

# Cyclotrons

## Chapter 3

### Cyclotron Design

- Isochronism
- Maximal energy ( $B_{\max}$ ,  $R$ , stability)
- **Simulation // tracking**

Design Strategy for  $K=10$  MeV cyclo

Design Strategy for  $K=250$  MeV cyclo

Design Strategy for reseach facility ( $E/A$  vs  $I$ )

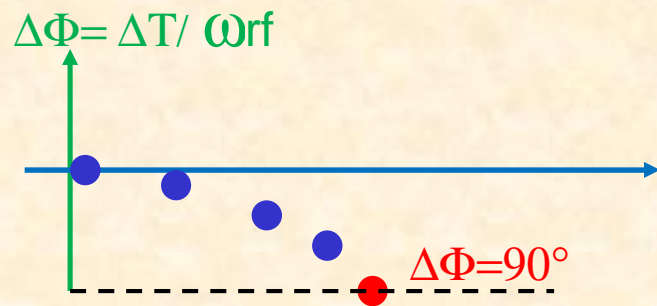
# Isochronism : Field $B=f(r)$

$B(R)$  adjusted to get  $h \omega_{rev} = \omega_{rf}$

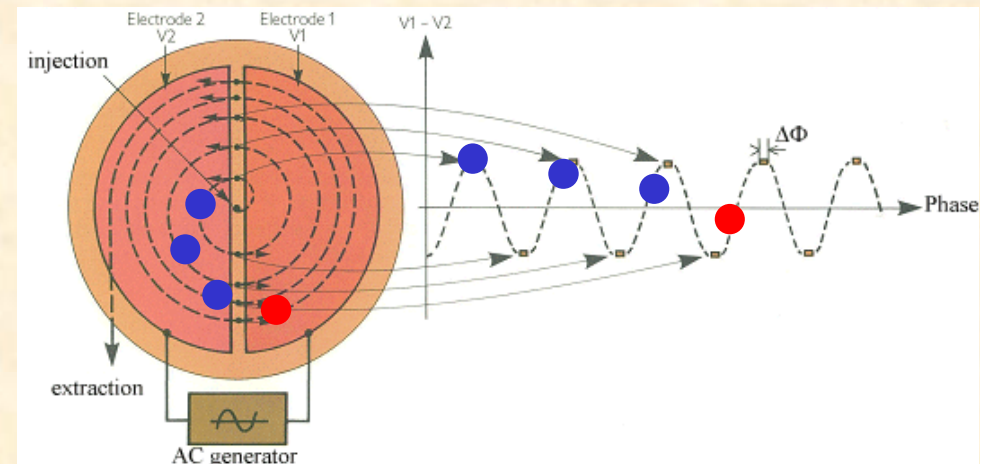
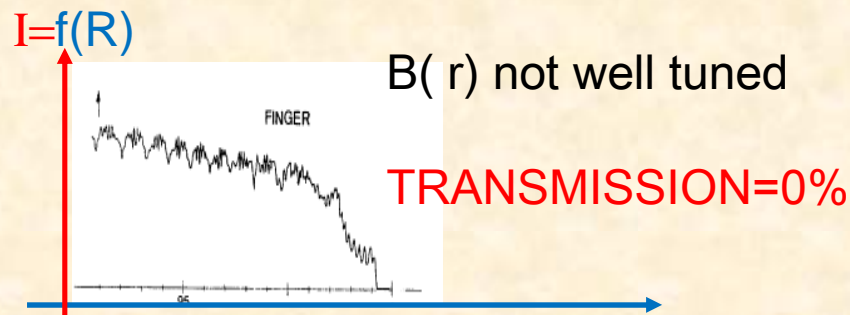
$$\omega_{rev} = \frac{qB_z(R)}{\gamma(R) m}$$

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

$$B_z(R) = B_{z0} / \sqrt{1 - (R\omega_{rev})^2/c^2}$$



$B(\text{Radius})$  obtained -with correction coils  
or -with pole shapes



# Magnet design

## How to adjust $B(r)$

- Pole Gap evolution  $\langle B(r) \rangle$
- Correction coils (trim coils)

$$FLUTTER = \frac{(B_{hill} - B_{val})^2}{8 \langle B \rangle^2}$$

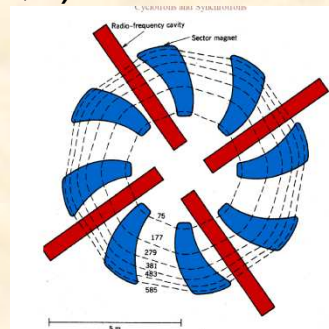
## Sufficient FLUTTER $F$ for axial stability

- Valley // hill  $B$  field
- sector angle
- spiral angle  $\varepsilon$

$$v_z^2 = n + \frac{N^2}{N^2 - 1} F (1 + 2 \tan^2 \varepsilon) > 0$$

## Space for injection beam line and RF (+ vertical Stability)

- Azimuthally Varying Field or Separated Sectors
- large Number of sectors  $N$  (3,4, 6,8)



# Max Energy for Cyclotrons

Heavy Ion

A= nucleon number

Q= charge number

Max Kinetic Energy

$$(\gamma-1)mc^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

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



$$= \frac{1}{2} m (R_{extraction} \cdot \omega_{rev})^2$$

For ions:  $m = A m_0 = A \cdot [1.6 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}]$        $q = Q e_0$

ex :  $^{12}\text{C}^{4+}$      $A=12$      $Q=4$

$$[E / A]_{\max} (\text{MeV} / \text{nucleon}) = K_b \left\{ \frac{Q}{A} \right\}^2$$

$$\text{with } K_b \approx 48.2 \left( \langle B \rangle \cdot R_{ext} \right)^2$$

$\langle B \rangle$  limitation and size limitation (: Rextraction)

