

Figure 1: a) Circuit diagramme, b) Experimental Setup

In the experiments, two of the copper poloidal field (PF) coils on the Golem tokamak in Prague were replaced with a pair of liquid nitrogen cooled coils made of the 2nd generation HTS (RE)BCO tape material manufactured by SuperPower (US), see Fig 1. Two icy cryostats that contain coils each with 6 turns of HTS (Re)BCO tape. Liquid nitrogen was used to cool the coils to below the critical temperature at which HTS becomes superconducting.

The HTS tape was subject to a wide range of experiments in which its performance was tested under higher current loads and various current rampup speeds. No quench has been observed at DC currents up to 250A during bench tests. In the AC tests, current up to 1kA through the tape (6kA-turns through the coil) has been achieved with no degradation of the HTS performance afterwards and the rate of the current ramp in the HTS coil 0.6MA/s has been achieved.