# AGENDA

## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
## BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

**DATE:** **Wednesday, November 11, 2026**

**TIME:** **1:00 PM**

**PLACE:** **Houston Grand Hotel - River Oaks**
**Ballroom, Mezzanine Floor**
**1919 Briar Oaks Lane**
**Houston, TX 77027**

***Chair:*** **Jack B. Moore**
***Vice Chair:*** **Ricky Raven**
***Secretary:*** **Gregory C. King**

I. **Board of Regents Meeting**

A. Call to Order
*Presenter: Chairman Jack B. Moore*

B. Open Forum
*Presenter: Chairman Jack B. Moore*

C. Approval of Minutes
-August 20, 2026, Board of Regents Meeting

**Action:** Approval
*Presenter: Chairman Jack B. Moore*

II. **Board of Regents Items**

A. Presentation by University of Houston Faculty Council Presiding Officer on "Update on AI/SI initiatives at the University of Houston"

**Action:** Information

III. **Committee Reports Listing Consent Docket Items for Board Approval** All action items considered and unanimously approved by the Endowment Management Committee, Item A; the Audit and Compliance Committee, Item B; the Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee, Item C; and the Finance,

Facilities, and Administration Committee, Item D, held on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, are listed under each Committee Report as Consent Docket Agenda items requiring final Board approval unless otherwise noted

A. **Endowment Management Committee Report - November 11, 2026**
*Presenter: Chair Durga D. Agrawal*

1. Approval is requested for the annual review of the University of Houston System Board of Regents Endowment Management Committee Charter

   **Action:** Approval

2. Approval is requested to modify the permissible use of income from the Enron Scholarship Endowment - University of Houston System

   **Action**: Approval

B. **Audit and Compliance Committee Report - November 11, 2026**
*[No items were brought forward that would require further board approval]*
*Presenter: Chair Gregory C. King*

C. **Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee Report – November 11, 2026**
*Presenter: Chair Beth Madison*

1. Request for Approval of Faculty Hire with Tenure - University of Houston

   **Action:** Approval

2. Request for Approval of Faculty Development Leave – University of Houston

   **Action:** Approval

3. Request for Approval of Associate Vice Provost for Planning, Assessment and Accreditation at the University of Houston-Clear Lake

   **Action:** Approval

4. Request for Approval and Introduction of University Dean – University of Houston

   **Action:** Approval

5. Request for Approval of New Academic Program(s) – University of Houston System

   **Action:** Approval

6. Request for Approval of Honorary Degree(s) – University of Houston System

   **Action:** Approval

7. Approval is requested for the annual review of the University of Houston System Board of Regents Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee Charter

   **Action:** Approval

D. **Finance, Facilities, and Administration Committee Report – November 11, 2026**
*Presenter: Chair Ricky Raven*

1. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts exceeding $1 million for the purchase of goods or services, excluding construction contracts, at the University of Houston System

   **Action:** Approval

2. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute construction contracts exceeding $1 million for projects at the University of Houston
System

   **Action:** Approval

3. Approval is requested for the annual review of the University of Houston System Board of Regents Finance, Facilities, and Administration Committee Charter

   **Action:** Approval

IV. **Committee Report Item(s) not Addressed in the Consent Docket but requiring Final Board Approval**
*Presenter: Chairman Jack B. Moore*

[No items were brought forward from the Committees requiring final Board approval]

V. **Board of Regents Item(s) cont'd**

A. Building the Texas Center for Nuclear Fusion Energy at the Tech Bridge – University of Houston System 6

**Action:** Information
*Presenter: Dr. Ramanan Krishnamoorti, Vice President for Energy and Innovation*

B. Annual Report on Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Houston 14

**Action:** Information
*Presenter: Eddie Nunez, VP for Intercollegiate Athletics*

C. Dismissal of a tenured faculty member – University of Houston 15

**Action:** Approval
*Presenter: Dona Cornell, VC for Legal Affairs*

D. Resolution in Honor of Elwyn Lee's service to the University of Houston System 16

**Action:** Approval
*Presenter: Regent Lynden Rose*

E. Resolution in Honor of Katina Jackson's service to the University of Houston System 17

**Action**: Approval
*Presenter: Chairman Jack Moore*

VI. **Chancellor's Report: System Profile and Accomplishments**
*Presenter: Chancellor Renu Khator*

VII. **Executive Session**

1. Consultation with System Attorney Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers
TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.071
- Pre-litigation and Litigation Status Update
- Other pending legal and contract matters, potential legal claims, updates, discussion and advice from General Counsel