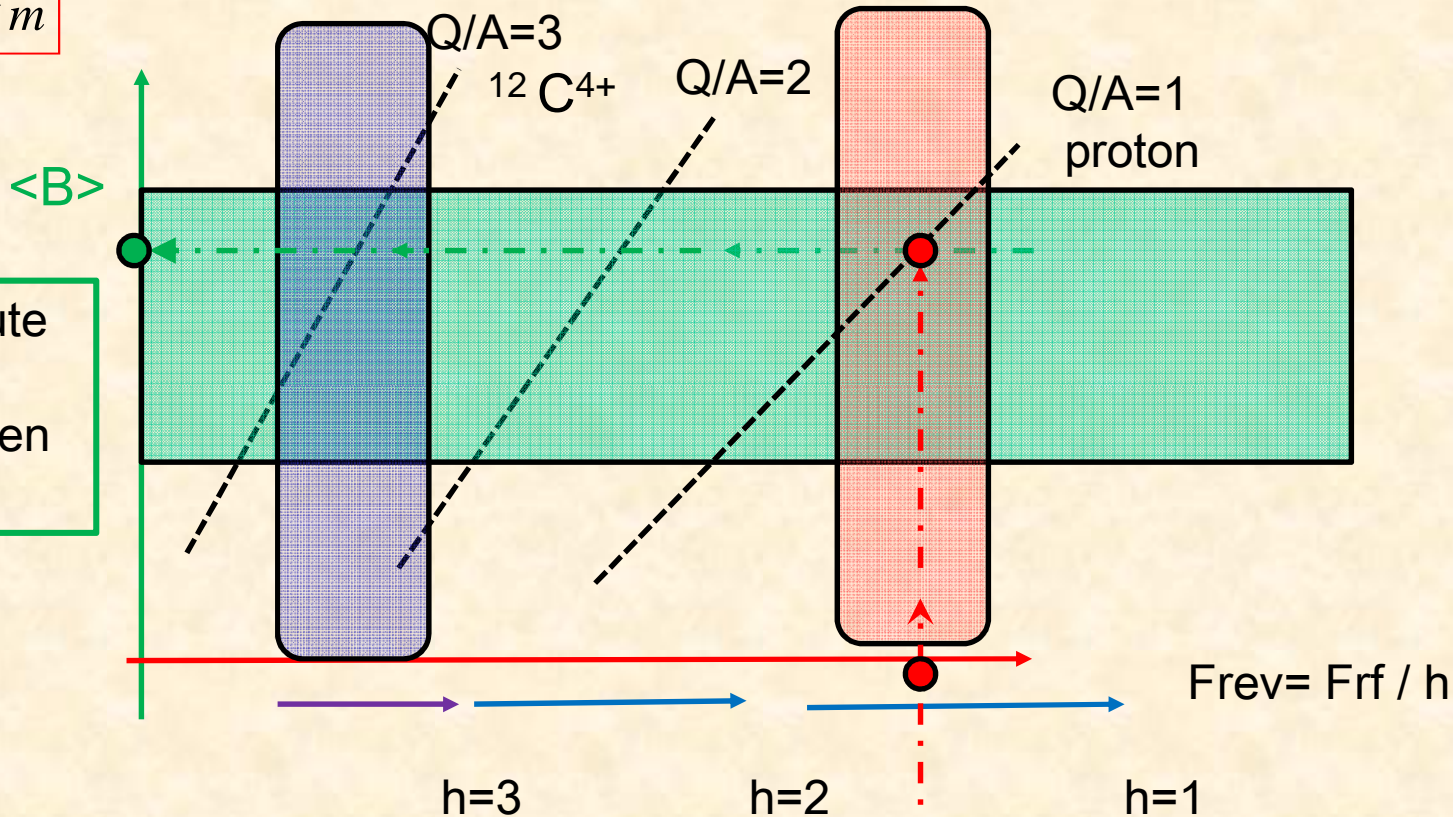
# Diagram for The variable energy cyclotrons

$$F_{rev} \propto \frac{Q \cdot B_{cyclo}}{A} \propto h \cdot F_{RF}$$

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

A= nucleon number  
Q= charge number

2) Compute  $\langle B \rangle$   
For a given (Q,A)



$B_p$  #  $\langle B \rangle$  Rextract

1) Select the energy ( $F_{rev}$ )  
Select the ions (Q,A)  
Adjust  $\langle B \rangle$

$E/A$  (MeV/A) #  $K (Q/A)^2$



# Cyclotron Design

Particle kind : proton, heavy ion ?  $q/A$

Max Kinetic Energy of reference ions

$B_p$ Injection

$B_p$ Extraction

<B Retracting>

$$\text{with } K_b \approx 48 \cdot (\langle B \rangle \cdot R_{ext})^2$$

FLUTTER REQUIRED ?  
AVF // ring (SCC)

$$v_z^2 = n + \frac{N^2}{N^2 - 1} F_l (1 + 2 \tan^2 \varepsilon) > 0$$

$N_{sector} = 3, 4, 6$   
Spiral angle  $\varepsilon$

$$F_l = \frac{(B_{hill} - B_{val})^2}{8 \langle B \rangle^2}$$

Then, let's start the SIMULATIONS

Multi\_particlecode in « realistic » magnetic field

- compute reference orbit
- simulate injection
- simulate extraction

Analytical B Field + RF Kick  
Computed field map B + RF Kick  
Computed field map B + E

# Cyclotron simulation : Particle Tracking

SIMULATION : tracking ions (M,Q,v0)

Multi-particle code  
in « realistic » magnetic field

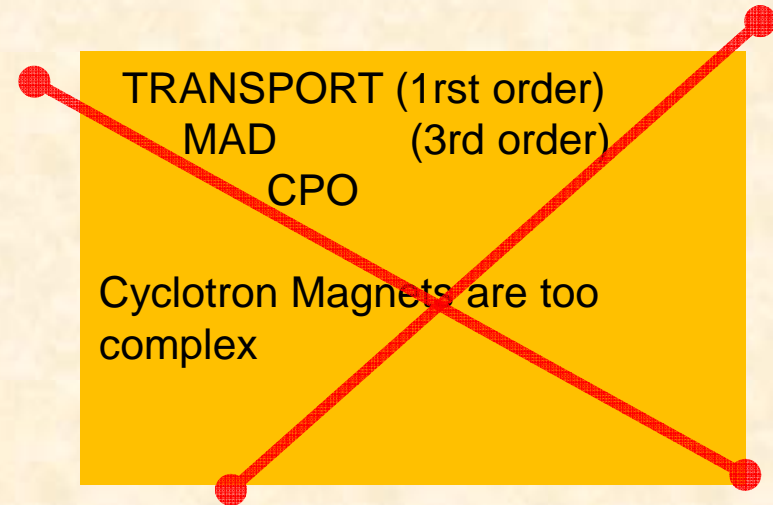
In cylindrical coordinates

$$\mathbf{r} = r \cdot \mathbf{e}_r + z \cdot \mathbf{e}_z$$

Velocity :  $\dot{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} ?$

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} = \dot{r} \cdot \mathbf{e}_r + \dot{z} \cdot \mathbf{e}_z + r \cdot \dot{\mathbf{e}}_r + z \cdot \dot{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ m \gamma \dot{\mathbf{r}} \right] = q \cdot (\mathbf{E} + \dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{B})$$

