

Introduction to the tokamak operation (GOLEM specific) - Level 1

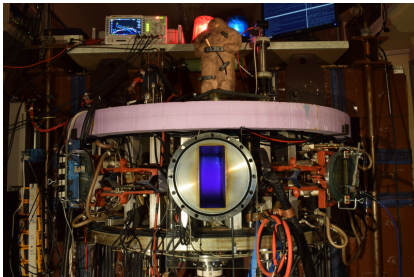
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on behalf of the tokamak GOLEM team
general lecture

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The GOLEM tokamak basic characteristics

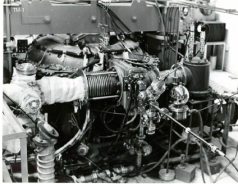
The grandfather of all tokamaks (ITER newslines 06/18)



- Vessel major radius: $R_0 = 0.4$ m
- Vessel minor radius: $r_0 = 0.1$ m
- Plasma minor radius: $a \approx 0.06$ m
- Toroidal magnetic field: $B_t < 0.5$ T
- Plasma current: $I_p < 8$ kA
- Electron density:
 $n_e \approx 0.2 - 3 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- Effective ion charge: $Z_{eff} \approx 2.5$
- Electron temperature: $T_e < 100$ eV
- Ion temperature: $T_i < 50$ eV
- Discharge duration: $\tau_p < 25$ ms
- (Electron) energy confinement time:
 $\tau_e \approx 50$ us

The GOLEM tokamak for education - historical background

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



1974

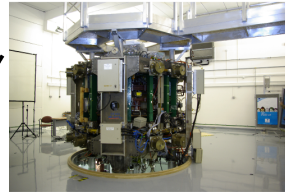


Institute of Plasma Physics
Czech republic
CASTOR **COMPASS**

2006



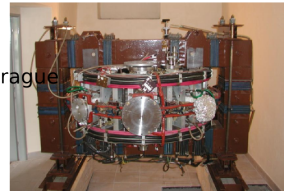
Culham Centre for Fusion Energy
Great Britain
1989: **COMPASS-D**



2008



Czech Technical University Prague
Czech republic
GOLEM



GOLEM

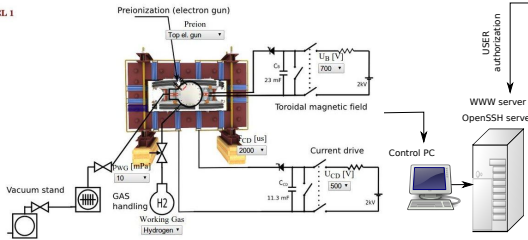


The new location of the tokamak is just next to the old Prague Jewish cemetery where Rabi Loew (Golem builder) is buried, and that is why it was renamed GOLEM (and also for the symbol of potential power you get if you know the magic). Interestingly, here in Prague, where the Golem legend originated, 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. [wikipedia](#).

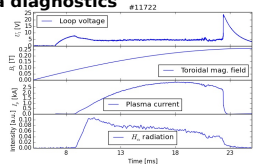
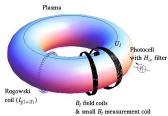
The global schematic overview of the GOLEM experiment

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Tokamak technology setup



Basic plasma diagnostics



internet

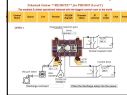
**Virtual control room
(remote participation)**

WWW control interface

Data presentation

HTML & PHP scripts

HTML (www pages)



SSH control interface

WINDOWS via putty

Data handling

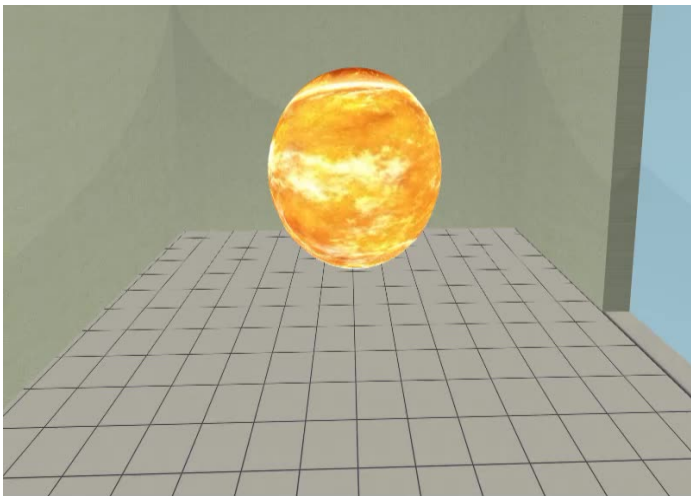


LINUX via ssh
or ssh+X tunnel
(advanced mode)

