

Cyclotrons

Chapter 5 : theory versus reality, examples

- Cyclotron versus synchrotron or linac
- Isochronism and Phase measurement
- Radial probe and Intensity measurement
- Resonances and tunes in a cyclotron

- Research applications
- Medical applications

Cyclotron vs other RF accelerators

	Radius	Frf	Particle
Isochronous cyclotrons	not constant	constant :CW (isochronous)	Ions limit $\gamma < 2$
Synchro-cyclotrons	not constant	not constant pulsed, Frf (t)	Ions
Synchrotrons	constant	not constant pulsed Frf (t)	Ions, electrons no limits for γ , limit €
Linacs	constant ∞	constant	Ions, electrons limit €

LINAC VERSUS CYCLOTRON

Proton Source

LEBT

RFQ

MEBT

DTL

Drift Tube Linac



~20 m total



~ 10 m

$I_{cw} \sim$ up to 1–5 mA

Linac Cost \sim up to 10 Meuros
+ building (\sim 300m²)

- Not Compact (beam lines +linac)
- Specific design € €

to get \sim 20 MeV protons



Internal source

H- with stripping extraction

Rextraction \sim 0.4 m

Total size < 2m

$I_{cw} \sim$ 0.05 up to 0.3 mA in H-
CYCLO Cost \sim 1.5– 3 Meuros

Several industrial manufacturers

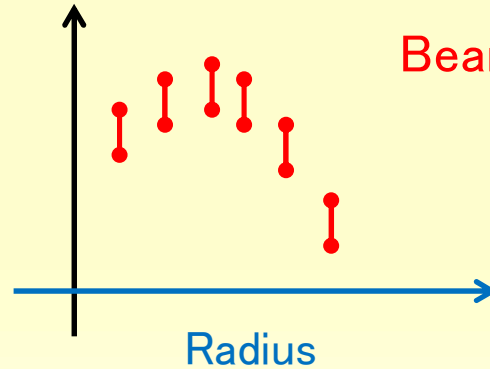
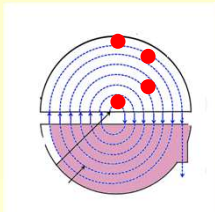
Compact

Standard design (1300 cyclo in the world)

Operation easy

Phase measurement: $n(R)$ check and field correction : ΔB

Relative phase
Beam vs RF

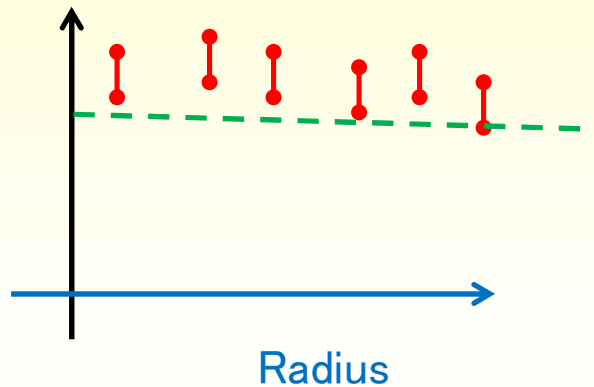
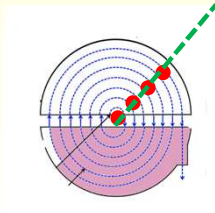


Beam not in phase with RF : B field not OK

$$B_z(R) \neq B_{z0} / \sqrt{1 - (R\omega_{rev})^2 / c^2}$$

$B_z(R)$ not correct

Relative phase
Beam vs RF



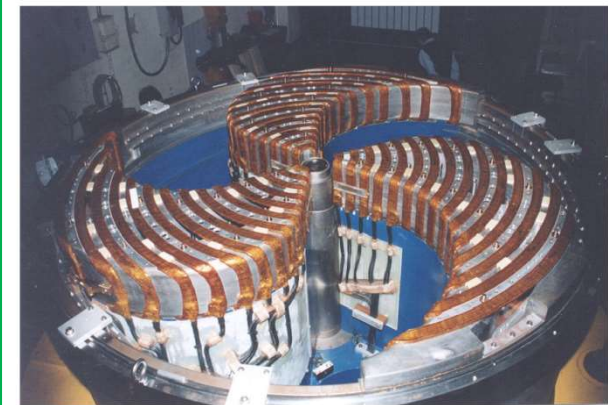
Correction of B : $B(I \pm \Delta I)$

$B_z(R) + \Delta B_z$

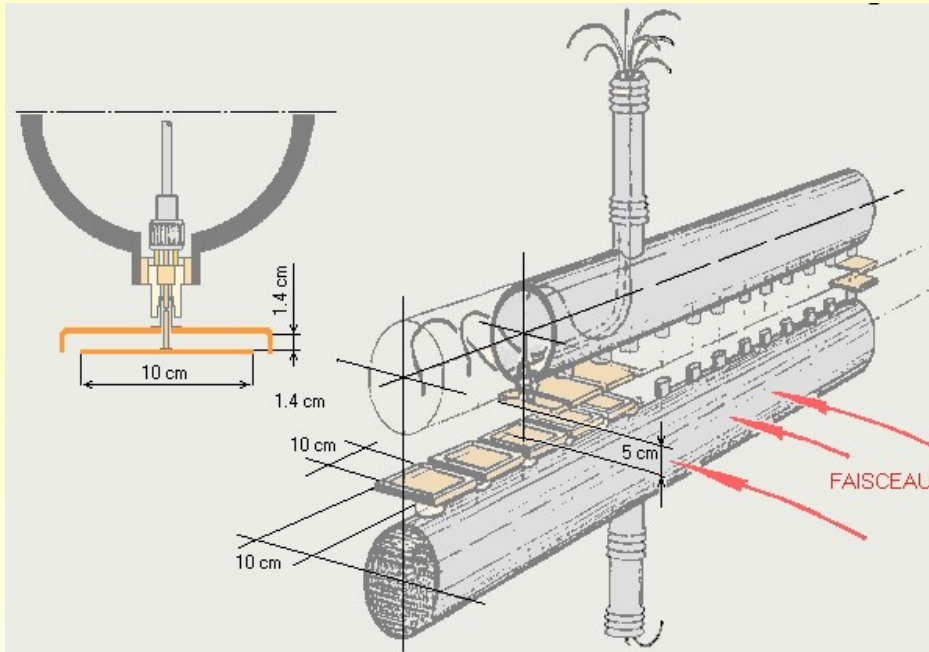
$B_z(R)$ correct :

