

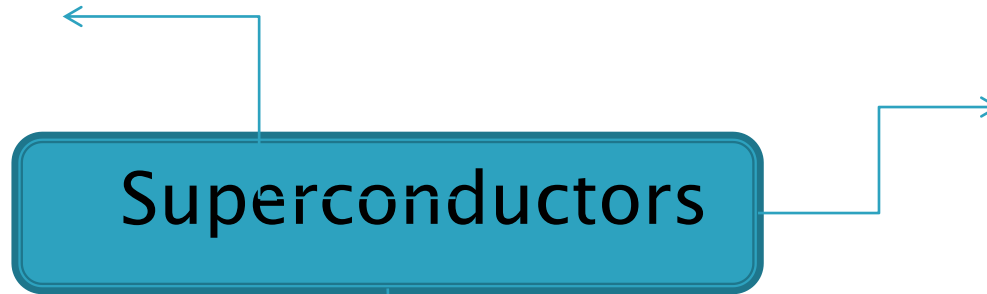


Application of superconductors in medicine

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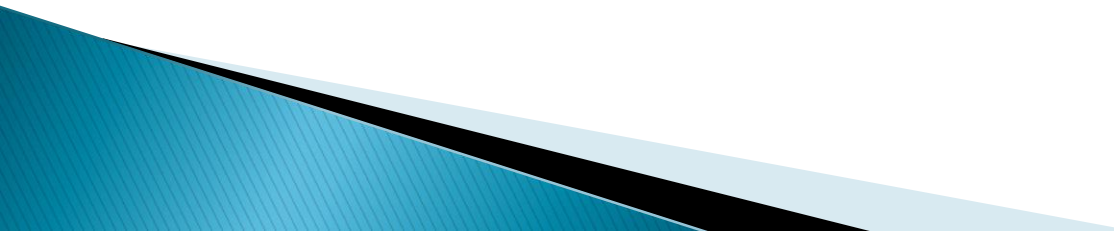
Construction of
high magnetic
field sources



Superconducting magnetic shields
(magnetic vacuum, homogeneity)

Superconducting magnetic systems in physics, biology, ecology

Magnetism in life organisms

- ▶ Global magnetic field value changed from 1 to 0,5 G in past 10,000 years
 - ▶ Research proves that influence of high and low magnetic field is seen in next generations
 - ▶ Safe value for life organisms is 1000G
 - ▶ Changes in organism behaviour seen with 100G
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Medicine

Superconductors

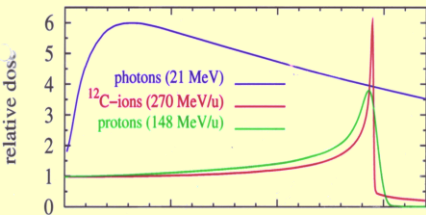
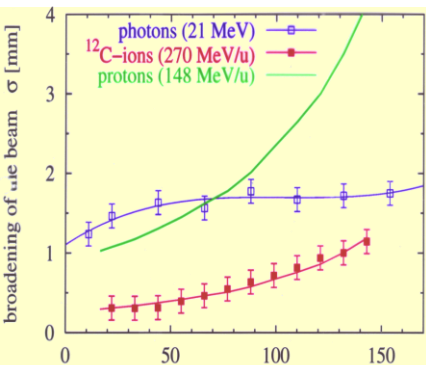
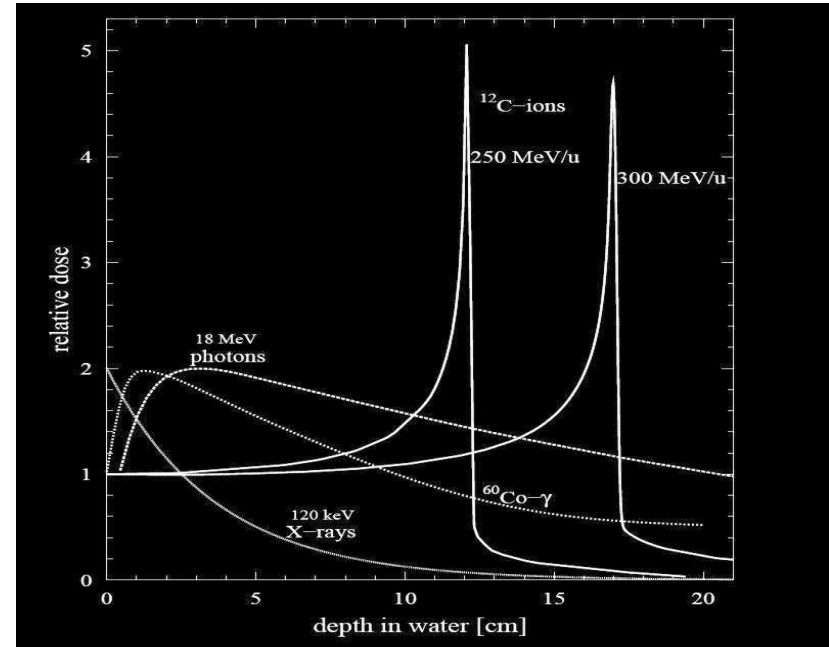
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Hadrontherapy

