

# Introduction to particle accelerators

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## Accelerated particles

- Particle accelerators are machines handling **charged** particles by means of electromagnetic fields
- Most particle accelerators handle **stable** particles
  - Leptons: electrons, positrons
  - Hadrons: protons, antiprotons
  - Stable ions
- Exceptions: accelerators for **unstable** particles
  - Radioactive ion beam accelerators
  - (Future) muon accelerators/colliders

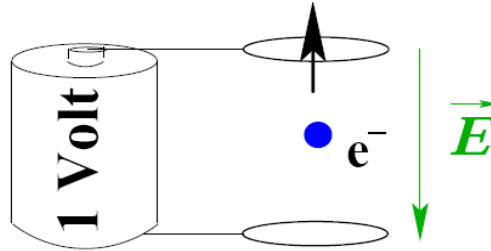


## Notations

- In the following, since we will deal a lot with electrical  $E$  and magnetic  $B$  fields, we decide to use  $U$  for the total energy of a particle



## Mass-energy units



- 1 eV = energy gained by particle carrying electron charge when accelerated across potential difference of 1 V (1 eV = 1.6 E-19 J)

$$U = mc^2$$

- Since mass and energy are equivalent, rest masses of particles may also be expressed in eV and their multiples

	Electron	Proton
Rest mass [kg]	9.11 E-31	1.67 E-27
Rest mass [MeV]	0.511	938
Electrical charge [Cb]	1.6 E-19	1.6 E-19



## Do we need Relativity?

- The motion of a particle is no longer amenable to classical mechanics when the ratio  $\gamma$  of its total mass-energy to its rest mass-energy gets larger than 1

$$\gamma = \frac{U}{U_0} = \frac{m}{m_0}$$

- Electrons  $> 0.5$  MeV
  - Protons  $> 1$  GeV
- This also corresponds to the case when the velocity of the particle becomes a significant fraction of the velocity of light, i.e.  $\beta$  approaches 1

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}}$$





# Basic formulae of Special Relativity

- Basic formulae

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{U}{U_0} = \frac{m}{m_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

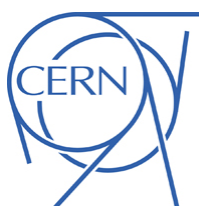
$$U = mc^2 = \gamma m_0 c^2$$

$$p = mv = \frac{U}{c^2} \beta c = \beta \frac{U}{c} = \beta \gamma m_0 c$$

$$U^2 = p^2 c^2 + m_0^2 c^4$$

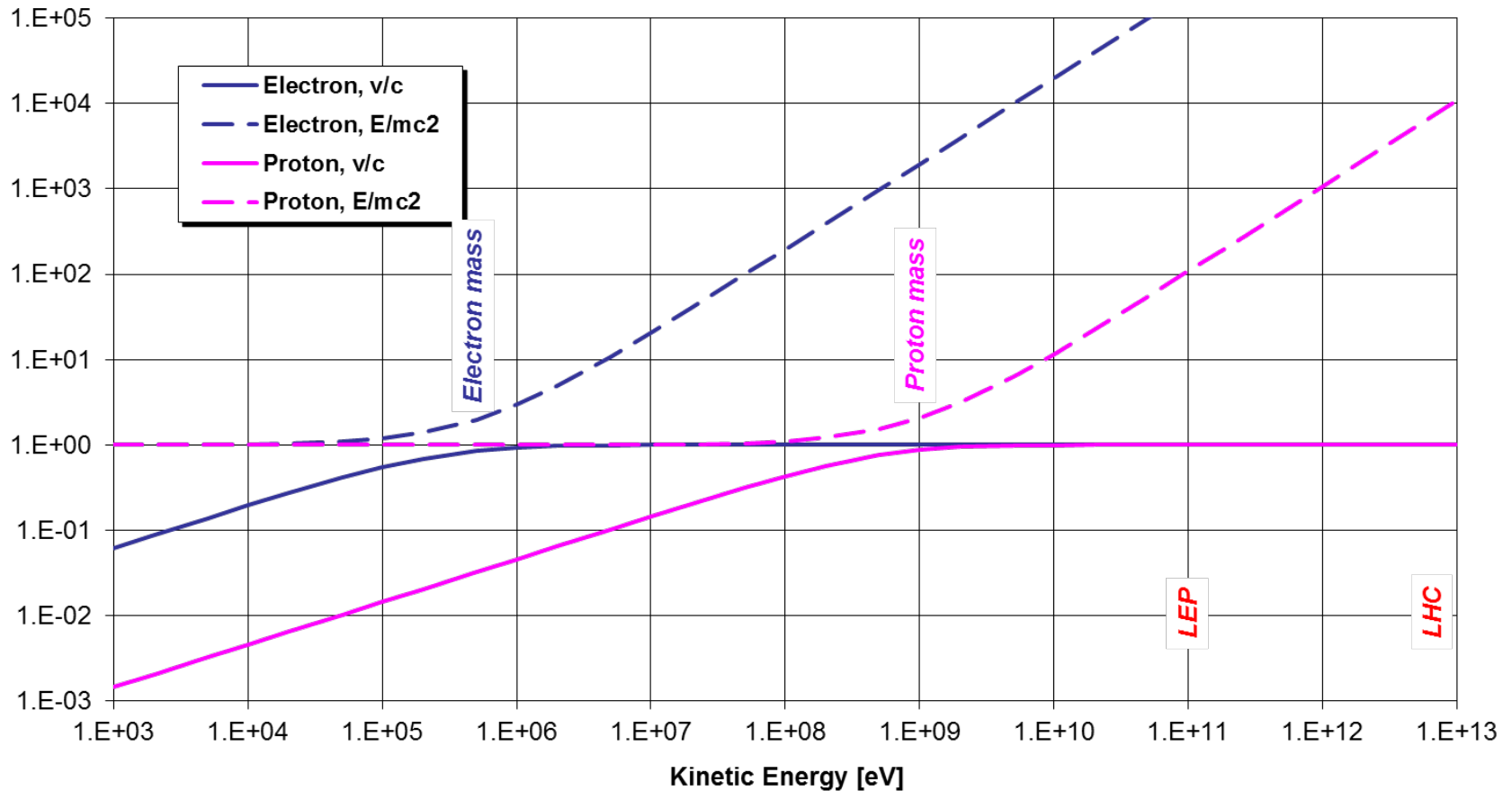
- Introducing kinetic energy  $K$

$$U = K + m_0 c^2 = \gamma m_0 c^2$$



# From classical to relativistic dynamics

**Velocity and Energy of Particles**





## Do we need Quantum Mechanics? [1/2]

- The de Broglie wavelength  $\lambda$  associated with a particle of momentum  $p$  is

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} \quad h \approx 4.14 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ eV}\cdot\text{s}$$

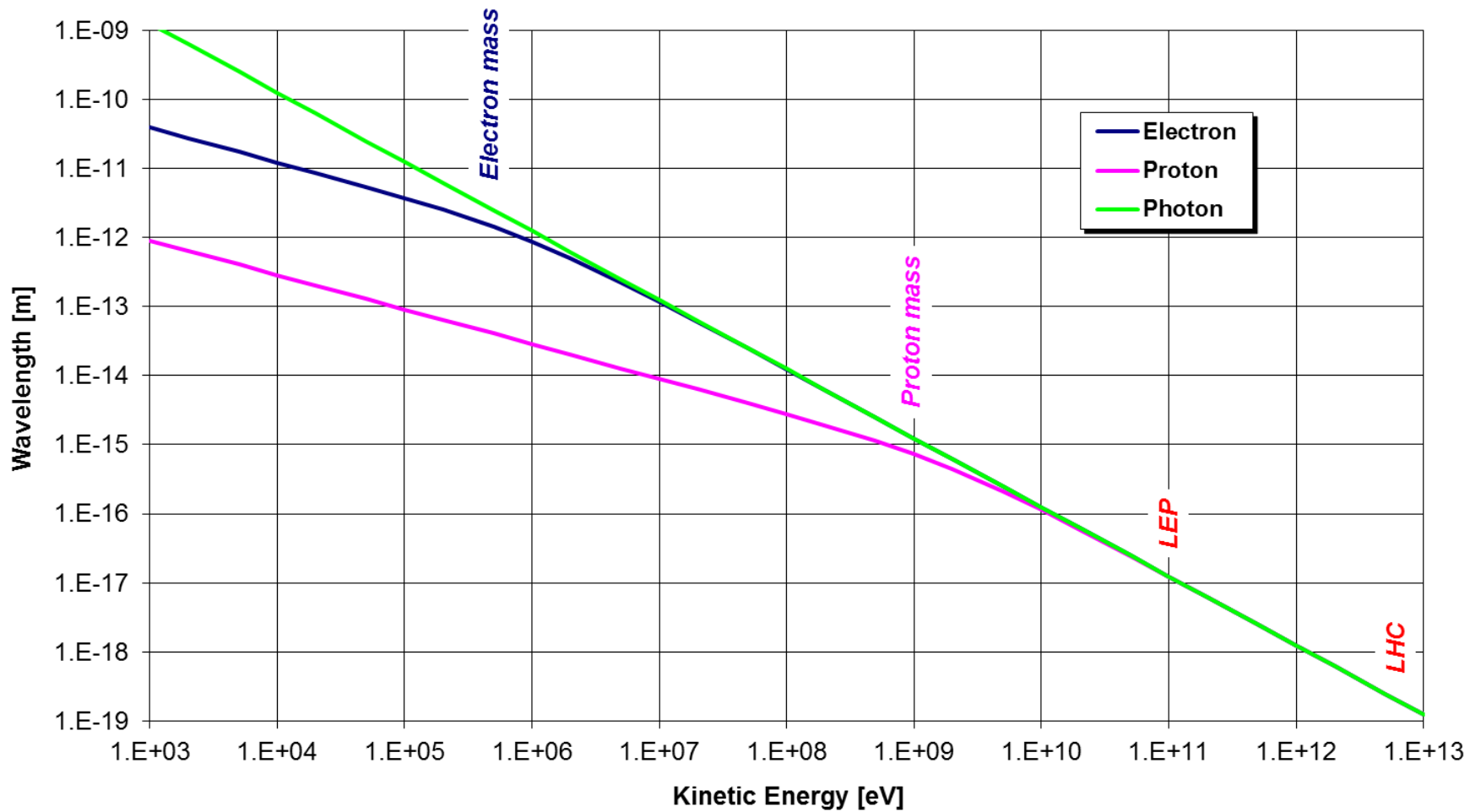
- For relativistic particles,  $U \approx pc$

hence 
$$\lambda \approx \frac{hc}{U} \quad hc \approx 1.24 \text{ eV}\cdot\mu\text{m}$$

- The de Broglie wavelengths of accelerated particles are very small compared to the size of accelerator structures
- For most purposes, the particles can therefore be seen as “hard points” and their motion treated with classical (relativistic) point mechanics



## De Broglie Wavelength of Particles



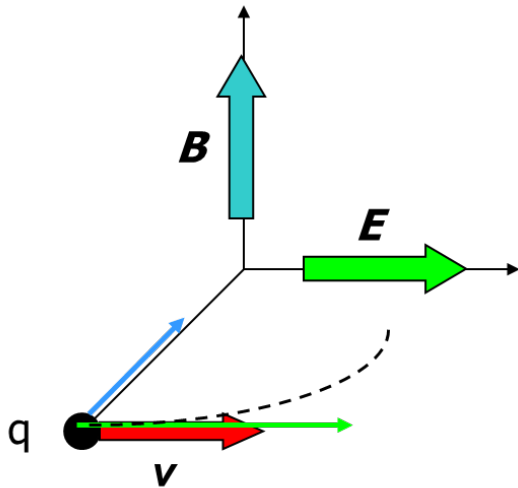


## Do we need Quantum Mechanics? [2/2]

- Quantum behaviour needs however to be considered when looking at specific effects
  - Synchrotron radiation: radiation from the beam is not emitted continuously, but randomly in quanta of discrete energy (photons), thus disturbing the trajectory of the circulating particles; the cumulative effect of many such disturbances introduces a quantum “noise” leading to growth of the beam size
  - Coherent emission from the beams: free-electron laser (FEL), beam monitors using coherent optical transition radiation (OTR)
  - Intra-beam scattering: multiple Coulomb scattering of particles within the beam leads to growth of the beam size; complete model of IBS needs application of quantum scattering theory
  - ...

