

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

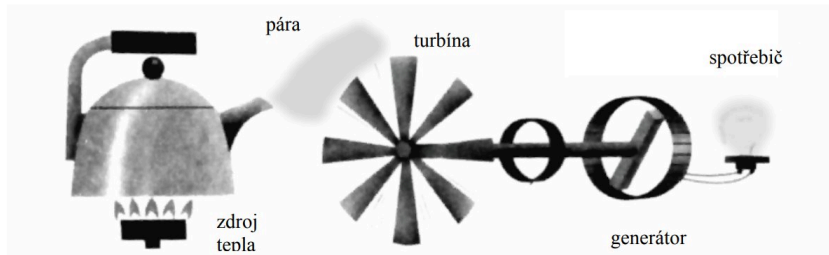
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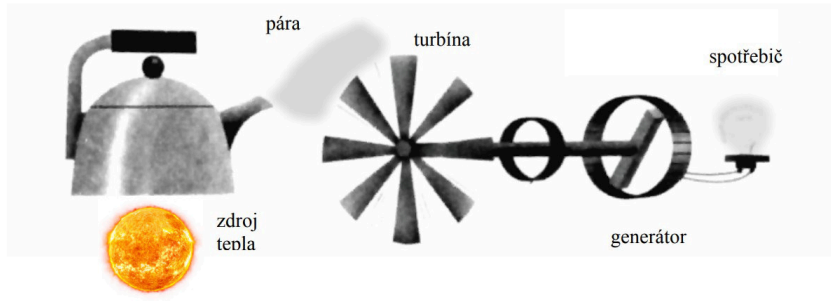
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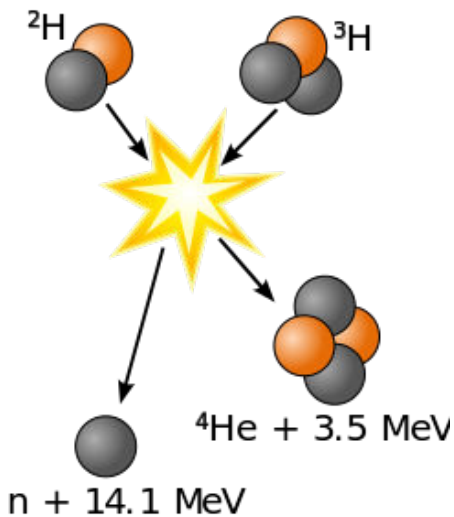
The question:

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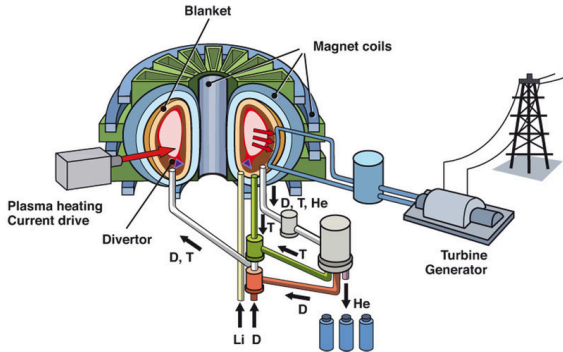
Small μ Sun on the Earth ??



Fusion Reaction



The dream: Fusion power plant

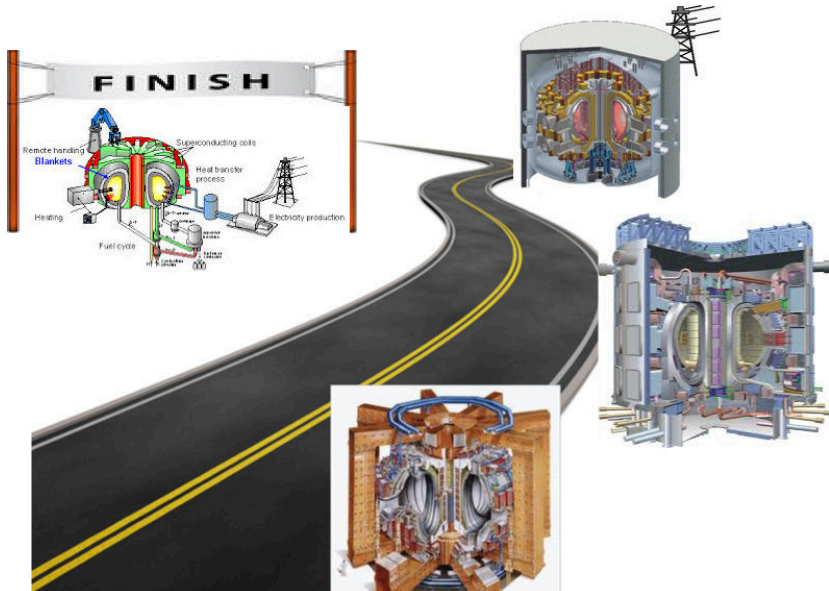


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Prague (~ 1 GW): ~ 1 car of D-T fuel/year

