

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

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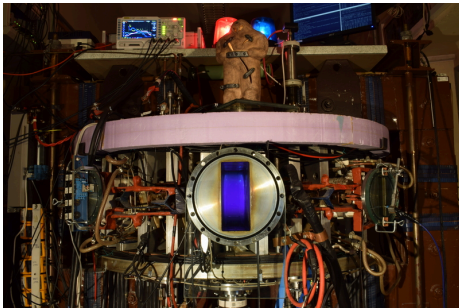
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The GOLEM tokamak basic characteristics

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
- 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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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]

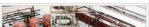
Currently in operation [edit]

(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

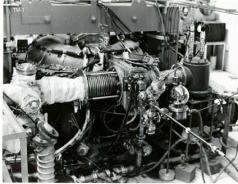


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The GOLEM tokamak for education - historical background

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



1974

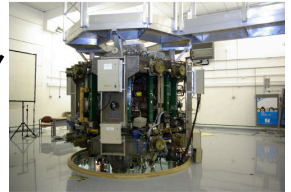
Institute of Plasma Physics
Czech republic
CASTOR



2008

Czech Technical University Prague
Czech republic
GOLEM

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



2006

COMPASS



GOLEM

... somewhere, in the ancient cellars of Prague,

there is hidden indeed "infernal" power. Yet it is the very power of celestial stars themselves. Calmly dormant, awaiting mankind to discover the magic key, to use this power for their benefit. . .

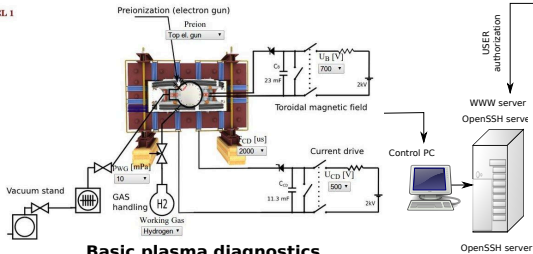


At the end of the 16th century, in the times when the Czech lands were ruled by Emperor Rudolf II, in Prague, there were Rabbi Judah Loew, well known alchemist, thinker, scholar, writer and inventor of the legendary GOLEM - a clay creature inspired with the Universe power that pursued his master's command after being brought to life with a shem, . 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. [1].

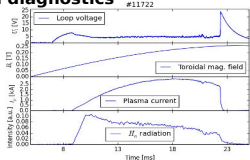
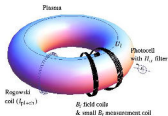
The global schematic overview of the GOLEM experiment

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Tokamak technology setup



Basic plasma diagnostics



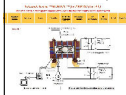
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**Virtual control room
(remote participation)**

WWW control interface

HTML & PHP scripts



SSH control interface

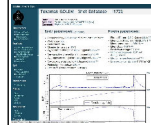
WINDOWS via putty



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

Data presentation

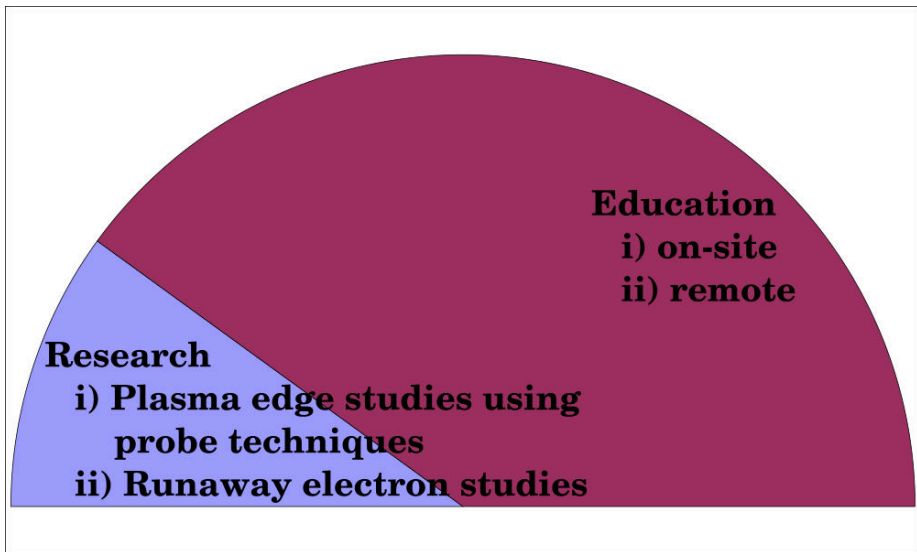
HTML (www pages)



Data handling

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

The GOLEM tokamak mission



Production

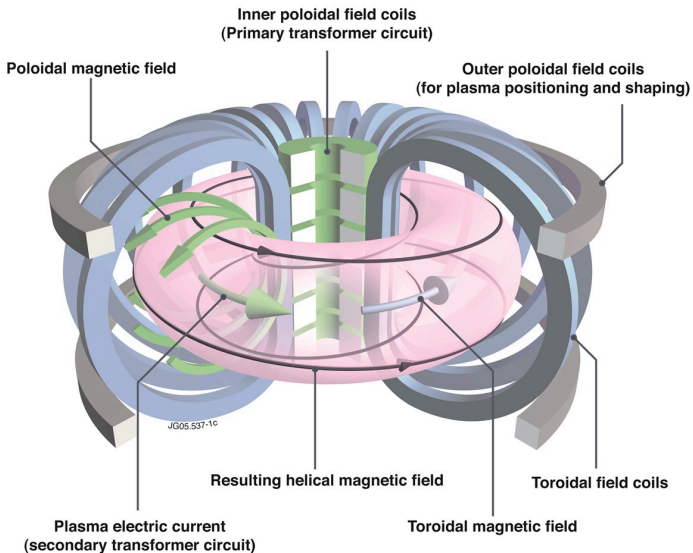
- Everything via <http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/Cadarache>
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Tokamak magnetic confinement concept



