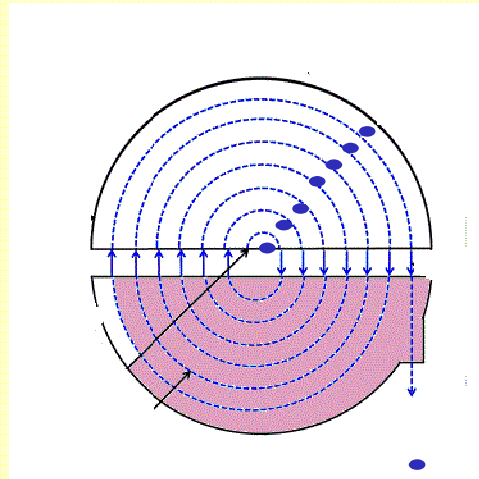


# Beam dynamics for cyclotrons

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compact cyclotrons

Separated sectors (ring cyclotrons)

Synchrocyclotrons

Fixed energy

Variable energy

Superconducting

Normal conducting

# OUTLINE

## Chapter 1 : theory

- Principle
- Basic equation
- Longitudinal dynamics
- Transverse dynamics

## Chapter 2 :specific problems

- Longitudinal dynamics
- Acceleration
- Injection
- Extraction

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- Design strategy
- Tracking
- Simulations

## Chapter 4 :

- Theory vs reality (cost, ,tunes, isochronism,...)

### Exemples

- Medical cyclotron
- Research facility

# CYCLOTRON HISTORY

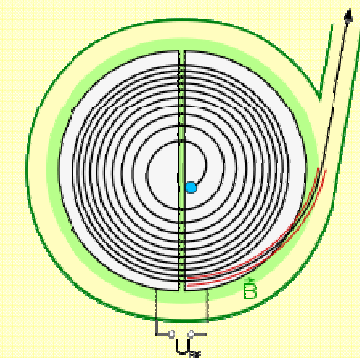
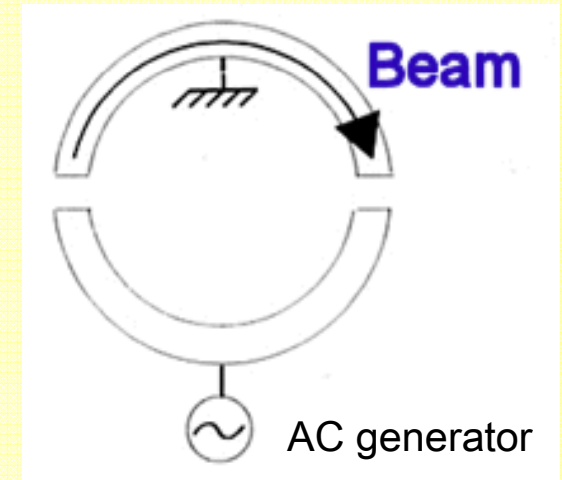
The Inventor, E. Lawrence, get the Nobel in Physics (1939) (first nuclear reactions without alpha source )



● brilliant idea (E. Lawrence, Berkeley, 1929) : RF accelerating field is technically complex and expensive.

So Let 's use only 1 RF cavity, but many times

A device is put into a magnetic field, curving the ion trajectories and only one electrode is used several times.

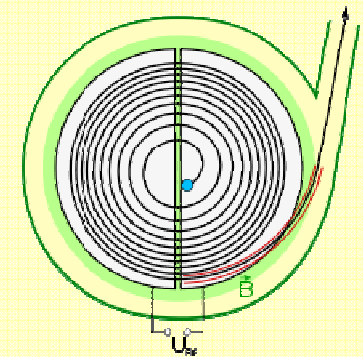


# What is a CYCLOTRON ?

- RF accelerator for the ions :

from proton  $A=1$  to Uranium  $A=238$

- Energy range for proton **1MeV -1GeV** ( $\gamma \sim 1-2$ )
- Circular machine : CW (and Weak focusing)
- Size Radius=30cm to  $R=6m$
- RF Frequency : **10 MHz -60 MHz**



**APPLICATIONS** : Nuclear physics

( from fundamental to applied research)

: Medical application

Radio Isotopes production (for PET scan,....)