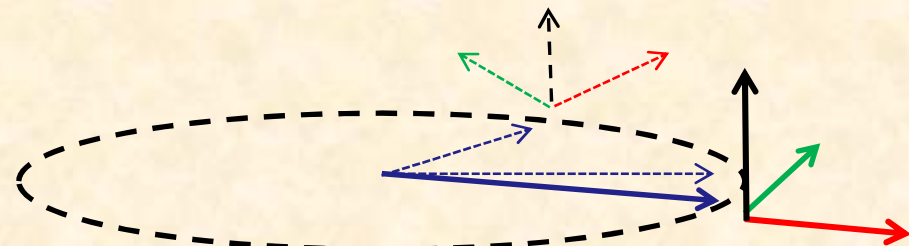


Comoving Frame :  $\mathbf{e}_r = f(t)$

$$d\mathbf{e}_r = \mathbf{e}_\theta \cdot d\theta$$

$$d\mathbf{e}_z = 0$$

$$d\mathbf{e}_\theta = -\mathbf{e}_r \cdot d\theta$$



# Cyclotrons simulation: cylindrical equation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = q \cdot (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

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

$$= (\dot{z} \cdot B_\theta - r \dot{\theta} \cdot B_z) \cdot \mathbf{e}_r + (r \dot{\theta} \cdot B_x - \dot{r} \cdot B_\theta) \cdot \mathbf{e}_z + (\dot{r} \cdot B_z - \dot{z} \cdot B_r) \cdot \mathbf{e}_\theta$$

Evolution in time  $t$  is not convenient, evolution in  $\theta$  is better !!!

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{d}{d\theta} = \dot{\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \dot{\theta} \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{d\theta} = q \cdot (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} [m\gamma \dot{r}] = \frac{d}{d\theta} [p_r] = m\gamma r \dot{\theta} + \frac{q}{\dot{\theta}} (\dot{z} \cdot B_\theta - r \dot{\theta} \cdot B_z)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} [m\gamma \dot{z}] = \frac{d}{d\theta} [p_z] = \frac{q}{\dot{\theta}} (r \dot{\theta} \cdot B_x - \dot{r} \cdot B_\theta)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} [m\gamma r \dot{\theta}] = \frac{d}{d\theta} [p_\theta] = \frac{q}{\dot{\theta}} \dots$$

$$\frac{dr}{r d\theta} = \frac{\dot{r}}{r \dot{\theta}} = \frac{p_r}{p_\theta} \quad \frac{dz}{r d\theta} = \frac{\dot{z}}{r \dot{\theta}} = \frac{p_z}{p_\theta}$$



# Cyclotrons simulation: trajectory in $(r,z)=f(\theta)$

The integration of particle's equation can be obtained with numerical methods

The equation to be solved is a set of Ordinary Differential Equations (ODE).

START at  $\theta=0$  ( $r_0, Z_0, P_r, P_z, P_\theta$ ) : what are  $(r, Z)$  at  $\theta=0+\Delta\theta$  ?

At first order , we can compute  $(r,z)$  and  $(p_r, p_z)$

$$p_r(\theta_0 + d\theta) = p_r(\theta_0) + \frac{dp_r(\theta_0)}{d\theta} d\theta + 0(d\theta^2) + \dots$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} [p_r] = m\gamma r \dot{\theta} + \frac{q}{\dot{\theta}} (\dot{z} \cdot B_\theta - r \dot{\theta} \cdot B_z)$$

$$r(\theta = \theta_0 + d\theta) = r_0 + \frac{dr}{d\theta} d\theta + 0(d\theta^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{d\theta} = \frac{p_r}{p_\theta}$$

$$t = t_0 + \frac{dt}{d\theta} d\theta + 0(d\theta^2)$$

This the EULER method !

# Cyclotrons simulation : the algorithm

Loop  $j=1, N_{\text{particle}}$

INITIAL position and momentum :  $\theta = 0$   $r, z, p_r, p_z, p_\theta$

Loop  $i=1, N_{\text{step}}$  // step in  $d\theta$

$$B_r = BR(r, z, \theta) \quad B_z = BZ(r, z, \theta) \quad B_\theta = B\theta(r, z, \theta)$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 + d\theta$$

$$r(\theta = \theta + d\theta) = r + \frac{dr}{d\theta} d\theta$$

$$z(\theta = \theta + d\theta) = z + \frac{dz}{d\theta} d\theta$$

$$p_r(\theta) = p_{r0} + \frac{dp_r}{d\theta} dz$$

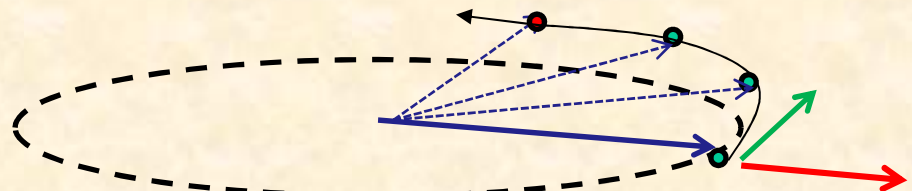
$$p_z(\theta) = \dots\dots$$

FIELD MAP

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} [p_r] = m\gamma r \dot{\theta} + \frac{q}{\dot{\theta}} (z \cdot B_\theta - r \cdot \dot{\theta} \cdot B_z)$$

Endloop I // end  $\theta$  loop

Endloop J //  $N_{\text{particle}}$  loop



Euler algorithm (second order accurate in  $d\theta$  )

Euler algorithm (**second order** accurate in  $d\theta$  ) is not the best !!

RK4 (runge kutta order 4) is better (**4th order** accurate in  $d\theta$  )

[See a Numerical analysis Lecture](#)

**SPECIAL ATTENTION to FIELD INTERPOLATION**  
between the points of the field map

# Trajectories and matching recipes

- 0) Define the basic parameters of the cyclotron

START The simulation in the middle of cyclotron  
With a defined magnetic structure

- 1) Find the closed orbit (**1 particle**) without acceleration at  $R=R_{ref}$
- 2) Find a matched beam in the cyclotron (**multiparticles**)  
**backward tracking** toward injection
- 3) **Forward tracking** (**multiparticles**) toward extraction
- 4) Extraction (**multiparticles**) : (deflector, precession, resonance)

**Iterative process**

## basic parameters R, <B>, Sectors (0/4)

Ex: cyclotron design 20 MeV/A for carbon ion

What is the Max energy (MeV/A) : 20 MeV/A for carbon 4+

What are the ions  $(q/A) = 4+/12 \Rightarrow B_{pextract} = 2 \text{ T.m}$

$\langle B_{max} \rangle = 1.5 \text{ T.m}$  feasible with conventional magnet  $\Rightarrow \langle R_{max} \rangle = 1.4 \text{ m}$

What is the ion source :  $V_{source} = 30 \text{ kV}$   $\Rightarrow B_{pinj} = 0.04 \text{ T.m}$

$R_{extraction}/R_{injection} \sim B_{pextract} / B_{pinj} \sim 1.4 \text{ m} / 0.04 \text{ m}$

Hill and Valley : choose typical values and check  $\nu_z$

let's take gap hill = 12 cm // gap valley = 30 cm // ...  $\varepsilon$  //  $\alpha$  ..

