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**Headline:** WHAM! Nuclear Fusion Experiment Hits New Record for Magnet Strength

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**Summary:** A nuclear fusion experiment at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has set a record for the strongest steady magnetic field confining a plasma, ushering in new hope that forthcoming demonstration reactors will deliver on their promises to produce more power than they consume. The new magnets came from Commonwealth Fusion Systems (CFS), a pioneering startup in the fusion industry which delivered the devices to UW-Madison's WHAM experiment earlier this month. Once the WHAM team chilled the magnets down to operating temperature and applied a strong electrical current, the high-temperature superconductors produced a 17 tesla magnetic field. That's more than twice as powerful as high-resolution MRI scanners use to image the human brain.

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