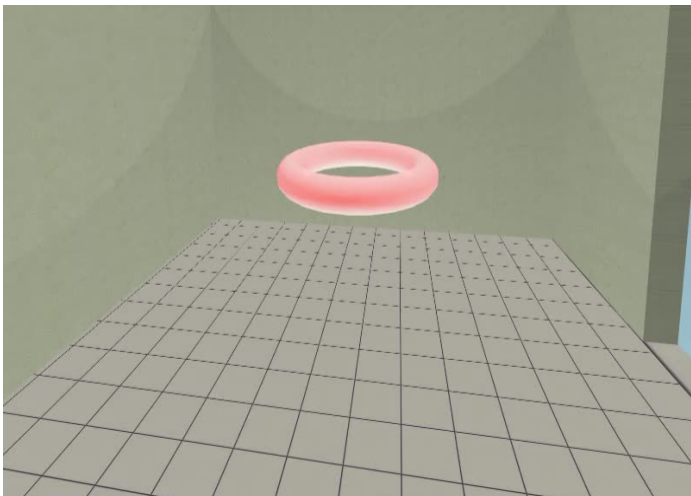
- *wget
- *gnuplot
- *idl
- *mathematica
- *matlab
- *etc...

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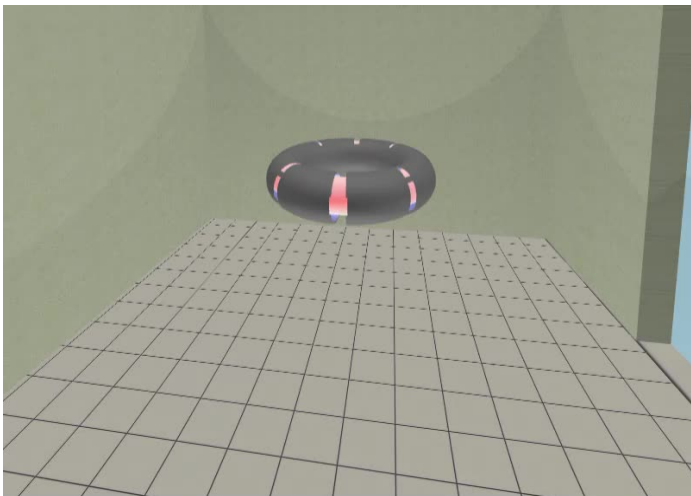
Our goal: technology to create a μ Sun on Earth



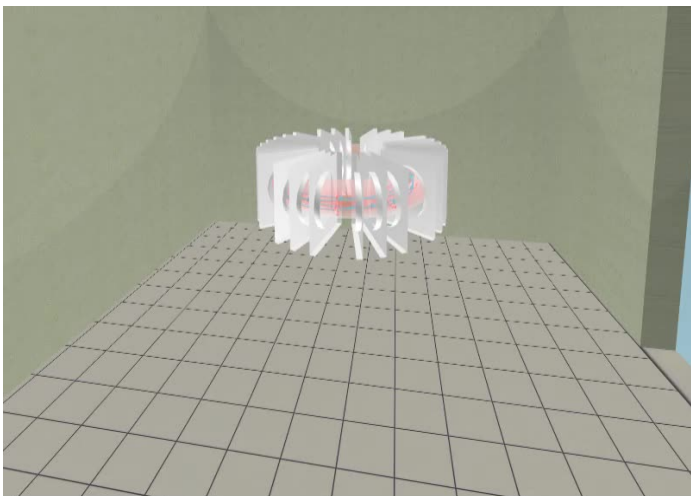
Magnetic confinement requires toroidal geometry