Nuclear
Magnetic
Resonance
(NMR)

Basics of hadrontherapy

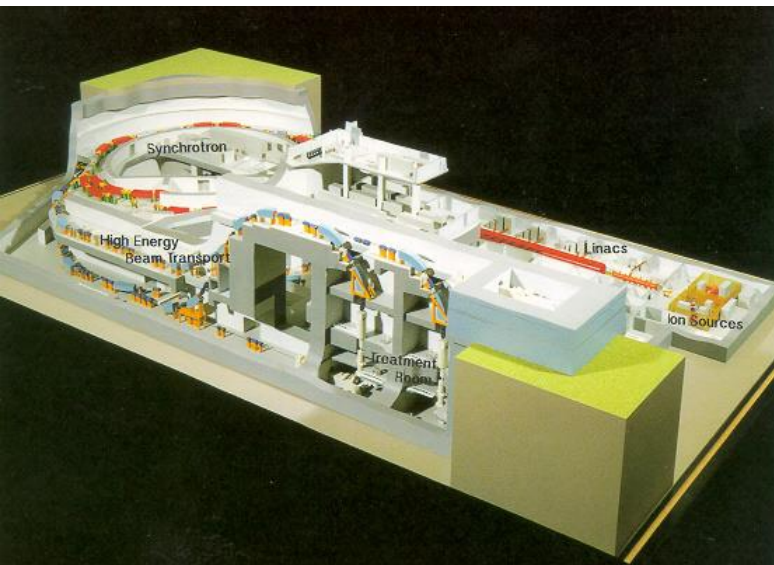
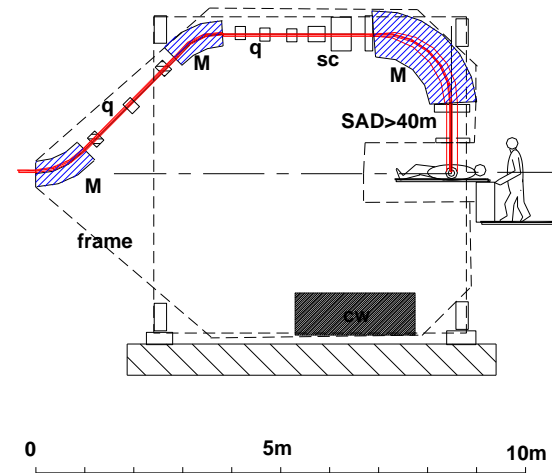
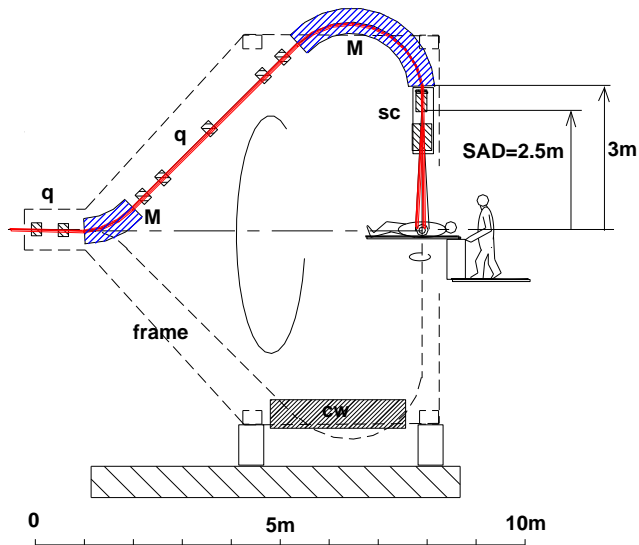
- ▶ Quick
- ▶ Safe
- ▶ Most efficient



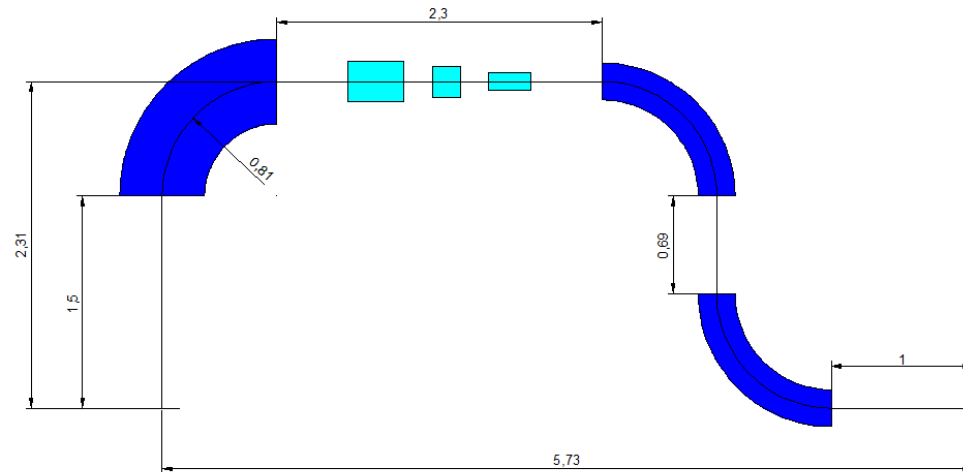
Restrictions:

- Absolute immobility of patient
- Head area only
- Lot of human resources

(Classic) GANTRI system



- Most common in hadrontherapy
- House-size
- Weight of 1000 tons (treatment room)
- Needs conventional shielding



GANTRI magnetic structure.

