

# Tokamak GOLEM

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for **Basic excursions**

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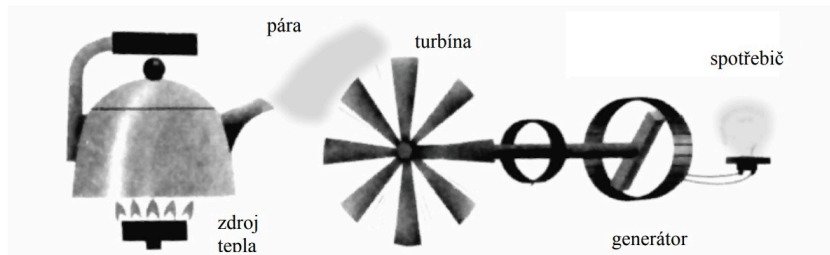
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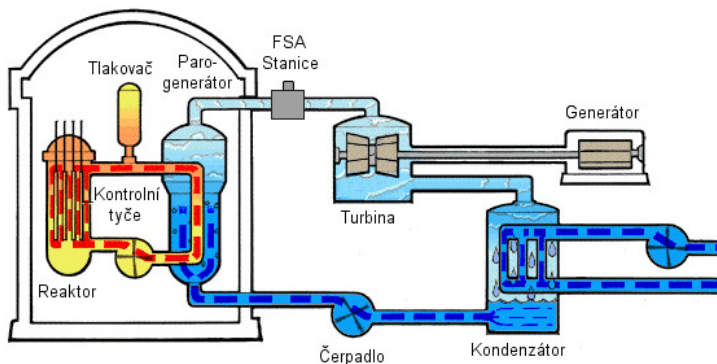
# Thermal power plant - basic principle



The question:

?? WHAT TO BURN ??

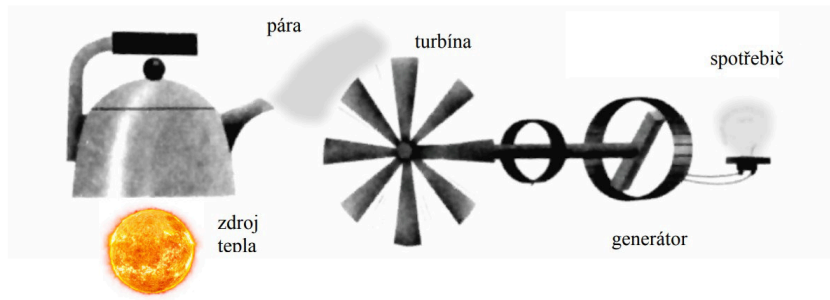
# Jaderná elektrárna - štěpná



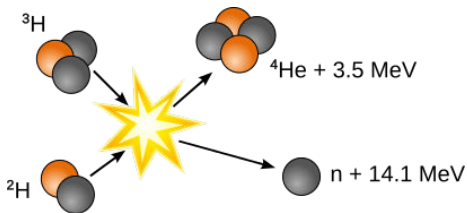
Praha ( $\sim 1$  GW): ročně  $\sim$  vagón jaderného paliva

Dotáhnout technologii: Suroviny, Odpad, Bezpečnost

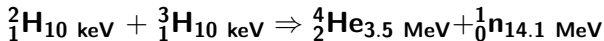
# Topit malým Sluncem/hvězdou ??



# Fúzní ${}^2_1\text{H}$ - ${}^3_1\text{H}$ (deuterium - tritium) reakce (nejvhodnější kandidát do pozemských podmínek)



credit:[1]



$$m_{2\text{H}} = 2.01355m_u, m_{3\text{H}} = 3.01550m_u, m_{\text{He}} = 4.00150m_u, m_{\text{n}} = 1.007332m_u$$

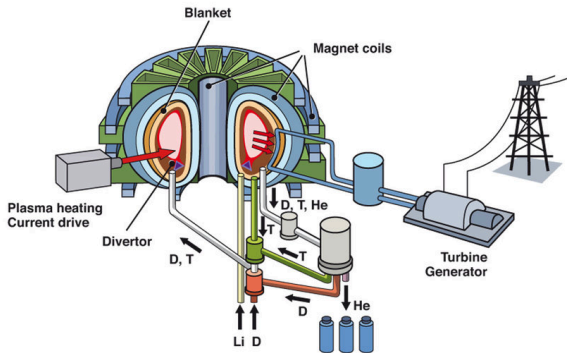
$$m_{(2\text{H}+3\text{H})} = 5.02905m_u, m_{(\text{He}+\text{n})} = 5.01017m_u,$$

pak hmotnostní schodek  $\Delta m = 0.01888m_u$ .

$$E = \Delta m c^2: E = \Delta m \text{ krát } \frac{c^2 m_u}{e} = 17.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$1\text{eV} \sim 11600^\circ\text{C} \approx {}^2_1\text{H}_{100 \text{ M}^\circ\text{C}} + {}^3_1\text{H}_{100 \text{ M}^\circ\text{C}} \Rightarrow {}^4_2\text{He}_{35 \text{ G}^\circ\text{C}} + {}^1_0\text{n}_{141 \text{ G}^\circ\text{C}}$$

