Tokamak GOLEM for fusion education – chapter 15

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The GOLEM tokamak is the oldest operational tokamak in the world. Its main mission is the education of future thermonuclear fusion specialists. The GOLEM tokamak features full remote-control system [1] which extends its reach worldwide. This contribution is devoted to student's current projects.

Progress was made in the automatization and energy calibration of scintillation detectors for RE diagnostics, specifically measuring their bremsstrahlung radiation. Data analysis from AdvaPIX Timepix3 pixel detectors used for HXR detection has been improved. Currently, the detectors are being prepared for standard HXR diagnostics on the GOLEM tokamak. Measurements with ECE radiometer of non-thermal electron radiation in plasma with low optical thickness were conducted and their energy distribution function is being recovered. Numerical simulations of HXR radiation generation and transport using Geant4 toolkit are being made and will be used for reconstruction of the energetic spectrum of runaway electrons from HXR measurements. Visible plasma tomography is being studied using a newly trained neural network model. The tomography system is also being automated for use as a standard diagnostic. The application of video motion amplification technique to the observation of deformations of the coils and supporting structures caused by the electromagnetic forces is being tested. The spontaneous formation of a transport barrier in the GOLEM tokamak within a helium plasma is studied. To assess the impact of the conducting structures on the stabilization of plasma position in the tokamak GOLEM, magnetic fields are measured and their dynamic evolution is analysed. Apparatus of current amplifiers used for the stabilization of plasma current is being tested and optimal configuration of current amplifiers for the GOLEM tokamak is being determined. New plasma detection method was implemented using a photodiode signal, which is resistant to electromagnetic induction and various plasma behaviour.

References:

[1] GOLEM Tokamak, Czech Technical University in Prague, http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/ [online]