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

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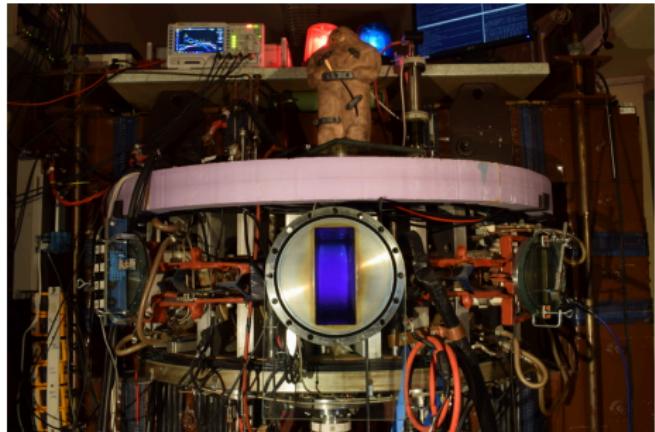
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# The GOLEM tokamak basic characteristics

*The grandfather of all tokamaks (ITER newsline 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:  
 $< n_e > \in (0.2, 3) \cdot 10^{19}$  m<sup>-3</sup>
- 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

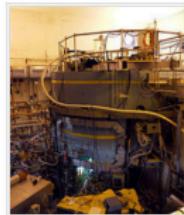
it decays into a proton and electron with the emission of energy. When the time comes to actually try to make electricity from a tokamak-based reactor, some of the neutrons produced in the fusion process would be absorbed by a liquid metal blanket and their kinetic energy would be used in heat-transfer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

## Experimental tokamaks [\[edit\]](#)

### Currently in operation [\[edit\]](#)

(in chronological order of start of operations)

- . 1960s: TM1-MH (since 1977 Castor; since 2007 Golem<sup>[12]</sup>) in Prague, Czech Republic. In operation in Kurchatov Institute since early 1960s but renamed to Castor in 1977 and moved to IPP CAS,<sup>[13]</sup> Prague; in 2007 moved to FNSPE, Czech Technical University in Prague and renamed to Golem.<sup>[14]</sup>
- . 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,<sup>[15]</sup> at the CEA, Cadarache, France
- . 1989: Aditya, at Institute for Plasma Research (IIPR) in Gujarat, India
- . 1980s: DIII-D,<sup>[16]</sup> in San Diego, USA; operated by General Atomics since the late 1980s
- . 1989: COMPASS,<sup>[13]</sup> 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,<sup>[17]</sup> 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

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



2006

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



2008

Czech Technical University Prague  
Czech republic  
**GOLEM**



# GOLEM

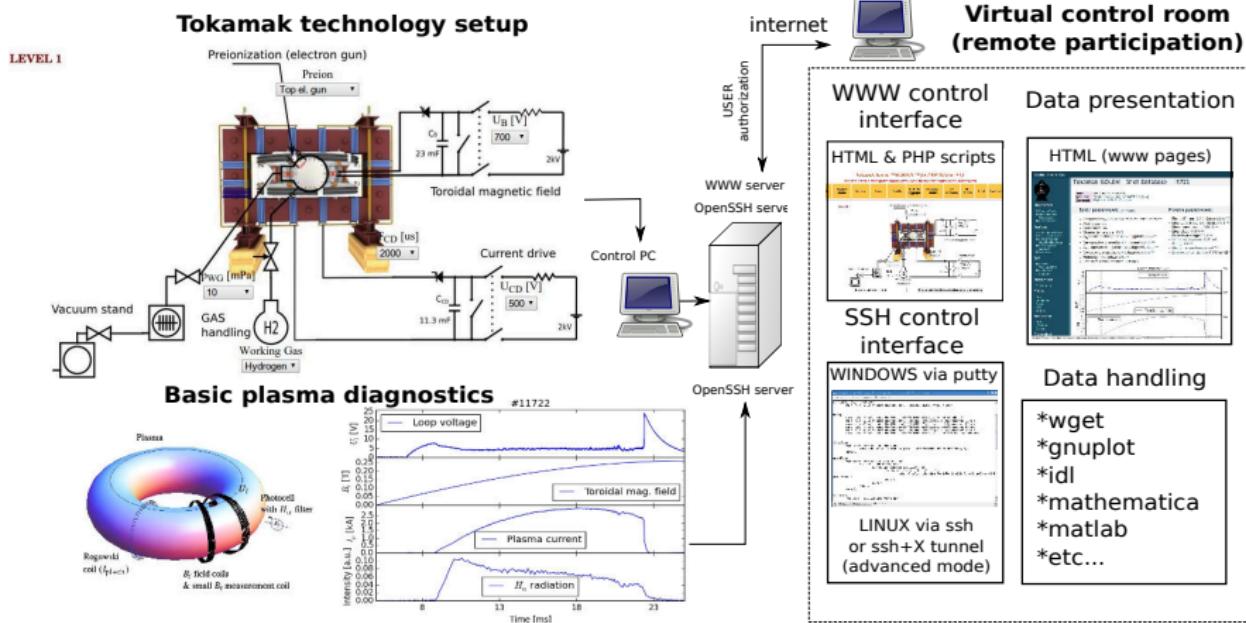
... somewhere, in the ancient cellars of Prague,

*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



# The GOLEM tokamak mission

## **Research**

- i) Plasma edge studies using probe techniques
- ii) Runaway electron studies

**Education**  
i) on-site  
ii) remote

# Production

- Everything via <http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/Tunis>
  - This presentation
  - Control rooms
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[svoboda@fjfi.cvut.cz](mailto:svoboda@fjfi.cvut.cz)
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[tokamak.golem@gmail.com](mailto:tokamak.golem@gmail.com) or  
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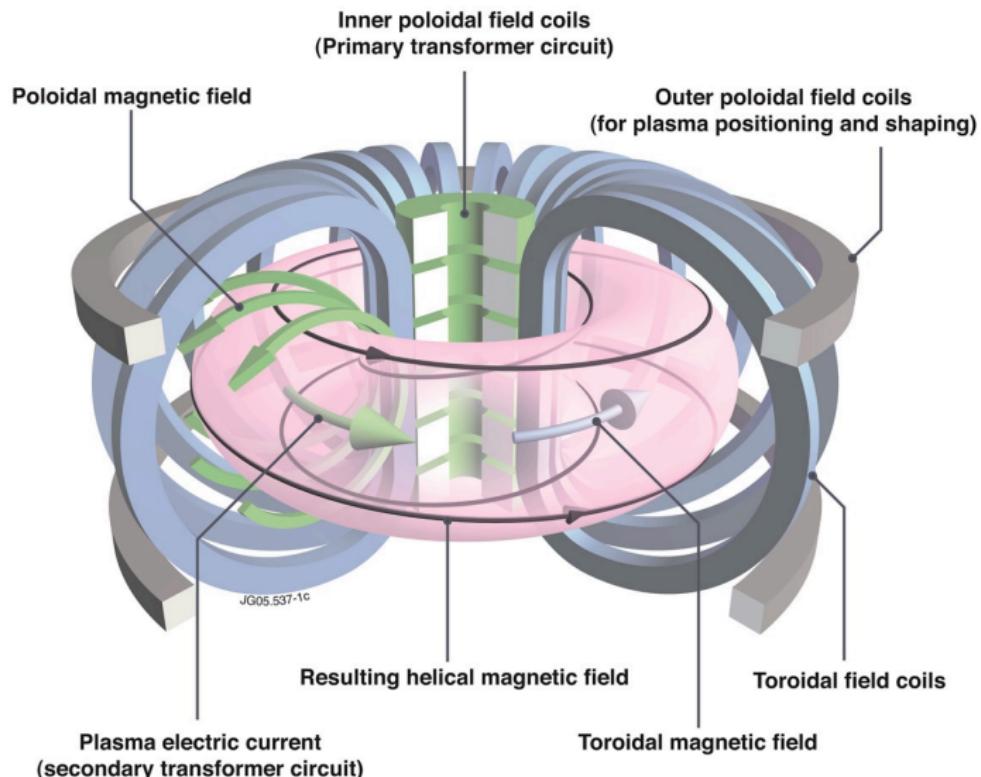
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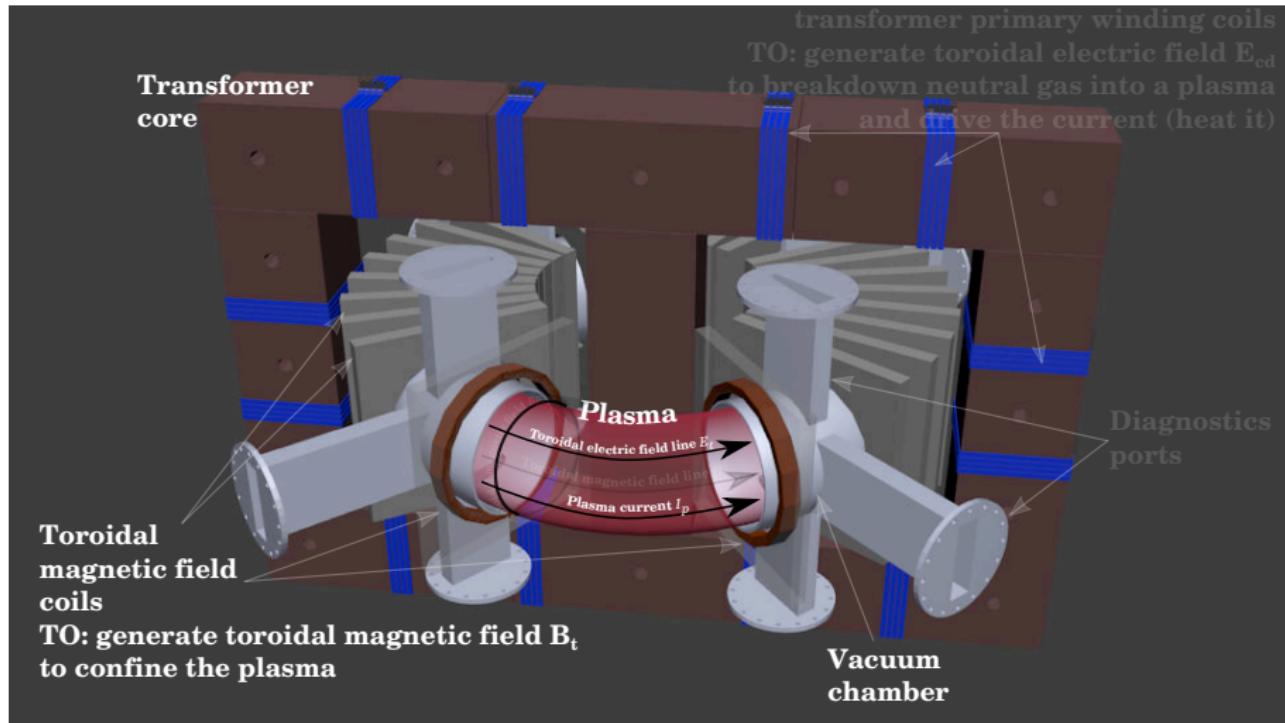
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# Tokamak magnetic confinement concept



