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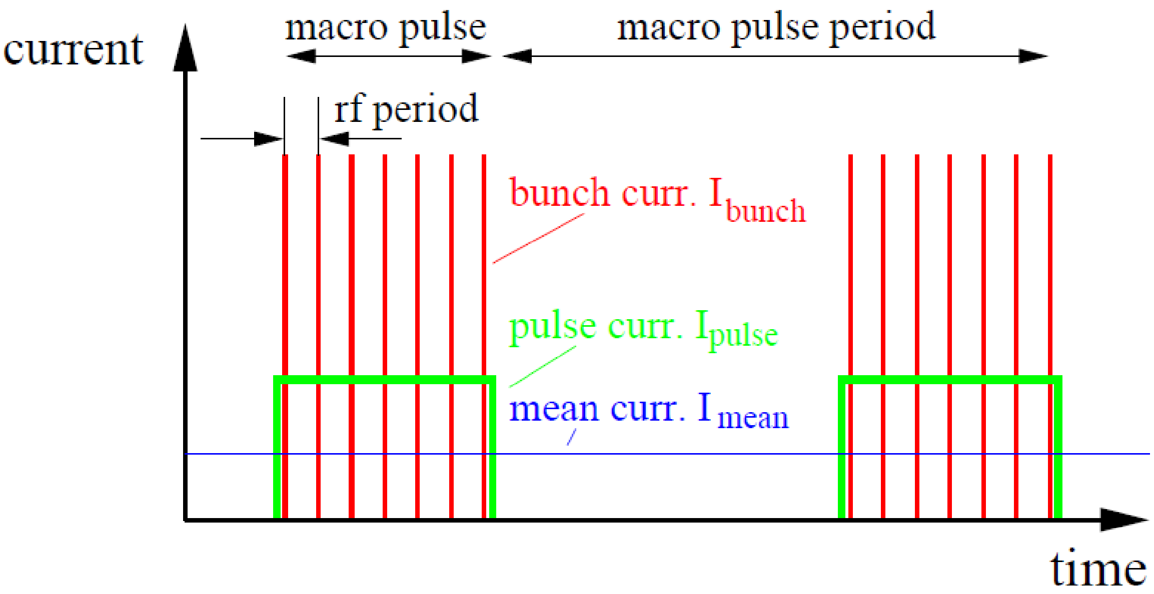
  - They are non-destructive. No dependence on beam energy
  - They have lower detection threshold.
- **Faraday cups:** Measurement of the beam's **electrical charges**
  - They are destructive. For low energies only
  - Low currents can be determined.
- **Particle detectors:** Measurement of the particle' s **energy loss** in matter
  - Examples are scintillators, ionization chambers, secondary e– emission monitors
  - Used for low currents at high energies e.g. for slow extraction from a synchrotron.

Generally: Beam instruments are mounted outside of rf cavities to prevent for electro-magnetic interference from the high field; only inside cyclotrons some BI.

Beam Structure of a pulsed LINAC

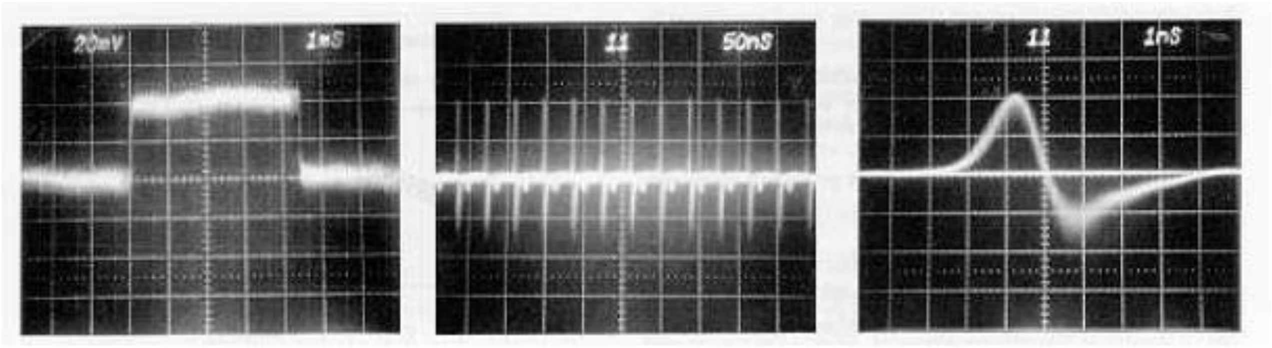
Pulsed LINACs and cyclotrons used for injection to synchrotrons with $t_{pulse} \approx 100\ \mu s$:



One distinguish between:

- ➢Mean current I_{mean}
- → long time average in [A]
- ➢Pulse current I_{pulse}
- → during the macro pulse in [A]
- ➢Bunch current I_{bunch}
- → during the bunch in [C/bunch] or [particles/bunch]

Remark: Van-de-Graaff (ele-static): → no bunch structure



Example:
Pulse and bunch structure at GSI LINAC:

Magnetic field of the beam and the ideal Transformer

- Beam current of N_{part} charges with velocity β

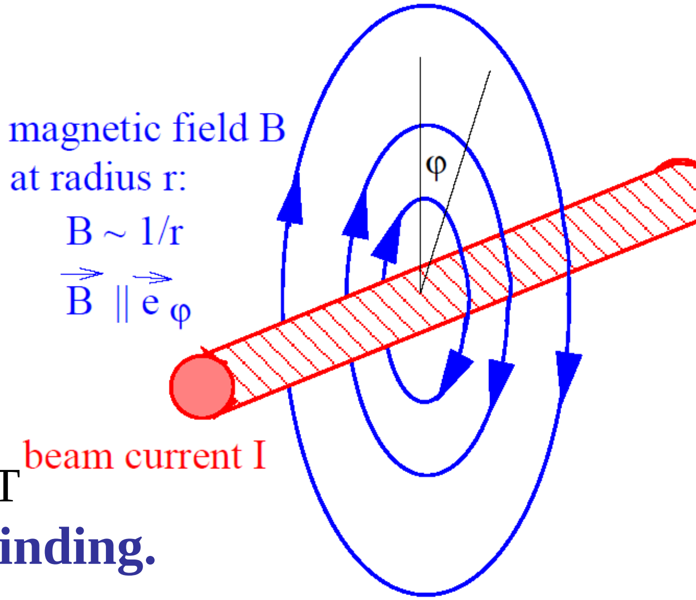
$$I_{beam} = qe \cdot \frac{N_{part}}{t} = qe \cdot \beta c \cdot \frac{N_{part}}{l}$$

- cylindrical symmetry

→ only azimuthal component

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \frac{I_{beam}}{2\pi r} \cdot \vec{e_\varphi}$$

Example: I =1μA, r =10cm ⇒ B_{beam}= 2pT, earth B_{earth}= 50μT



Idea: Beam as primary winding and sense by sec. winding.

⇒ Loaded current transformer

$$I_1/I_2 = N_2/N_1 \Rightarrow I_{sec} = 1/N \cdot I_{beam}$$

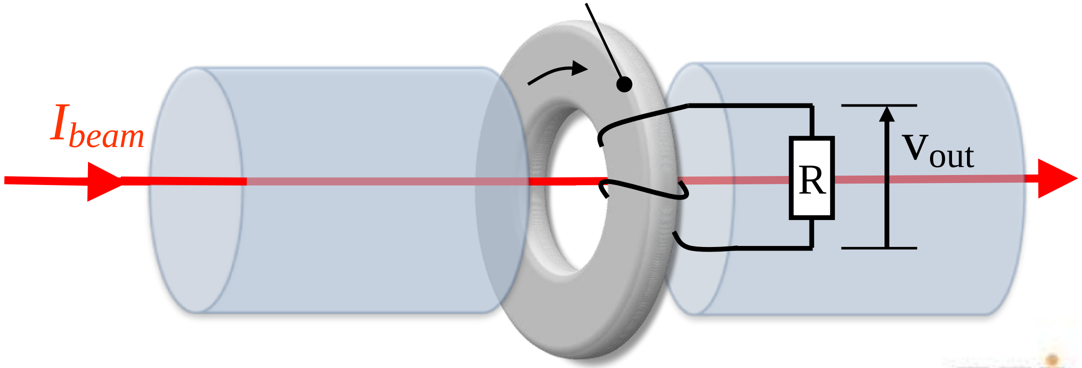
- Inductance of a torus of μ_r

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_r}{2\pi} \cdot lN^2 \cdot \ln \frac{r_{out}}{r_{in}}$$

- Goal of torus: Large inductance ***L*** ***and*** guiding of field lines.

Definition: $U = L \cdot dI/dt$

Torus to guide the magnetic field



Passive Transformer (or Fast Current Transformer FCT)

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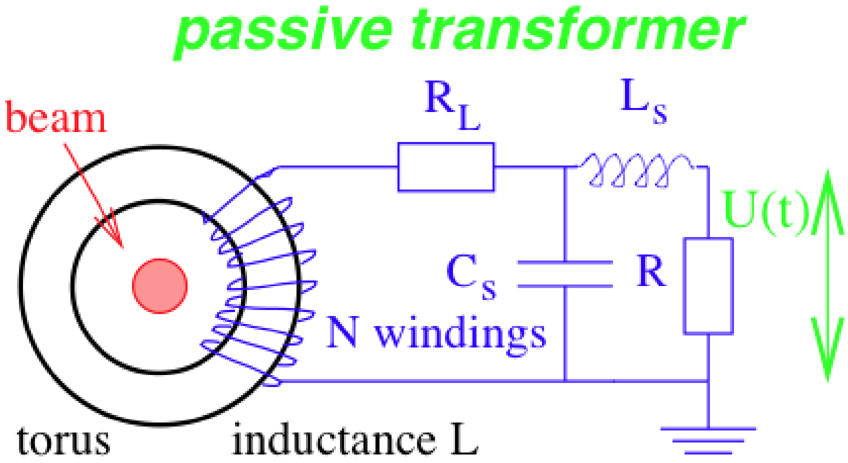
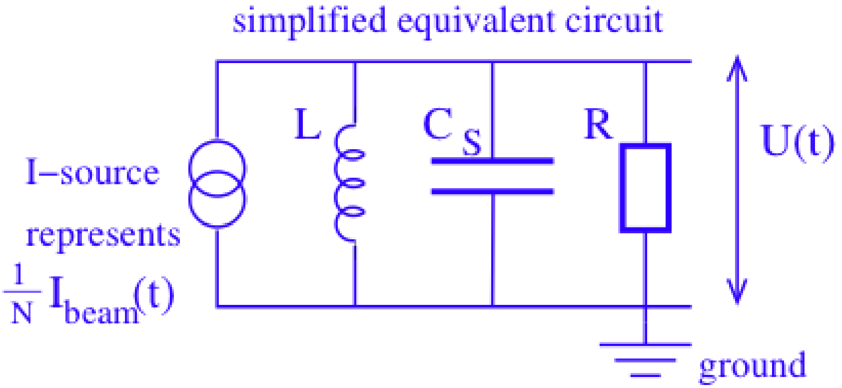




A voltages is measured: $\boldsymbol{U = R \cdot I_{sec} = R/N \cdot I_{beam} \equiv S \cdot I_{beam}}$

with ***S* sensitivity [V/A],** equivalent to transfer function or transfer impedance ***Z***

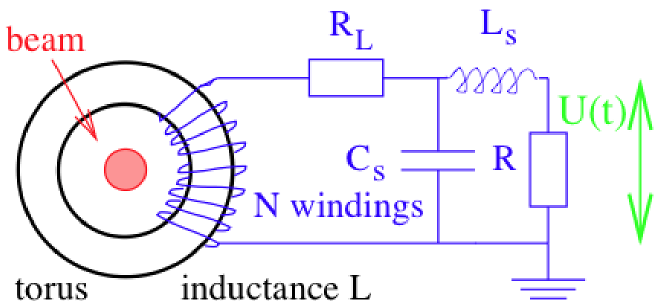
Equivalent circuit for analysis of sensitivity and bandwidth

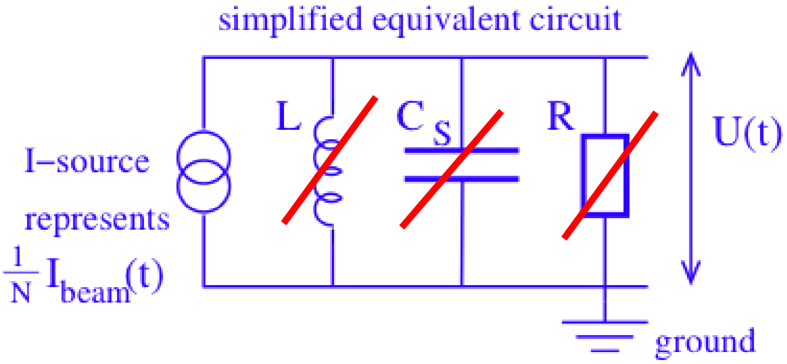
(disregarding the loss resistivity R_L)

Bandwidth of a Passive Transformer

Analysis of a simplified electrical circuit of a passively loaded transformer:

passive transformer





For this parallel shunt:

$$\frac{1}{Z} = \frac{1}{i\omega L} + \frac{1}{R} + i\omega C_S \Leftrightarrow Z = \frac{i\omega L}{\cancel{1} + \cancel{i\omega L}/R - \cancel{\omega L/R} \cdot \omega R C_S}$$

- ***Low frequency*** $\omega \ll R/L: \; Z \rightarrow i\omega L$

  i.e. no dc-transformation

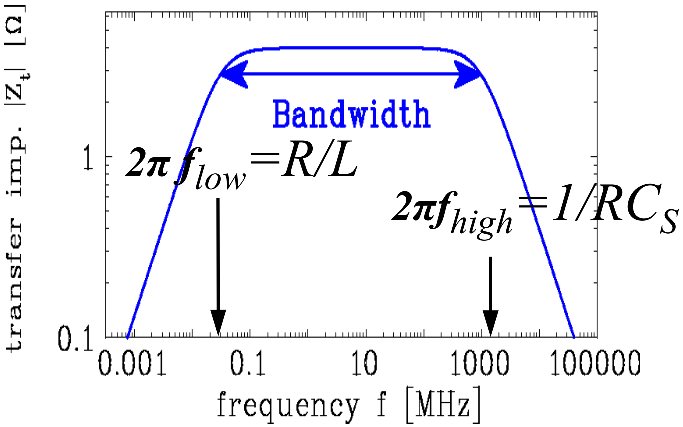
- ***High frequency*** $\omega \gg 1/RC_S: \; Z \rightarrow 1/i\omega C_S$

  i.e. current flow through C_S

- ***Working region*** $R/L < \omega < 1/RC_S: Z \simeq R$

  i.e. voltage drop at R and sensitivity $S=R/N$.

No oscillations due to over-damping by low R = 50 Ω to ground.



Response of the Passive Transformer: Rise and Droop Time

Time domain description:

Droop time constant : $\tau_{droop} = 1/(2\pi f_{low}) = L/R$

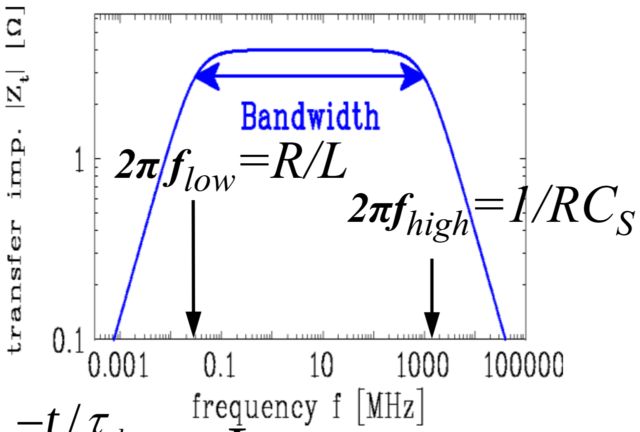
Rise time constant: $\tau_{rise} = 1/(2\pi f_{high}) = 1/(RC_S)$
(ideal without cables)

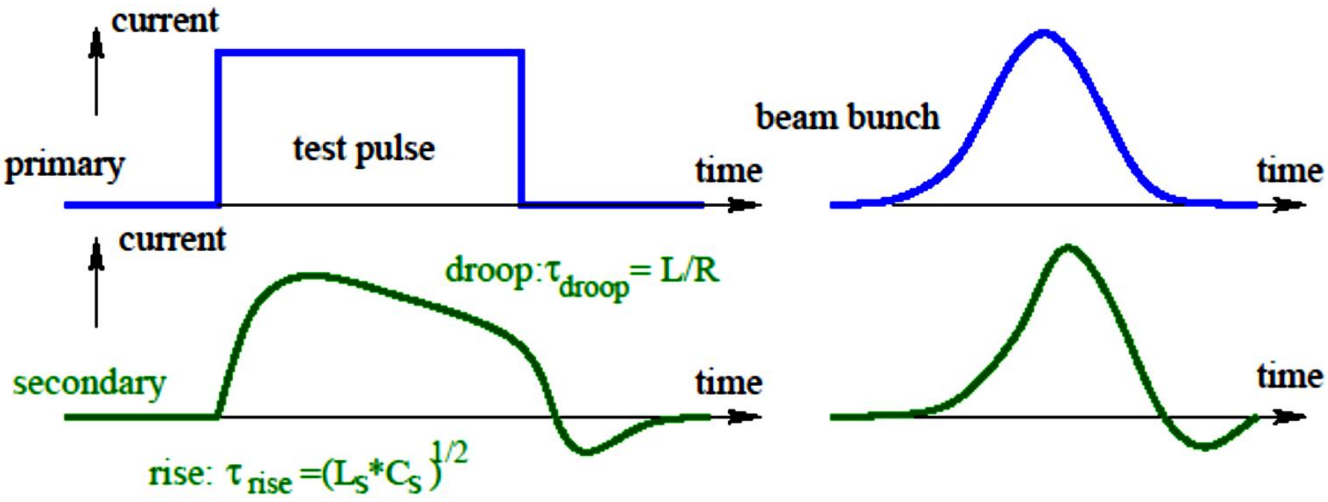
Rise time constant: $\tau_{rise} = 1/(2\pi f_{high}) = \sqrt{L_S C_s}$ (with cables)

R_L: loss resistivity, R: for measuring.