compute FLUTTER

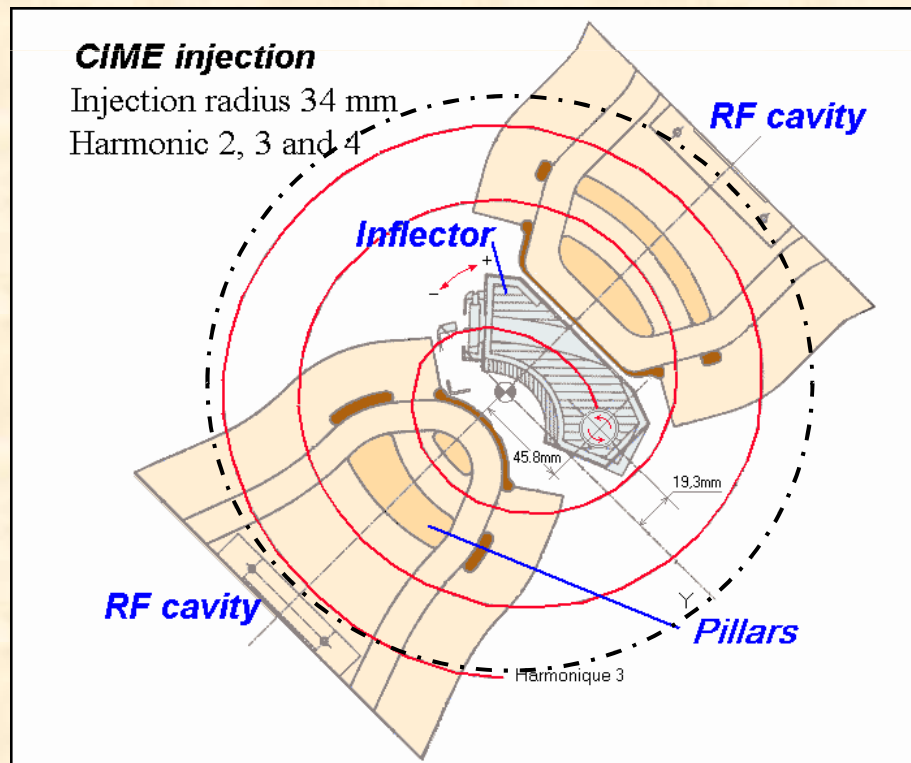
IS IT STABLE ?

$$\nu_z^2 = n + \frac{N^2}{N^2 - 1} F_l (1 + 2 \tan^2 \varepsilon)$$



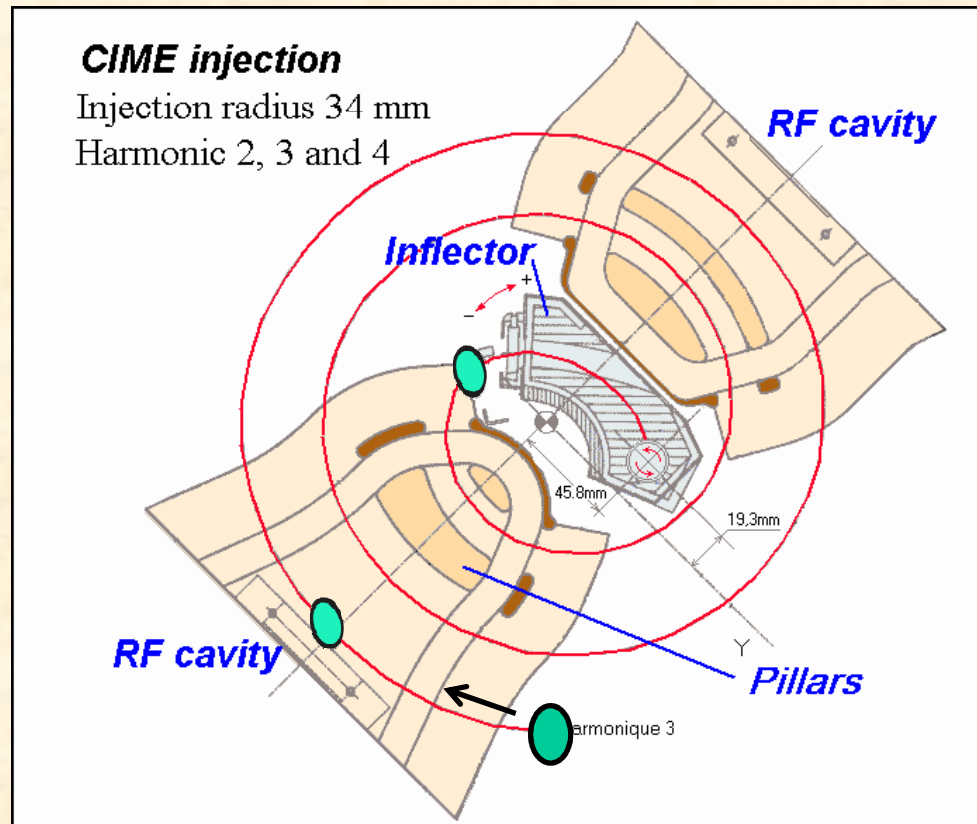
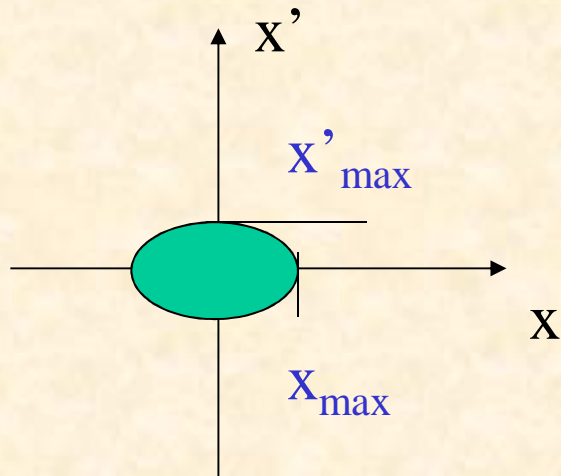
# Trajectories and matching recipes (1/4)

- Find a central trajectory (1 particle) with the magnetic field map
  - For a isochronous field level and a given frequency  $\langle B \rangle(r)$ 
    - ⇒ Start from a closed orbit at large radius (no RF field)
    - ⇒ Then turn on RF field to decelerate the central particle to the injection.
    - ⇒ Tune the RF and the magnetic field at the injection to join the inflector output trajectory.



