Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering Czech Technical University in Prague



FNSPE main building in Prague

FNSPE insignia

CTU ceremony hall

- CTU founded in 1707 by the emperor Joseph I.
- CTU approximately 2200 staff members, 16000 undergraduate students, 9000 graduate and PhD students. (\approx 2500 foreign students).
- FNSPE established in 1955 with the mission to train new experts for the emerging Czechoslovak nuclear programme.
- FNSPE currently a centre of education and research specialised in boundary fields between modern science and their applications in technologies, medicine, economy, biology, ecology, and other fields.

Scientific group/ education specialization The Physics of Plasma and Thermonuclear fusion



99.999 % Universe is in the Plasma state of matter

Tokamak GOLEM & Vojtěch Svoboda



Thermal power plant - basic principle



The question:

?? WHAT TO BURN ??

Small μ Sun in the terestriall conditions ??



The challenge

Can we harness the energy that drives the Sun/stars?

Tokamak mission: to create μ Sun in the terrestrial conditions



$$^{2}_{1}\mathsf{D}_{(10keV)} + ^{3}_{1}\mathsf{T}_{(10keV)} \Rightarrow ^{4}_{2}\mathsf{He}_{(3.5MeV)} + \mathsf{n}_{(14.1MeV)}$$

The task: to heat (up to 100 million degrees) DT fuel and confine it (up to 30 years) in the high temperature plasma state of matter to produce He & fusion energy.