For the working region the voltage output is

$$U(t) = \frac{R}{N} \cdot e^{-t/\tau_{droop}} \cdot I_{beam}$$





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Windings	10
Sensitivity	4 V/A for R = 50 Ω
Droop time $\tau_{droop} = L/R$	0.2 ms
Rise time $\tau_{rise} = \sqrt{L_S C_S}$	1 ns
Bandwidth	2 kHz ... 300 MHz

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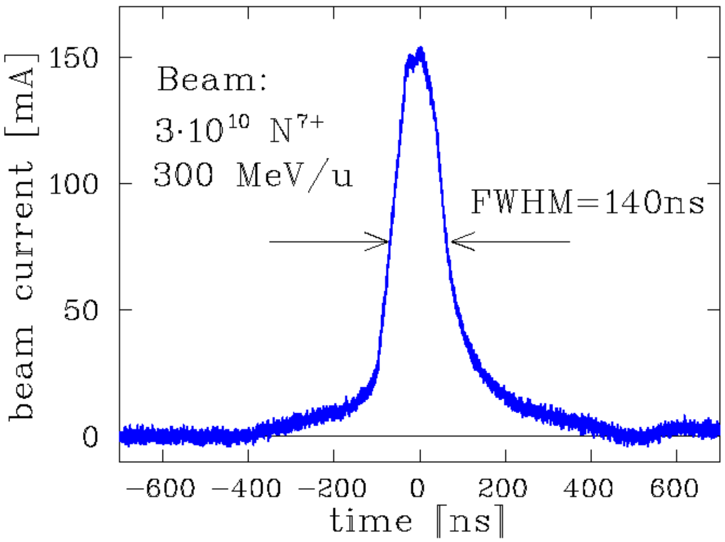
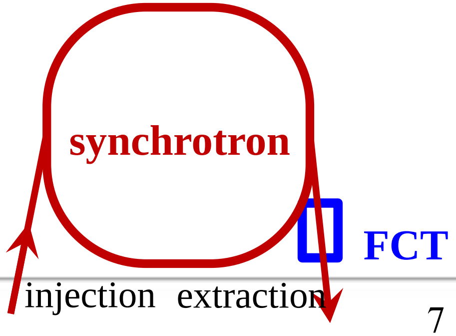
Fast extraction from GSI synchrotron:





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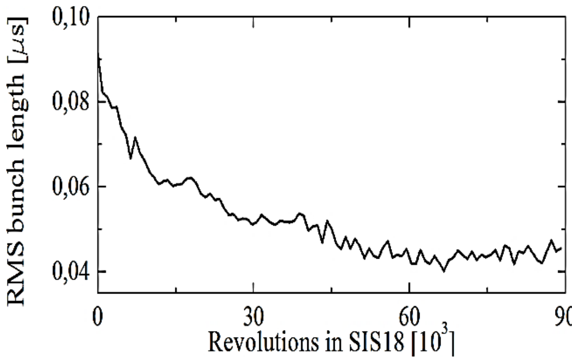
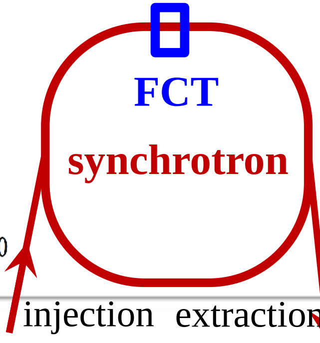


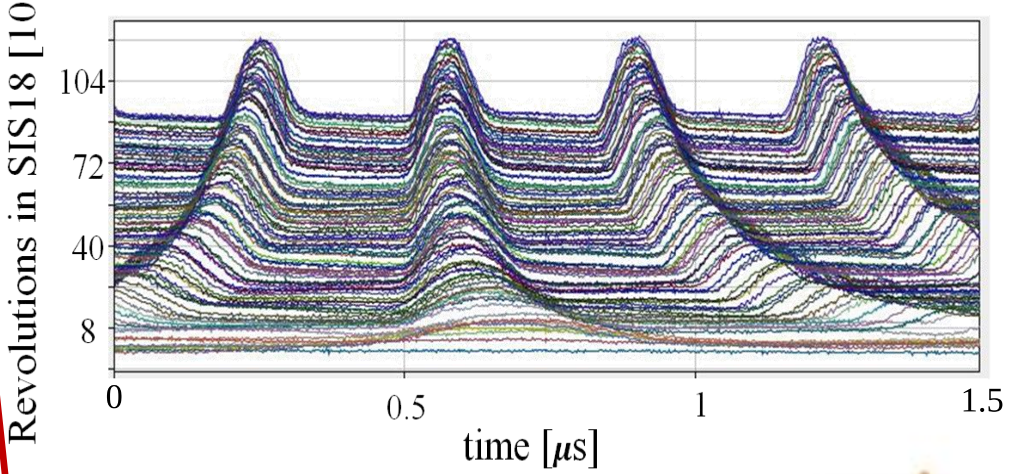


FCT

synchrotron

injection extraction

Example: U^{73+} from 11 MeV/u ($\boldsymbol{\beta}$ = 15 %) to 350 MeV/u within 300 ms (displayed every 0.15 ms)



'Active' Transformer with longer Droop Time

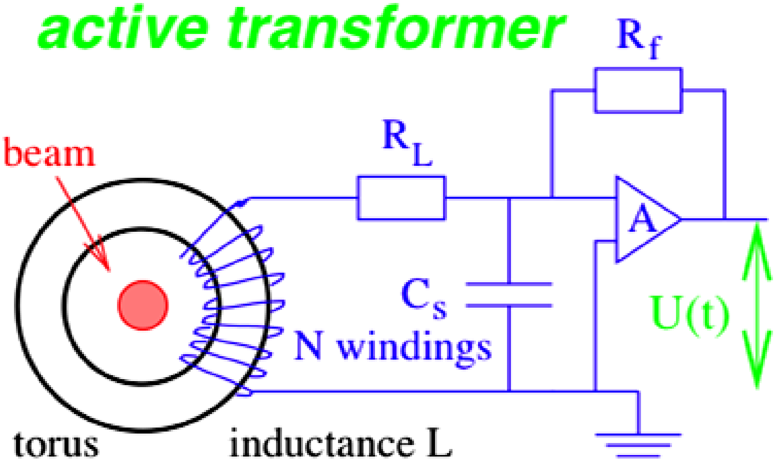
Active Transformer or Alternating Current Transformer ACT:

uses a trans-impedance amplifier (I/U converter) to $\boldsymbol{R \approx 0}$ Ω load impedance i.e. a current sink

+ compensation feedback

⇒ longer droop time τ_{droop}

Application: measurement of longer t > 10 μs e.g. at pulsed LINACs



The input resistor is for an op-amp: $R_f/A << R_L$

$\Rightarrow \tau_{droop} = L/(R_f/A+R_L) \simeq L/R_L$

Droop time constant can be up to 1 s!

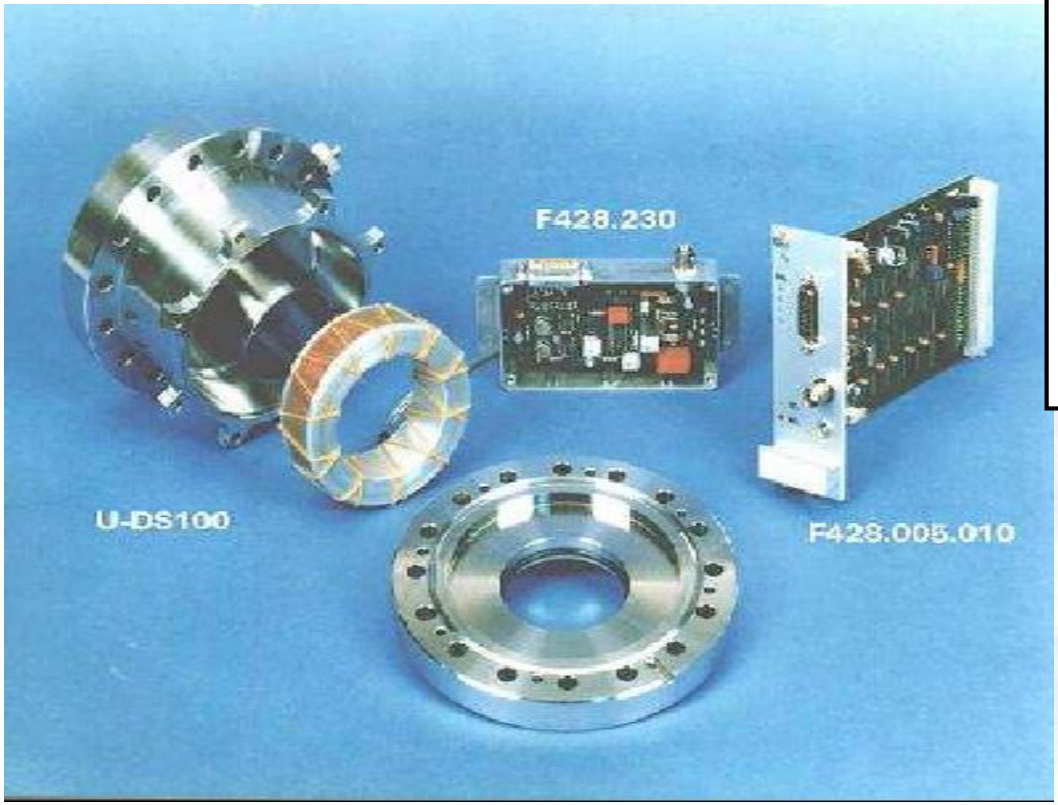
The feedback resistor is also used for range switching.

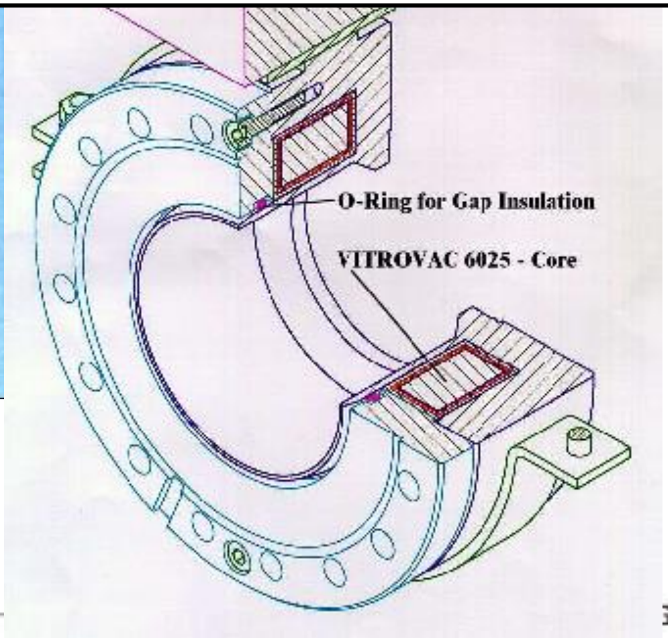
An additional active feedback loop is used to compensate the droop.

‘Active’ Transformer Realization

Active transformer for the measurement of long
t > 10 µs pulses e.g. at pulsed LINACs

Torus inner radius	r_i**=30 mm**
Torus outer radius	r_o**=45 mm**
Core thickness	l**=25 mm**
Core material	**Vitrovac 6025** $(\mathrm{CoFe})_{70\%}(\mathrm{MoSiB})_{30\%}$
Core permeability	$u_r=10^5$
Number of windings	**2x10 crossed**
Max. sensitivity	10^6 **V/A**
Beam current range	**10 µA to 100 mA**
Bandwidth	**1 MHz**
Droop	**0.5 % for 5 ms**
rms resolution	**0.2 µA for full bw**





'Active' Transformer Measurement

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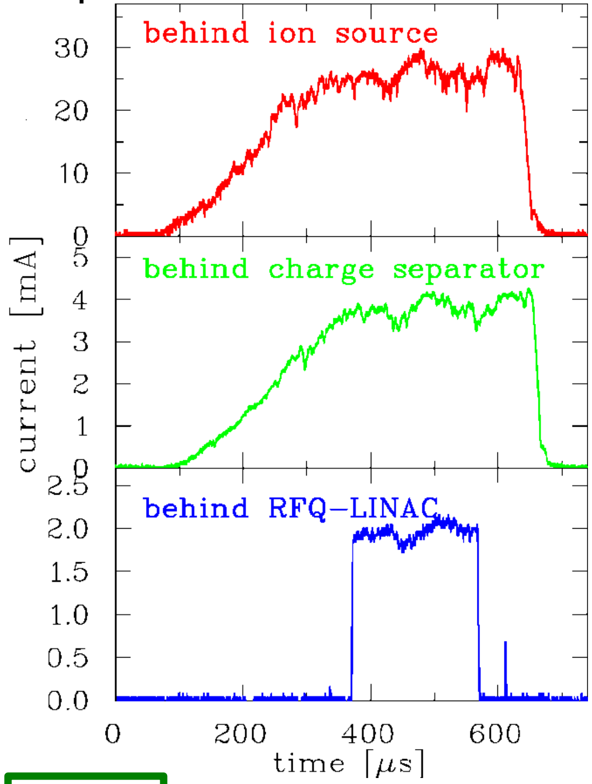
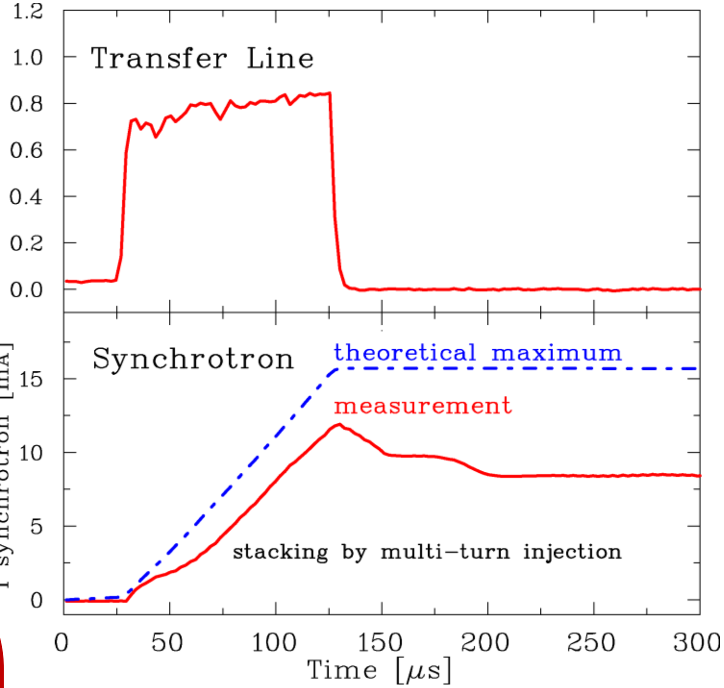
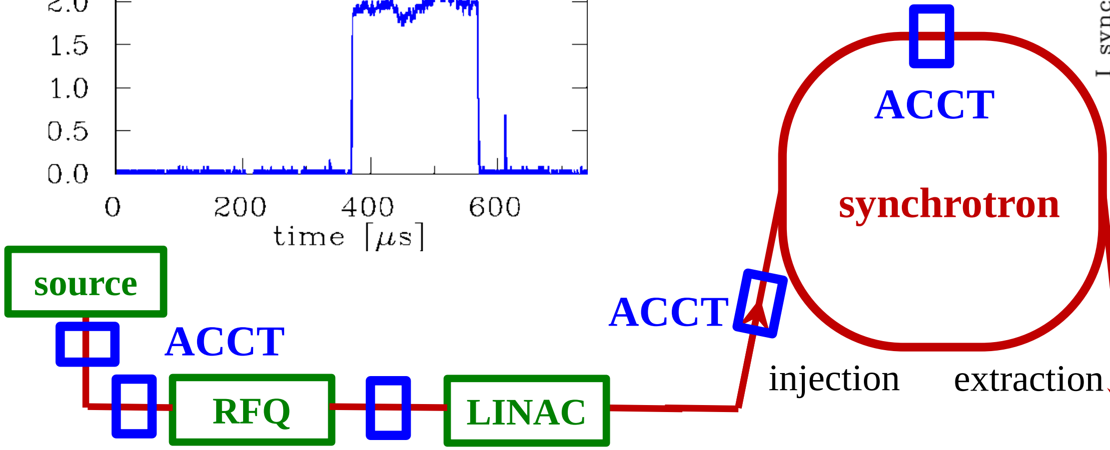
Example: Transmission and macro-pulse shape for Ni^{2+} beam at GSI LINAC



Example**:** Multi-turn injection of a Ni^{26+} beam into GSI Synchrotron, 5 µs per turn





ACCT

synchrotron

source

ACCT

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LINAC

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injection

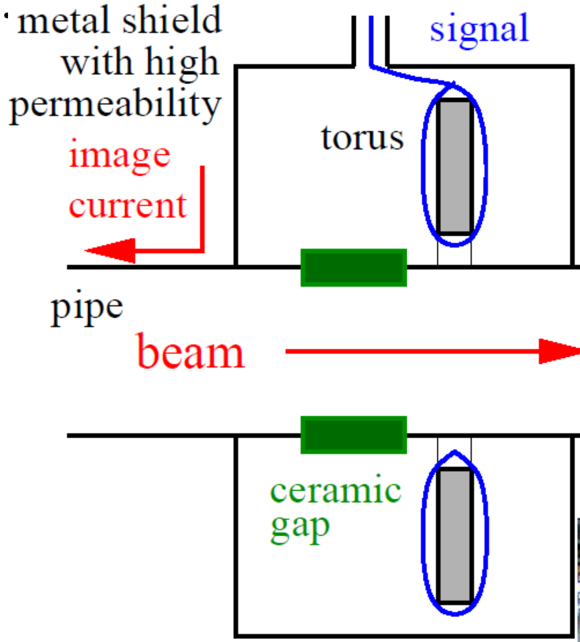
extraction

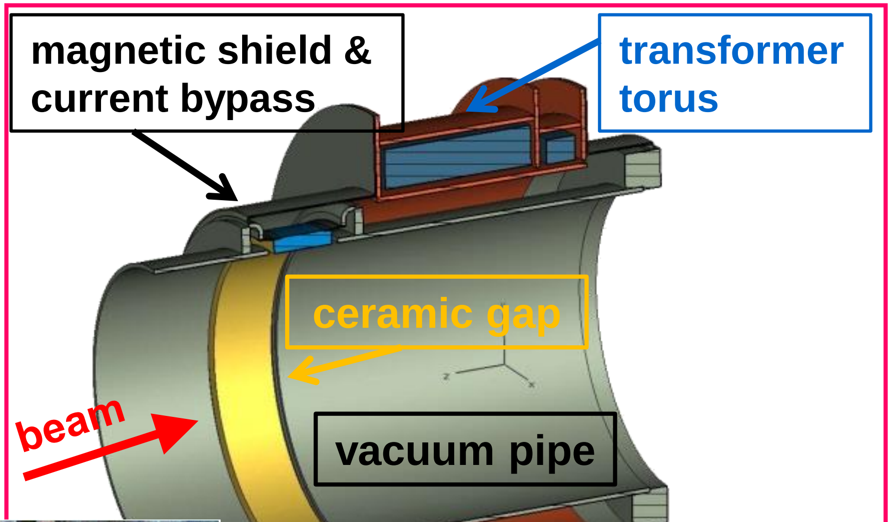
→ Transformer are frequently used for operation.

Shielding of a Transformer

Task of the shield:

- The image current of the walls have to be bypassed by a gap and a metal housing.
- This housing uses µ-metal and acts as a shield of external B-field
  (remember: $\boldsymbol{I}_{beam} = 1\ \mu\text{A}$, $\boldsymbol{r} = 10\ \text{cm} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{B}_{beam} = 2\text{pT}$, earth field $\boldsymbol{B}_{earth} = 50\ \mu\text{T}$)





Design Criteria for a Current Transformer

Criteria:

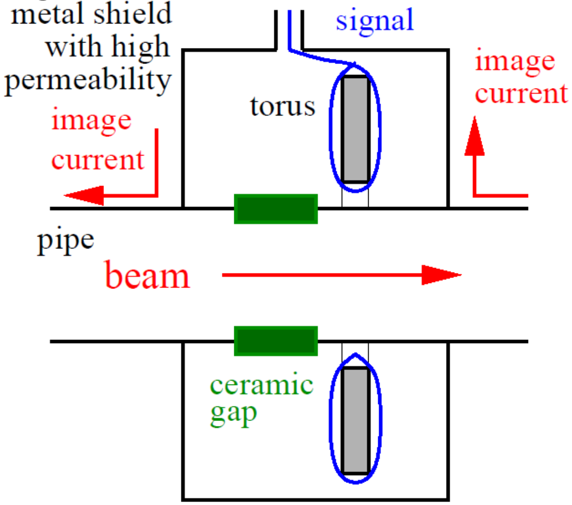
1. The output voltage is $U \propto 1/N \Rightarrow$ low number of windings for large signal.
2. For a longer droop time, a large inductance L is required due to $\tau_{droop} = L/R$:
   $L \propto N^2$ and $L \propto \mu_r$ ($\mu_r \approx 10^5$ for amorphous alloy)
3. For a large bandwidth the integrating capacitance C_s should be low $\tau_{rise} = \sqrt{L_s C_s}$

Depending on applications the behavior is influenced by external elements:

- **Passive transformer:** $R = 50\ \Omega$, $\tau_{rise} \approx 1$ ns for short pulses
  Application: Transfer between synchrotrons : $100\text{ ns} < t_{pulse} < 10\ \mu\text{s}$
- **Active transformer:** Current sink by I/U-converter, $\tau_{droop} \approx 1$ s for long pulses
  Application: macro-pulses at LINACs : $100\ \mu\text{s} < t_{pulse} < 10\text{ ms}$

General:

- The beam pipe has to be intersected to prevent the flow of the image current through the torus
- The torus is made of 25 µm isolated flat ribbon spiraled to get a torus of ≈15 mm thickness, to have large electrical resistivity
- Additional winding for calibration with current source