Beam in phase
with RF

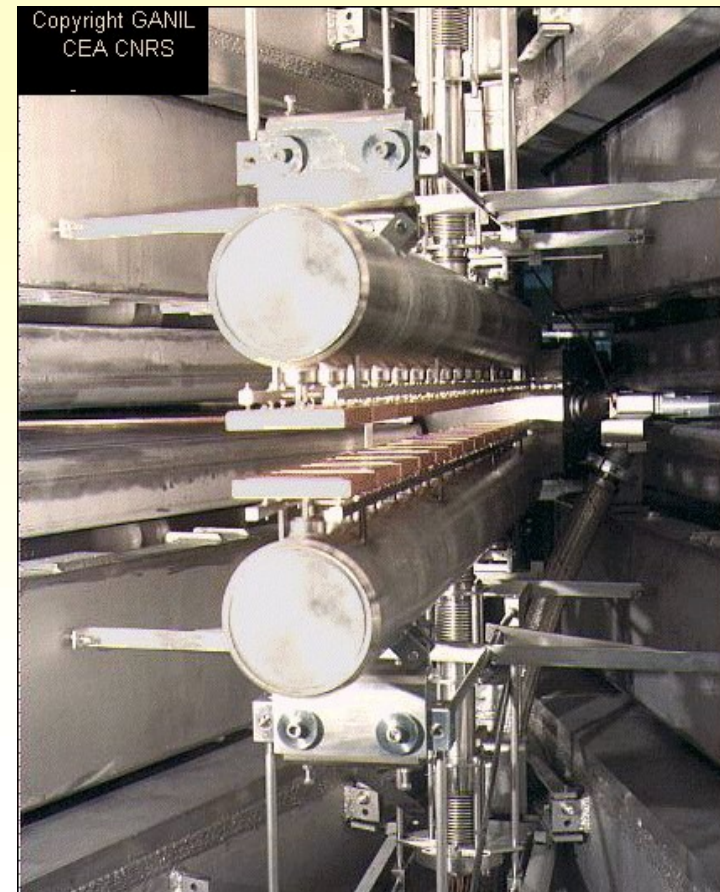
Correction trim coils, AGOR



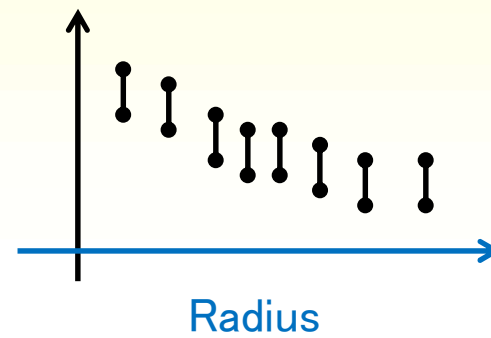
Phase measurement: Isochronism



Ganil, Caen (Fr) : CSS1

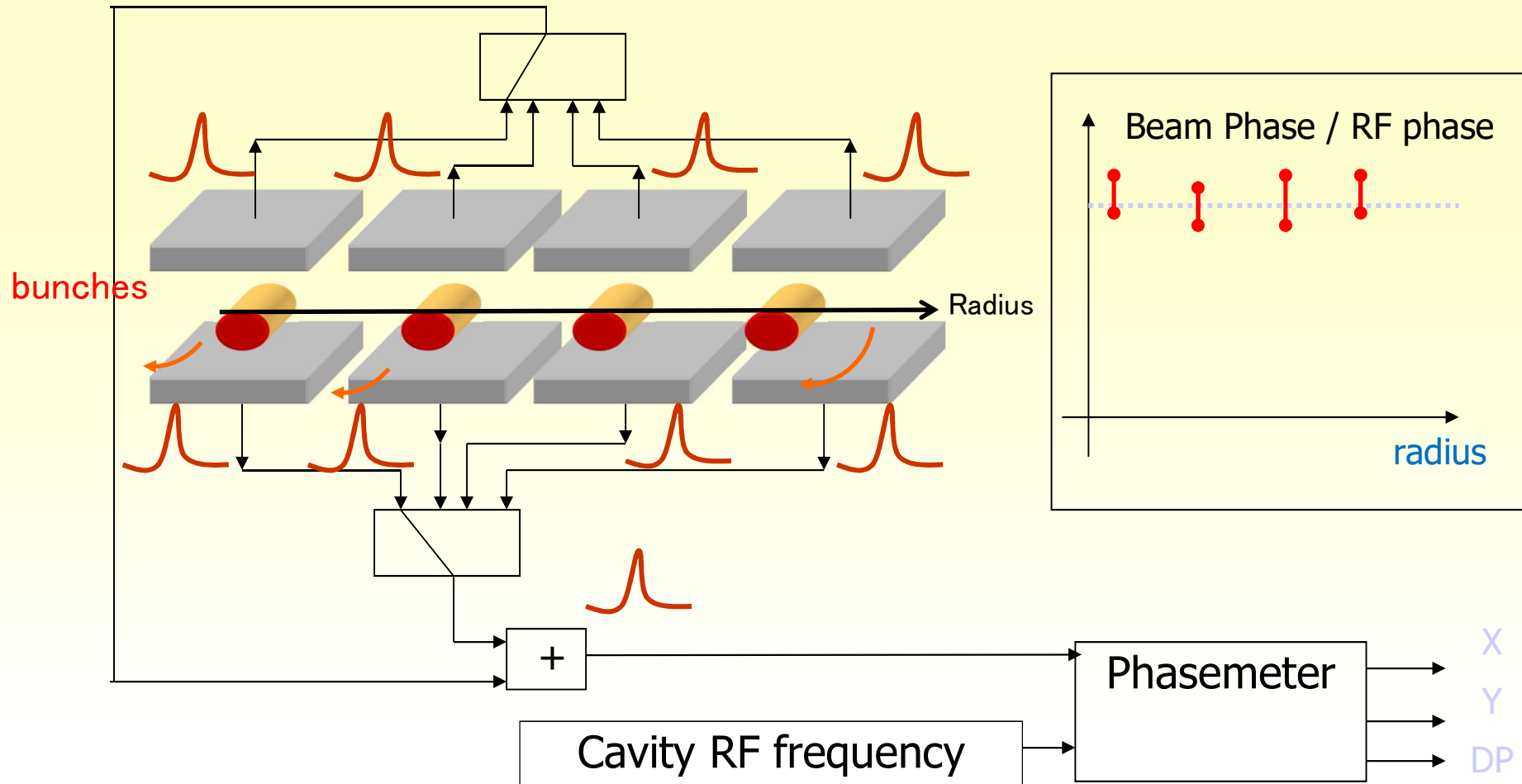


Relative phase
Beam vs RF



Isochronism & Phase measurement

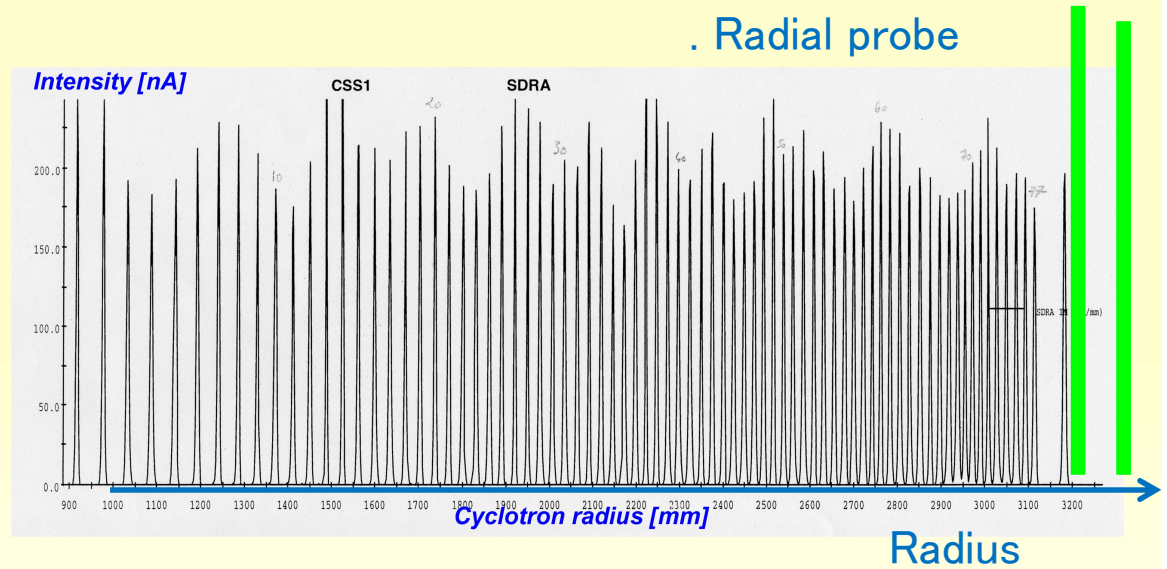
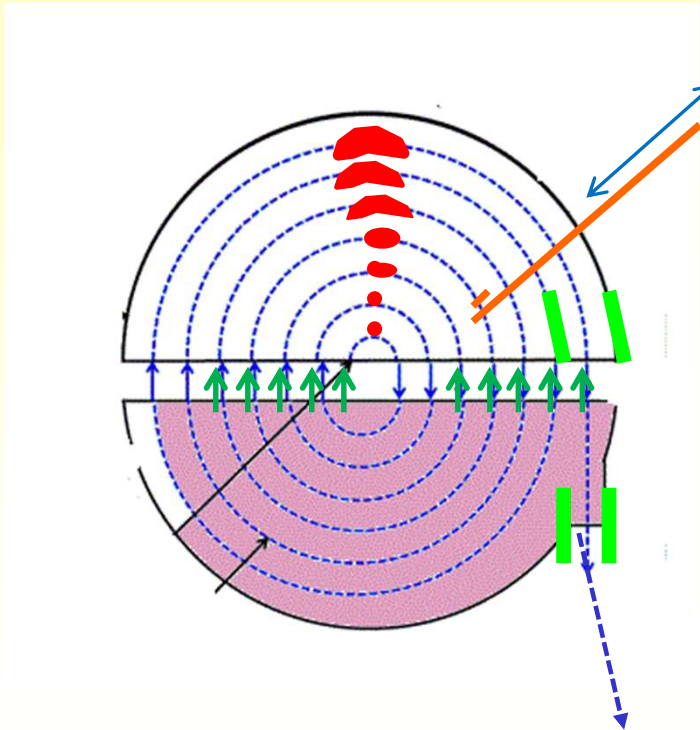
Measuring $B(R)$ or $n(R)$ is difficult, While the $\Phi(R)$ is more sensitive



Radial probes

useful tool for acceleration, precession study

Monitoring turns
With a mobil **Radial Probe**



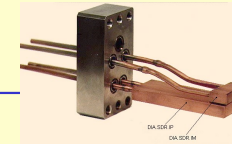
Radial probe : Intensity = F(Radius)

Turn separation : $\delta r = R(\text{turn } N) - R(\text{turn } N-1)$

$\delta r = \text{Acceleration} + \text{Oscillation}$

$\delta r \sim \alpha \text{ VRF } \cos(\phi) + \text{Oscillation}$

Tune Q_r measurement with radial probes

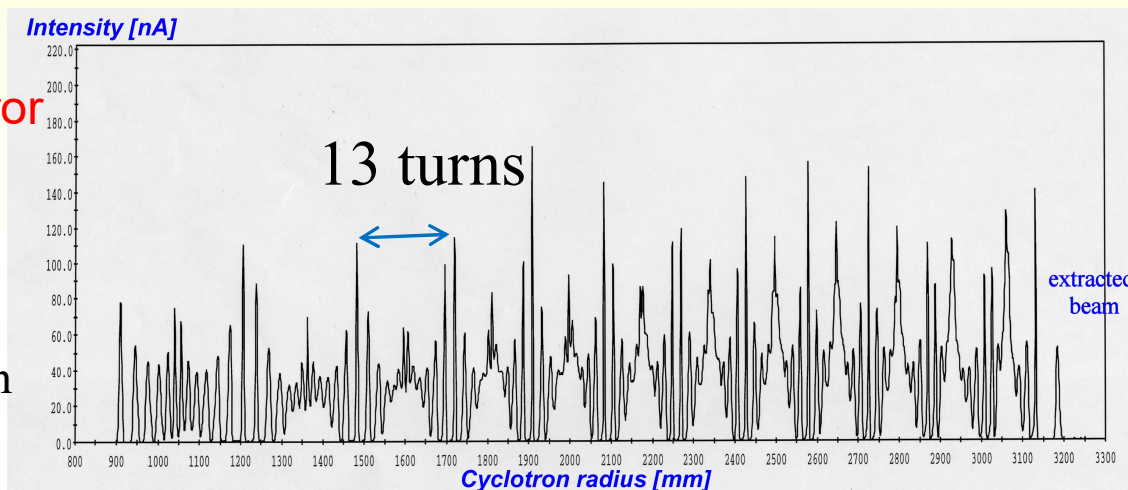


Turn separation δr gives Q_r : $r(t) = \langle R(t) \rangle + X_0 \cos(Q_r \omega t)$

$$\omega \cdot t = \text{phase} = \theta$$

$$\omega \cdot \Delta t = 360^\circ = 1 \text{ turn}$$

Precession : $\delta r = \delta r_{\text{acceleration}} + X_0 \cos(Q_r \omega t)$



Centering error
At injection

Large X_0

Large Oscillation

1 period for

13 turns

$$Q_r = 1 + 1/13$$

Back to dynamics and resonances at high energy

During the acceleration, Q_r and Q_z change because $Q_{,z} \propto \gamma (R)$

The plot of Q_r vs Q_z is called the **working point diagram**.

