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## Cyclotrons for Medical Applications



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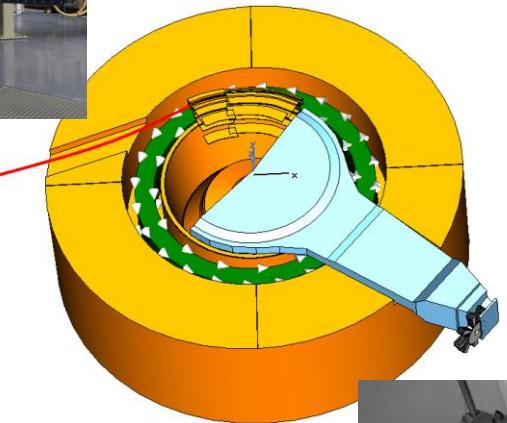
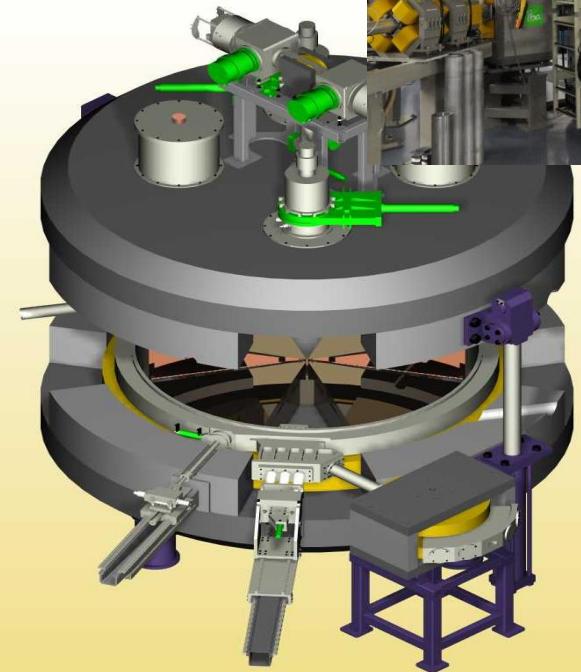
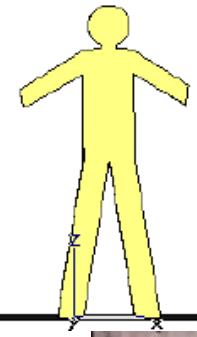
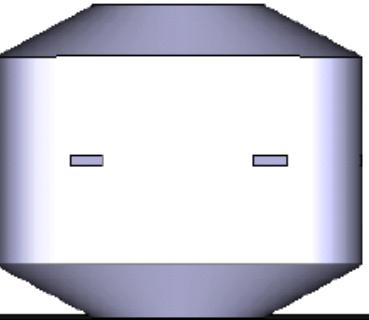
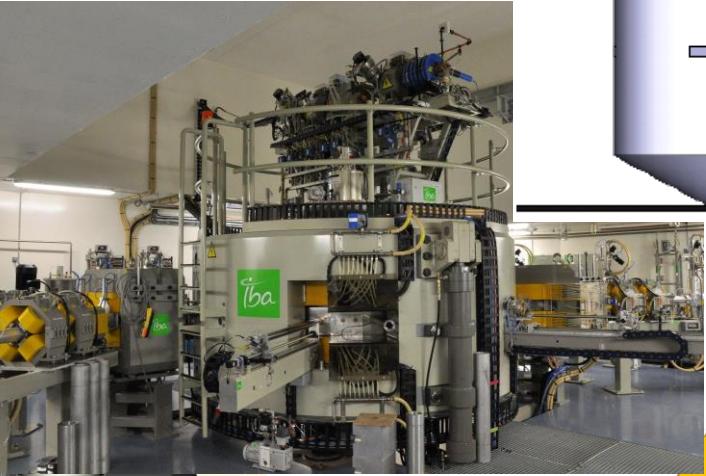
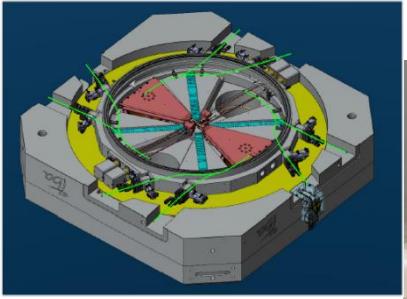
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# Various shapes, field levels, energies, beam currents...



# Outline

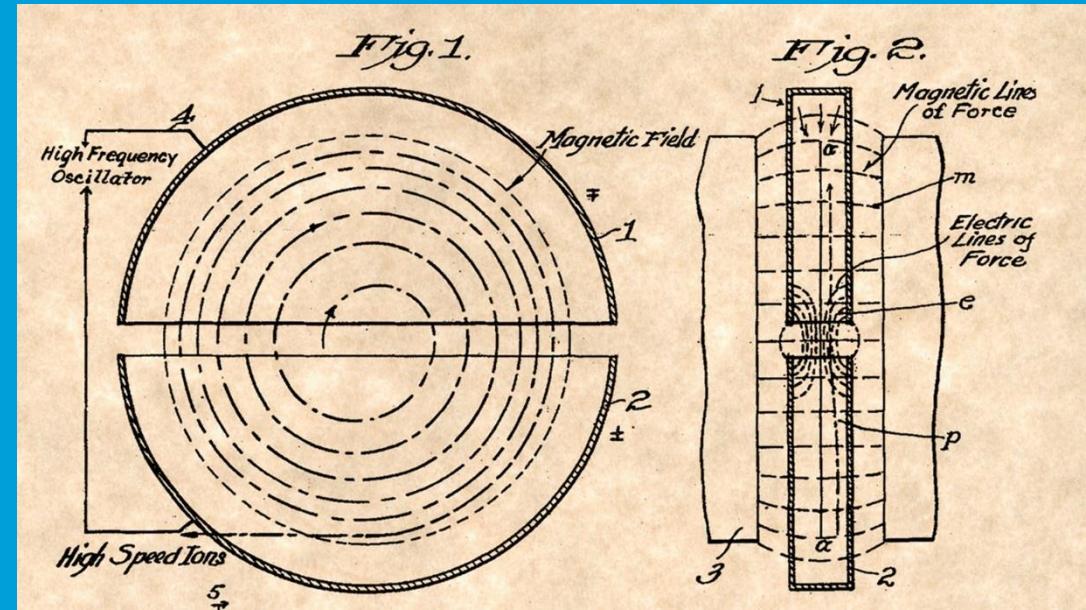
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- Introduction to cyclotrons
- Production
- Radioisotope production
- Therapy

# Cyclotrons

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Basic principles  
and design considerations

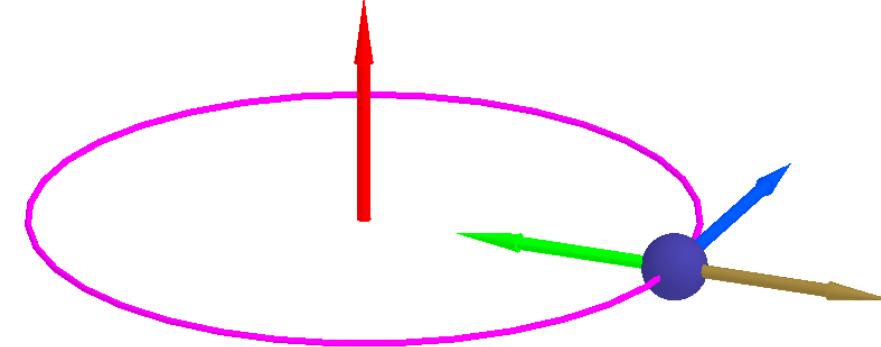


For (much) more details, see W. Kleeven and S. Zaremba,  
CAS 2015 in Vösendorf, Austria

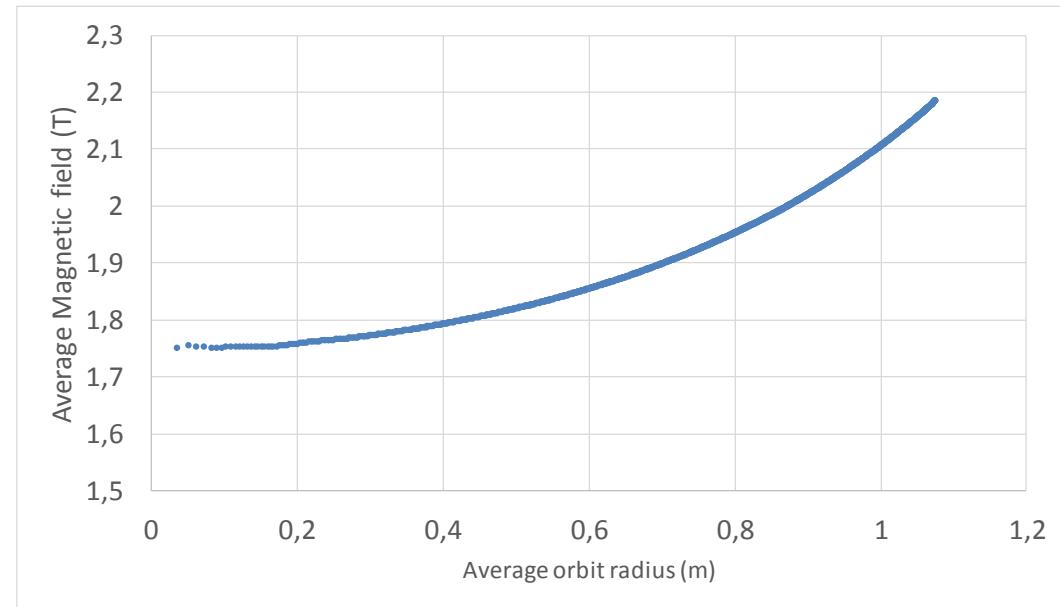
# Cyclotrons basic principles: orbit and frequency

- If you neglect relativistic effects, a charged particle in magnetic field orbits at a constant frequency

$$f_p = \omega / 2\pi = q B / 2\pi m$$



- But that approximation is valid for a few MeV only.
- For PT, at 230 MeV protons travel at  $0.6 c \Rightarrow m= 1.24 m_0$
- As a consequence, B field increases with radius in isochronous cyclotrons



# Cyclotrons basic principles – weak focusing

$$\nu_r^2 = 1 + \frac{r}{B} \frac{dB}{dr}$$

$$\nu_z^2 = -\frac{r}{B} \frac{dB}{dr}$$

The magnetic field diminishing with radius ( $dB_z/dr < 0$ ) is focusing in the axial/vertical plane. This is a principle of so called **weak focusing** of particles.

Weak focusing is in contradiction with isochronism conditions that require the magnetic field increasing with radius ( $dB_z/dr > 0$ ) to keep the synchronism with the RF accelerating system

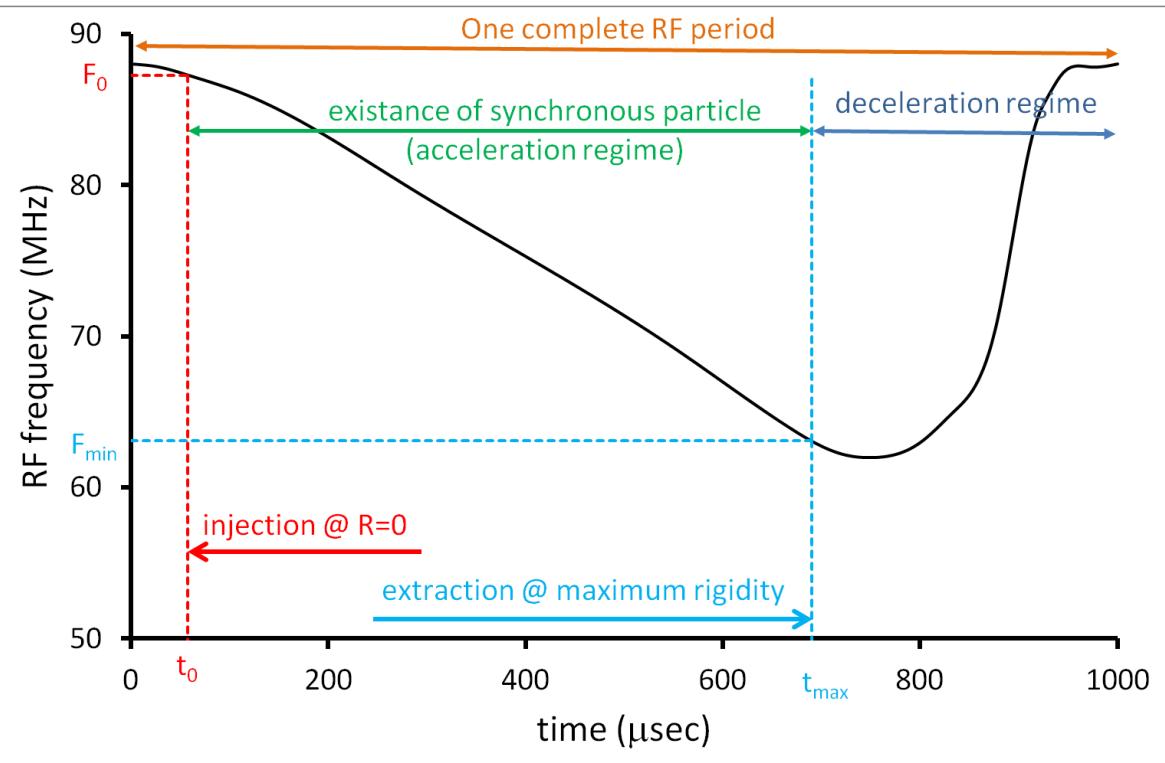


## Synchrocyclotrons

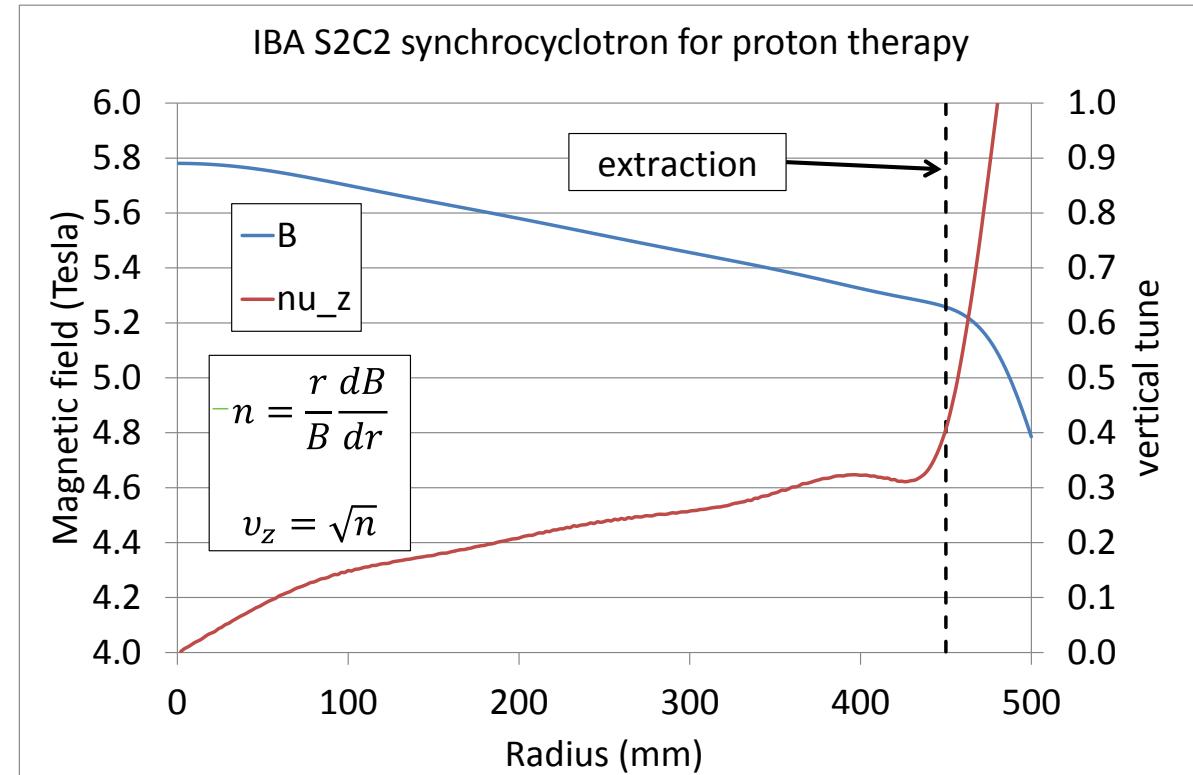
forget isochronism => pulsed beam, high rep. Rate – use the low duty factor to do other things in between

Good point: longitudinal beam stability

# Synchrocyclotron example (IBA S2C2)



Repetition rate = 1 kHz



Superconducting synchro-cyclotron  
Extraction energy 230 MeV

# Cyclotron basic principles: strong focusing

■ Flutter:

$$F(r) = \frac{\bar{B}^2 - \bar{B}^2}{\bar{B}^2}$$

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

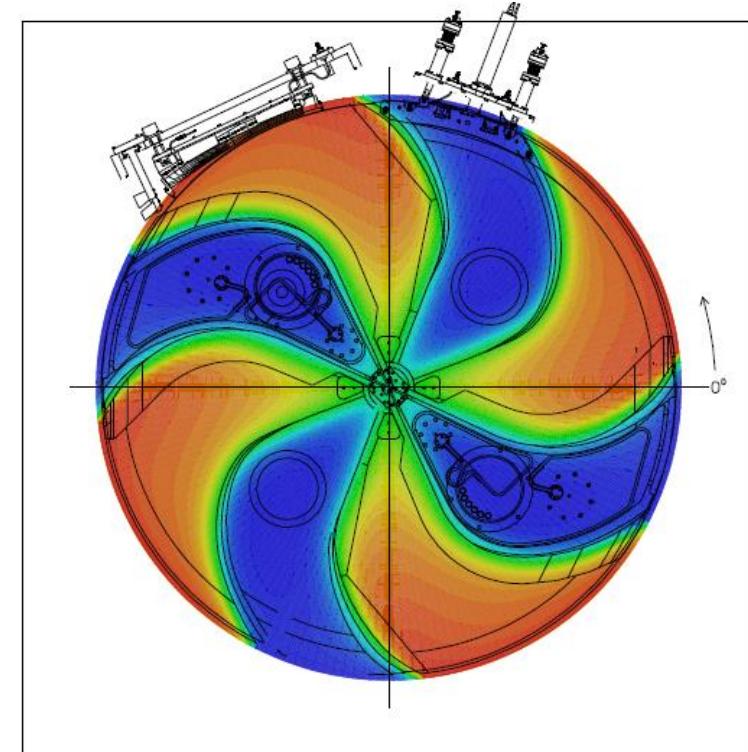
$$v_r^2 = (1 - n) + \frac{3N^2}{(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - 4)} F(1 + \tan^2 \xi)$$

