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Welcome



Virtual Attendee Protocol

→ We will be recording this meeting

→ You will be muted; Use chat box for questions & comments

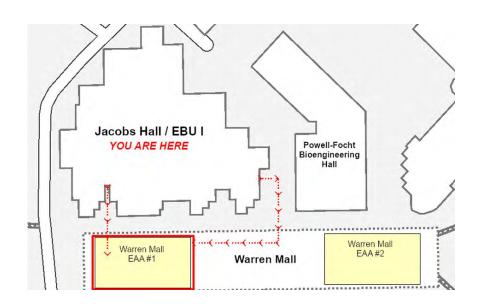
→ We will create a Zoom room for the discussion portion of the meeting, please turn on your cameras at that time.





Safety Protocols

- → Please note the exit doors
- → Evacuation area is the lawn outside the front doors
- → Please find a UC San Diego team member for assistance



Agenda

JACOBS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING Corporate Affiliates Program

CAP Executive Board Vice Chairwoman Welcome

Shariga Dowla

Director of Software Engineering, Cubic Transportation Systems

5:05-5:15pm **Internship Presentation**

5:00-5:05pm

5:15-5:30pm

5:30-5:50pm

5:50-6:20pm

6:20-6:30pm

6:30pm

DRS Daylight Solutions

Dean's Report

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Associate Dean for Research, Jacobs School of Engineering

Engineering Opportunities in Fusion Energy Javier Garay

Professor, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Director, Fusion Engineering Institute

CAP Executive Input

CAP Business

Wil Dyer

Adjournment

Director, Corporate Affiliates Program



Welcome New CAP Partners







Welcome Guests

Autodesk
Illumina
Saab
Sumitomo Heavy Industries



CAP Partner Milestones

20+ years































CAP Partner Milestones

15 years









10 years







CAP Partner Milestones

5 years













Welcome DRS Daylight Solutions Intern



DRS Daylight Solutions Internship Presentation

By Anastasia Egoudine

Project Overview:

Thermal Chamber

- Heating and Cooling
 Common Testing Temp:40C to 70C
- Characterize laser performance over temperature
 - Laser shoots out of chamber to measure pointing



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Thermal Chamber Hole:

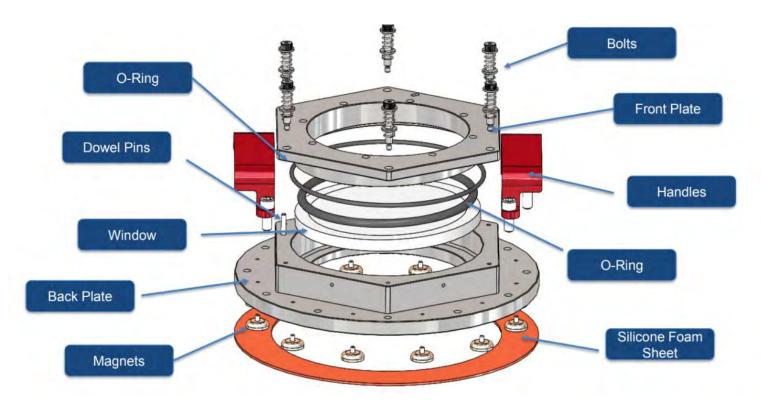


Requirements:

- Prevent condensation
- Compatible with variety of thermal chambers without reducing clear aperture
- Compatible with a variety of beam sizes and colors



CAD Model:



My Design:

N-BK7 Window

Wavelength: 350nm-2.2um

Cost: \$340.26



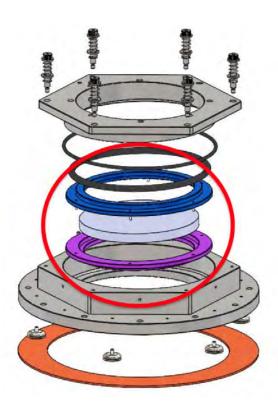
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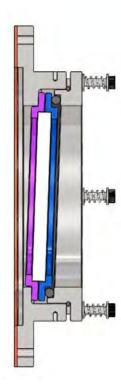
ex. ISP Calcium Fluoride Window Wavelength: 300 - 8000 nm

I am using a different wavelength laser and need to use a different window! What do I do?







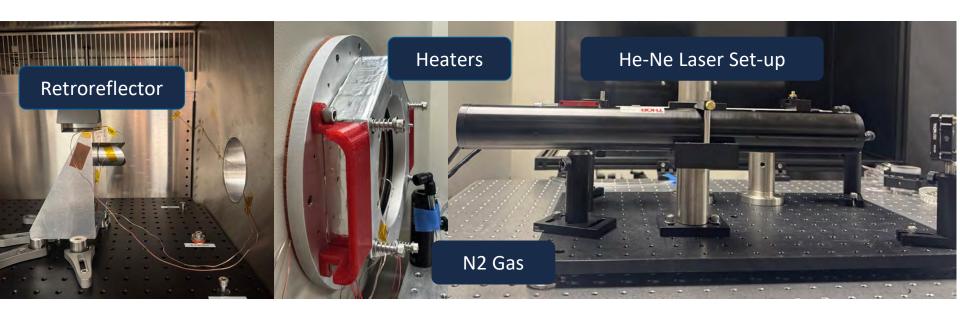


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Testing

Testing:

