermal plasma source development; and
- Specialized helium and hydrogenic species pump testing for ITER.

A set of RF generators (from 3 to 80 MHz ranging from 20 kW to 500 kW steady state and up to 1.5 MW pulsed) and microwave sources (from 18 to 140 GHz at 8 to 400 kW steady state) support experimental operations. A microwave development laboratory, an electronics lab, a laser diagnostics lab, an electrical distribution room, and a small machine shop area provide experiment support. Experiment cooling is provided by a demineralized water system with a cooling tower capable of dissipating 4 MW steady state.

Building 7627 houses high voltage power supply systems supporting experimental operations in Building 7625. These include a pair of 90 kV gyrotron supplies (900 kW and 1.4 MW steady state), high current magnet power supplies, and a tunable 3-27 MHz, 1 MW, steady state RF transmitter. The incoming power capacity is 48 MW, sufficient to power the current experimental demand with headroom for future experimental programs.

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A University of Tennessee Knoxville graduate student uses Laser Induced Break-down Spectroscopy in the Laser Diagnostics Lab to characterize the effects of exposing materials to plasmas



The Radio Frequency Test Facility for
Transmission Lines is used to provide high
voltage and high current conditions for testing
RF transmission line components consistent with
6 MW steady state operation for up to 1 hour

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