# Vize: Jaderná elektrárna - slučovací/fúzní

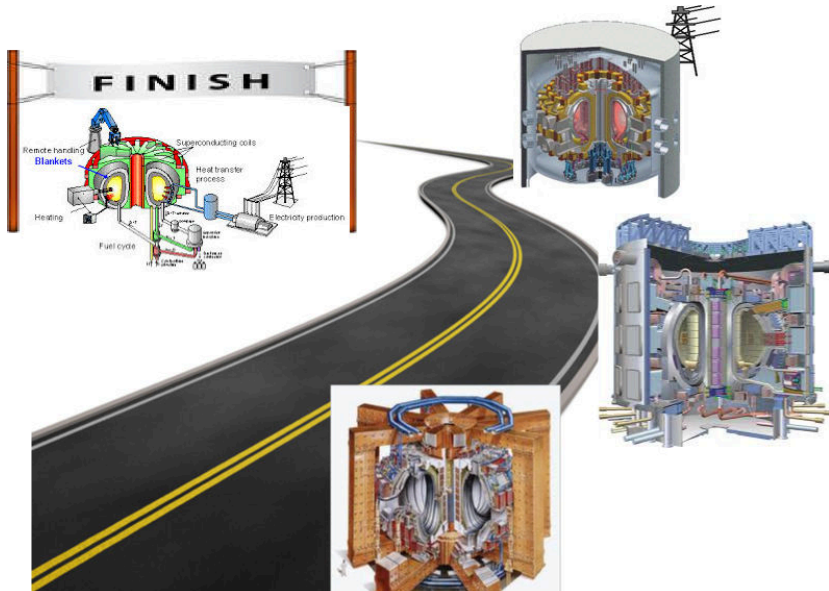


credit:[2]

Praha ( $\sim 1$  GW): ročně  $\sim$  dodávka D-T směsi

Vyplat technologii

# Milestones to Fusion Power Plant

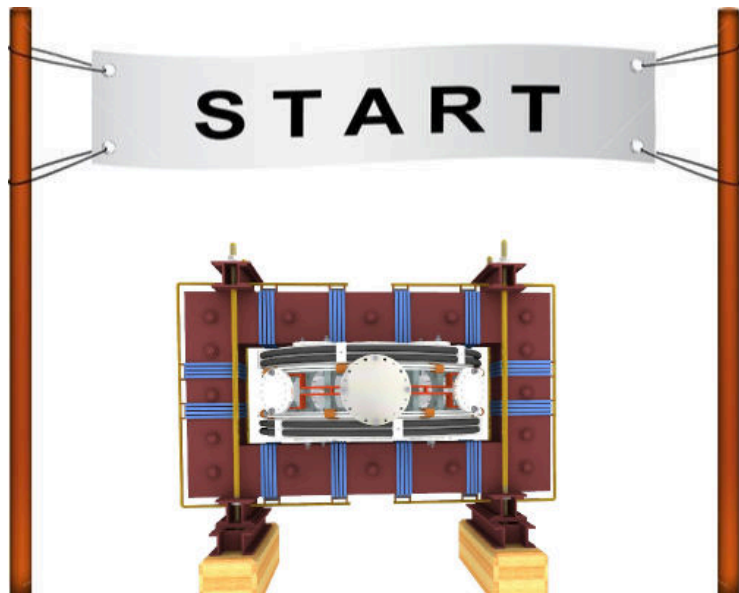




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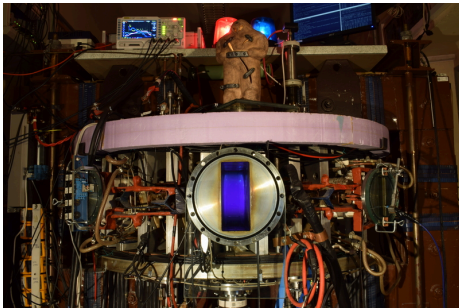


Let's start with the tokamak GOLEM - *the smallest tokamak in the World with the biggest control room*



# The GOLEM tokamak basic characteristics


*The grandfather of all tokamaks (ITER newslines 06/18)*



- Vessel major radius:  $R_0 = 0.4$  m
- Vessel minor radius:  $r_0 = 0.1$  m
- Maximum plasma current:  
 $I_p^{\max} < 8$  kA
- Maximum toroidal magnetic field:  $B_t^{\max} < 0.5$  T
- Typical electron density:  
 $\langle n_e \rangle \in (0.2, 3) \cdot 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- Maximum electron temperature:  
 $T_e^{\max} < 80$  eV
- Maximum discharge duration:  
 $\tau_p^{\max} < 25$  ms

# Tokamak GOLEM @ Wikipedia ..

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## Tokamak

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*This article is about the fusion reaction device. For other uses, see [Tokamak \(disambiguation\)](#).*

A **tokamak** (**Russian**: **токамак**) is a device that uses a powerful **magnetic field** to confine **plasma** in the shape of a **torus**. Achieving a **stable plasma equilibrium** requires **magnetic field lines** that move around the torus in a **helical** shape. Such a helical field can be generated by adding a **toroidal** field


it decays into a proton and electron with the emission of energy. When the time comes to actually try to make electricity from a tokamak-based reactor, some of the neutrons produced in the fusion process would be absorbed by a liquid metal blanket and their kinetic energy would be used in heat-transfer processes to ultimately turn a generator.

