

# Longitudinal Hands-on Calculations RF System Design



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# Agenda of the afternoon

15h00 – 15h30

**Introduction to exercises**

15h30 – 16H00

**RF system design**

**Coffee break**

16h30 – 17h45

**RF system design**

17h45 – 18h30

**Discussion on solutions of exercises**

# Outline

- **Introduction**
  - Interaction between beam and RF system
- **Design of RF systems**
  - Design flow and constraints
  - Examples of RF systems at CERN
- **Summary**

# Introduction

# Study interaction between beam and RF

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  - **Continuous trajectories** of particle motion
  - Deduce useful parameters for stable acceleration:
    - RF bucket
    - Synchrotron frequency
    - Stable phase
    - ...



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Classical <b>Today</b> of longitudinal beam dynamics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Tomorrow afternoon</b></li> </ul>



# Objectives of longitudinal hands-on

## 1. Design RF system (upgrade)

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- Study boundary constraints
- Derive requirements for RF system
- Choose main components
- Compare with existing facilities

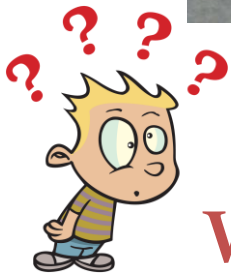
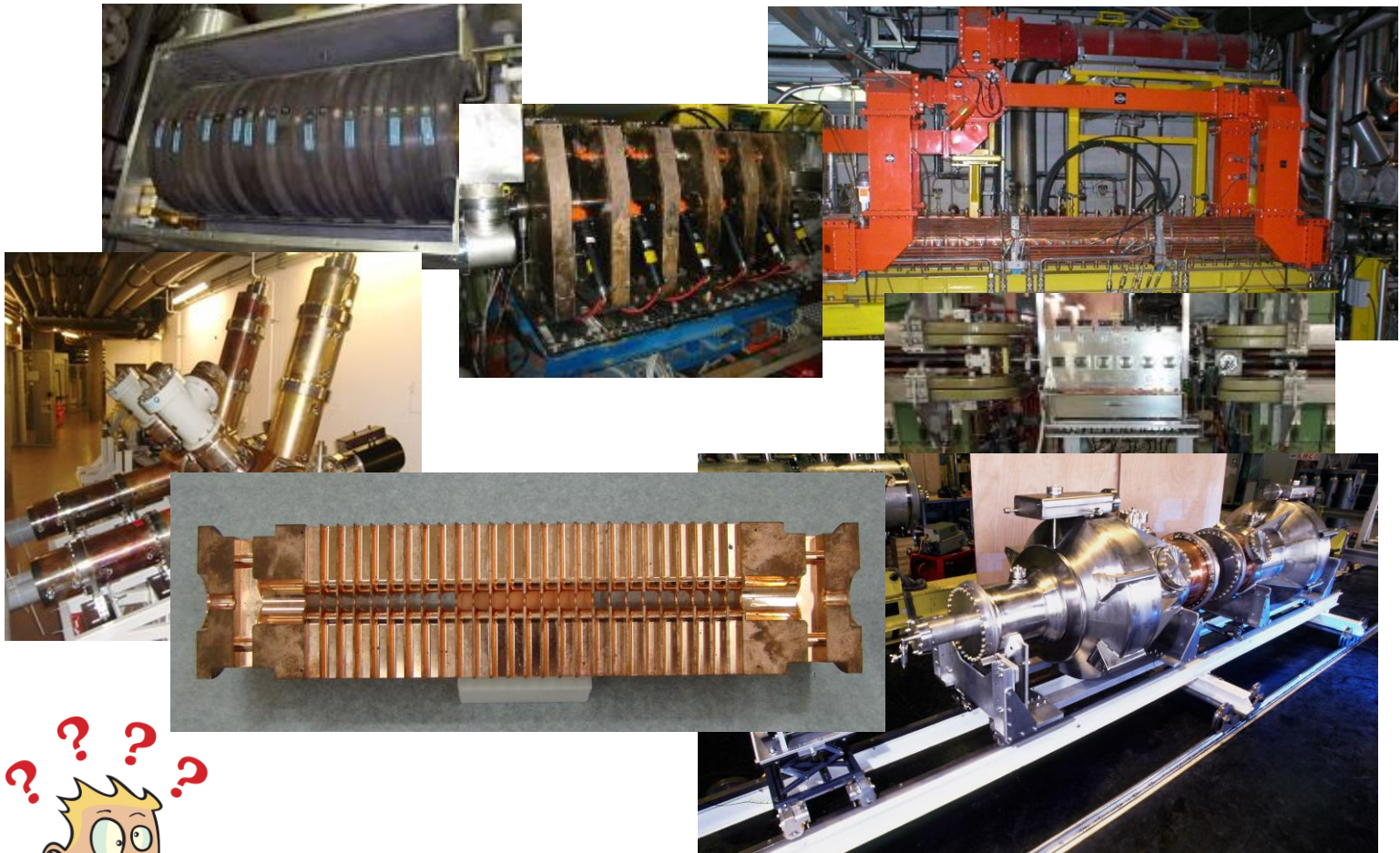
## 2. Play with longitudinal beam dynamics

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- Build your own particle tracker
- Understand motion of particles in longitudinal phase space
- Transition from single particle motion to evolution of an entire bunch

