

Cyclotrons

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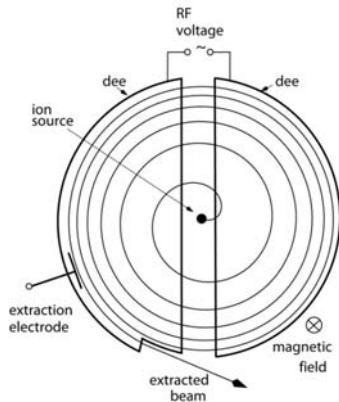
Cyclotrons - Outline

- the classical cyclotron
history of the cyclotron, basic concepts and scalings, classification of cyclotron-like accelerators
- separated sector cyclotrons
focusing in Thomas-cyclotrons, spiral angle, classical extraction: pattern/stepwidth, transv./long. space charge
- cyclotron subsystems
extraction schemes, RF resonators, magnets, vacuum issues, instrumentation
- applications and examples of existing cyclotrons
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- discussion
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Pro's and Con's of cyclotrons for different applications



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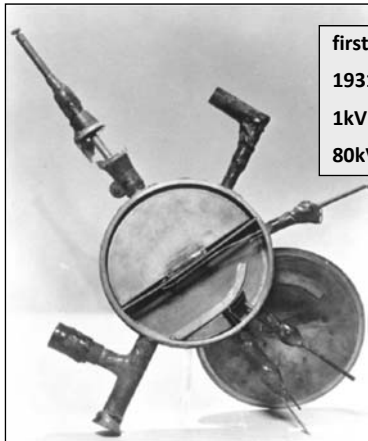
The Classical Cyclotron



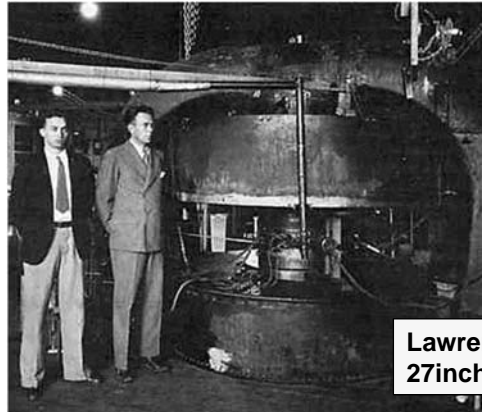
two capacitive electrodes „Dees“, two gaps per turn
 internal ion source
 homogenous B field
constant revolution time
 (for low energy, $\gamma \sim 1$)

powerful concept:

- ➔ simplicity, compactness
- ➔ continuous injection/extraction
- ➔ multiple usage of accelerating voltage



first cyclotron:
 1931, Berkeley
 1kV gap-voltage
 80kV Protons



Lawrence & Livingston,
 27inch Zyklotron

cyclotron frequency and K value

- **cyclotron frequency** (homogeneous) B-field:

$$\omega_c = \frac{eB}{\gamma m_0}$$

- **cyclotron K -value:**

➔ K is the **kinetic energy reach** for protons **from bending strength** in non-relativistic approximation:

$$K = \frac{e^2}{2m_0} (B\rho)^2$$

➔ K can be used to rescale the energy reach of protons to other charge-to-mass ratios:

$$\frac{E_k}{A} = K \left(\frac{Z}{A} \right)^2$$

➔ K in [MeV] is often used for naming cyclotrons

examples: K-130 cyclotron / Jyväskylä
 cyclone C230 / IBA

classical cyclotron - isochronicity and scalings

continuous acceleration → revolution time must stay constant, though E_k , R vary

magnetic rigidity:

$$BR = \frac{p}{e} = \beta\gamma \frac{m_0 c}{e}$$

orbit radius from isochronicity:

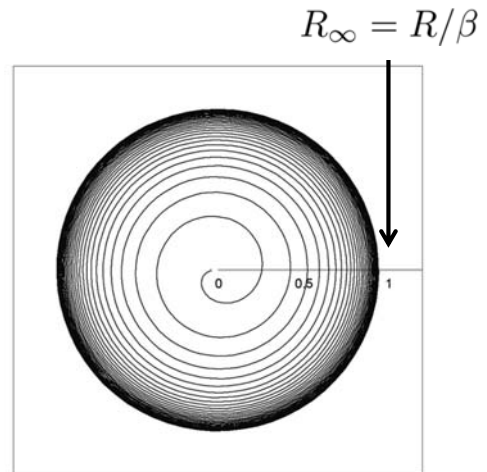
$$\begin{aligned} R &= \frac{c}{\omega_c} \beta = R_\infty \beta \\ &= \frac{c}{\omega_c} \sqrt{1 - \gamma^{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

deduced scaling of B :

$$R \propto \beta; BR \propto \beta\gamma \longrightarrow B(R) \propto \gamma(R)$$

thus, to keep the isochronous condition, B must be raised in proportion to $\gamma(R)$; this contradicts the focusing requirements (discussed later)

radius increment per turn decreases with increasing energy
→ extraction becomes more and more difficult at higher energies



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field index

the field index describes the (normalized) radial slope of the bending field:

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{R}{B} \frac{dB}{dR} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{\gamma} \frac{d\gamma}{d\beta} \\ &= \gamma^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

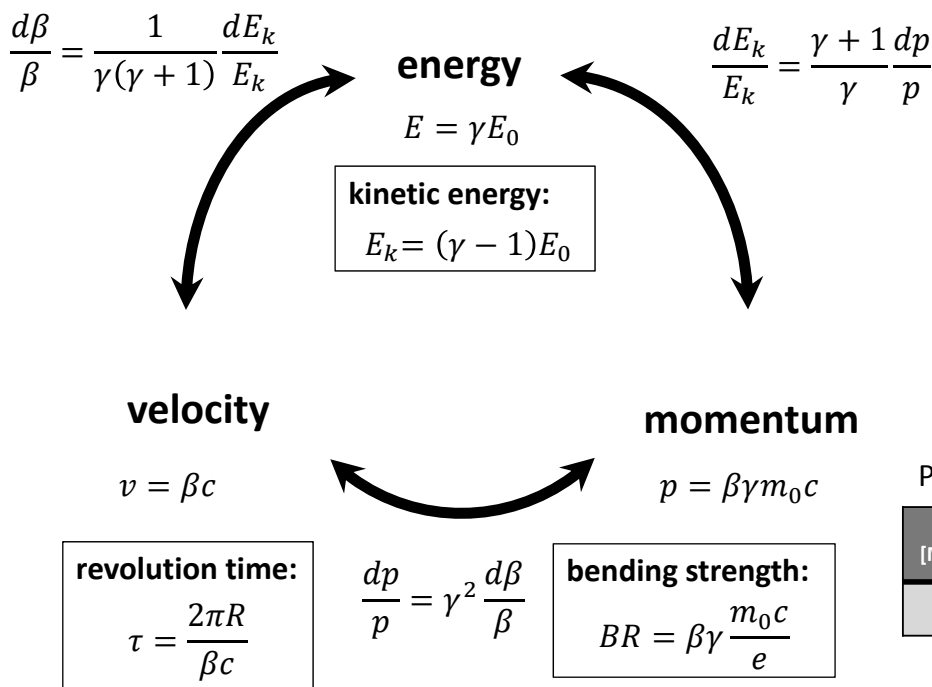
from isochronous condition:
 $B \propto \gamma$, $R \propto \beta$



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cyclotrons work at intermediate relativistic energies

A.Einstein
1879-1955



equation of motion in a classical cyclotron

centrifugal force mv^2/r

Lorentz force $qv \times B$

$m\ddot{r} = mr\dot{\phi}^2 - qr\dot{\phi}B_z$

focusing: consider small deviations x from beam orbit R ($r = R+x$):

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{q}{m} v B_z (R+x) - \frac{v^2}{R+x} = 0,$$

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{q}{m} v \left(B_z(R) + \frac{dB_z}{dR} x \right) - \frac{v^2}{R} \left(1 - \frac{x}{R} \right) = 0,$$

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_c^2 (1+k)x = 0.$$

using: $\omega_c = qB_z/m \approx v/R, r\dot{\phi} \approx v, k = \frac{R}{B} \frac{dB}{dR}$

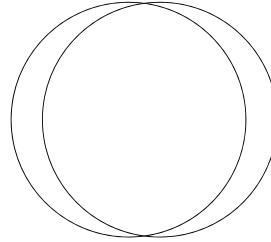


betatron tunes in cyclotrons

thus in radial plane:

