

# 2023

## Financial Landscape

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## Overview

Last year, for the first time, the US government invested more than one hundred million dollars in focused ultrasound research in a single year. These funds were spread over 21 different federal agencies.

For the third year in a row, more than 300 million dollars was invested in focused ultrasound industry companies, bringing the three-year total of investments to more than one billion dollars. The cumulative amount of money invested in focused ultrasound research and the industry is over three billion.

In 2022 we saw the first investment in focused ultrasound from a pharmaceutical company, Eli Lilly. Large publicly traded medical device companies with venture arms continue to invest in focused ultrasound as well. We saw the first investment from Boston Scientific in 2022 and a second investment from Johnson and Johnson Innovation. Additionally, 2022 included second investments from venture investors OrbiMed Advisors and the Yongjin Group.

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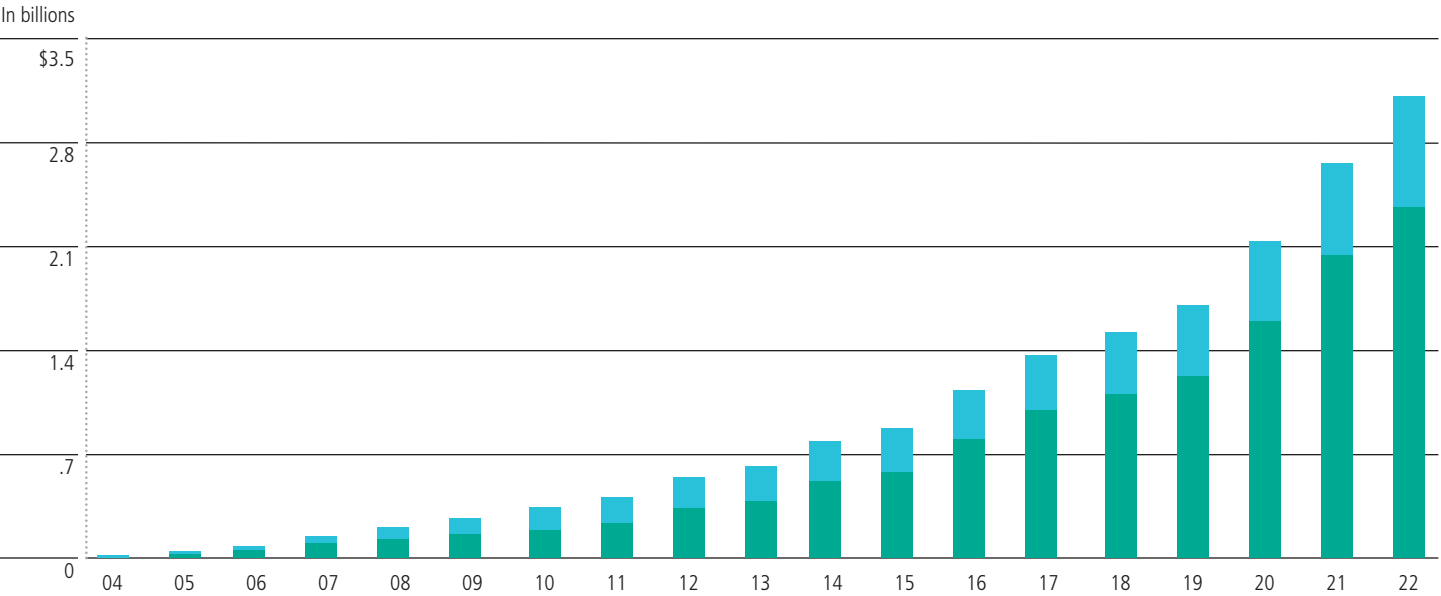
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Cumulative FUS Funding

■ Industry investment ■ US government grants



\$3.14<sup>B</sup>

Cumulative funding

## 2022 FUS Industry Investments\*

Seed Series A Series B Series D Grant Debt

Manufacturer	Funding type	Investors	Funding date	Money raised, millions \$US
<b>Insightec LTD</b>				
	Debt	Perceptive Advisors The Community Fund	9.1.2022	\$100.0M
<b>HistoSonics INC</b>				
	Series D	Johnson & Johnson Innovation Lumira Ventures State of Wisconsin Investment Board Venture Investors LLC Yonjin Venture	12.13.2022	\$ 85.0M
	Debt	Signature Bank	12.13.2022	\$ 15.0M
<b>SonoThera INC</b>				
	Series A	Alexandria Venture Investments ARCH Venture Partners Eli Lilly & co Foothill Ventures Formic Ventures Illumina Ventures Johnson & Johnson Innovation Lifespan Investments Medical Excellence Capital LLC Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	12.5.2022	\$ 60.8M
<b>Carthera SA</b>				
	Series D	Boston Scientific Ventures European Innovation Council	11.21.2022	\$ 34.2M
<b>Sonire Therapeutics INC</b>				
	Series B	Carbon Ventures CO LTD/QR Investment CO LTD Daiwa Corporate Investment CO LTD Fast Track Initiative INC FFG Venture Business Partners INC Higin Capital CO LTD JA Mitsui Leasing LTD Japan Growth Capital Investment CORP Mitsubishi UFJ Capital CO LTD Nissay Capital CO LTD Resona Capital CO LTD SBI Investment CO LTD	11.30.2022	\$ 17.1M