2. Deliberations regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Sale or Value of Real Property
TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.072

3. Deliberation Regarding a Prospective Gift
TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.073

4. Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees including but not limited to the Chancellor, Presidents, Vice Chancellors, in the Division of Athletics and members of the Board of Regents
TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.074
- Discussion regarding contractual matters within the UH Division of Intercollegiate Athletics
- Other personnel matters

5. Confidentiality of government information related to security or infrastructure issues for computers
TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 552.139

VIII. **Report and Action from Executive Session**
*Presenter: Chairman Jack B. Moore*

A. Approval is requested for personnel appointments within the University of Houston System

**Action:** Approval

IX. **Adjourn**

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**ITEM:** Building the Texas Center for Nuclear Fusion Energy at the Tech Bridge – University of Houston System

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:** N/A

**SUMMARY:**

Dr. Ramanan Krishnamoorti, Vice President for Energy and Innovation, will present to the Board a presentation on Building the Texas Center for Nuclear Fusion Energy at the Tech Bridge.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Presentation

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston

Renu Khator

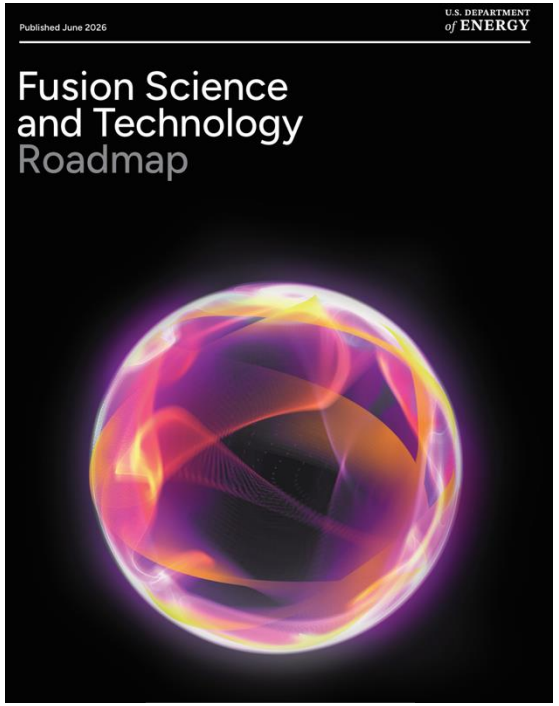
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# Texas Center for Nuclear Fusion Energy

# The Opportunity for Fusion Energy




- U.S. Department of Energy has prioritized Commercialization of Fusion Energy with the goal of bringing fusion power to the grid by mid-2030s
  - ARPA-E  Announced $135 MM Commitment in April
- Private investment of over $14 Billion and over 50 fusion companies
  - Commonwealth Fusion Systems – Fusion PPA with Microsoft for 50 MW
  - CFS Received Regulatory License for commercial power plant
- U.S. DOE has identified UH and Texas as the Hub for test stands and modeling for fusion energy and HTS magnet technologies