### Experimental tokamaks [ edit ]

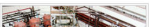
#### Currently in operation [ edit ]

(in chronological order of start of operations)

- 1960s: TМ1-MH (since 1977 Castor; since 2007 Golem<sup>[12]</sup>) in **Prague, Czech Republic**. In operation in **Kurchatov Institute** since early 1960s but renamed to Castor in 1977 and moved to IPP CAS,<sup>[13]</sup> Prague; in 2007 moved to FNSPE, **Czech Technical University in Prague** and renamed to Golem.<sup>[14]</sup>
- 1975: **T-10**, in **Kurchatov Institute, Moscow, Russia** (formerly **Soviet Union**); 2 MW
- 1983: **Joint European Torus (JET)**, in **Culham, United Kingdom**
- 1985: **JT-60**, in **Naka, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan**; (Currently undergoing upgrade to Super, Advanced model)
- 1987: **STOR-M**, **University of Saskatchewan; Canada**; first demonstration of alternating current in a tokamak.
- 1988: **Tore Supra**,<sup>[15]</sup> at the **CEA, Cadarache, France**
- 1989: **Aditya**, at **Institute for Plasma Research (IPR) in Gujarat, India**
- 1980s: **DIII-D**,<sup>[16]</sup> in **San Diego, USA**; operated by **General Atomics** since the late 1980s
- 1989: **COMPASS**,<sup>[13]</sup> in **Prague, Czech Republic**; in operation since 2008, previously operated from 1989 to 1999 in **Culham, United Kingdom**
- 1990: **FTU**, in **Frascati, Italy**
- 1991: **Tokamak ISTTOK**,<sup>[17]</sup> at the **Instituto de Plasmas e Fusão Nuclear, Lisbon, Portugal**;
- 1991: **ASDEX Upgrade**, in **Garching, Germany**

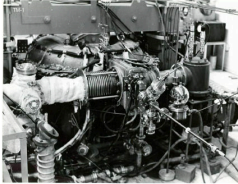


Alcator C-Mod



# The GOLEM tokamak for education - historical background

Kurchatov Institute near Moscow,  
Soviet Union  
1960: **TM1-MH**



1974



Culham Centre for Fusion Energy  
Great Britain  
1989: **COMPASS-D**



2006



Institute of Plasma Physics  
Czech republic  
**CASTOR**      **COMPASS**



2008



Czech Technical University Prague  
Czech republic  
**GOLEM**



# GOLEM

... somewhere, in the ancient cellars of Prague,

*there is hidden indeed "infernal" power. Yet it is the very power of celestial stars themselves. Calmly dormant, awaiting mankind to discover the magic key, to use this power for their benefit. . .*

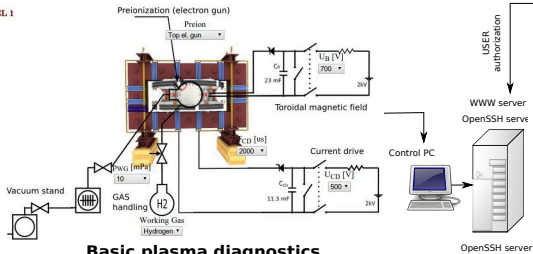


At the end of the 16th century, in the times when the Czech lands were ruled by Emperor Rudolf II, in Prague, there were Rabbi Judah Loew, well known alchemist, thinker, scholar, writer and inventor of the legendary GOLEM - a clay creature inspired with the Universe power that pursued his master's command after being brought to life with a shem, . Golem is not perceived as a symbol of evil, but rather as a symbol of power which might be useful but is very challenging to handle. To learn more of the Golem legend, see e.g. [3].

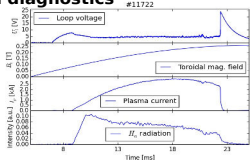
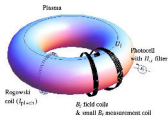
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## Basic plasma diagnostics



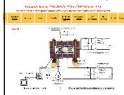
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**Virtual control room  
(remote participation)**

WWW control interface

HTML & PHP scripts



SSH control interface

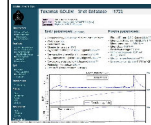
WINDOWS via putty



LINUX via ssh  
or ssh+X tunnel  
(advanced mode)

Data presentation

HTML (www pages)



Data handling

- \*wget
- \*gnuplot
- \*idl
- \*mathematica
- \*matlab
- \*etc...