\*Source: www.crunchbase.com and industry press releases

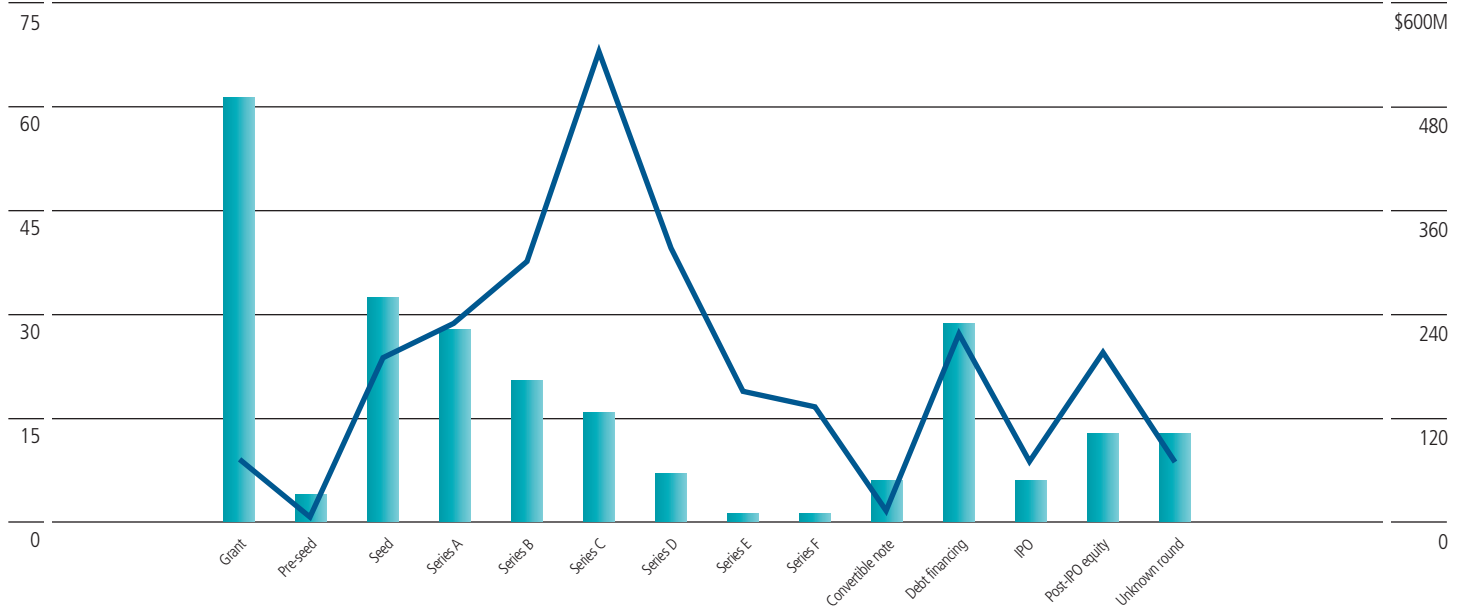
## 2022 FUS Industry Investments\* continued

Manufacturer	Funding type	Investors	Funding date	Money raised, millions \$US
<b>Alpheus Medical INC</b>				
	Series A	Action Potential Venture Capital LTD BrightEdge OrbiMed Advisors LLC SV Health Investors	11.10.2022	\$ 14.0M
<b>OrthoSon LTD</b>				
	Series B	Big Pi Capital Yongjin Group	6.1.2022	\$ 9.0M
<b>Theraclion SA</b>				
	Post-IPO Equity	—	2.25.2022	\$ 7.3M
<b>Applaud Medical INC</b>				
	Unknown Round	—	7.27.2022	\$ 5.7M
<b>Zeta Surgical INC</b>				
	Seed	Trevor Fetter Innospark Ventures LLC Vishal Rao TSVC Y Combinator Management LLC	3.10.2022	\$ 5.2M
<b>Vensica Therapeutics</b>				
	Unknown Round	Merz Pharmaceuticals LLC	2.7.2022	\$ 3.0M
<b>Exact Therapeutics AS</b>				
	Grant	Research Council of Norway	6.23.2022	\$ 1.8M
	Grant	Research Council of Norway	12.22.2022	\$ 1.6M
<b>SonoVascular INC</b>				
	Debt	—	1.13.2022	\$ 0.75M
<b>Acoustiic INC</b>				
	Grant	National Institutes of Health (SBIR)	9.15.2022	\$ 0.40M
	Grant	National Institutes of Health (SBIR)	9.16.2022	\$ 0.40M
<b>Microvascular Therapeutics LLC</b>				
	Grant	National Institutes of Health (SBIR)	9.19.2022	\$ 0.40M
	Grant	National Institutes of Health (SBIR)	6.6.2022	\$ 0.35M
	Grant	National Institutes of Health (SBIR)	4.1.2022	\$ 0.29M
				<b>\$362.3 M USD Total</b>

