

Fusion Reactor Technology I

(459.760, 3 Credits)

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Introduction

• Text Book

- B. B. Kadomtsev, "Tokamak Plasma: A Complex Physical System", Institute of Physics Publishing, Bristol and Philadelphia (1992)
- L. C. Woods, "Theory of Tokamak Transport - New Aspects for Nuclear Fusion Reactor Design", WILEY-VCH (2006)
- A. A. Harms, K. F. Schoepf, G. H. Miley, D. R. Kingdon, "Principles of Fusion Energy", World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd. (2000)
- R. O. Dendy, "Plasma Physics: An Introductory Course", Cambridge University Press (February 24, 1995)

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- J. Wesson, "Tokamaks", Oxford University Press, 3rd Edition (2004)

Introduction

Evaluation

- Attendance & Course Participation: 10%
- Homework: 10%
- Midterm exam: 40%
- Final exam: 40%

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Week 1. Magnetic Confinement/Fusion Reactor Energetics (Harms 8)

Week 2. Tokamak Operation (I):

 Basic Tokamak Plasma Parameters (Wood 1.2-3, Harms 9.2)

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Week 5. Tokamak Operation (III): Tokamak Operation Mode

Week 7-8. Tokamak Operation Limits (I):

 Plasma Instabilities (Kadomtsev 6, 7, Wood 6)

Week 9-10. Tokamak Operation Limits (II):

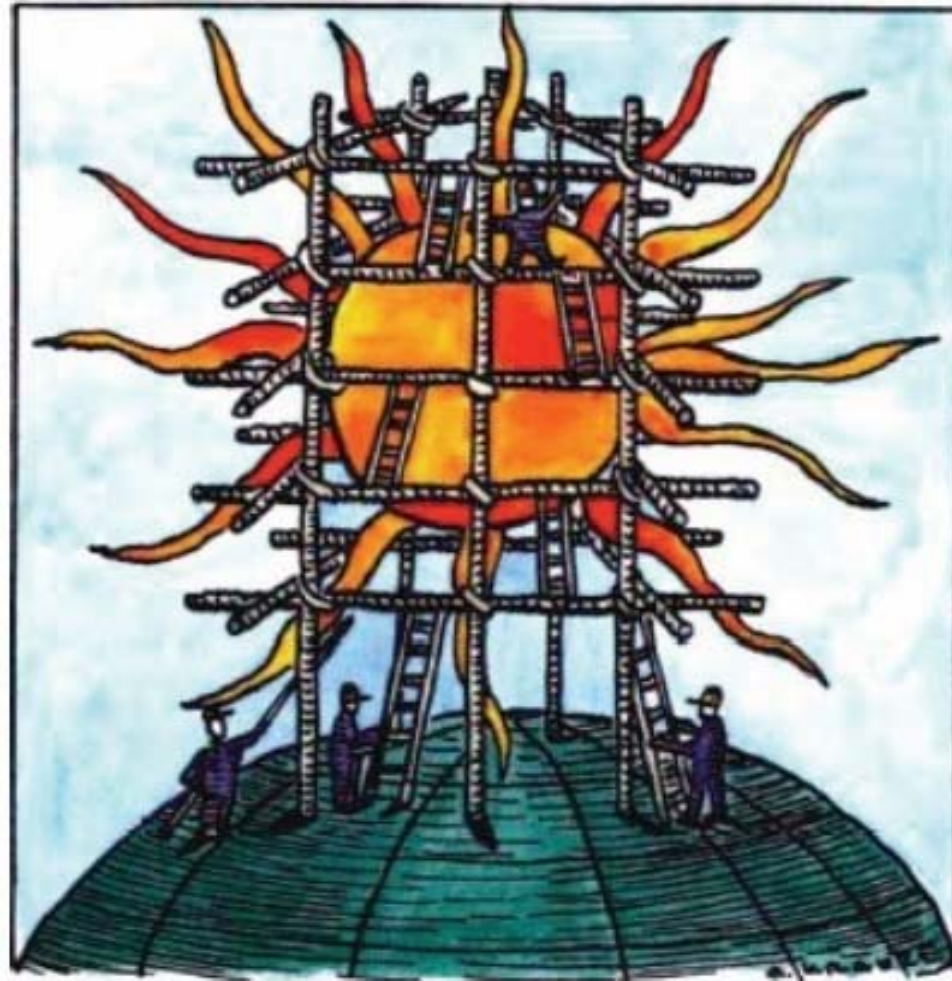
 Plasma Transport (Kadomtsev 8, 9, Wood 3, 4)

Week 11. Heating and Current Drive (Kadomtsev 10)

Week 12. Divertor and Plasma-Wall Interaction

Week 13-14. How to Build a Tokamak (Dendy 17 by T. N. Todd)

To build a sun on earth

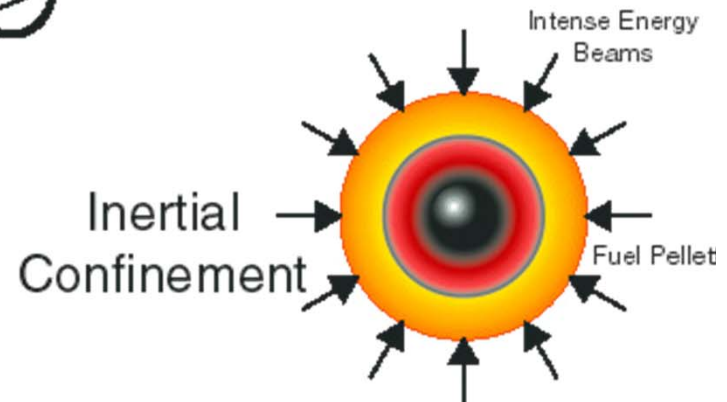
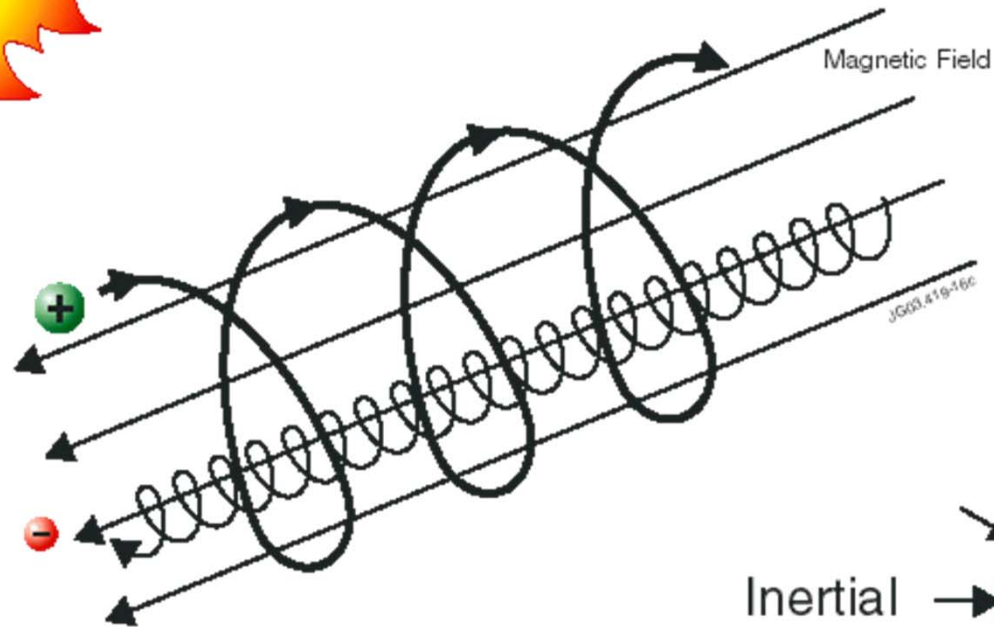


To build a sun on earth



Gravitational
Confinement

Magnetic Confinement



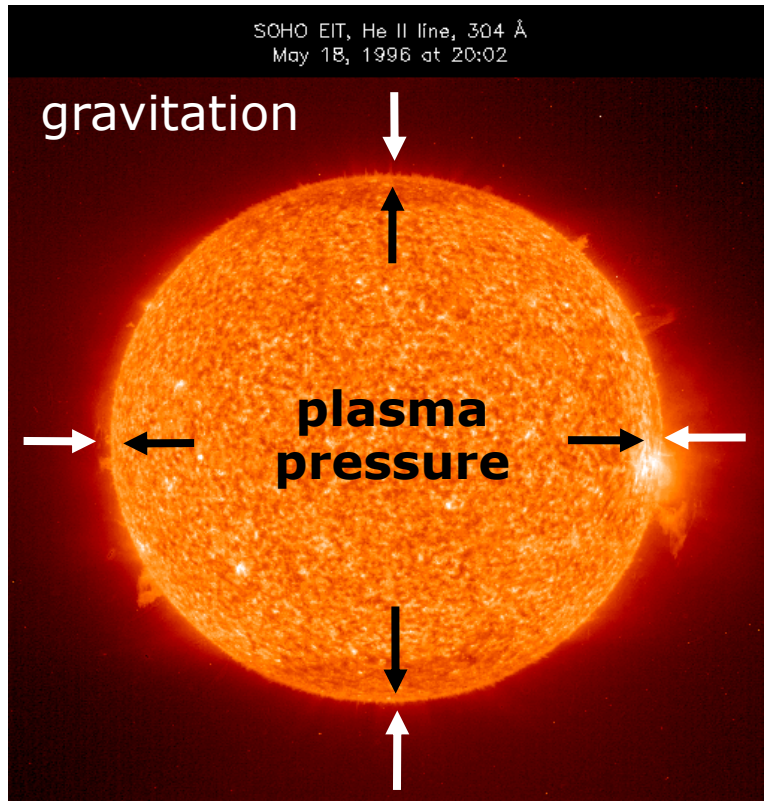
Magnetic Confinement

"To keep the ions from hitting the wall, some type of force is required that will act at a distance. A magnetic field seems to offer the only promise."

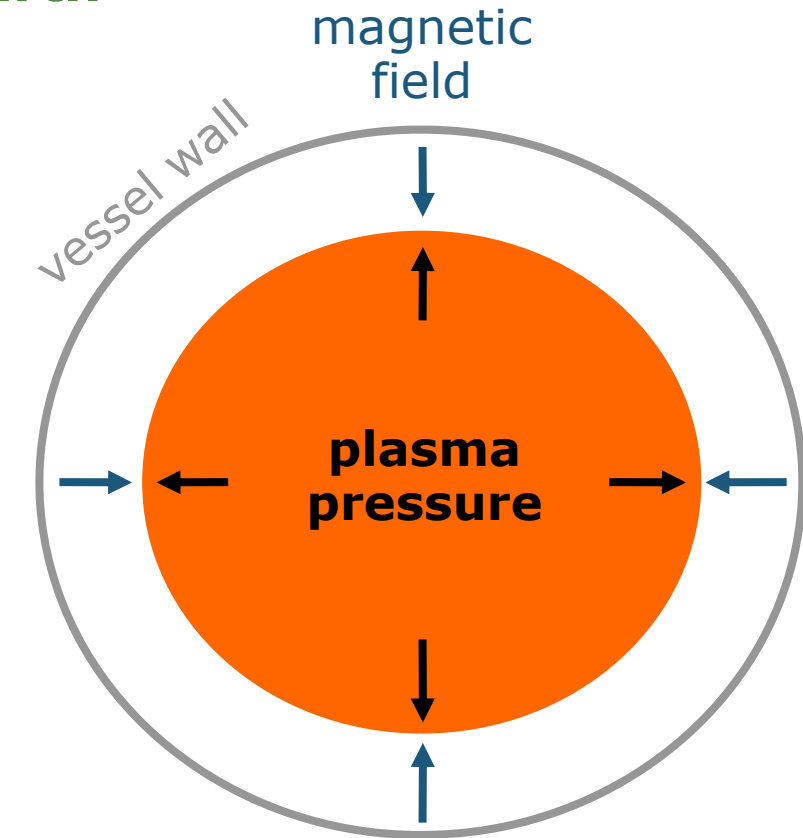
L. Spitzer, Jr.

Magnetic Confinement

- Imitation of the Sun on Earth



Equilibrium in the sun



Plasma on earth
much, much smaller & tiny mass!

Magnetic Confinement

- Bring the Sun on the Earth

Quantity	ITER	Sun	Ratio
Diameter	16.4 m	140×10^4 km	$\sim 1/10^8$
Central temp.	200 Mdeg	15 Mdeg	10
Central density	$\sim 10^{20}/\text{m}^3$	$\sim 10^{32}/\text{m}^3$	$\sim 1/10^{12}$
Central press.	~ 5 atm	$\sim 10^{12}$ atm	$\sim 1/10^{11}$
Power density	~ 0.6 MW/ m^3	~ 0.3 W/ m^3	$\sim 2 \times 10^6$
Reaction	DT	pp	
Plasma mass	0.35 g	2×10^{30} kg	$1/6 \times 10^{33}$
Burn time const.	200 s	10^{10} years	10^{15}

M. Kikuch, "steady state tokamak reactor and its physics issues", Talk at SNU, Korea, September 30, 2011

Magnetic Confinement

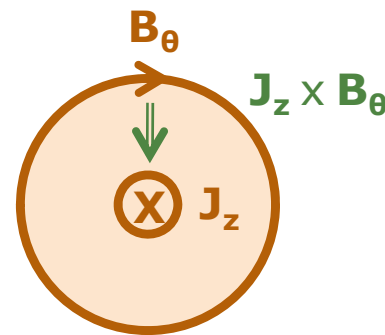
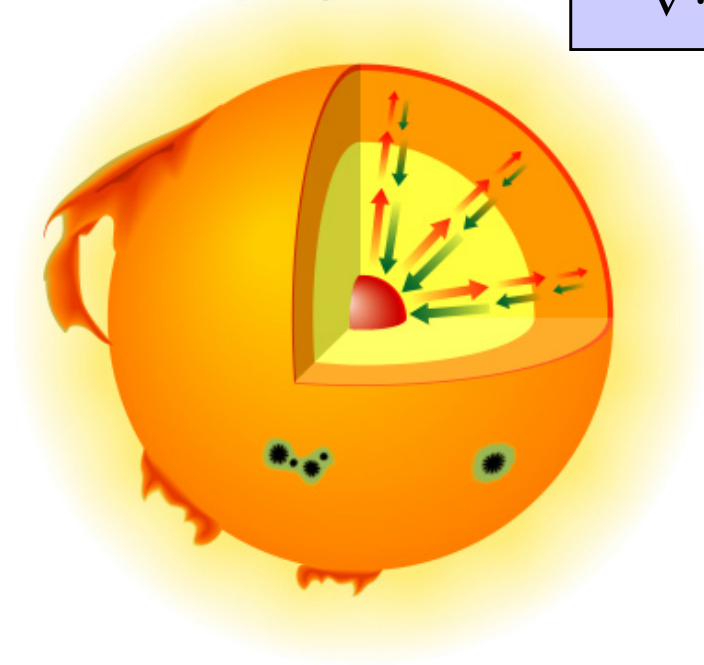
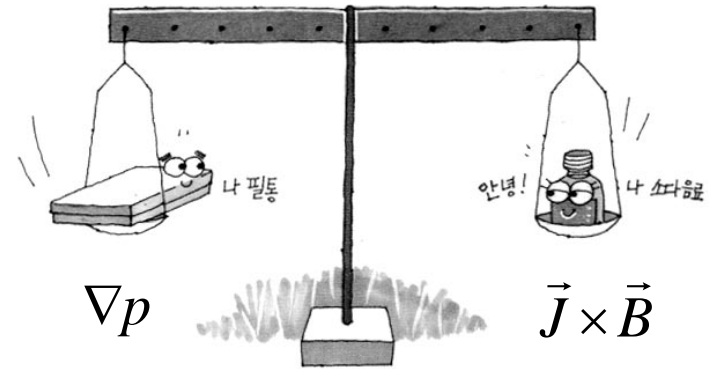
- Radial Force Balance

pressure 
gravity 

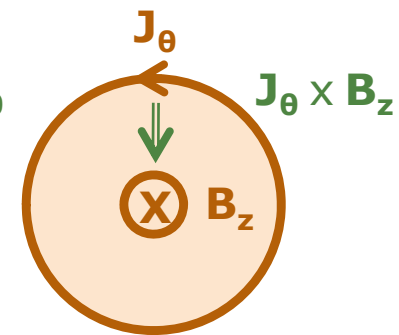
$$\nabla p = \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$



Z pinch



θ pinch

Magnetic Confinement - History

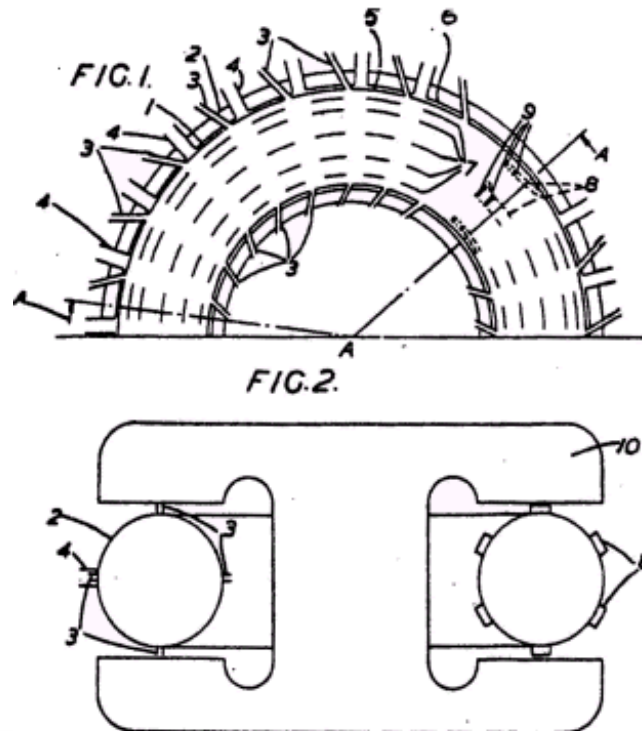


*Inspecting the torus at John Jay Hopkins Laboratory's fusion research building are, from left to right:
Richard Courant, Hideki Yukawa, Marshall N. Rosenbluth,
Marcus Oliphant, Niels Bohr, Edward C. Creutz,
and Donald W. Kerst,
General Atomic, Division of General Dynamics Corporation
Courtesy of AIP's Emilio Segrè Visual Archives*

1946: Fusion Reactor Patent

● Fusion Reactor Patent

- G. P. Thomson and M. Blackman, of the University of London, filed a patent for a fusion reactor in 1946.
- Although the scale of this device was overly optimistic, the device already featured a vacuum chamber in a torus shape and current generation by radio-frequency waves, two important aspects found on today's tokamaks!



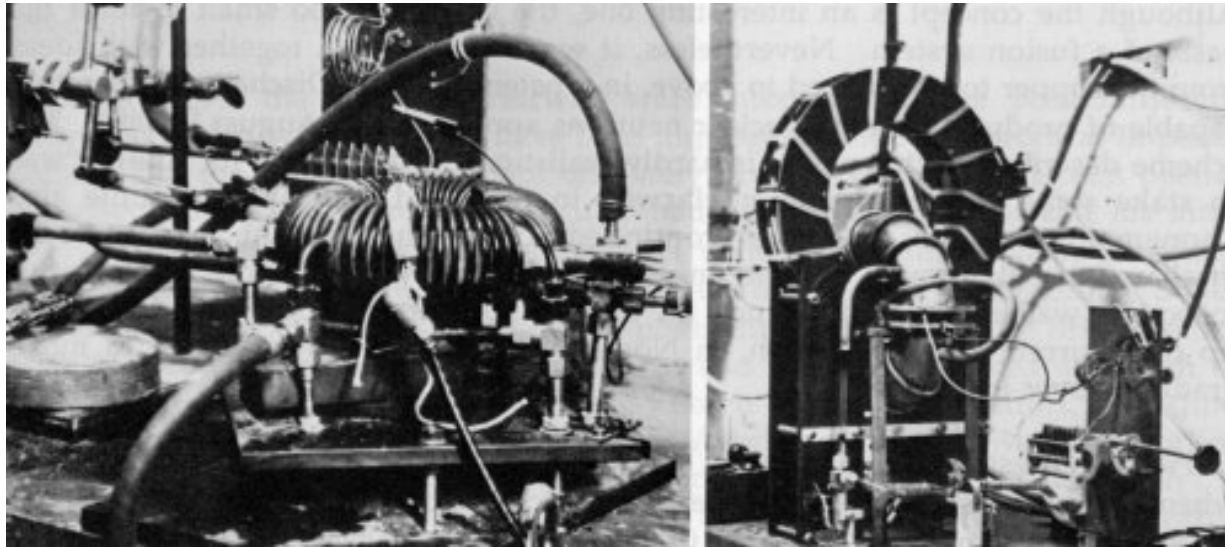
- Major radius $R_0 = 1.3$ m
- Minor radius $a = 0.3$ m
- Plasma current 0.5 MA, created by 3 GHz radiofrequency waves

*G. P. Thomson and M. Blackman
1946 British Patent 817681*

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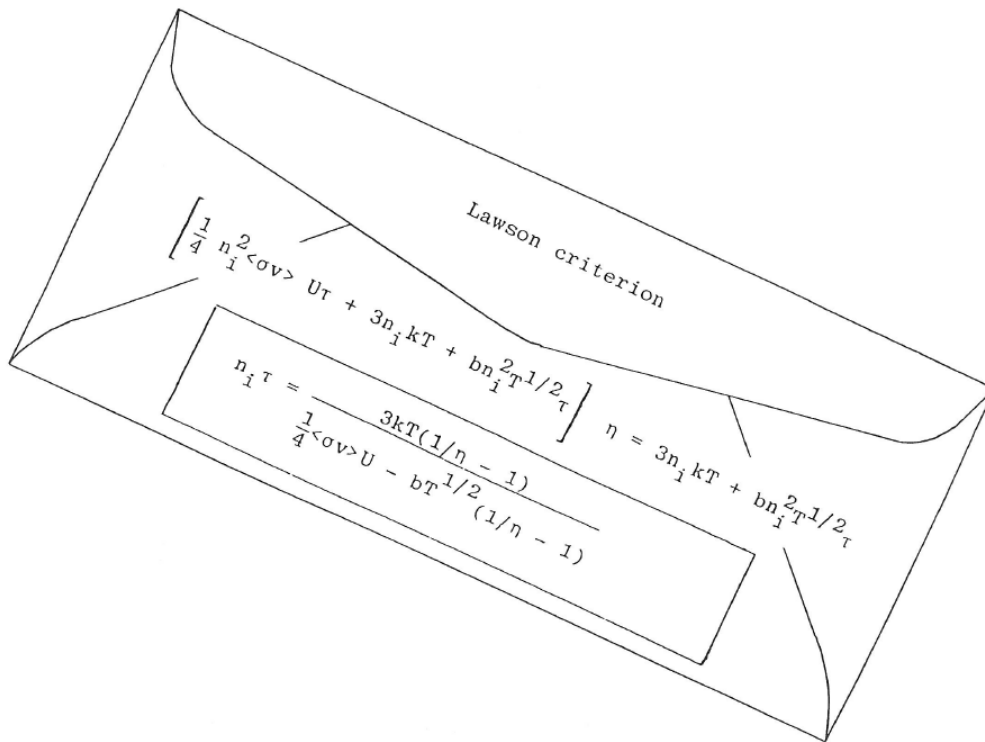


1946: the magnetic confinement devices tested by Thoneman (tori made of glass and metal), in the Clarendon laboratory (Oxford, United Kingdom)

1955: Lawson Criterion

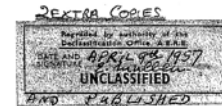
- **Lawson Criterion**

- Building a fusion reactor is a very challenging task.
- Simple criterion found by Lawson



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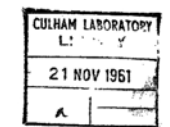
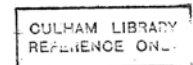
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SOME CRITERIA FOR A USEFUL
THERMONUCLEAR REACTOR

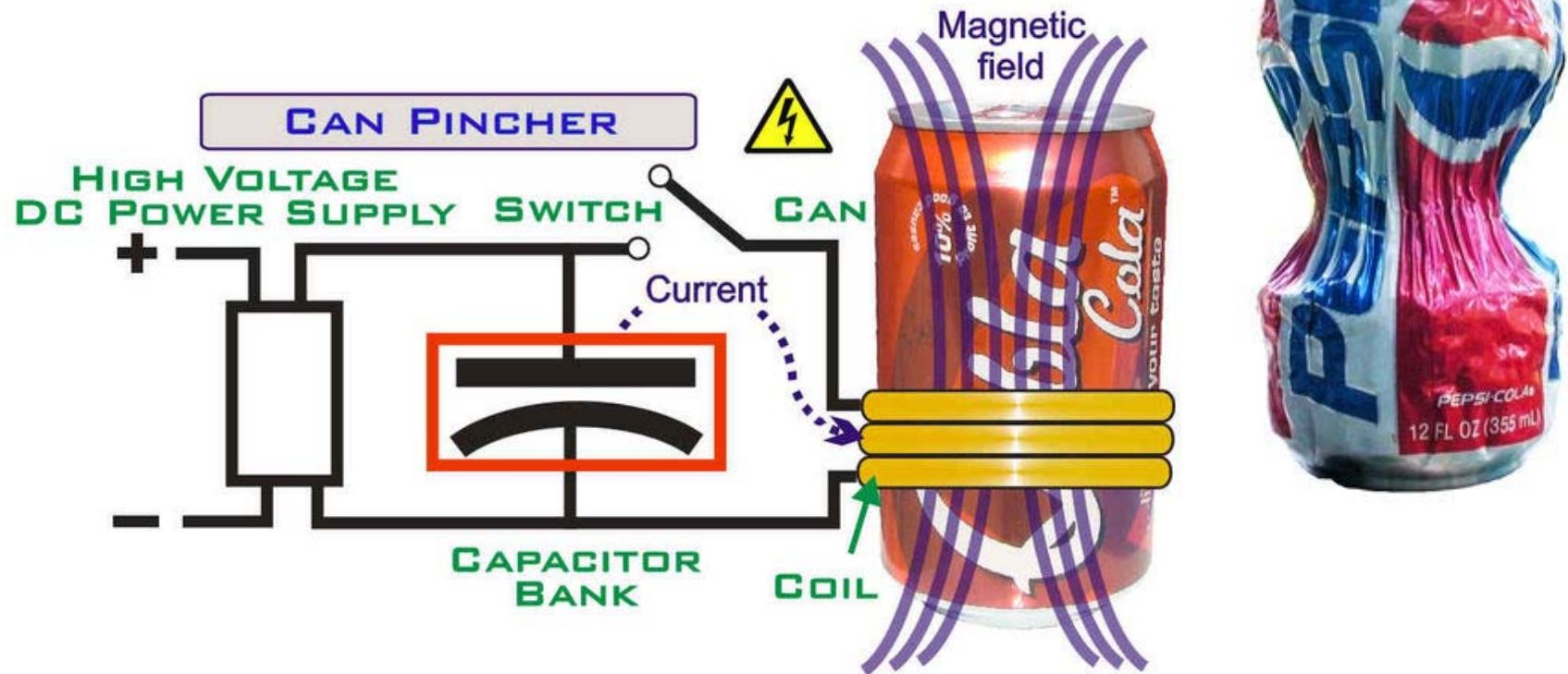
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J. D. LAWSON

HARWELL, BERKS.
1955



1950-1965: Configurations under Study in the Early Years of Fusion Research

- Pinches



A theta pinch capable of crushing an aluminium soft drink can

1950-1965: Configurations under Study in the Early Years of Fusion Research

- **Toroidal Pinches, e.g.**

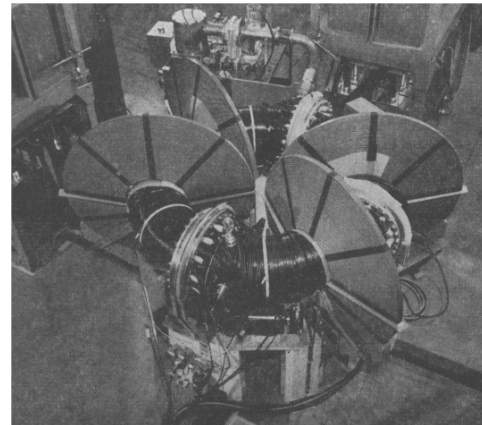
- Z-pinch: ZETA (Culham, UK), Perhapsatron S-3/S-4/S-5 (Los Alamos, USA), ...
- Confinement properties and reactor prospects disappointing



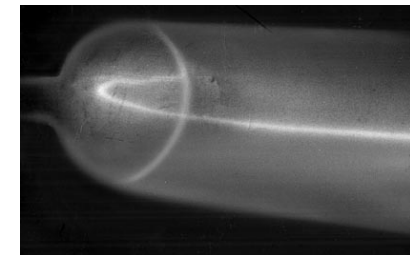
"Zero Energy" refers to the aim of producing copious numbers of fusion reactions, but releasing no net energy.