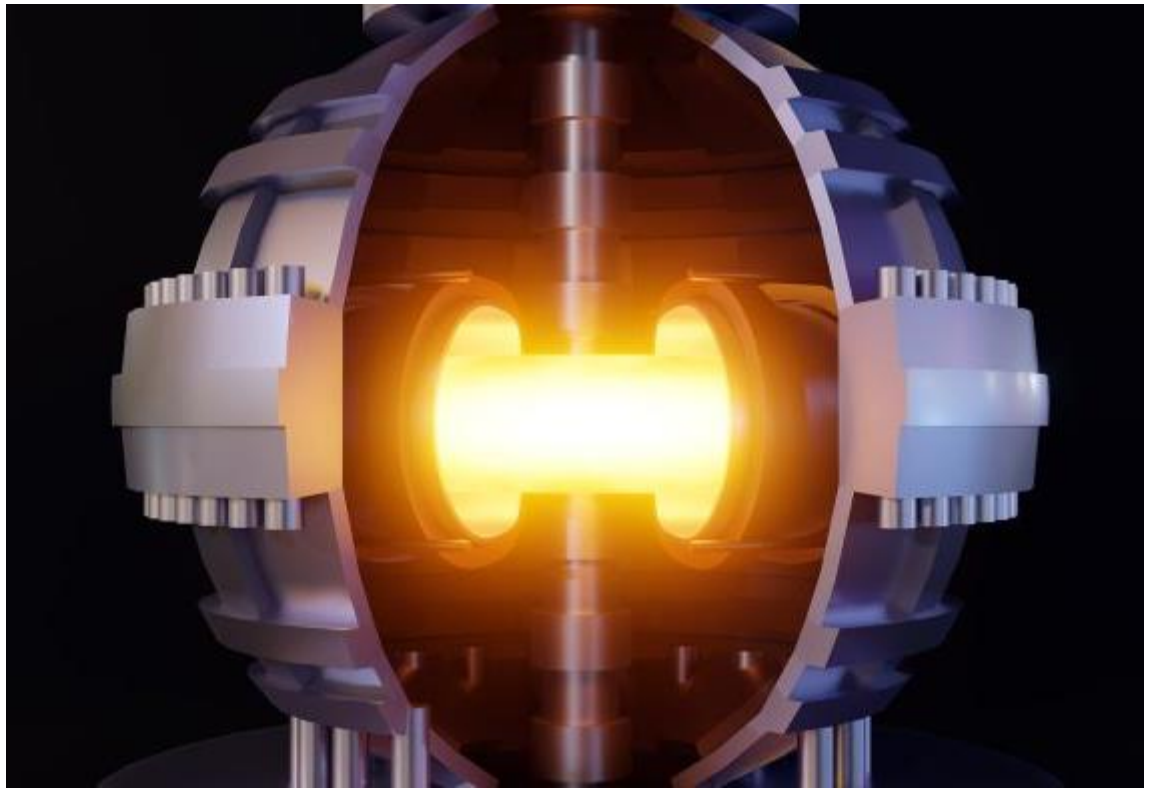
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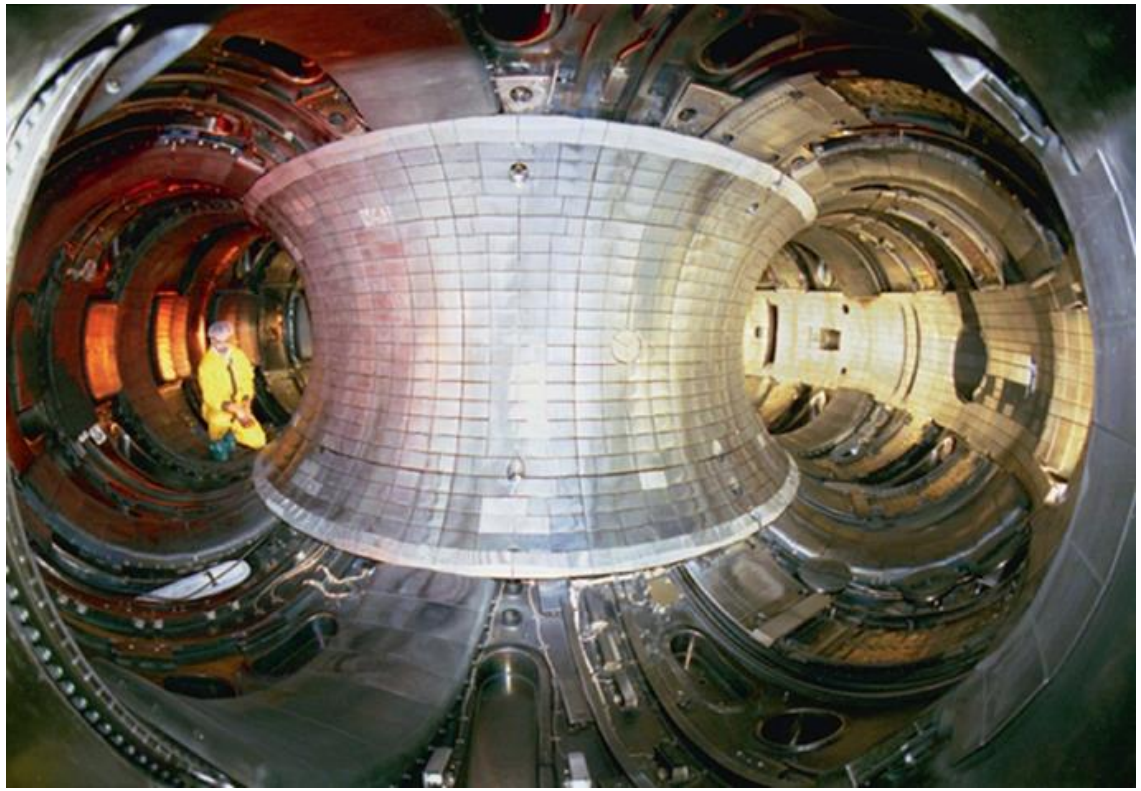
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# Nuclear Fusion: Limitless Energy Enabled by Powerful Superconducting Magnets