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_r &= \omega_c \sqrt{1+k} = \omega_c \nu_r \\ \nu_r &= \sqrt{1+k} \\ &\approx \gamma\end{aligned}$$

note: simple case for $k = 0$: $\nu_r = 1$
(one circular orbit oscillates w.r.t the other)



using Maxwell to relate B_z and B_R :

$$\text{rot } \vec{B} = \frac{dB_R}{dz} - \frac{dB_z}{dR} = 0$$

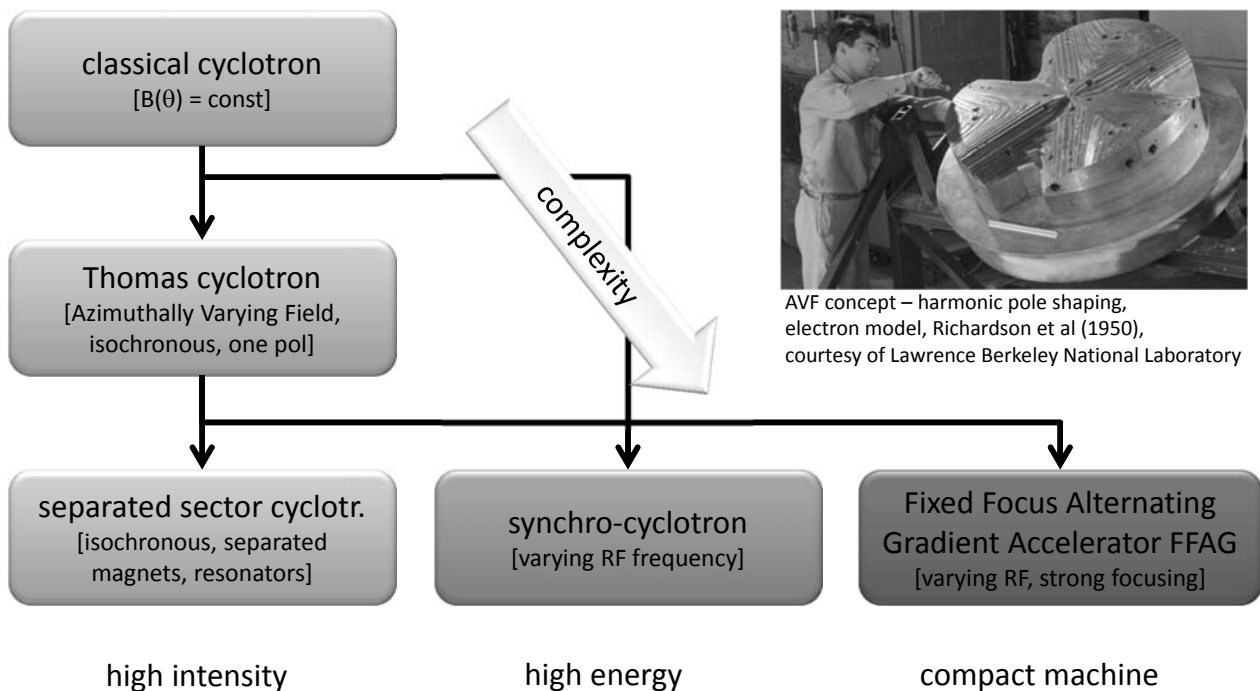
in vertical plane:

$$\nu_z = \sqrt{-k} \quad \leftarrow \quad k < 0 \text{ to obtain vertical focus.}$$

**thus: in classical cyclotron $k < 0$ required;
however this violates isochronous condition $k = \gamma^2 - 1 > 0$**



classification of cyclotron like accelerators



- next: **sector cyclotrons**
 - AVF vs. separated sector cyclotron
 - focusing in sector cyclotrons
 - extraction: pattern/stepwidth
 - transv./long. space charge



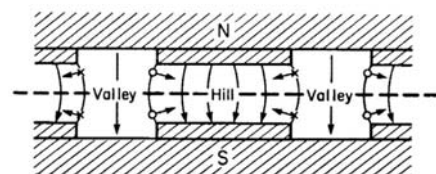
focusing in sector cyclotrons

hill / valley variation of magnetic field (Thomas focusing) makes it possible to design cyclotrons for higher energies

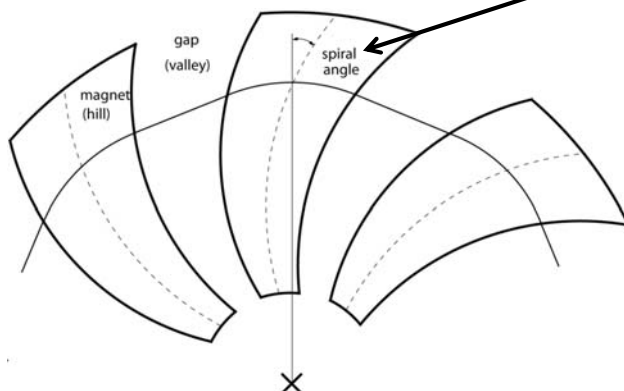
Flutter factor:
$$F^2 = \frac{\overline{B_z^2} - \overline{B_z}^2}{\overline{B_z}^2}$$

with flutter and additional spiral angle of bending field:

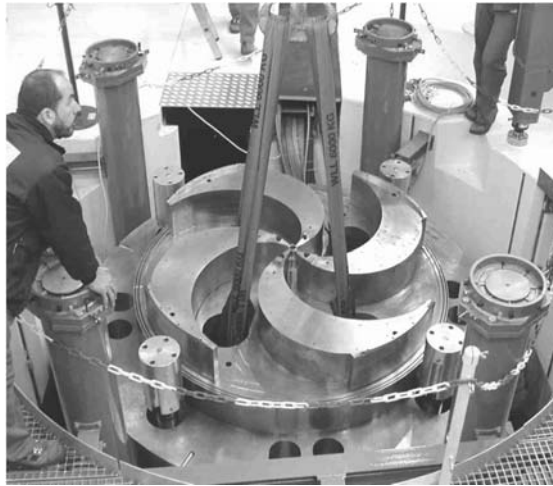
$$\nu_z^2 = -\frac{R}{B_z} \frac{dB_z}{dR} + F^2(1 + 2 \tan^2 \delta)$$



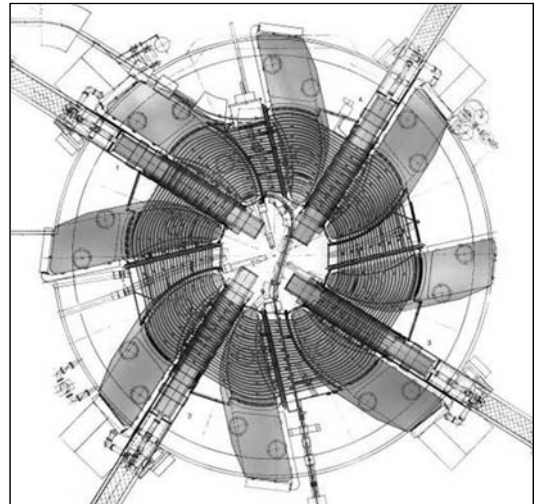
[illustration of focusing at edges]



Azimuthally Varying Field vs. Separated Sector Cyclotrons



PSI/Varian comet: 250MeV sc. medical cyclotron



PSI Ring cyclotron

- **AVF = single pole with shaping**
- often **spiral poles** used
- **internal source** possible
- **D-type RF electrodes**, rel. low energy gain
- **compact**, cost effective
- depicted Varian cyclotron: 80% extraction efficiency; **not suited for high power**

- **modular layout**, larger cyclotrons possible, sector magnets, box resonators, stronger focusing, injection/extraction in straight sections
- **external injection** required, i.e. pre-accelerator
- **box-resonators** (high voltage gain)
- high **extraction efficiency** possible:
e.g. PSI: 99.98% = $(1 - 2 \cdot 10^{-4})$



derivation of turn separation in a cyclotron

starting point: bending strength for p

→ compute total log.differential

→ use field index $k = R/B \cdot dB/dR$

$$BR = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} m_0 c}{e}$$

$$\frac{dB}{B} + \frac{dR}{R} = \frac{\gamma d\gamma}{\gamma^2 - 1}$$

$$\frac{dR}{d\gamma} = \frac{\gamma R}{\gamma^2 - 1} \frac{1}{1 + k}$$

radius change per turn

$$\frac{dR}{dn_t} = \frac{dR}{d\gamma} \frac{d\gamma}{dn_t} \quad [U_t = \text{energy gain per turn}]$$

$$= \frac{U_t}{m_0 c^2} \frac{\gamma R}{(\gamma^2 - 1)(1 + k)} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{U_t}{m_0 c^2}} \right\} \text{isochronicity not conserved (last turns)}$$

$$= \frac{U_t}{m_0 c^2} \frac{R}{(\gamma^2 - 1)\gamma} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{U_t}{m_0 c^2}} \right\} \text{isochronicity conserved (general scaling)}$$



turn separation - discussion

for clean extraction a large stepwidth (turn separation) is of utmost importance; in the PSI Ring most efforts were directed towards maximizing the turn separation

general scaling at extraction:

$$\Delta R(R_{\text{extr}}) = \frac{U_t}{m_0 c^2} \frac{R_{\text{extr}}}{(\gamma^2 - 1)\gamma}$$