WWW server  
OpenSSH server

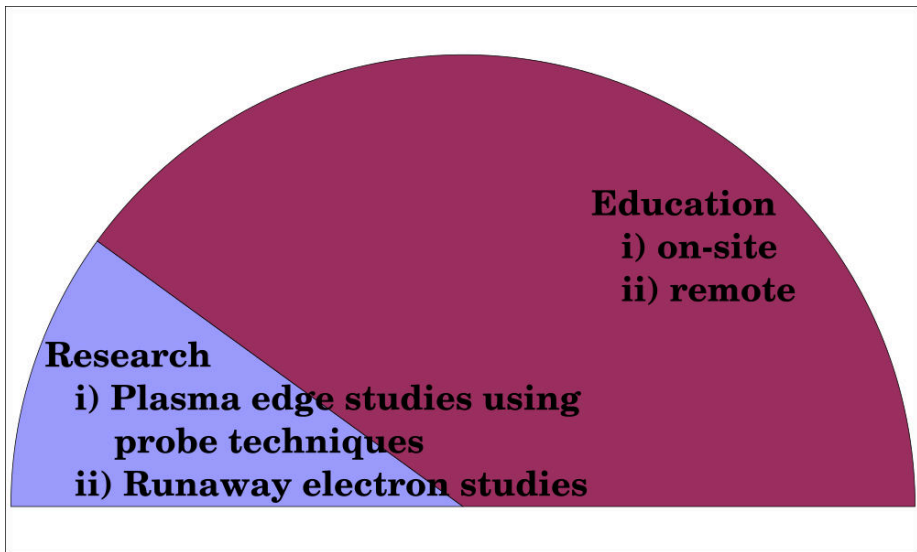


OpenSSH server



Control PC

# The GOLEM tokamak mission





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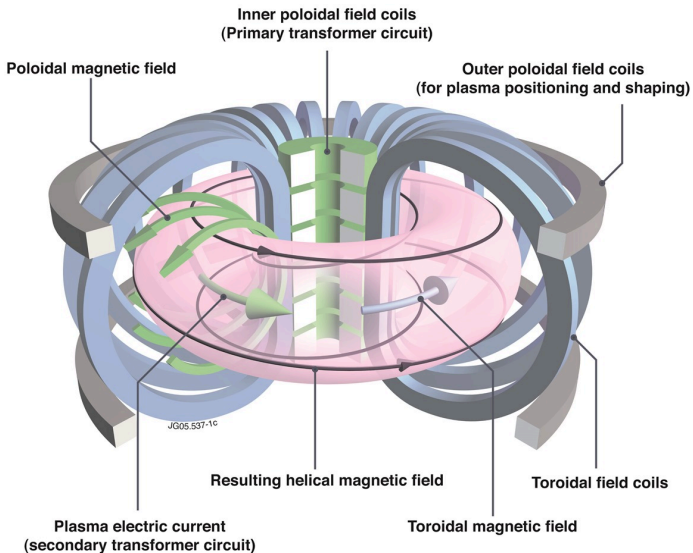
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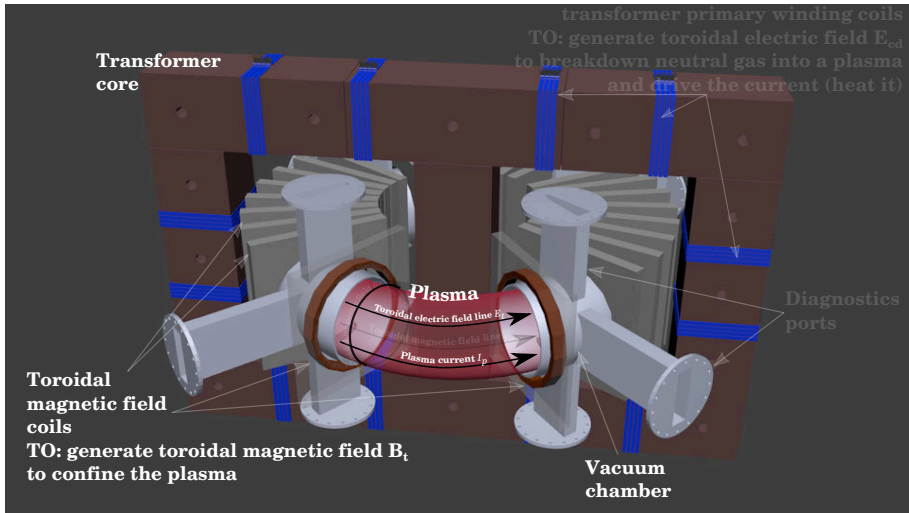
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# Tokamak magnetic confinement concept



# Tokamak (GOLEM) basic concept to confine and heat the plasma



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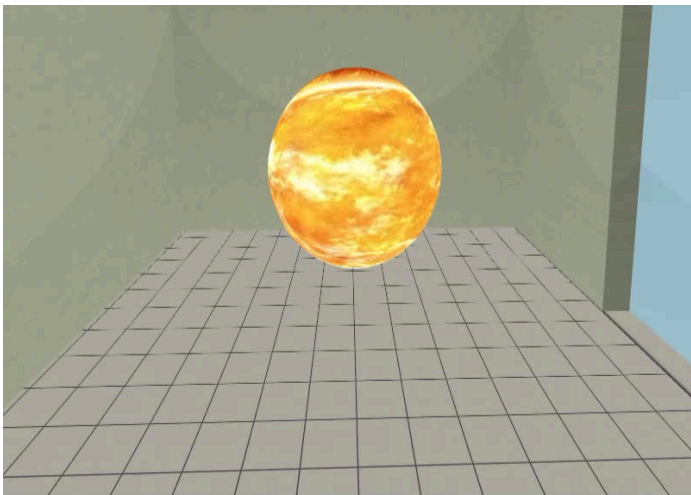
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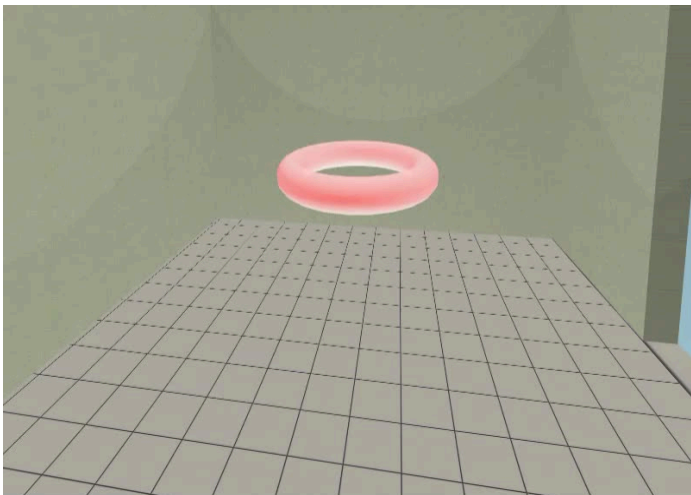
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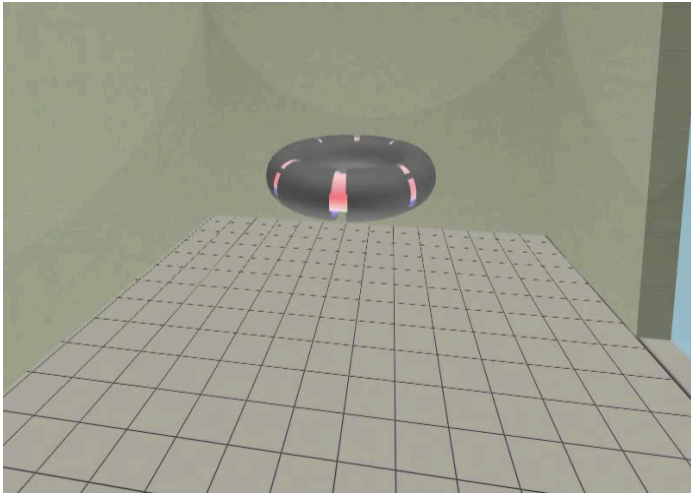
Our goal: the technology to create a  $\mu$ Sun on the Earth



