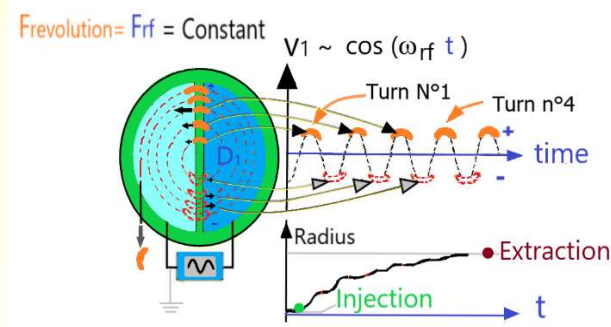


# Beam dynamics for cyclotrons



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compact cyclotrons

Separated sectors (ring cyclotrons)

Synchrocyclotrons

Fixed energy

Variable energy

Superconducting

Normal conducting

# Cyclotrons JUAS 2023

## Chapter 1 : theory

- History & Principle
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- Transverse dynamics (stability)

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- AVF cyclotron
- Synchro-cyclotron
- FFAG

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- Acceleration , RF
- Injection
- Extraction

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- Tracking

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-Theory vs reality (cost, tunes, Isochronism,...)

-Examples

Medical cyclotron  
Research facility

# Cyclotron history

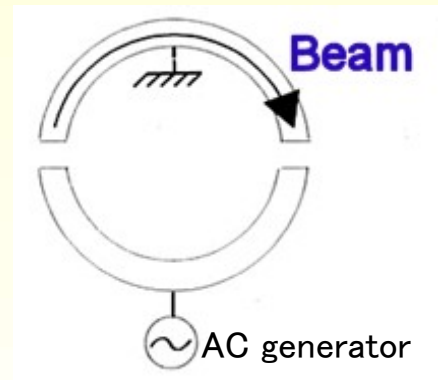
The Inventor, **E. Lawrence**, get the **Nobel** in Physics (1939)  
(**first nuclear reactions Without alpha source** )



Brilliant idea (E. Lawrence, Berkeley, 1929) : RF accelerating field is technically complex and expensive.

So Let 's use only 1 RF cavity, but many times

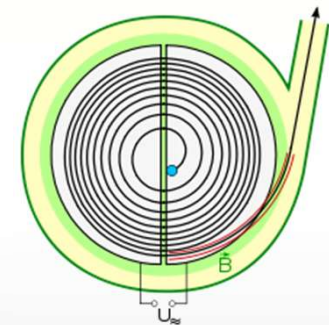
A device is put into a magnetic field, curving the ion trajectories and only one electrode is used several times.



From 1935-1980 : unique tool for Reseach facility  
(nuclear physics)

1980-today : Radio Isotope Production for the hospitals

In 2021 : 1300 cyclotrons in Operation !

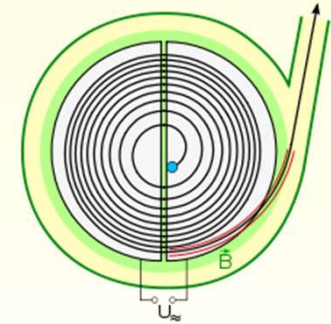


# What is a cyclotron ?

- RF accelerator for the ions :

from proton  $A=1$  to Uranium  $A=238$

- Energy range for proton **1MeV -1GeV** ( $\gamma \sim 1-2$ )
- Circular machine with 100% duty cycle
- Weak focusing
- Size Radius=30cm to  $R=6m$
- RF Frequency : 10 MHz -60 MHz



**APPLICATIONS :** Nuclear physics :

from fundamental to applied research

Medical applications :

Radio Isotopes production (for PET scan,....)

Cancer treatment

Quality: **Compact and Cost effective**

# Useful concepts for the cyclotrons

$$B\rho = \frac{P}{q} = \frac{\gamma m.v}{q}$$

$$E_K = (\gamma - 1).mc^2$$

Maxwell equations

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = 0$$

## Cyclotron coordinates

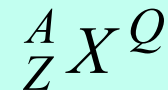
**r** Radial = horizontal

**z** Axial = vertical

$\theta$  « Azimuth » = cylindrical angle

MeV/A = kinetic energy unit in MeV  
per nucleon

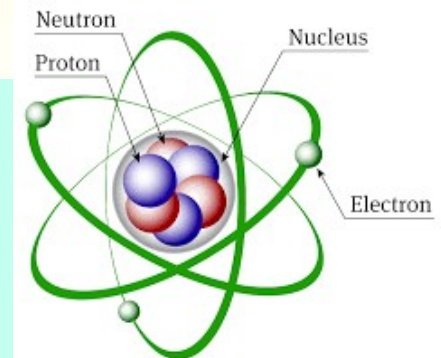
Ions :



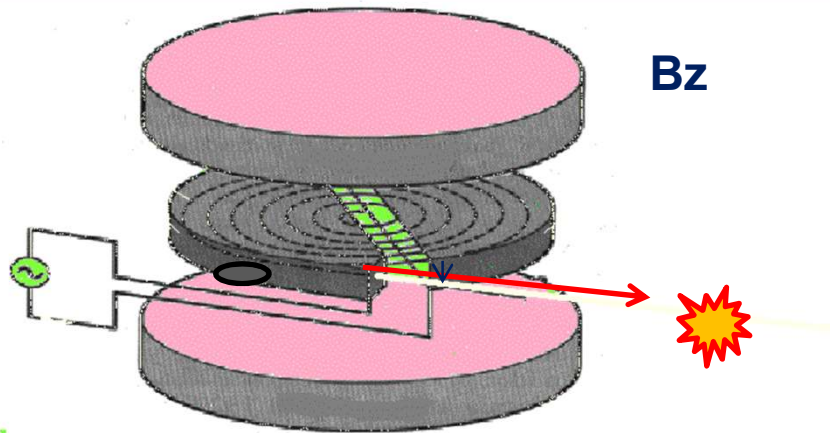
A : nucleons number

Z: protons number

Q : charge state : 0+, 1+, 2+, ...

