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OS2004 (fifth): *Trans. FS&T*, Vol. 47, No. 1T (2005);

OS2006 (sixth): *Trans. FS&T*, Vol. 51, No. 2T (2007);

OS2008 (seventh): *Trans. FS&T*, Vol. 55, No. 2T (2009);

OS2010 (eighth): *Trans. FS&T*, Vol. 59, No. 1T (2011).

The progress reported at OS2012-PMIF2012 is reflected in the papers published in this *Trans. FS&T*. Traditionally, *Fusion Science and Technology* has been recognized as a “home” for publication in this area, and we look forward to future meetings in this series.

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