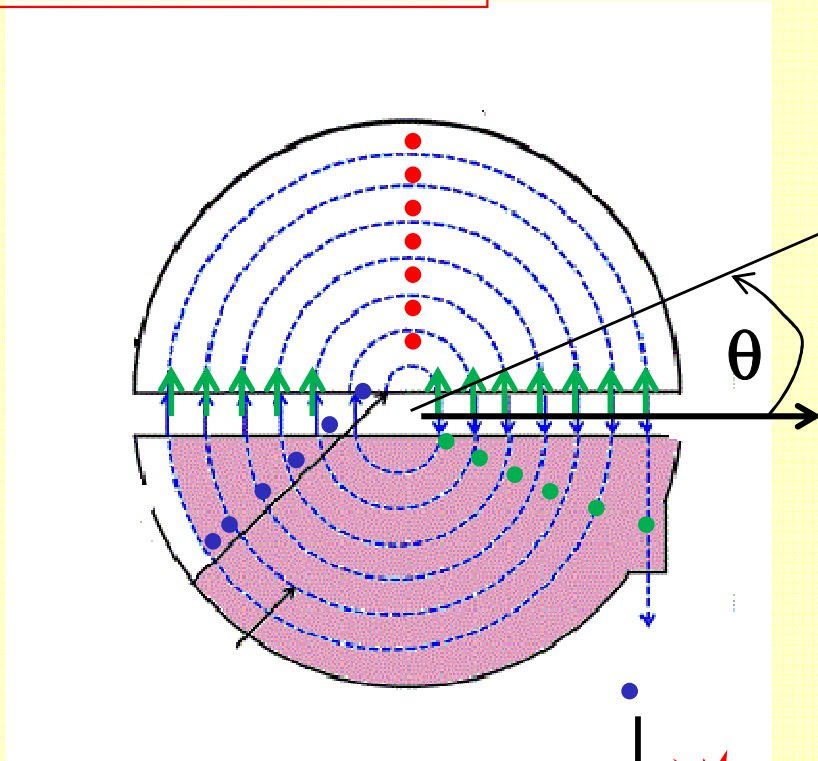
Cancer treatment

Quality : **Compact and Cost effective**

# Useful concepts for the cyclotrons

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

$$E_K = (\gamma - 1).mc^2$$



Maxwell equation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = 0$$

## Cyclotron coordinates

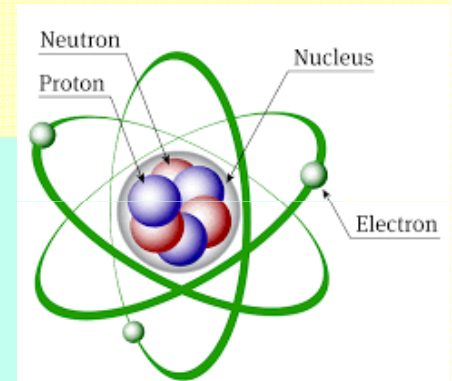
**r** Radial = horizontal

**z** Axial = vertical

$\theta$  « Azimuth » = cylindrical angle

MeV/A = kinetic energy unit in MeV per nucleon

Ions :  ${}^A_Z X^Q$



A : nucleons number

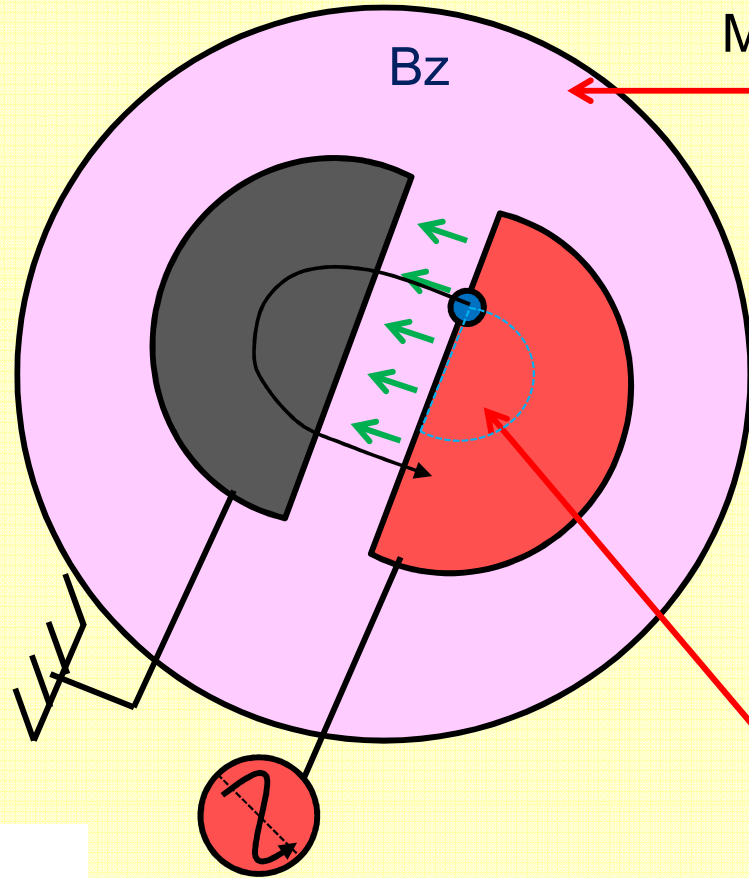
Z: protons number

Q : charge state : 0+, 1+, 2+, .....

