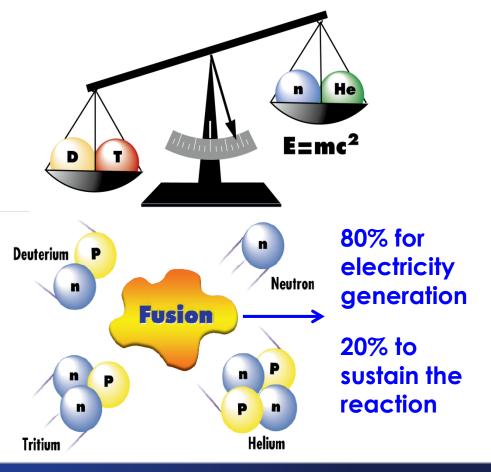
### Fusion Requires Extraordinary Temperatures (Hotter than the Sun)

Fire: Self-sustaining chemical reaction at > 1093° C

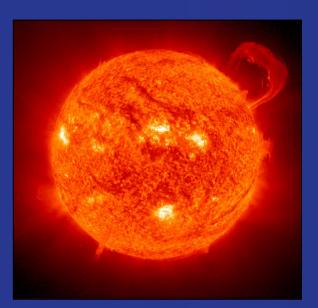


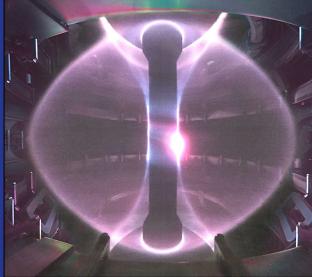
Fusion: Self-sustaining nuclear reaction at > 100,000,000° C

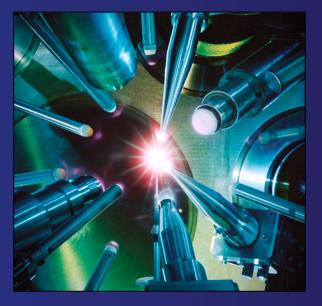




### There Are Three Ways to Achieve Fusion







<u>GRAVITY</u> The sun and other stars

### <u>MAGNETIC FIELDS</u> Electrical current and superconducting magnets

RAPID COMPRESSION Lasers or electrical discharges

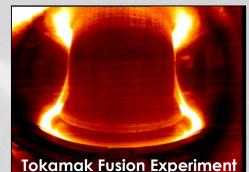




# Superheated Gases Used in Fusion Are in the Plasma State – the 4<sup>th</sup> State of Matter

- 99% of visible universe is in a plasma state
- Plasmas on Earth
  - Lightning
  - Neon and fluorescent lights
  - Laboratory experiments
- Astrophysical plasmas
  - Sun and solar wind
  - Stars, interstellar medium











# Spinoff Technology from Fusion and Plasma Research is Making a Difference

#### Medical/Health

- MRI Magnetic Resonance
  Imaging
- Laser surgery and tissue welding
- Diabetes treatment (continuous glucose monitoring)
- Skin disinfection
- Tumor reduction
- X-ray catheter
- Wound care, including on battlefields
- Dentistry (imaging, treatment for tooth decay and periodontal disease)
- Cancer fighting (proton beam therapy)
- Medical isotope separation and production
- Laser cavity drilling
- Blood clot treatment
- Grain sterilization and milk pasteurization (pulsed-power gammas)



MRI - Magnetic Resonance

Imaging

Grain sterilization and milk pasteurization

# Environmental clean-up/ pasteurization of surplus weapons

- Toxic waste destruction
- Electron beam destruction of chemical waste
- Reducing auto pollution
  (microplasmatron fuel convertor)
- Smokestack emissions monitor
- Corrosion monitor for furnaces
- Plasma torch
- Waste vitrification
- Isotope separation
- Microwave cleaning and contamination removal
- Plasma-assisted catalyst (cuts diesel emissions)