# Trajectories and matching recipes (2/4)

- Find a central trajectory (1 particle)
- Find a matched beam in the cyclotron (**multiparticles**)
  - ⇒ Start with **a matched beam** at large radius around the central trajectory (6D matching)
  - ⇒ Again **in backward** tracking through the field maps determine the 6D phase-space at the injection



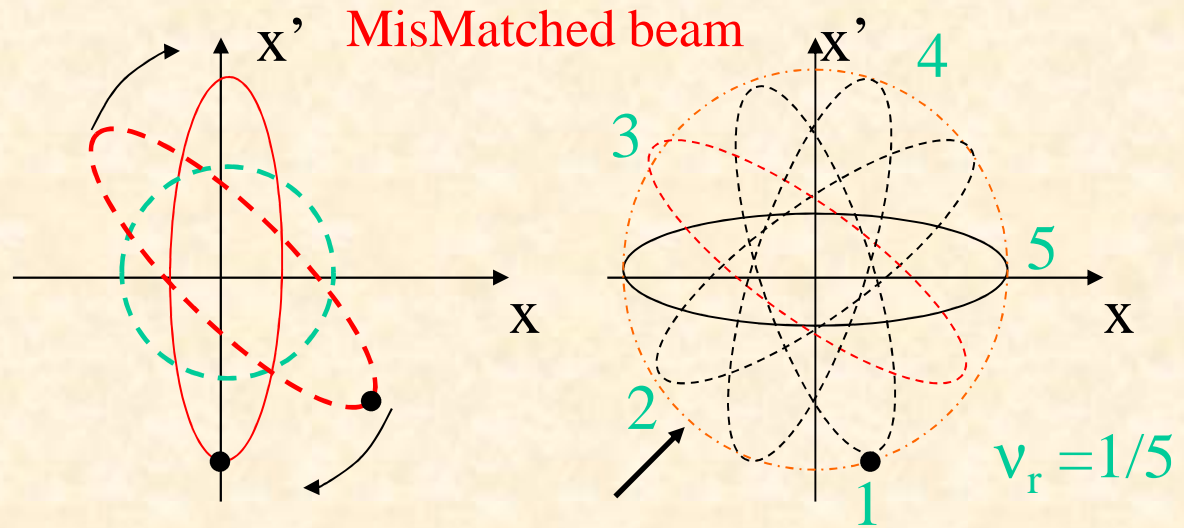
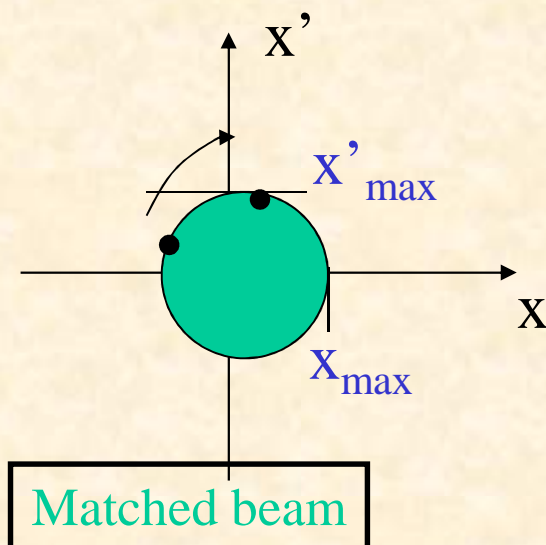
# Mismatched beam recall

We define a closed orbit  $\Rightarrow$  without acceleration

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = x_{\max} \cos(v_r \omega_0 t) \\ x'(t) = x'_{\max} \sin(v_r \omega_0 t) \end{cases}$$

Emittance area :  $\varepsilon = \pi x_{\max} \cdot x'_{\max}$  (and  $\varepsilon = \pi z_{\max} \cdot z'_{\max}$ )

Betatron oscillation with mismatched beam



# Matched beam recall

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = x_{\max} \cos(\nu_r \omega_0 t) \\ x'(t) = dx/ds = dx/R \omega_0 dt = -(x_{\max} \nu_r / R) \sin(\nu_r \omega_0 t) \end{cases}$$

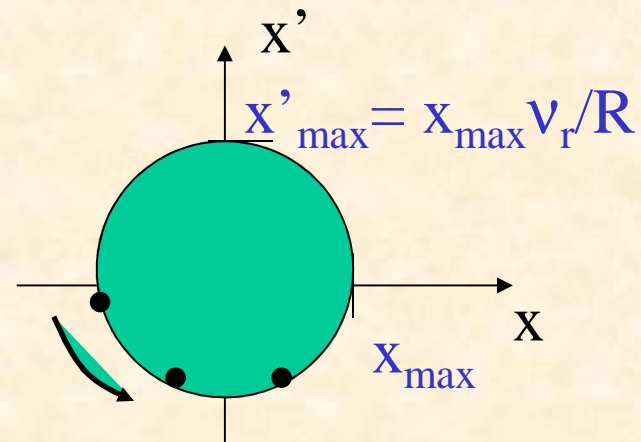
$$|x'_{\max}| = |x_{\max} \nu_r / R| \text{ and } \epsilon = \pi x_{\max} \cdot x'_{\max} = \pi \cdot x_{\max}^2 \nu_r / R$$

⇒ Initial beam conditions depend of the tune ( $\nu_r$ ) of the cyclotron at the matching point.

