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SPARC Overview and Plans DENNIS G WHYTE, MIT PSFC, CFS TEAM, MIT TEAM, SPARC TEAM — The MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center is partnering with Commonwealth Fusion Systems to design and build SPARC, a whose goal is to demonstrate net fusion plasma energy gain $Q_p = P_{\rm fusion}/P_{\rm ext} > 2$ in a compact (R~1.65 m) tokamak. The toroidal field coils will use REBCO high-temperature superconductors and R&D progress towards achieving $B_0 = 12$ tesla will be described. SPARC's detailed design and mission are discussed, including the possible addition of an advanced long-leg divertor. While funded by the private-sector, SPARC provides diverse opportunities for collaborations with the US and international fusion community. Work supported by Commonwealth Fusion Systems.

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