



## *U.S. Fusion Energy Sciences Program*

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**Excellent Science in Support of Attractive Energy**

## *U.S. Fusion Energy Sciences Program Mission*

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“Advance **plasma science, fusion science**, and **fusion technology**-- the **knowledge base** needed for an **economically** and **environmentally attractive** fusion energy source.”

# ***National Energy Policy***

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## **National Energy Policy**



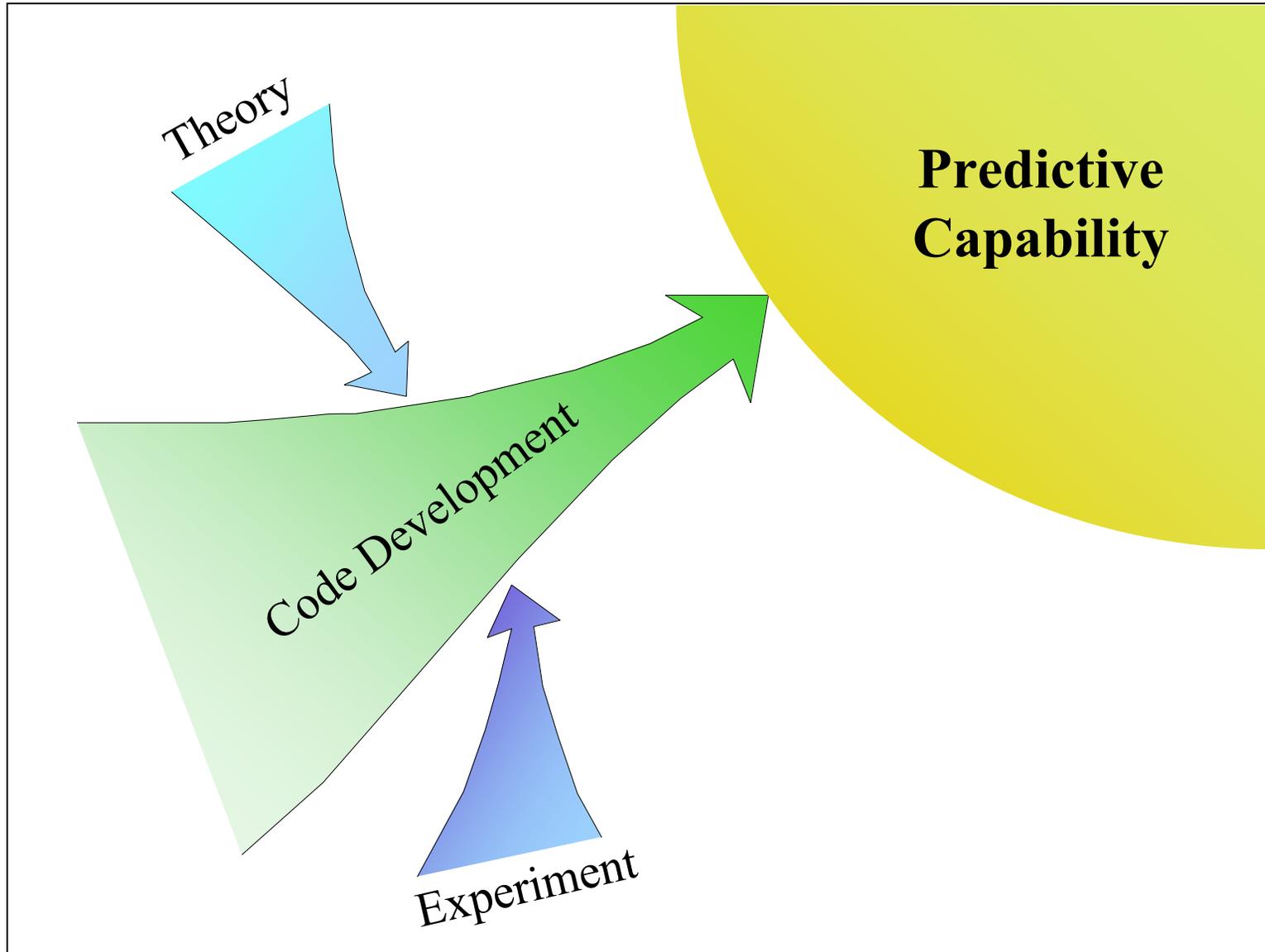
Report of the  
National Energy Policy Development Group

May 2001

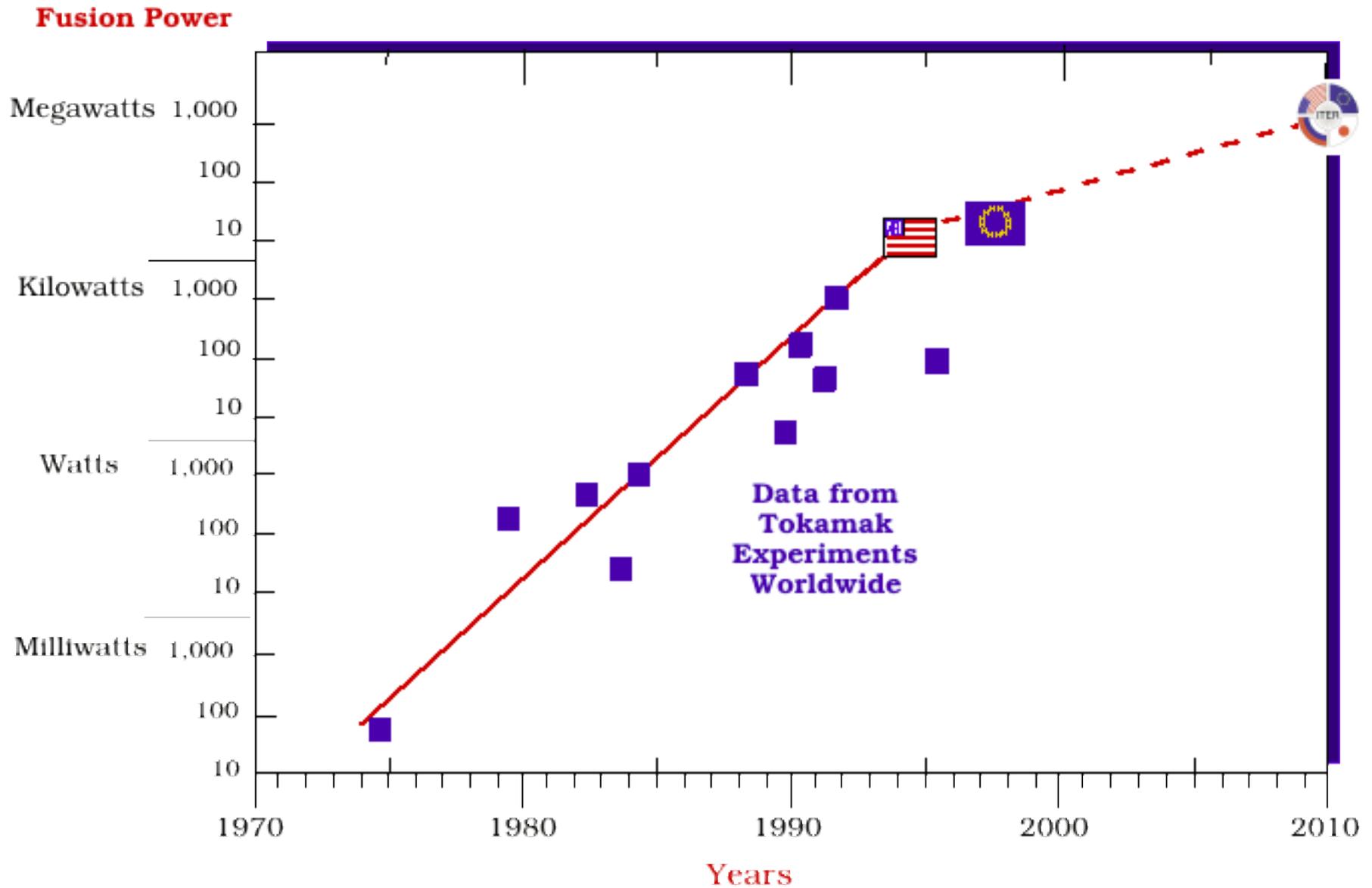
"The NEPD Group recommends that the President direct the Secretary of Energy to develop next-generation technology--including hydrogen and **fusion**."