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



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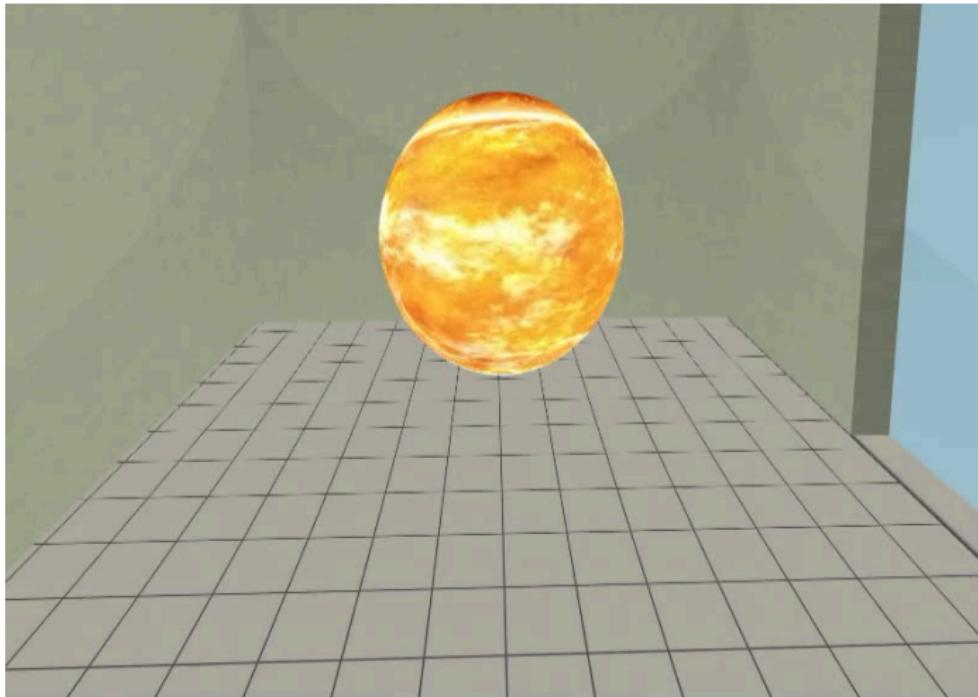
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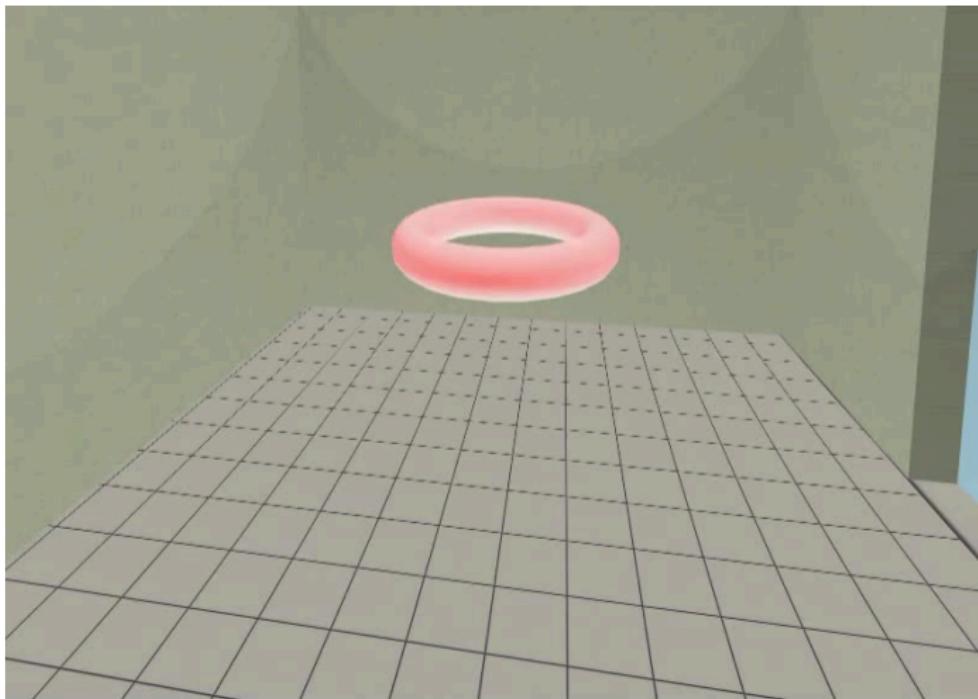
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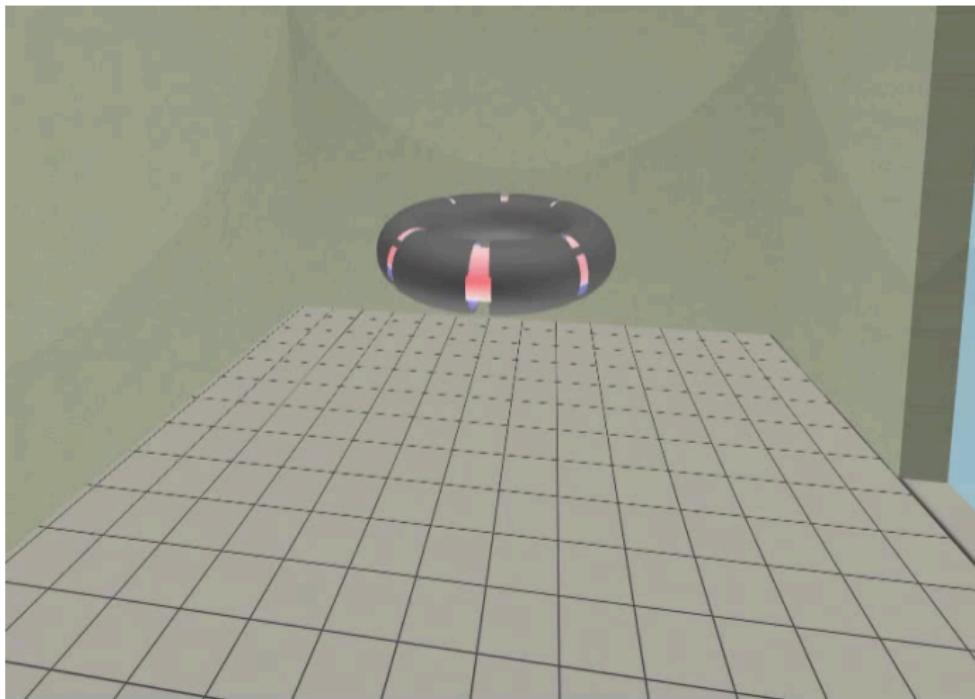
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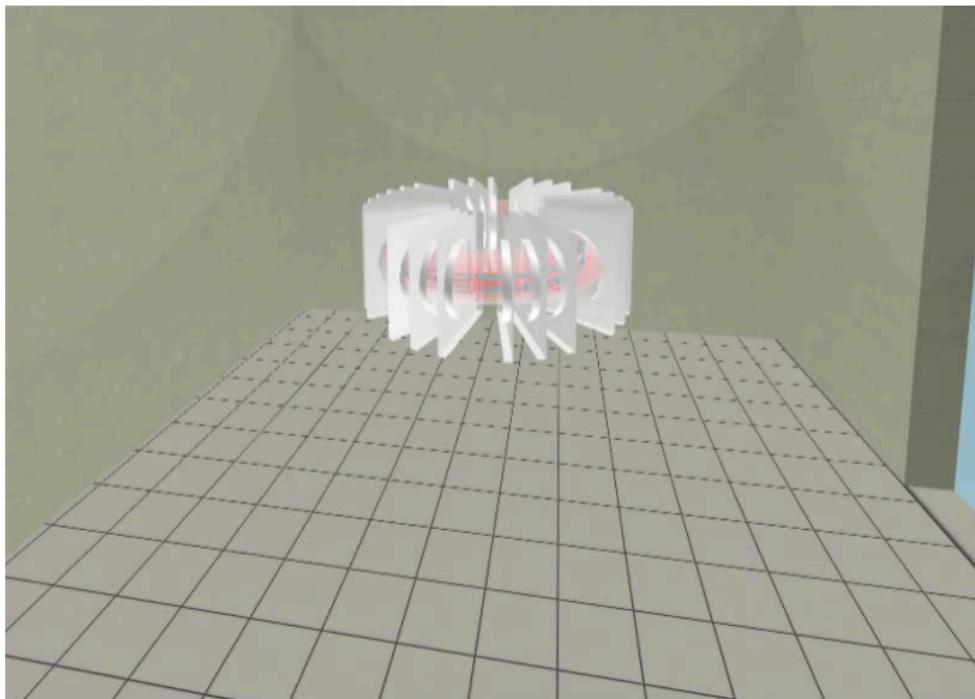
Magnetic confinement requires toroidal geometry



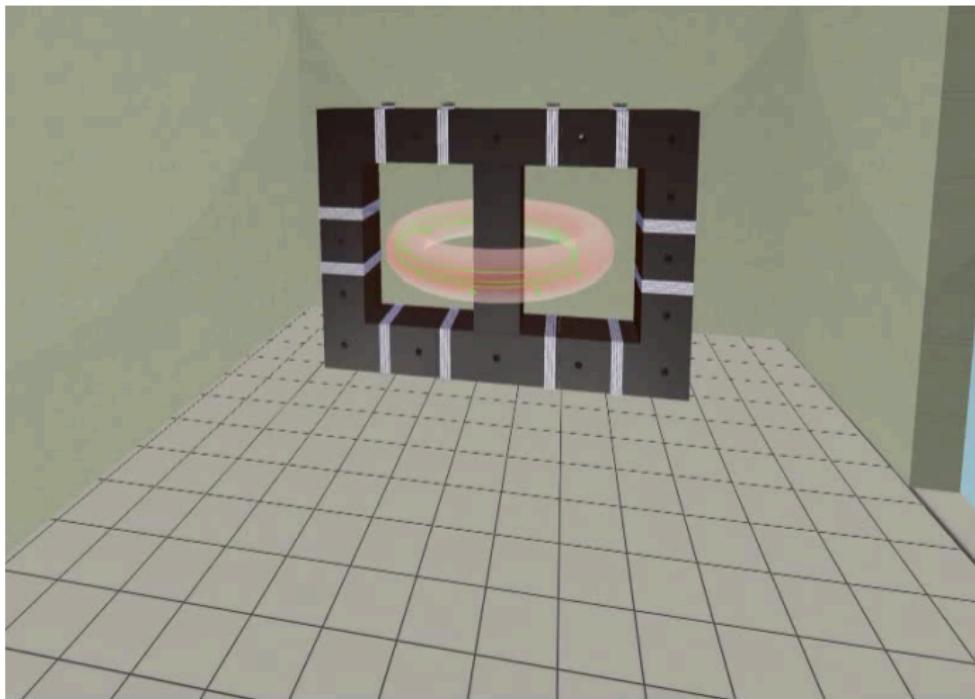
A chamber contains the thermonuclear reaction