⇒ Betatron oscillation disappears

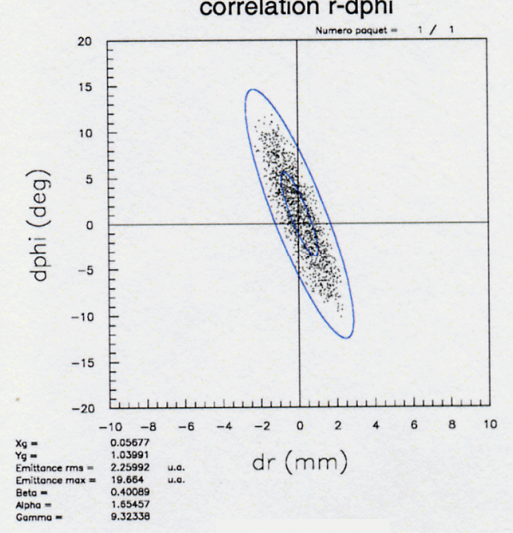
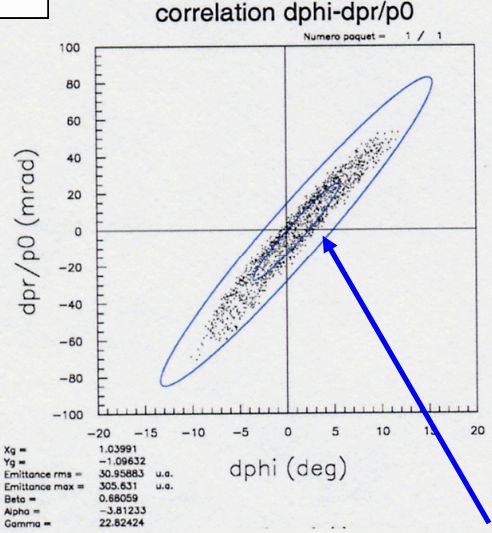
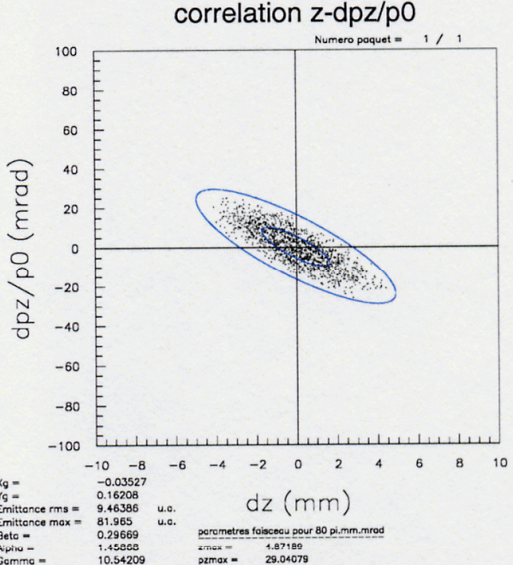
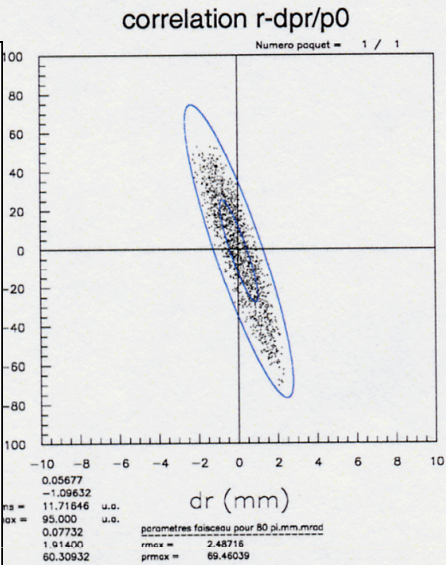
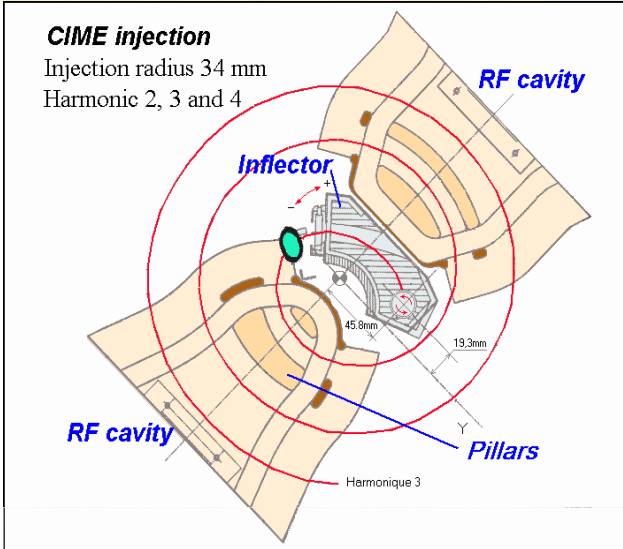
⇒ Matched beam

⇒ Minimum of acceptance





# Final backward 6D matching @ injection



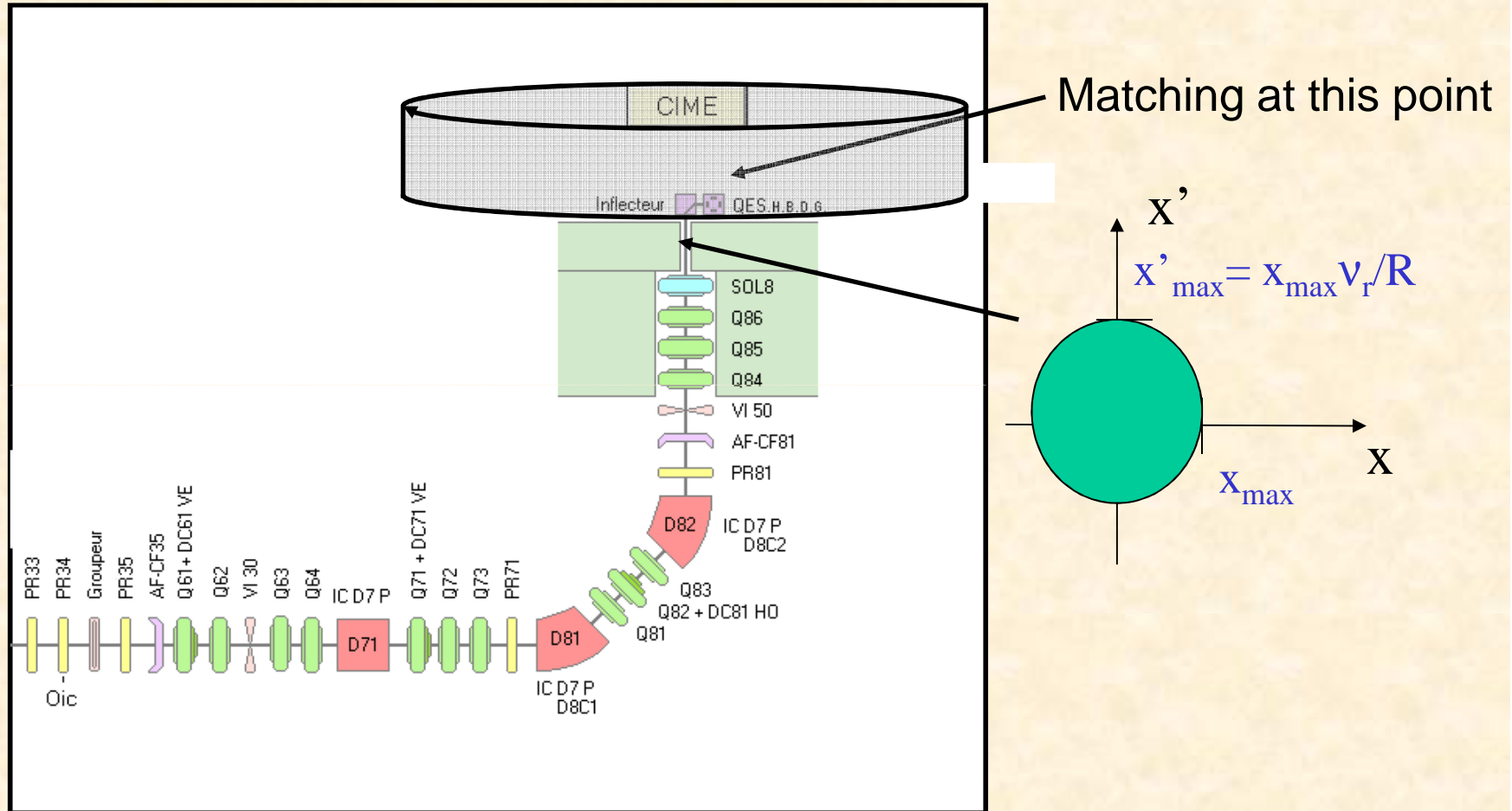
Not well represented by a gaussian beam ⇒ mismatch in forward



# Trajectories and matching recipes (3-4/4)

- Forward tracking (**multiparticles**)
  - ⇒ confirm the matching to the extraction
  - ⇒ tune the isochronism
  - ⇒ and if the matching at the injection is not feasible by the injection line predict the new beam envelope and extraction
- Extraction (**multiparticles**)
  - design the extraction
  - turn separation (RF+precession? + magnetic bump?)