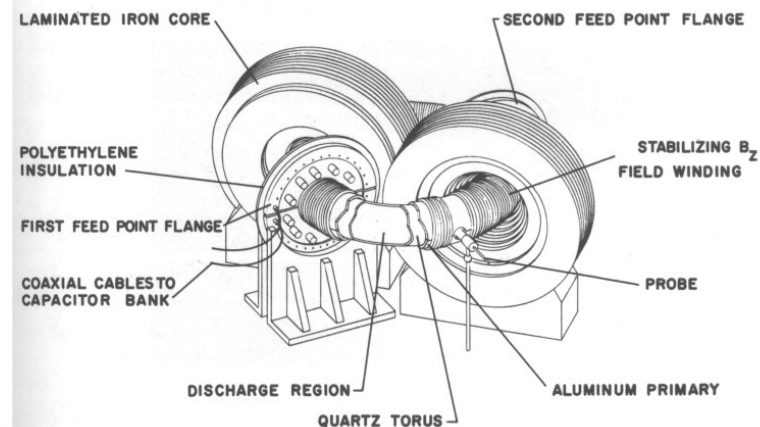
ZETA (Zero Energy Thermonuclear Assembly) (1954-58, UK)



Perhapsatron (1952-1961, USA)



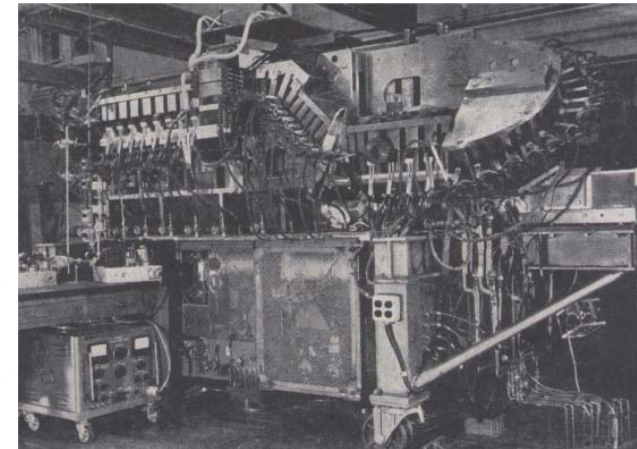
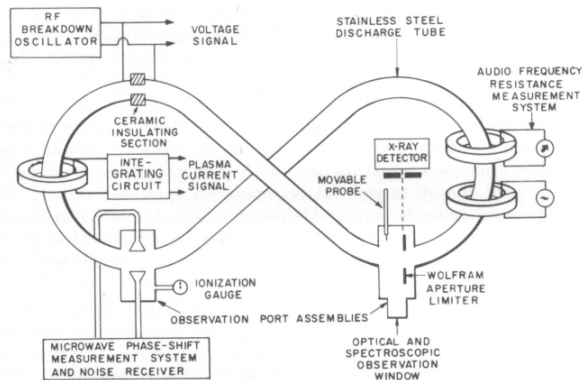
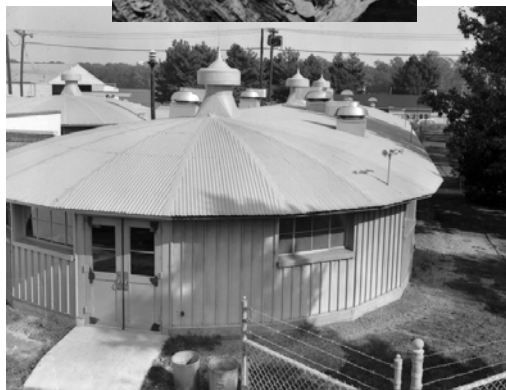
Xenon pinched discharge



1950-1965: Configurations under Study in the Early Years of Fusion Research

- **Stellarators, e.g.**

- C-Stellarator (Spitzer, Princeton, USA - later converted into the ST tokamak), Sirius (USSR), Initial Wendelsteins (IPP-Garching),
- Initial results very disappointing



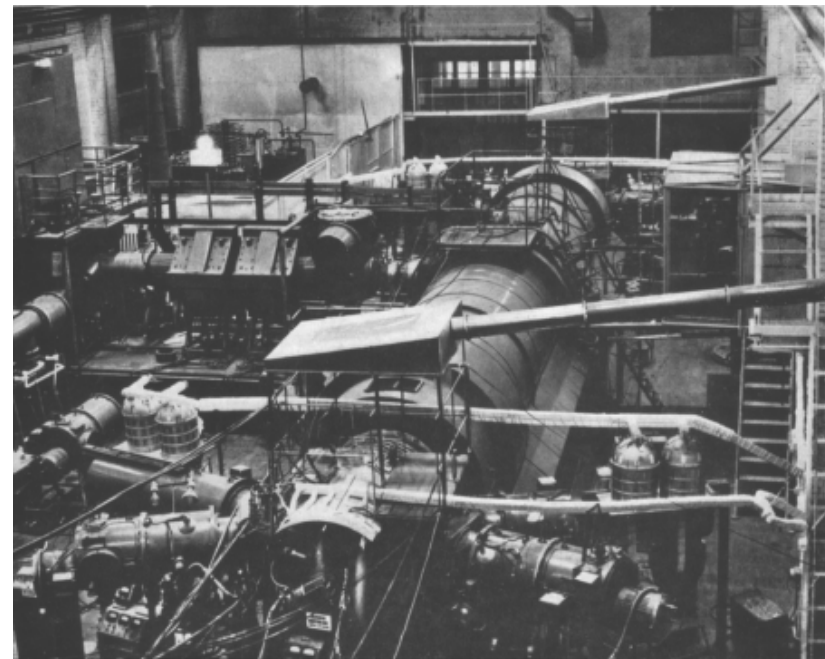
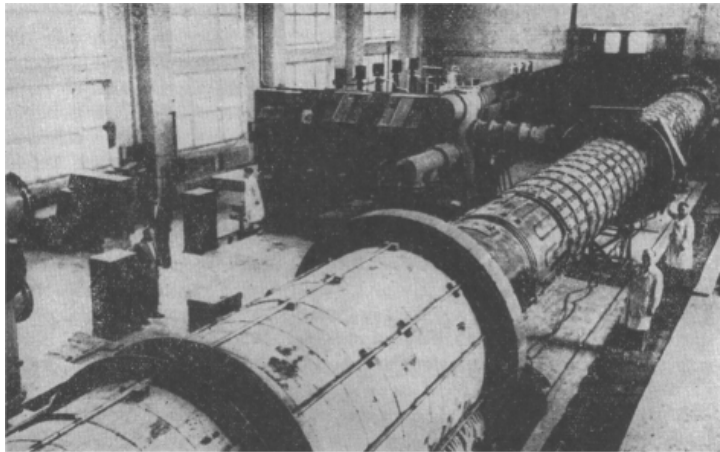
The Model B-3 stellarator (the last figure-8 stellarator) (USA)

Matterhorn project (1951, USA)

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- **Mirror Machines, e.g.**

- USSR: OGRA fitted with Ioffe's magnetic wells (Institute of Physics of Moscow)
- France: DECA I, II, III (later withdrawn) and MMII (CEA)
- USA: Table Top and Toy Top, MFTF-B (abandoned) (Livermore)

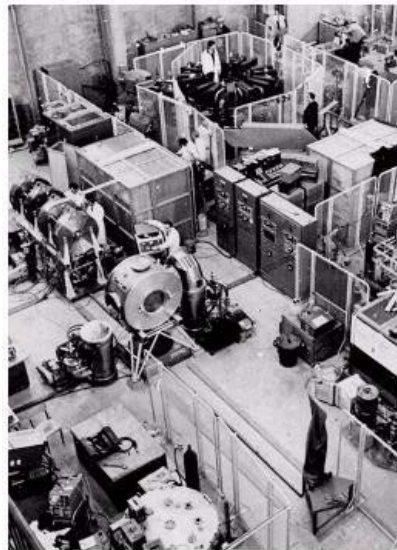


The OGRA Device (1957, USSR)

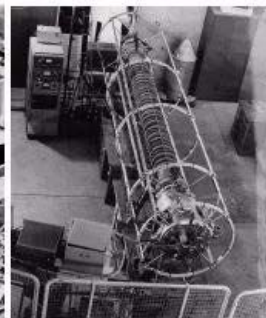
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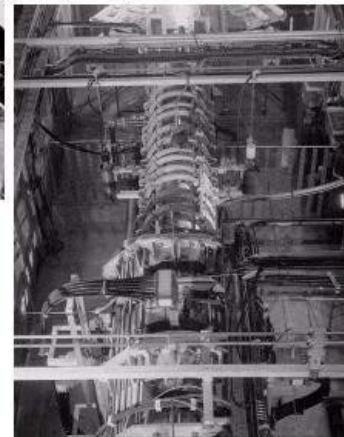
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Fusion research laboratory (CEA-1962)



Capel B (CEA - 1966)



DECA 2B (CEA - 1966)

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● Fundamental Difficulties

- Several instabilities discovered reducing confinement:

Kink instabilities, flute instabilities, ...

M. D. Kruskal and Schwarzschild "Some Instabilities of a Completely Ionized Plasma" 1954 Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A 223 348

M. N. Rosenbluth and C. L. Longmire "Stability of Plasmas Confined by Magnetic Fields", Ann. Phys. **1** 120 (1957)

- Most toroidal machines followed the so-called Bohm scaling for the confinement time:

$$\tau \propto \frac{BR^2}{T}$$

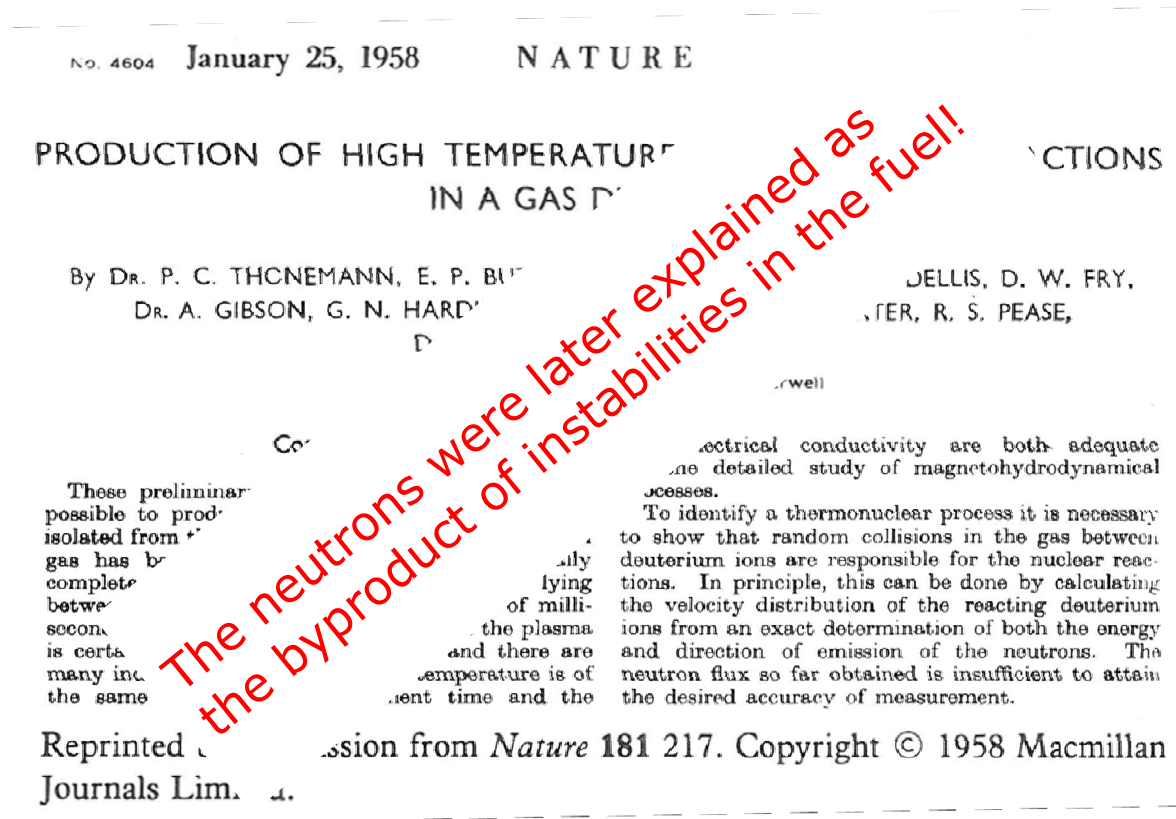
Very low confinement times predicted by this formula
(for JET this would predict 10-40 μ s)

- Need for better machine configurations

1950-1965: Configurations under Study in the Early Years of Fusion Research

● 1958

- By mid-1958 nuclear fusion research had been virtually freed from all security restrictions, and the UK, the USA and the USSR.



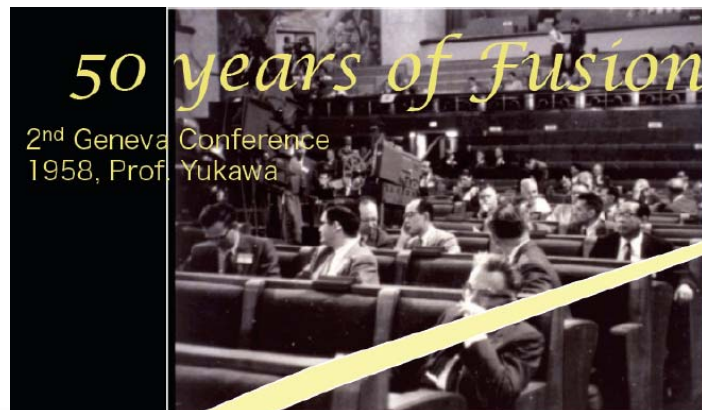
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- September 1958 "Atoms for Peace" (IAEA, Geneva)

Proceedings of the Second
United Nations International Conference
on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy

Held in Geneva
1 September - 13 September 1958

Volume 32
Controlled Fusion Devices



UNITED NATIONS
Geneva
1958

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L. A. Artsimovich

"Plasma physics is very difficult. Worldwide collaboration needed for progress."



E. Teller – Hydrogen bomb

"Fusion technology is very complex. It is almost impossible to build a fusion reactor in this century."

1968: A Turning Point for Fusion Physics

Emergence of the Tokamak

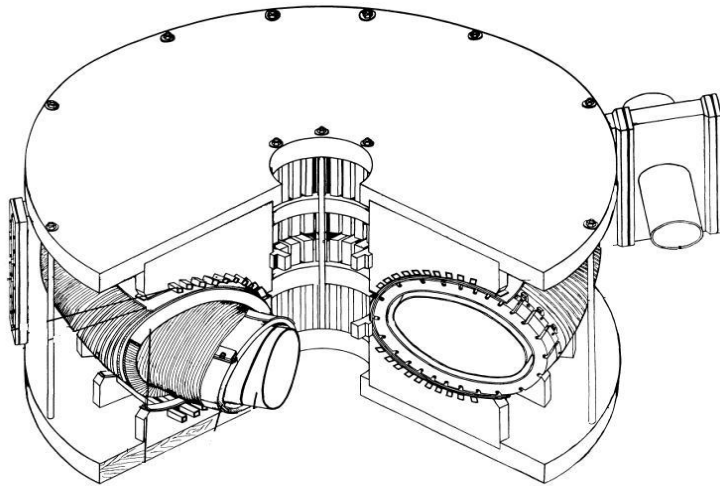


Diagram of the Kurchatov Institute's T1 tokamak in Moscow

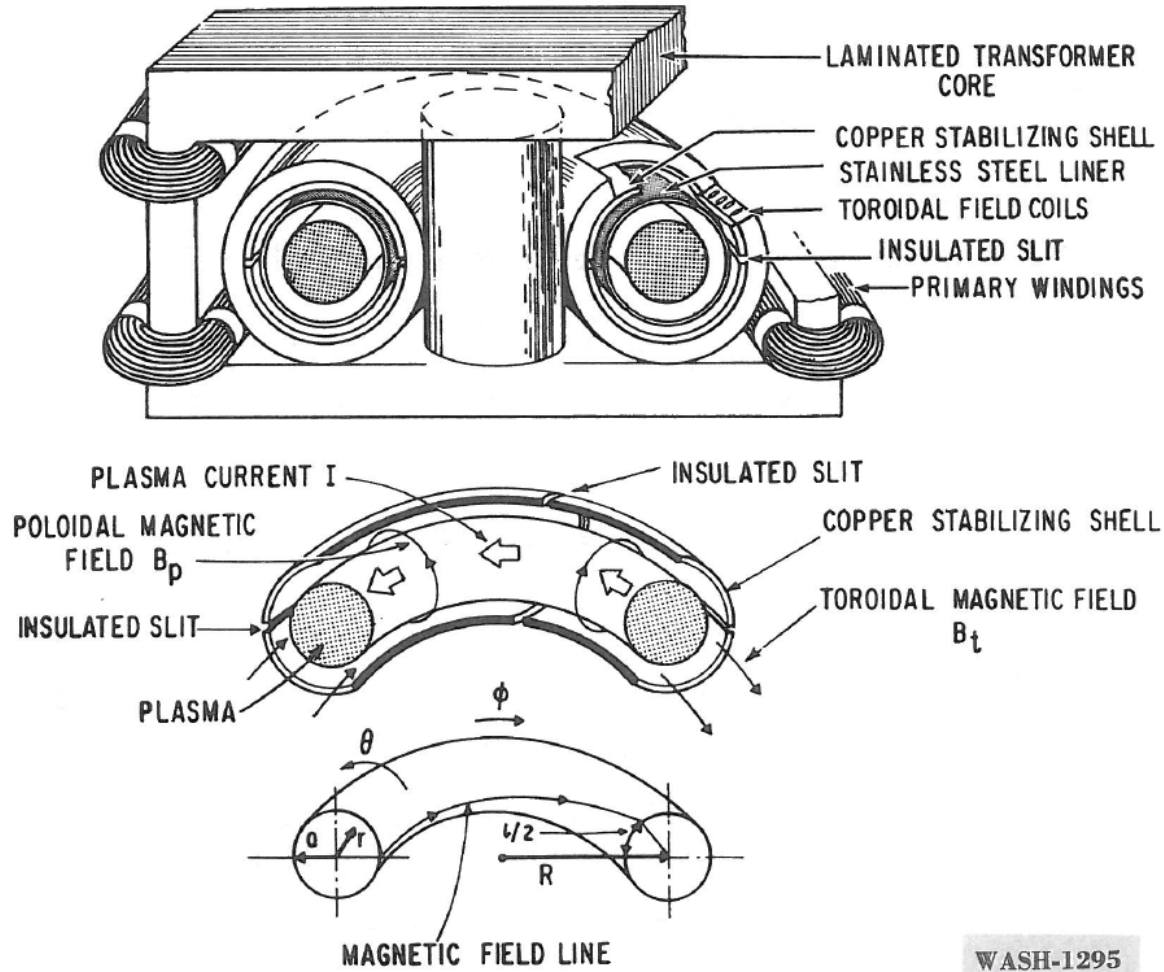


IAEA Novosibirsk
(August 1968)
T3 reaches 1 keV

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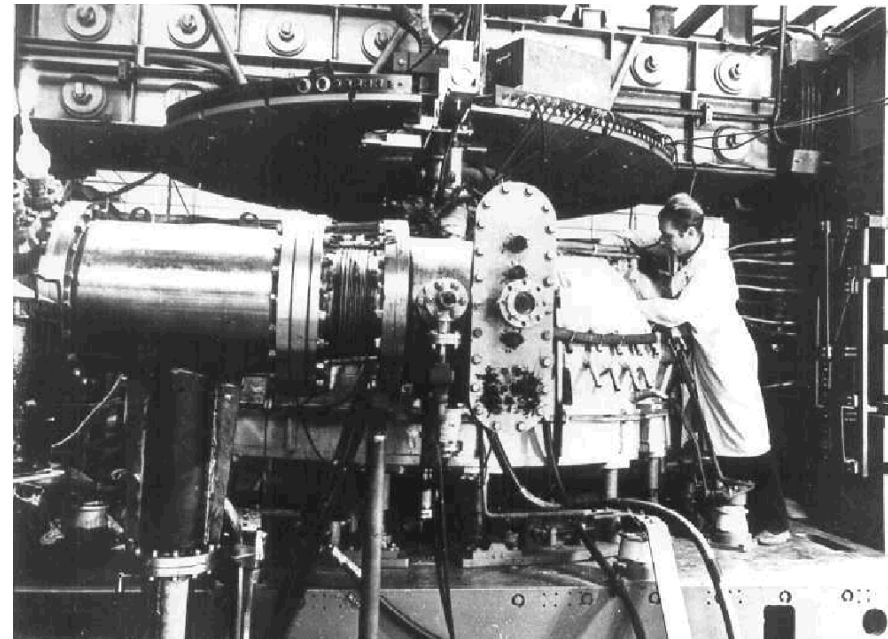
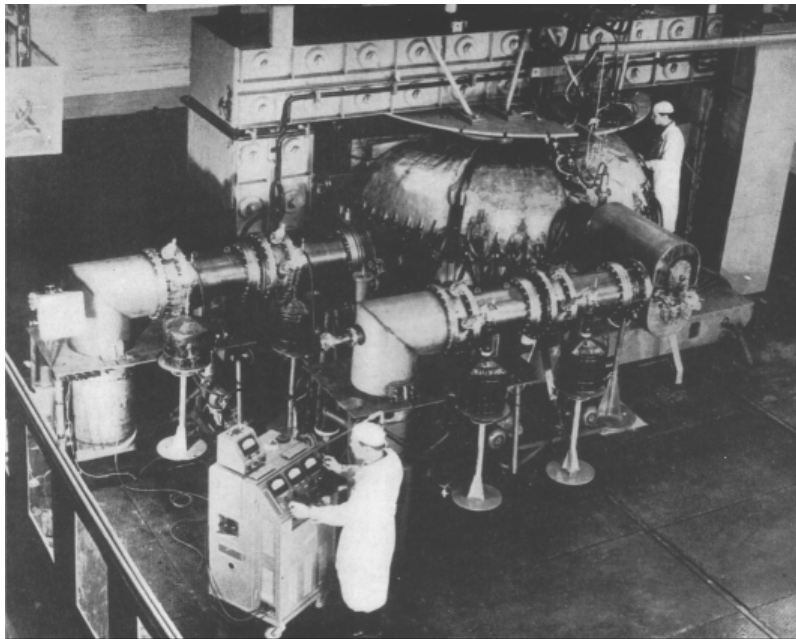
Figure 1. Basic tokamak apparatus: a toroidal plasma confined in a helical magnetic field created by the superposition of a strong, externally generated toroidal field and the poloidal field generated by the plasma current. The plasma current, induced by transformer action, resistively heats the plasma.



