

## The tokamak Golem discharges

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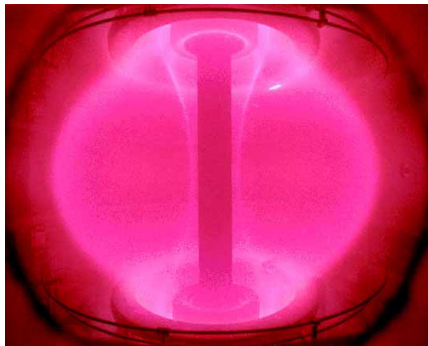
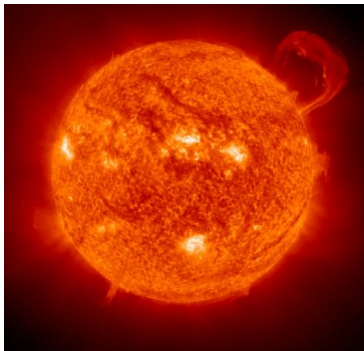
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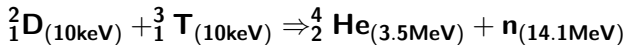
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# Harnessing the Sun's (star's) energy

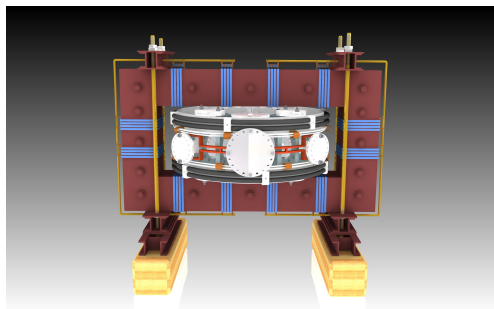


On the Earth the most feasible candidate:



(??remotelly)  $\longrightarrow$  Confine & Heat & Measure  $\longleftarrow$  (remotelly??)

# Tokamak GOLEM - basic parameters:

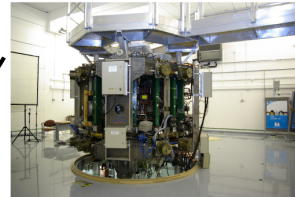


- major radius  $R = 0.4$
- plasma current  $I_{pl} < 10$  kA
- toroidal magnetic field  $B_{tor} < 1$  T
- electron temperature  $T_e(0) < 200$  eV
- minor radius  $a = 0.085$  m
- pulse length  $t < 20$  ms
- plasma density  $n_e = 0.2 - 3.0 * 10^{19}/m^3$
- ion temperature  $T_i(0) < 100$  eV