- 1. Reduce Noise at 70C
- 2. Prevent Condensation at 40C

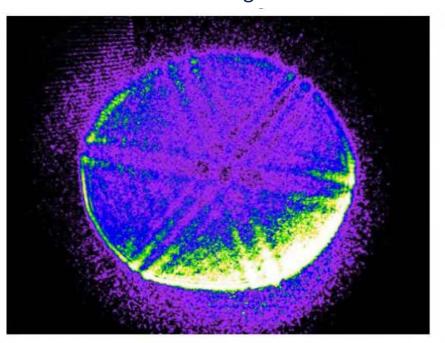


Test 1: Noise Reduction esults

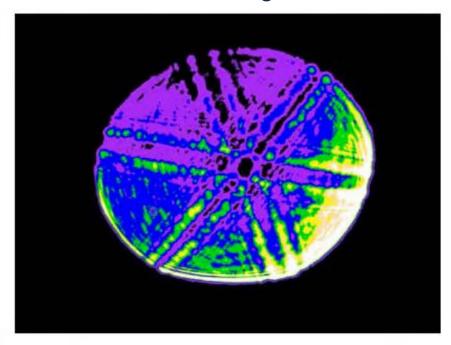
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Test 2: Condensation Preventionesults

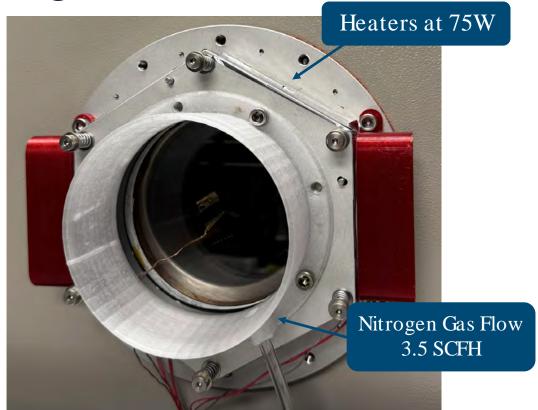
Heater and Nitrogen: OFF



Heater and Nitrogen: ON

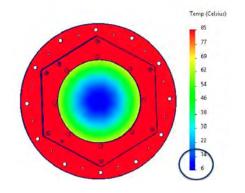


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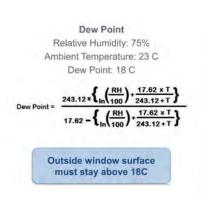


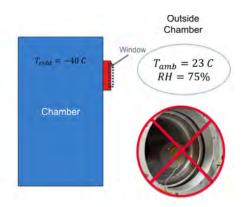
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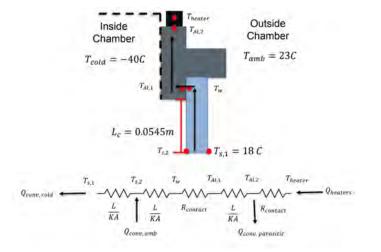
- Solidworks CAD
- Solidworks Thermal Simulation
- Heat Transfer Calc
- Dew Point Calc
- Tolerancing
- Designing for Manufacturing
- Software: ThorCam, DAQami, TIM Connect











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Thank you!

Thank you to Edmund Lau, Jake Lesher, Chris Lai, DRS Daylight Solutions, and UC San Diego

Dean's Report



Bill Lin

Associate Dean for Research, Jacobs School of Engineering

Unprecedented Era for Engineering



JACOBS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING Corporate Affiliates Program



AGENDA

- 1. Education & workforce initiatives
- 2. Research growth & highlights
- 3. Emerging industries: fusion energy



Top Ranked Undergraduate Programs



bioinformatics /
biotechnology
#1 public / #2 overall

biomedical
#3 public / #7 overall

cybersecurity
#4 public / #7 overall

computer systems
#6 public / #9 overall

programming languages (cs)

#5 public / #11 overall

computer science

#6 public / #12 overall

artificial intelligence (cs)

#7 public / #13 overall

computer science theory

#7 public / #14 overall

electrical engineering

#8 public / #13 overall

computer engineering

#9 public / #15 overall

Jacobs School of Engineering undergraduates overall

#10 public / #17 overall







We launched an NSF pilot program on semiconductor training

PI: Kiana Aran, Bioengineering

✓ Industry-Aligned Training

- Course plan developed with industry partner input and feedback
 - Partnered with SEMI University for course guidance

✓ Training Focus

- SEMI customized virtual training
- Nano3 hands on training at UCSD
- Summer internships
- Outcomes & Impact: Washington, DC Briefing

Co-investment model: Blend federal funding + industry contributions to sustain long-term impact.

- Sponsoring student cohorts
- Offering internships or mentorship
- Become an industry adviser

Gift Expands Efforts to Teach Engineering Problem Solving at Scale



- \$1.51M Gift from Girard Foundation
- The goal is to better prepare the region's technical workforce by teaching a wide range of students - as early as high school - to solve problems like engineers.
- The curriculum has been developed by educators and engineers at UC San Diego in collaboration with educators across the region.



https://extendedstudies.ucsd.edu/news-events/extended-studies-blog/gift-expands-uc-san-diego-efforts-to-teach-engineering-problem-solving-at-scale



We Opened New Bioengineering Labs!