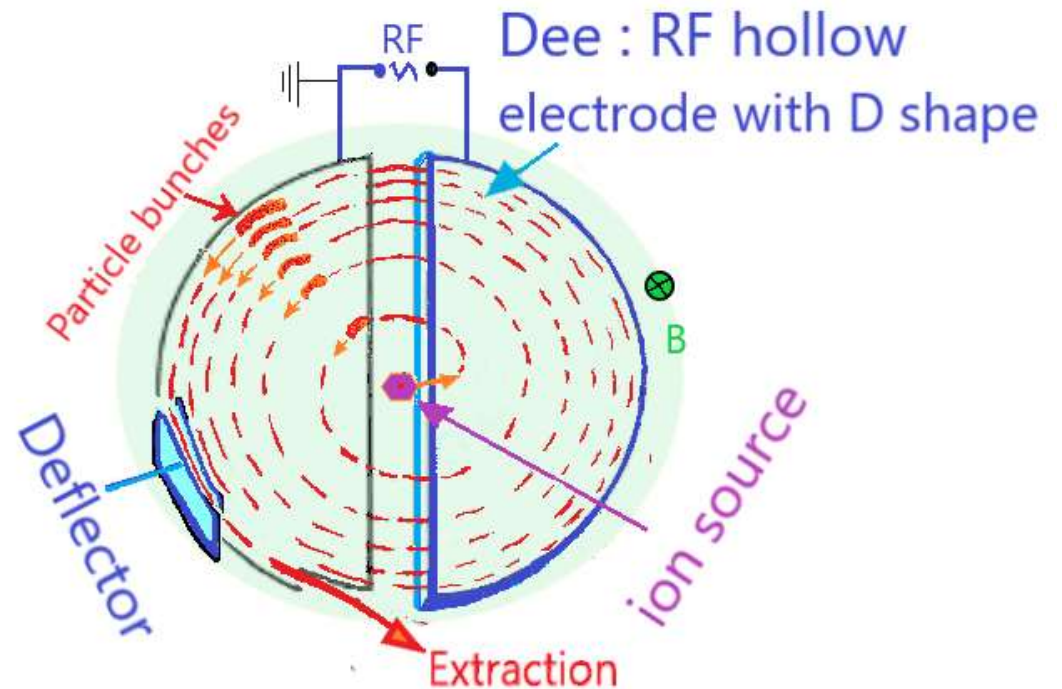


# Principle: spiraling trajectories



RF acceleration

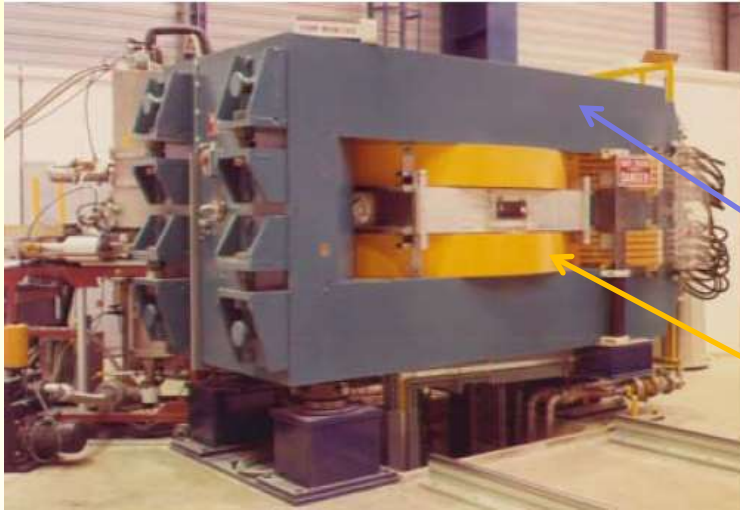
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}_{\text{gap}} &= [V_1(t) - V_0] / d \\ &= V \cos(\omega t) \end{aligned}$$



Accelerating Dee's

2 Copper boxes  $\neq$  potential  
one is at the ground potential

# A compact cyclotron in reality



1) Ion source

Magnet ( $B_z$ ):

2) Yoke

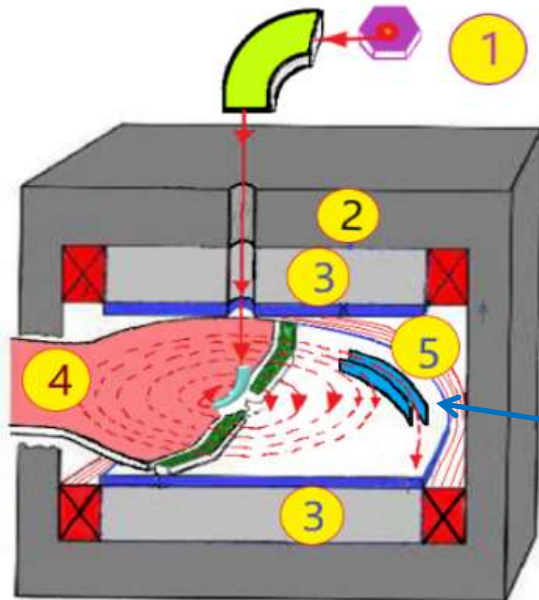
2) Poles

3) Coils

RF cavities :

4) Dee

5) Electrostatic Deflector



# Trajectory in uniform B field

$$\frac{d(\gamma m \vec{v})}{dt} = \vec{F}$$

A ion with a charge  $q$  and a mass  $m$  circulating at a speed  $v_\theta$  in a uniform induction field  $\mathbf{B}=(0, B_z, 0)$

The motion equation can be derived from the **Newton's law** *in a cylindrical coordinate system* ( $\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_z, \mathbf{e}_\theta$ ):

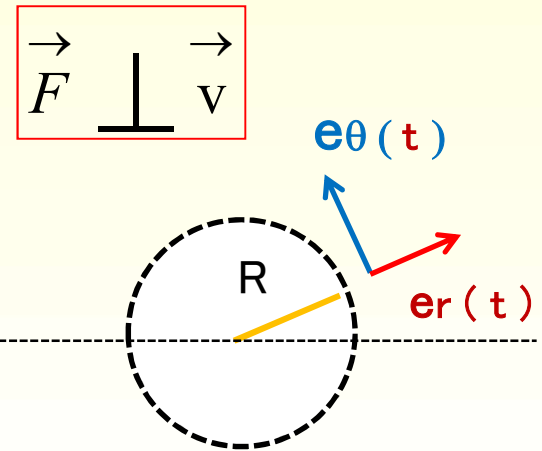
$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{F} = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = -qv_\theta B_z \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$\text{since } \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_r & \mathbf{e}_z & \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ 0 & 0 & v_\theta \\ 0 & B_z & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = m\gamma \frac{dv}{dt} = q(v_\theta \cdot B_z) \cdot \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \left( \frac{\|\mathbf{v}\|^2}{R} \right) \cdot \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$m\gamma \frac{v^2}{R} \mathbf{e}_r = q(v_\theta \cdot B_z) \cdot \mathbf{e}_r$$