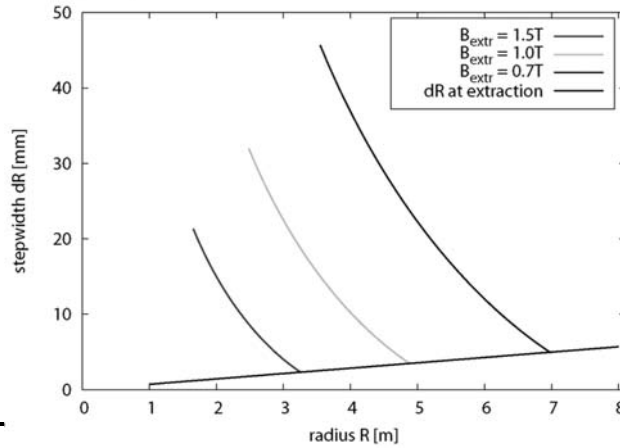
desirable:

- limited energy (< 1GeV)
- large radius R_{extr}
- high energy gain U_t

scaling during acceleration:

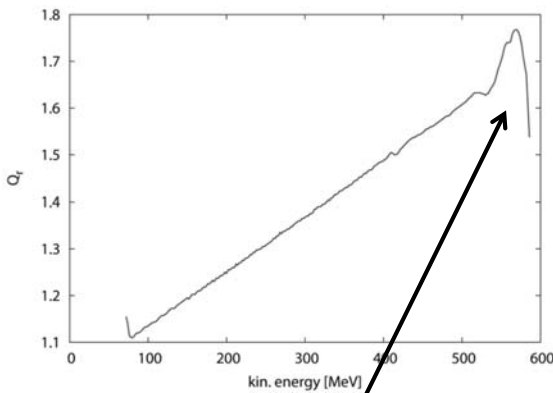
$$\frac{dR}{dn_t} \approx \frac{U_t}{m_0 c^2} \frac{R}{\beta^2} \rightarrow \Delta R(R) \propto \frac{1}{R}$$

illustration:
stepwidth vs. radius in cyclotrons of different sizes; 100MeV inj → 800MeV extr



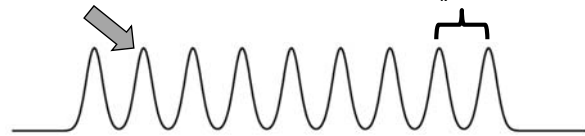
extraction with off-center orbits

betatron oscillations around the “closed orbit” can be used to increase the radial stepwidth by a factor 3 !

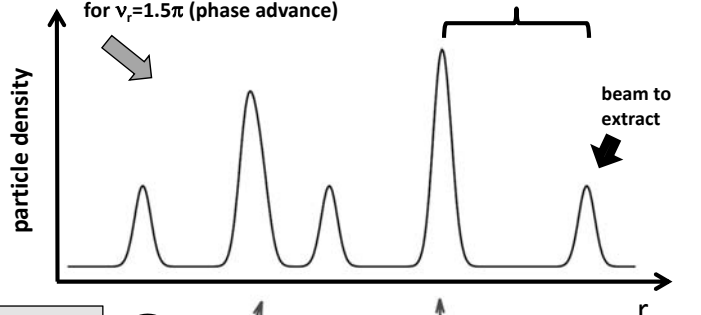


radial tune vs. energy (PSI Ring)
typically $\nu_r \approx \gamma$ during acceleration; but decrease in outer fringe field

without orbit oscillations: stepwidth from E_k -gain (PSI: 6mm)



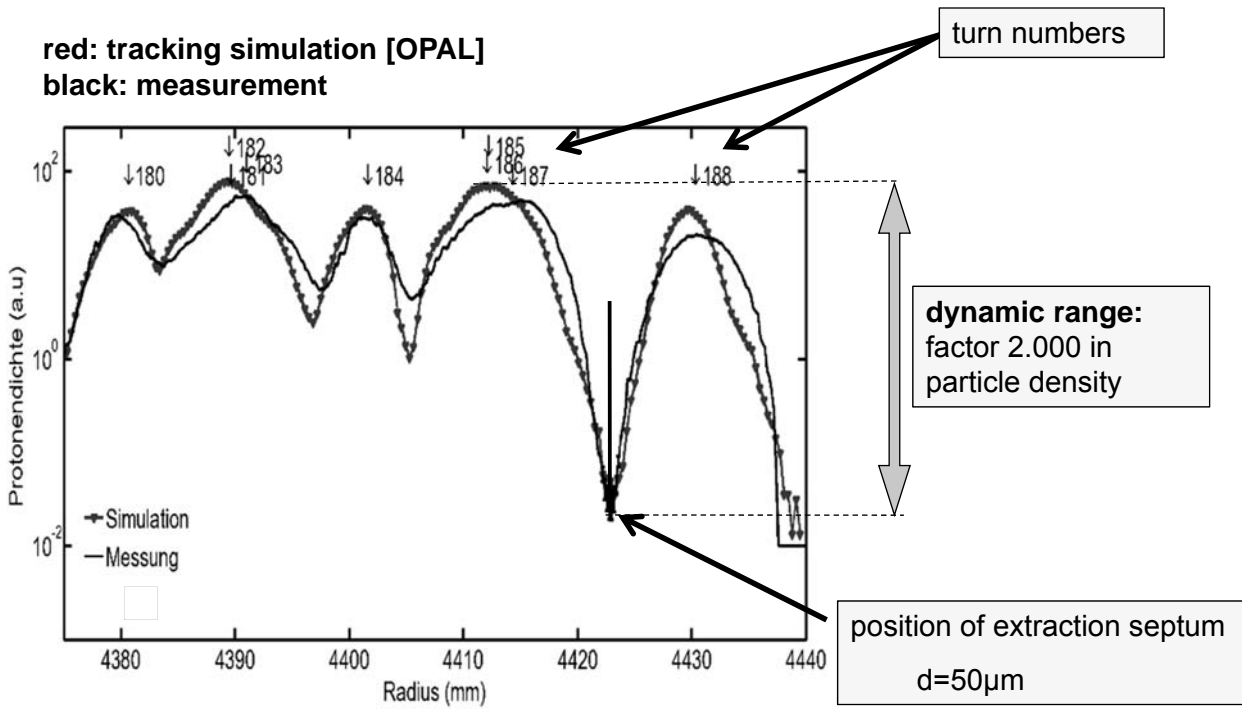
with orbit oscillations: extraction gap; up to 3 x stepwidth possible for $\nu_r = 1.5\pi$ (phase advance)



phase vector of orbit oscillations (r, r')



extraction profile measured at PSI Ring Cyclotron



[Y.Bi et al]

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longitudinal space charge

sector model (W.Joho, 1981):

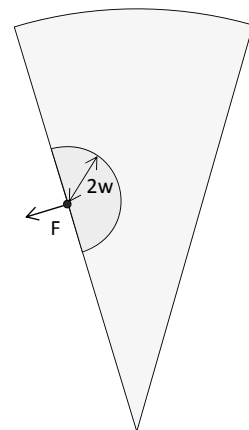
- accumulated energy spread transforms into transverse tails
- consider rotating uniform sectors of charge (overlapping turns)
- test particle “sees” only fraction of sector due to shielding of vacuum chamber with gap height $2w$

two factors are proportional to the number of turns:

- 1) the charge density in the sector
- 2) the time span the force acts

$$\Delta U_{sc} = \frac{8}{3} e I_p Z_0 \ln \left(\frac{4w}{a} \right) \cdot \frac{n_{\max}^2}{\beta_{\max}} \approx 2.800 \Omega \cdot e I_p \cdot \frac{n_{\max}^2}{\beta_{\max}}$$

derivation see: [High Intensity Aspects of Cyclotrons, ECPM-2012, PSI](#)



in addition:

- 3) the inverse of turn separation at extraction: $\frac{1}{\Delta R_{\text{extr}}} \propto n_{\max}$

▶ thus the attainable current at constant losses scales as n_{\max}^{-3}

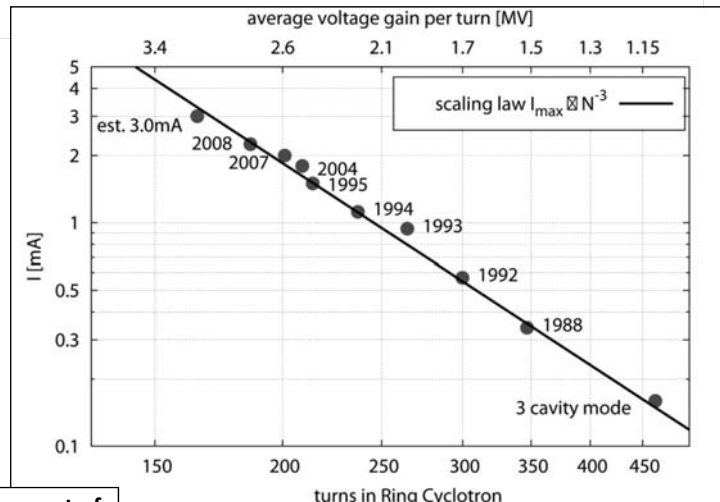


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longitudinal space charge; evidence for third power law