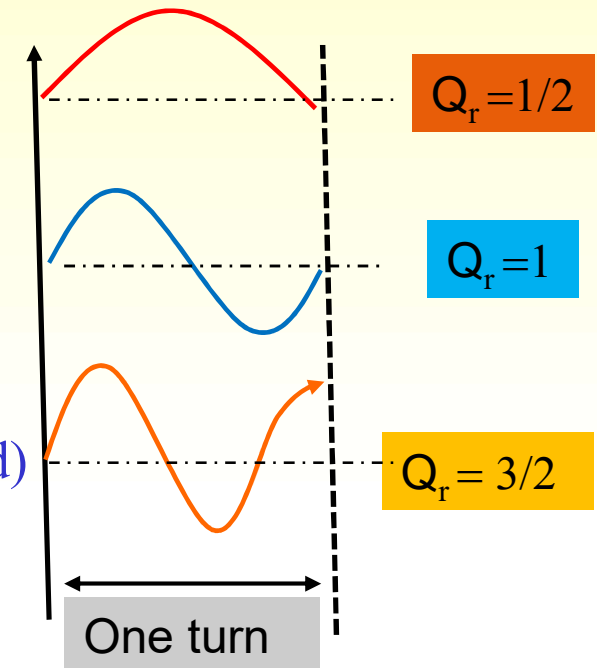
Like any **oscillatory phenomenon**, the amplitude of a betatronic motion can grow uncontrolled if an external source excites it with its own frequency.

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \omega^2 Q_r^2 x = 0$$

Several kind of radial resonances

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos(Q_r \omega t) = x_0 \cos(Q_r 2\pi N \text{turn})$$

can be excited with field defects, injection angle (unwanted)
with field bump, injection angle (desired)



Resonances: What happens with P field perturbations on 1 turn ?

$$\left[\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + \omega^2 Q_r^2 z \right] = A \cos(P\theta)$$

Search a particular solution

$$\longrightarrow Z(t) = \cos(P \omega t)$$

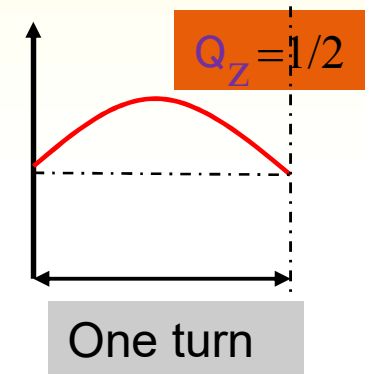
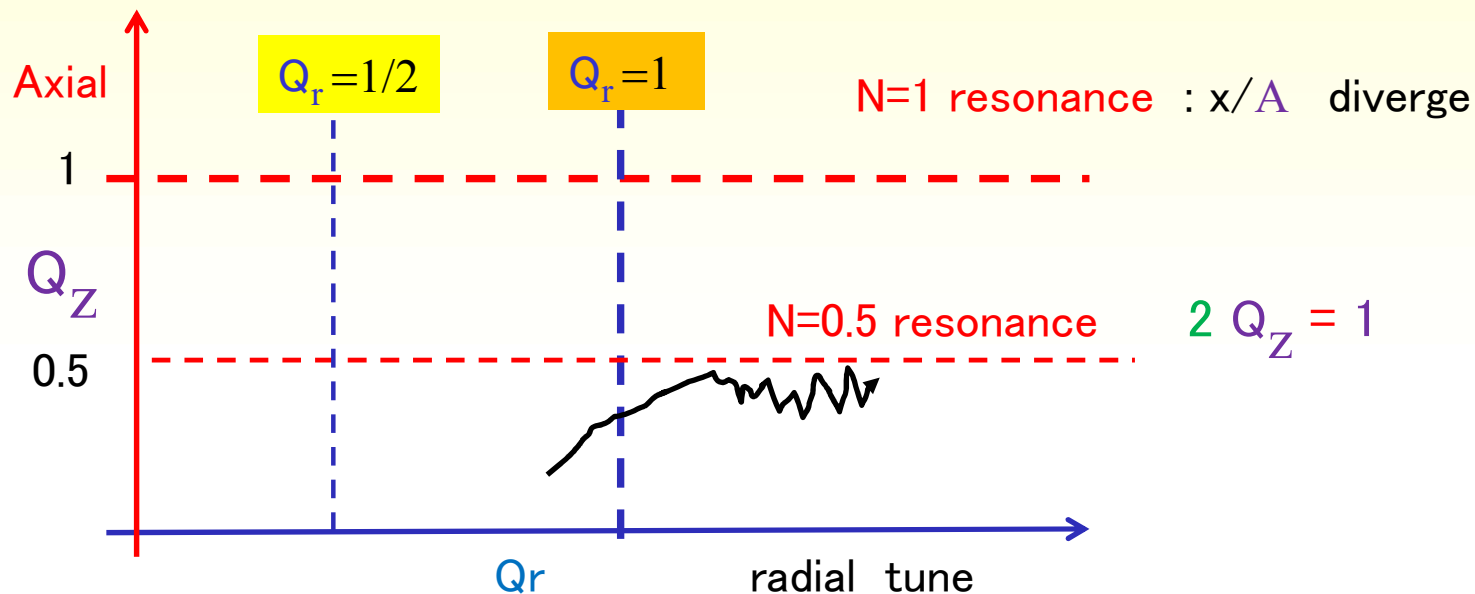
$$\frac{Z(t)}{A} = \frac{A \cos(P\omega t)}{[Q_r \omega]^2 - [P\omega]^2}$$

Z(t)/A diverge at $Q_z = P$ (integer)

z(t) is very sensitive to any perturbation A

(not good : large oscillation = beam losses)

The cyclotrons try to avoid resonance crossing



Resonances on cyclotron and synchrotron

Systematic resonances : This resonance occurs as the betatronic frequency (tune) is a multiple of the “magnetic frequency” of the machine. In this case, any kick given to the particle because of its particular position will be experienced again and again.

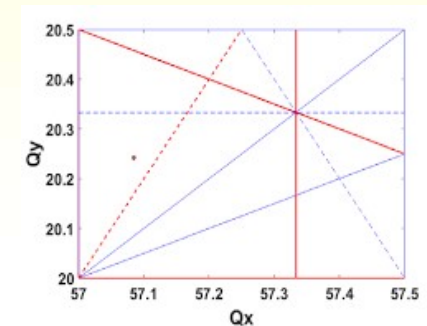
$$(\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_r = \mathbf{P}) \quad // \quad (\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_z = \mathbf{P})$$

Coupling resonances: the 2 oscillations (vertical and horizontal) can be coupled and the energy stored in one motion, transferred to the other. These are **coupling resonances** ($\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{v}_r + \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{v}_z = \mathbf{P}$).

$$\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_r + \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_z = \mathbf{P} \quad \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{L} \text{ and } \mathbf{P} \text{ integer}$$

The accelerator working point curve should avoid to those lines

We must tune the machine such as $\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_r + \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_z \neq \mathbf{P}$



Tunes and resonances on a cyclotron at Triumf (Canada)

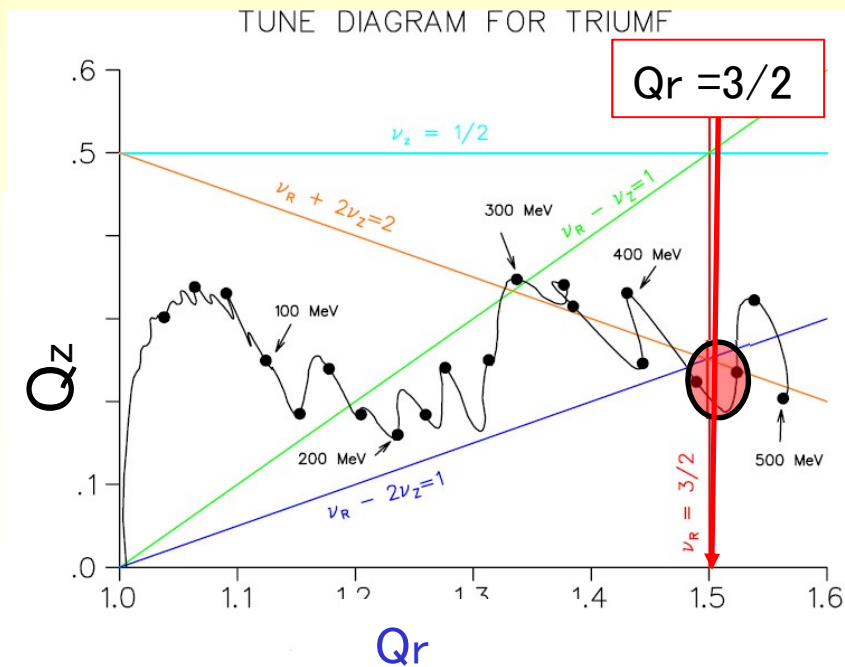
(H⁻ cyclo, $K_b=520$ MeV, 6 separated sectors)

$$\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_r + \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_z = \mathbf{P}$$

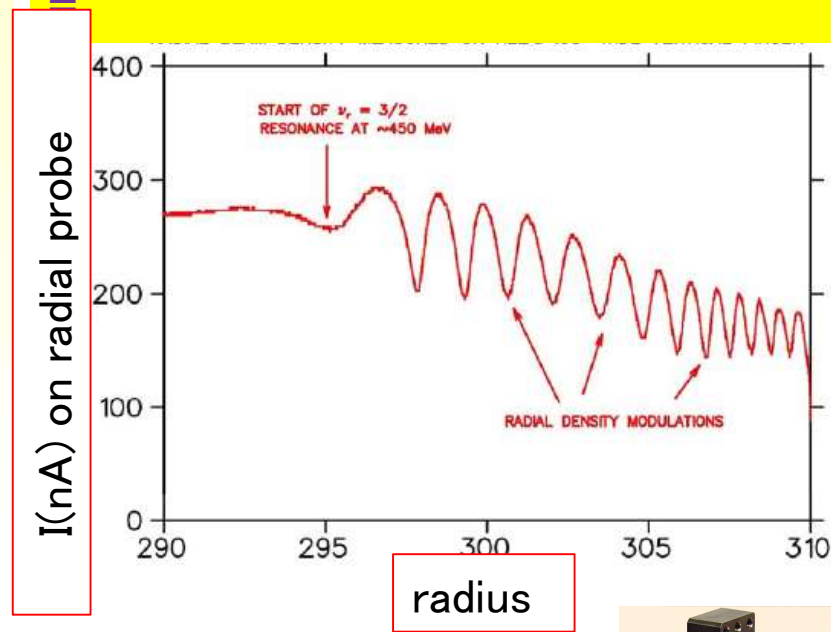
$|\mathbf{K}| + |\mathbf{L}|$ is called the resonance order (1, 2, 3 ...)