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## FUS Industry Investments by Stage

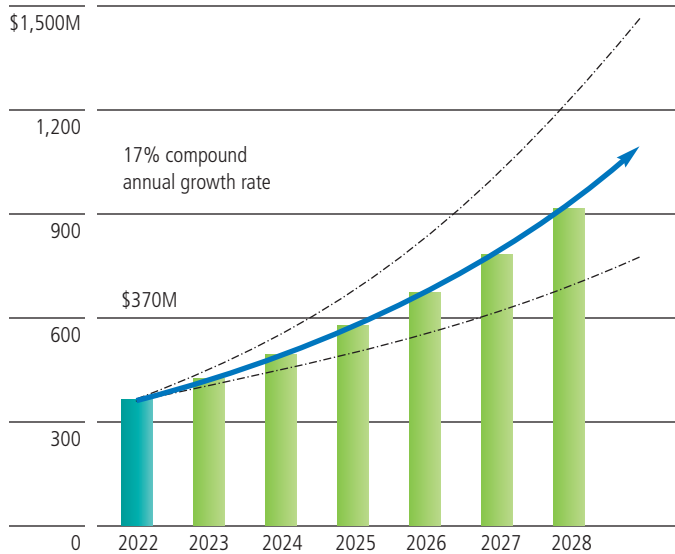
■ Number of investments ■ Value of investments in millions of dollars



Source: [www.crunchbase.com](http://www.crunchbase.com) and industry press releases

## FUS Market Projection

Revenue in millions of dollars



Market value and growth rate estimates were compiled from the following websites:

<https://www.marketsandresearch.biz/report/256568/global-high-intensity-focused-ultrasound-system-market-2022-by-manufacturers-regions-type-and-application-forecast-to-2028>

<https://www.marketsandresearch.biz/report/229028/global-high-intensity-focused-ultrasound-hifu-market-growth-2022-2028>

<https://360researchreports.com/global-high-intensity-focused-ultrasound-system-market-19851546>

<https://www.grandresearchstore.com/life-sciences/global-highintensity-focused-ultrasound-equipment-2022-2028-905>

<https://www.industrydataanalytics.com/reports/high-intensity-focused-ultrasound-hifu-market>

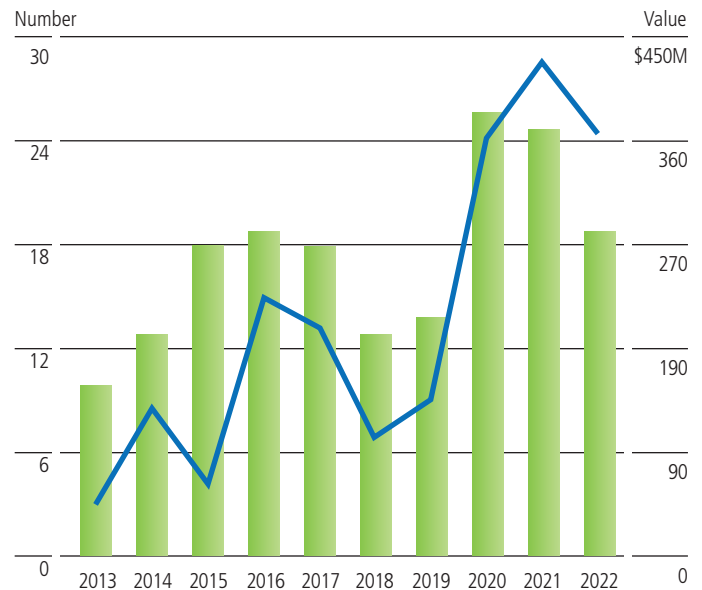
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<https://www.marketresearchfuture.com/reports/high-intensity-focused-ultrasound-therapy-market-885>

<https://www.dhritekbusinessresearch.com/market-report/High-Intensity-Focused-Ultrasound-HIFU-Market/report-description>