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

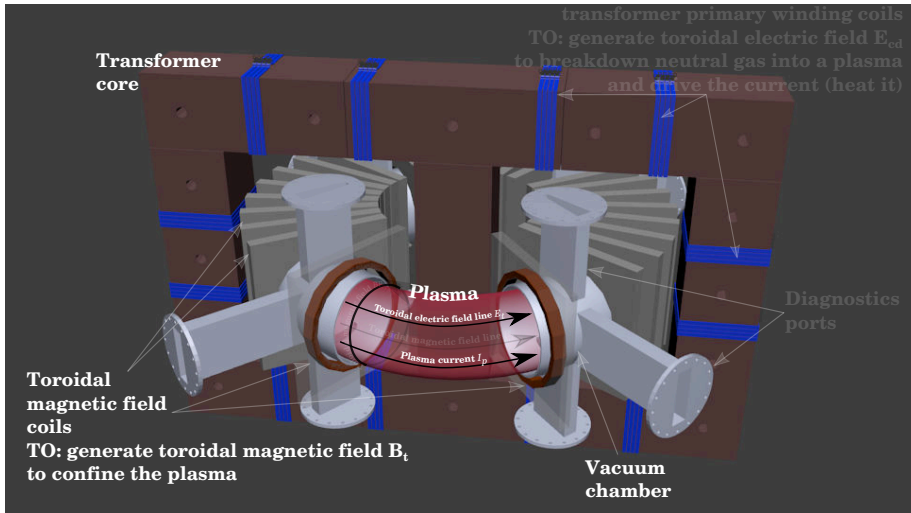


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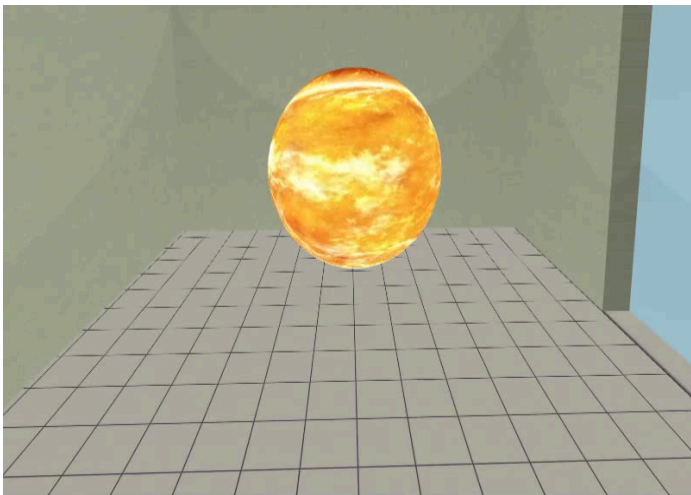
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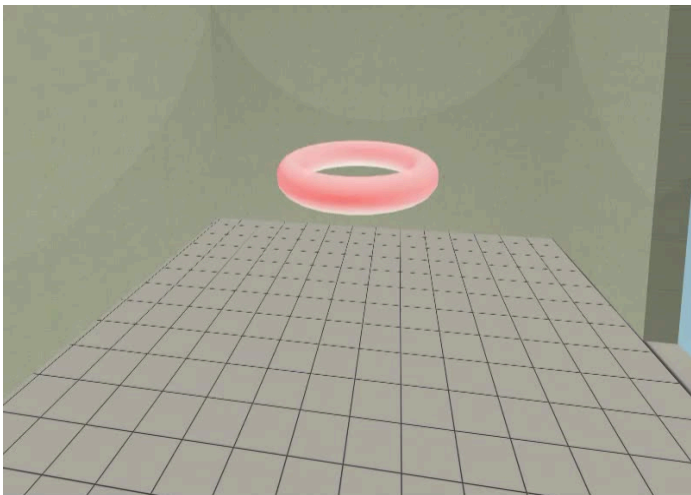
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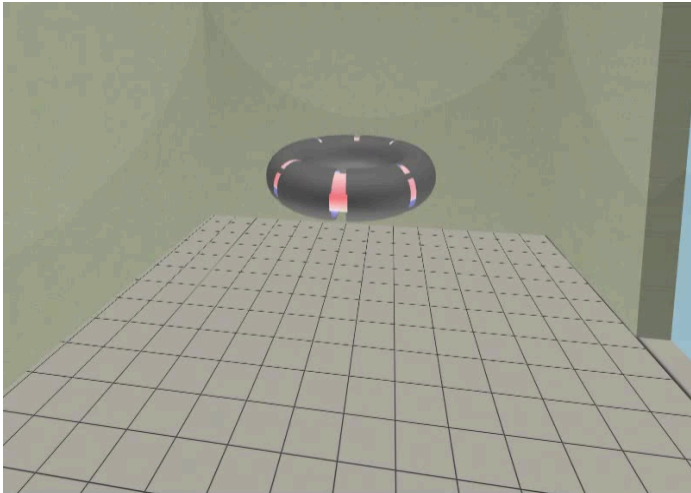
Our goal: the technology to create a μ Sun on the Earth



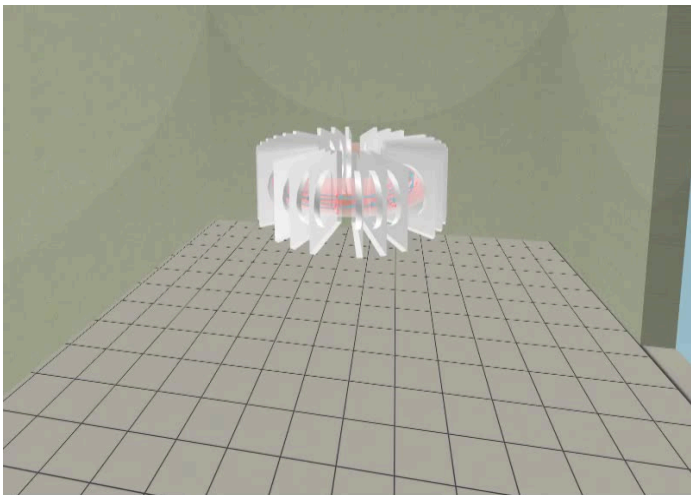
Magnetic confinement requires toroidal geometry



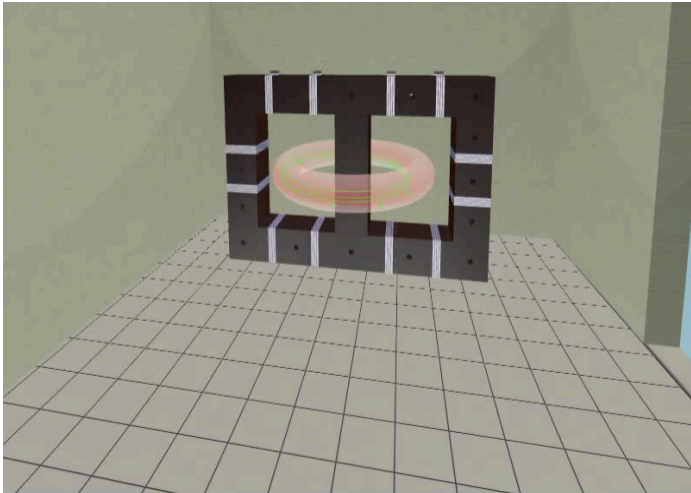
A chamber contains the thermonuclear reaction