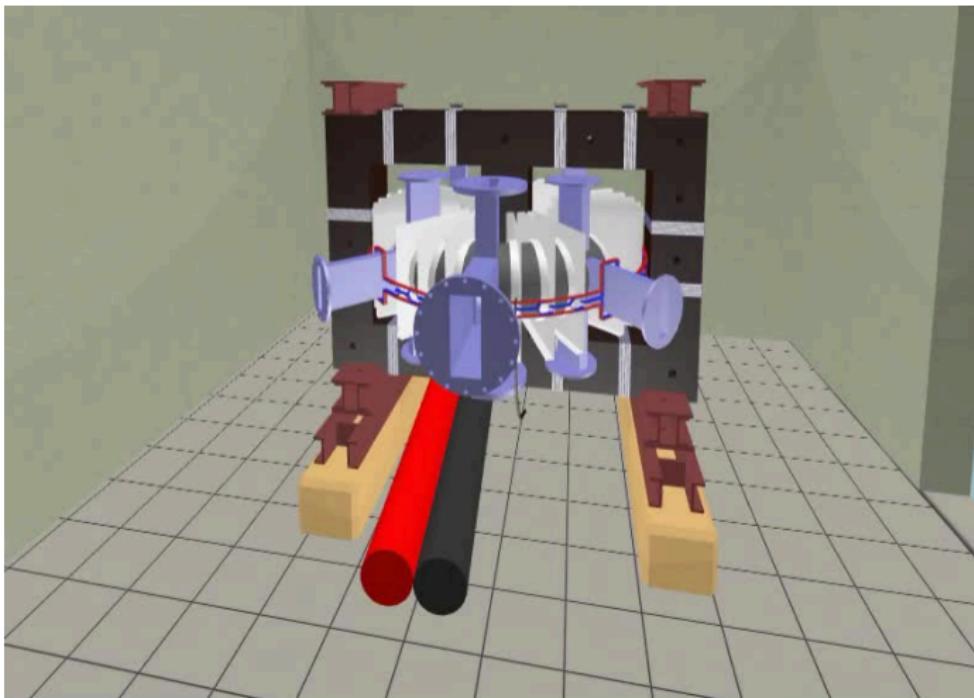
Toroidal magnetic field coils confine the plasma



A transformer action creates and heats the plasma



# The final technology altogether



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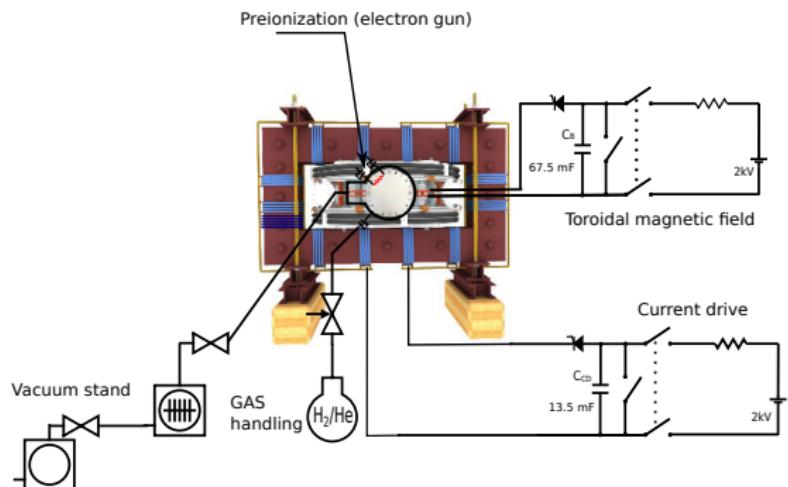
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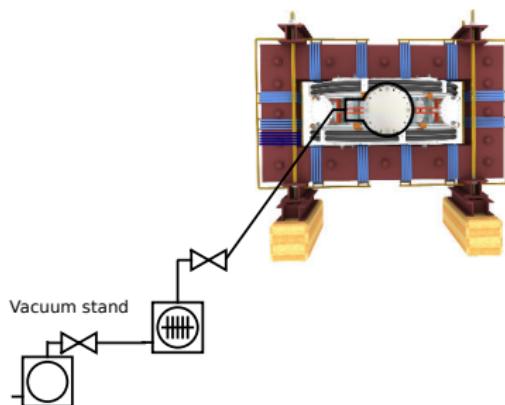
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  - Fill in the working gas
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- discharge phase
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- post-discharge phase

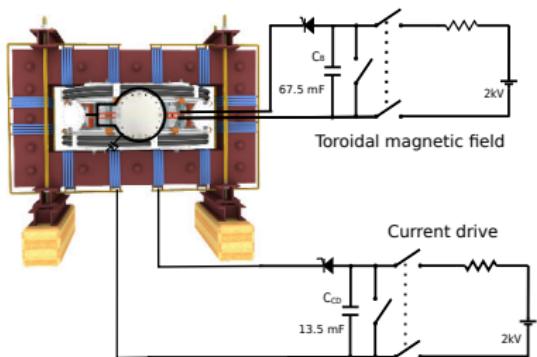
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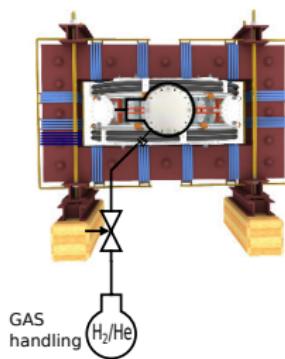
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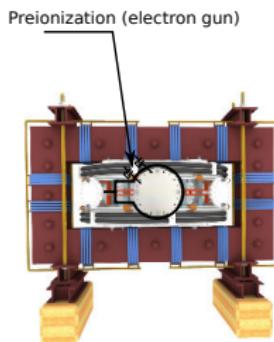
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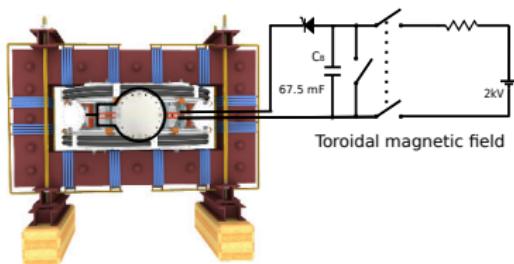
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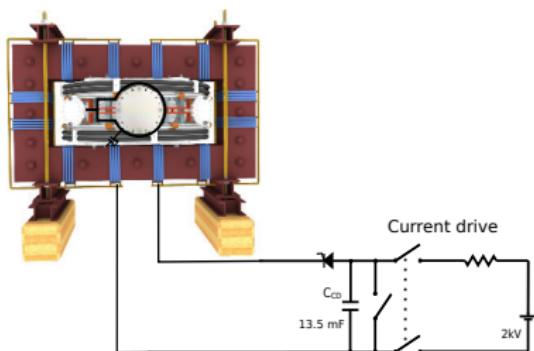
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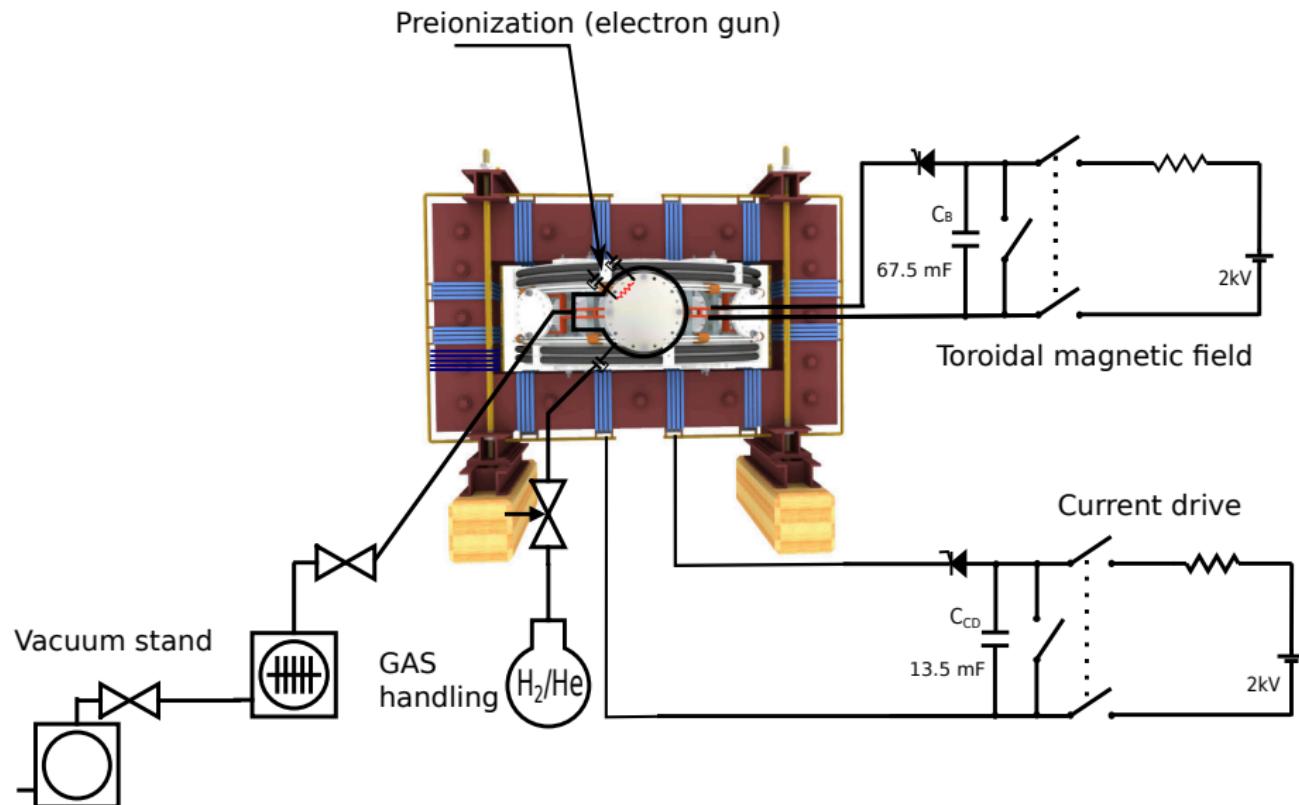
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# Tokamak GOLEM - schematic experimental setup



