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Official GOLEM Articles

Abbasi et al.: Plasma diagnostics using fast cameras at the GOLEM tokamak **Abbasi-2023-FUSENGDES23**

S. Abbasi et al. “Plasma diagnostics using fast cameras at the GOLEM tokamak”. In: *Fusion Engineering and Design* 193 (2023), p. 113647. ISSN: 0920-3796. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fusengdes.2023.113647>. URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0920379623002302>.

Abstract: Tomographic inversion of radiation determines spatial distribution of tokamak plasma radiation sources using line integrated plasma projections data. For measurements of the projections, fast visible radiation matrix cameras became broadly applied on tokamaks in recent past. These novel cameras opened new possibilities in high temperature plasma studies. The GOLEM tokamak of the Czech Technical University in Prague strives to implement up-to-date diagnostics with enhanced temporal and spatial resolution. Therefore, a novel diagnostic system of two crossed monochrome cameras Photron FASTCAM MINI UX50 was integrated into the GOLEM diagnostics. The proposed contribution will detail their novel port mounts (vertical and horizontal) at the GOLEM tokamak which have been designed so that additional optical measurements of the plasma core (e.g. plasma spectroscopy) is possible. As the main purpose of this study, we shall focus in particular on the frame rate potential which is high enough to make detection and observation of highly transient phenomena in the GOLEM plasmas possible. Progress in solving specific challenges of the ill-conditioned tomographic inversion via the algorithm optimization and testing for the GOLEM tokamak will be presented together with the first tomographic results.

Mácha et al.: Spontaneous formation of a transport barrier in helium plasma in a tokamak with circular configuration **Macha-2023-NuclFus**

Petr Mácha et al. “Spontaneous formation of a transport barrier in helium plasma in a tokamak with circular configuration”. In: *Nuclear Fusion* (Aug. 2023). DOI: {10.1088/1741-4326/acf1af}.

Abstract: We report on the first experimental observation of a spontaneously formed transport barrier in the tokamak with a circular configuration in helium plasmas. There was no external polarization of the plasma by electric field or other technique to form the barrier as it is typically used in tokamaks with circular plasma. In general, the transport barriers play an important role in plasma confinement especially in tokamaks with divertor configuration. In our experiments, we clearly observe distinct characteristics of a transport barrier, including a steep gradient of the electron temperature and an enhanced radial electric field along with the change in the plasma potential, floating potential, and electron temperature fluctuation. The electron temperature and the plasma potential are obtained by a combination of the ball-pen and Langmuir probe measurements with high temporal resolution on a shot-to-shot basis. This first experimental observation of the spontaneously formed transport barrier might bring new possibilities to obtain a fusion-relevant study of the edge plasma parameters and transport in helium plasmas even on small tokamaks.

Sarancha et al.: Remote Plasma Physics Research and Teaching by Example of Turbulence Study at the University-Scale Tokamak GOLEM **Sarancha-2023-FST**

G. Sarancha et al. “Remote Plasma Physics Research and Teaching by Example of Turbulence Study at the University-Scale Tokamak GOLEM”. In: *Fusion Science and Technology* 79.4 (2023), pp. 432–445. DOI: 10.1080/15361055.2022.2148842. eprint: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15361055.2022.2148842>. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15361055.2022.2148842>.

Abstract: The university-scale tokamak GOLEM provides a unique opportunity to perform remote thermonuclear experiments [V. Svoboda, *J. Fusion Energy*, Vol. 38, Part 2, p. 253 (2019)]. Undergraduate plasma physics students from three universities—Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (National Research University), RUDN University, and National Research Nuclear University MEPhI—carried out joint remote experiments to train in tokamak operation and to study topics relevant for mainstream fusion research such as plasma start-up, comparison of hydrogen versus helium plasma characteristics, electrostatic and electromagnetic turbulence, long-range correlations, etc. New observations of the long-range correlations between low-frequency (≈ 50 kHz) quasi-coherent electrostatic and magnetic oscillations identified as $m = 2$ mode with several techniques were done, as well as of the broadband (≈ 250 kHz) magnetic oscillations resolved in frequency and wave vector in helium and hydrogen plasmas. The presence of broadband electrostatic and broadband magnetic turbulence has also been established at the plasma edge.

J. Cerovsky et al. "Progress in HXR diagnostics at Golem and COMPASS tokamaks". In: *Journal of Instrumentation* 17.01 (Jan. 2022), p. C01033. DOI: 10.1088/1748-0221/17/01/c01033. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/17/01/c01033>.

Abstract: Scintillation detectors are widely used for hard X-ray spectroscopy and allow us to investigate the dynamics of runaway electrons in tokamaks. This diagnostic tool proved to be able to provide information about the energy or the number of runaway electrons. Presently it has been used for runaway studies at the Golem and the COMPASS tokamaks. The set of scintillation detectors used at both tokamaks was significantly extended and improved. Besides NaI(Tl) (2 x 2 inch) scintillation detectors, YAP(Ce) and CeBr₃ were employed. The data acquisition system was accordingly improved and the data from scintillation detectors is collected with appropriate sampling rate (approx. 300 MHz) and sufficient bandwidth (approx. 100 MHz) to allow a pulse analysis. Up to five detectors can currently simultaneously monitor hard X-ray radiation at the Golem. The same scintillation detectors were also installed during the runaway electron campaign at the COMPASS tokamak. The aim of this contribution is to report progress in diagnostics of HXR radiation induced by runaway electrons at the Golem and the COMPASS tokamaks. The data collected during the 12th runaway electron campaign (2020) at COMPASS shows that count rates during typical low-density runaway electron discharges are in a range of hundreds of kHz and detected photon energies go up to 10 MeV (measured outside the tokamak hall). Acquired data from experimental campaigns from both machines will be discussed.

Kulkov et al.: Detection of runaway electrons at the COMPASS tokamak using a Timepix3-based semiconductor detector **Kulkov-2022-JINST**

S. Kulkov et al. "Detection of runaway electrons at the COMPASS tokamak using a Timepix3-based semiconductor detector". In: *Journal of Instrumentation* 17.02 (Feb. 2022), P02030. DOI: 10.1088/1748-0221/17/02/p02030. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/17/02/p02030>.