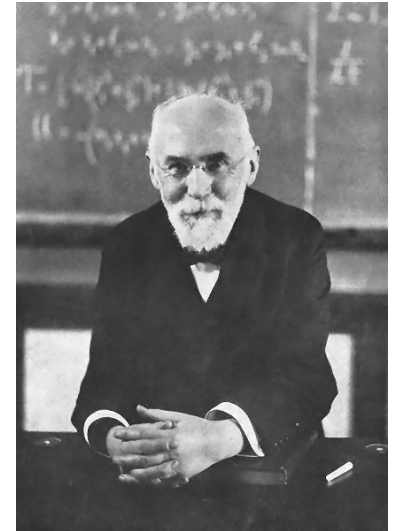


# Electromagnetic force on a moving charge



Lorentz force

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = e(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$



H.A. Lorentz

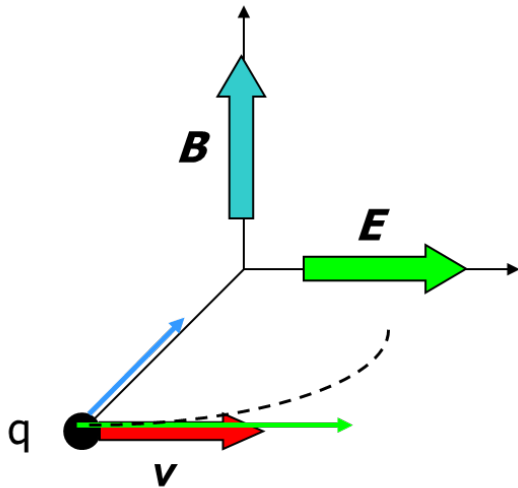
- First consequence

- Magnetic force is enhanced w r to electric force by velocity of particle
- Typical velocity of particle at high energy  $v \approx c \approx 3 \cdot 10^8$  m/s
- Consider a high electric field of 1 MV/m (note that electrical breakdown in air is around 3 MV/m)
- Consider a moderate magnetic field of 1 T (i.e. half the flux density at saturation in iron)  
 $|\vec{v} \times \vec{B}| \approx 3 \cdot 10^8$  V/m = 300 MV/m
- The magnetic force is 300 times stronger than the electric force

⇒ Magnets are more efficient than electrostatic devices to act on accelerated particles

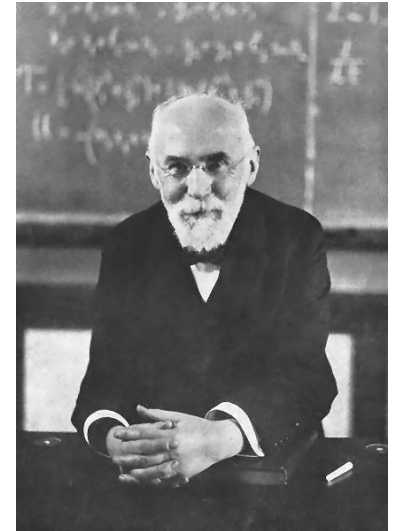


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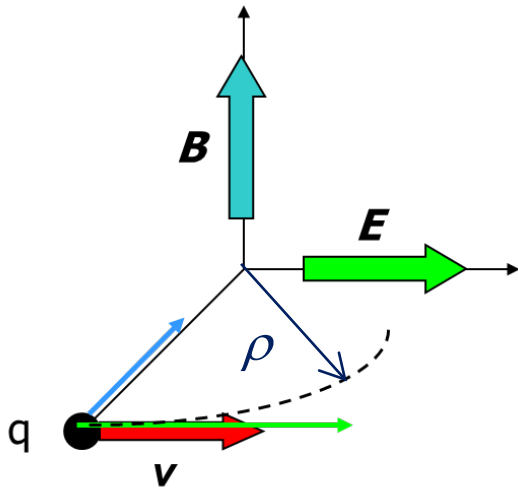
- Electrical force is collinear with particle velocity
- Magnetic force is orthogonal to particle velocity

$$\Delta U = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v} \cdot \Delta t = (e \vec{E} \cdot \vec{v} + e \underbrace{(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{v}}_{= 0}) \Delta t$$

- ⇒ One cannot accelerate, i.e. increase energy of particle by action of magnetic field
- ⇒ Magnets are used to bend and focus the particle trajectories

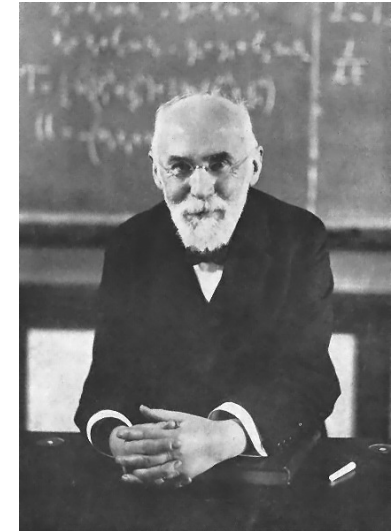


# Circular orbit in a magnetic field



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- In plane normal to  $\vec{B}$

$$F = evB = \frac{mv^2}{\rho} = \frac{\gamma m_0 v^2}{\rho}$$

- Hence

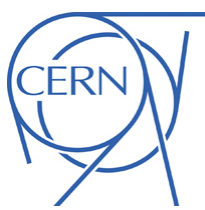
$$\frac{p}{e} = B\rho \quad B\rho[\text{T}\cdot\text{m}] \approx \frac{p[\text{GeV}/c]}{0.3}$$

magnetic rigidity

- Example: the LHC

- Nominal bending field 8.3 T
- Bending radius 2804 m
- Nominal momentum  $\approx 0.3 \times 8.3 \times 2804 \approx 7000 \text{ GeV}/c$





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Cockroft & Walton

Van de Graaf

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**unbunched**

Betatron

**resonant**

Linac

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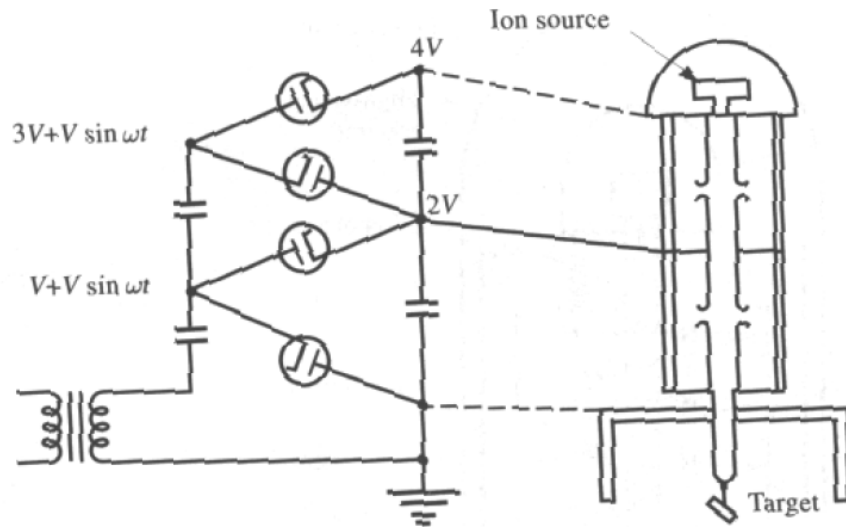
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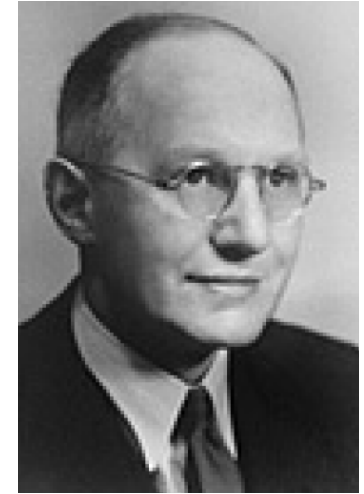
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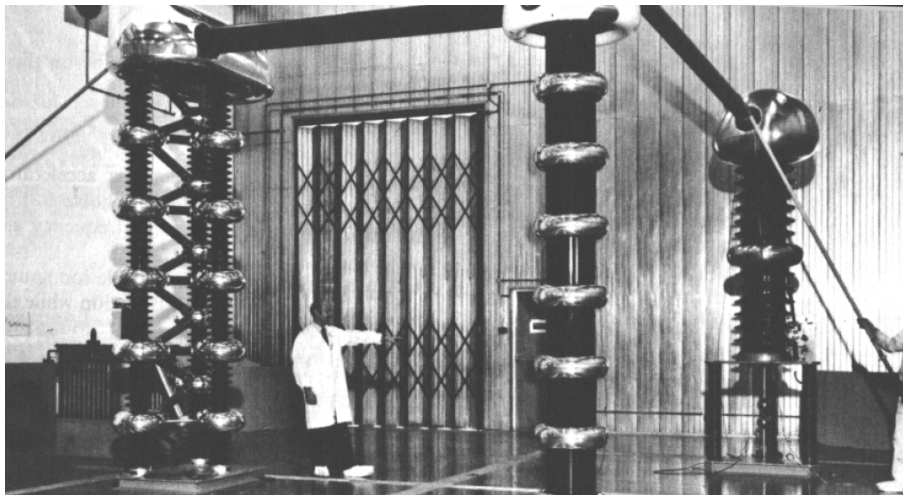
# Electrostatic accelerators: Cockroft & Walton



J.D. Cockroft

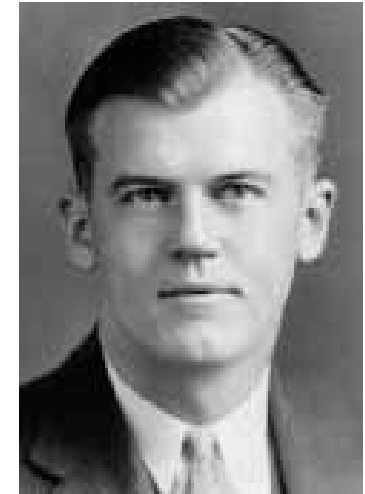
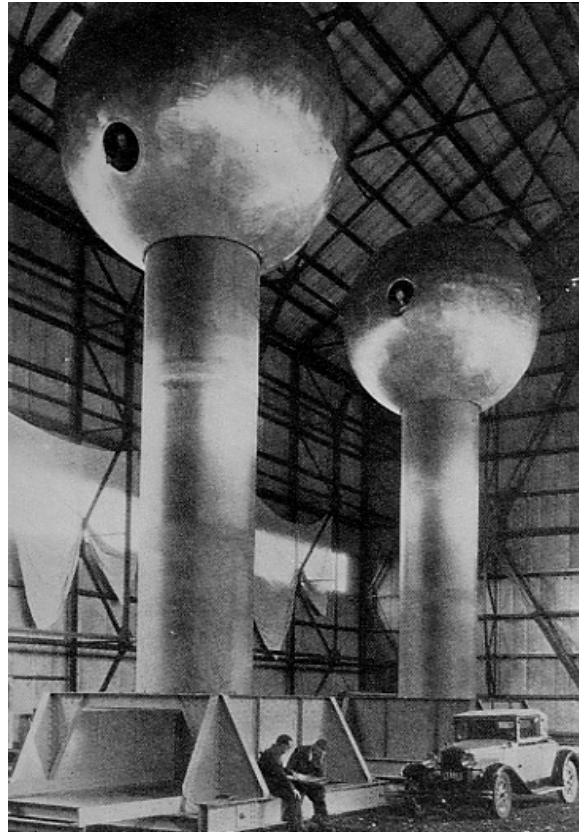
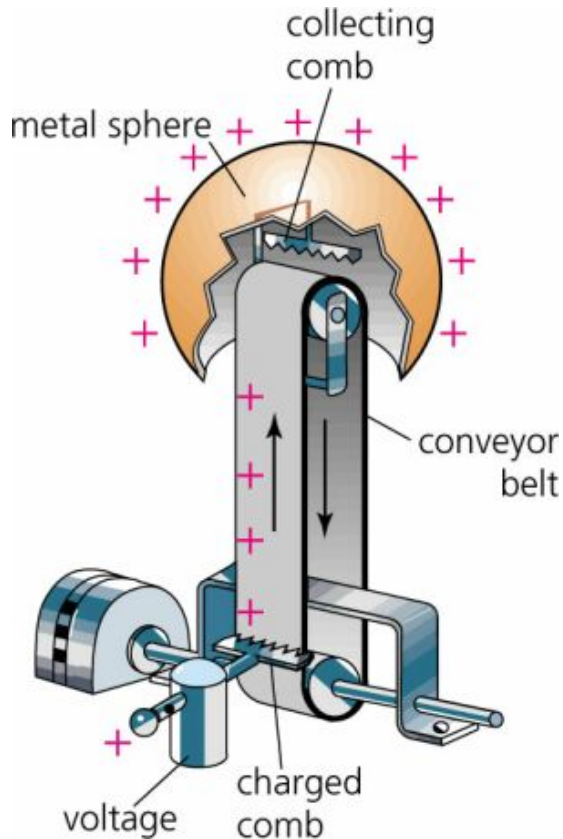


E.T.S. Walton



- Voltage multiplication by AC to DC conversion along the ladder
- Theoretical maximum voltage
 
$$V_{DC} = 2 N V_{AC}$$
 N number of stages
- In 1932, C&W (Nobel prize 1951) first split the lithium atom with protons from their up-to-600 keV accelerator

# Electrostatic accelerators: Van de Graaf



R.J. Van de Graaf

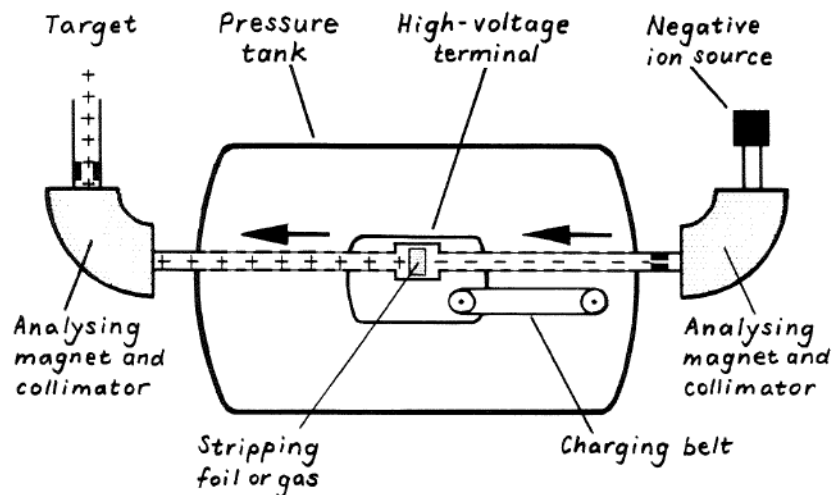
7 MV Van de Graaf at MIT  
(1933)

- Electric charges are transported mechanically on an insulating belt
- Stable, continuous beams
- Practical limit 10-15 MV