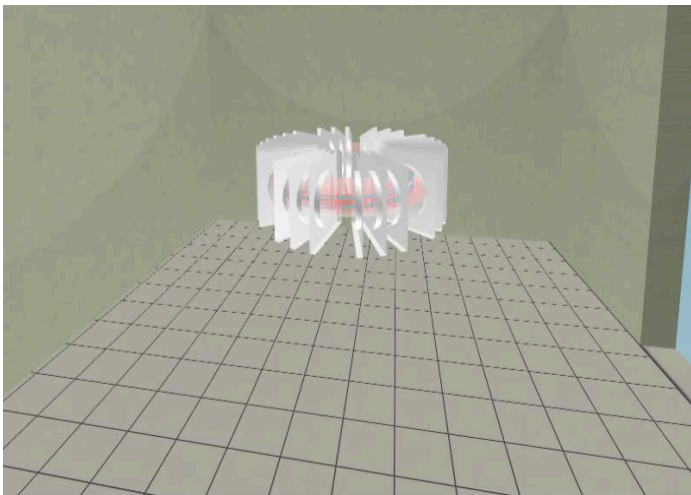
# Magnetic confinement requires toroidal geometry



A chamber contains the thermonuclear reaction

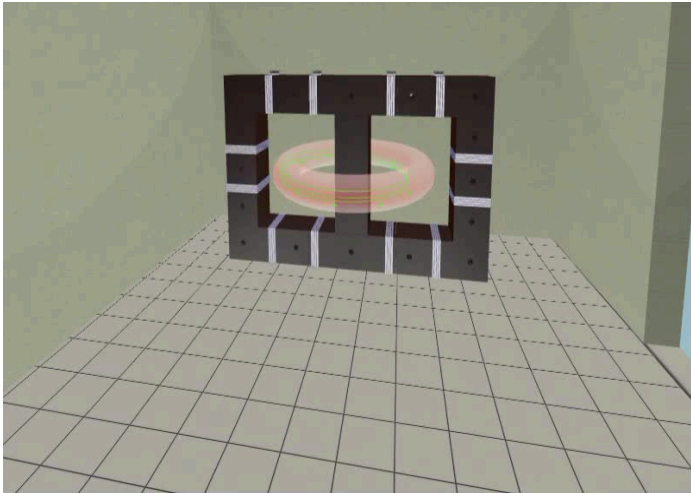


Toroidal magnetic field coils confine the plasma

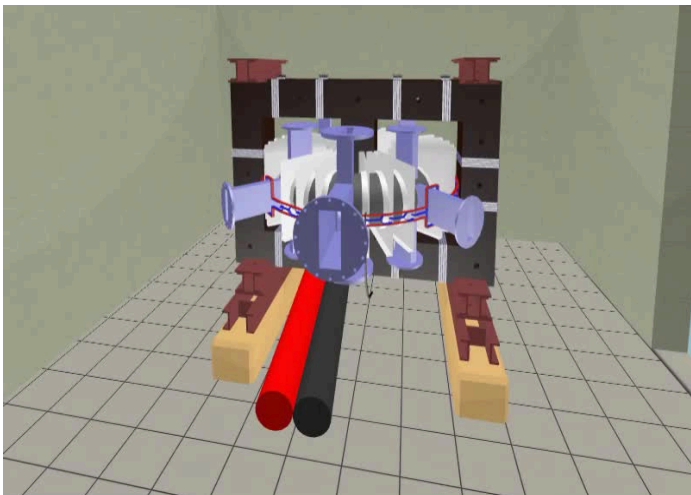




A transformer action creates and heats the plasma



# The final technology altogether



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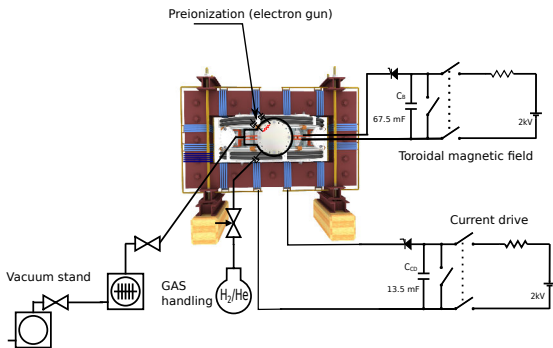
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# Plasma in Tokamak (GOLEM) - the least to do



## To do:

- session start phase:
  - Evacuate the chamber
- pre-discharge phase
  - Charge the capacitors
  - Fill in the working gas
  - Preionization
- discharge phase
  - Toroidal magnetic field to confine plasma
  - Toroidal electric field to breakdown neutral gas into plasma
  - Toroidal electric field to heat the plasma
  - Plasma positioning
  - Diagnostics
- post-discharge phase