$$m\gamma \frac{v^2}{R} = q \cdot v B_z$$



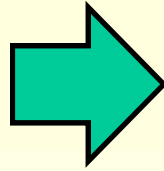
$$R = \frac{\gamma m v}{q B_z}$$





# Trajectory in uniform $B_z$ field

$$R = \frac{\gamma m v}{q B_z}$$



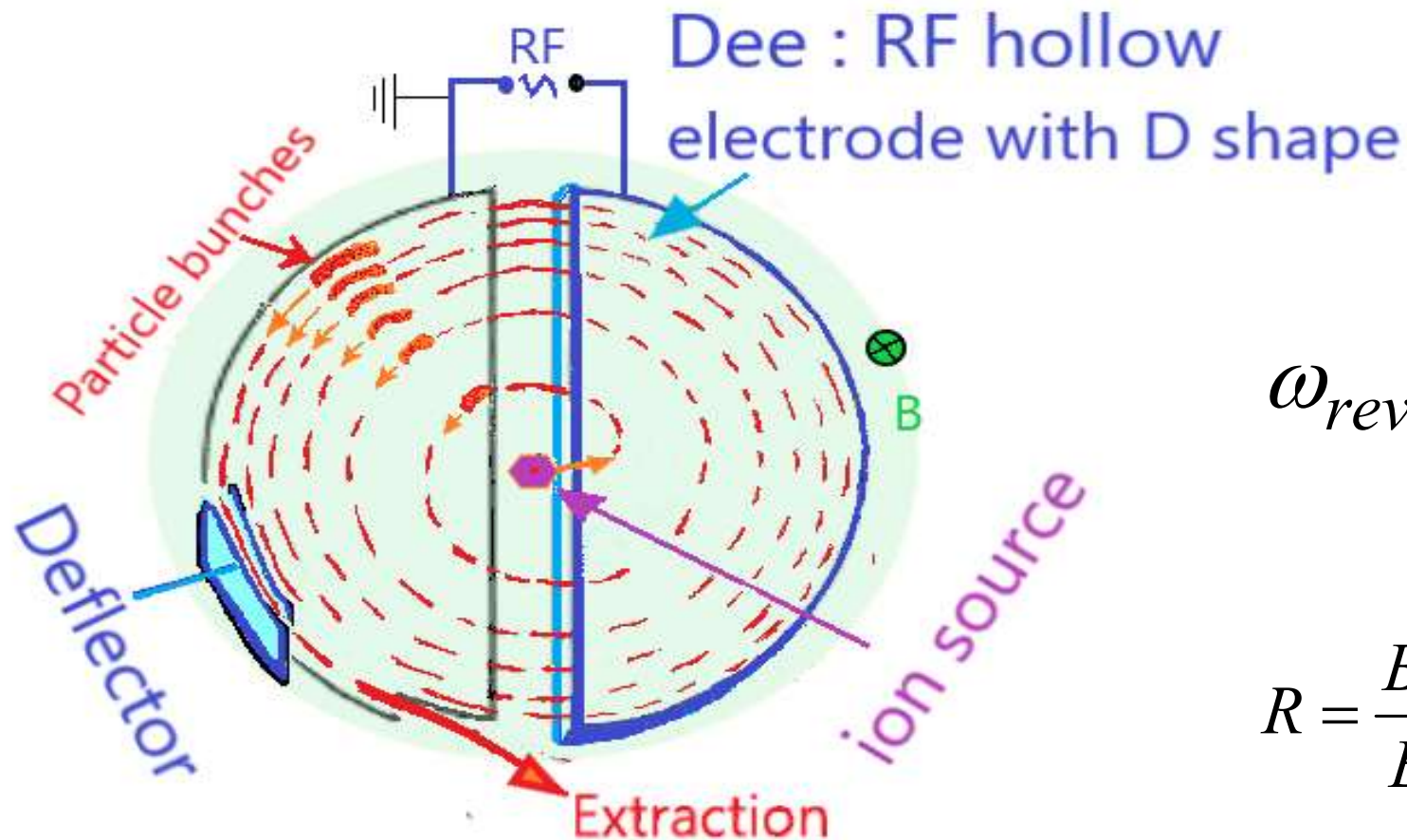
$$F_{\text{revolution}} = \frac{v}{2\pi R} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{qB}{\gamma m}$$



$$\omega_{\text{rev}} = 2\pi F_{\text{rev}} = \dot{\theta} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{v_{\theta}}{R} = \frac{qB}{\gamma m}$$

$$\omega_{\text{rev}} = \frac{qB}{\gamma m}$$

# The acceleration in cyclotron



$$\omega_{rev} = \frac{qB}{\gamma m}$$

$$R = \frac{B\rho}{B_z} = \frac{\gamma m v}{qB_z}$$

# Cyclotrons Tutorials 0

- Demonstrate that the revolution frequency ( $F_{rev} = \omega_{rev}/2\pi$ ) of an ion in a perpendicular uniform field  $B_z$  is

$$\omega_{rev} = q B_z / m\gamma$$

- 1) With the Newton-Lorentz equation (demo 1)
- 2) With magnetic rigidity (demo 2)

**Nota:** Electric field is supposed to be Zero

so  $\|V\| = \text{constant}$  and

hence  $\gamma = [1 - v^2/c^2]^{-1/2} = \text{constant}$

# Cyclotrons Tutorials 0

Demonstrate that the revolution frequency  $F_{rev} = \omega_{rev} / 2\pi$  of an ion in a perpendicular uniform field  $B_z$  is  $\omega_{rev} = q B_z / m \gamma$

Demo N° 1 : Newton equation

$$d\mathbf{p} / dt = q (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_r & \mathbf{e}_z & \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ 0 & 0 & v_\theta \\ 0 & B_z & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$m \gamma (d\mathbf{v} / dt) = -q v_\theta B_z \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$m \gamma (-v^2 / R) \mathbf{e}_r = -q v_\theta B_z \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$R = q v B_z / m \gamma$$

$$F_{revolution} = \frac{v}{2\pi R} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{qB}{\gamma m}$$

Demo N° 2 : Bρ formula

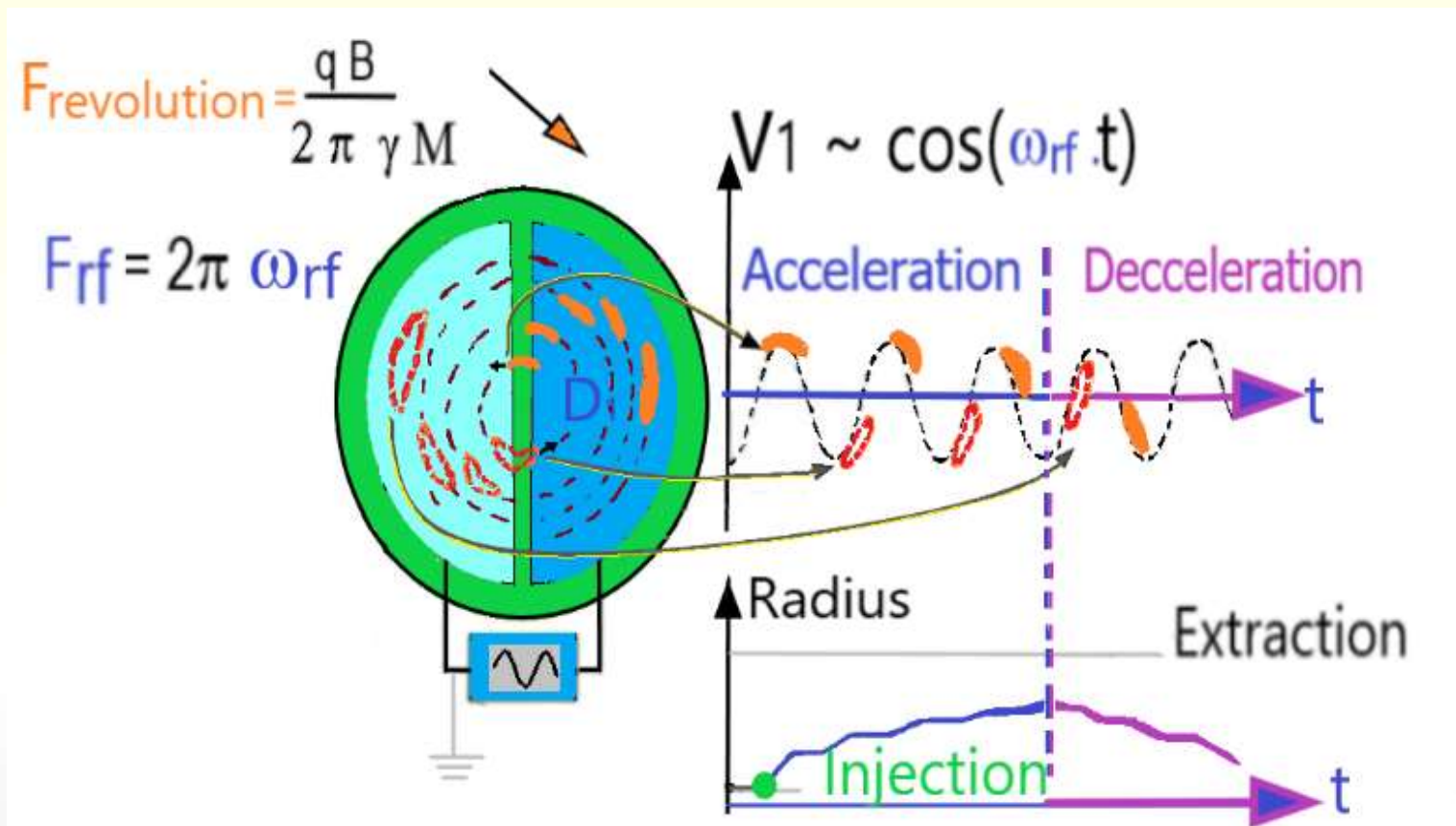
$$R = \frac{B\rho}{B_z} = \frac{\gamma m v}{q B_z}$$

$$F_{revolution} = \frac{v}{2\pi R} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{qB}{\gamma m}$$

$$\omega_{rev} = 2\pi F_{rev} = q B_z / m \gamma$$

# Desynchronization of bunches in uniform field cyclotron $B_z=B_0$

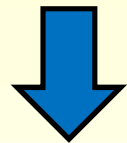
$$\omega_{rev} = \frac{qB_0}{m\gamma} = \frac{qB_0}{m} \cdot \sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2} = \frac{qB_0}{m} \cdot \sqrt{1 - R^2\omega^2/c^2} .$$