- at PSI the maximum attainable current indeed scales with the third power of the turn number
- maximum energy gain per turn is of utmost importance in this type of high intensity cyclotron

→ with constant losses at the extraction electrode the maximum attainable current indeed scales as:
 $I_{\max} \propto n_t^{-3}$



historical development of current and turn numbers in PSI Ring Cyclotron



transverse space charge

with overlapping turns use current sheet model!

vertical force from space charge: $F_y = \frac{n_v e^2}{\epsilon_0 \gamma^2} \cdot y$, $n_v = \frac{N}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sigma_y D_f R \Delta R}$
 [constant charge density, $D_f = I_{\text{avg}}/I_{\text{peak}}$]

focusing force: $F_y = -\gamma m_0 \omega_c^2 \nu_{y0}^2 \cdot y$

thus, eqn. of motion: $\ddot{y} + \left(\omega_c^2 \nu_{y0}^2 - \frac{n_v e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_0 \gamma^3} \right) y = 0$

→ equating space charge and focusing force delivers an **intensity limit for loss of focusing!**

tune shift from forces: $\Delta \nu_y \approx -n_v \frac{2\pi r_p R^2}{\beta^2 \gamma^3 \nu_{y0}}$
 $\approx -\sqrt{2\pi} \frac{r_p R}{e \beta c \nu_{y0} \sigma_z} \frac{m_0 c^2}{U_t} I_{\text{avg}}$



next: cyclotron subsystems

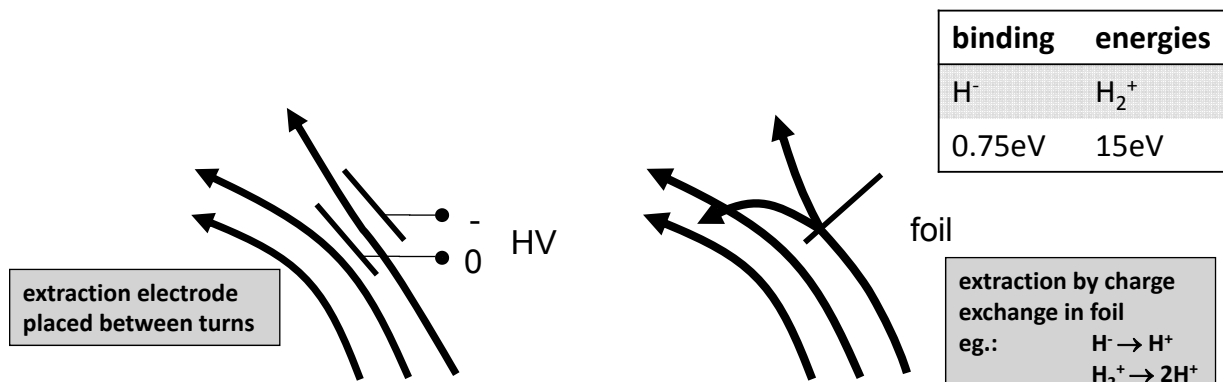
- extraction schemes
- RF systems/power efficiency
- cyclotron magnets
- comments on vacuum
- specific instrumentation



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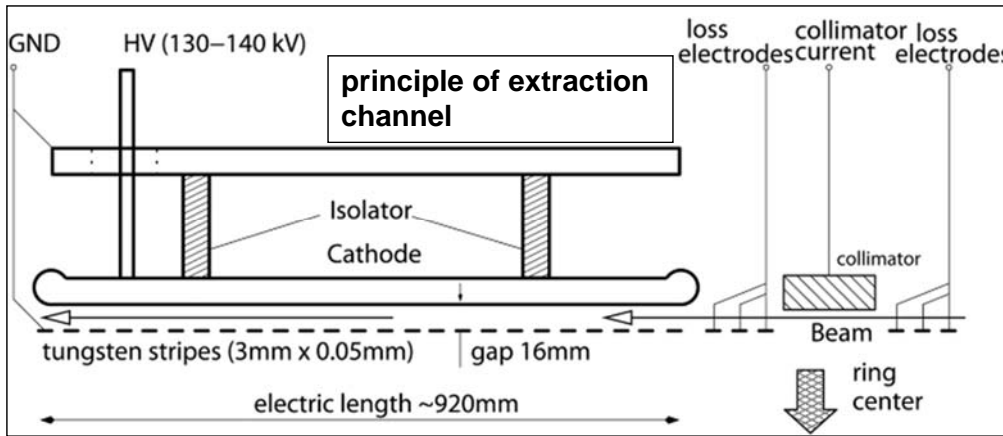
injection/extraction schemes

- deflecting element should affect just one turn, not neighboured turn → critical, cause of losses
- often used: electrostatic deflectors with thin electrodes
- alternative: charge exchange, stripping foil; accelerate H^- or H_2^+ to extract protons (problem: significant probability for unwanted loss of electron; Lorentz dissociation: B-field low, scattering: vacuum 10^{-8} mbar)



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injection/extraction with electrostatic elements



**parameters
extraction chan.:**

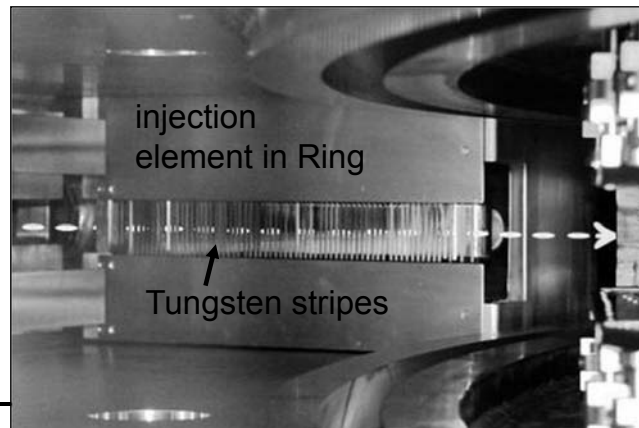
$E_k = 590 \text{ MeV}$
 $E = 8.8 \text{ MV/m}$
 $\theta = 8.2 \text{ mrad}$
 $\rho = 115 \text{ m}$
 $U = 144 \text{ kV}$

**major loss
mechanism is
scattering in $50 \mu\text{m}$
electrode!**

electrostatic rigidity:

$$E\rho = \frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma} \frac{E_k}{q}$$

$$\theta = \frac{qlE}{E_k} \frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 1}$$

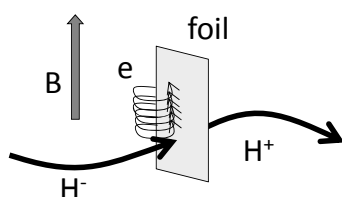


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extraction foil

- thin foil, for example carbon, removes the electron(s) with high probability
- new charge state of ion brings it on a new trajectory \rightarrow separation from circulating beam
- lifetime of foil is critical due to heating, rad.damage; conversion efficiencies, e.g. generation of neutrals, must be considered carefully

stripped electrons deposit energy in the foil



How much power is carried by the electrons?

$$E_e = \frac{m_e}{m_p} E_p = 5.4 \cdot 10^{-4} E_k^p$$

\rightarrow 1/2000 of beam power

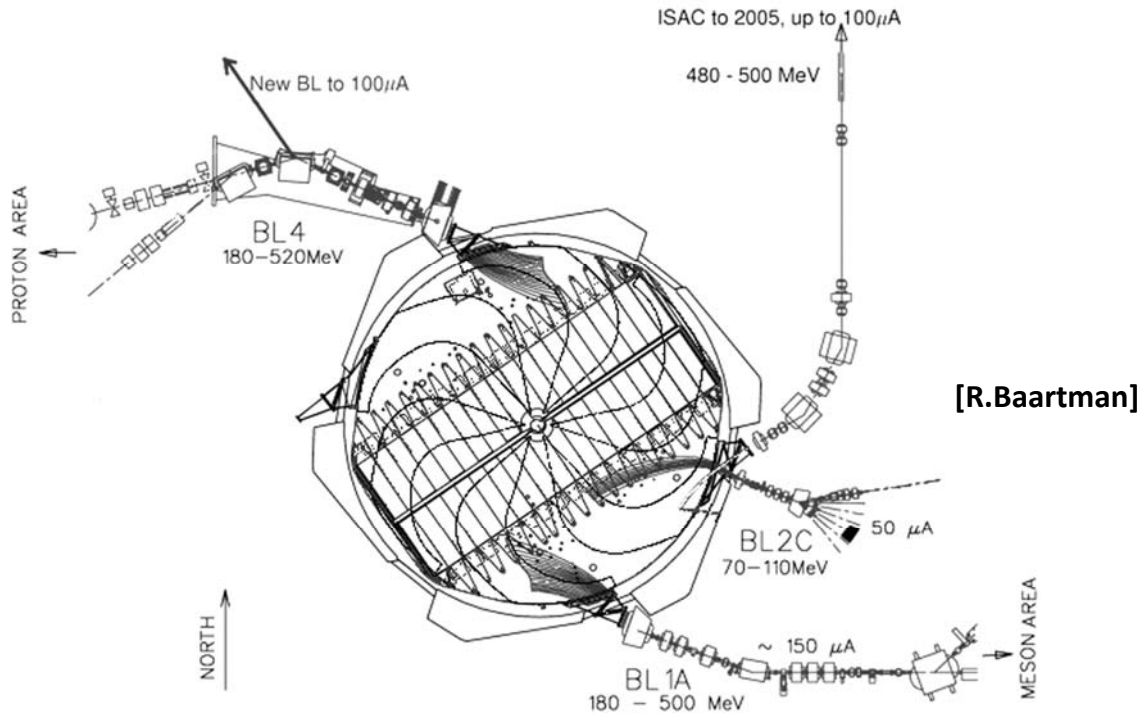
Bending radius of electrons?