# Tokamak GOLEM for Education - Historical Background

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

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



1974

2006

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

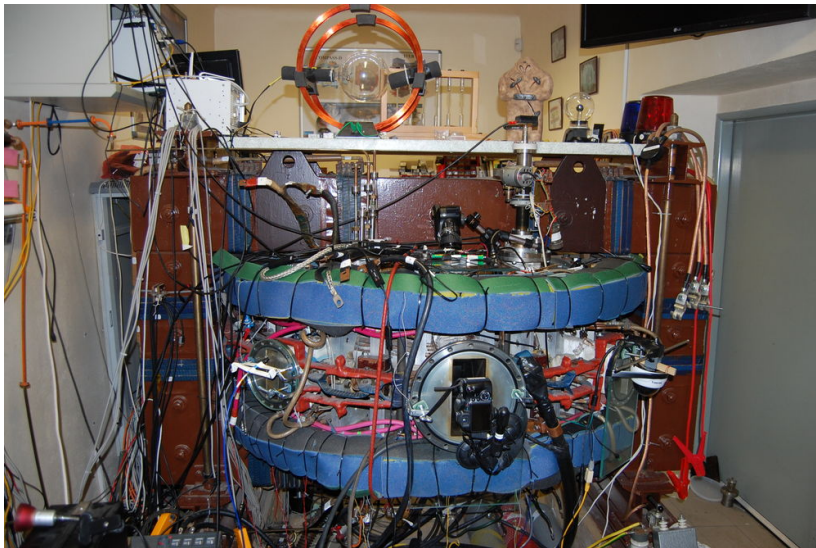
2008

Czech Technical University Prague  
Czech republic  
**GOLEM**

# The Golem tokamak - South view (02/12)

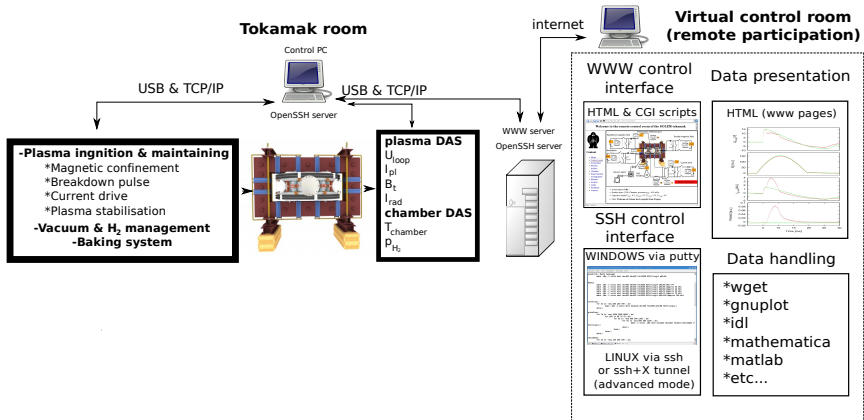


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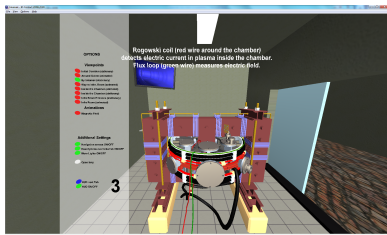




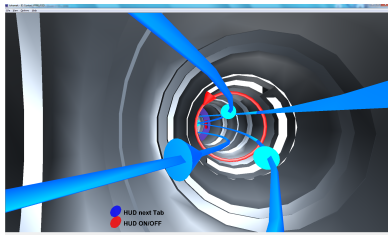
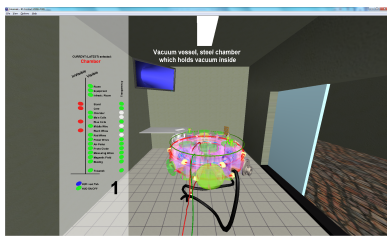
# Unique remote operation capability



# The GOLEM tokamak virtual model



Tokamak Room & Infrastructure Room



Inner view & Inside chamber

# The GOLEM tokamak **virtual** Control Room - level I

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## Tokamak Golem **\*\*VIRTUAL\*\*** for GOLEM (Level I)

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**LEVEL 1**

Preionization (electron gun)

Preion ON

$U_B$  [V] 600 2kV

23 mF

Toroidal magnetic field

$t_{CD}$  [us] 1000

Current drive

$U_{CD}$  [V] 500 2kV

11.3 mF

$P_{H_2}$  [mPa] 20

Vacuum stand

GAS handling

H<sub>2</sub>

The diagram illustrates the physical components and electrical circuits of the tokamak. It includes a central tokamak chamber with a preionization electron gun, a toroidal magnetic field circuit with a 23 mF capacitor and a 2kV source, and a current drive circuit with an 11.3 mF capacitor and a 2kV source. The gas handling system consists of a vacuum stand, a gas handling unit, and an H<sub>2</sub> source. The control interface allows for real-time adjustment of these parameters.

# The GOLEM tokamak **virtual** Control Room - level II

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**LEVEL 2**

Preionization (electron gun)  
Preion ON

Breakdown  
 $U_{BD}$  [V] 100 2kV  
 $C_{BD}$  3.6 mF  
 $T_{BD}$  [us] 4000

Toroidal magnetic field  
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 $U_B$  [V] 600 2kV

Current drive  
 $C_{CD}$  11.3 mF  
 $U_{CD}$  [V] 500 2kV  
 $T_{CD}$  [us] 3000

Vacuum stand  
 $P_{H_2}$  [mPa] 20  
GAS handling H<sub>2</sub>

# The GOLEM tokamak real Control Room

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Vacuum stand

GAS handling

$P_{H_2}$  [mPa] 20

$H_2$

Toroidal magnetic field

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Current drive

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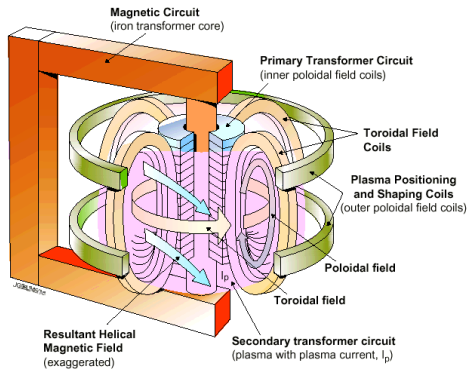
$U_{CD}$  [V] 500 2kV