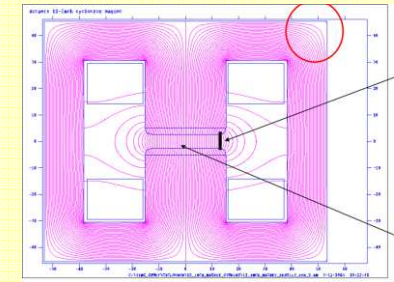
# Principle :the hardware

$$\vec{E} = [V_1(t) - V_0] / d$$

$$\sim \cos(\omega t)$$



Magnet



H-type  
electro-magnet

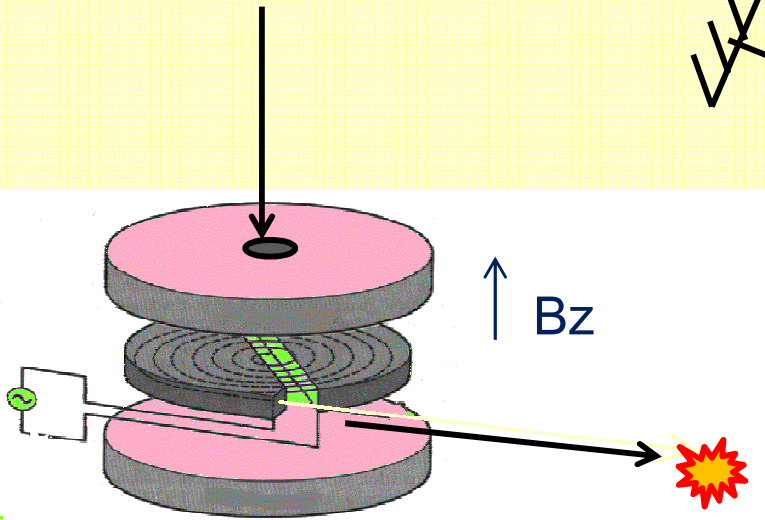
Accelerating Dee's

2 Copper boxes  
≠ potential

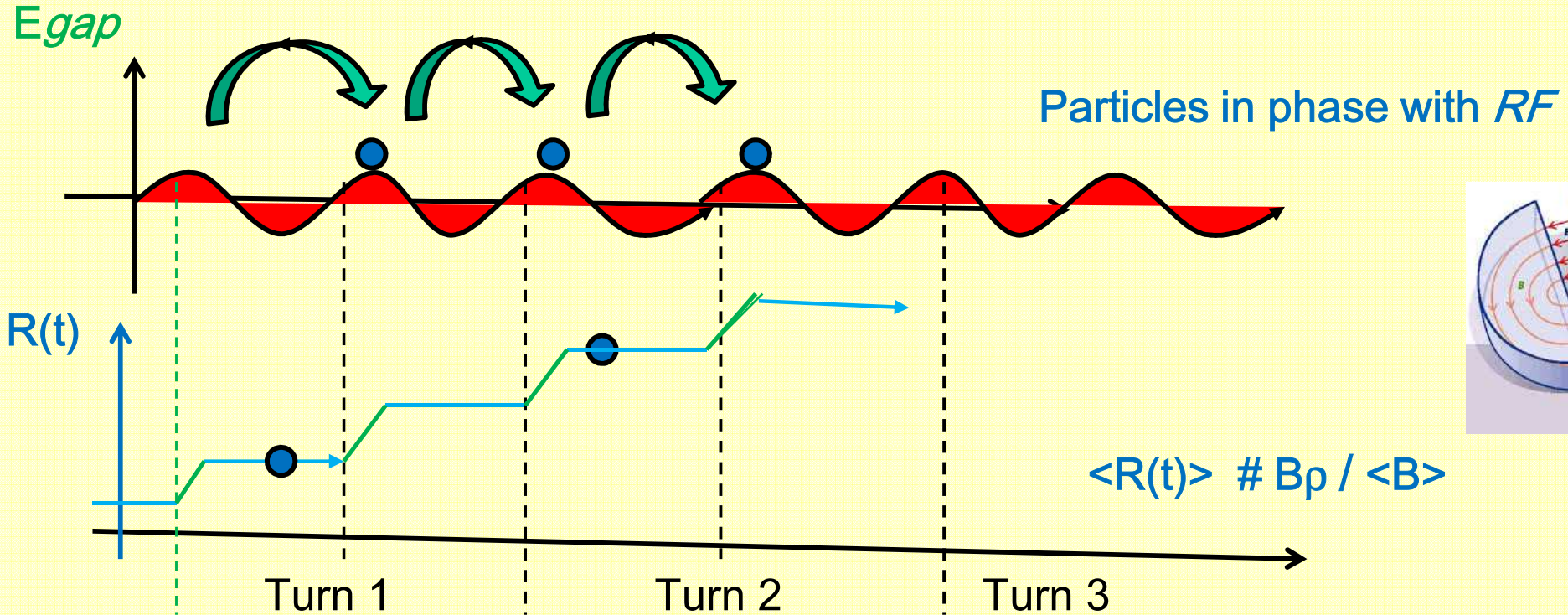
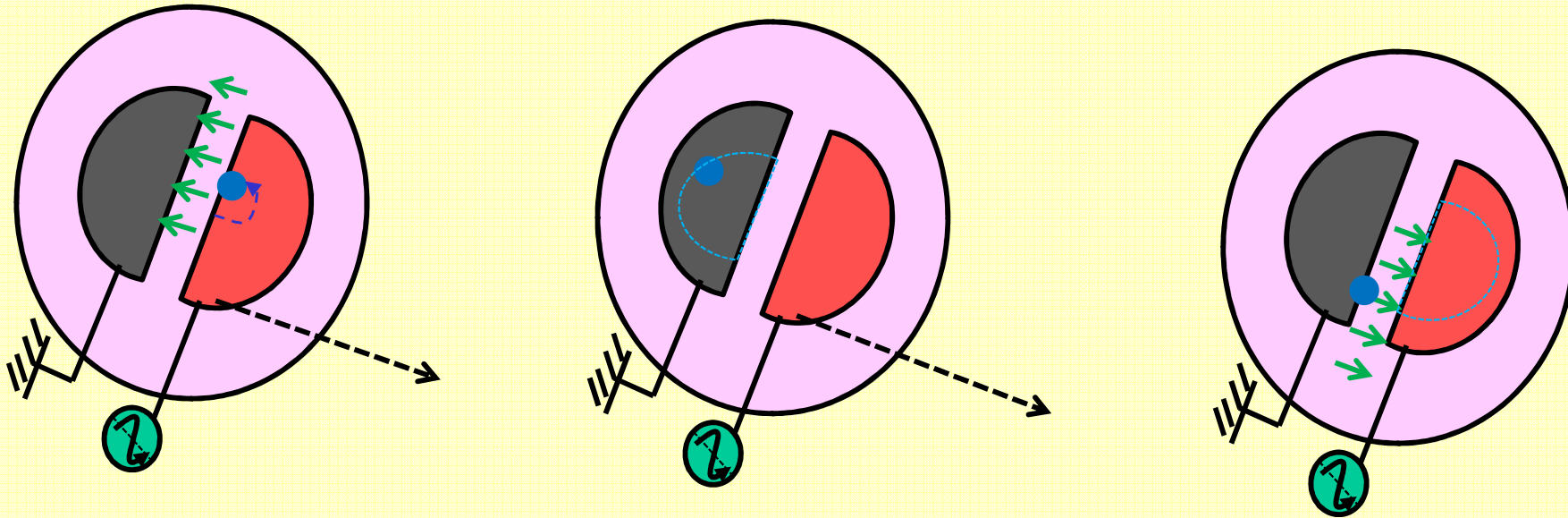
-half is  $V_1(t) \sim \cos(\omega t)$