Abstract: Runaway electrons are considered dangerous for the integrity of tokamak vacuum vessels. To secure the success of the future tokamak-based machines, reliable diagnostics and mitigation strategies are necessary. The COMPASS tokamak supported the research of runaway electron physics via regular experimental campaigns. During the last two experimental campaigns dedicated to runaway electrons, a semiconductor detector with a Timepix3 readout chip, Si sensor, and the SPIDR readout system was tested. Time evolution signals, energy measurements, and sensor snapshots collected with the Timepix3-based detector are presented.

Sarancha et al.: Magnetic turbulence and long-range correlation studies in the Golem tokamak

Sarancha-2021-JPCS

G. Sarancha et al. "Magnetic turbulence and long-range correlation studies in the Golem tokamak". In: *Journal of Physics: Conference Series* 2055.1 (Oct. 2021), p. 012003. DOI: 10.1088/1742-6596/2055/1/012003. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1088/1742-6596/2055/1/012003>.

Abstract: The small university-scale tokamak Golem equipped with the electric and magnetic probes becomes a test bench for studying the plasma turbulence and Zonal Flows, which are the essential processes affecting the plasma confinement. The broadband ($f_{BB} < 250$ kHz) magnetic turbulence was detected for the first time using the Mirnov probes. The two-dimensional (frequency-wavelength) Fourier power spectra $S(k, f)$ of the magnetic turbulence indicate the turbulence poloidal propagation. The long-range correlations (LRC) between the signals of magnetic and electric probes installed at different toroidal cross-sections were detected in the low-frequency range ($f_{LRC} < 60$ kHz), which is similar to the plasma potential LRC range observed in other devices.

Sarancha et al.: Hydrogen and helium discharges in the Golem tokamak

Sarancha-2021-VANT

G.A. Sarancha et al. "Hydrogen and helium discharges in the Golem tokamak". In: *Problems Of Atomic Science And Technology, Ser. Thermonuclear Fusion* 4 (2021), pp. 92–110. DOI: 10.21517/0202-3822-2021-44-4-92-110. URL: <https://doi.org/10.21517/0202-3822-2021-44-4-92-110>.

Abstract: The helium plasma properties and confinement remain an important area of research in modern fusion devices. This work is dedicated to the helium plasma initiation and control in a small-scale tokamak Golem compared to hydrogen plasma. Helium and hydrogen plasmas are comprehensively compared and the optimum operational conditions for the start-up are found. Long-range correlations between lowfrequency (≈ 50 kHz) electrostatic and magnetic oscillations are found, as well as broadband (< 250 kHz) magnetic oscillations resolved in frequency and wave vector in helium plasma.

Siusko et al.: Breakdown phase in the Golem tokamak and its impact on plasma performance **Siusko-2021-UJP**

Y. Siusko et al. "Breakdown phase in the Golem tokamak and its impact on plasma performance". In: *Ukrainian Journal of Physics* 66.3 (2021), pp. 231–239. URL: <https://ujp.bitp.kiev.ua/index.php/ujp/article/view/2020180>.

Abstract: The effect of the breakdown phase on subsequent plasma parameters was investigated remotely in Golem tokamak. The dependence of breakdown voltage and the breakdown time versus the time delay between the trigger of the toroidal magnetic field B_t and the trigger of toroidal electric field E_t for different groups of the pressure magnitudes is built. The performed experiments have shown that for Golem tokamak the shorter is temporal delay - the better mean plasma parameters are obtained. In addition, the breakdown phase was discussed more detailed. In the discussion the analysis of the avalanche phase of the breakdown was made. The dominant mechanism of particle losses during avalanche phase, future steps, tasks were discussed and set.

Gryaznevich et al.: Contribution of joint experiments on small tokamaks in the framework of IAEA coordinated research projects to mainstream fusion research **Gryaznevich-2020-PST**

M. Gryaznevich et al. "Contribution of joint experiments on small tokamaks in the framework of IAEA coordinated research projects to mainstream fusion research". In: *Plasma Science and Technology* 22.5 (Mar. 2020), p. 055102. DOI: 10.1088/2058-6272/ab6d4d. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1088/2058-6272/ab6d4d>.

Abstract: Joint experiments (JEs) on small tokamaks have been regularly performed between 2005 and 2015 under the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) coordinated research projects (CRPs). This paper describes the background and the rationale for these experiments, how they were organized and executed, main areas of research covered during these experiments, main results, contributions to mainstream fusion research, and discusses lessons learned and outcomes from these activities. We underline several of the most important scientific outputs and also specific outputs in the education of young scientists and scientists from developing countries and their importance.

Novotny et al.: Runaway electron diagnostics using silicon strip detector **Novotny-2020-JINST**

L. Novotny et al. "Runaway electron diagnostics using silicon strip detector". In: *Journal of Instrumentation* 15.07 (July 2020), p. C07015. DOI: 10.1088/1748-0221/15/07/c07015. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/15/07/c07015>.

Abstract: We present a proof-of-principle measurement of runaway electrons in a small tokamak using a silicon strip detector. The detector was placed inside the diagnostic port of the tokamak vessel and detected the runaway electron signal directly. The measured signal was compared to the signal provided by other tokamak diagnostics, especially the hard X-ray scintillation detector, which detects secondary photons created by interaction of accelerated electrons with tokamak walls (indirect detection of runaway electrons). The preliminary results show that when not saturated, direct detection with a segmented silicon strip detector provides promising new diagnostic information including spatial and temporal distribution of the runaway electron beam, and the measurement results are in good agreement with hard X-ray measurements with a scintillation detector.

Dhyani et al.: Study of Runaway Electrons in Golem Tokamak **Dhyani-2019-JINST**

P. Dhyani et al. "Study of Runaway Electrons in Golem Tokamak". In: *Journal of Instrumentation* 14.09 (Sept. 2019), pp. C09029–C09029. DOI: 10.1088/1748-0221/14/09/c09029. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/14/09/c09029>.