$I_{CD}$  [us] 1000

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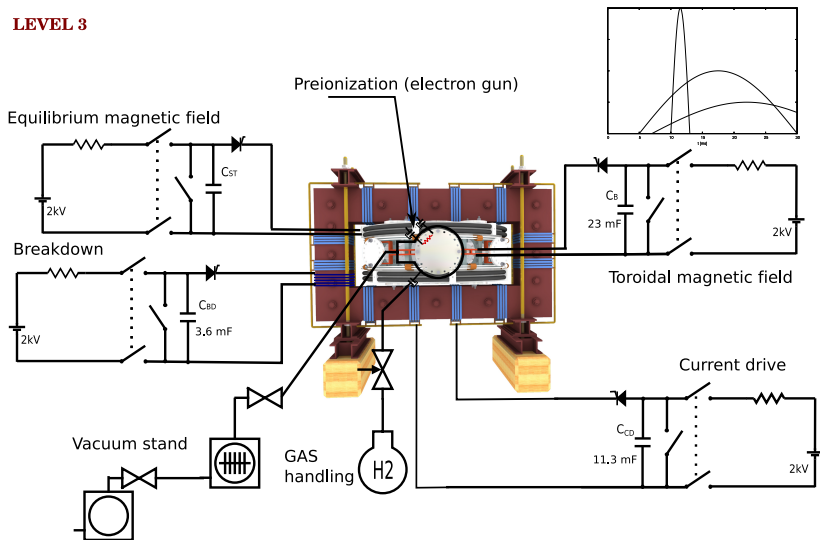
# Plasma in Tokamak (GOLEM) - the least to do



- Evacuate the chamber.
- Fill in the working gas.
- 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.

# Tokamak GOLEM - engineering scheme

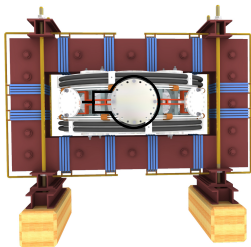
## LEVEL 3





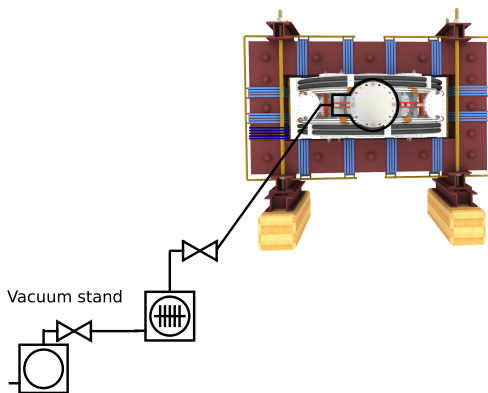
# Tokamak GOLEM - basic

**LEVEL 0**



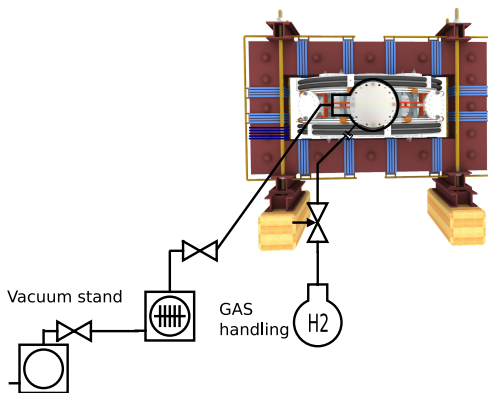
+ vacuum pumping system (100 kPa  $\rightarrow$   $\approx$  1 mPa)

**LEVEL 0**



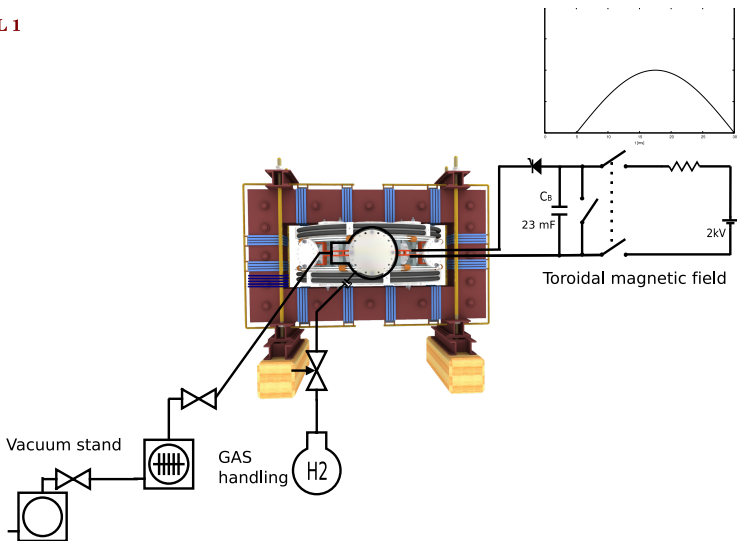
# + working gas management ( $H_2$ or He)