- Doubled the capacity of our bioengineering hands-on educational labs
- Students can design a medical device, test it with living cells, and validate it in vivo
- This integrated workflow is the **first of its kind in the UC system**

6 New Faculty Hires





BIOENGINEERING

KOLADE ADEBOWALE Assistant Professor Ph.D. Stanford

Adebowale's lab seeks to integrate engineering design principles to cancer immunology to enable rational engineering and prediction of effective, next-generation immune cell therapies. Adebowale strives to understand how the complex functionality of the immune system arises from mechanical cues and simple biophysical principles.

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Previously: Postdoctoral Fellow Harvard University / Wyss Institute



BIOENGINEERING

ADAM FEIST Assistant Professor Ph.D. UC San Diego

Feist uses robotics, data and models to evolve and engineer microbes for biomanufacturing and biomedical discovery. His work builds smarter, faster ways to apply microbes in real-world industrial settings and to better understand their behavior.

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YIORGOS MAKRIS Professor Ph.D. UC San Diego

Makris' research focuses on applications of machine learning and formal methods in semiconductor design, manufacturing and testing. His work leverages domain-specific expertise, digital twin technology and the power of data to develop industrially-relevant solutions for optimizing quality, reliability, security and trust of integrated circuits.

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Previously: Professor, University of Texas at Dallas



SCIENCE &

ENGINEERING

MARC NIETHAMMER

Professor Ph.D. Georgia Tech

Niethammer's work brings together computer vision, medical image computing, and machine learning. He focuses on methods for image separation and registration, shape analysis, and spatio-temporal and multimodal models. Applications include analysis approaches for neuroscience and neurodevelopment, as well as image analysis in the context of stroke, pediatrics, cancer, osteoarthritis and lupus.

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Previously: Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

HOVAV SHACHAM Professor

Ph.D. Stanford

Shacham looks for security problems in deployed systems — voting machines, cars, network appliances, airport body scanners, web browsers, and more — to help improve their replacements. His work has driven industry investment priorities, informed public-policy debates, and been recognized with multiple "test-of-time" awards.

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Previously: Professor, University of Texas at Austin



ENGINEERING

THUY-DUONG "JUNE" VUONG

Assistant Professor

Ph.D. Stanford

Vuong focuses on theoretical computer science. Her current research interests are classical and quantum Markov chains, diffusion models, and other stochastic processes.

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Previously: Postdoctoral Researcher, UC Berkeley

New Faculty Leadership Appointments



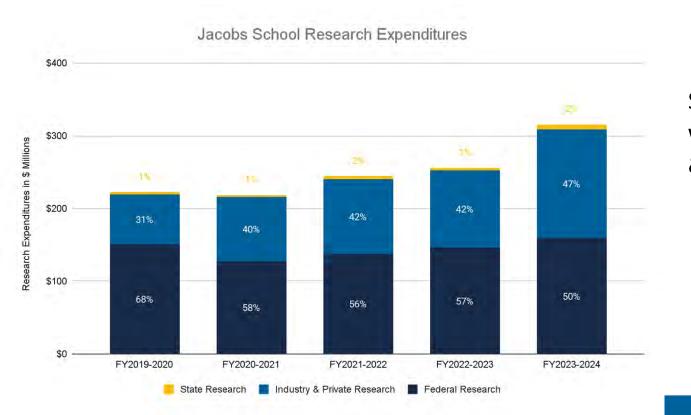


Bill Lin
Associate Dean for Research
Professor, Electrical &
Computer Engineering



Steve SwansonDepartment Chair for
Computer Science &
Engineering

Despite the Headwinds, Research Expenditures Trending Up



\$316M total - up 23%, with 47% from industry & private sources



New Al Tool Learns to Read Medical

Images With Far Less Data

- Al Tool that can learn medical image segmentation from a small number of samples.
- Cuts down the amount of data required by 20x, leading to faster, more affordable diagnostic tools
- Full study: <u>Generative AI enables</u> <u>medical image segmentation in</u> ultra low-data regimes



Team led by Li Zhang, Ph.D student of Pengtao Xie, Assoc. Professor in Electrical & Computer Engineering

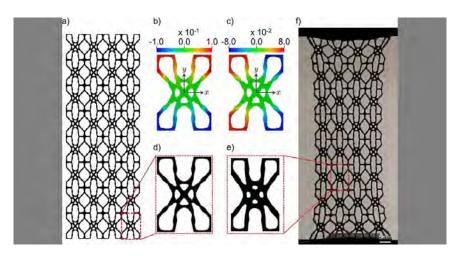


Jacobs School Leads \$5M SHAPE Center to Design Impact-Resistant Metamaterials

 Aimed at developing a new class of impactresistant materials

 Computational models using AI and Supercomputers at the San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC) and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)

• Direct applications in the defense and space sectors, with far-reaching applications in robotics and mechanical computing.



Principal Investigator and Center Director: Alicia Kim, Professor, Structural Engineering

10 Story Steel Building: Shake and Burn



- Shake tests followed by fire tests on Cold Formed Steel (CFS) building - a lightweight material made from 60% to 70% recycled steel.
- Tests show buildings with this material can be built up to 10 stories (currently limited to 6 stories)
- Significant regional, national, and international media coverage; why federally-funded research matters!