Toroidal magnetic field coils confine the plasma



A transformer action creates and heats the plasma



The final technology altogether

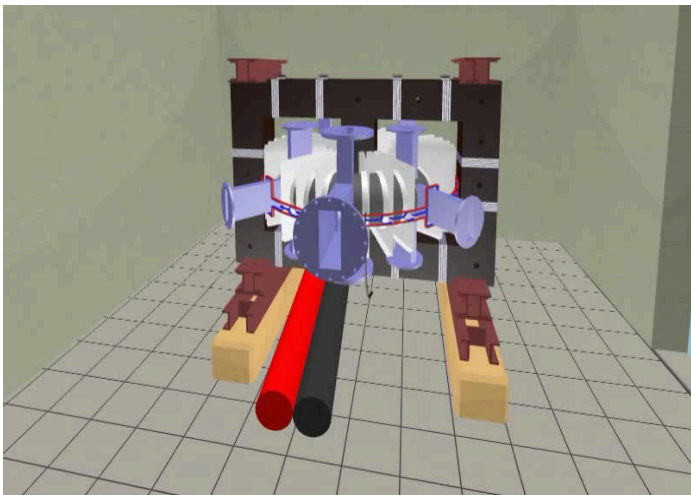


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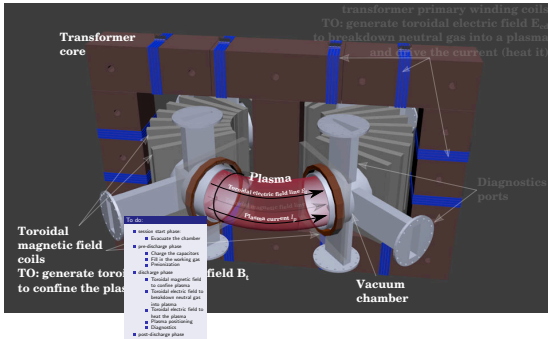
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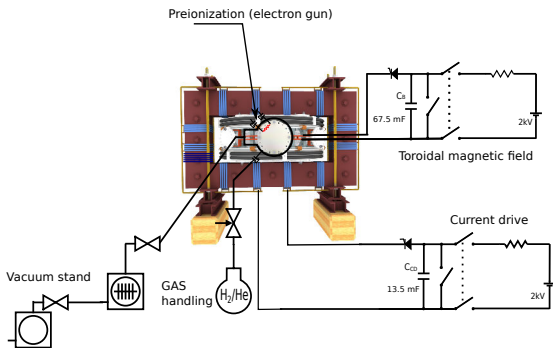
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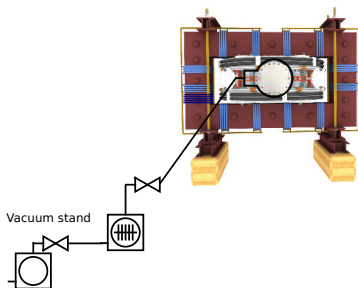
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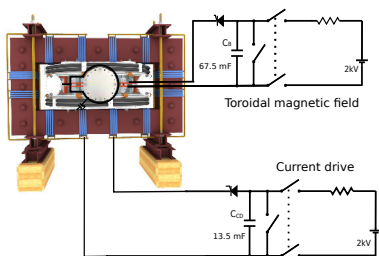
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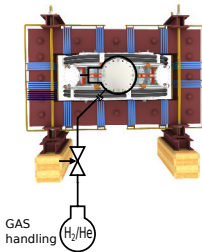
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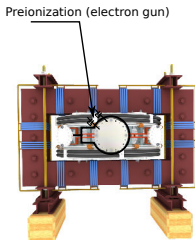
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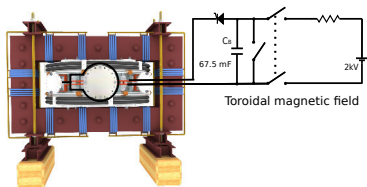
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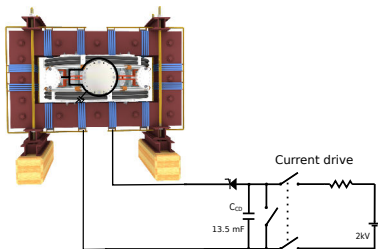
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Tokamak GOLEM - schematic experimental setup