CM1 - CM3 – combiend electromagnets, SM1 - SM3 – scanning magnets.

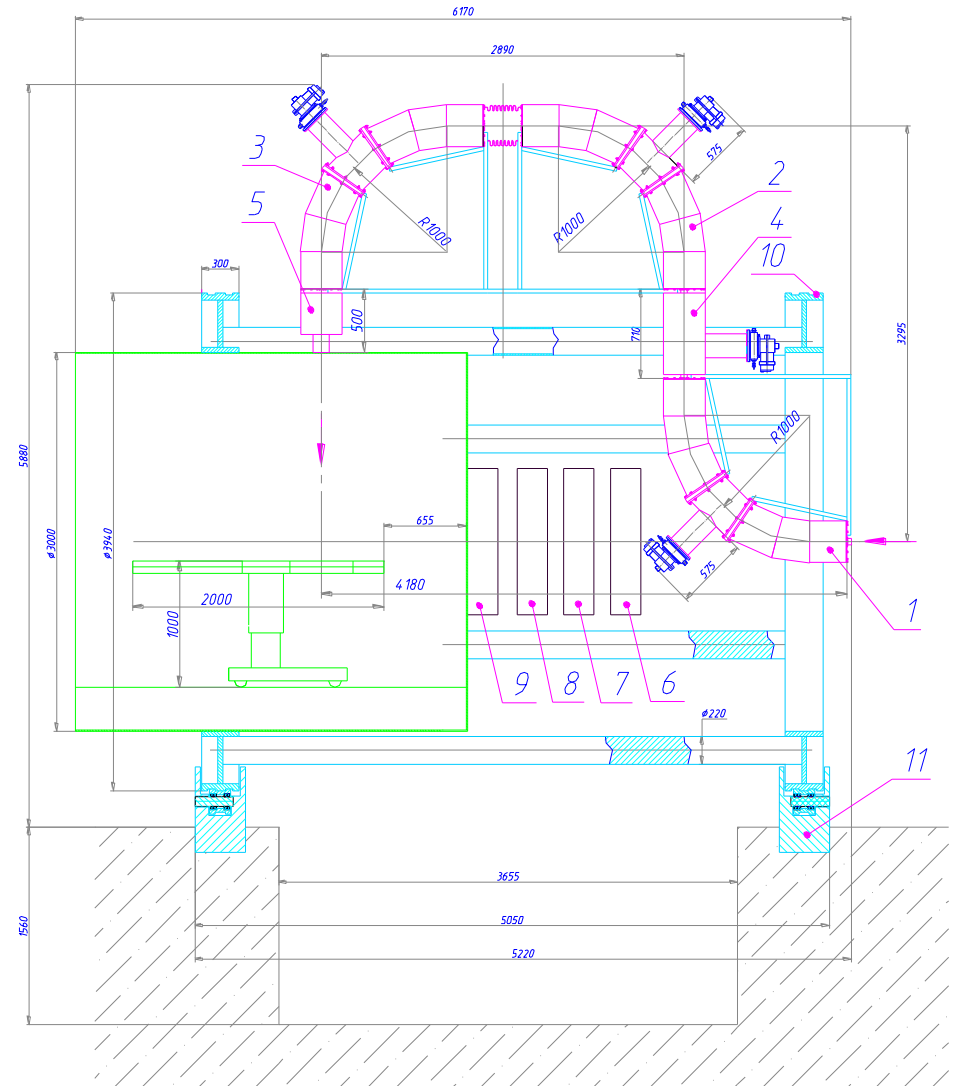
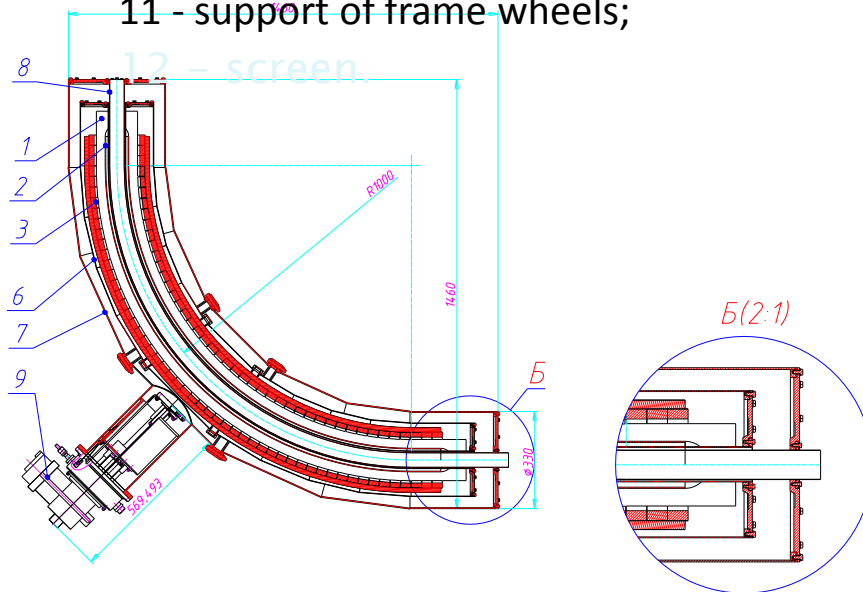
Name.	Effective length, m	Magnetic field	Aperture, mm
CM1, CM2	1, 272	Dipol component 3 T; Quadrupole component ± 7 T/m; Hexapole component ± 20 T/m ²	R30 (round)
CM3	1, 272	Dipol component 3 T; Quadrupole component ± 3 T/m; Hexapole component ± 20 T/m ²	R130 (round)
SM1	0,3	$\pm 0,5$	60 × 60 (square)
SM2	0,2	$\pm 0,5$	120 × 60 (rectangle)
SM3	0,4	$\pm 0,5$	140 × 110 (rectangle)