$n$  = field index =  $-\frac{r}{\bar{B}} \frac{d\bar{B}}{dr}$

$F$  = flutter

$N$  = number of sectors

$\xi$  = spiral angle



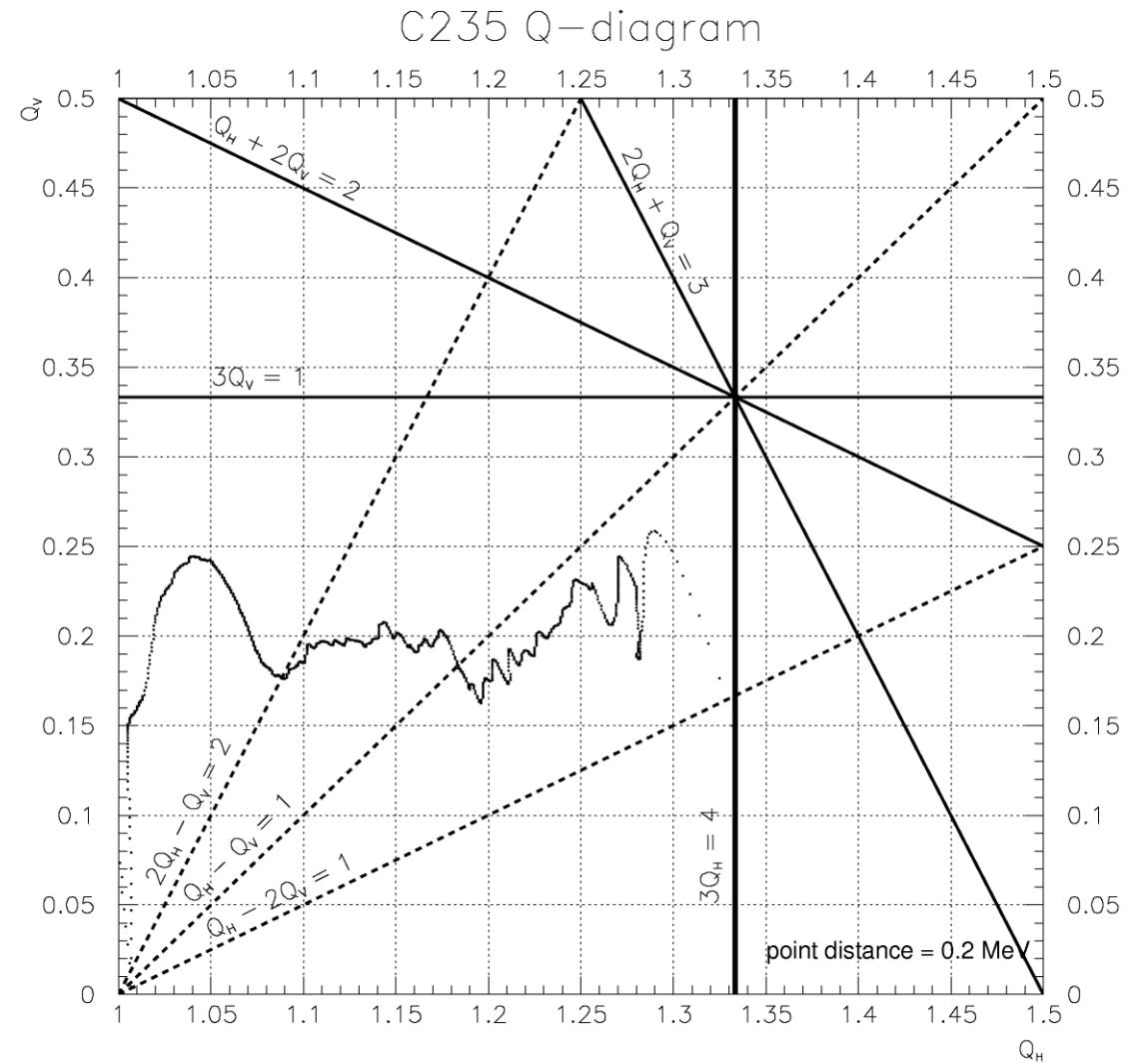
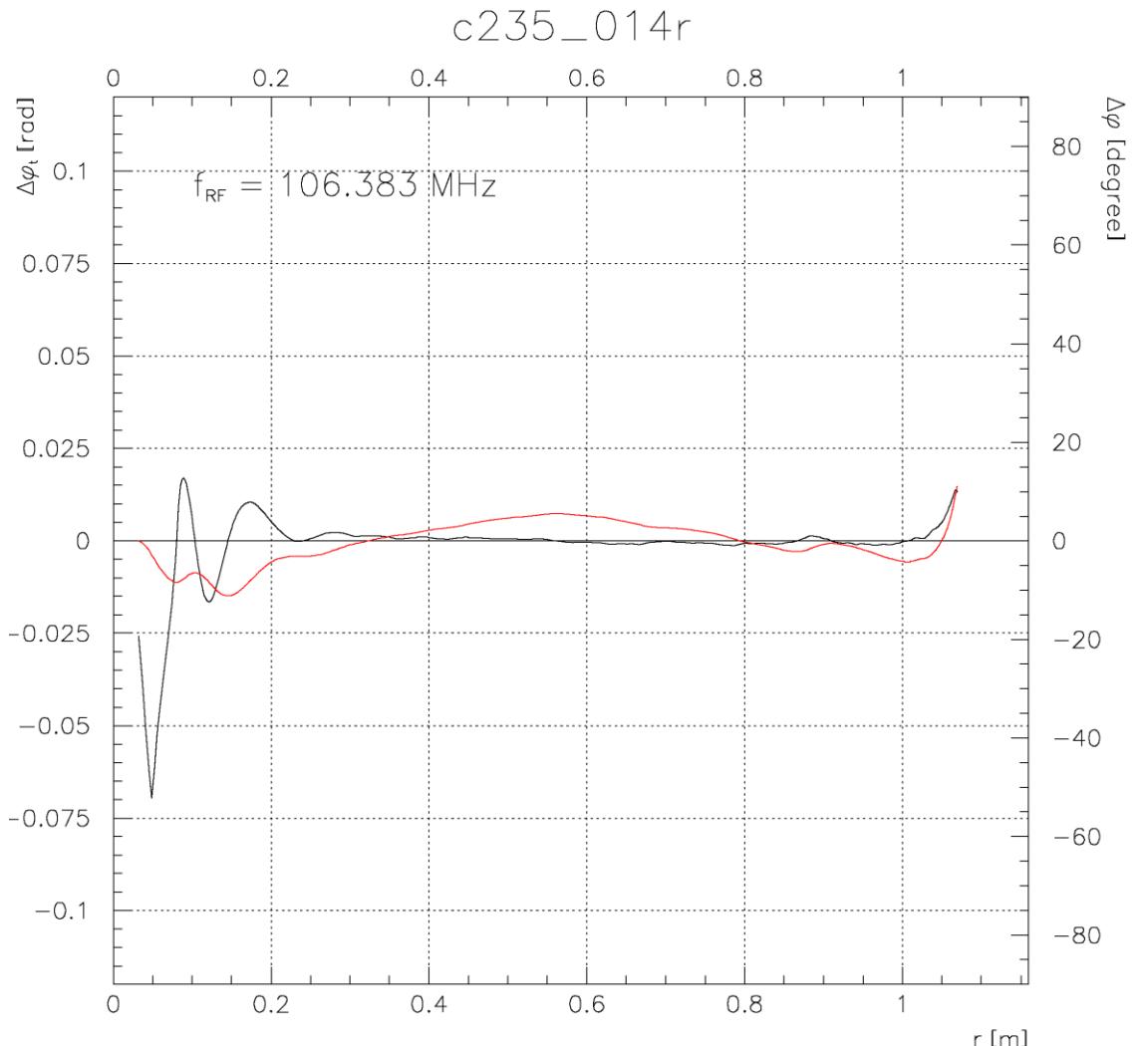
## AVF cyclotrons

keep isochronism => CW beam

Drawback: relatively small

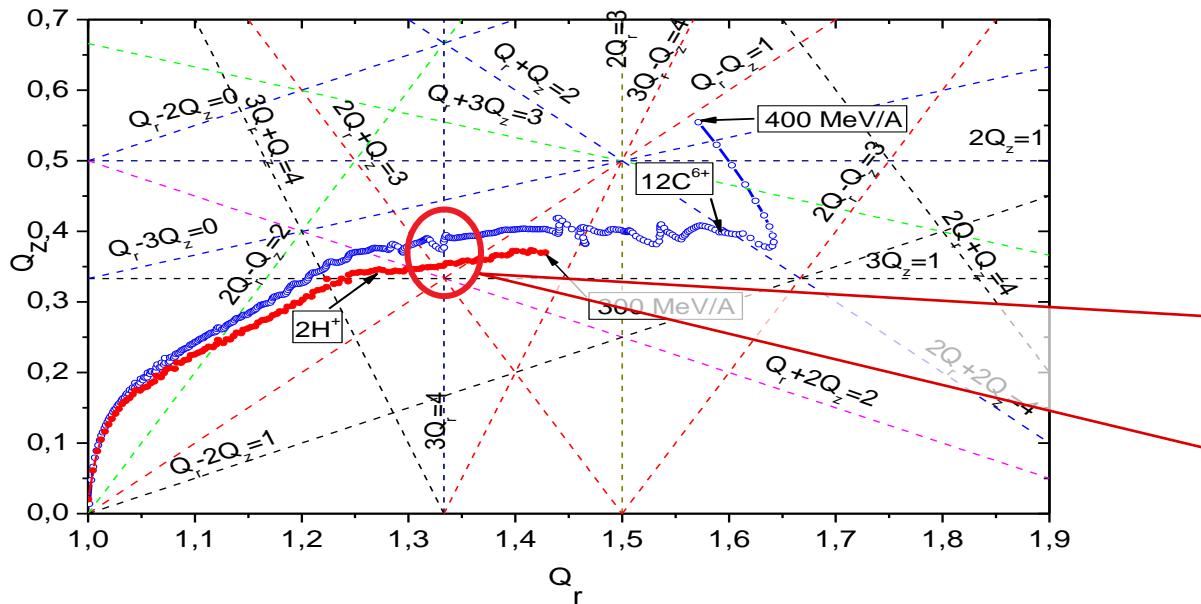
longitudinal acceptance

# Isochronous cyclotron

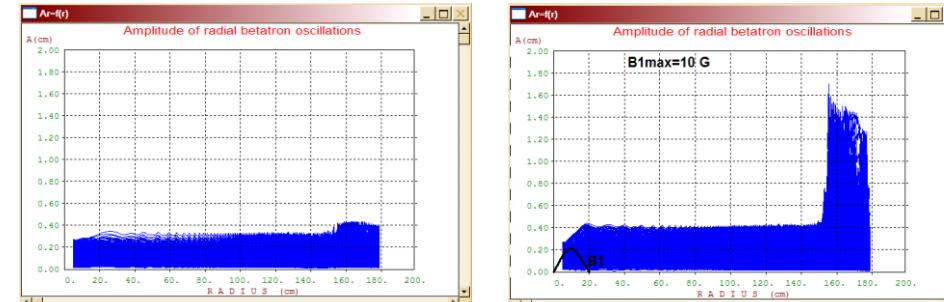


# Side note: Resonance crossing?

- You cross them as quickly as possible
  - High energy gain per turn in isochronous cyclotrons
  - Harmonic content in the field => Good beam centering



1st harmonic at the cyclotron centre induces radial motion through  $Q_r=1$ , that is harmfull as the beam crosses  $3Q_r=4$



=> Need for low H1 (centering coils)

# A magnet is good with beam it's better!

- Internal: hot/cold cathode sources

- External:

- Turbo pump injax

- New Einzell lens

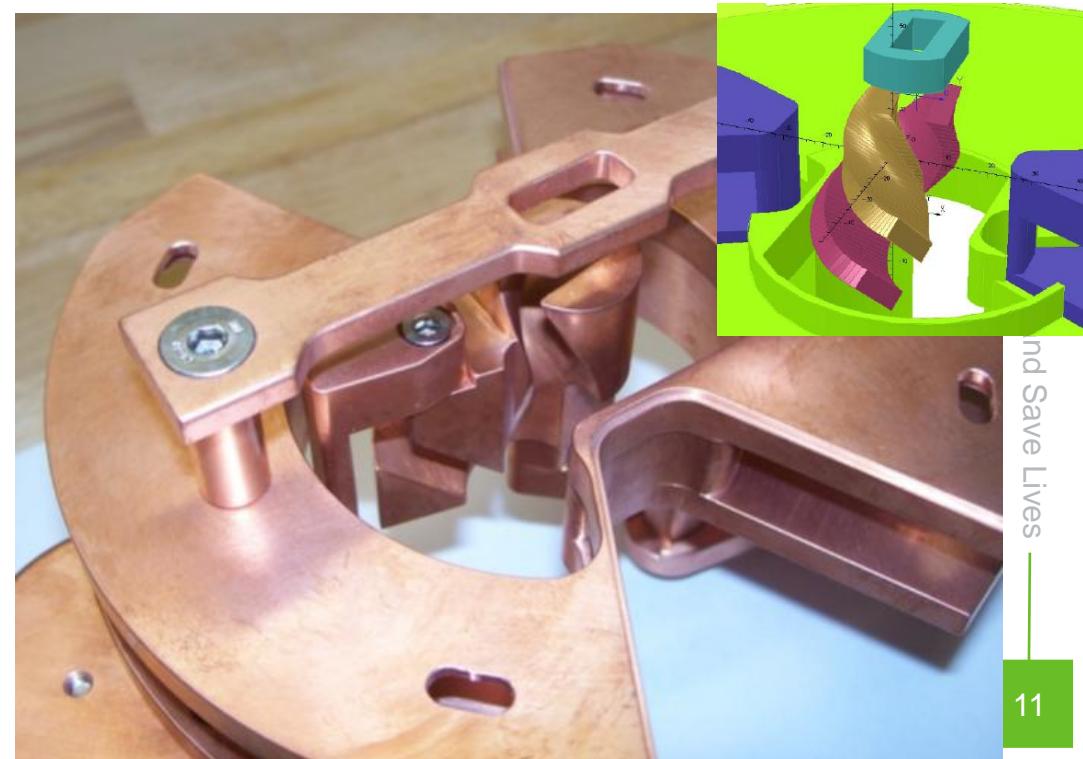
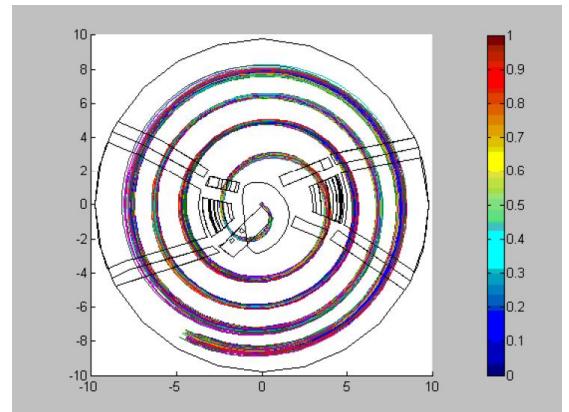
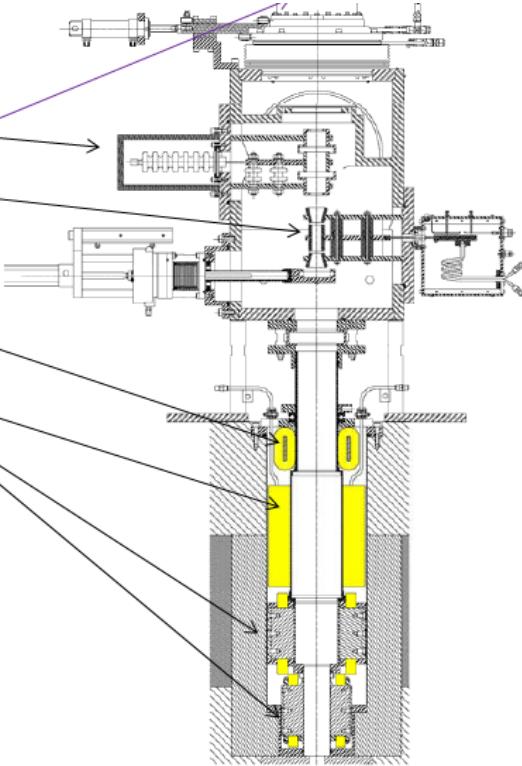
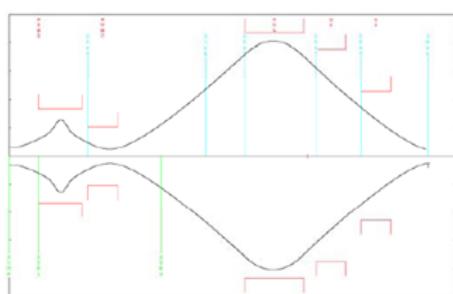
- No wire RF buncher

- XY steering (2)