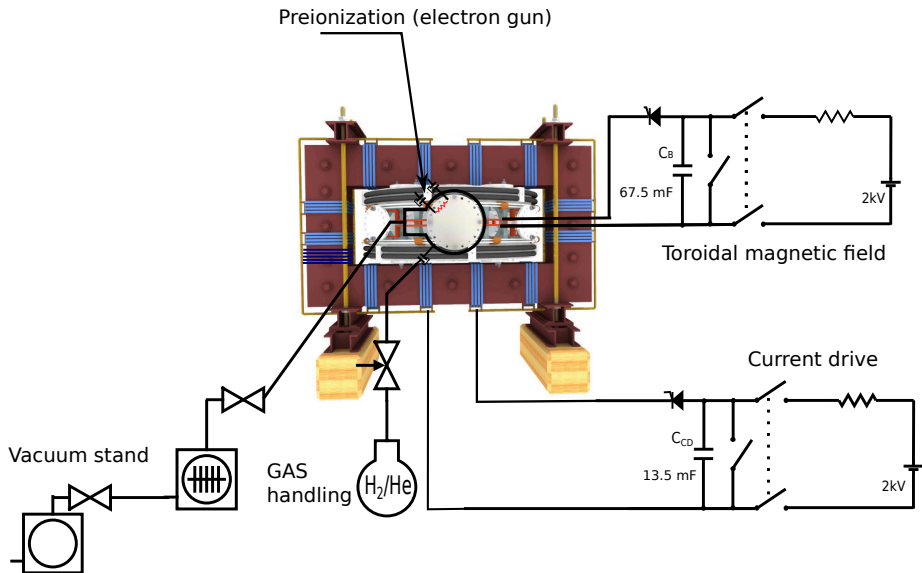


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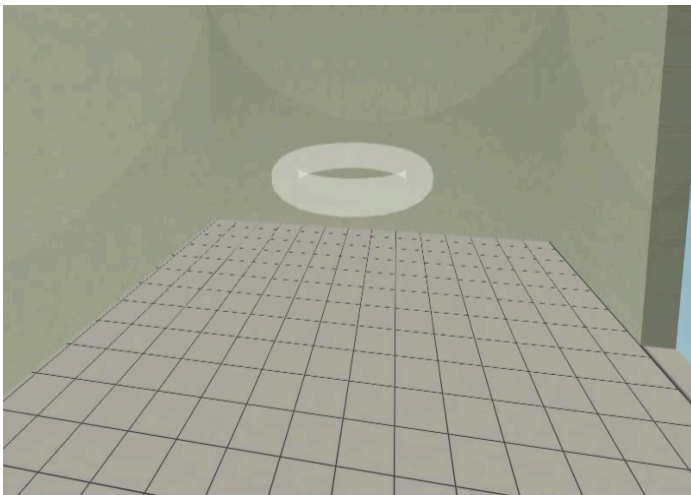
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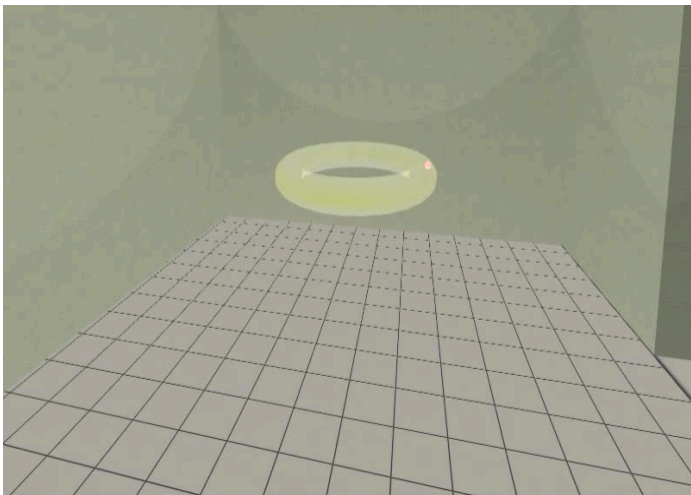
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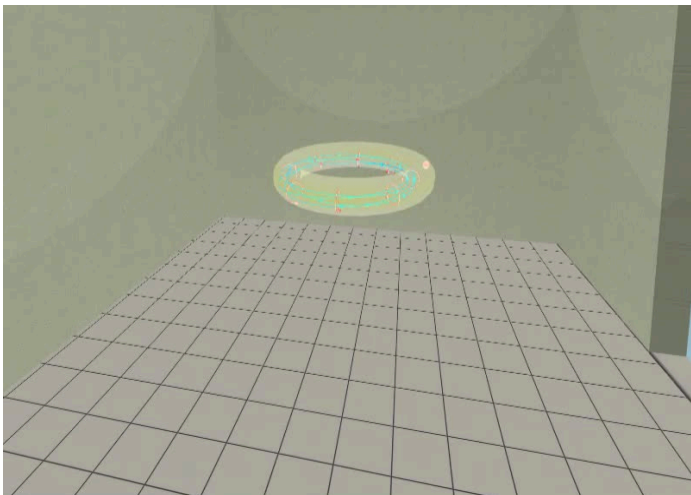
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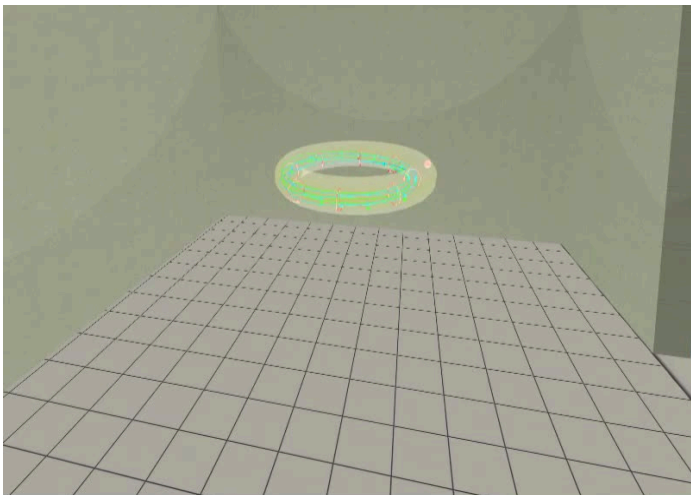
Switch on the preionization



Introduce the magnetic field



Introduce the electric field



Plasma ..