## FUS Industry Investments Over Time

■ Number of investments ■ Value of investments in millions of dollars



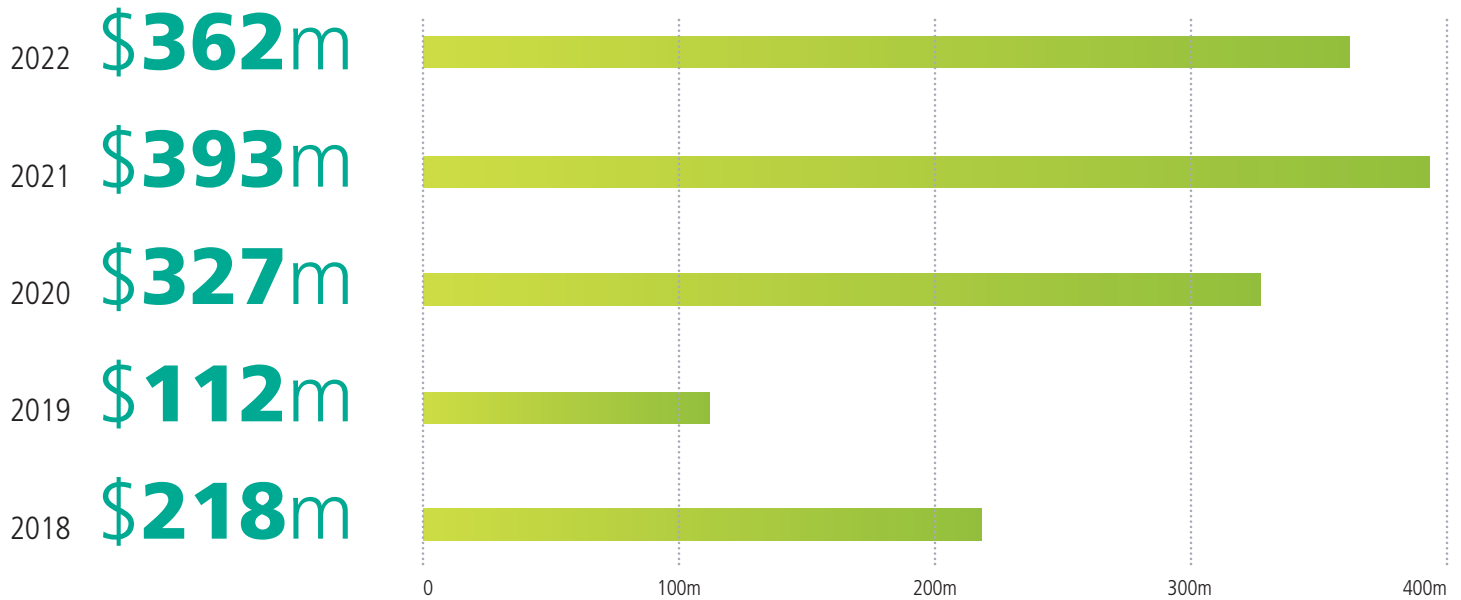
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### Annual investments trends

Focused ultrasound investments were down slightly in 2022 as compared to the previous few years. This follows a trend of decreased healthcare investments in general as related to the state of the overall economy.