## LEVEL 0

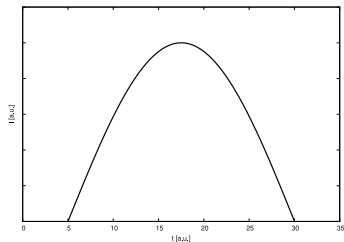
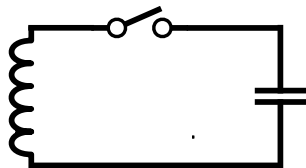
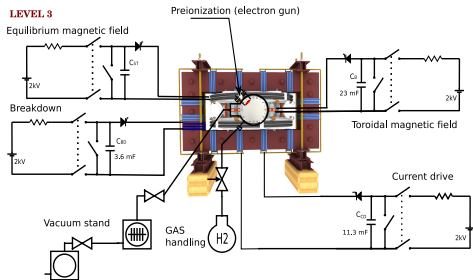


# + toroidal magnetic field $B_{tor}$ .. plasma confinement

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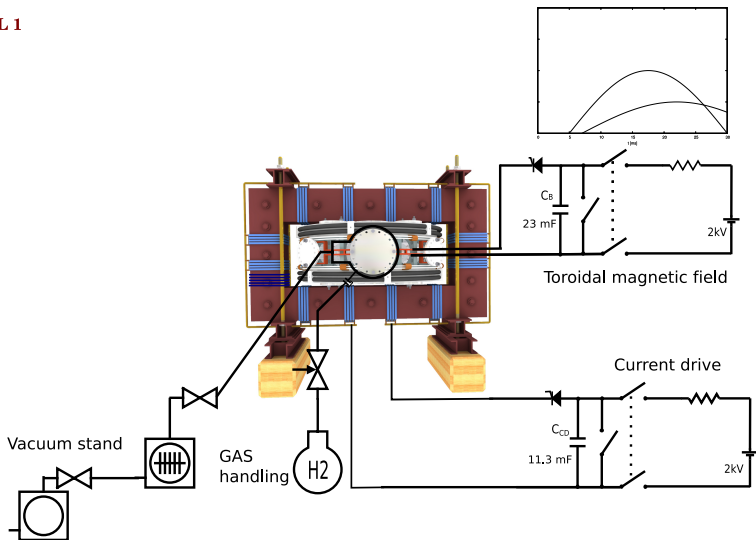


# Insertion - LC circuit



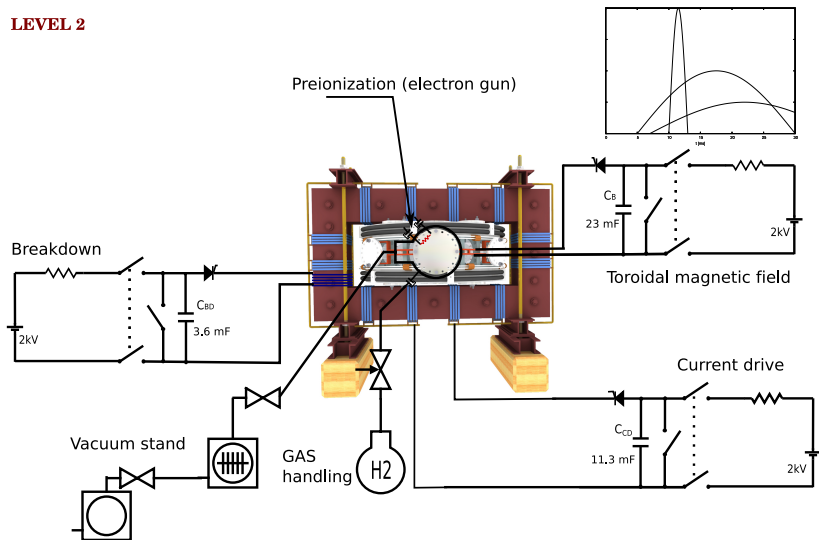
# + toroidal electric field $E_{CD}$ .. plasma heating

