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# Harnessing the Sun's energy

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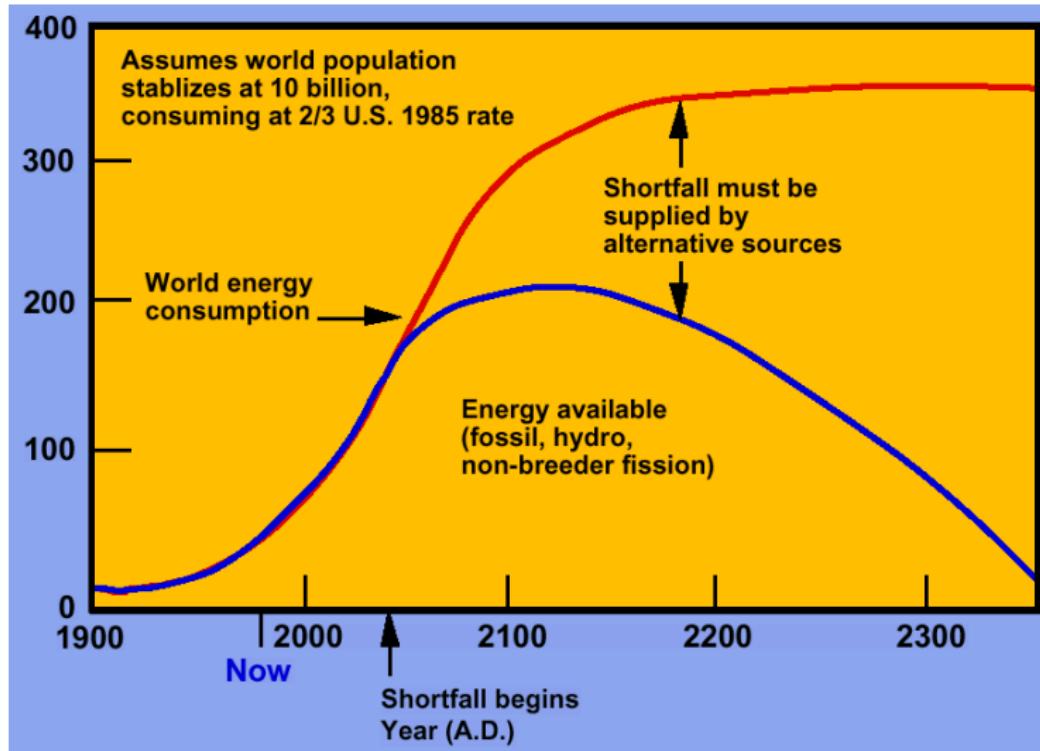
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# Energy needs



# The 1GW (approx. Prague) annual power requirement



## Fission

1.5 rail car load  
Uranium Oxide

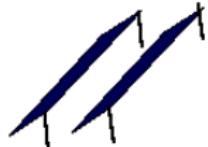


Oil  
11 super tankers



## Solar

5000 acres of collectors  
plus energy storage for  
night and cloudy days

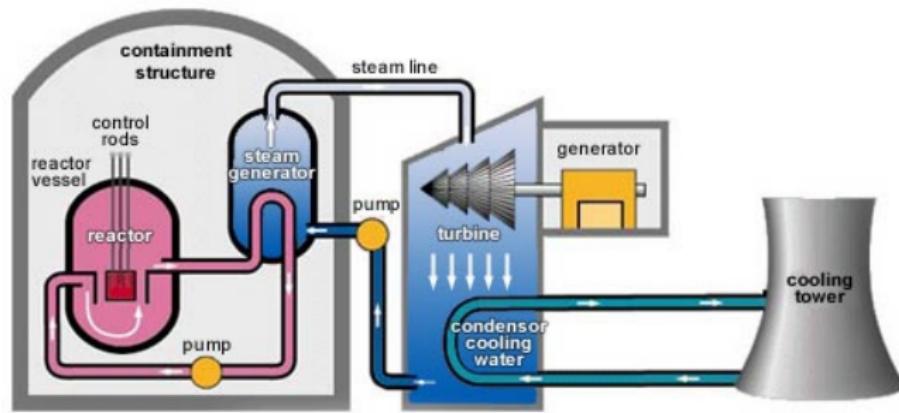


## Fusion

1/2 ton pickup truck  
Deuterium & Tritium



# Thermal power plant - basic principle



The question:

?? WHAT TO BURN ??

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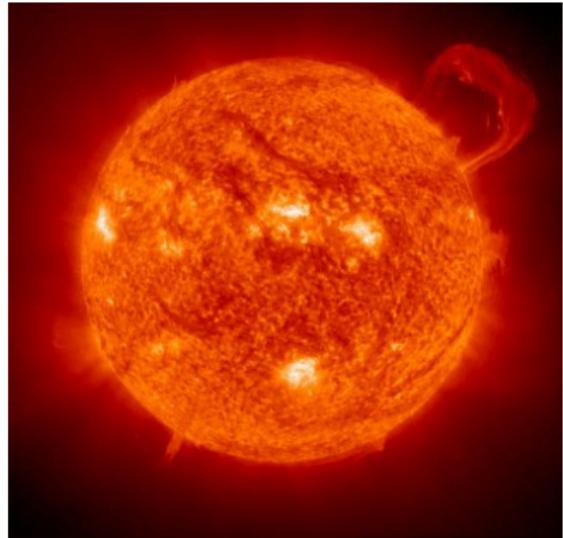
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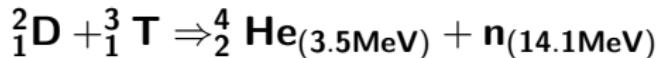
# Harnessing the Sun's (star's) energy



Core Burning Stages in a 25 Solar Mass Star:

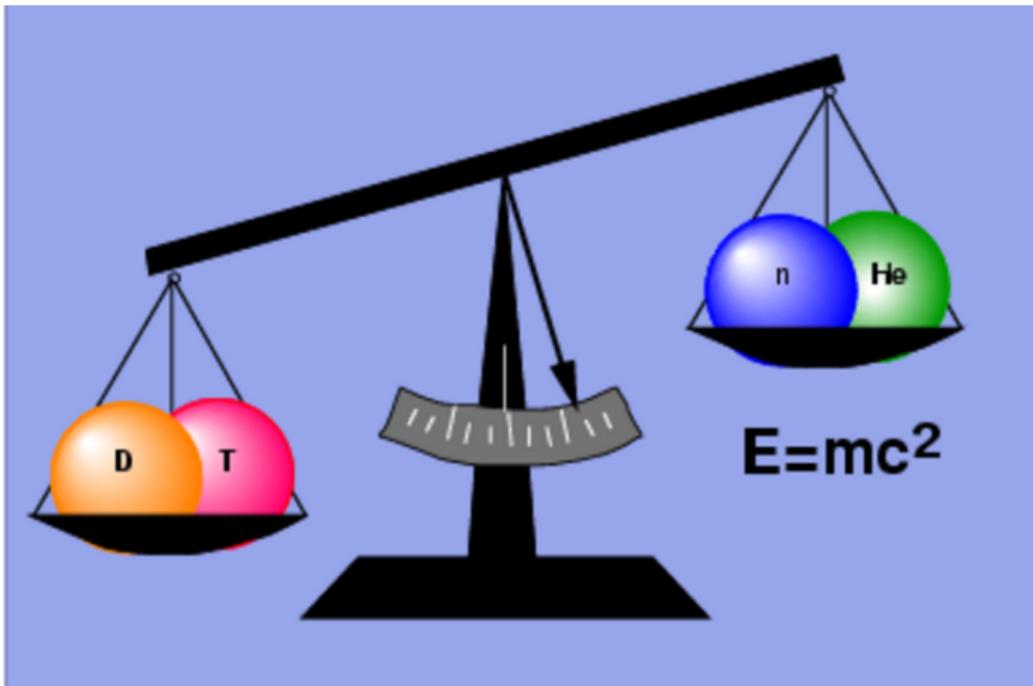
Fuel:	Products:	Temperature (K):	Minimum Mass:	Burning Period:
H	He	$4 \times 10^6$	0.1	$7 \times 10^6$ years
He	C, O	$1.2 \times 10^8$	0.4	$5 \times 10^5$ years
C	Ne, Na, Mg, O	$6 \times 10^8$	4	600 years
Ne	O, Mg	$1.2 \times 10^9$	~8	1 year
O	Si, S, P	$1.5 \times 10^9$	~8	~0.5 years
Si	Ni - Fe	$2.7 \times 10^9$	~8	~1 day