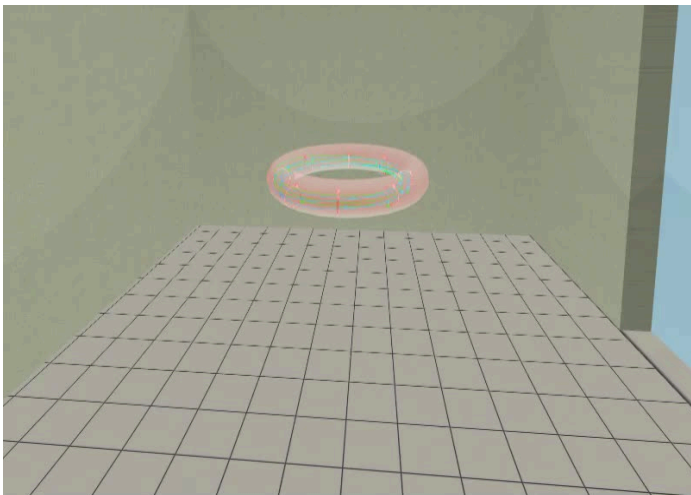


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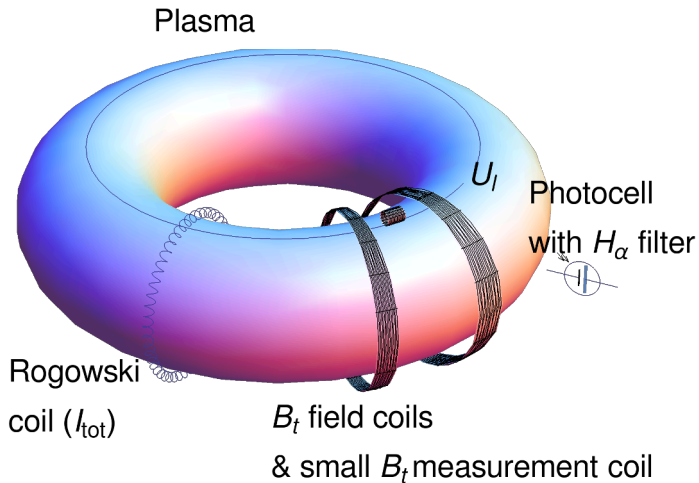
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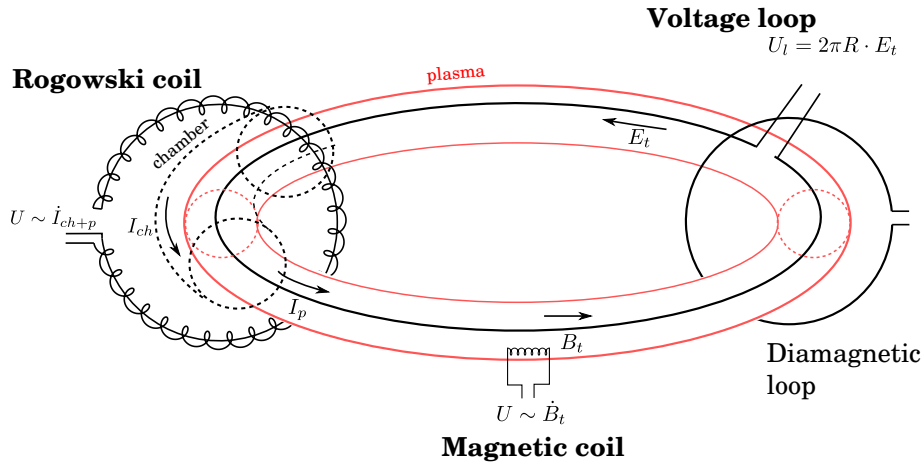
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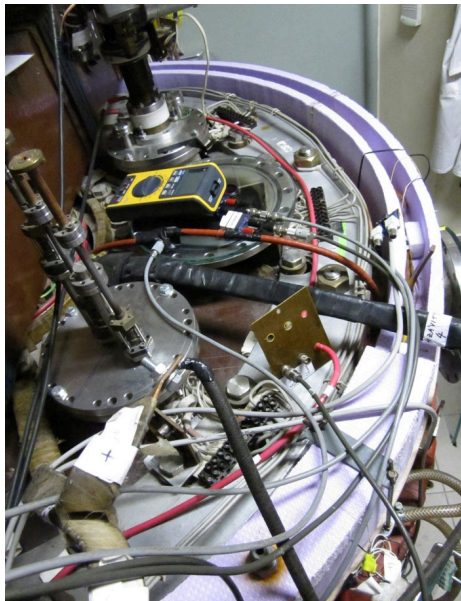
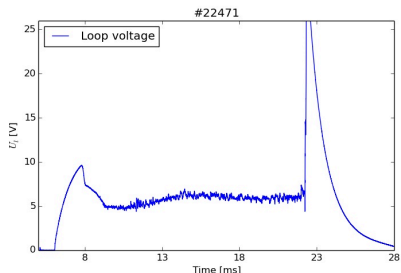
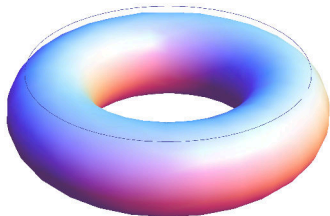
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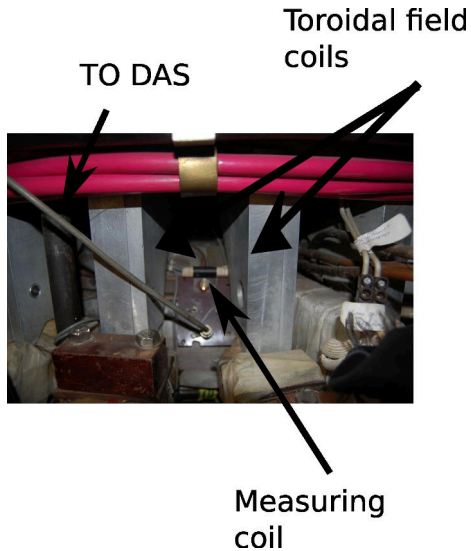
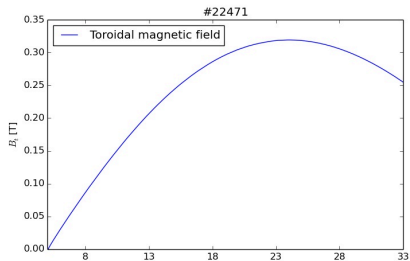
Schematic of electromagnetic diagnostics