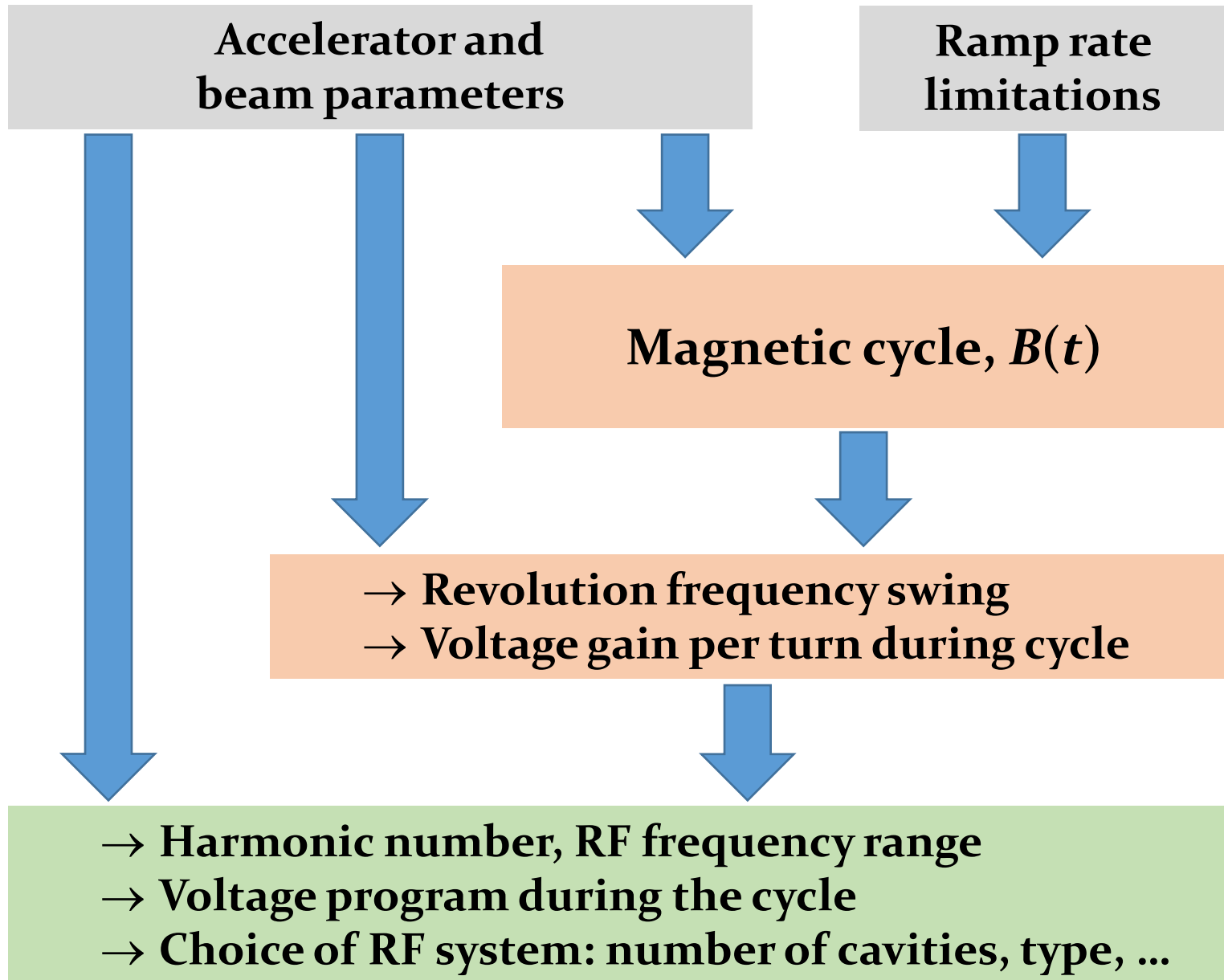
# RF system design

# Introduction



What to do to design an RF system?  
How to choose the right one?

# Simplified design work flow



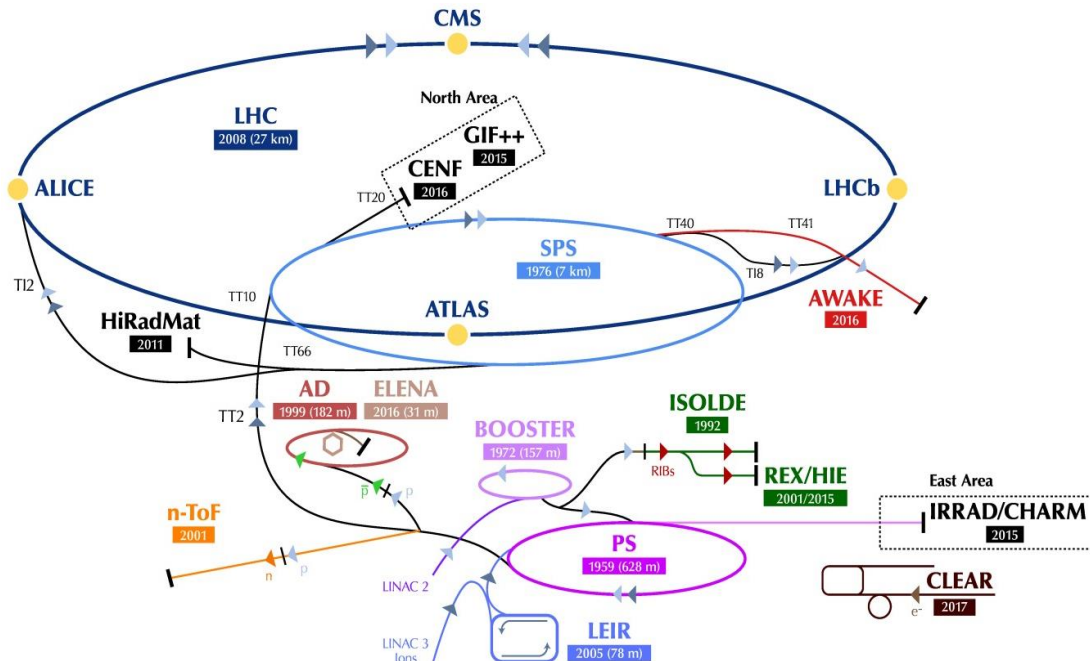
# RF parameters of existing accelerators

Try to follow design choices of existing accelerator

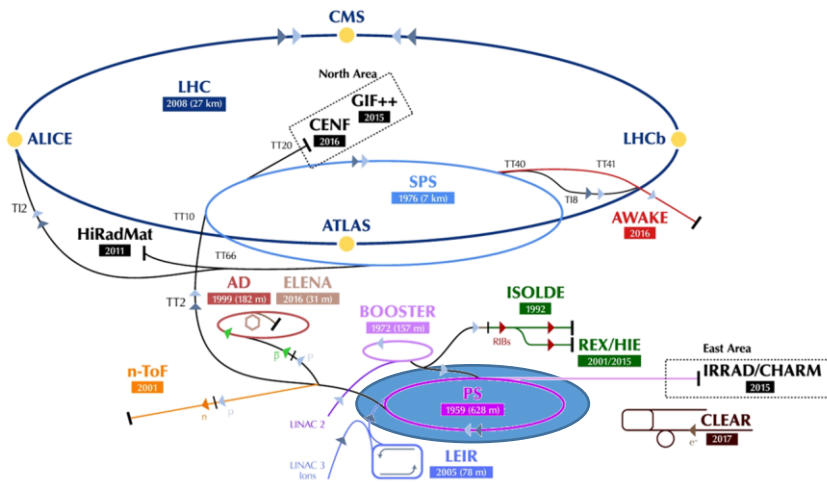
- Can we understand the arguments?
- Are the choices reasonable?



Good design?



# Proton Synchrotron



# Example: RF System for CERN PS

- Attention**

→ Present RF system designed in ~1969

→ Not the same energy range as today



Parameter	Value
Circumference, $2\pi R$	$2\pi \cdot 100 \text{ m} = 628 \text{ m}$
Acceleration time, $t_{\text{cycle}}$	1 s
Maximum ramp rate, $dB/dt$	2.3 T/s
Injection energy, $E_{\text{kin}}$	45 MeV
Flat-top energy, $E_{\text{tot}}$	initially 28 GeV
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Revolution frequency at injection, $f_{\text{rev},\text{inj}}$	143 kHz
at flat-top, $f_{\text{rev},\text{FT}}$	477 kHz
Relative frequency swing	3.33

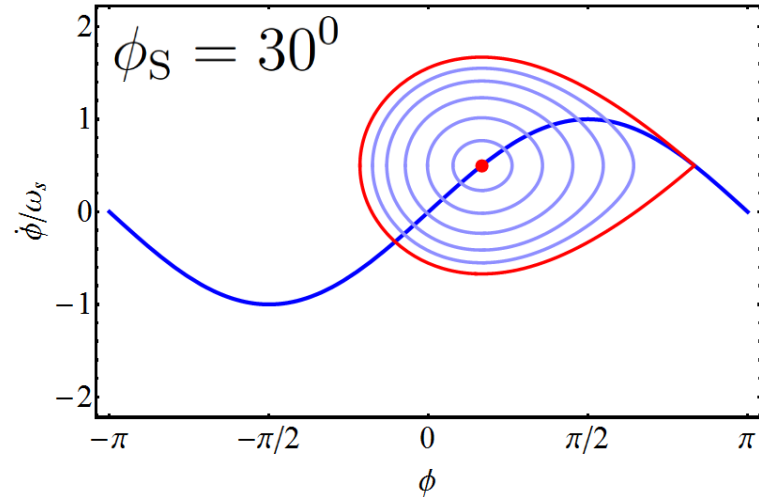
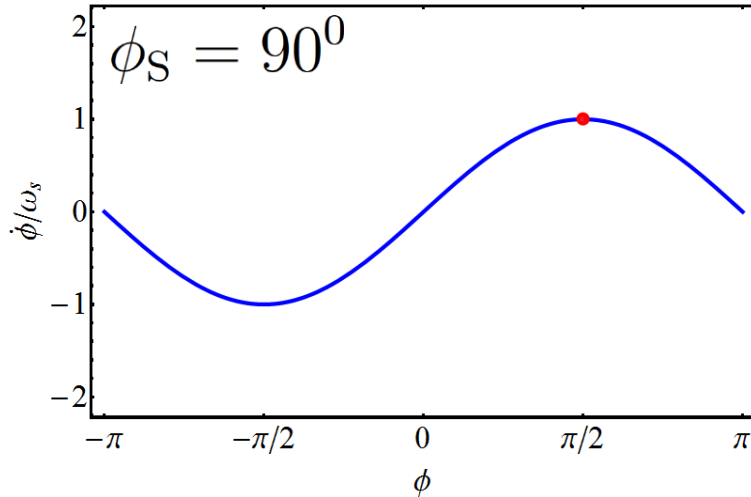
# Example: CERN PS - choice of RF voltage