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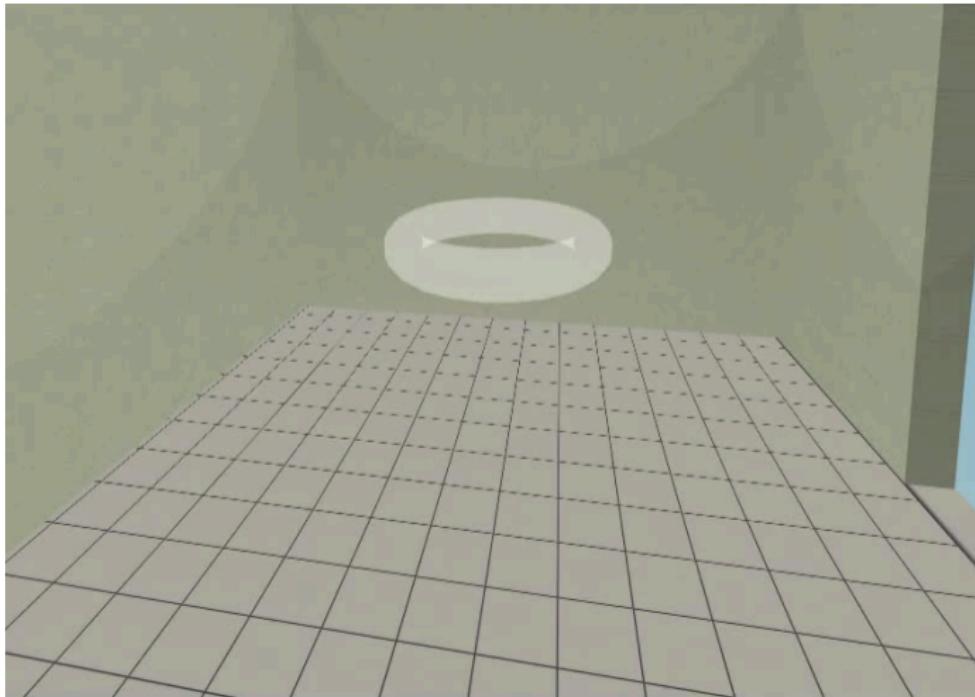
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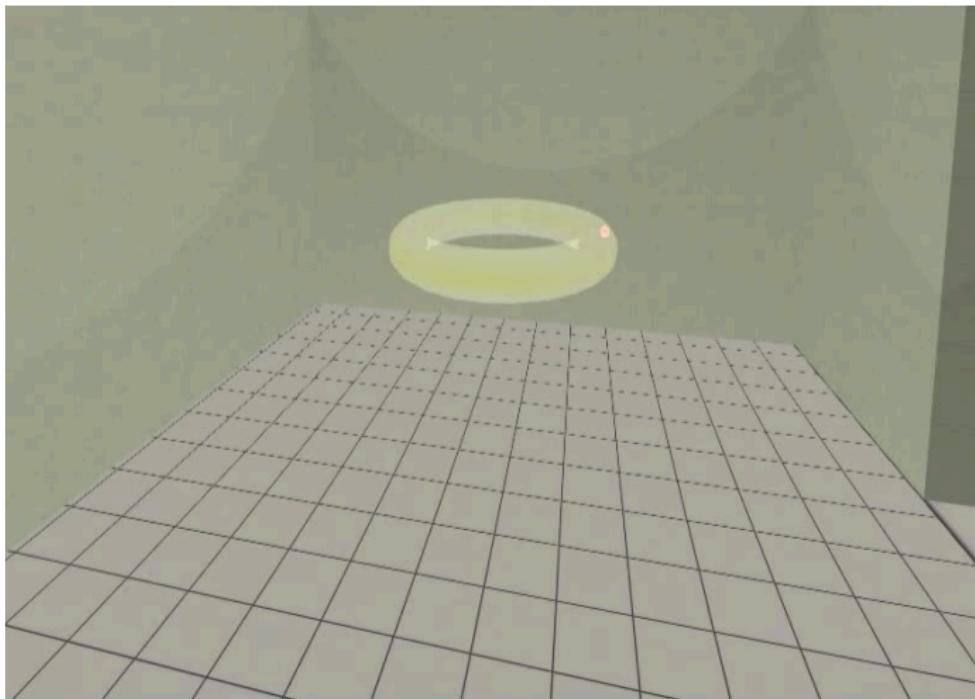
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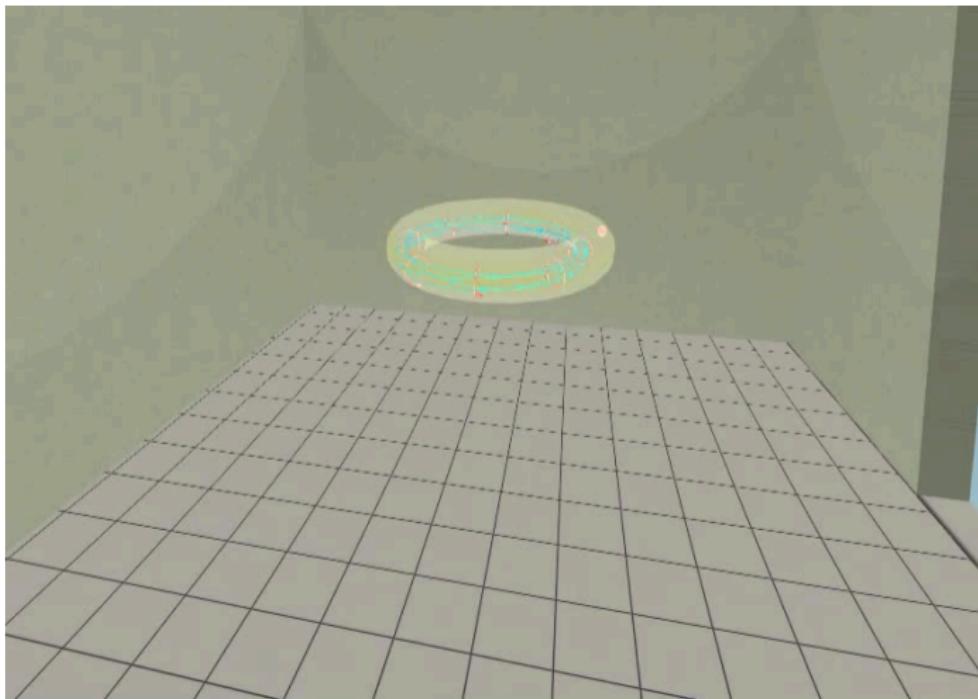
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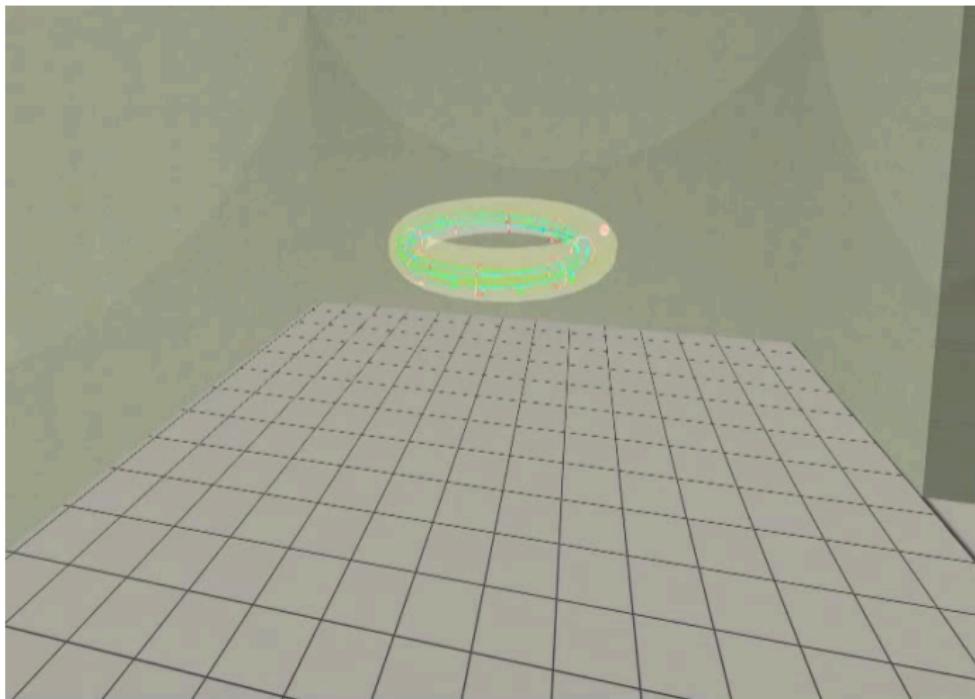
# Switch on the preionization



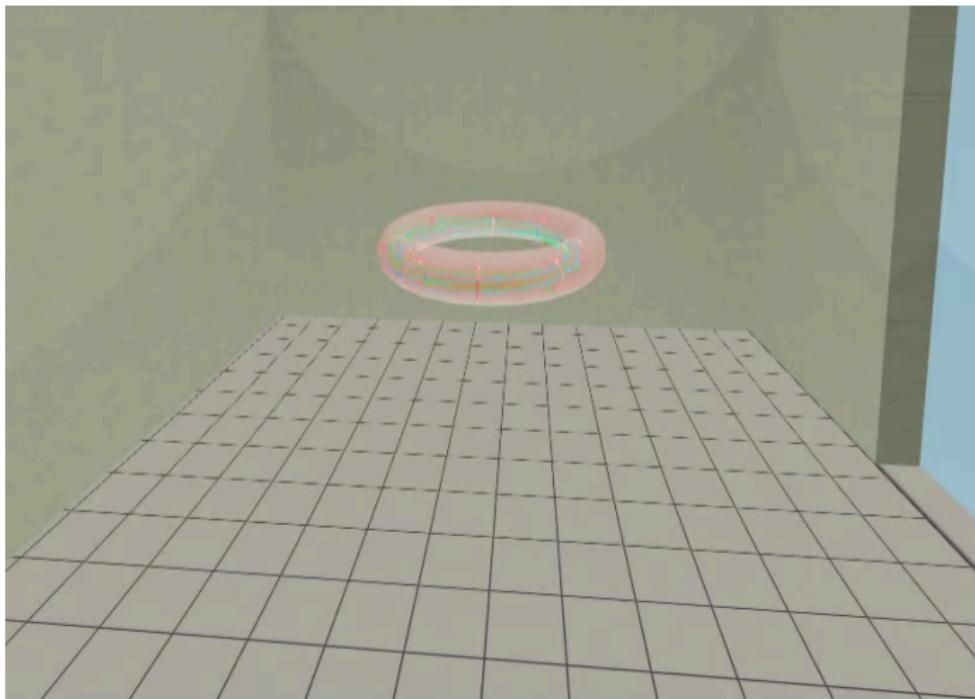
# Introduce the magnetic field



# Introduce the electric field



Plasma ..