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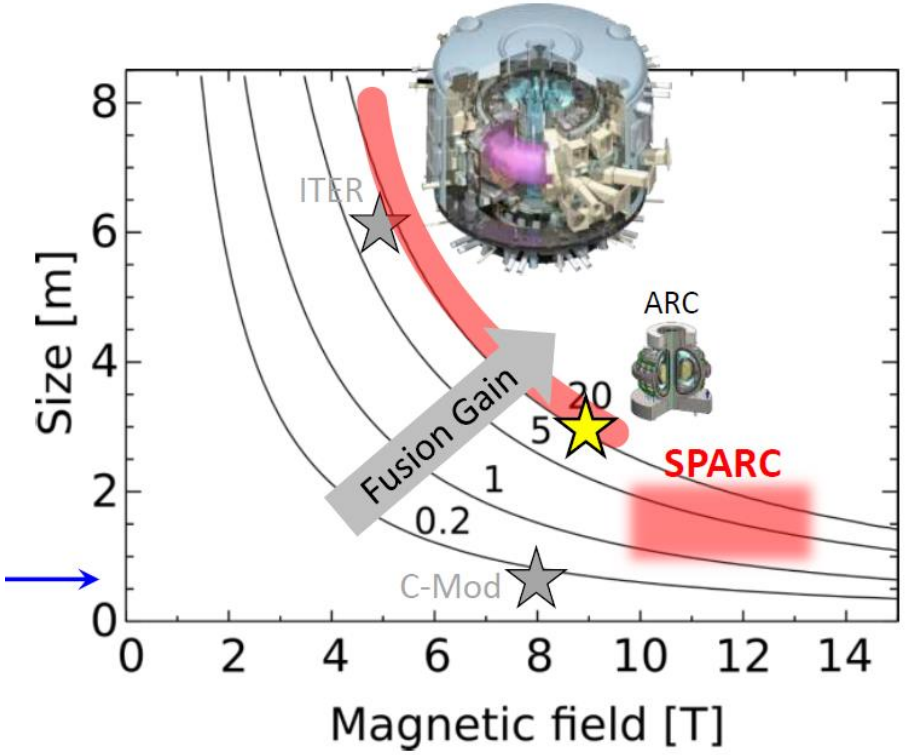