→ Energy gain per turn defined by size and ramp rate

$$\Delta E_{\text{turn}} = 2\pi q \rho R \dot{B}$$

→ At 2.3 T/s ramp rate: **~100 keV gain** per turn

→ Just sufficient to accelerate synchronous particle

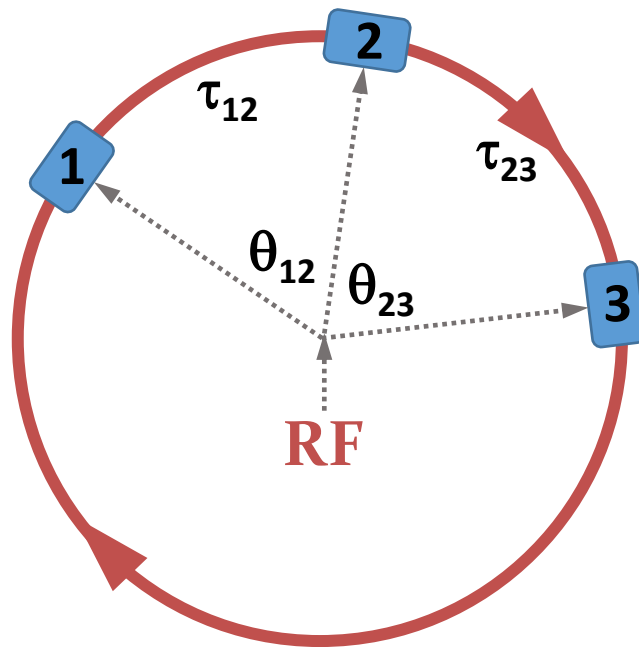


→ Over-voltage for bucket area:  $V_{\text{RF}} = \frac{1}{\sin \phi_S} \frac{\Delta E}{q} \simeq 200 \text{ kV}$



# Example: CERN PS - choice of RF harmonic

- Operate RF stations in phase with respect to beam
- Use common RF signal



- Time of flight,  $\tau_{pq}$  between RF cavities:

→ Multiple of RF period

$$\rightarrow \tau_{pq} = n \cdot T_{\text{RF}} = n/hT_{\text{rev}}$$

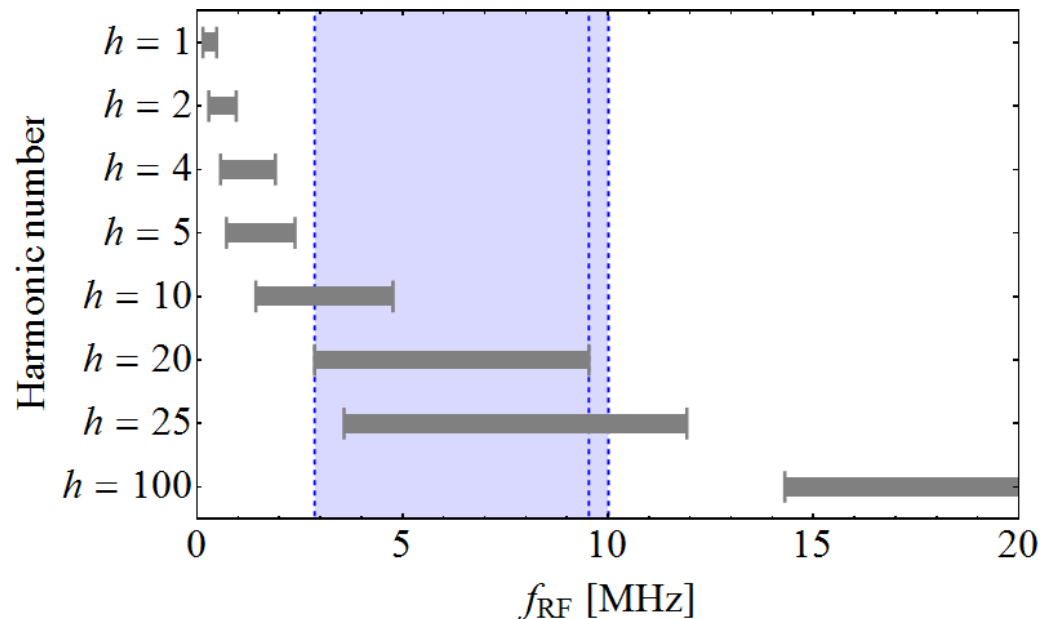
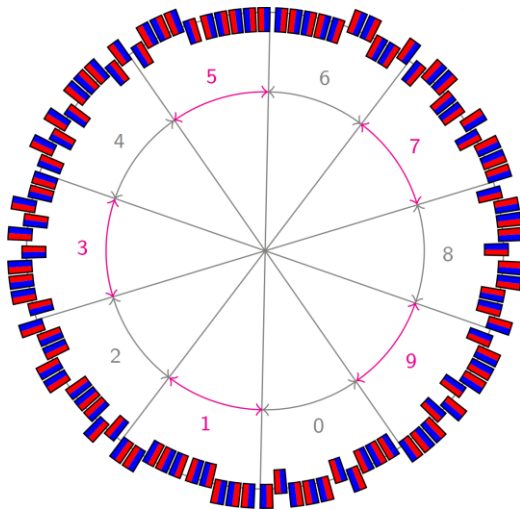


$$\theta_{pq} = n \cdot 2\pi/h$$

→ RF stations must be located at multiples of  $2\pi/h$

# Example: CERN PS - choice of harmonic

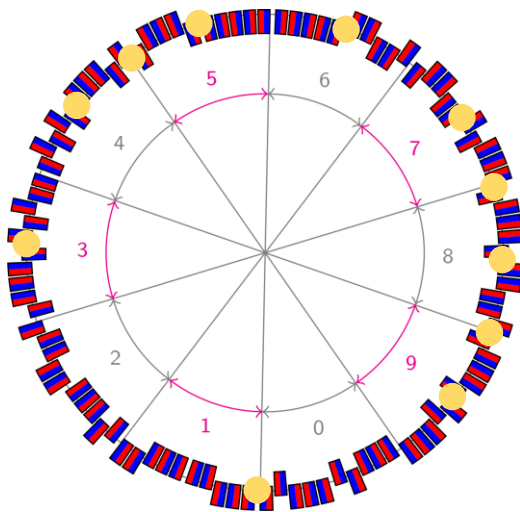
- Main elements: 100 bending magnets
- 100 possible location for RF stations in-between
- $100 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$ , hence divisible by 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50