GANTRI magnets parameters

Parameters	Units
Particle type	p
Max. Proton energy	250 MeV
Min. Proton energy	60 MeV
Beam diameter	3÷10 mm
Max. Induction of magnetic field	3 T
Non-homogeneity of magnetic field	No more than 10^{-3}
Max. scanning size	20×20 cm
Patient position	horizontal, stationary
Angle of turning	360°
Size specification:	
-Diameter	5.6
-Length	7.5
Projected mass	85 t
electromagnets mass included	21 t

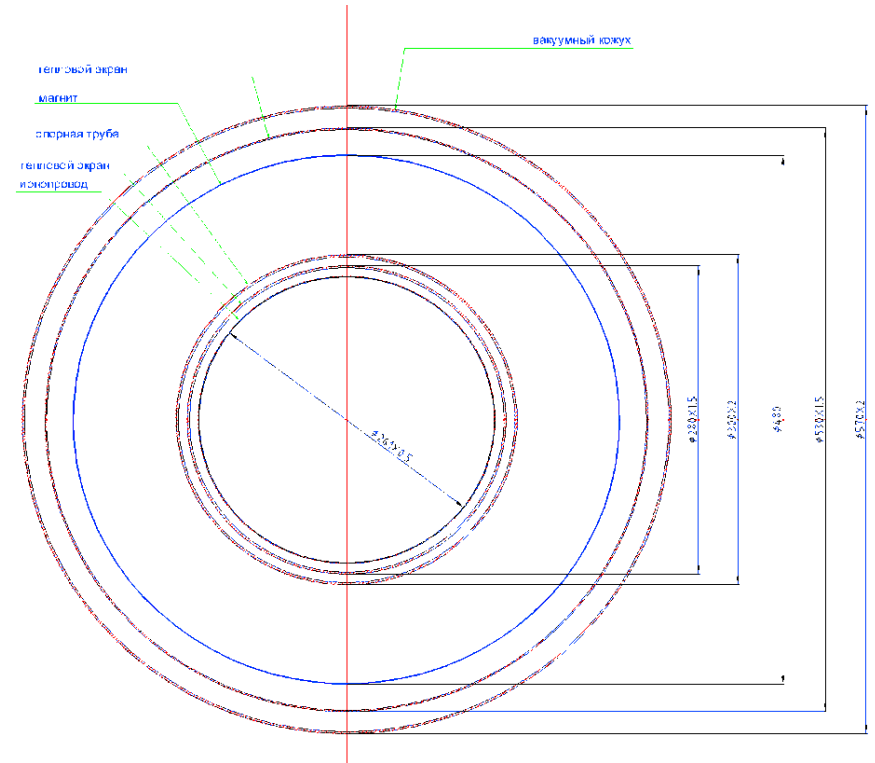
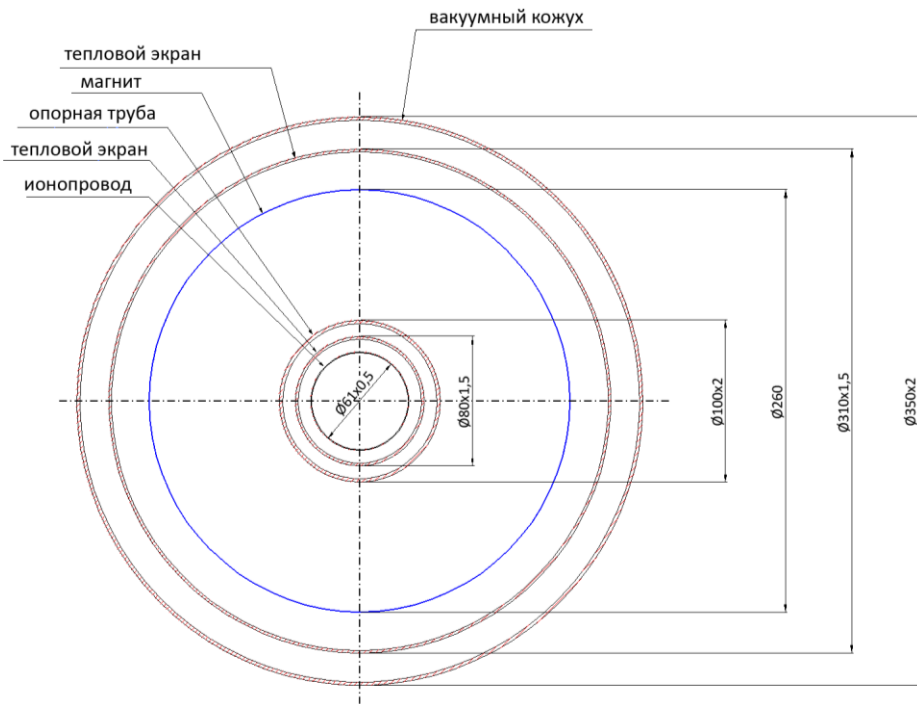
SuperGANTRI system