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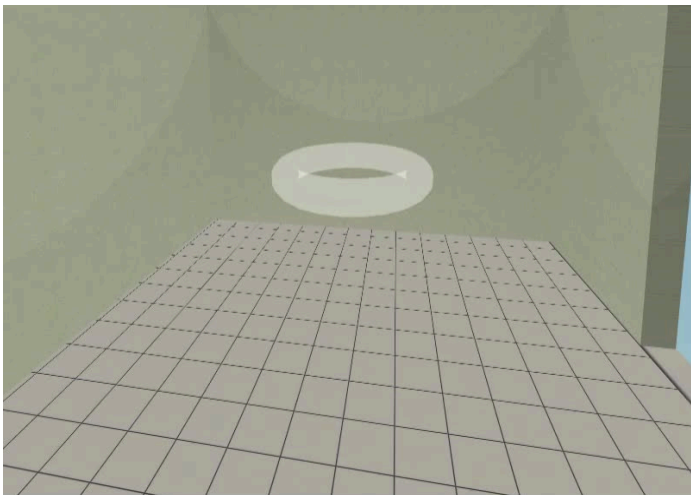
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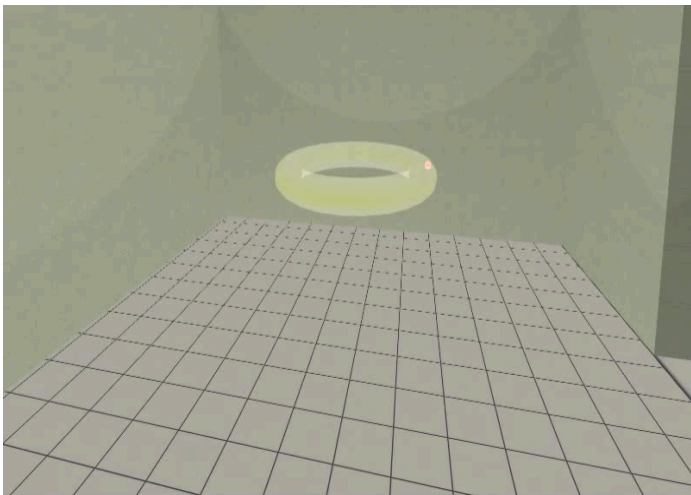
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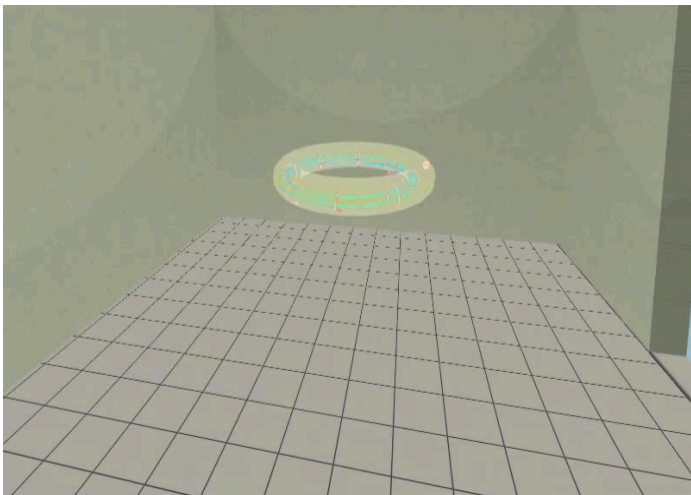
Introduce the working gas (Hydrogen x Helium)