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1968: A Turning Point for Fusion Physics

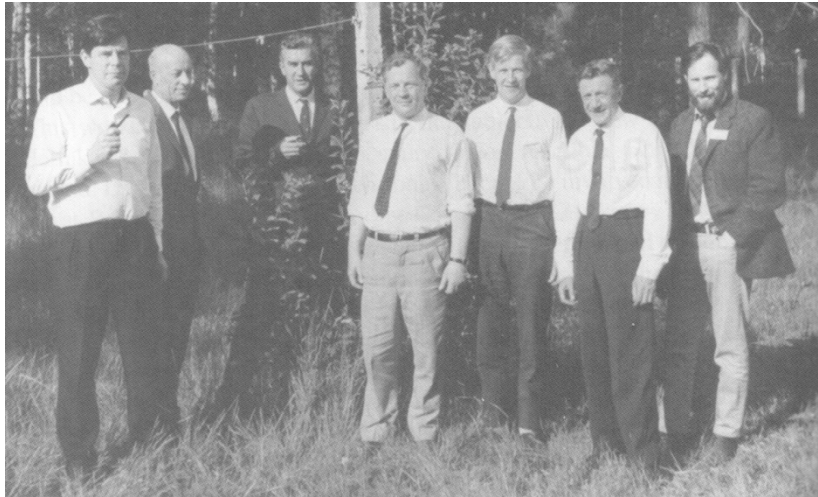
Emergence of the Tokamak



Tokamak T-3
(USSR)

1968: A Turning Point for Fusion Physics Emergence of the Tokamak

- Confirmed by 1969 Culham mission to Moscow



A group of Soviet and British scientists during the Novosibirsk conference (1968)

(Reprinted from *Nature*, Vol. 224, No. 5218, pp. 488-490, November 1, 1969)

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Measurement of the Electron Temperature by Thomson Scattering in Tokamak T3

Electron temperatures of 100 eV up to 1 keV and densities in the range $1-3 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ have been measured by Thomson scattering on Tokamak T3. These results agree with those obtained by other techniques where direct comparison has been possible

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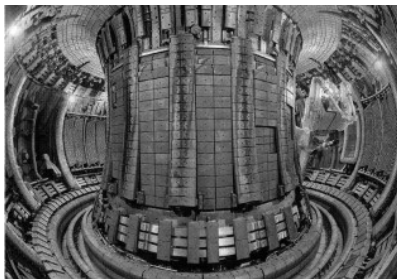
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1969- Success of Tokamak

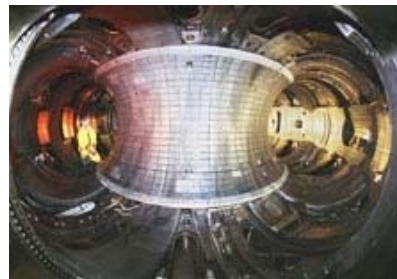
- **Tokamaks**

- Showing much better confinement than all other configurations
- T-3 (Kurchatov Institute, USSR):
 - First device with temperatures in the keV range
 - Confinement time (70 ms) more than 30 times higher than predicted by Bohm scaling
- 1969: General redirection towards the tokamak ('Tokamakitis')
- Diagnostic development on smaller devices
- Data acquisition, feedback, and heating techniques had become available.
- It appeared then that a large device could and had to be build to make further progress: JET, TFTR, JT-60U

JET



TFTR

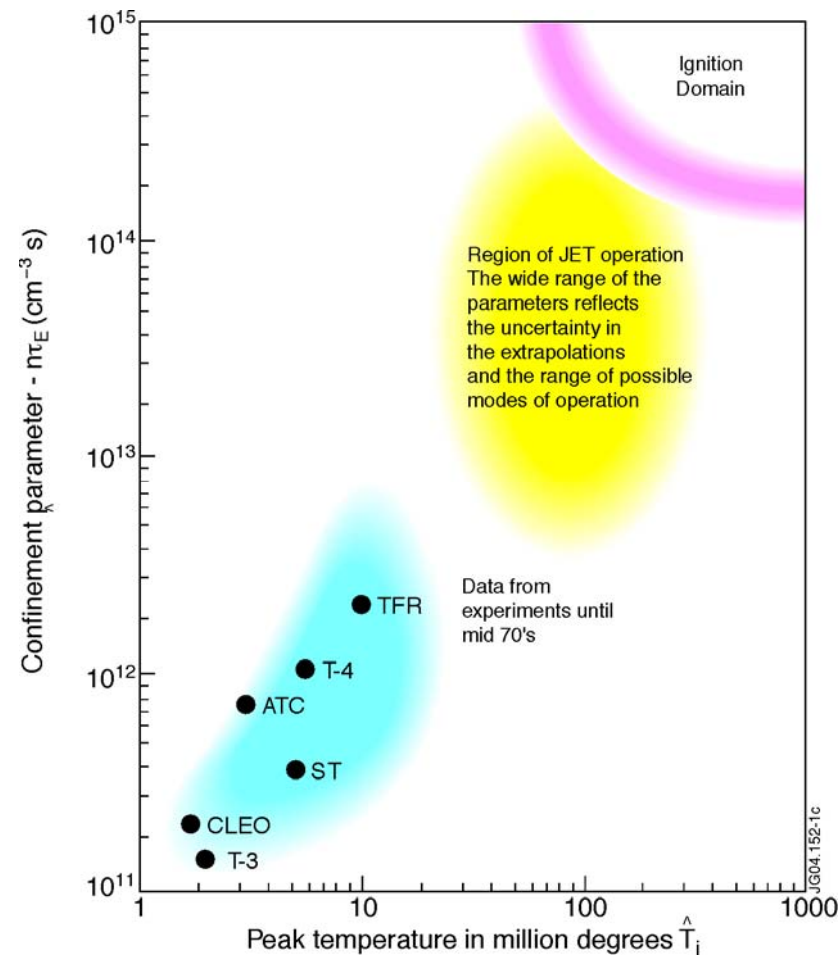


JT-60U



1969- Success of Tokamak

- Lawson Diagram in mid 1970 s
- Parameter domain foreseen for JET



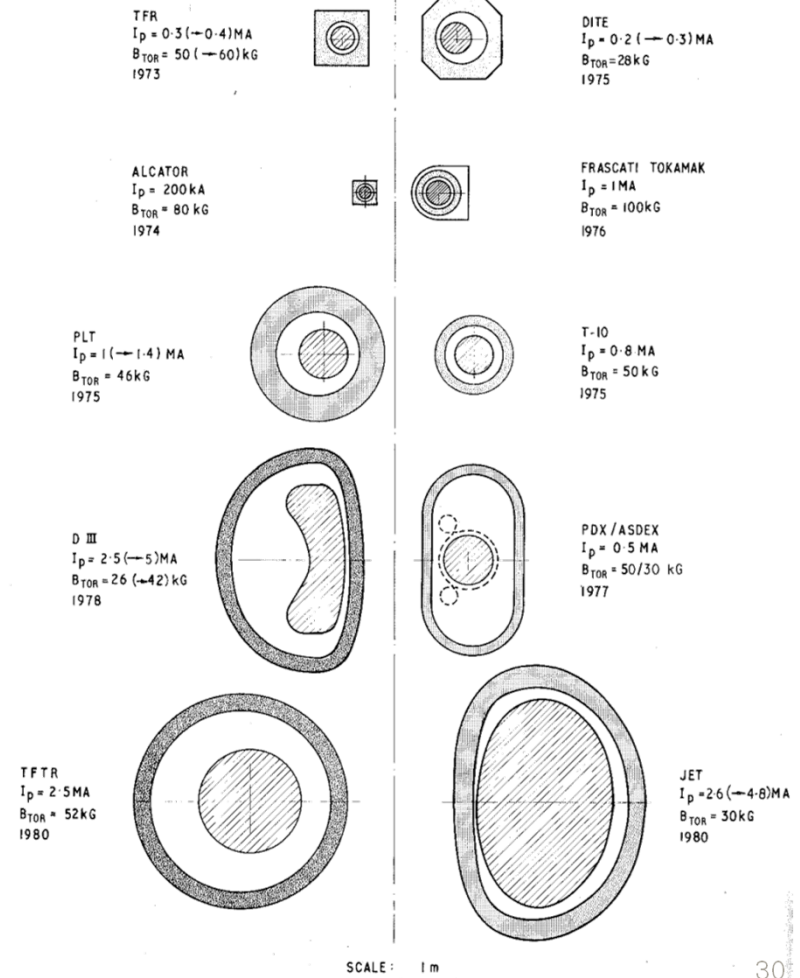
1969- Success of Tokamak

- JET

- Much larger plasma compared to existing or planned tokamak plasma at that time
- D-shaped plasma



Design Phase of JET (1973-1975)



1991- DT Operation

- First D-T experiments: JET (Nov. 1991)

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Le Conseiller Technique

1er janvier 1992



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Cher Monsieur,

22nd November, 1991

Dear Dr. Rebut,

Monsieur le Président a été très sensible à votre lettre du 15 novembre 1991 lui annonçant la réussite de la première fusion thermonucléaire obtenue avec la machine JET que vous dirigez. Il me demande de vous transmettre ses félicitations pour vous et l'ensemble du personnel impliqué dans ce beau succès.

I am commanded by The Queen to thank you for your letter of 15th November. Her Majesty remembers with pleasure her visit to the Joint European Torus in April 1984 and appreciated your thoughtfulness in letting her know of the controlled experiment which took place recently at your headquarters which produced a quantity of fusion power. The Queen sends her congratulations and best wishes to you and all members of your team.

Je profite de cette lettre pour vous adresser tous mes voeux personnels pour la nouvelle année et pour vous dire que je ne désespère pas de trouver un créneau dans mon emploi du temps pour visiter vos installations.

Veuillez agréer, cher Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Yours sincerely,

Jean AUDOUZE

(KENNETH SCOTT)

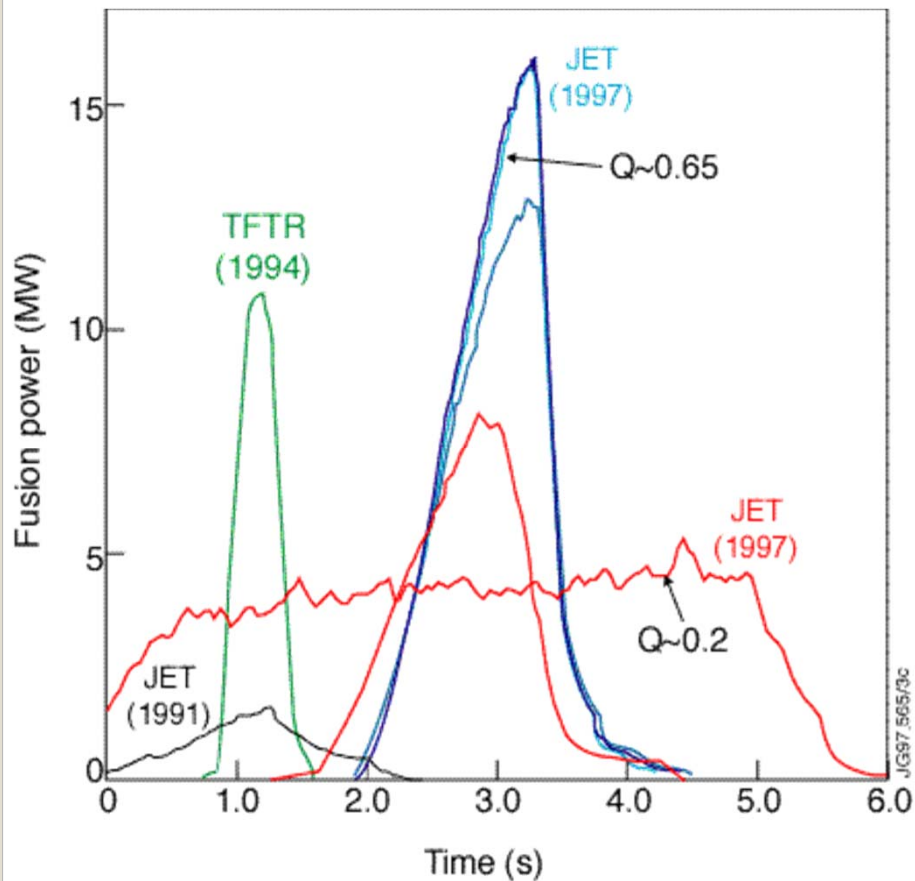
Monsieur Paul-Henri REBUT
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Dr. P-H Rebut.

- Congratulations from HRH (Her Royal Highness) Queen Elisabeth II and President Mitterand for pioneering and successful D-T experiments

1991- DT Operation

- First D-T experiments: JET (Nov. 1991)



JET 1991 (EU): 1.7 MW

First controlled DT fusion
experiments on earth

TFTR 1994 (US): 11.5 MW

JET 1997 (EU): 16 MW

energy amplification $Q \sim 0.65$

Alpha particle heating

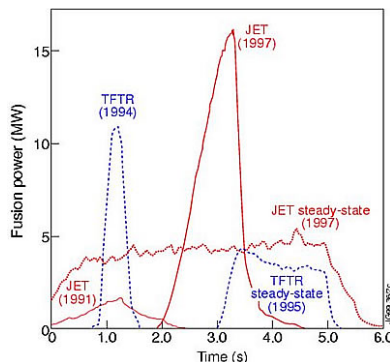
clearly observed

consistent with theory





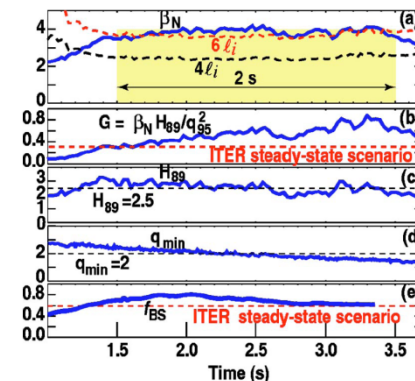
Discovery of H-mode (ASDEX, Germany)



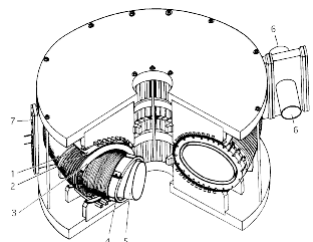
16MW Fusion Power (Q=0.65) (JET, EU)

11.5MW Fusion Power (Q~0.3) (TFTR, USA)

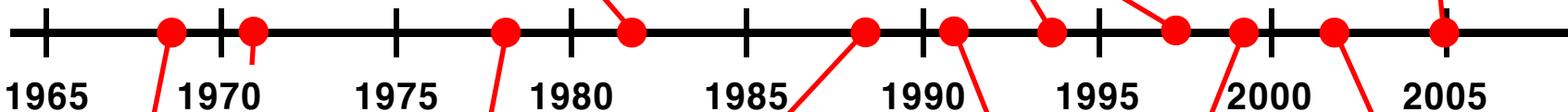
Q~1.25 (JT-60U, Japan)



AT mode (DIII-D, USA)



T1 Tokamak



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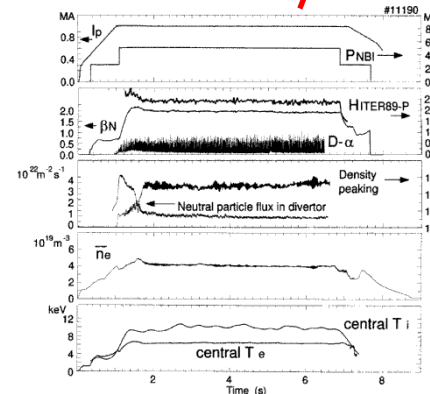
IAEA 1968 T3 Tokamak

Alcator scaling (Alcator-A, USA)

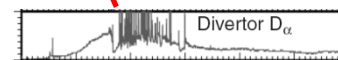
Bootstrap current predicted (UKAEA)

Discovery of ITB by PEP (JET, EU), ITER started

1st DT Exp. (JET, EU)

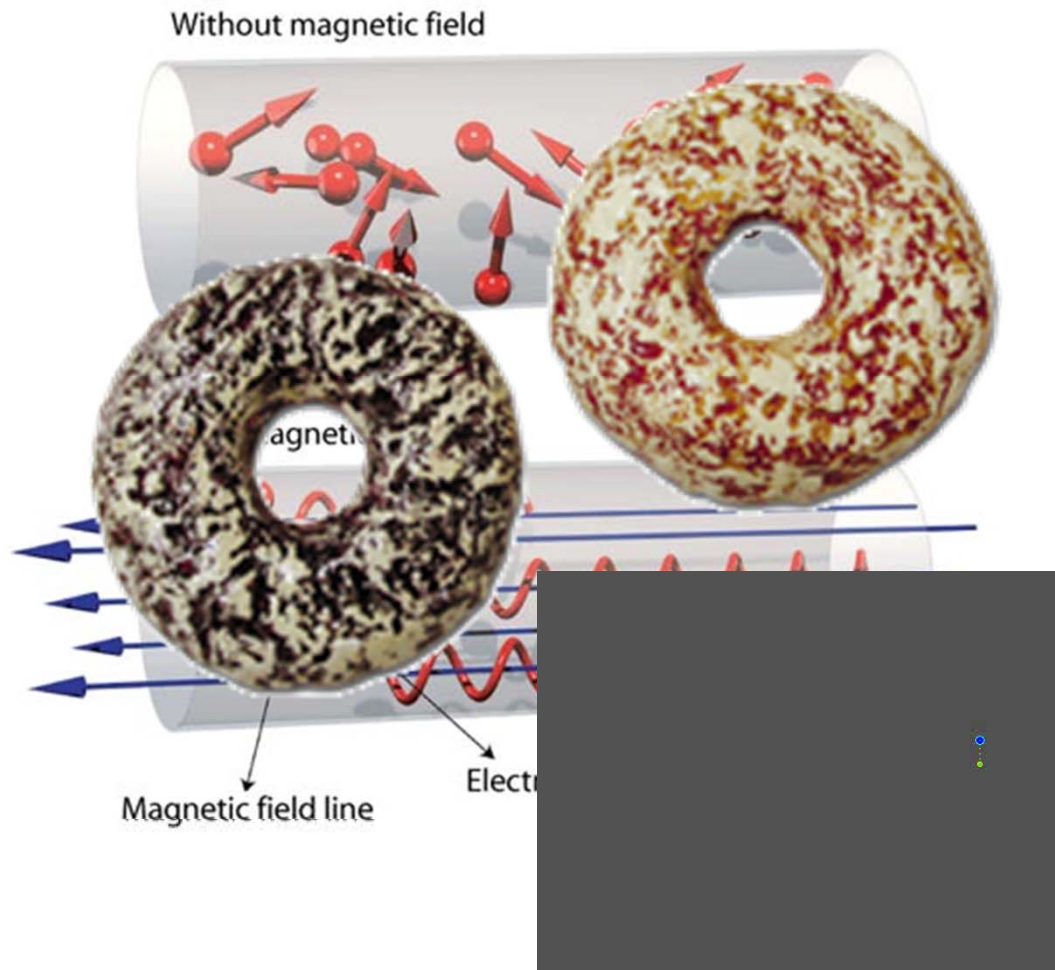


Discovery of Hybrid Mode (ASDEX Upgrade, Germany)



Discovery of QH-mode (DIII-D, USA)

Open Magnetic Systems

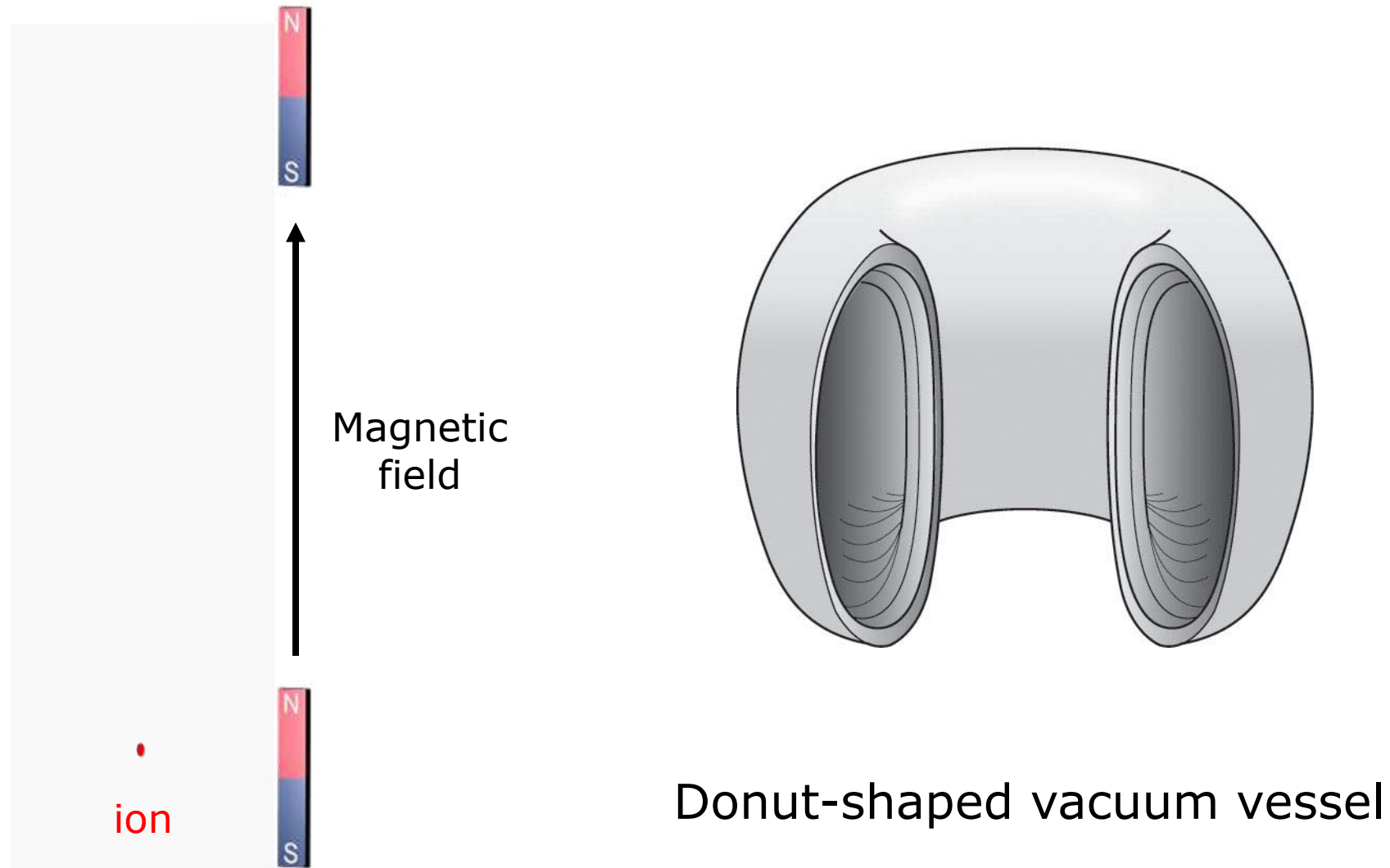


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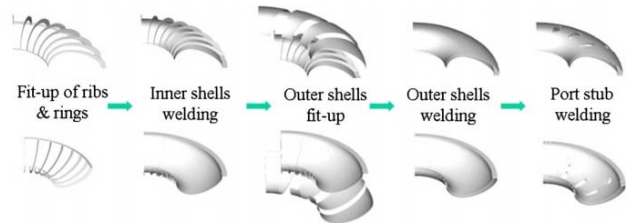
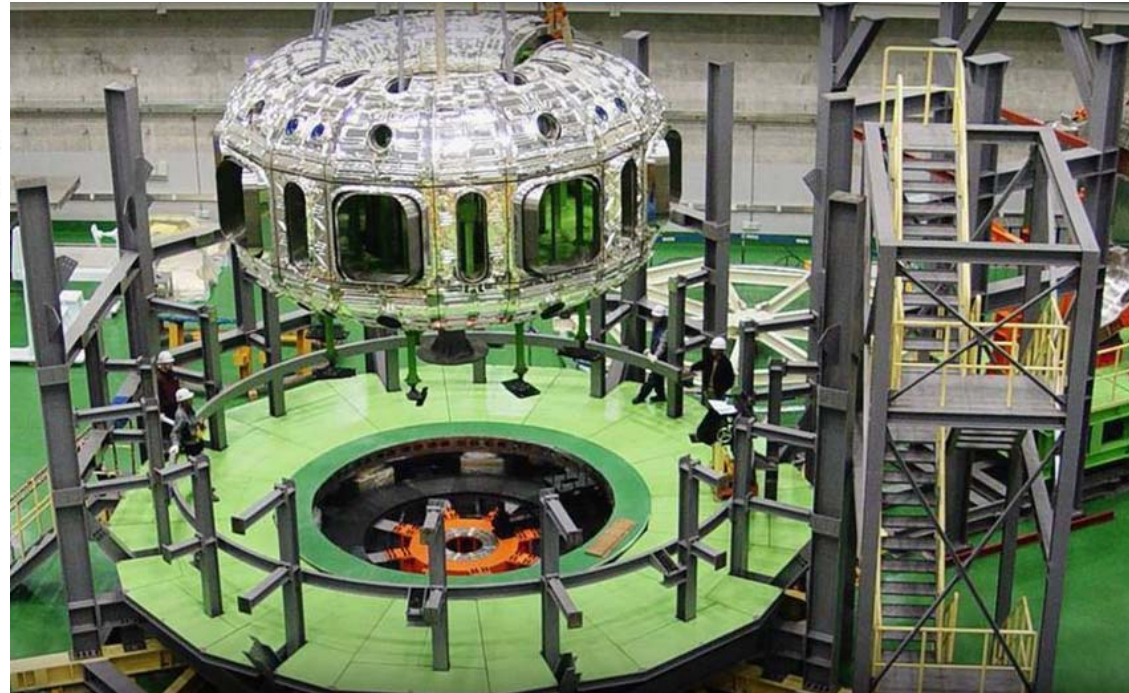
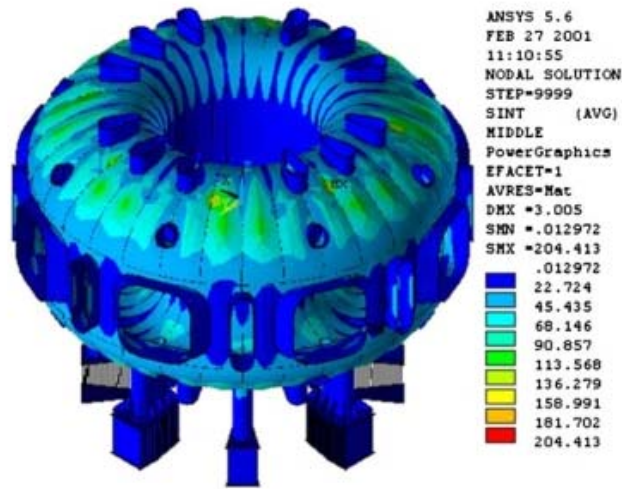