# ***Objective of the U.S. Fusion Energy Sciences Program***

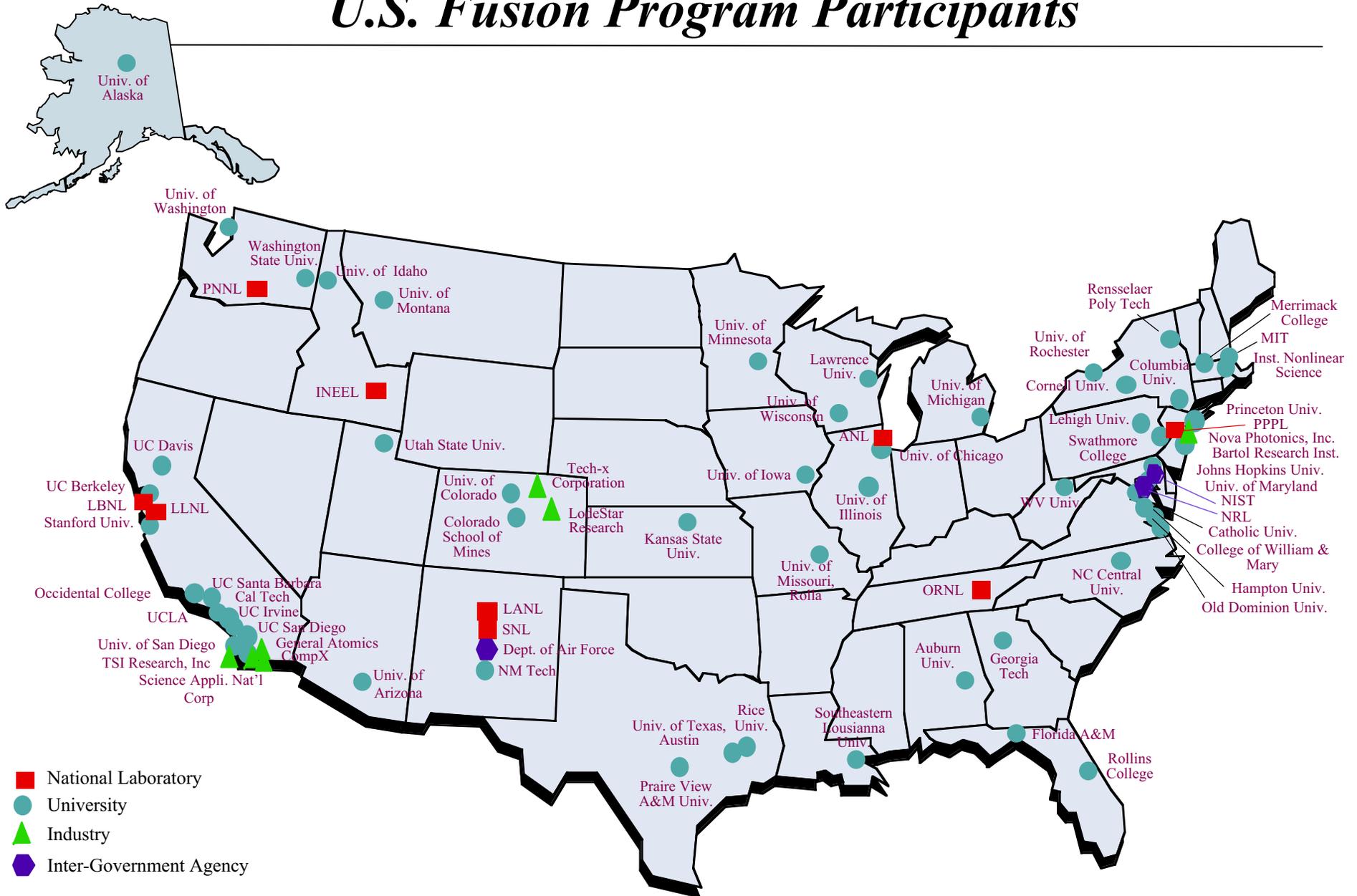
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# *Progress in Magnetic Fusion Research*

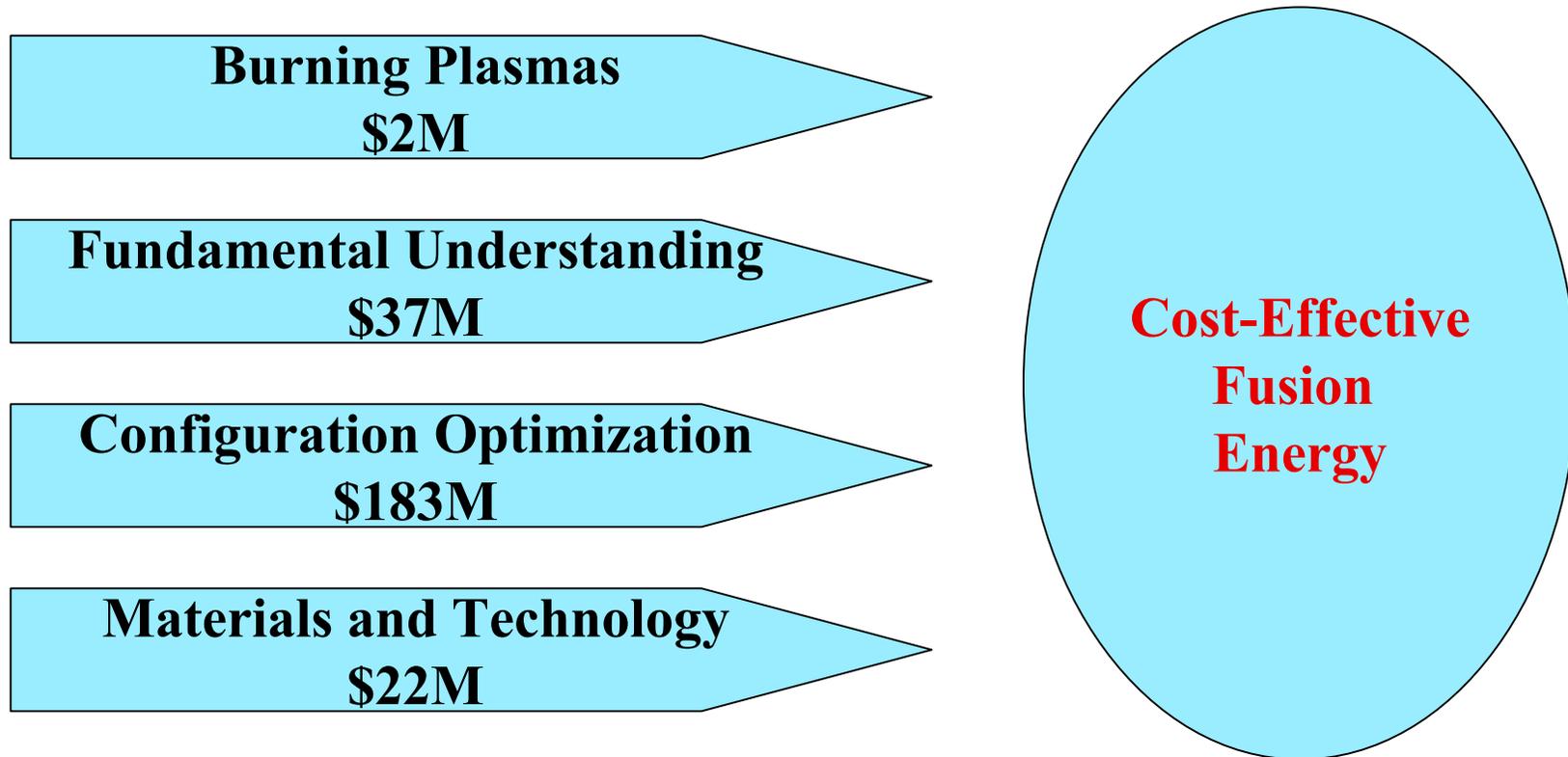


# U.S. Fusion Program Participants



# *Four Thrust Areas are Required for Practical Magnetic Fusion Energy*

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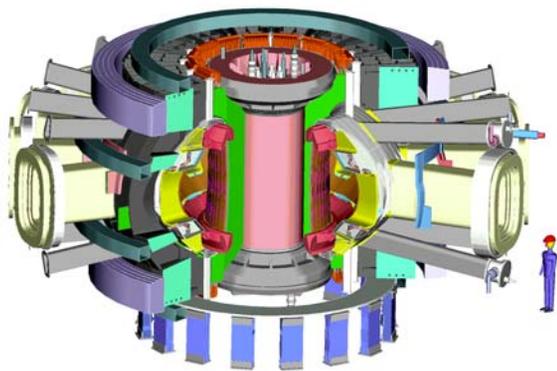
**Areas defined by the  
Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee.**