On the Earth the most feasible candidate:

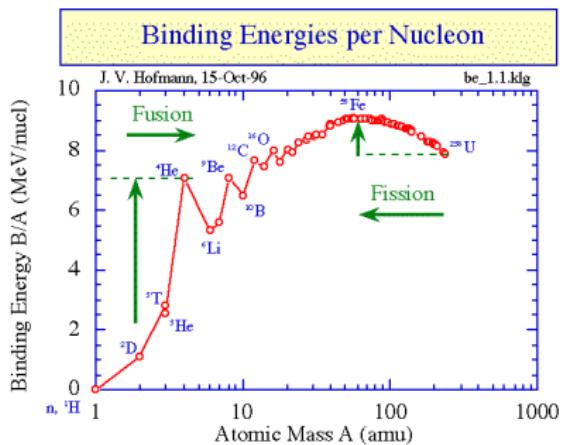
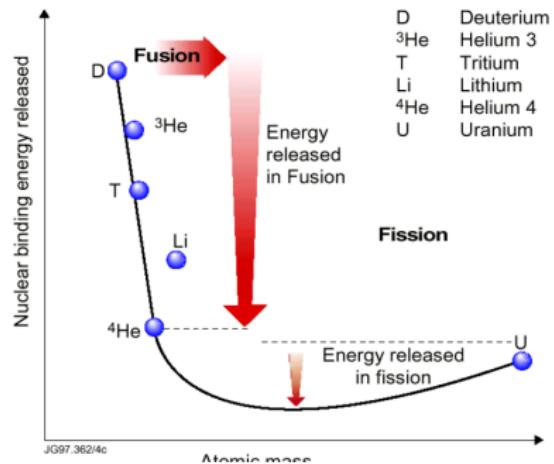


→ Confine & Heat & Measure ←

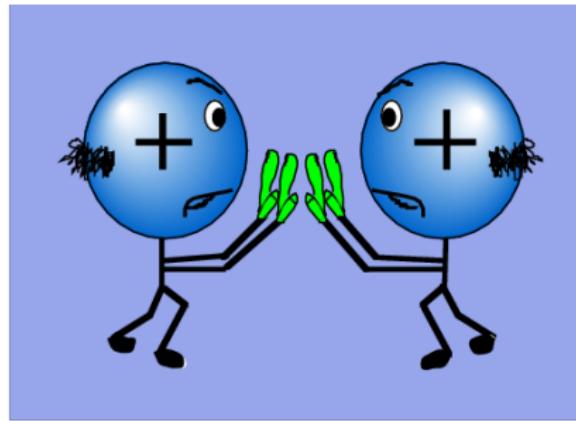
# Binding energy releasing I



# Binding energy releasing II

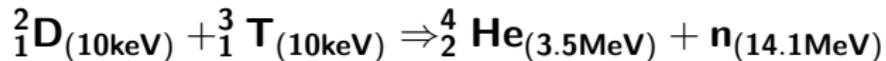


# Problem: Like charges repel

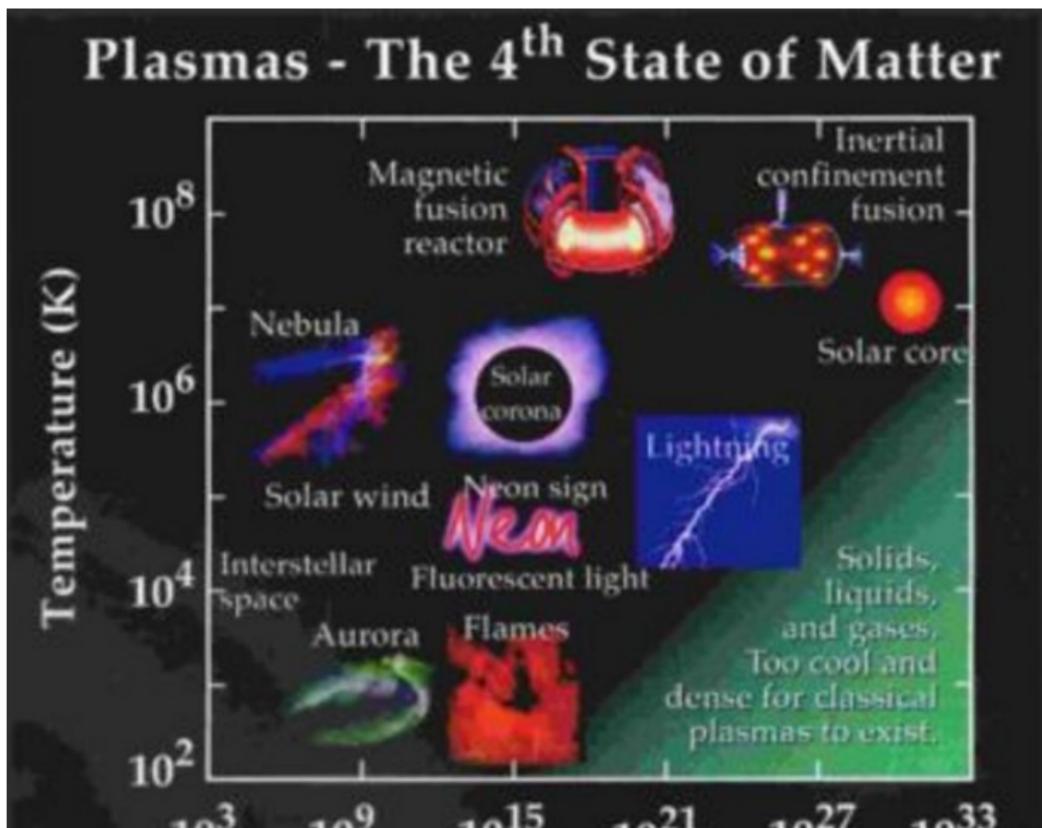


- Coulomb law:

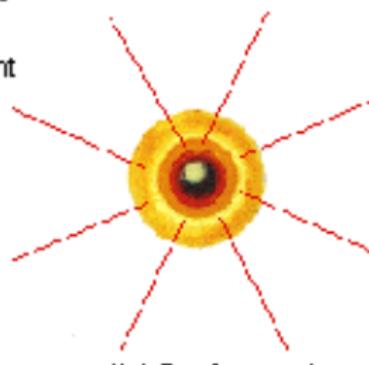
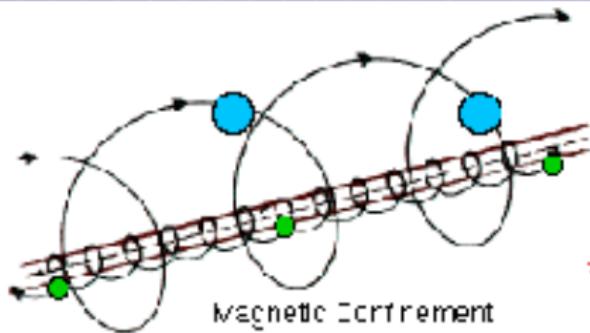
$$F_E = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2}$$



