

Magnetic diagnostics

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Magnetic diagnostics are instrumentations used for measurements of:

- **magnetic fields** outside the plasma
- **electric currents** that are the source of the magnetic fields

Magnetics measurements are crucial in fusion devices for:

- **Machine protection and basic control:** ‘plasma current’, ‘plasma position’, ‘plasma shape’, ‘magnetic field errors’, ‘halo currents’
- **Advanced plasma control:** ‘Plasma current profile’, ‘equilibrium magnetic field distribution’
- **Physic studies and performance evaluation:** ‘High frequency MHD instabilities’

Magnetic diagnostics

Measurements

- ❑ Toroidal magnetic field
- ❑ Poloidal magnetic field
- ❑ Plasma current
- ❑ MHD instabilities
- ❑ Loop voltage.
- ❑ Plasma Energy

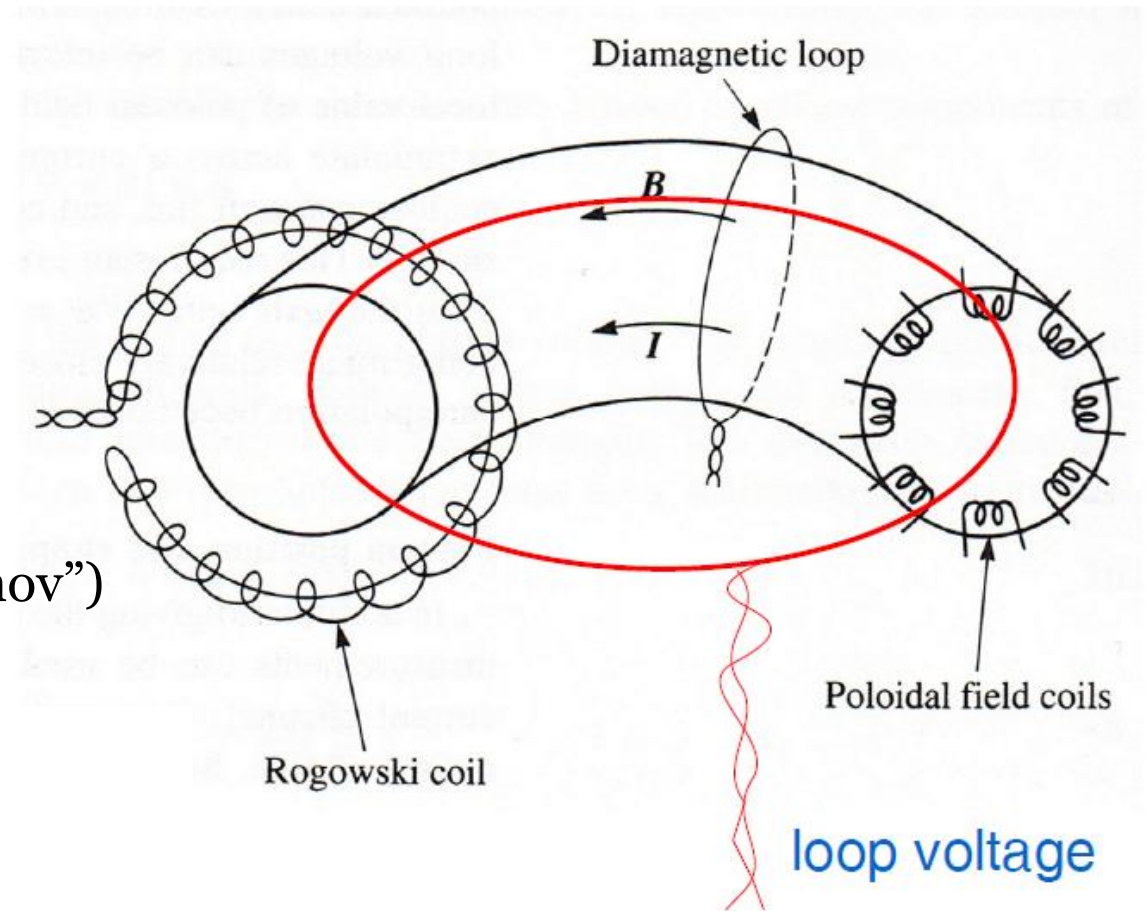
Magnetic sensors:

❖ Inductive

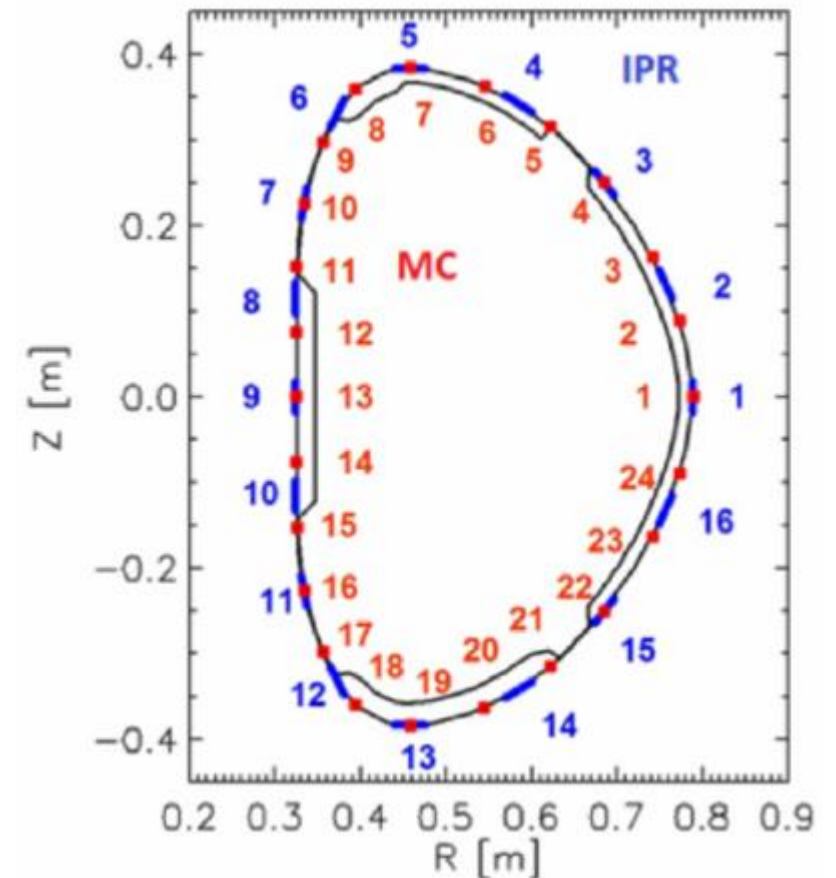
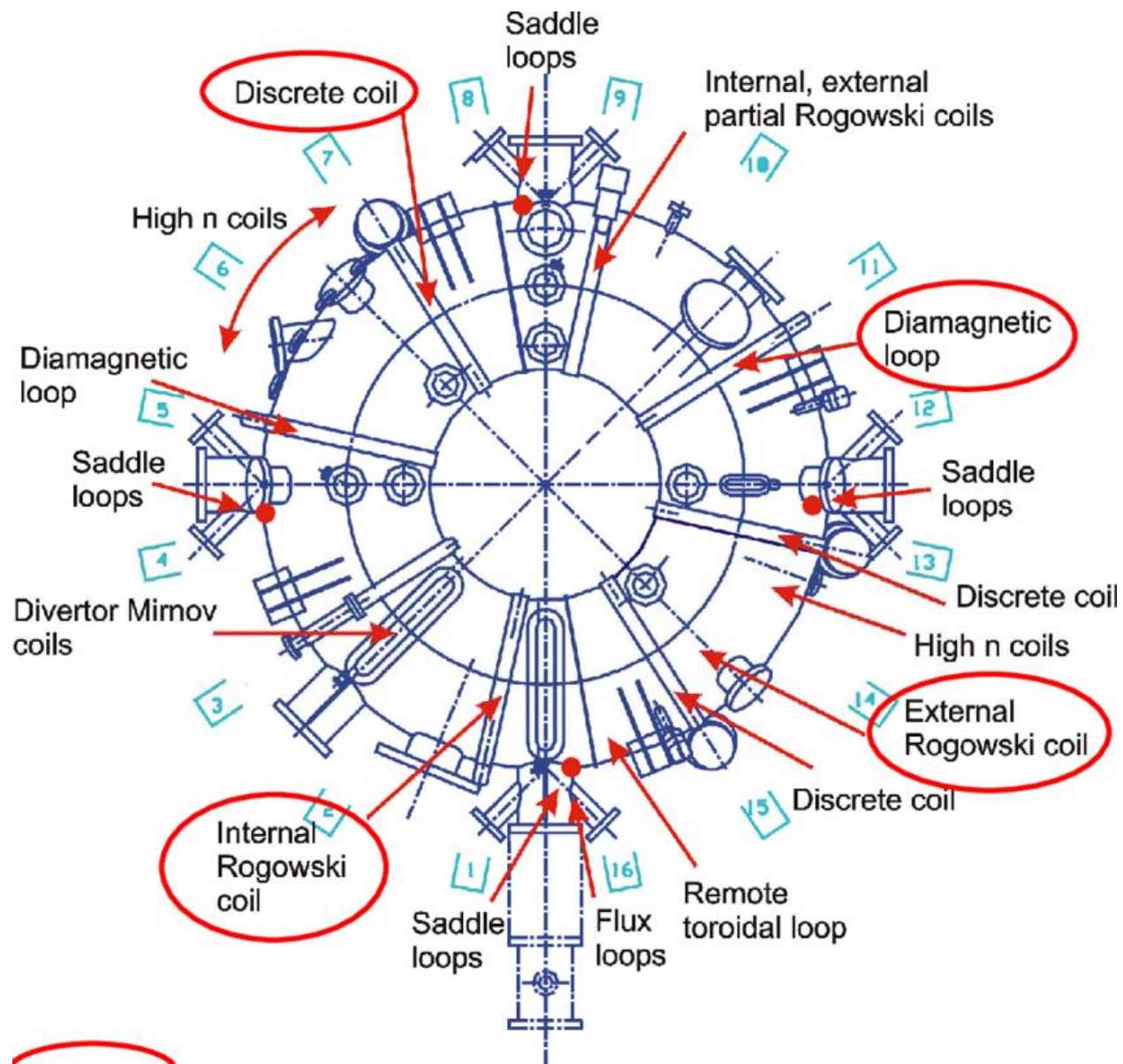
- Diamagnetic loop
- Magnetic field probes (“pick-up” or “Mirnov”)
- Rogowski coils
- Saddle loops
- Flux loops