# *Burning Plasma Physics*

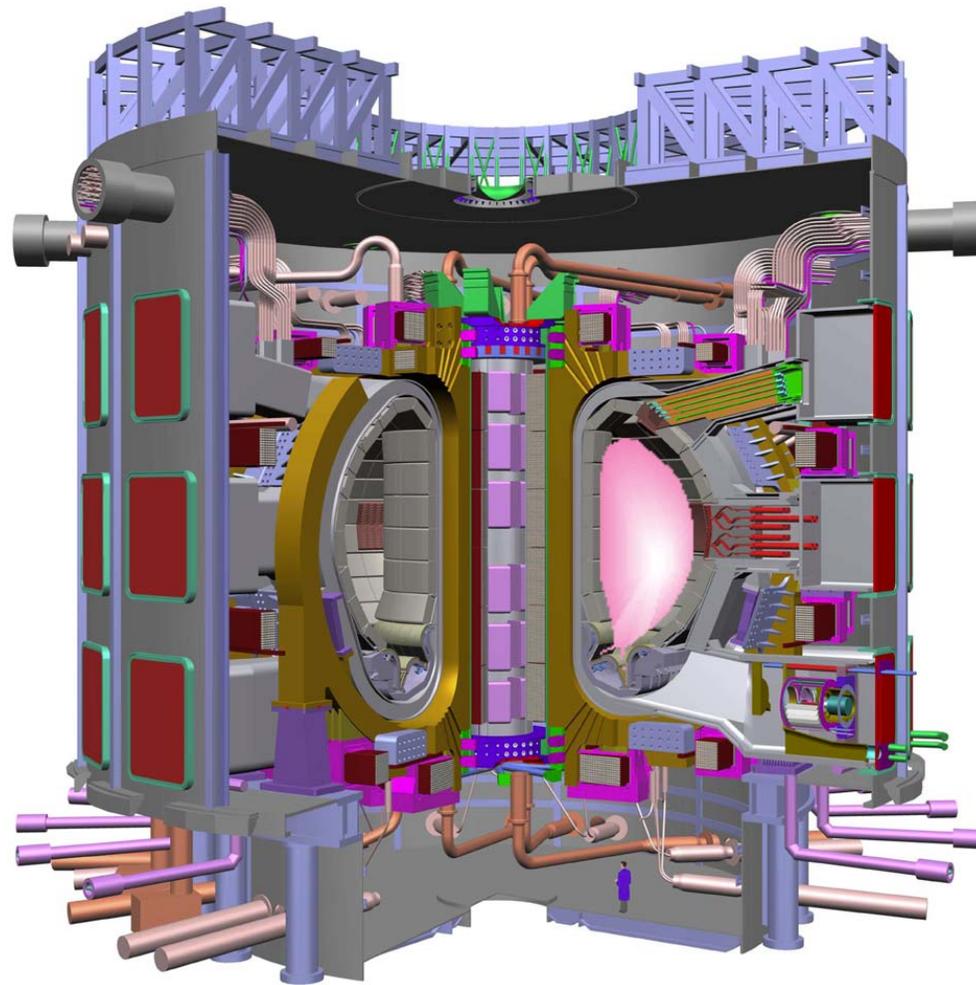
## *The Next Frontier*

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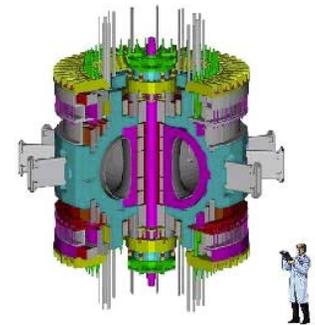
Three Options  
(Different Scales)



FIRE



ITER

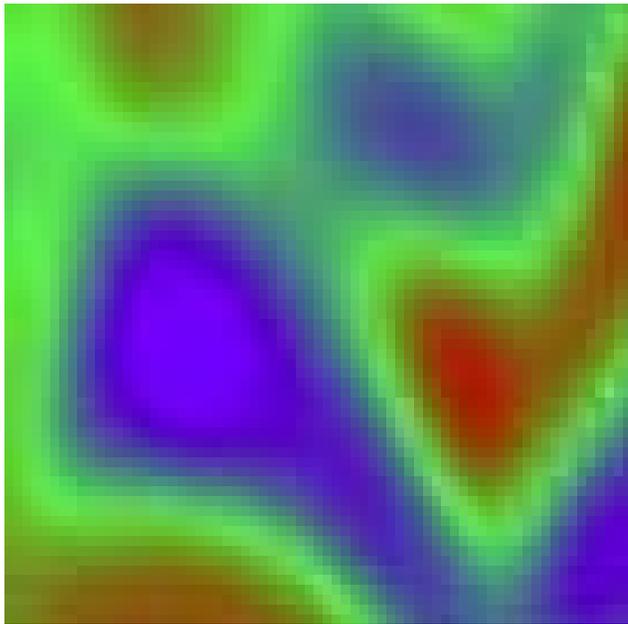


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# *Scientific Understanding of Fusion Plasmas has Increased Dramatically*

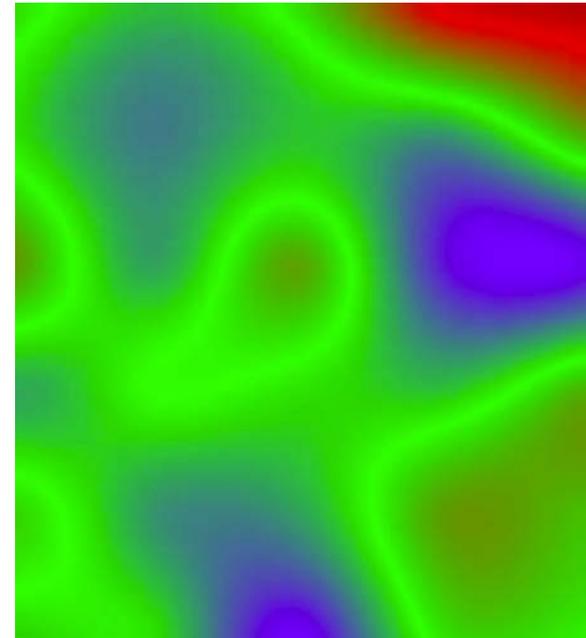
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## Advanced Computing



Simulation of turbulence in magnetic fusion plasma.

## Plasma Measurements



Fast imaging of plasma turbulence.

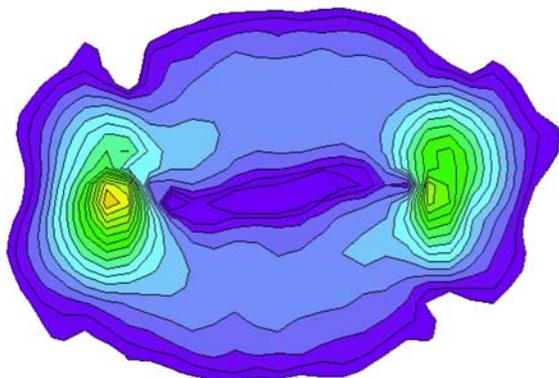
**Goal:** Practical fusion energy through high-quality science.

# Scientific Discovery Thru Advanced Computing

## Three Principal Projects

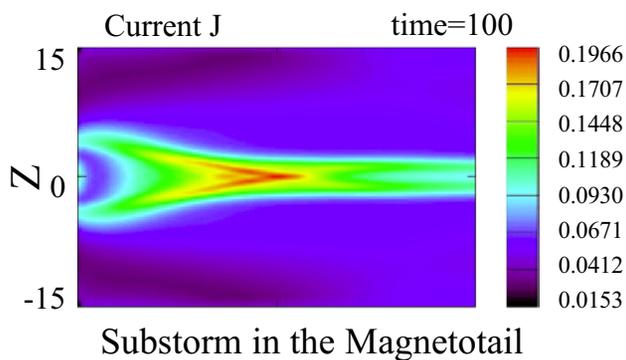
### Terascale Atomic Physics

Auburn, Rollins, ORNL



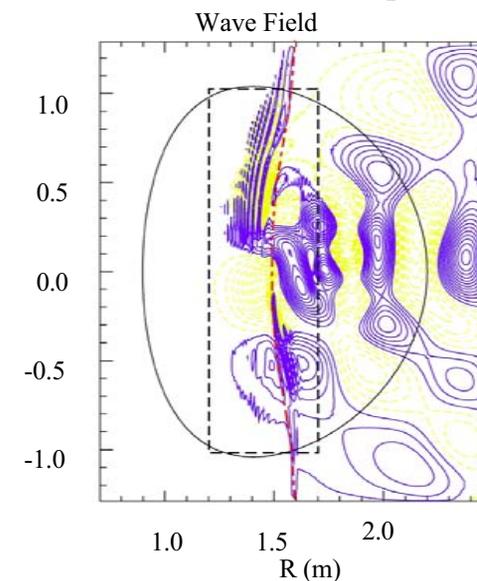
### Magnetic Reconnection Code

U. Iowa, U. Chicago, U. Texas

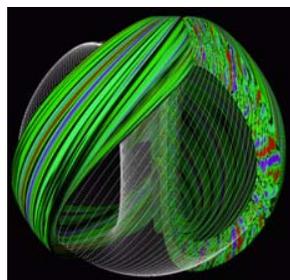


### Computation of Wave Plasma Interactions

ORNL, PPPL, MIT,  
Lodestar, CompX

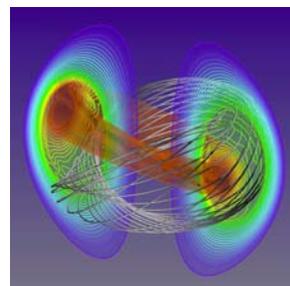


## Two Pilot Projects



### Plasma Microturbulence

LLNL, GA, PPPL, U.  
Maryland, U. Texas,  
U. Colorado, UCLA



### Extended MHD Modeling

PPPL, SAIC, U. Wisconsin, NYU, U.  
Colorado, MIT, Utah State U., GA,  
LANL, U. Texas

# ***General Plasma Science***

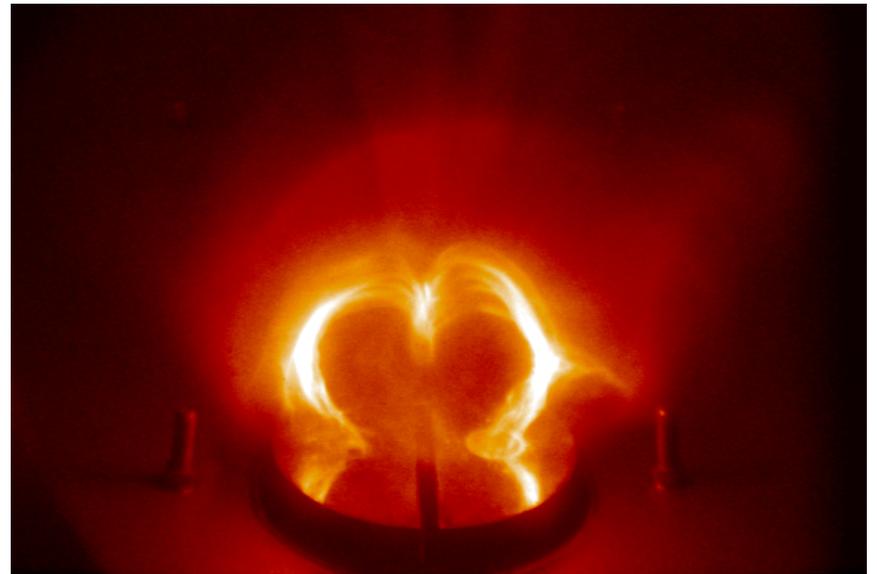
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Since its inception, there have been 15 Plasma Physics Junior Faculty Development Program Awards (+1 in cooperation with NSF)