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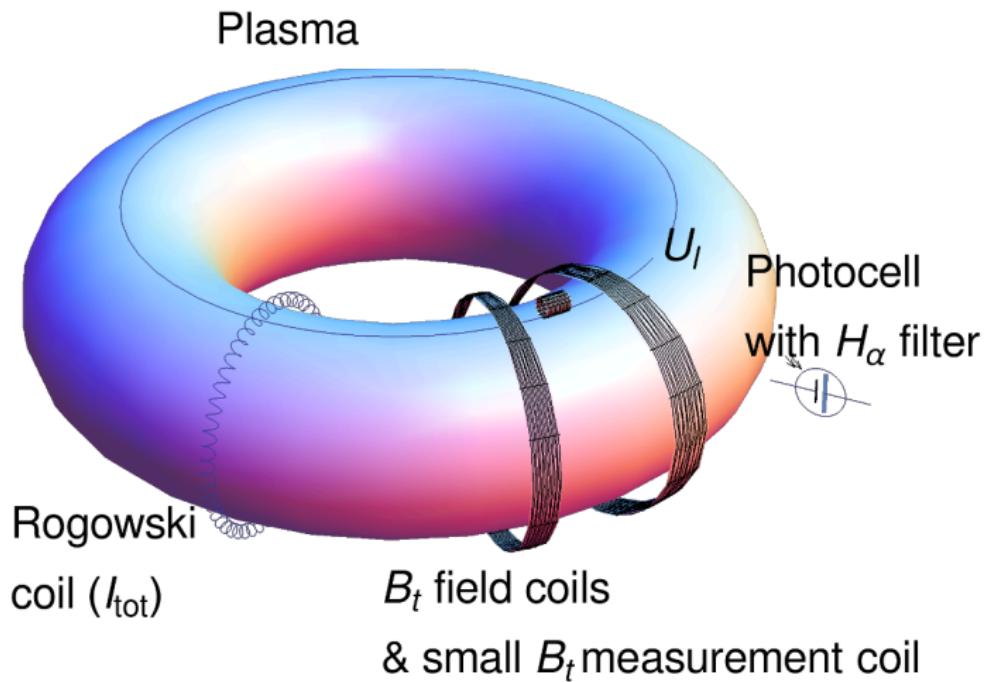
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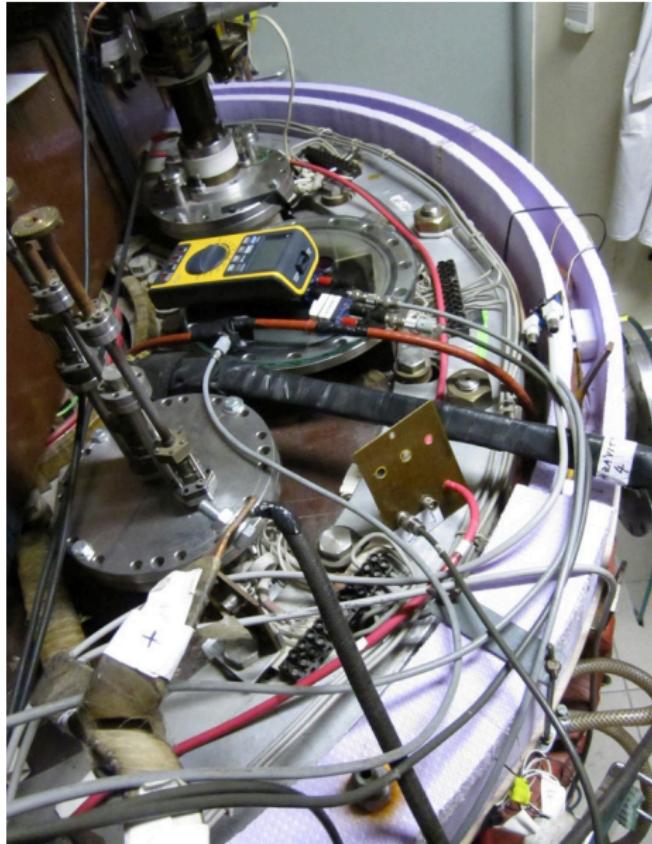
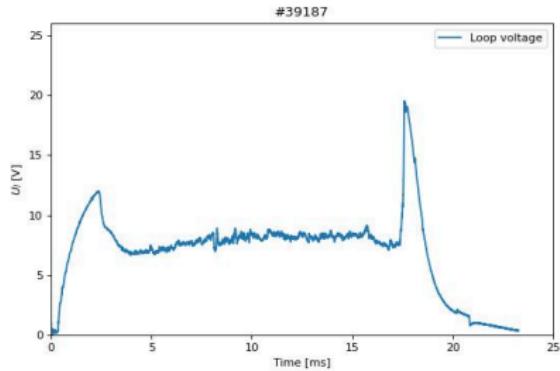
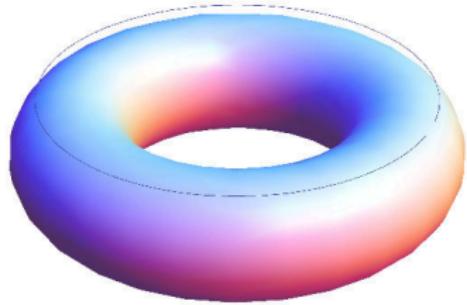
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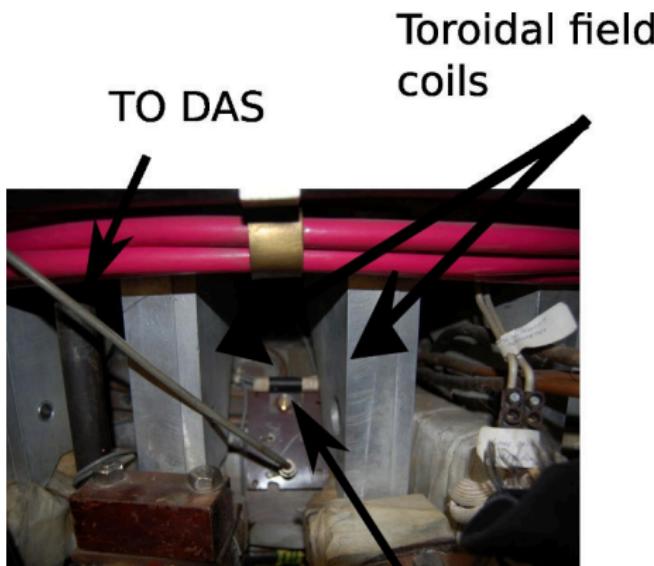
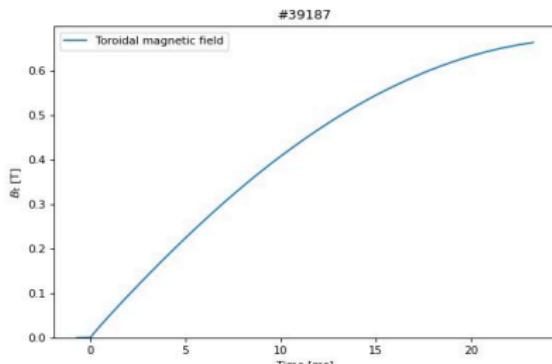
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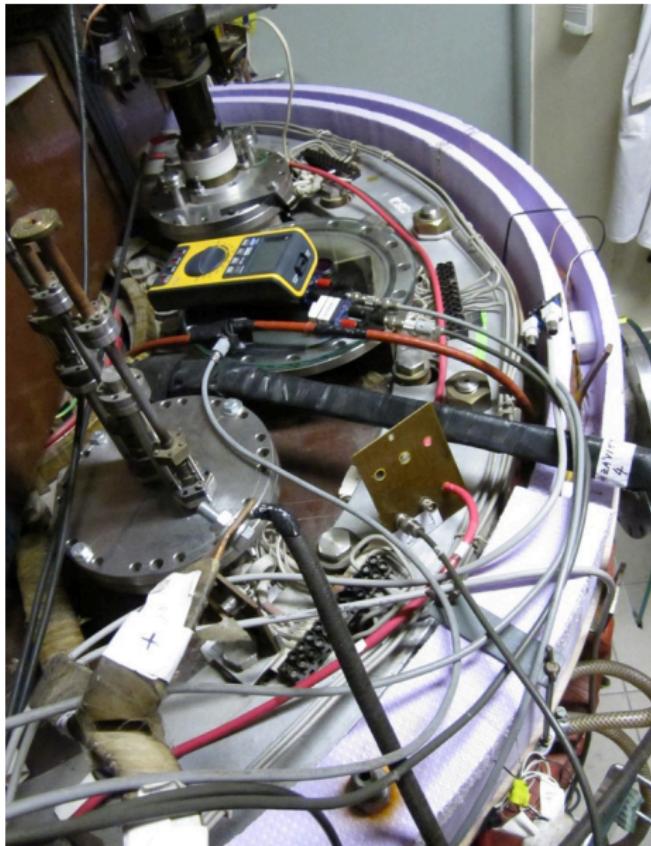
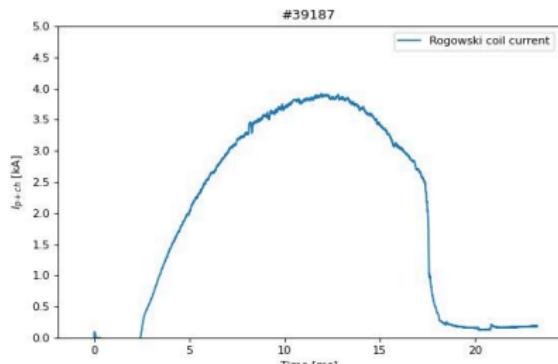
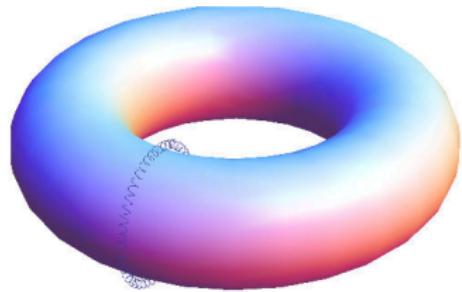
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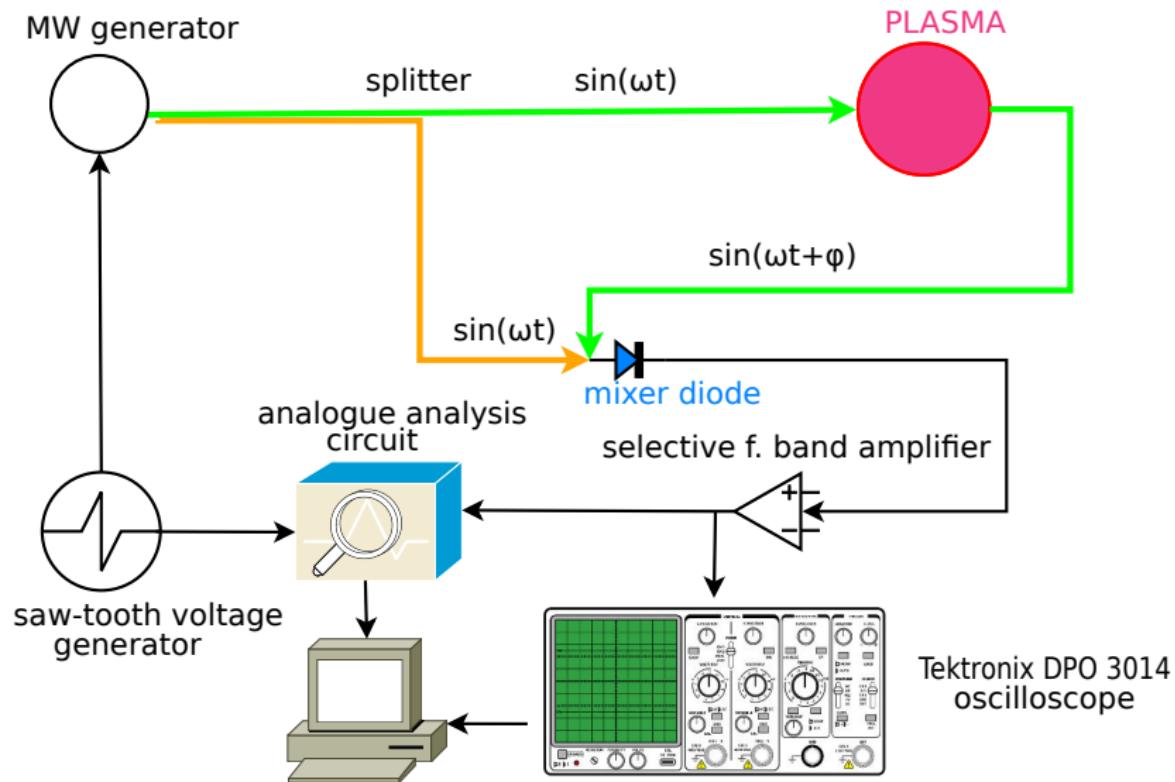
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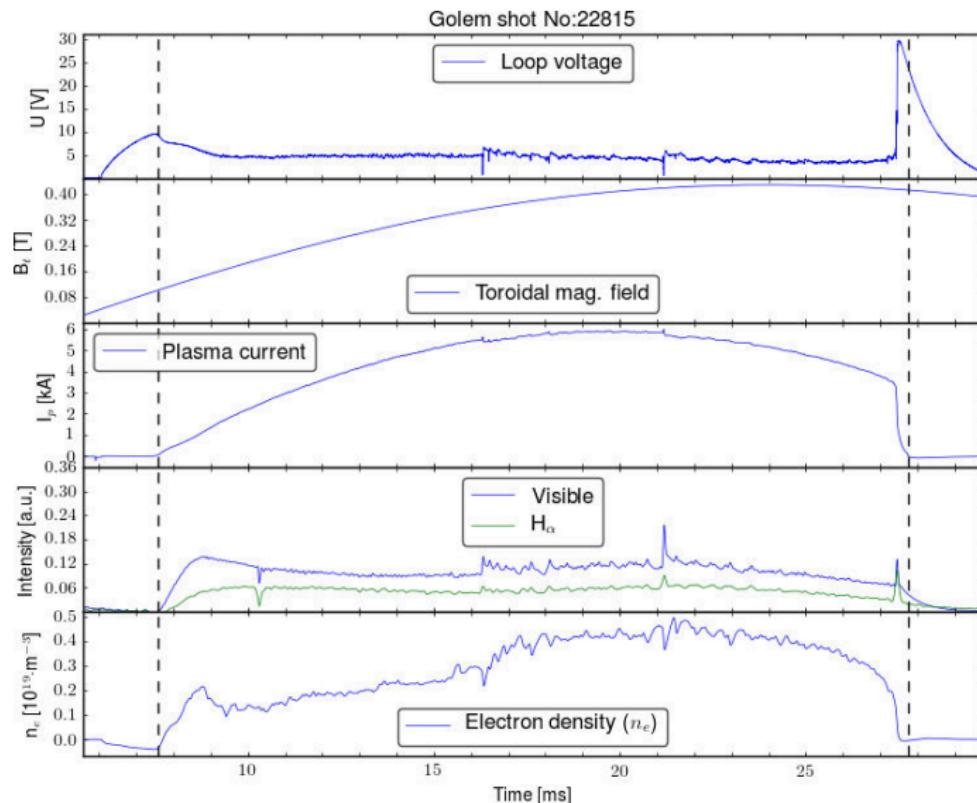
# Total current $I_{ch+p}$