Abstract: High loop voltage and low-density plasma discharges at the Golem tokamak present favorable conditions for the study of the runaway electrons (RE). A probe is being designed and developed for the spectral measurement of the RE energy inside the last closed flux surface of Golem tokamak plasma. Design of the probe is based on simulation results of the FLUKA code that estimates the energy absorbed by the scintillating crystals and filters of various densities. In the simulations, graphite, stainless steel and molybdenum were tested to filter the supra-thermal electrons. Since having different light yield, YSO (Y₂SiO₅:Ce), NaI(Tl) and plastic (EJ-200) scintillating crystals were chosen for the simulations.

Stockel et al.: Operational Domain in Hydrogen Plasmas on the Golem Tokamak **Stockel-2019-JOFE**

J. Stockel et al. "Operational Domain in Hydrogen Plasmas on the Golem Tokamak". In: *Journal of Fusion Energy* 38 (Mar. 2019), pp. 253–261. ISSN: 1572-9591. DOI: 10.1007/s10894-019-00215-7.

Abstract: A series of discharges in hydrogen were performed in two experimental sessions. The vessel was not conditioned before the first session, while inductive heating of the vessel and cleaning glow discharge were applied before the second session. Experimental results from both sessions are compared, and optimum operational conditions for the majority of key plasma parameters are determined. It is found that plasma performance with a properly conditioned vessel is significantly better, as expected. In particular, a noticeable increase of discharge duration, and of the electron temperature is observed.

Svihra et al.: Runaway electrons diagnostics using segmented semiconductor detectors **Svihra-2018-FUSENGDES**

Peter Svihra et al. "Runaway electrons diagnostics using segmented semiconductor detectors". In: *Fusion Engineering and Design* 146 (2019). SI:SOFT-30, pp. 316–319. ISSN: 0920-3796. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fusengdes.2018.12.054>. URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0920379618308196>.

Abstract: A novel application of strip and pixel silicon radiation detectors for study and characterization of run-away electron events in tokamaks is presented. Main goal was to monitor runaway electrons both directly and indirectly. The strip detector was placed inside the tokamak vacuum chamber in order to monitor the run-away electrons directly. Whereas the pixel detector was placed outside the tokamak chamber behind a pin hole for monitoring the run-away electrons indirectly via radiation produce by interaction of the electrons with the plasma facing material. Results obtained using the silicon detectors are compared with already existing diagnostic methods consisting of scintillation devices detecting X-rays and photo-neutrons, providing the same results in the observable comparisons. Tests with the pixel detector proved that the pinhole camera is able to extract spatial information of interaction point (a place where the runaway electrons hit on the facing material) and the strip detectors indicate presence of additional signal from throughout the discharge. The performed experiments are innovative, illustrating possible development of new and easy to use diagnostic method.

O. Grover et al. "Remote operation of the Golem tokamak for Fusion Education". In: *Fusion Engineering and Design* 112 (2016), pp. 1038–1044. ISSN: 0920-3796. DOI: 10.1016/j.fusengdes.2016.05.009.

Abstract: Abstract Practically oriented education in the field of thermonuclear fusion is highly requested. However, the high complexity of appropriate experiments makes it difficult to develop and maintain laboratories where students can take part in hands-on experiments in this field of study. One possible solution is to establish centres with specific high temperature plasma experiments where students can visit such a laboratory and perform their experiments in-situ. With the advancements of {IT} technologies it naturally follows to make a step forward and connect these with necessary plasma physics technologies and thus allow to access even sophisticated experiments remotely. Tokamak Golem is a small, modest device with its infrastructure linked to web technologies allowing students to set-up necessary discharge parameters, submit them into a queue and within minutes obtain the results in the form of a discharge homepage.

Svoboda et al.: Remote operation of the Golem tokamak with hydrogen and helium plasmas Svoboda-2016-JPCS

V. Svoboda et al. "Remote operation of the Golem tokamak with hydrogen and helium plasmas". In: *Journal of Physics: Conference Series* 768.1 (2016). DOI: 10.1088/1742-6596/768/1/012002. URL: <https://www.scopus.com/inward/record.uri?eid=2-s2.0-84996848706&doi=10.1088%2f1742-6596%2f768%2f1%2f012002&partnerID=40&md5=e2758016f6bdd51be8c02e6f972a374e>.

Abstract: The Golem tokamak was operated remotely via Internet connection during the 6th International Workshop and Summer School on Plasma Physics. Performances of hydrogen and helium discharges are compared in this paper. It is found, at similar vacuum conditions, that helium discharges are shorter but the breakdown of the working gas can be quite easily achieved at almost the same loop voltage. The plasma current in helium discharges is slightly lower than in the case of hydrogen. Turbulent fluctuations of the floating potential measured by means of an array of Langmuir probes reveal a noticeably different character in the two discharges. © Published under licence by IOP Publishing Ltd.

Gryaznevich et al.: Contribution to fusion research from IAEA coordinated research projects and joint experiments Gryaznevich-2015-NuclFus

M. Gryaznevich et al. "Contribution to fusion research from IAEA coordinated research projects and joint experiments". In: *Nuclear Fusion* 55.10 (2015), p. 104019. DOI: 10.1088/0029-5515/55/10/104019.

Abstract: The paper presents objectives and activities of IAEA Coordinated Research Projects 'Conceptual development of steady-state compact fusion neutron sources' and 'Utilisation of a network of small magnetic confinement fusion devices for mainstream fusion research'. The background and main projects of the CRP on FNS are described in detail, as this is a new activity at IAEA. Recent activities of the second CRP, which continues activities of previous CRPs, are overviewed.

Markovic et al.: Development of 3D ferromagnetic model of tokamak core with strong toroidal asymmetry Markovic-2015-FUSENGDES

T. Markovic et al. "Development of 3D ferromagnetic model of tokamak core with strong toroidal asymmetry". In: *Fusion Engineering and Design* 96-97 (2015), pp. 302–305. ISSN: 0920-3796. DOI: 10.1016/j.fusengdes.2015.03.041. URL: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0920379615002100>.