$$\rho^e = \frac{m_e}{m_p} \rho^p$$

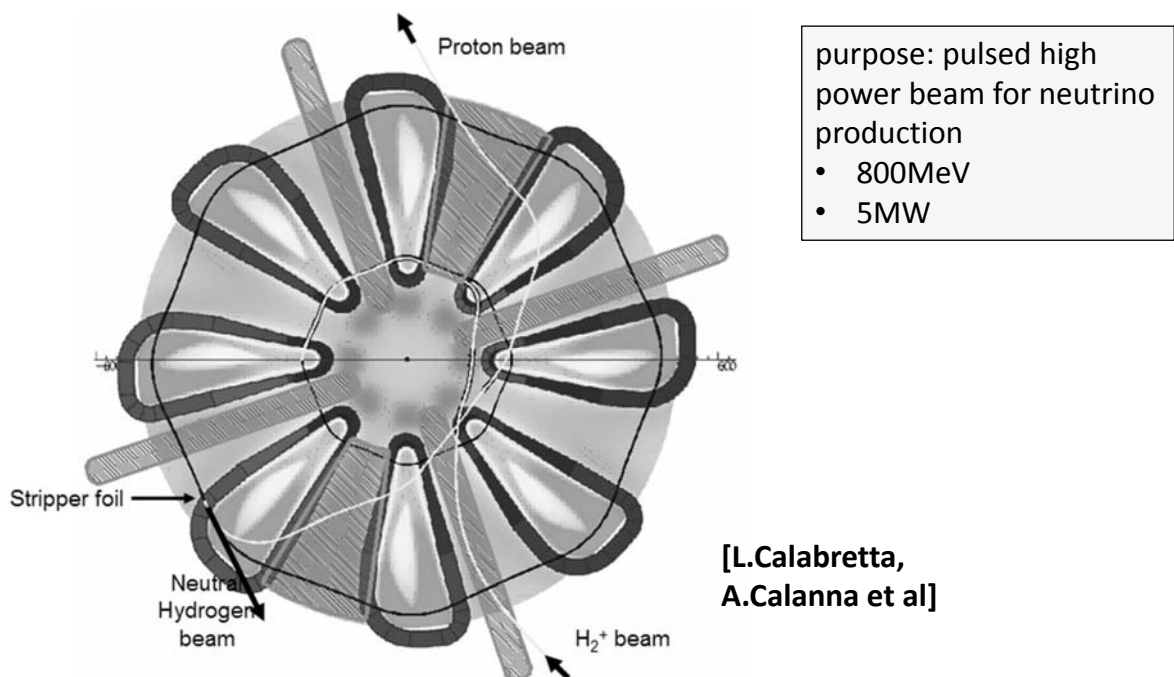
\rightarrow typically mm

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example: multiple H^- stripping extraction at TRIUMF



example: H_2^+ stripping extraction in planned Daedalus cyclotron [neutrino source]

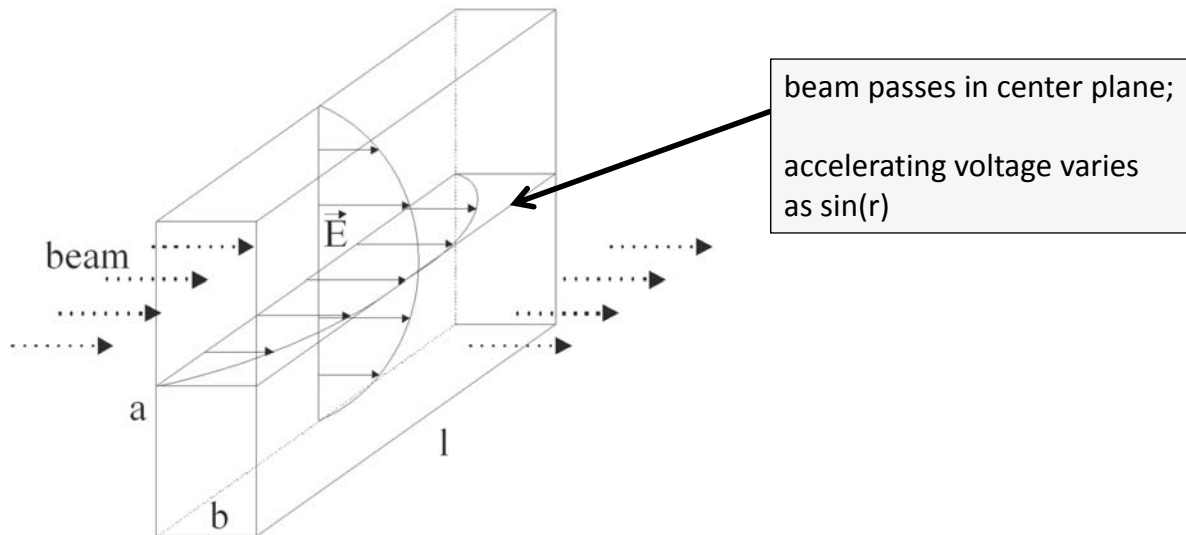


components: cyclotron resonators

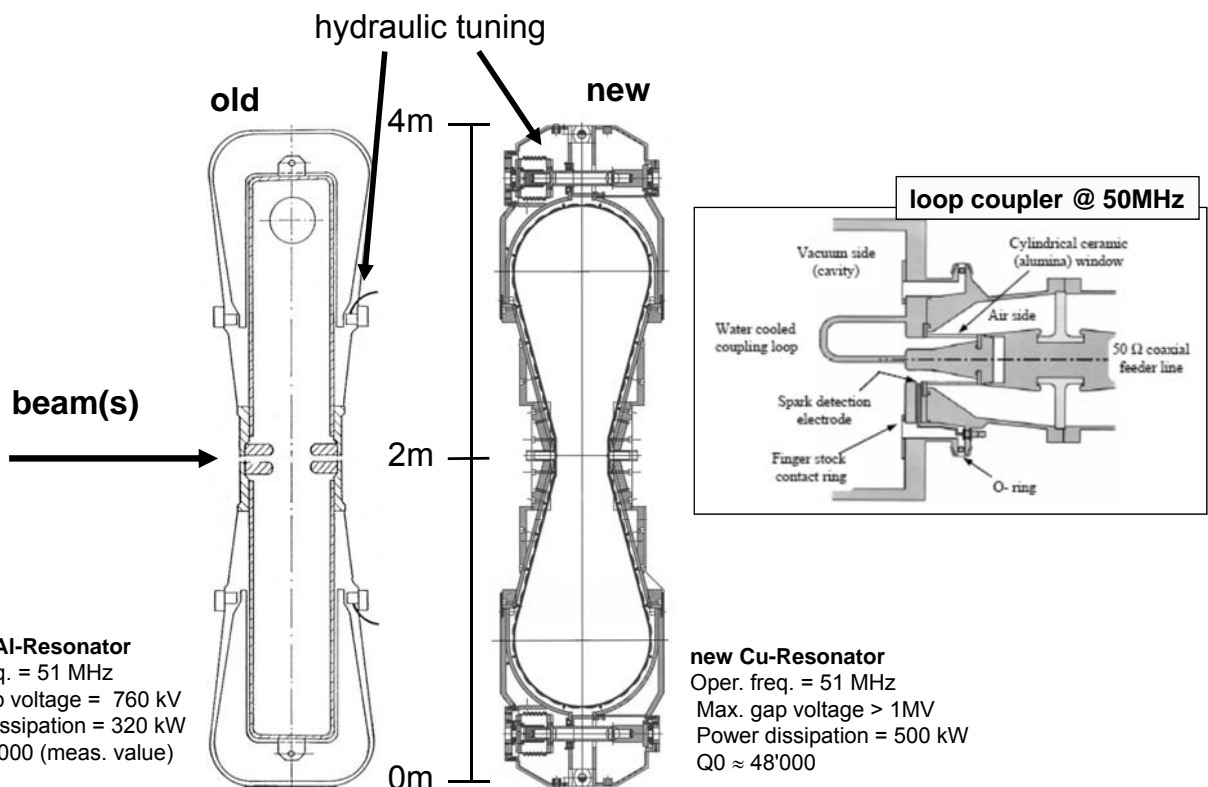
cyclotron resonators are basically box resonators