# Tandem Van de Graaf

- The DC electric field derives from a potential, therefore the voltage can only be used once for acceleration of a given particle
- The tandem Van de Graaf allows to use the voltage twice, by reverting the charge of the accelerated particle in the center (stripping)



2 x 15 MV tandem Van de Graaf at BNL  
To raise electrical breakdown limits, the machine is contained in a SF<sub>6</sub> tank under pressure



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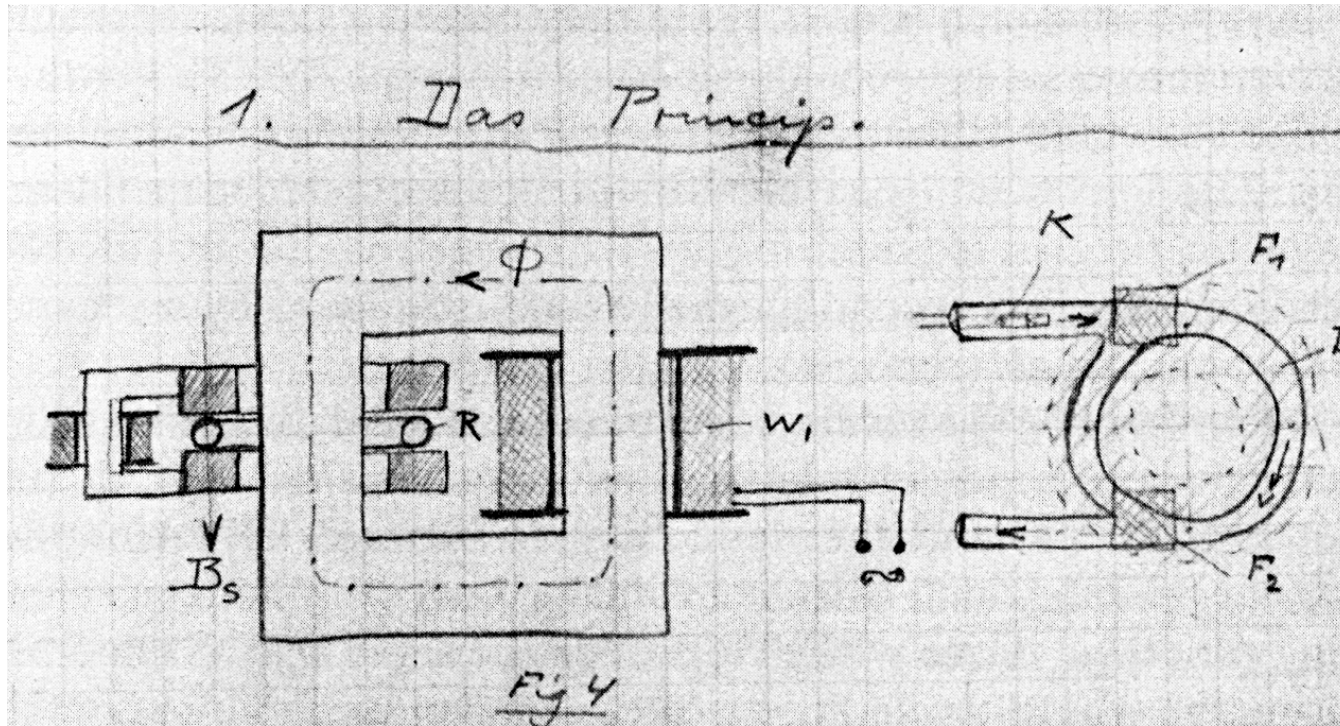
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# Widerøe's "ray transformer"

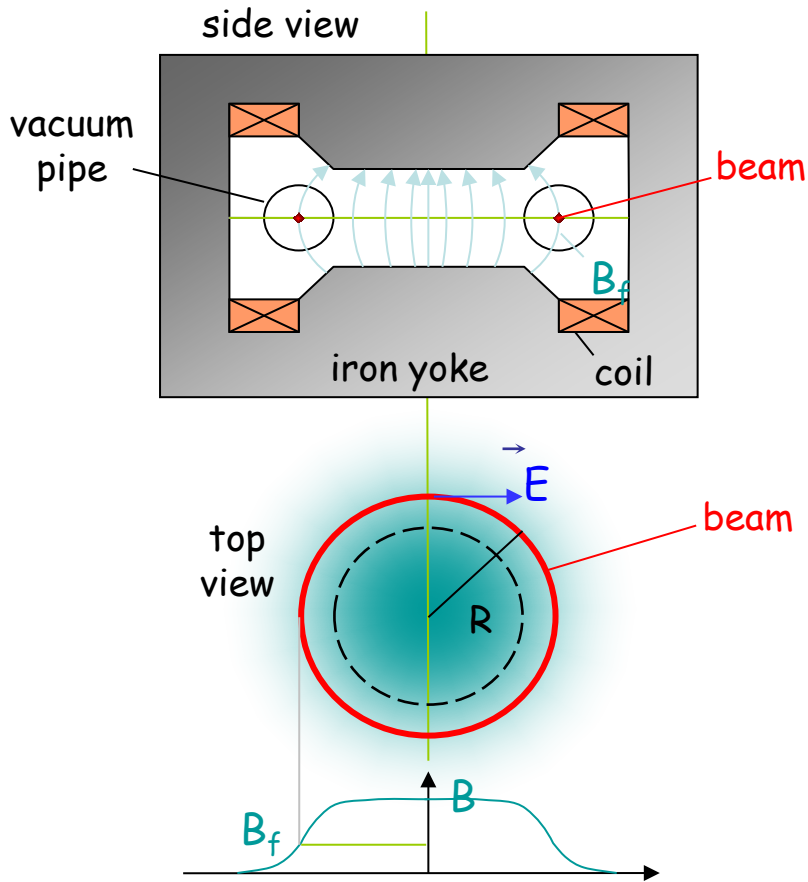


R. Widerøe

- The beam acts as secondary winding of a transformer
- Conceptual design by R. Widerøe, PhD student in 1923
- Unsuccessful attempt to build model machine in 1927
- Reinvented as "betatron" by D. Kerst in 1940



# Betatron



Donald Kerst with the first betatron, built at University of Illinois in 1940

- Compact, robust accelerator insensitive to relativistic effects, well adapted for electrons up to  $\sim 300$  MeV
- Used in industry and medicine



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# Ising's RF linear accelerator

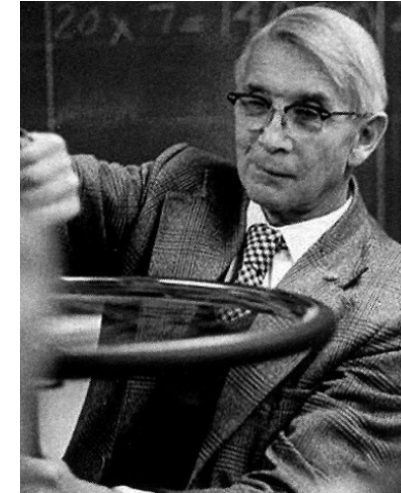
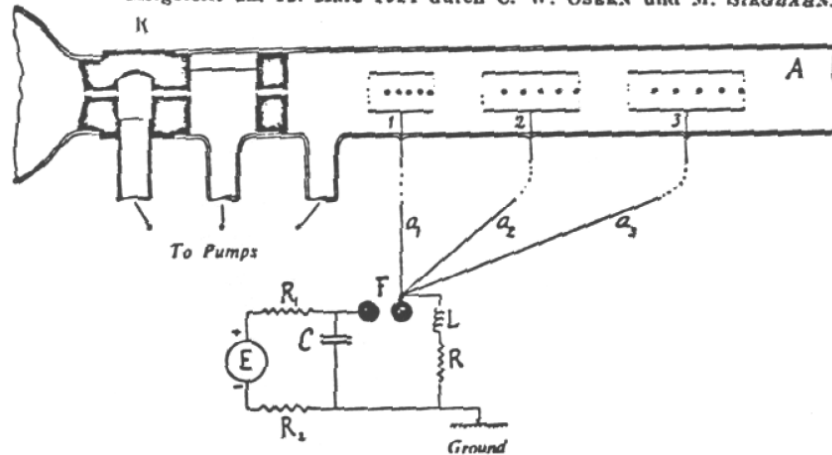
Prinzip einer Methode zur Herstellung von  
Kanalstrahlen hoher Voltzahl.

Von

GUSTAF ISING.

Mit 2 Figuren im Texte.

Mitgeteilt am 12. März 1924 durch C. W. OSEEN und M. SIEGBAHN.



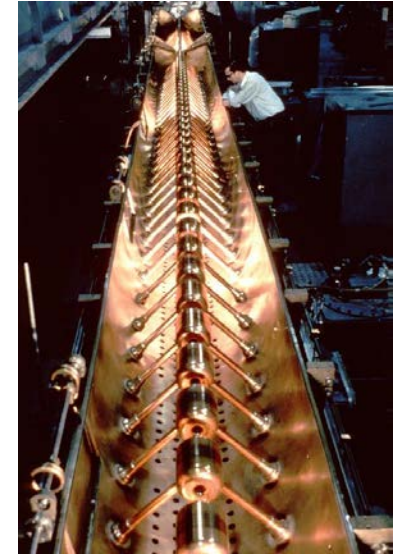
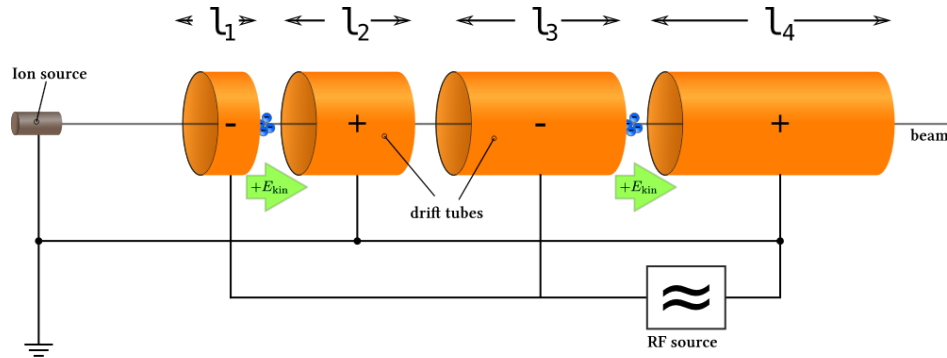
G. Ising

- Electrostatic accelerators are limited in voltage by
  - electrical breakdown  $\Rightarrow$  to go higher, use time-varying fields (RF)
  - flux conservation of electrical field, entailing single-pass acceleration in DC
- In 1924, Ising proposes time-varying fields across drift tubes: the particles can then reach energies above that given by highest voltage in the system
- In 1928, Widerøe builds first demonstration linac using Ising's principle

