

The GOLEM tokamak for 5th IAEA Joint Experiment

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- Characterise resistivity dependence of HTS coils on current. golem
- Tests of HTS switch on GOLEM tokamak.
- Installation and investigation of RF pre-ionisation on GOLEM tokamak.

High Temperature Superconductors first ever used on tokamak





- 6 turns of the 2nd generation HTS (Re)BCO tape SCS12050-AP.
- Current ramp-up speed of up to $\approx 0.6~\text{MA/s}$.
- Current through the tape $\approx 1 \text{ kA}.$
- Little "quench" effects observed for perpendicular magnetic field up to 0.5T

video

Task I: Characterise resistivity dependence of HTS coils on current.



- Background: Previous observation showed sudden increase in HTS resistivity above 250-300A of HTS current.
- Goal: To get more detailed data at the point of transition.
- Goal: To understand conditions and consequences of current quenches.

Experimental Setup II



Experimental Setup I



Results



Horizon: Plasma & $I_{HTS} = 85A$ (discharge 2 ms prolongation)



Task II: Tests of HTS switch on GOLEM tokamak

Background:

- 3 types of power supply for Golem HTS: inductive, DC PS, capacitor bank.
- Simplification of PS on Golem: operate HTS coil without any current supply.
- Scope and Method:
 - Install a HTS short-cut above the level of liquid N
 - After energising the coil with DC PS, add LN to make the shortcut superconducting and switch off the PS
 - Let the current decay and measure the decay time.
- The next step may be installation of heated short-cut which will operate after the heating is switched off.

Experimental Setup (Step I: Table Top Experiment)



Extremely low inductance (and lack of time) - no results

Task III: Installation and investigation of RF pre-ionisation on GOLEM tokamak

- Background: RF pre-ionisation is a tool to to reduce AC losses during current ramp-up in HTS coils.
- Scope: to install a low-power magnetron at the EC fundamental harmonics for the toroidal field of 0.1T at 2.45GHz, 800W injected power.

Experimental Setup



Results ($B_t \& H_2$) ... one hit



Results ($B_t \& H_2$) ... double



Results ($B_t \& H_2 \& E_t$) ... no flux





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