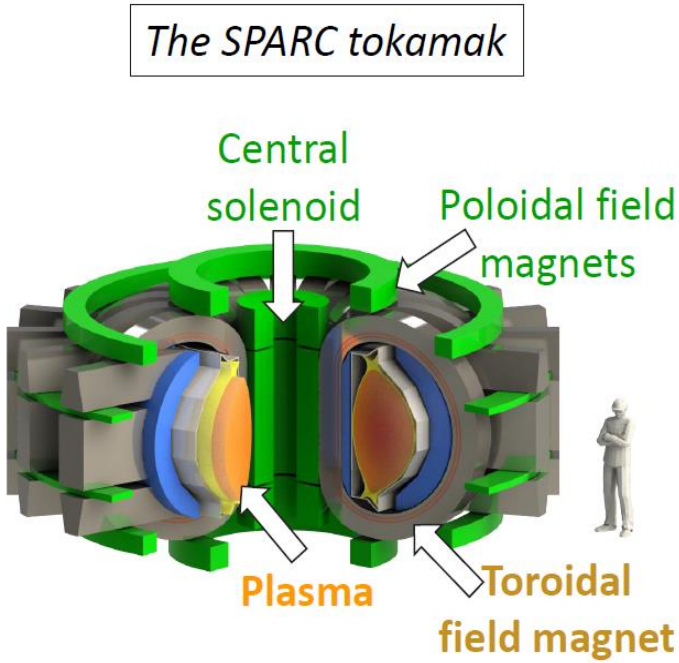


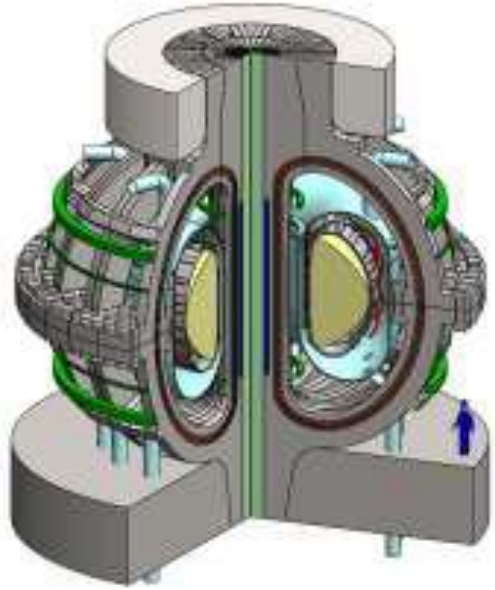
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# Compact Fusion Systems are rapidly driving the need for volume manufacturing of REBCO tapes

