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Why CONFORM?

Construction Of a Nonscaling FFAG for Oncology, Research and Medicine

'Basic Technology' programme, across Research Councils. Introduced in 1999. Ceased in 2008.

"To develop new and novel technologies with the potential to be adapted for use on a diverse range of research problems and challenges. It seeks to create fundamentally new capabilities across all areas of science, and form the basis of new industries of the future"

Bid to BT programme put together by mix of people and institutes: Bob, me, Ken Peach, Gillies McKenna, Bleddyn Jones, Karen Kirkby, Rob Edgecock and many others...

Success! £8M awarded over 3.5 years for 3-part programme: EMMA, PAMELA and 'Applications'

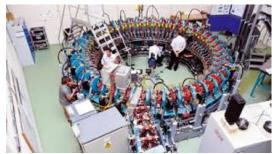
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EMMA: the Electron Machine with Many Applications

formerly 'Electron model for a muon accelerator'

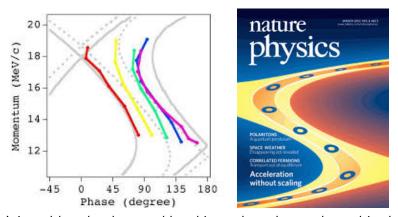
EMMA in principle: computer-generated model. 42-fold symmetry, pairs of movable F and D magnets





EMMA in reality: with power supplies, cooling, beam injectioni and humans. "More complicated than the SRS"

Emma triumphant



Injected bunches have stable orbits and can be accelerated in the 'serpentine' channel.

Important because shows fast acceleration is possible. Limited by RF power into the system, not timescale of magnets.

PAMELA

Particle Accelerator for MEdicaL Applications



Design project for FFAG for radiotherapy. Still only a design - but got the UK accelerator community thinking about protons and light ions. Effects still being felt.

Showed that an FFAG could work for light ions, where cyclotrons and synchrotrons have great difficulties.

Publicity - in the press

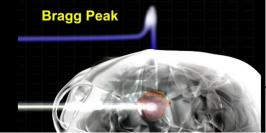
From the Mail on Sunday A substantial (but very readable) article about accelerators in general and EMMA in particular. Written by David Rose - with obvious help from Bob



Publicity - on video

Video about the CONFORM project with Lord Robert Winston speaking (very convincingly) words written for him by Bob.





Very effective graphics - even the mandatory Bragg Peak plot gets new twist.

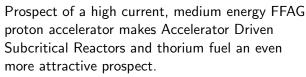
From FFAGs to ADSRs

Anyone recognise this guy?



From FFAGs to ADSRs

Lord Drayson, Minister for Science 2008-2010



Thorough and authoritative report prepared at request of Lord Drayson, and put together under Bob's leadership.

Unfortunately Drayson didn't last long enough to receive it....





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CONFORM - the last word

Technical success: built and commissioned the world's first nsFFAG

'New industries of the future'? Too early to tell.

Caught the imagination - not just of those on the project but those outside. Scientists, politicians, and the general public

- all thanks to Bob

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