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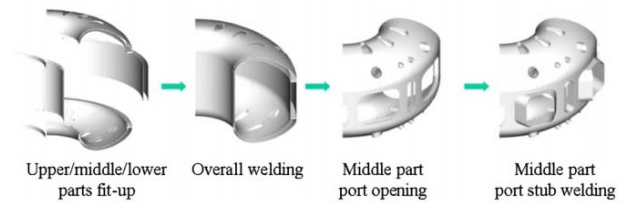
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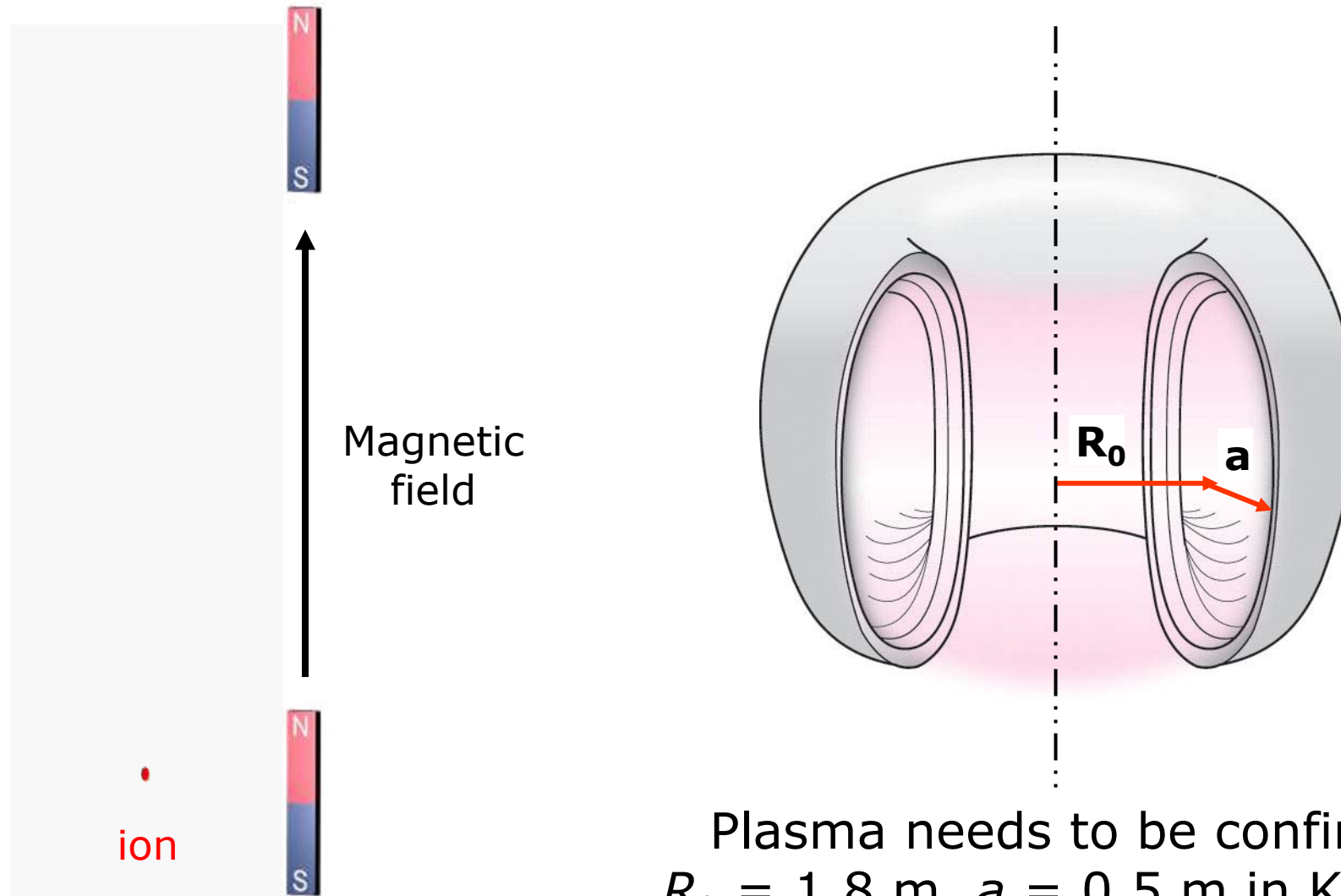
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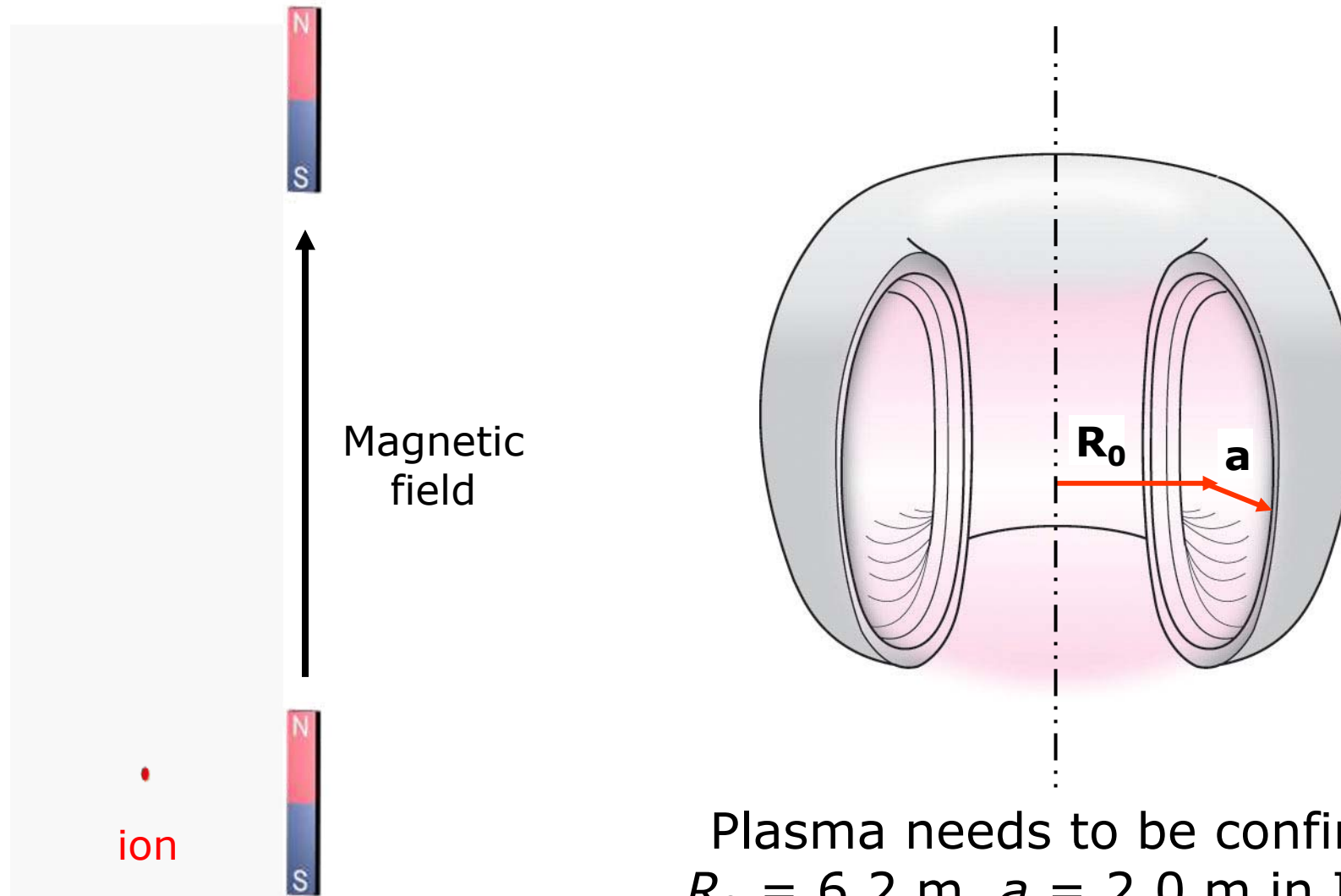


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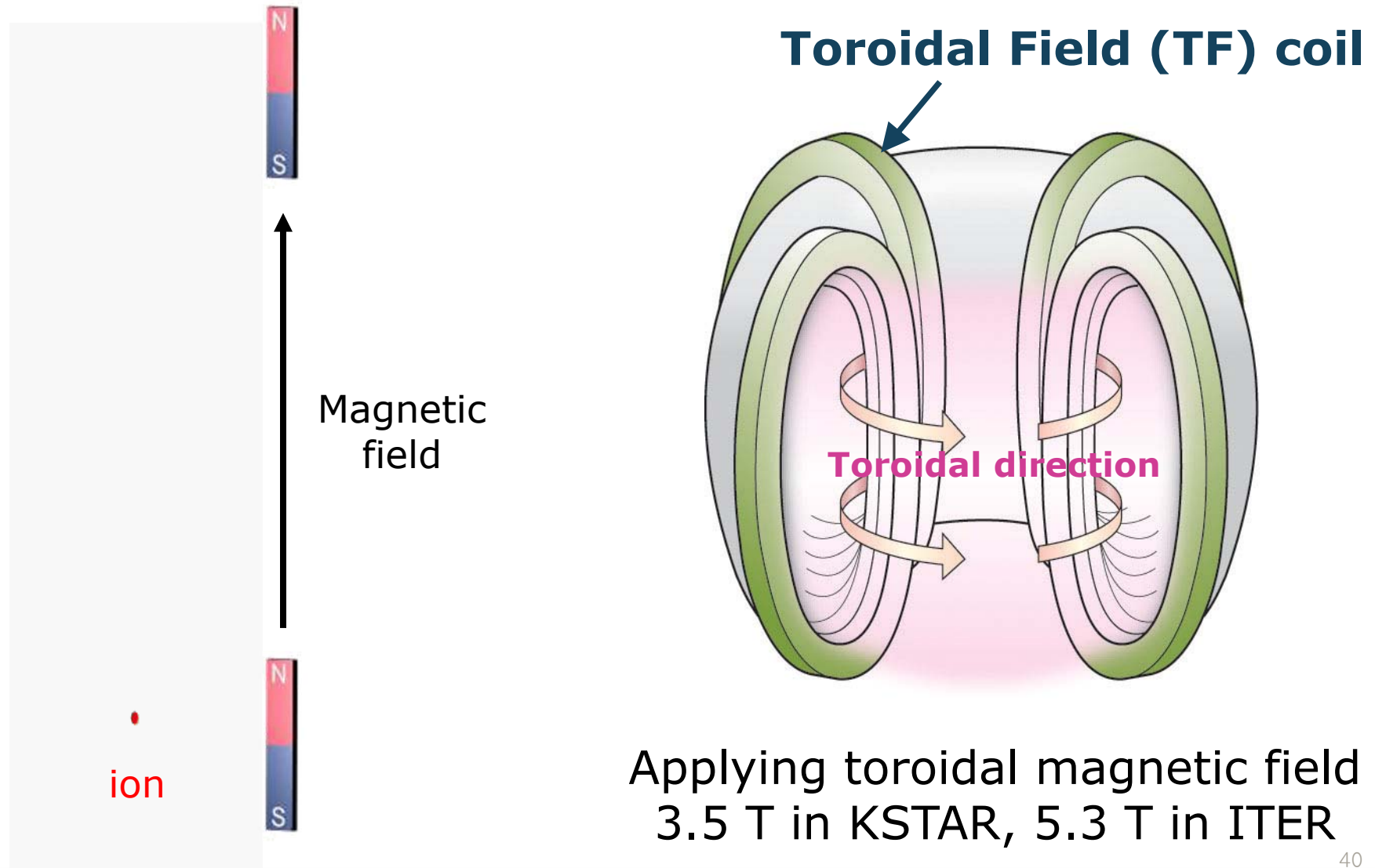
Plasma needs to be confined
 $R_0 = 1.8 \text{ m}$, $a = 0.5 \text{ m}$ in KSTAR

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Plasma needs to be confined
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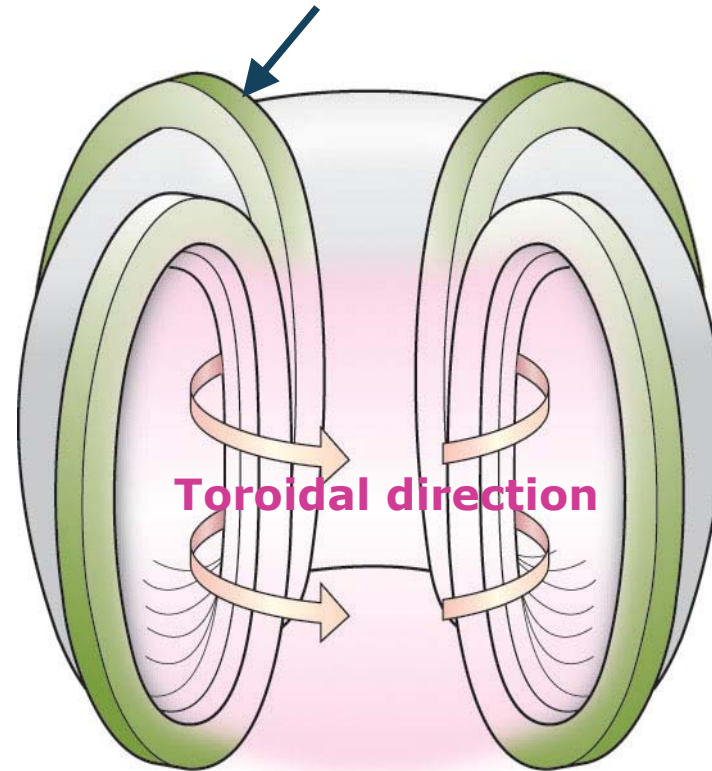


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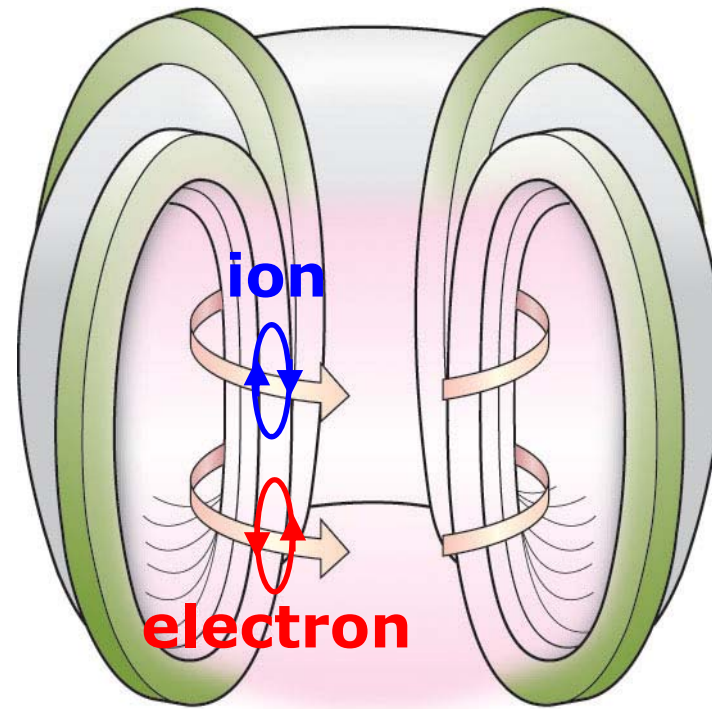
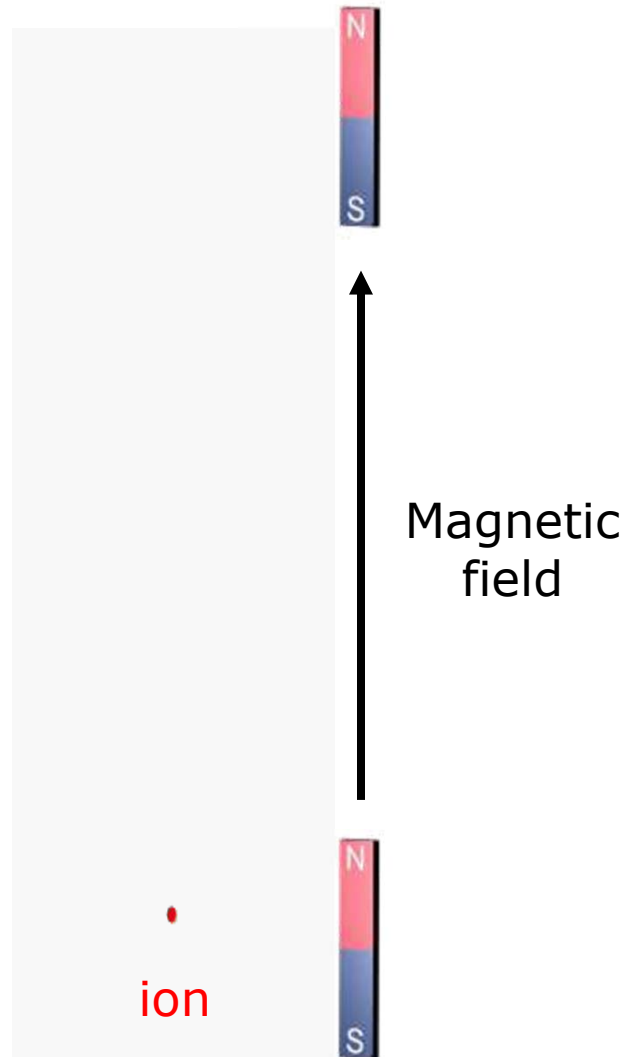
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Toroidal Field (TF) coil



Applying toroidal magnetic field
3.5 T in KSTAR, 5.3 T in ITER

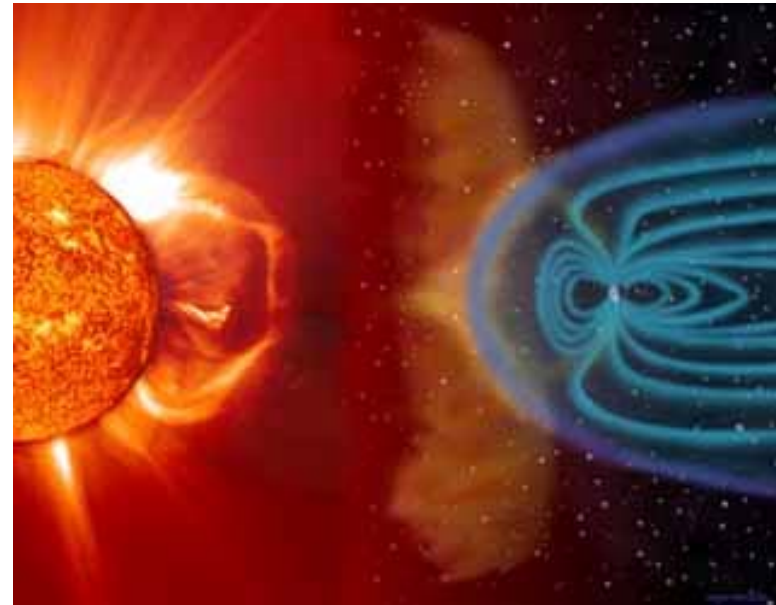
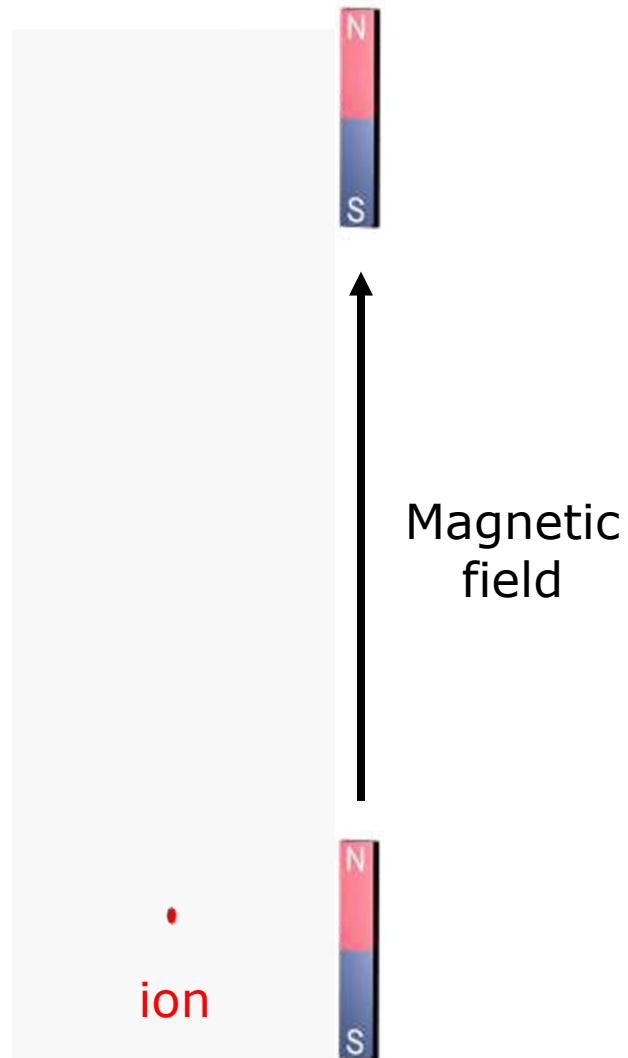
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Magnetic field of earth?