- Glaser lens

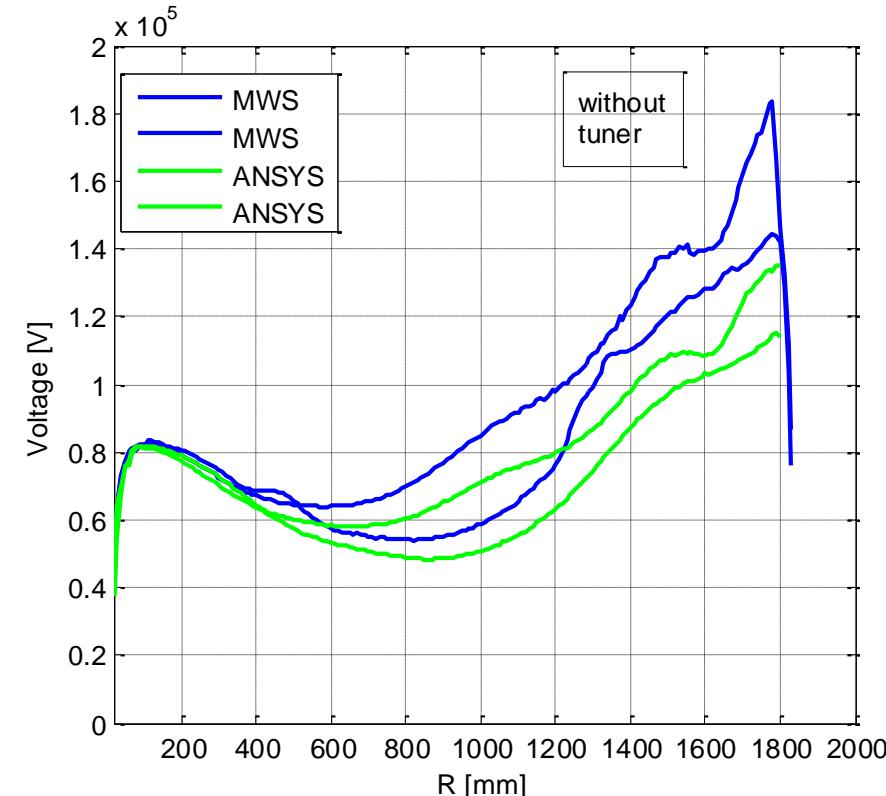
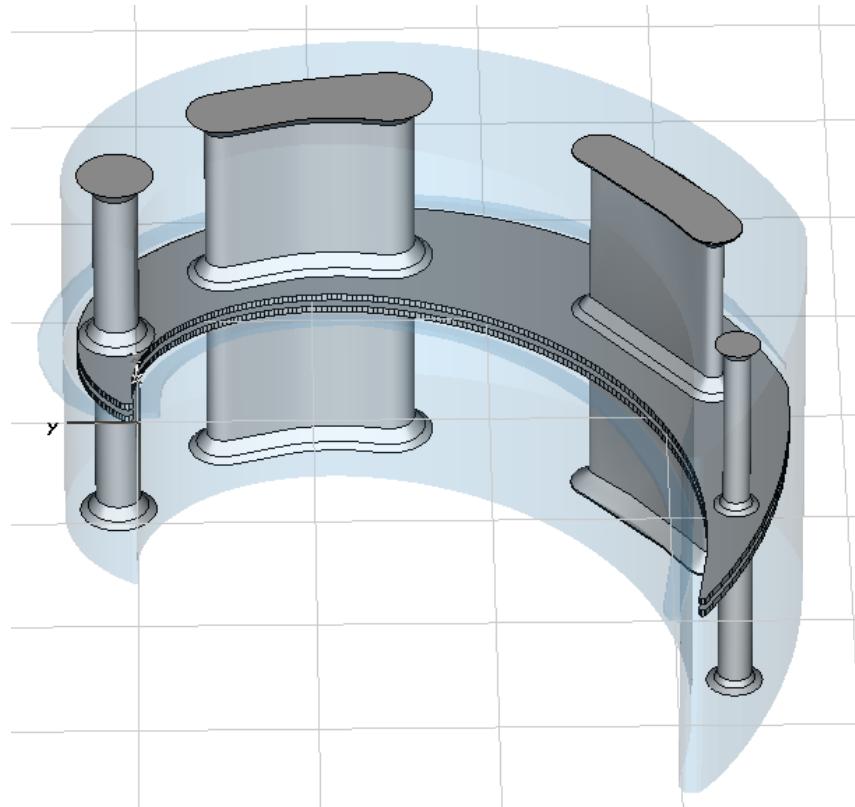
- Set of quadrupoles (squew)

- Match cyclo acceptance



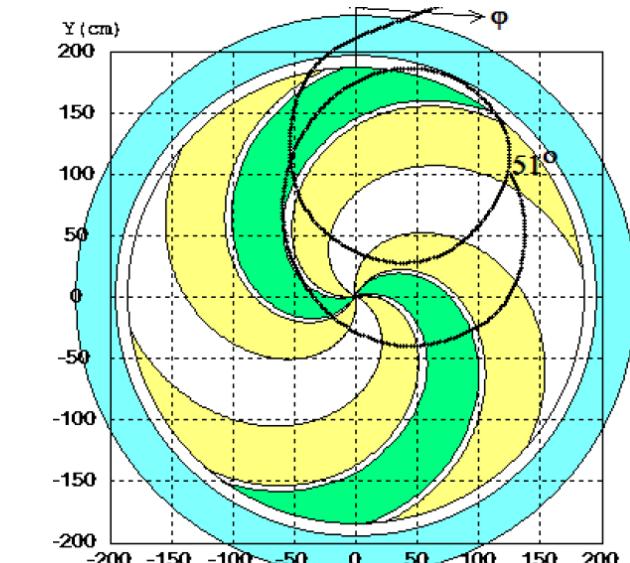
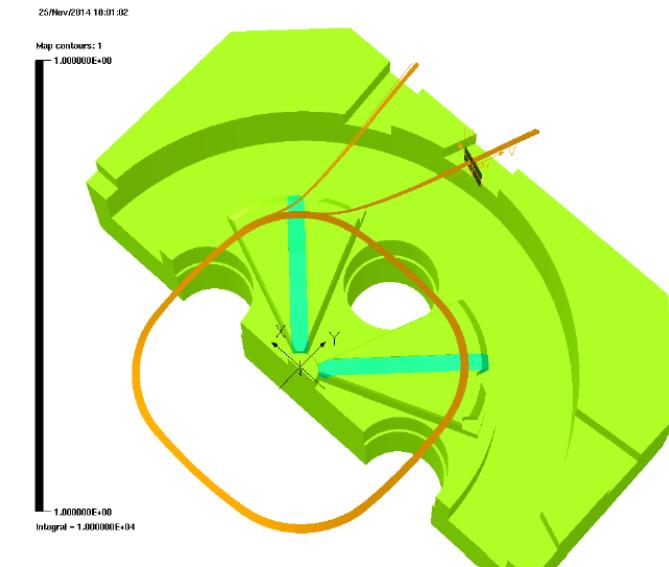
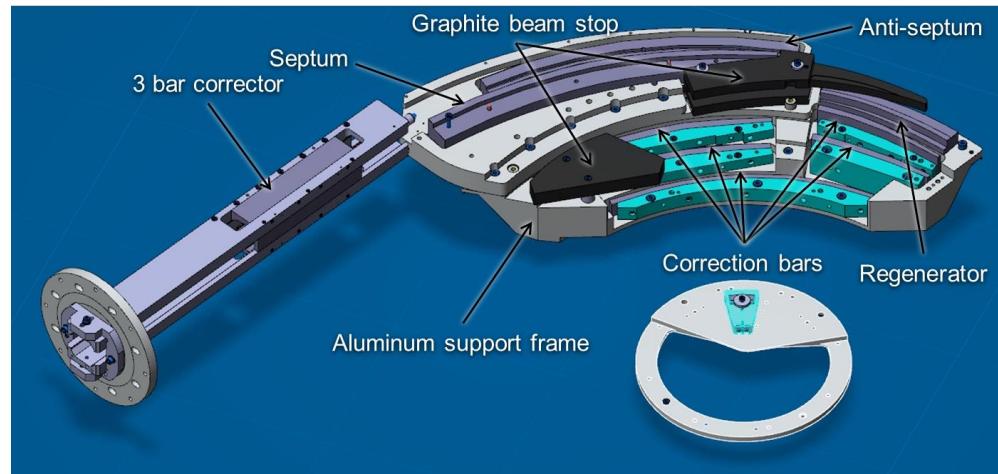
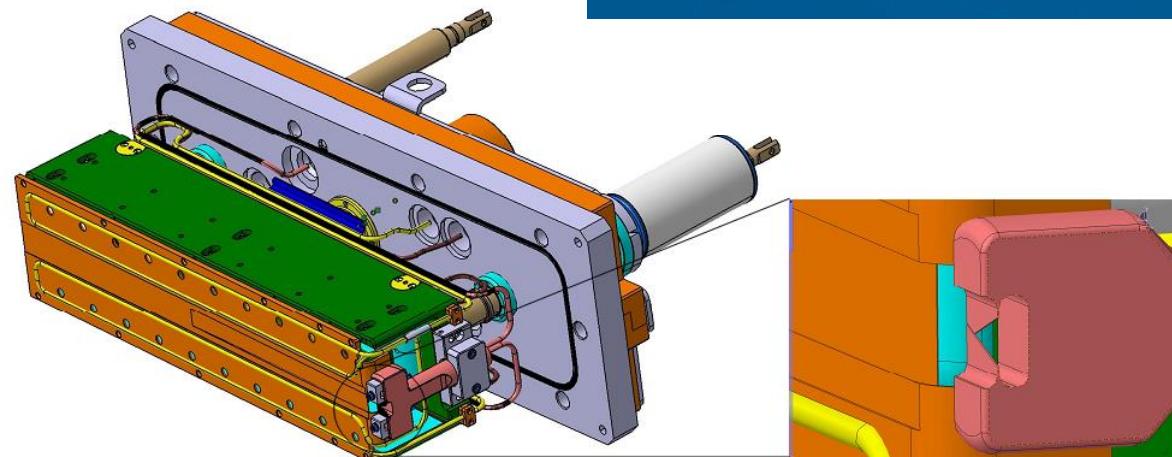
# Then you need acceleration

- Cyclotron RF cavities (dees) may have complicated shapes
- Pillars sizes and locations are optimized
- Electric field as a fonction of radius is injected in CO/beam codes



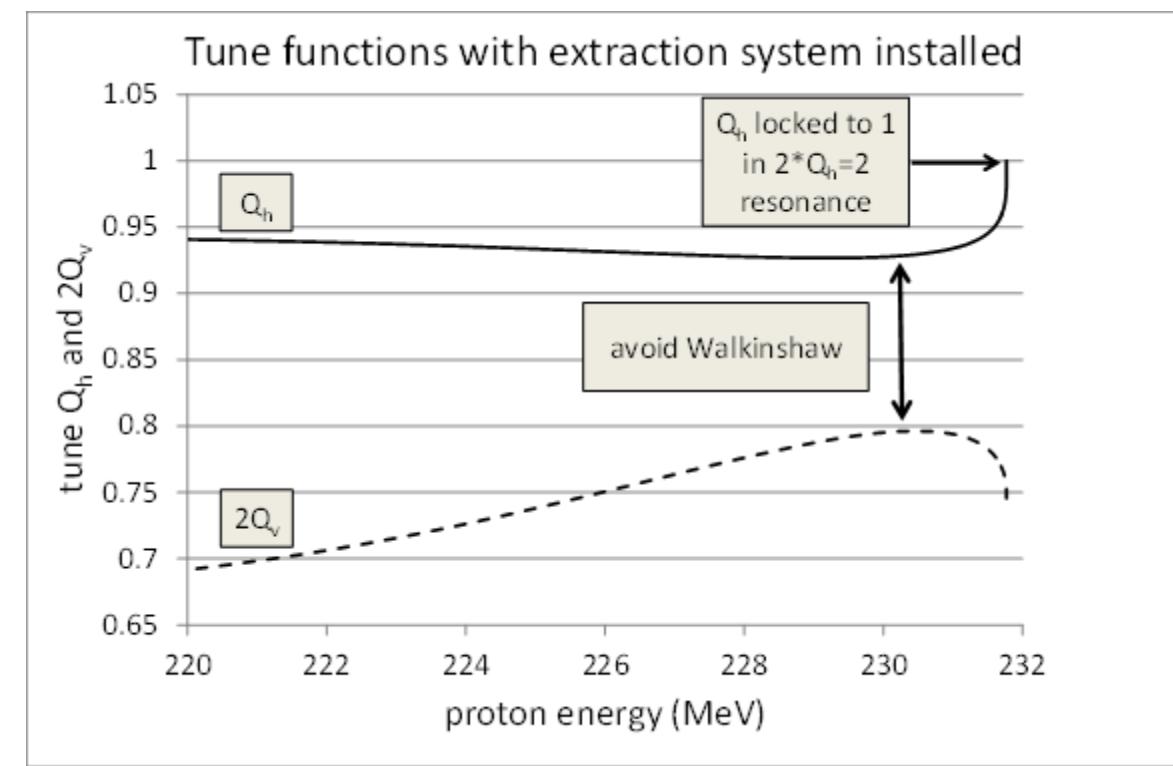
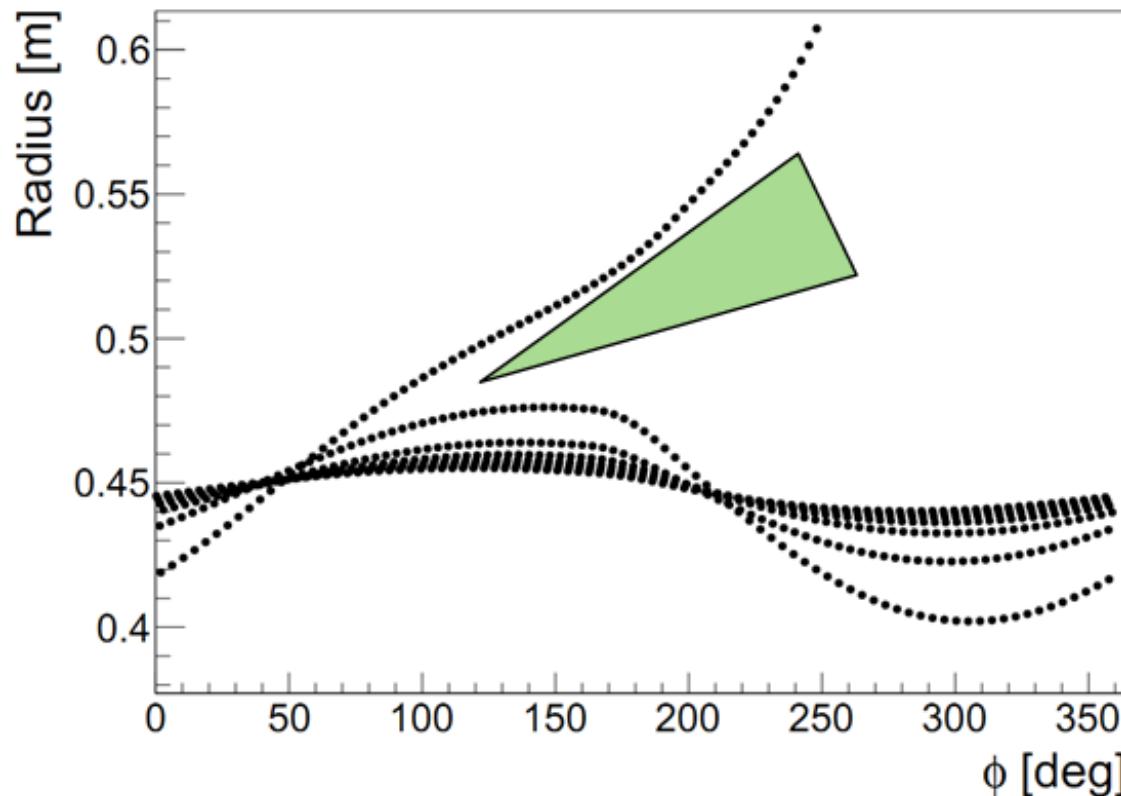
# And extraction

- Electrostatic deflector (turn separation)
- Resonant extraction
- Stripping

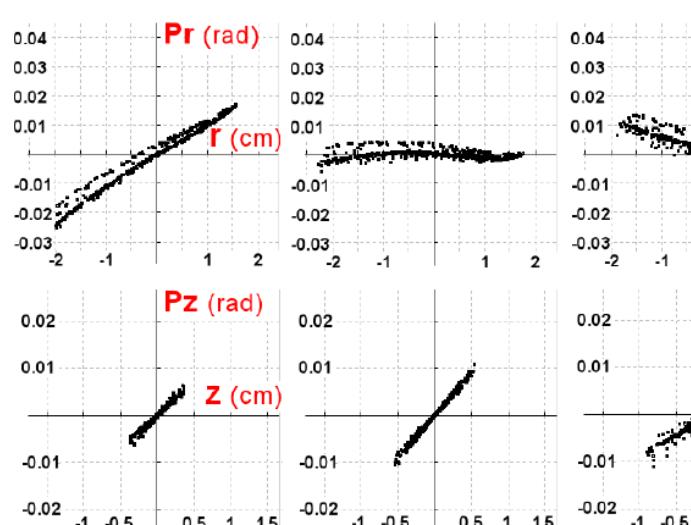
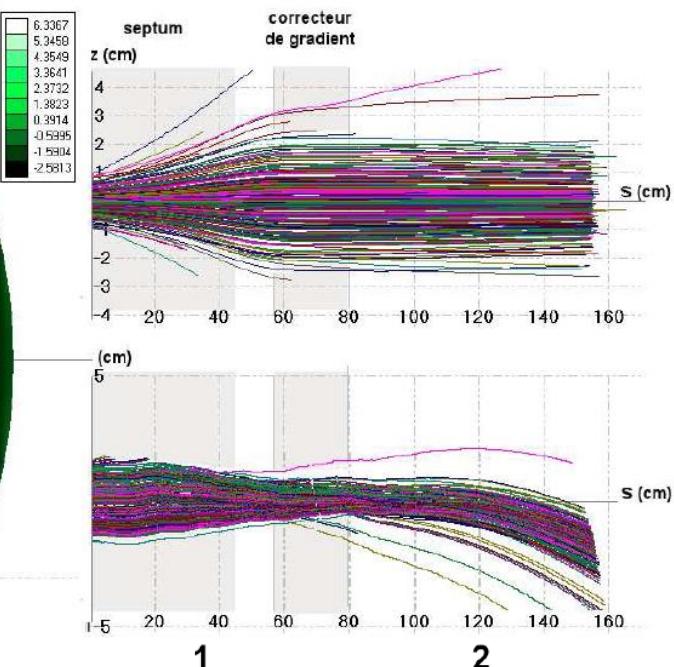
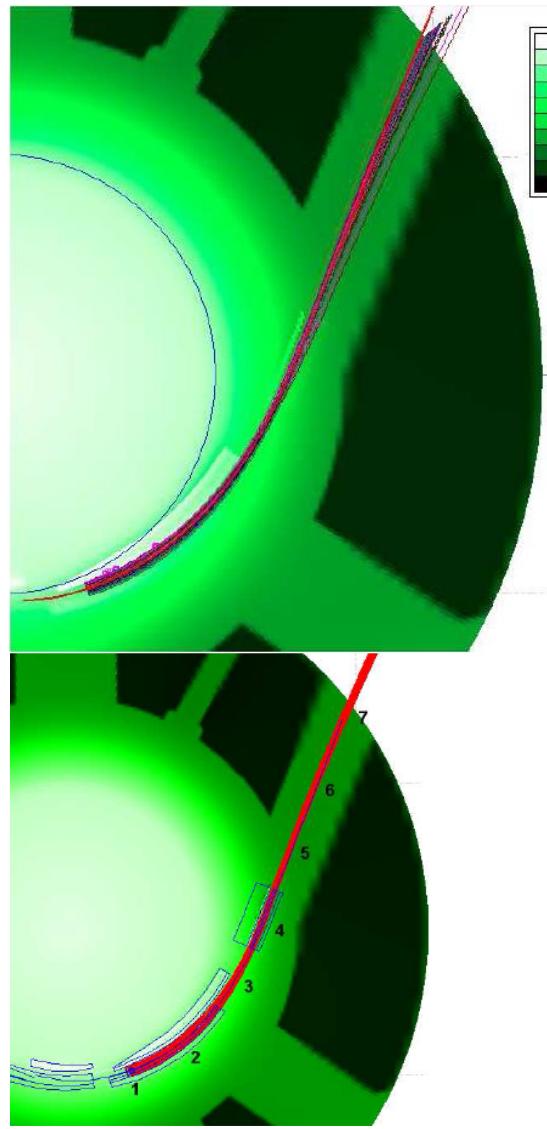