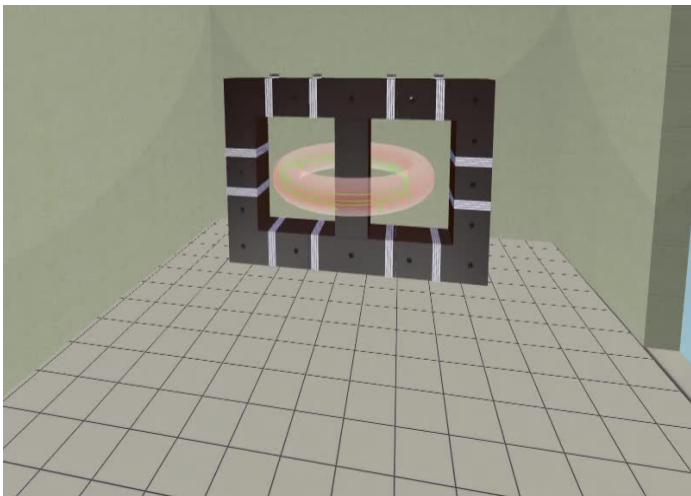
A chamber contains the thermonuclear reaction



Toroidal magnetic field coils confine the plasma



A transformer creates and heats the plasma



The final technology altogether

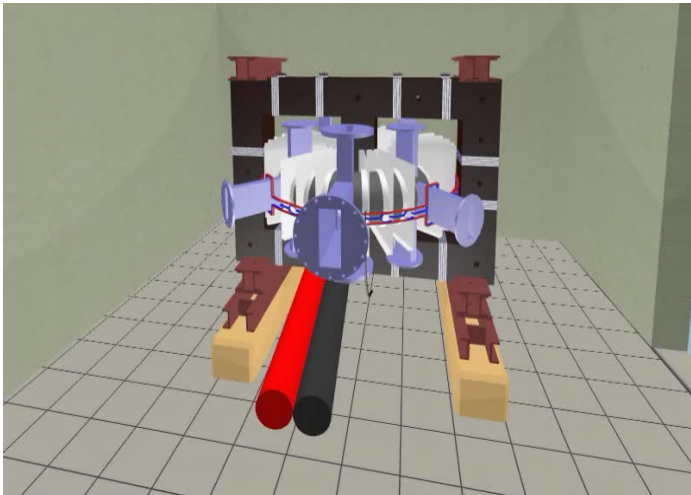
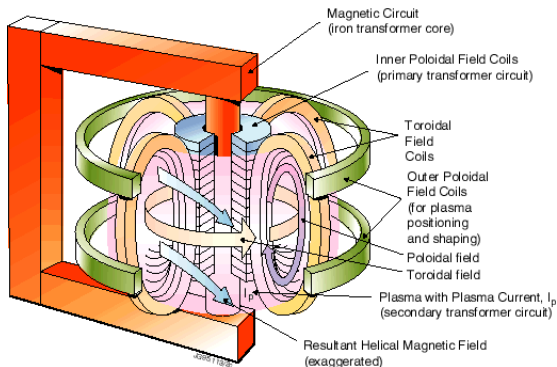


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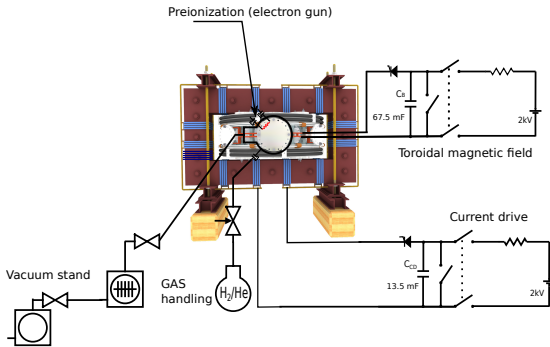
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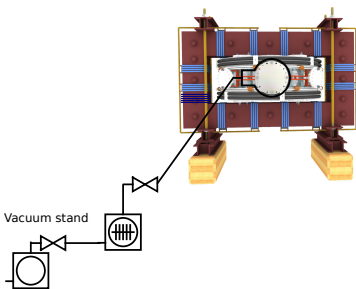
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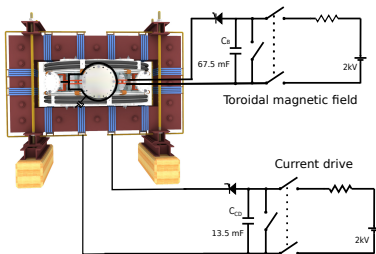
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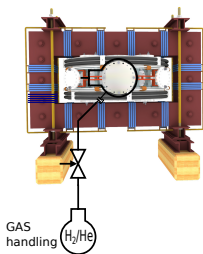
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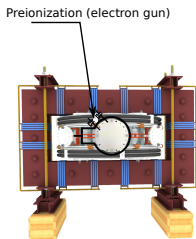
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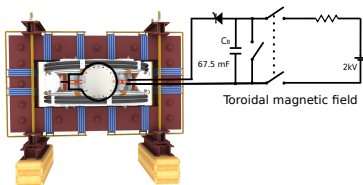
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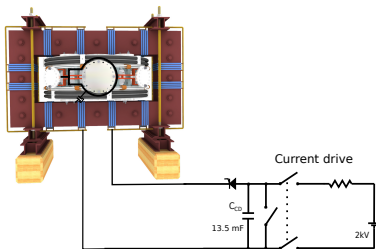
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Tokamak GOLEM - schematic experimental setup