## FUS Industry Investments Annual

Dollars in millions

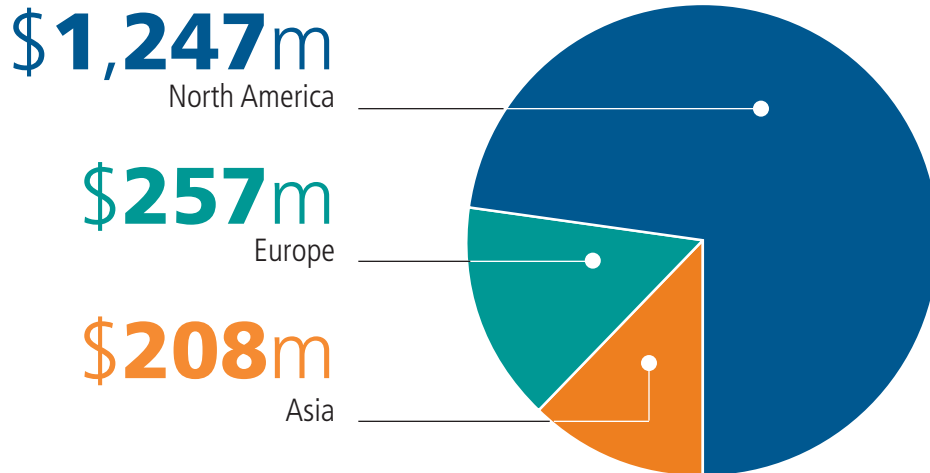
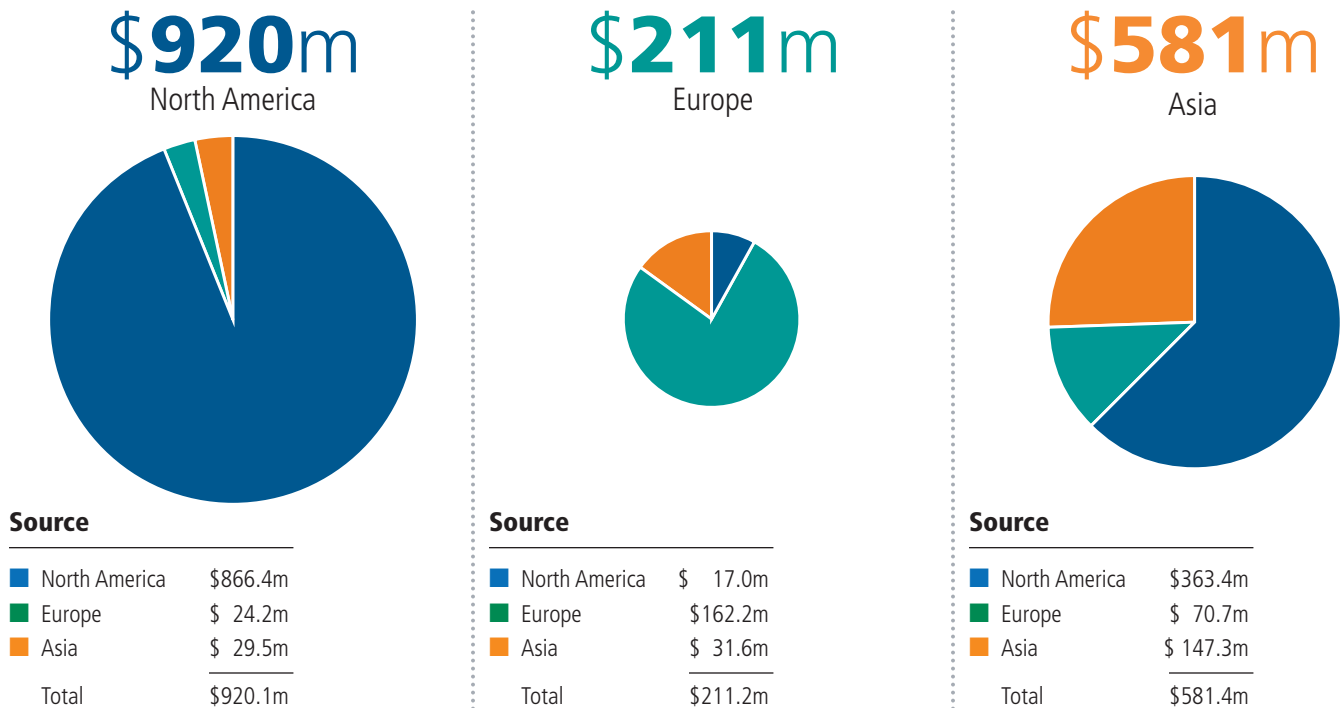


### 1B+ invested in the last 3 years

In looking at the graph above, it is easy to see the step change in the investments in focused ultrasound in the past three years. With a cumulative investment total of more than three billion, it is notable that over one-third of that money has been invested in the last three years alone. This is indicative of both the fact that the ecosystem is growing—there are more companies to invest in—and that the investment rounds are getting larger as the companies in the field mature.



## Flow of Investments\*

Investments by region<sup>1</sup>  
CumulativeDisbursement to FUS Companies  
Cumulative