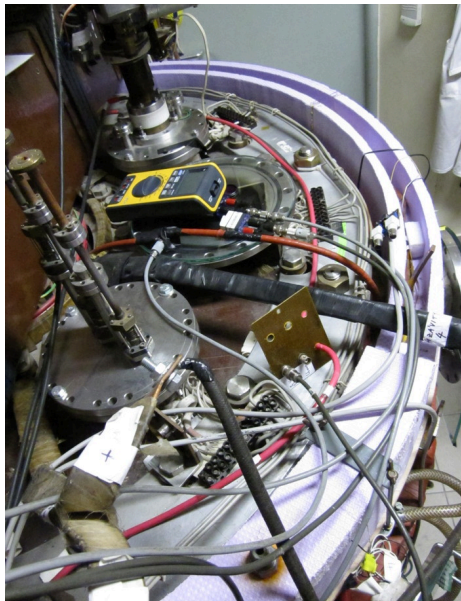
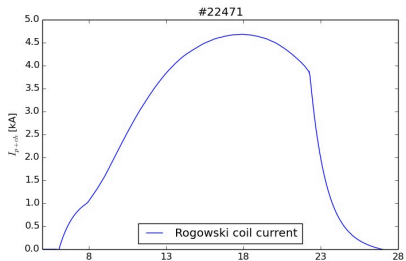
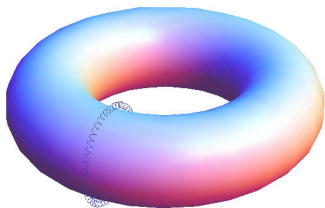
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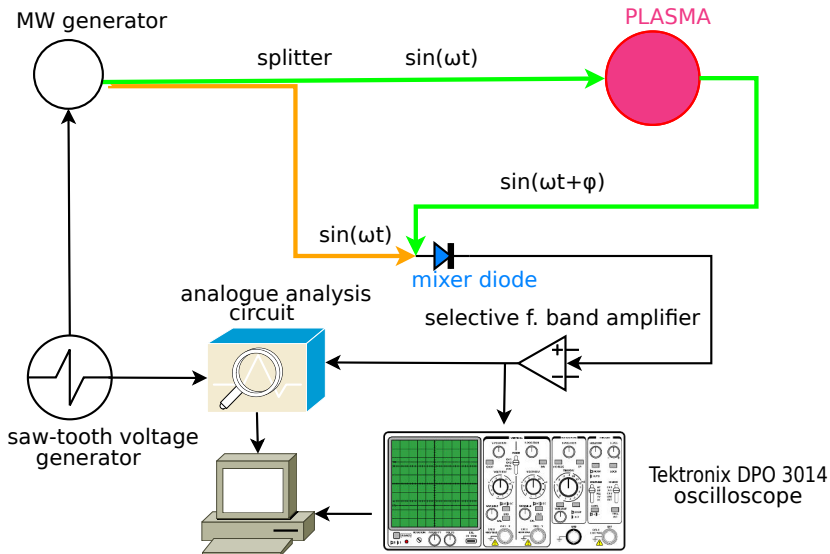
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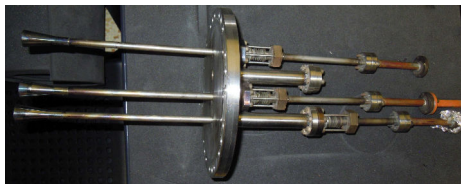
Total current I_{ch+p}



Electron density n_e interferometry measurement scheme



The GOLEM tokamak interferometry HW



"Typical", well executed discharge @ GOLEM

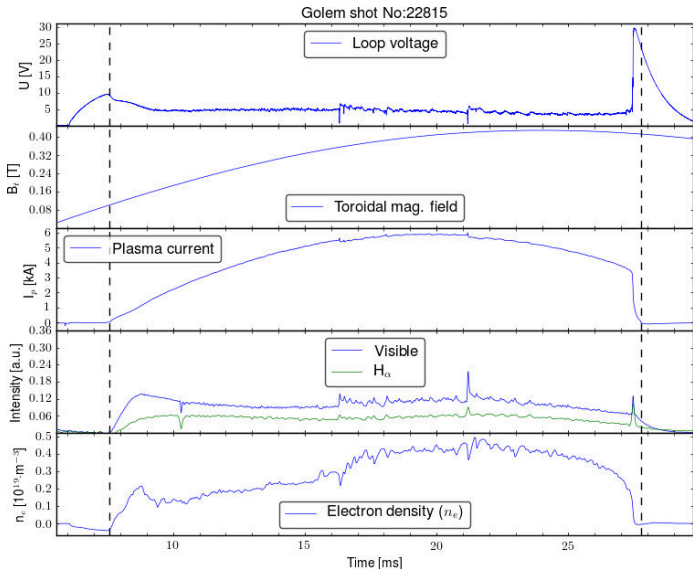


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Current drive CD field
and toroidal magnetic Bt field
circuits

To the tokamak
GOLEM

Rotary
pump

Vacuum
control

Current drive CD
capacitors

Plasma
stabilization

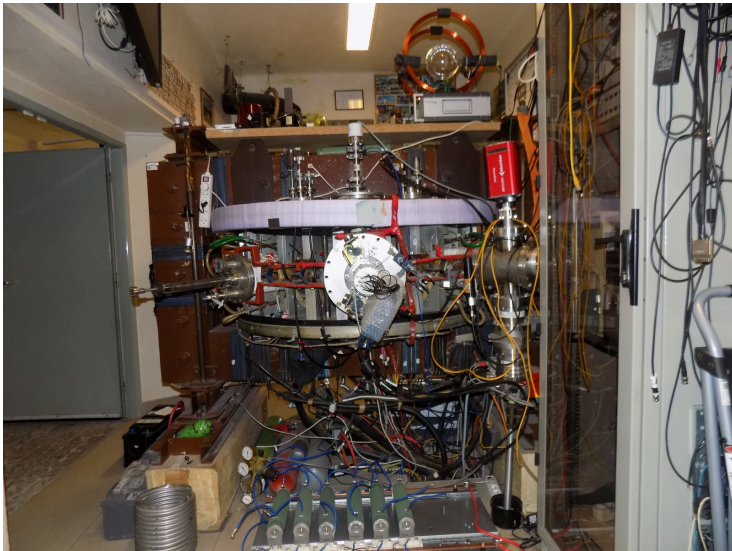
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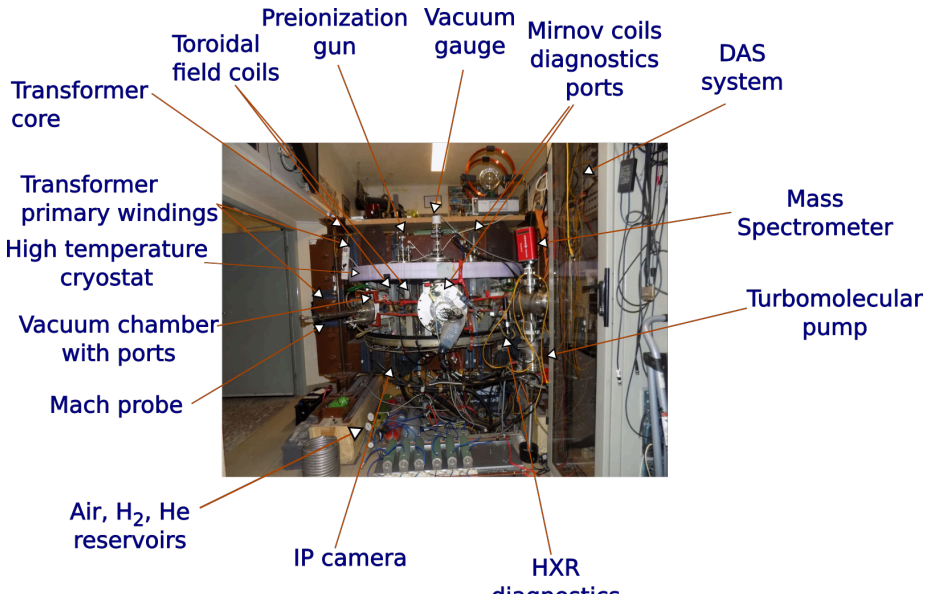
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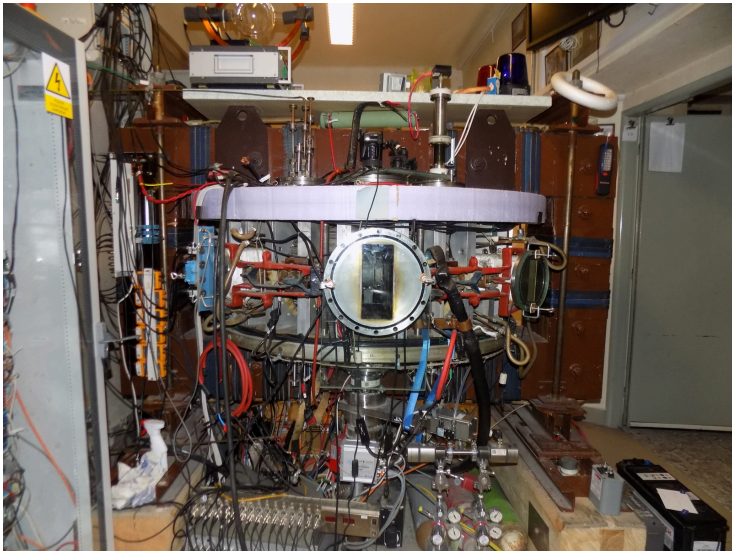
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Tokamak room (South) 10/16