- 1, 2, 3 - dipole magnets;
- 4 - focusing magnet;
- 5 - scanning magnet;
- 6 - sealing of helium tubes;
- 7 - sealing of vacuum tube;
- 8 - electric sliding connection;
- 9 - electric sliding connection of cold head valves;
- 10 - frame of GANTRY;
- 11 - support of frame wheels;



For carbon therapy project

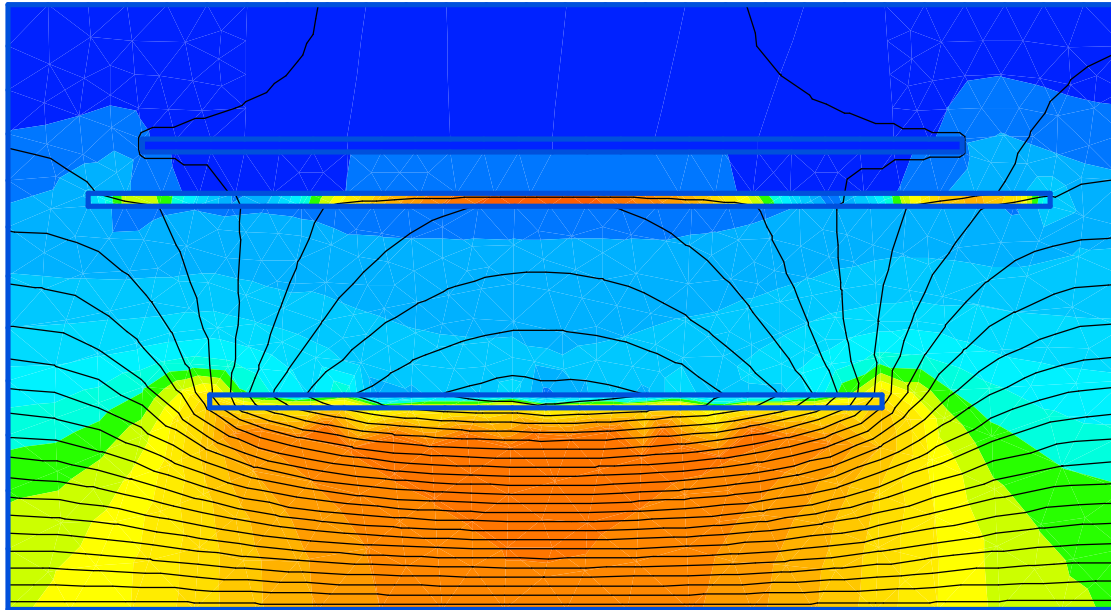
SC electromagnets cross section



in radius $r=30\text{cm}$ mag. field reaches $B=0,2\text{T}$ outside