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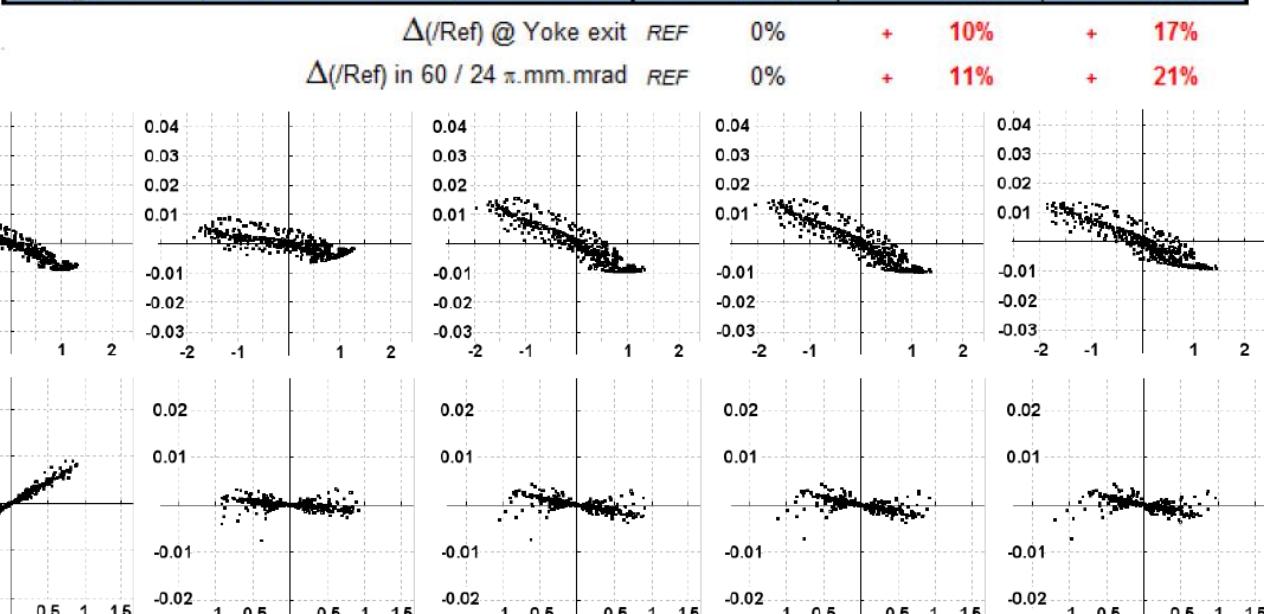
- A strong field bump increases  $\nu_r$  and locks it to 1  
=> steady shift of the beam towards the extraction channel



# Resonant extraction - tracking



Algorithme par la contribution de l'extraction	aglorithme "symétrique"	dX/2 @220MeV	dX/2 & dZ/2 @220MeV	
<i>Losses during before entering the channel</i>				
Collisions on RF Dee...Horizontal	47	9%	51	10%
...Vertical	28	6%	26	5%
On Regenerator	1	0%	0	0%
On Septum Front-end	188	38%	169	34%
Yield @ Channel entrance	236	47%	254	51%
<i>Losses in Channel</i>				
Internal losses on Septum	20	4%	17	3%
Z>10mm in Channel	0	0%	0	0%
Losses on Anti-Septum	3	1%	0	0%
Grad Corrector	0	0%	0	0%
Yield @ Yoke exit	213	43%	237	47%
@ exit: in X/pX=60 π.mm.mrad & Z/pZ=24 π.mm.rad				
Δ(/Ref) @ Yoke exit	REF	0%	+ 10%	
Δ(/Ref) in 60 / 24 π.mm.mrad	REF	0%	+ 11%	
			+ 21%	



# Other important topics

## ■ For the physicist/engineer/designer

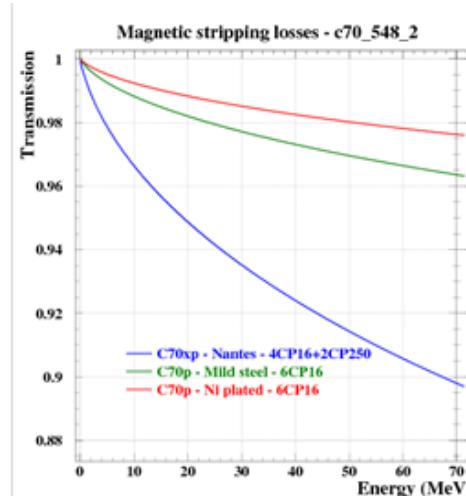
- Vacuum & EM stripping
- Instrumentation

## ■ For the vendor

- Market
- Cost and time to produce

## ■ For the user

- Standardization of parts
- Design of spares (and need for recalibration!)
- Documentation



- Gas stripping losses: 2.5-4%
- Total stripping losses ~5%
- (contractual 8%)
- Ni-plated outgassing rate has not been confirmed -> might be done using the C30 experience?
- Accelerating gap conductance ( $2.5 \times 120 \text{ cm}^2$ ) might be overestimating the conductance -> 3D calculation required

# Production

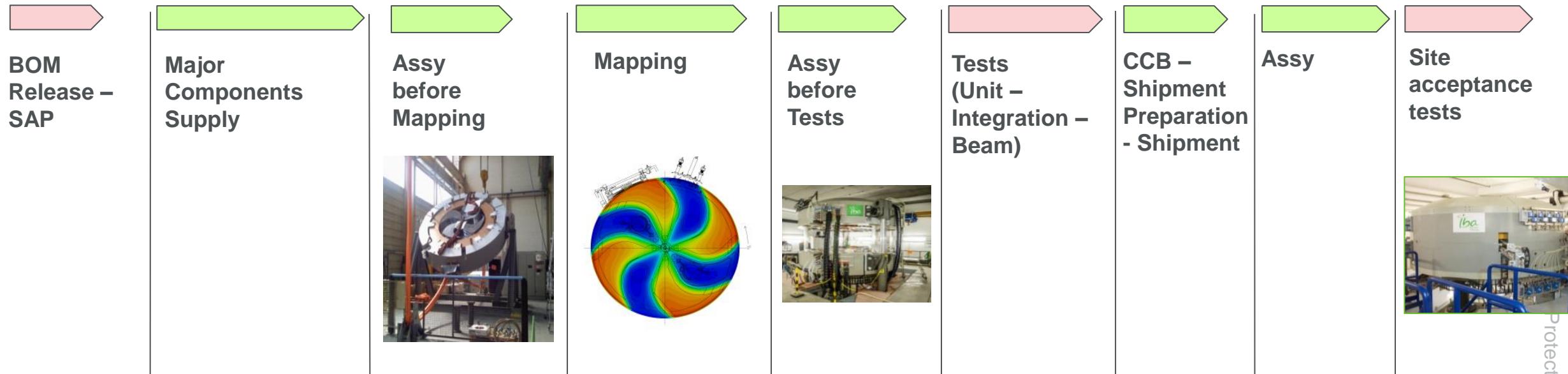
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From foundry to extracted beam

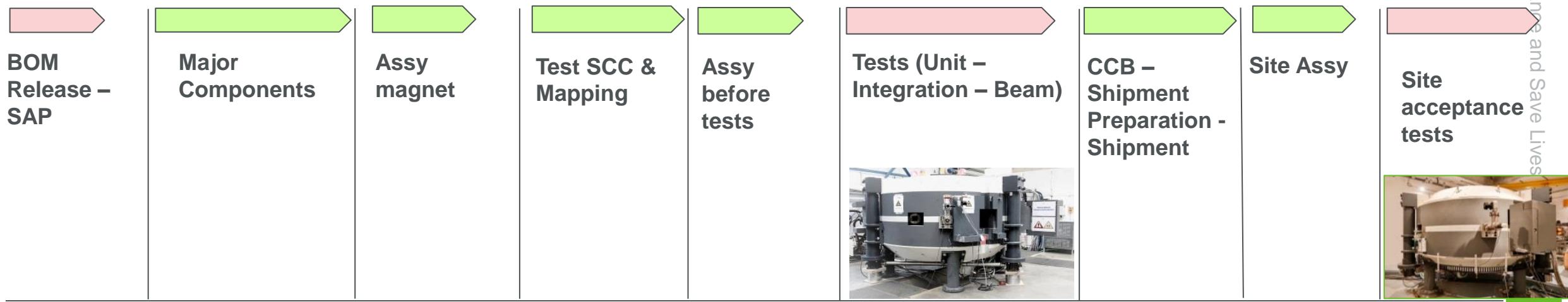


# Typical production of a (synchro-)cyclotron

C230



S2C2



# Production example: IBA Cyclone230 (PT)

Final assembly,  
integration and tests



Yoke machining,  
pole integration



Casting



Pole machining



Alignment  
and mapping



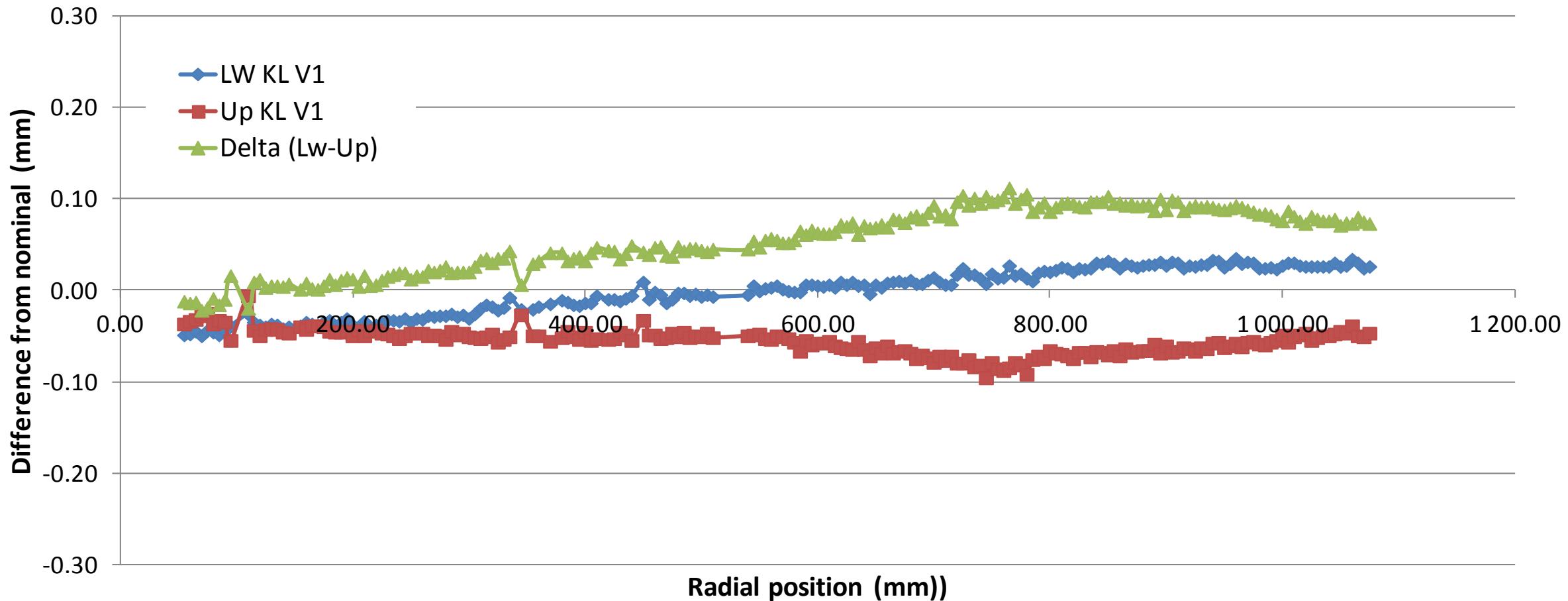
# Casting & heat treatment

- Chemical composition test
- Quality test plan and close collaboration between IBA and foundry
  - Chemistry
  - BH curves
  - US testing (difficult!)
  - Traceability
  - ...



# Machining and Quality Control

- Example: « KL » curve on pole 1



# Mapping: @gauss level for isochronous cyclotrons

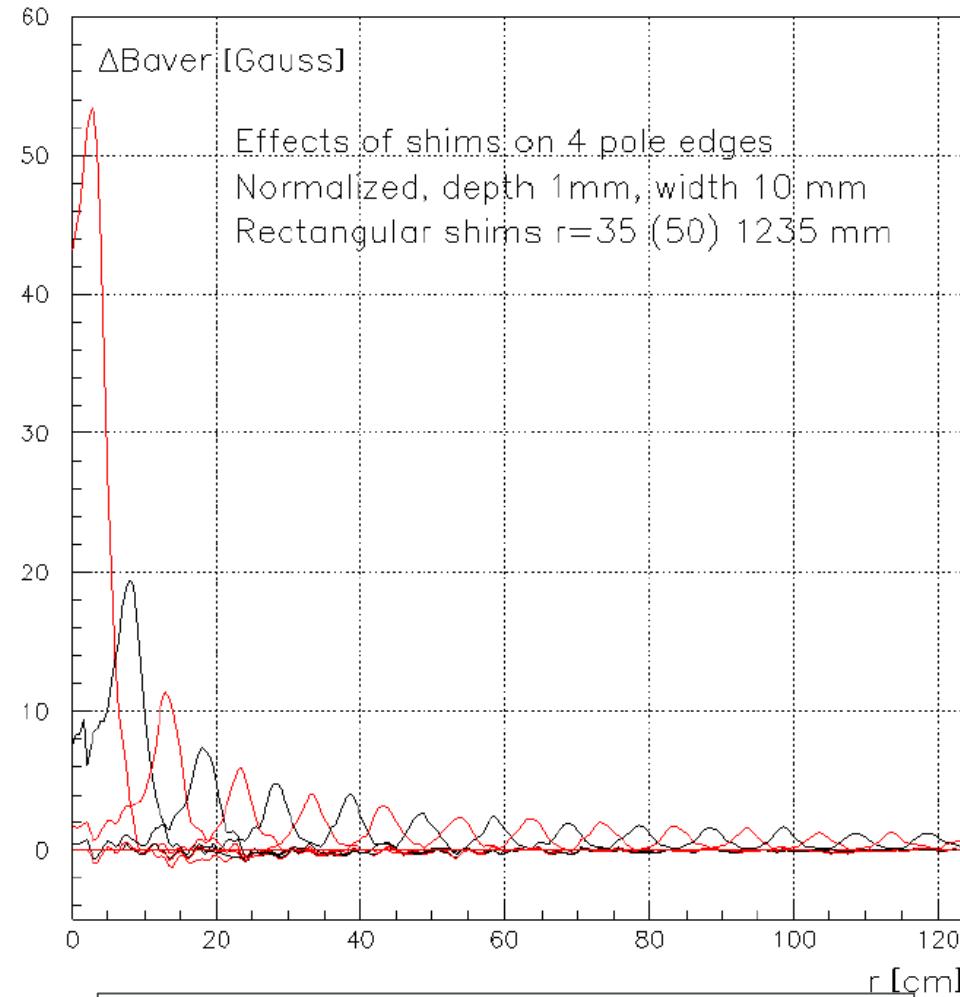
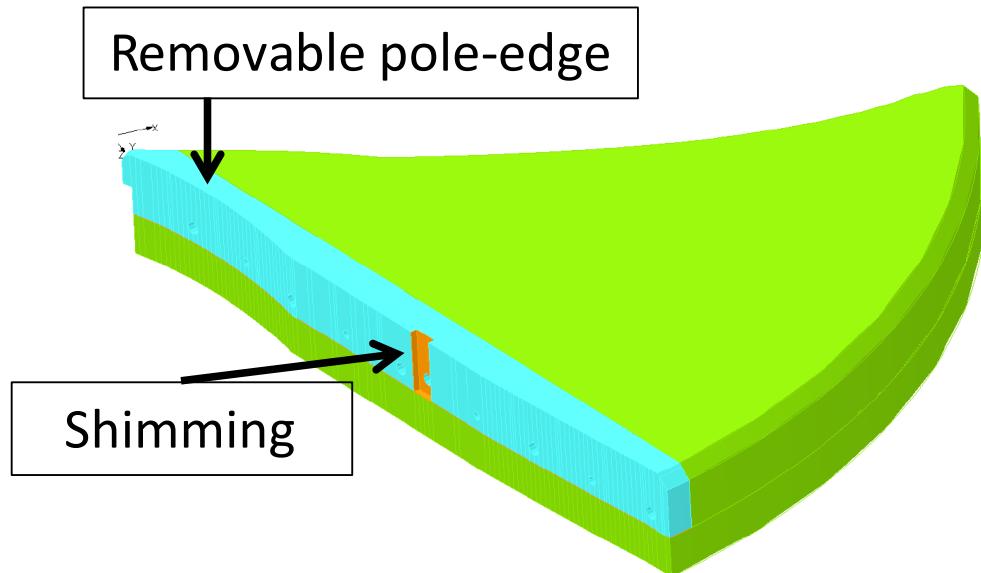