Question of technology

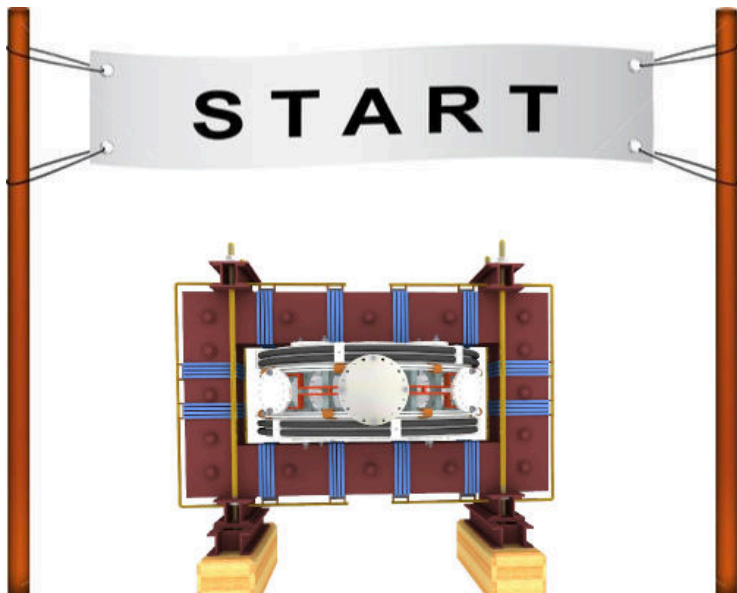
Milestones to Fusion Power Plant



Education importance

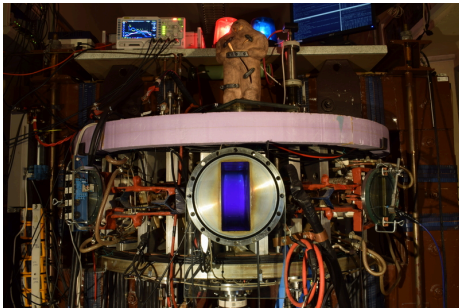


Let's start with the tokamak GOLEM - *the smallest tokamak in the World with the biggest control room*



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
- Maximum plasma current:
 $I_p^{\max} < 8$ kA
- Maximum toroidal magnetic field: $B_t^{\max} < 0.5$ T
- Typical electron density:
 $\langle n_e \rangle \in (0.2, 3) \cdot 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- Maximum electron temperature:
 $T_e^{\max} < 80$ eV
- Maximum discharge duration:
 $\tau_p^{\max} < 25$ ms


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Tokamak

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This article is about the fusion reaction device. For other uses, see [Tokamak \(disambiguation\)](#).

A **tokamak** (**Russian**: **токамак**) is a device that uses a powerful **magnetic field** to confine **plasma** in the shape of a **torus**. Achieving a **stable plasma equilibrium** requires **magnetic field lines** that move around the torus in a **helical** shape. Such a helical field can be generated by adding a **toroidal** field


it decays into a proton and electron with the emission of energy. When the time comes to actually try to make electricity from a tokamak-based reactor, some of the neutrons produced in the fusion process would be absorbed by a liquid metal blanket and their kinetic energy would be used in heat-transfer processes to ultimately turn a generator.

Experimental tokamaks [edit]

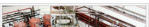
Currently in operation [edit]

(in chronological order of start of operations)

- 1960s: TМ1-MH (since 1977 Castor; since 2007 Golem^[12]) in **Prague, Czech Republic**. In operation in **Kurchatov Institute** since early 1960s but renamed to **Castor** in 1977 and moved to **IPP CAS**,^[13] **Prague**; in 2007 moved to **FNSPE, Czech Technical University in Prague** and renamed to **Golem**.^[14]
- 1975: **T-10**, in **Kurchatov Institute, Moscow, Russia** (formerly **Soviet Union**); 2 MW
- 1983: **Joint European Torus (JET)**, in **Culham, United Kingdom**
- 1985: **JT-60**, in **Naka, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan**; (Currently undergoing upgrade to Super, Advanced model)
- 1987: **STOR-M**, **University of Saskatchewan; Canada**; first demonstration of alternating current in a tokamak.
- 1988: **Tore Supra**,^[15] at the **CEA, Cadarache, France**
- 1989: **Aditya**, at **Institute for Plasma Research (IPR) in Gujarat, India**
- 1980s: **DIII-D**,^[16] in **San Diego, USA**; operated by **General Atomics** since the late 1980s
- 1989: **COMPASS**,^[13] in **Prague, Czech Republic**; in operation since 2008, previously operated from 1989 to 1999 in **Culham, United Kingdom**
- 1990: **FTU**, in **Frascati, Italy**
- 1991: **Tokamak ISTTOK**,^[17] at the **Instituto de Plasmas e Fusão Nuclear, Lisbon, Portugal**;
- 1991: **ASDEX Upgrade**, in **Garching, Germany**

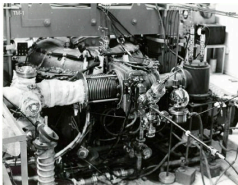


Alcator C-Mod



The GOLEM tokamak for education - historical background

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



1974

Institute of Plasma Physics
Czech republic

CASTOR

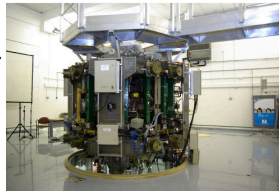
COMPASS

2008

Czech Technical University Prague
Czech republic
GOLEM



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



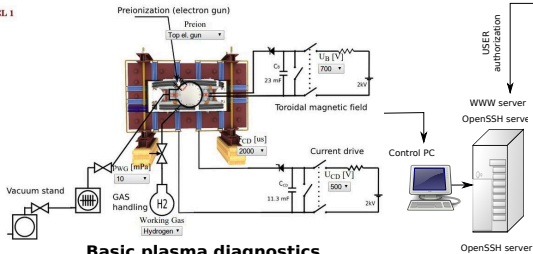
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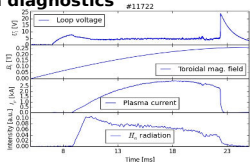
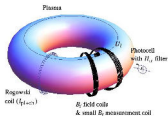
The global schematic overview of the GOLEM experiment

LEVEL 1

Tokamak technology setup



Basic plasma diagnostics



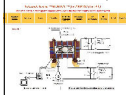
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**Virtual control room
(remote participation)**

WWW control interface

HTML & PHP scripts



SSH control interface

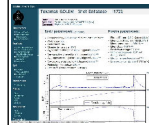
WINDOWS via putty



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

Data presentation

HTML (www pages)