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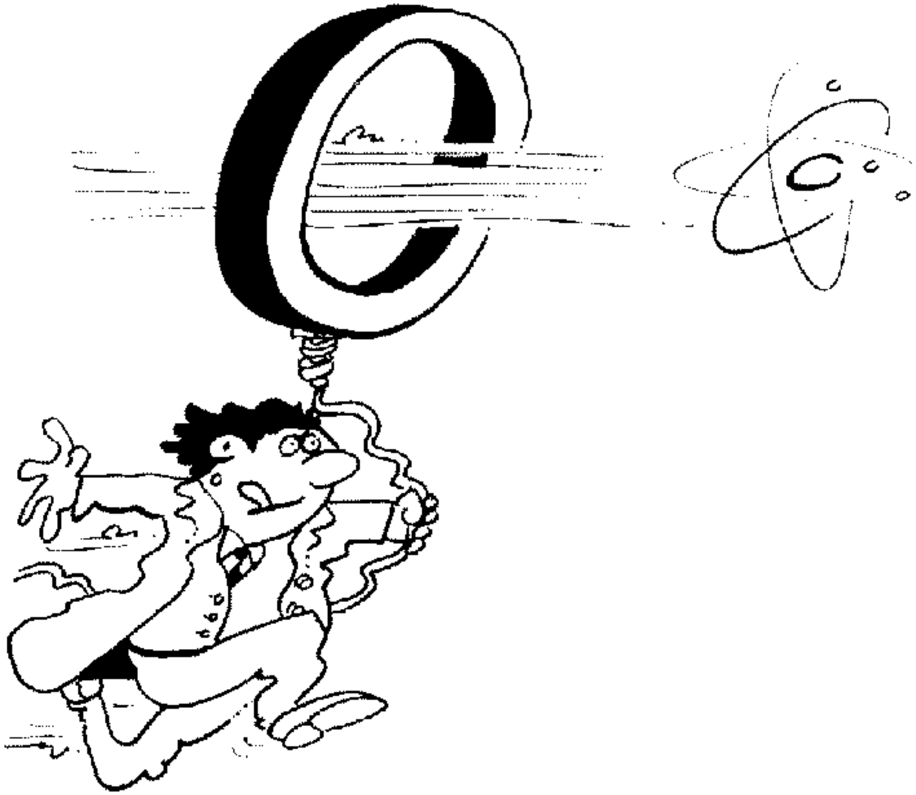
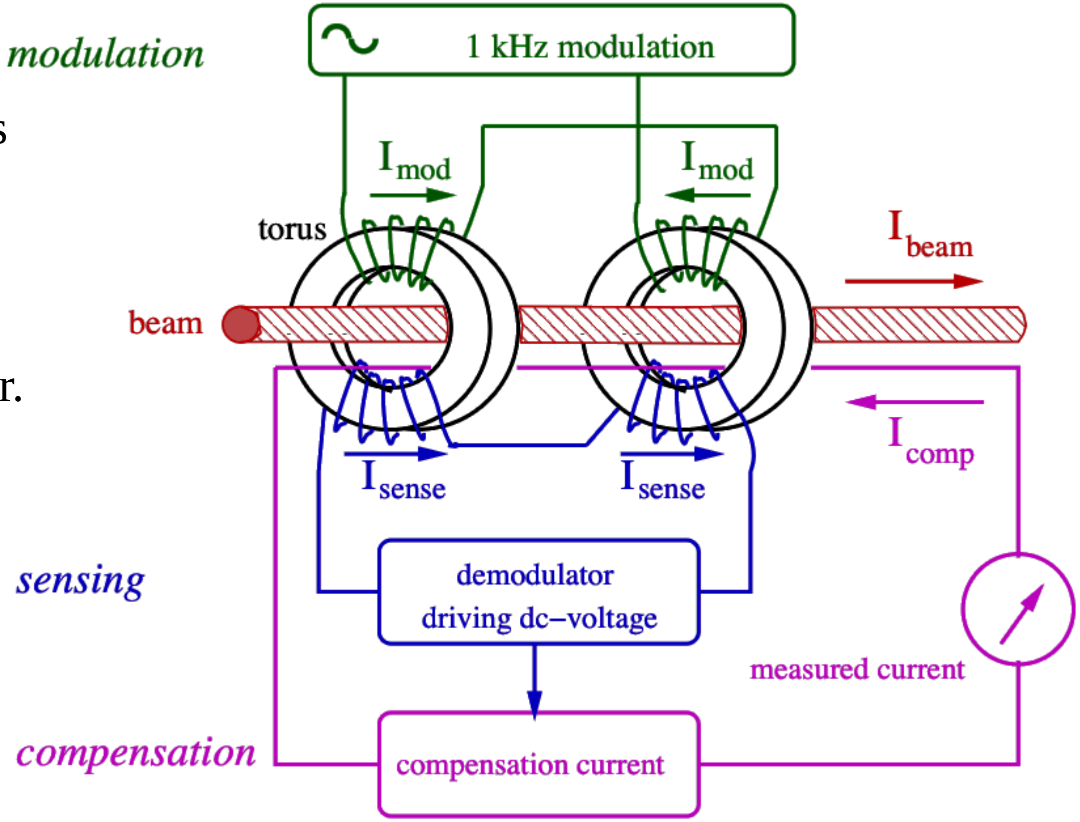


Cartoons by Company Bergoz, Saint Genis

The dc Transformer

How to measure the DC current? The current transformer discussed sees only B-flux ***changes.*** The DC Current Transformer (DCCT) → look at the magnetic saturation of two torii.

- **Modulation** of the primary windings forces both torii into saturation twice per cycle
- **Sense windings** measure the modulation signal and cancel each other.
- But with the I_{beam}, the saturation is shifted and I_{sense} is not zero
- **Compensation current** adjustable until I_{sense} is zero once again



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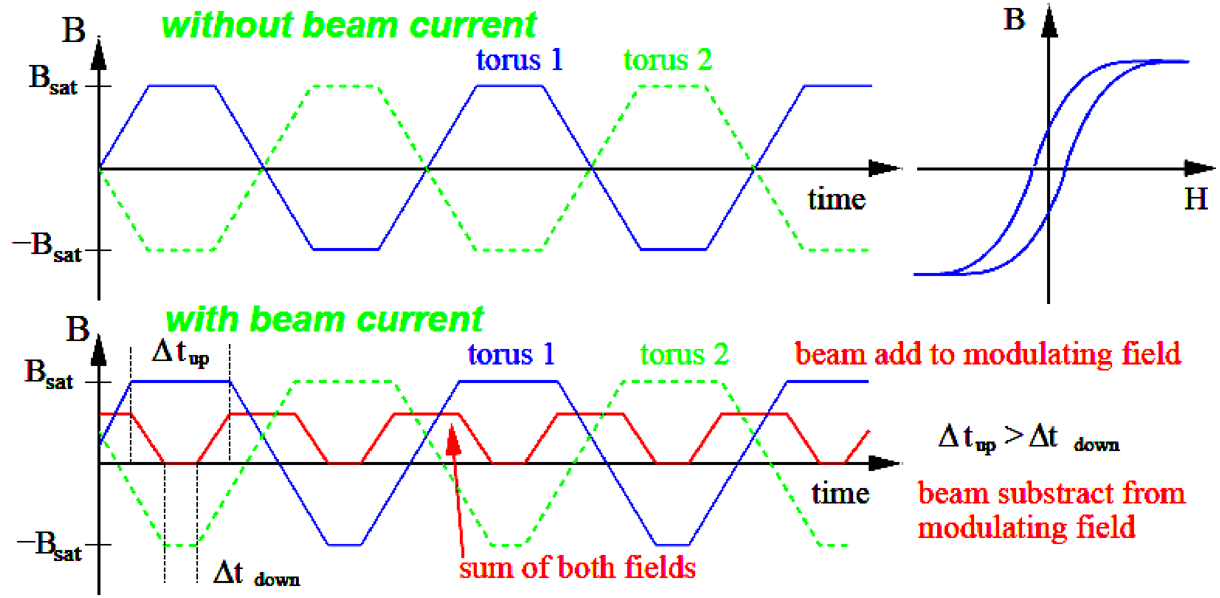


- **Modulation without beam:**

  typically about 1 kHz to saturation → **no** net flux

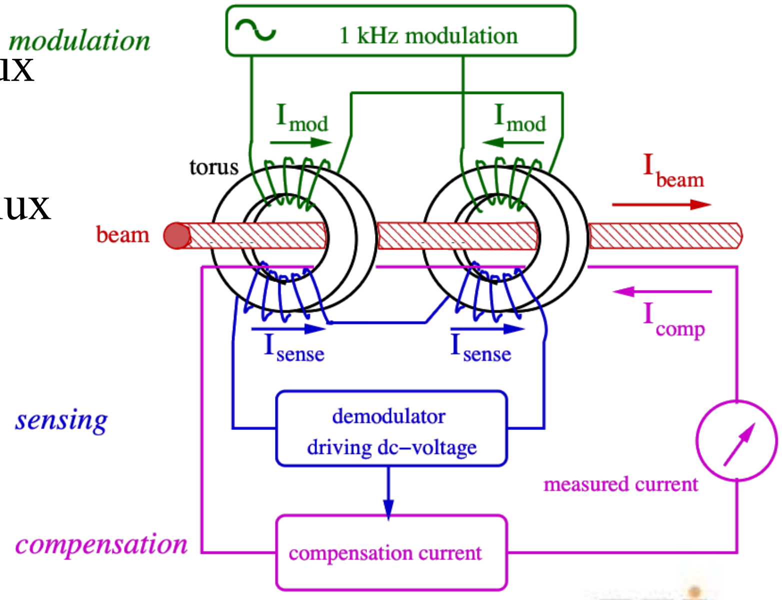
- **Modulation with beam:**

  saturation is reached at different times, → net flux

- **Net flux:** double frequency than modulation
- **Feedback:** Current fed to compensation winding

  for larger sensitivity

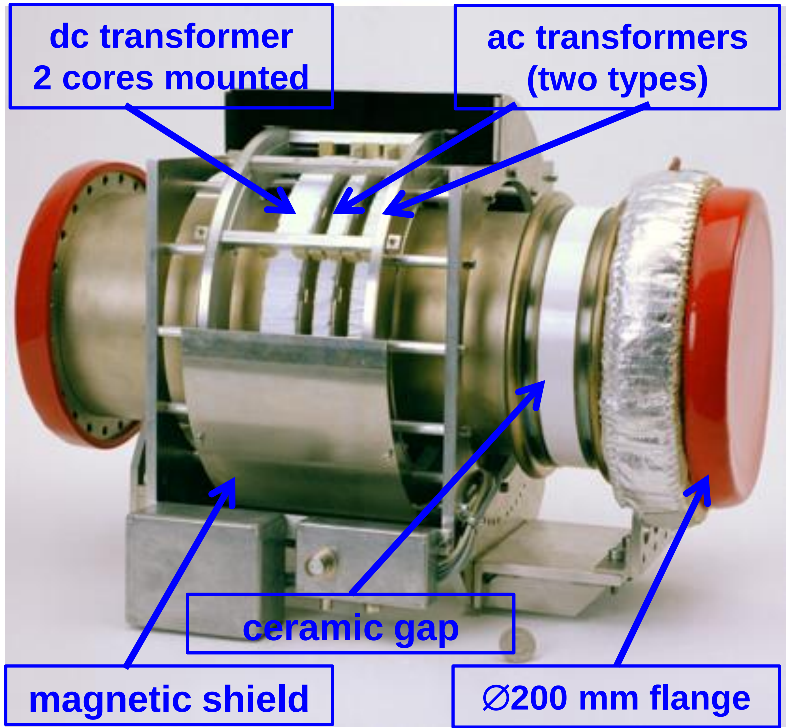
- **Two magnetic cores:** Must be very similar.



The dc Transformer Realization

Example: The DCCT at GSI synchrotron
(designed 1990 at GSI):

Core radii	$r_i = 135$ mm, $r_o = 145$mm
Core thickness	10 mm
Core material	Vitrovac 6025: $(\mathrm{CoFe})_{70\%}(\mathrm{MoSiB})_{30\%}$
Core permeability	$\mu_r \simeq 10^5$
Saturation B_{sat}	$\simeq 0.6$ T
Isolating cap	$\mathrm{Al_2O_3}$
Number of windings	16 for modulation and sensing 12 for feedback
Ranges for beam current	300 μA to 1 A
Resolution	2 μA
Bandwidth	dc to 20 kHz
rise time	20 μs
Offset compensation	± 2.5 μA in auto mode < 15 μA/day in free run
temperature coeff.	1.5 μA/°C



Recent commercial product specification (Bergoz NPCT):

Most parameters are comparable the GSI-model

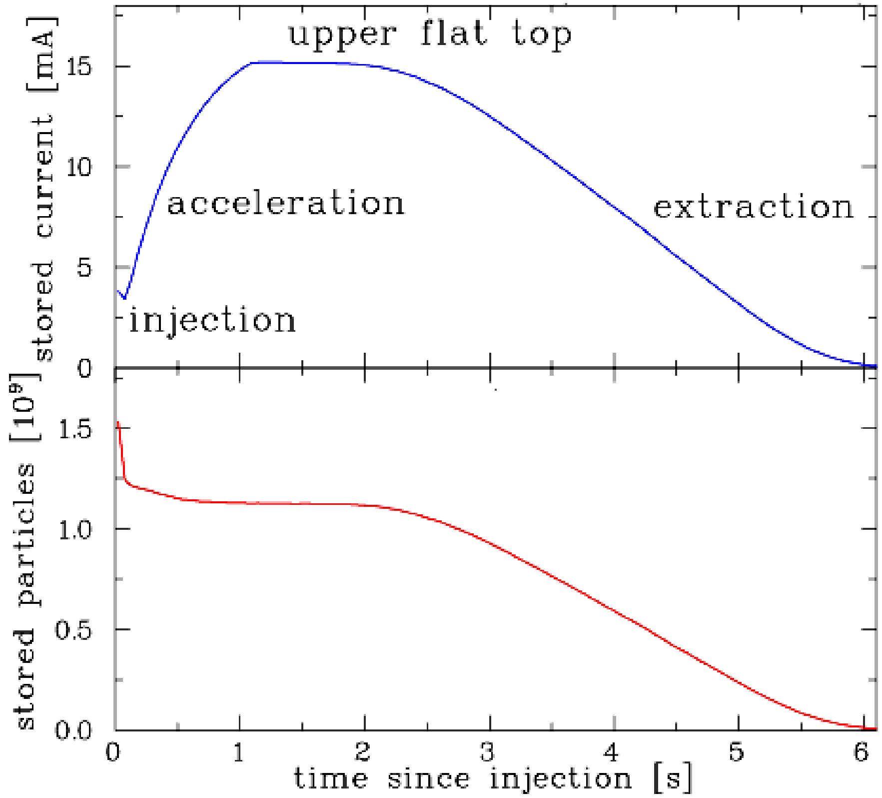
Temperature coefficient	0.5 μA/°C
Resolution	≈ 10 μA (i.e. not optimized)

Measurement with a dc Transformer

Example: The DCCT at GSI synchrotron:

⇒ Observation of beam behavior with 20 μs time resolution → most important operation tool.

Example: U^{73+} accelerated from
11. 4 MeV/u (β = 15.5%) to 750 MeV/u (β = 84 %)



Important parameter:

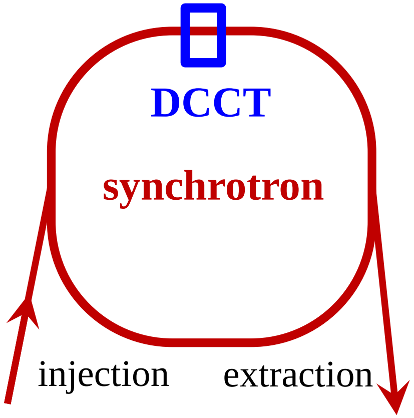
Detection threshold: 1 μA
(= resolution)

Bandwidth: dc to 20 kHz

Rise-time: 20 μs

Temperature drift: 1.5 μA/^{0}C

⇒ compensation required.



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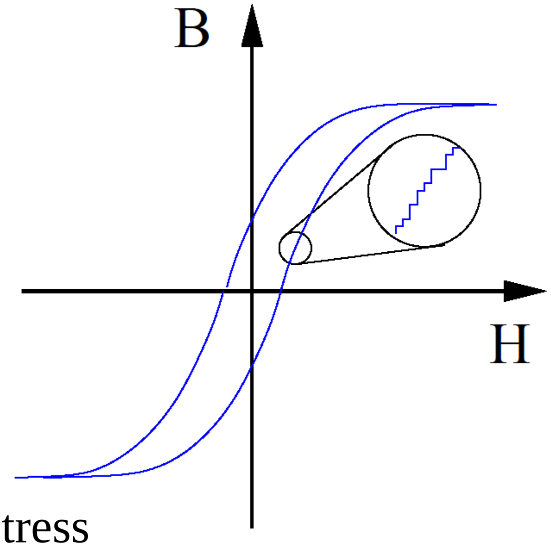

Careful shielding against external fields with μ-metal.

- High resistivity of the core material to prevent for eddy current
  $\Rightarrow$ thin, insulated strips of alloy.
- Barkhausen noise due to changes of Weiss domains
  $\Rightarrow$ unavoidable limit for **DCCT**.
- Core material with low changes of $\boldsymbol{\mu}_r$ due to temperature and stress
  $\Rightarrow$ low micro-phonic pick-up.
- Thermal noise voltage $\boldsymbol{U_{eff} = \sqrt{4k_B T \cdot R \cdot f}}$
  $\Rightarrow$ design for only required bandwidth ***f***, low input resistor ***R*** preferred.
- Preventing for flow of secondary electrons through the core
  $\Rightarrow$ need for well controlled beam centering close to the transformer.

$\Rightarrow$ **The lowest measurable current: ≈ 1 µA for DCCT**

≈ 30 µA for FCT with 500 MHz bandwidth

≈ 0.3 µA for ACT with 1 MHz bandwidth.

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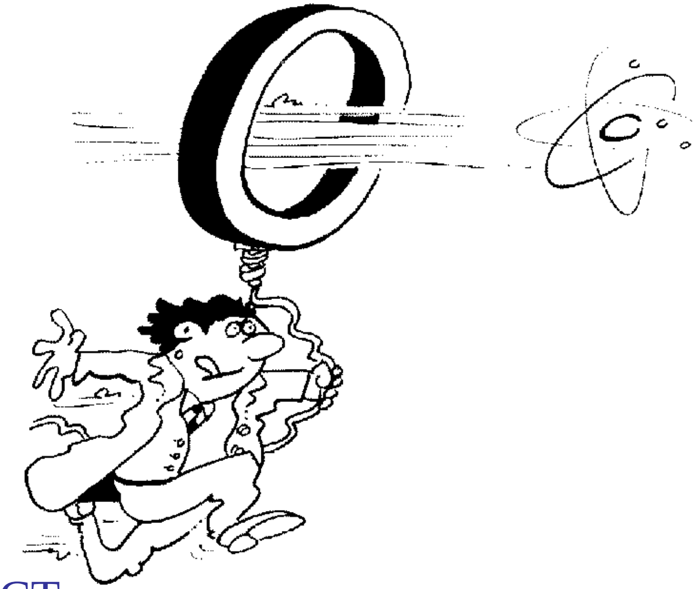

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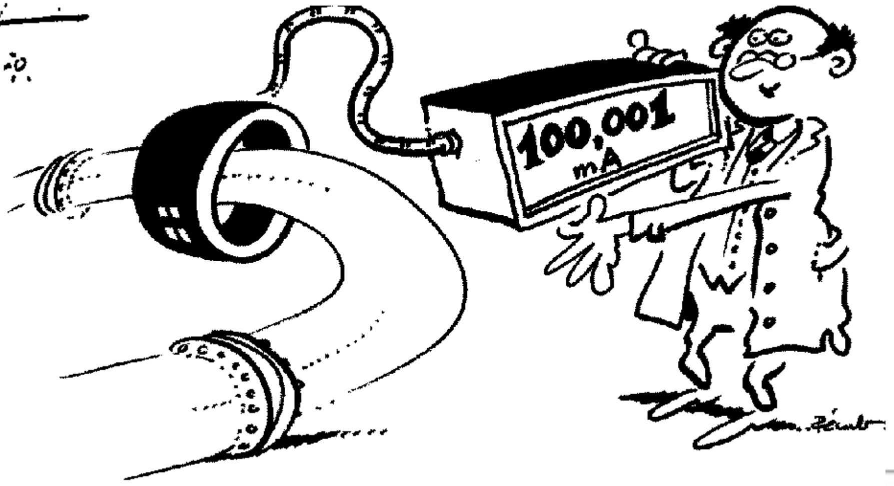

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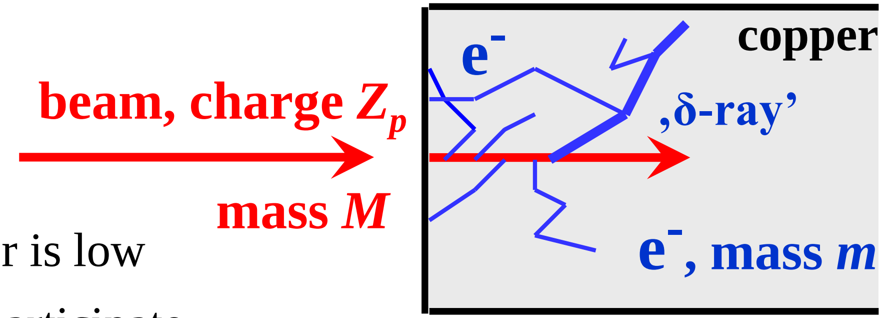
Excurse: Energy Loss of Ions in Copper

Bethe Bloch formula:
(simplest formulation)