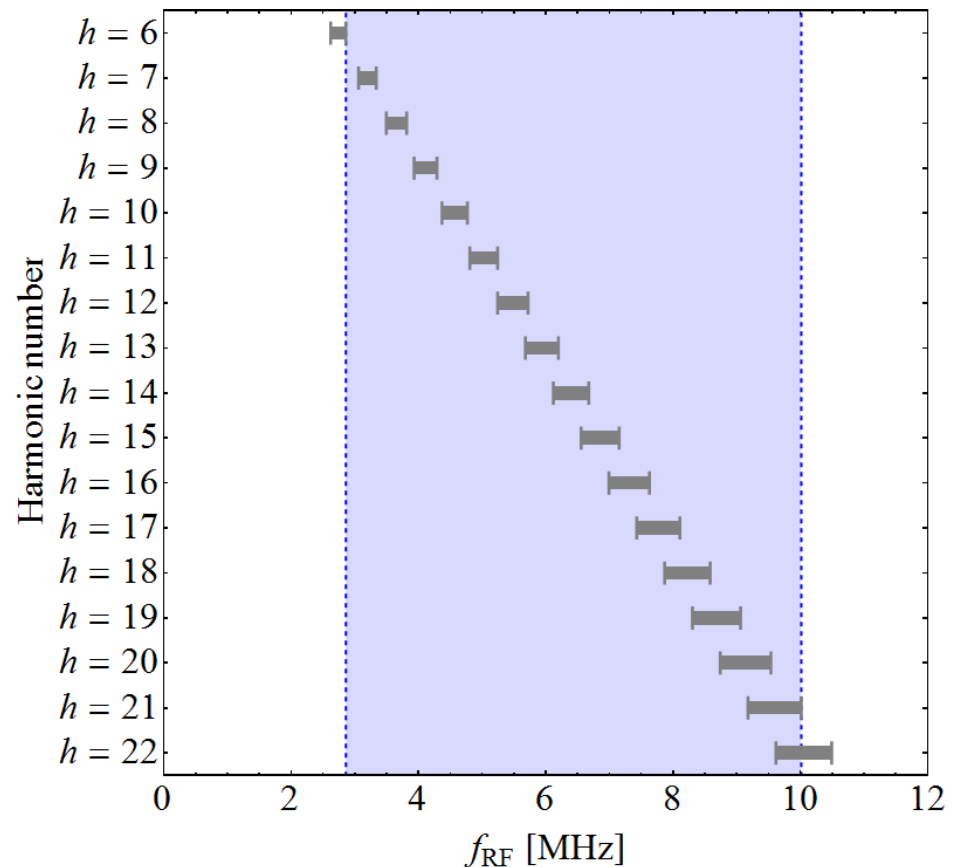
- Distribute total RF voltage over many cavities
- Possible harmonic numbers 20 or 25 →  $h = 20$  retained

# Example: CERN PS choice of harmonic

- Distance between RF stations: multiples of  $2\pi/20$
- No need to use common RF with today's technology
- Injection energy at 1.4 GeV (2 GeV) → 10% (5%) swing



- Early design choices based on  $h = 20$
- Today's flexibility



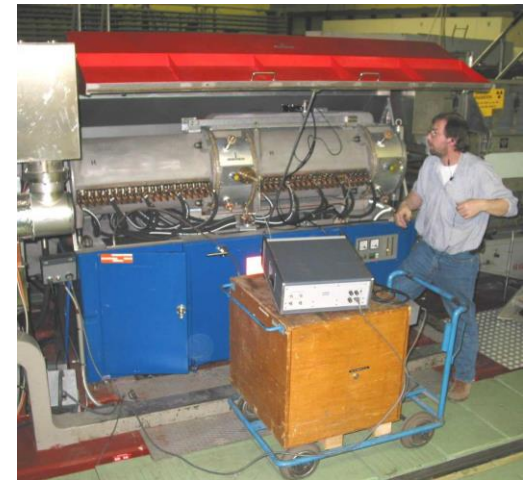
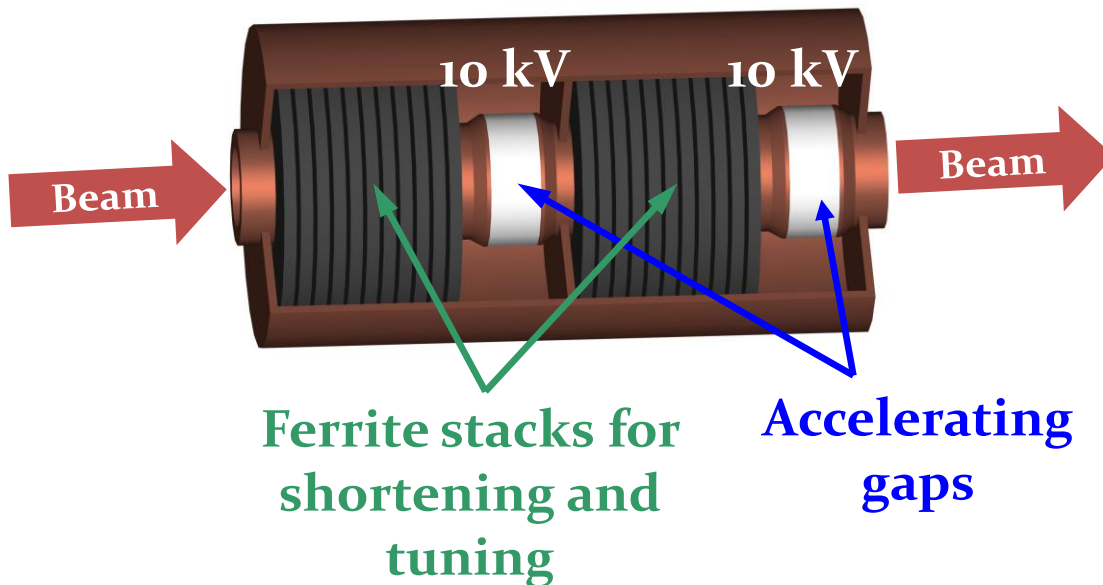
# Example: CERN PS choice of cavity

→ RF system parameters:

Parameter	
Harmonic, $h$	7..., 20, 21
Frequency, $f_{\text{RF}}$	2.8-10 MHz
Voltage, $V_{\text{RF}}$	10 (+1) × 20 kV

→ Distribute voltage over 10 RF stations: 20 kV/cavity

Shortened  $\lambda/4$  coaxial resonators with ferrite tuning



# Electrons in the PS

- As an injector of LEP electrons were accelerated in the PS to  $E = 3.5$  GeV
- Is the RF system for acceleration of protons usable?

$$\Delta E_{\text{turn}} = \frac{e^2}{3\epsilon_0(m_0c^2)^4} \frac{E^4}{\rho} \simeq 190 \text{ keV/turn}$$

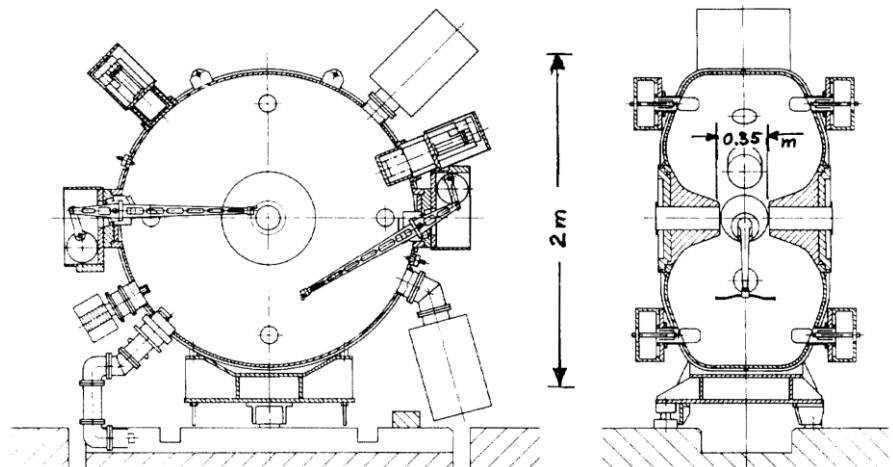
$$\epsilon_0 \simeq 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ As/Vm}$$