Data handling

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

The GOLEM tokamak mission

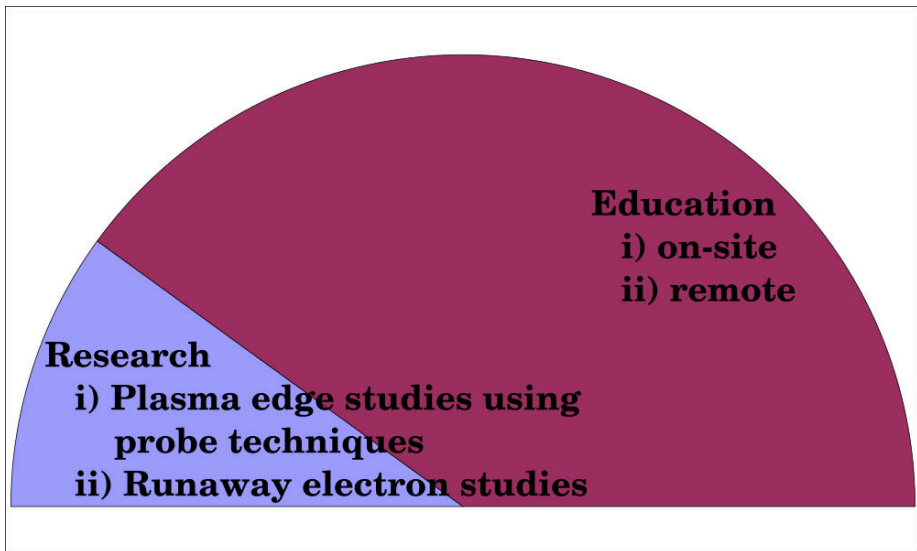
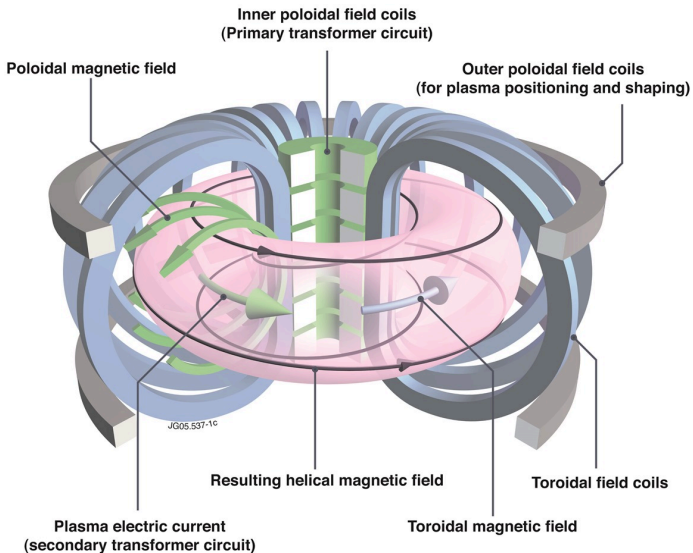


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Tokamak magnetic confinement concept