**Dense Z Pinch**  
University of Nevada-Reno

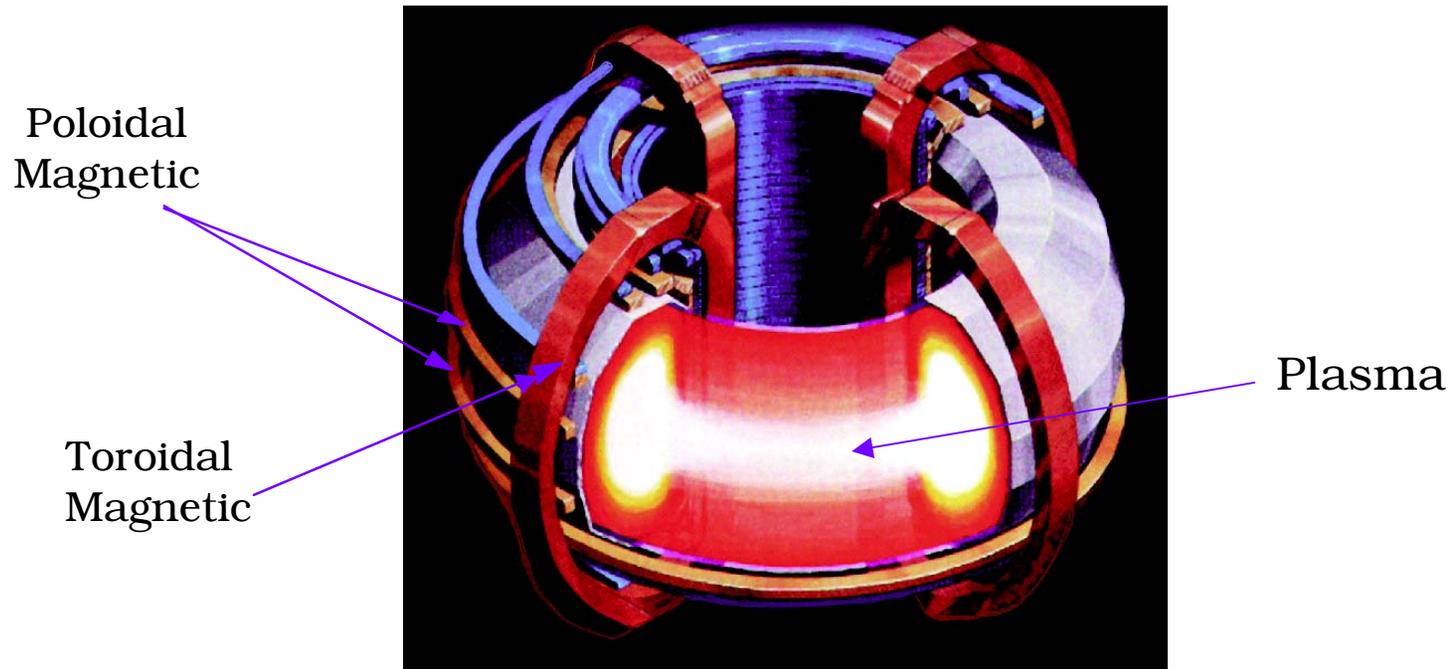
There are presently 34 NSF/DOE grants under the partnerships in Basic Plasma Science and Engineering Awards



**Laboratory Simulation of  
Solar Prominences**  
California Institute of Technology

# *The Tokamak -- The Workhorse of Fusion Science*

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## Science Issues

Configuration Stability

Confinement and Transport

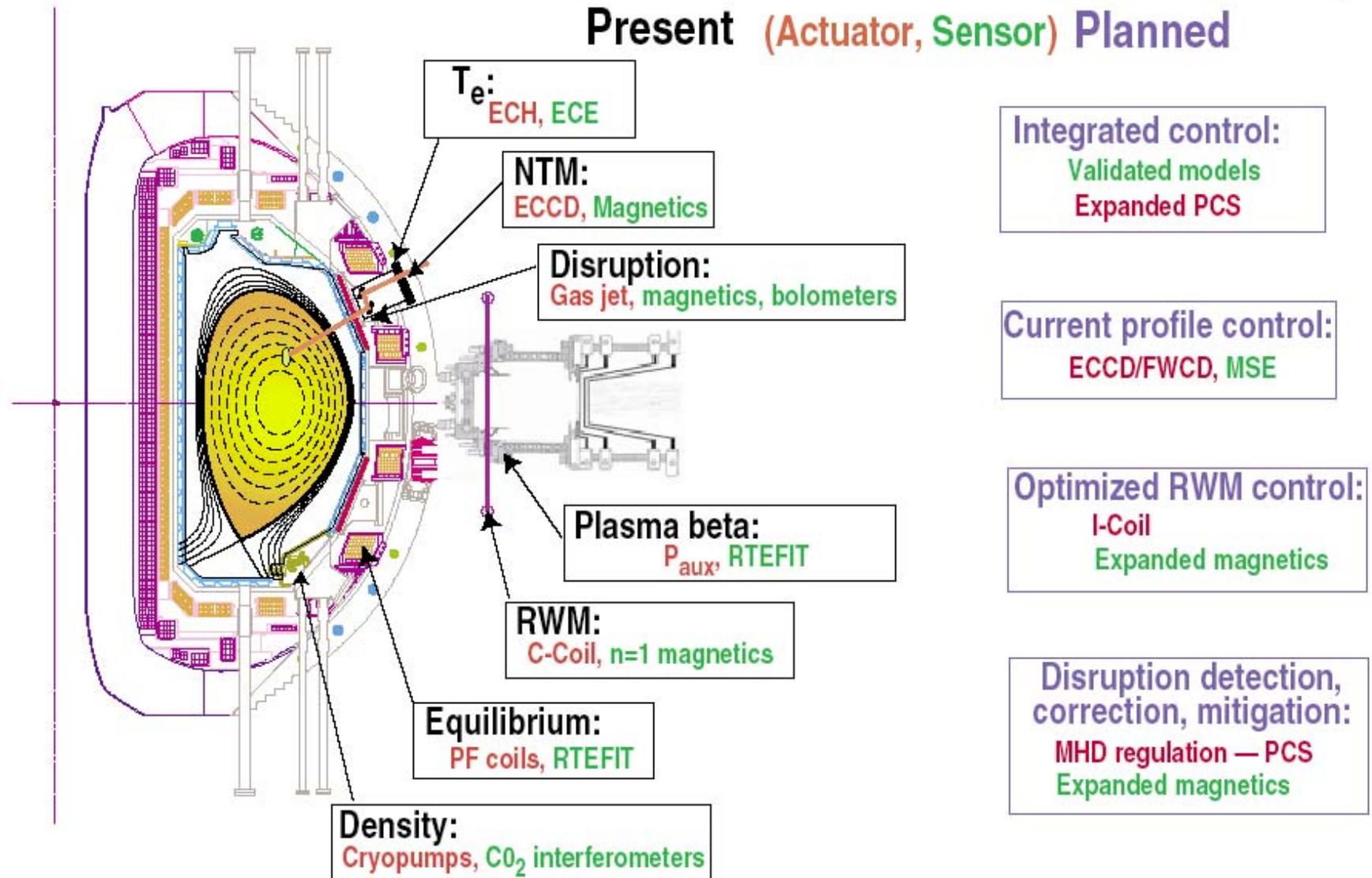
Heating, Fueling, Current Drive

Boundary Physics

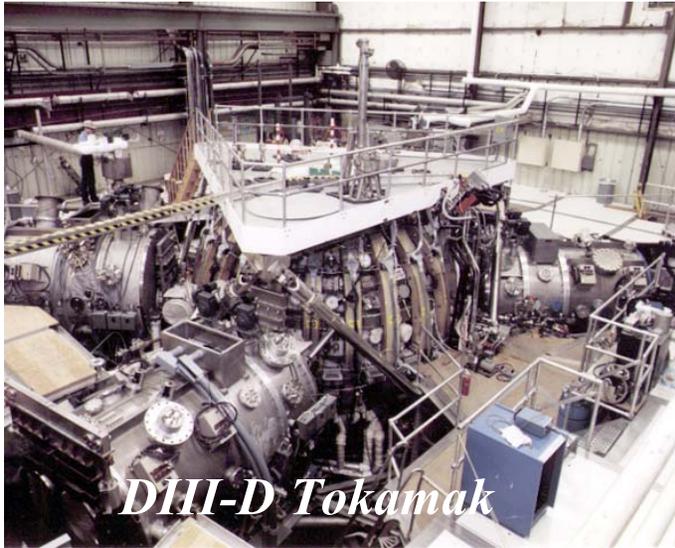
Integration

Burning Plasma Physics

# A NEW ERA IN PLASMA CONTROL: KEY TO THE DIII-D AT PROGRAM



# Major U.S. Magnetic Fusion Facilities



*DIII-D Tokamak*

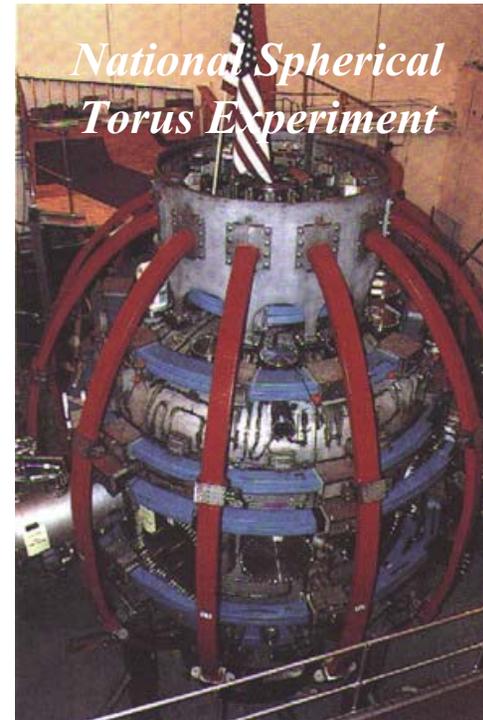
**General  
Atomics**

Doublet III  
Started  
Operations  
In 1978

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
C-MOD Started Operations  
in October 1991