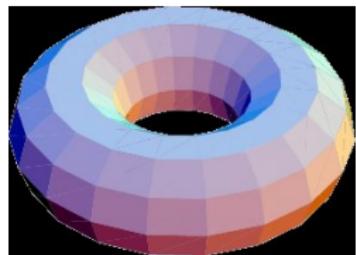
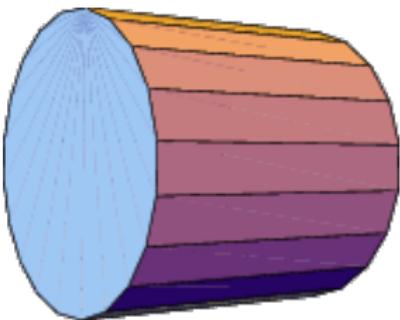
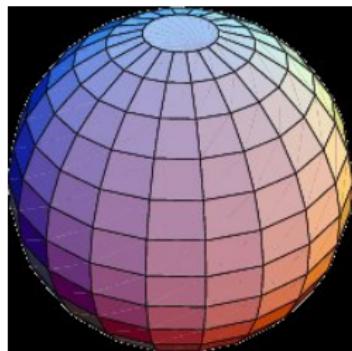
# Plasma



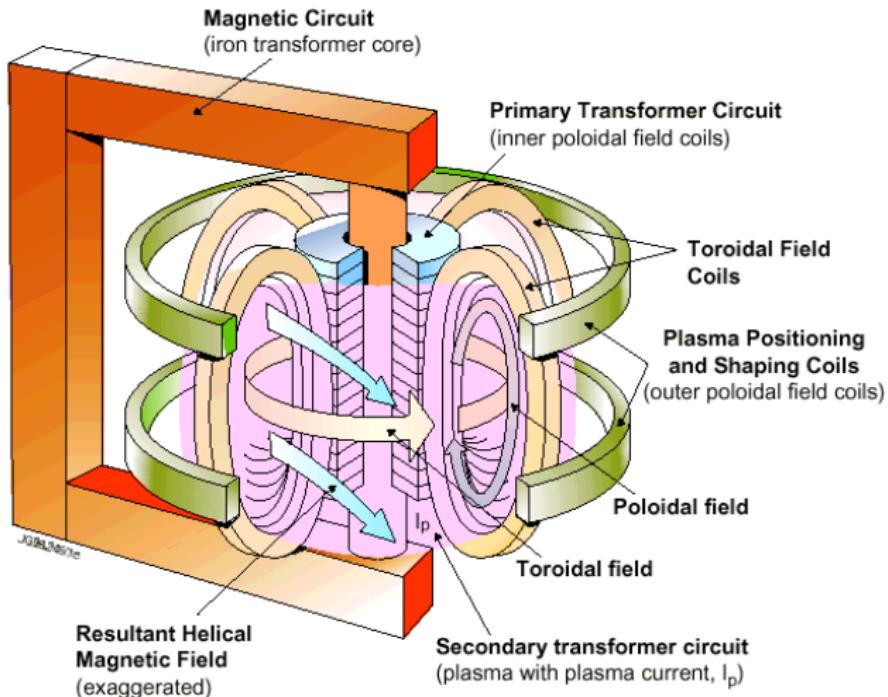
# Three ways to confine plasma



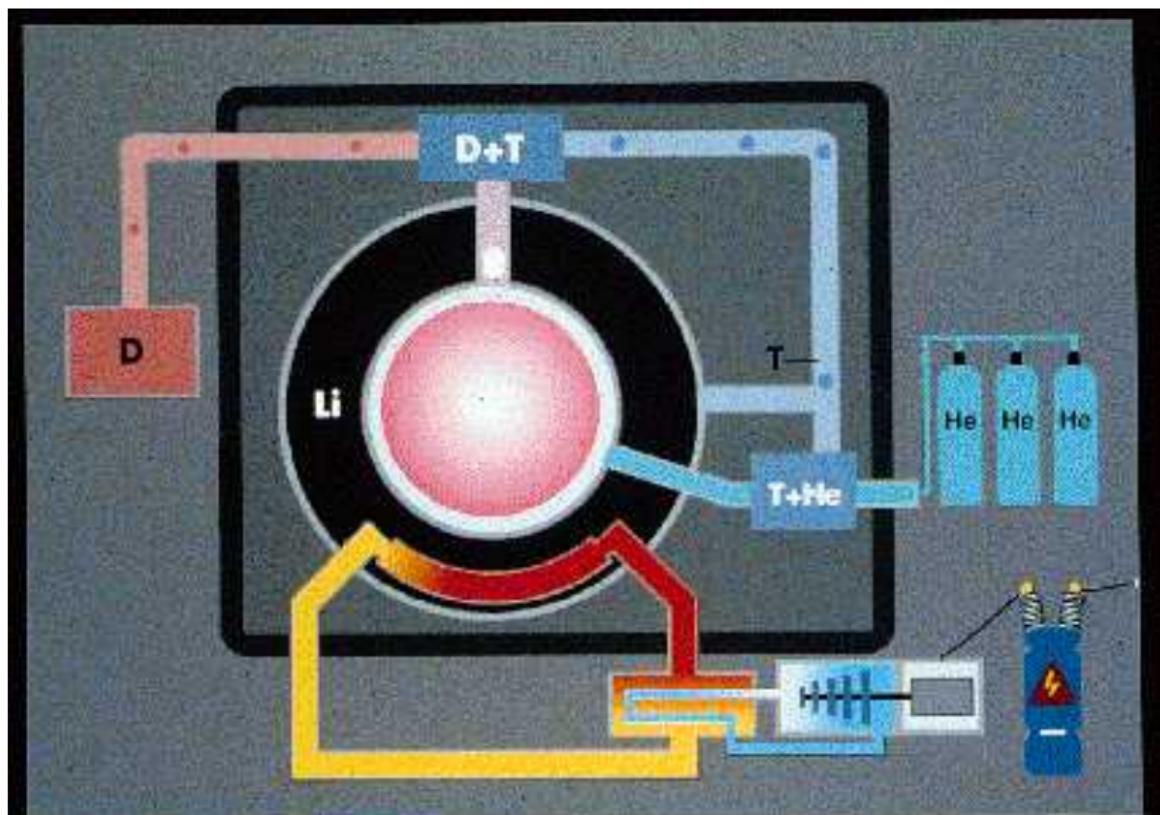
# Confinement geometry?



