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# INFUSE FY2024 Workshop

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INFUSE Program Updates February 27, 2024

### **INFUSE Overview**

The mission of INFUSE is to provide private-sector fusion companies access to the expertise and facilities of DOE's national laboratories and (since FY2022) U.S. academic institutions to overcome critical scientific and technological hurdles in pursuing development of fusion energy.

#### **AWARDS**

- **90** projects funded since 2019 with a total value of **\$19.3M**
- Awards were made to 28 private companies partnering with **10** DOE labs and 11 U.S. Universities.
- Detailed list: https://infuse.ornl.gov/wp-

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#### PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES















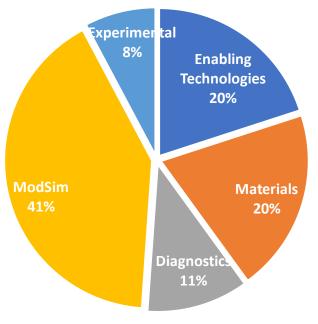








#### **Awarded Topical Areas**



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- **Enabling Technologies**
- **Materials Science**
- Plasma Diagnostics
- Modeling and Simulation
- **Unique Fusion Experimental** Capabilities
- Paths to Commercialization



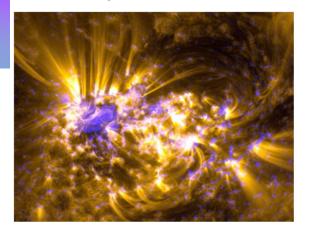
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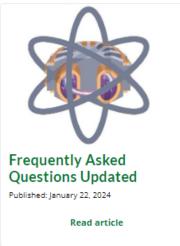


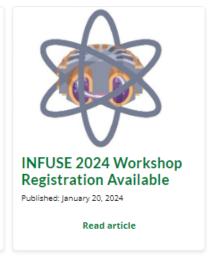
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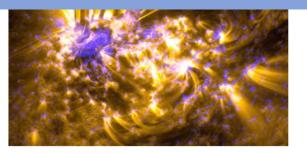








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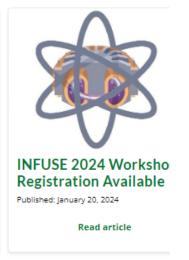


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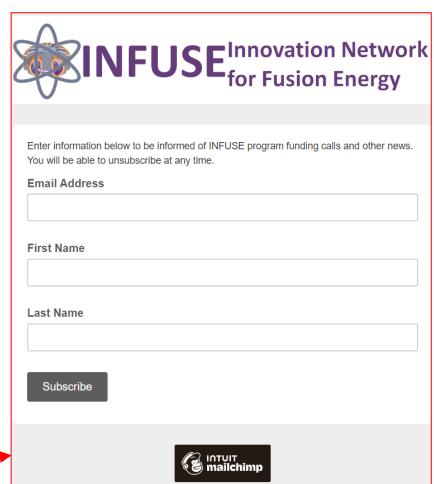








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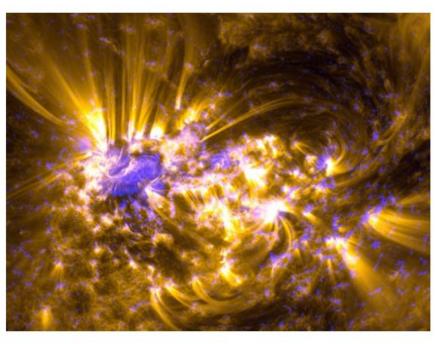
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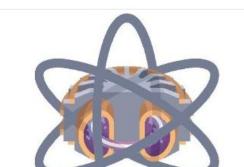
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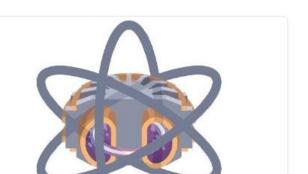
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## INFUSE Web Site – University Contacts Directory



#### Join the University Contacts Directory

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**Manage Your Profile** 



- The Library has been organized better into coherent informational areas.
- This includes National Lab Capabilities and University Contacts.
- If a University faculty member would like to be added to this directory, there is a link at the bottom of the contacts page.

### **INFUSE Schedule**

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Nov. 9, 2023 Mini-workshop

➤ Dec. 11, 2023 RFA posted

➤ Dec. 14, 2023 Webinar

➤ Jan. 3 RFA submission opened

Feb. 16 RFA submissions closed

> Feb. 27-28 In-person Workshop (PPPL)

Mid-June Award Announcement Expected

➤ Sep. 1 Work Start Date



### What We Need From You

- In order to communicate INFUSE success stories to stakeholders . . .
  - Describe technical impact
    - Artifacts generated (papers, patents, etc.)
    - Technical readiness demonstrated / matured
    - Risks mitigated
  - Describe business impact
    - Progress towards company objectives
    - Input into other funding opportunities
    - Risks mitigated



# Divertor Component Testing

Partner	Company
Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Commonwealth Fusion Systems
Dr. Travis Gray	Dr. Adam Kuang Dr. Matthew Reinke

#### Project Summary:

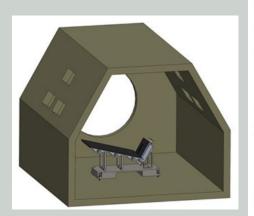
Execute high heat flux testing of the base material being considered for SPARC at representative loads.

#### Fusion Impact:

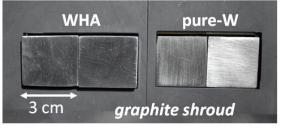
Qualified the use of tungsten heavy alloy (WHA) - 97% W, 2% Ni, 1% Fe by weight, for use in tokamaks under higher heat fluxes than previously assessed and documented failure mechanisms relative to pure tungsten.

#### Business/Market Impact:

Potential cost savings to future devices as tungsten heavy alloy has significantly lower machining cost relative to pure tungsten. Material properties also enable larger components, thus reducing part count.









Left: Model and actual test stand. Top: Before and after images of the test samples.

Period of Performance:

3/2020 - 3/2021



# Some upcoming activities (1)

- Special issue of Fusion Science & Technology on public-private partnerships
  - GUEST EDITORS
    - Arnold Lumsdaine (lumsdainea@ornl.gov)
    - Ales Necas (anecas@tae.com)
  - > To express interest, email the guest editors or fst@ans.org
  - Or to submit, scan the QR code and select "Public-Private

Partnerships Special Issue"







# Some upcoming activities (2)

- TechConnect World
  - Special Symposium on Supply Chain Challenges for the Commercialization of Fusion Energy, June 17-19, 2024 in Washington, DC
  - Abstract submission due date March 6
  - Confirmed participants:
    - Commonwealth Fusion Systems, Realta, Thea Energy, Focused Energy, SHINE
    - Pfeiffer Vacuum, Equans, CosyLab, Kyoto Fusioneering
    - STEP (UKAEA) Oak Ridge National Laboratory, US ITER, Fusion Industry Association, EPRI









# Questions?