# Essential data from field mapping

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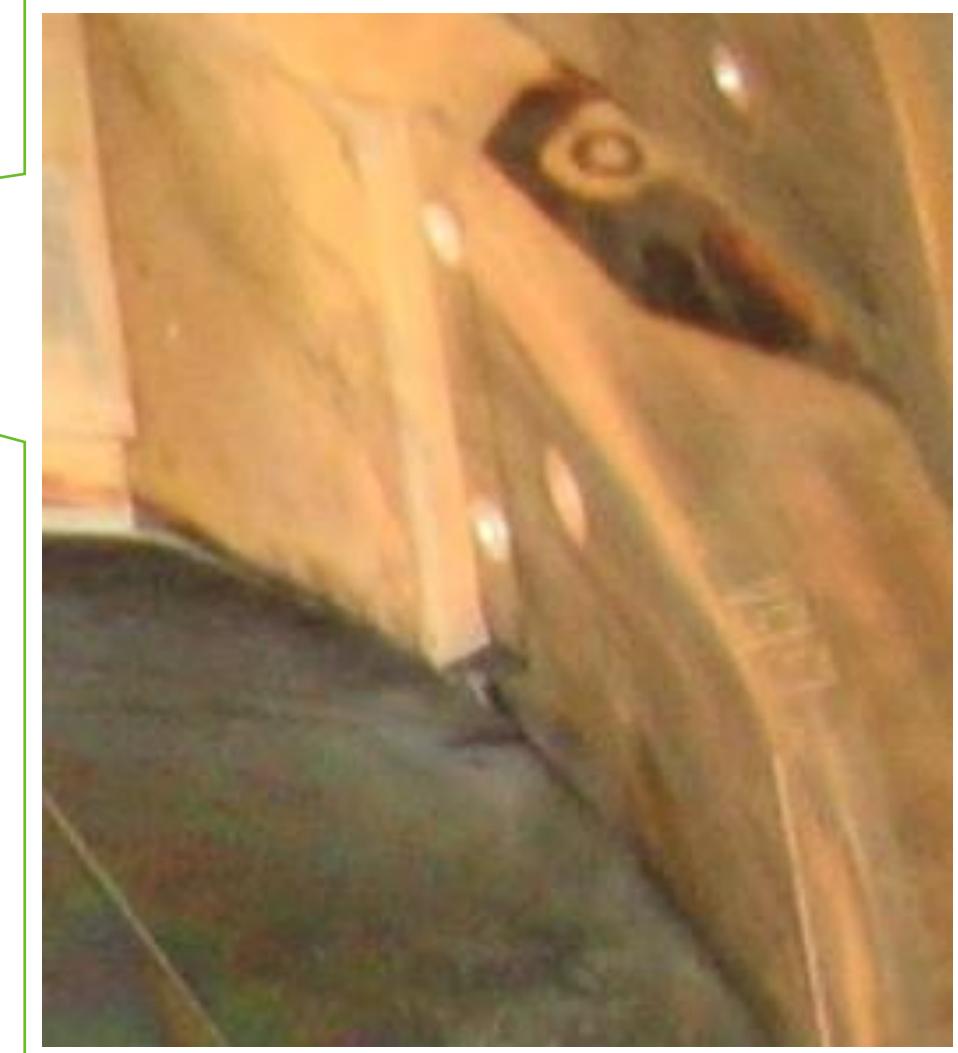
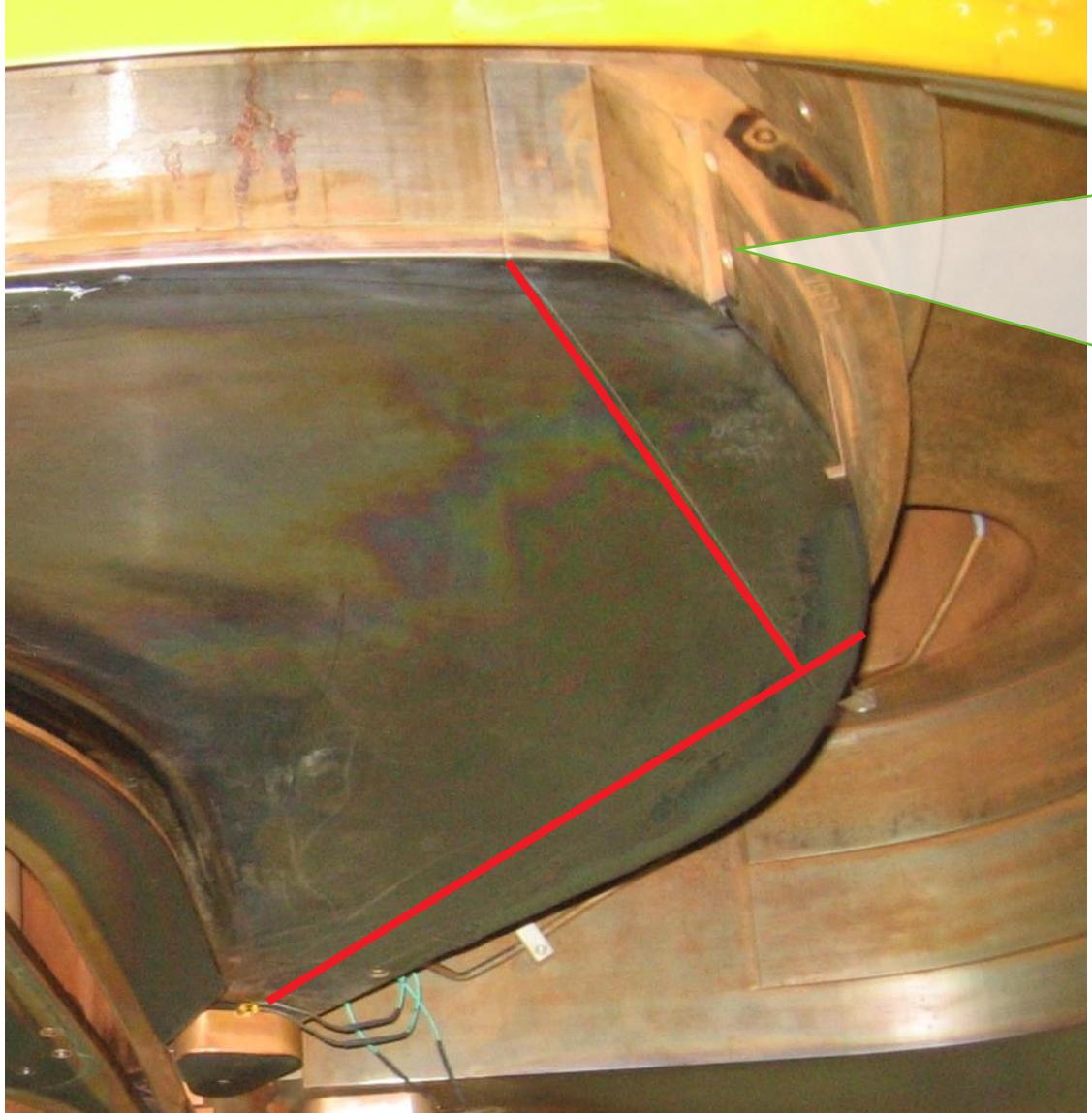
- The level of isochronism => integrated RF phase slip
- The transverse optical stability => tune functions
- Crossing of dangerous resonances => operating diagram
- Magnetic field errors
  - First and second harmonic errors => resonance drivers
  - Median plane errors => very difficult to measure
- ...

# How to adjust the field? Isochronism



Simple => hard edge model  
More advanced => shimming matrix

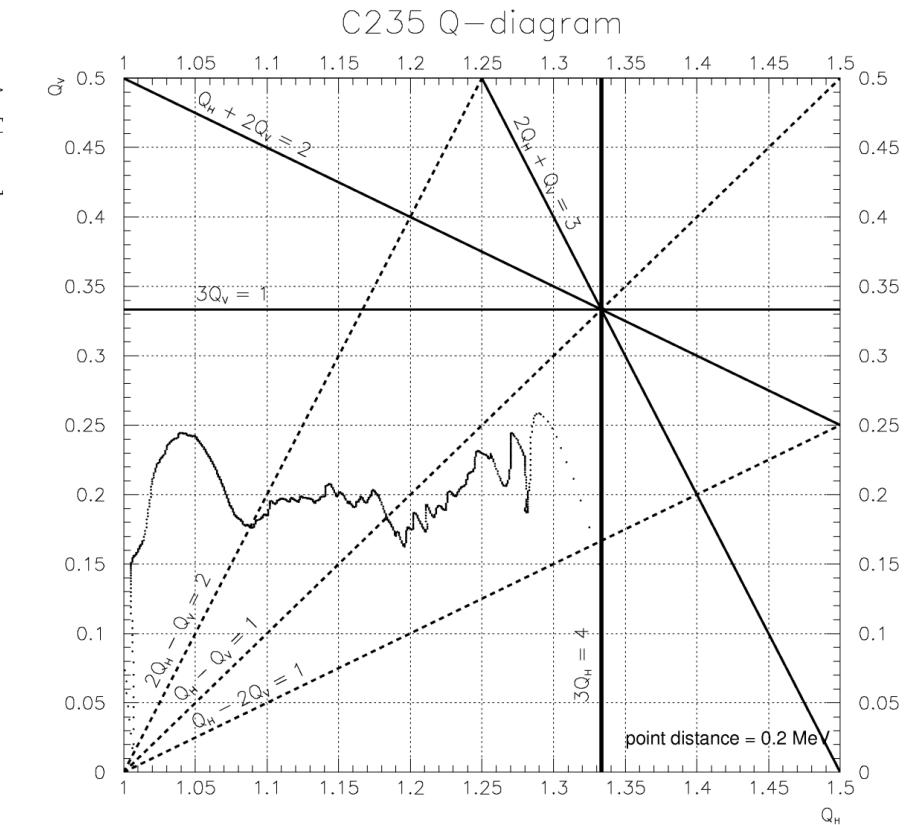
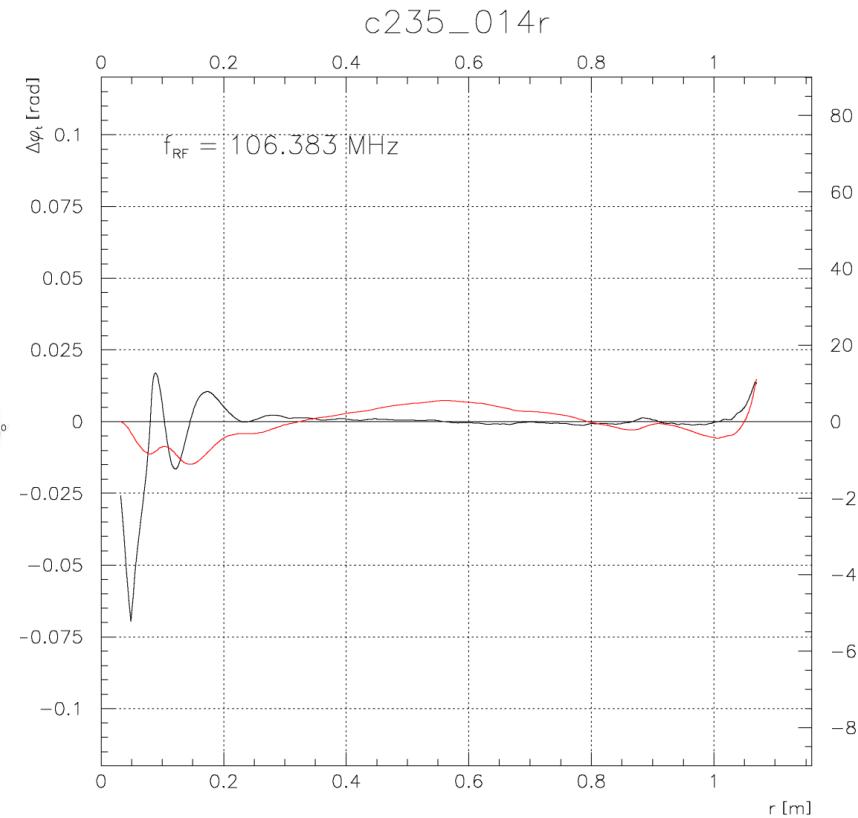
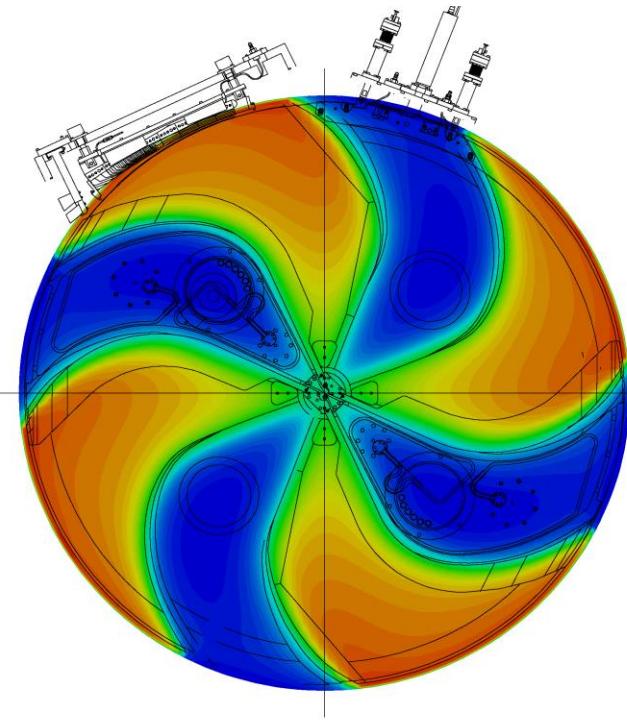
# How to adjust the field? Resonance crossing



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# Mapping - results

- 753.46 A – 106.383 MHz
- Abnormality checks, phase excursion less than  $\pm 10^\circ$  and Qdiag OK



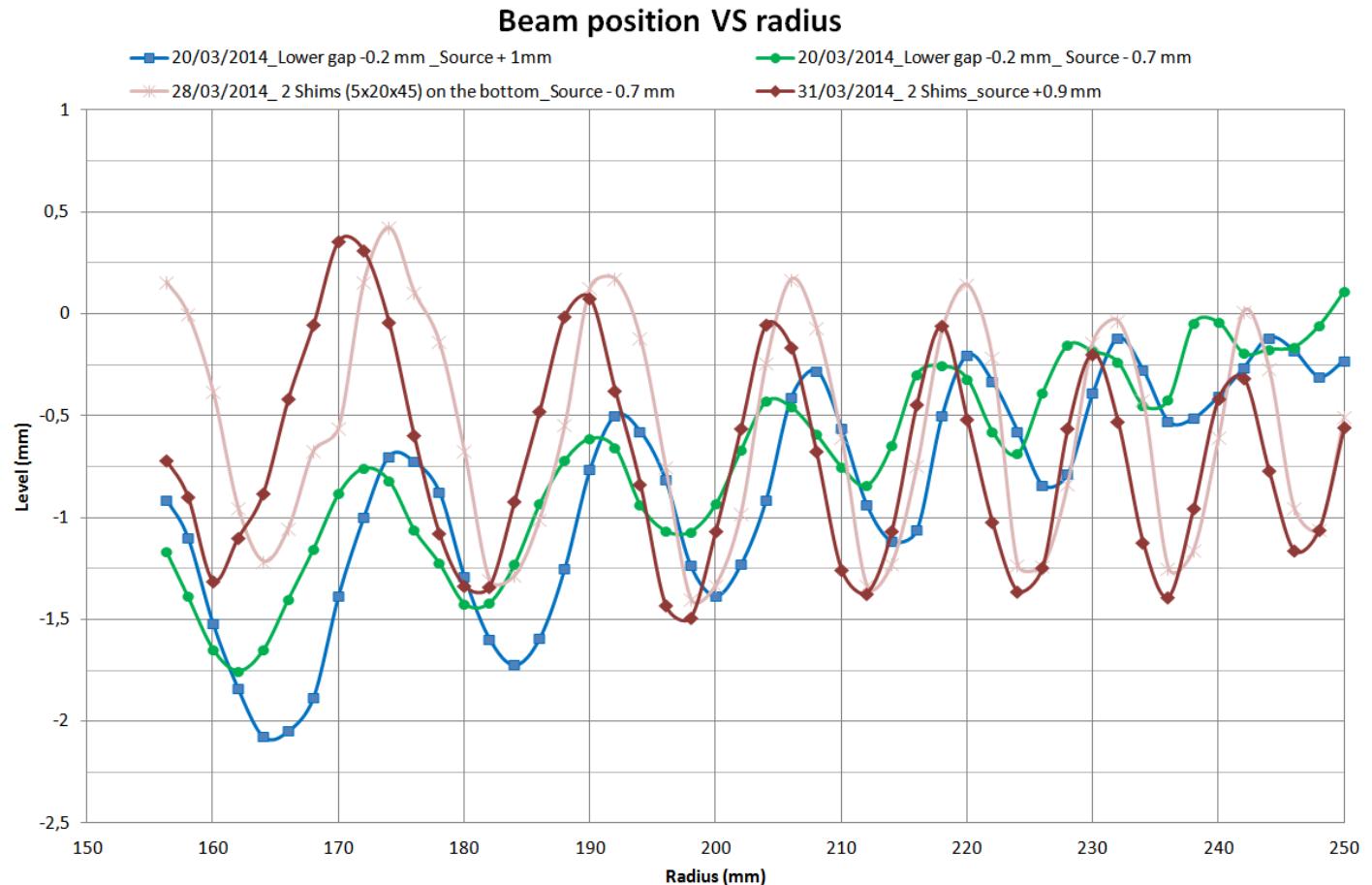
# Integration and testing

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- Machine fully assembled, integration tests performed (vacuum)
- PS and amplifiers
- RF tested full power on charge
- Isochronism usually within 100 kHz from mapping frequency
- Source tuning
- Optimization of compensation and harmonic coils
- Extraction installation and optimization.
- Beam angle measurement
- R&D tests according to development roadmap