❖ Steady-state

- Hall probes
- Resistive shunt

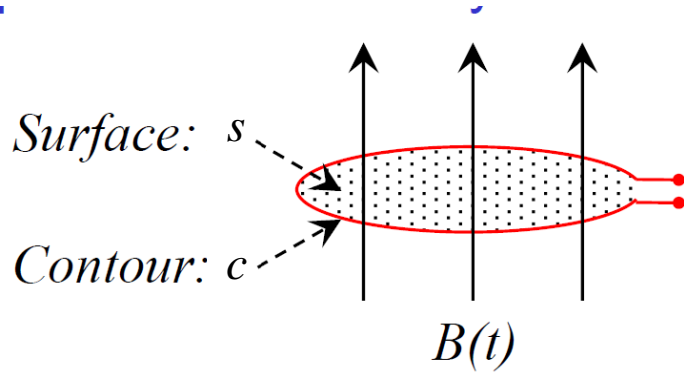


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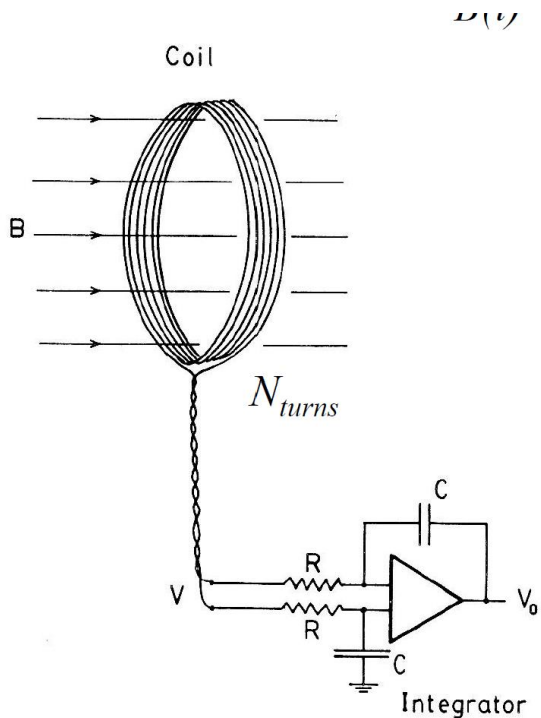
Red – Mirnov coils (MC), blue – internal partial Rogowski (IPR) coils.