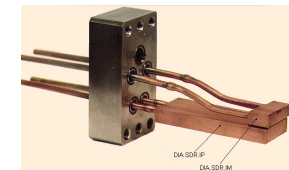
Effect on the crossing of the resonance $2 \cdot Q_r = 3$ (order 2)



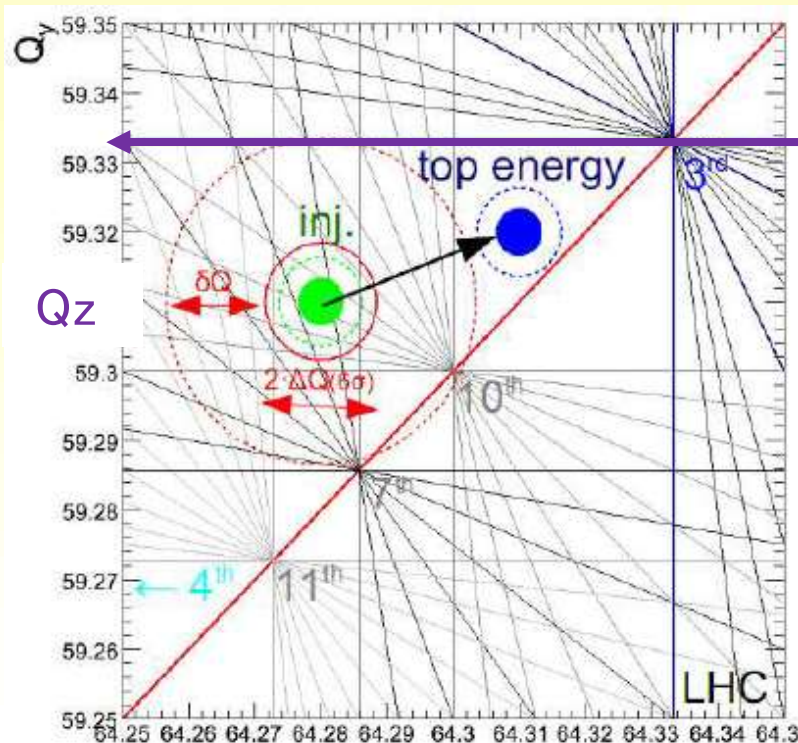
Radial Oscillations : $2 \cdot Q_r = 3$



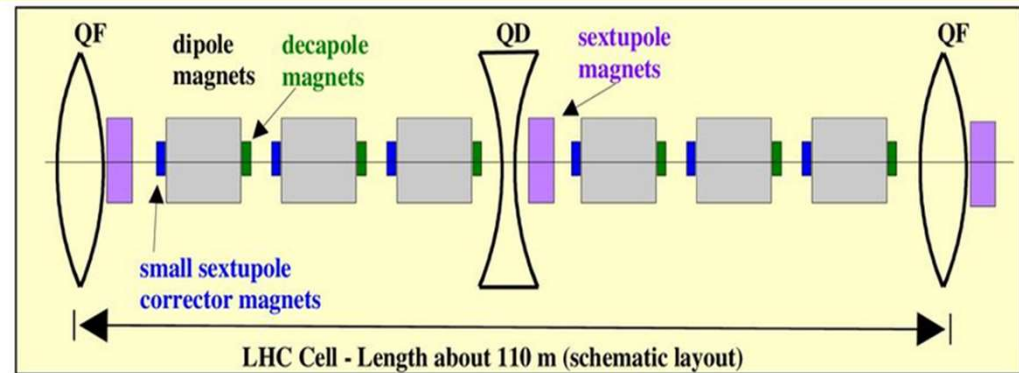
$$Q_r^2 = 1 - n + \dots = 1 - (1 - \gamma^2) + \dots \sim \gamma^2 + \dots$$



Resonances on Synchrotron : LHC example



Q_r horizontal tune



The accelerator working point curve should avoid to those lines :

Tune the quad such as $K \cdot Q_r + L \cdot Q_z \neq P$

$$Q_r \neq 64 \quad Q_z \neq 59$$

$$Q_z \neq 59.33 = (3 \times 59 + 1) / 3$$

Cyclotrons in the world

Some research laboratories with Cyclotron(s)

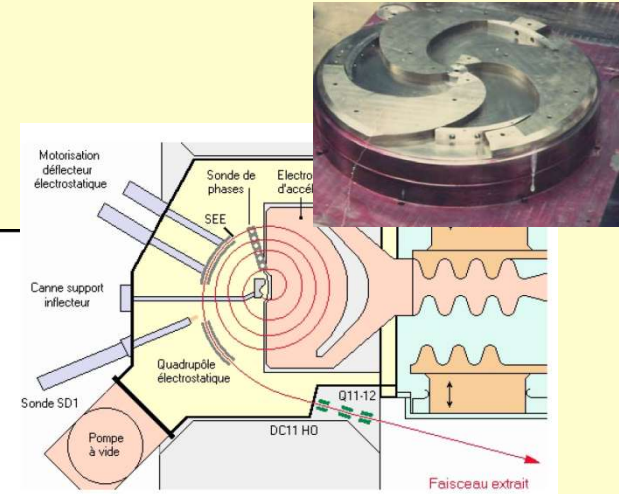
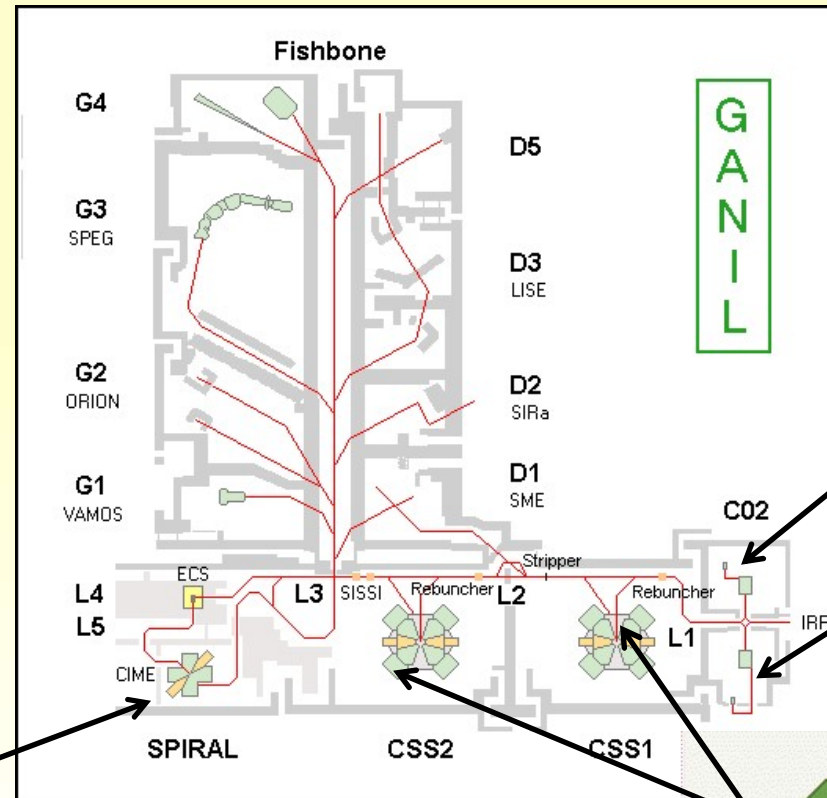


Some of the Research Facility in the world using cyclotrons

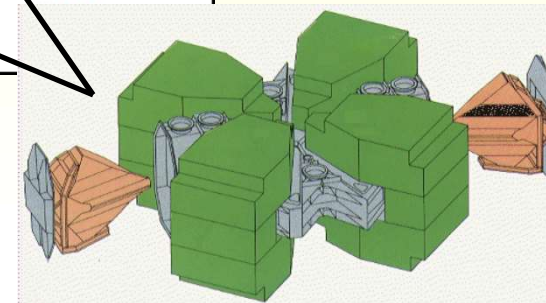
GANIL Facility (Caen, France)

5 cyclotrons + a new Linac

- Nuclear physics
- Atomic physics
- Solid state
- Radiobiology
- Irradiation for industry