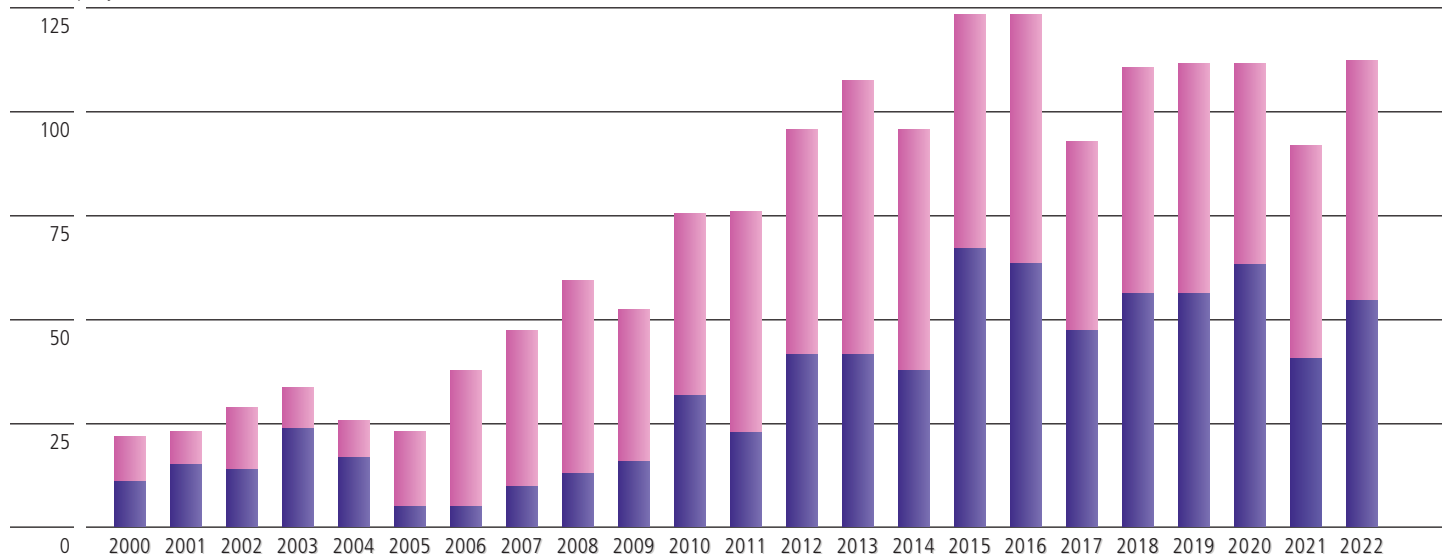
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<sup>1</sup> Due to variable levels of data completeness, the value of total investments will not be the same as that on page XII.3.

## Focused Ultrasound Industry Patents

■ US ■ Outside US

Number per year



Sources

<https://ppubs.uspto.gov/pubwebapp/>

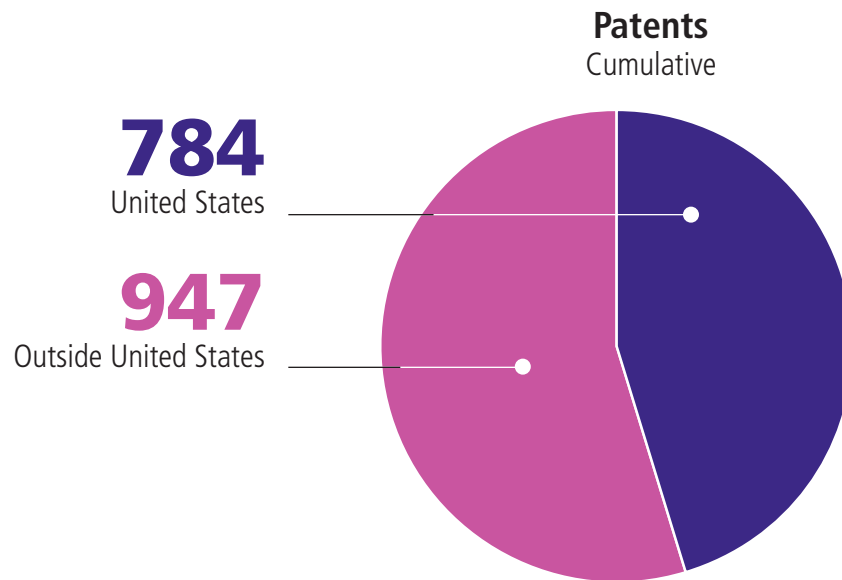
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Terms searched: "focused ultrasound", HIFU, MRgFUS, LIFU, "ultrasound ablation", LIPU

Patents issued through the World Intellectual Property Organization, WIPO, were mostly nationalized to all countries that recognize WIPO. Notably absent from WIPO countries is China, which is home to 10 of 69 focused ultrasound device manufacturers.

Specifically reviewing the data, not depicted graphically, for the last several years, we see most patents issued by the US Patent and Trademark Office, USPTO, were from US-based inventors or assignees, while 58 percent of WIPO patents had applicants based in the US. This is likely due to academic patent foundations in the US that are far more prolific than those of other countries.