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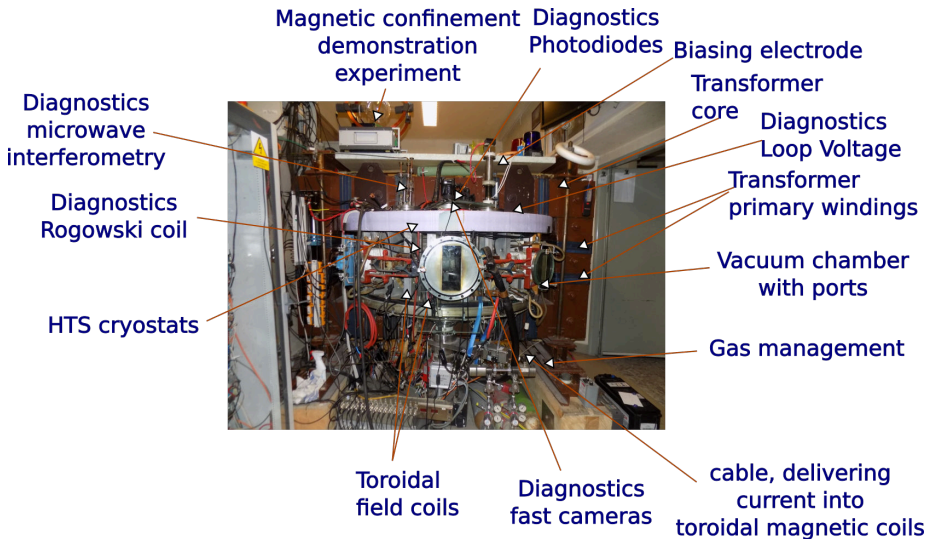


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Control room: Introduction

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

Preionization (electron gun)

Toroidal magnetic field

Current drive

GAS handling H_2/He

23 mF C_p 2kV

11.3 mF C_p 2kV

[Next](#)

3D model rendering method: [Static image \(fast\)](#) [Interactive X3DOM \(slower\)](#)

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_2O

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 mF

13.5 mF

20V

20V

ionization method

Electron gun No ionization

Next

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

https://golem.fk.cvut.cz/remote/control_room/?access_token=82d74f733d4770040ce77821158602c2&id=efication=Master#control-sub-preion

Control room: Magnetic field B_t

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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 $U_{C_2} = 600$ 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)

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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.

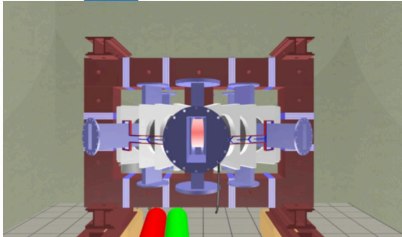
COMMENT

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](#)

3D model rendering method: [Static image \(best\)](#) [Interactive X3DOM \(slower\)](#)



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](#)

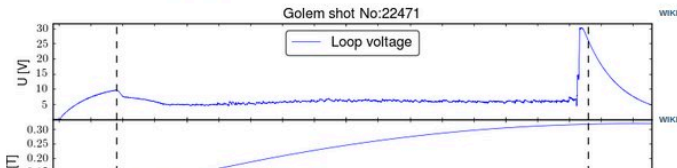


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GOLEM basic Data Acquisition System (DAS)

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



Data file example, DAS $\Delta t = 1\mu s / f = 1MHz$ (neutral gas into plasma breakdown focused)

t	$\approx U_I$	$\approx U_{\frac{dB_T}{dt}}$	$\approx U_{\frac{d(I_{p+ch})}{dt}}$	$\approx I_{rad}$
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:
first	\approx	7405	lines ..	:
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:
0.007383	1.53931	0.390015	0.048828	0.001831
0.007384	1.53686	0.395508	0.067749	0.00061
0.007385	1.54053	0.391235	0.079956	0.00061
0.007386	1.53686	0.38147	0.072632	0
0.007387	1.54297	0.397949	0.059204	0.00061
0.007388	1.54053	0.384521	0.05249	0.00061
0.007389	1.54053	0.39856	0.068359	0.001221
0.00739	1.54053	0.393677	0.082397	0.001221
0.007391	1.53809	0.38208	0.072632	0.001221
0.007392	1.54297	0.400391	0.056763	0.00061
0.007393	1.54419	0.383911	0.053101	0.00061
0.007394	1.53931	0.397339	0.068359	0.001221
0.007395	1.54297	0.391846	0.084229	0.00061
0.007396	1.54541	0.394897	0.074463	0.00061
0.007397	1.54297	0.388184	0.056763	0.001221
0.007398	1.54297	0.391846	0.056763	0.00061
0.007399	1.54297	0.394287	0.06897	0.00061
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Data access

All the recorded data and the settings for each discharge (shot) are available at the GOLEM website. The root directory for the files is:

```
http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/<#ShotNo>/
```