Tokamak (GOLEM) basic concept to confine and heat the plasma

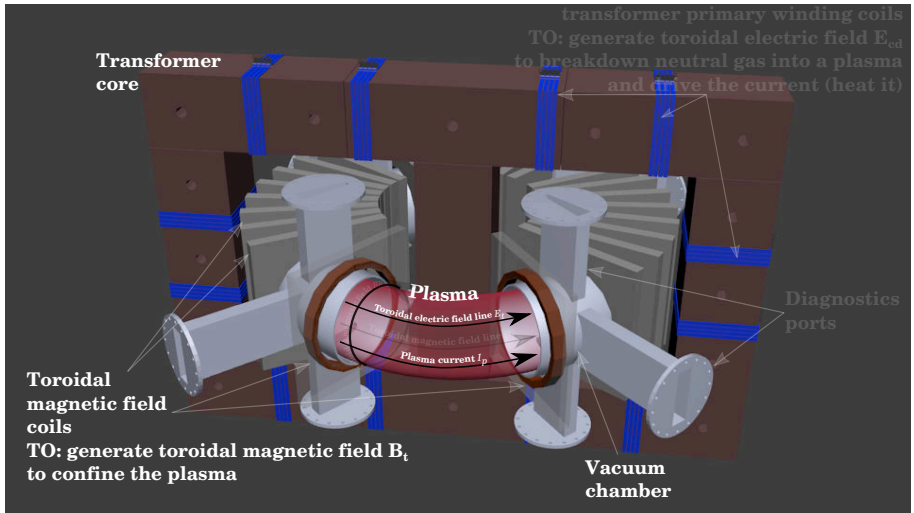


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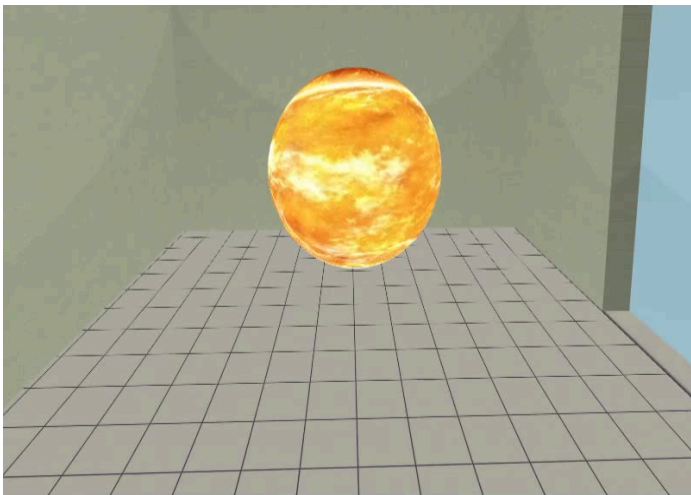
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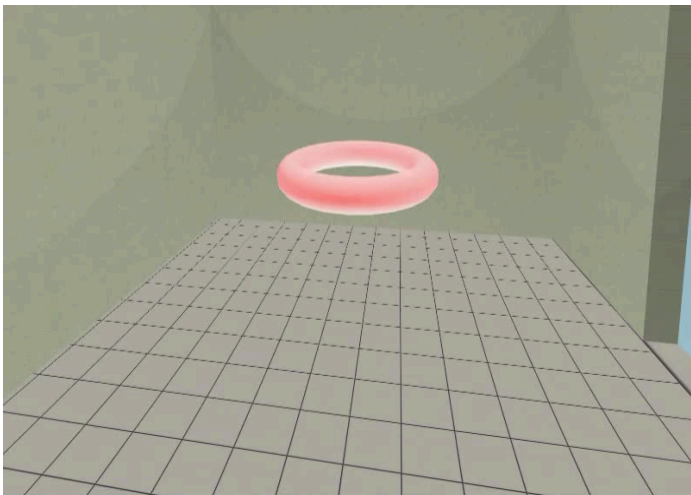
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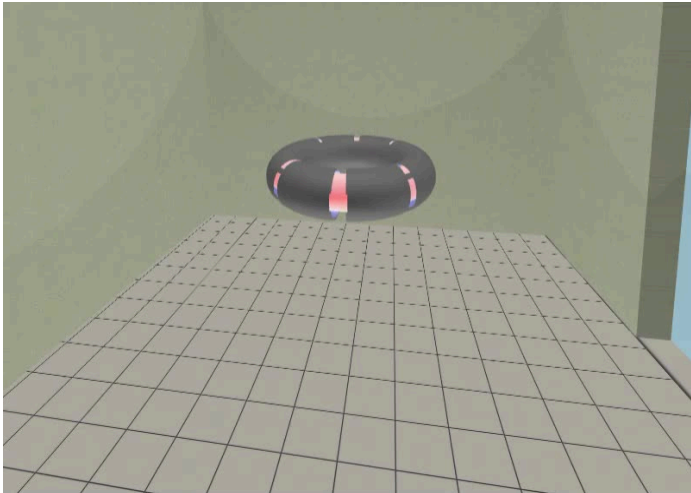
Our goal: the technology to create a μ Sun on the Earth



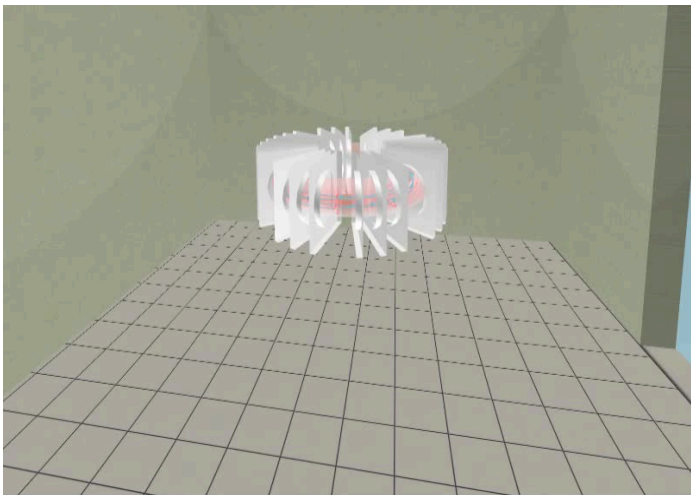
Magnetic confinement requires toroidal geometry



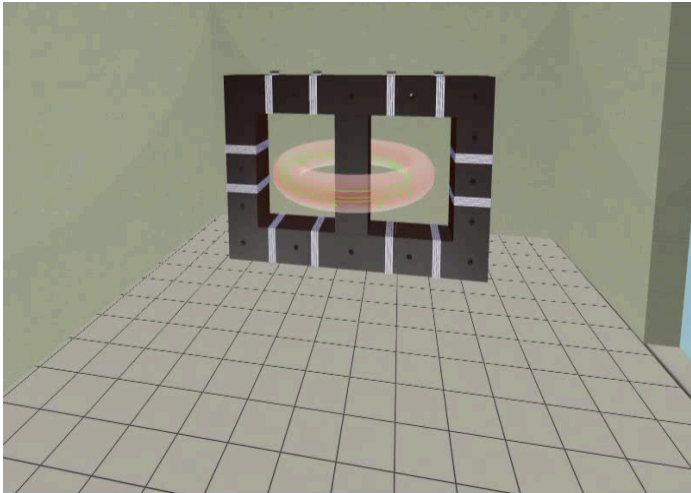
A chamber contains the thermonuclear reaction