→ Bucket **area too small** and **bunches too long** at 3.5 GeV

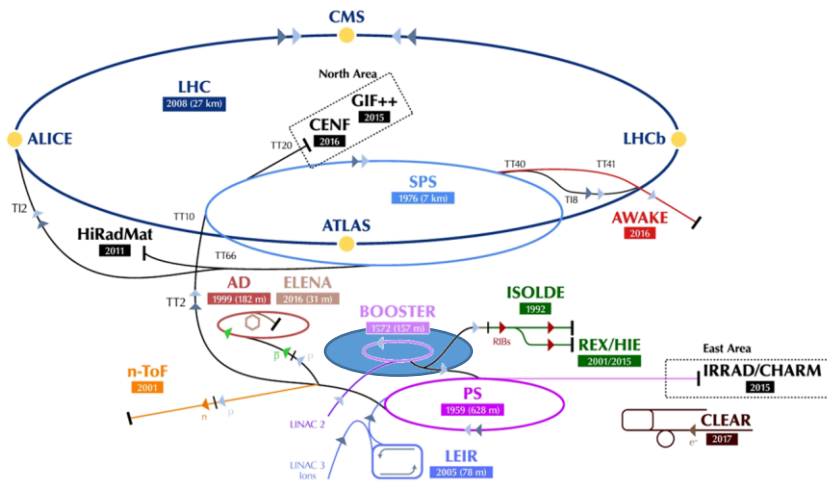
→ **Optimized RF system for electron acceleration**

Parameter	
Harmonic, $h$	240
Frequency, $f_{\text{RF}}$	<b>114 MHz</b>
Voltage, $V_{\text{RF}}$	<b>1 MV</b>

(5 × more than 10 MHz cavities)

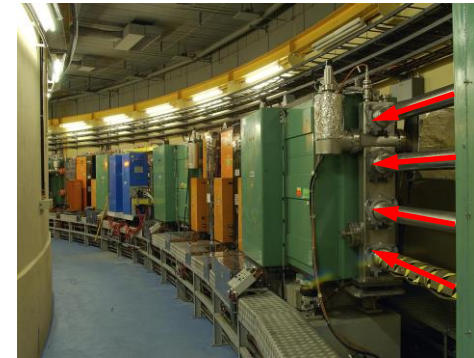




# PS Booster



# Example: RF System for CERN PS Booster

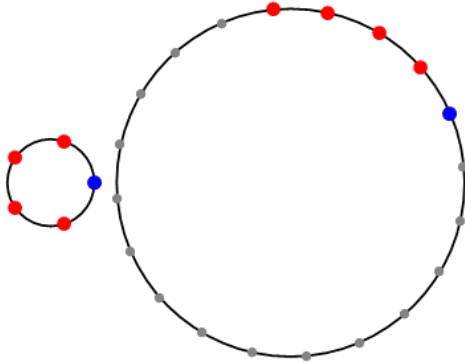
- PS injector synchrotron
  - $2\pi R_{\text{PSB}} = 2\pi R_{\text{PS}}/4$
  - Sandwich of 4 rings
  - Total length as PS circumference



Parameter	Value
Circumference, $2\pi R$	$2\pi \cdot 25 \text{ m} = 157 \text{ m}$
Acceleration time, $t_{\text{cycle}}$	$\sim 0.5 \text{ s}$
Maximum ramp rate, $dB/dt$	$2.3 \text{ T/s}$
Injection energy, $E_{\text{kin}}$	<b>50/160 MeV</b>
Flat-top energy, $E_{\text{kin}}$	<b>0.8/1.0/1.4/2.0 GeV</b>
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Revolution frequency at injection, $f_{\text{rev},\text{inj}}$	<b>0.6/1 MHz</b>
at ejection, $f_{\text{rev},\text{ej}}$	<b>1.81 MHz</b>
Relative frequency swing	<b>3</b>

# Example: CERN PS Booster (PSB)

- Circumference  $2\pi R_{\text{PSB}} = 2\pi R_{\text{PS}}/4 = 157 \text{ m}$
- Initial design as PS injector

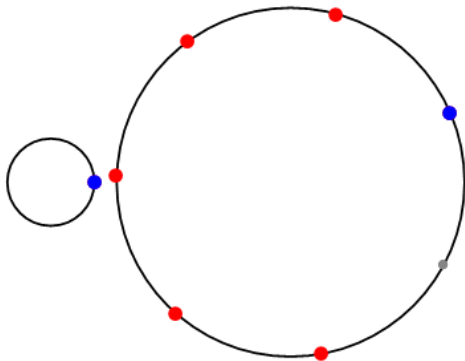


$$f_{\text{RF,PSB}} = f_{\text{RF,PS}}$$



$$h_{\text{PSB}} = h_{\text{PS}}/4 = 5$$

→ Modifications as pre-injector to LHC:



Parameter	
Harmonic, $h$	<b>1 or/and 2</b>
Frequency, $f_{\text{RF}}$	<b>0.6/1...1.8 MHz</b>
Voltage, $V_{\text{RF}}$	<b>8...20 kV</b>



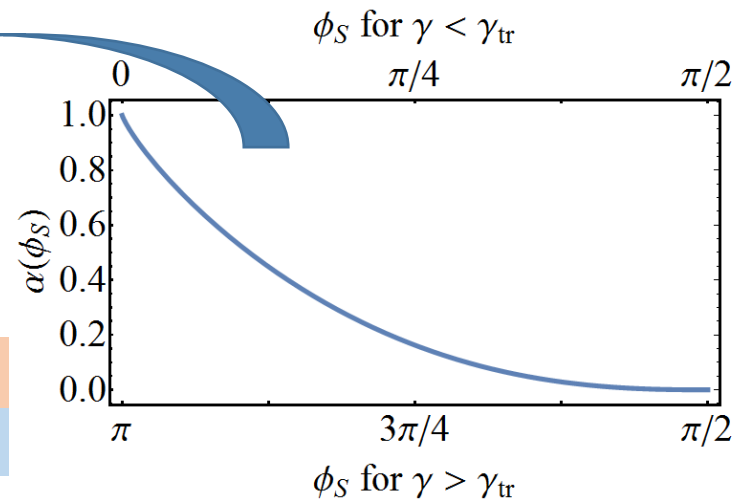
# Example: CERN PSB (single harmonic, $h = 1$ ) <sup>24</sup>