- half is  
at the ground potential

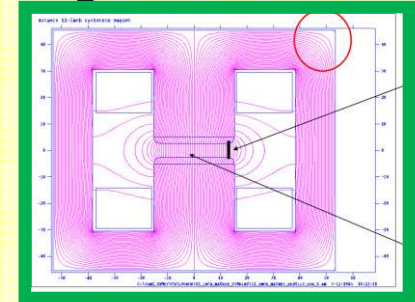
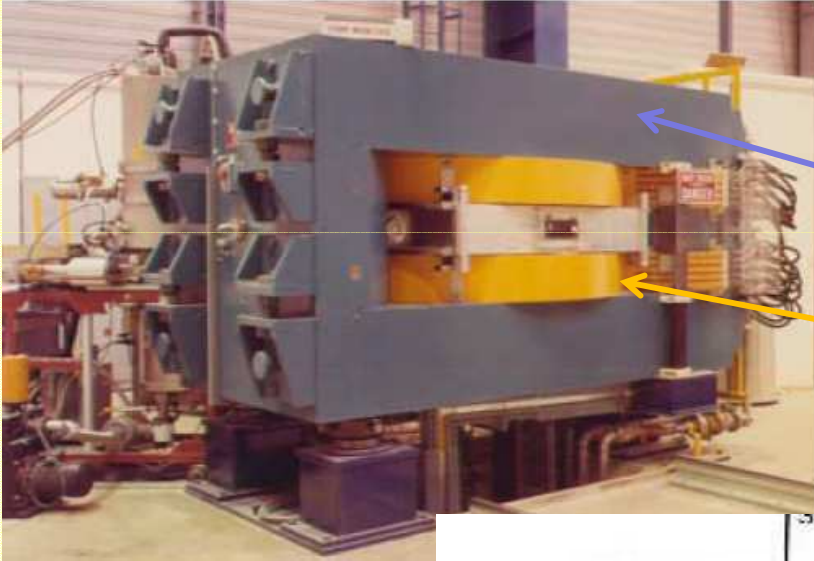
AC generator



# Principle B: the trajectories

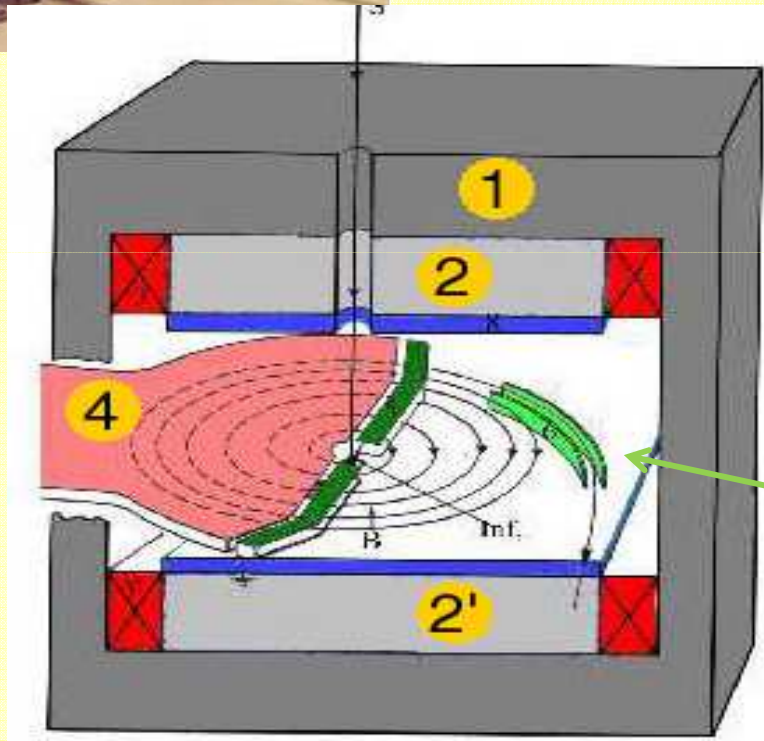


# A compact cyclotron in reality



Magnet ( $B_z$ ) :