2 compact cyclotrons
Kb=28 MeV

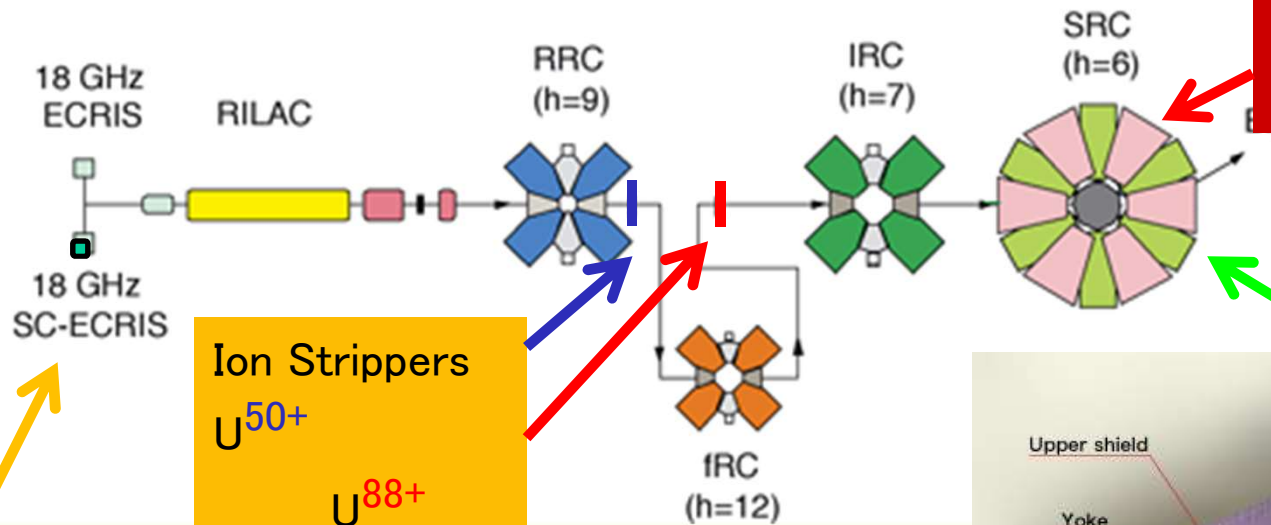


2 Separated Sectors cyclotrons
Kb =380 MeV

1 compact cyclo Kb =265
For radioactive ions

RIBF (Tokyo, Japan) : Uranium beam $^{238}\text{U}^{88+}$ @345 MeV/A cw

Mode (1): RILAC + RRC + (stripper2) + fRC + (stripper3) + IRC + SRC



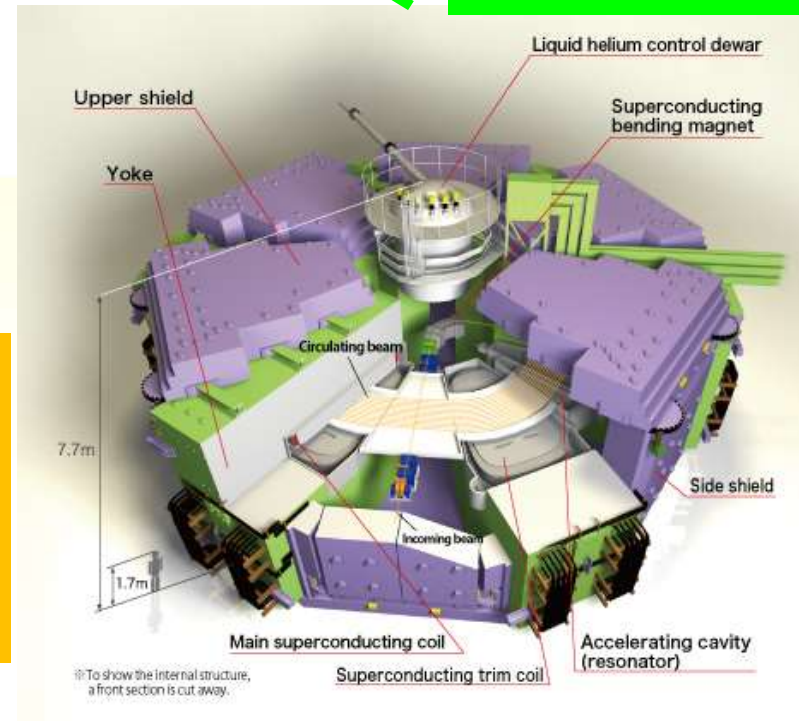
4 RF cavities

Radius=6m
=3.8T

Ion Strippers
 U^{50+}
 U^{88+}

« external »
ECR source
 U^{30+}

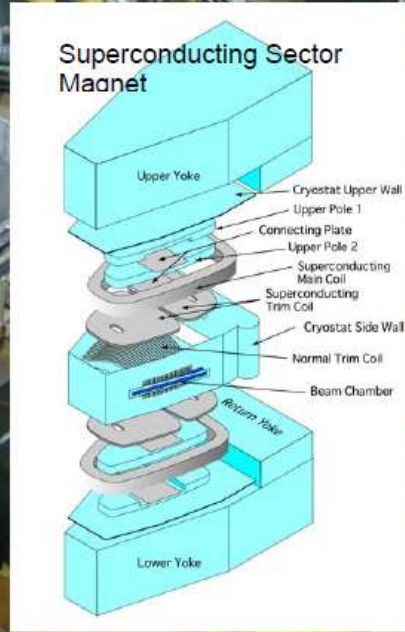
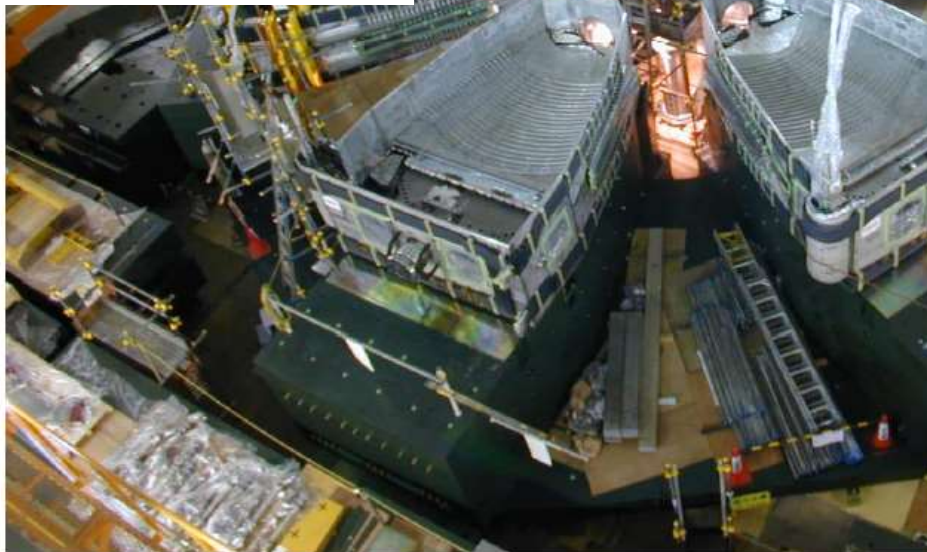
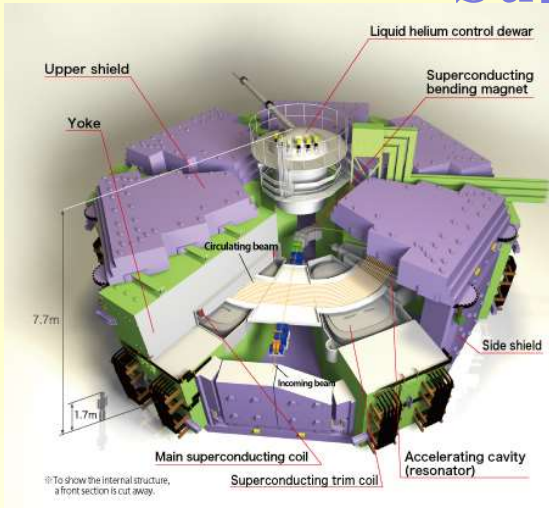
5 accelerators
1 LINAC
+ 4 Cyclotrons



RIBF (Japan) : SRC ($K_b=2600$ MeV)

the strongest cyclotron in the world

Superconducting Ring Cyclo

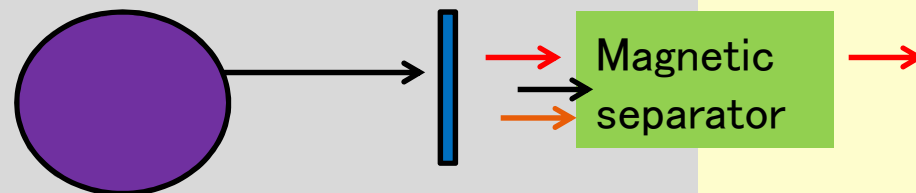


6 sectors :
 « Iron dominated magnets »
 With superconducting coils

Completed November 2005 - the 140-ton cold mass cooled to 4.5K.

TREND in Nuclear physics : Physics at RIBF (Tokyo)

Create Unknown "exotic" nuclei
by nuclear fragmentation
or by fission



Heavy ions
Cyclotrons

target

Radioactive
nuclei

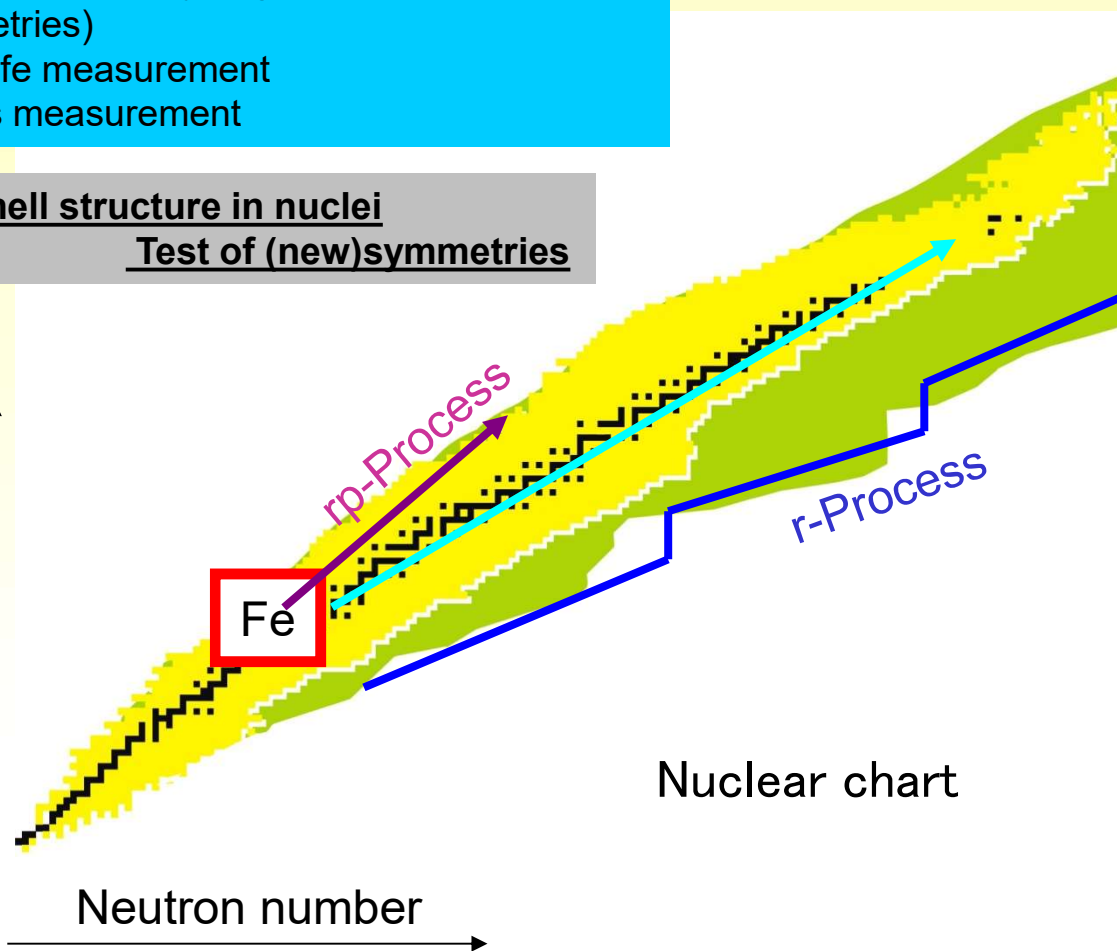
Exotic Nuclei (Very large proton-neutron asymmetries)