The most recent discharge has the web page:

```
http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/0
```

Particular data from DAS specified with <DASname> and <DASchannelidentifier> have the format:

```
http:  
//golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/<#ShotNo>/<DASname>/<DASchannelidentifier>
```

Jupyter (python)

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 shot_no = 33993
5 identifier = "LoopVoltageCoil_raw.csv"
6 DAS='DASs/StandardDAS/'
7 # create data cache in the 'golem_cache' folder
8 ds = np.DataSource('golem_cache')
9 #Create a path to data and download and open the file
10 base_url = "http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/"
11 data_file = ds.open(base_url + str(shot_no)+ '/' +DAS +identifier)
12 #Load data from the file and plot to screen and to disk
13 data = np.loadtxt(data_file,delimiter=",")
14 plt.plot(data[:,0], data[:,1]) #1. column vs 2. column
15 plt.xlabel('Time [ms]');plt.ylabel('$U_1$ [V]');
16 plt.savefig('graph.jpg')
17 plt.show()
18
19 #Run it: save it as script.py and run "python script.py" or execute in a
    ceel in a Jupyter Notebook
```


Matlab

```
1 ShotNo=33993
2 baseURL='http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/';
3 diagnPATH='/DASs/StandardDAS/LoopVoltageCoil_raw.csv';
4 %Create a path to data
5 dataURL=strcat(baseURL,int2str(ShotNo),diagnPATH);
6 % Write data from GOLEM server to a local file
7 urlwrite(dataURL,'LoopVoltage');
8 % Load data
9 data = load('LoopVoltage', '\t');
10 % Plot and save the graph
11 f = figure('visible', 'off');
12 hold on
13 plot(data(:,1)*1000, data(:,2), '.');
14 xlabel('Time [ms]')
15 ylabel('U_1 [V]')
16 hold off
17 print -djpeg plot.jpg
18 close(f)
19 exit;
```

Octave

```
1 ShotNo=33993
2 baseURL='http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/';
3 diagnPATH='/DASs/StandardDAS/LoopVoltageCoil_raw.csv';
4 %Create a path to data
5 dataURL=strcat(baseURL,int2str(ShotNo),diagnPATH);
6 % Write data from GOLEM server to a local file
7 urlwrite(dataURL,'LoopVoltageCoil_raw.csv');
8 % Load data
9 data = load('LoopVoltageCoil_raw.csv', '\t');
10 % Plot and save the graph
11 plot(data(:,1), data(:,2), '.');
12 xlabel('time [ms]')
13 ylabel('U_loop [V]')
14 saveas(gcf, 'plot', 'jpg');
15 exit;
```

Gnuplot

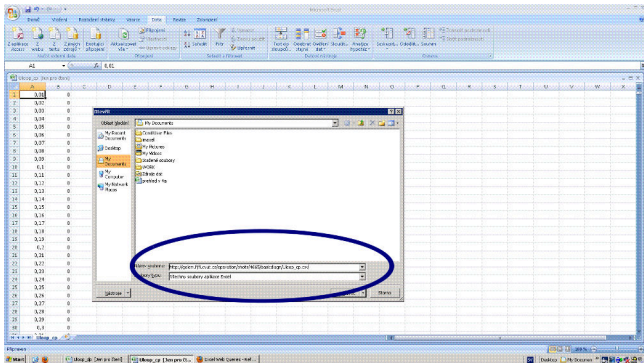
```
1 identifier = 'LoopVoltageCoil_raw.csv' ;
2 ShotNo = '33993'
3 # Create a path to the data
4 DAS='DASs/StandardDAS/'
5 baseURL='http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/'
6 DataURL= baseURL.ShotNo.'/'.DAS.identifier
7 set datafile separator ',';
8 set title "Uloop for #".ShotNo;
9 # Write data from GOLEM erver to a local file
10 ! wget -q @DataURL ;
11 # Plot the graph from a local file
12 set xrange [0:0.02];set xlabel 'Time [s]';set ylabel 'U_1 [V]'
13 plot identifier u 1:2 w l t 'Uloop'
```

GNU Wget

GNU Wget is a free software package for retrieving files using HTTP, HTTPS and FTP, the most widely-used Internet protocols. It is a non-interactive commandline tool, so it may easily be called from scripts, cron jobs, terminals without X-Windows support, etc.

- Runs on most UNIX-like operating systems as well as Microsoft Windows.
- Homepage: <http://www.gnu.org/software/wget/>
- Basic usage:
 - To get U_l : `wget http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/utis/data/<#ShotNo>/loop_voltage`
 - To get whole shot: `wget -r -nH -cut-dirs=3 -no-parent -l2 -Pshot http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/<#ShotNo>`

Excel



File→Open→

`http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/utils/data/<#ShotNo>/<identifier>`

Spreadsheets (Excel and others)

are not recommended, only tolerated.

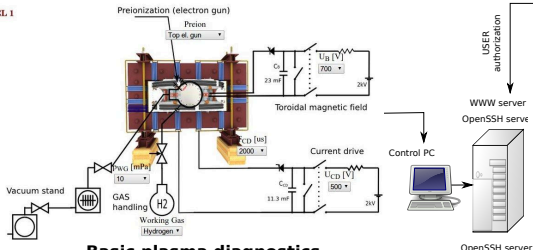
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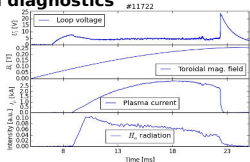
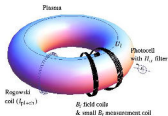
The global schematic overview of the GOLEM experiment

LEVEL 1

Tokamak technology setup



Basic plasma diagnostics



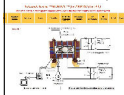
internet



**Virtual control room
(remote participation)**

WWW control interface

HTML & PHP scripts



SSH control interface

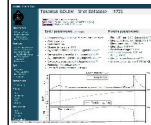
WINDOWS via putty



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

Data presentation

HTML (www pages)



Data handling

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

Production

- Everything via <http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/Cadarache>
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<https://meet.vpsfree.cz/golem>



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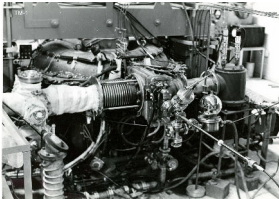
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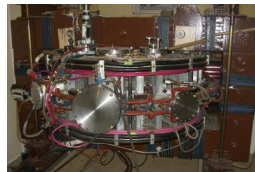
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