# Magnetic confinement - Tokamak



# Future reactor



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# Tokamak GOLEM for Education - Historical Background

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



1974

Institute of Plasma Physics  
Czech republic  
**CASTOR**

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



2006



2006: new curricula at FNSPE:  
**Physics and Technology  
of Thermonuclear Fusion**

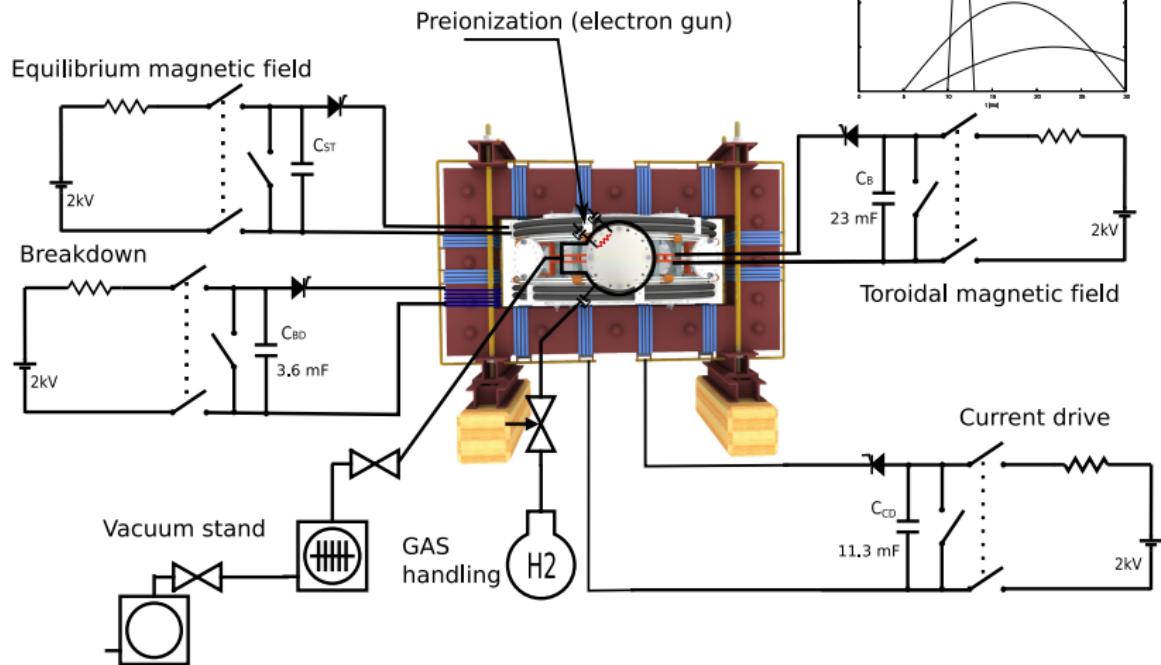
**?virtual or real experiments?**

2008

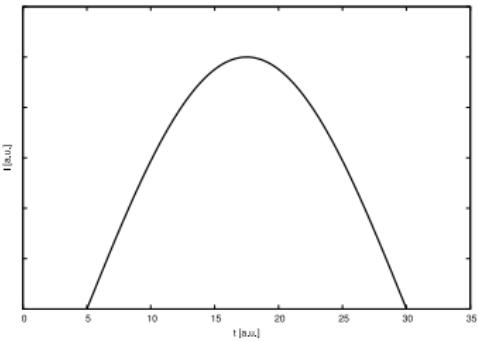
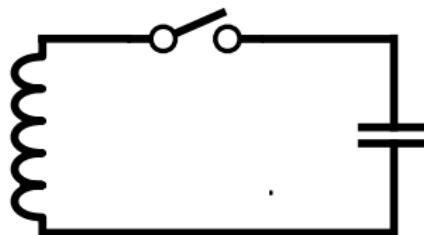
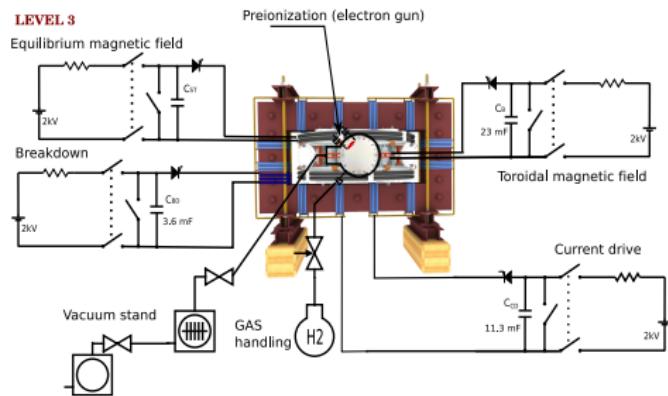
Czech Technical University Prague  
Czech republic  
**GOLEM**

# Tokamak GOLEM - engineering scheeme

## LEVEL 3

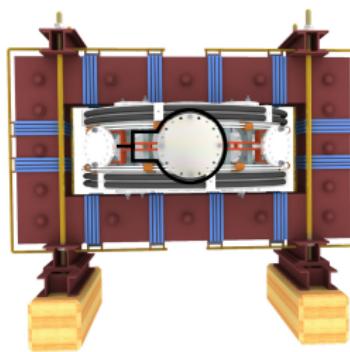


# Insertion - LC circuit



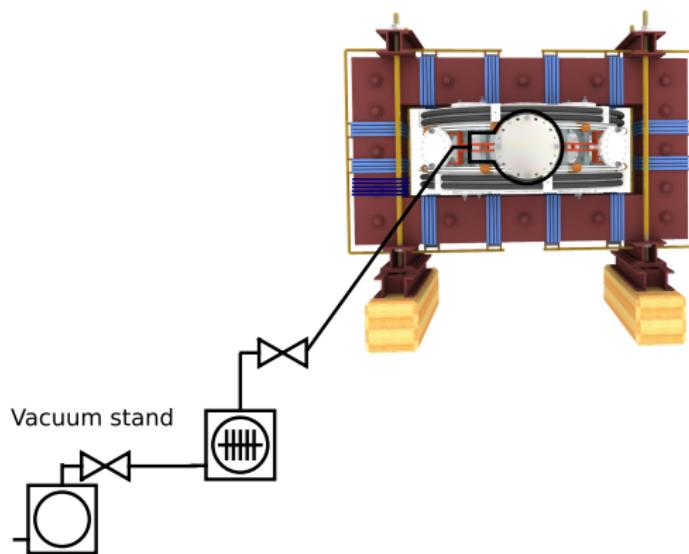
# Tokamak GOLEM - basic

**LEVEL 0**



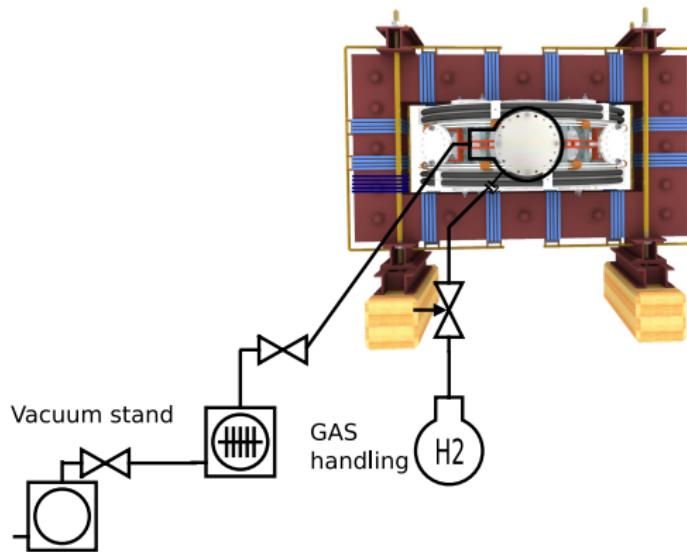
# Tokamak GOLEM + vacuum pumping system (100 kPa → 1 mPa)

