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Vacuum vessel sector #6 - A soft landing for a giant component

<https://www.iter.org/node/20687/soft-landing-giant-component>

[Latest ITER Newline: <https://www.iter.org/whatsnew/500-0>]

Understanding how lasers can rapidly magnetize fusion plasmas

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Japan develops ITER tools

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UK fusion consortium launches

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UK Infinity Fusion Consortium launches private fusion initiative

<https://www.theengineer.co.uk/content/news/uk-infinity-fusion-consortium-launches-private-fusion-plant>

UK-US consortium unveils plan for UK's first commercial fusion power plant

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British-US consortium aims to build UK fusion plant

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How is L&T playing a big role in creating a miniature Sun on Earth?

<https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/story/how-is-lt-playing-a-big-role-in-creating-a-miniature-sun-on-earth-530654-2026-05-09>

This 1,000 ton magnet can lift an aircraft carrier and drive the future of fusion

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Second fusion summit at UW-Madison signals the Midwest's rise as a fusion powerhouse

<https://engineering.wisc.edu/news/second-fusion-summit-at-uw-madison-signals-the-midwests-rise-as-a-fusion-powerhouse/>

LLNL Experts Help Advance Inertial Fusion Energy at U.S. IFE Conference

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UKAEA launches DICE centre

<https://www.neimagazine.com/news/ukaea-launches-dice-centre/>

Plasma Harmonics Charts a Course for New Avenues of Attosecond Study

<https://www.photonics.com/Articles/Plasma-Harmonics-Charts-a-Course-for-New-Avenues/p5/a72229>

Relativistic plasmas open a route to extreme optical fields

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-026-01311-3>

Zap Energy expands into fission

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DOE study supports MTF concept

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Nuclear Power's Reboot

<https://www.wsj.com/podcasts/whats-news/nuclear-powers-reboot/dc9f25ff-9526-41db-90e6-46d0163e9d2e>

How Neutrino Oscillations Affect Supernovae

<https://physics.aps.org/articles/v19/66>

Gap in neutrino energy spectrum raises questions about cosmic environments

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Accelerating Nuclear for Energy Generation and Shipping

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Knoxville company's Oak Ridge nuclear reactor will be used at UK plant

<https://www.knoxnews.com/story/money/business/2026/05/09/knoxville-company-type-one-energy-lending-oak-ridge-nuclear-reactor-to-united-kingdom-fusion-plant/89983795007/>

ECITB develops welding upskill programme

<https://www.niauk.org/ecitb-develops-upskill-programme-amid-47-increase-in-demand-for-welders/>

How can India meet its long-term energy needs? An Expert Explains why thorium as nuclear fuel can help

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-sci-tech/india-thorium-nuclear-programme-energy-security-expert-explains-10682686/>

India conducts successful flight-trial of Advanced Agni missile with Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle system

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Recent Peer-Reviewed Articles of Interest

Effects of neon seeding on high-performance deuterium JET-ITER baseline H-mode plasmas: experimental results and modelling

<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6587/ae68bd>

The Sun as a driver of the inner heliosphere: Modern investigations of fundamental plasma processes

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-026-72082-8>

Tracking coherent vibronic and vibrational motions in ultrafast proton transfer
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-026-72661-9>

Design of the Thomson scattering system for an FRC device
<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/2058-6272/ae6b1d>

[Of Interest]

As researchers aim for universal AI disclosure guidelines, the devil is in the details

<https://www.science.org/content/article/researchers-aim-universal-ai-disclosure-guidelines-devil-details>

AI agents may be skilled researchers—but not always honest ones

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AI is starting to beat doctors at making correct diagnoses

<https://www.science.org/content/article/ai-starting-beat-doctors-making-correct-diagnoses>

Computer scientist to lead storied DOE lab through ‘exciting and threatening’ AI revolution

<https://www.science.org/content/article/computer-scientist-lead-storied-doe-lab-through-exciting-and-threatening-ai-revolution>

SpaceX’s AI pivot promises the stars. Could it cost NASA the moon?

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/why-nasas-artemis-moon-program-could-fall-victim-to-spacexs-ai-ambitions/>

Inside NASA’s ‘very ambitious’ moon base plan

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