Project lead: Tara Hutchinson, Professor, Structural Engineering



Right now: There are a great deal of non-federal research funds that are available in the USA.

Here at the Jacobs School, we know this.





To Secure Non-Federal Research Funding

• We need the <u>right projects</u>.

We need the <u>right messages</u>.

 We need to get in front of the <u>right decision makers</u>.





https://jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/emerging-industries

New web landing page with language to drive the relevance and impact messaging.



Jacobs School's 5 Major Initiatives to Power Emerging Industries

- 1. Healthcare Engineering (Spring 2025 CAP Board Meeting)
- 2. Future Biomanufacturing (Winter 2025 CAP Board Meeting)
- 3. TODAY: Fusion Engineering
- 4. Al Tutors/Emerging Intelligence (Fall 2024 CAP Board Meeting)
- 5. New Approaches to Semiconductors



Thank you. Questions/Comments?

Faculty Presentation



Javier Garay

Director, Fusion Engineering Institute
Professor, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Engineering Opportunities in Fusion Energy

UC San Diego

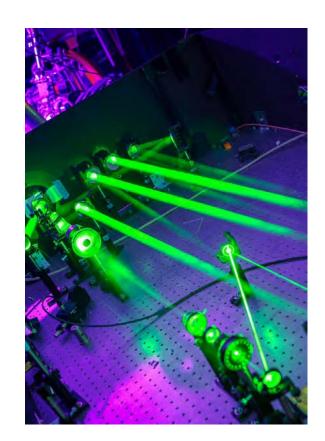
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Engineering opportunities in Fusion Energy

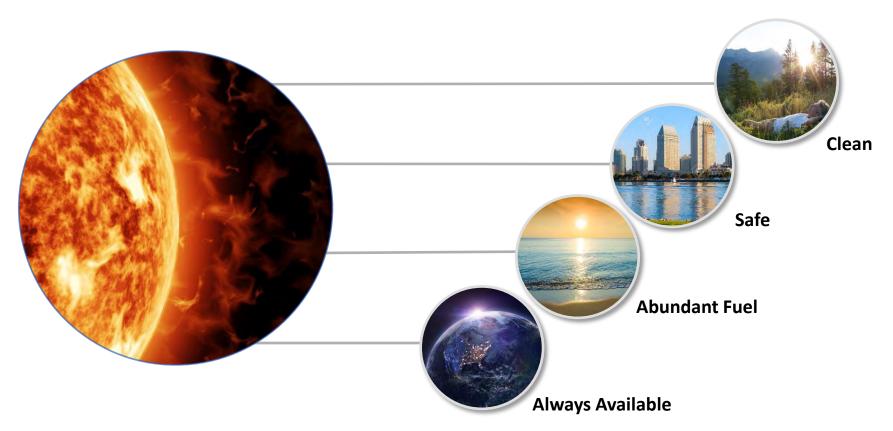
J. E. Garay
Fusion Engineering Institute
Materials Science and Engineering Program
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department
Jacobs School of Engineering
University of California San Diego

Outline

- Motivation and background for Fusion Energy
- Two recent breakthroughs
- Introduction to Fusion Engineering Institute at UC San Diego
- Specific engineering challenges
 - Materials for extreme fusion environments
 - Fuel capsule (target) designs for fusion



Fusion Offers the Potential for Limitless Carbon-Free Energy





Why Fusion Energy?

Attributes

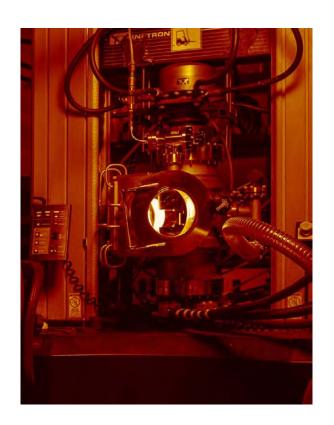
- Fusion energy can be baseload and grid level
- Can have a relatively small footprint

Increased demand

- Worldwide economic growth
- Electrification of vehicles
- Emergence of Artificial Intelligence has drastically increased need for energy!
- Poised to increase 160% in data center demand (Goldman Sachs)

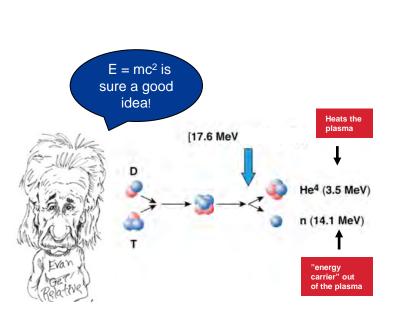
Economics

- Estimated to be a \$40 trillion dollar industry by Bloomberg (https://www.bloomberg.com/)
- Must be cost competitive



Fusion Energy: The Basics and the Promise! UCSan Diego JACOBS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING





Deuterium (D), Tritium (T) fuel

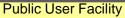


Facility-scale Devices for Fusion Research



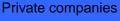


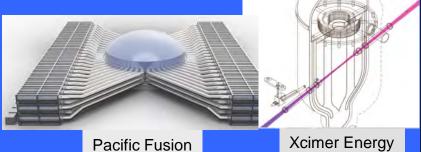
Magnetic Confinement Fusion

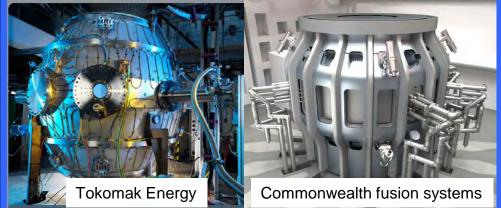












Why Now?