Abstract: Abstract Fully 3D model of strongly asymmetric tokamak core, based on boundary integral method approach (i.e. characterization of ferromagnet by its surface) is presented. The model is benchmarked on measurements on tokamak Golem, as well as compared to 2D axisymmetric core equivalent for this tokamak, presented in previous work. Linearized model well describes quantitative characteristics of {BR} field, generated by poloidal field coils located close to core central column, and distorted by ferromagnet. A discrepancy is seen between linearized form of model for {BR} field generated by coils under the transformer limbs and the measurements. Future work will thus include implementation of the non-linearity effects in order to further investigate this issue.

Svoboda et al.: Remote operation of the vertical plasma stabilization @ the Golem tokamak for the plasma physics education Svoboda-2015-FUSENGDES

V. Svoboda et al. "Remote operation of the vertical plasma stabilization @ the Golem tokamak for the plasma physics education". In: *Fusion Engineering and Design* 96-97 (2015), pp. 974–979. ISSN: 0920-3796. DOI: 10.1016/j.fusengdes.2015.06.044. URL: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0920379615300740>.

Abstract: Abstract The Golem tokamak at the Czech Technical University has been established as an educational tokamak device for domestic and foreign students. Remote participation in the scope of several laboratory practices, plasma physics schools and workshops has been successfully performed from abroad. A new enhancement allowing understandable remote control of vertical plasma position in two modes (i) predefined and (ii) feedback control is presented. It allows to drive the current in the stabilization coils in any time-dependent scenario, which can include as a parameter the actual plasma position measured by magnetic diagnostics. Arbitrary movement of the plasma column in a vertical direction, stabilization of the plasma column in the center of the tokamak vessel as well as prolongation/shortening of plasma life according to the remotely defined request are demonstrated.

M. Gryaznevich et al. "Progress in application of high temperature superconductor in tokamak magnets". In: *Fusion Engineering and Design* 88.9-10 (2013), pp. 1593–1596. ISSN: 0920-3796. DOI: 10.1016/j.fusengdes.2013.01.101. URL: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0920379613001117>.

Abstract: It has long been known that high temperature superconductors (HTS) could have an important role to play in the future of tokamak fusion research. Here we report on first results of the use of HTS in a tokamak magnet and on the progress in design and construction of the first fully-HTS tokamak.

Markovic et al.: Evaluation of applicability of 2D iron core model for two-limb configuration of Golem tokamak
Markovic-2013-FUSENGDES

T. Markovic et al. "Evaluation of applicability of 2D iron core model for two-limb configuration of Golem tokamak". In: *Fusion Engineering and Design* 88.6-8 (2013), pp. 835–838. ISSN: 0920-3796. DOI: 10.1016/j.fusengdes.2013.02.142. URL: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0920379613002573>.

Abstract: This paper presents evaluation of applicability of 2D iron core model for highly non-axisymmetric two limb configuration of Golem tokamak (former CASTOR). Presented results explain the long-term discrepancy between measured magnitudes of external poloidal field and those calculated by air-core approach on this tokamak. The model has been applied to two poloidal planes at different toroidal angles in the vacuum vessel region and has shown that close to central column of the transformer, it is possible to correct for 3D effects by variation of chosen dimensions of axisymmetric iron core model. Satisfactory agreement of the 2D model results with the measured distribution of {BR} field component was achieved.

Odstrcil et al.: Low cost alternative of high speed visible light camera for tokamak experiments **Odstrcil-2012-RSI**

T. Odstrcil et al. "Low cost alternative of high speed visible light camera for tokamak experiments". In: *Review of Scientific Instruments* 83.10, 10E505 (2012). DOI: 10.1063/1.4731003. URL: <http://scitation.aip.org/content/aip/journal/rsi/83/10/10.1063/1.4731003>.

Abstract: We present design, analysis, and performance evaluation of a new, low cost and high speed visible-light camera diagnostic system for tokamak experiments. The system is based on the camera Casio EX-F1, with the overall price of approximately a thousand USD. The achieved temporal resolution is up to 40 kHz. This new diagnostic was successfully implemented and tested at the university tokamak GOLEM ($R = 0.4$ m, $a = 0.085$ m, $BT \downarrow 0.5$ T, $Ip \downarrow 4$ kA). One possible application of this new diagnostic at GOLEM is discussed in detail. This application is tomographic reconstruction for estimation of plasma position and emissivity.

Svoboda et al.: Multi-mode Remote Participation on the Golem Tokamak **Svoboda-2011-FUSENGDES**

V. Svoboda et al. "Multi-mode Remote Participation on the Golem Tokamak". In: *Fusion Engineering and Design* 86.6-8 (2011), pp. 1310–1314. ISSN: 0920-3796. DOI: {10.1016/j.fusengdes.2011.02.069}.

Abstract: The Golem tokamak (formerly CASTOR) at Czech Technical University is demonstrated as an educational tokamak device for domestic and foreign students. Remote participation of several foreign universities (in Hungary, Belgium, Poland and Costa Rica) has been successfully performed. A unique feature of the Golem device is functionality which enables complete remote participation and control, solely through Internet access. Basic remote control is possible either in online mode via WWW/SSH interface or offline mode using batch processing code. Discharge parameters are set in each case to configure the tokamak for a plasma discharge. Using the X11 protocol it is possible to control in an advanced mode many technological aspects of the tokamak operation, including: i) vacuum pump initialization, ii) chamber baking, iii) charging of power supplies, iv) plasma discharge scenario, v) data acquisition system.

Conference proceedings

Cerovsky et al.: Runaway electron studies via HXR spectroscopy at Golem, COMPASS and TCV**CerovskyECPD23**

J. Cerovsky et al. "Runaway electron studies via HXR spectroscopy at Golem, COMPASS and TCV". In: *European Conference on Plasma Diagnostics*. Rethymno, Apr. 2023. URL: http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/wiki/Presentations/Conferences/ECPD/5th_Rethymno_2023/poster.pdf.