Electromagnetic field characteristic with combined magnetic shielding

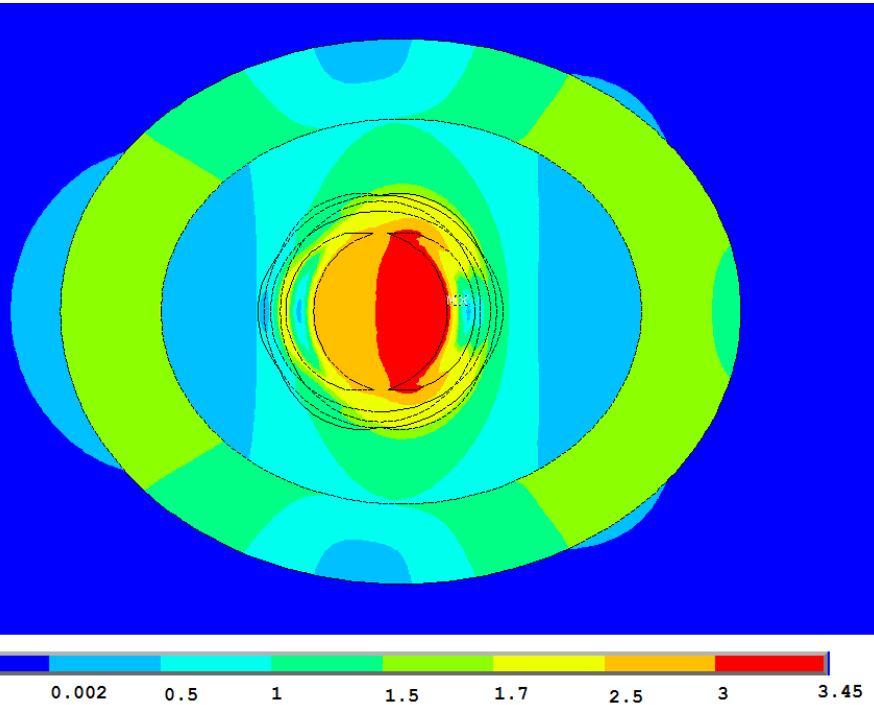
- ▶ One of the shielding is steel shield (greatly reduced mass)
- ▶ Superconducting shield os HTS



Outsied of ion channel
 $B=0,2T$
Combined steel and sc shield
let magetic field reduce to
 $<0,05T$

In this construction is used
Closed shielding

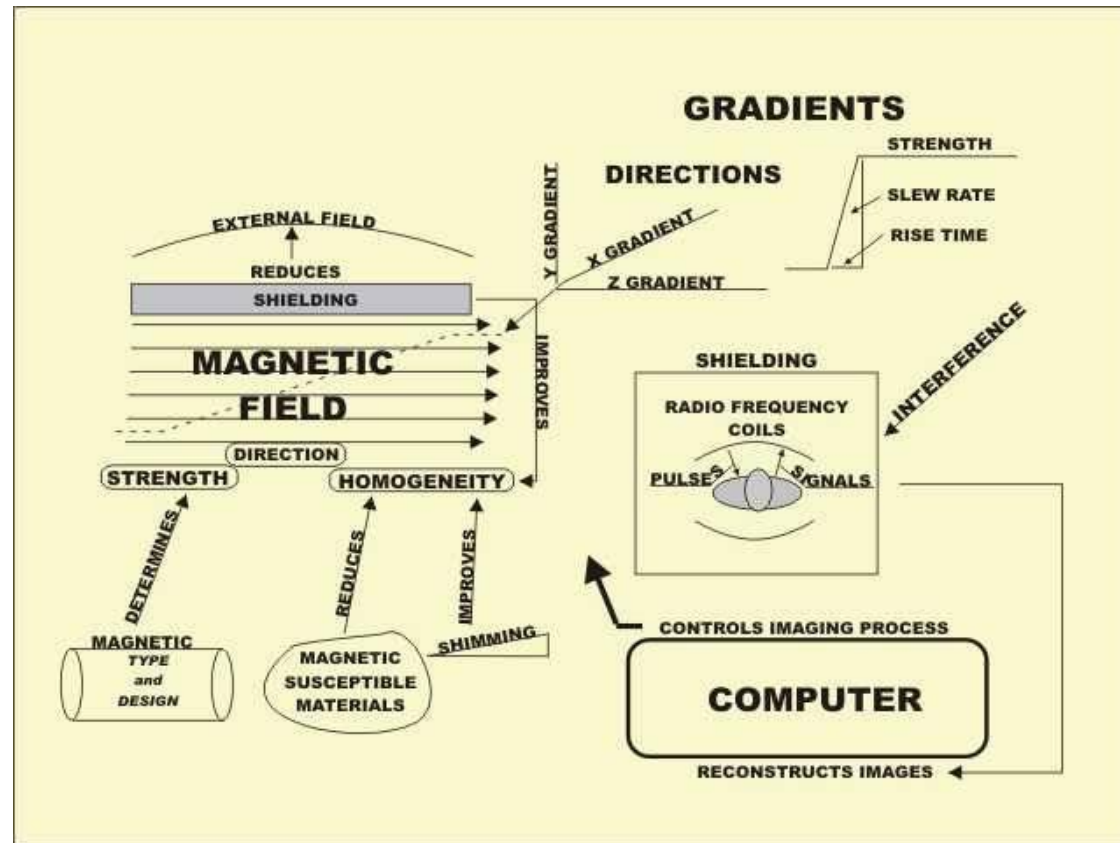
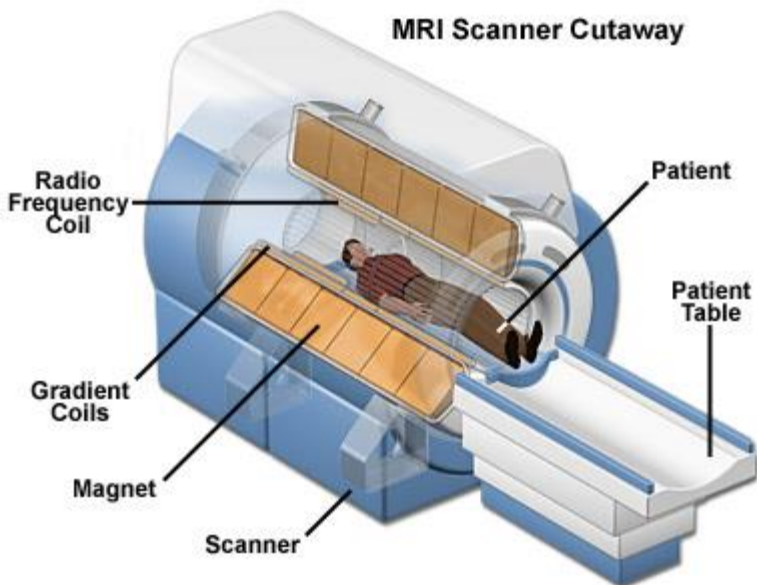
Magnetic field in combined shielding