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\pi N_A r_e m_e c^2 \cdot \frac{Z_t}{A_t}\rho_t \cdot \frac{Z_p^{\ 2}}{\beta^2}\left(\ln\frac{2m_e c^2\gamma^2\beta^2}{I} - \beta^2\right)$$

Semi-classical approach:



- Projectiles of mass ***M*** collide

with free electrons of mass ***m***

- If ***M*** >> ***m*** then the relative energy transfer is low

⇒ many collisions required many elections participate

proportional to electron density $n_e = \frac{Z_t}{A_t}\rho_t$

⇒ low straggling for the heavy projectile i.e. 'straight trajectory'

- If projectile velocity $\beta \approx 1$ low relative energy change of projectile (γ is Lorentz factor)
- I is mean ionization potential including kinematic corrections $I \approx Z_t \cdot 10$ **eV** for most metals
- Strong dependence an projectile charge Z_p as $\frac{dE}{dx} \propto Z_p^{\ 2}$

Constants: N_A Advogadro number, r_e classical e$^-$ radius, m_e electron mass, ***c*** velocity of light

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Bethe Bloch formula: $$-\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\pi N_A r_e m_e c^2 \cdot \frac{Z_t}{A_t}\rho_t \cdot \frac{Z_p{}^2}{\beta^2}\left(\ln\frac{2m_e c^2\gamma^2\beta^2}{I} - \beta^2\right)$$

Range: $$R = \int_0^{E_{\max}} \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)^{-1} dE$$

with approx. scaling $\boldsymbol{R \propto E_{max}{}^{1.75}}$

Numerical calculation

with semi-empirical model e.g. SRIM

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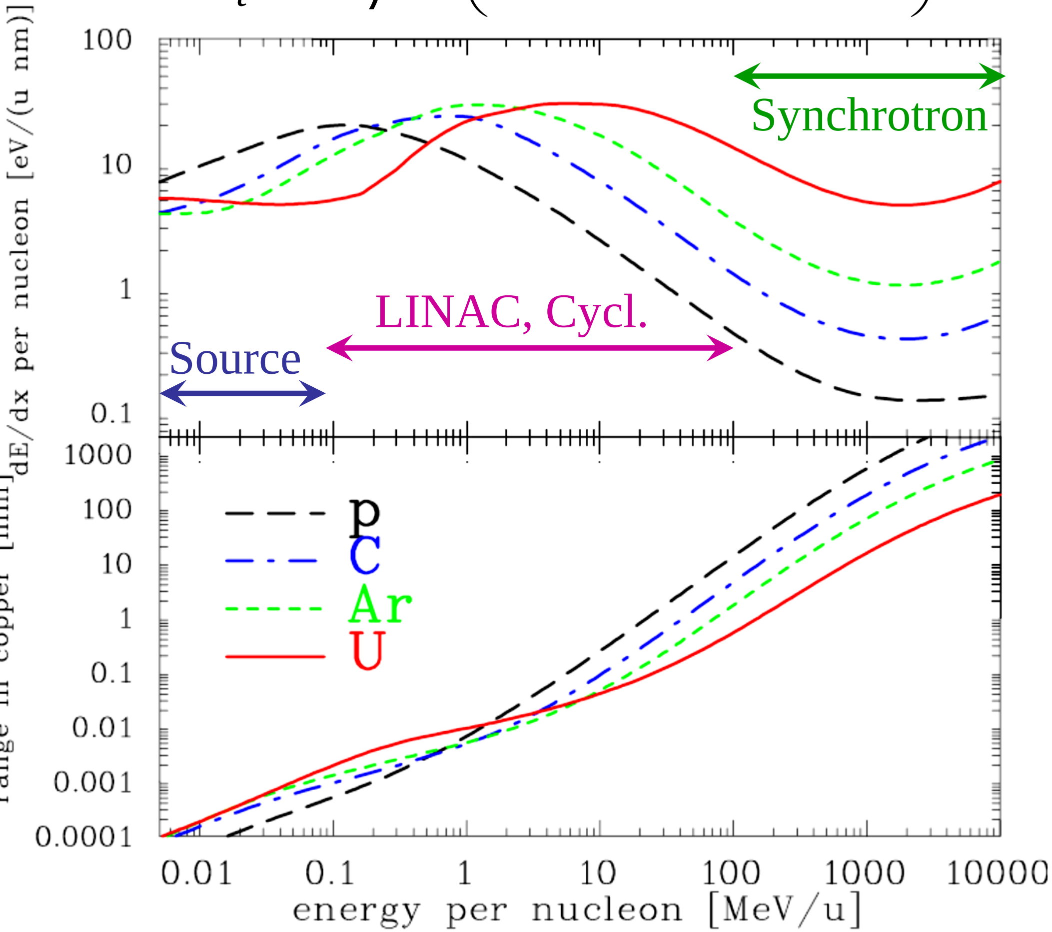

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→ 'diffusion' & scattering with other e^-: scattering length $L_s \approx 1 - 10$ nm

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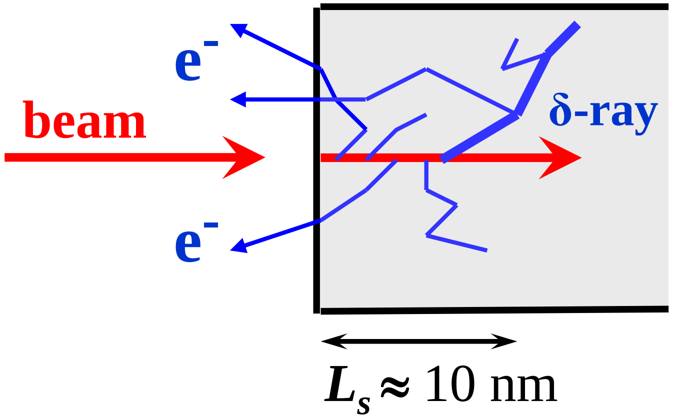

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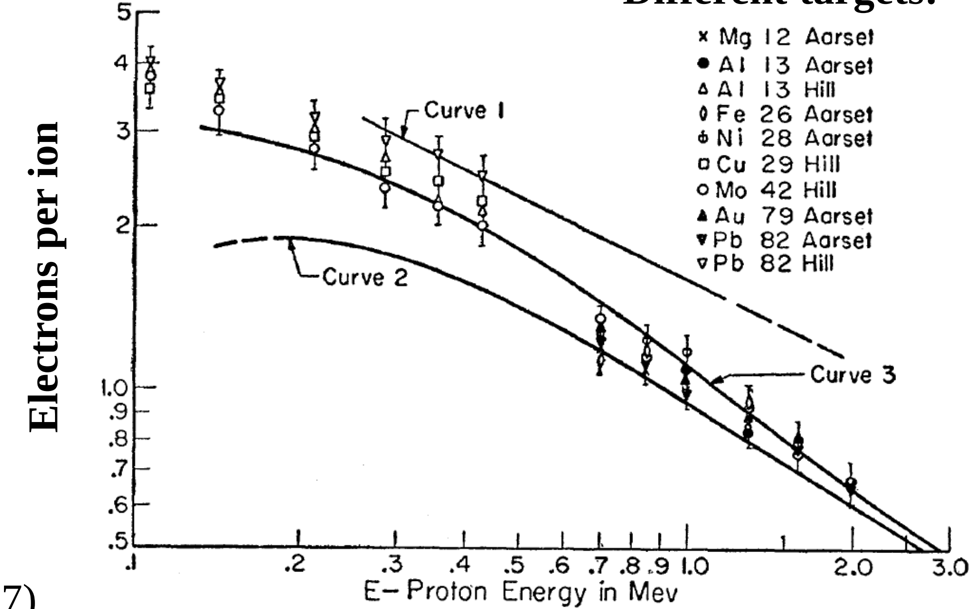

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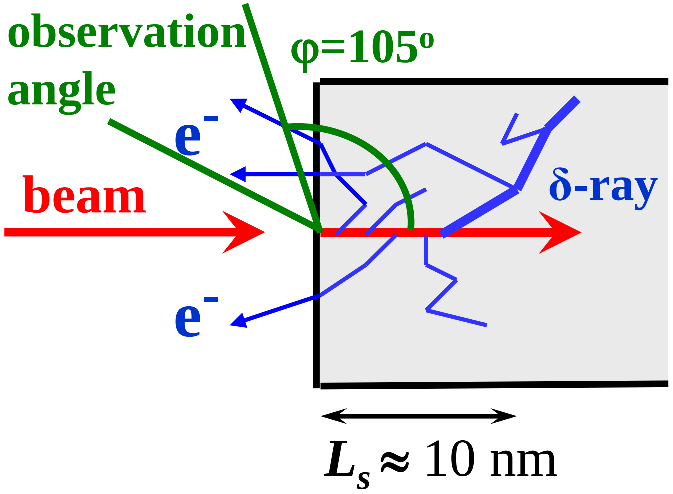
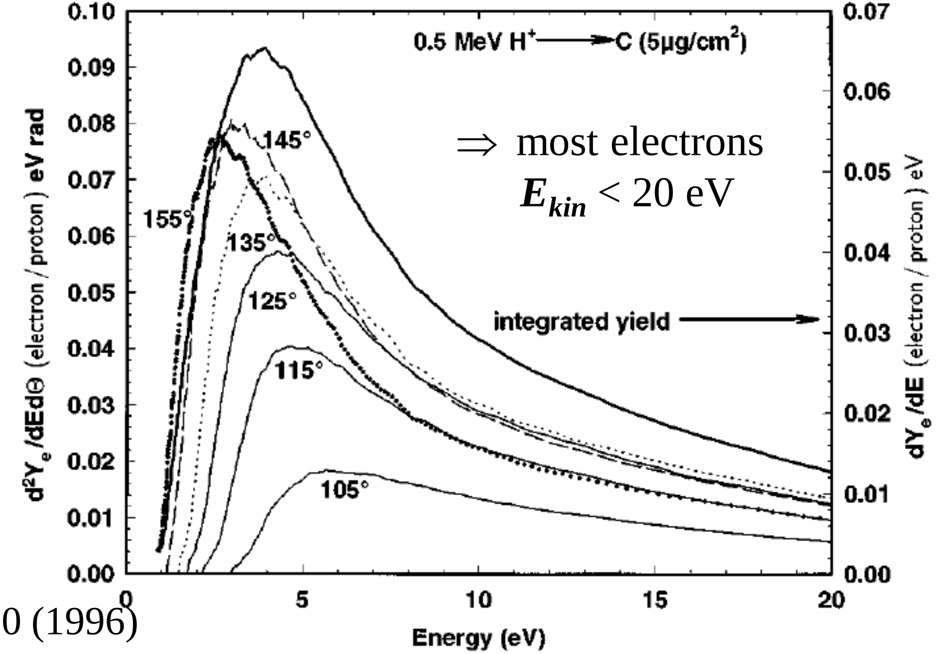




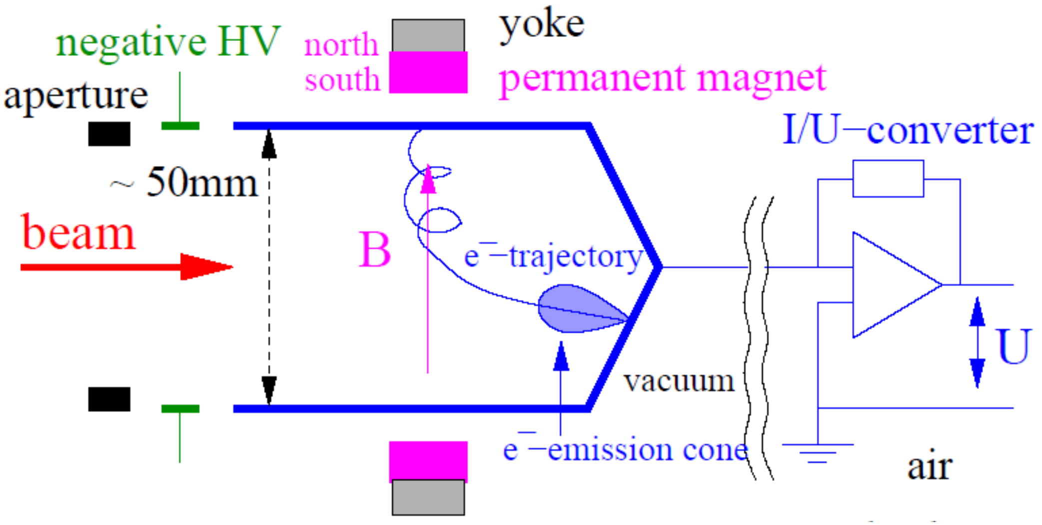
⇒ most electrons $E_{kin} < 20$ eV

From C.G. Drexler, R.D. DuBois, Phys. Rev. A 53, 1630 (1996)

Faraday Cups for Beam Charge Measurement

The beam particles are collected inside a metal cup
⇒ The beam's charge are recorded as a function of time.

The cup is moved in the beam pass → destructive device



Currents down to 10 pA with bandwidth of 100 Hz!

Magnetic field:

To prevent for secondary electrons leaving the cup

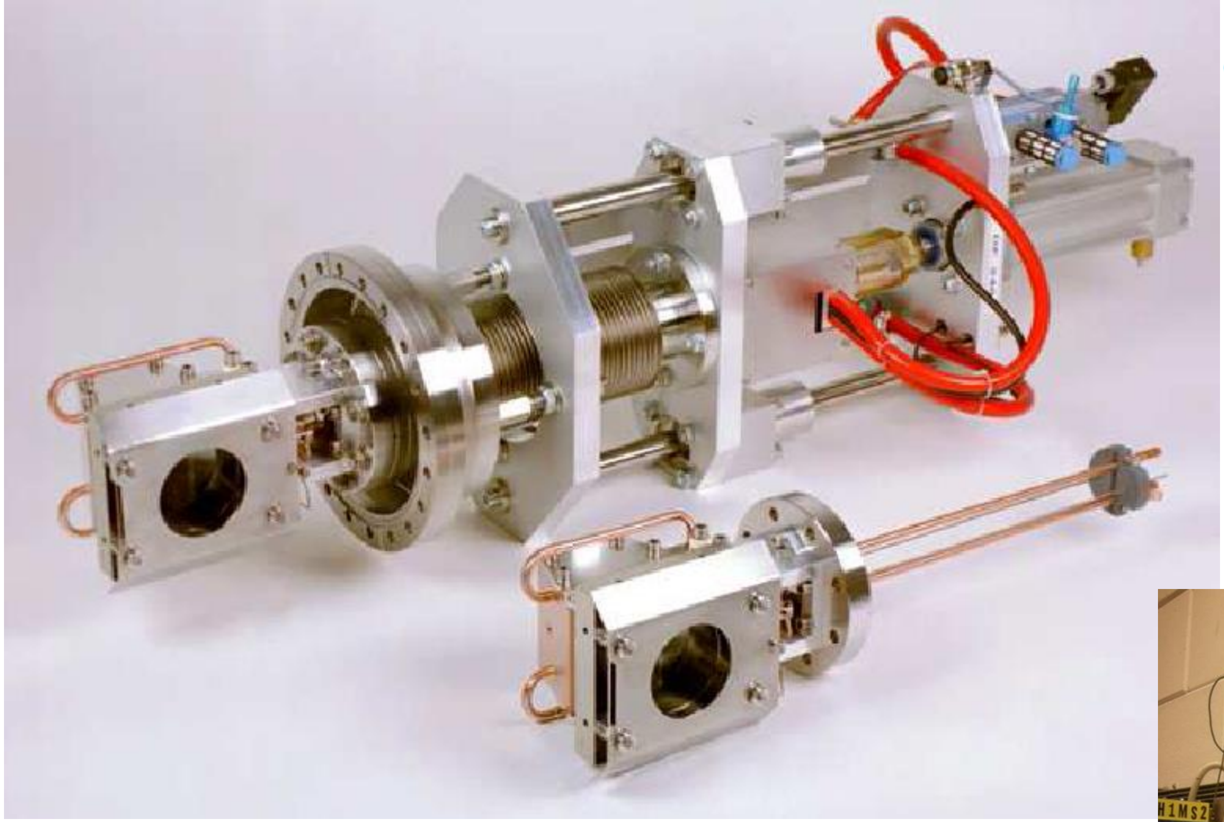
and/or

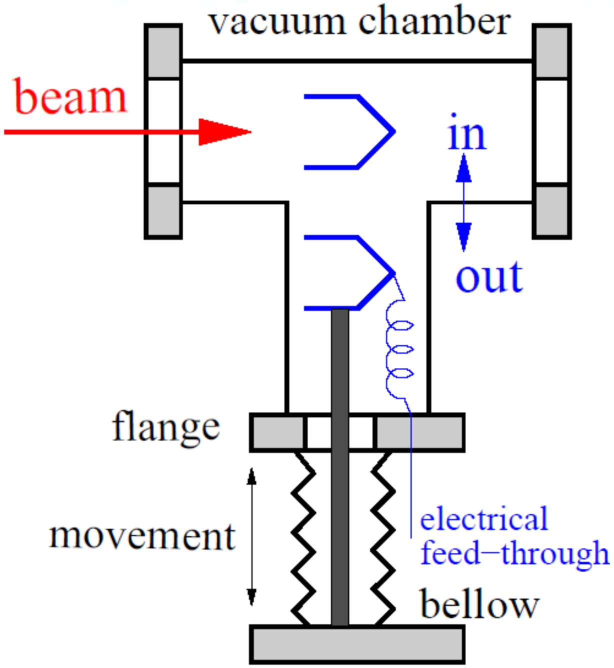
Electric field:

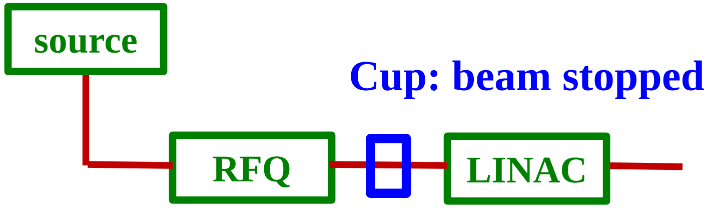
Potential barrier at the cup entrance.

Realization of a Faraday Cup at GSI LINAC

The Cup is moved into the beam pass.