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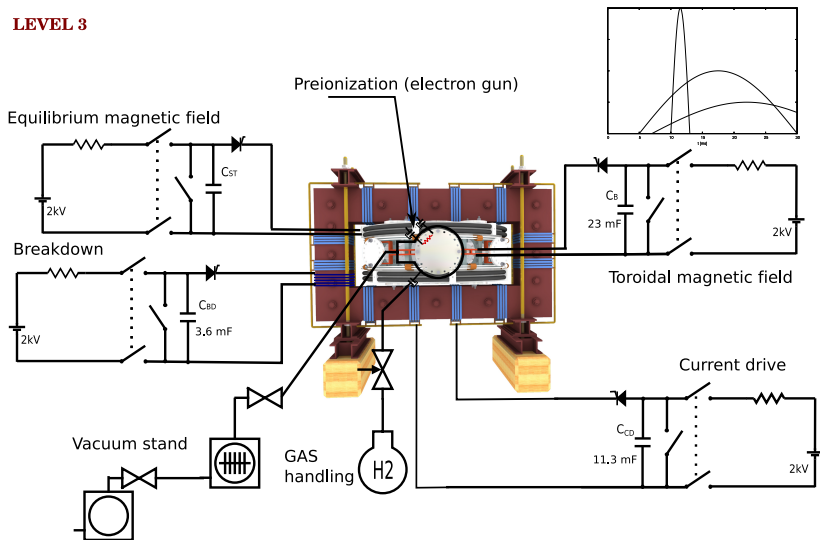
# + toroidal electric field $E_{BD}$ .. plasma creation

## LEVEL 2



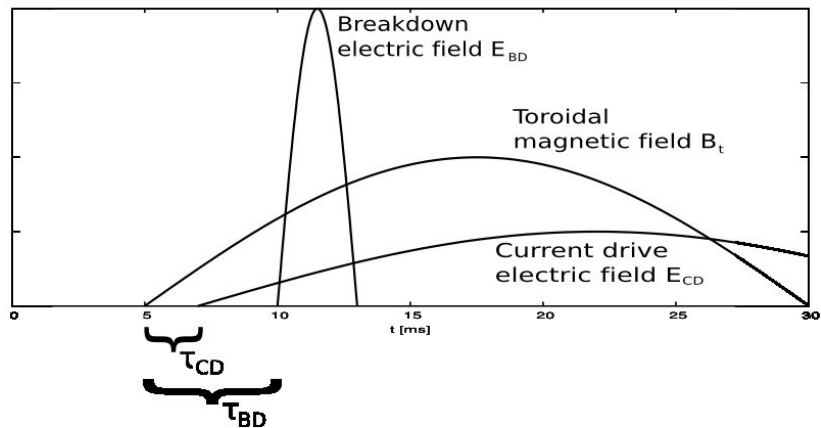
# + equilibrium magnetic field $B_{EQ}$ .. plasma stabilization

## LEVEL 3





# Triggering sequence



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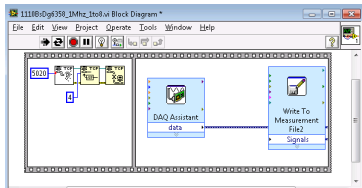
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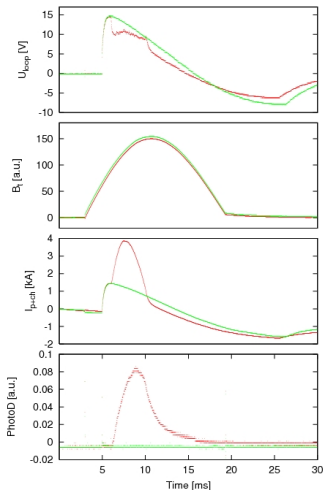
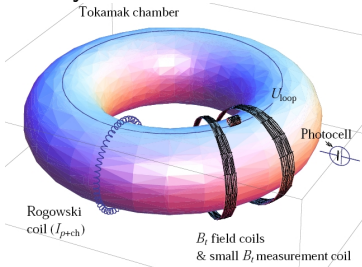
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# Basic plasma diagnostics in tokamak GOLEM



PXI system with PXle 6358



Data Acquisition System based on:

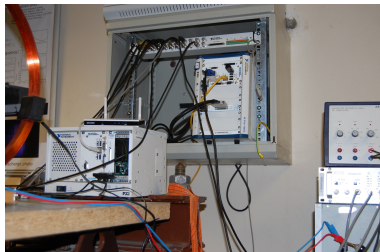


# GOLEM basic Data Acquisition System (DAS)

Data file example, DAS  $\Delta t = 10\mu s/f = 100kHz$  (neutral gas into plasma breakdown focused)

- $U_{loop}, U_{B_t}, U_{I_{pl+ch}}, I_{rad}, I_{H_{\alpha}rad}, I_{HXR}$ .
- $\Delta t = 1\mu s / f = 1MHz$ .
- Integration time = 40 ms, thus DAS produces 6 columns x 40000 rows data file.
- Discharge is triggered at 5th millisecond after DAS to have a zero status identification.