- Decades of investment in science of fusion mostly by DOE (in US)
- Two key technological advancements (breakthroughs) are driving huge reemergence of interest:
 - 1) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Experiment demonstrates ignition for fist time (December 2022)
 - 2) Magnetic confinement devices built using novel superconducting materials
- More than \$9 Billion in investments in private investment in last few years



Break through #1: Ignition

- The laser was first demonstrated in 1960 by T. Maiman at Hughes Research Lab in Malibu, CA
- John Nuckolls of *LLNL* suggested an inertial confinement scheme to compress heat and confine the plasma
- The Notational Ignition Facility (NIF) was completed in 2009
- On December 5th 2022 fusion ignition was achieved—1.5 times more fusion energy than the laser energy used

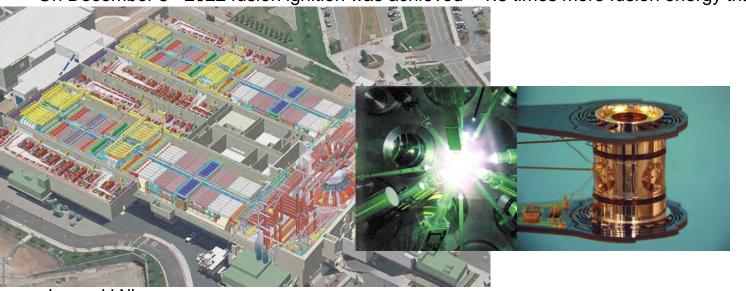
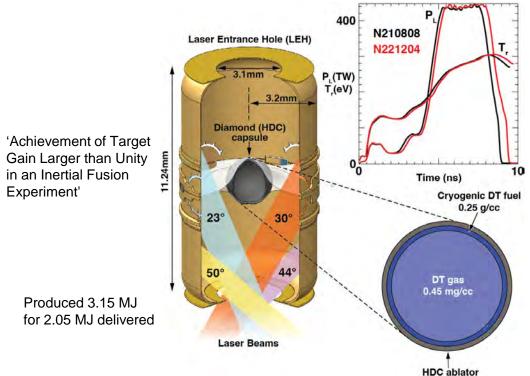




Image: LLNL



Break through #1: Ignition (continued)



Haximum available laser energy

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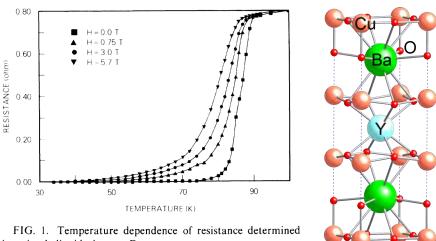
Ignition has been repeated five times since. Highest gain has been 2.36

H. Abu-Shawareb et al, *Physical Review Letters* (2024)



Break through #2: Superconducting magnets for magnetic confinement devices

In 1987 Wu et al (PRL) reported superconductivity in Y-Ba-Cu-O



in a simple liquid-nitrogen Dewar.

Y-Ba-Cu-O is one example of a family of materials collectively called rare earth, barium containing copper oxide or REBCO

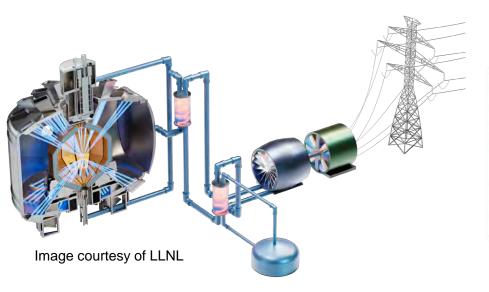
Superconducting magnet coils can deliver substantially more electric current density→ higher magnetic field allowing more compact MCF devises (i.e. tokomaks)

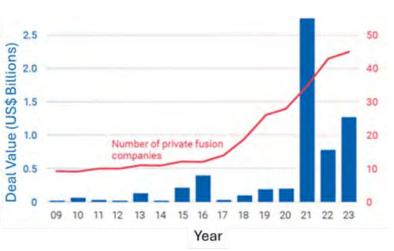


REBCO based coil at Commonwealth fusion systems

Break throughs have driven Investments







Adapted from T. Hausen, Optics and Photonics News

Fusion History, Heritage and Future at UC San Diego

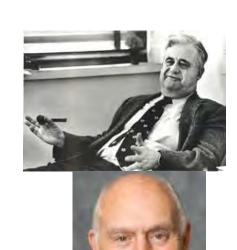


UC San Diego has a long history of impactful fusion research, two examples of pioneers:

- Dr. Marshall Rosenbluth was a professor at UC San Deigo (1960-1967, 1987-1993). He was a world-renowned leader in plasma physics, plasma instabilities and fusion.
- Dr. Robert Conn, Professor and Dean of Engineering (1994-2002) National Academy of Engineering citation:

"for pioneering contributions in the fields of fusion engineering, fusion plasma analysis, and fusion reactor design"

- Today UC San Diego performs \$1.73 Billion in sponsored research
- The highly ranked Jacobs School of Engineering is one of the largest (by student numbers and research expenditures) in the country.
- Have nearly 10,000 engineering students (BS, MS and PhD)
- → We are making investments in fusion research and education



Fusion Engineering Institute



- Launched Oct 2024
- Founding members include
 20 Principal Investigators
- Expertise both Magnetic and Inertial confinement
- Plasma physics, materials science, supercomputing (AI/ML), etc.
- Hiring new faculty members in Fusion Engineering
- ~30-35 PhD students/postdocs doing fusion relevant research
- Plans to expand PhDs , offer MS curriculum and BS involvement



It's engineering time.

Some key expansion areas: Fusion materials, Diagnostics, Laser and target technologies

UC Workshops for Fusion Energy



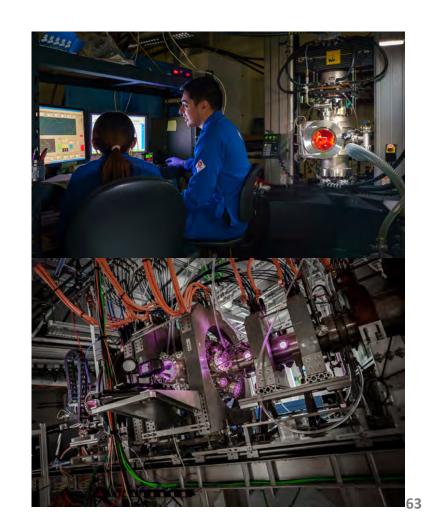




- **Eight UC campuses**: UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, UC Sata Cruz
- University of California Office of the President (UCOP)
- National Laboratories: Los Alamos National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Stanford linear accelerator
- U.S. Department of Energy
- Industry (Established and start up companies):
- -General Atomics, Woodruff Scientific, Focused Energy, Xcimer Energy, TAE technologies, Blue Light Fusion, Pacific Fusion, Longview Fusion Energy Systems

Key Research Areas

- Materials development and diagnostics
- Lasers, optics and controls systems
- High performance computing,
 Al and Data for fusion
- Plasma physics and modelling





Engineering challenge #1: Materials for fusion



Requirements for Plasma Facing Components

The materials of plasma-facing components (PFCs) in future fusion devices is subject to **extreme conditions**:

- Large plasma particle and heat fluxes
- high temperature (> 1,500 K)
- electric currents,
- high energy neutrons

The materials should have:

- a low erosion rate
- Low surface morphology change
- low vapor pressure (compatible with plasma operation),
- low retention of hydrogen isotopes (tritium),
- low activation by neutrons, and small degradation of its physical properties (e.g. heat and electric conductivity, ductility, etc.) for many years of the operation.
- Material compatibly with materials such as Li

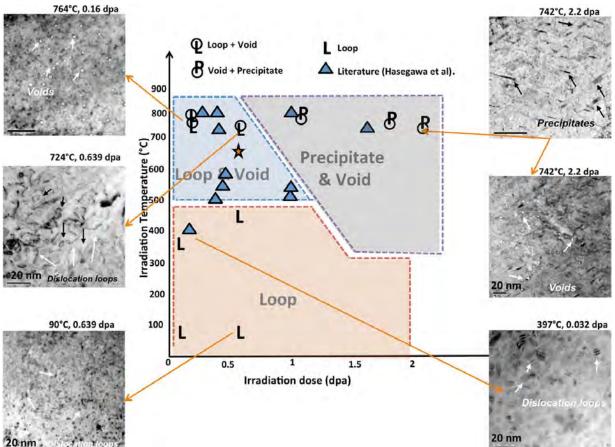


THEME: Not just material composition, but how it is fabricated, is important.

Microstructural variation under various irradiation conditions UCSan Diego

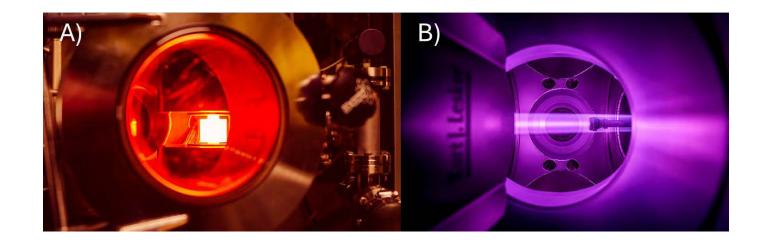


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Material synthesis, processing, characterization and performance testing



Recording and keeping track of progress is key!!!