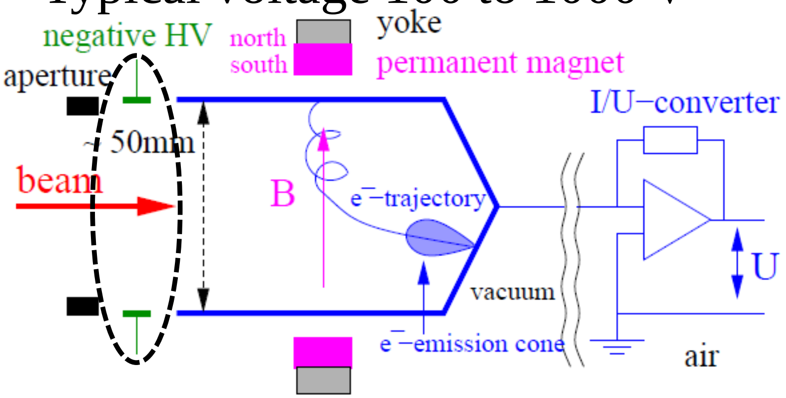


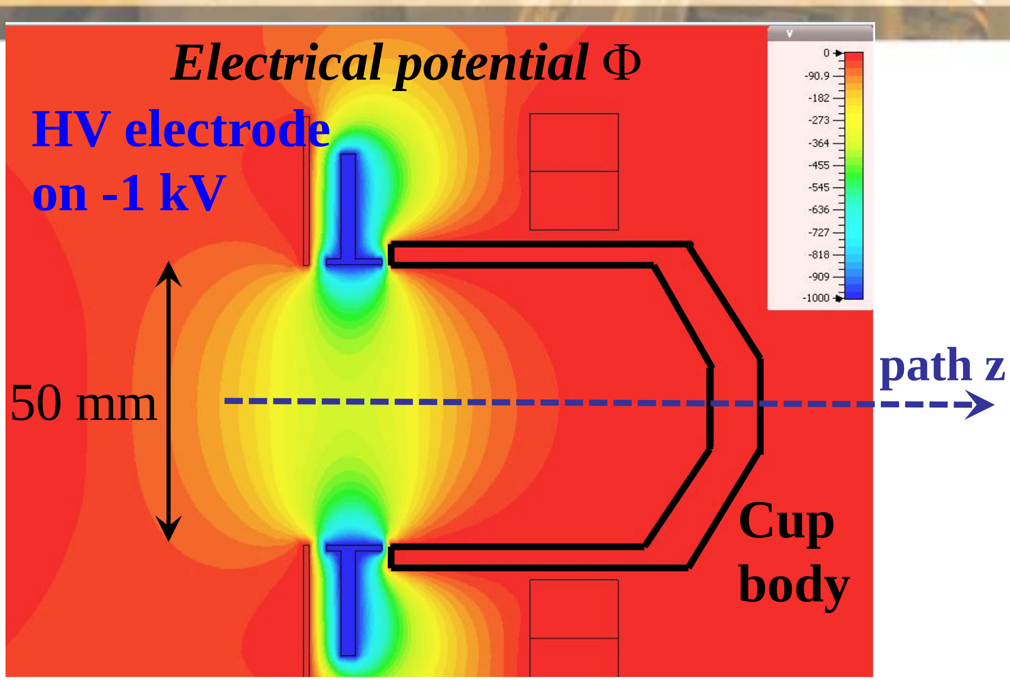


Secondary Electron Suppression: Electric Field

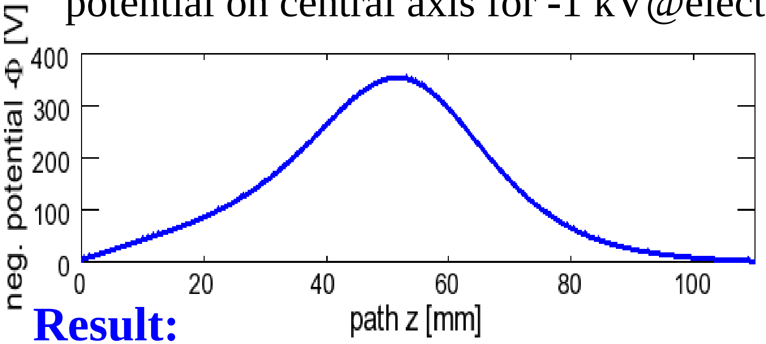
A ring shaped electrode is used at the entrance of Faraday Cup:

Typical voltage 100 to 1000 V





potential on central axis for -1 kV@electrode



Result:

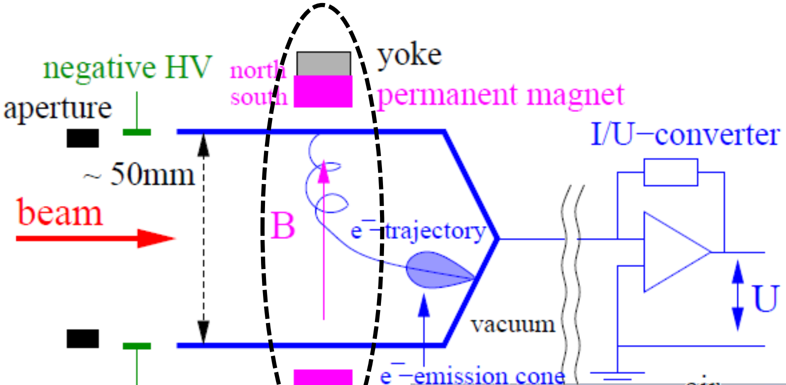
here: potential at center ≈ 35 % of applied voltage

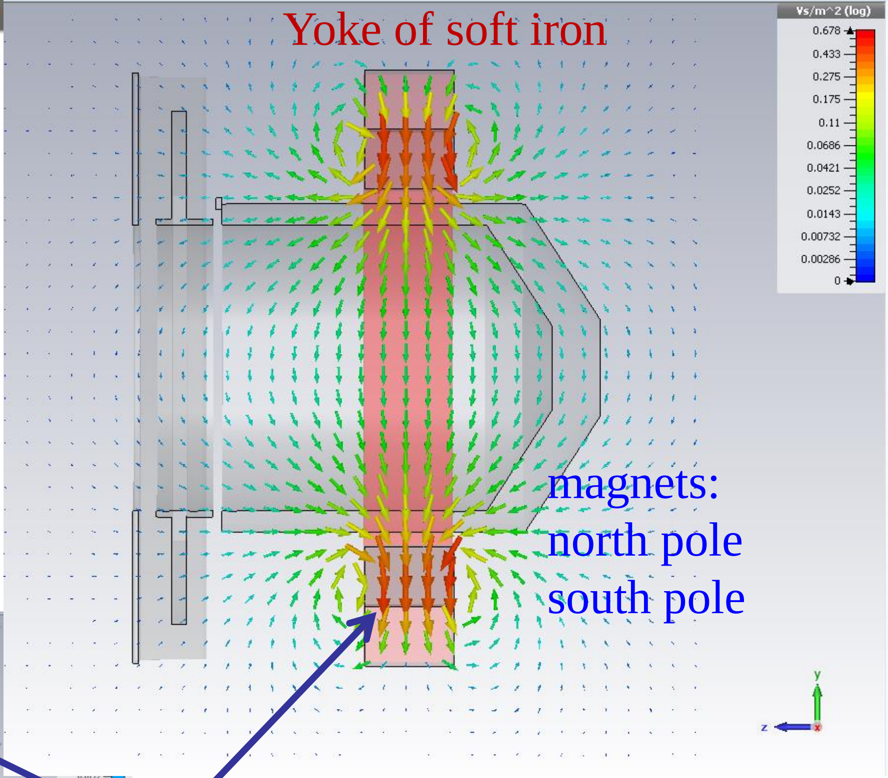
Courtesy of J. Latzko, GSI

Secondary Electron Suppression: Magnetic Field

Co-Sm permanent magnets within the yoke and the calculated magnetic field lines.

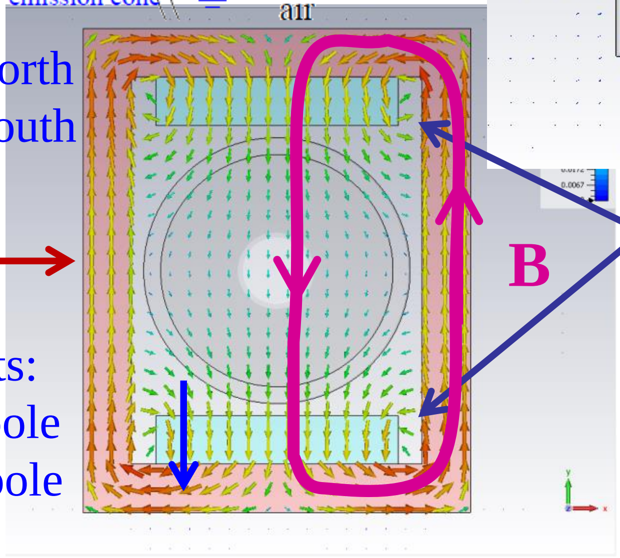
The central field strength is $\boldsymbol{B} \approx 0.1$ T.





Yoke of soft iron

magnets:
north pole
south pole



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The Artist' View of Faraday Cup

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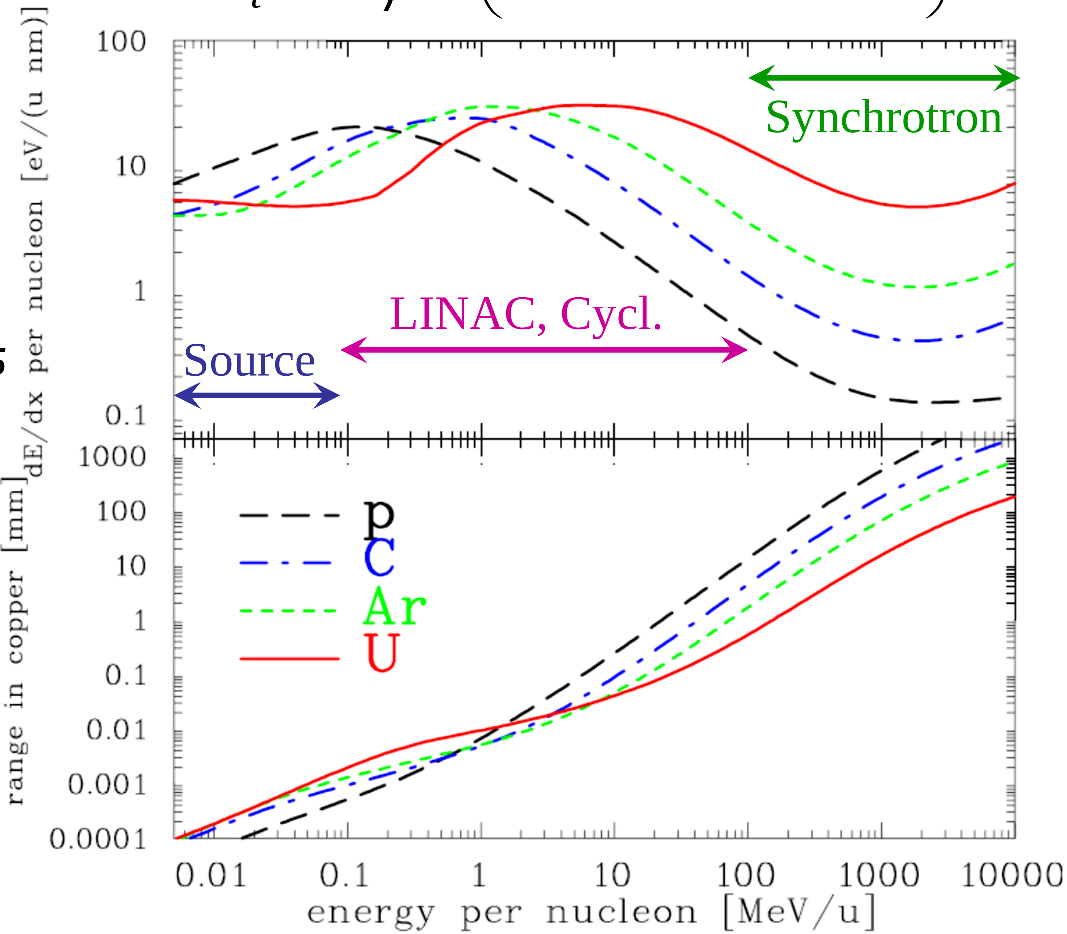


Faraday Cups for high Intensity Ion Beam → Surface Heating

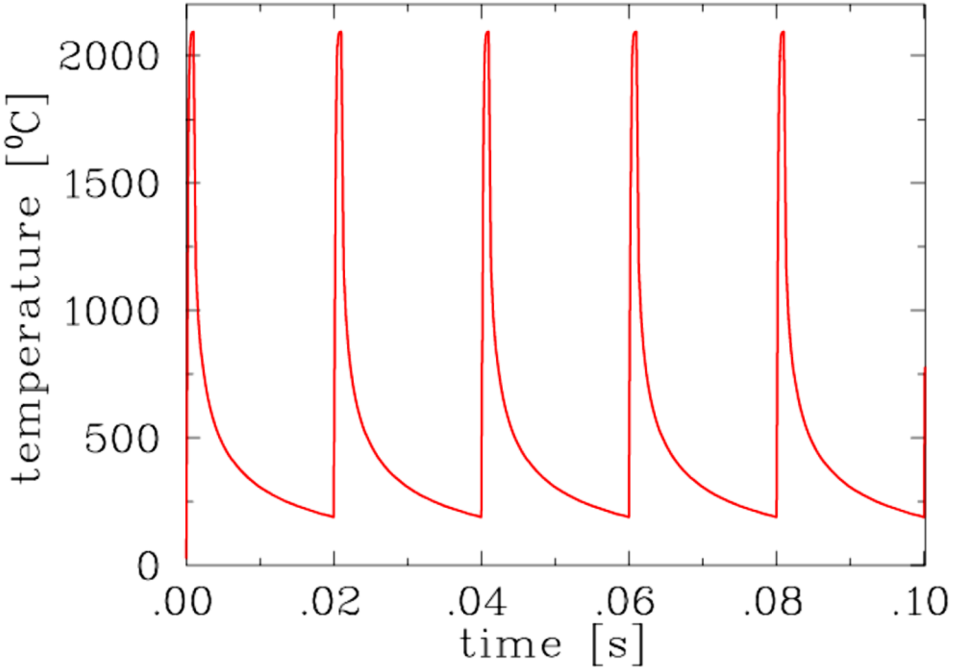
The heating of material has to be considered, given by the energy loss.
The cooling is done by radiation due to Stefan-Boltzmann: $P_r = \varepsilon \sigma T^4$

Example: Beam current: 11.4 MeV/u Ar^{10+} with 10 mA and 1 ms beam delivery
Beam size: 5 mm FWHM → 23 kW/mm^2 , P_{peak} = 450 kW total power during 1ms delivery
Foil: 1 µm Tantalum, emissivity $\varepsilon = 0.49$
Temperature increase:
T > 2000 ^{0}C during beam delivery

Even for low average power,

the material should

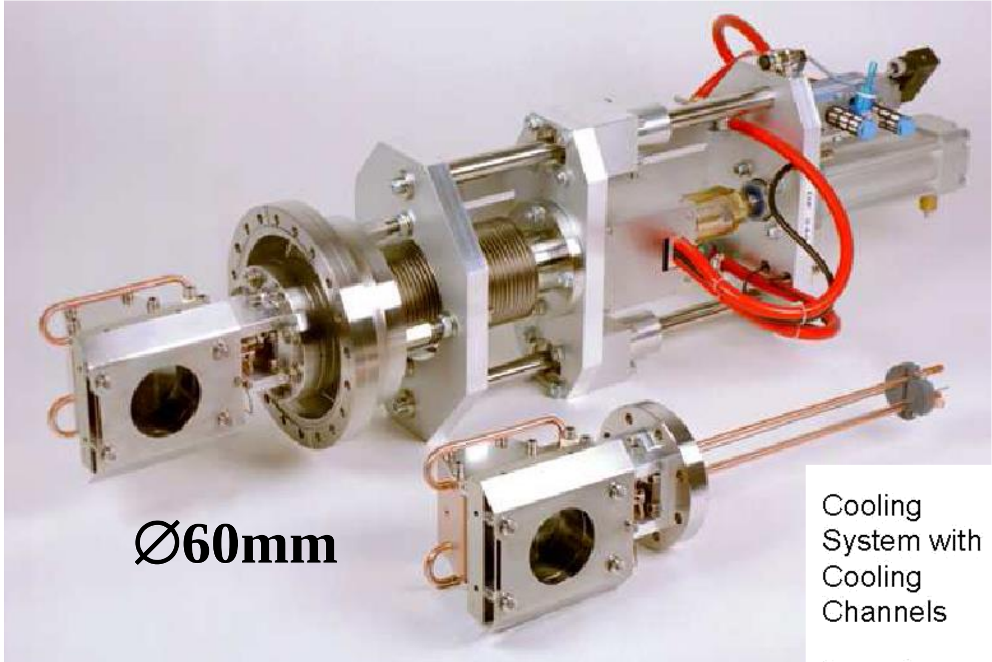
survive the peak power!

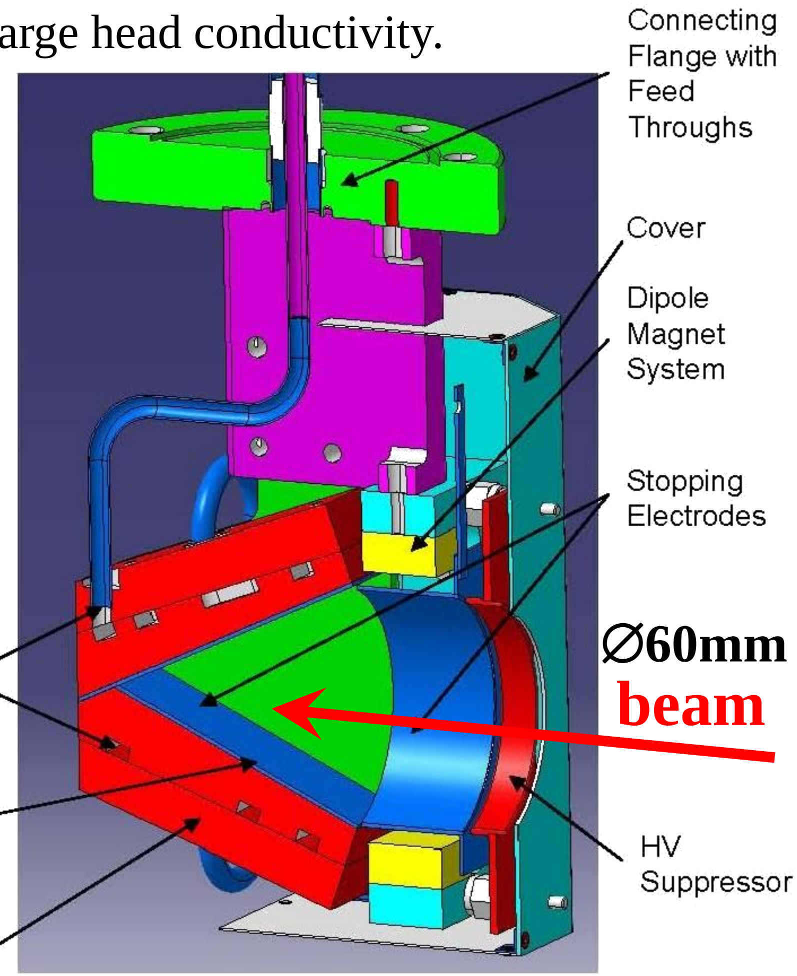


High Power Faraday Cups

Cups designed for 1 MW, 1 ms pulse power → cone of Tungsten-coated Copper

Bismuth for high melting temperature and copper for large head conductivity.





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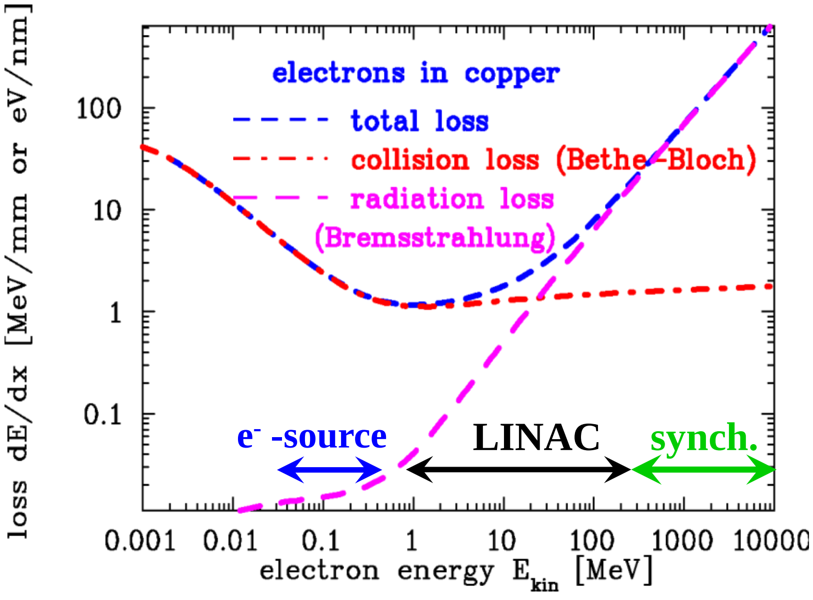

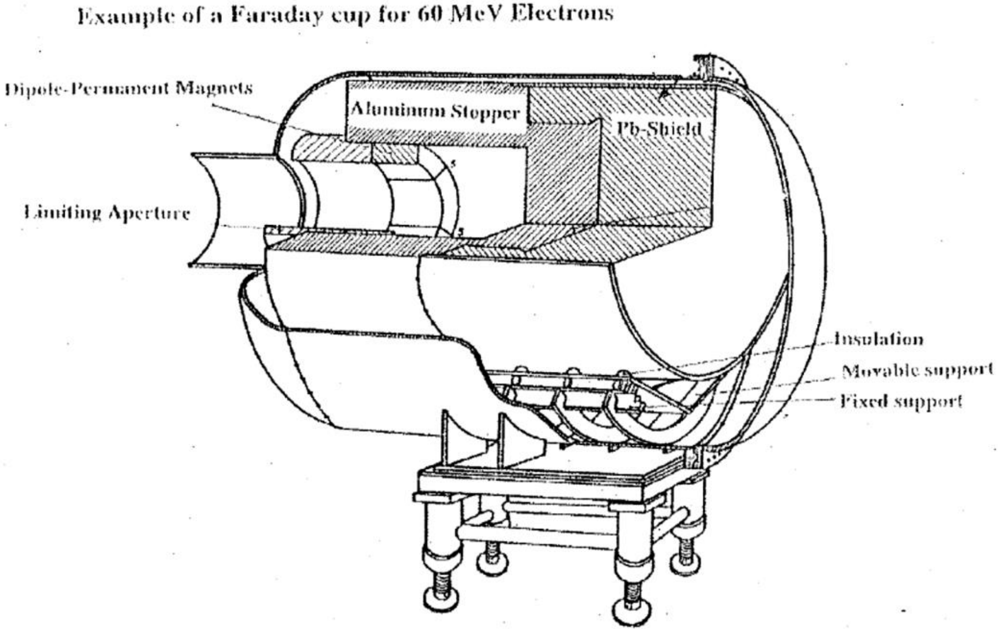

Minimum of Bethe-Bloch $dE/dx|_{col}$
roughly at $E_{kin} \approx m_0 c^2$ = 511 keV (rest mass)
$\Leftrightarrow \beta \approx 90\,\%$ and $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}} \approx 2$