Abstract: The research on runaway electrons in tokamaks continues to be important for safe and reliable operation of large fusion devices due to the potential risk of impact of so called runaway electron beams on plasma facing components which could cause a serious damage and lead to putting the machine out of operation. In order to investigate the properties of runaway electrons and provide useful information about their behavior under different experimental conditions (e.g. efficiency of various mitigation techniques or exploration of runaway electrons free regimes) many dedicated diagnostics has been utilized. One way of inferring features of runaway electrons is a measurement of their bremsstrahlung radiation which is generated by collisions with plasma ions or by their impact on the first wall when runaway electrons are deconfined and lost. Recently, diagnostic capabilities at GOLEM [1] were upgraded by installation of two scintillation detectors with CeBr₃ crystals (1" x 1"), which were also successfully tested during

the dedicated runaway electron campaigns at the COMPASS tokamak [2]. Moreover, both scintillation detectors were also installed at the TCV tokamak to extend for the first time the hard x-ray radiation diagnostics and provide an estimates of the maximal energy of runaway electrons. The aim of this contribution is to describe the diagnostic used and experimental conditions of the different devices. Additionally, illustrative examples of experiments from these three different devices are presented and acquired data by the diagnostic system for HXR spectroscopy is discussed and put into the context. The comparison with other relevant diagnostics is shown. At the GOLEM tokamak the spectroscopy system was used to observe the influence of the initial pressure of the working gas and maximal energy of HXR photons was estimated about 300 keV. On the other hand at the COMPASS tokamak [3], the data recorded in experiments focused on characterizing runaway electron beams properties and the efficiency of various mitigation techniques (e.g. graphite pellet injection). At TCV [4], the installed set of scintillation detectors proved to be useful as a source of complementary information to standard radiation diagnostics and helped to characterized generated runaway electrons beams. This contribution also briefly shows a progress in modeling the radiation transport using FLUKA [5], carried out in order to better interpret the obtained data.

Chlum et al.: Tokamak GOLEM for fusion education - chapter 14**ChlumECPP23**

J. Chlum et al. "Tokamak GOLEM for fusion education - chapter 14". In: vol. July. Europhysics conference abstracts. 2023.

Ivanov et al.: Runaway electrons measurements by ECE on the GOLEM tokamak**IvanovECPP23**

V. Ivanov et al. "Runaway electrons measurements by ECE on the GOLEM tokamak". In: vol. July. Europhysics conference abstracts. 2023.

Macha et al.: Self-induced transport barrier in the helium plasma on the tokamak Golem**MachaEPS22-a**

P. Macha et al. "Self-induced transport barrier in the helium plasma on the tokamak Golem". In: vol. July. Europhysics conference abstracts. 2022. URL: https://indico.fusenet.eu/event/28/contributions/64/attachments/78/1153/EPS_2022_article.pdf.

Abstract: Transport barriers and transmissions into different regimes of plasma confinement are currently very discussed topics. The lattes research showed a connection between transport barriers and $E \times B$ shear flows, which are able to suppress turbulent structures by tearing them apart. This process leads to better particle and also temperature confinement. Therefore, there is a significant effort for transport barrier studies. Usually, transport barriers are induced by an external electric field, which is used for plasma biasing. This method is useful, however, spontaneously formed transport barriers can provide more information about the processes taking place in a tokamak plasma. In this paper, the self-induced transport barrier in the helium plasma on the tokamak GOLEM is observed and analyzed.

Macha et al.: Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 13**MachaEPS22-b**

P. Macha et al. "Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 13". In: vol. July. Europhysics conference abstracts. 2022. URL: https://indico.fusenet.eu/event/28/contributions/164/attachments/178/1152/EPS_2022_golem_article.pdf.

Abstract: The contribution is devoted to the description of several students projects, related mainly to edge plasma diagnostics, investigation of selected issues of tokamak physics and plasma performance on the GOLEM tokamak, particularly: i) Plasma stabilization, ii) A research on runaway electrons (RE) physics, iii) Plasma edge studies with electrostatic probes and iv) Tomography.

Kulkov et al.: Runaway electron study at the COMPASS tokamak using the Timepix3-based silicon pixel detector with SPIDR 10 GBps readout**KulkovEPS21**

S. Kulkov et al. "Runaway electron study at the COMPASS tokamak using the Timepix3-based silicon pixel detector with SPIDR 10 GBps readout". In: vol. July. Europhysics conference abstracts. 2021, P3.1006. ISBN: 979-10-96389-13-1. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2021PAP/pdf/P3.1006.pdf>.

Abstract: Runaway electrons (RE) that appear in tokamak plasmas are considered dangerous for the integrity of the future tokamak-based fusion reactors due to a large amount of energy they carry. Therefore, it is necessary to understand properties of such electrons in order to secure the success of future machines, e.g., ITER, which is one of the main topics of research at the COMPASS tokamak. Semiconductor detectors, which are widely applied in high-energy physics, may be a suitable addition to plasma diagnostics as they are not affected by magnetic fields and are well-equipped for soft X-ray spectra measurements. A hybrid pixel detection system based on the Timepix3 readout chip with a 200 μm thick silicon sensor (in the further text - Timepix3) is a perfect example of such instrumentation. The Timepix3 sensor consists of 256 x 256 pixels with a pixel size of 55 x 55 μm^2 and, therefore, provides a high spatial resolution. Combined with the SPIDR readout system, Timepix3 is capable of simultaneous recording of Time-of-Arrival (ToA) and Time-over-Threshold (ToT) signals as well as pixel coordinates where the detection occurs with temporal resolution of 1.5625 ns. Additionally, from the number of pixels where a hit was detected, Timepix3 is able to determine either a photon, an electron or a heavier particle was detected. This work presents results acquired with the Timepix3 during the 11th RE-dedicated campaign conducted in 47th EPS Conference on Plasma Physics P3.1006 January, 2020 at the COMPASS tokamak.

P. Macha et al. "Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 12". In: vol. July. Europhysics conference abstracts. 2021, P4.1028. ISBN: 979-10-96389-13-1. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2021PAP/pdf/P4.1028.pdf>.

Abstract: The GOLEM tokamak is the oldest tokamak in the world. Currently, it serves mainly as an education device for students of tokamak physics. Remote control of the machine enables conducting experiments from all over the world. This contribution summarizes its main research topics of the last year.

Malec et al.: Correlations in signals generated by runaway electrons in the GOLEM tokamak measured using the Timepix3 detection modules **MalecIEEE21**

S. Malec, V. Linhart, and V. Svoboda. "Correlations in signals generated by runaway electrons in the GOLEM tokamak measured using the Timepix3 detection modules". In: *2021 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging Conference (NSS/MIC)*. 2021, pp. 1–6. DOI: 10.1109/NSS/MIC44867.2021.9875920.