# How to get constant revolution frequency

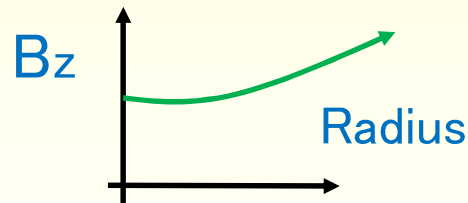
$$\omega_{rev} = \frac{qB_z(R)}{\gamma(R) m} = const$$

$$\gamma(R) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (R\omega_{rev})^2/c^2}}$$



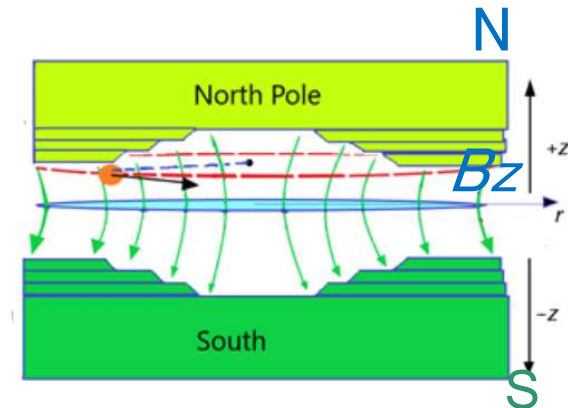
Isochronism condition

$$B_z = B_z(\text{Radius}) \sim \gamma$$



Pole gap  
= F( Radius)

$B_z(\text{Radius})$  = obtained by pole gap shaping



The distance between magnet pole (gap) evolves with Radius :  $B_z \sim 1/\text{gap}$

**Isochronism**

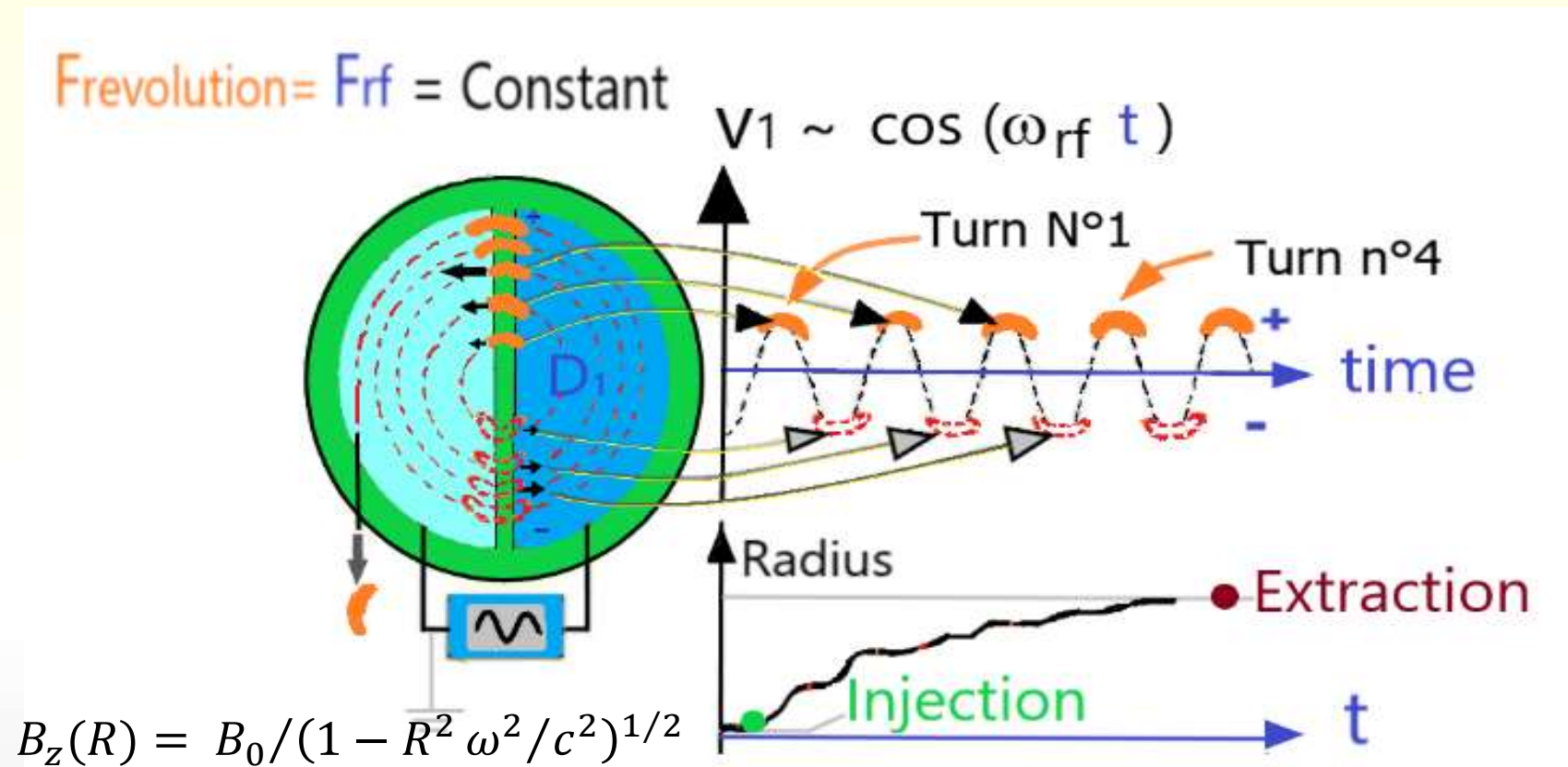
$\omega_{rev} = \text{constant}$

$$B_z(R) = B_0 / (1 - R^2 \omega^2 / c^2)^{1/2}$$

# Isochronism condition: $\omega_{\text{rev}} = \text{constant}$

with  $\omega_{\text{rf}} = H\omega_{\text{rev}}$ , the particle is **synchronous** with the RF wave.

In other words, the particle arrives always at the same RF phase in the middle of the accelerating gap.