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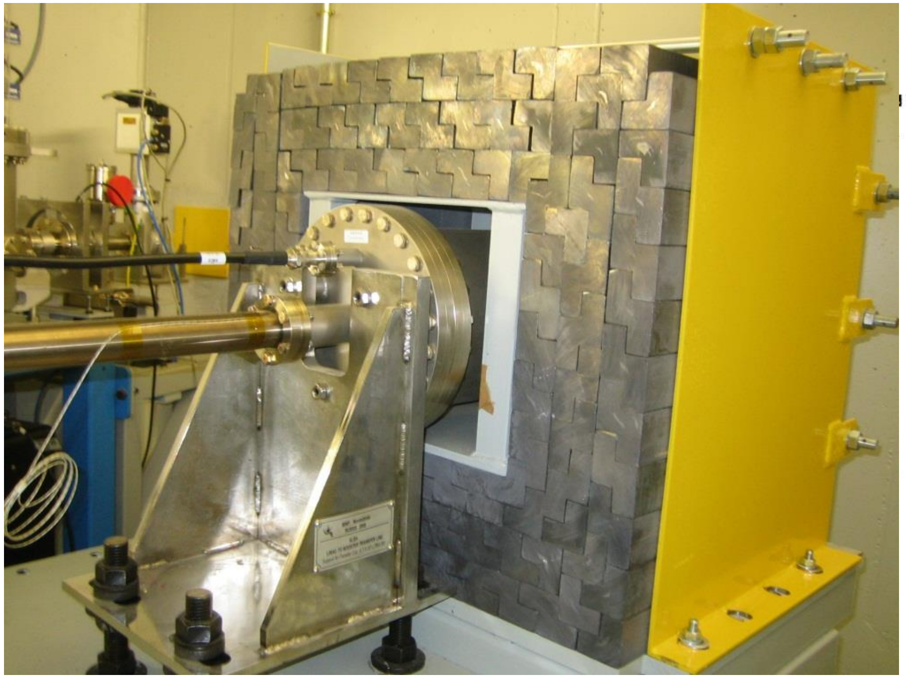
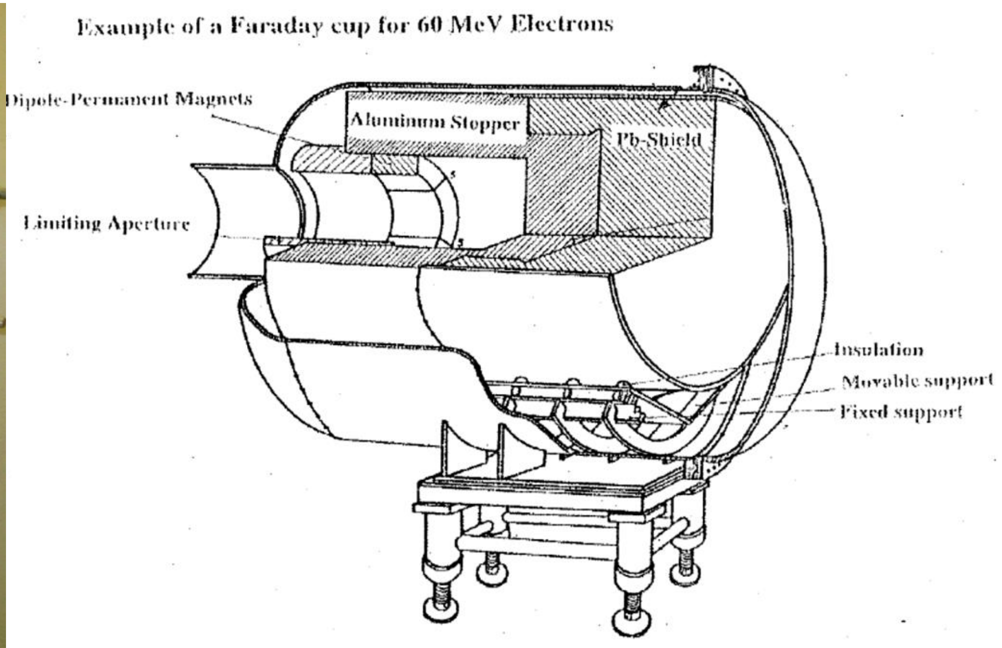


Faraday Cup at ALBA used as beam dump

From U. Iriso (ALBA)



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Measurement of Beam Current

The beam current is the basic quantity of the beam.

- It this the first check of the accelerator functionality
- It has to be determined in an absolute manner
- Important for transmission measurement and to prevent for beam losses.

Different devices are used:

- **Transformers:** Measurement of the beam's **magnetic field**

  They are non-destructive. No dependence on beam energy

  They have lower detection threshold.

- **Faraday cups:** Measurement of the beam's **electrical charges**

  They are destructive. For low energies only
  Low currents can be determined.

- **Particle detectors:** Measurement of the particle's **energy loss** in matter

  Examples are scintillators, ionization chambers, secondary e– emission monitors

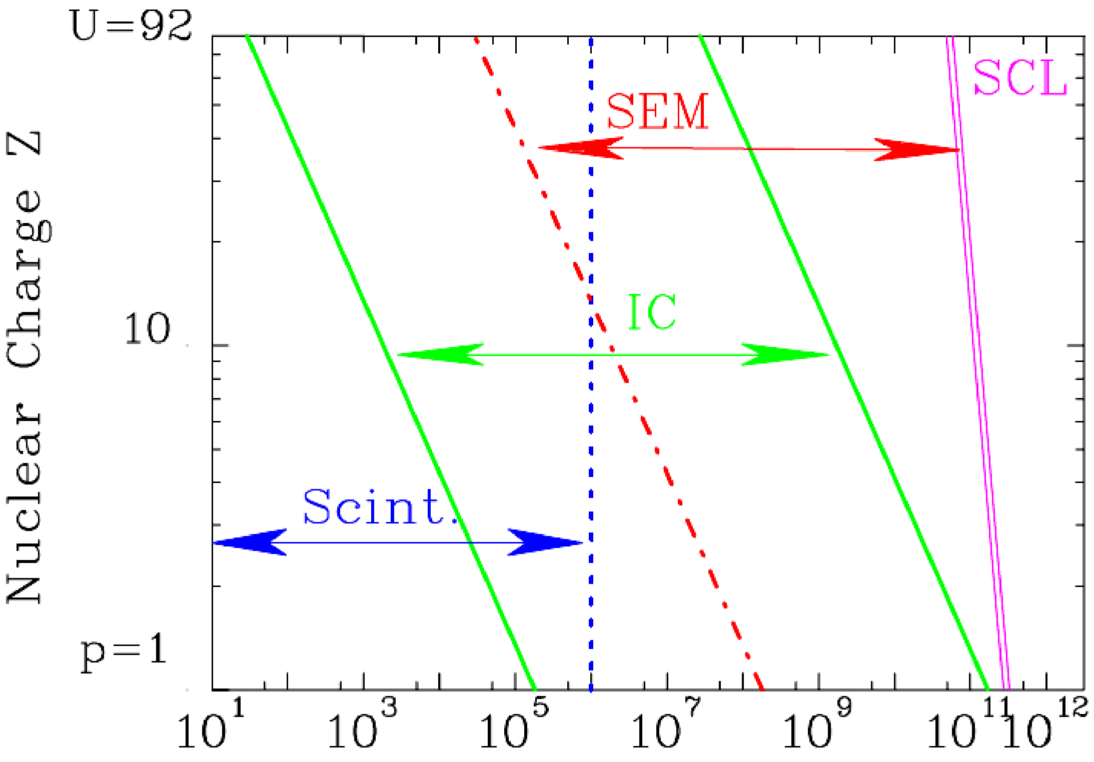
  Used for low currents at high energies e.g. for slow extraction from a synchrotron.

Low Current Measurement for slow Extraction

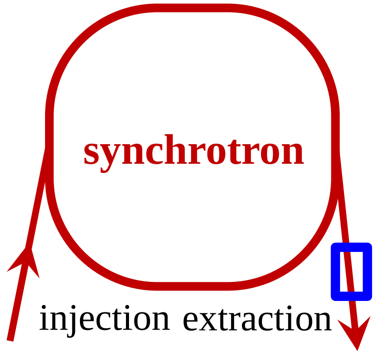
Slow extraction from synchrotron: lower current compared to LINAC, but higher energies and larger range ***R*** >> 1 cm.

- **Particle counting:**
  max: $r \simeq 10^6$ 1/s
- **Energy loss in gas (IC):**
  min: $I_{sec} \approx 1$ pA
  max: $I_{sec} \approx 1$ µA
- **Sec. e– emission:**
  min: $I_{sec} \approx 1$ pA
- **Max. synch. filling:**
  Space Charge Limit (SCL).

Particle detector technologies for ions of 1 GeV/u, A = 1 cm²:



Particles per second



Scint., IC & SEM

Example of Scintillator Counter

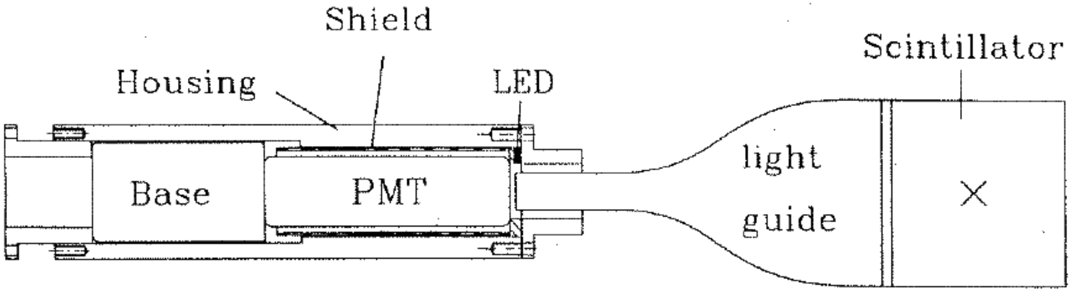
Example: Plastic Scintillator i.e. organic fluorescence molecules in a plastic matrix

Here: BC 400 (emission λ_{max} = 420 nm, pulse width ≈ 3 ns + cable dispersion, size)

Advantage: any mechanical from, cheap, blue wave length, fast decay time

Disadvantage: not radiation hard

Particle counting: Photomultiplier → discriminator → scalar → computer



1" Photomultiplier
gain: 10^6
rise time 1.9 ns
max. **average** count rate $3{\cdot}10^6$ 1/s

BC400 Scintillator
75 x 75 mm^2
1 mm thickness

Low Current Measurement: Particle Detectors

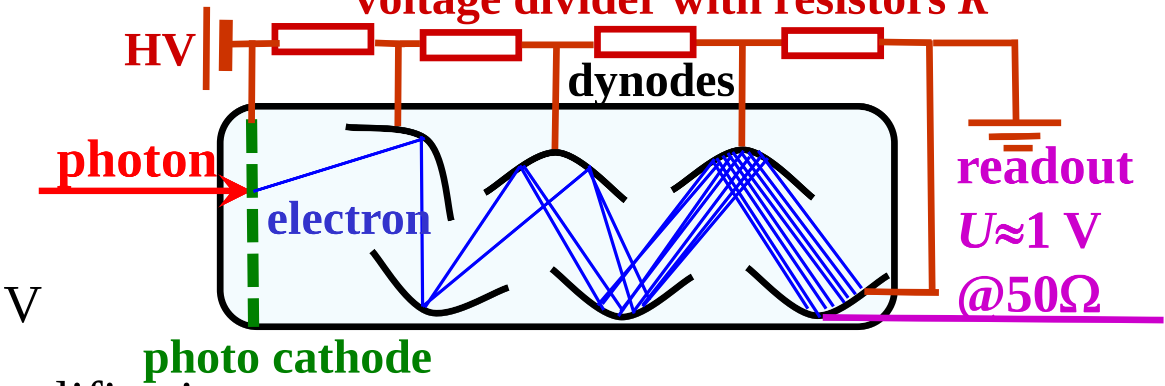
Electronic **solid state amplifier** have finite noise contribution

Theoretical limit: $U_{eff} = \sqrt{4k_B \cdot R \cdot \Delta f \cdot T}$

Signal-to-Noise ratio limits the minimal detectable current

Idea: Amplification of single particles with photo-multiplier, sec. e^- multiplier or MCPs and particle counting typically up to $\approx 10^6$ 1/s

Scheme of a photo-multiplier:



- Photon hits photo cathode
- Secondary electrons are acc. to next dynode $\Delta U \approx 100$ V
- Typ. 10 dynodes $\Rightarrow 10^6$ fold amplification

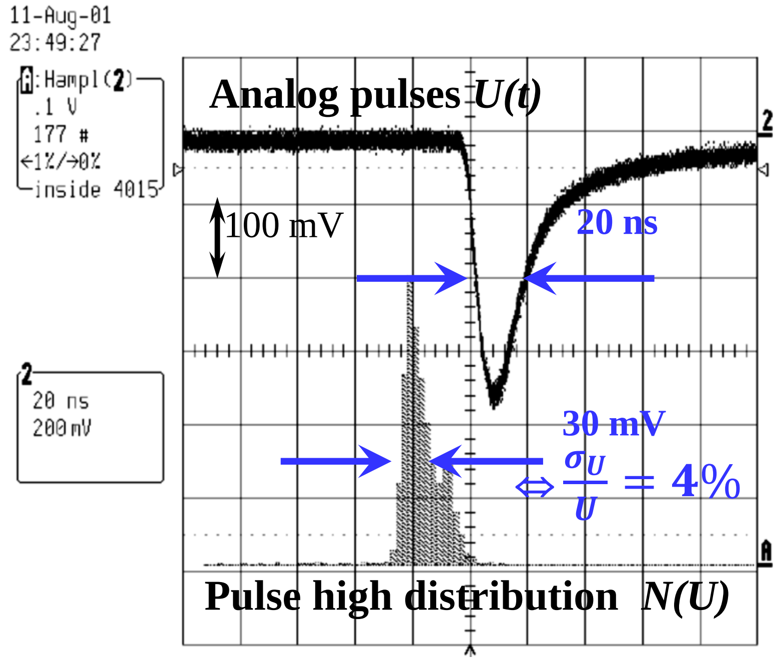
Advantage: no thermal noise due to electro static acceleration Typical 1 V signal output

Properties of a good Scintillator

Properties of a good scintillator:

- Light output linear to energy loss
- Fast decay time → high rate
- No self-absorption
- Wave length of fluorescence
  350 nm < λ < 500 nm
- Index of refractivity $n \approx 1.5$
  → light-guide
- Radiation hardness
  e.g. Ce-activated inorganic
  are much more radiation hard.

Analog pulses from a plastic sc. with a low current 300 MeV/u Kr beam.

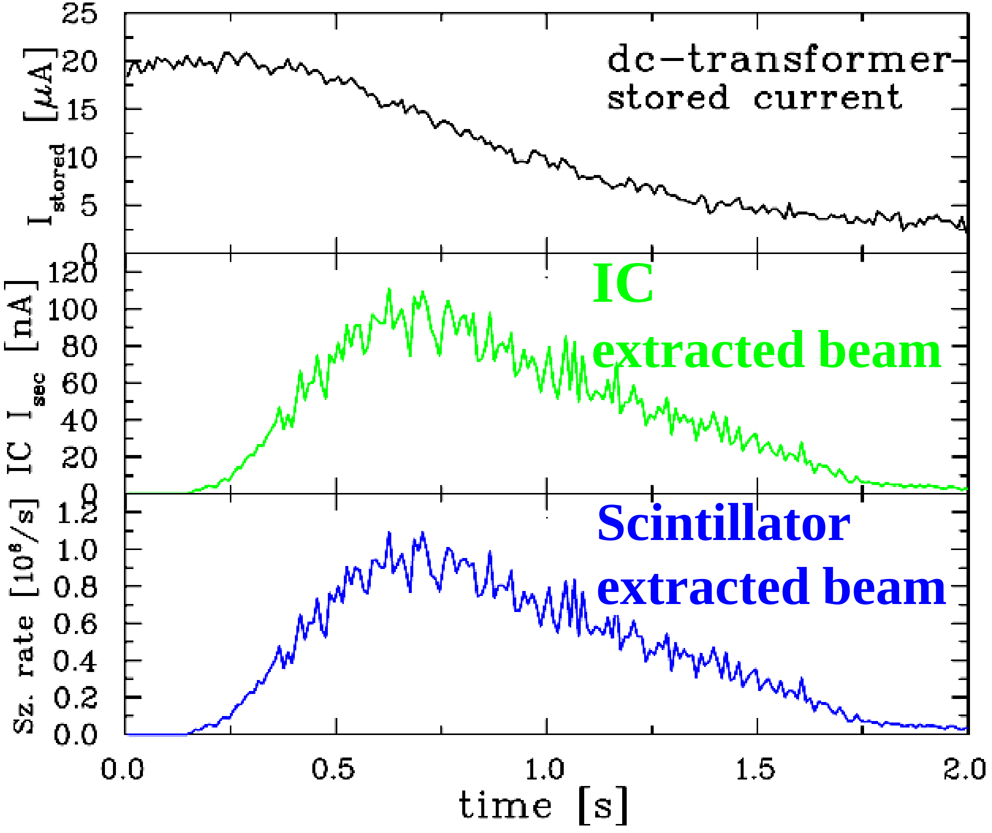


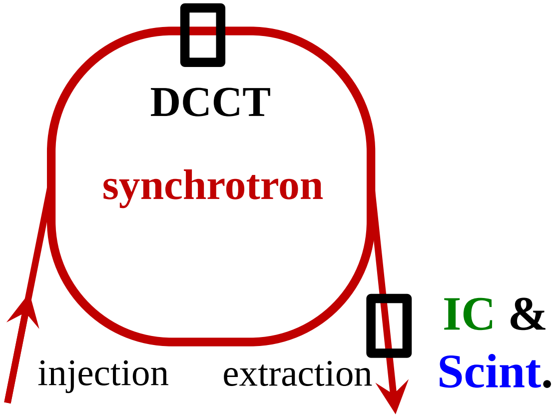
The scaling is 20 ns/div and 100 mV/div.

Monitoring of Slow Extraction

Slow extraction from a synchrotron delivers countable currents

Example: Comparison for different detector types:



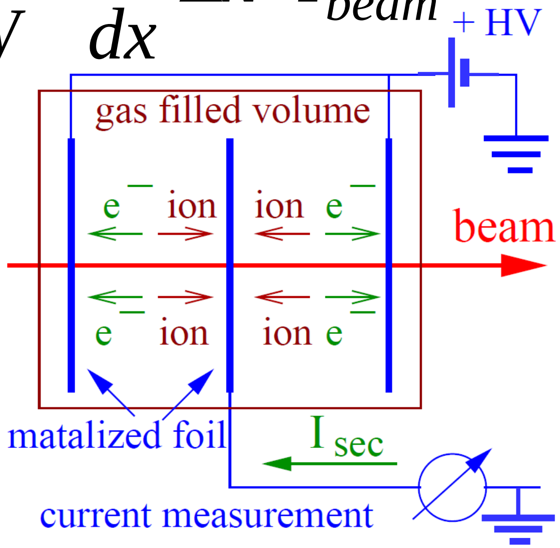


Parameters: dc-transformer inside the synch., ionization chamber and scintillator for a 250 MeV/u Pb^{67+} beam with a total amount of 10^6 particles.