# Alvarez linac

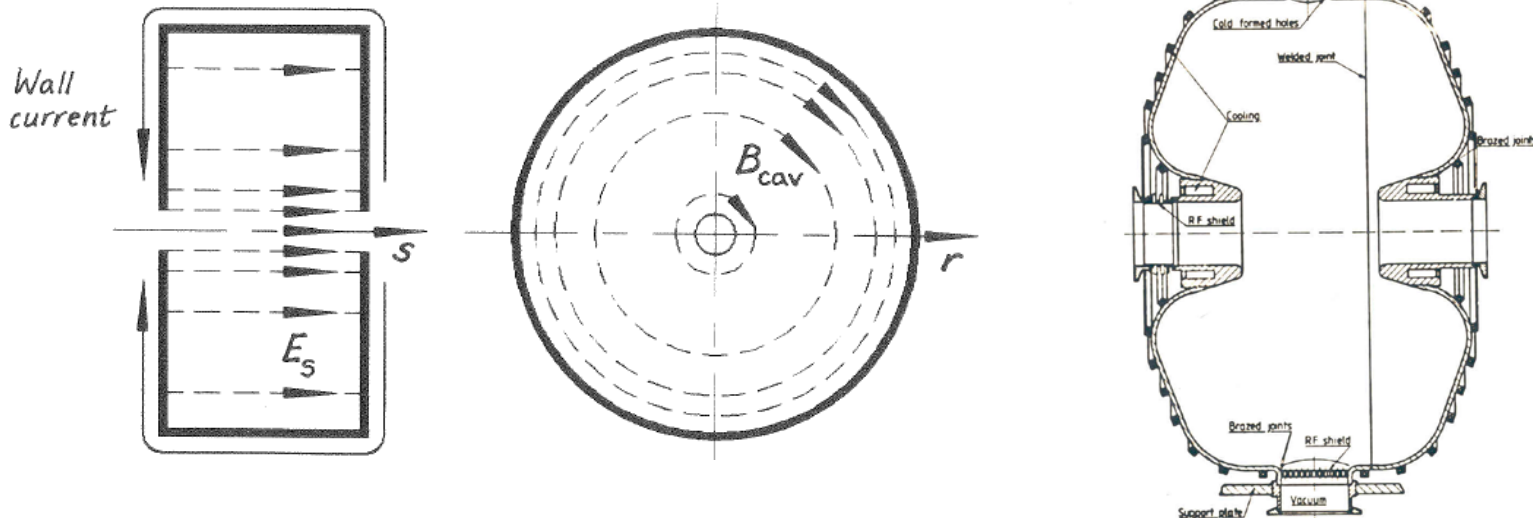


L. Alvarez



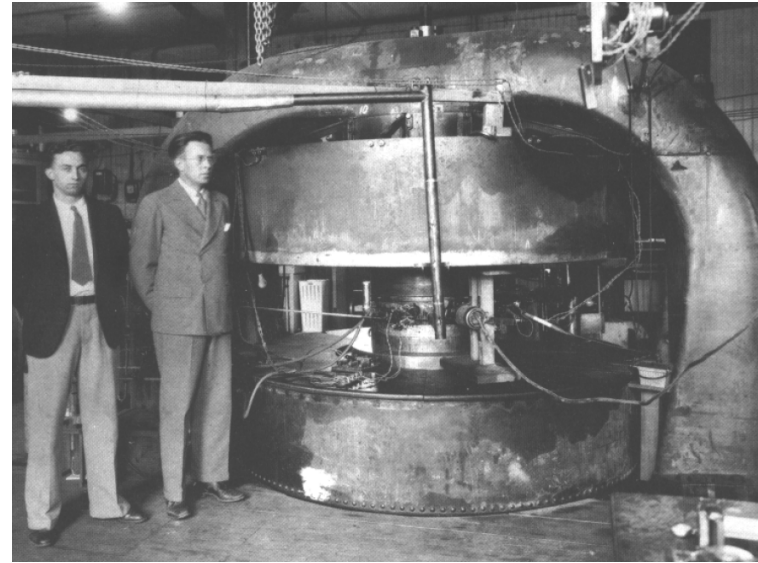
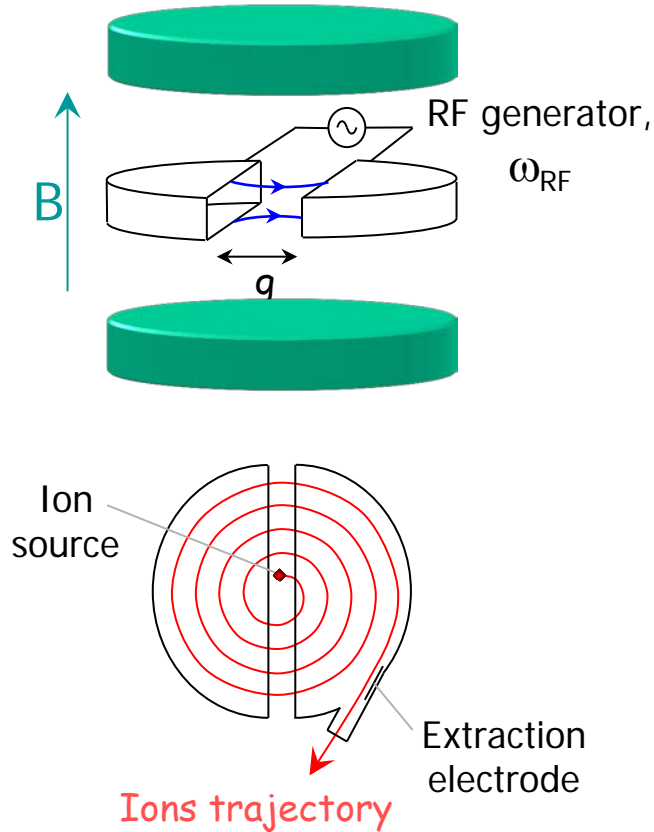
- Synchronism condition 
$$L = v \frac{T_{RF}}{2} = \frac{v}{2f_{RF}}$$
- Acceleration occurs in the gaps between the drift tubes
- First practical linac (200 MHz, 32 MeV) built by L. Alvarez at Berkeley in 1946
- As particle velocity increases, the drift tubes get longer  $\Rightarrow$  lost length
- This can be contained by increasing  $f_{RF} \Rightarrow$  increased power loss
- To limit power loss, enclose the system into a resonant cavity

# RF cavities



- To limit power loss, the electromagnetic fields are enclosed in a cavity with resonant frequency matching that of the RF generator: “pillbox” cavity
- The electromagnetic power is now constrained to the resonant volume
- However, Joule losses occur in the cavity wall
  - Use low-resistance materials (copper) or superconductors
  - Water cooling
- Local design features
  - Rounded shape to optimize field distribution and reduce losses
  - Avoid sharp edges to limit electron emission

# Lawrence & Livingston's Cyclotron



S. Livingston & E.O. Lawrence (1933)

Synchronism  $2\pi\rho = vT_{RF} = v/f_{RF}$

Cyclotron frequency  $\omega_{RF} = \frac{eB}{m_0\gamma}$

- "Folded-in" linac: the electrodes are the "dees" immersed in magnetic field
- Orbits are spirals as particles gain energy at each gap crossing
- Constant magnetic field means constant frequency at  $\gamma = 1$ , no exact synchronism for relativistic particles



## High-energy cyclotrons



TRIUMF 520 MeV proton cyclotron  
(Vancouver, Canada)

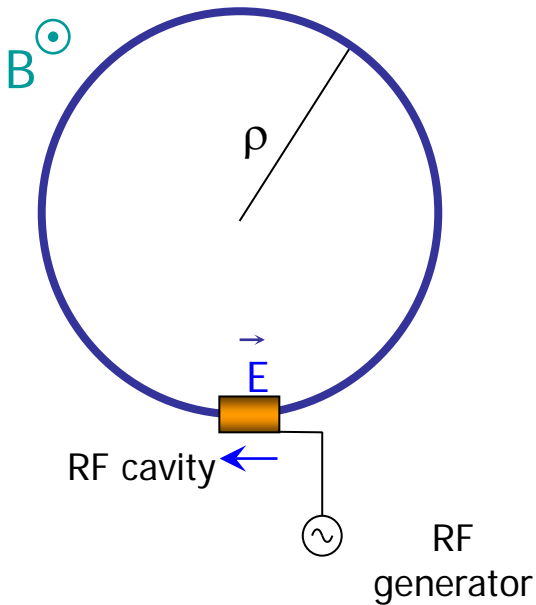


Poles of the 600 MeV ion superconducting cyclotron  
(Catania, Italy)

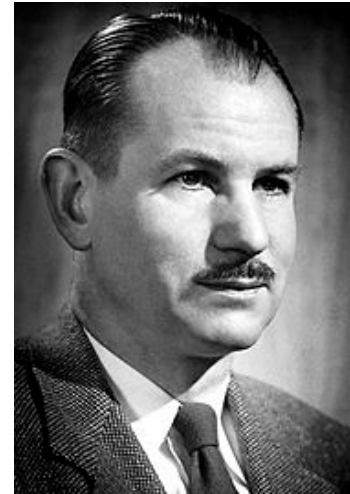
- Cyclotrons face two types of limitation at higher energy
  - Loss of isochronism in the relativistic regime
  - Large size of the magnet
- Possible solutions to overcome these limitations
  - Synchro-cyclotrons
  - Shaping of the magnet poles (sector magnet)  $\Rightarrow$  isochronism and focussing
  - Superconducting magnets  $\Rightarrow$  higher field  $\Rightarrow$  higher energy at given radius



# Synchrotron



M. Oliphant



E. McMillan



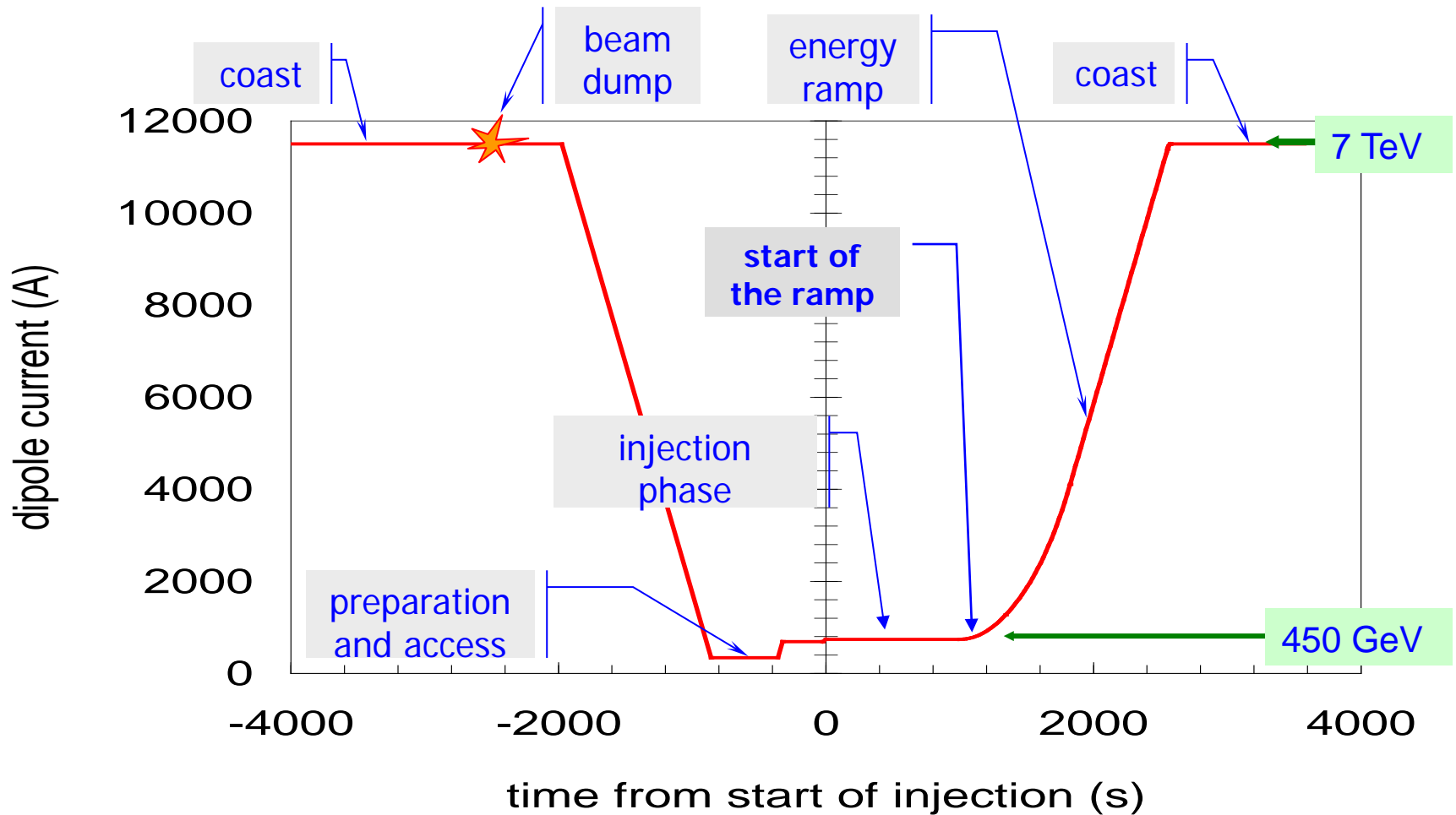
V. Veksler

- In 1943, M. Oliphant proposed the concept of synchrotron, developed by E. McMillan and V. Veksler who solved the issue of “phase stability” (see later)
- Constant orbit during acceleration: to keep particles on closed orbit, B must increase in time
- Revolution frequency must increase during acceleration (non-relativistic)  
$$\frac{2\pi\rho}{v} = T = \frac{1}{f}$$
- RF frequency is a multiple of revolution frequency  $f_{RF} = hf$

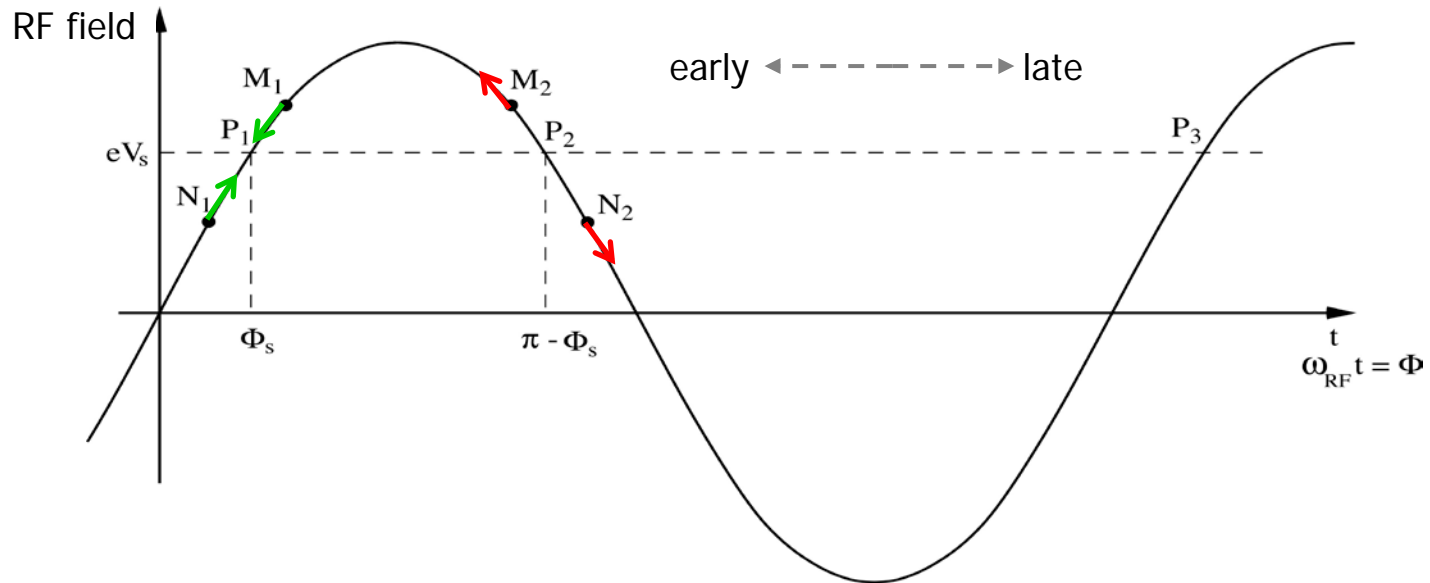




# Bending field vs time in the LHC



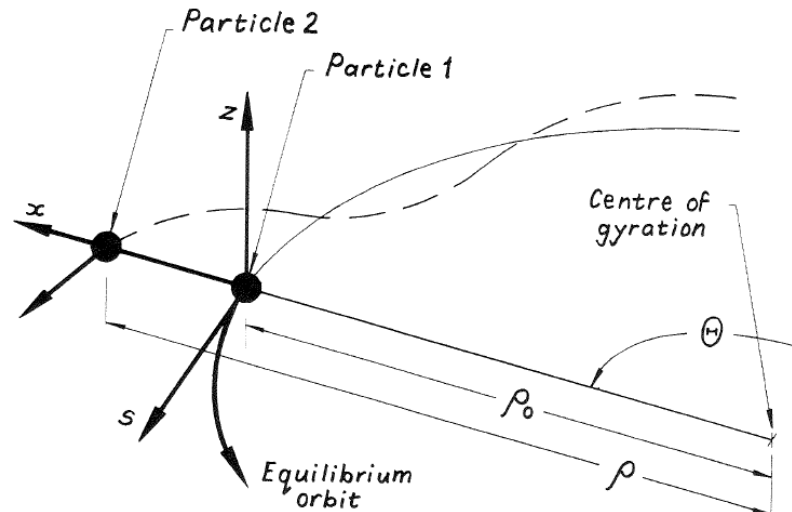
# Notion of phase stability



- In certain range, acceleration by RF field results in early arrival of particle at next turn: for stability, this particle should undergo less acceleration
- Operating point  $P_2$  is unstable
  - Late particle  $N_2$  sees lower acceleration and gets even later
  - Early particle  $M_2$  sees higher acceleration and gets even earlier
- Operating point  $P_1$  is stable