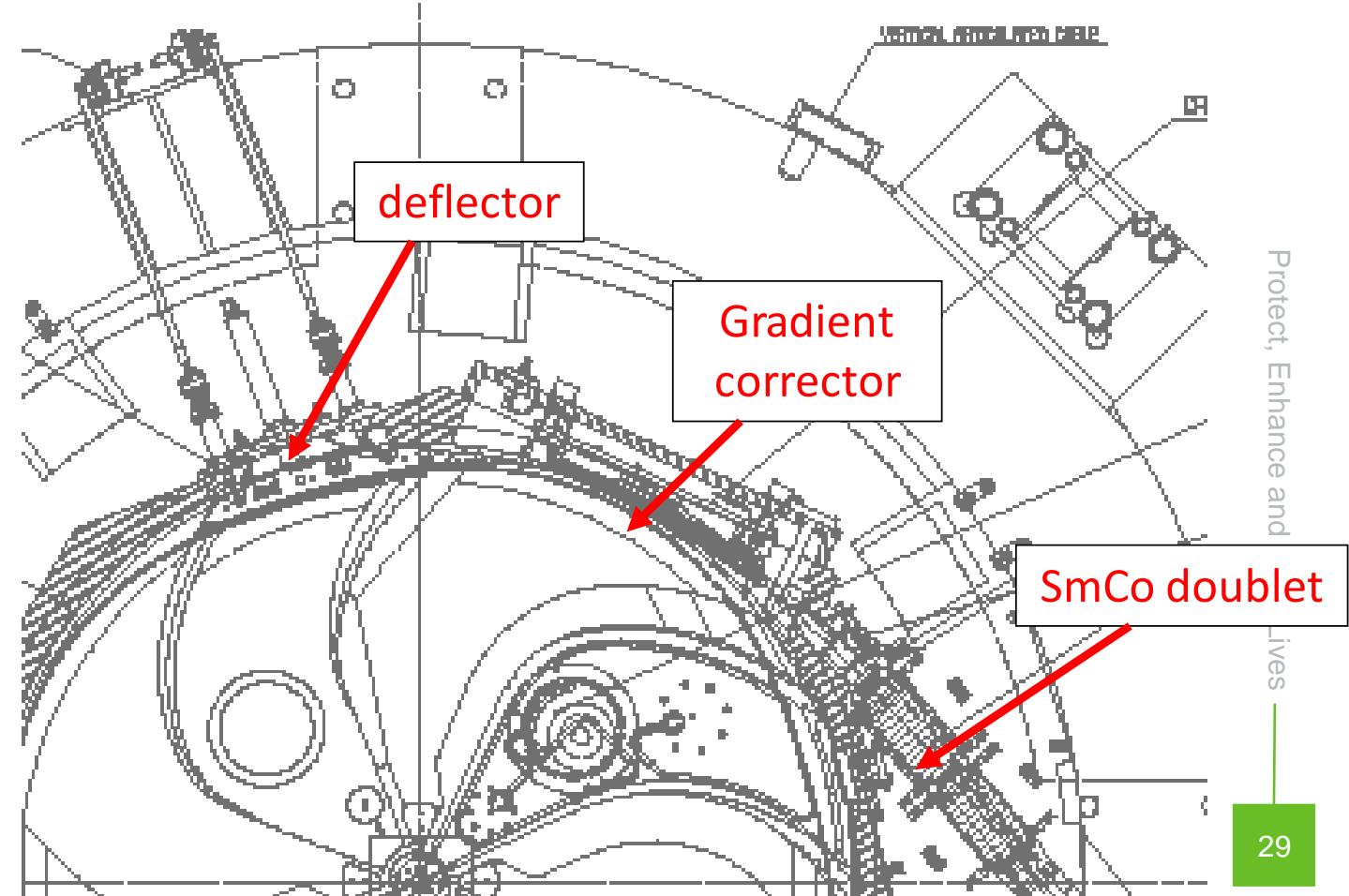
# Factory tests

- « visual probe » investigations of vertical oscillations in the centre

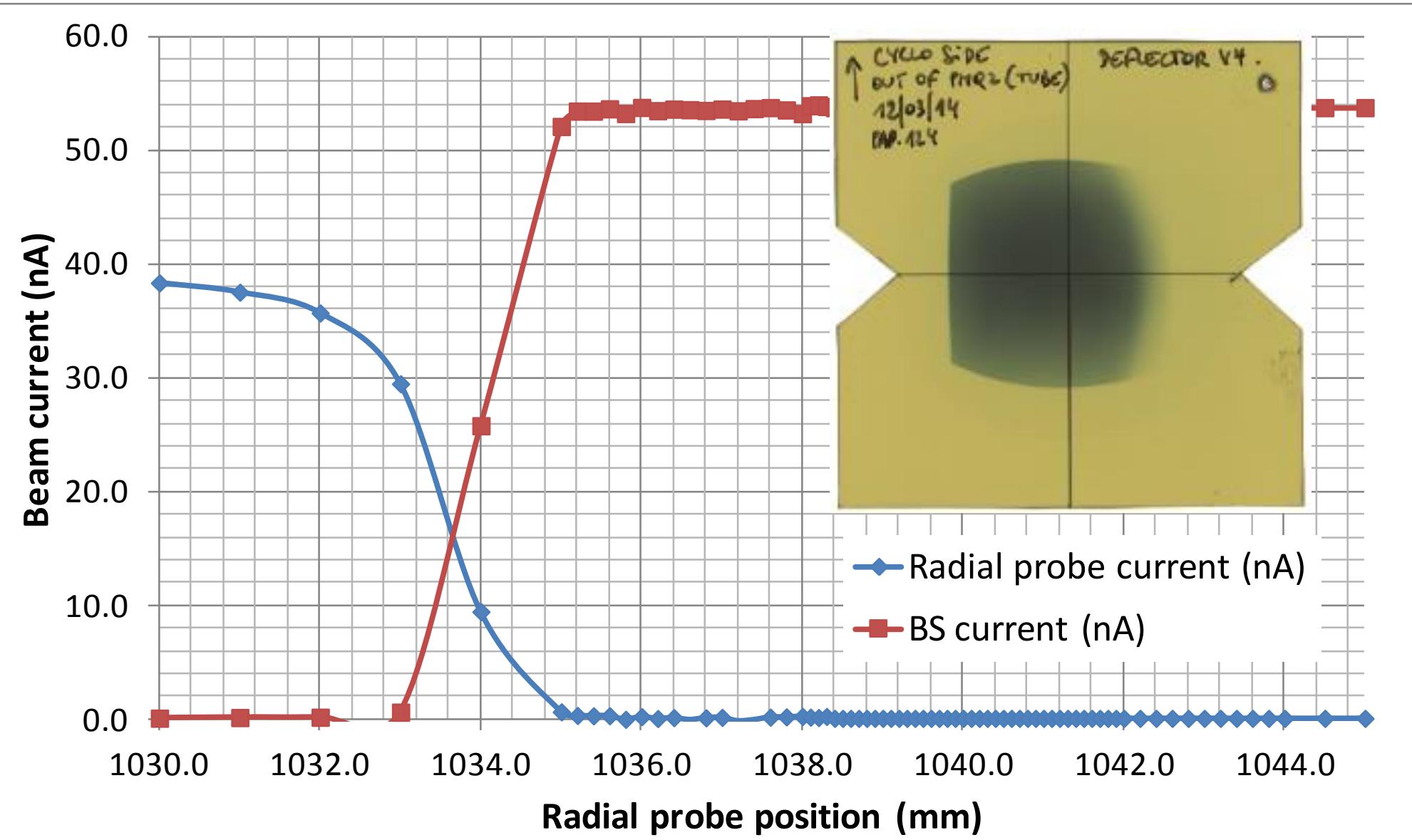


# Factory tests: extraction

- Deflector entrance
- Gap, voltage and exit optimization
- Gradient corrector
- Extraction quads alignment

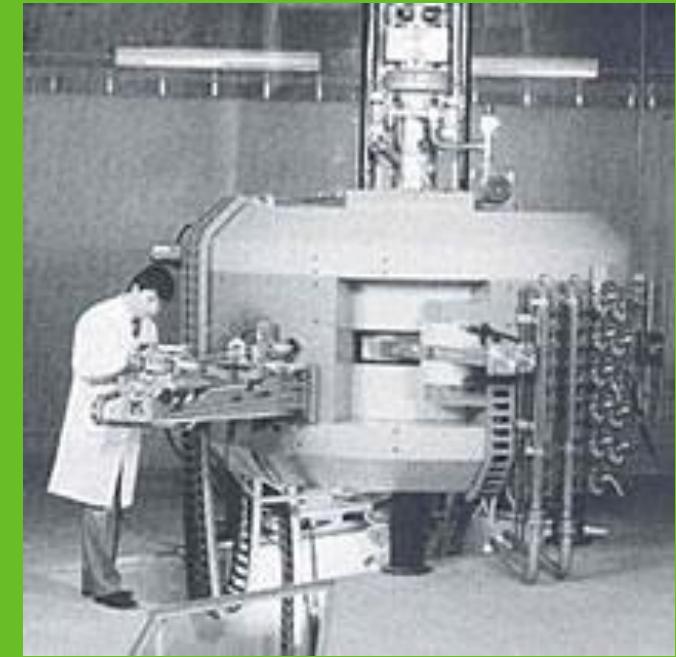


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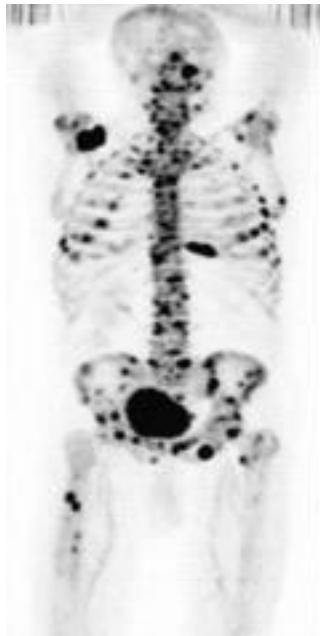
# Optimization in the production context

- Robust design
  - Low dependence on material variations
  - As loose tolerances as possible
  - Margins
- Facilitate all production stages
  - Standard tooling
  - Easy tuning and procedures
- Cost...
  - E.g. coil+PS design
  - Batching/versioning
- But also: learn according to production and operation experience

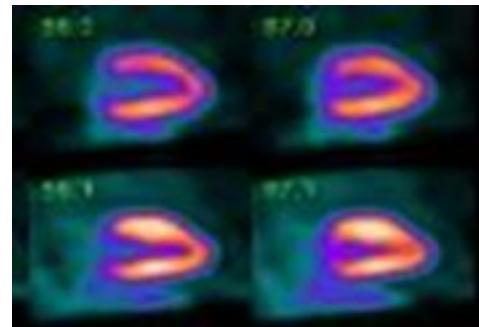


# Radioisotope production cyclotrons

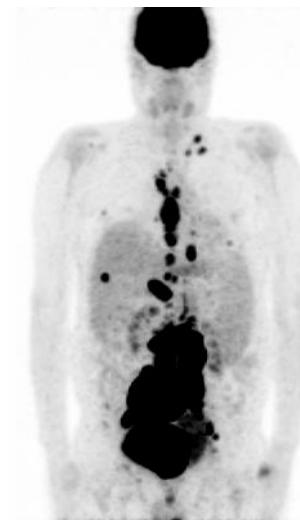
- Making severe diseases diagnosis and therapy more accessible everywhere
- by lowering production costs and complexity of radioisotope-labeled drugs



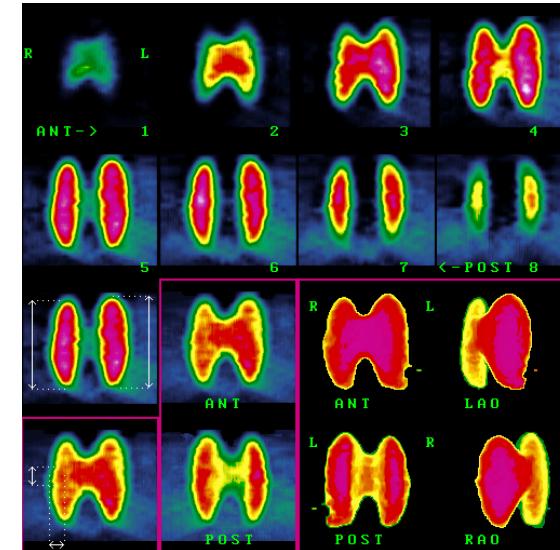
Oncology  
 $\text{Na}^{18}\text{F}$  Bone scan



Cardiology  
 $\text{Sr}/\text{Rb}82$   
 $^{13}\text{NH}_3$   
 $^{15}\text{O}$



Oncology  
 $^{18}\text{FDG}$  & others



Oncology & others  
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# A typical radiopharmacy

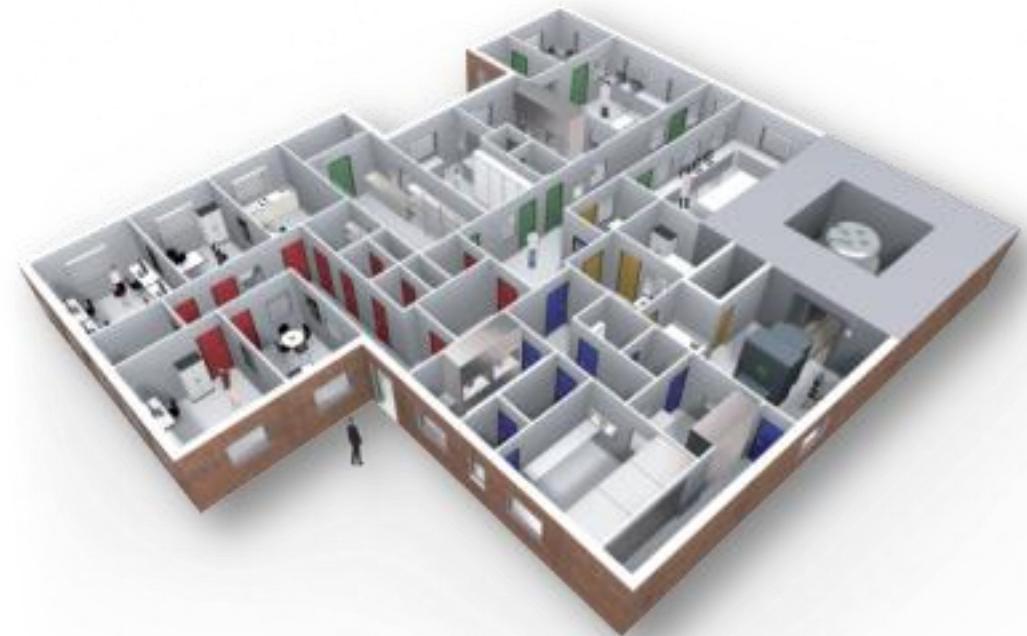
Radio-isotopes



Chemistry



Radiopharmaceutical environment, incl. GMP



# Radioisotopes

Medical Isotope	Lifetime T <sub>1/2</sub>	Use	Nuclear Reaction	Target Abundance (%)	Energy Range (MeV)	Production Yield (mCi @ sat)	Typical Dose (mCi)
<sup>11</sup> C	20.4m	PET	<sup>11</sup> B(p,n)	80.3	8 - 20	40/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>11</sup> C	20.4m	PET	<sup>14</sup> N(p, $\alpha$ )	99.6	12	100/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>11</sup> C	20.4m	PET	<sup>10</sup> B(d,n)	19.7	7	10/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>13</sup> N	9.96m	PET	<sup>13</sup> C(p,n)	1.	5 - 10	115/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>13</sup> N	9.96m	PET	<sup>12</sup> C(d,n)	98.9	2 - 6	50/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>13</sup> N	9.96m	PET	<sup>16</sup> O(p, $\alpha$ )	99.8	8 - 18	65/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>15</sup> O	2m	PET	<sup>15</sup> N(p,n)	0.36	10 - 15	47/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>15</sup> O	2m	PET	<sup>16</sup> O(p,pn)	99.8	>26	25/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>15</sup> O	2m	PET	<sup>14</sup> N(d,n)	99.6	8 - 6	27/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>18</sup> F	109.8m	PET	<sup>18</sup> O(p,n)	0.20	8 - 17	180/ $\mu$ A	5 - 20
<sup>18</sup> F	109.8m	PET	<sup>20</sup> Ne(d, $\alpha$ )	90.5		82/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>64</sup> Cu	12.7h	SPECT	<sup>64</sup> Ni(p,n)	0.93	5 - 20	5/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>67</sup> Cu	61.9h	SPECT	<sup>68</sup> Zn(p,2p)	19.0	>40	0.02/ $\mu$ A	
<sup>67</sup> Ga	78.3h	SPECT	<sup>68</sup> Zn(p,2n)	19.0	20 - 40	4.5/ $\mu$ A	10
<sup>82</sup> Sr/ <sup>82m</sup> Rb	25d/5m	PET	<sup>82</sup> Rb(p,4n) <sup>82</sup> Sr Produces Rb	72.2	50 - 70	0.18 / $\mu$ Ah	
<sup>99m</sup> Tc	6h	SPECT	<sup>100</sup> Mo(p,2n)	9.7	19	14/ $\mu$ Ah	20
<sup>103</sup> Pd	17.5d	Therapy	<sup>103</sup> Rh(p,n)	100	10 - 15	0.52/ $\mu$ Ah	
<sup>111</sup> In	67.2h	SPECT	<sup>112</sup> Cd(p,2n)	24.1	18 - 30	6/ $\mu$ Ah	3
<sup>123</sup> I	13.2h	SPECT	<sup>124</sup> Xe(p,2n) <sup>123</sup> Cs $\rightarrow$ <sup>123</sup> Xe $\rightarrow$ <sup>123</sup> I	0.10	25 - 35	27/ $\mu$ Ah	
<sup>123</sup> I	13.2h	SPECT	<sup>123</sup> Te(d,2n) <sup>123</sup> I	0.89	10 - 15	20/ $\mu$ Ah	
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<sup>124</sup> I	4.1d	PET	<sup>124</sup> Te(d,2n)	4.7	>20	0.15/ $\mu$ Ah	
<sup>186</sup> Re	90.6h	Therapy /SPECT	<sup>186</sup> W(p,n)	28.4	18		
<sup>201</sup> Tl	73.5h	SPECT	<sup>203</sup> Tl(p,3n) <sup>201</sup> Pb $\rightarrow$ <sup>201</sup> Tl	29.5	27 - 35	0.7/ $\mu$ Ah	4
<sup>211</sup> At	7.2h	Therapy	<sup>209</sup> Bi( $\alpha$ ,n)	100	28	1/ $\mu$ Ah	0.05-.01

# IBA radiopharmaceuticals solutions portfolio



- Cyclone 3D      3 MeV D+

Enabler clone 11:

Pet Production 18/<sup>18</sup>O

Pet/SPECT crossover  
alpha(xp):

World record e 70(xp):

11 MeV H-, 120 µA (~1300 W)

18 MeV H-, 150 µA (~2700 W)

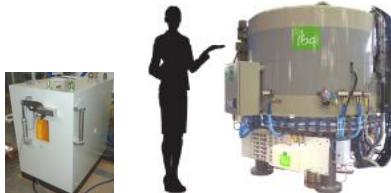
30 MeV, 1.2 mA (36 kW)

70 MeV, 750 µA (53 kW)

Deuteron possible

alpha/deuteron possible (xp)

alpha/deuteron possible (xp)



3 MeV



11 MeV



18MeV



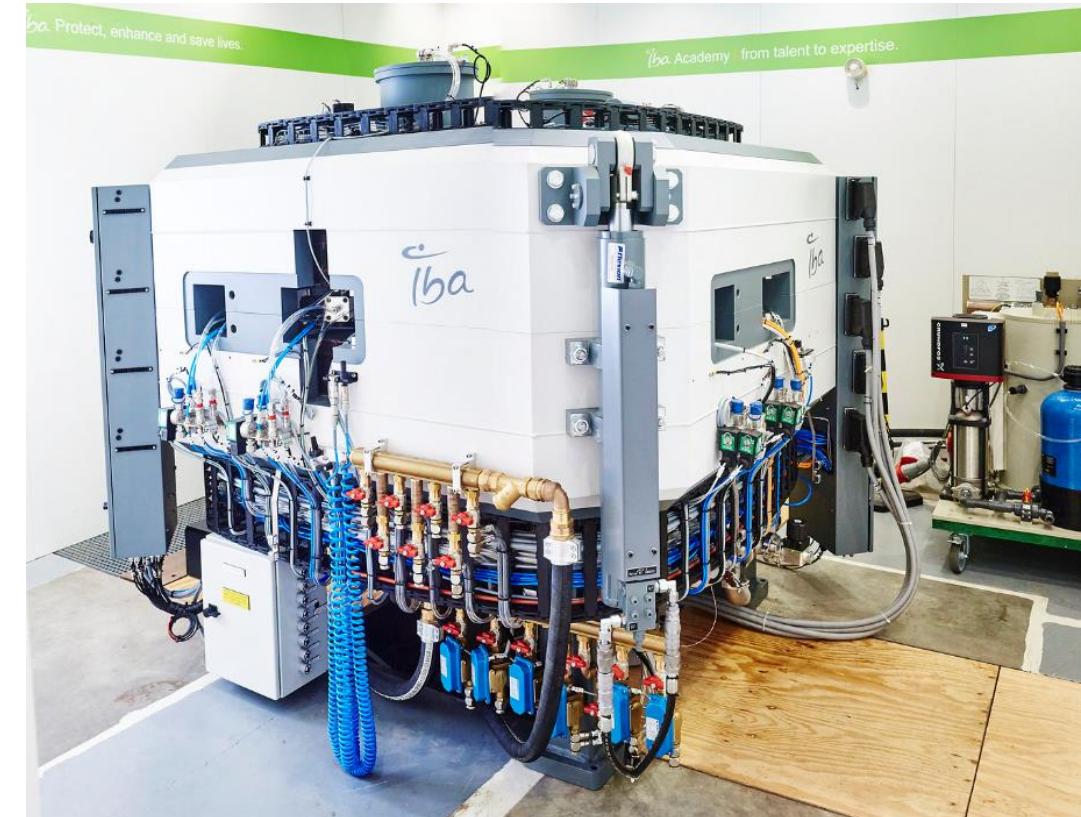
30MeV

70MeV

# Optimization example: Cyclone Kiube (18 MeV)



- New design approach:
  - Fits in std container
  - Much less iron than before (~30%)
  - Easy installation
  - Uncompromised performances (vacuum, beam...)
  