# Cyclotrons Tutorial 1

- An isochronous cyclotron uses a **RF cavity**  
at **60 MHz** at the RF harmonic **H=3**
  - a. Compute **the time needed to perform one turn  $T_{rev}$**  for the accelerated ions.
  - b. Compute **the average field  $B_z$**  needed to accelerate a proton beam  
( in a non relativistic approximation)



# Cyclotrons Tutorial 1

•An isochronous cyclotron uses a RF cavity at 60 MHz at the RF harmonic  $h=3$

a. Compute **the time needed to perform one turn** for the accelerated ions.

b. Compute **the average field B** needed to accelerate proton

in a non relativistic approximation

Answer **a** Revolution freq =  $60/3 = 20$  MHz     $\Delta T = 1/F_{rev} = 50ns$

**b**     $\omega = qB/\gamma m = \omega_{rf} / H$  and we have  $\gamma$  close to 1

proton mass  $\sim 1.6 \cdot 10^{-27}$  kg    //    proton charge  $\sim 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19}$  C

$$F_{rf} = 60 \text{ MHz} = \omega_{rf} / 2\pi$$

$$B_z = m_p / q \cdot 2\pi F_{rf} / H = 10^{-8} \cdot 10^6 \cdot 20 \cdot 2\pi = 1.26 \text{ Tesla}$$

# Cyclotrons Tutorial 2

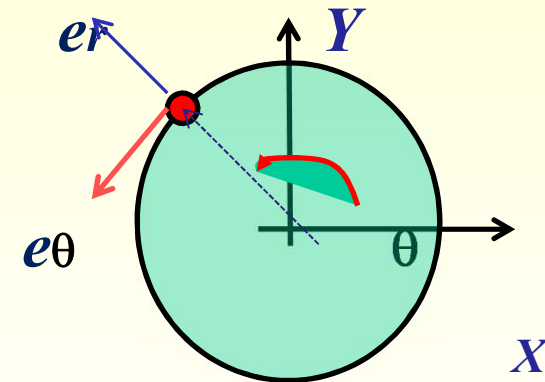
•Demonstrate than in a **uniform circular motion** , the radial acceleration is

$$a_r = |V^2 / R| .$$

Nota : *You can use parametric equations* :

$$X(t) = R \cos(\omega t)$$

$$Y(t) = R \sin(\omega t)$$



Then compute **the velocity** and the **acceleration**.  
Demonstrate that the acceleration is radial

Nota :  $\omega t = \theta$                        $\omega = d\theta/dt$

# Cyclotron Tutorial 2

## uniform circular motion

$$X(t) = R \cos(\omega t)$$

$$Y(t) = R \sin(\omega t)$$

compute *the velocity* and the *acceleration*.

Answer

$$V_x = -\omega R \sin(\omega t)$$

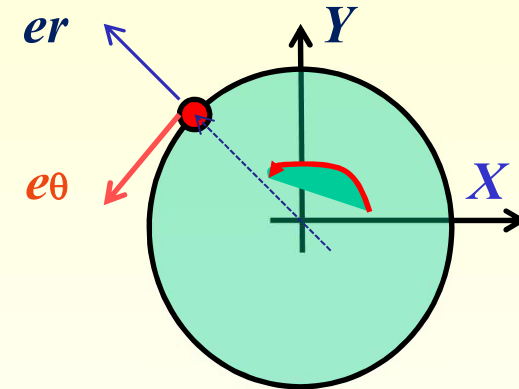
$$V_y = +\omega R \cos(\omega t)$$

$$v_\theta = |\mathbf{v}| = (V_x^2 + V_y^2)^{1/2} = \omega R$$

$$|\mathbf{a}| = (a_x^2 + a_y^2)^{1/2} = \omega^2 R = v^2 / R$$

$\mathbf{v}$  perpendicular to  $\mathbf{a}$  (since  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$ )

$$\mathbf{a} = -v^2 / R$$



Radial vector  $\mathbf{e}_r$  and longitudinal vector  $\mathbf{e}_\theta$

$$\mathbf{e}_r = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega t) \\ \sin(\omega t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d\mathbf{e}_r / dt = \omega \mathbf{e}_\theta$$

$$d^2 \mathbf{e}_r / dt^2 = -\omega^2 \mathbf{e}_r = v^2 / R^2 \mathbf{e}_r$$

# Transverse dynamics in a cyclotron without acceleration

We will use **cylindrical coordinates** ( $\mathbf{e}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_\theta$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_z$ )

The reference trajectory is  $\mathbf{r} = R_0 \mathbf{e}_r$   $R_0 = B\rho/B_z$

What happens to a particle with  $\mathbf{r} = (R_0 + x_0) \mathbf{e}_r + z_0 \mathbf{e}_z$

In Radial plane (horizontal) :

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = R_0 + x_0 \cos(Q_r \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

Radial tune  $Q_r$

In the Vertical (axial) plane :

$$z(t) = z_0 \cos(Q_z \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

Axial tune  $Q_z$

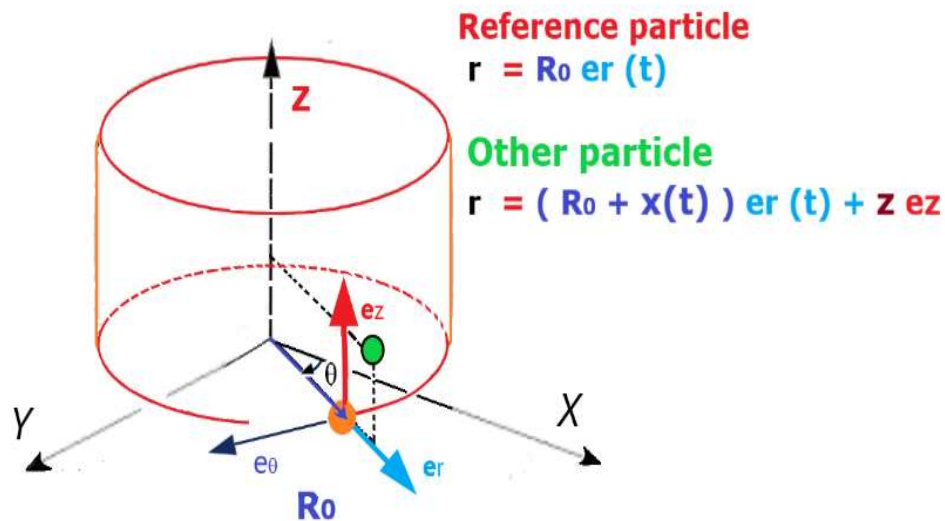
# Transverse dynamics with $\mathbf{B}_z$ (R)

$$B_z(R) = B_0 / (1 - R^2 \omega^2 / c^2)^{1/2}$$

Cylindrical coordinates ( $\mathbf{e}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_\theta$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_z$ )

and

define  $x$  &  $z$  a small orbit deviation with  $\mathbf{B}_z = B_z(r)$  (not constant)



$$\begin{aligned} B_z(R) &= \gamma(R) B_0 \\ &= R^{-n} B_0 \end{aligned}$$

Isochron field

Uniform Circular motion  $x=0$

Motion Equat. With  $x \neq 0$  &  $z \neq 0$  ?

$$m \frac{d(\vec{\mathbf{v}})}{dt} = m \frac{d^2(\mathbf{r})}{dt^2} = ?$$

## Vertical dynamics with $B_z(R)$ (No RF)

- Taylor expansion of the field  $B_z$  around the median plane:

definition of  $n(r)$   $B_z \sim B_0 (r/R_0)^{-n}$   $n$ =field index  $B_z$  is not uniform)

$$\text{with } n = -\frac{R_0}{B_0} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial r} = -\frac{R_0}{B_0} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x}$$

so  $B_z(R_0+x) = B_0(R_0) + (dB/dx)x + \dots = B_0(1-nx/R_0)$

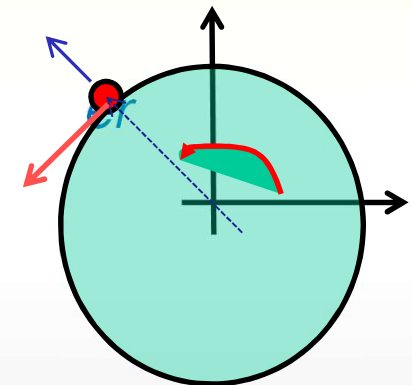
How evolves an ion, in this non uniform  $B_z$  :