**Bucket area:**

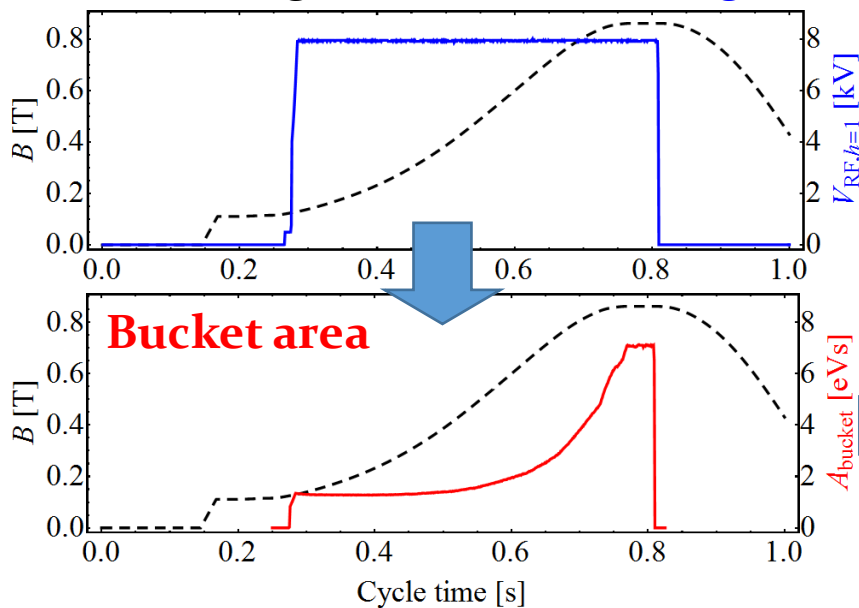
$$A_{\text{bucket}} = \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{h\omega_0} \sqrt{\frac{E\beta^2 qV}{\pi h|\eta|}} \cdot \alpha(\phi_S)$$

**Depends on:**

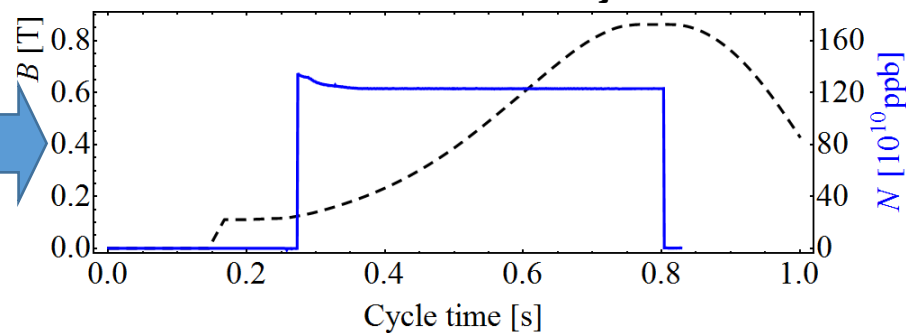
- Bending field,  $B$  and ramp rate  $dB/dt$
- RF voltage,  $V$



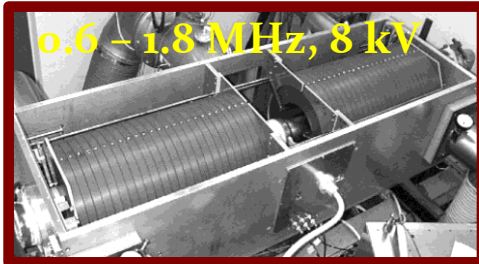
**Bending field and RF voltage**



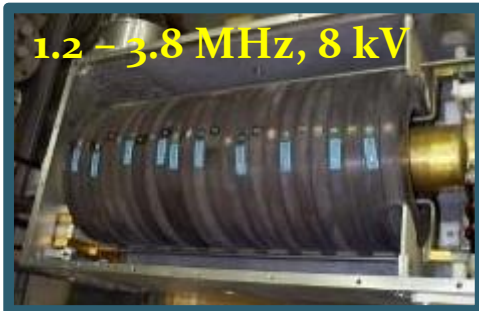
**Beam intensity**



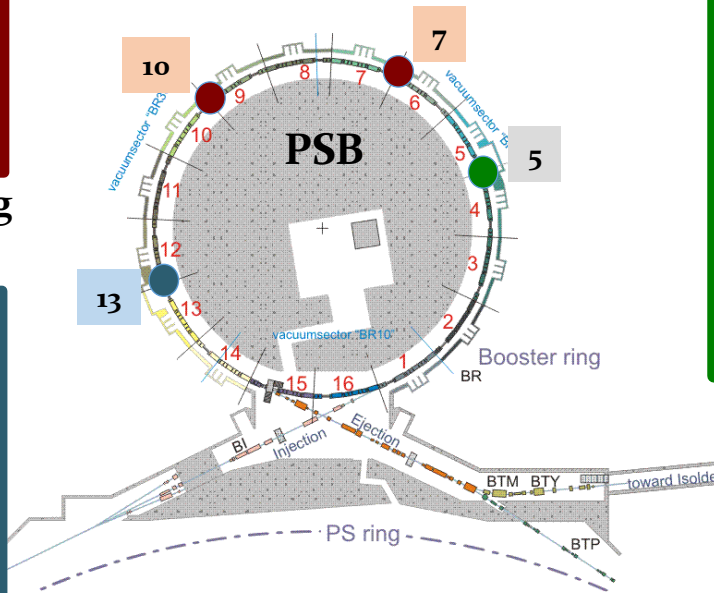
# RF systems in the PS Booster



Acceleration and splitting



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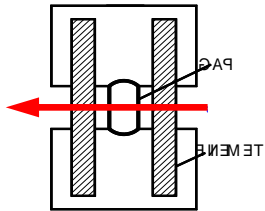
Controlled longitudinal blow-up

→ 4 rings with 3 cavities

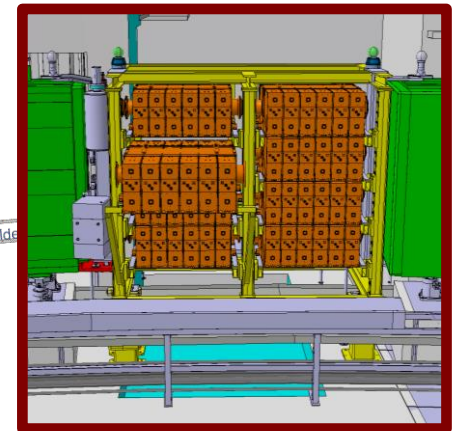
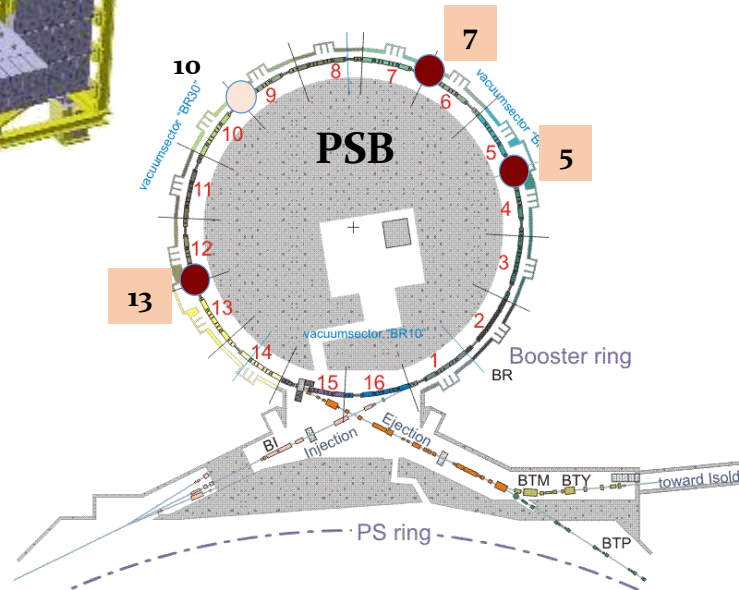
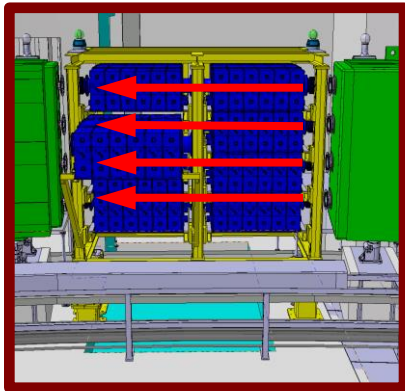
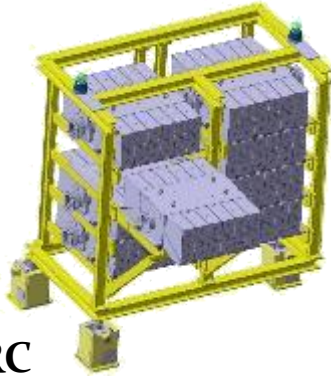
→ PS Booster RF systems based on tuned ferrite cavities