- half life measurement
- Mass measurement

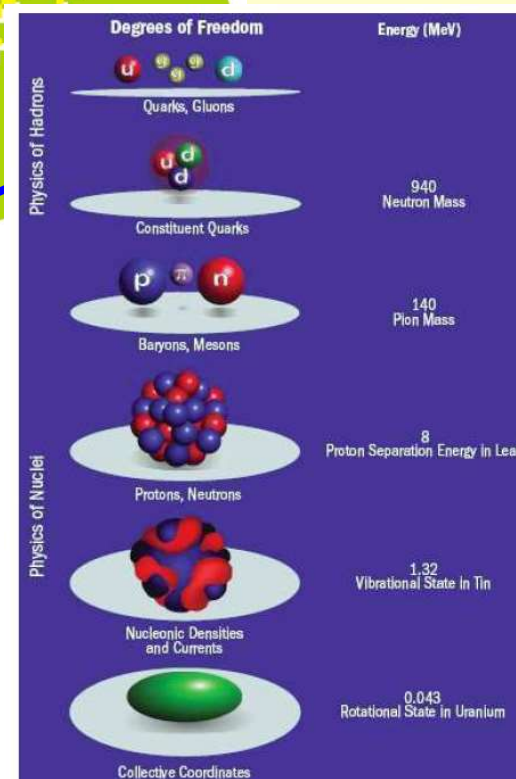
Shell structure in nuclei
Test of (new)symmetries

Proton number

Neutron number

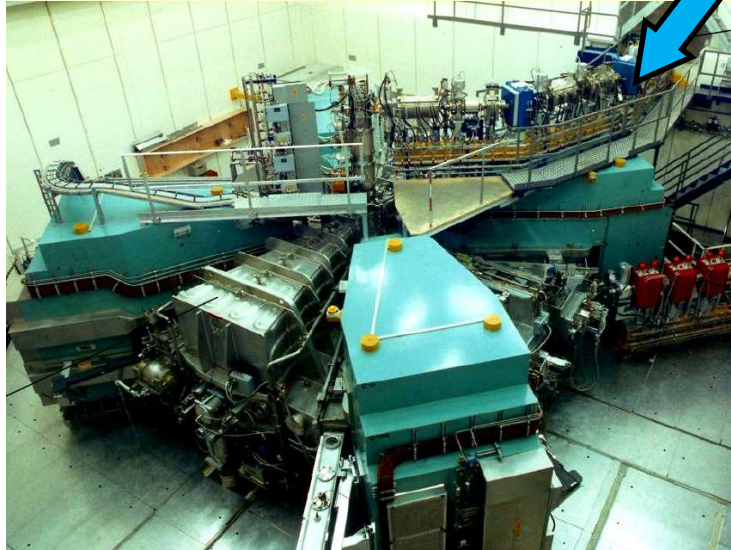
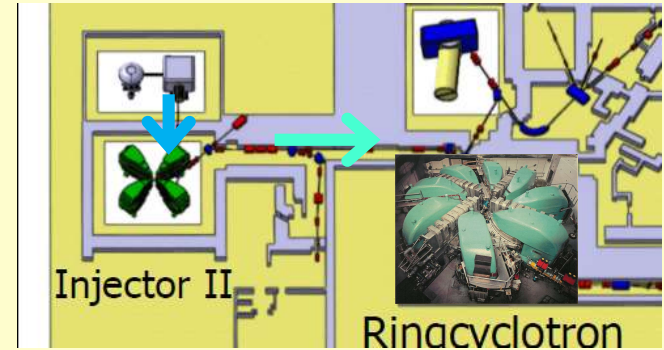


Nuclear chart

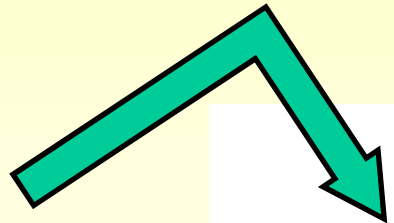


PSI 590Mev proton (Villigen,Ch)

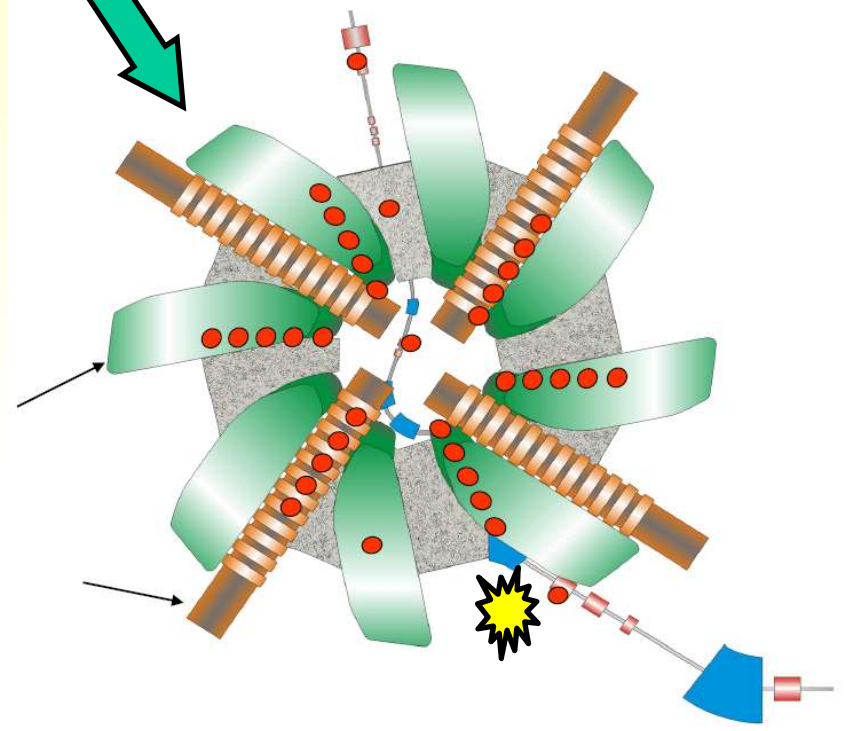
870 keV
Cokcroft-Walton



kb=72 MeV (injector 2)
Coupling of 2 cyclotrons



590 MeV Ring cyclotron

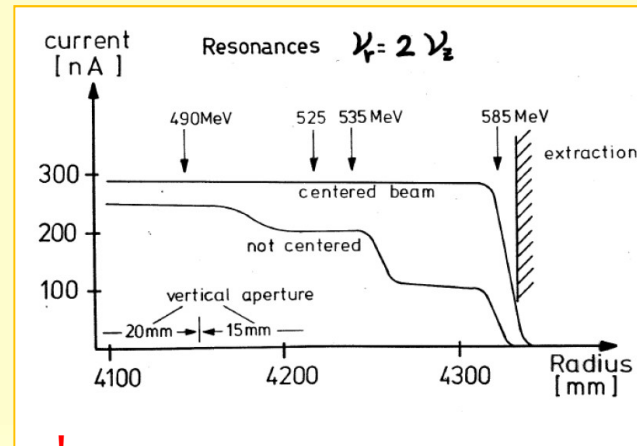


PSI :K= 590 MeV ring cyclotron $P_{\text{beam}}= 1.4 \text{ Mwatt}$



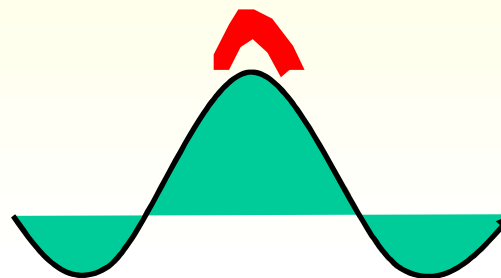
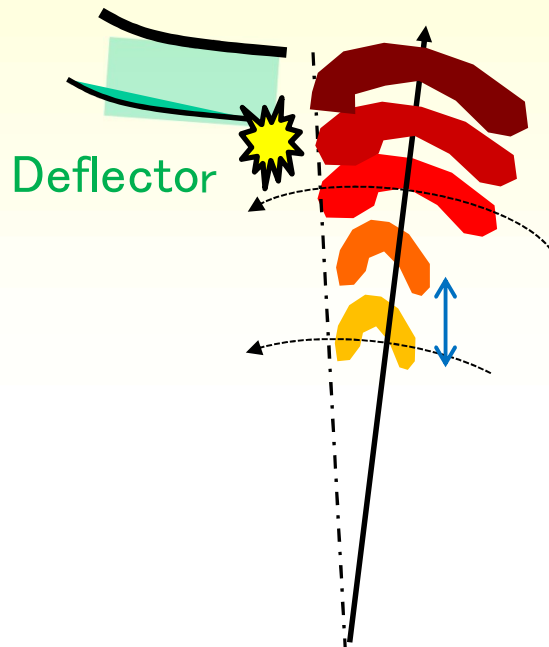
1) Injection centering :

Watch the resonance $2.Q_z + Q_r = 2$

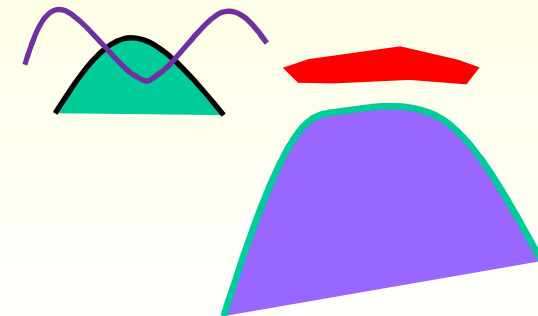


2) Extraction: Watch the beam losses !

A Flat top RF cavity has been added to reduce losses: $V_{\text{RF}} = \text{Cos}(\omega t) - \alpha \cdot \text{cos}(3\omega t)$



Standard cavity :
 $V_{\text{RF}} = \text{cos}(\omega_{\text{RF}} t)$



Flat top cavity
 $\text{cos}(\omega_{\text{RF}} t) - \text{cos}(3\omega t)$ 22

Some Commercial Cyclotrons : manufacturers

IBA (Belgium)

Model	Energy	Particle	Technology	Cost estimate 2010
Cyclone	5/10		proton/D	1 Meuros
Cyclone	9/18		H-/D-	1.5 Meuros
Cyclone	30		H-/D-	...
S2C2	230 MeV	p	synchro-cyclo superconducting	?
C70			p/D or H-/D-	?