## Focused Ultrasound Industry Patents continued



### Snapshot of Growth in Patents

Number per year

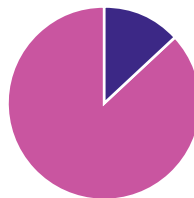
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1995



#### Source

■ US	4
■ Outside US	1
Total	5

**38**  
2006\*

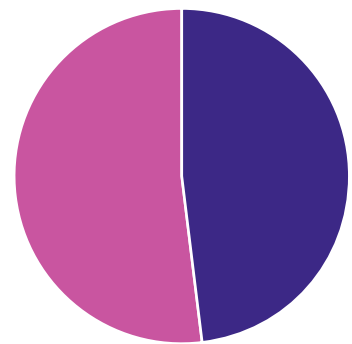


#### Source

■ US	5
■ Outside US	33
Total	38

\*Focused Ultrasound Foundation founded

**114**  
2022



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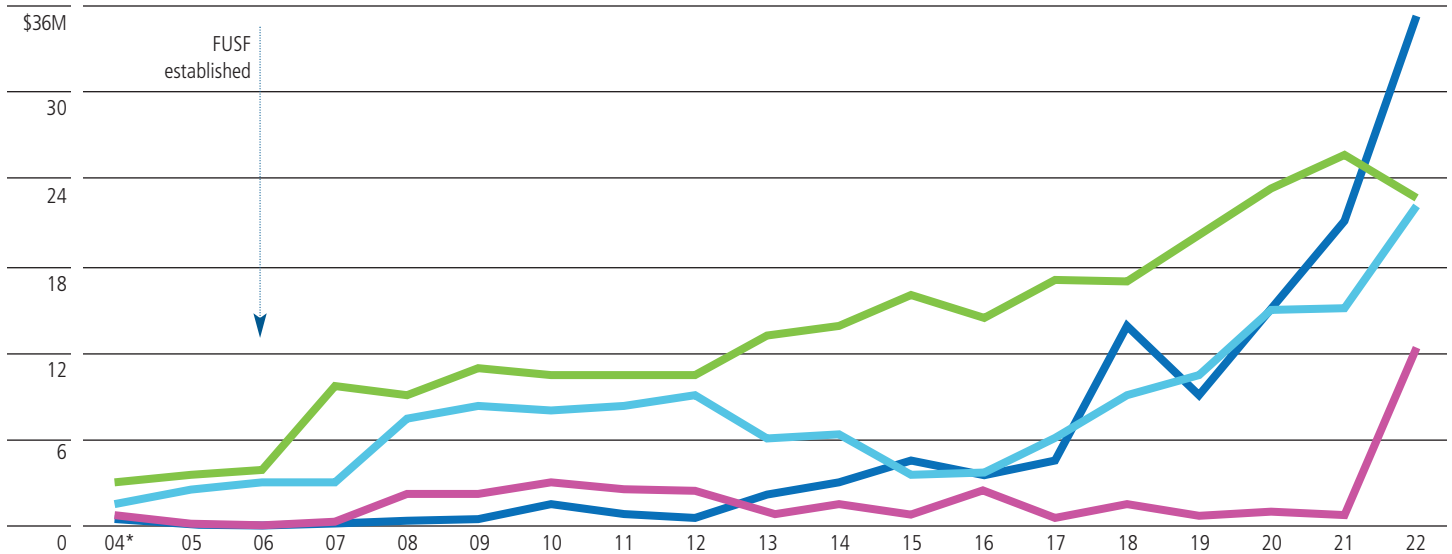
■ US	55
■ Outside US	59
Total	114

Sources: <https://ppubs.uspto.gov/pubwebapp/> and <https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/structuredSearch.jsf>

## Research—United States Top Federal Government Funders

■ NCI ■ NIBIB ■ NINDS ■ NHLBI

Dollars in millions



\*The first record of funded focused ultrasound research by the United States Federal Government was in 2004.

Sources

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## United States federal government focused ultrasound grants

Encouragingly, there continues to be an increase in federal funding for focused ultrasound-related projects in the United States. Even though the National Institutes of Health, NIH, budget has been stagnant over the last 15 years, the portion of funding allocated to focused ultrasound research is growing. Funding increases of this nature are typical for medical innovations that have shown the most potential for improving patient health. 2022 funding totals are \$37M higher than 2021 funding totals \$13M increase in focused ultrasound spending by National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, NINDS over 2021 levels.