- whilst being cost-optimal
  - Standardization of parts
  - Co-design with suppliers
  - ...

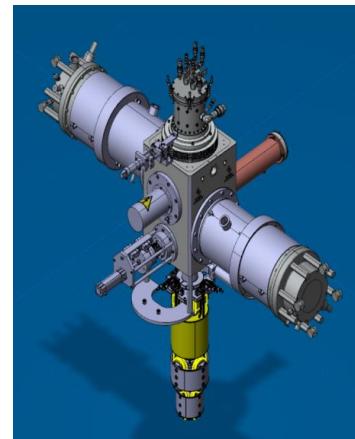
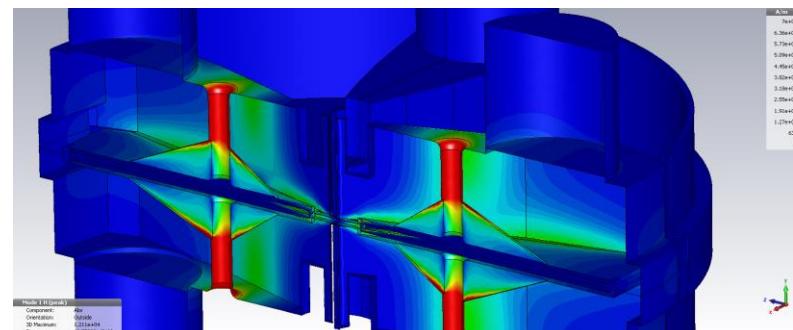
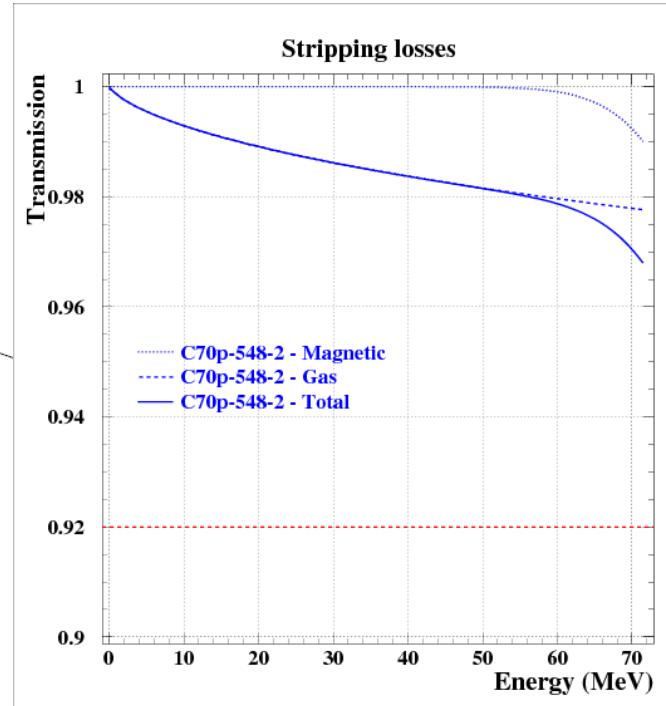
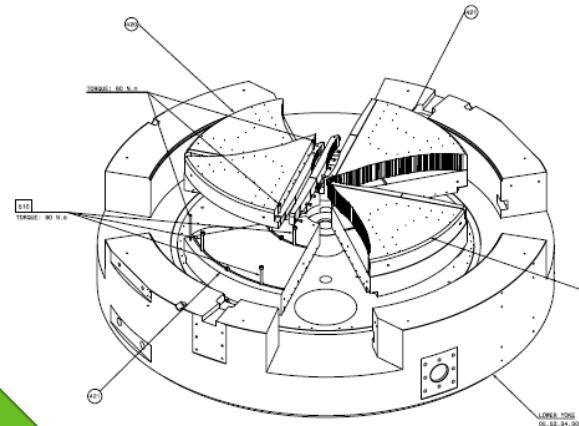
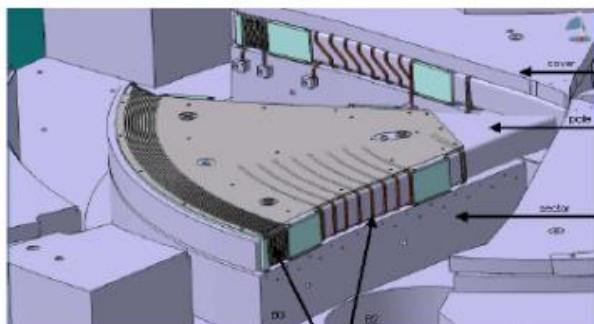
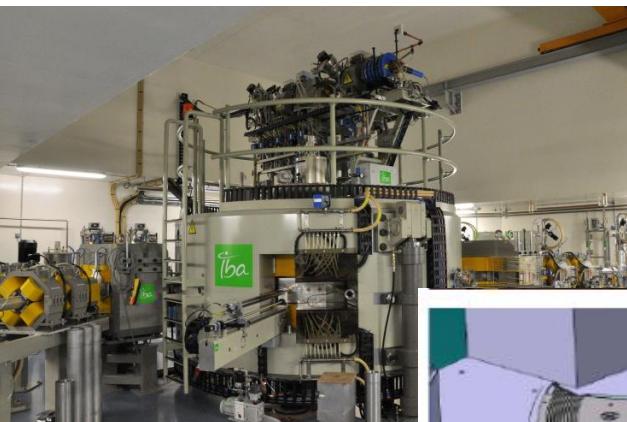


Protect, Enhance and Save Lives

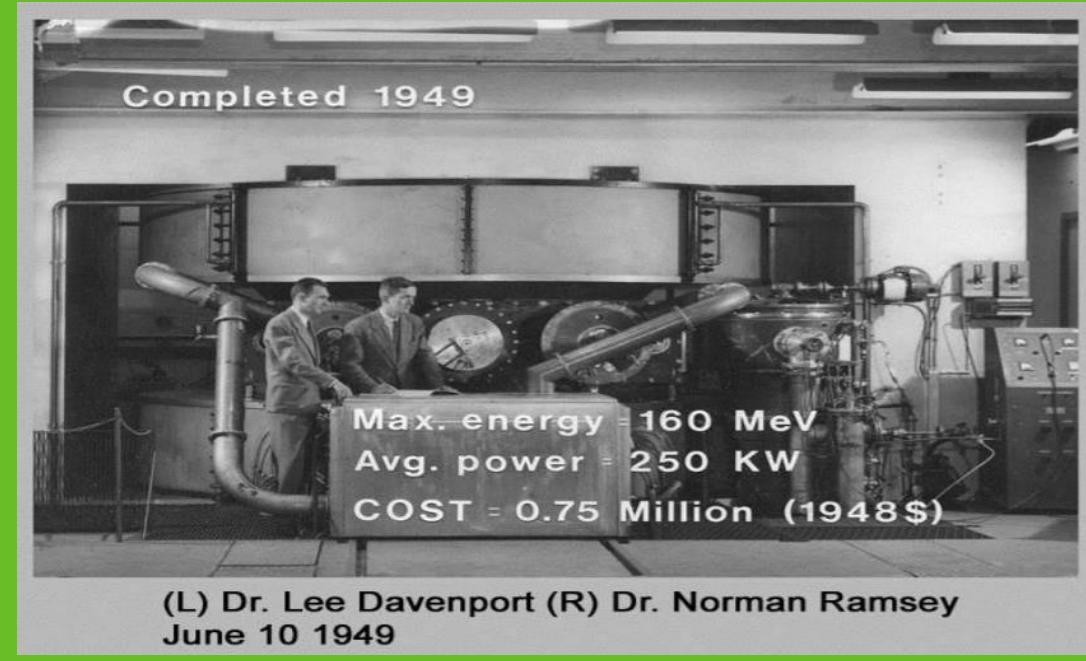
# Optimization example II: Cyclone 70p



Accelerated Beam	Extracted Beam	Extracted Energy (MeV)	Beam Intensity (euA)	Exit Ports
H <sup>-</sup>	H <sup>+</sup>	30 - 70	750	dual
D <sup>-</sup>	D <sup>+</sup>	15 - 35	50	dual
<sup>4</sup> He <sup>2+</sup>	<sup>4</sup> He <sup>2+</sup>	70	70	single
HH <sup>+</sup>	HH <sup>+</sup>	35	50	single



# Therapy cyclotrons



# Accelerators in PT

- (rough) requirements
  - Max. energy: 230 (250 MeV) protons – 400 MeV/u carbon ions
  - Min energy: ~70 MeV protons
  - At least 2 Gy/l/min
  - Fast beam intensity modulation
  - Minimum footprint
  - Minimum energy consumption
  - Stray field...?
- Currently available on the market
  - Synchrotrons
    - Beam accelerated on a single path, magnetic field is ramped  
=>Variable energy, pulsed beam, multiple-stage
  - Cyclotrons and synchro-cyclotrons
    - Acceleration on a spiral path, fixed magnetic field  
=> Usually fixed energy, CW or pulsed (high rep. rate), single stage
- In development or for the (far) future:
  - Linacs
  - Wakefield accelerators
  - Cyclinacs

# Commercial systems at a glance, by geography (2016)

Commercial systems acc. since 1996

IBA

Number of Rooms - US

Number of Rooms – EMEA + ROW

HITACHI

VARIAN

MEVION

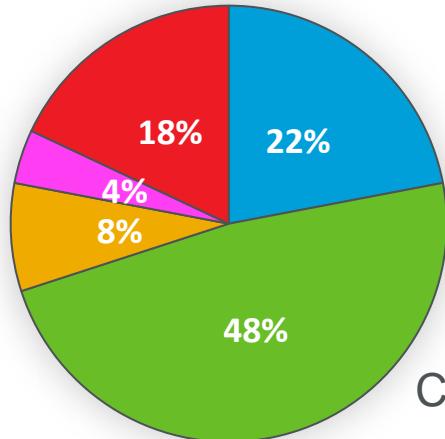
PROTOM

MELCO

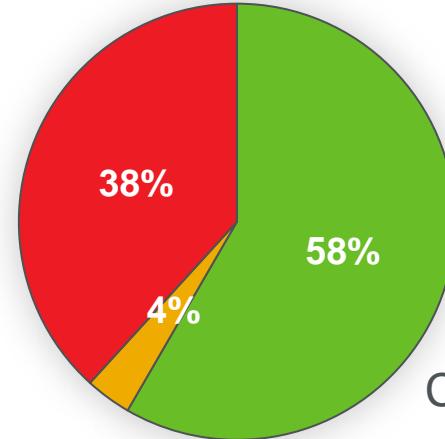
SHI

PRONOVA

AVO

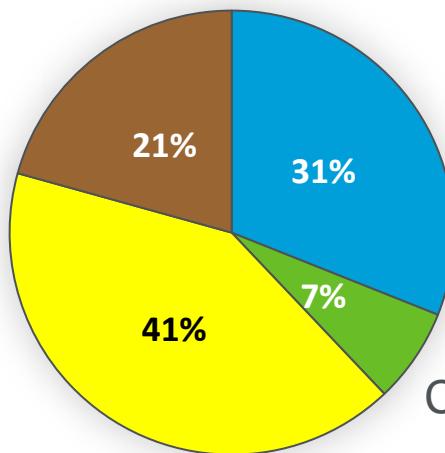


Cyclos: 74%



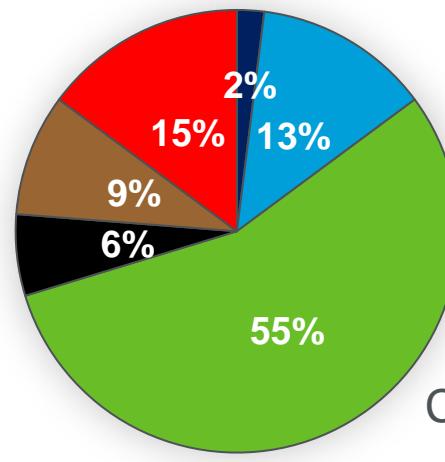
Cyclos: 96%

Number of Rooms - Japan



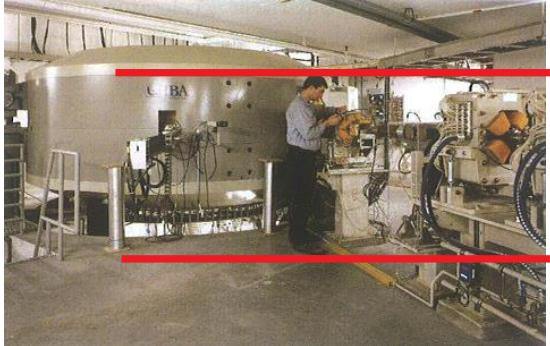
Cyclos: 74%

Number of Rooms – Rest of APAC



Cyclos: 85%

# Current models



## IBA C230

- 230 MeV protons
- 4.3 m Diameter
- CW beam
- Normal conducting
- Magnet: 200 kW
- RF: 60 kW



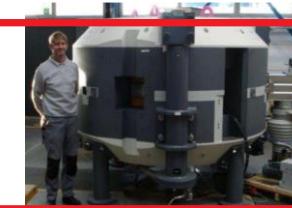
## Varian-Accel Probeam

- 250 MeV protons
- 3.1 m Diameter
- CW beam
- Superconducting (NbTi)
- Magnet: 40 kW
- RF: 115 kW



## Mevion SC250

- 250 MeV protons
- ~1.5 m Diameter (shield)
- Superconducting ( $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$ )

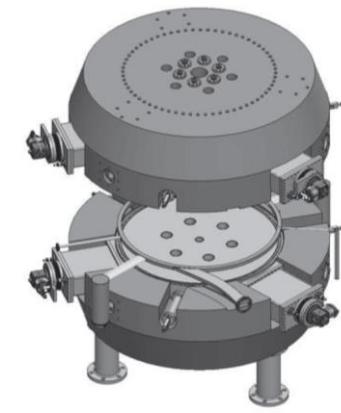
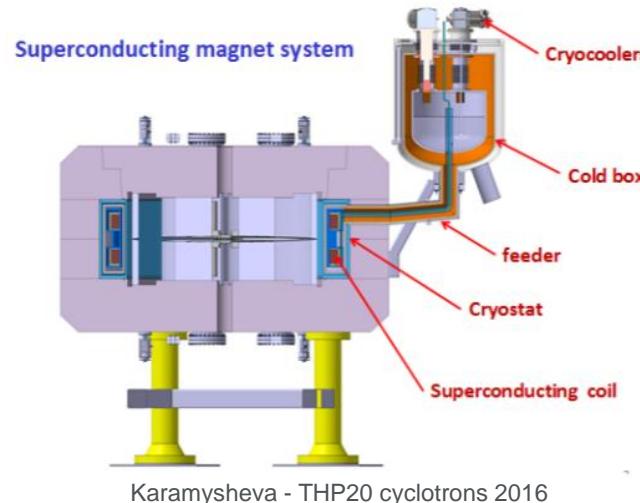
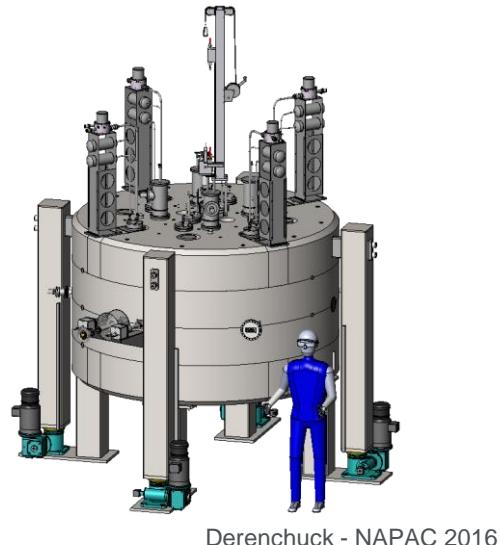


## IBA S2C2

- MeV protons
- 2.2 m Diameter
- Rep. rate: 1 kHz
- Superconducting (NbTi) => ~30 kW
- RF: 11 kW

# Proton cyclotrons - Ongoing developments

## ■ 1. Isochronous: SHI, Varian/Antaya, Pronova/Ionetix, Heifei/JINR



### SHI

- 230 MeV protons
- 2.8 m Diameter
- CW beam
- Superconducting (NbTi)
- 55 tons
- 4 T (extr.)

### Pronova/Ionetix

- 250 MeV protons
- 2.8 m Diameter
- CW beam
- Superconducting ( $Nb_3Sn$ )
- 60 tons
- 3.7 T (extr.)

### Heifei/JINR

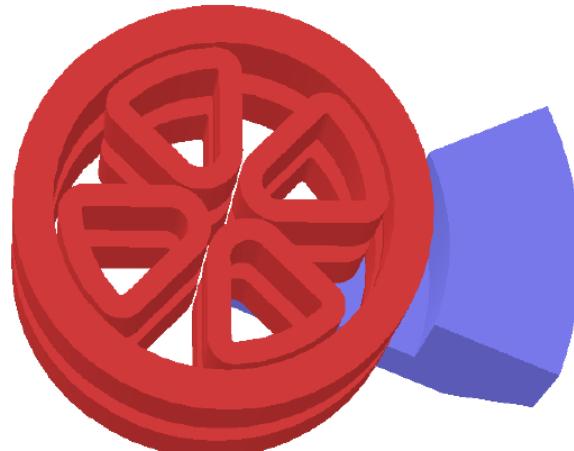
- 200 MeV protons
- 2.2 m Diameter
- CW beam
- Superconducting
- 30 tons
- 3.6 T (extr.)