resonant frequency:

$$f_r = \frac{c}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{l^2}}$$



cross sections of PSI resonators



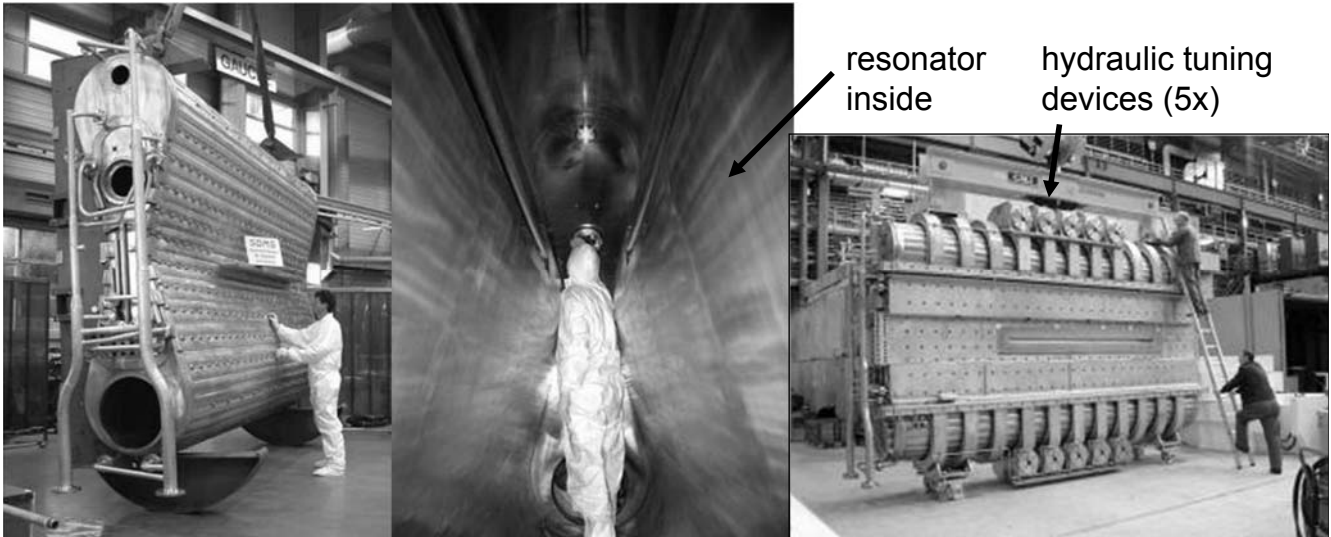
original Al-Resonator
 Oper. freq. = 51 MHz
 Max. gap voltage = 760 kV
 Power dissipation = 320 kW
 Q0 = 32'000 (meas. value)

new Cu-Resonator
 Oper. freq. = 51 MHz
 Max. gap voltage > 1MV
 Power dissipation = 500 kW
 Q0 ≈ 48'000



copper resonator in operation at PSI's Ring cyclotron

- $f = 50.6\text{MHz}$; $Q_0 = 4,8 \cdot 10^4$; $U_{\text{max}} = 1.2\text{MV}$ (presently 0.85MV)
- transfer of up to **400kW power to the beam** per cavity
- Wall Plug to Beam Efficiency (RF Systems): **32%**



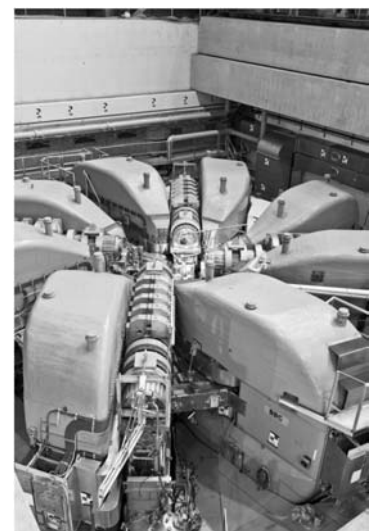
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components: sector magnets

- cyclotron magnets typically cover a wide radial range → magnets are heavy and bulky, thus costly

PSI sector magnet

iron weight: 250 tons
coil weight: 28 tons
orbit radius: 2.1...4.5 m
spiral angle: 35 deg



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components: sector magnets

- focusing and isochronicity need to be precisely controlled → sophisticated pole shaping including spiral bounds, many trim coil circuits
- modern cyclotrons use superconducting magnets; but for high intensity compactness is generally disadvantageous

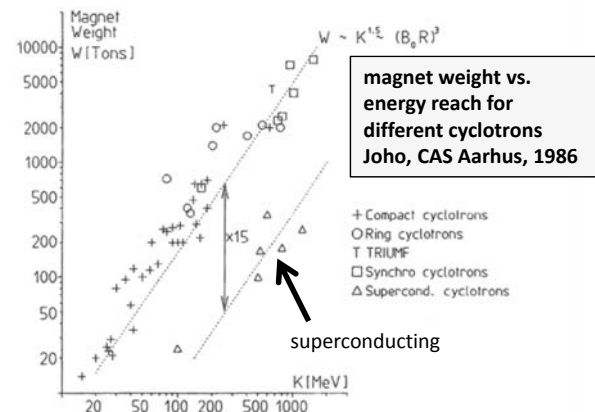
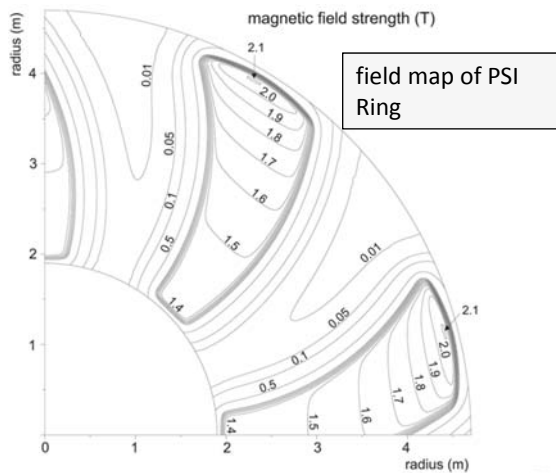


Fig. 6 Magnet weight W versus K -value for different cyclotrons and synchrocyclotrons.

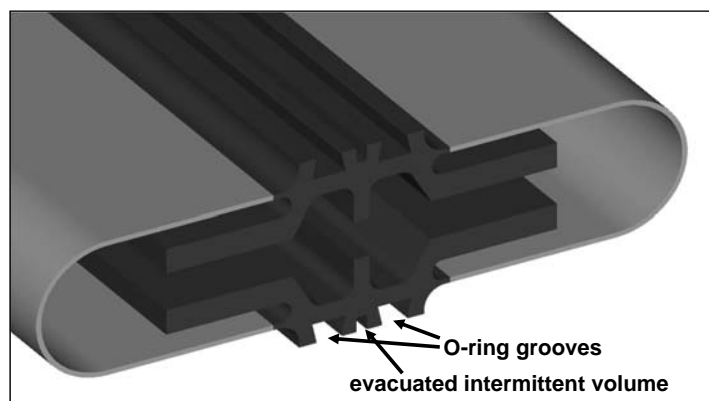
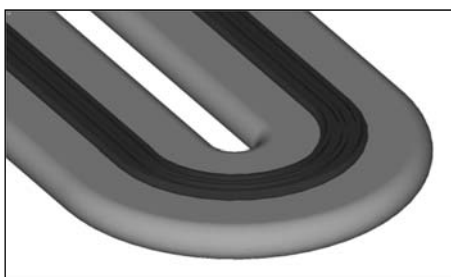


cyclotron vacuum system

- vacuum chamber with large radial width → difficult to achieve precisely matching sealing surfaces → noticeable leak rates must be accepted
- use cryo pumps with high pumping speed and capacity
- $\approx 10^{-6}$ mbar for p, $\approx 10^{-8}$ mbar for ions (instability! e.g. AGOR at KVI)
- design criterion is easy access and fast mountability (activation)