⇒ *Lectures on Beam dynamics*

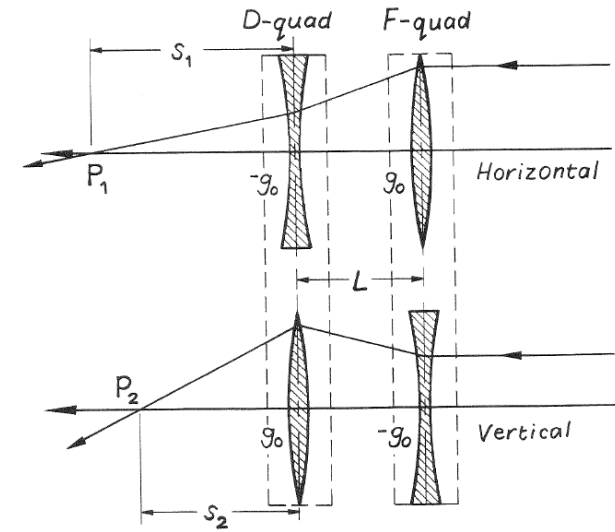
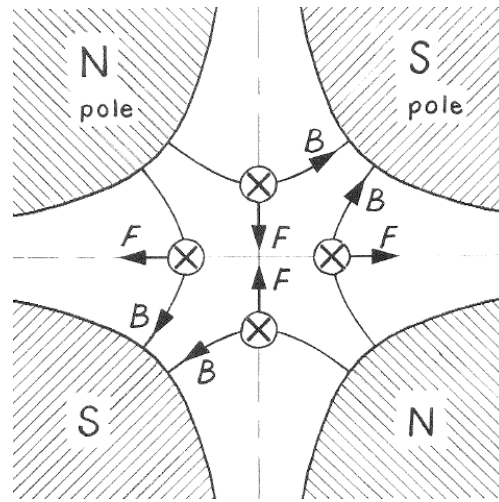
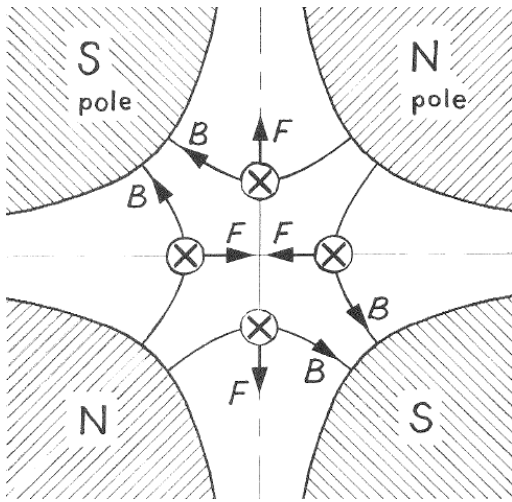
## Notion of transverse focussing



- Consider a particle of momentum  $p$  in a circular accelerator, with a deviation  $x = \rho - \rho_0$  with respect to the equilibrium orbit, of radius  $\rho$
- The quantity  $B\rho$  is an invariant  $B\rho = B_0\rho_0 = \frac{p}{e}$
- Focussing can be obtained by increasing the field seen by the particle, i.e. introducing a field gradient  $\partial B / \partial x$
- The field gradient can be obtained by shaping the pole pieces of the magnets, as well as by the natural divergence of field lines at their edges

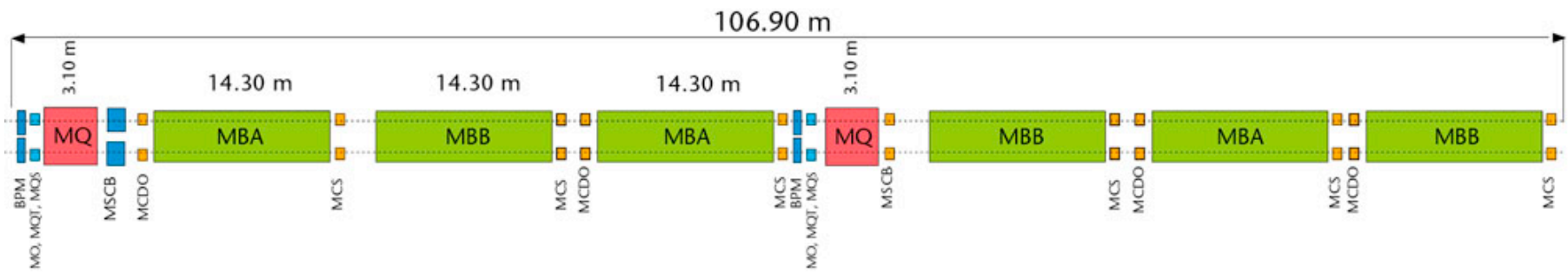
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# Strong focussing by alternating gradients



- Increasing the strength of the field gradient can be achieved by using quadrupole magnets
- However, the constant field in the current-free region of the magnet aperture satisfies  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = 0$ , implying  $\partial B_z / \partial x = \partial B_x / \partial z$  : focussing in one plane, defocussing in the other
- In 1952, E. Courant and H. Snyder propose alternating-gradient strong focussing: a string of alternately focussing and defocussing quadrupoles of equal or similar gradient is globally focussing
- All modern synchrotrons are strong-focussed

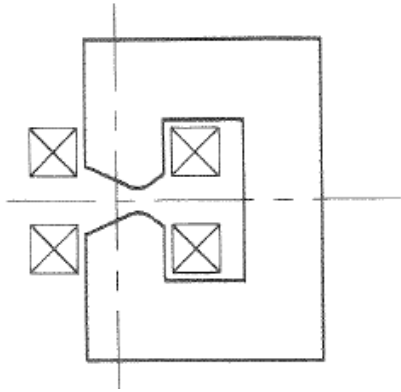
## Schematic layout of one LHC cell (23 periods per arc)



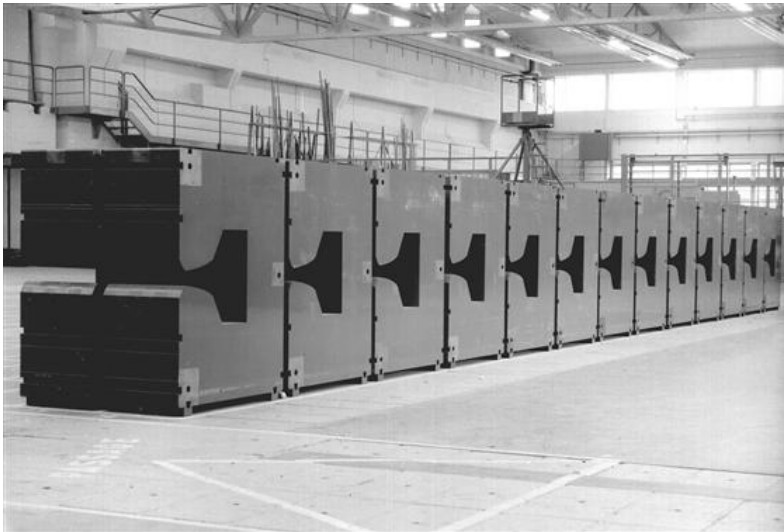
- MQ: Lattice Quadrupole
- MO: Landau Octupole
- MQT: Tuning Quadrupole
- MQS: Skew Quadrupole
- MSCB: Combined Lattice Sextupole (MS) or skew sextupole (MSS) and Orbit Corrector (MCB)
- BPM: Beam position monitor
- MBA: Dipole magnet Type A
- MBB: Dipole magnet Type B
- MCS: Local Sextupole corrector
- MCDO: Local combined decapole and octupole corrector



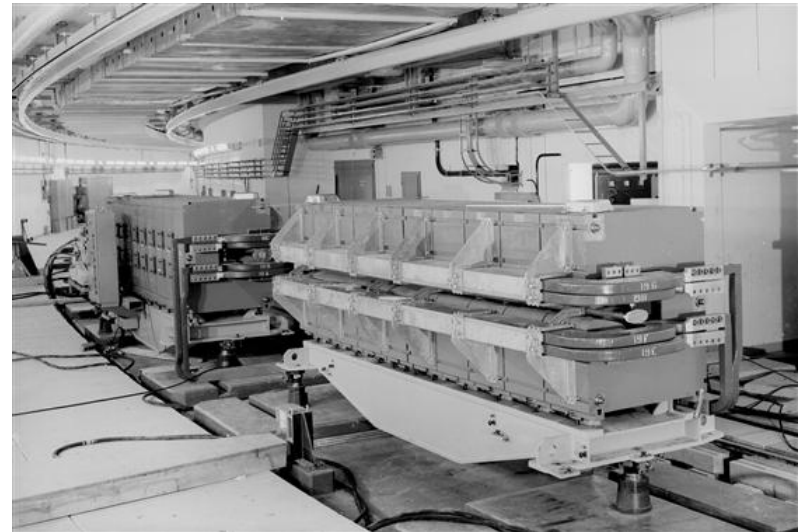
## Combined-function magnets



- The gap, and hence the magnetic field, vary across the horizontal aperture
- This superimposes a gradient (quadrupole term) onto the bending (dipole) field



Combined-function yoke blocks for the CERN PS magnets

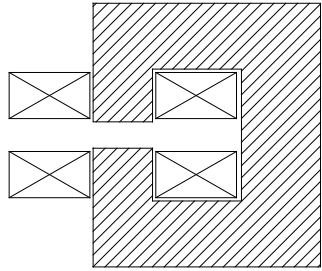


Magnets installed in the PS tunnel: note the arrangement to produce alternating-gradient focussing

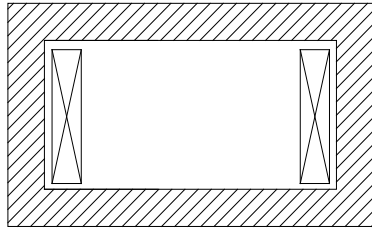




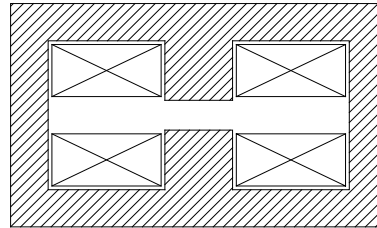
# Separated-function magnets



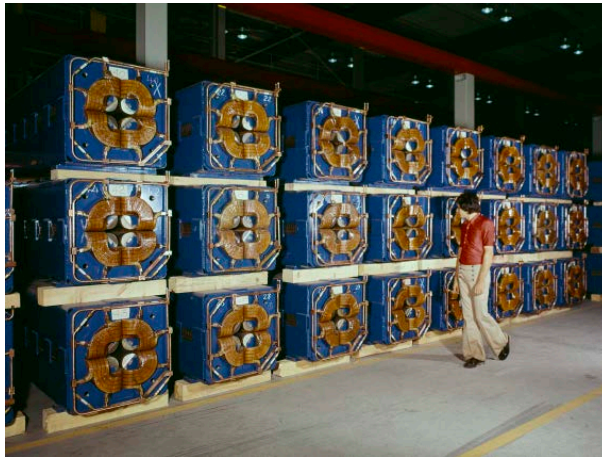
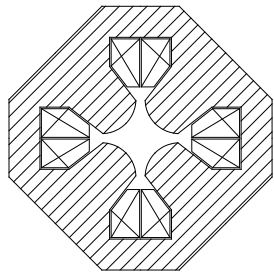
C-shaped