Fusion Material Performance Testing at UC San Diego

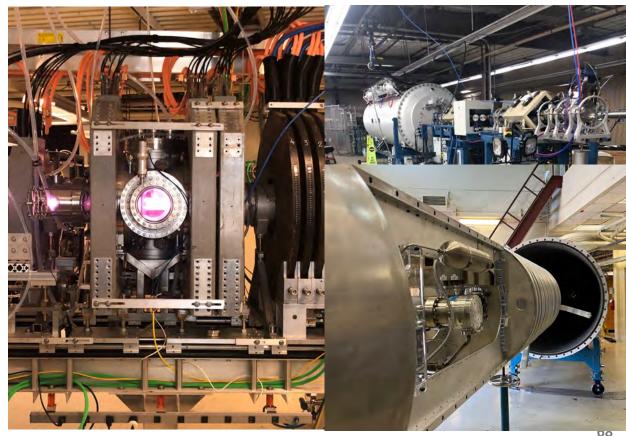


The PISCES group led by Prof. G. Tynan has built a material test bed that allows simultaneous exposure to plasma and high flux ions (neutron surrogates)

The POSEIDON device couples the PISCES-RF plasma device to a dual ion-source 3.0 MV terminal voltage tandem ion accelerator.

Co-exposure to ions and plasma is key.

Possibility of adding radiation hardened electronics testing capabilities



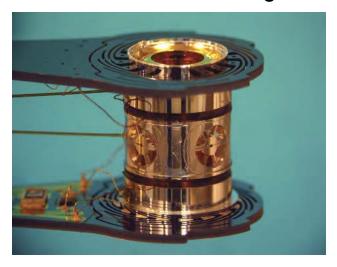


Engineering challenge #2: Fuel capsule target design

The path towards energy



Scientific breakthrough



Power plant: Key is Repetition rate!

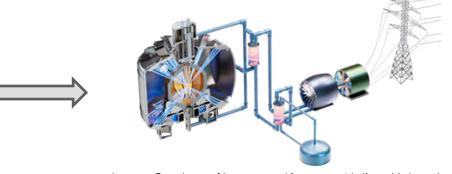
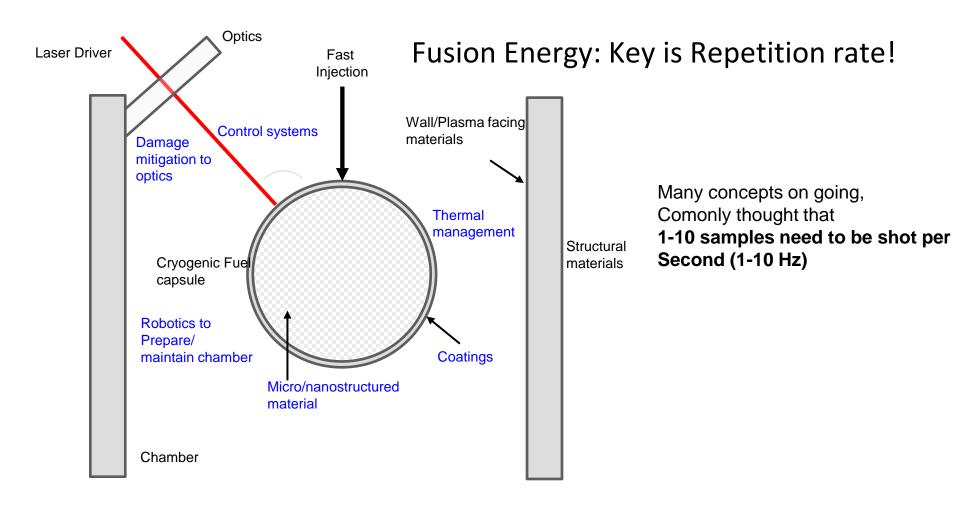


Image Courtesy of Lawrence Livermore National laboratory

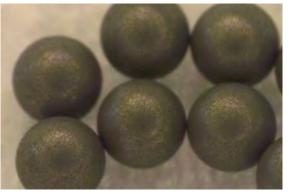






Capsule materials and size/geometry make substantial difference on ablation and performance



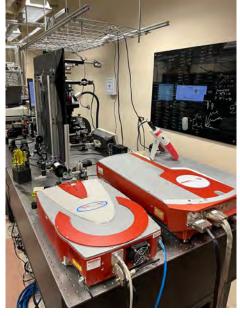


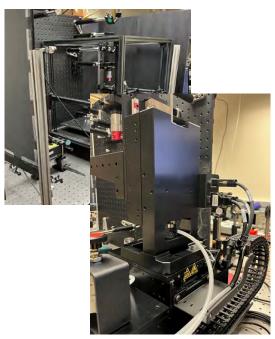
Images courtesy of General Atomics

Ultrafast Laser material printing and processing for fuel capsule manufacturing



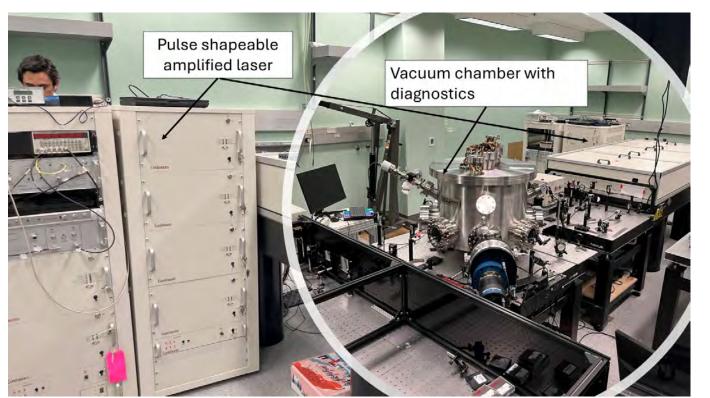
Lasers Stages







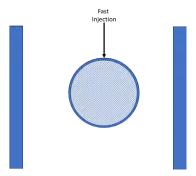
Laser Facilities at UC San Diego



In addition to fusion research, facilities are also used for other extreme environment testing