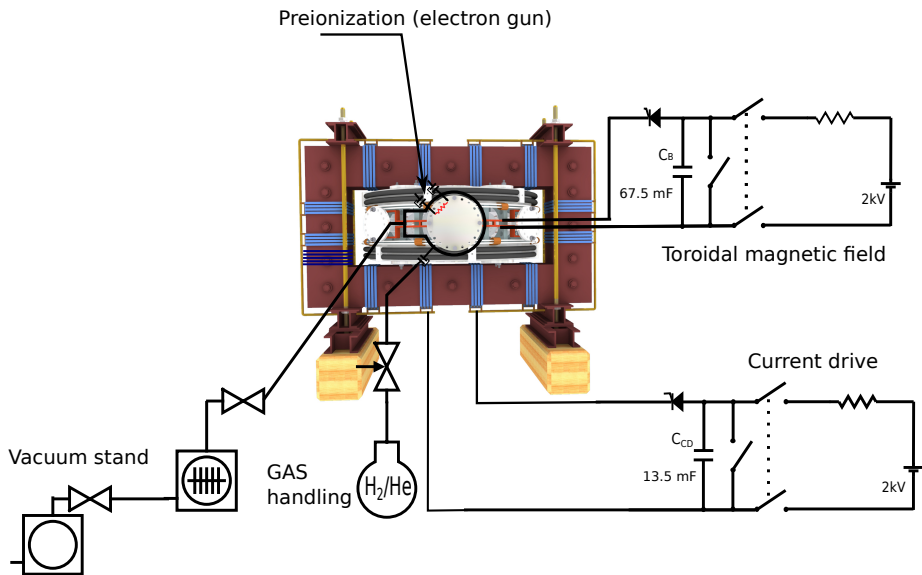
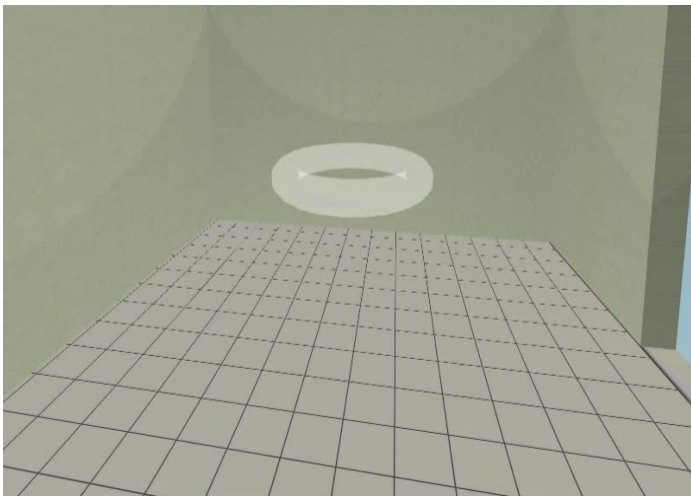
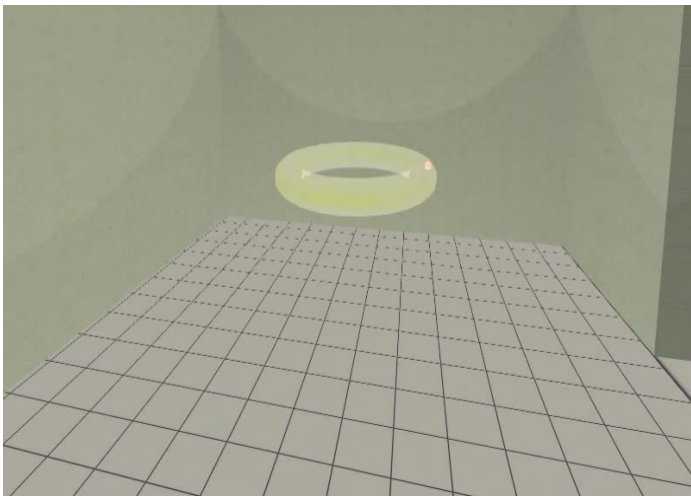