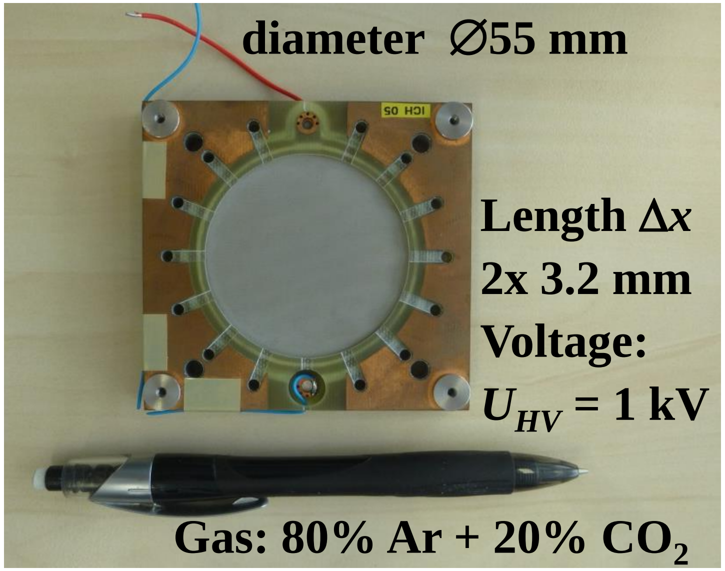
Ionization Chamber (IC): Electron Ion Pairs

Energy loss of charged particles in gases → electron-ion pairs → low current meas.

$$I_{sec} = \frac{1}{W} \cdot \frac{dE}{dx} \Delta x \cdot I_{beam}$$



Example: GSI type:



W-value
is the average energy
for one e⁻ -ion pair:

Gas	Ionization Pot.	W-value
He	24.5 eV	42.7 eV
N_2	15.5 eV	36.4 eV
O_2	12.5 eV	32.2 eV
Ar	15.7 eV	26.3 eV
CO_2	13.7 eV	33.0 eV

GSI realization:

- Energy calculation *dE/dx* with SRIM or LISE
- Current measurement via current-to-frequency converter IFC

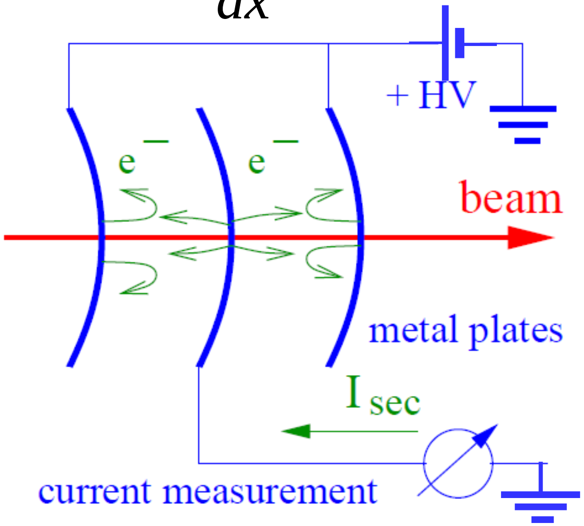
Secondary Electron Monitor (SEM): Electrons from Surface

For higher intensities SEMs are used.

Due to the energy loss, secondary e⁻ are emitted from a metal surface.

The amount of secondary e⁻ is proportional to the energy loss

$$I_{sec} = Y \cdot \frac{dE}{dx} \cdot I_{beam}$$



Example: GSI SEM type:

Material	Pure Al (≈ 99.5%)
# of electrode	3
Active surface	80 x 80 mm^2
Distance between electrodes	5 mm
Applied voltage	+ 100 V

Advantage for Al: good mechanical properties.

Disadvantage: Surface effect!

e.g. decrease of yield *Y* due to radiation

⇒ calibration versus IC required to reach 5%.

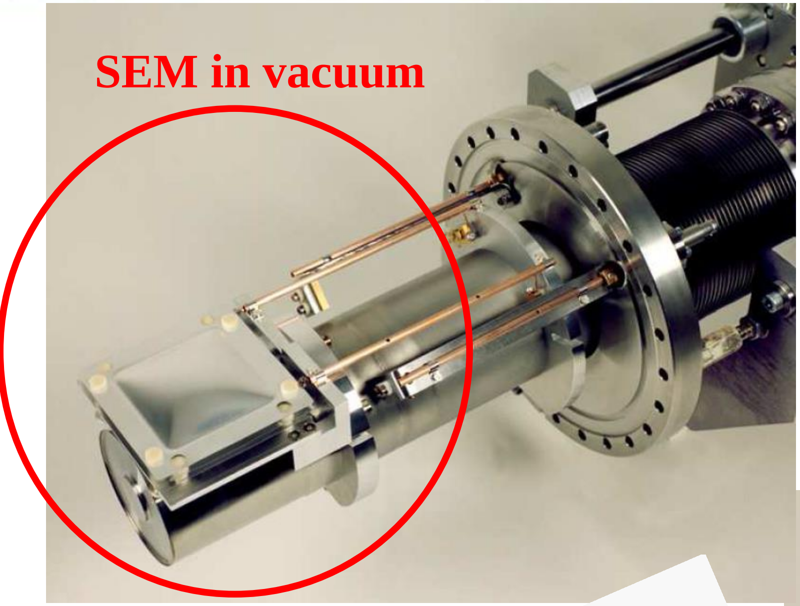
It is a ***surface*** effect:

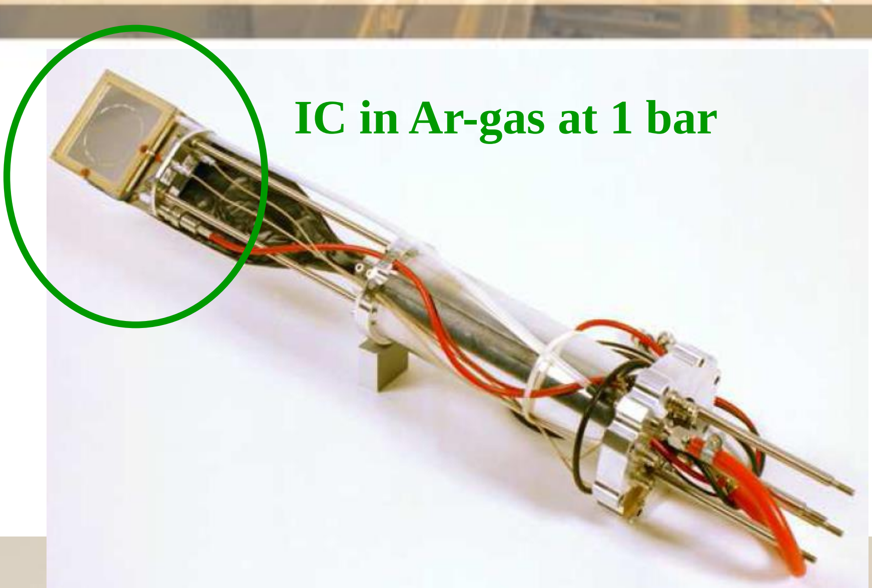
→ Sensitive to cleaning procedure

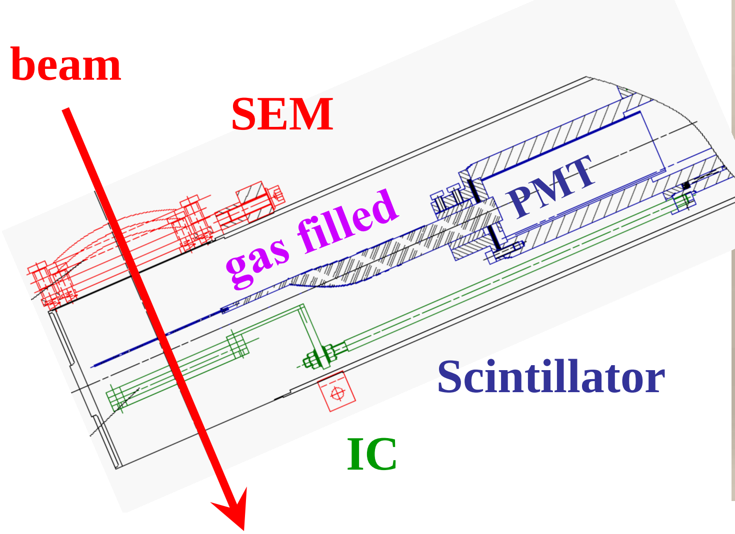
→ Possible surface modification by radiation

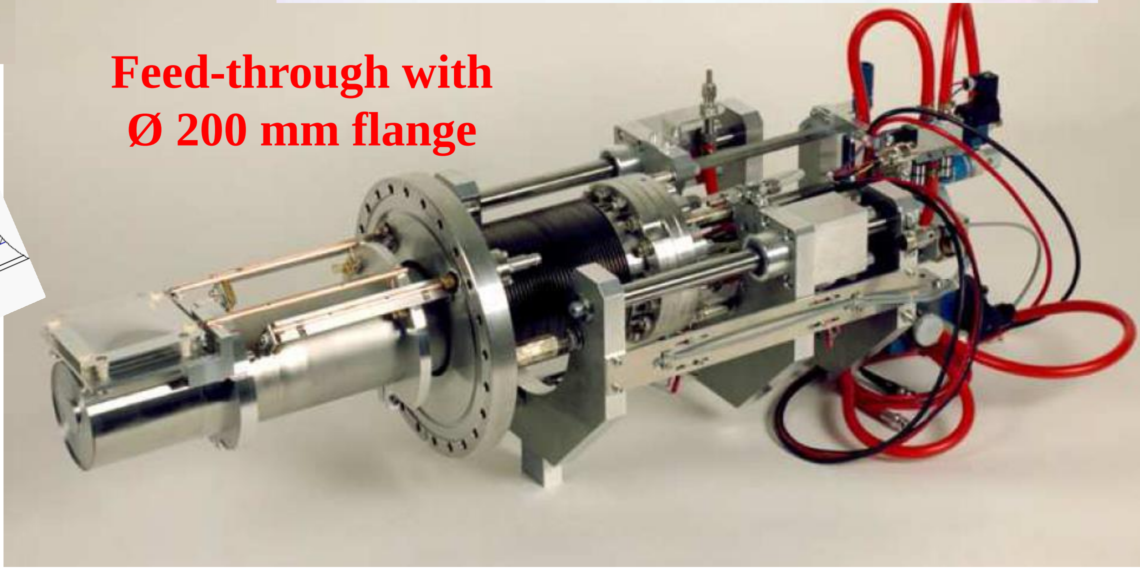
Sometimes they are installed permanently in front of an experiment.

GSI Installation for SEM, IC and Scintillator


SEM in vacuum


IC in Ar-gas at 1 bar




Feed-through with
Ø 200 mm flange

P. Forck et al., DIPAC’97

Summary for Current Measurement

Current is the basic quantity for accelerators!

Transformer: → **measurement of the beam's magnetic field**

- ➢ magnetic field is guided by a high μ toroid
- ➢ types: passive (large bandwidth), active (low droop) and dc (two toroids + modulation)
- ➢ lower threshold by magnetic noise: about $\boldsymbol{I_{beam}} > 1\ \mu A$
- ➢ non-destructive, used for all beams

Faraday cup: → **measurement of beam's charge**

- ➢ low threshold by I/U-converter: $\boldsymbol{I_{beam}} > 10$ pA
- ➢ totally destructive, used for low energy beams

Scintillator, IC, SEM: → **measurement of the particle's energy loss**

- ➢ particle counting (Scintillator)
- ➢ secondary current: **IC** from gas ionization or **SEM** sec. e^- emission surface
- ➢ no lower threshold due to single particle counting
- ➢ partly destructive, used for high energy beams

Appendix: GSI Heavy Ion Research Center

German national heavy ion accelerator facility in Darmstadt

Accelerators:

Acceleration of all ions

LINAC: up to 15 MeV/u

Synchrotron: up to 2 GeV/u

Research area:

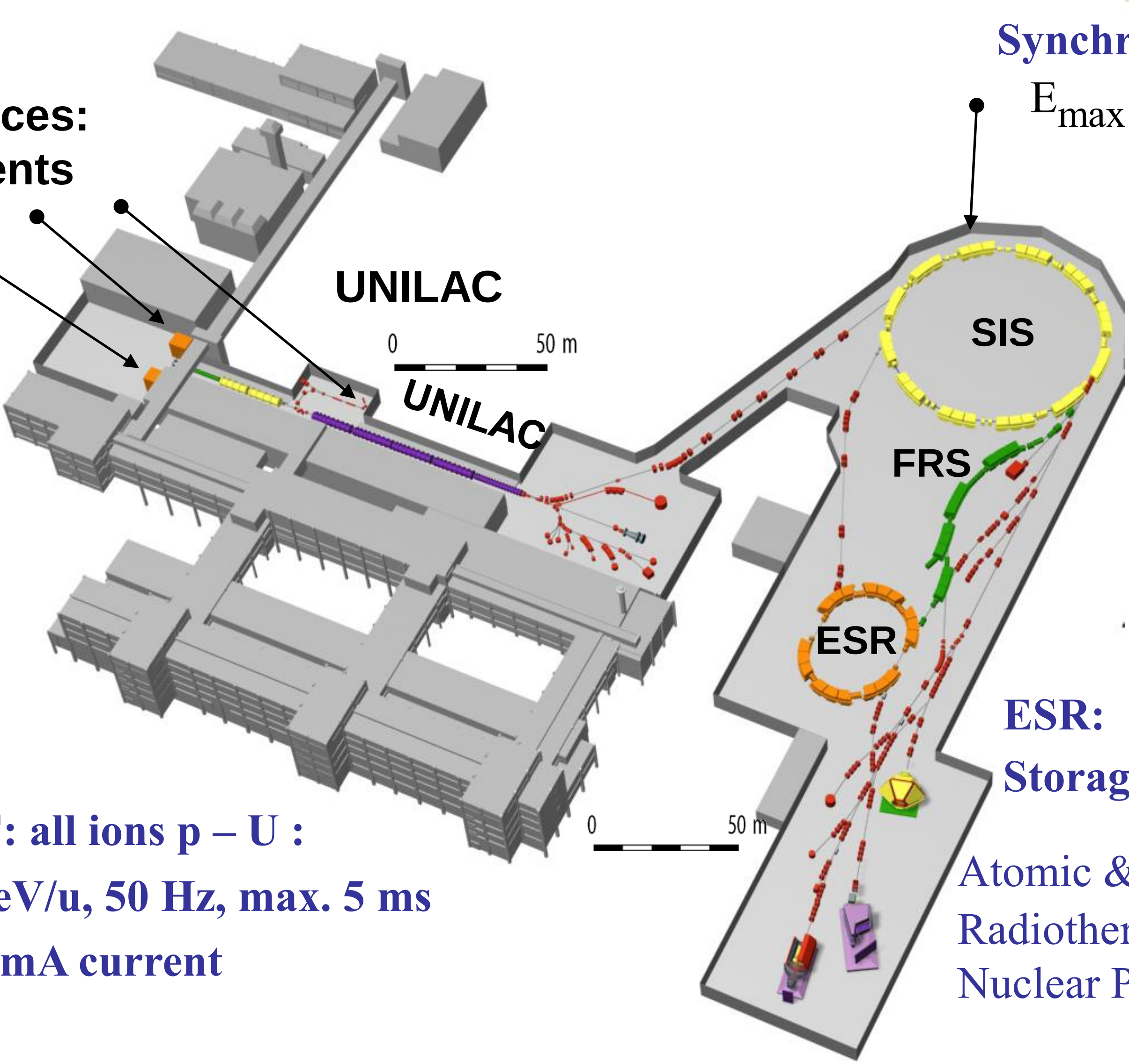
- Nuclear physics ≈ 60 %
- Atomic physics ≈ 20 %
- Bio physics (e.g. cell damage)
  incl. cancer therapy ≈ 10 %
- Material research ≈ 10 %

Extension by international FAIR facility

GSI is one of 18 German large scale research centers.

Appendix: The Accelerator Facility at GSI

Ion Sources:
all elements



Synchrotron, Bρ=18 Tm

E_{max} p: 4.7 GeV
U: 1 GeV/u

Achieved e.g.:

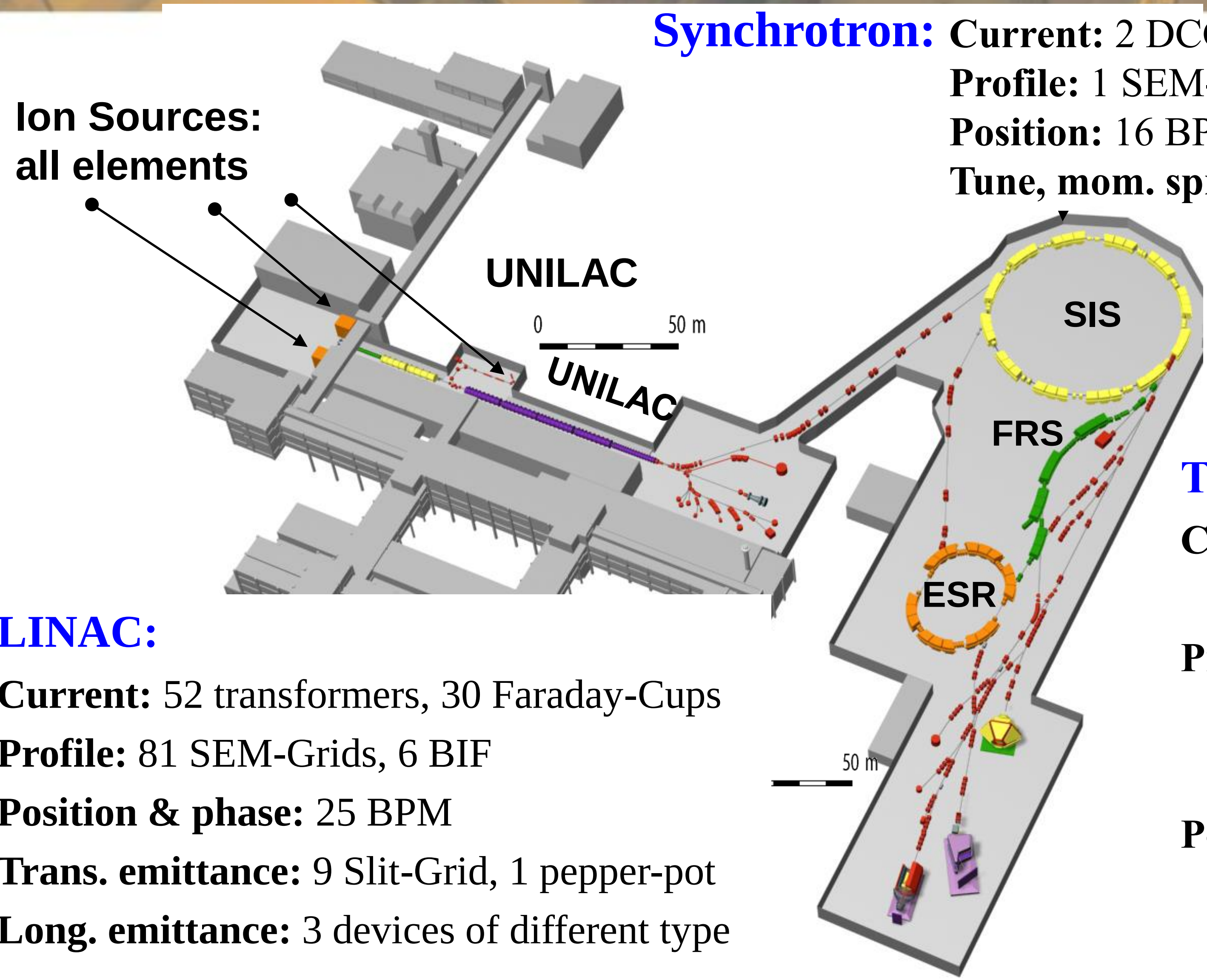
$Ar^{18+}: 1\cdot10^{11}$
$U^{28+}: 3\cdot10^{10}$
$U^{73+}: 1\cdot10^{10}$

ESR:
Storage Ring, Bρ=10 Tm

Atomic & Plasma Physics
Radiotherapy
Nuclear Physics

UNILAC: all ions p – U :
3 – 12 MeV/u, 50 Hz, max. 5 ms
Up to 20 mA current

Appendix: Beam Instruments at GSI Accelerator Facility



Synchrotron: **Current:** 2 DCCT, 1 ACCT, 1 FCT
Profile: 1 SEM-Grid, 1 IPM, 1 Screen
Position: 16 BPM
Tune, mom. spread: 1 Exciter + BPM
1 Schottky

Transport Lines:

Current: 8 FCT
15 Part. Detec.