- 1) Yoke
- 2) poles
- 3) coils



RF cavities

4) Dee

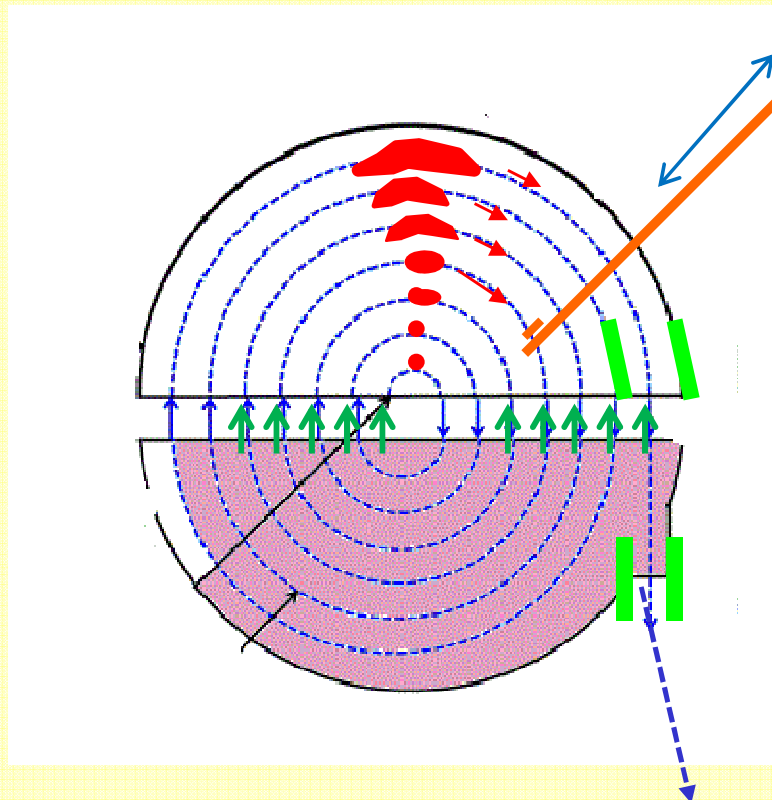
Electrostatic Deflector



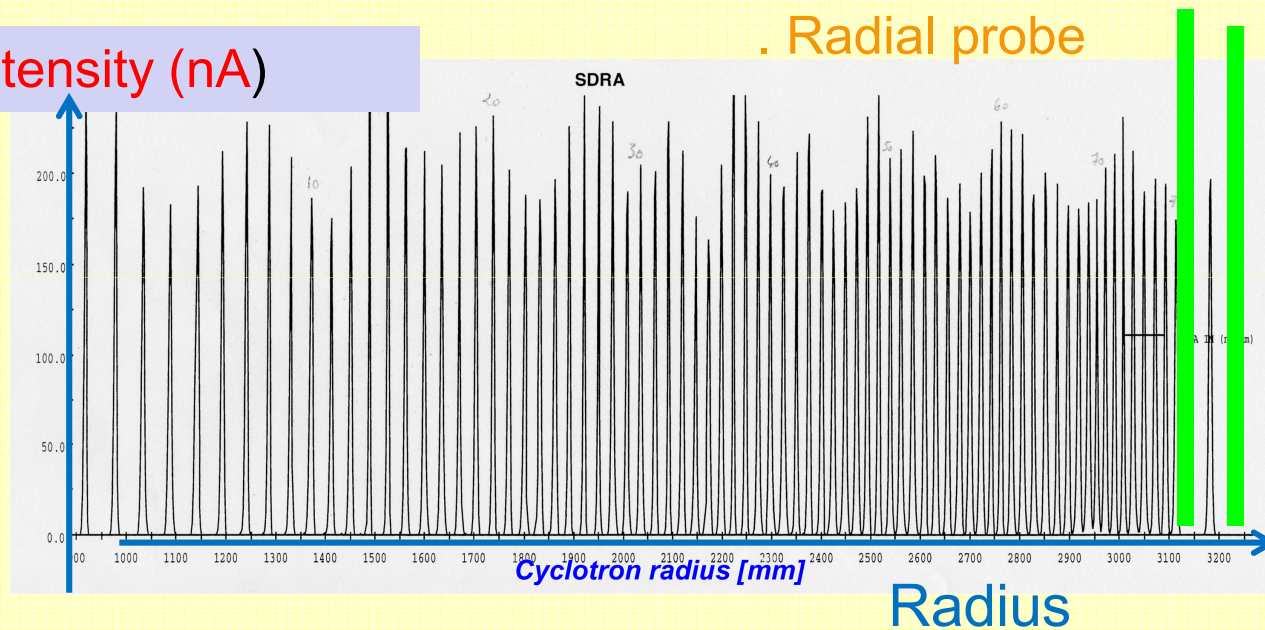
# Radial probes

useful tool to check the acceleration

Monitoring beam with a  
Radial Probe



Intensity (nA)