# Backward 6D matching



Classical transport line problems :

Adjust quad to get desired beam at injection  $(r, r')$   $(z, z')$

# Cyclotron Design strategies

Radio-Isotopes production

cost & reliability

Medical applications : Cancer treatment

cost & reliability

Nuclear physics & Research facility

performance , intensity

# Strategy for Radio-Isotopes production medical applications

10 MeV Protons / 5 MeV Deutons : @ low cost

$$B_{pmax} = 0.458 \text{ T.m} = \langle B \rangle R_{extract}$$

$$R_{extract} = 0.34 \text{ m}$$

$$\langle B \rangle = 1.35 \text{ Tesla} \quad [\text{hill} = 1.8 \text{ T} // \text{valley} = 0.5 \text{ T}]$$

AVF with 4 straight sectors (sufficient)

$$I \sim 0.1 - 0.05 \text{ mA}$$

Rf Dees : 2 (so 4 gaps)



2 possibilities for extraction

Extraction By stripping :  
external target ( $^{18}\text{F}$ , radiotracer)

No Extraction :  
internal target (in yoke)

# A « low energy » industrial Cyclotron Cyclone 10/5 : H & D

**K<sub>b</sub>=10 MeV**

Fixed energy ;

4 straight sector 50°

fixed Frf =42Mhz

**<B> =1.35 Tesla**

Harmonic h=2(p) ,4 (D)

Internal source

Recontraction=0.33m

**B<sub>p</sub>max=0.33x 1.35=0.45 T.m**

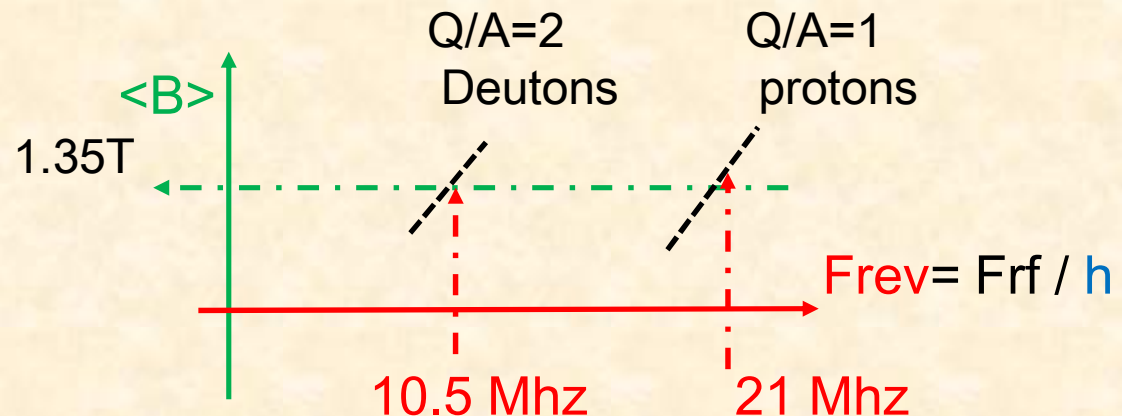
$$\left[ \frac{E}{A} \right]_{\max} (\text{MeV} / \text{nucleon}) = K_b \left\{ \frac{Q}{A} \right\}^2$$

**E<sub>protons</sub>=10 MeV**      protons= <sup>1</sup>H<sup>1+</sup>    A=1    Q=1  
(E/A=K<sub>b</sub>\*1<sup>2</sup> =10MeV/A)

**RF Harmonic =2**      **F<sub>rev</sub>=42/ h= 21 Mhz**

**E<sub>Deutons</sub>=5 MeV**      Deutons= <sup>2</sup>H<sup>1+</sup>    A=2    Q=1  
(E/A=K<sub>b</sub>\*0.5<sup>2</sup> = 2.5 MeV/A)

**RF Harmonic =4**





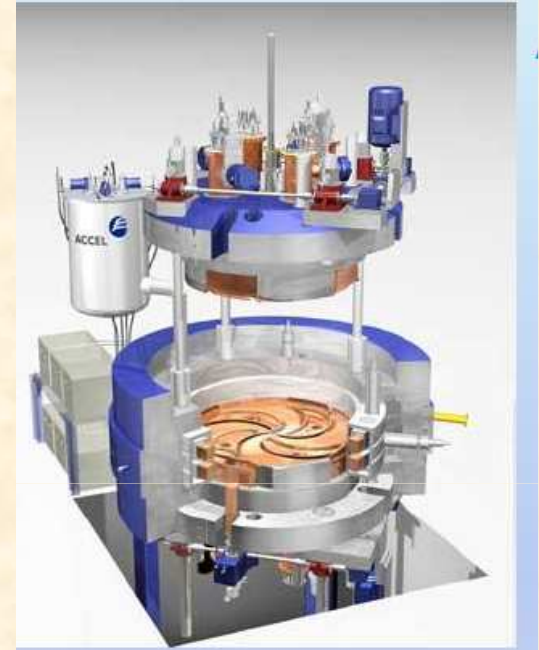
# Strategy for cancer treatment proton therapy (>80 facilities in the world)

-250 MeV Protons

Accel VARIAN Isochronous cyclotron

Superconducting  $\langle B \rangle = 2.2$  Tesla

Rextrac ~1.2m



-230 MeV Protons

IBA Synchro cyclotron

Superconducting  $\langle B \rangle = 5$  Tesla

Rextract ~0.6 m

Very compact

Hill/valley not needed



# Strategy for a Cyclotron in a research facility

High energy

$$E/A_{max} = K_b \cdot (Q/A)^2$$

$$\text{High } K_b \sim (R \cdot B)^2$$

Large magnet  
(Radius)

High  $B_z$   
(superconducting)

Vertical stability  
Increase « Flutter »  
Separated sectors

High ion charge  
 $Q$

« external »  
ECR source

Ion stripping at high energy  
« 2 Stages accelerators »

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Separated sectors

High ion charge  
Q

High Intensity

Good ion source

« external »  
ECR source

Ion stripping at high energy  
« 2 Stages accelerators »

No losses at  
extraction

High RF  
voltage

Many  
gaps

## Coupling of 2 Cyclotrons : v matching

Two cyclotrons can be used to reach higher energy :