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (R + x(t)) \mathbf{e}_r + z(t) \mathbf{e}_z$$

$$m \gamma \frac{d^2(z \mathbf{e}_z)}{dt^2} = \mathbf{F}_z \mathbf{e}_z \quad \text{Vertical motion } e\theta$$

$F_z$  vertical plan :  $\mathbf{e}_z = \text{constant}$

$$m \gamma \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = F_z = q (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})_z = -q (\dot{r} B_\theta - r \dot{\theta} B_r)$$



## Vertical dynamics with B (r)

$$m\gamma \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = F_z = q (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})_z = -q(\cancel{r \dot{B}_\theta} - r \dot{\theta} B_r)$$

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_r & \mathbf{e}_z & \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ \dot{r} & \dot{z} & r \dot{\theta} \\ B_r & B_z & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$B_r = ? \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial B_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial r} = 0 \quad + \quad B_z = B_0 r^{-n}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_r = -n \frac{B_{0z}}{r} z$$

Motion equation  $\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 \cdot Q_z^2 \cdot z$

Harmonic oscillator ?

$$\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{t}) = z_0 \cos(Q_z \omega_{\text{rev}} \mathbf{t})$$

**For isochronism, we have  $n < 0$  (therefore  $Q_z$  is imaginary)**

$$Q_z^2 = n < 0 \quad Q_z = i |n| \dots$$

★ Watch the vertical oscillations !! ★

**Isochronism condition** :  $n < 0$  :  $B_z(r) \sim r^{-n}$  : increase with Radius

**Vertical tune**  $Q_z^2 = n < 0$

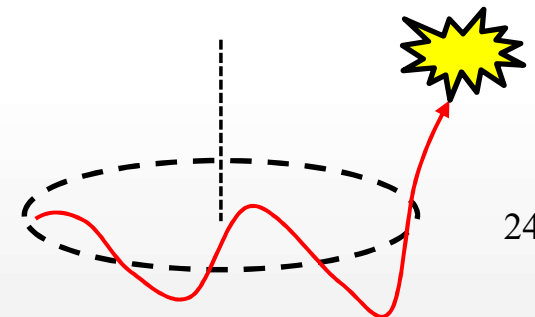
**Isochronism condition will induce unstable oscillations**

$$z(t) = z_0 \cos(Q_z \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

$$Z(t) \sim z_0 \exp(\pm |n|^{1/2} \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

**Unstable oscillations in Z**

= exponential growth = beam losses





# Radial (horizontal) dynamics with $B_z(R)$ (*No RF*)

- Taylor expansion of the field  $B_z$  around the median plane:

- *definition of  $n(R)$*        $B_z(R) \sim B_0 (R/R_0)^{-n}$        $n =$  called field index

so  $B_z(R_0+x) = B_0(R_0) + (dB/dx)x + \dots = B_0(1-nx/R_0)$

- How evolves an ion, in this non uniform  $B_z$  :  $r(t) = R_0 + x(t)$

$$m\gamma \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = -q \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{e}_r}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 \mathbf{e}_r = v^2 / r^2 \mathbf{e}_r$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{e}_r}{dt} = \omega \mathbf{e}_\theta$$

$$\frac{d^2 (r \cdot \vec{e}_r)}{dt^2} = \left( \ddot{x} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} \right) \vec{e}_r + 2 \dot{x} \mathbf{e}_r$$

$r = R(1 + x/R)$

$$= \left[ \ddot{x} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{R} \left(1 - \frac{x}{R}\right) \right] \vec{e}_r + 2 \dot{x} \mathbf{e}_\theta$$

*radial motion (projection on  $\mathbf{e}_r$ )*

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{R(1 + \frac{x}{R})} \approx \frac{1}{R} \left(1 - \frac{x}{R}\right)$$

$$m\gamma \left( \ddot{x} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{R} \left(1 - \frac{x}{R}\right) \right) = -q v_\theta B_{0z} \left(1 - n \frac{x}{R}\right)$$

## Radial dynamics with $B_z(R)$

$$m\gamma \left( \ddot{x} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{R} \left(1 - \frac{x}{R}\right) \right) = -q B_{0z} \left(1 - n \frac{x}{R}\right) v_\theta$$

After simplification :

$$\text{and } \omega_{rev} = \frac{q B_{0z}}{\gamma m} = \omega_0 \approx \frac{v_\theta}{R}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 Q_r^2 x \quad Q_r = (1 - n)^{1/2}$$

**Horizontal stability condition ( $Q_r$  real) :**

$$n < 1$$

**We have  $n < 0$  for isochronism : therefore  $Q_r^2 > 0$**

**Horizontal stability is guarantee in isochronous cyclotron**

## Radial dynamics ( $Q_r$ real) : Stable oscillations

Harmonic oscillator with the frequency ( $Q_r \omega_{\text{rev}}$ )

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2(1 - n)x$$

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos(Q_r \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

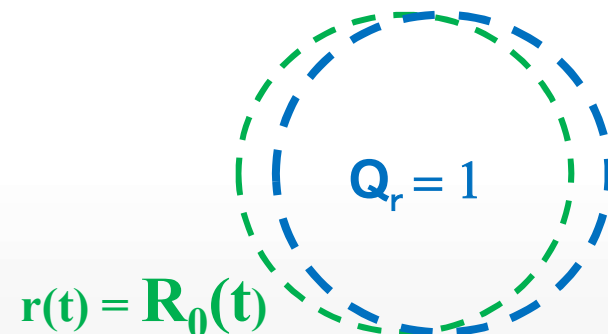
**Horizontal stability if  $n < 1$  : always satisfied**

$$Q_r^2 = 1 - n > 0$$

$n < 0$  : isochronism condition  $B_z$  should increase

Stability condition ( $Q_r^2 > 0$ ) OK

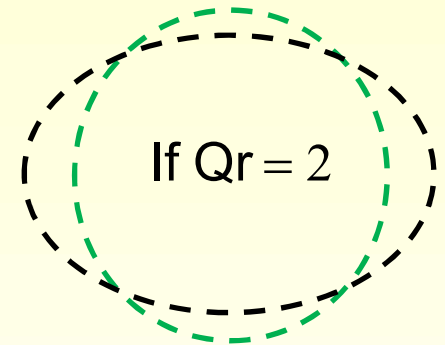
$$r = R_0 + x_0 \cos(Q_r \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$



# Tunes : $Q_r$ & $Q_z$

oscillations around reference trajectory

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{R}_0(t) + \mathbf{x}_0 \cos(Q_r \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$



$Q_r$  : Number of radial oscillations per cyclotron turn  
in horizontal (radial) plan

$$Q_r^2 = 1 - n \quad \text{stable oscillations}$$

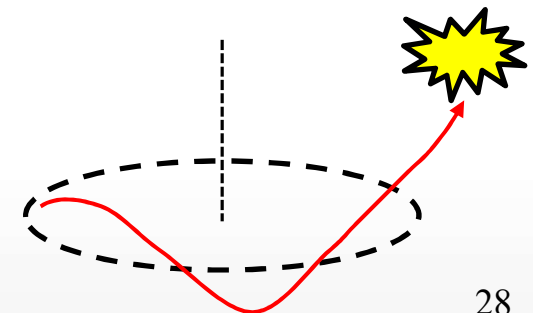
$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{R}_0(t) + \mathbf{x}_0 \cos(2 \omega_0 t)$$

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{z}_0 \cos(Q_z \omega_{\text{rev}} t) = \mathbf{z}_0 \cos(Q_z \theta)$$