## LEVEL 0



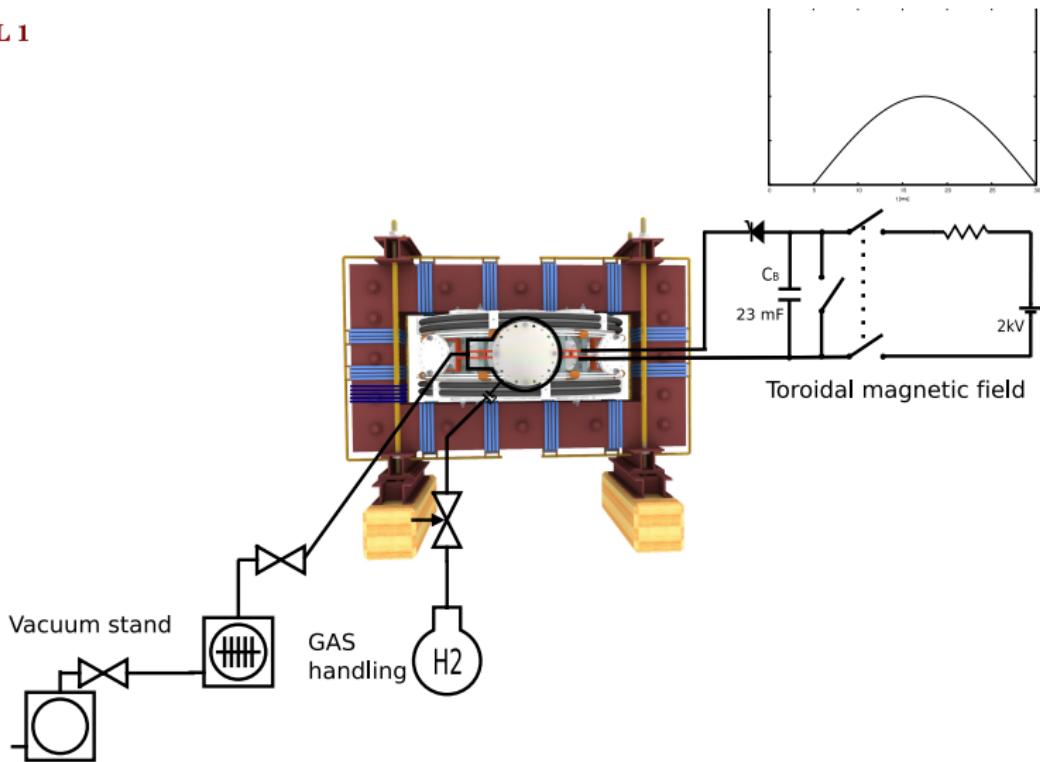
# Tokamak GOLEM + working gas management (H<sub>2</sub> or He)

## LEVEL 0



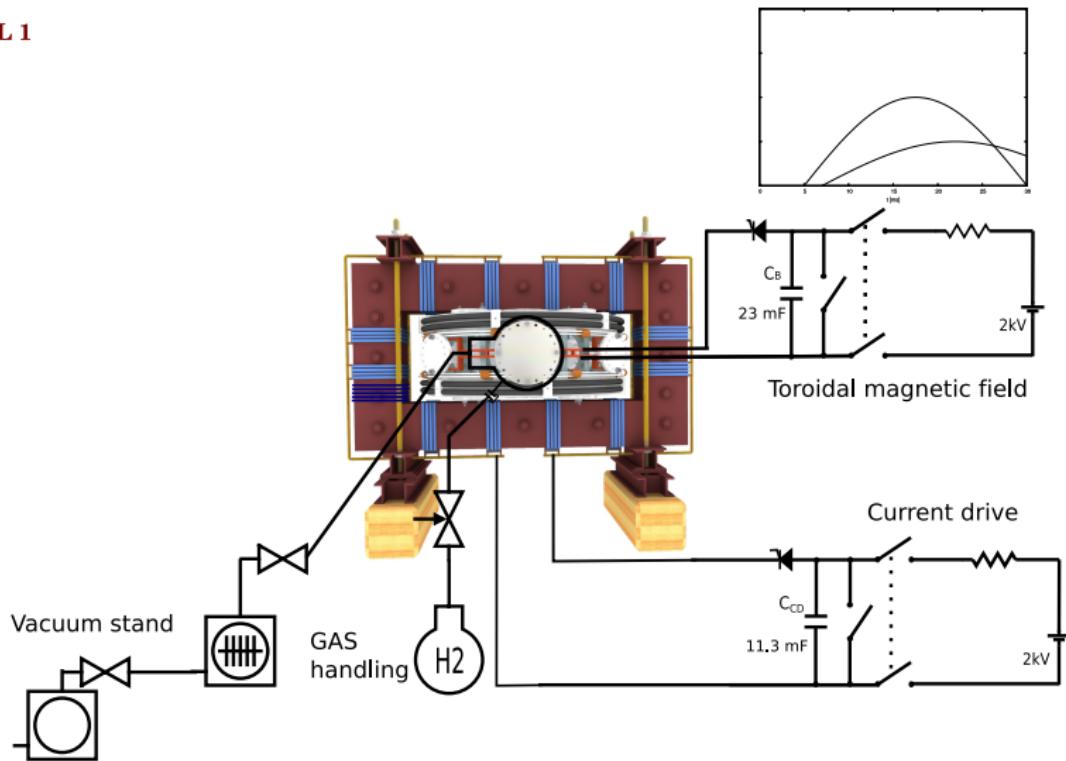
# Tokamak GOLEM + B (toroidal magnetic field) Plasma confinement

LEVEL 1



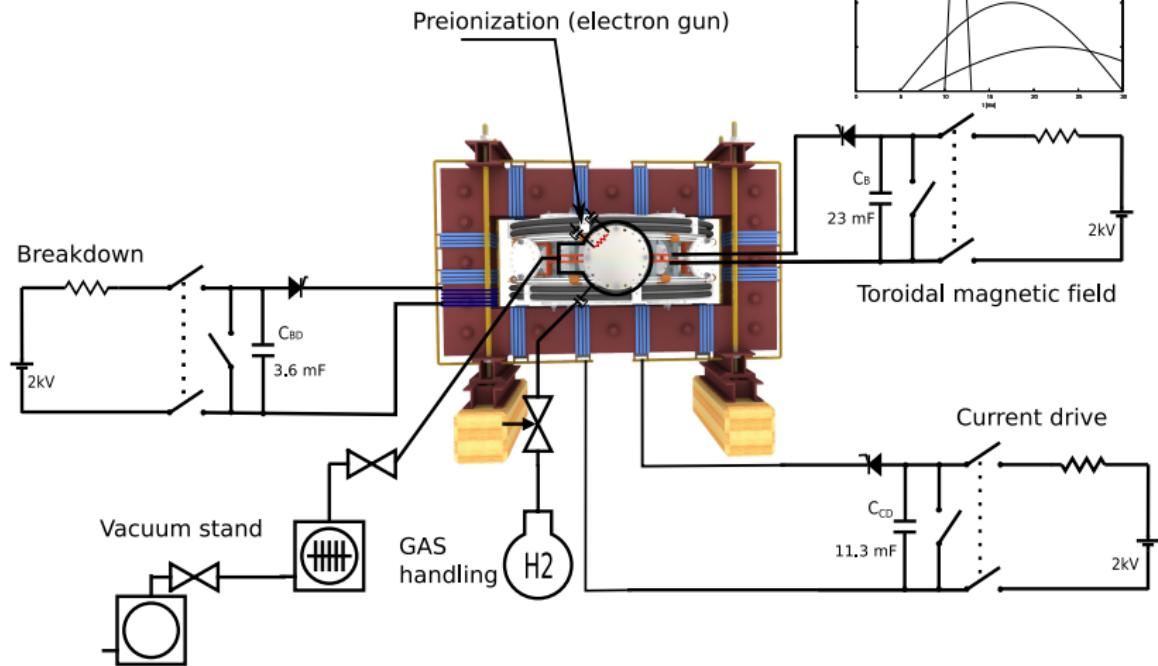
# Tokamak GOLEM + CD (toroidal electric field) Plasma heating