*Alcator C-MOD*

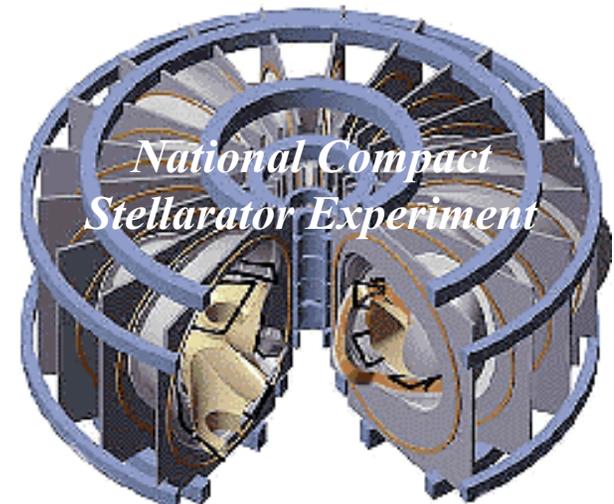


*National Spherical  
Torus Experiment*

**Princeton  
Plasma  
Physics  
Laboratory**  
NSTX started  
Operations in  
1999

**Princeton  
Plasma  
Physics  
Laboratory**

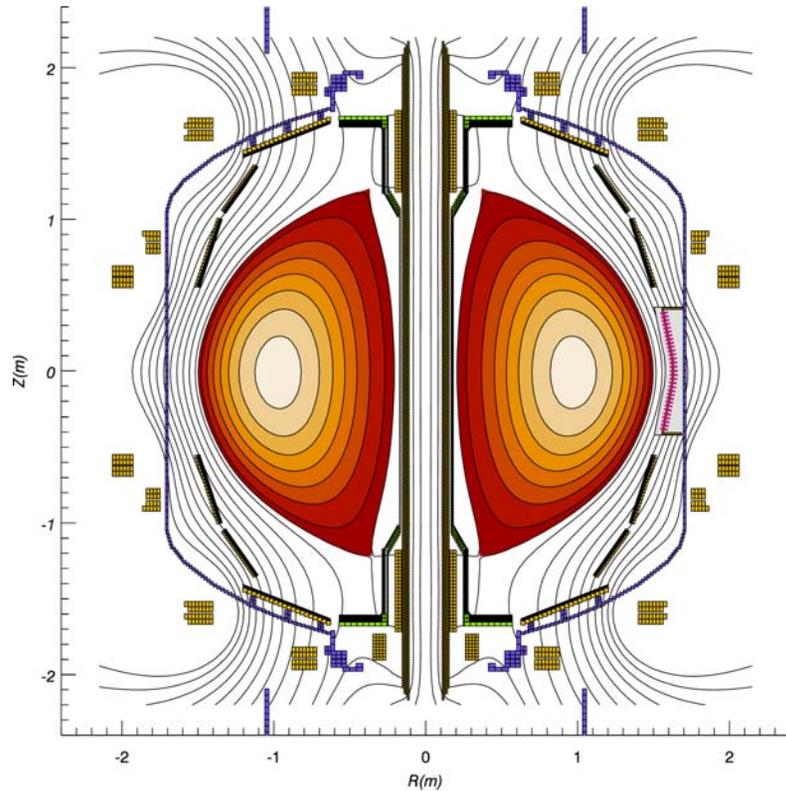
NCSX  
Fabrication:  
FY 2003-2007



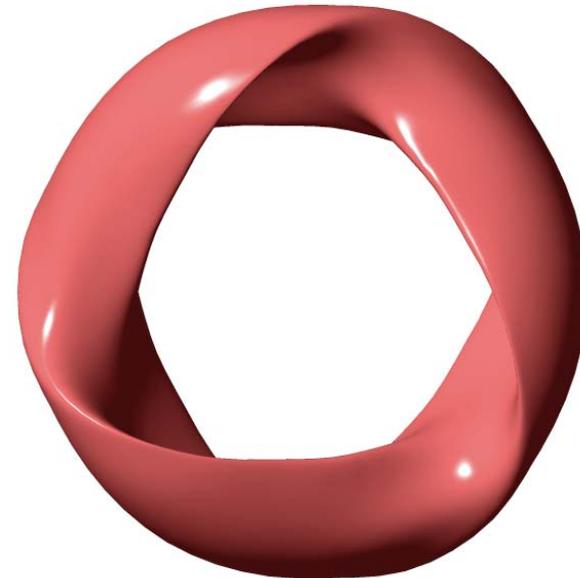
*National Compact  
Stellarator Experiment*

# *Variations of the Toroidal Plasma Configuration Address Key Fusion Issues*

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Spherical Torus offers high fusion power density at low magnetic field.



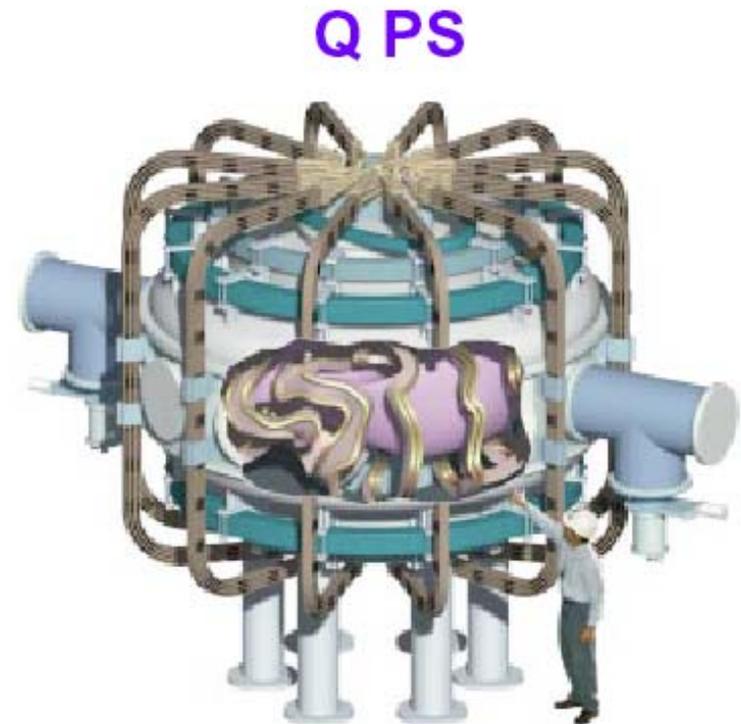
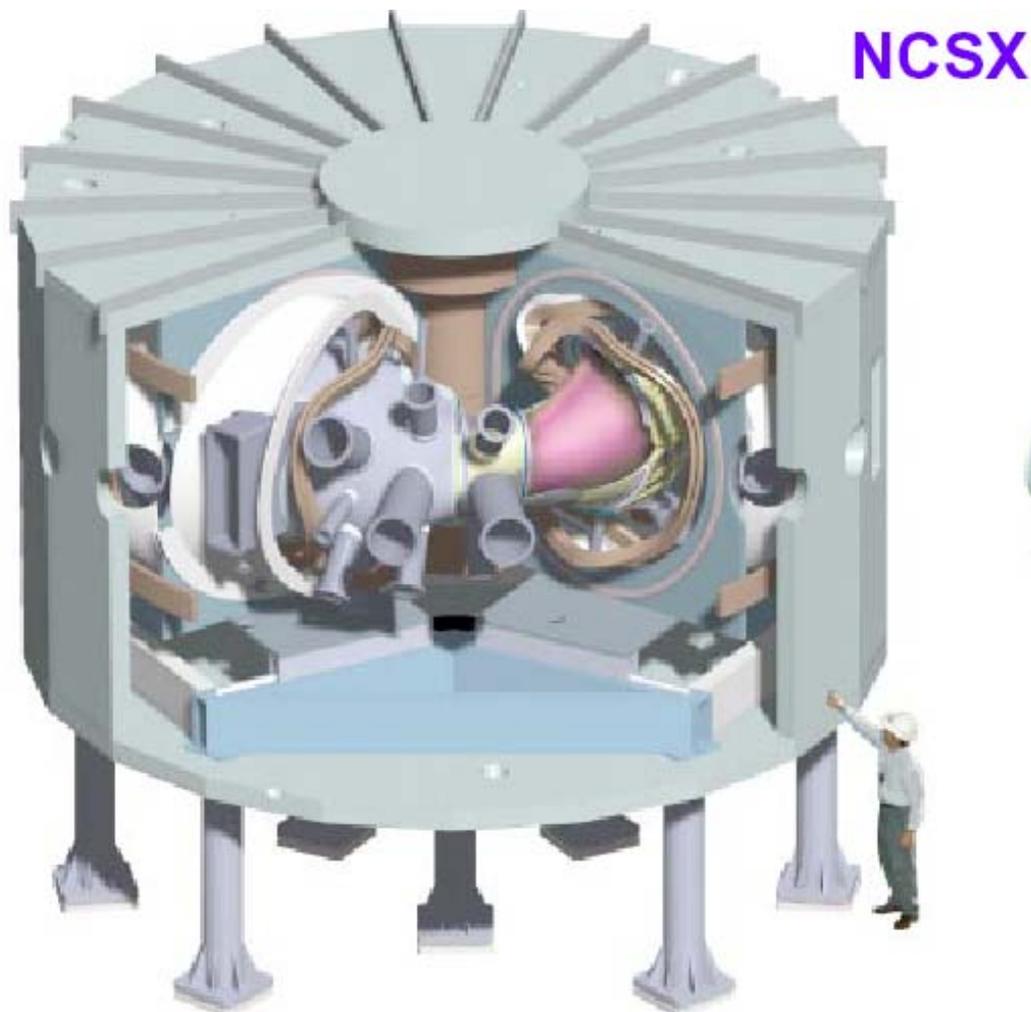
Compact Stellarator design optimizes plasma stability and steady-state properties.