$t$	$U_{loop}$	$U_{\frac{dB}{dt}}$	$U_{\frac{d(I_{pl+ch})}{dt}}$	$I_{rad}$
:	:	:	:	:
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0,008760	2,062738	0,170025	0,024531	0,003930
0,008770	2,052438	0,163909	0,018415	0,003930
0,008780	2,040528	0,131720	0,020025	0,004252
0,008790	2,028296	0,161012	0,022600	0,004574
0,008800	2,017995	0,168416	0,023887	0,003930
0,008810	2,003510	0,174853	0,028394	0,004252
0,008820	1,984519	0,159081	0,032256	0,004252
0,008830	1,964561	0,128823	0,042557	0,004896
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0,008870	1,890848	0,164231	0,047385	0,005540
0,008880	1,876041	0,159403	0,039338	0,005218
0,008890	1,860591	0,178394	0,039982	0,005861
0,008900	1,847071	0,173244	0,049638	0,006183
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## Basic diagnostic - total current $I_{total}$ , $I_{pl+ch}$ respectively



Is deduced from Rogowski coil measurements with three operations:

- offset identification from first 4500 data rows).
- time integration (it is a magnetic diagnostic, where  $U_{acquired} \sim \frac{dI_{total}}{dt}$ )
- multiplication of calibration factor  $C_{rog}$

$$\langle U_{offset}^{rog} \rangle = \frac{1}{4500} \sum_{i=0}^{4500} U_i^{rog}; I_{total} \approx C_{rog} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{40000} U_i^{rog} \Delta t - \langle U_{offset}^{rog} \rangle t \right).$$

# Basic diagnostic - toroidal magnetic field $B_t$

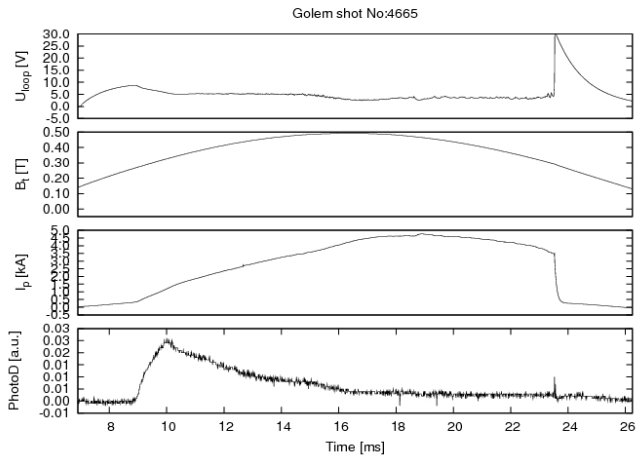
Is deduced from small coil measurements with three operations:



- offset identification from first 4500 data rows).
- time integration (it is a magnetic diagnostic, where  $U_{acquired} \sim \frac{dB_t}{dt}$ )
- multiplication of calibration factor  $C_{Bt}$

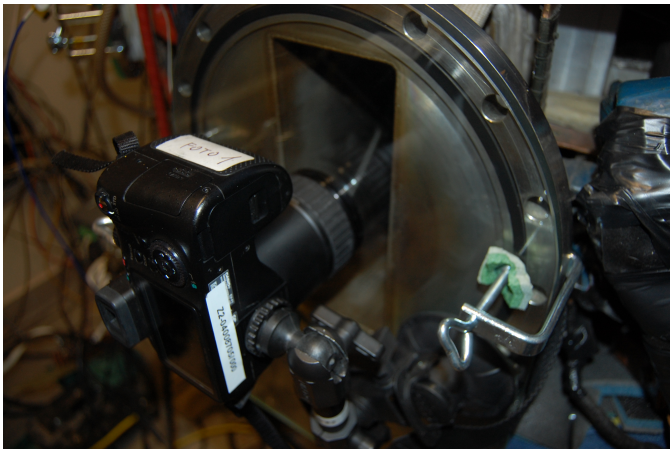
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# Golem discharge