Sumitomo HI (Japan)

HM-12		p
HM-18		p

EBCO (Canada)

TR 9/ 18		H-/D-
TR 15/ 30		H-/D-

GE-Scanditronix (USA-Sweden)

MINI TRACE	9/18
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Accel // VARIAN

250 MeV	proton	cyclo superconducting
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>1300 commercial cyclotrons in the World (2021)

- (10-20MeV) protons

- (230MeV) protons : develloping market

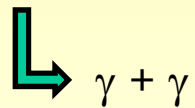
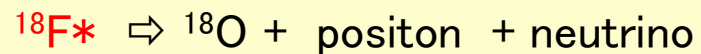
Commercial Cyclotron

Radioisotope production (5-20 MeV)

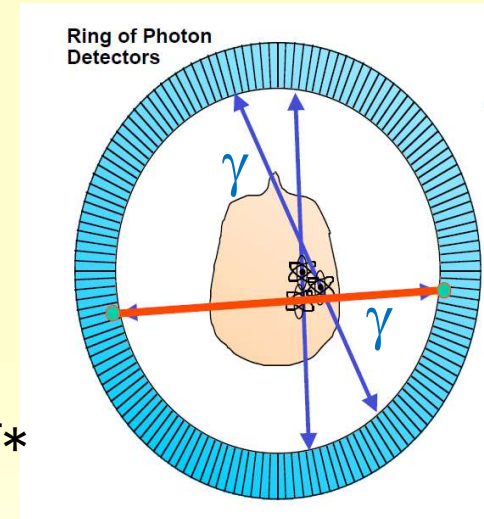
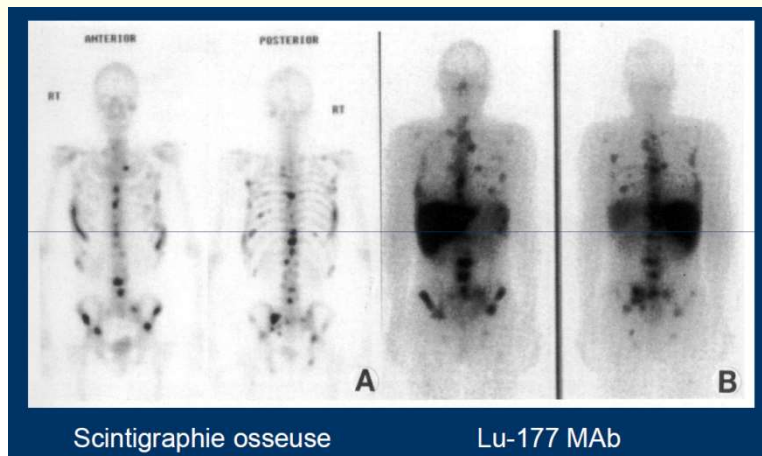
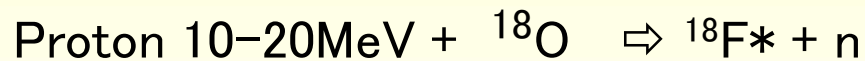
Radiotracer $^{18}\text{F}^*$: « Beta+ » emitter

Fluorine 18

$T_{1/2} = 109.7 \text{ min}$



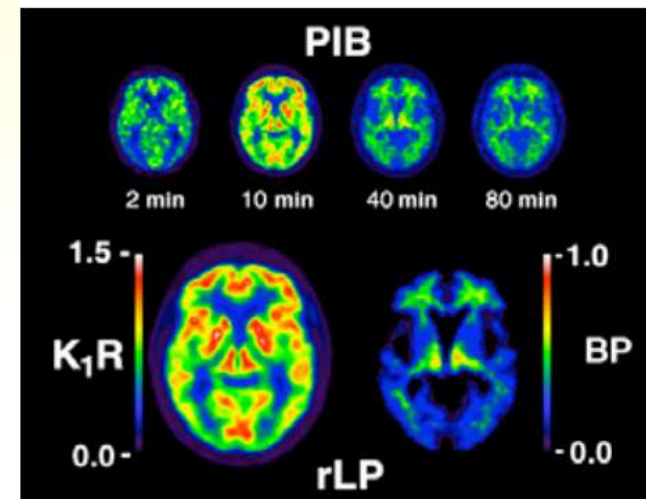
Production With cyclotrons



Injection of $^{18}\text{F}^*$

TEP camera

Reconstruction of the emitter position



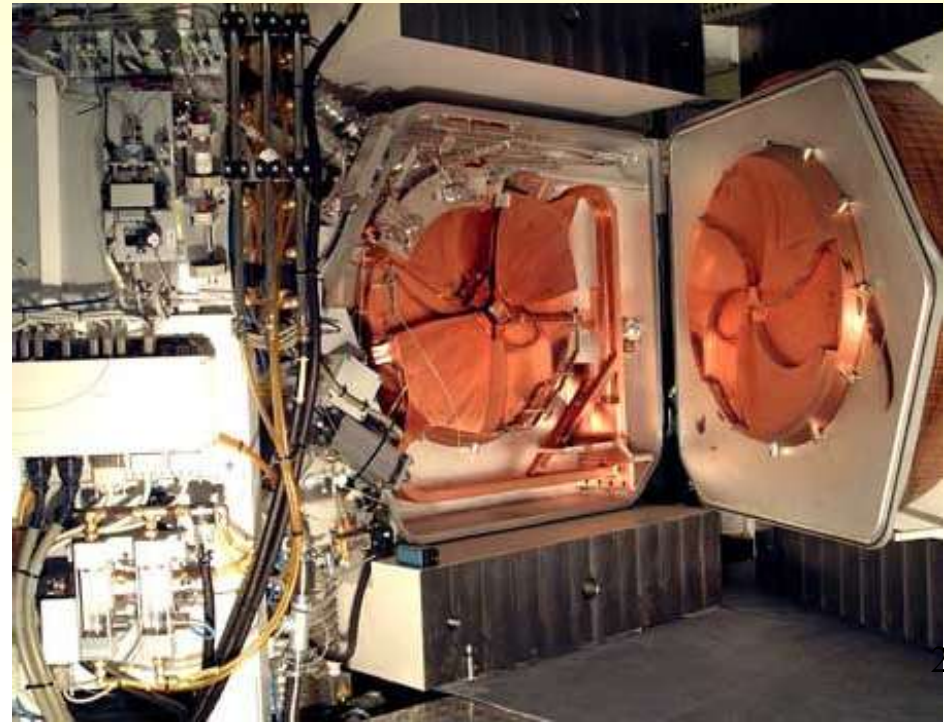


Cyclone 10/5 MeV (IBA)

= 10 MeV proton ($K_b=10\text{MeV}$)

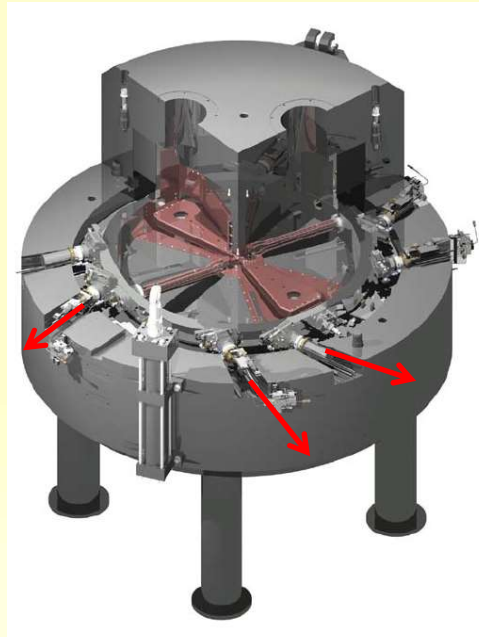
= 5 MeV Deuteron

cyclone 3D (“vertical implantation”)



CYCLONE 18/9 (IBA) : H⁻ 18 MeV

Designed for medical applications (radiotracers production)



Kb=18 MeV

Fixed energy ;

4 straight sector 50°

$\langle B \rangle = 1.35$ Tesla

Hill //valley gap 3cm// 67cm

fixed Frf =42Mhz

2 Dee = 30° , 32 kV

Harmonic h=2(p) ,4 (D)

Internal source

Rextraction=0.46 m

$B\rho_{max}=0.46 \times 1.35=0.62$ T.m

Internal PIG source, H⁻ stripping extraction



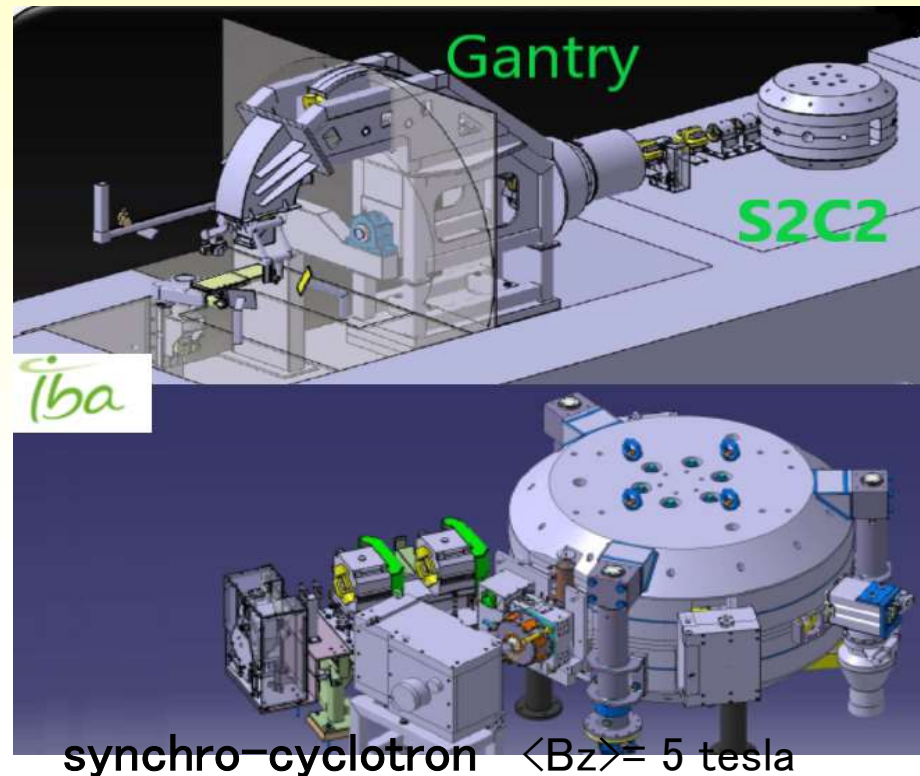
Commercial Cyclotron: proton therapy (230-250 MeV)