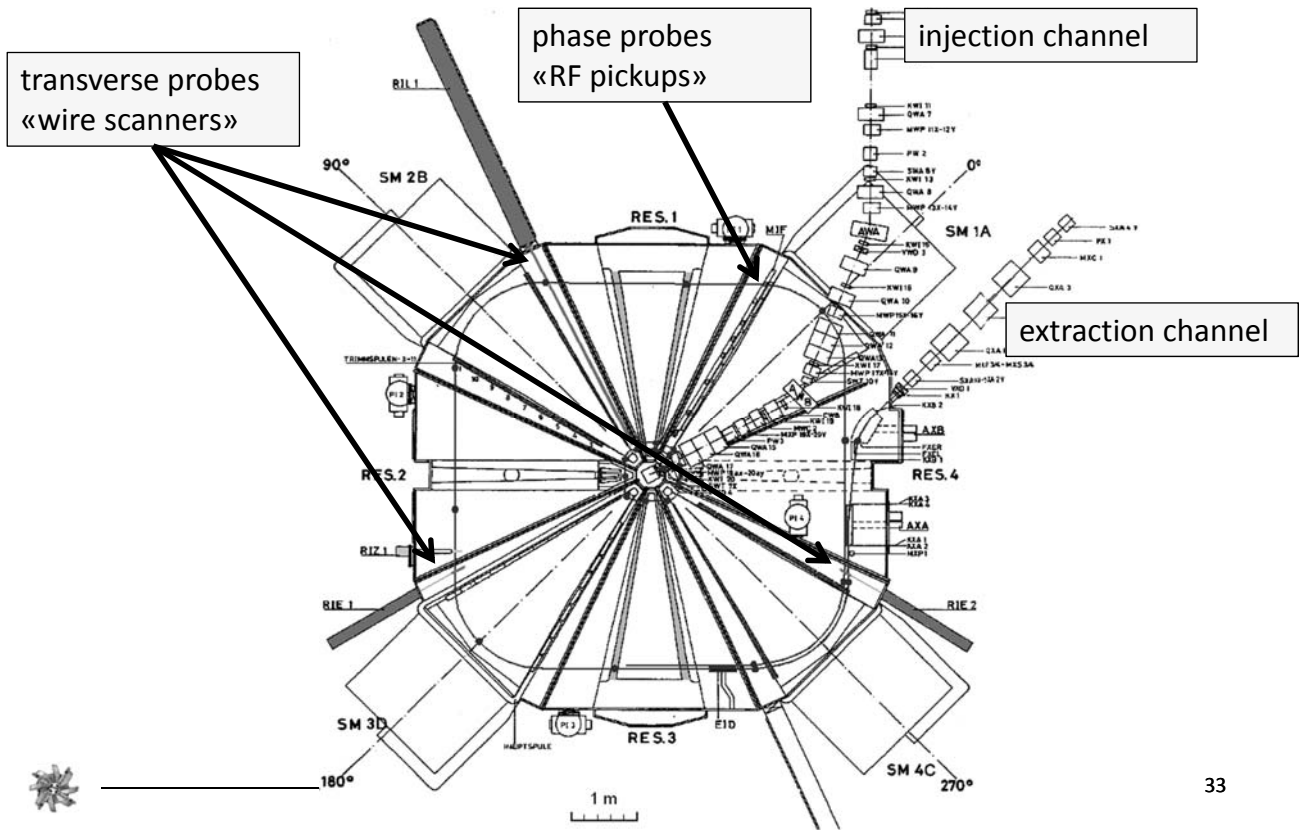
example: inflatable seals installed between resonators; length: 3.5m

length: 3.5m



cyclotron instrumentation

example: PSI 72MeV injector cyclotron



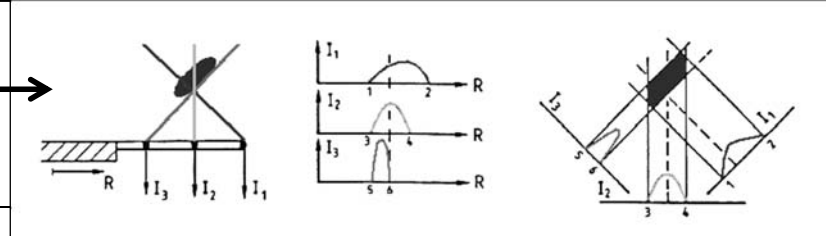
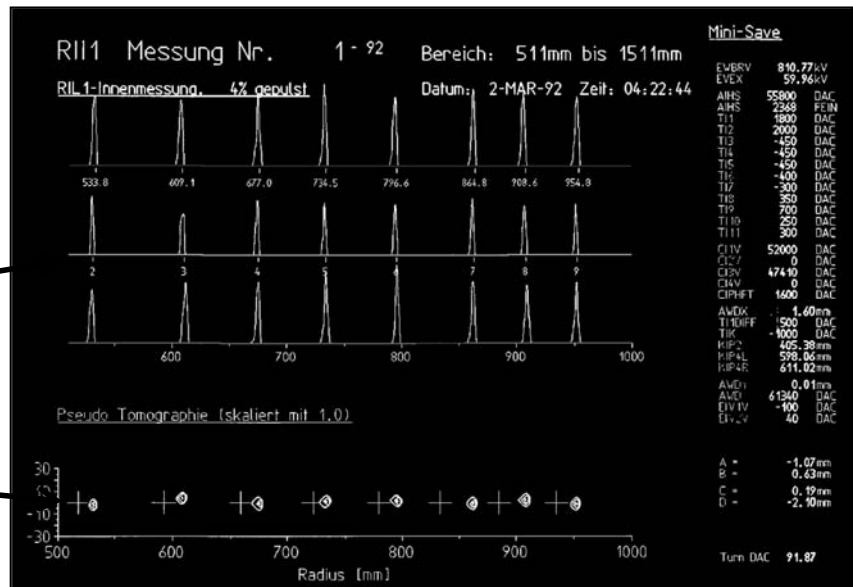
instrumentation: radial probe for turn counting / orbit analysis

wire scanner with three tilted wires delivers radial beam profile and some vertical information

radial: positions of individual turns

vertical/radial orbit positions and stored reference orbit (crosses)

\llcornerpseudo tomography</math> with tilted wires



next: cyclotron examples

- TRIUMF, RIKEN SRC, PSI-HIPA, PSI-Comet

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comparison of cyclotrons

	TRIUMF	RIKEN SRC (supercond.)	PSI Ring	PSI medical (supercond.)
particles	H ⁻ → p	ions	p	p
K [MeV]	520	2600	592	250
magnets (poles)	(6)	6	8	(4)
peak field strength [T]	0.6	3.8	2.1	3.8
R _{inj} /R _{extr} [m]	0.25/3.8...7.9	3.6/5.4	2.4/4.5	-/0.8
P _{max} [kW]	110	1 (86Kr)	1300	0.25
extraction efficiency (tot. transmission)	0.9995 (0.70)	(0.63)	0.9998	0.80
extraction method	stripping foil	electrostatic deflector	electrostatic deflector	electrostatic deflector
comment	variable energy	ions, flexible	high intensity	compact

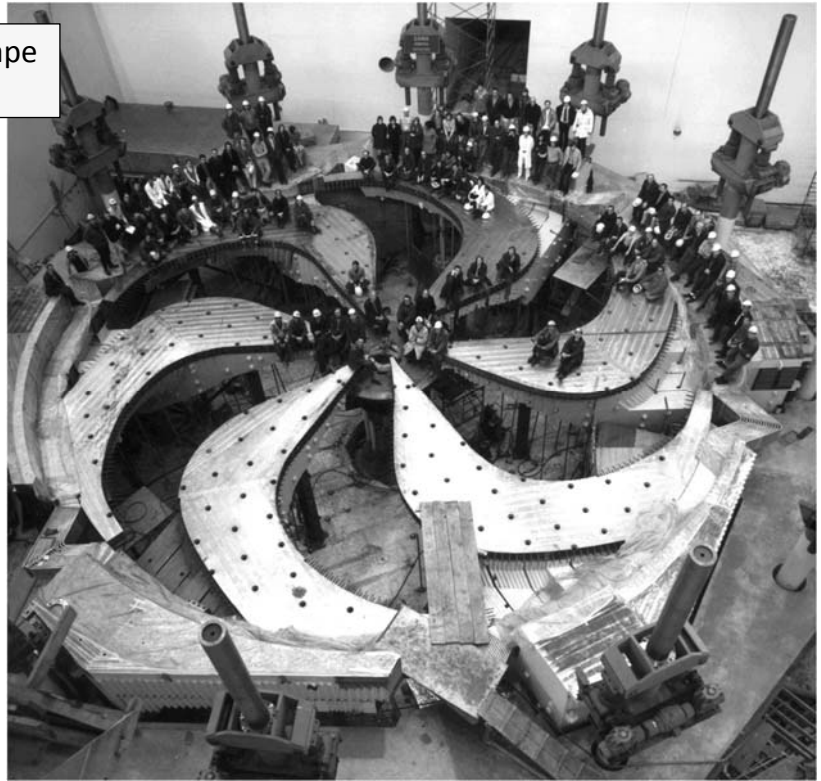


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cyclotron examples: TRIUMF / Vancouver

photo: iron poles with spiral shape
($\delta_{\max}=70\text{deg}$)