# RF systems in the PS Booster after upgrade

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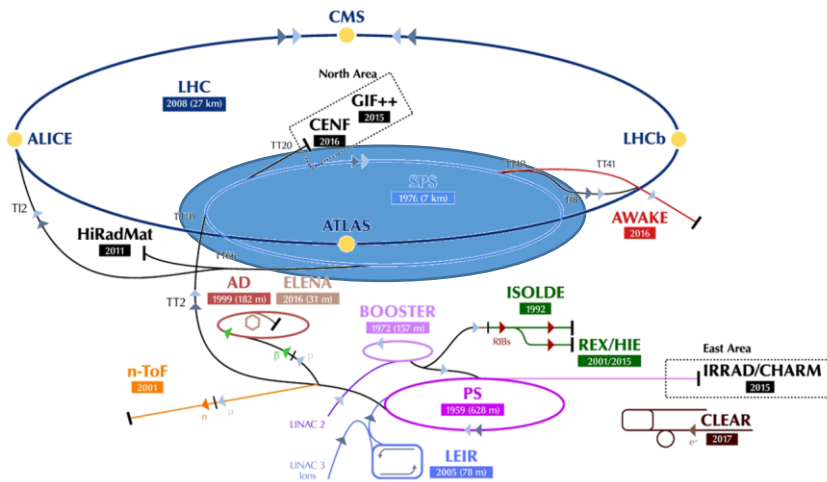


Collaboration  
with KEK/JPARC



- New **wide-band cavities** covering  $h = 1, 2$ , and higher
- Based on innovative **Finemet** material
- Much increased flexibility

# Super Proton Synchrotron



# Example: RF System for CERN SPS

$$\Delta E_{\text{turn}} = 2\pi q \rho R \dot{B}$$

→ Needs significantly more  
RF voltage: several MV



Parameter	Value
Circumference, $2\pi R$	$2\pi \cdot 1.1 \text{ km} = 6.91 \text{ km}$
Acceleration time, $t_{\text{cycle}}$	$\sim 4 \text{ s}$
Maximum ramp rate, $dB/dt$	$\sim 0.74 \text{ T/s}$
Injection Energy, $E_{\text{tot}}$	initially <b>10 GeV</b>
Flat-top energy, $E_{\text{tot}}$	<b>450 GeV</b>



Relativistic beta, $\beta = v/c$ at injection	<b>0.9955885</b>
at flat-top	<b>0.9999978</b>
Relative frequency swing	<b>0.44%</b>

# Example: SPS - choice of RF harmonic

Harmonic number should be multiple of	
Revolution frequency ratio of PS and SPS	11
Acceleration harmonic in the PS	20
Super-periodicity of SPS	6

→ Looking for **multiples of 660**

$h$	660	1320	1980	2640	3300	3960	4620	5280	5940
$f_{\text{RF}}$ [MHz]	29	57	86	115	143	172	200	229	258

Lower RF frequency	Higher RF frequency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total bucket area: <math>hA_B \propto \sqrt{\frac{V}{h}}</math> → Insufficient at inj. for <math>h &gt; 5500</math></li> <li>Magnetic tuning only possible at <math>f_{\text{RF}} &lt; 100</math> MHz)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanically smaller cavities</li> <li>Higher shunt impedance easier to achieve → power efficiency</li> <li>Higher breakdown voltages</li> </ul>

# Example: SPS choice of RF cavities

- Requirements:

Parameter	
Harmonic, $h$	4620
Frequency, $f_{\text{RF}}$	200 MHz
Bandwidth, $\Delta f_{\text{RF}}$	0.44%
Voltage, $V_{\text{RF}}$	Few MV

## How to build such an RF system?

→ Cavity resonator would need tuning or low  $Q < 1/0.44\% \approx 230$

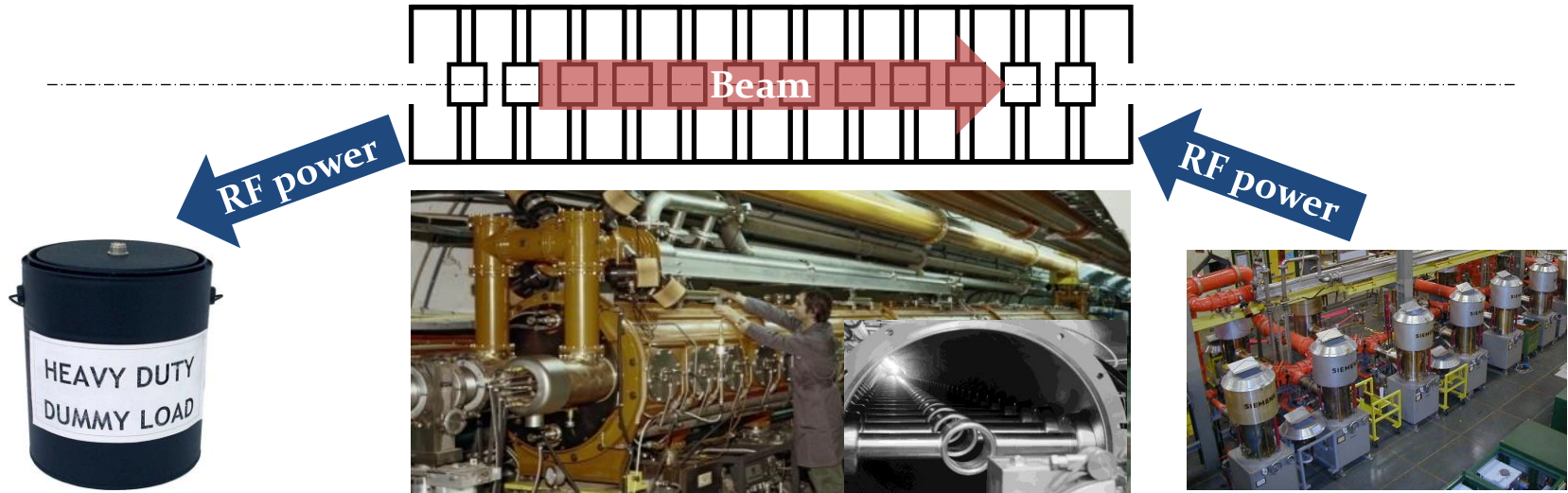
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 Avoid cycling  
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 Travelling wave  
 structure  
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 High voltage in  
 moderate bandwidth