2 technologies in competition :

a) AVF Isochronous cyclotron (superconducting : $\langle B \rangle$ up 2 Tesla

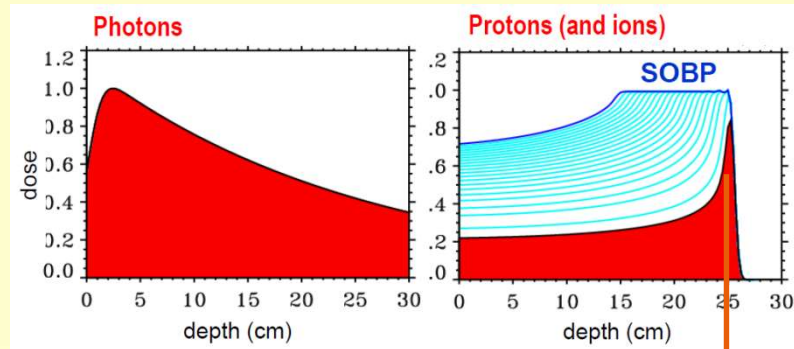
a) Synchro-cyclotron $\langle B_z \rangle$ up to 5 tesla (R=50cm)

Machine cost ~ infrastructure size



Commercial Cyclotron : For proton therapy (230 MeV)

Photon :
(Radiotherapy X)
A Dose in the
whole body

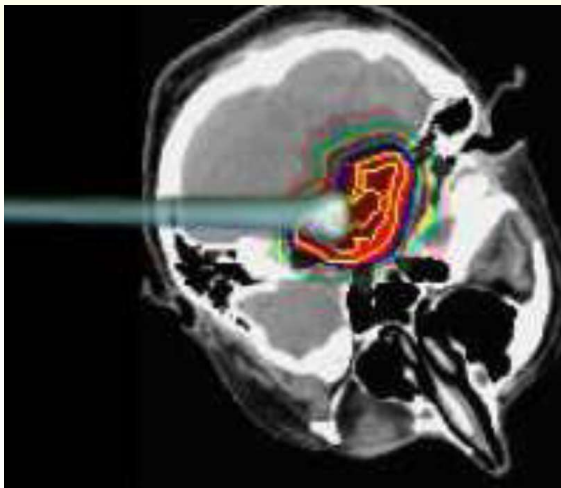


Protons :
Better than
Radiotherapy (photons)

Dose inside the tumor

Bragg Peak

Brain tumor treatment with protons



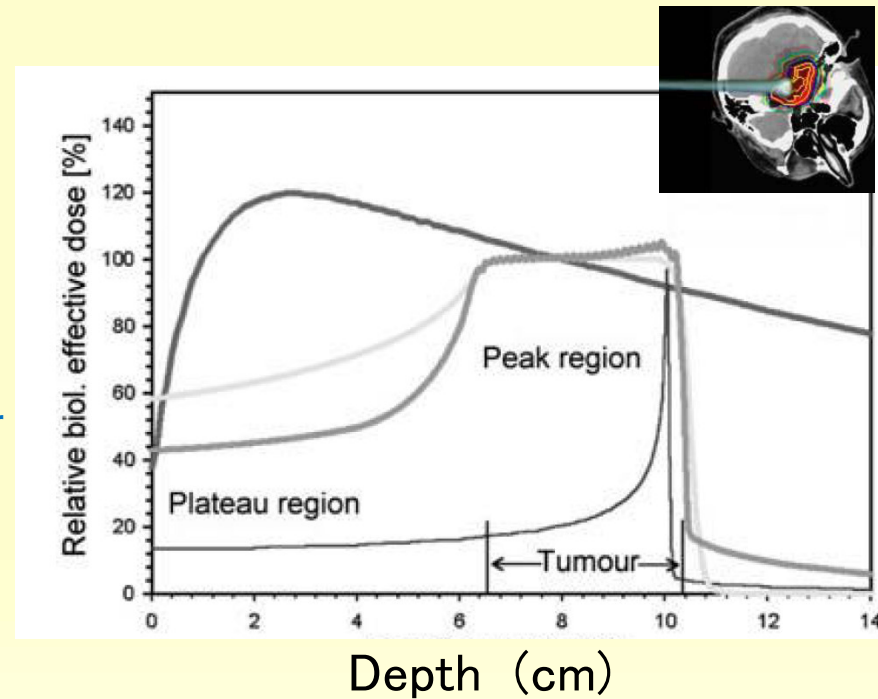
Eyes tumor treatment



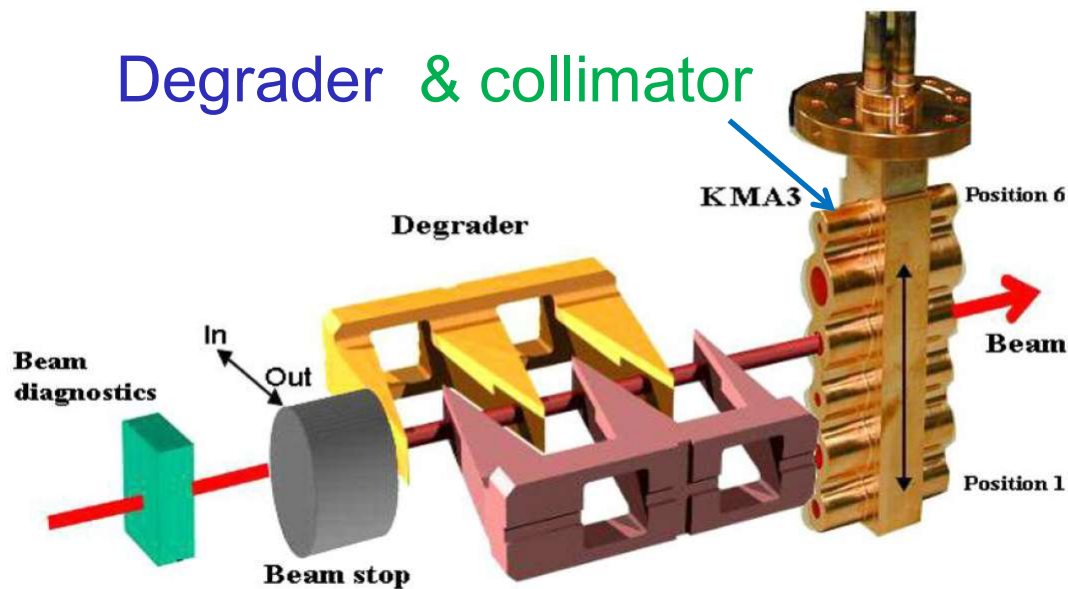
Proton therapy (230 MeV)

-Energy variation with **degrader**

Scanning the tumors :
With energy variations induced by a degrader



Degrader & collimator

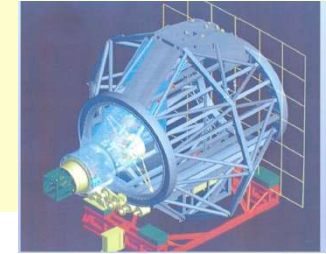


Energy variation
=
Range variation
(tumor scanning)

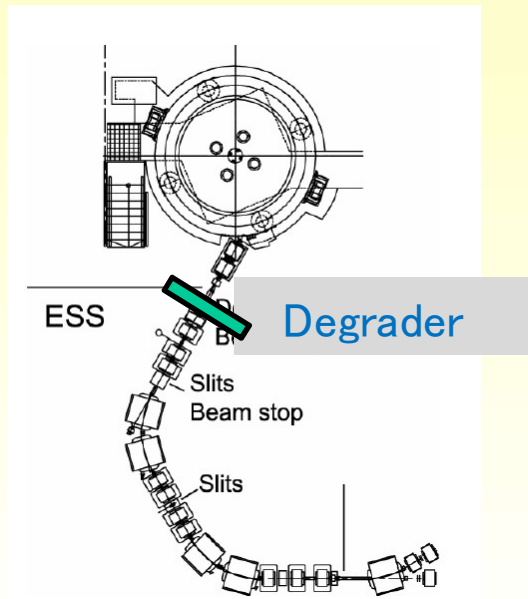
Proton therapy (230 MeV)

Energy variation with degrader

+ Rotating gantry

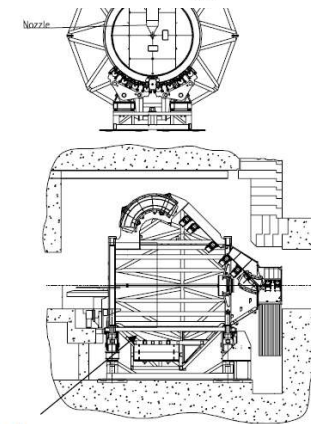
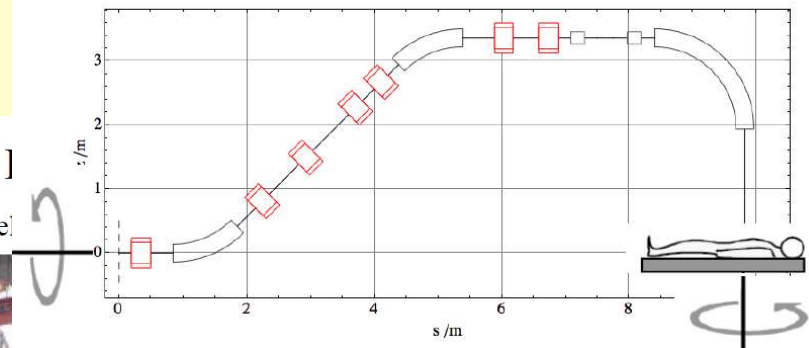


Optimal dose delivery
Scan the tumors :



Depth variation in
patient body:
Tumor scanning

Gantry



Polyethylene
plates



The gantry reduces dose in healthy tissues

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