Switch on the preionization

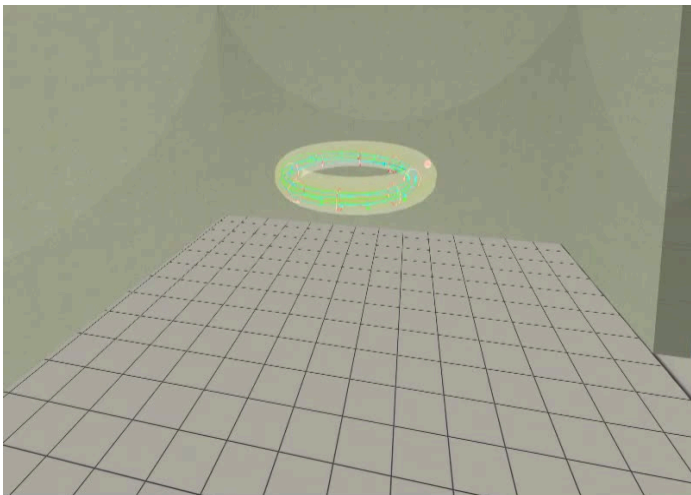


# Introduce the magnetic field

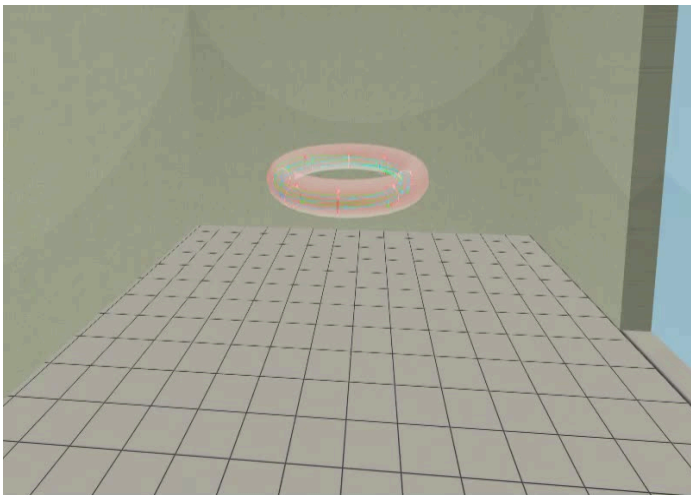




# Introduce the electric field



# Plasma ..



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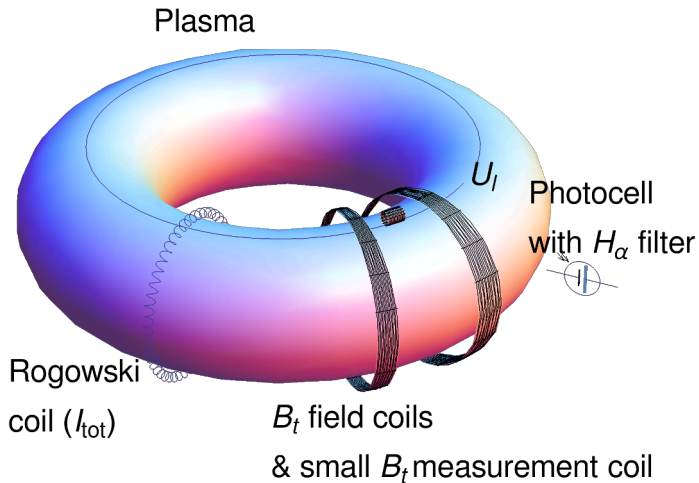
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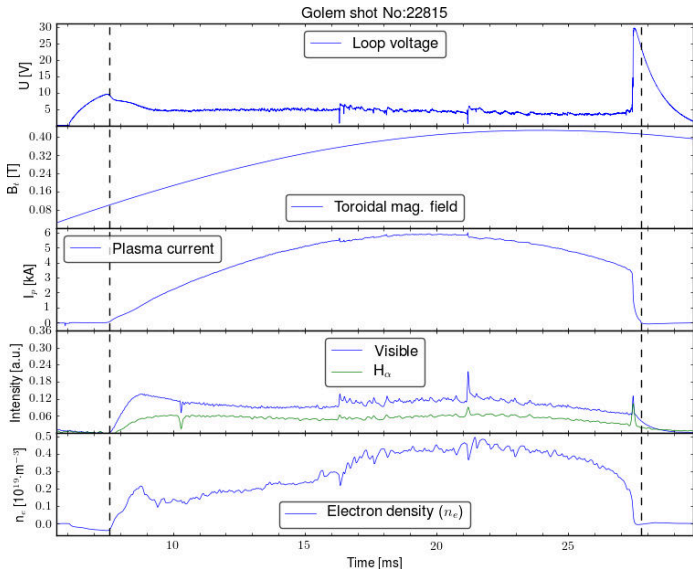
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# "Typical", well executed discharge @ GOLEM



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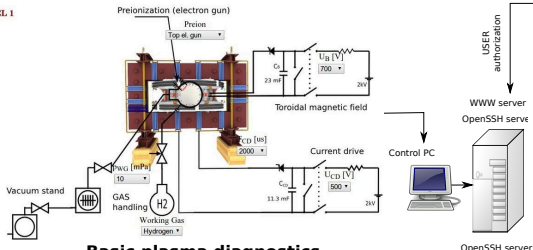
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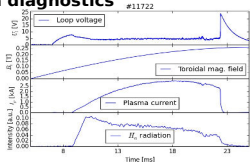
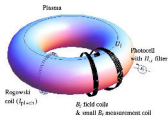
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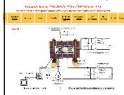
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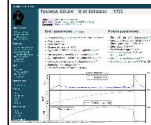
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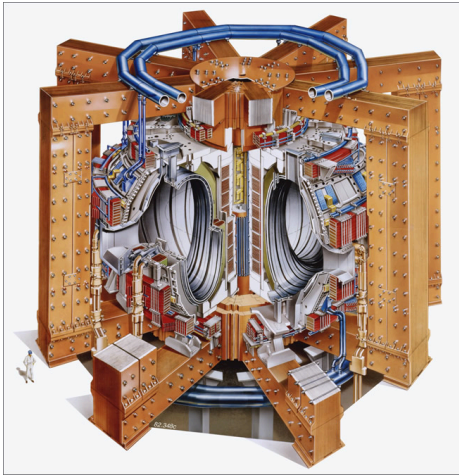
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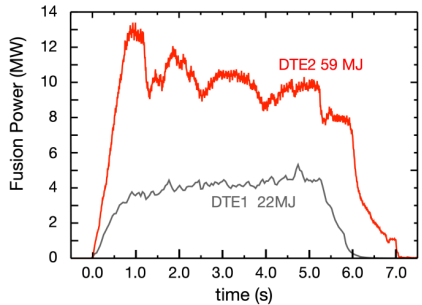
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# 1997: Světový fúzní rekord @ JET (EU)