LEVEL 1



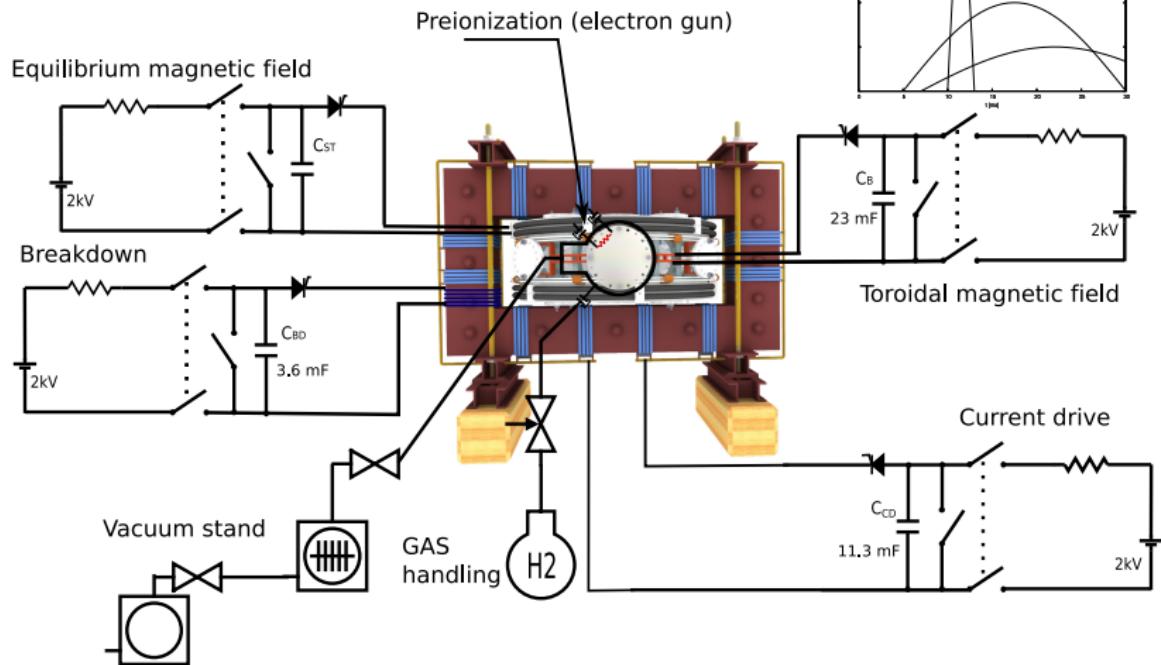
# Tokamak GOLEM + breakdown the neutral gas plasma creation

## LEVEL 2

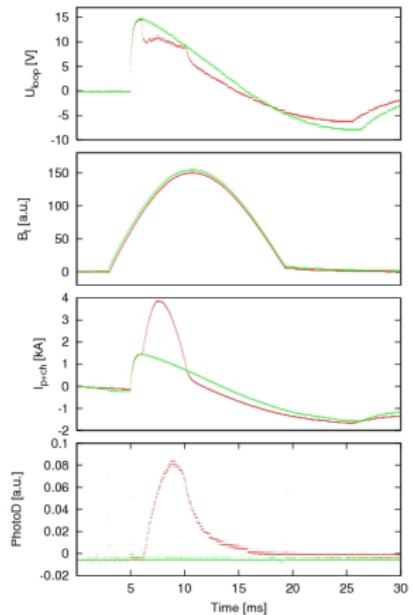
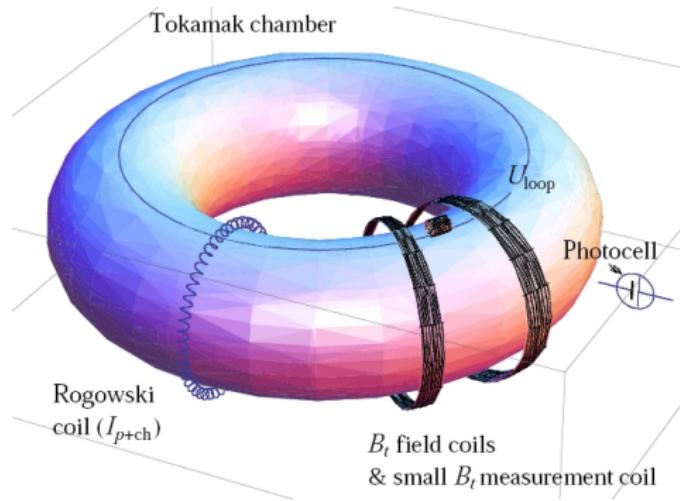


# Tokamak GOLEM + plasma stabilization vertical magnetic field

## LEVEL 3



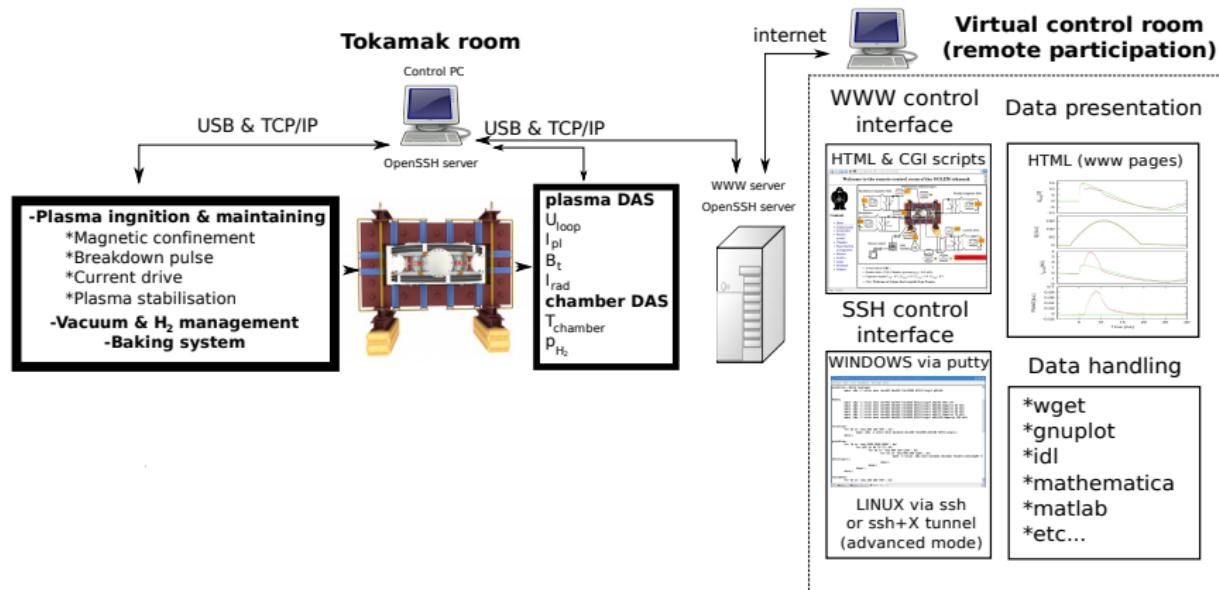
# Basic plasma diagnostics in tokamak GOLEM



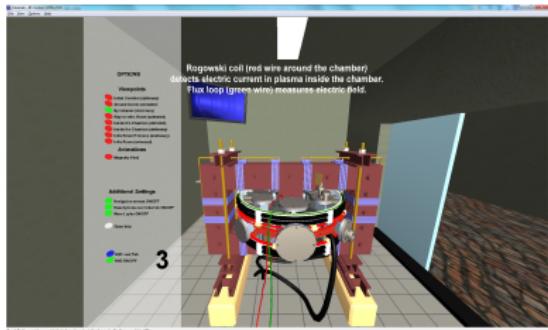
Data Acquisition System based on:

NATIONAL  
INSTRUMENTS™

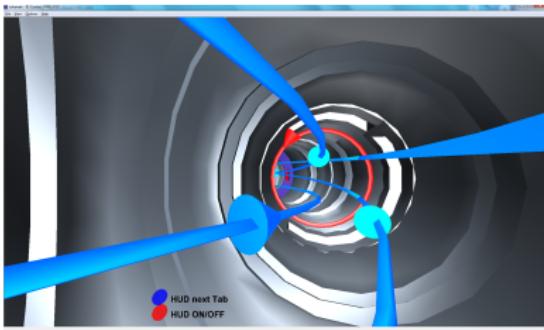
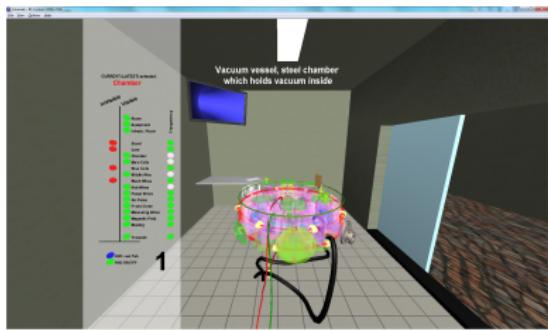
# Unique remote operation capability



# The GOLEM tokamak virtual model



Tokamak Room & Infrastructure Room



Inner view & Inside chamber

# The GOLEM tokamak virtual Control Room

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## Tokamak Golem \*\*VIRTUALLY\*\* for IBA2011

Home

Control Room L1 L2 L3

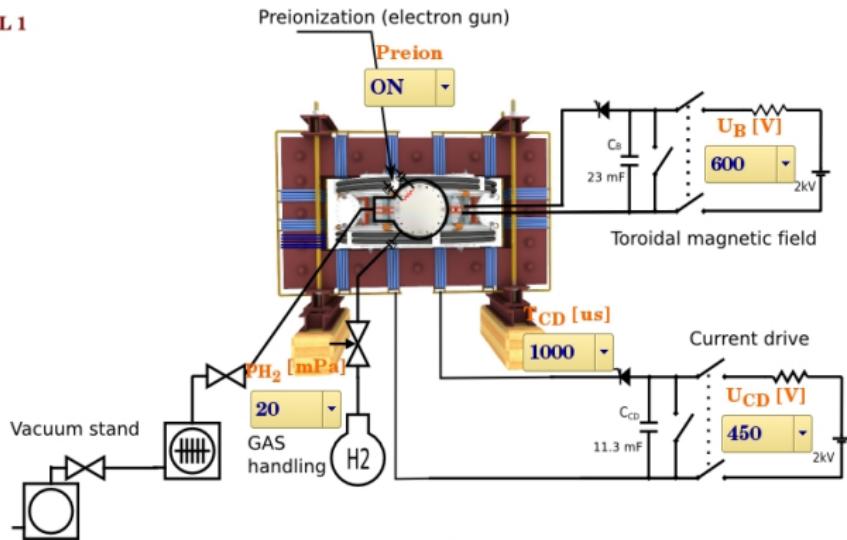
Queue

Live

Results

Manual R

LEVEL 1



Discharge comment

Place the discharge setup into the queue

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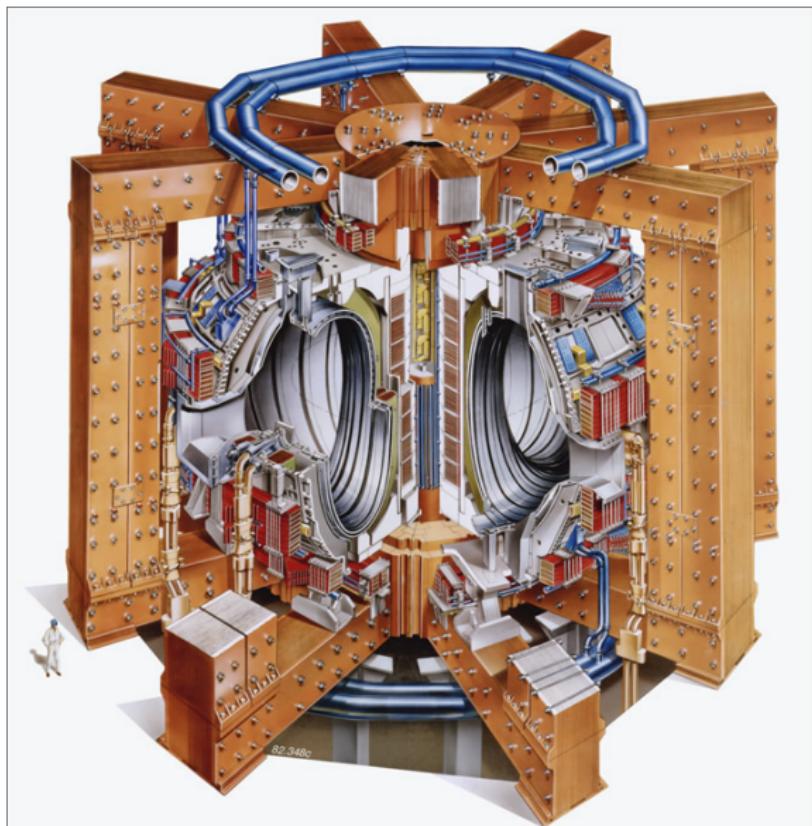
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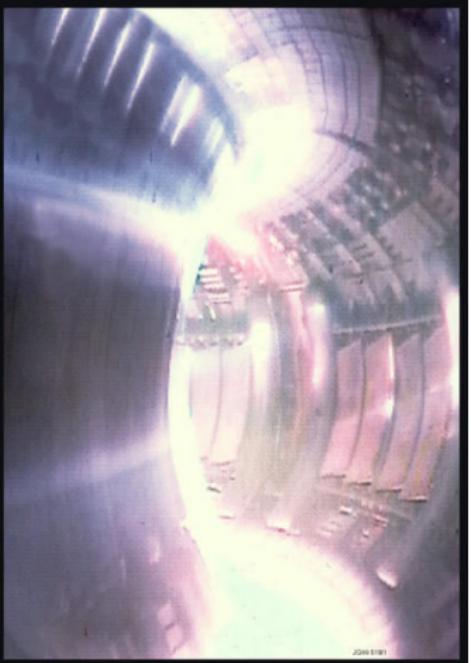
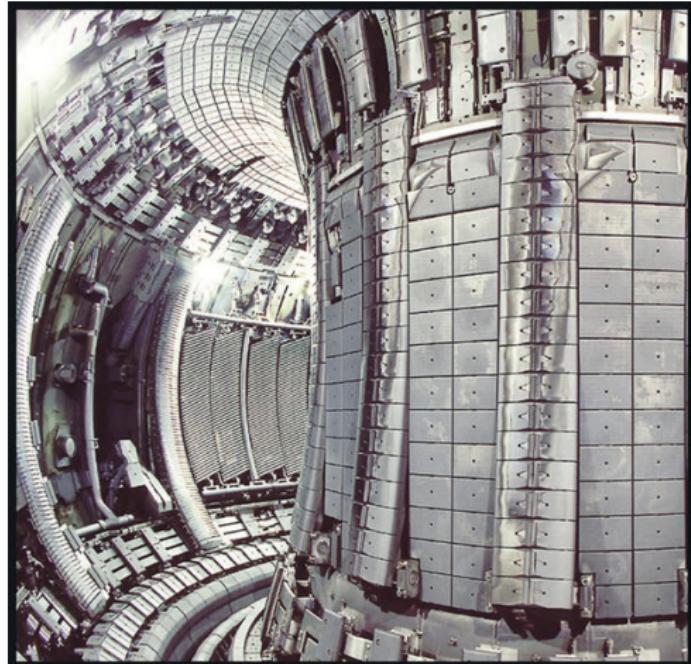
# Compass