Profile: 10 SEM-Grid
26 MWPC
18 Screens

Position: 8 BPM

LINAC:

Current: 52 transformers, 30 Faraday-Cups

Profile: 81 SEM-Grids, 6 BIF

Position & phase: 25 BPM

Trans. emittance: 9 Slit-Grid, 1 pepper-pot

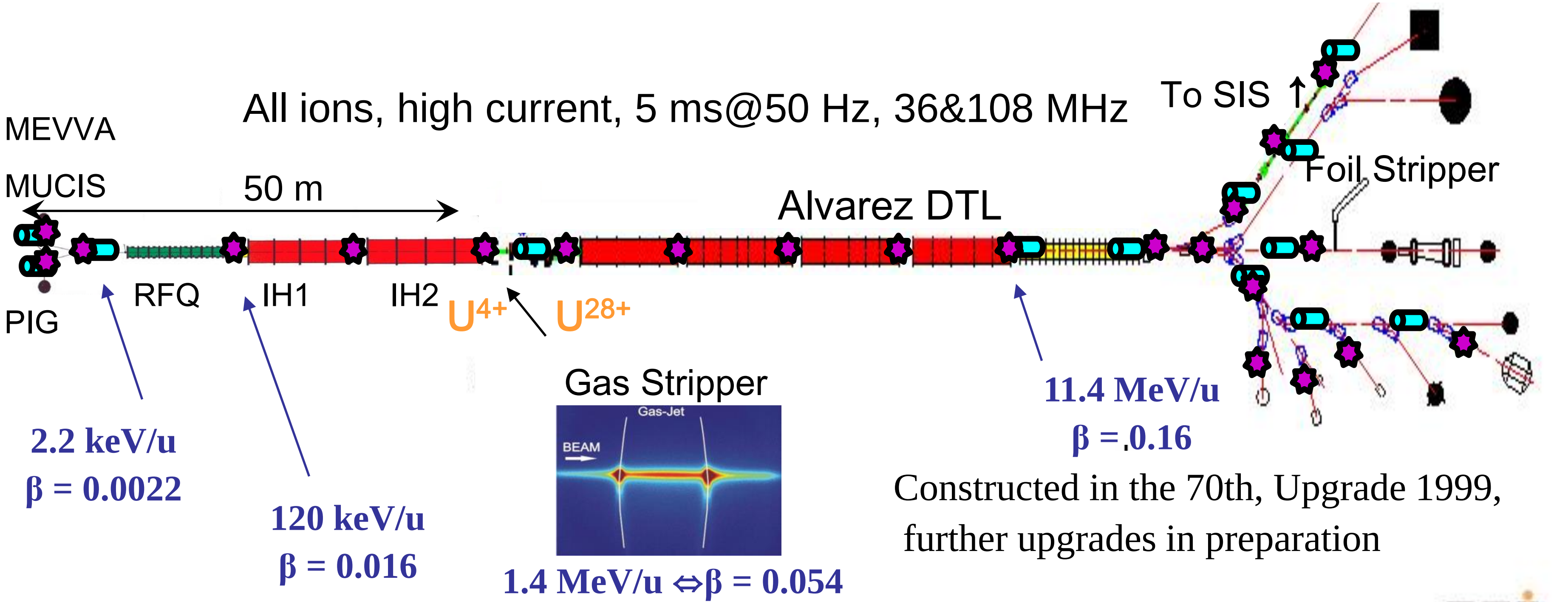
Long. emittance: 3 devices of different type

Appendix: UNILAC at GSI: Current Measurement

⬭ **Faraday Cup:** for low current measurement and beam stop, total 30

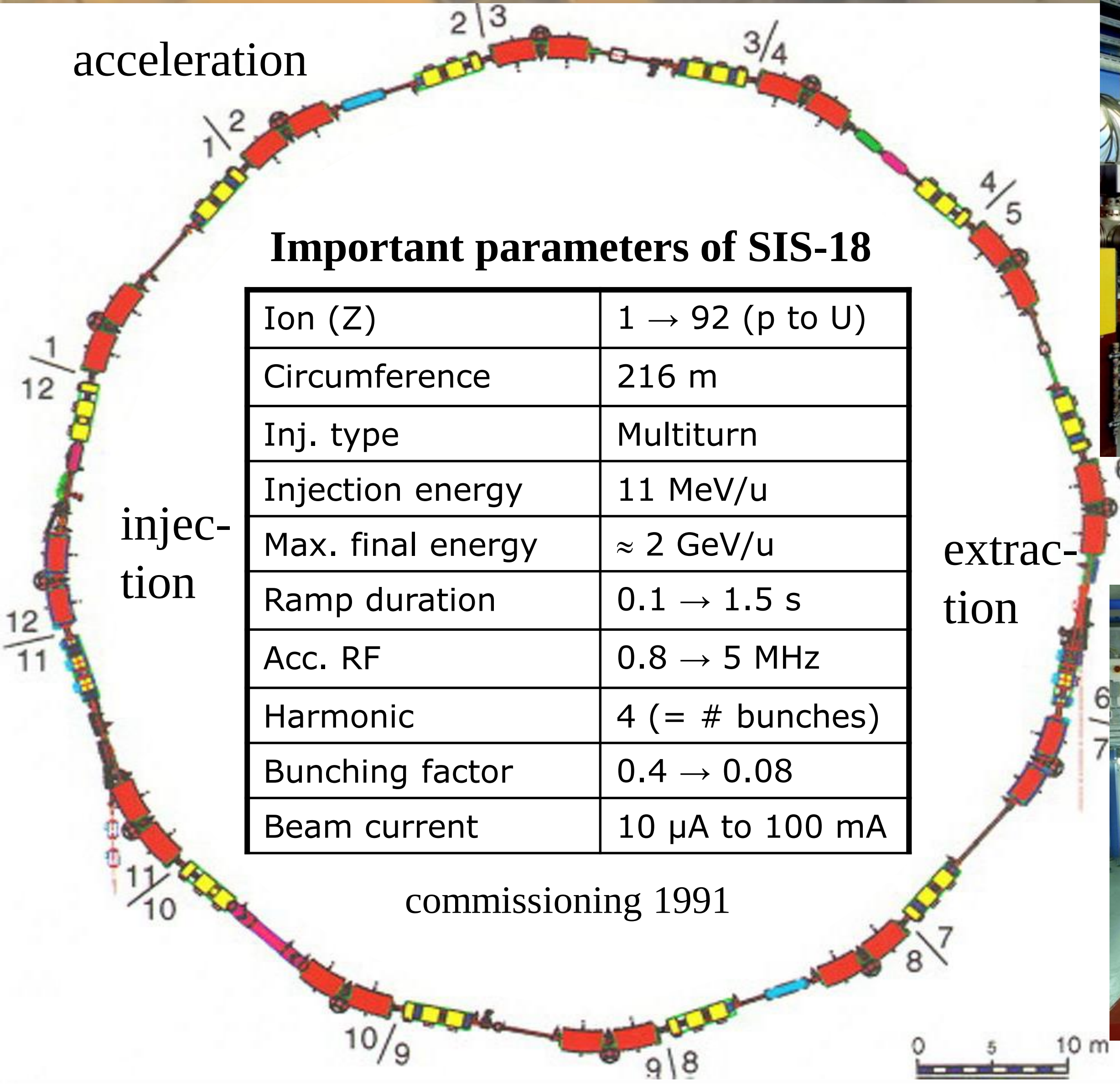
✸ **Transformer ACCT:** for current measurement and transmission control total 52 device

They are used for alignment and interlock generation



Constructed in the 70th, Upgrade 1999, further upgrades in preparation

Appendix: GSI Heavy Ion Synchrotron: Overview



acceleration

injec-tion

extrac-tion

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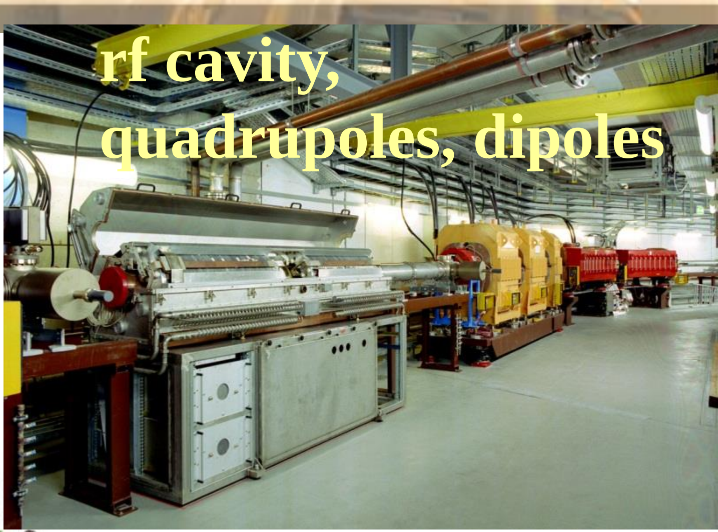
commissioning 1991



rf cavity, quadrupoles, dipoles

Dipole, quadrupoles, transfer line

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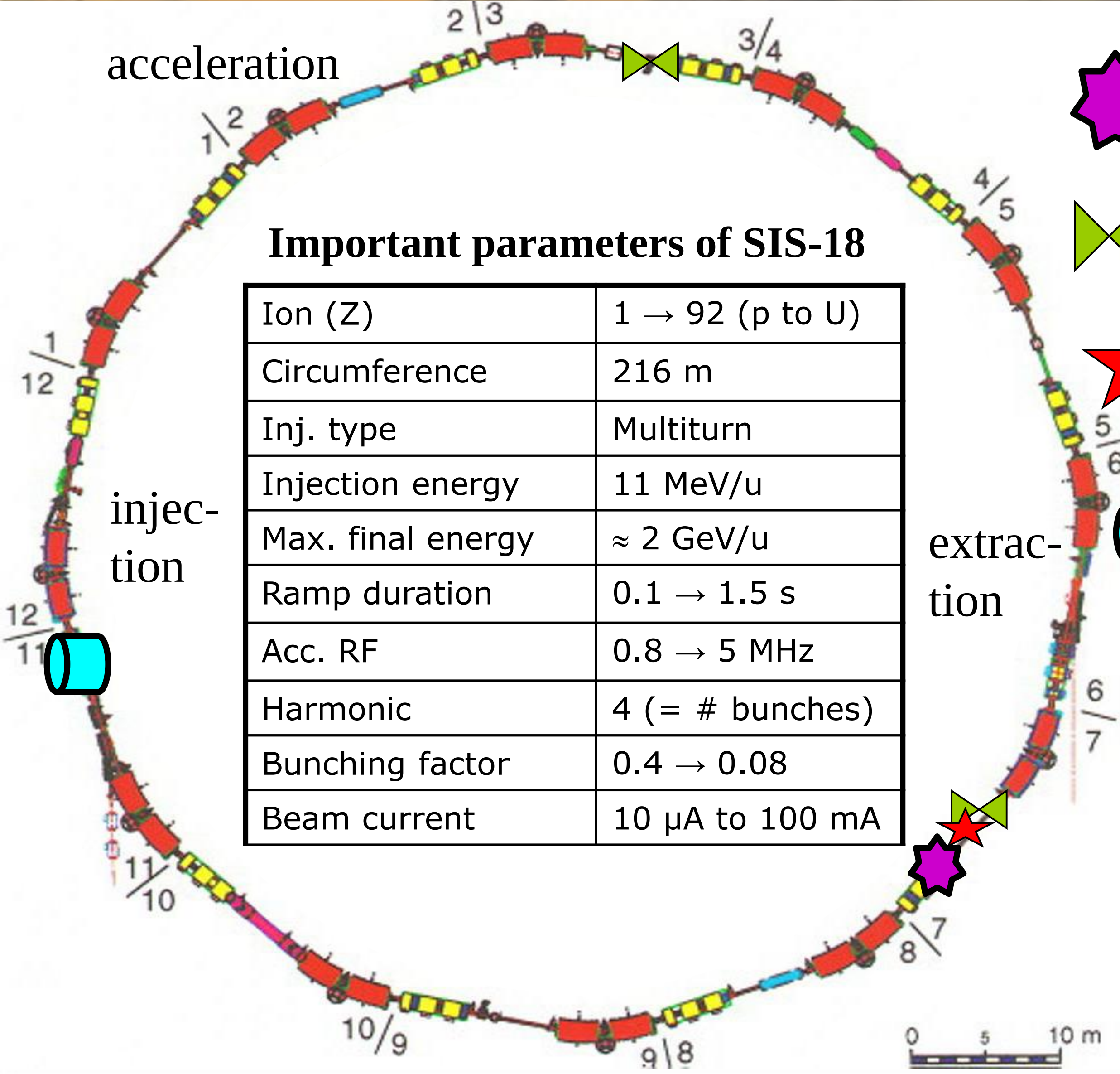

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ACCT: injected current
0.01... 1 MHz

DCCT: circulating current
0... 10 kHz

FCT: bunch structure
0.01... 500 MHz

Faraday Cup: beam dump

Appendix: 3^{rd} Generation Light Sources

Soleil, Paris, $E_{electron}$= 2.5 GeV, C = 354 m

3^{rd} Generation Light Sources:

Synchrotron-based

with $E_{electron} \approx 1\ldots8$ GeV

Light from undulators & wigglers, dipoles,

with $E_{\gamma} < 10$ keV (optical to deep UV)

Users in:

- Biology (e.g. protein crystallography)
- Chemistry (e.g. observation of reaction dynamics)
- material science (e.g. x-ray diffraction)
- Basic research in solid state and atomic physics

Unique setting: intense, broad-band light emission (monochromator for wavelength selection)

National facilities in many counties, some international facilities.

Appendix: The Spanish Synchrotron Light Facility ALBA

3rd generation Spanish national synchrotron light facility in Barcelona

Layout:

Beam lines: up to 30

Electron energy: 3 GeV

Top-up injection

Storage ring length: 268 m

Max. beam current: 0.4 A

Commissioning in 2011

Talk by Ubaldo Iriso: at DIPAC 2011, adweb.desy.de/mpy/DIPAC2011/html/sessi0n.htm

see also www.cells.es/Divisions/Accelerators/RF_Diagnostics/Diagnostics

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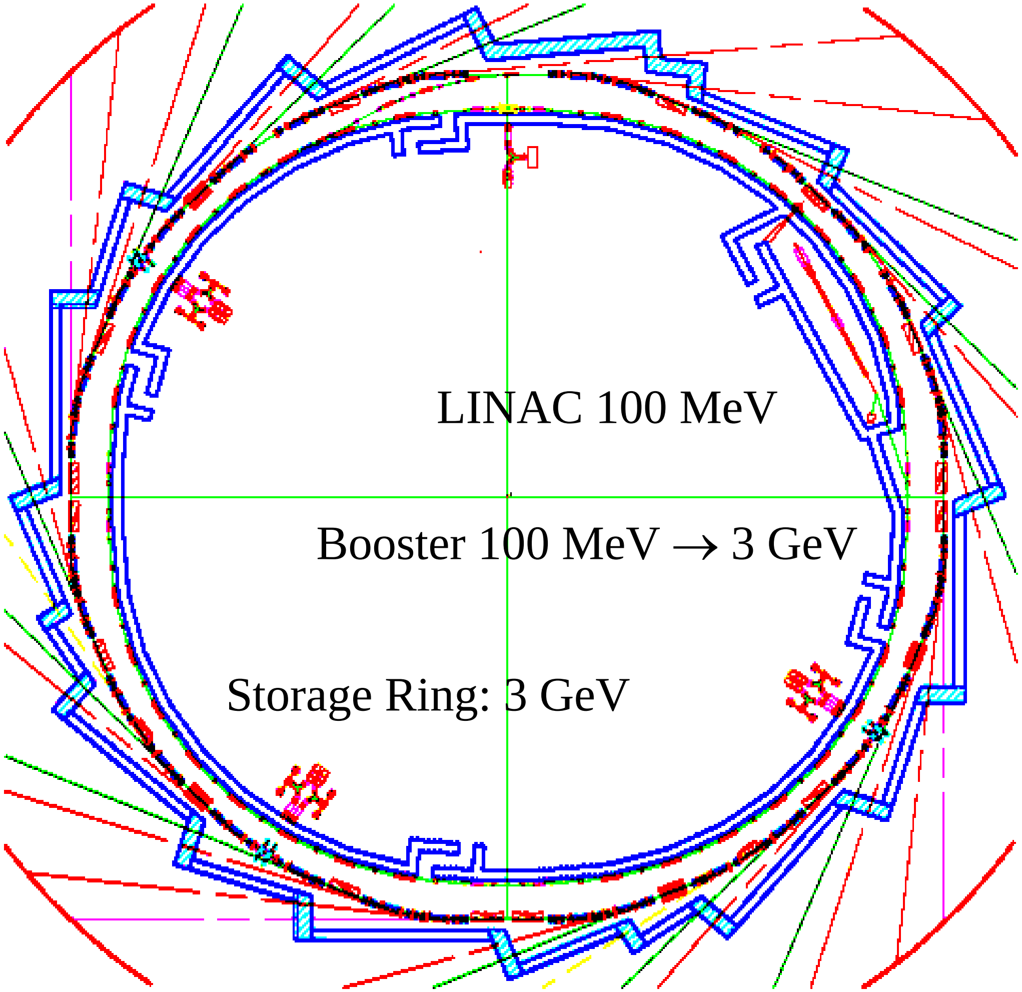

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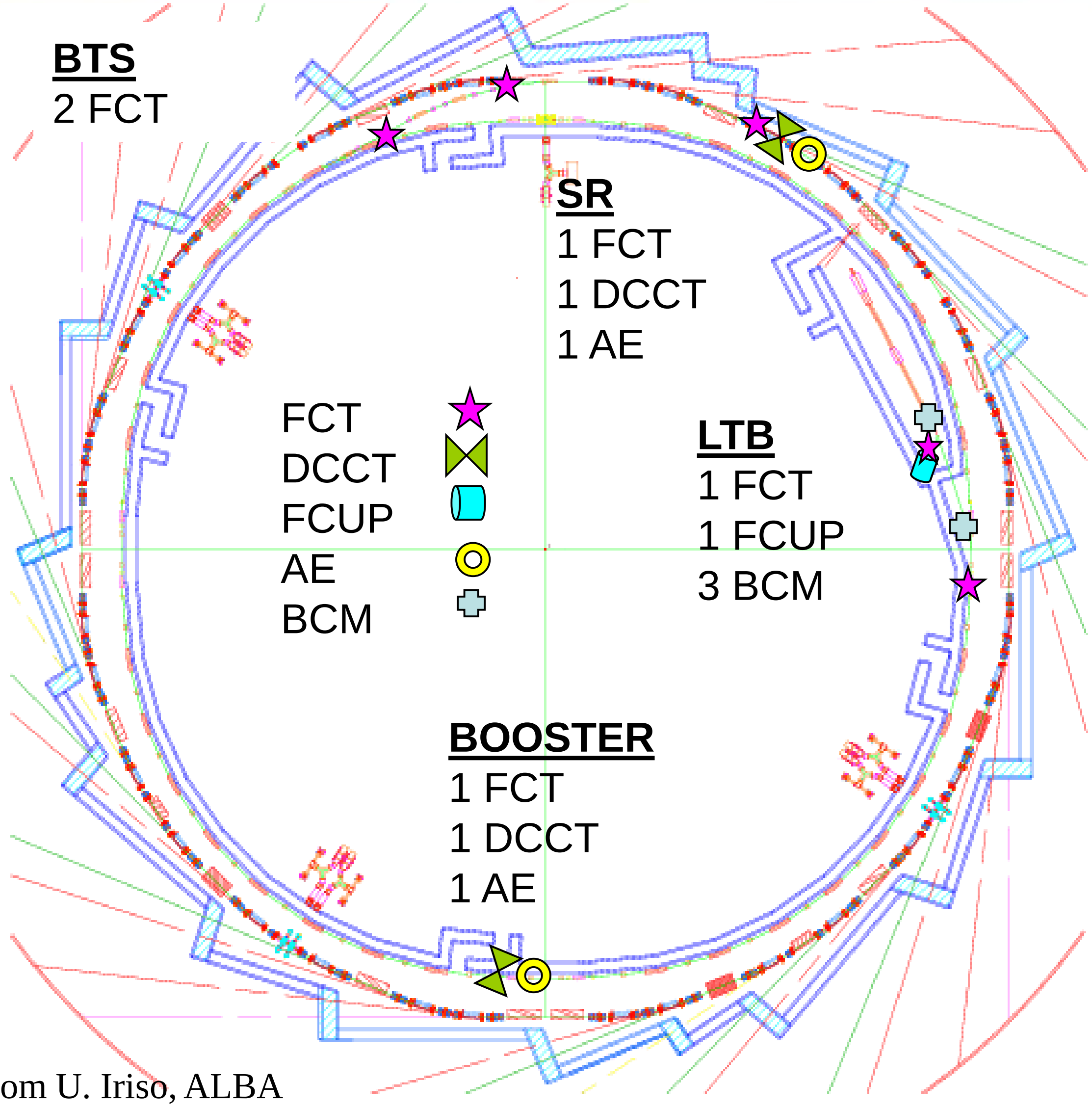

BTS
2 FCT

SR
1 FCT
1 DCCT
1 AE

LTB
1 FCT
1 FCUP
3 BCM

BOOSTER
1 FCT
1 DCCT
1 AE

FCT	★
DCCT	⋈
FCUP	▯
AE	◎
BCM	✚

From U. Iriso, ALBA

Beam current:

Amount of electrons accelerated,
transported and stored

- Several in transport lines
- One per ring

Abbreviation:

FCT: Fast Current Transformer
DCCT: dc transformer
FCUP: Faraday Cup
AE: Annular Electrode
BCM: Bunch Charge Monitor

Remark:

AE: Annular Electrode
i.e. circular electrode acting
like a high frequency pick-up