Target injector and tracking systems





Target Injection

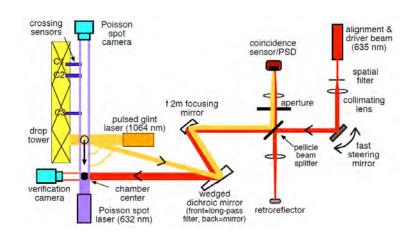


400 m/s gas gun



57 m/s Linear Induction Accelerator

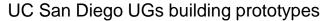
Target tracking GA in collaboration with UC San Diego

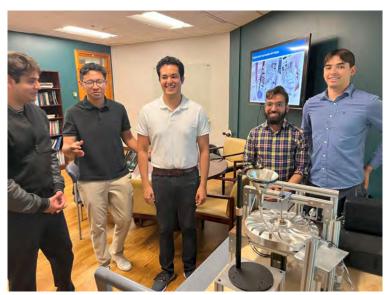




Designing future target injector concepts – GA- UC San Diego collaboration

DOE FIRE Center based





San Diego Economy development Corporation (EDC) report:



Key findings:

- •California leads the nation in fusion energy development. The state boasts 16 core fusion companies—more than one-third of all U.S.-based fusion companies—and has captured more than \$2.2 billion in cumulative private and public funding.
- •The fusion industry already generates significant economic impact—with even more high-growth potential. Currently, fusion energy accounts for approximately 4,700 jobs across California and generates \$1.4 billion in annual economic output. The industry has the potential to grow to between \$48 billion and \$125 billion, depending on commercialization's success and state policy decisions.

California excels in research but faces commercialization challenges. The state's world-class universities, national laboratories, and private investment ecosystem position California as the global leader in fusion R&D. However, barriers such as regulatory uncertainty, high land costs, grid interconnection delays, and lack of fusion-specific policy frameworks threaten California's ability to retain companies as they transition from R&D to commercial deployment.

Maintaining fusion leadership requires strategic policy measures and state support. Success depends on recognizing fusion as clean energy under state law, establishing clear regulatory pathways, preparing industrial sites, and creating coordinated policy support. Without decisive action, California risks losing fusion companies to other states offering more favorable commercialization conditions.

Summary



Discussed:

- Two recent breakthroughs
- Fusion Engineering Institute at UC San Diego
- Two Specific engineering challenges
 - Materials for fusion
 - Fuel capsule (target) designs for fusion

Questions?

CAP Executive Board Input

- Are there other emerging industries we should be considering?
 - Fusion Engineering
 - Healthcare Engineering
 - Future Biomanufacturing
 - Al Tutors/Emerging Intelligence
 - New Approaches to Semiconductors
- Additional skillsets you are looking for that we could address?
- What support can we rely on from you and your company?

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CAP Talent Programs



Recruiting activities have begun!

Share your openings with us:

- Team Internship Projects (TIP):
 - Students are asking for more!
- Cooperative Education (Co-op):
 - o Plan for Summer-December 2026
- Full-Time Openings



Contact our team at <u>JacobsCAP@ucsd.edu</u> (Alice on maternity leave from mid-November through April)

CAP Talent Programs



Engage with our talent programs:

- Tailored events for your company
- Info Sessions, Tech Talks, Resume Reviews
- Site tours at your company
- Internships
- Team Internship Program (TIP)
- Cooperative Education (Co-op)



Senior (Capstone) Design Projects



Why Senior Design Projects?

- Team of 3-6 students
- Student skills & fresh ideas in action on your technology
- Mentor students
- IP assigned to sponsor

Department	Format	Deadline to Submit Proposal
Bioengineering	1 year project	May 1, 2026
Chemical Engineering	Winter & Spring Quarters (consecutive)	Dec 6, 2025
Electrical & Computer Engineering	Winter Quarter & Spring Quarter	Dec 6, 2025
Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	February - June	Dec 15, 2025 (Projects start in February)
NanoEngineering	Winter & Spring Quarters (consecutive)	Jan 6, 2026

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CAP Partner Invitations to Research Reviews & Symposia



Center for Wearable Sensors October 24, 2025



Contextual Robotics Institute November 5, 2025



Power Management Integration Center December 8-9, 2025



Center for Wireless Communications January 22-23, 2026

AI Major Seeking CAP Executive Input



- Currently two new classes with plans to expand to more in the coming years
- Faculty committee currently developing curriculum
- CAP partners can provide input on relevant topics and help shape the educational outcomes
- Build your AI talent pipeline!



Current Slate of Important Dates



October 15, 2025

National Security Networking Night

October 24, 2025

Center for Wearable Sensors Research Summit

November 4, 2025

Contextual Robotics Institute "Speed Dating" Recruitment

November 5, 2025

Contextual Robotics Institute Research Forum

December 8-9, 2025

Power Management Integration Center Board Meeting

January 22-23, 2026

Center for Wireless Communications Research Review

February 5, 2026

Winter CAP Executive Board Meeting

April 15, 2026

44th Annual Jacobs School Research Expo