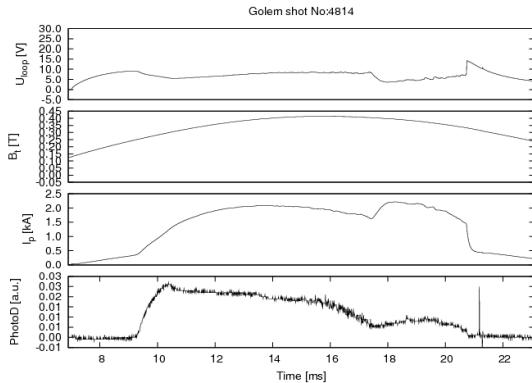




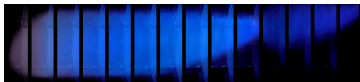
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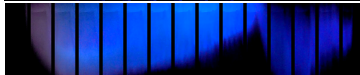
# Fast camera CASIO FX1 - results



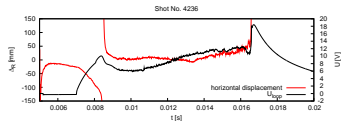
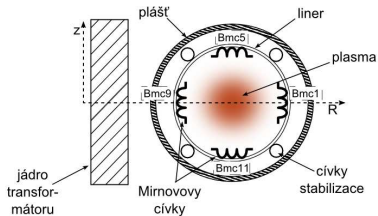
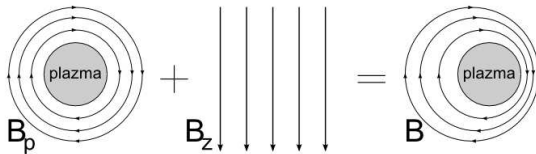
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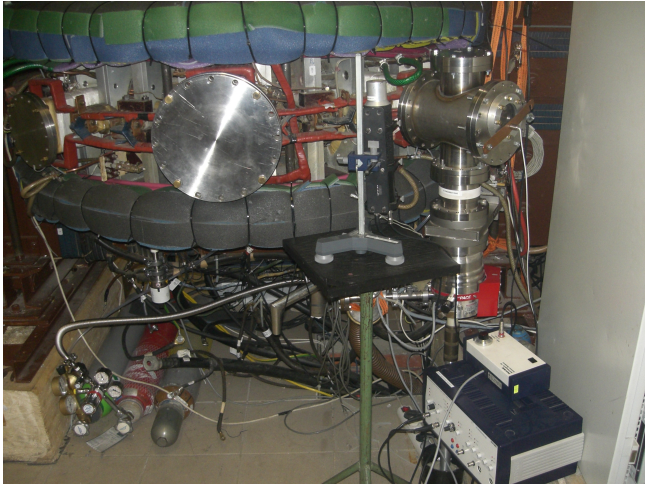
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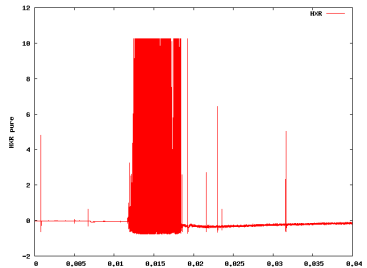
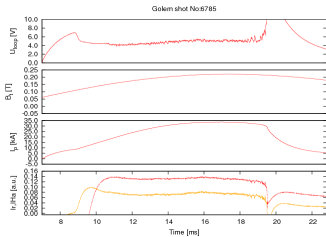
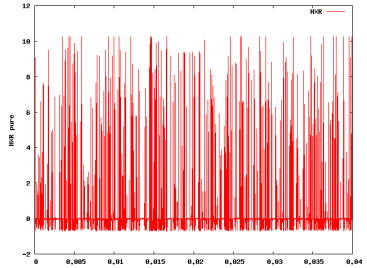
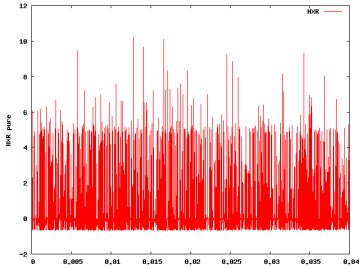


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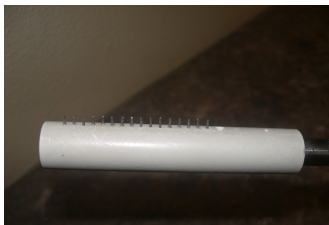
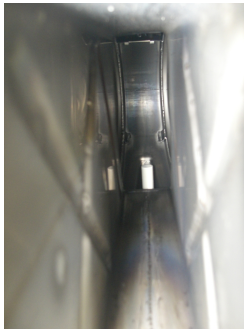
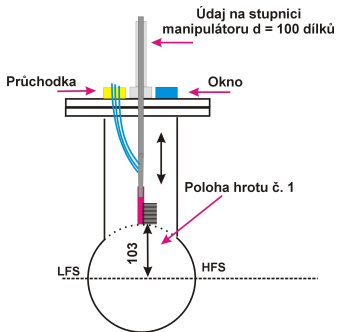