0.5 Gauss = 0.00005 T

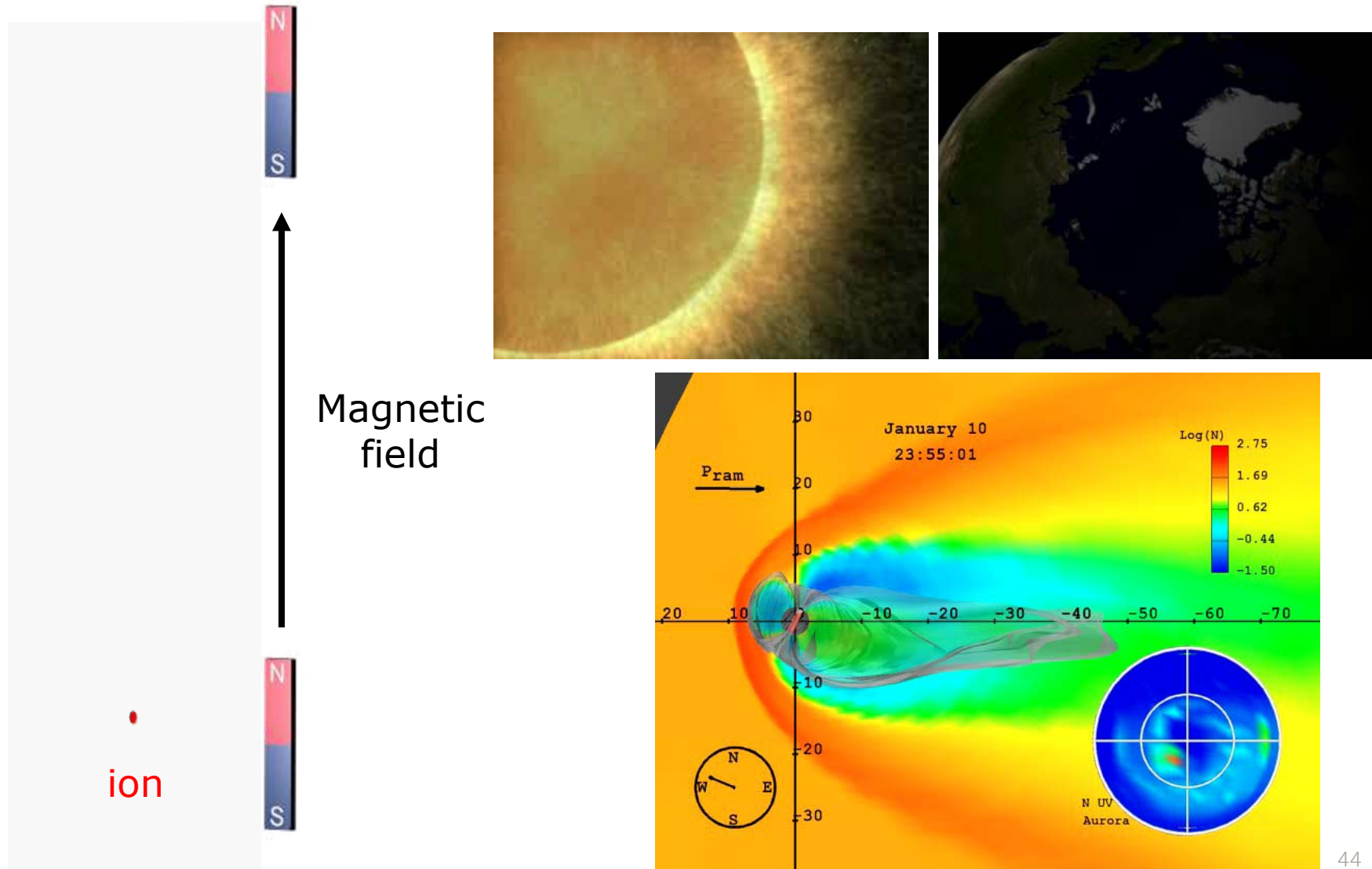
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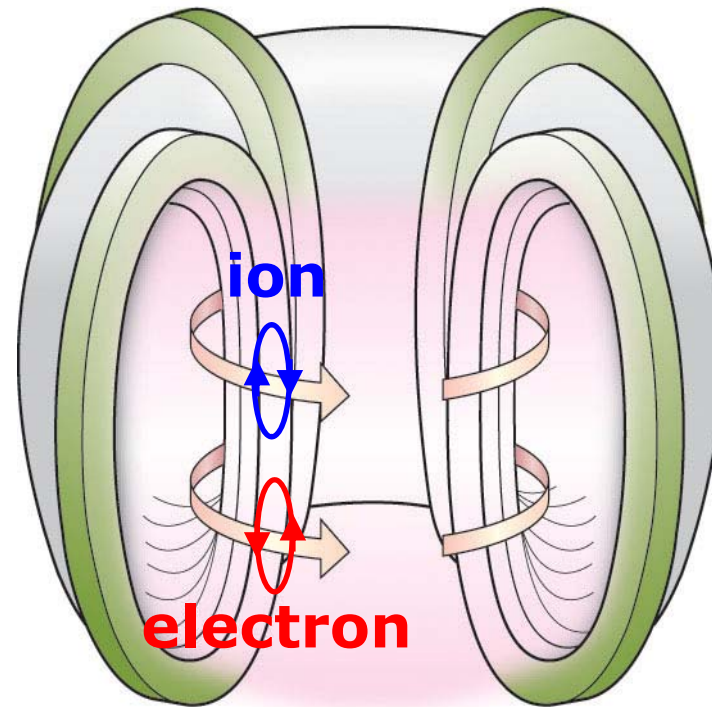
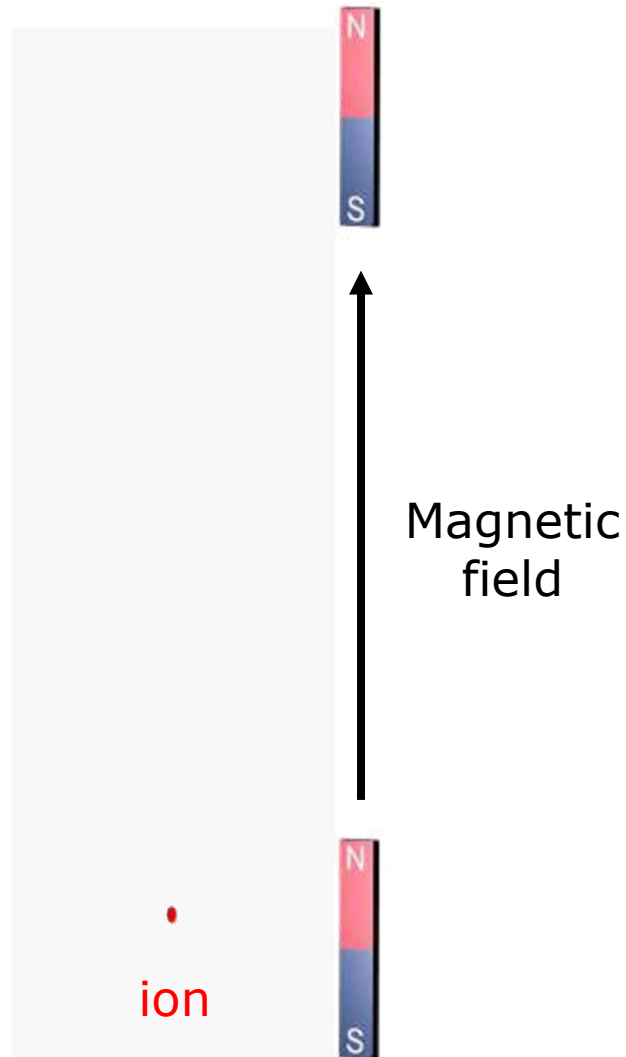
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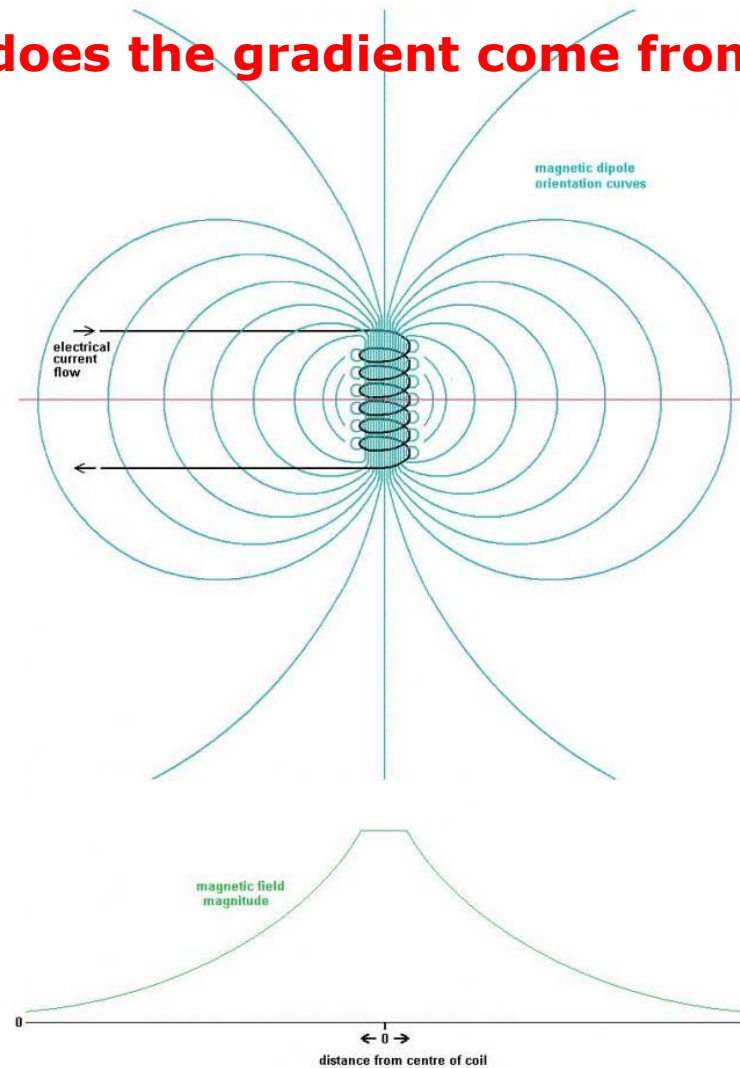
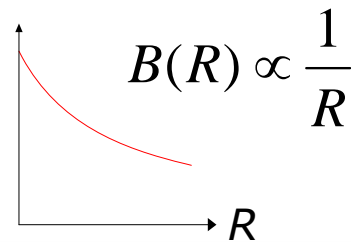
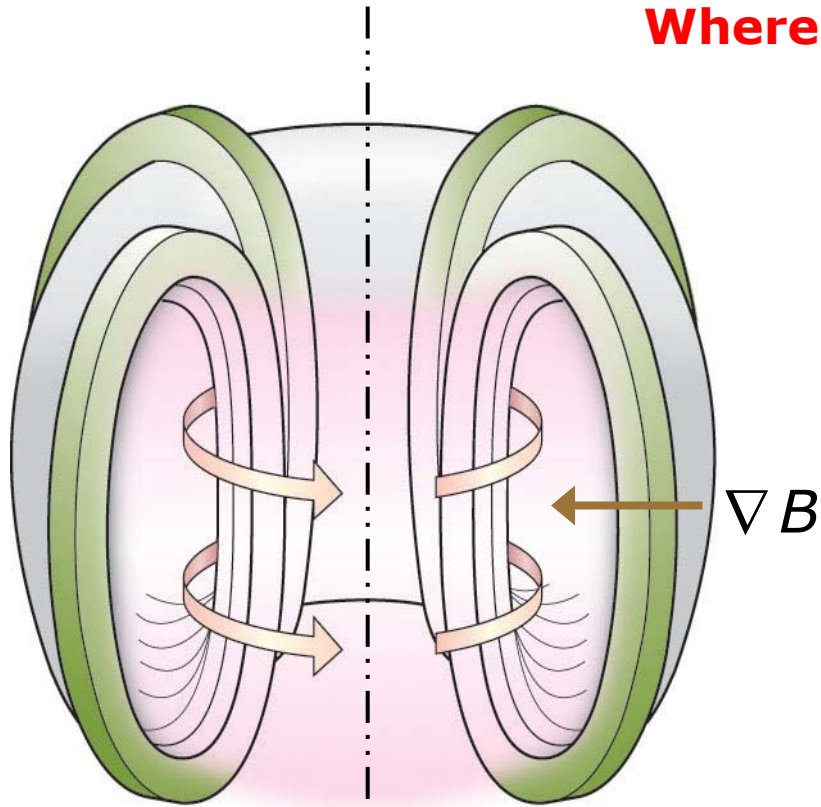
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What kind of drift motions?

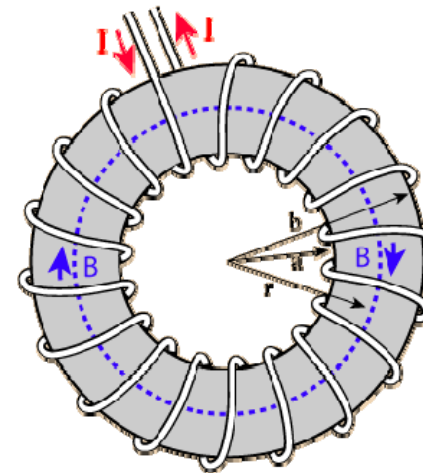
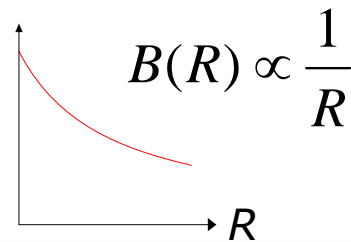
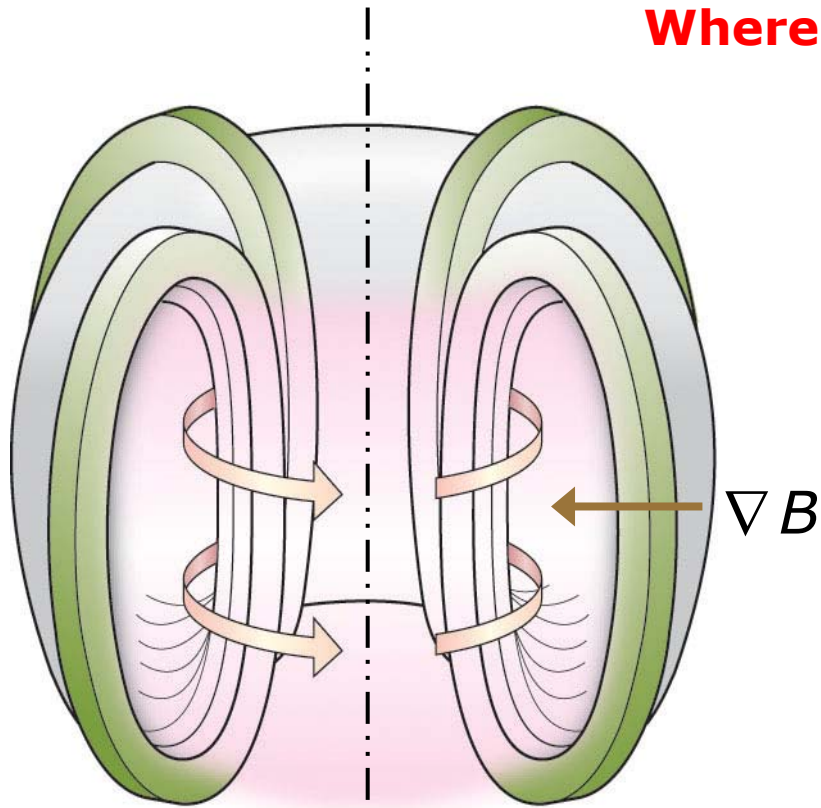
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Where does the gradient come from?



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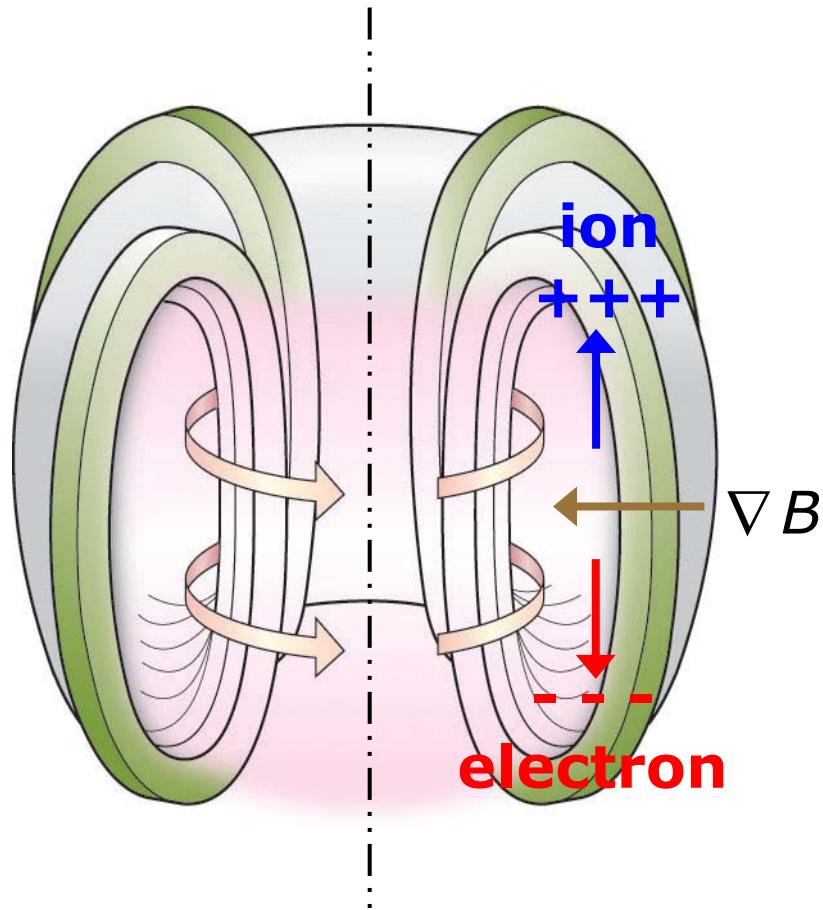


$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$$

$$\oint \mathbf{B}_\phi \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \mu_0 NI_c$$

$$B_\phi(R) = \frac{\mu_0 NI_c}{2\pi R}$$

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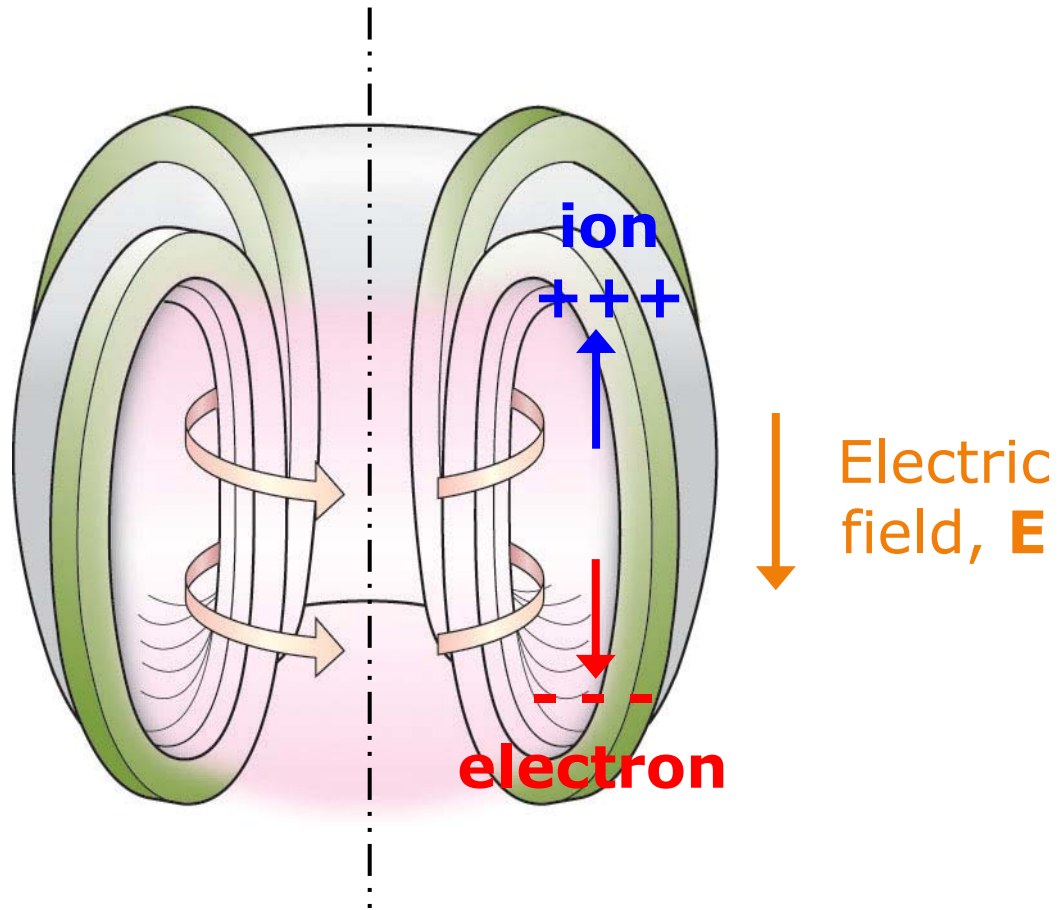


$$\mathbf{v}_{D,R} = \frac{mv_{\parallel}^2}{qB_0^2} \frac{\mathbf{R}_0 \times \mathbf{B}_0}{R^2}$$

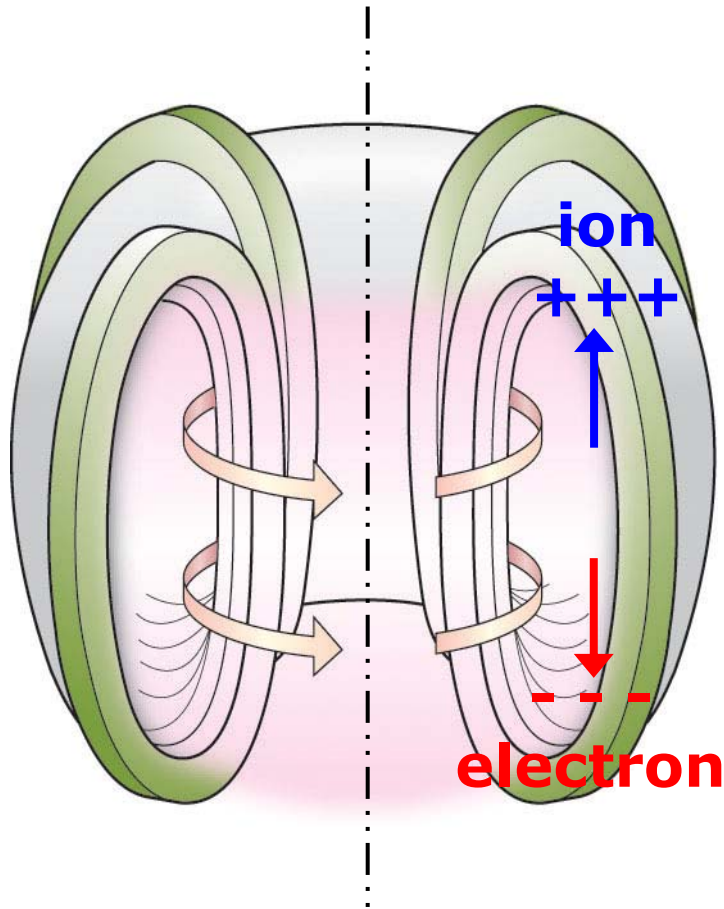
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_{D,\nabla B} &= \pm \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp} r_L \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla B}{B^2} \\ &= \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2qB} \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla B}{B^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_D = \frac{m}{q} \frac{1}{R_0 B_{\phi}(R_0)} \left[v_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{2} \right] \mathbf{e}_Z$$

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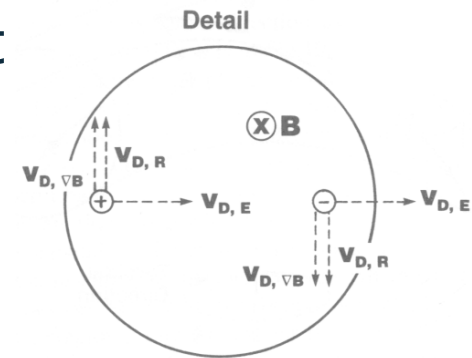
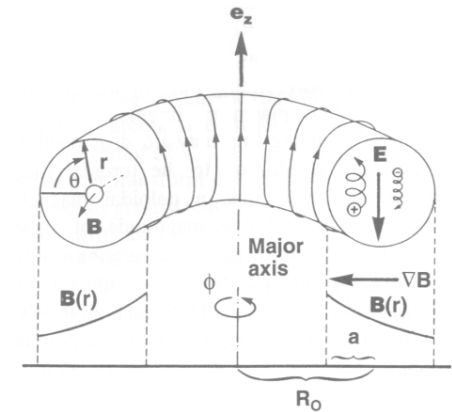


➔ **$\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ drift**

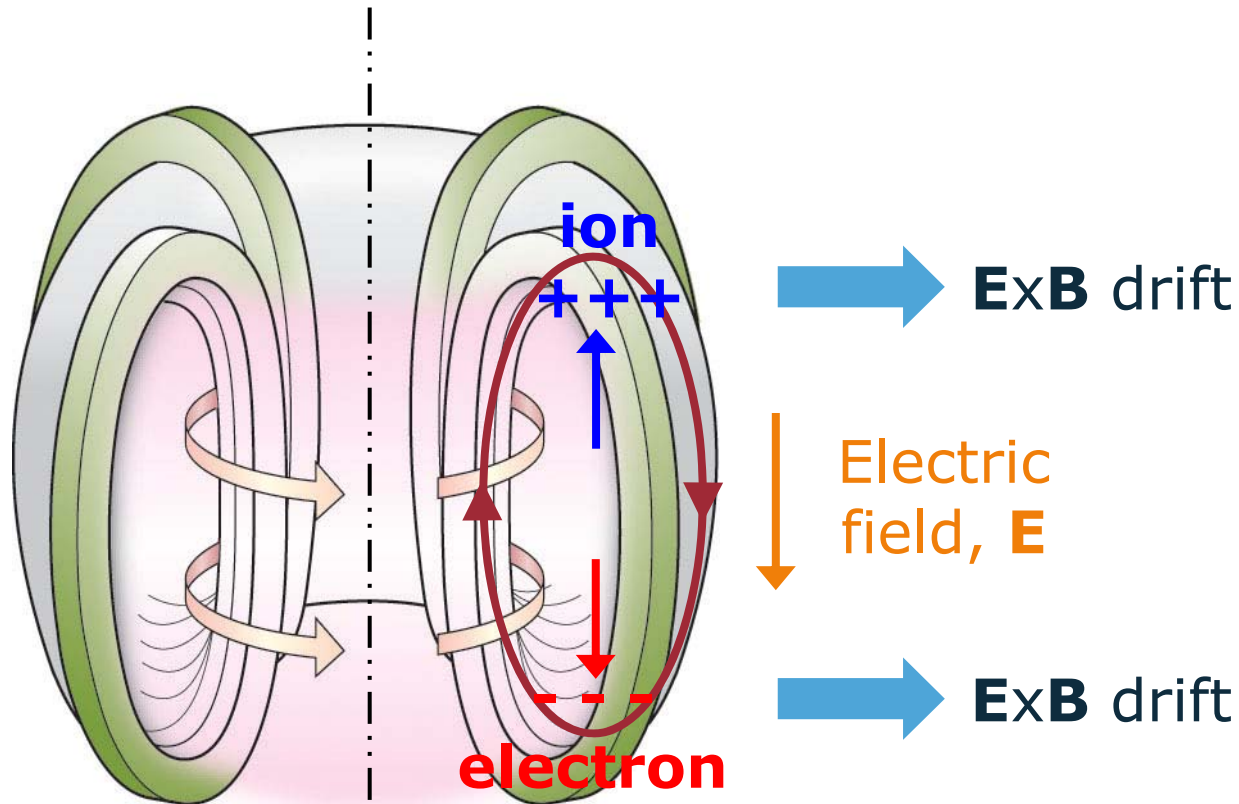
↓ Electric field, **\mathbf{E}**

$$\mathbf{v}_{D,E} = \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} = \frac{E}{B_\phi(R_0)} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R_0}$$

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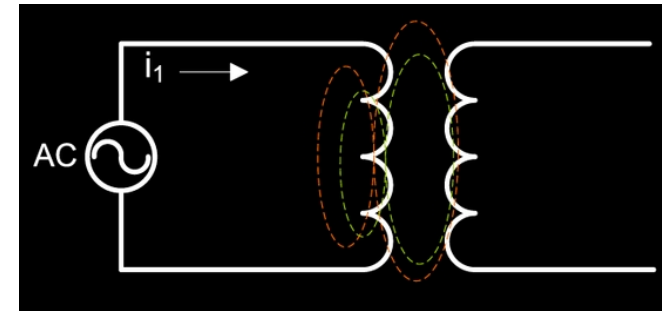
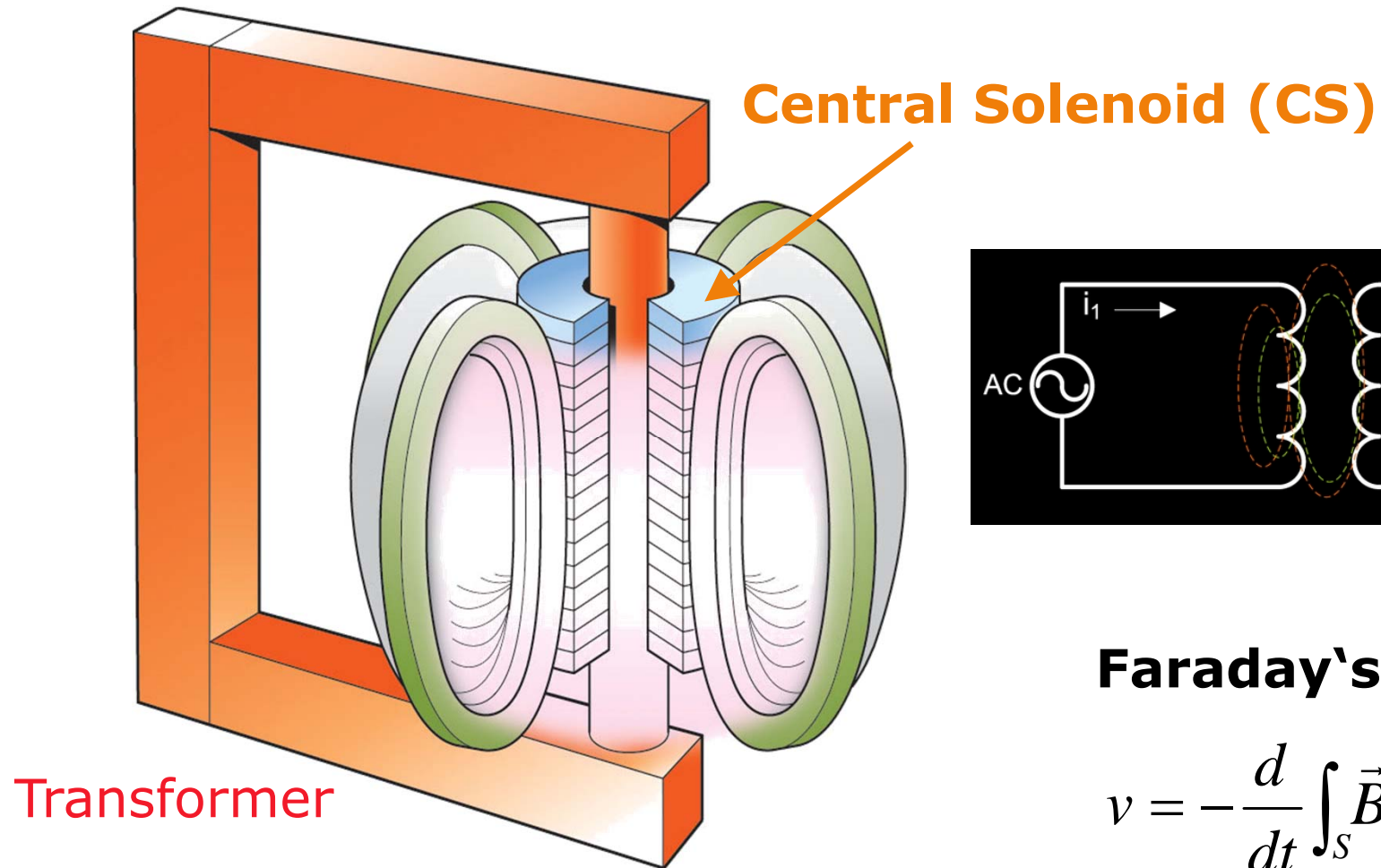


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Poloidal magnetic field required
How to drive plasma current?