Radial probe

Radial probe :  $I = F(\text{Radius})$

Radius in the cyclo =  $f(\text{Turn Number})$

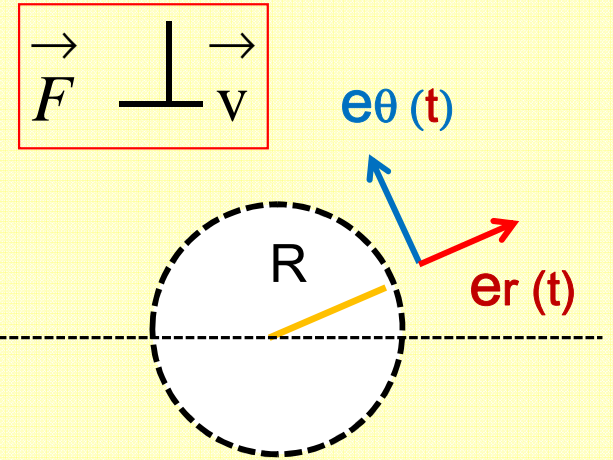
Turn separation :  $\delta r = R(\text{turn } N) - R(\text{turn } N-1)$

# Trajectory in uniform B field $\frac{d(\gamma m \vec{v})}{dt} = \vec{F}$

Let's consider an ion with a charge  $q$  and a mass  $m$  circulating at a speed  $v_\theta$  in a uniform induction field  $\mathbf{B}=(0,0,B_z)$

The motion equation can be derived from the **Newton's law** and the **Lorentz force  $\mathbf{F}$  in a cylindrical coordinate system** ( $\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_\theta, \mathbf{e}_z$ ):

$$\frac{d(\vec{v})}{dt} = \vec{a} = \frac{d^2(R \cdot \vec{e}_r)}{dt^2} = - \left[ \frac{\|\vec{v}\|^2}{R} \right] \cdot \vec{e}_r$$



$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{F} = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = -qv_\theta B_z \vec{e}_r$$

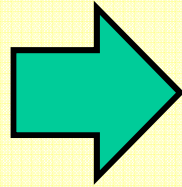
$$\gamma \frac{mv^2}{R} = -qv_\theta B_z$$

$$v_\theta = R \dot{\theta}$$

$$R = \frac{\gamma m v}{q B_z}$$

# Trajectory in uniform B field

$$R = \frac{B\rho}{B_z} = \frac{\gamma m v}{q B_z}$$



$$F_{\text{revolution}} = \frac{v}{2\pi R} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{qB}{\gamma m}$$



$$\omega_{\text{rev}} = 2\pi F_{\text{rev}} = \dot{\theta} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{v_{\theta}}{R} = \frac{qB}{\gamma m}$$

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

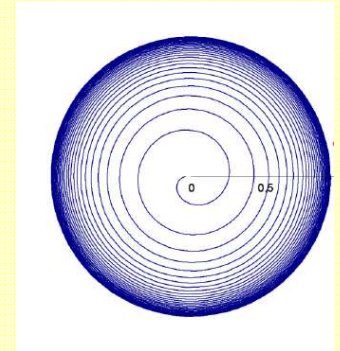
Centrifugal force = Magnetic force

$$\gamma \frac{m v_{\theta}^2}{R} = q v_{\theta} B_z$$

Let's accelerate ions, in a constant vertical field  $B_z$

The Radius evolves with  $P/q$  :

$$R(t) = \frac{\gamma m v}{q B_z} = \frac{B \rho}{B_z}$$



For *non relativistic* ions (low energy)  $\Rightarrow \gamma \sim 1$

In this domain, if  $B_z = \text{const} \Rightarrow \omega = \text{const}$

$$\omega_{\text{rev}} = \frac{q B_z}{\gamma m} \approx \text{const}$$

same  $\Delta T$  for each Turn

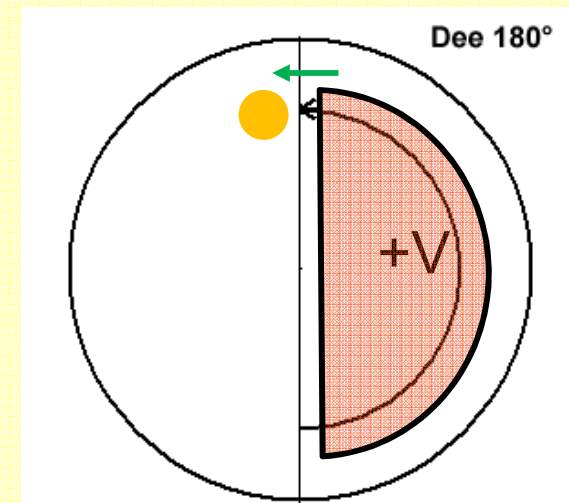
So, it is easy to synchronize an **Accelerating cavity (RF)**