Final effect of constructed shields
Magnetic field outside casing $B < 0.002$ T,
(inside casing $B < 1.7$ T, inside
superconducting winding $B_{\text{max}} = 3.452$ T)

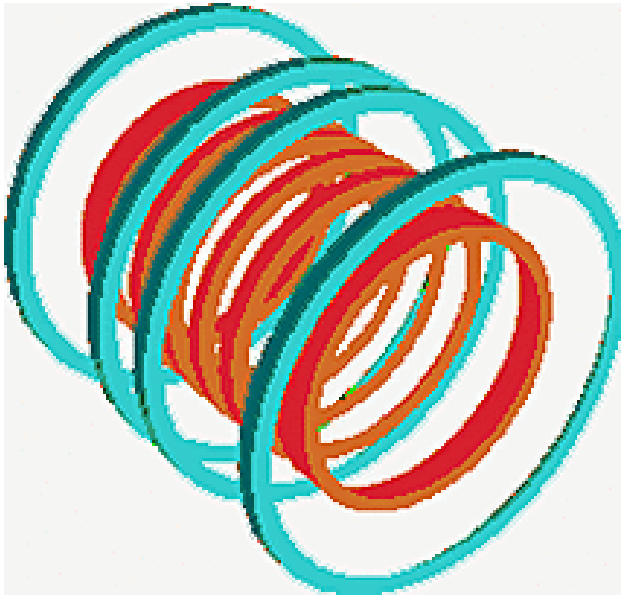
Magnetic resonance

- ▶ Higher magnetic field value improves quality of imaging
- ▶ Quality of imaging depends on homogeneity of magnetic field



Magnetic shielding

- ▶ Protect equipment
- ▶ Protect personell
- ▶ Purpouse of magnetic shielding is to reduce fringe fields

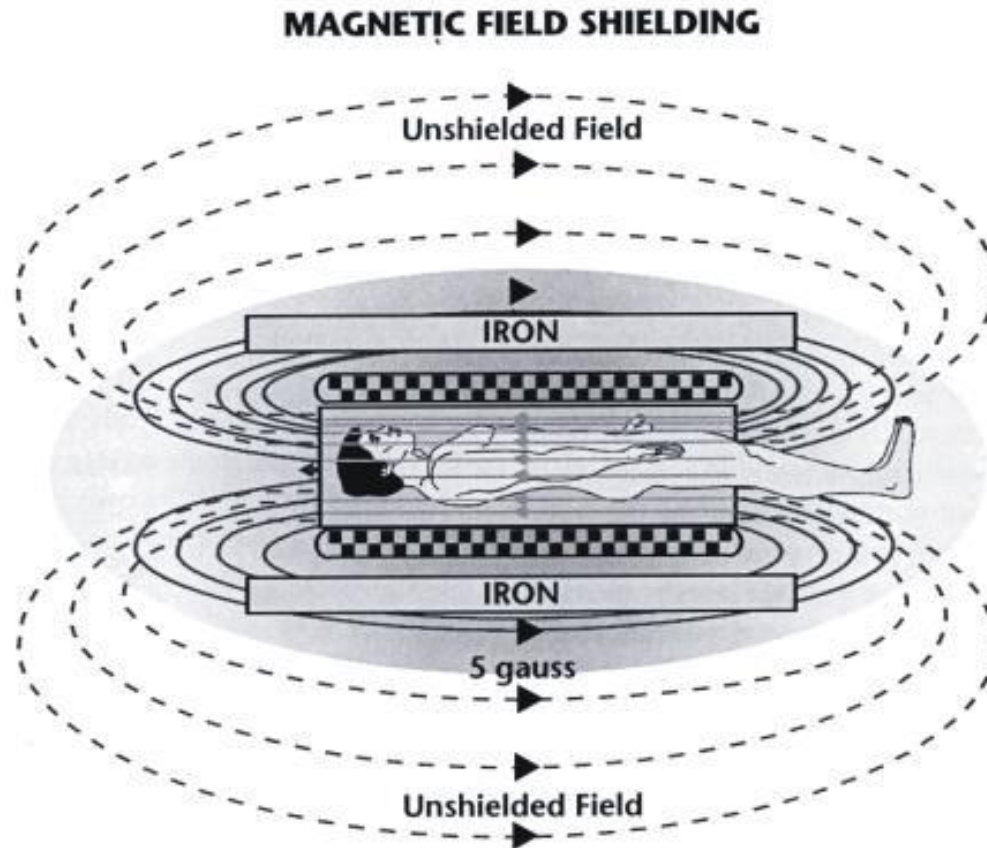


Passive: Shieldieng by a ferromagnetic material (steel plates/tubes)