**Goal:** Combine with ITER results for better fusion energy.

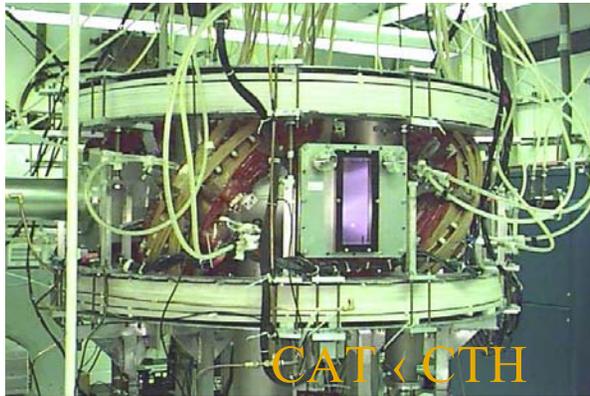
# *The U.S. is Planning Two Compact Stellarators*

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Different configuration and design approaches are used



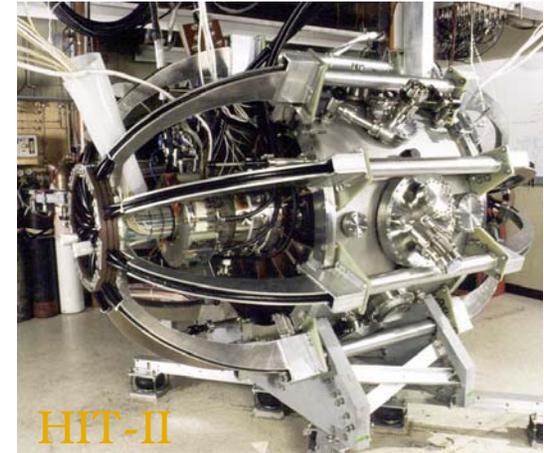
# *Innovative Confinement Concepts*



**Compact Auburn Torsatron becoming  
Compact Toroidal Hybrid**  
Auburn University, Auburn Alabama



**Levitated Dipole Experiment**  
Columbia University/Massachusetts  
Institute of Technology



**Helicity Injected Torus-II Experiment**  
University of Washington, Seattle



**Sustained Spheromak  
Plasma Experiment**  
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory



**Electric Tokamak**  
University of California, Los Angeles

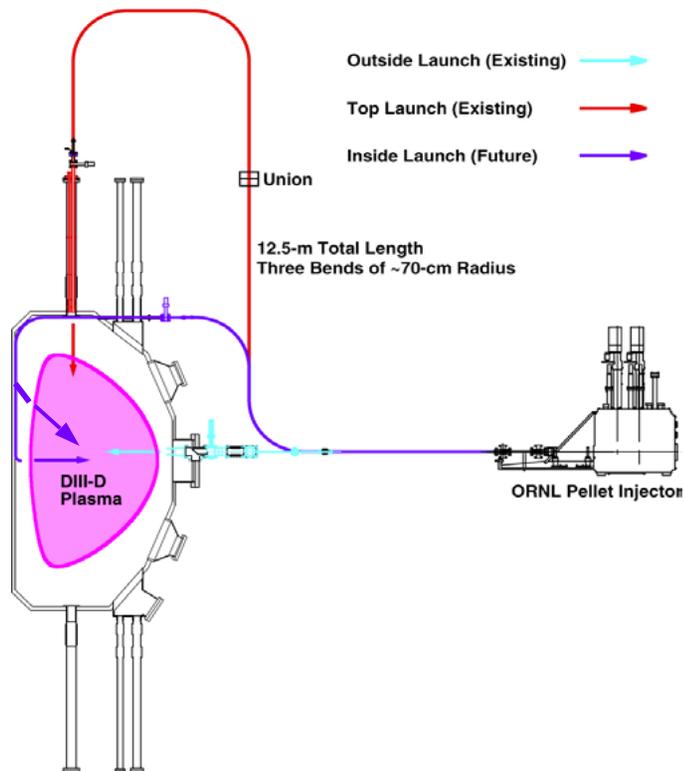


**Helically Symmetric Experiment**  
University of Wisconsin, Madison

# Enabling Technologies Program

100 GHz Gyrotron Tube (1MW power in 1 second pulse) for Plasma Heating and Control

Pellet Injector in DIII-D for Plasma Fueling



DiMES probe in DIII-D provides data on plasma material interactions



# *Inertial Fusion Energy*

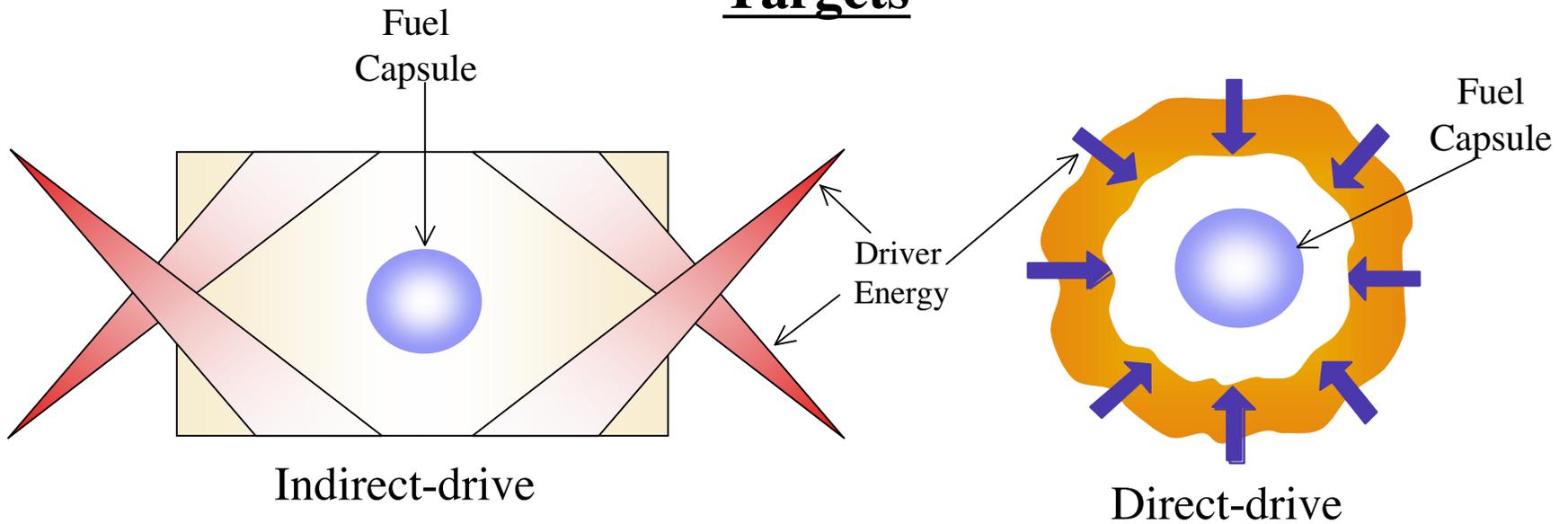
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- o Defense Programs **conducting high energy density physics** using OMEGA, and NIKE lasers; National Ignition Facility under construction; results are used by Science in designing energy producing targets
- o SC developing **components** for energy applications, especially accelerator-based driver and target chamber technologies
- o Developing **international collaboration** through bilateral agreements

# *Inertial Fusion Energy Options*

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## Targets



## Drivers

Heavy Ions  
KrF Laser  
Diode Pumped Solid State Laser  
Z Pinch

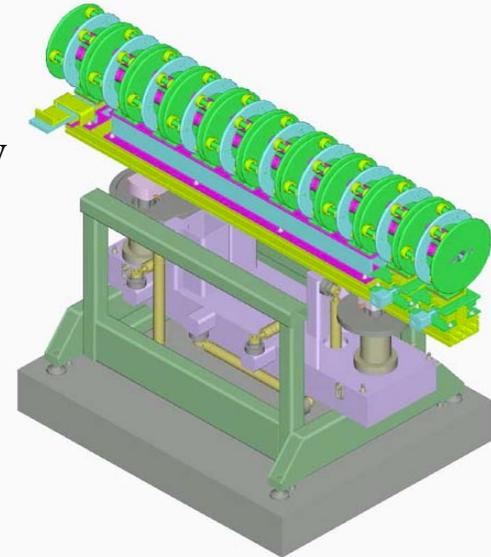
# *Inertial Fusion Energy Experimental Facilities*