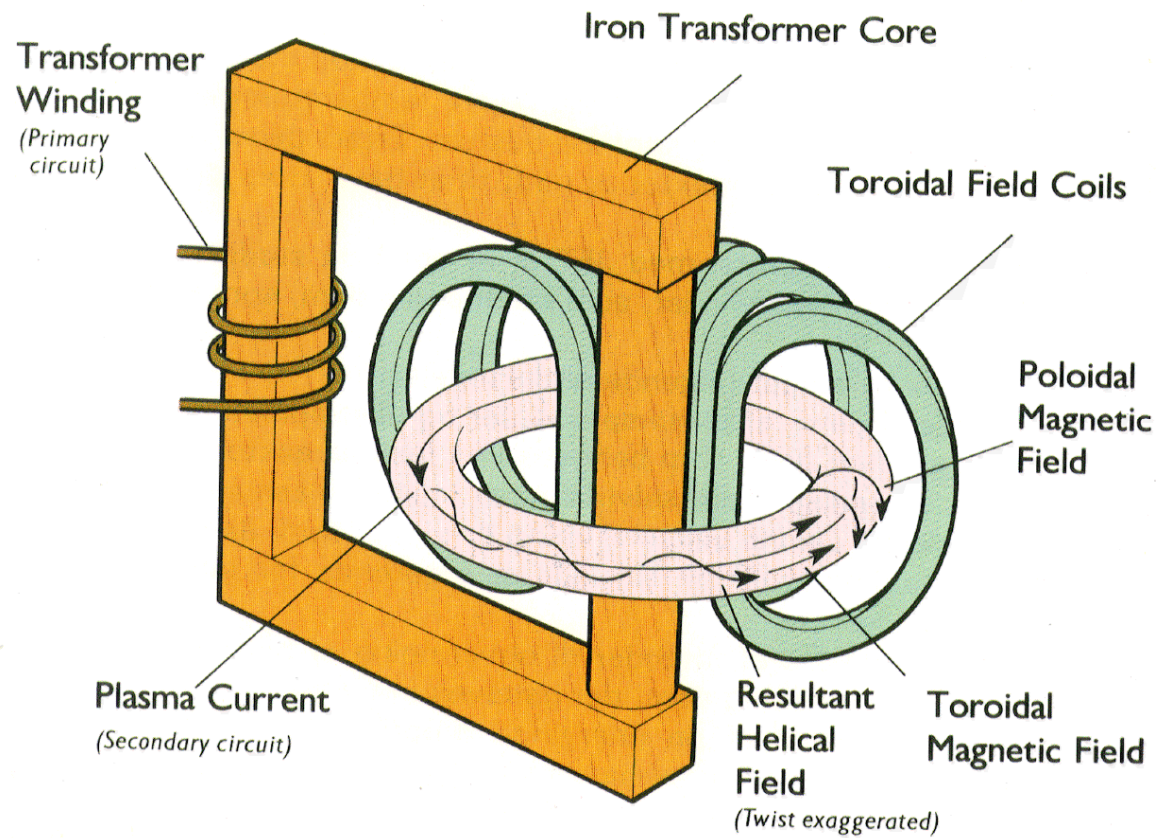
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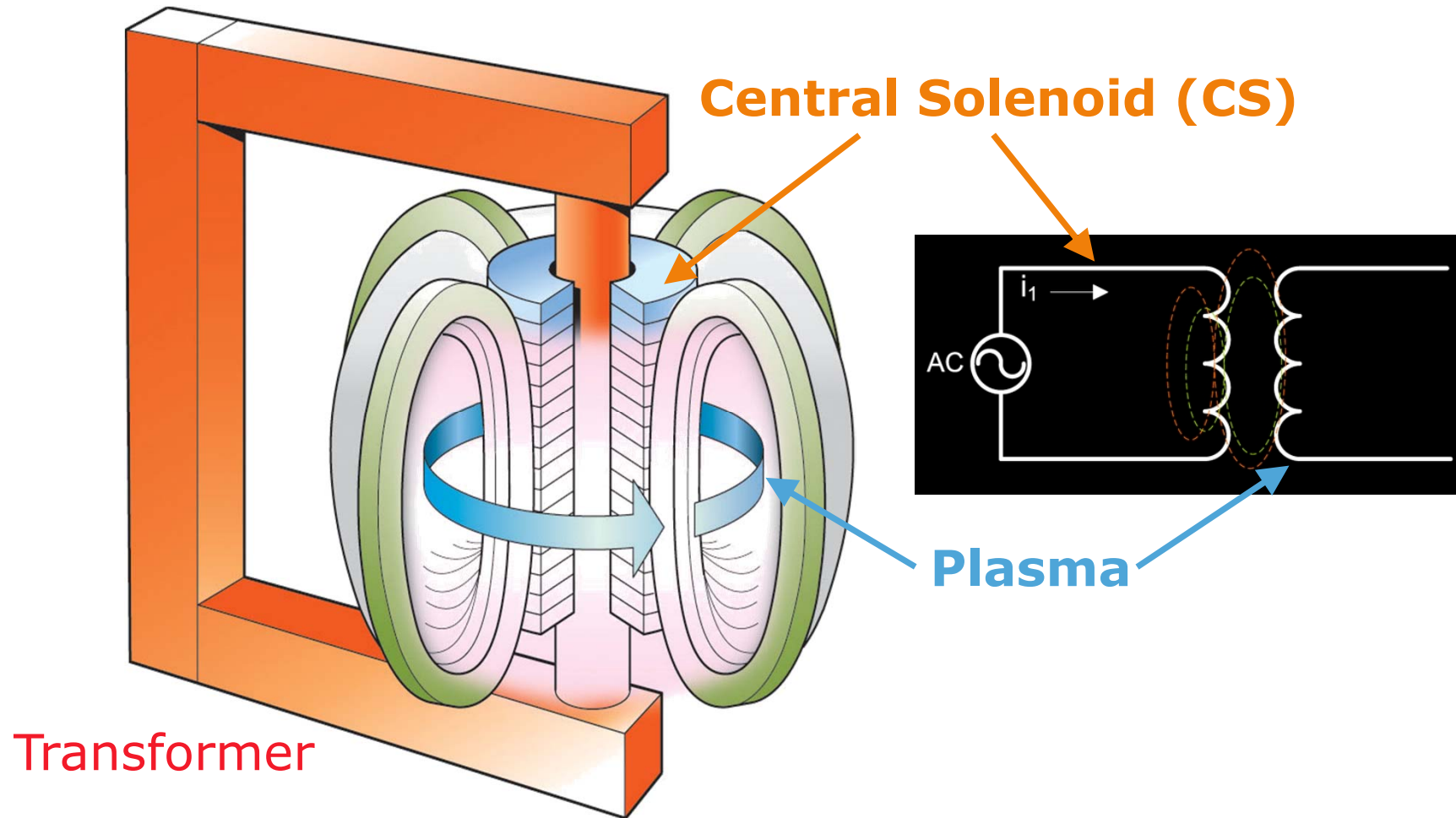
Faraday's law

$$\mathcal{V} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

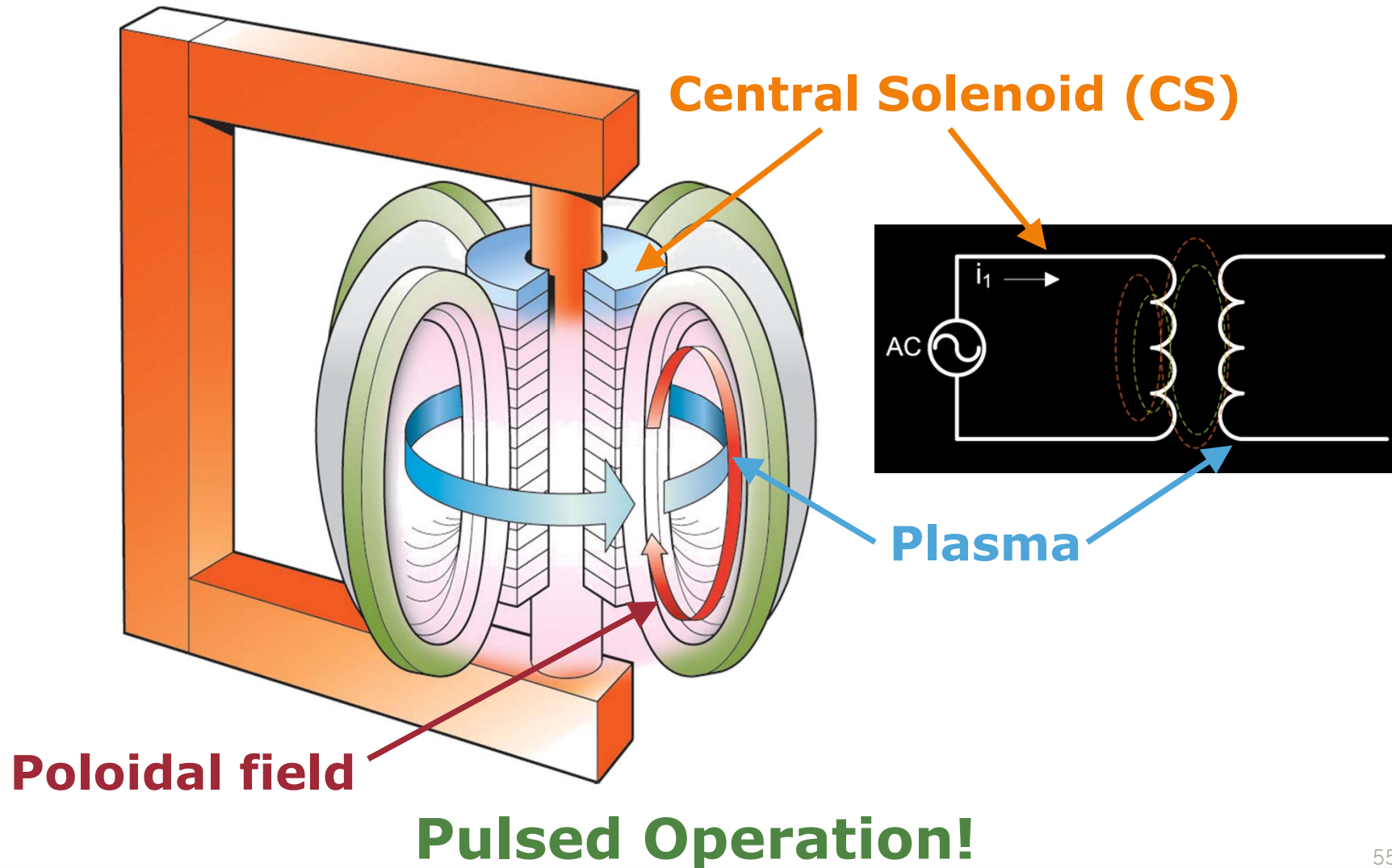
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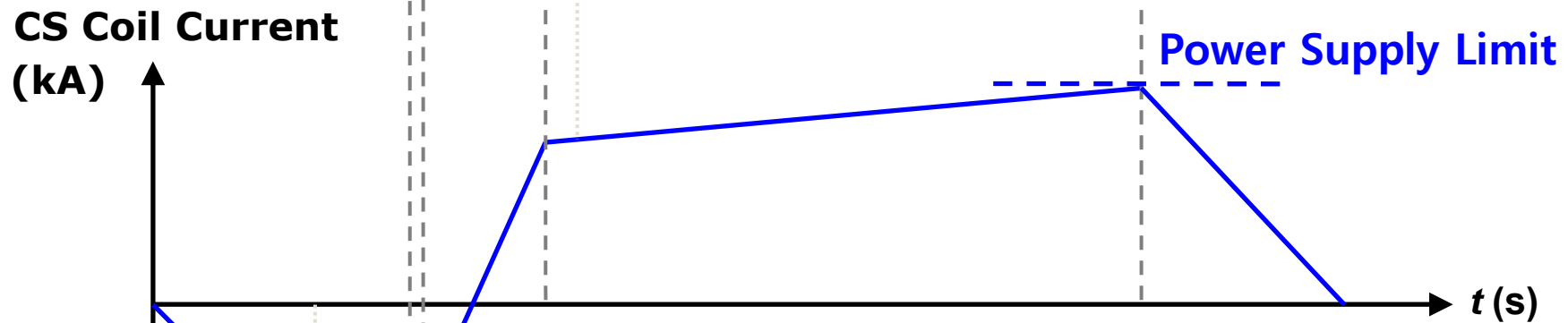
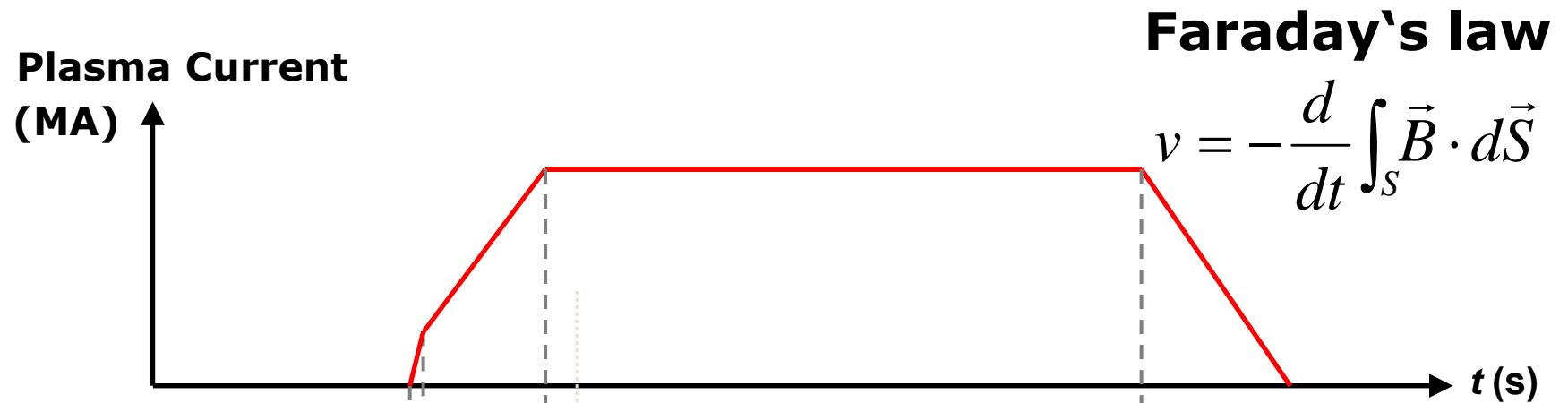
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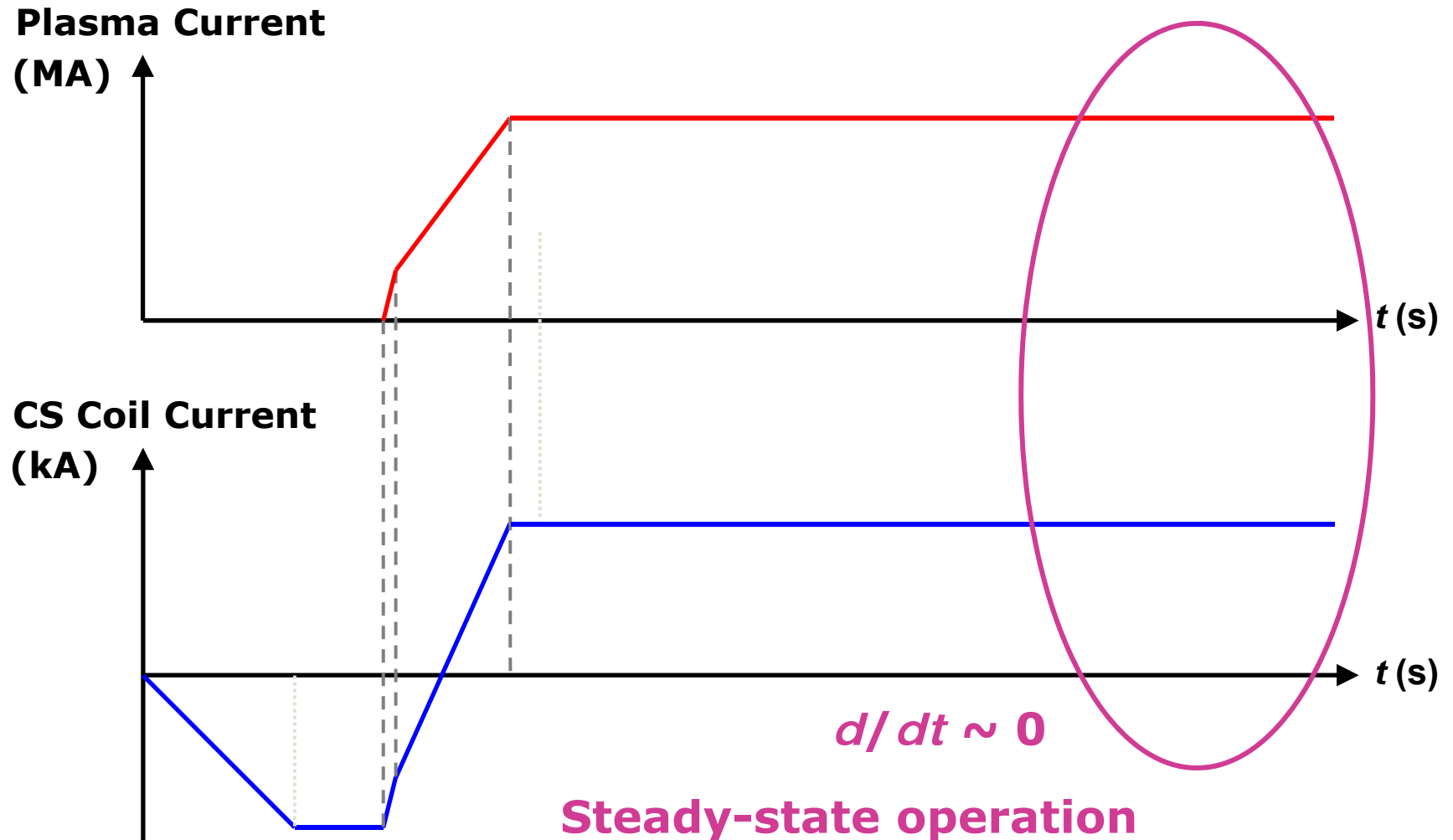


Pulsed Operation



Inherent drawback of Tokamak!

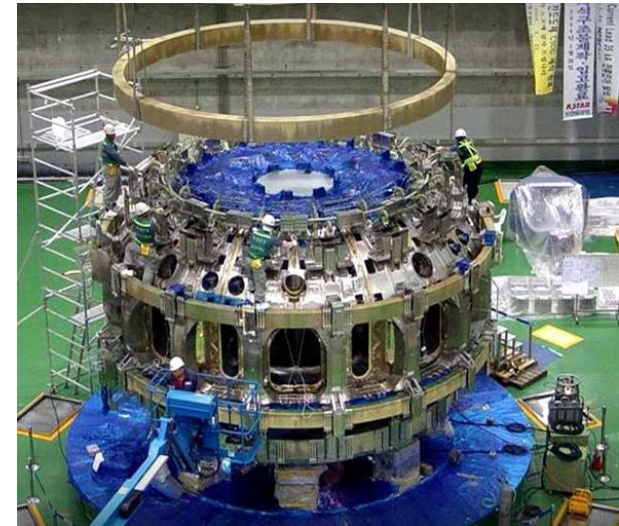
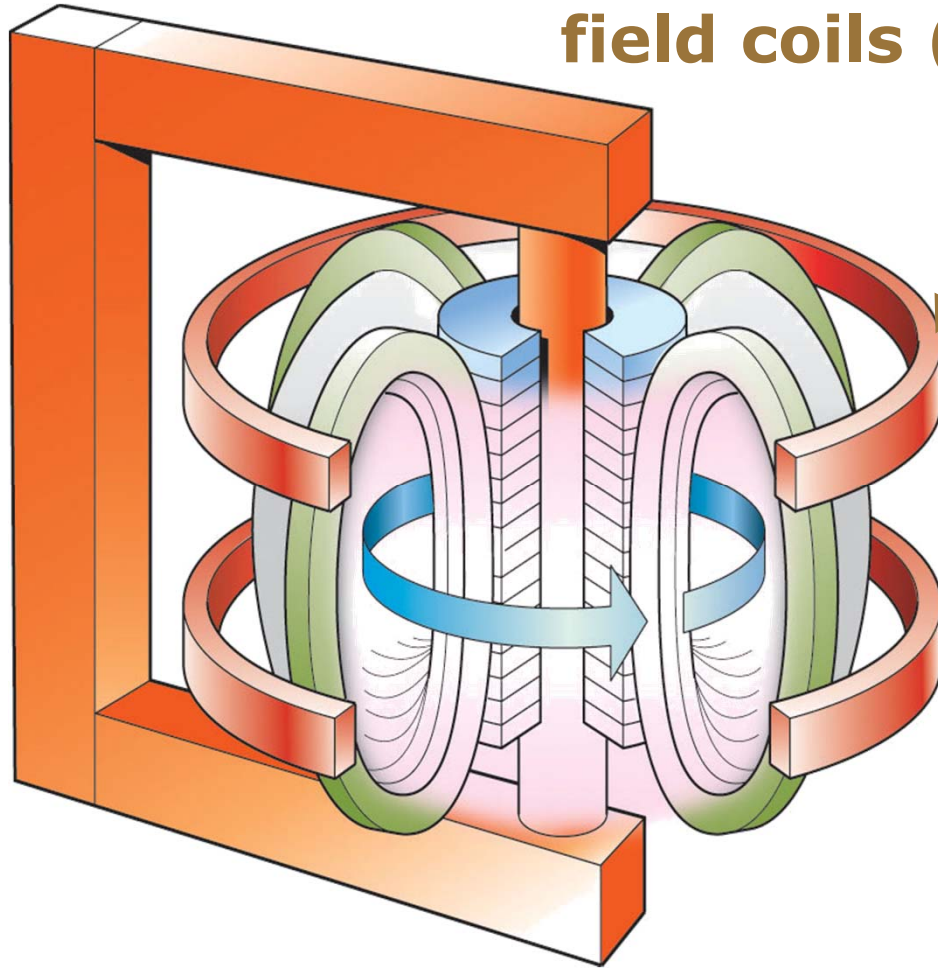
Steady-State Operation