Abstract: An application study of modern pixel semiconductor detectors for characterization of runaway electron events in a tokamak is presented. This study is based on comparative techniques utilizing spectroscopy and timing measurements of X-rays produced by the runaway electrons. The measurements were performed on the tokamak Golem using three Advapix detection modules. The first two modules were based on a Timepix3 R/O chip with a 1 mm thick silicon sensor. The last module was based also on the Timepix3 R/O chip but with a 2 mm thick CdTe sensor. The modules were placed at different positions around the tokamak chamber and were triggered by a common trigger signal. We have observed that energy spectra measured by the two identical modules in the same place are identical. The spectra measured in different places show variations which can be used for runaway electron characterization. The time evolution of the signals from the detection modules are well correlated. Comparison of the time evolutions measured by the same two detection modules can be used for estimation of places where the runaway electrons interact with the tokamak matter.

Dhyani et al.: Design and development of probe for the measurements of runaway electrons inside the Golem tokamak plasma edge **DhyaniEPS19**

P. Dhyani et al. "Design and development of probe for the measurements of runaway electrons inside the Golem tokamak plasma edge". In: vol. July. Europhysics conference abstracts. 2019, P1.1016. ISBN: 979-10-96389-11-7. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2019PAP/pdf/P1.1016.pdf>.

Abstract: FLUKA simulation results show that NaI(Tl) is a good candidate for the spectral measurement of the RE beam energy, since the amount of energy deposited by monoenergetic beam in the crystals is different as shown in figure 4. Further simulations will be carried out using GEANT4 and FLUKA codes, to interpret the signals obtained during the experiments. In GOLEM tokamak experiments, we measure HXR outside the machine that has S.S. (density 8.0 g/cm³) vacuum vessel of 0.2mm surrounded by a copper (density 8.96 g/cm³) donut shaped shield of thickness 10mm. Reported simulation results indicate that 2.5mm thin graphite (density 2.1 g/cm³) shield was able to absorb 1MeV beam effectively, indicating that the RE beam in the GOLEM tokamak has energy much higher than 1MeV, in general.

Grover et al.: Online experimentation at the Golem tokamak

GroverIEEE19-b

O. Grover, V. Svoboda, and J. Stockel. "Online experimentation at the Golem tokamak". In: *2019 5th Experiment International Conference (exp.at'19)*. June 2019, pp. 220–225. DOI: 10.1109/EXPAT.2019.8876482. URL: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8876482>.

Abstract: The Golem tokamak offers students and other interested parties the opportunity to gain "hands-on" experience through online experimentation in the field of plasma physics and controlled thermonuclear fusion in tokamaks. A typical online experiment scenario is outlined. The new web application facilitating safe, easy and efficient online experimentation, including a live, real-time view of the experiment is described in detail. Simple access to the open and extensive database of experimental results is demonstrated. Finally, the wide range of possible experimental topics from past -and applicable to future-online experimentation sessions is reported.

Kulkov et al.: Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 10

MachaEPS19

S. Kulkov et al. "Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 10". In: vol. July. Europhysics conference abstracts. 2019, P1.1068. ISBN: 979-10-96389-11-7. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2019PAP/pdf/P1.1068.pdf>.

Abstract: The GOLEM tokamak is the oldest tokamak in the world. Currently, it is located at the FNSPE CTU in Prague and it serves mainly as an education device for students of tokamak physics. Remote control of the machine enables conducting experiments from all over the world using an internet connection. This contribution summarizes main research topics of study of the last year.

O. Grover and V. Svoboda and J. Stockel: Remote demonstration of the Golem tokamak

GroverIEEE19-a

O. Grover and V. Svoboda and J. Stockel. "Remote demonstration of the Golem tokamak". In: *2019 5th Experiment International Conference (exp.at'19)*. June 2019, pp. 239–240. DOI: 10.1109/EXPAT.2019.8876584. URL: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8876584>.

Abstract: The Golem tokamak serves as an educational device in the field of tokamak physics, technology, diagnostics and operation in the scope of the wider field of thermonuclear fusion. The typical scenario of a remote demonstration of the Golem tokamak is described. The new remote control and live status web interface in its mobile-ready form is presented.

Istokskaia et al.: Tokamak Golem for fusion education - Chapter 9

IstokskaiaEPS18

V. Istokskaia et al. "Tokamak Golem for fusion education - Chapter 9". In: vol. July. 2018, pp. 261–264. URL: http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/wiki/Presentations/Conferences/EPS/45th_Prague_2018/paper.pdf.

Abstract: The GOLEM tokamak, located at the FNSPE CTU in Prague, is the oldest tokamak in the world still operational. Its main mission is education and training of future fusion specialists in the Czech Republic. This contribution covers various student projects of the last year.

Linhart et al.: First Measurement of X-rays Generated by Runaway Electrons in Tokamaks Using a Timepix3 Device with 1 mm thick Silicon Sensor

LinhartIEEE18

V. Linhart et al. "First Measurement of X-rays Generated by Runaway Electrons in Tokamaks Using a Timepix3 Device with 1 mm thick Silicon Sensor". In: *2018 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging Conference Proceedings (NSS/MIC)*. Nov. 2018, pp. 1–9. DOI: 10.1109/NSSMIC.2018.8824534.

Abstract: An application study of modern pixel semiconductor detectors for characterization of runaway electron events in tokamaks is presented. Characterization techniques utilizing both spectroscopic measurements and monitoring of the intensity of secondary X-rays produced by the runaway electrons were used. Energy spectra of X-rays and time evolutions of their intensity on two tokamaks (Golem and Compass) were measured under different conditions and compared with results of standard runaway diagnostics. The energy spectra measured on both tokamaks have similar exponential shapes but with a significant variation in numbers of events per shot. The time evolutions of the X-ray intensity during several discharges on the tokamak Golem were measured using both the Timepix3 device and scintillation detectors (NaI:Tl and YAP:Ce). On a microsecond time scales, the signal time evolution measured by the TimePix3 device shows patterns in a form of unexpected or periodic-like increases of the intensity. We have also observed significant differences in number of events of the detected X-rays generated by the runaway electrons flying forward and backward with respect to a limiter of the tokamak Golem. This fact declares that the runaway electrons have relativistic velocities. The experiments on the tokamak Compass provide similar results. Measurements in the immediate vicinity of tokamak Compass were impossible to perform because of a rapid change of the tokamak magnetic field. Measurements performed in the distance of at least 0.5 m from a diagnostic port of the tokamak Compass gave millions of correctly measured events per shot and an unknown number of events affected by pileups. The correctly measured events were used for construction of energy spectra and the time evolutions of the X-ray intensity.