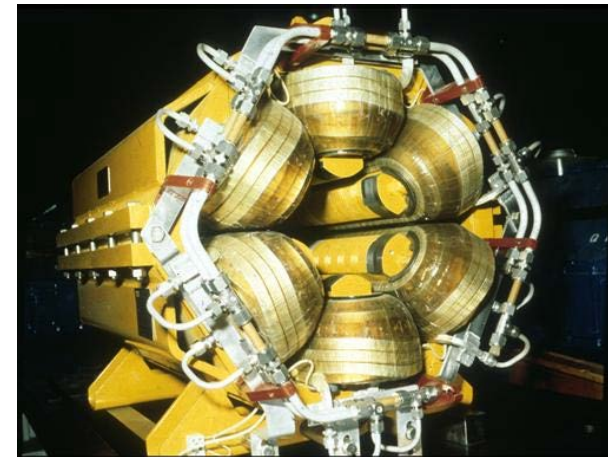
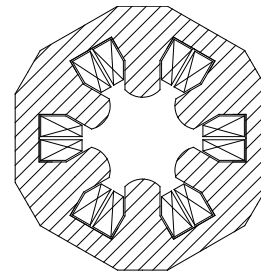
Dipoles  
Window-frame



H-type

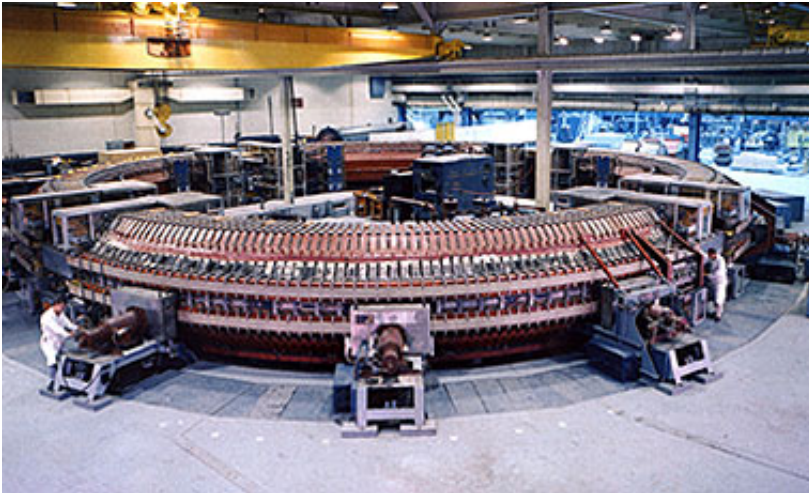


Quadrupoles

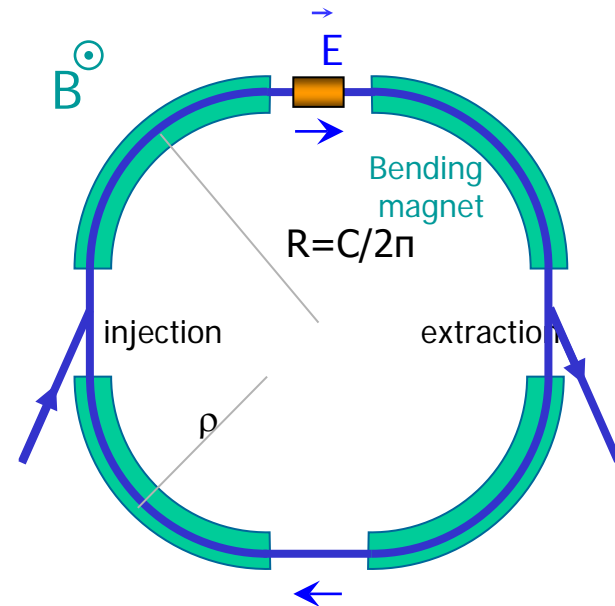


Sextupoles

# Synchrotrons



3 GeV Cosmotron at BNL  
weak focussing, combined function magnets



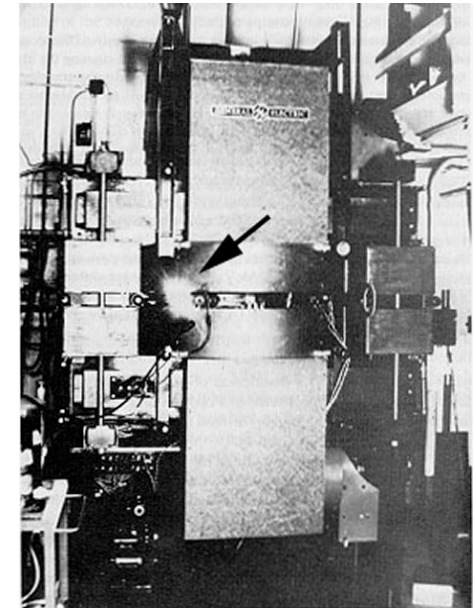
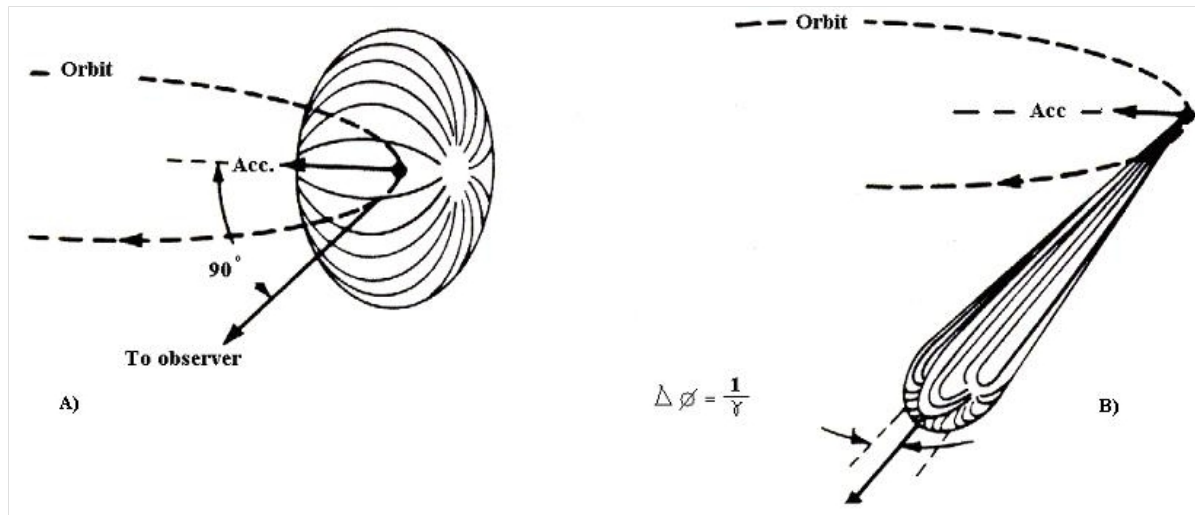
28 GeV PS at CERN  
strong focussing, combined function magnets



400 GeV SPS at CERN  
strong focussing, separated function magnets



# Synchrotron radiation



Synchrotron radiation from the GE 70 MeV synchrotron (1947)

- Accelerated charges emit electromagnetic radiation
- In particular, a charge subject to centripetal acceleration due to motion across a magnetic field emits "synchrotron" radiation
- For a fast moving charge in the laboratory frame, the radiation is emitted tangent to the trajectory, over a narrow cone of half-aperture  $1/\gamma$
- First observed at the 70 MeV synchrotron of the GE Research Labs in 1947



## Synchrotron radiation [2/2]

- Instantaneous power

$$P = \frac{cC_\gamma}{2\pi} \frac{U^4}{\rho^2}$$

with  $C_\gamma = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{r_e}{(mc^2)^3}$  for electrons

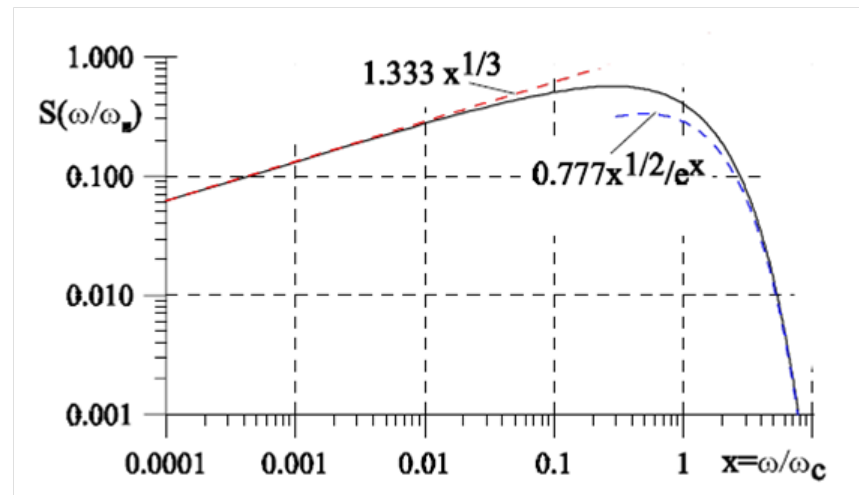
- Energy loss per turn (constant  $B$ )

$$W_{turn} = C_\gamma \frac{U^4}{\rho}$$

- From a bending magnet, emission in a continuous spectrum, the median of which is the "critical photon energy"

$$\mathcal{E}_c = \frac{3}{2} \hbar c \frac{\gamma^3}{\rho}$$

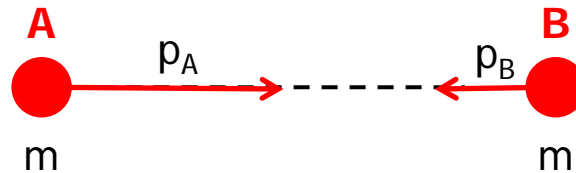
Normalized frequency spectrum



⇒ Lectures on Synchrotron light



## Fixed-target vs head-on collisions



- Relativistic invariant

$$(\Sigma m)^2 c^4 = (\Sigma U)^2 - (\Sigma p)^2 c^2$$

- In the laboratory frame

$$4m^2 c^4 = (U_A + U_B)^2 - (\vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B)^2 c^2$$

- Let  $U^*$  be the total energy available in the collision

- In the center-of-mass frame

$$\vec{p}^* = \vec{p}_A^* + \vec{p}_B^* \equiv 0$$

$$4m^2 c^4 = U^{*2}$$

$$U^{*2} = (U_A + U_B)^2 - (\vec{p}_A + \vec{p}_B)^2 c^2$$

- Fixed-target

$$p_B = 0 ; U_B = mc^2$$

$$U^{*2} = U_A^2 - p_A^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4 + 2U_A mc^2$$

$$U^{*2} = 2m^2 c^4 + 2U_A mc^2 \approx 2U_A mc^2$$

$$U^* \approx \sqrt{2U_A mc^2}$$

- Head-on collision

$$U^* = U_A + U_B$$

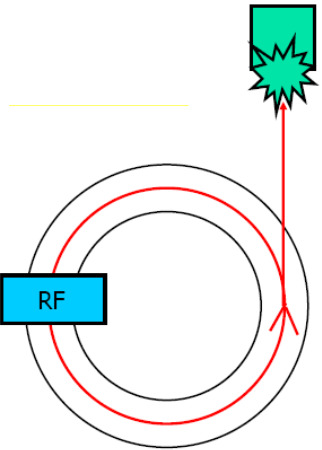
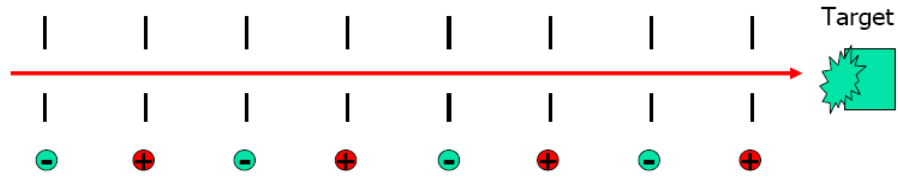


# Accelerators vs colliders

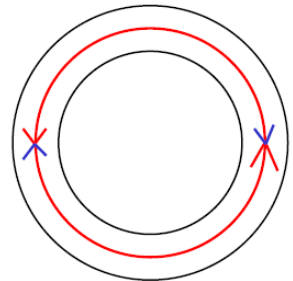
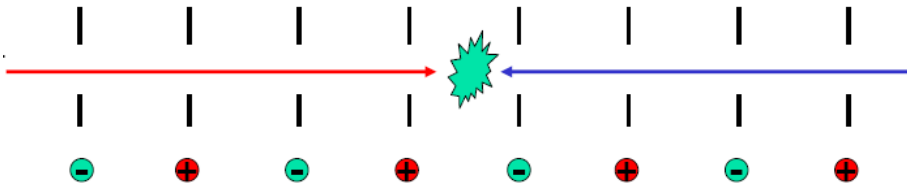
Linear

Circular

Fixed target accelerator



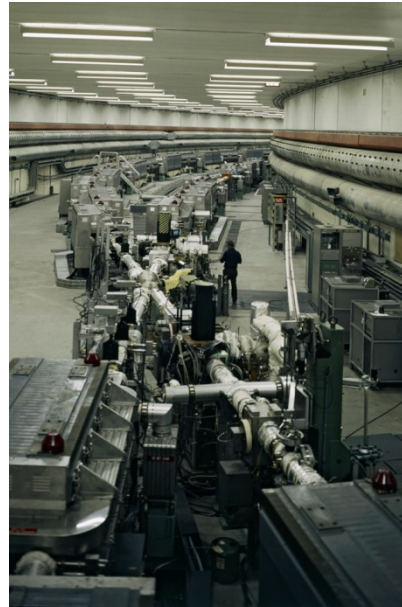
Collider



## Particle colliders [1/2]



AdA at Frascati



ISR at CERN



TeVatron at Fermilab

- 1943, R. Widerøe patents the concept of colliding beams in storage rings
- 1961, the first electron-positron storage ring AdA is built in Frascati
- 1971, CERN starts operating the ISR, first proton-proton collider
- 1982, the CERN SPS is converted into a proton-antiproton collidre
- 1987, the TeVatron at Fermilab is converted into a proton-antiproton collider
- 1987, the SSC, a 40 TeV proton-proton collider, is approved for construction in the USA. The project was subsequently cancelled in 1993.