Steady-state operation
by self-generated and externally driven current

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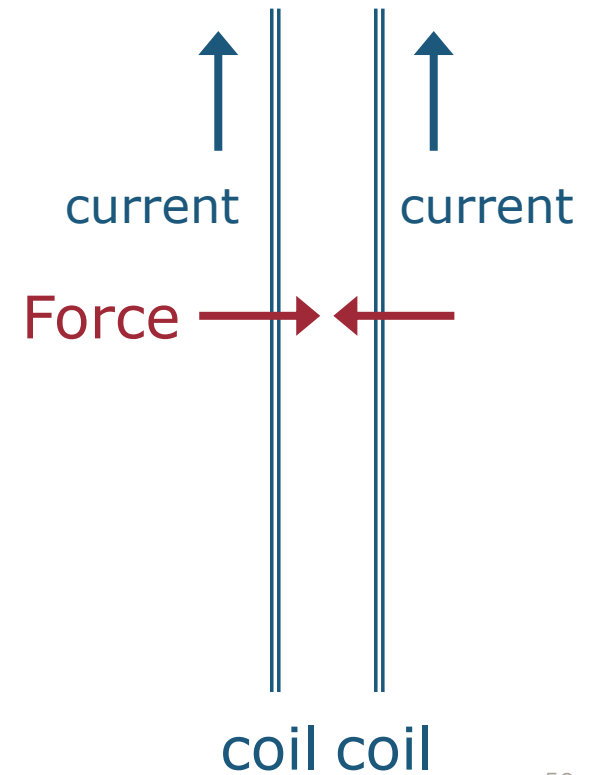
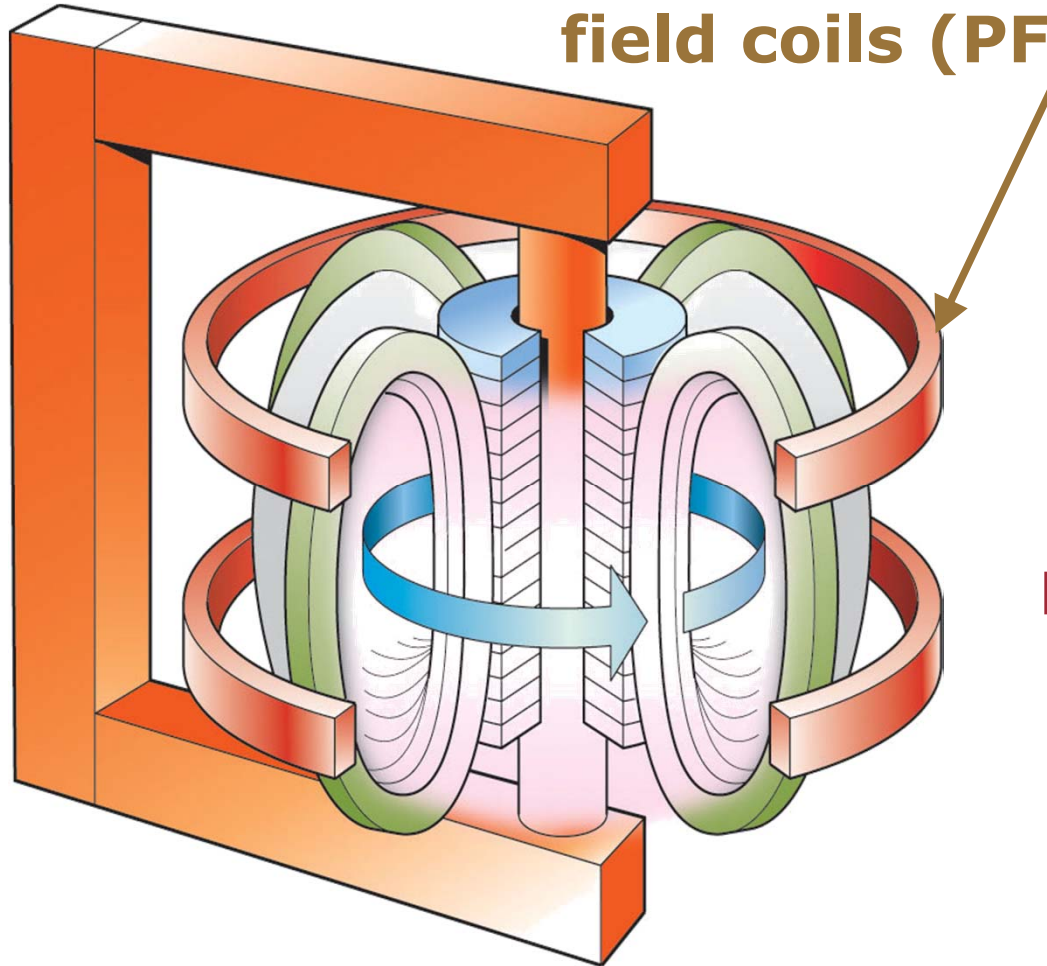
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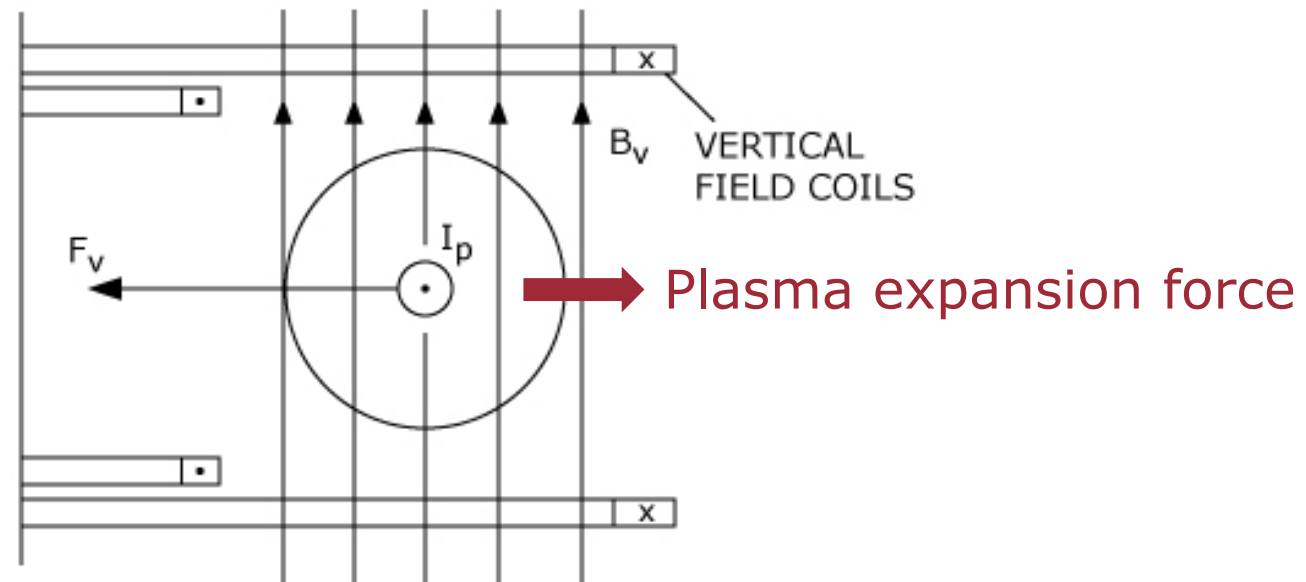
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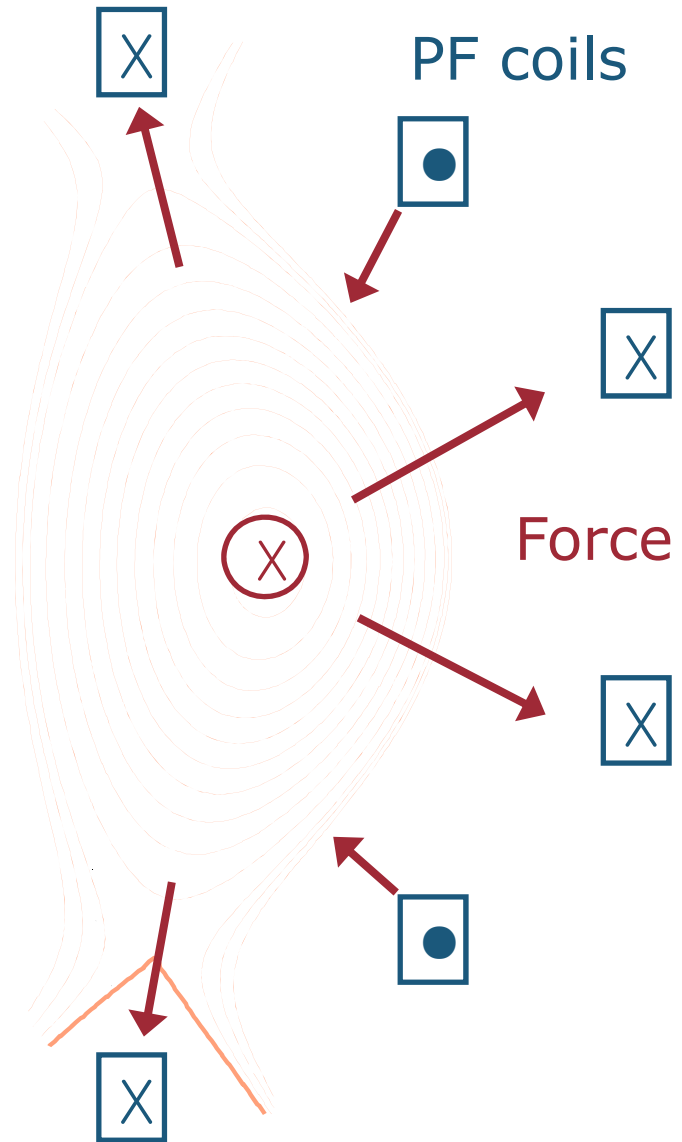
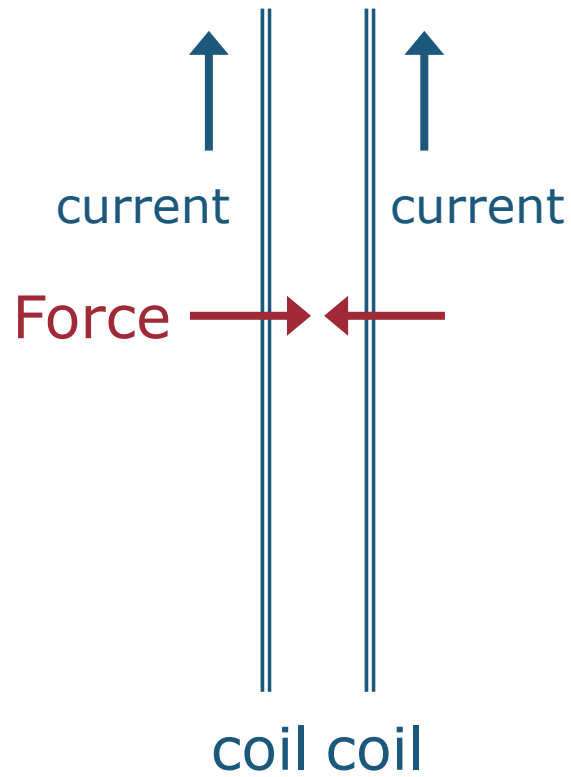


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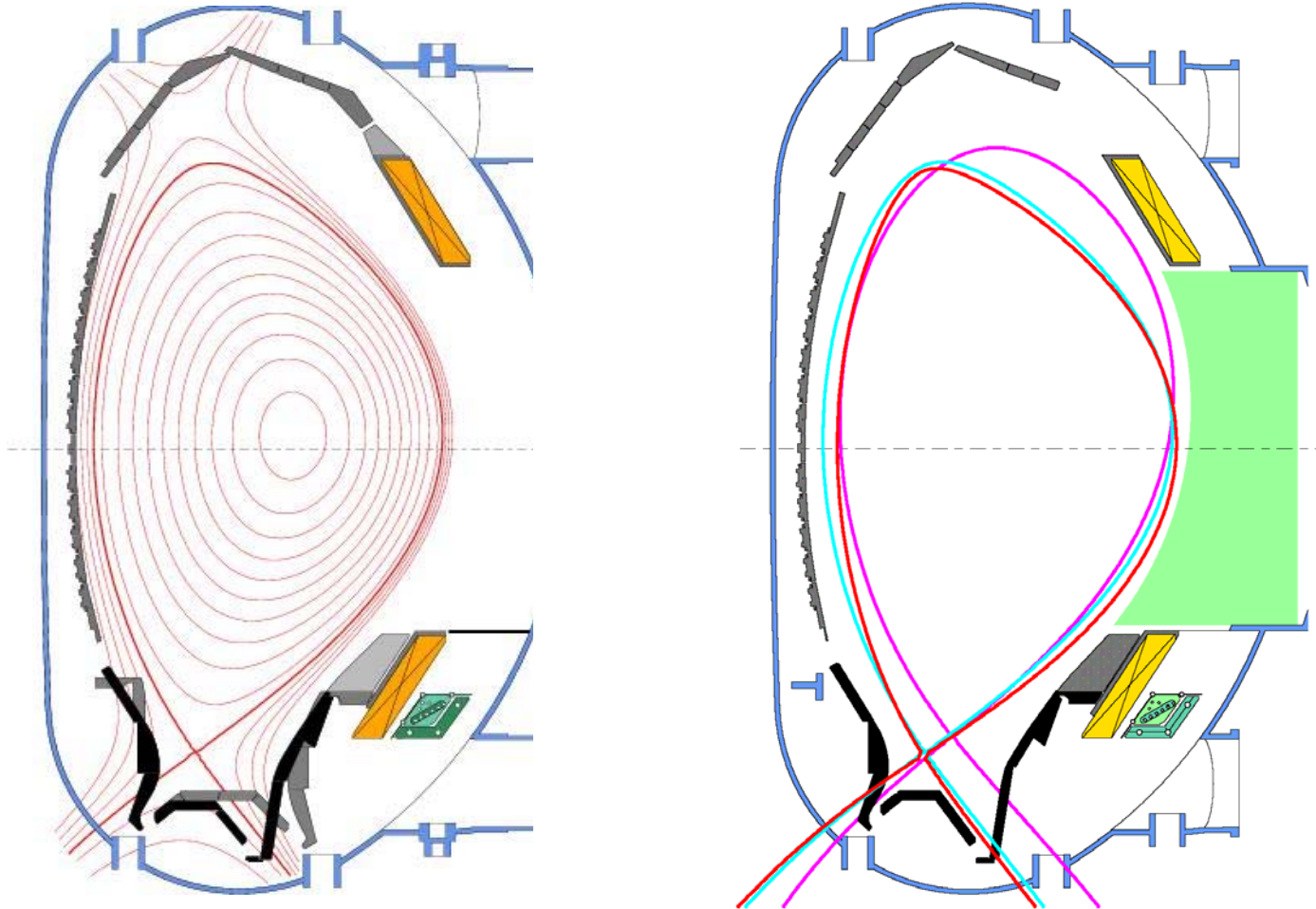
**Force balance by vertical field coils:
Plasma positioning**

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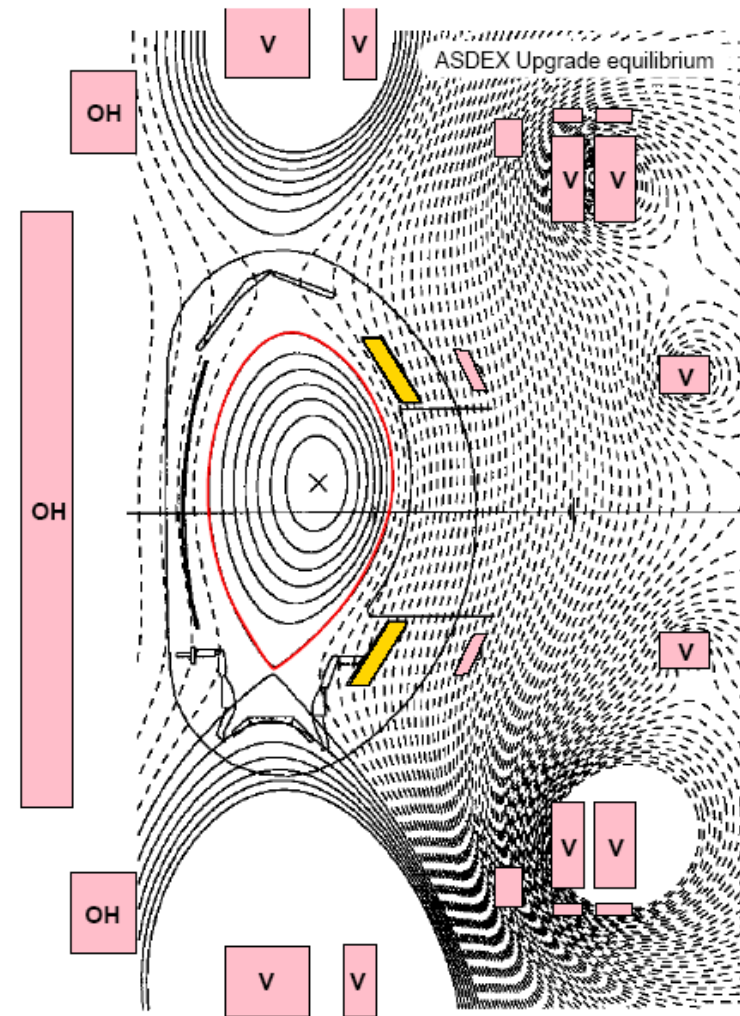
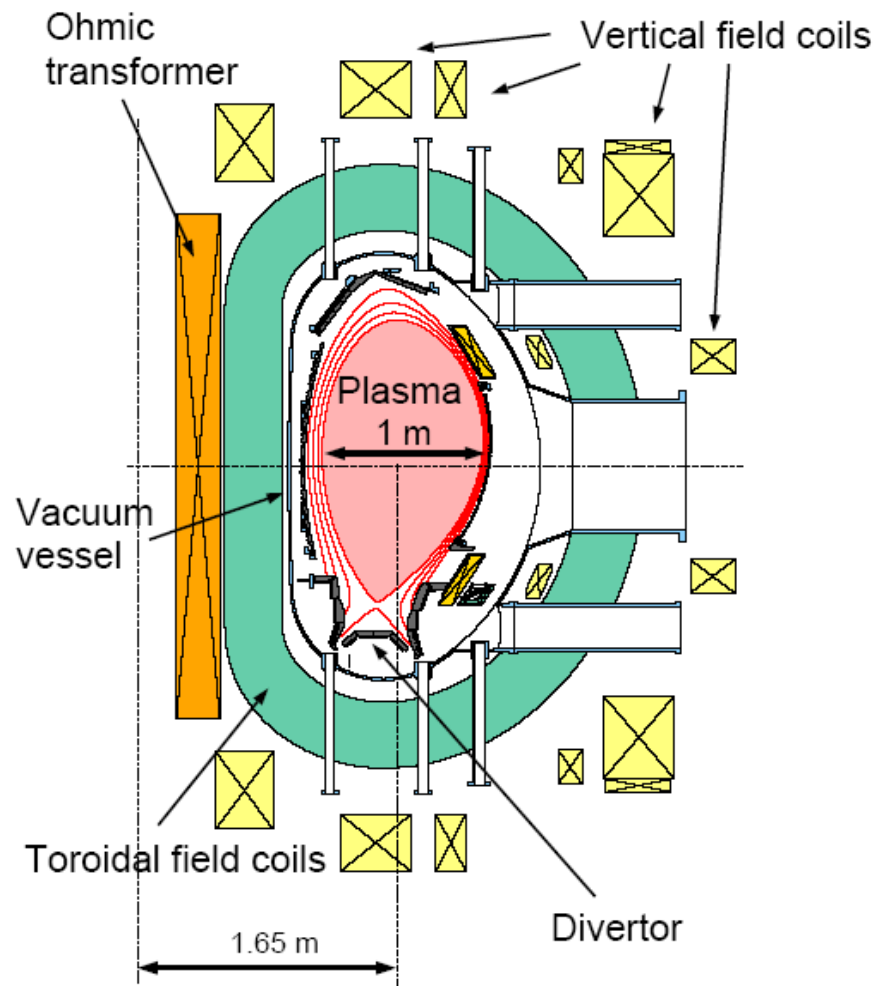
Plasma shaping by PF coils

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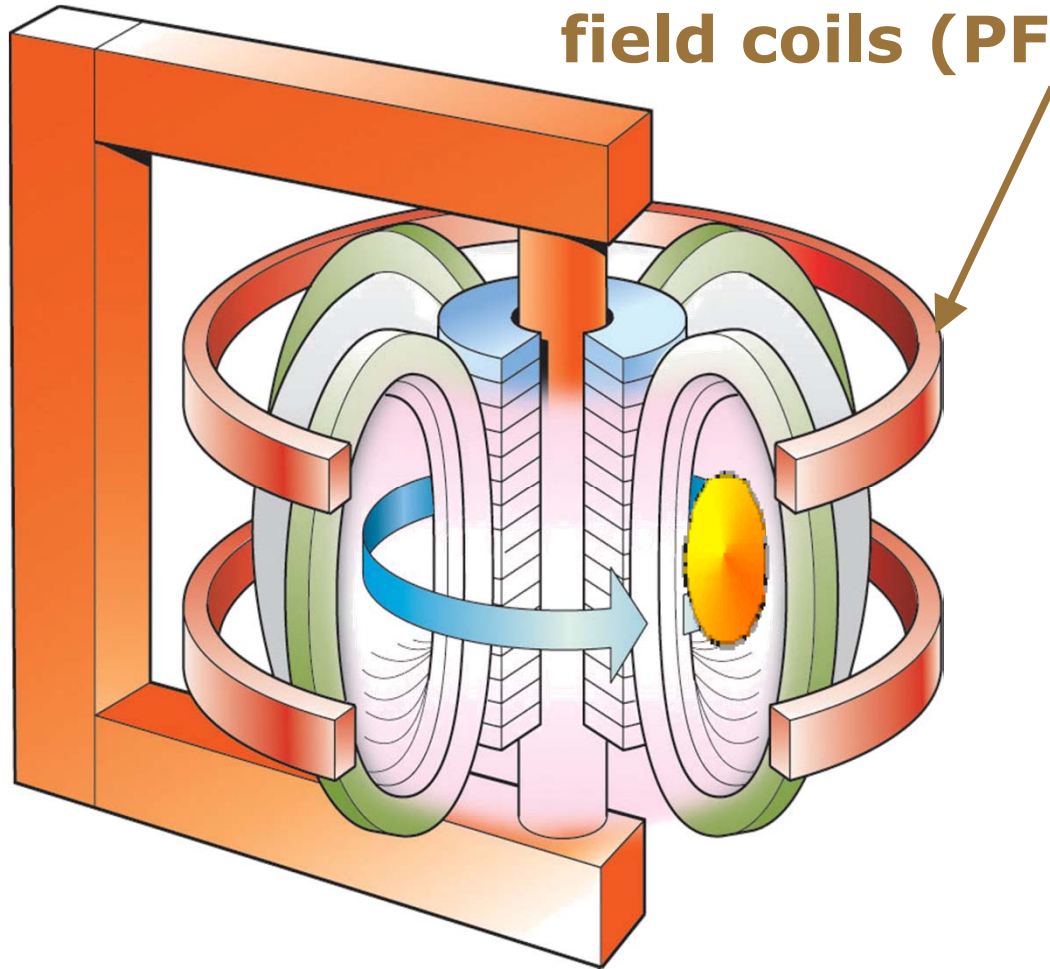
- The plasma shape can be modified by PF coil currents.

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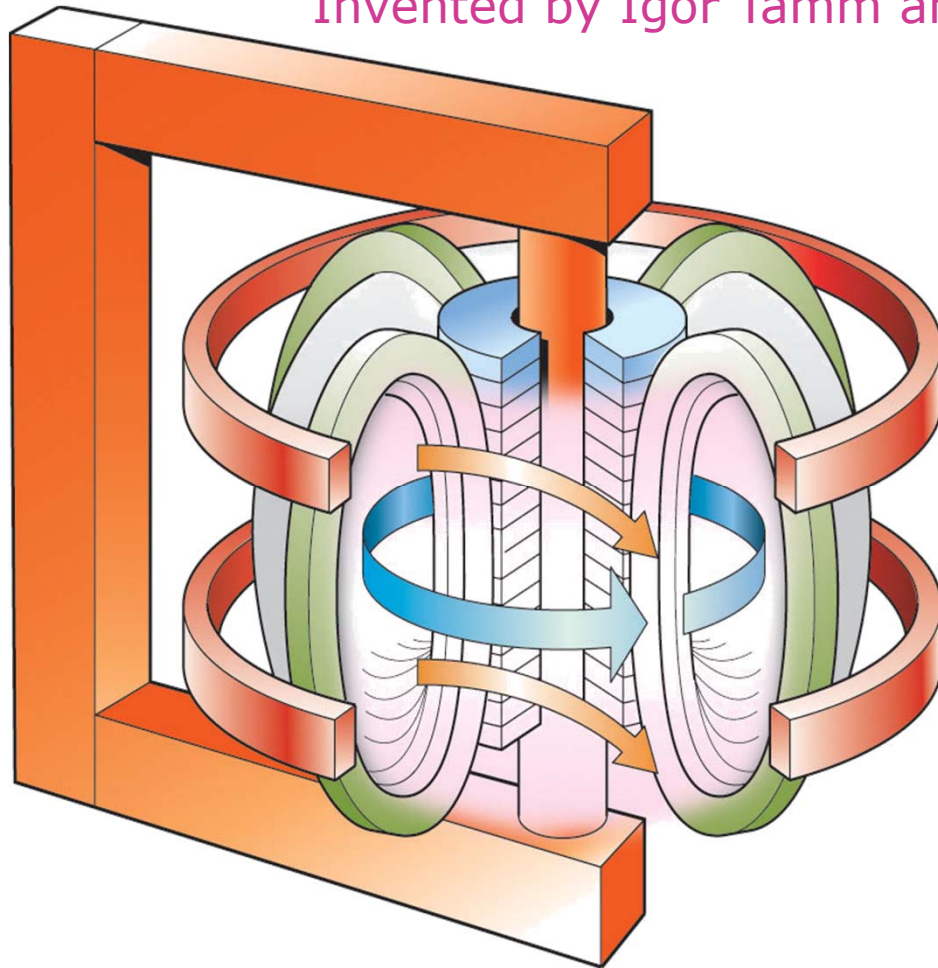
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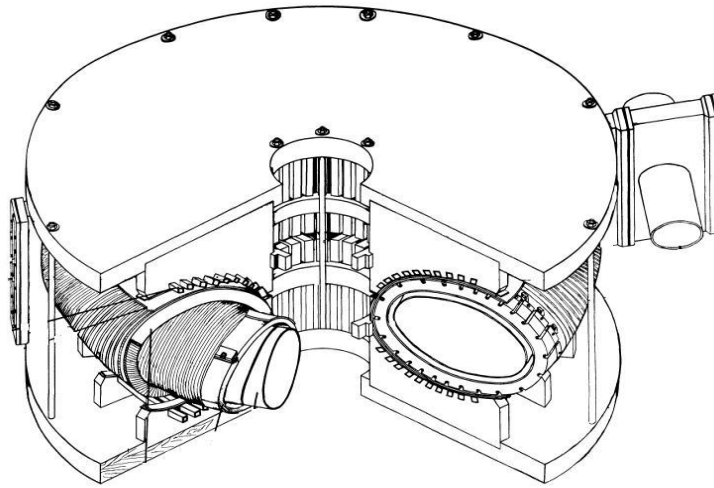
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Invented by Igor Tamm and Andrei Sakharov in 1952



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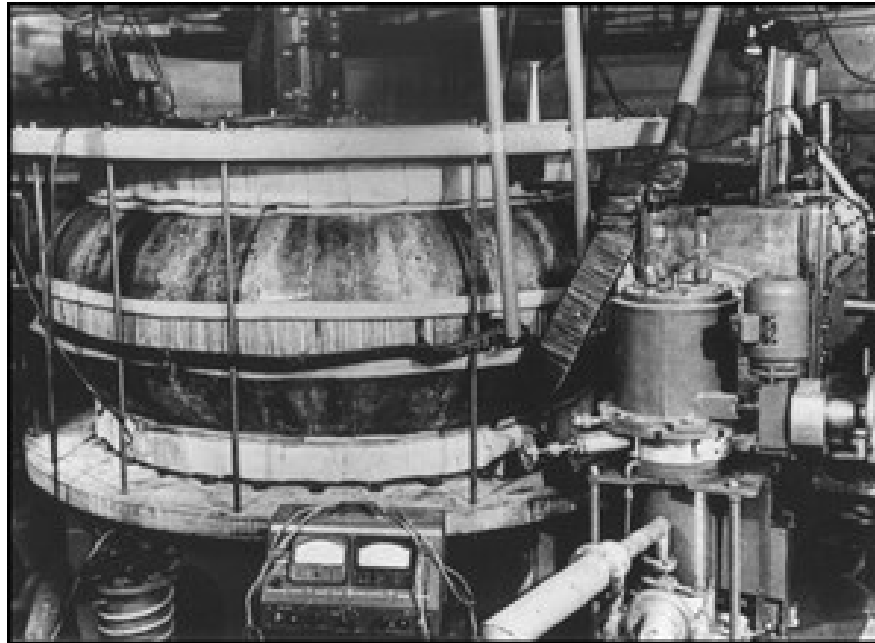
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Cutaway of the Toroidal Chamber in Artsimovitch's Paper *Research on Controlled Nuclear Fusion in the USSR*