having a "D" shape, with accelerated ions

$$V = V_0 \cos(\omega_{RF} t)$$

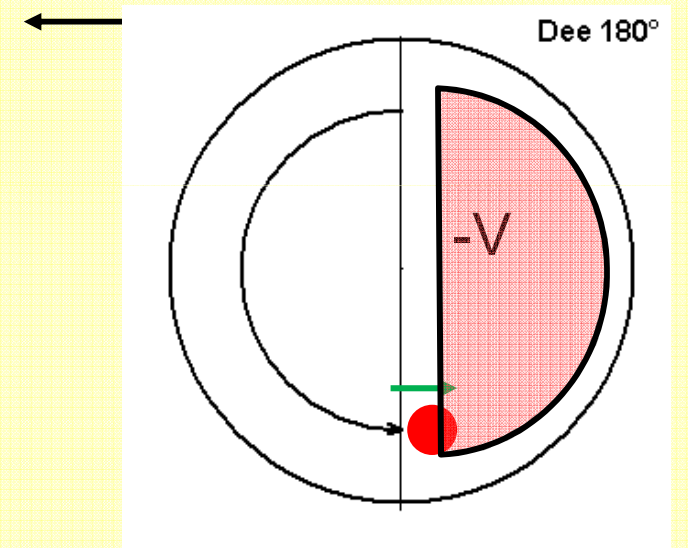
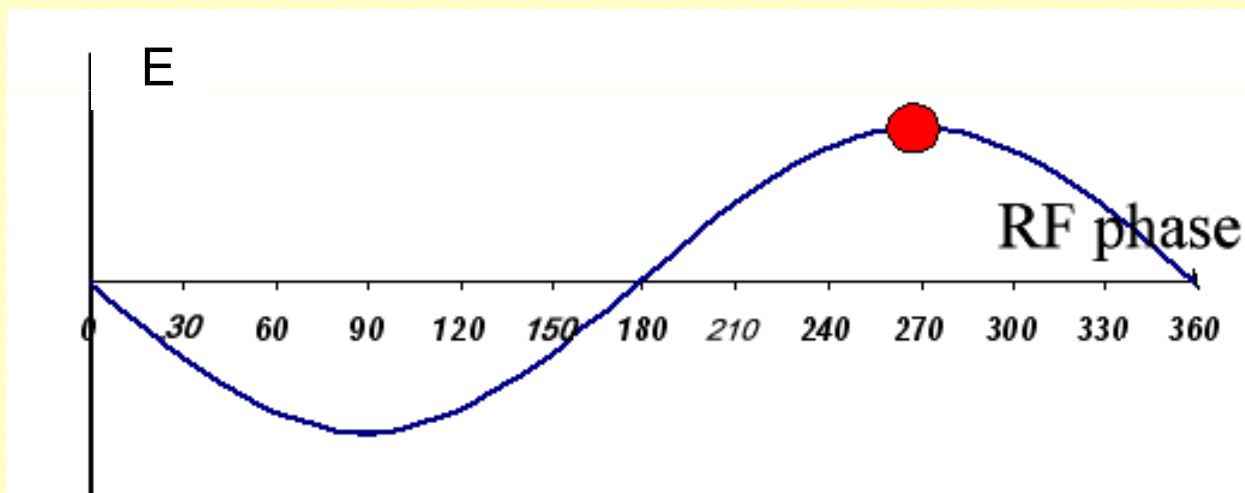
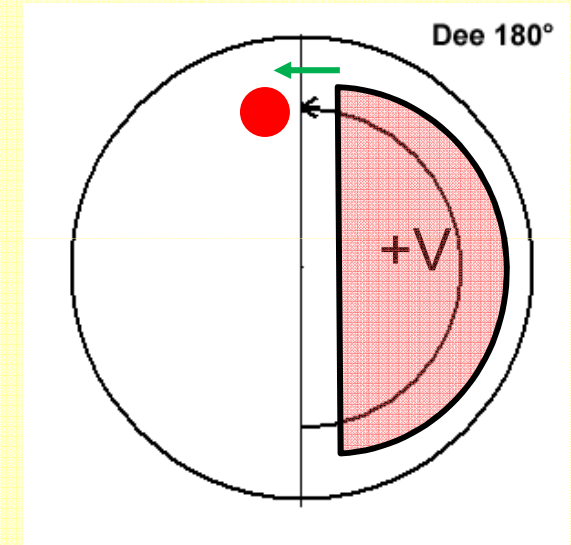
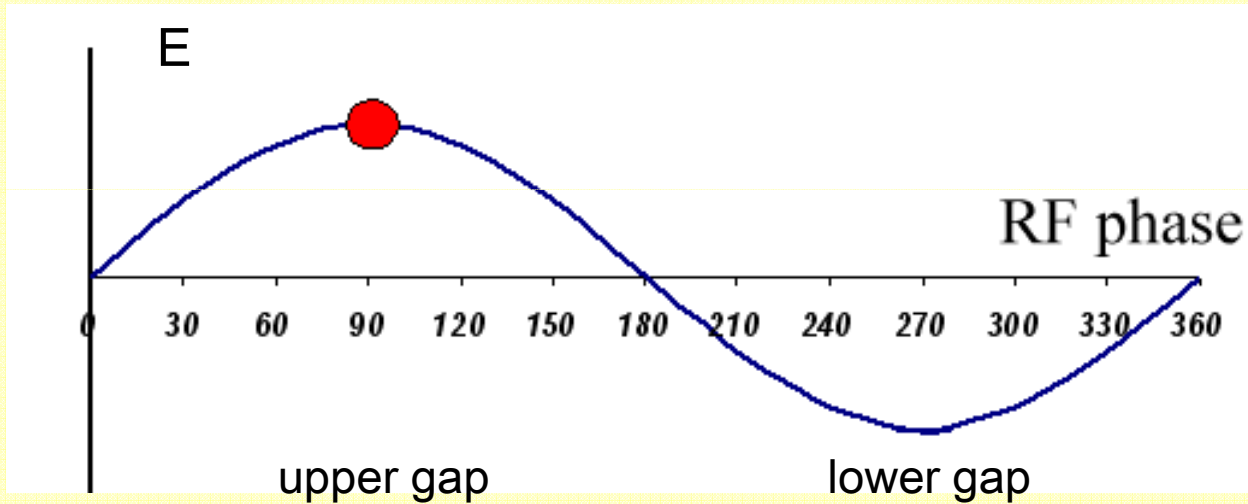
$$\omega_{RF} = h \omega_{\text{rev}}$$