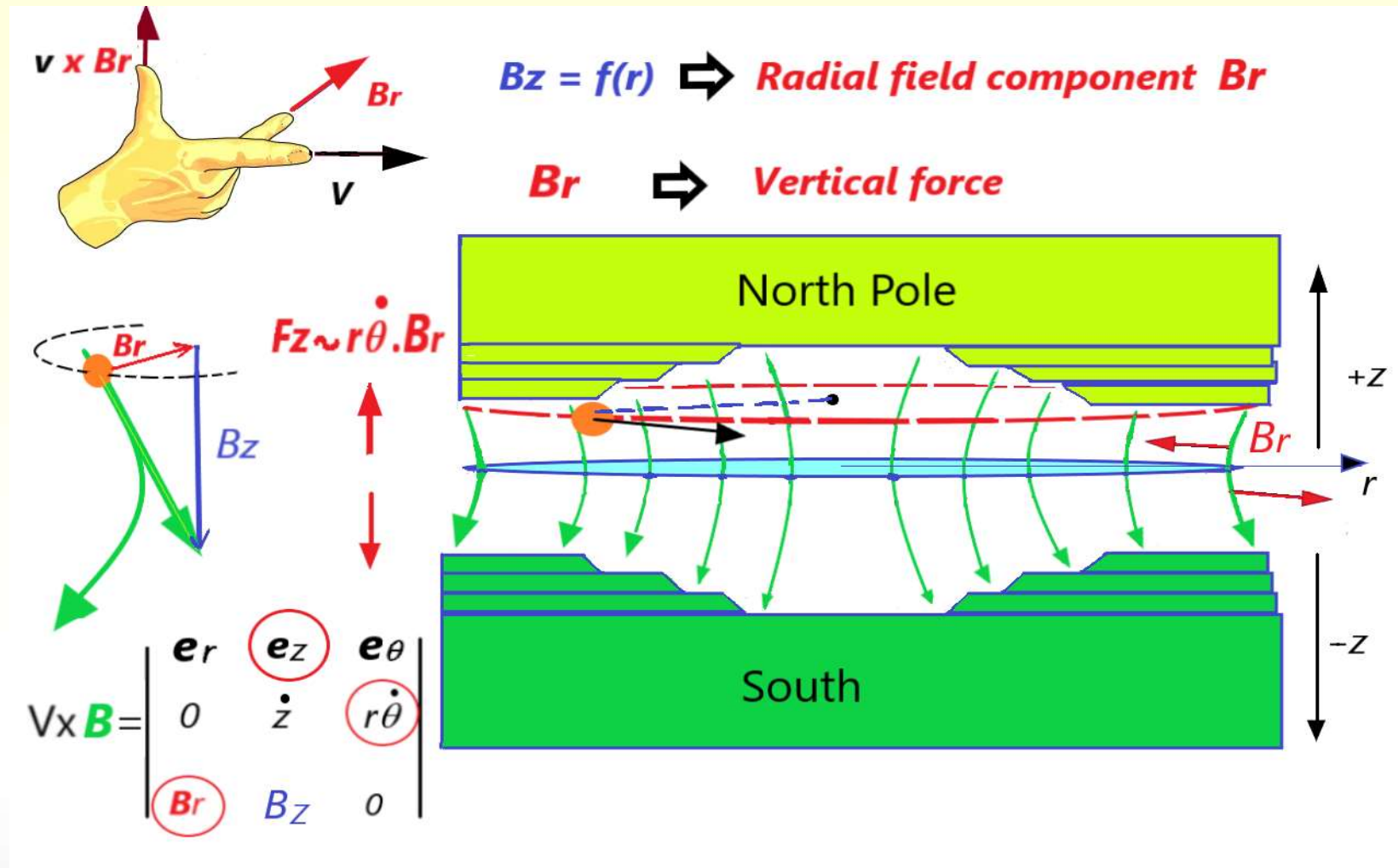
$$Q_z^2 = n < 0 \quad \text{unstable oscillations}$$

$(Q_z = i | Q_z |)$

$$\mathbf{z}(t) \sim \mathbf{z}_0 \exp(\pm | Q_z | \theta)$$



# The vertical instability generated by $B_z(R)$

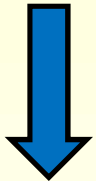


# Vertical stability $\neq$ Isochronism

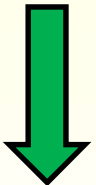
Isochronism condition  
(longitudinal)

$$B = B_z(R)$$

$$\omega_{rev} = \frac{qB_z(R)}{\gamma(R)m}$$



$B_z$  should increase with radius ( $B_z \sim B_0 r^{-n}$   $n < 0$ )



Unstable Vertical oscillations ( $B_r$  defocus in  $z$  plane)



Additive Vertical focusing is needed

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_r & \mathbf{e}_z & \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ \dot{r} & \dot{z} & r\dot{\theta} \\ B_r & B_z & B_\theta \end{vmatrix}$$

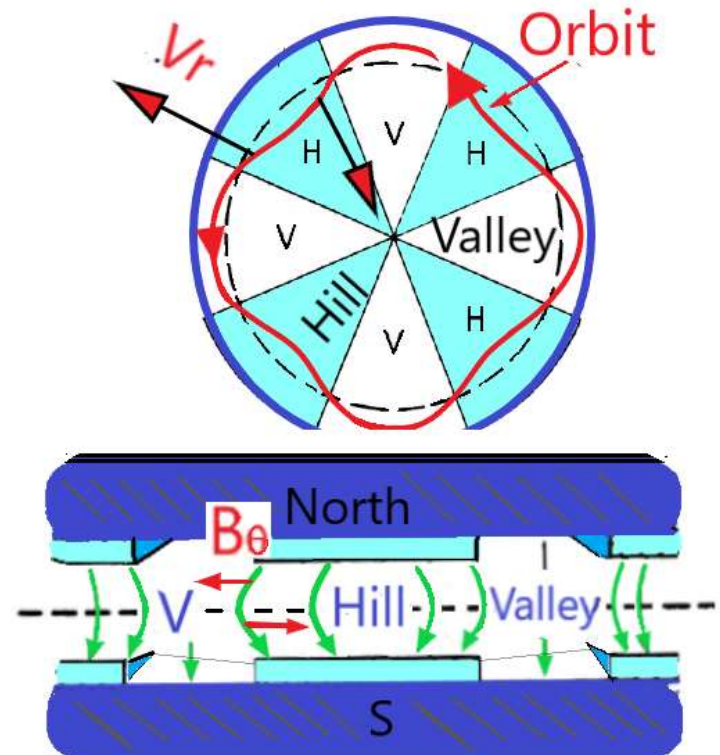
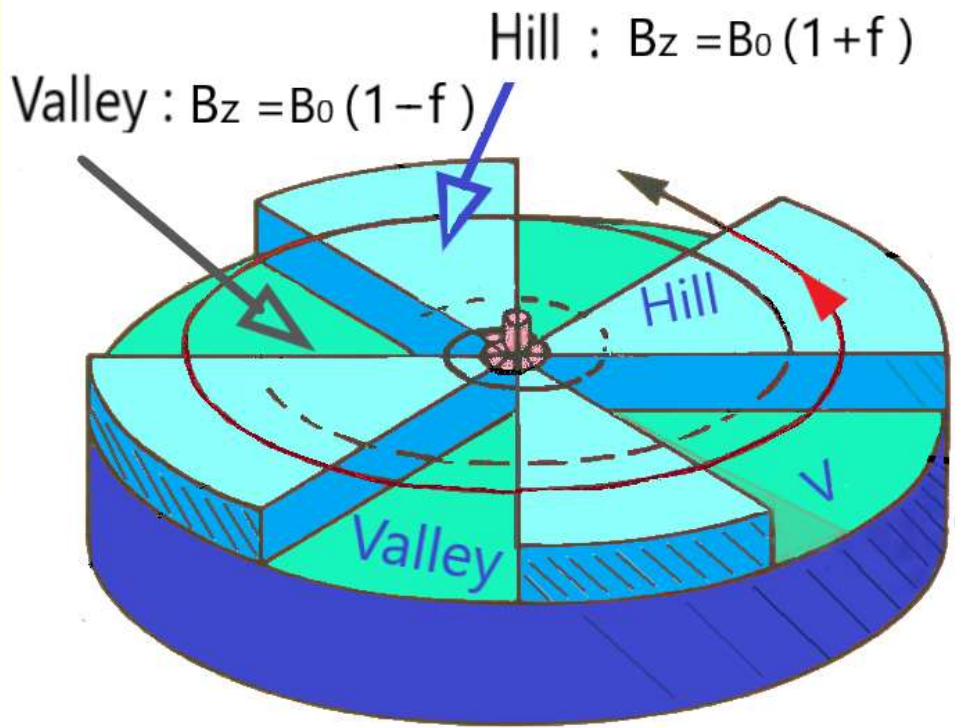
$B_\theta$  component needed ( $F_z = v_\theta \cdot B_r - q v_r B_\theta$ ):