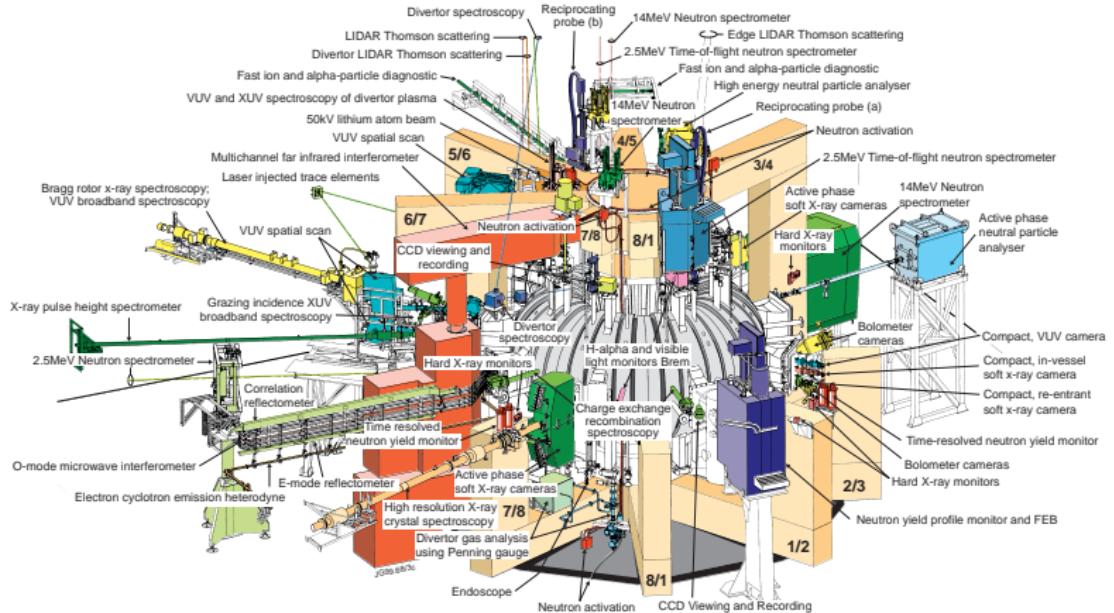
# JET



# Plasma discharge in tokamak



# Joint European Torus (diagnostics)

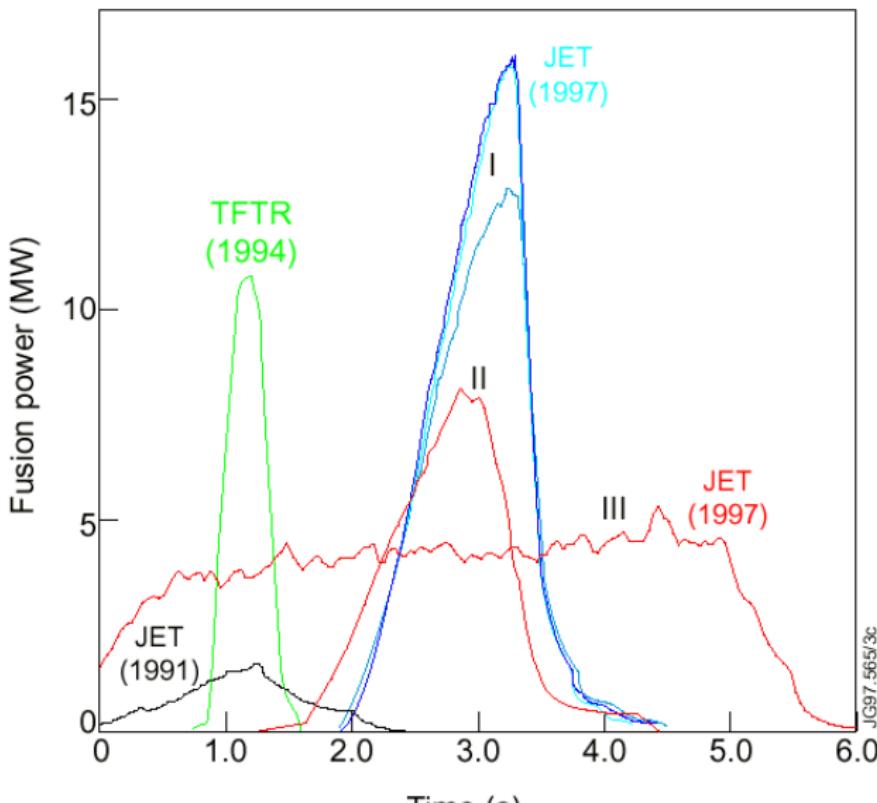


The challenge of characterising extreme conditions of nuclear fusion plasmas both spatially and temporally has inspired JET to produce an impressive array of diagnostic techniques. Drawing from fields as diverse as neutronics, spectroscopy, lasers and microwaves, JET is a leader in the art of measurement."

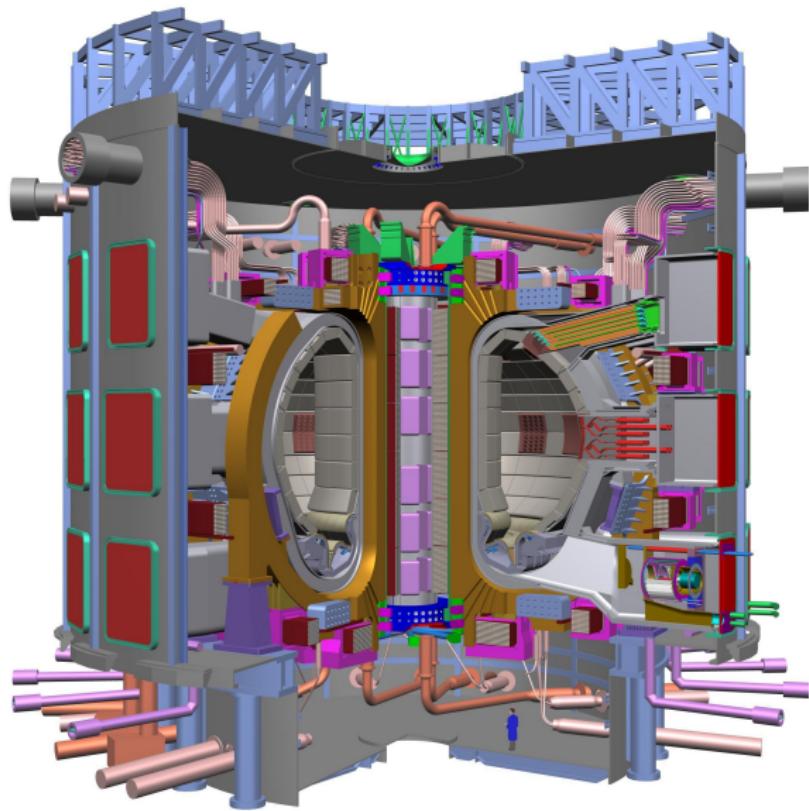


Andrea Murari, Task Force Leader - Diagnostics.

# Fusion power at the JET (DT fuel)



# ITER



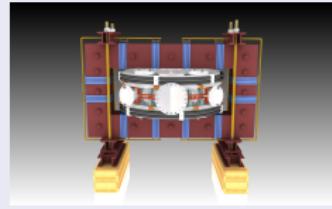
14.9.2009; ČVUT; PRAHA ...



# Winter school of Plasma Physics - Marianska 2011 (Tokamak, probably COMPASS, with NBI )



Thank you for your attention



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