## Total FUS Funding by United States Government Agencies

2022 FUS funding <sup>1</sup>	Total FUS funding <sup>2</sup> 2004–2022	Granting agency
\$22,758,433	\$263,805,286	■ <b>NCI</b>   National Cancer Institute
\$22,595,070	\$152,764,408	■ <b>NIBIB</b>   National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
\$34,786,085	\$107,726,646	■ <b>NINDS</b>   National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
\$12,343,551	\$46,992,424	■ <b>NHLBI</b>   National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
—	\$32,924,533	<b>NCRR</b> <sup>3</sup>   National Center for Research Resources
\$4,667,333	\$25,418,689	<b>NIMH</b>   National Institute of Mental Health
\$2,013,843	\$15,734,754	<b>OD</b>   Office of the Director, NIH
\$4,640,121	\$14,261,179	<b>NSF</b>   National Science Foundation
\$5,047,165	\$13,407,872	<b>NEI</b>   National Eye Institute
—	\$11,593,232	<b>NIDDK</b>   National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
\$4,410,972	\$11,583,061	<b>NICHD</b>   Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
\$905,525	\$11,261,396	<b>NIA</b>   National Institute on Aging
\$2,084,213	\$9,520,073	<b>CDMRP</b>   Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
\$635,781	\$7,703,166	<b>NIDA</b>   National Institute on Drug Abuse
—	\$6,106,583	<b>NIGMS</b>   National Institute of General Medical Sciences
\$968,750	\$2,974,108	<b>FIC</b>   John E. Fogarty International Center
\$913,858	\$2,772,219	<b>CNRM</b>   Center For Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine
\$403,750	\$2,193,730	<b>NIDCR</b>   National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
\$1,349,403	\$1,926,163	<b>NIAMS</b>   National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
\$1,516,636	\$1,516,636	<b>NINR</b>   National Institute of Nursing Research
—	\$909,727	<b>NIDCD</b>   National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

1 2021 funding for focused ultrasound was \$85,244,178.

2 The first record of funding for focused ultrasound research by the US Federal Government was in 2004.

3 Agency dissolved in 2012.

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## Total FUS Funding by United States Government Agencies continued

2022 FUS funding <sup>1</sup>	Total FUS funding <sup>2</sup> 2004–2022	Granting agency
\$30,000	\$779,990	NCMHD   National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
\$314,663	\$662,410	NIAAA   National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
\$77,152	\$236,003	CLC   Clinical Center
—	\$233,196	NHGRI   National Human Genome Research Institute
\$74,250	\$74,250	NCATS   National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
\$122,536,554	\$745,071,734	TOTAL

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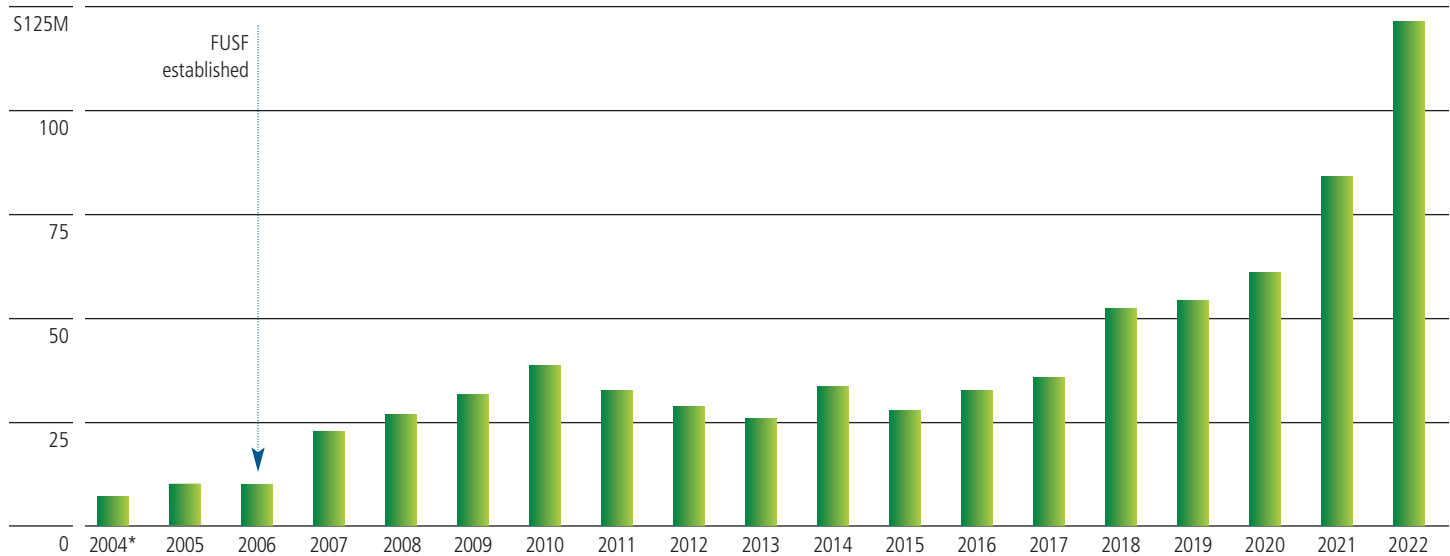
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## Annual US FUS Research Funding



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## Clinical trials and MOA research fuel funding

As demonstrated by the graph above, NIH funding has steadily increased since 2016, with near exponential growth over the past three years. We believe this is due to plethora of research that has reached clinical trial stage along with the diversity of mechanisms of action being explored by the research community beyond thermal ablation.