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**Liquid wall chamber  
protection flow  
experiment**  
Georgia Tech

**Quadrupole Focusing  
Assembly for New Heavy  
Ion Beam Experiments**  
(Under construction at  
Lawrence Berkeley National  
Lab)



SIMPLFD REP: TEST-

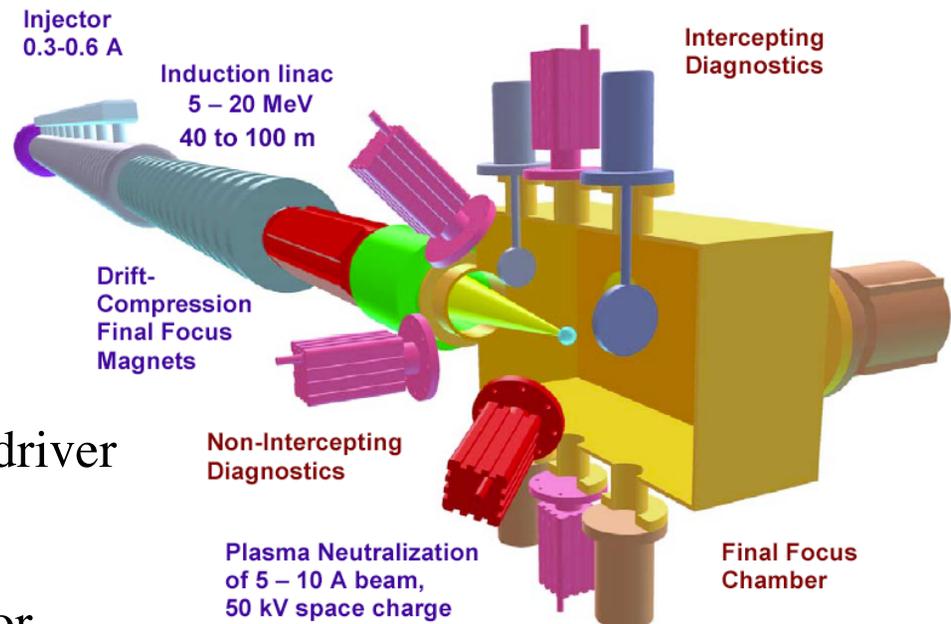


**Multi-beam  
Transport  
Experiment**  
Lawrence Berkeley  
National Lab

# *Integrated Beam Experiment*

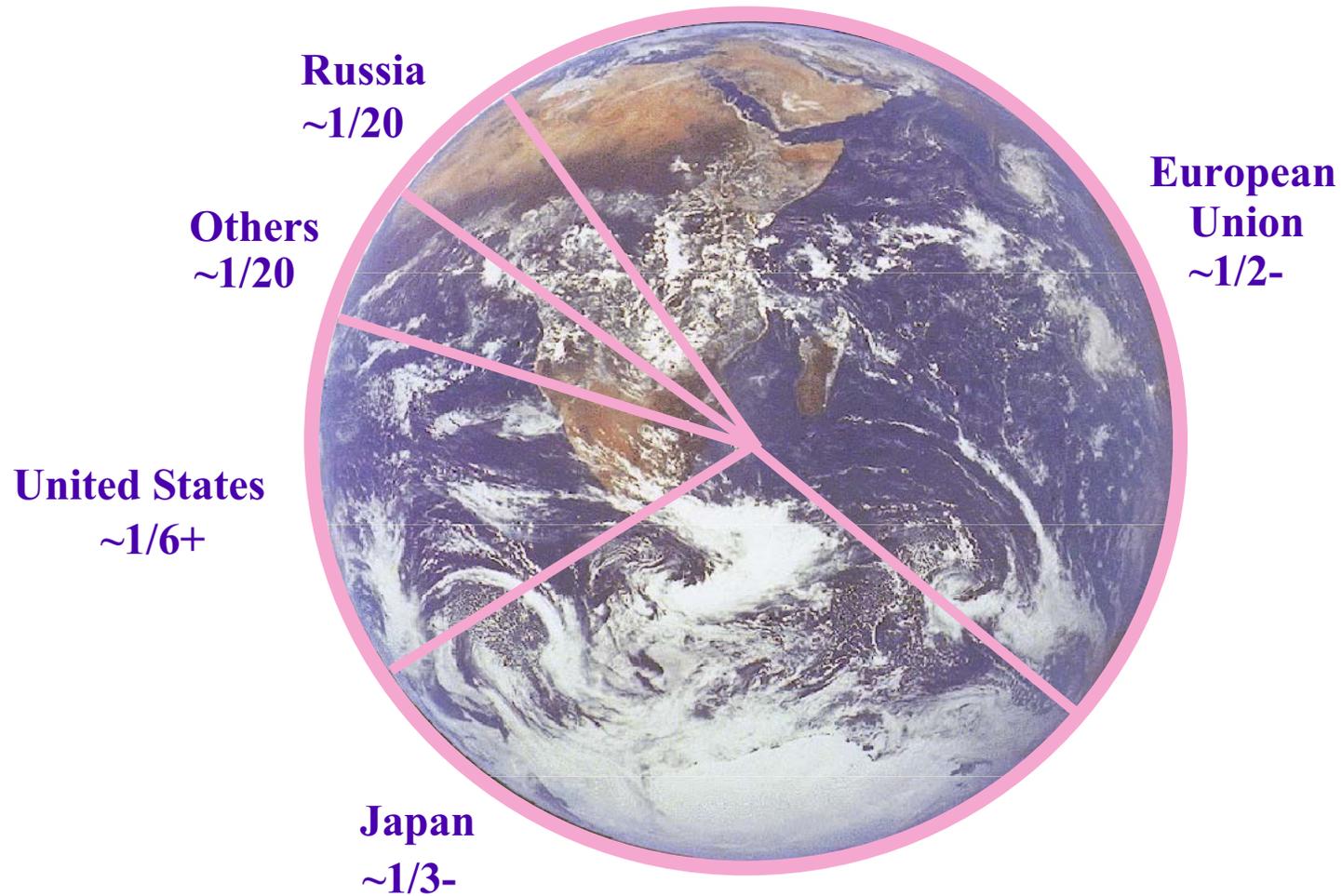
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- o TPC \$67M
- o Location LBNL
- o Build 2005 – 2009
- o Mission of IBX is to validate the physics of heavy ion beams with driver level currents, acceleration, beam shaping, pulse compression and focusing to spot sizes necessary for energy producing targets.
- o IBX is the first of 3 integrated facilities that conclude with the Inertial Engineering Test Facility that would demonstrate the viability of inertial fusion energy.
- o Will provide new insight into the behavior of **high** current beams that are essentially non-neutral plasmas that display a variety of instabilities.



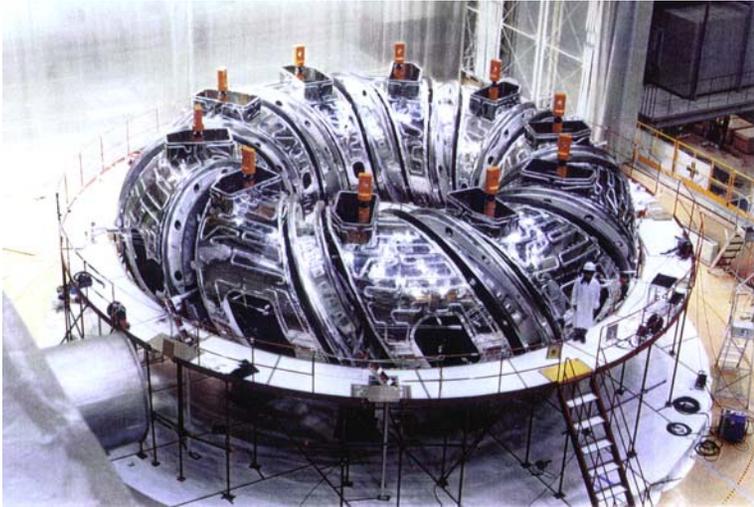
# *World Magnetic Fusion Effort (2001)*

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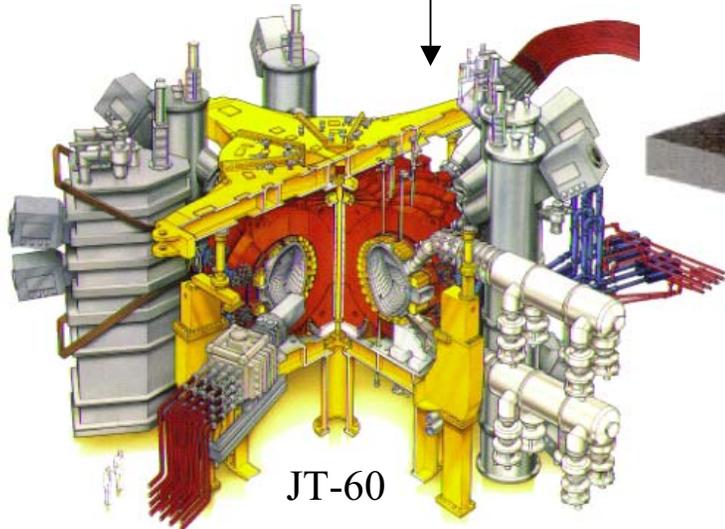
[Relative levels based on published budgets, rough estimates of personnel not included in budgets and rough conversions to dollars]