« Azimuthally Varying Field » Cyclotron  $B = B(r, \theta)$

# Azimuthally Varying Field cyclotron

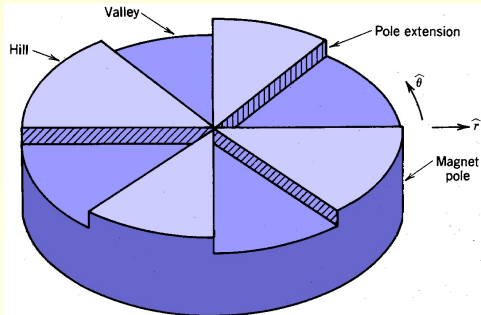
Restore vertical stability even with  $B_z = B_0 (R)$

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_r & \mathbf{e}_z & \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ \dot{r} & z & r\dot{\theta} \\ B_r & B_z & B_\theta \end{vmatrix}$$



$\langle F_z \rangle = q \langle \mathbf{v}_r \cdot \mathbf{B}_\theta \rangle$  : additional Vertical focusing force

# What is the azimuthal field $B_\theta$



Maxwell Equation  $\text{Curl } \mathbf{B} = 0$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \left( \frac{dB_\theta}{dz} - \frac{dB_z}{Rd\theta} \right) \cdot \mathbf{e}_r + \left( \frac{d(RB_\theta)}{RdR} - \frac{dB_\theta}{dz} \right) \cdot \mathbf{e}_z + \left( \frac{dB_z}{dR} - \frac{dB_r}{dz} \right) \cdot \mathbf{e}_\theta = 0$$

$$\frac{dB_r}{dz} = \frac{dB_z}{dR} = -n K R^{n-1} = -n \cdot \frac{B_0}{R}$$

$$B_\theta = z \cdot \frac{dB_z}{Rd\theta} + \dots$$

$$B_r = -n \frac{B_{oz}}{r} z$$

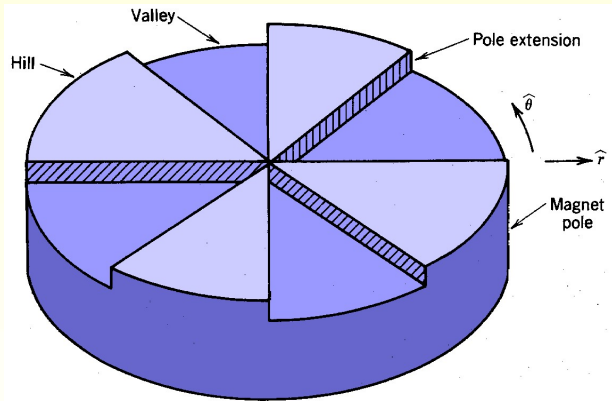
$\langle F_z \rangle = q \langle \mathbf{v}_r \cdot \mathbf{B}_\theta \rangle \sim -z$  : Vertical focusing force



# Azimuthally Varying Field (“A.V.F.”)

Vertical weak focusing :  $B_z = F( R, \theta )$

•  $F_z \sim \langle q v_r B_\theta \rangle$  : Vertical focusing



$$B_z = f( R, \theta )$$



$$B_\theta = g( R, \theta )$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = 0$$



Isochronism  $n < 0$  :  $B_z(R)$  increases with Radius  $R$

Vertical stability :  $B_z(R)$  Defocus in  $z$  +  $B_\theta$  Focus in  $z$

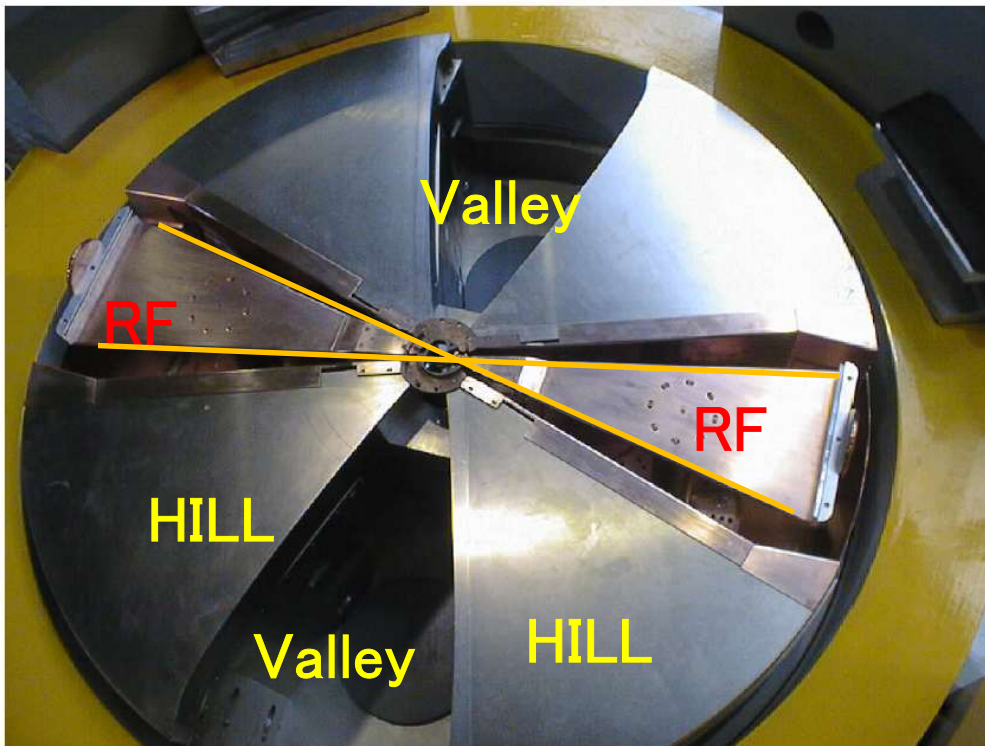
$B_z$  should oscillate with  $\theta$  to compensate the instability

# Azimuthally varying Field (AVF)

Exemple : 30 MeV compact proton cyclotron

4 straight sectors

C30 poles and valleys



-2 RF cavities

Inserted in the valleys

= 4 accelerating gaps

4 Hills + 4 Valleys

$$B = B(R, \theta)$$

$B_z$  Field varies

with azimuth  $\theta$