### Varian/Antaya

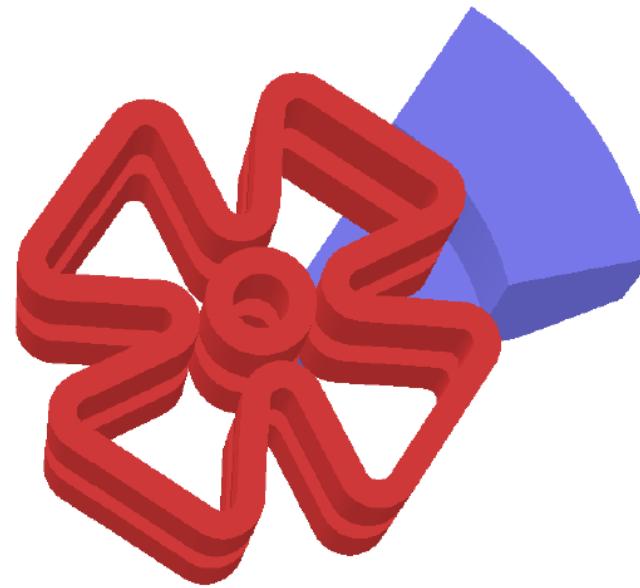
- 230 MeV protons
- 2.2 m Diameter
- CW beam
- Superconducting ( $Nb_3Sn$ )
- 30 tons+
- 5.5 T (extr.)
- “Flutter” coils

# Flutter coils

- Flutter coils are useful to overcome the limitation of iron-dominated field variation



Kleeven, IBA internal report

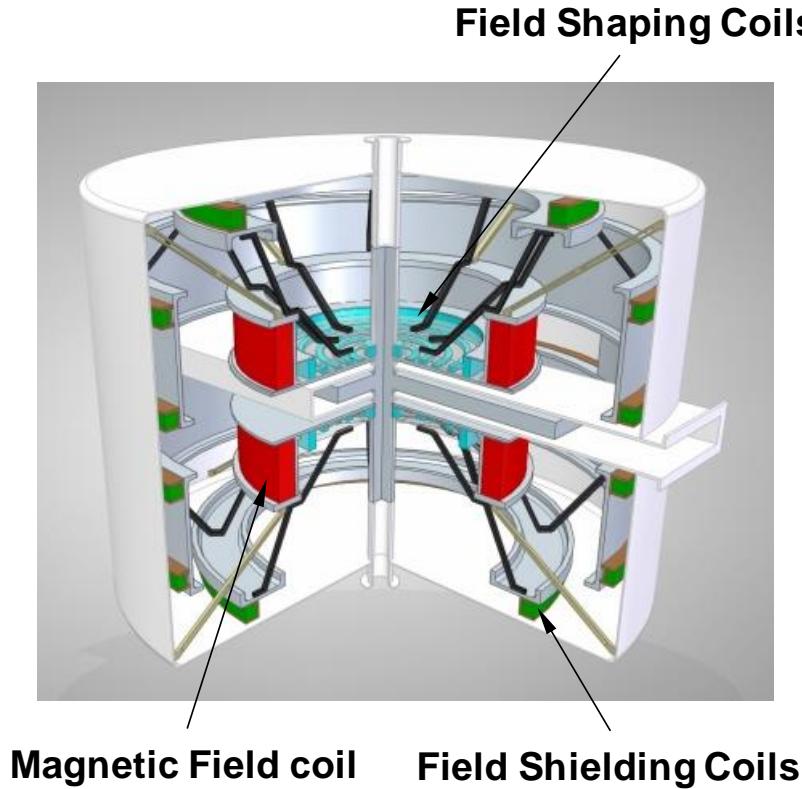
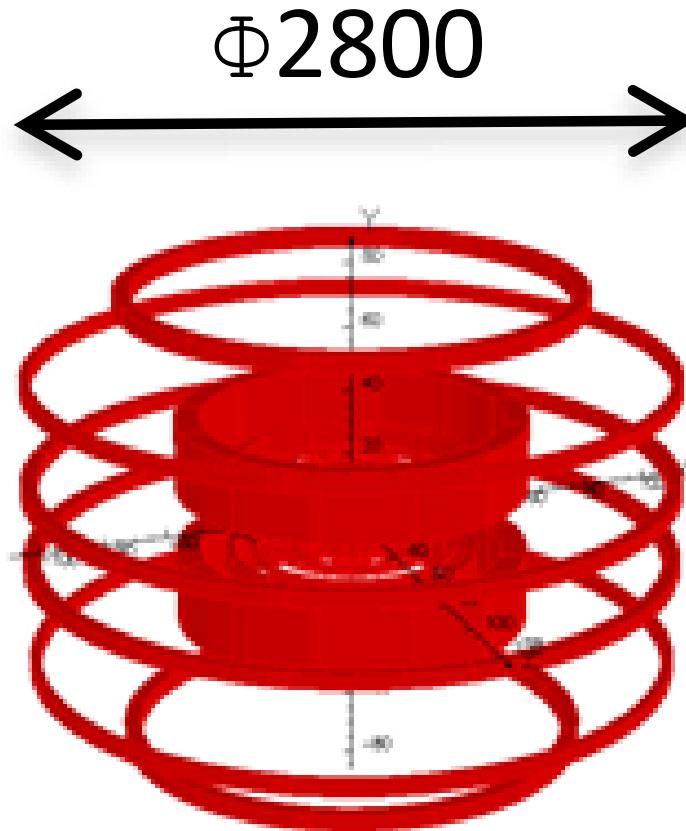


Antaya – Private communication

- Same concept can be used for extraction systems
- Limitations:
  - Adds complexity (cryogenics closer to median plane)
  - Less sharp field variations

# Proton cyclotrons - Ongoing developments

## ■ 2. Synrocyclotrons: MIT ironless (Pronova)



- 250 MeV protons
- (2.4-)2.8 m Diameter
- Pulsed beam
- Superconducting ( $Nb_3Sn$ )
- 4 tons
- T (extr.)
- Cost?
- Variable-energy possible

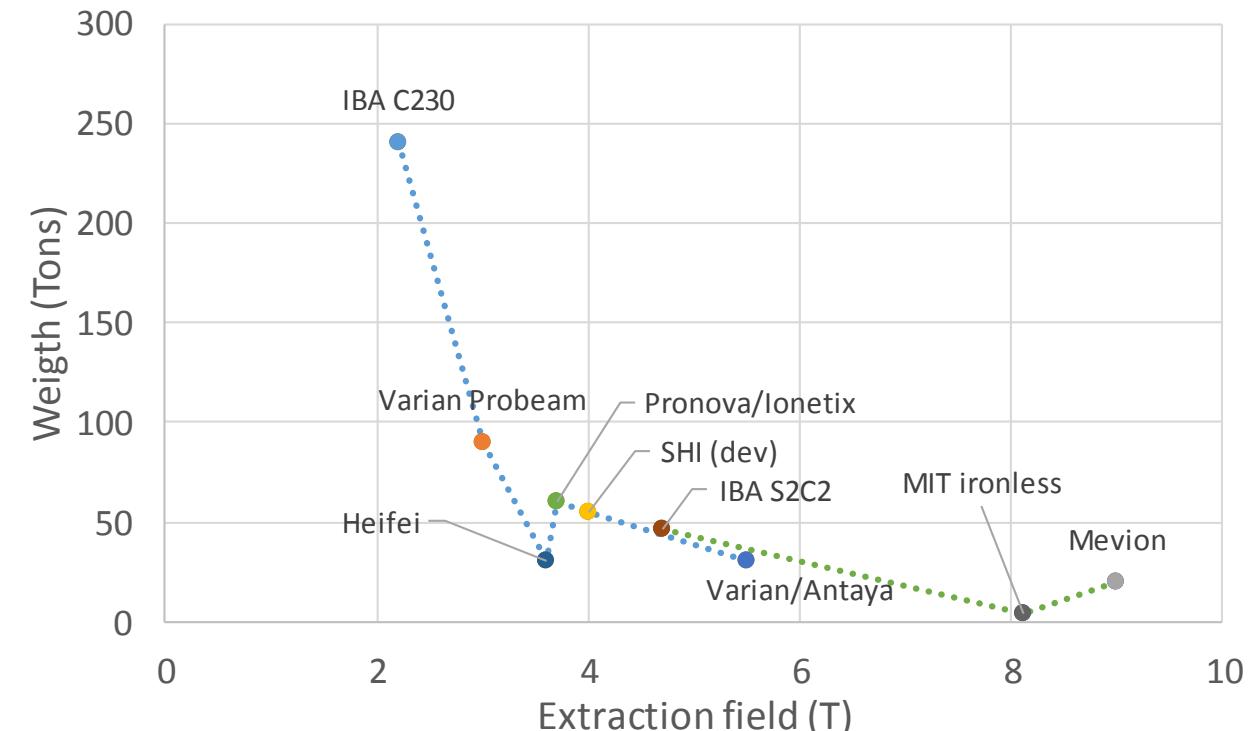
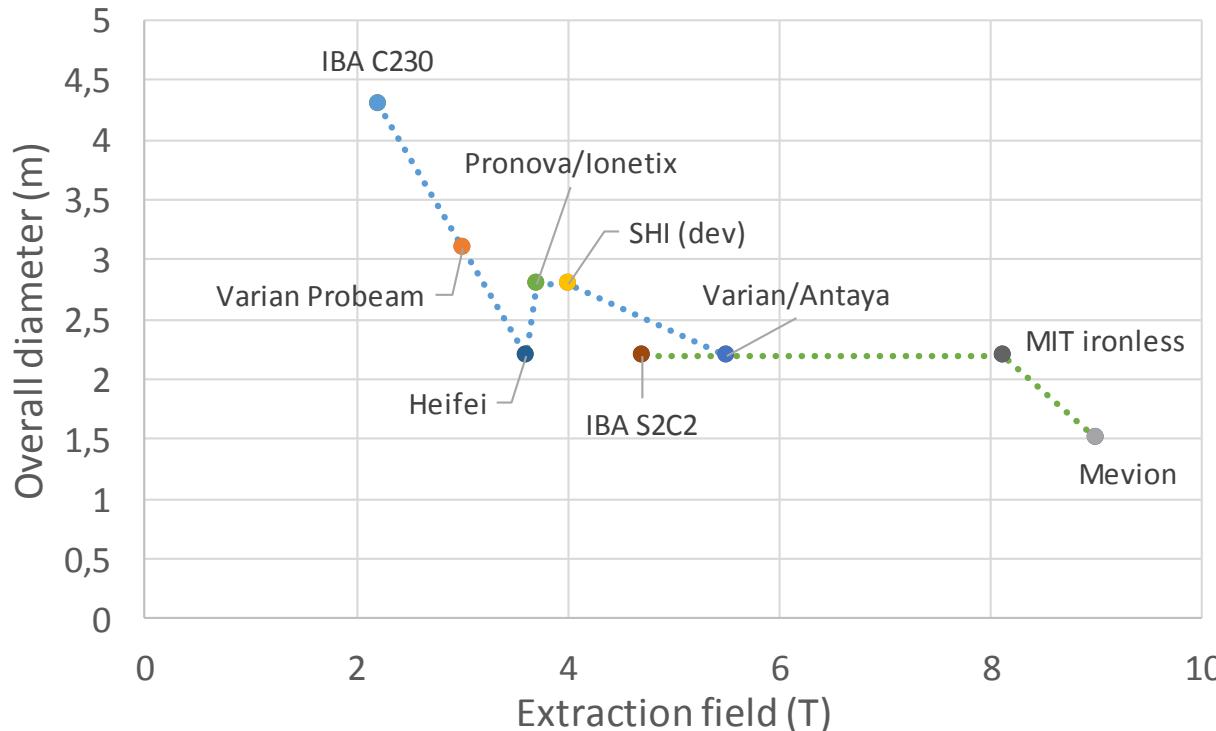
# Accelerators: Comparison table

	<b>IBA C230</b>	<b>Varian Probeam</b>	<b>Mevion SC250</b>	<b>IBA S2C2</b>	<b>SHI</b>	<b>ProNova Isoch.</b>	<b>JINR/Heifei SC200</b>	<b>Varian/ Antaya</b>	<b>MIT ironless</b>
Type	Isoch.	Isoch.	Synch.	Synch.	Isoch.	Isoch.	Isoch.	Isoch.	Synch.
Energy (MeV)	230	250	250	230	230	230	200	230	250
Extr. Field (T)	2.2	3	9		4	3.7	3.6	5.5	8.1
Diameter (m)	~4.5	3.1	1.5	2.2	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.4-2.8
Height (m)					1.7	2.5 (4.5)			
Weight (tons)	~240	90		46	~55	~60	30	30+ (conductor)	5
Cooling	water	He bath	cryocoolers	4 cryocoolers	4 cryocoolers	4 pulse tubes	He Bath (2 cryoc.?)	2? cryocoolers	cryocoolers
Power during operation(kW)	~260				>240	240			
Power when idle (kW)	5-8	?	6.5 (?)	27	>27	>36		>13	

\* Sumitomo F50 series compressors:  
 6.5-7.2 kW at 50 Hz - 7.5-8.3 kW at 60 Hz  
 \*\* Cryomech PT415 power consumption:  
 9.2-10.7 kW at 50 and 60 Hz, respectively

# Optimization: Is it worth increasing the field?

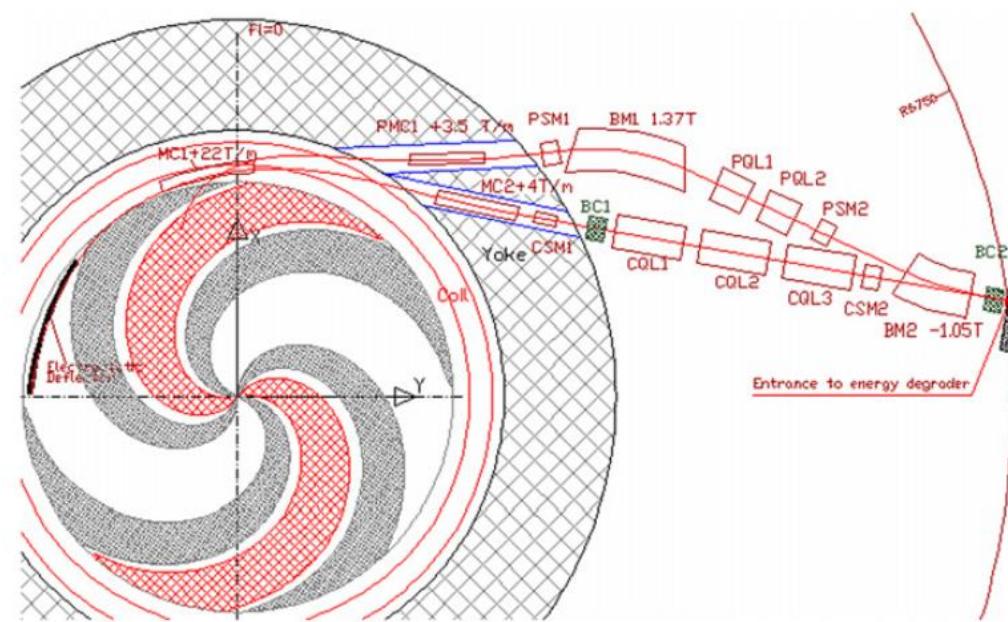
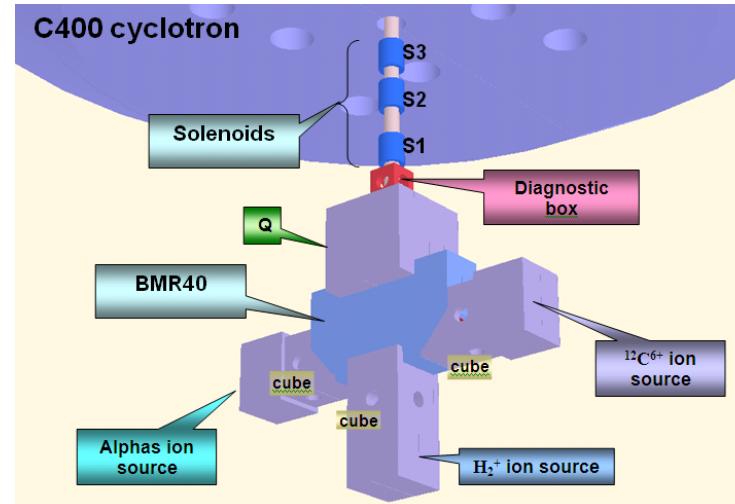
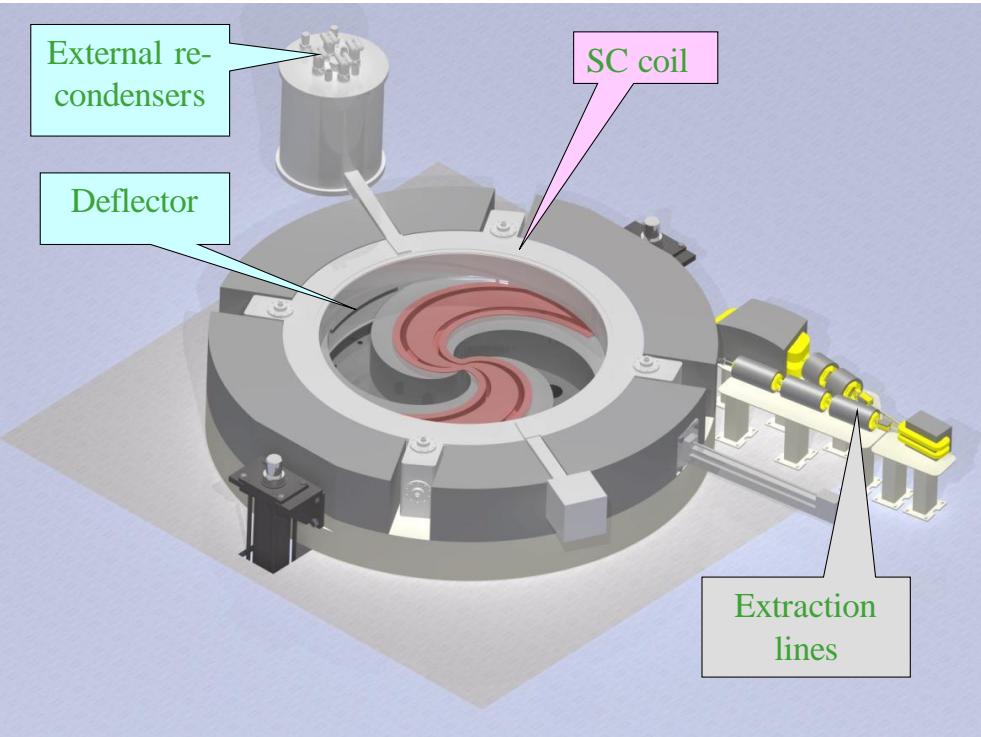
- Lower weight helps but is not always an issue (i.e. iron is cheap), as long as you stay within certain limits
- Size matters: facility footprint vs. accelerator complexity (turn sep.)



# A cyclotron for carbon?

## IBA C400

- Up to Carbon (400 MeV/u)
- ~6.5 m Diameter
- ~700 tons
- 4.5-2.5 tesla
- 2 cavities, 75 MHz on H=4



# Final thoughts

On optimization

# Cyclotrons have been there for a long time now

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- Compact accelerators
- Relatively low need of RF power (especially true for synrocyclotrons)
- Capable of intense beams (Cyclone14AE, Cyclone70: >52 kW)
  
- But the end user, in the end, does not really care about technology
- He cares in:
  - Functionality, yield/treatment quality      => combination of
    - cyclo/target/synthesis
    - => optics and field quality
  - Uptime and reliability are paramount      => automation and maintenance
  - Footprint and total cost of acquisition      => sound design and compromises

Simulations, sound engineering and customer needs



# Thank you



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