# Major International Facilities

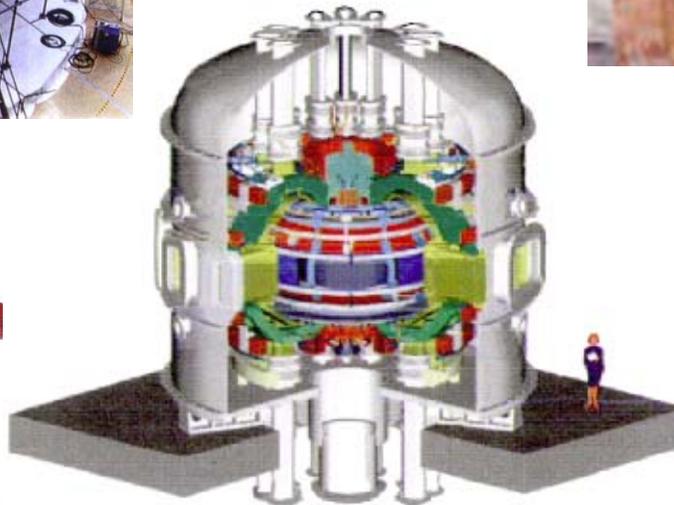


Large Helical Device (LHD)

Japan



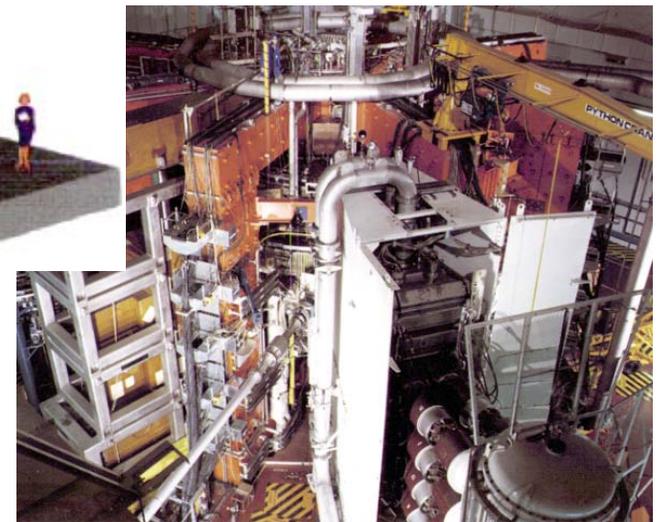
JT-60



KSTAR (Korea)

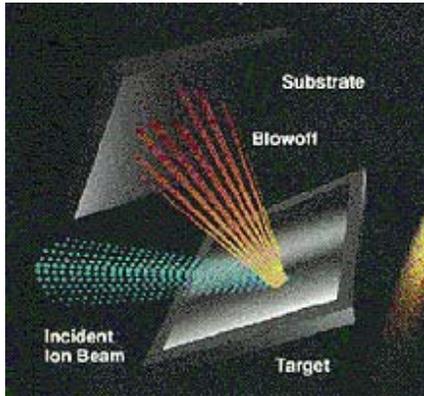


Wendelstein 7-X  
(Germany)



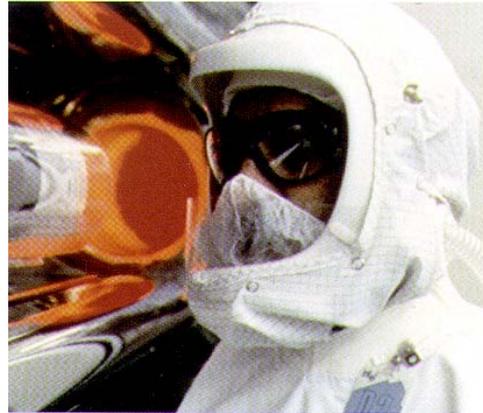
Joint European Torus (JET)

# Near-term Applications of Fusion Research



Coatings  
and Films

—  
Saturn Engines

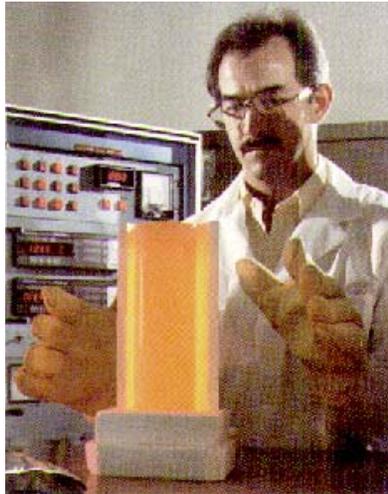


Plasma Processing  
of Chips and  
Circuits

—  
Computers

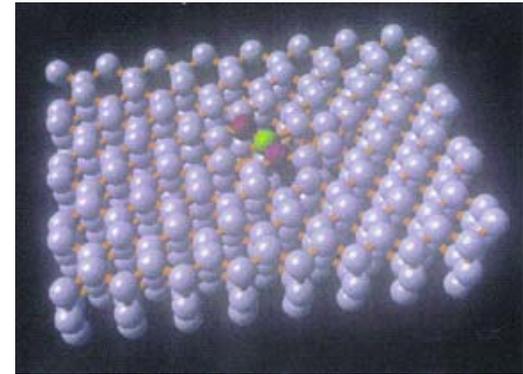
Waste  
Processing

—  
Cleaning  
Contaminated  
Surfaces



New  
Materials

—  
Carbon Fiber  
Composites



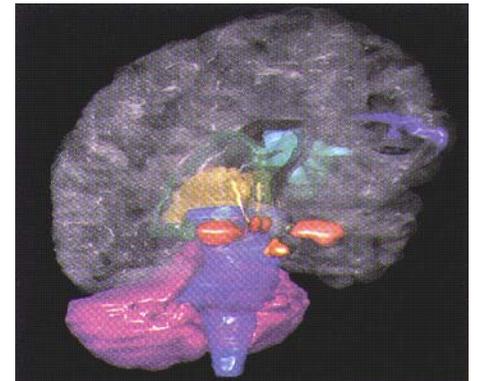
Plasma  
Electronics

—  
Flat Panel  
Displays



Biomedical  
Applications

—  
Artificial  
Hip Joints



# *FES Strategic Theme and Tactics*

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## **CREATING A STAR ON EARTH—PROVIDING A FUNDAMENTALLY NEW ENERGY SOURCE FOR ALL PEOPLE**

**BURNING PLASMAS:** Through international collaboration, explore self-heated fusion plasmas and demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion energy

**FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING:** Reveal complex plasma behavior across many orders of magnitude in space and time. Integrating theory, simulation and experimental results, develop a predictive capability for fusion energy systems

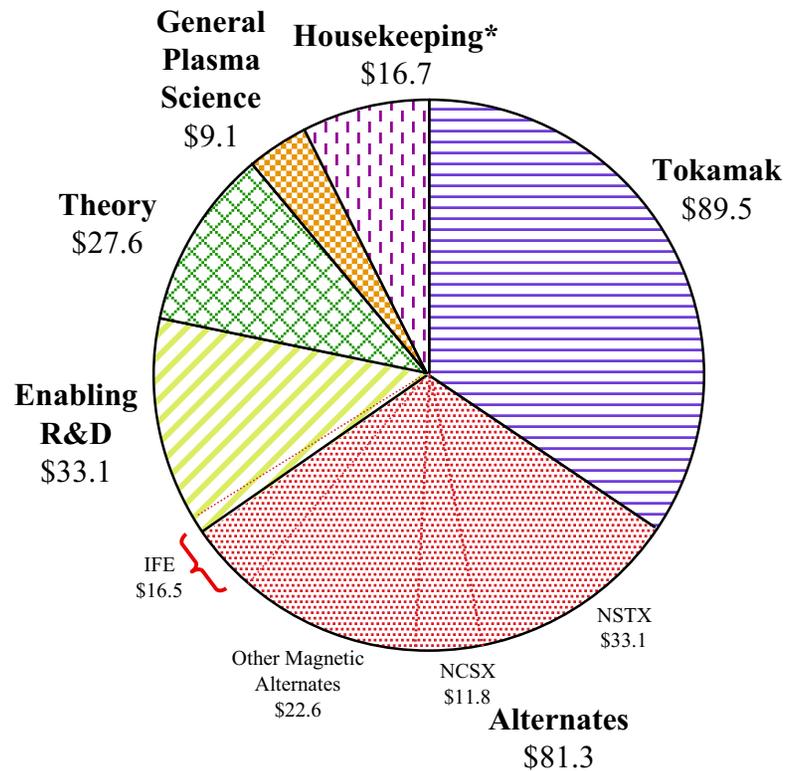
**CONFIGURATION OPTIMIZATION:** Explore a wide range of innovative approaches to confining hot plasmas for ultimate fusion energy systems, including both MFE and IFE concepts

**MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY:** Use modeling, nanotechnology, and neutron irradiation to develop materials and energy conversion systems for fusion applications, in order to maximize environmental & economic aspects of fusion energy systems

# *Fusion Energy Sciences Budget*

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FY 2003  
Congressional  
**\$257.3 M**



\* Housekeeping includes SBIR/STTR, GPE/GPP, TSTA cleanup, D-Site caretaking at PPPL, HBCU, Education, Outreach, ORNL Move, and Reserves

## *OFES FY 2003 Budget Status*

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**Request**

**\$257,310,000**

**House**

**\$248,495,000**

**Senate**

**\$259,310,000**