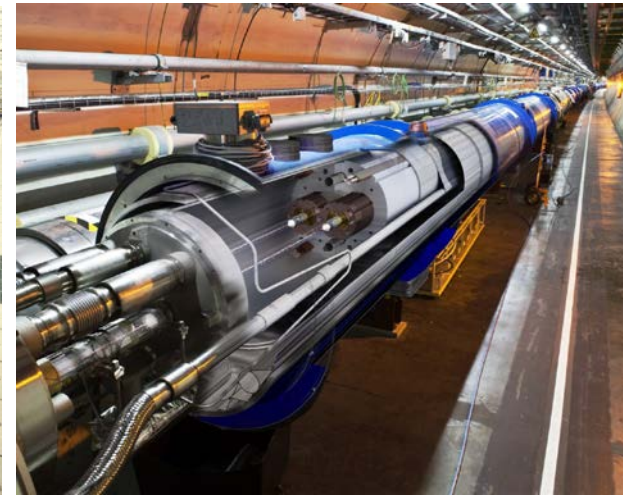
## Particle colliders [2/2]



LEP at CERN



HERA at DESY



LHC at CERN

- 1989, CERN starts operating the 26.7 km, high-energy electron-positron collider
- 1989, SLAC starts operating the SLC, first linear collider converted from the linac
- 1991, HERA at DESY becomes the first proton-electron collider
- 1999, RHIC at BNL becomes the first heavy-ion collider
- 2008, CERN starts operation of the LHC, 14 TeV proton-proton collider
- 2012, design studies are published for electron-positron linear colliders, ILC and CLIC
- 2014, CERN launches design study for Future Circular Colliders (100 km circumference)



# Luminosity

- The performance of a collider is characterized not only by the collision energy, but also by the luminosity, which is a measure of the event rate
- For colliding beams, the luminosity is defined as the ratio of the event rate  $\dot{N}$  for a given interaction to the cross-section  $\Sigma$  of that interaction

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\dot{N}}{\Sigma} \text{ expressed in cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

- For head-on collisions of bunches of  $N$  particles at frequency  $f_{col}$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{N^2 f_{col}}{4\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} = \frac{N^2 n f_{rev}}{4\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y}$$

with:  $f_{col} = n f_{rev}$ ,  $n$  number of bunches

$\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  measure of beam size at collision

- For round beams, introducing emittance  $\epsilon$  and beta function  $\beta^*$  at collision

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{N^2 n f_{rev}}{4\pi\epsilon\beta^*}$$

⇒ For higher luminosity

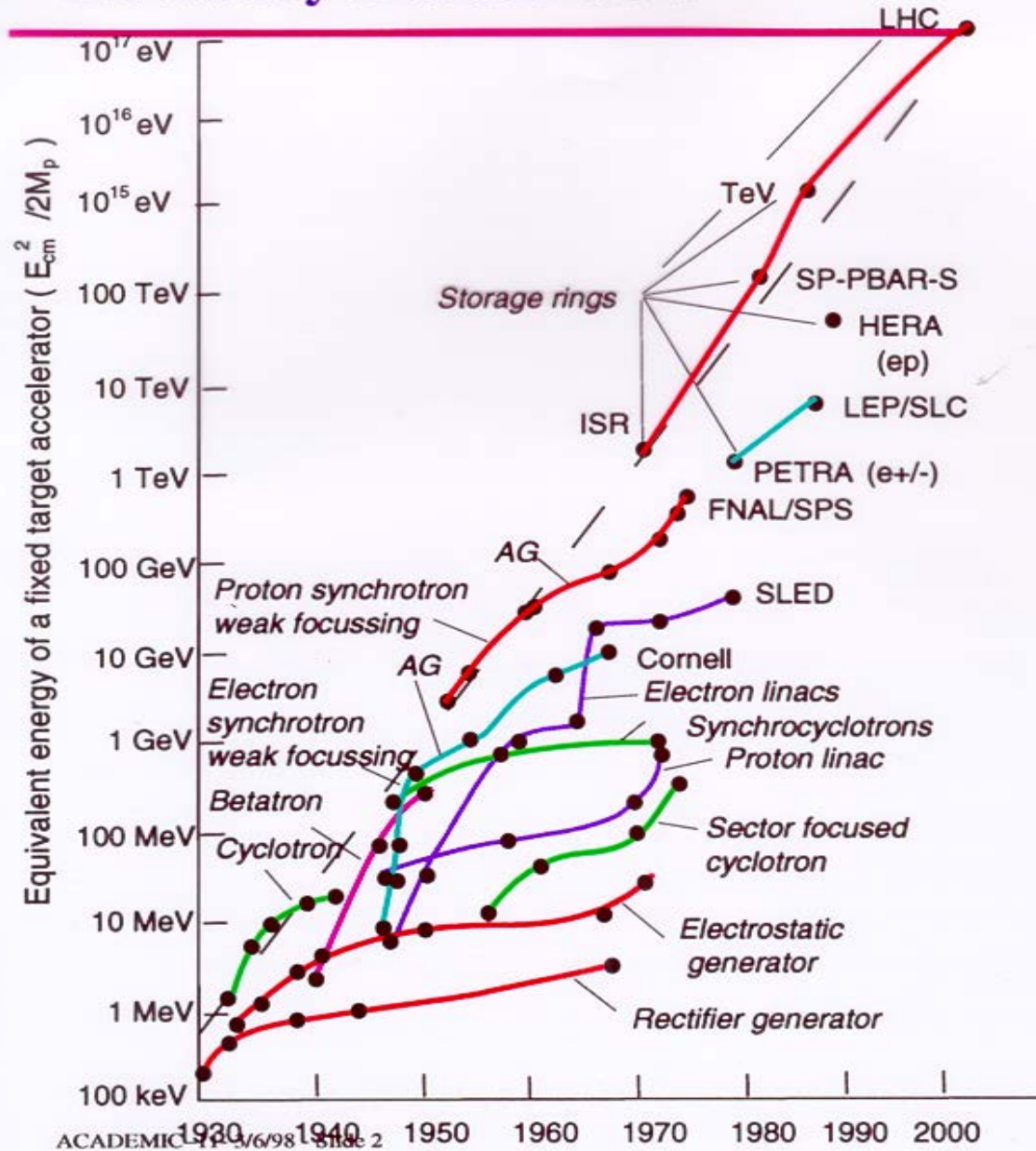
- increase bunch population
- increase collision frequency ⇒ number of bunches
- reduce  $\beta^*$  ⇒ "low-beta" insertions



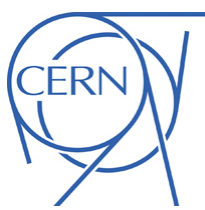
«Livingston diagram» shows

- sustained exponential development for more than 70 years
- progress achieved through repeated jumps from saturating to emerging technologies
- all high-energy machines since the 1970s are colliders

## The history of accelerators

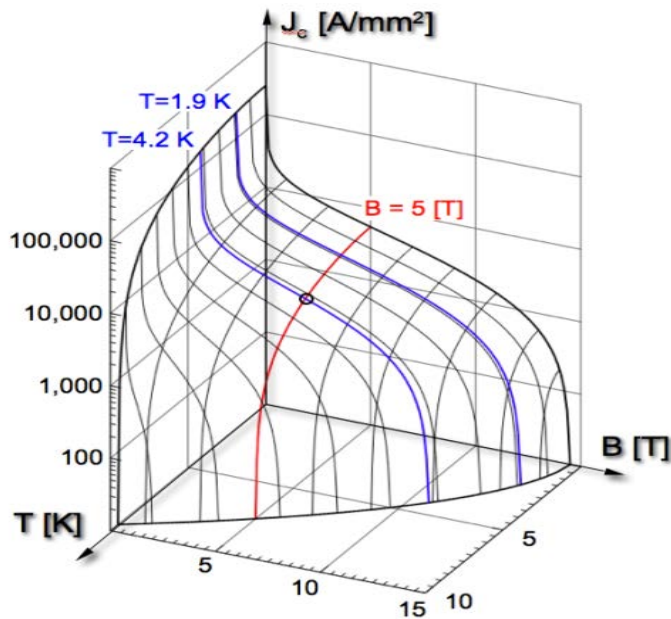




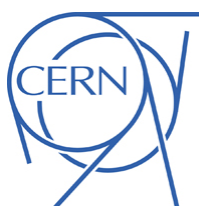


# Superconductivity

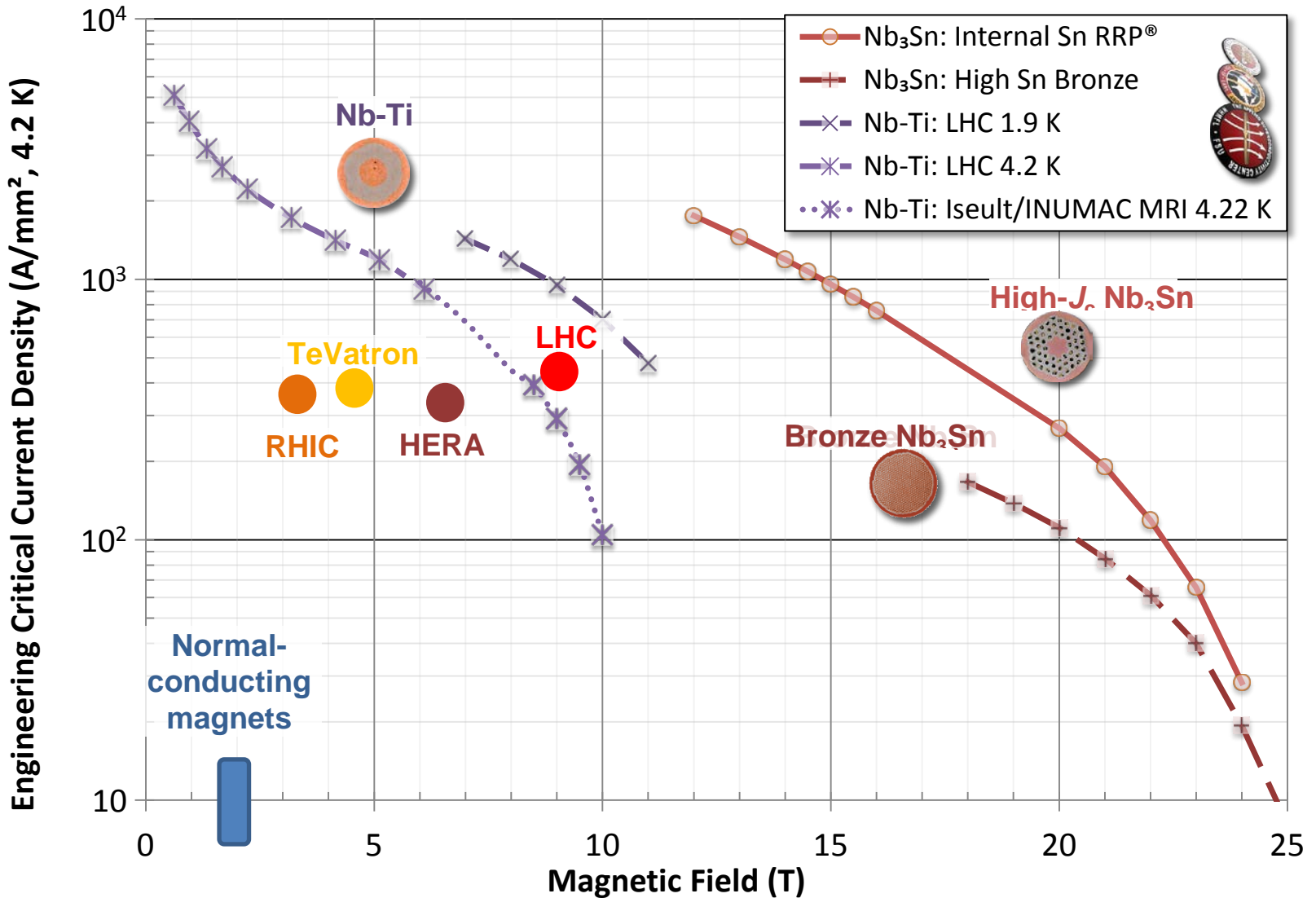
- Superconductivity, entailing nil (DC) or low (AC) electrical resistance, has become a key technology for high-energy particle accelerators
  - Allowing to design high-field, high current density magnets operating above the saturation of iron,
  - Allowing to build high-field, low-loss RF cavities (low wall resistance)
  - Reducing overall electrical consumption of the machines



- The superconducting state only occurs in a limited domain of (low) temperature, magnetic field and current density, limited by the «critical surface» of the material
- Superconducting magnets produce high field with high current density
- The working point must remain below the «critical surface» of the superconductor
- Operating at lower temperature increases the working range in the magnet design plane ( $J_c, B$ )