Toroidal magnetic field coils confine the plasma



A transformer action creates and heats the plasma



The final technology altogether

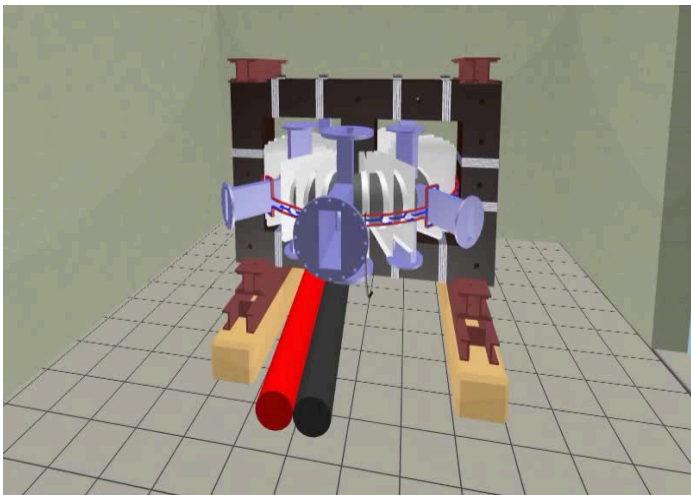


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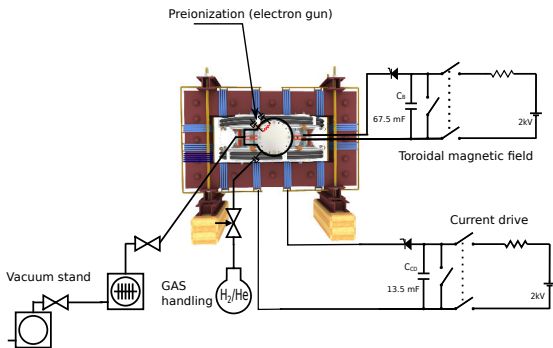
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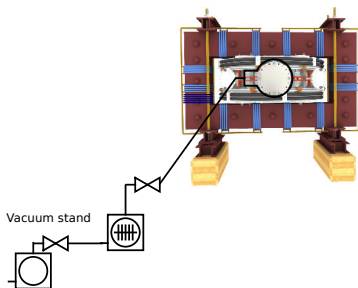
Plasma in Tokamak (GOLEM) - the least to do



To do:

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 - Preionization
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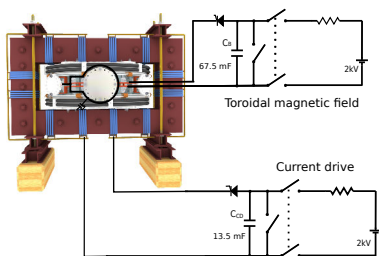
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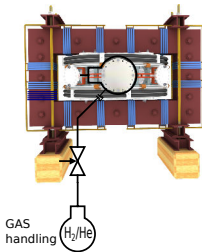
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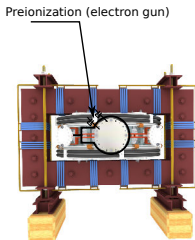
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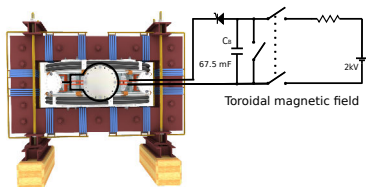
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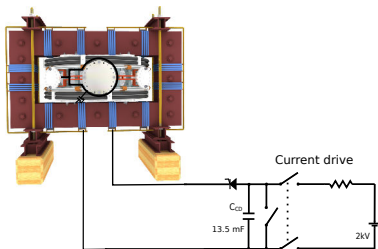
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Tokamak GOLEM - schematic experimental setup