- p, 520MeV, up to 110kW beam power
- diameter: 18m (largest n.c. cyclotron worldwide)
- extraction by stripping H^-
→ variable energy;
multiple extraction points possible



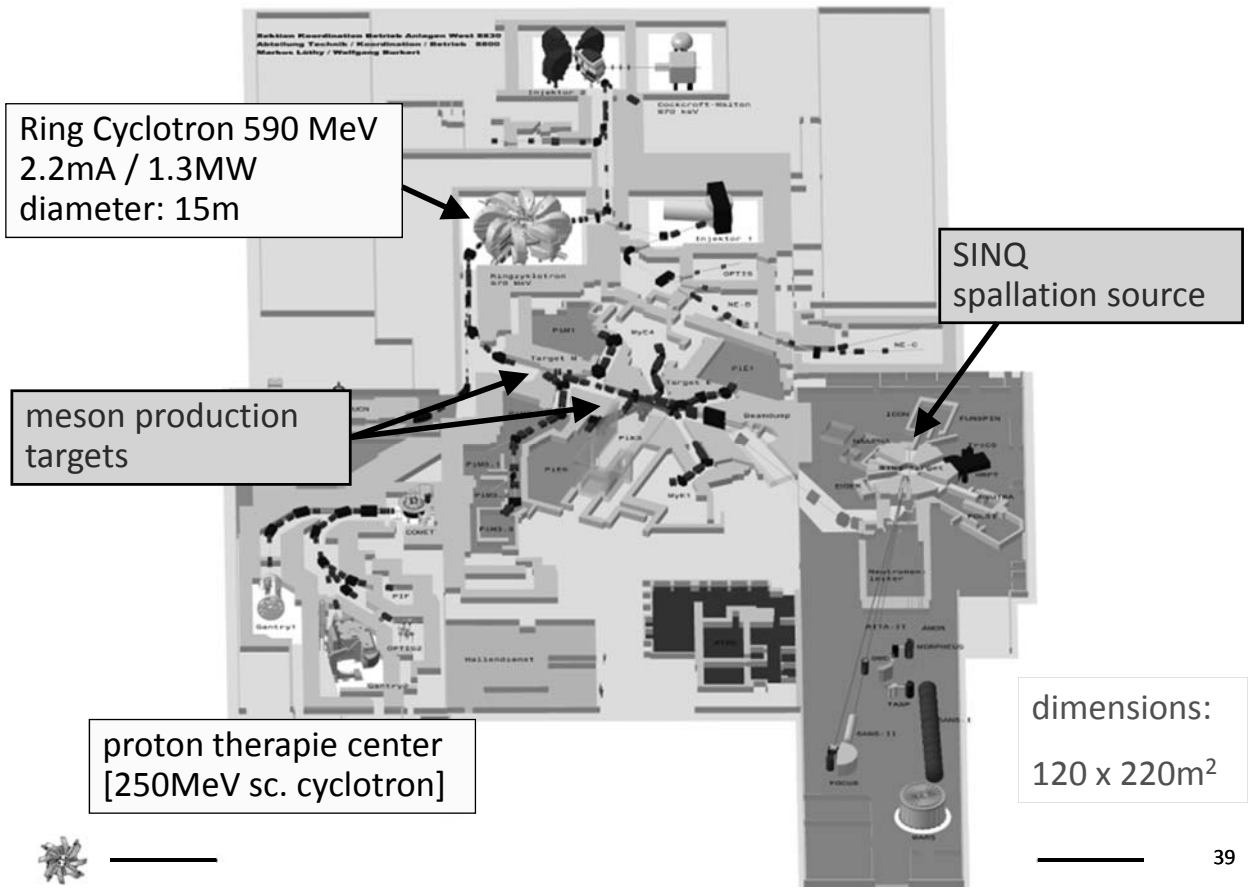
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RIKEN SRC in the vault

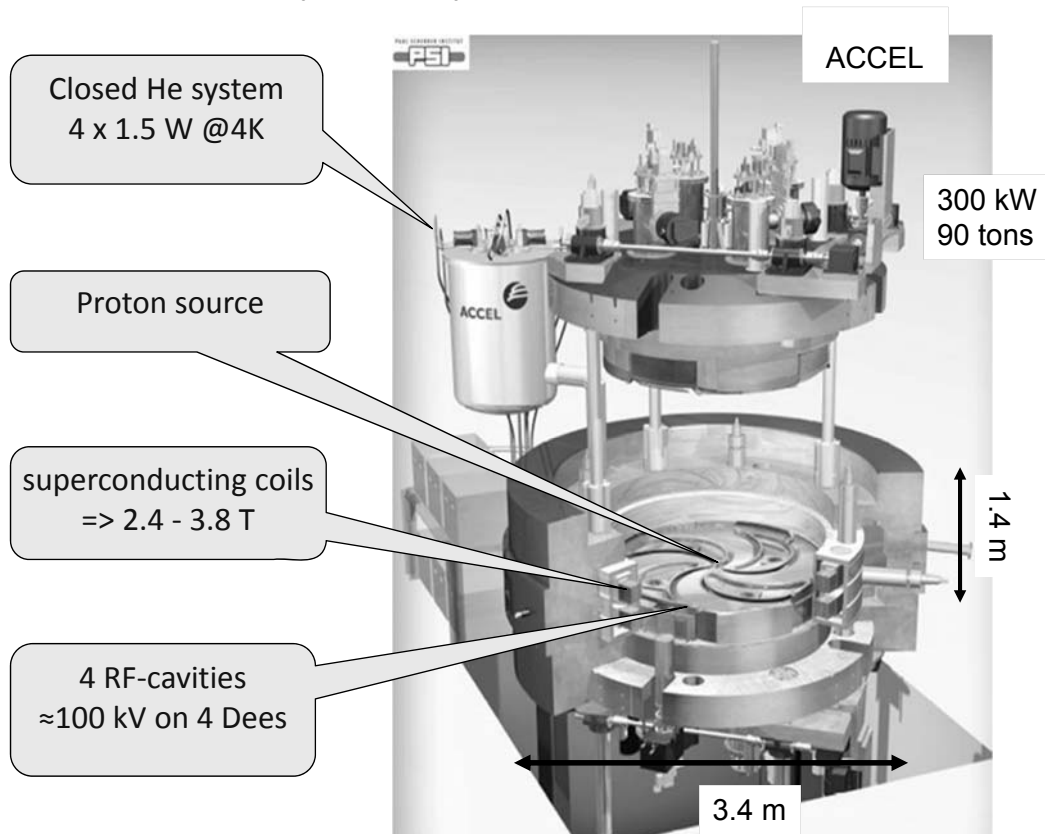


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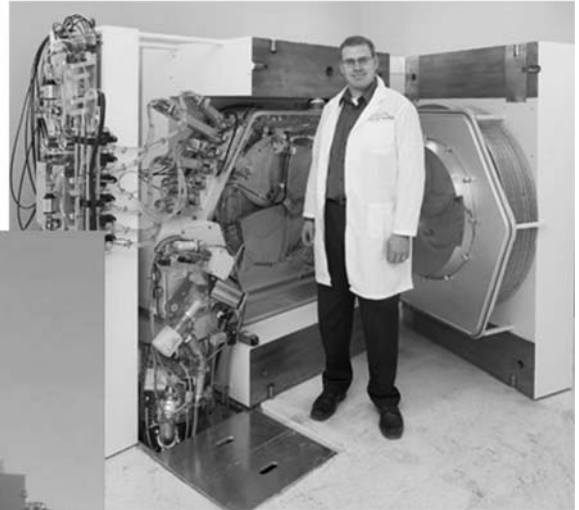
examples: PSI High Intensity Proton Accelerator



250 MeV proton cyclotron (ACCEL/Varian)



compact cyclotrons for Isotope production



vertical setup (!)



finally: discussion

- comparison of circular accelerators
- suitability of cyclotrons
- some literature



classification of circular accelerators

	bending radius	bending field vs. time	bending field vs. radius	RF frequency vs. time	operation mode (pulsed/CW)	
betatron						induction
microtron						varying h
classical cyclotron						simple, but limited E_k
isochronous cyclotron						suited for high power!
synchro-cyclotron						higher E_k , but low P
FFAG						strong focusing!
a.g. synchrotron						high E_k , strong focus



pro and contra cyclotron

limitations of cyclotrons	typical utilization of cyclotrons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> energy limitation $\approx 1\text{GeV}$ due to relativistic effects relatively weak focusing is critical for space charge effects (10mA ?) tuning is difficult; field shape; many turns; limited diagnostics wide vacuum vessel (radius variation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> medical applications $\leq 250\text{MeV}$; intensity range well covered isotope production \rightarrow several 10MeV acceleration of heavy ions (e.g. RIKEN) very high intensity proton beams (PSI:1.4MW, TRIUMF: 100kW, ADS Concepts)



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