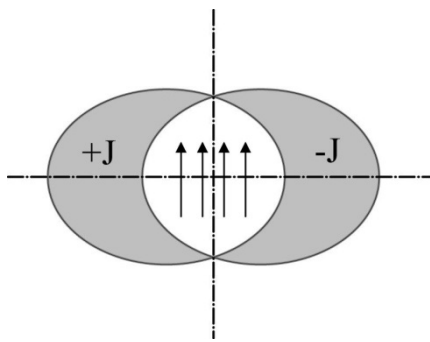


# Superconductivity to produce high magnetic fields

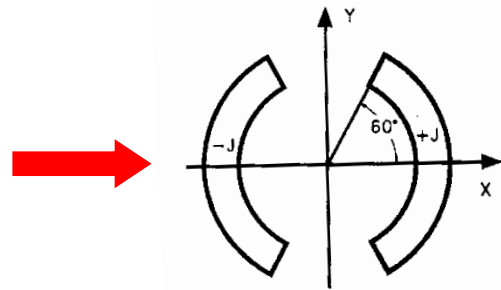


# Superconducting magnets

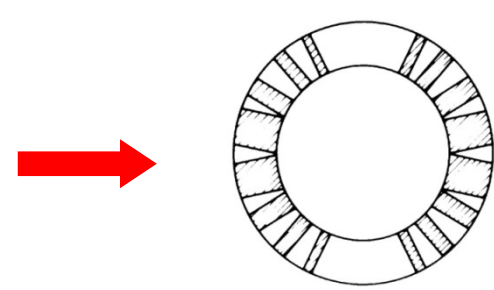
- In a superconducting magnet, the field is given by the current distribution in the windings (Biot & Savart's law).
- When present, the iron only acts as a flux return yoke



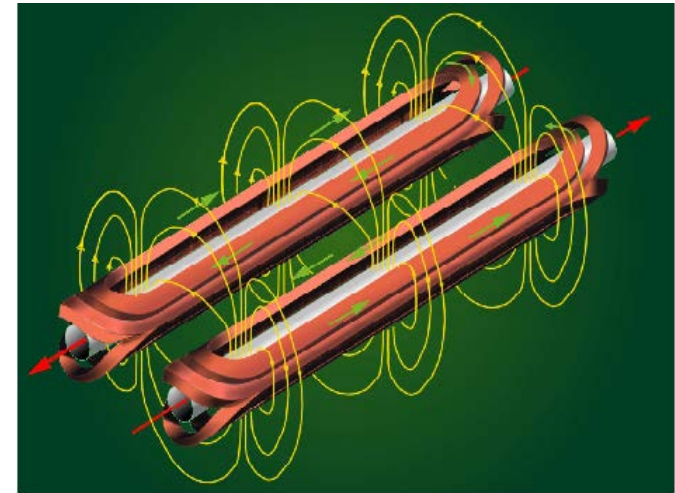
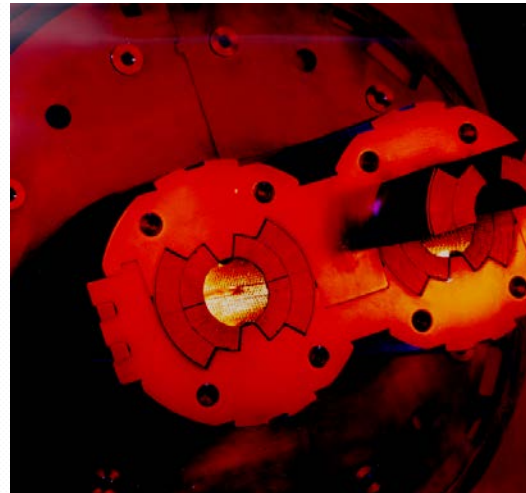
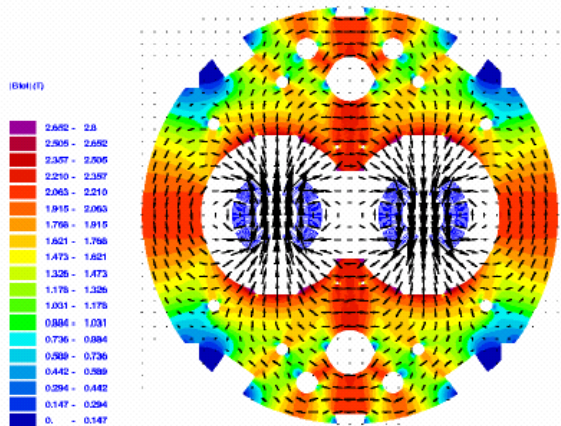
Intersecting ellipses



"cos  $\theta$ "



« block » approximation





# Magnet power consumption

- Normal conducting (copper)
  - Power dissipation per unit length
  - Total power dissipation

$$P/L \sim \rho_{Cu} jB$$

$$P \sim \rho_{Cu} jB\rho \sim \rho_{Cu} jBp$$

- Superconducting
  - Total power (refrigeration)

$$P \sim L \sim \rho$$

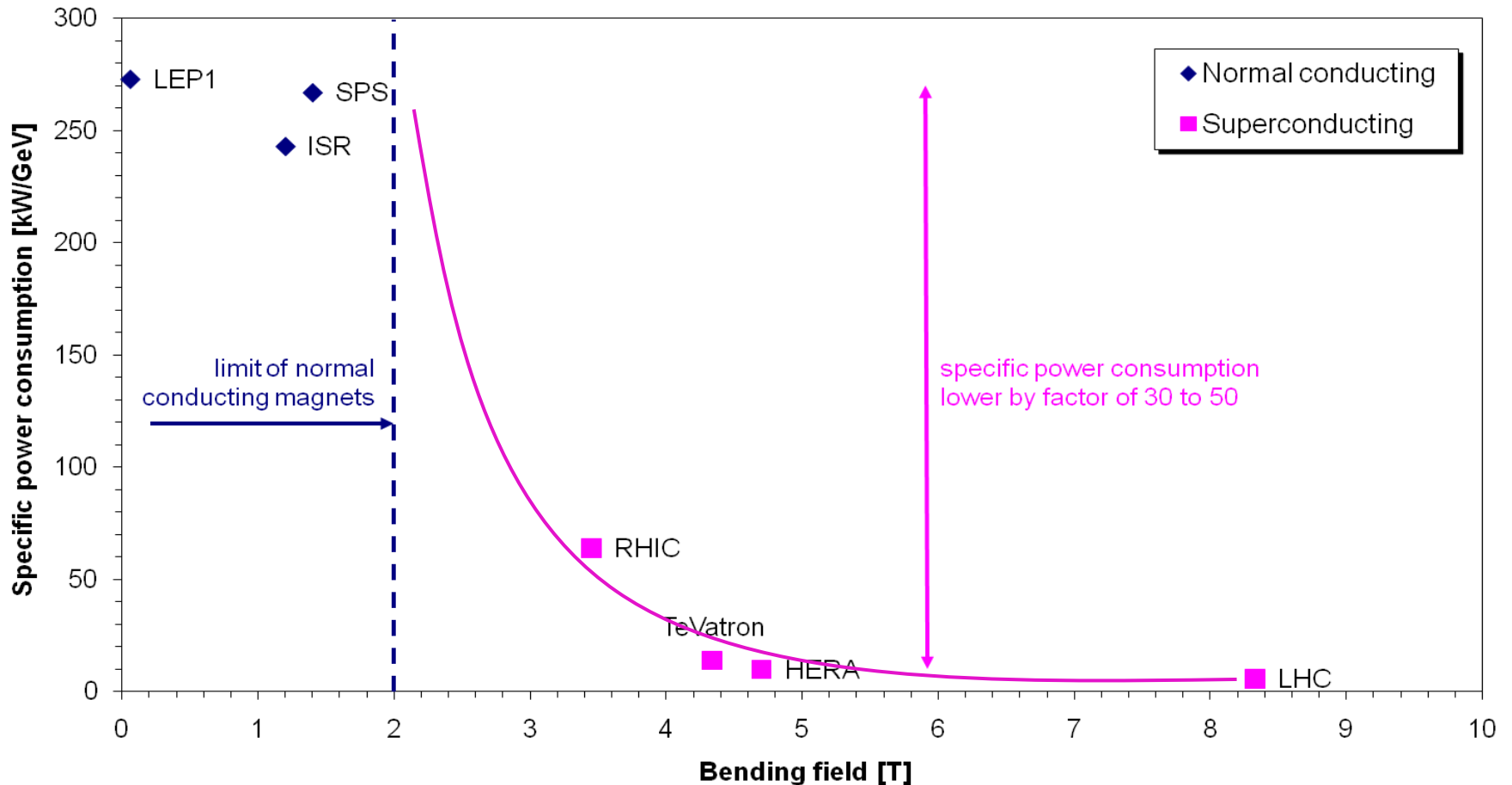
-> *independent of magnetic field*

	Normal conducting	Superconducting (LHC)
<b>Magnetic field</b>	1.8 T (limited by iron saturation)	8.3 T (limited by critical surface of Nb-Ti)
<b>Field geometry</b>	Defined by pole pieces	Defined by windings
<b>Current density in windings</b>	10 A/mm <sup>2</sup>	400 A/mm <sup>2</sup>
<b>Electromagnetic force</b>	20 kN/m	3400 kN/m
<b>Electrical power from grid</b>	10 kW/m	2 kW/m



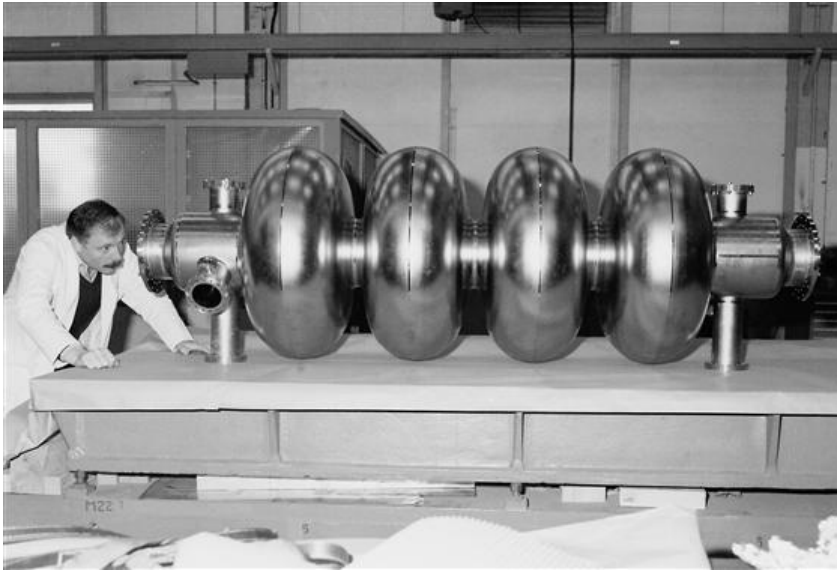
# Superconductivity to reduce power consumption

Superconductivity and higher fields break the canonical  
~ 250 kW/GeV specific power consumption of conventional synchrotron magnets





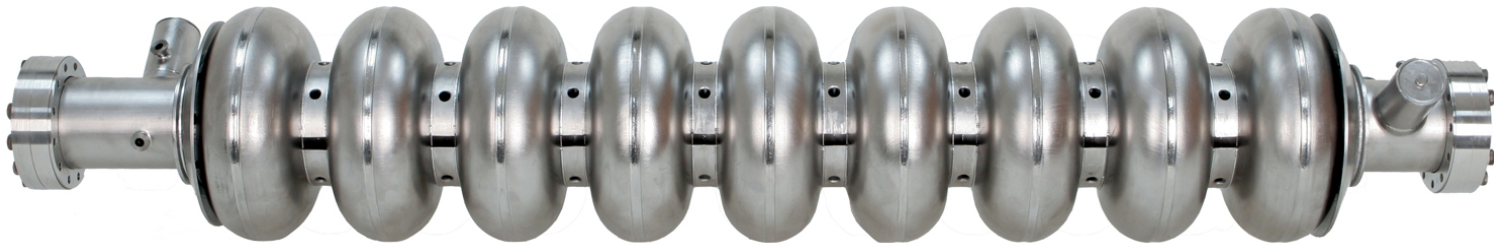
# Superconductivity: RF cavities



4-cell, 352 MHz Nb on Cu cavity for LEP2



400 MHz Nb on Cu cavities in LHC tunnel



9-cell, 1.3 GHz Nb prototype cavity for the ILC



# RF cavity power consumption

- Power dissipation in RF cavity

- Power per unit length

$$P/L \sim R_s E^2 / \omega$$

- Q factor of resonator

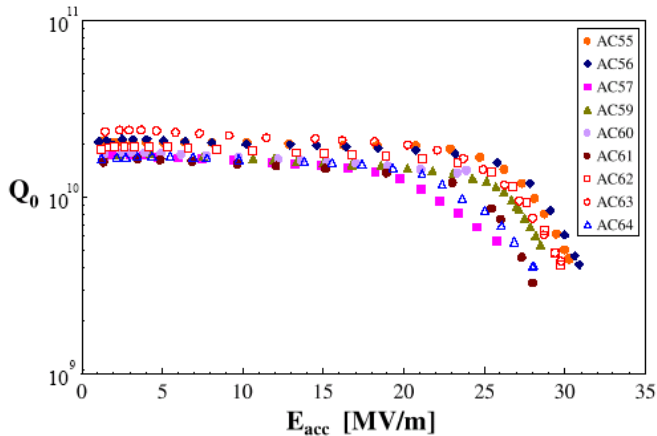
$$Q \sim 1/R_s$$

*-> to reduce power dissipation, need high Q at high field*

*-> superconductivity allows very high Q values*

*-> the power is however dissipated at low temperature: the electrical consumption must take into account the efficiency of cryogenic refrigeration*

SC cavities Nb at 1.5 GHz



Typical Q values for cavities at 500 MHz, 1 MV/m

Cavity	Normal conducting (Copper)	Superconducting
Q	$4 \cdot 10^4$	$4 \cdot 10^9$
P at 4.2 K [W/m]	-	0.7
P at 290 K [W/m]	35'000	350





*La recherche est le démiurge qui remodèle sans cesse la face du monde.  
Elle pourvoit en techniques nouvelles le champ de la pratique quotidienne.  
Elle augmente l'emprise de l'homme sur la nature et fait de lui un agent  
actif de transformation du monde.*

**Cheikh Anta Diop**

Perspectives de la Recherche Scientifique en Afrique (1974)