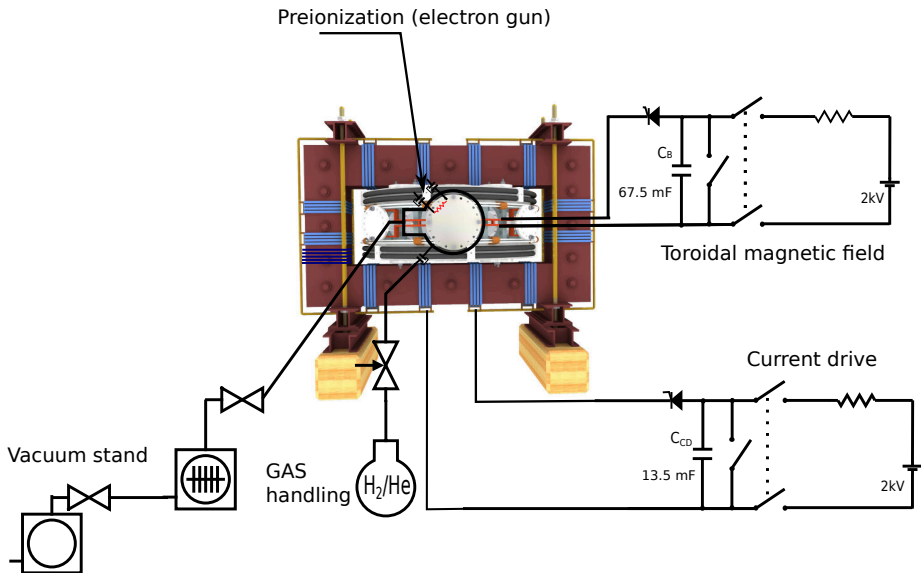


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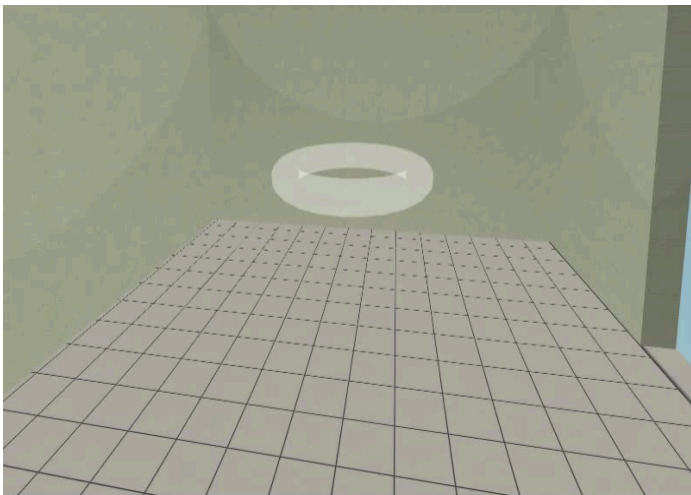
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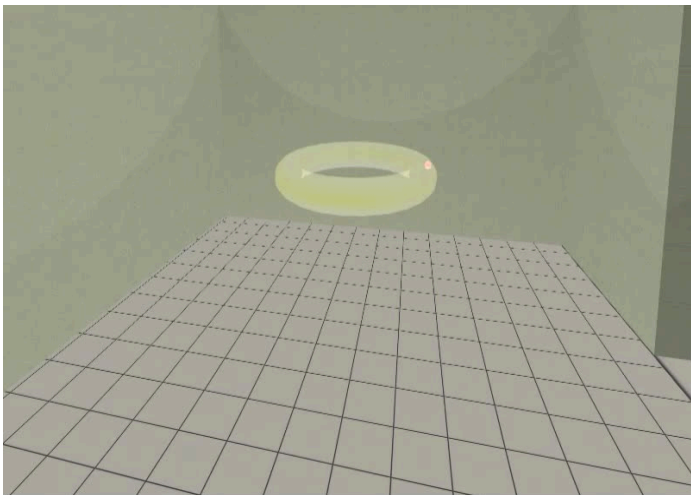
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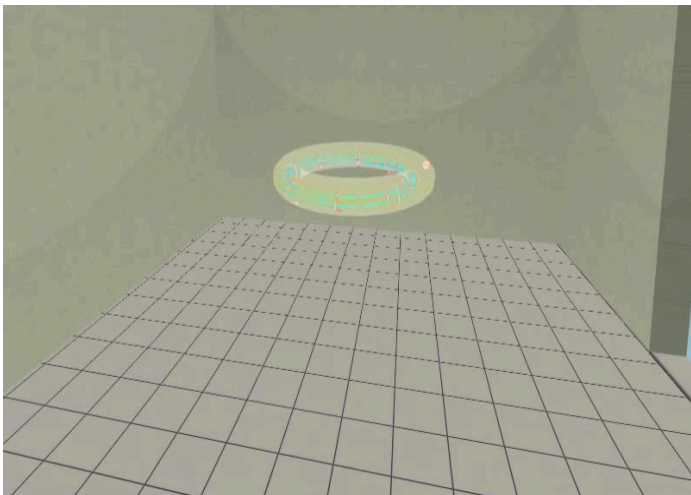
Introduce the working gas (Hydrogen x Helium)



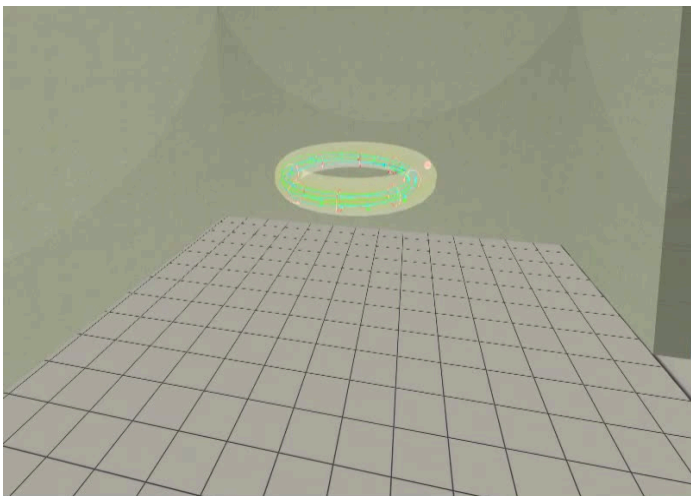
Switch on the preionization



Introduce the magnetic field



Introduce the electric field



Plasma ..

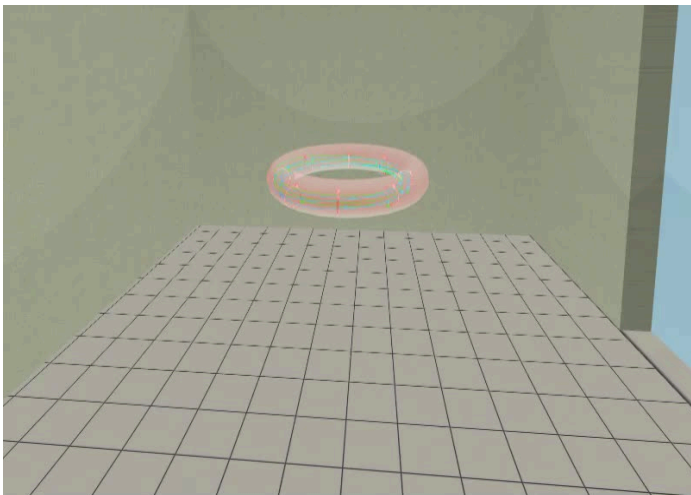


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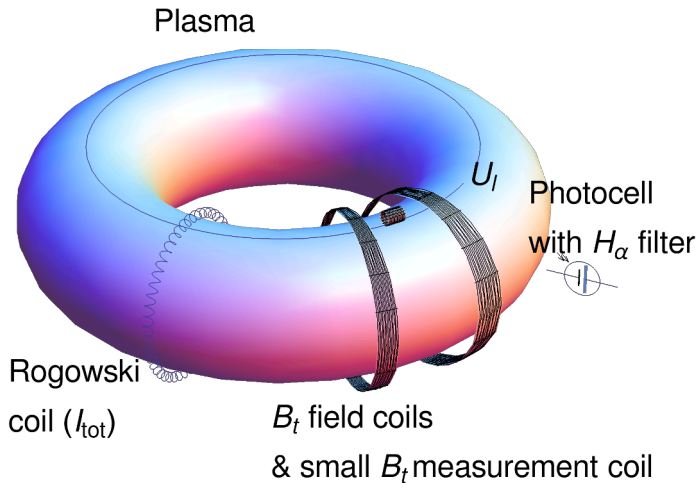
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The GOLEM tokamak - basic diagnostics