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1958 IAEA FEC, Geneva, Switzerland



T1: The world's first tokamak,
Kurchatov Institute, Moscow Russia

It was the first device to use a stainless steel
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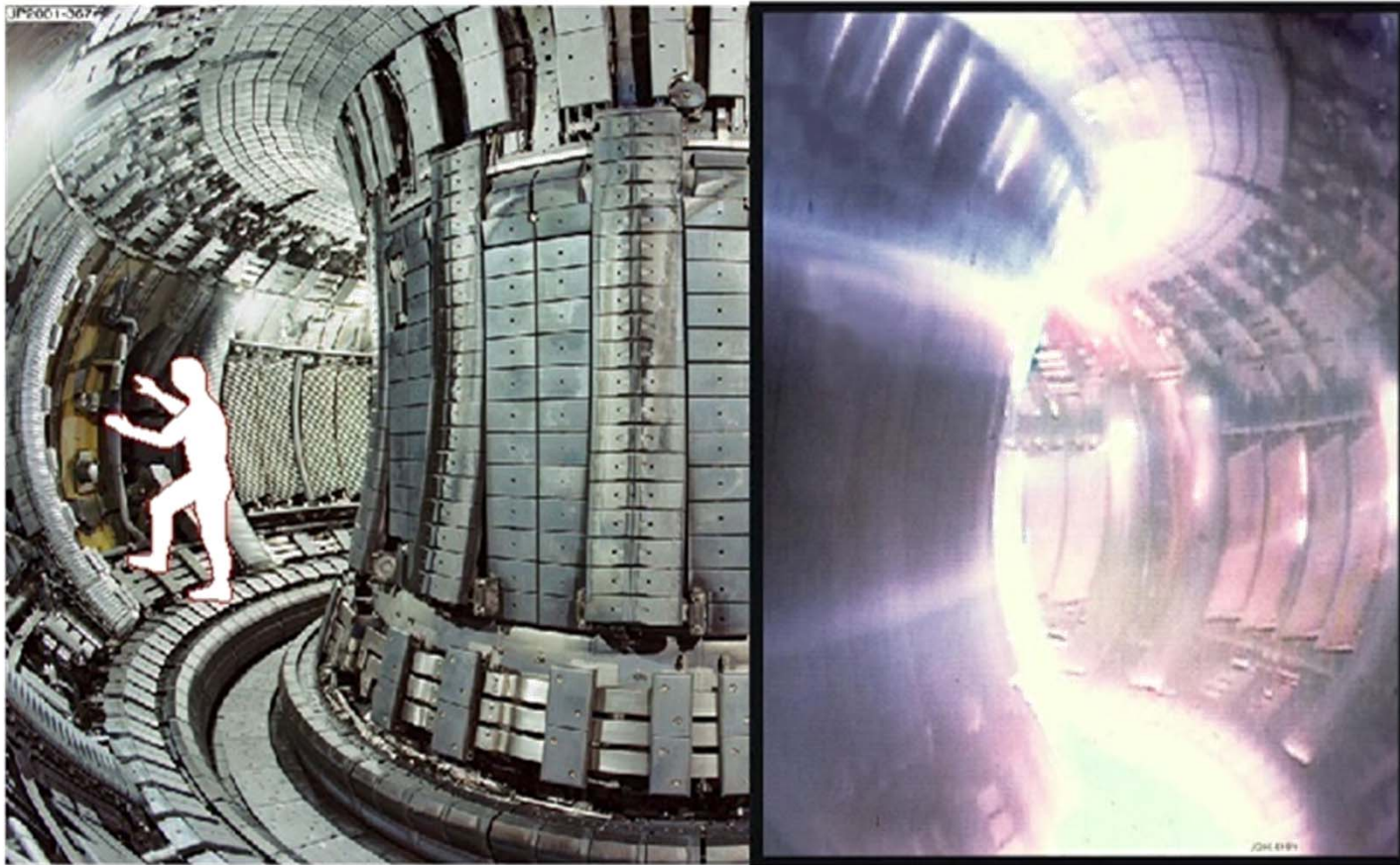
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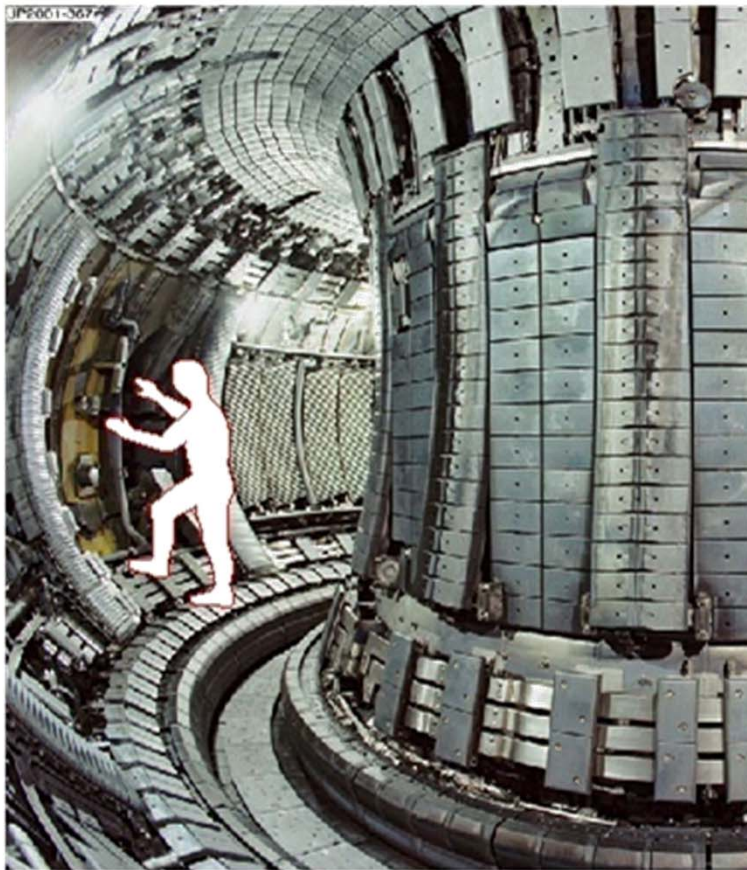
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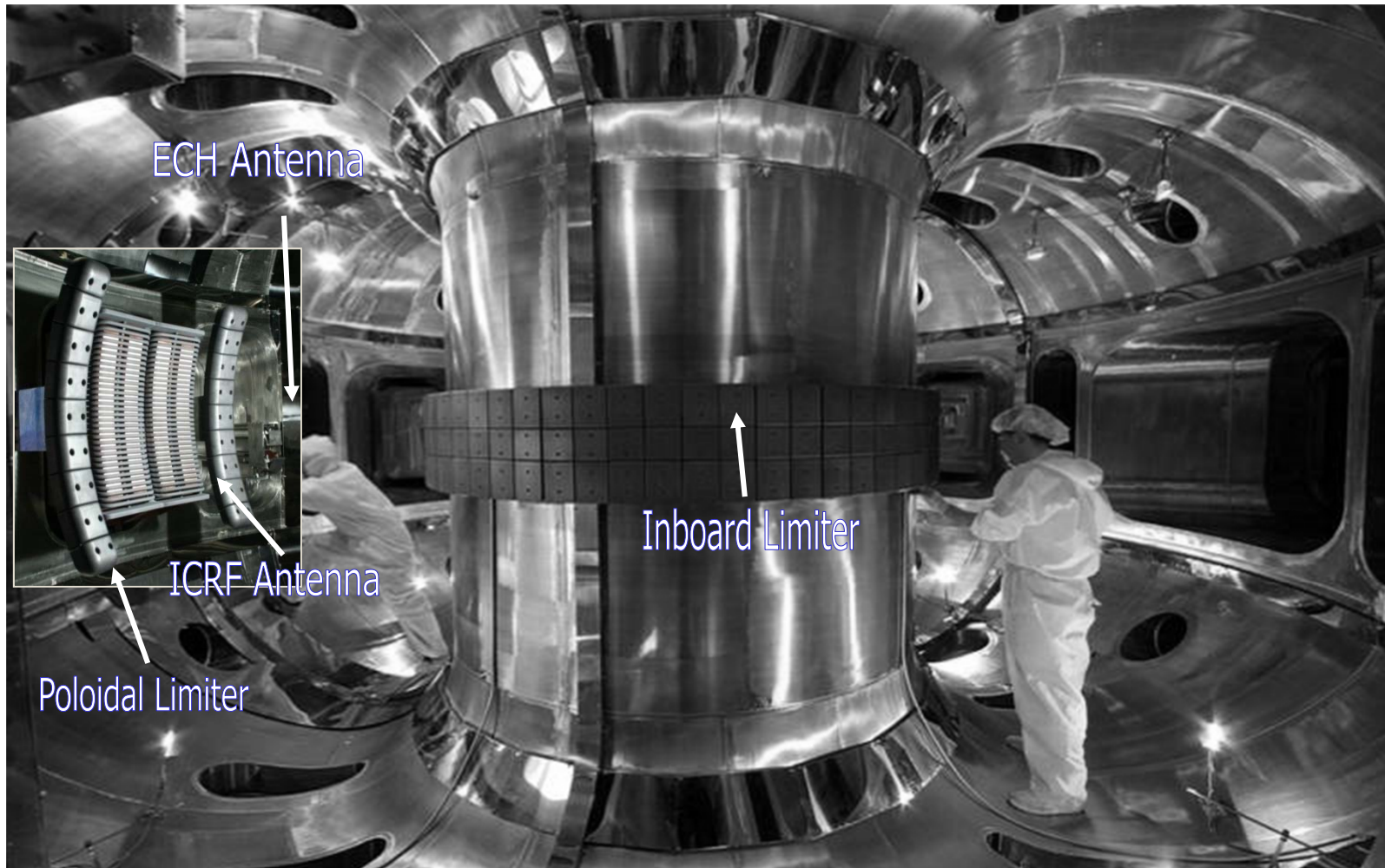


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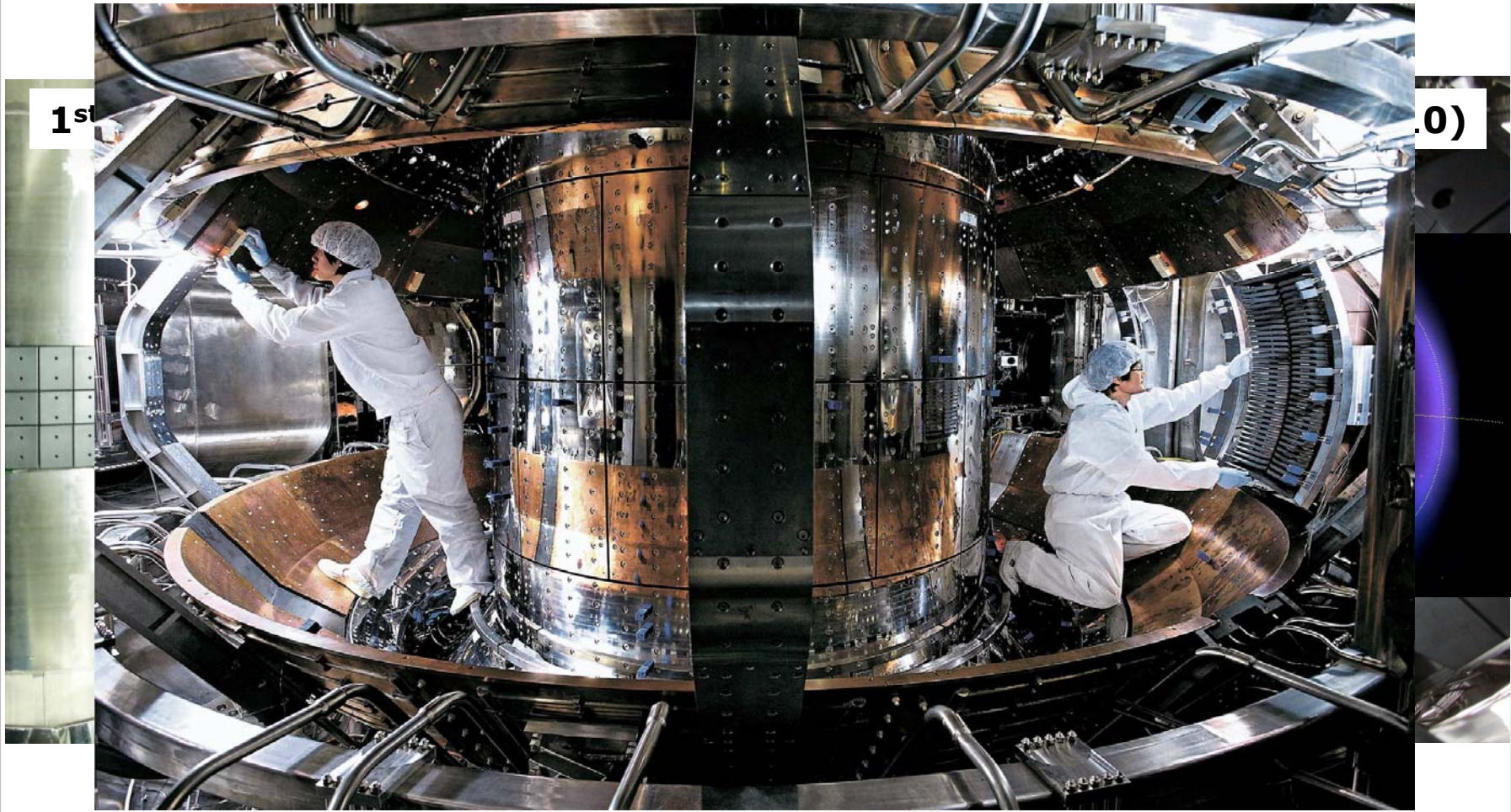
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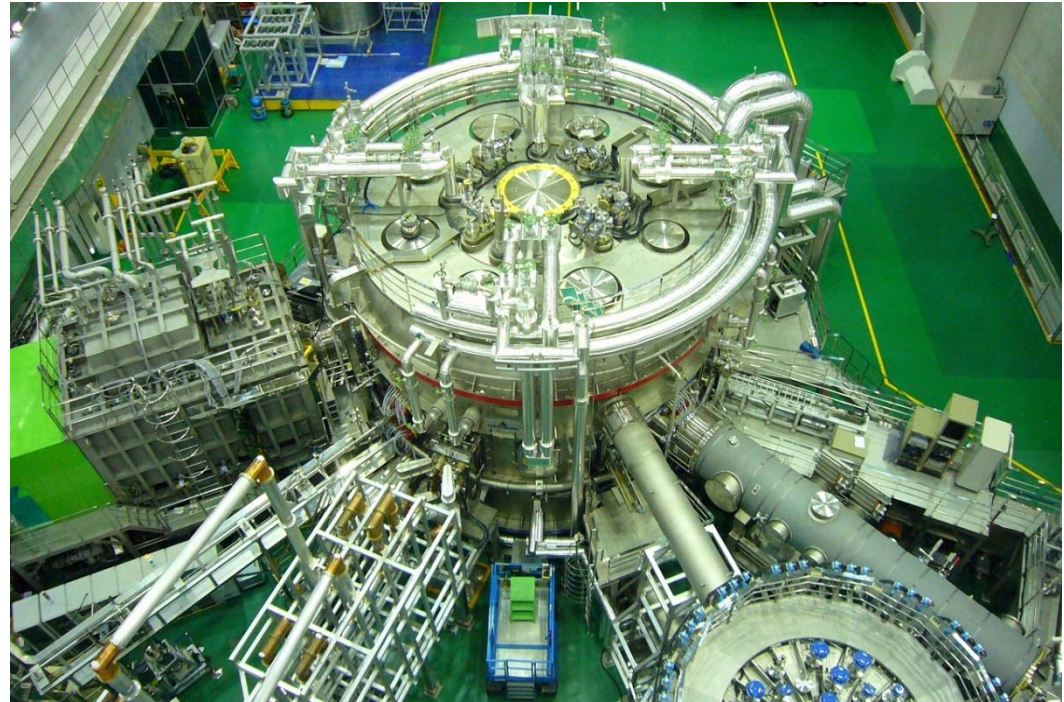
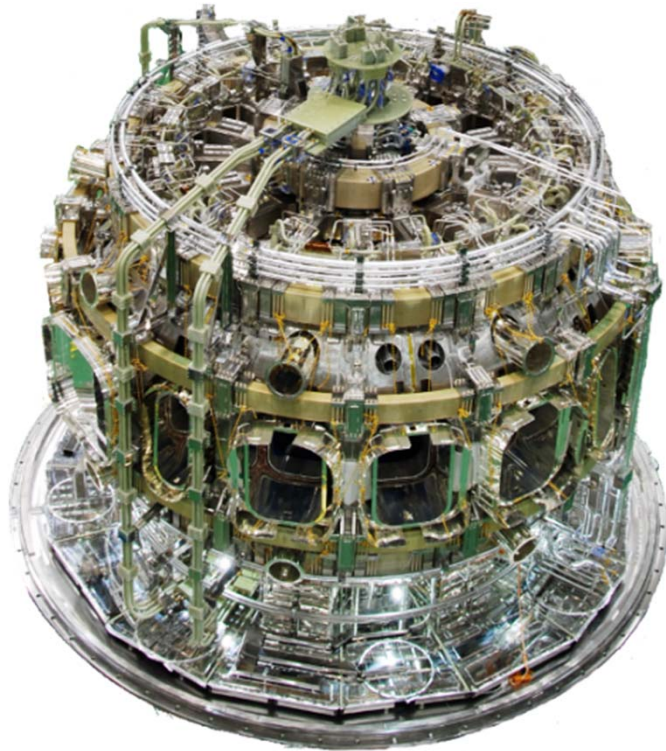
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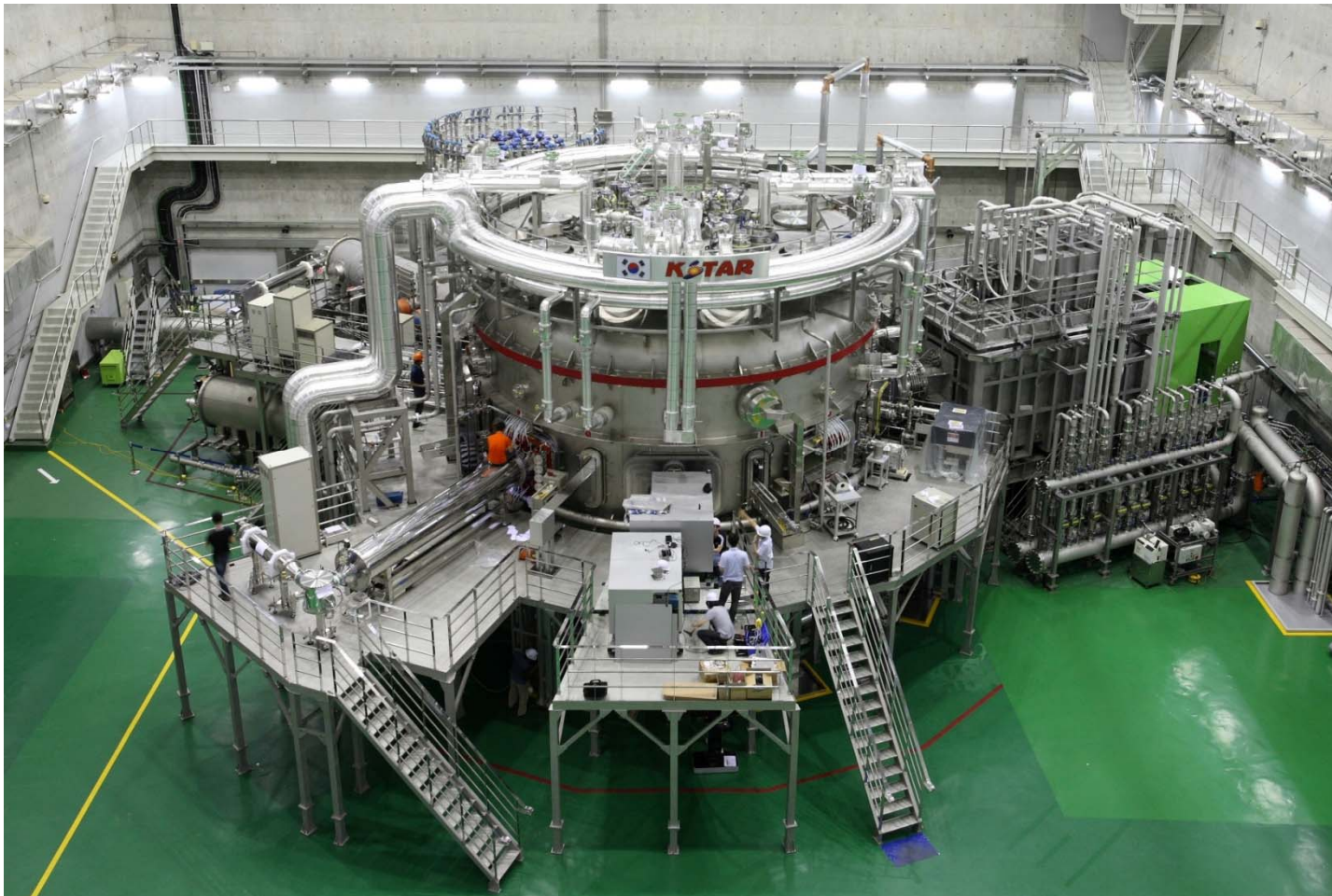
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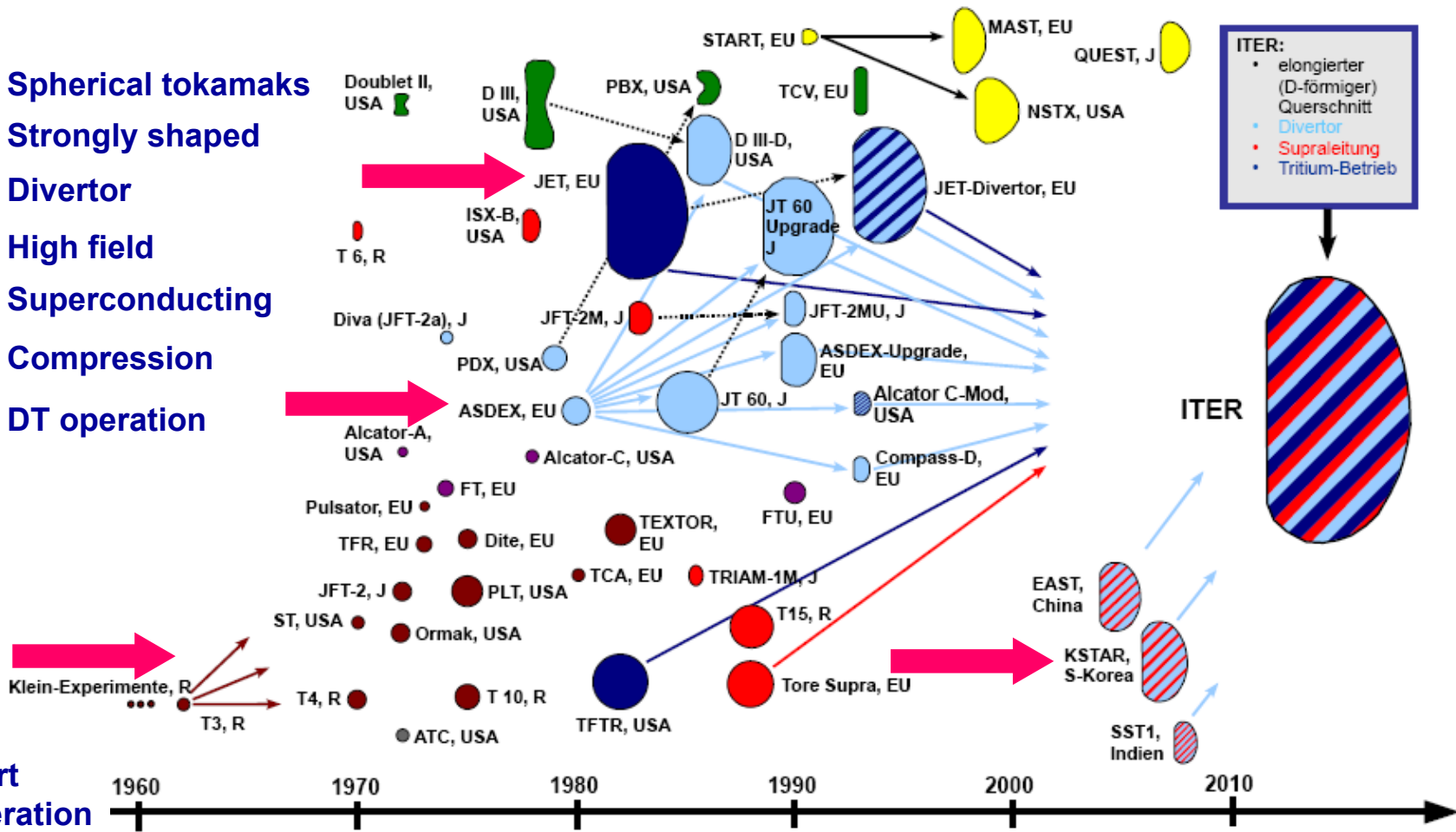
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KSTAR 1st plasma

Tokamak

-  Spherical tokamaks
-  Strongly shaped
-  Divertor
-  High field
-  Superconducting
-  Compression
-  DT operation



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