Magnetic field measurements



$$\nabla \times \bar{E} = -\frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$f.e.m.i = \oint_C \bar{E} \cdot d\bar{l} = - \int_S \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\bar{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_C}{dt}$$



$$\Delta V = \int_S \frac{\partial \bar{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\bar{s} = NS \frac{\partial \bar{B} \cdot \bar{n}}{\partial t} \rightarrow \int_0^t V(t) = NS \bar{B} \cdot \bar{n}$$

$$\bar{B} \cdot \bar{n} = \frac{1}{NS} RC \cdot V(t)$$

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Plasma current measurements

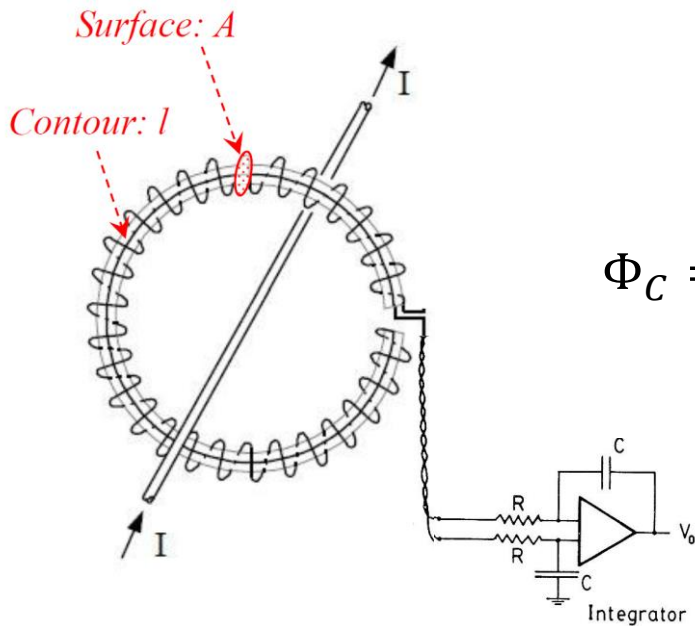
$$\nabla \times \bar{H} = \bar{J}$$

$$\oint_C \bar{H} \cdot d\bar{l} = \int_S \bar{J} \cdot d\bar{s} = I$$

$$\Phi_C = n \oint_l \left[\int_A \bar{B} \cdot d\bar{A} \right] \cdot dl$$

n = number of wire for unit length

$$\Phi_C = n \oint_l \left[\int_A \bar{B} \cdot d\bar{A} \right] \cdot dl = n \int_A \mu_0 \left[\oint_l \bar{H} \cdot dl \right] \cdot d\bar{A} = n \int_A \mu_0 [I] \cdot d\bar{A} = n\mu_0 IA$$



$$V(t) = - \frac{d\Phi_C}{dt}$$

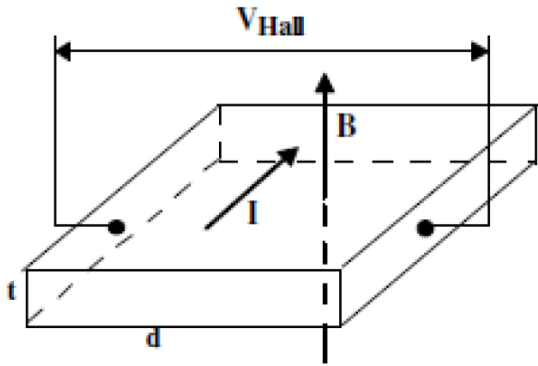
$$V(t) = - n\mu_0 A \frac{dI}{dt}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{n\mu_0 A}{RC} I$$

$$I = \frac{RC}{n\mu_0 A} V_0$$

Plasma current measurements

Concept based on Hall effect in semiconductors or metals:



$$V_{Hall} = \frac{IB}{qnt}$$

q = charge carrier

n = charge carrier density

t = sensor thickness

Concept of resistive shunts based on Ohm's law:



$$V = RI$$

Both methods do not need an integration stage

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Measurements

- ❑ Toroidal magnetic field → diamagnetic loops, poloidal flux loops, pick up coils
- ❑ Poloidal magnetic field → pick up coils and Mirnov coils
- ❑ Plasma current → full Rogowski coils
- ❑ MHD instabilities ($\frac{dB_{pol}}{dt}$) → Sadde coils
- ❑ Loop voltage → toroidal loop flux
- ❑ Eddy current → partial Rogowski coils

Magnetic measurements

Combinations of several measurements, with proper assumptions on plasma model, allow to obtain a number of plasma parameters:

	Plasma Current	Plasma Position & shape	Plasma Energy	Toroidal EMF	Toroidal Magnetic Field	Scrape Off Layer Current	Coil Current	High-frequency MHD	Low-frequency MHD	halo current
Flux loop		✓	✓	✓						
Magnetic field probe	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	
Saddle loop		✓	✓						✓	
Diamagnetic loop			✓							
Rogowski coil	✓					✓	✓			✓
Resistive shunt						✓				✓
Hall probe	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	