"Typical", well executed discharge @ GOLEM

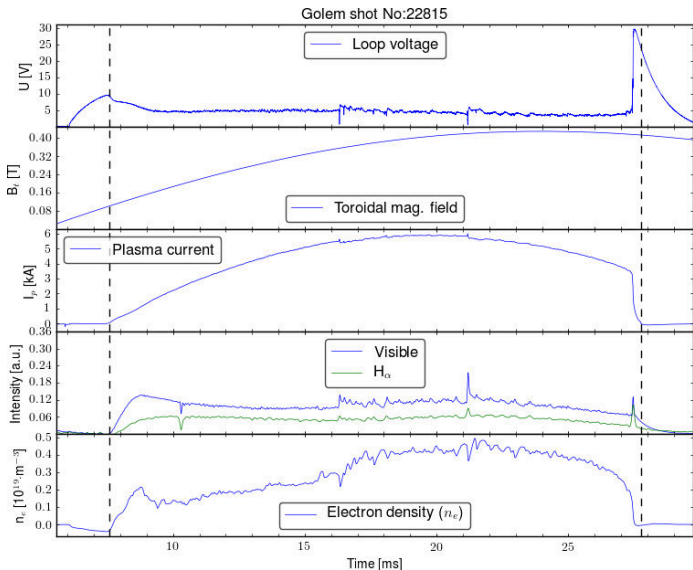


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Control room: Introduction

GOLEM remote Introduction **Control room** Live Results

Prague Access: Level 1 Help

Introduction Working gas Preionization Magnetic field Current drive Submit

This web interface will walk you through the process of configuring a discharge in the GOLEM tokamak. All settable values are perfectly safe. Proceed through each step by setting the desired values and then clicking the [Next](#) button. You can always go to a specific step by clicking its tab.

Preionization (electron gun)

Vacuum stand

Toroidal magnetic field

Current drive

GAS handling H_2/He

23 mF C_p

11.3 mF C_p

2kV

2kV

3D model rendering method: **Static image (fast)** Interactive X3DOM (slower)

[Next](#)

Control room: Working gas

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Introduction Working gas Preionization Magnetic field Electric field Submit

Set the pressure and type of the working gas from which the plasma is formed. Pressure must be high enough for plasma to form, but low enough for gas breakdown to occur.

Preionization (electron gun)

Vacuum stand

Toroidal magnetic field

Toroidal electric field

GAS handling

H_2/H_9

Gas type and pressure p_{gas} : 38 mPa

Hydrogen Helium

Next Set recommended value

3D model rendering method Static image (best) Interactive X3DOM (preview)

Control room: Preionization

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Introduction Working gas Preionization Magnetic field Electric field Submit

The neutral working gas must first be ionized in order to break down into a plasma. Using the electron gun will locally ionize the gas. Without any ionization, no plasma can form.

Preionization (electron gun)

Vacuum stand

GAS handling

Toroidal magnetic field

Toroidal electric field

67.5 mT

13.5 mV

200V

200V

ionization method

Electron gun No ionization

Next

3D model rendering method Static image (best) Interactive X3DOM (preview)

Control room: Magnetic field B_t

GOLEM version: Introduction Control room Live Results

Press F11 to exit full screen
3D model rendering method: Static image (best) Interactive X3DOM (viewer)

Introduction Working gas Preionization **Magnetic field** Electric field Submit

Set the voltage on the capacitors to be discharged into the toroidal field coils. The higher the voltage, the larger the magnetic field confining the plasma.

Preionization (electron gun)

Vacuum stand

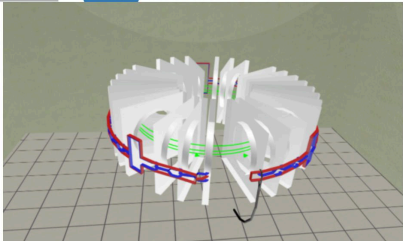
Toroidal magnetic field

Toroidal electric field

GAS handling

Capacitor voltage $U_{C_1} = 600$ V

Next Set recommended value



Control room: Current drive E_{cd}

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Introduction Working gas Preionization Magnetic field **Electric field** Submit

Set the voltage on the capacitors to be discharged into the [primary transformer winding](#). The higher the voltage, the larger the electric field creating and heating the plasma. The electric field capacitors are discharged after a configurable delay with respect to the magnetic field capacitors.

Preionization (electron gun)

Vacuum stand

Toroidal magnetic field

Toroidal electric field

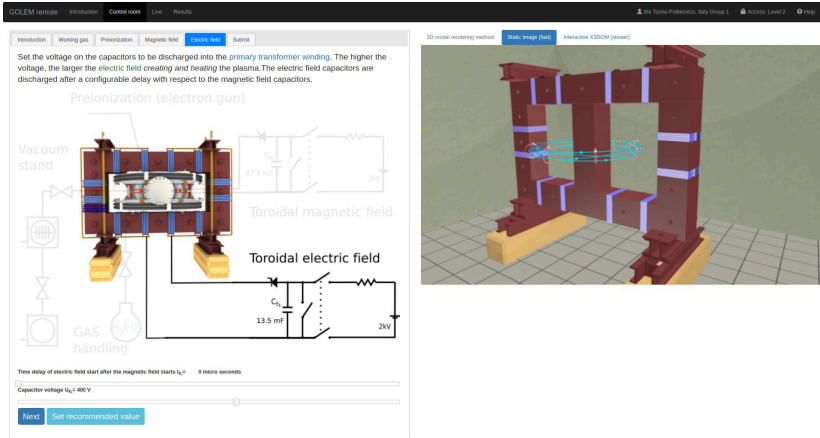
GAS handling

Time delay of electric field start after the magnetic field starts t_{cd} : 0 micro seconds

Capacitor voltage U_{cd} : 400 V

Next Set recommended value

3D model rendering method Static image (best) Interactive X3DOM (viewer)



Control room: ... and Submit

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Introduction Working gas Preionization Magnetic field Electric field **Submit**

Write a comment describing your discharge configuration, i.e. the scientific aim of your experiment. Or just leave a friendly message.