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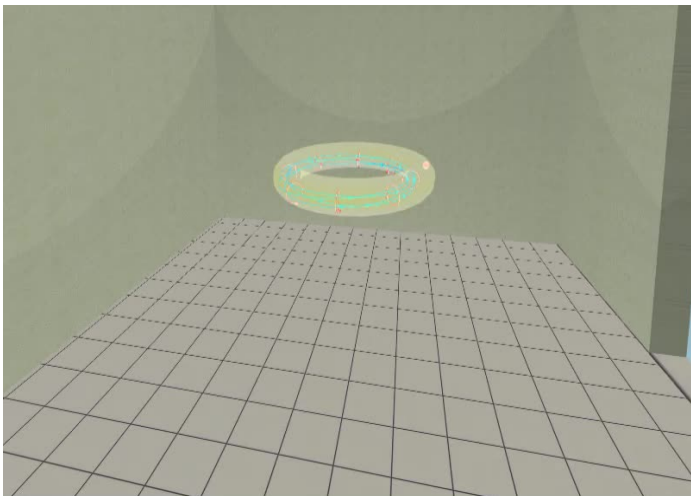
Introduce the working gas (Hydrogen x Helium)



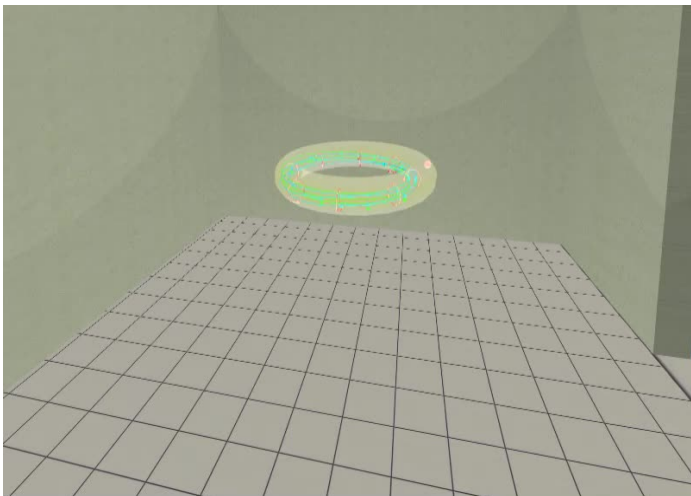
Switch on the preionization



Introduce the magnetic field



Introduce the electric field



Plasma ..

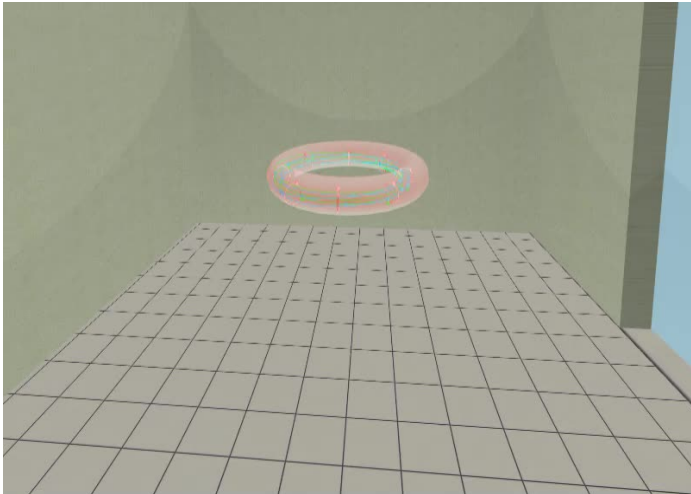


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Current drive CD field
and toroidal magnetic Bt field
circuits

To the tokamak
GOLEM

Rotary
pump

Vacuum
control



Current drive CD
capacitors

Plasma
stabilization

power
supply
2kV

Toroidal
magnetic field B
capacitors

fire
protection
system