# Example: SPS travelling wave cavities

→ Multi-cell structure operated as a waveguide



→ Sufficient bandwidth **without mechanically moving parts**

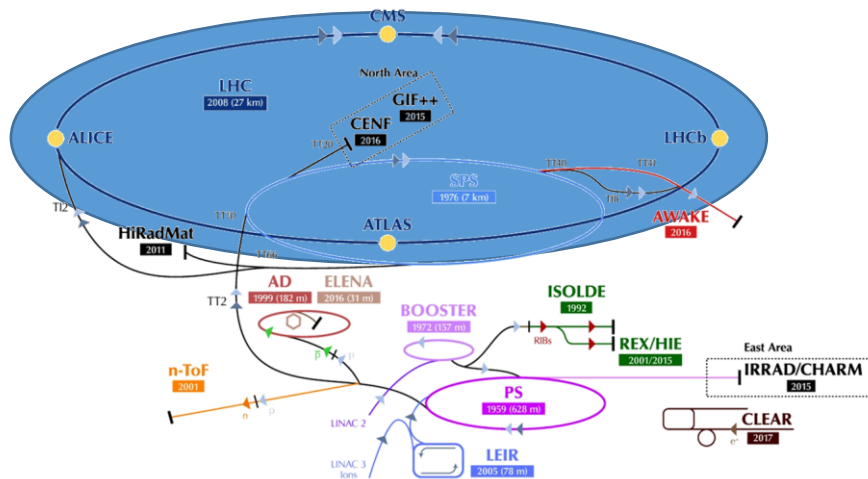
→ Travelling wave structure **always matched to amplifier**

→ **Beam takes power it needs** from the waveguide

$$P_{\text{load}} = P_{\text{in}} - P_{\text{beam}} - P_{\text{loss}}$$



# Large Electron Positron and Hadron Colliders



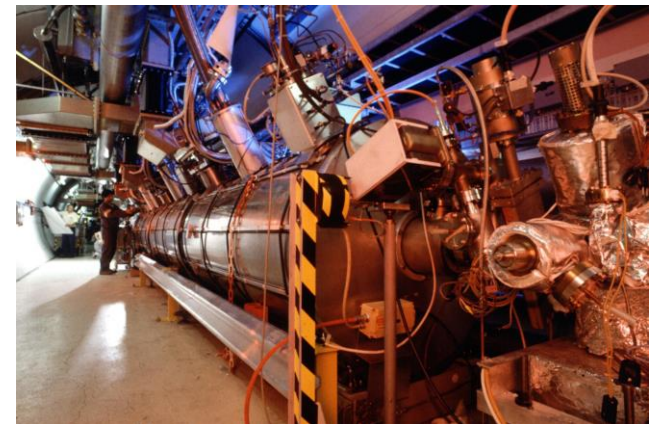
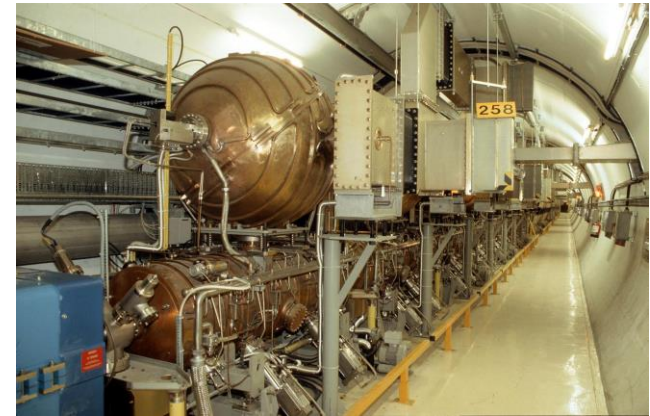
# Ex.: RF against synchrotron radiation in LEP <sup>33</sup>

- LEP energy was entirely dominated by synchrotron radiation

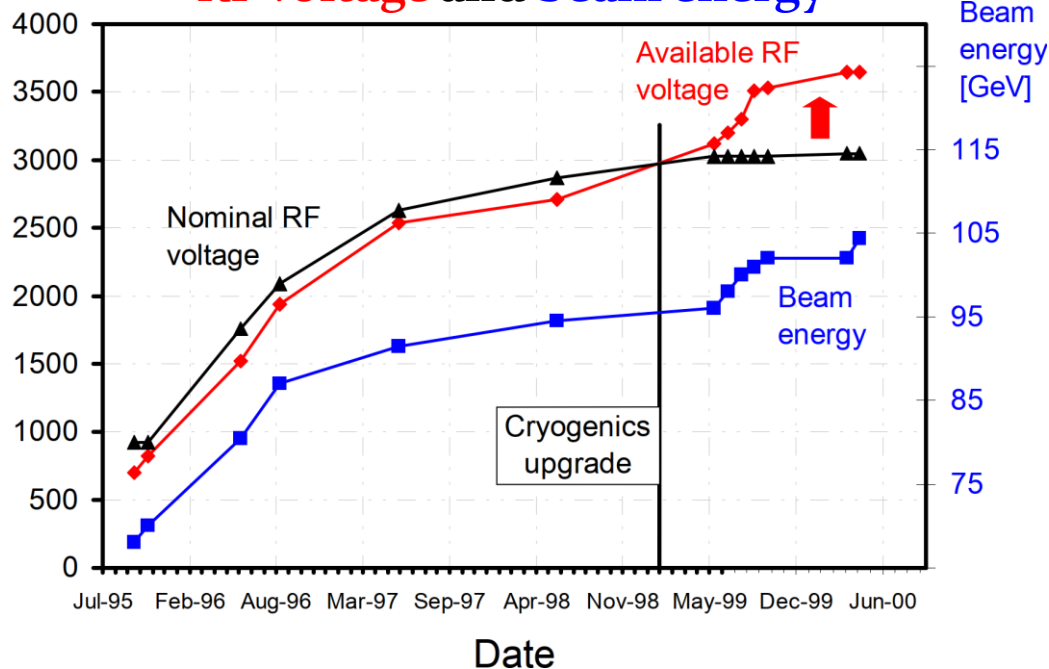
- At  $E = 100$  GeV:  $\Delta E_{\text{turn}} = \frac{e^2}{3\epsilon_0(m_0c^2)^4} \frac{E^4}{\rho} \simeq 3 \text{ GeV/turn}$

$$\epsilon_0 \simeq 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ As/Vm}$$

→ About 3 % of beam energy lost each turn

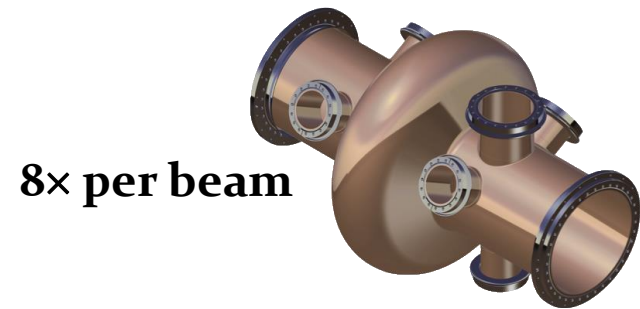


RF voltage and beam energy



# Example: LHC

- LHC maximum energy and ramp rate limited by superconducting bending magnets: **20 minutes ramp time**
- Average energy gain per turn only  $\Delta E_{\text{turn}} \approx 500 \text{ keV/turn}$
- Revolution frequency stays almost constant
- RF voltage required to keep bunches short
- Superconducting cavities chosen to reduce beam induced voltage (small R/Q)



Parameter (per beam)	
Harmonic, $h$	<b>35640</b>
Frequency, $f_{\text{RF}}$	<b>400.8 MHz</b>
Voltage, $V_{\text{RF}}$	<b>16 MV</b>



# Summary

- **Design of RF system for circular accelerator**
    1. Start from accelerator **parameters**
    2. Define **RF parameters** based on **beam requirements**
    3. **Chose** RF system
- Mostly **several design options** are possible



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## You will design an RF system (upgrade)

1. Protons accelerator:
2. Electron storage ring:

Upgrade of CERN SPS to 1.3 TeV  
Energy and current upgrade of  
SOLEIL

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