Duban et al.: Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 7

EPSLeuven2016

R. Duban et al. "Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 7". In: *Europhysics Conference Abstracts. 43th EPS Conference on Plasma Physics*. Vol. 40A. europhysics conference abstracts. 2016. ISBN: 2-914771-99-1. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2016PAP/pdf/P5.009.pdf>.

Abstract: As the oldest operational tokamak in the world, tokamak GOLEM at FNSPE CTU in Prague, Czech Republic serves primarily to educate students of the faculty in tokamak physics and related fields. This contribution covers various student projects of the last year.

Svoboda et al.: Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 6

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V. Svoboda et al. "Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 6". In: *42nd European Physical Society Conference on Plasma Physics*. 2015. ISBN: 2-914771-98-3. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2015PAP/pdf/P2.164.pdf>.

Abstract: GOLEM is the oldest operational tokamak in the world. It serves as an educational device at the Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering at CTU in Prague. Several improvements of its diagnostic technology made during the last year as well as new experimental results are presented in this article.

Ficker et al.: Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 5

EPSBerlin2014

O. Ficker et al. "Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 5". In: *Europhysics Conference Abstracts. 41th EPS Conference on Plasma Physics*. Vol. 38F. 2014. ISBN: 2-914771-90-8. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2014PAP/pdf/P4.141.pdf>.

Abstract: Tokamak Golem is one of the oldest tokamaks in the world, currently located at the Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering, CTU in Prague. It serves as an educational device and all experiments and development are done by students themselves under professional supervision. The contribution covers the major improvements made over the last year.

Hernandez-Arriaga et al.: Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 4

EPSHelsinki2013

D. Hernandez-Arriaga et al. "Tokamak Golem for fusion education - chapter 4". In: *Europhysics Conference Abstracts. 40th EPS Conference on Plasma Physics*. Vol. 2013. ISBN: 978-1-63266-310-8. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2013PAP/pdf/P2.410.pdf>.

Abstract: Tokamak GOLEM is a small tokamak operating at the Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering at the Czech Technical University in Prague. It has been serving for four years as an educational device for training students in fusion research. One of its essential features is the possibility of fully remote operation so it suits to international experiments with broad participation. This contribution concludes the main highlight topics of the last year.

Ball et al.: First results from tests of high temperature superconductor magnets on tokamak

EPSStockholm2012HTS

S. Ball et al. "First results from tests of high temperature superconductor magnets on tokamak". In: *Europhysics Conference Abstracts. 39th EPS Conference on Plasma Physics*. Vol. 36F. 2012. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/epsicpp2012pap/pdf/P2.052.pdf>.

Abstract: The HTS coils have been routinely and successfully used at the GOLEM tokamak both for plasma generation and stabilization. Provided the LN cooling is sufficient and sustained, the HTS coils are reliable and can greatly reduce the necessary capacitor bank charging voltage, thus lowering the energy demands for plasma position control. The coil currents in fast ramp-up pulse operation exceeded those in the tape specification by almost 50 %.

Svoboda et al.: Recent results from Golem tokamak. 'Indeed, you can teach an old dog some new tricks.'

EPSStockholm2012

V. Svoboda et al. "Recent results from Golem tokamak. 'Indeed, you can teach an old dog some new tricks.'" In: *Europhysics Conference Abstracts. 39th EPS Conference on Plasma Physics*. Vol. 36F. 2012. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/epsicpp2012pap/pdf/P2.059.pdf>.

Abstract: Hall sensors in a tokamak environment are being prepared on GOLEM. These sensors are one of the candidate solutions for measurement of stationary magnetic fields in fusion reactors. Energy distribution of HXR photons was measured at several discharge conditions on GOLEM using NaI(Ta) scintillator detector. Measured HXR photons spectrum ranges up to 1.5 MeV and peaks typically at 300 keV. We assume the measured energy spectrum of HXR photons correspond to the energy distribution of runaway electrons. Finally, the spatial and temporal characteristics of electrostatic turbulence in GOLEM edge plasmas were studied using the radial array of 16 Langmuir probes. Comparison of turbulence properties between standard hydrogen and helium discharges was done.

Bromova et al.: The Golem Tokamak for Fusion Education

EPSStrasbourg2011

E. Bromova et al. "The Golem Tokamak for Fusion Education". In: *Europhysics Conference Abstracts. 38th EPS Conference on Plasma Physics*. Vol. 35G. 2011. ISBN: 2-914771-68-1. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2011PAP/pdf/P1.021.pdf>.

Abstract: The Golem tokamak, (formerly CASTOR), became an educational device for domestic as well as for foreign students via remote participation/handling. It operates routinely for nearly two years at modest range of parameters and with a limited set of diagnostics. Wide range of tasks with varying levels of complexity covering tokamak physics, technology and operation can be studied by the future fusion specialists. Currently the diagnostics enrichment is strategic for the education usability of the device. Students participate in large extent on additional standard diagnostics methods development, including density measurement via microwave interferometry, plasma position (including tomography) studies using a set of Mirnov coils, two fast cameras and two linear arrays of bolometers. Moreover stabilization of the plasma position with an equilibrium magnetic field generated in the vertical magnetic field coils and plasma spectroscopy issues are under consideration.

Svoboda et al.: Tokamak Golem Remotely for Worldwide Fusion Education

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V. Svoboda and J. Stöckel. "Tokamak Golem Remotely for Worldwide Fusion Education". In: *Proceedings: SEFI - PTEE 2011*. Hochschule Mannheim - University Of Applied Sciences, 2011. ISBN: 978-3-931569-18-1. URL: http://sefi11.hs-mannheim.de/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=27&Itemid=27.