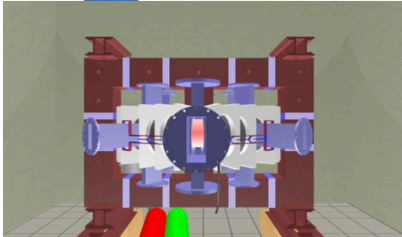
COMMENT

Click the Submit button to send your configuration into the queue. **Submit**

After submission you can watch the discharge Live or go back to the Introduction tab and start again. Or you can go to specific control tabs and reconfigure the discharge and then submit another discharge request.

[Watch the discharge Live!](#) [Go back to Introduction](#)

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Shot homepage

GOLEM » Shot #22471 »



Diagnostics

- ✓ Interferometer
- ✓ Spectrometer
- ✗ FastCamera
- ✓ HXR

Analysis

- ✓ ShotHomepage

DAS

- ✓ TektronixDPO
- ✓ Nistandard
- ✓ Papouch_St
- ✓ Papouch_Ko
- ✓ Nloctopus

Vacuum log

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Tokamak GOLEM - Shot Database - 22471

Date: 2016-09-29 - 14:33:57
Session: TrainingCourses/Universities/Uni_Belgrade.rs/2016/
Comment: Standard discharge

Basic parameters: (compare)

- Gas pressure p_{ch} : 0.42->20.39 mPa (request: 20 mPa) [WIKI](#)
- Working gas: H
- Preionization: Upper el. gun
- Chamber temperature: 27.20 C
- C_B capacitors charged to: 800 V, triggered 5.0 ms [WIKI](#)
- C_{BD} capacitors charged to: 0 V, triggered 5.0 ms [WIKI](#)
- C_{CD} capacitors charged to: 400 V, triggered 6.0 ms [WIKI](#)
- C_{ST} capacitors charged to: 0 V, triggered 5.0 ms [WIKI](#)
- Probability of breakdown: 85% [WIKI](#)
- Time since session beginning: 0:07:50 h

Plasma parameters:

- Plasma life time 14.8 [ms] (from 7.8 to 22.6)
- Mean toroidal magnetic field B_t : 0.23 T [WIKI](#)
- Mean plasma current: 3.60 kA [WIKI](#)
- Mean Uloop: 5.92 V [WIKI](#)
- Break down voltage: 9.6 V [WIKI](#)
- Ohmic heating power: 21.33 kW
- Q edge: 2.9 [WIKI](#)
- Electron temperature: 41.1 eV [WIKI](#)
- Line electron density: 5.52 [$10^{17} m^{-2}$] [WIKI](#)

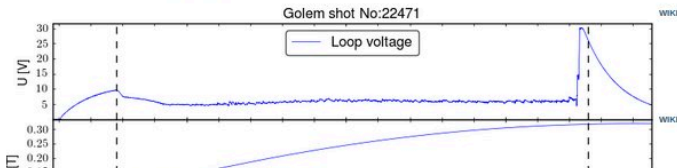


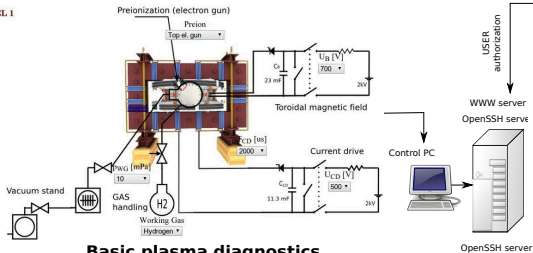
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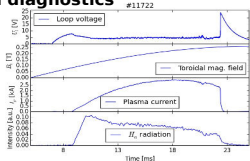
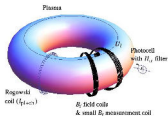
The global schematic overview of the GOLEM experiment

LEVEL 1

Tokamak technology setup



Basic plasma diagnostics



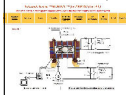
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**Virtual control room
(remote participation)**

WWW control interface

HTML & PHP scripts



SSH control interface

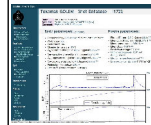
WINDOWS via putty



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

Data presentation

HTML (www pages)



Data handling

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

WWW server
OpenSSH server



OpenSSH server

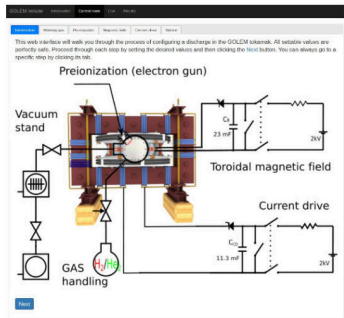
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Recommended values for the GOLEM tokamak operation



- Preionization: Top electron gun
- Gas: Hydrogen. A Working gas pressure: p_{WG} [mPa] $< 0, 40 >$ mPa
- A voltage to charge the Current drive field E_t capacitor: U_{E_t} [V] $< 400, 700 >$ V
- A voltage to charge the Toroidal magnetic field B_t capacitor: U_{B_t} [V] $< 600, 1200 >$ V
- Time delay of the E_t trigger with respect to the B_t trigger: T_{CD} [μ s] $< 0, 10000 >$ μ s

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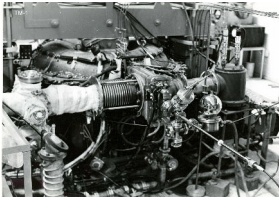
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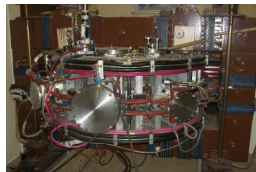
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LEVEL 1





Preionization (electron gun)
Proton
Toroidal magnetic field
Current drive
Vacuum stand
GAS handling
Working Gas

Discharge comment | Place the discharge setup into the queue.



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