# Electron density $n_e$ interferometry measurement scheme



# "Typical", well executed discharge @ GOLEM



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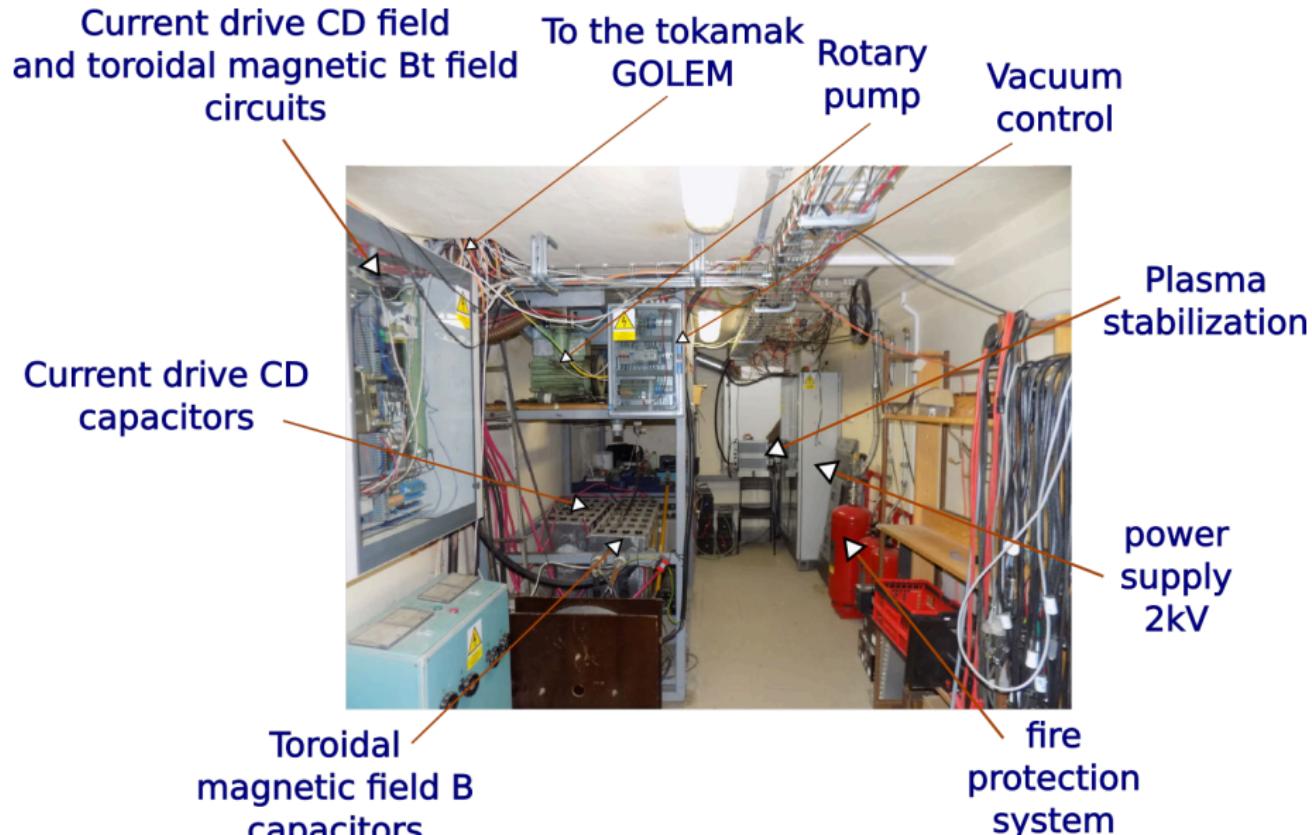
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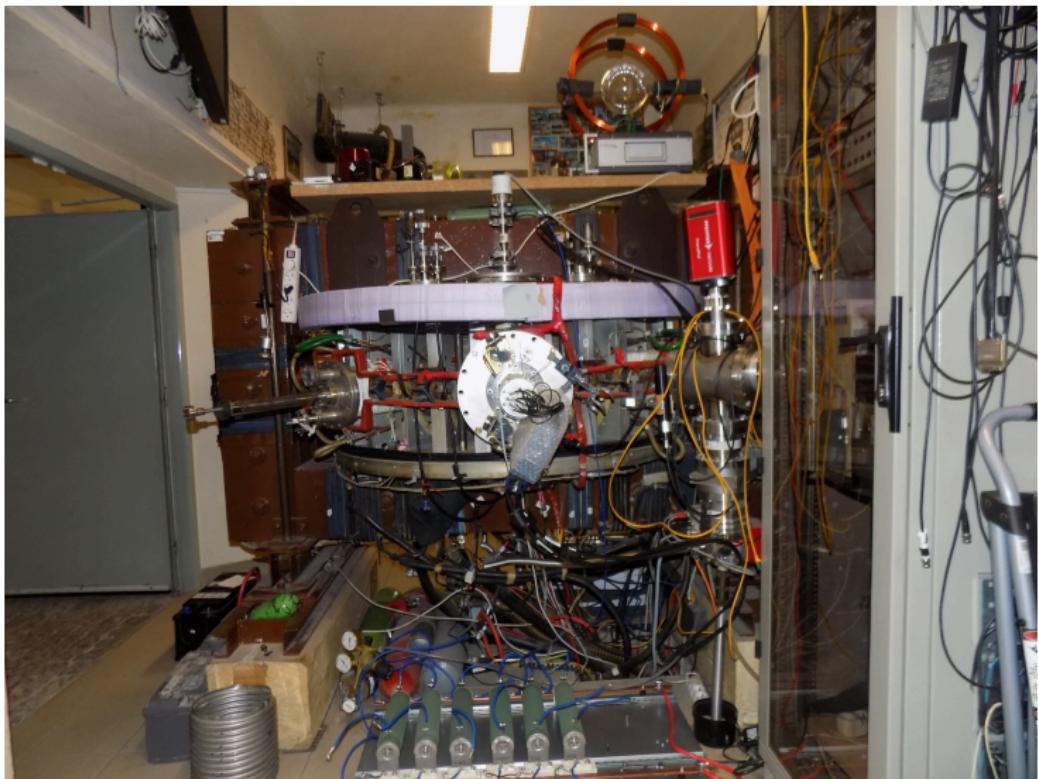
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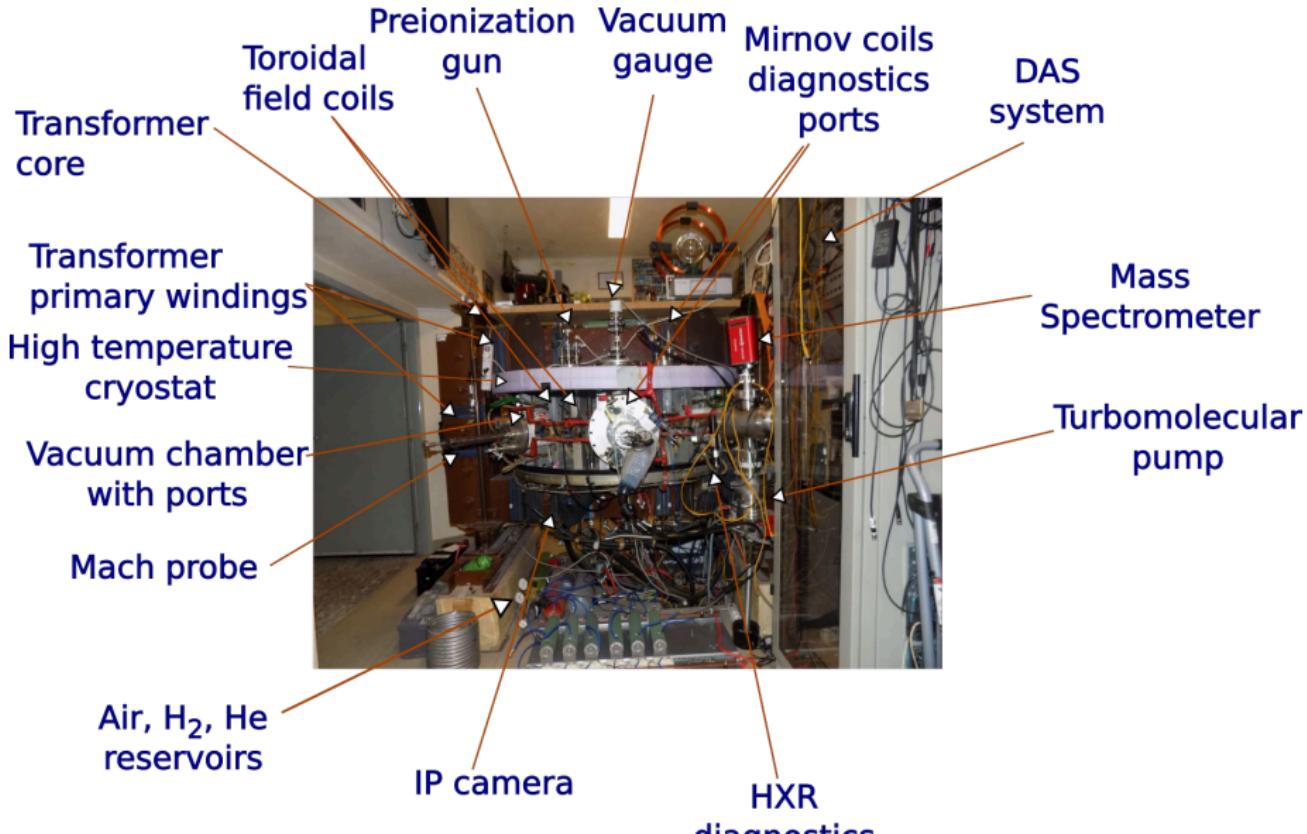
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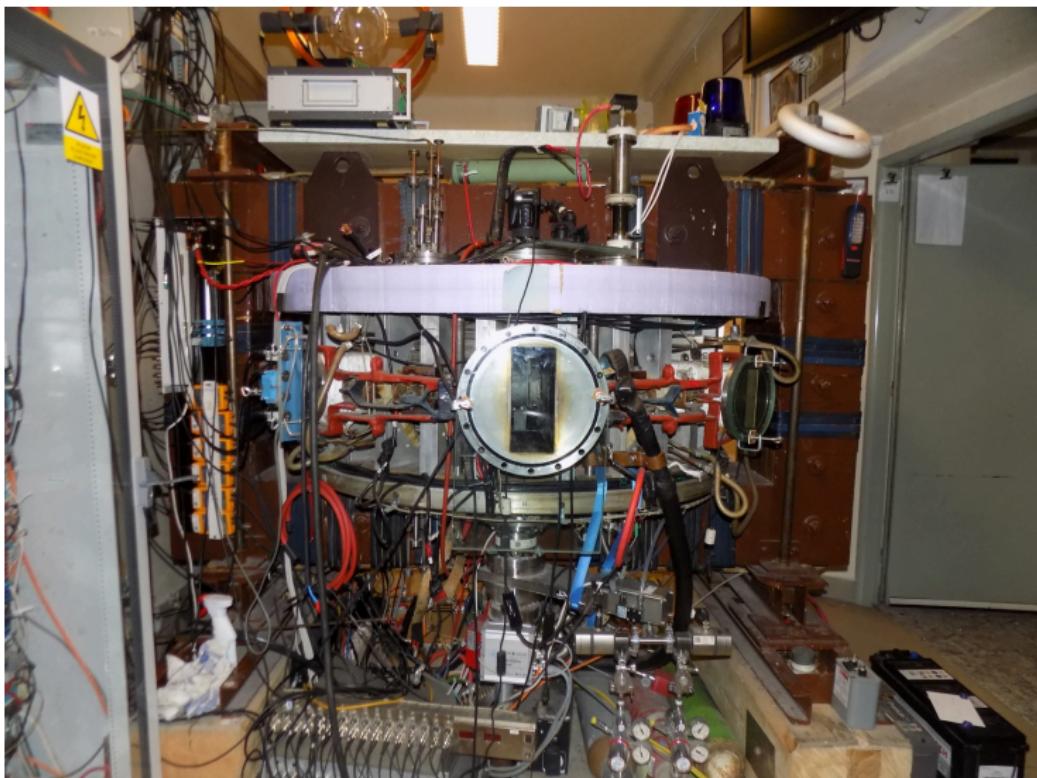
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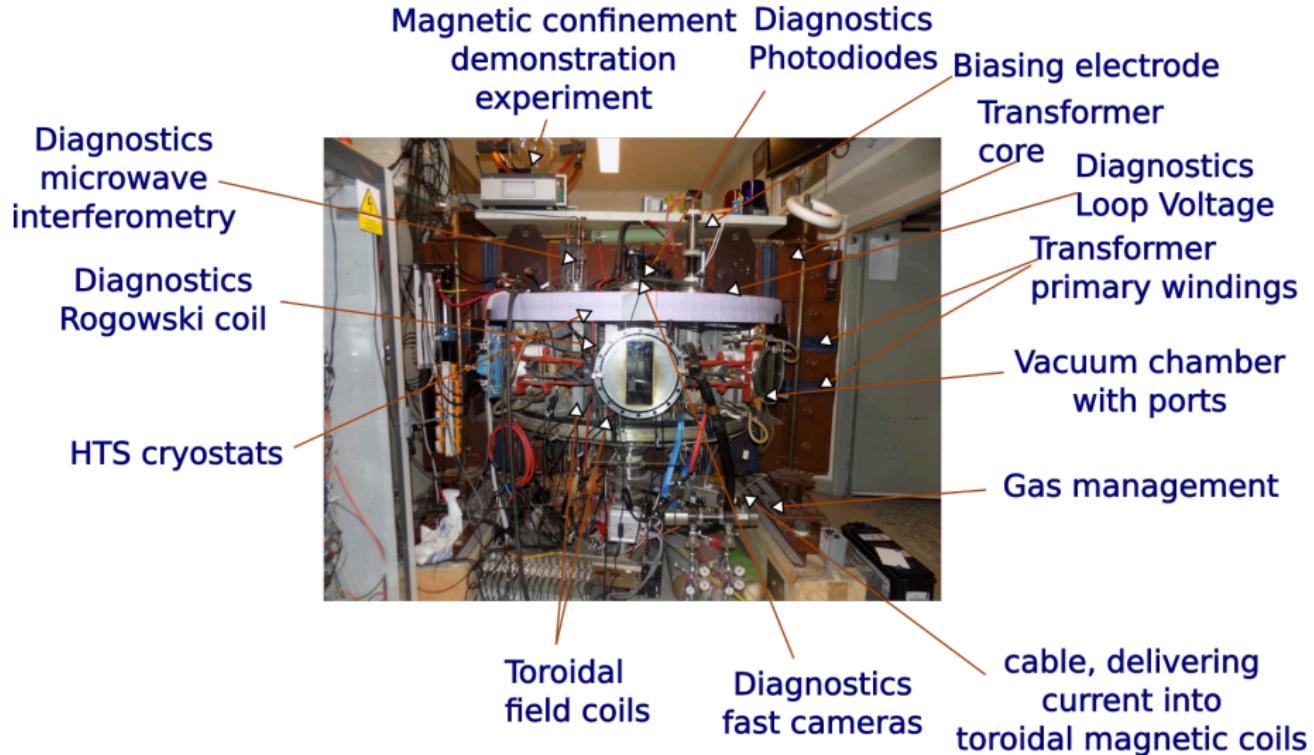
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This web interface will walk you through the process of configuring a discharge in the GOLEM tokamak. All settable values are perfectly safe. Proceed through each step by setting the desired values and then clicking the [Next](#) button. You can always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

Preionization (electron gun)

Vacuum stand

Toroidal magnetic field

Current drive

GAS handling  $H_2/H_2$

[Next](#)

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

# Control room: Working gas

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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

GAS handling  $\text{H}_2/\text{He}_2$

Toroidal magnetic field

Toroidal electric field

Gas type and pressure  $p_{\text{gas}} = 28 \text{ mPa}$

Hydrogen  Helium

Next Set recommended value



# Control room: Preionization

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The neutral working gas must be first 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

Electric field

Ionization method

Electron gun    No ionization

Next

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

A 3D rendering of a toroidal plasma confinement region. A central red sphere represents the electron gun source, from which a bright yellow glow extends along the magnetic field lines, forming a circular pattern on the inner wall of the torus.