Abstract: The GOLEM tokamak is a university-type experimental facility dedicated primarily for practical training of students who are familiar with basics of tokamak operation, data processing and evaluation of selected plasma parameters. Wide range of measurement tasks allows for preparation of different level student measurement programs. The Czech Technical University established in 2006 a new education curriculum "The physics and Technology of Thermonuclear Fusion". The GOLEM tokamak carries out its education mission in the frame of the fusion related practicum, bachelor and diploma thesis, and summer training schools. Furthermore, a number of excursions are regularly organized for various Czech high schools. As a result, some motivated high school students can participate in tokamak operation and solve selected elementary problems.

Svoboda et al.: Former Tokamak CASTOR becomes remotely controllable Golem at the Czech Technical University in Prague

EPSDublin2010

V. Svoboda et al. "Former Tokamak CASTOR becomes remotely controllable Golem at the Czech Technical University in Prague". In: *Europhysics Conference Abstracts. 37th EPS Conference on Plasma Physics*. Vol. 34A. 2010. ISBN: 2-914771-62-2. URL: <http://ocs.ciemat.es/EPS2010PAP/pdf/P2.111.pdf>.

Abstract: The CASTOR tokamak, which has been operated for 30 years at the IPP Prague was moved to the Czech Technical University in Prague and became an educational device for domestic as well as for foreign students, via remote participation/handling. The reinstalled tokamak ($R = 0.4$ m, $a = 0.085$ m), now baptized as GOLEM, operates currently at modest range of parameters, $B_t \lesssim 0.8$ T, $I_p \lesssim 8$ kA, discharge duration approx 13 ms, and with a limited set of diagnostics. This facility will be offered to the FUSENET (the 7th FWP European Fusion Education Network) as a (remote) practica experiment.

Master thesis

S. Malec: Compton camera for detection of hard X-rays produced on the Golem tokamak

MalecMT23

S. Malec. "Compton camera for detection of hard X-rays produced on the Golem tokamak". Master Thesis. 2023. URL: <http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/wiki/Presentations/Students/MasterThesis/23MalecStepan.pdf>.

Abstract: This master's thesis deals with the creation of a Compton camera to detect hard X-rays on the Golem tokamak. First, simple simulations demonstrating the functionality of a single- and two-sensor Compton camera are introduced. The thesis further describes the correction of submitted AdvaPix Timepix3 detectors to a phenomenon called timewalk and to calibration to determine the depth of interactions in sensors. The main result is that a single-sensor Compton camera with a CdTe 2 mm thick sensor shows the best results.

M. Tunkl: Development of a new runaway electron diagnostics method based on strip semiconductor detectors

TunklMT22

M. Tunkl. "Development of a new runaway electron diagnostics method based on strip semiconductor detectors". Master Thesis. 2022. URL: <http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/wiki/Presentations/Students/MasterThesis/22TunklMarek.pdf>.

Abstract: In this master's thesis, new diagnostics of runaway electrons on the GOLEM tokamak were developed. First, a simulation in the Geant4 toolkit was created to evaluate the effect of the backscattering of the runaway electrons from the limiter. Then, a silicon-based strip detector probe was designed and constructed with respect to the simulation result. Finally, the measured data were analyzed and compared to the relevant diagnostics and simulation results. Furthermore, a new scintillation detector was constructed from a silicon photomultiplier and a LYSO crystal. The signal from the silicon photomultiplier exhibited good characteristics. Even with multiple superimposed peaks, it was possible to reconstruct their original height and thus obtain the hard X-ray spectrum of the entire plasma discharge.

D. Cipciar: Ion and electron temperature study in the edge plasma of the tokamak device

CipciarMT21

D. Cipciar. "Ion and electron temperature study in the edge plasma of the tokamak device". Master Thesis. 2021. URL: <http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/wiki/Presentations/Students/MasterThesis/21DarioCipciar.pdf>.

Abstract: This thesis reports on a systematic ion and electron temperature measurements in the scrapeoff layer (SOL) of two tokamak devices. Results are obtained using a fast swept ball-pen probe with unprecedented temporal resolution (10 jits). Moreover, an improved analysis technique is presented which increases the amount of relevant data obtained in comparison to previously published research. The results with high temporal resolution indicate non-Gaussian ion temperature histograms with a peak at low temperatures and a high temperature tail associated with blobs. The blobs are originating in the vicinity of last closed flux surface and propagate perpendicularly to the magnetic field lines through the SOL plasma. The resulting fast measurements are used to simulate the I-V characteristic of a slow swept (3 ms) retarding field analyzer (RFA). The exponential part of the RFA-like I-V characteristic also determines the ion temperature, but with low temporal resolution (3 ms). The ratios of the ion to electron temperatures are studied for different plasma densities. We observed that the ratio depends on the line-average plasma density and it is close to 1-2 in the vicinity of LCFS and 3-4 in the main SOL. A study of the ion temperature fluctuations shows an agreement with a stochastic model for intermittent turbulence in SOL.

P. Macha: Edge plasma studies in tokamaks by the mean of advanced electric probes.

MachaMT20

P. Macha. "Edge plasma studies in tokamaks by the mean of advanced electric probes." Master Thesis. 2020. URL: <http://golem.fjfi.cvut.cz/wiki/Presentations/Students/MasterThesis/20MachaPetr.pdf>.

Abstract: This diploma thesis is dedicated to edge plasma studies in tokamaks by the means of advanced electric probes. After introduction of the theory and basic concepts of edge plasma physics, electric probes and numerical simulations, the analysis of probe data from COMPASS and Golem tokamaks is performed. Main focus is given to the fluctuations of plasma parameters and their respective profiles. A decrease of the level of relative fluctuations of plasma parameters in the velocity shear layer is observed and the impact of a quasiscoherent mode on this decrease is discussed. The electron temperature is determined by the interpolation of measured tunnel probe current ratio in the scope of a wide parametric scan performed by numerical simulations, resulting in a high time resolution. This technique is cross-checked by a comparison with established electron temperature measurement methods. A good agreement between experiment and simulations on the electron side of the tunnel is observed.