output comparison 1997 and 2021.png

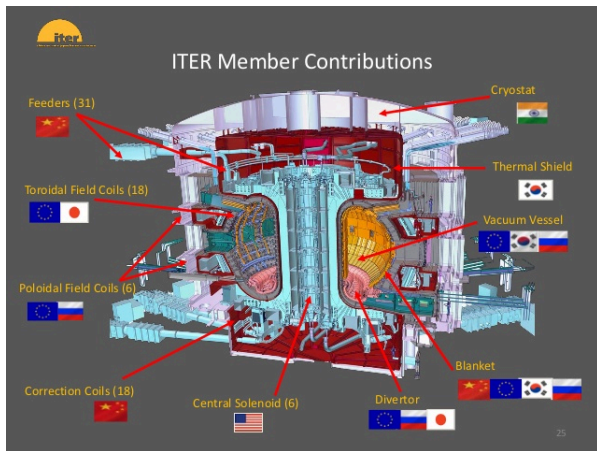


1997:  $P \approx 22$  MW,  $Q \approx 0.65$ ,  $\Delta T \approx 5$  s,

2022:  $P \approx 59$  MW,  $Q \approx ?$ ,  $\Delta T \approx 6$  s



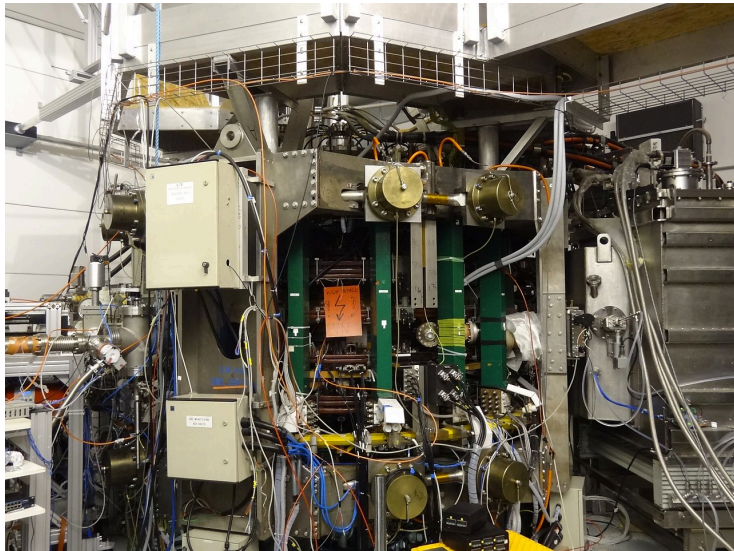
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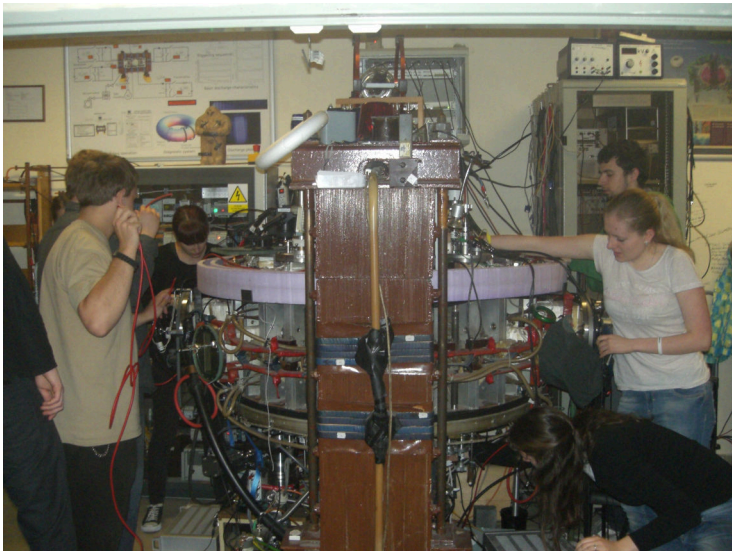
Mise:

$P \approx 500$  MW,  $Q \approx 10$ ,  $\Delta T \approx 10$  minut, konkurenceschopná cena elektřiny

# Příspěvek České republiky: tokamak COMPASS@IPP.CAS.CZ



# Hands on tokamak



# Tokamak GOLEM - vzdálené řízení: 2009-2019 inventura



Studenti z TU Eindhoven, operující tokamak, 650 km vzdušnou čarou

- Demontrace: Ghent University 09; Bochum University 13; Garching 13; Lemvig High School 14; Instituto Tecnológico Costa Rica 10; Armidale University 17.
- Zimní a letní školy: French Training Course & EM 12-14,16-19; Bangkok 16-19; TU Eindhoven 11,15-19; TU Kobehaven 14,15,18; Grenoble TU 15, University of Belgrade 15-18; BUTE Budapest 10,12-18; University of Padova 14,16,18; TU Torino 16-18, St. Peterburg University 18-19. Kharkov University 19
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# GOLEM



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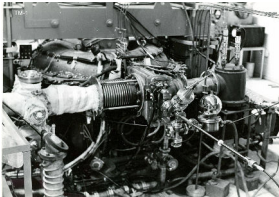
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@Kurchatov Institute near Moscow  
~1960-1977



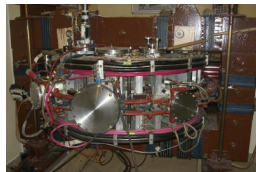
**SCIENCE**

**Tokamak CASTOR**  
@Institute of Plasma Physics, Prague  
1977-2007



**SCIENCE**  
& education

**Tokamak GOLEM**  
@Czech Technical University, Prague  
2007-



**EDUCATION**  
& science

... with the biggest  
control room  
in the world ..

**Tokamak Golem **\*\*REMOTE\*\*** for MASTER (Level 1)**  
The smallest & oldest operational tokamak with the biggest control rooms in the world

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**LEVEL 1**

Preionization (electron gun)  
Proton  
Toroidal magnetic field  
Current drive  
Vacuum stand  
GAS handling  
Working Gas  
Discharge comment  
Place the discharge setup into the queue.



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