SPARC- High-field Tokamak to demonstrate net-energy fusion device by 2027



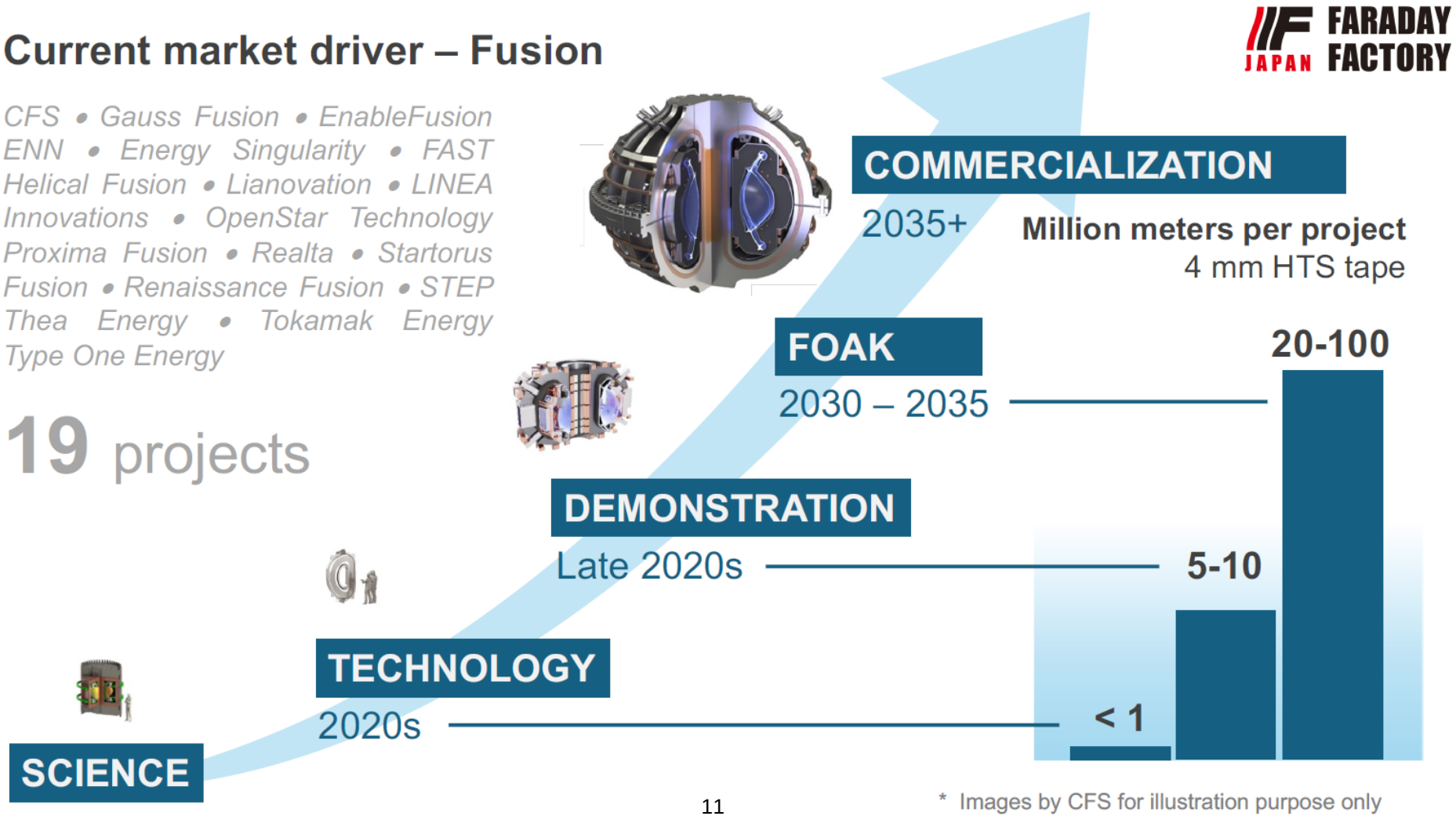



*Courtesy Commonwealth Fusion Systems*

*HTS operating at 20+T enables 10X smaller fusion energy systems*

***20,000 kilometers REBCO tapes needed for ARC!***

# Nuclear Fusion: Commercialization Roadmap



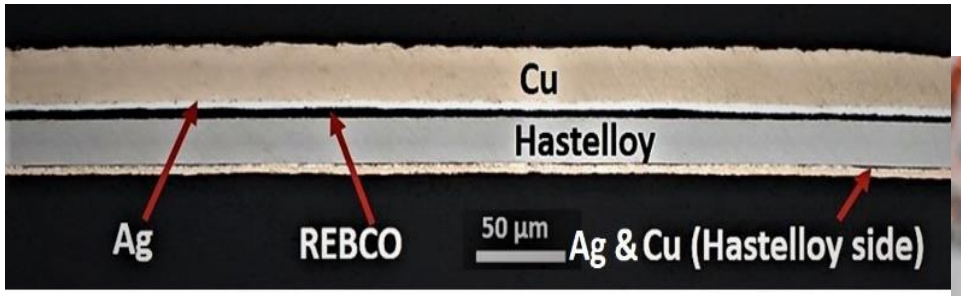

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# Superconductor Pilot at UH Technology Bridge






# AMPeers – scaling manufacturing







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BERKELEY LAB
U.S. MAGNET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

# Next Steps for UH's Center for Nuclear Fusion Energy

Center will focus on:

- Develop advanced HTS conductors and magnets for fusion reactors
- Design and develop prototype magnet systems
- Advance HTS technologies to commercial manufacturing
- Test-beds for manufacturers to validate HTS wires, magnets and components of fusion reactors
- Access to Texas-based supply chain manufacturers to manufacturing test-beds and expertise
- Hands-on workforce training at scale





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**ITEM:** Annual Report on Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Houston

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:** November 2025

**SUMMARY:**

Mr. Eddie Nunez, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, will present to the Committee a report on the academic achievement of student athletes and financial position for the University of Houston Athletics program.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Presentation

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston System

Renu Khator

**CHANCELLOR** Renu Khator

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**ITEM:** Dismissal of a tenured faculty member – University of Houston

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:** N/A

**SUMMARY:**

In accord with Board of Regents policy 21.07.3 - Faculty Dismissal, and the provisions of the University of Houston Faculty Handbook, dismissal of a tenured faculty member must be presented to the Board for action.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Written Report and Recommendation of Grievance Hearing Committee

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston System

Renu Khator

**CHANCELLOR** Renu Khator

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**ITEM:** Resolution in Honor of Elwyn Lee's service to the University of Houston System

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:**

**SUMMARY:**

Approval is requested for a Resolution in Honor of Elwyn Lee's service to the University of Houston System.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Resolution in Honor of Elwyn Lee

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston System

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**ITEM:** Resolution in Honor of Katina Jackson's service to the University of Houston

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:**

**SUMMARY:**

Approval is requested for a Resolution in Honor of Katina Jackson's service to the University of Houston.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Resolution in Honor of Katina Jackson

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston

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