# Control room: Magnetic field $B_t$

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Introduction Working gas Preionization Magnetic field Electric field Submit   Press F11 to exit full screen   Static image (fast)   Interactive X3DOM (slower)

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   GAS handling

Capacitor voltage  $U_0 \approx 600$  V

Next   Set recommended value

Toroidal magnetic field

# Control room: Current drive $E_{cd}$

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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

GAS handling

Toroidal magnetic field

Toroidal electric field

Time delay of electric field start after the magnetic field starts  $t_{cd}$ : 9 micro seconds

Capacitor voltage  $U_0 = 400$  V

Next Set recommended value

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

# Control room: ... and Submit

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

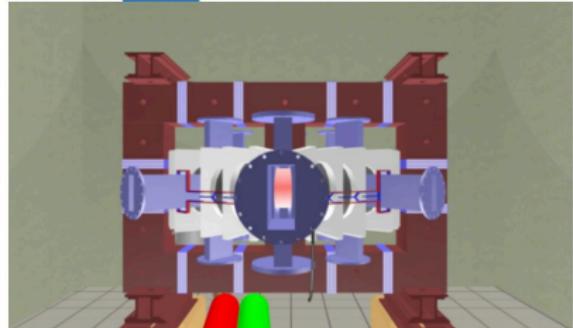
Comment

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

After submission you can switch the discharge Use 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 Use**   **Go back to Introduction**

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



# Shot homepage ( $\approx$ 2 minutes after discharge execution)

GOLEM » Shot #40631 »

## Tokamak GOLEM - Shot Database - #40631

The date of discharge execution: 23-02-07 17:23:54 [Shot logbook]

The session mission: 1Final -> Disrupt service [ ]

The session ID: 40605 [ ]

The discharge comment: Rake probe 56mm

Discharge command: /Disrupt.sh --discharge --Ubt 800 --Tbt 0 --Uod 450 --Tod 500 --preionization 1 --gas H --presource 15 --diagnostics\_llm --heater=80 --vacuum=100 --vacuum\_sccd=100 --infrastructure\_position\_stabilization 'main\_swch=on' --radial\_swch='on' vertical\_waveform=1000.0,8000,-20;10000,-20;9500,-25;10000,-20;30000,2;25000,0" --ScanDefinition "40625 40629" --comment "Rake probe 56mm" [ ]

### Basic Diagnostics

Technological parameters

- Working Gas:  $p_{\text{chamber}}^{\text{discharge before}} = 2.46 \text{ mPa}$ ;  $p_{\text{chamber}}^{\text{discharge prep}} = 5.04 \text{ mPa}$  ( $p_{\text{WG}}^{\text{request}} = 15 \text{ mPa}$ ) @  $X_{\text{WG}}^{\text{request}} = \text{H}$ )
- Toroidal magnetic field:  $U_{\text{Bt}}^{\text{request}} = 800 \text{ V}$  @  $t_{\text{request}} = 0.0 \text{ us}$
- Current drive field:  $U_{\text{Ed}}^{\text{request}} = -450 \text{ V}$  @  $t_{\text{request}} = 500.0 \text{ us}$

Plasma:

- Plasma: yes or no: [ ]
- Time parameters:  $\Delta t_g = 10.88 \text{ ms}$  (from  $t_{\text{start}} = 2.67 \text{ ms}$ , to  $t_{\text{end}} = 13.54 \text{ ms}$ )

Plasma parameters:

- Loop voltage:  $\bar{U}_{\text{loop}} = 8.82 \text{ V}$ ;  $\max_{\text{rc|discharge}} U_{\text{loop}} = 16.17 \text{ V}$ ;  $\bar{U}_{\text{breakdown}} = 0.00 \text{ V}$
- Toroidal magnetic field:  $\bar{B}_t = 0.24 \text{ T}$ ;  $\max_{\text{rc|discharge}} B_t = 0.36 \text{ T}$
- Plasma current:  $\bar{I}_p = 2.28 \text{ kA}$ ;  $\max_{\text{rc|discharge}} I_p = 2.92 \text{ kA}$ ;  $I_p^{\text{max}} = 0.00 \text{ ms}$

### On stage diagnostics

Name	Data flow	measurement	digitization	analysis	Analysis results
Basic Diagnostics	Experiment setup	Double rake probe	Data acquisition system	Raw data	Without Analysis
		8 Double rake probe			

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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)

$t$	$\approx U_I$	$\approx \frac{U_{dB_T}}{dt}$	$\approx \frac{U_d(I_{p+ch})}{dt}$	$\approx I_{rad}$
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
:	:	:	:	:
next	$\approx$	32500	lines ..	
:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:

## 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 = 39187
5 identifier = "U_Loop.csv"
6 DAS='Diagnostics/BasicDiagnostics/'
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.title('#'+str(shot_no))
15 plt.plot(data[:,0]*1000, data[:,1]) #1. column vs 2. column
16 plt.xlabel('Time [ms]');plt.ylabel('$U_1$ [V]);
17 plt.savefig('graph.jpg')
18 plt.show()
19
20 #Run it: save it as script.py and run "python script.py" or execute in a
```

# Matlab

```
1 ShotNo=39187
2 baseURL='http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/';
3 diagnPATH='/Diagnostics/BasicDiagnostics/U_Loop.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_l [V]')
16 hold off
17 print -djpeg plot.jpg
18 close(f)
19 exit;
```

# Octave

```
1 ShotNo=39187
2 baseURL='http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/';
3 diagnPATH='/Diagnostics/BasicDiagnostics/U_Loop.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,'U_Loop.csv');
8 % Load data
9 data = load('U_Loop.csv', '\t');
10 % Plot and save the graph
11 plot(data(:,1)*1000, data(:,2), '.');
12 xlabel('time [ms]')
13 ylabel('U_{loop} [V]')
14 saveas(gcf, 'plot', 'jpg');
15 exit;
```

# Gnuplot

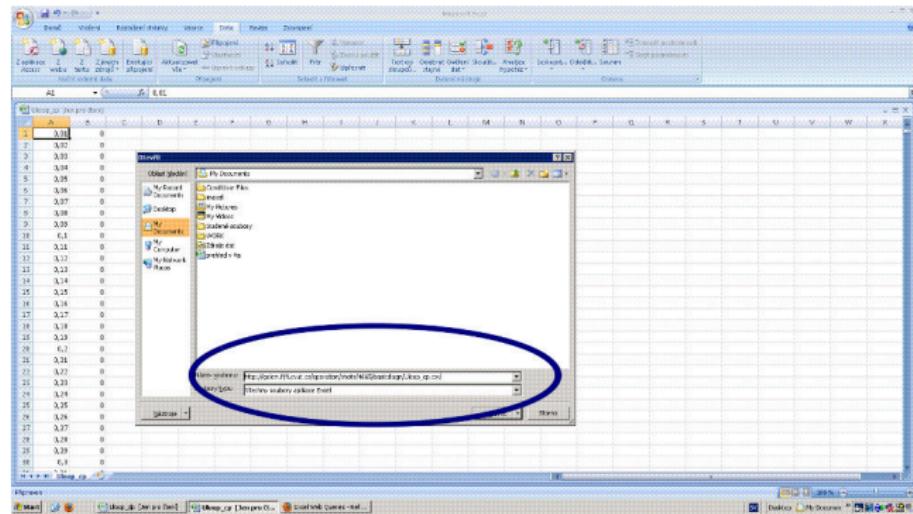
```
1 identifier = 'U_Loop.csv' ;
2 ShotNo = '39187'
3 # Create a path to the data
4 DAS='Diagnostics/BasicDiagnostics/'
5 baseURL='http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/shots/'
6DataURL= baseURL.ShotNo.'/' .DAS.identifier
7 set datafile separator ',';
8 set title "Uloop for #".ShotNo;
9 # Write data from GOLEM 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_l [V]'
13 set terminal jpeg
14 plot identifier u 1:2 w l t 'Uloop'
15
16 # Command line: cat script.gp |gnuplot > graph.jpg
```

# 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  $U_i$ : wget http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/utils/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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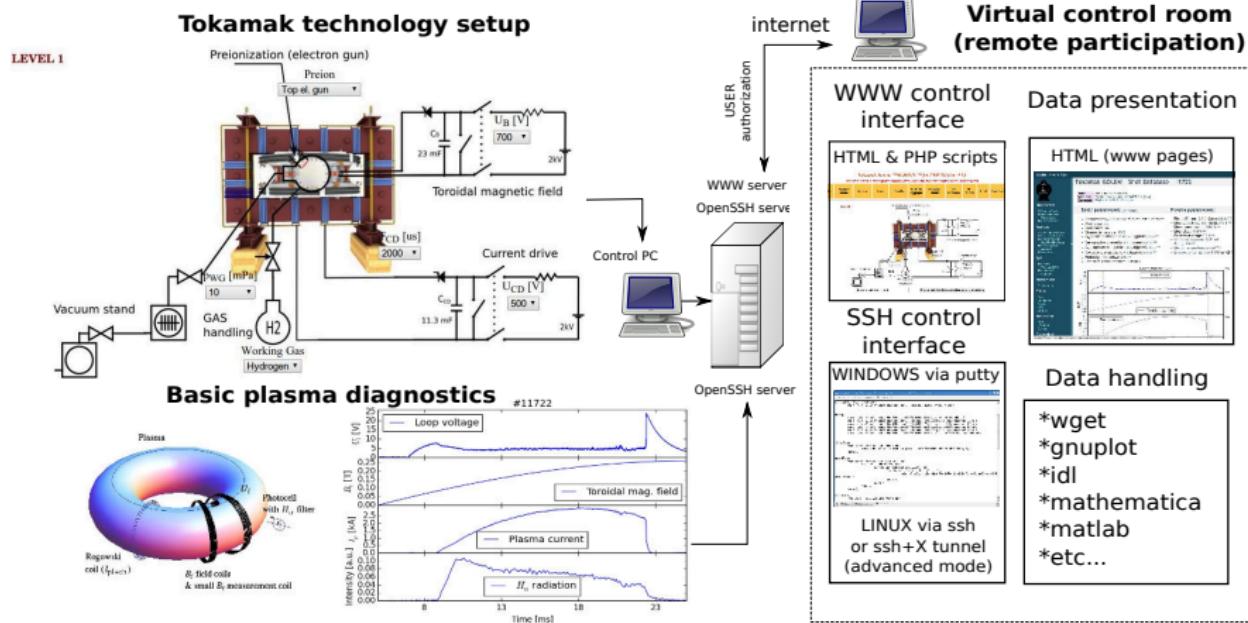
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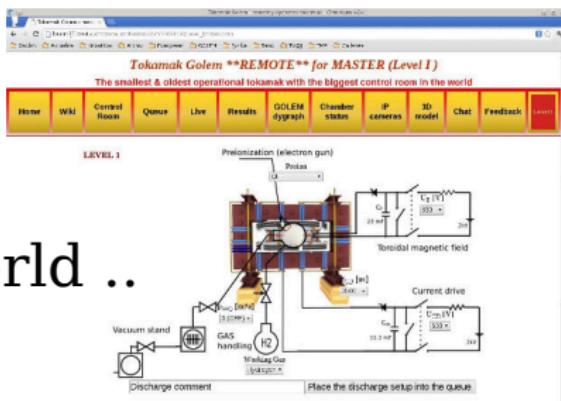
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