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Development of a DC Glow Discharge Exhibit for the Demonstration of Plasma Behavior in a Magnetic Field¹ DANIEL BRUDER, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, PPPL, PRINCETON PLASMA PHYSICS LABORATORY COLLABORATION — The DC Glow Discharge Exhibit is intended to demonstrate the effects a magnetic field produces on a plasma in a vacuum chamber. The display, which will be featured as a part of The Liberty Science Center’s “Energy Quest Exhibition,” consists of a DC glow discharge tube and information panels to educate the general public on plasma and its relation to fusion energy. Wall posters and an information booklet will offer brief descriptions of fusion-based science and technology, and will portray plasma’s role in the development of fusion as a viable source of energy. The display features a horse-shoe magnet on a movable track, allowing viewers to witness the effects of a magnetic field upon a plasma. The plasma is created from air within a vacuum averaging between 100-200 mTorr. Signage within the casing describes the hardware components. The display is pending delivery to The Liberty Science Center, and will replace a similar, older exhibit presently at the museum.

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