- Harmonic/ Radius of the 2 cyclotrons have to be matched

$$\frac{v}{2\pi} = \left[ \frac{F_{HF} \cdot R_{ejec}}{h} \right]_{cycloA} = \left[ \frac{F_{HF} \cdot R_{inj}}{h} \right]_{cycloB}$$

The **velocity** of extraction CycloA

= velocity of injection CycloB

- Ion stripping can be used, to increase Q/A before injection into the second cyclo

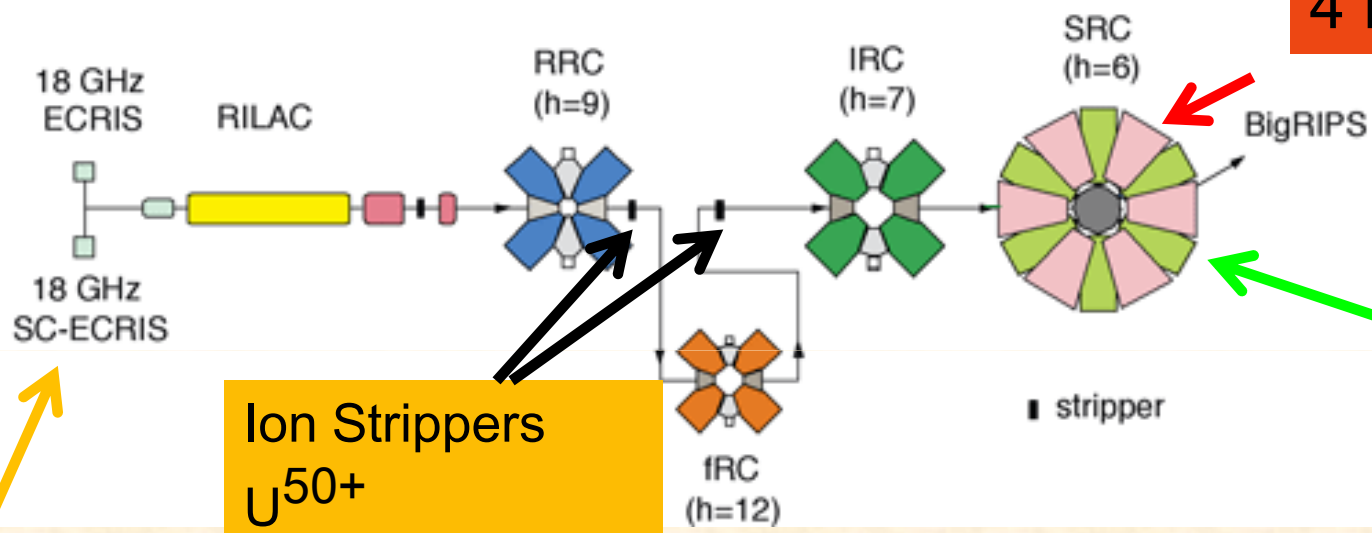
large Q, Increase  $E_{max}$

$$\left[ \frac{E}{A} \right]_{\max} = K_b \left\{ \frac{Q}{A} \right\}^2$$

# RIBF (Japan) : SRC (K=2600 MeV) –the biggest cyclo

## Uranium beam $^{238}\text{U}^{88+}$ @345 MeV/A cw

Mode (1): RILAC + RRC + (stripper2) + fRC + (stripper3) + IRC + SRC



4 RF cavities

Radius=6m  
<B>=3.8T

Ion Strippers  
 $\text{U}^{50+}$   
 $\text{U}^{88+}$

ECR source  
 $\text{U}^{30+}$

5 Stages accelerators  
1 LINAC  
+ 4 Cyclotrons



# Ion Stripping at high energy

$$[E/A]_{\max} = Kb \left[ \frac{A}{Q} \right]^2$$

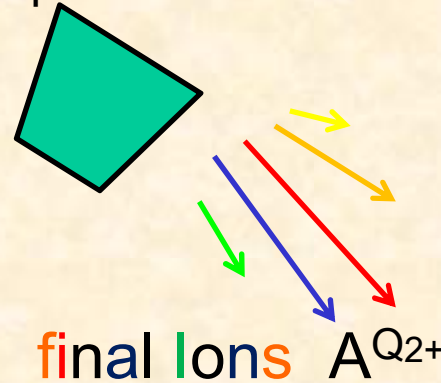
Heavy ions are not fully stripped by ion sources :

Incoming Ions



Stripping some of residual electrons

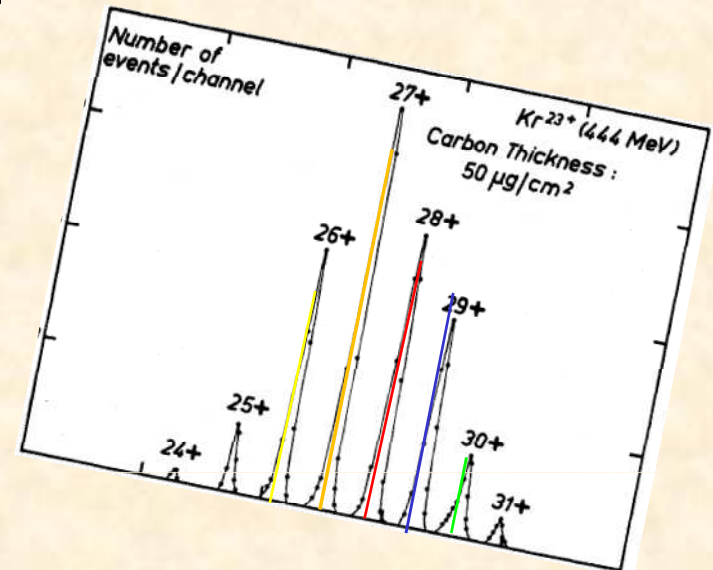
Magnetic spectrometer



final Ions  $A^{Q_2+}$

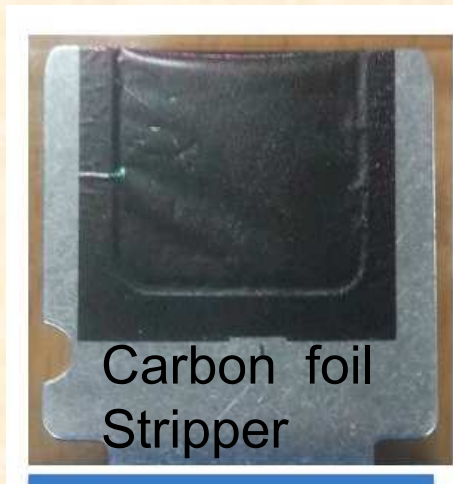
$$Q_2 > Q_1$$

$$B\rho_2 < B\rho_1$$



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

Ion Stripping help increase the maximal energy of a given cyclotron....



Carbon foil Stripper

# Cyclotrons

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