- Advanced semiconductor chips and integrated circuits
- Plasma electronics including plasma flat-panel TVs
- Microwave plasma light source
- Micropower impulse (hand-held) radar
- Plasma propulsion
- Superconductivity
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)
- r Plasma flat-panel TVs
- Superconducting cyclotrons for isotope production and neutron radiography
- Superconducting synchrotrons for X-ray lithography
- Magnetic separation of materials (e.g. clay)
- Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) for aircraft carriers



EMALS

#### Contribution to science

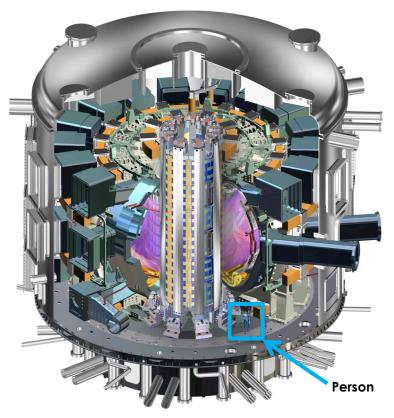
- High-performance supercomputers and networking communications
- Computational science
- High-density matter physics
- Atomic physics and X-ray lasers Space plasma physics
- Nonlinear dynamics and chaos
- Plasma physics



Atomic physics and X-ray lasers



# Promise of Fusion Is Near — ITER Being Built Now



Partnership between 35 nations including U.S., EU, Japan, Russia, China South Korea and India

### **ITER Mission**

"To demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion energy for peaceful purposes."

# General Atomics is manufacturing the most critical technology for ITER

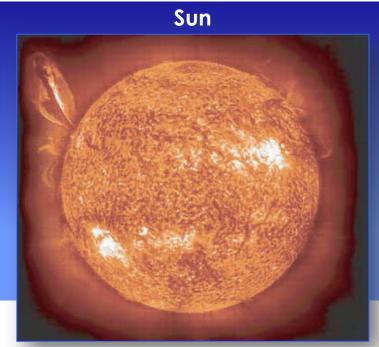


Superconductor is wound to high tolerance





# Fusion – Energy for the Future of Mankind



#### DIII-D: Largest tokamak in the U.S.



### Gravity compresses the plasma Magnetic fields confine the plasma High temperature and high pressure

### Fusion is an attractive source of electricity

- Inherently safe clean energy
- Can produce its own fuel

- No long-term waste
- Carbon free, no greenhouse gases





### Infusing Fusion Into the Future

- General Atomics is proud to be part of the Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program, a rewarding undergraduate scientific research program sponsored by the Department of Energy (DOE) in partnership with Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL)
- SULI offers selected applicants an opportunity to perform research under the guidance of laboratory staff scientists and engineers training the next generation of fusion leaders



SULI class of undergraduates tour DIII-D National Fusion Facility in San Diego before launching summer research.



Students working inside DIII-D control room during operations.





# International Team with Diverse Capabilities Is a Key Strength of the Program



#### U.S. Labs

Idaho National Laboratory Jefferson Lab Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Oak Ridge National Lab Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory Sandia National Laboratory

#### **U.S. Industries**

American Physical Society Beach Access Software (San Diego) CompX (San Diego) Eagle Harbor Technologies, Inc. Far-Tech, Inc. (San Diego) Fourth State Research (Austin) General Atomics (San Diego) IMSOL-X (San Diego) Kalling Software (New York) Tech-X Corporation (Boulder) Tri Alpha Energy, Inc.

#### **U.S. Academic Institutions**

American Physical Society Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education

#### **South America**

Centro Atomico Bariloche (Argentina) University of Sao Paulo (Brazil)

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North American Universities

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Canberra

#### Australia

Australian National University (Sydney)

#### 600 Users

- ~ 35 Countries
- 95 Institutions
- 65 Grad Student Users
- 40 Post Doc Users

## **The Magnetic Fusion Reactor**

### To fuse hydrogen atoms:

- Make a plasma lonize the gas atoms
- Heat the plasma Use particle beams and electromagnetic energy (RF, microwave)
- Hold onto the plasma Use a magnetic field
- Harness the energy Use heat exchangers involving liquid metals and other fluids