Active: Shieldieng with opposin magnetic field vector

Homogeneity

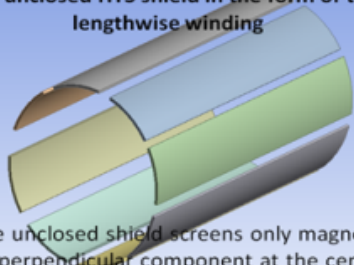
For MRI it is demanded that homogeneity of magnetic field will be no more than 10^{-3}
For acquiring this effect we need to change configuration of main magnet winding . (Hard and expensive)
It can be passed by application of unclosed shielding.



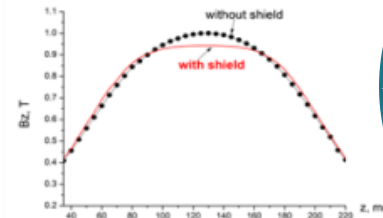
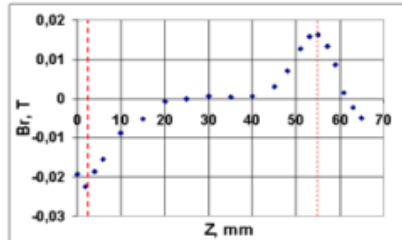
Un-closed shielding

Unclosed shield: what is it ?

The unclosed HTS shield in the form of the lengthwise winding



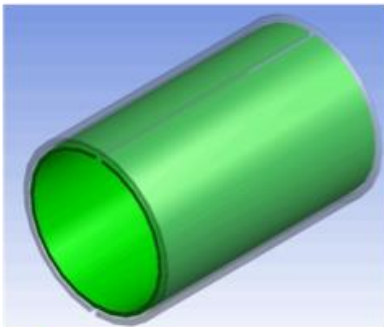
➤ The unclosed shield screens only magnetic field perpendicular component at the centre and transmits the longitudinal component.



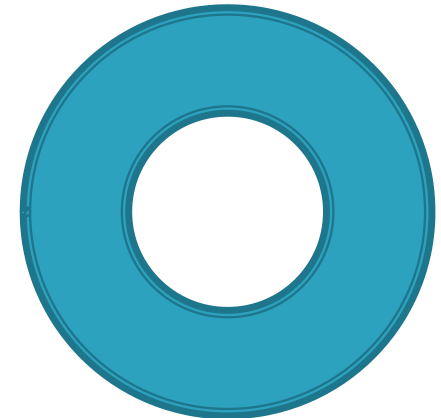
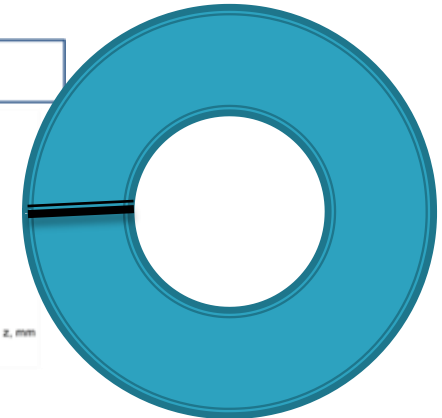
LTS shield

Material

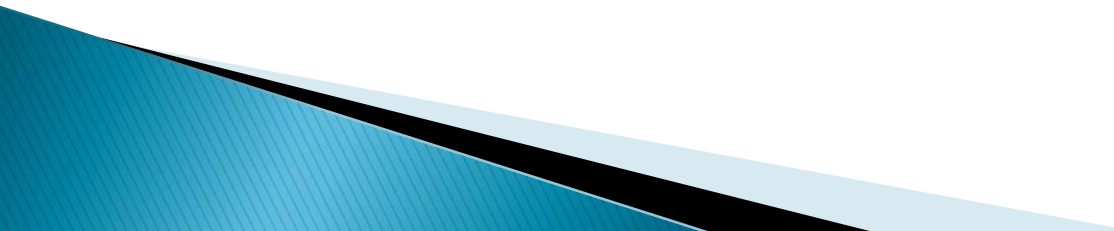
superconductor- NT-50
foil thickness 20 μm



➤ The LTS shield is a multilayer unclosed winding made of the superconducting foil.



Summary

- ▶ Humans live in constant magnetic field. Lack of it or too high values may have negative influence on our body.
 - ▶ Superconductors find more and more applications in the field of medical devices.
 - ▶ Further research in hadrontherapy may provide treatment for every kind of cancer.
 - ▶ Properties of superconductors may be revolutionary for medicine.
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Thank you for your attention 😊