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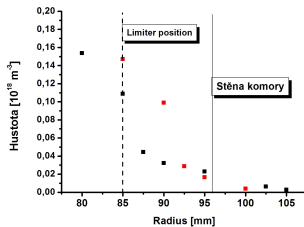
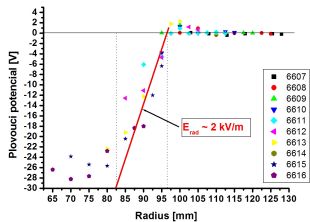
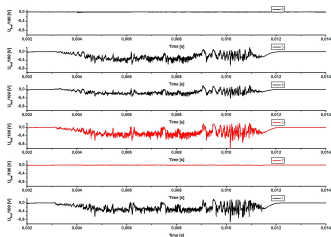




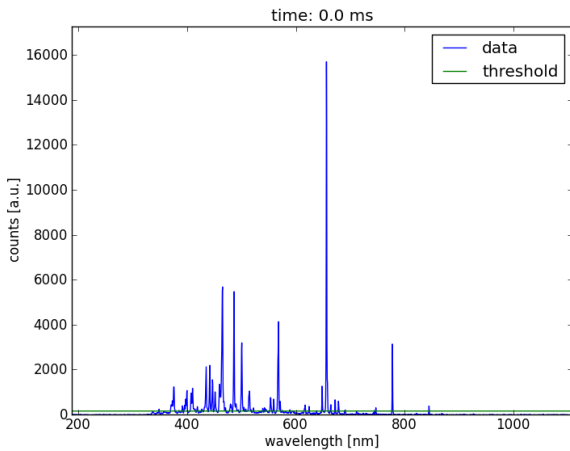
# Rake probe (2012)



# Rake probe (2012) - results



# Spectra





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# Operational parameters and their limits

The parameters to be set remotely:

- Toroidal magnetic field ( $B_t$ ) through the voltage of the toroidal field capacitor bank  $U_B$ , range: 400 – 1300 V.
- Toroidal electric field ( $E_{CD}$ ) through the capacitor bank for the current drive  $U_{CD}$ , range: 200 – 600 V.
- Toroidal electric field ( $E_{BD}$ ) through the capacitor bank for the breakdown  $U_{BD}$ , range: 100 – 200 V.
- The time delay between the triggers of the toroidal magnetic field and the current drive  $T_{CD}$ , range: 0 – 20000  $\mu\text{s}$ .
- The time delay between the triggers of the toroidal magnetic field and the breakdown  $T_{BD}$ , range: 0 – 20000  $\mu\text{s}$ .
- Hydrogen or Helium gas pressure  $p_{WG}$ , range: 0 – 100 mPa.
- Status of preionization (ON/OFF).
- Requested working gas (H<sub>2</sub>/He).

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## Central electron temperature estimation I [?]

The current density of plasma is

$$j = E \cdot \sigma \quad (1)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the specific conductivity of plasma given by

$$\sigma(r) = 1.544 \cdot 10^3 \cdot \frac{T_e(r)^{3/2}}{Z_{eff}}, \quad [\Omega^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}, \text{eV}] \quad (2)$$

and the electric field  $E$  is assumed constant in the poloidal cross-section:

$$E = \frac{U_{loop}}{2\pi R}. \quad (3)$$

Plasma current is obtained by integrating current density over the plasma column:

$$I_{pl} = \int_0^a E \cdot \sigma(r) 2\pi r dr. \quad (4)$$

## Central electron temperature estimation II [?]

For the electron temperature, we assume a polynomial profile

$$T_e(r) = T_e(0) \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right)^\alpha \quad (5)$$

where  $a$  is the minor radius and  $T_e(0)$  is the central electron temperature. Substitution gives us the formula for the central electron temperature

$$T_e(0) = \left(\frac{R}{a^2} \frac{8 \cdot Z_{eff}}{1.544 \cdot 10^3}\right)^{2/3} \cdot \left(\frac{I_{pl}}{U_{loop}}\right)^{2/3} \quad (6)$$

For the CASTOR/GOLEM tokamak geometry with  $a = 78$  mm :

$$T_e(0) = 89.8 \cdot \left(\frac{I_{pl} [kA]}{U_{loop}}\right)^{2/3} \approx 230 \text{ eV}. \quad (7)$$

The effective ion charge is assumed as  $Z_{eff} = 2.5$ .

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