$h = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  called the RF harmonic number (integer)



# Harmonic number $h = FRF / F_{\text{revolution}}$

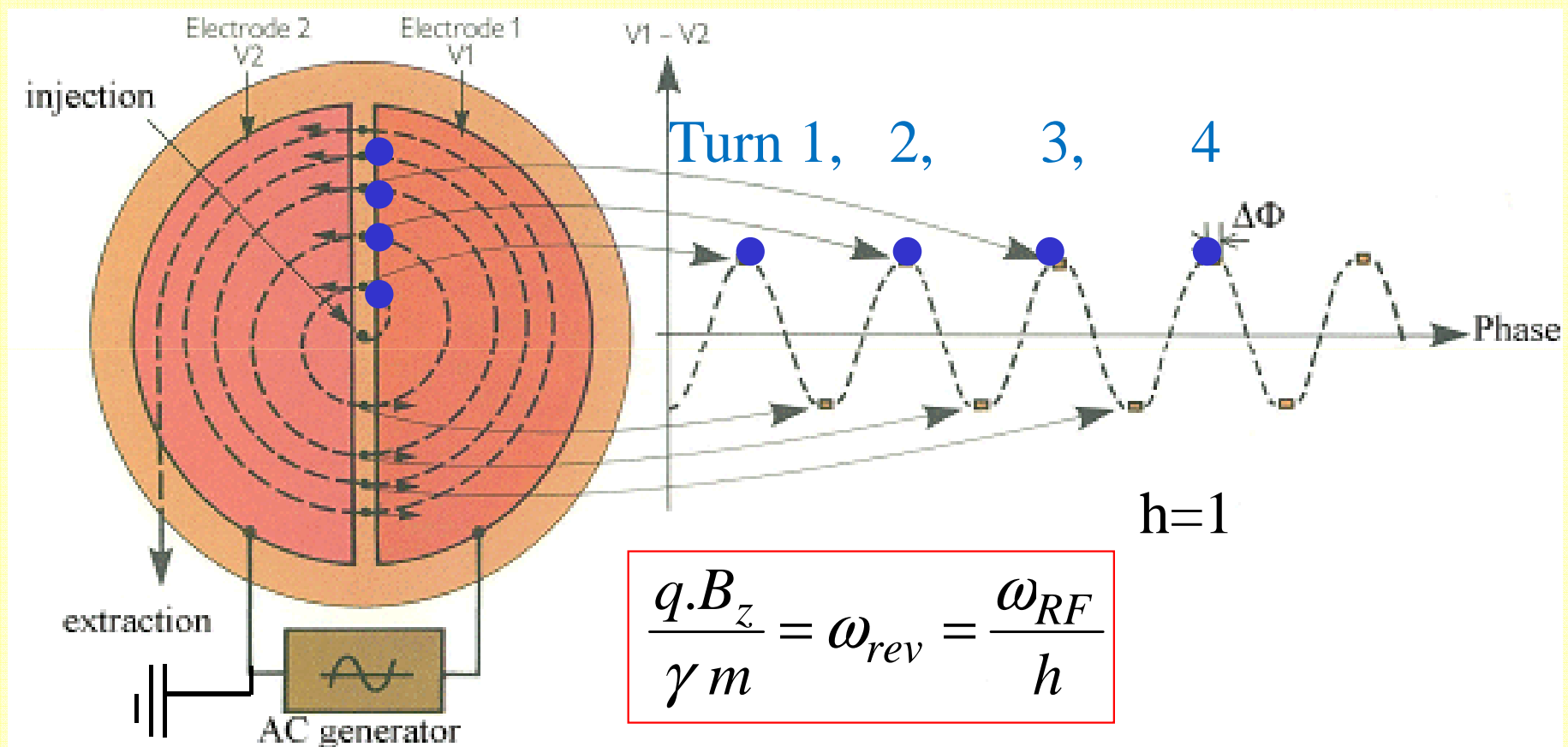
$$h = 1 \quad 1 \text{ bunch by turn} \quad \omega_{\text{rf}} = h \omega_{\text{rev}}$$



Isochronism condition: The particle takes the same amount of time to travel one turn : (constant revolution frequency  $\omega_{rev} = \text{const}$ )

and with  $\omega_{rf} = h \omega_{rev}$ , the particle is **synchronous** with the RF wave.

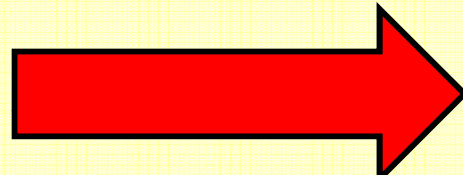
In other words, the particle arrives always at the same RF phase in the middle of the accelerating gap.



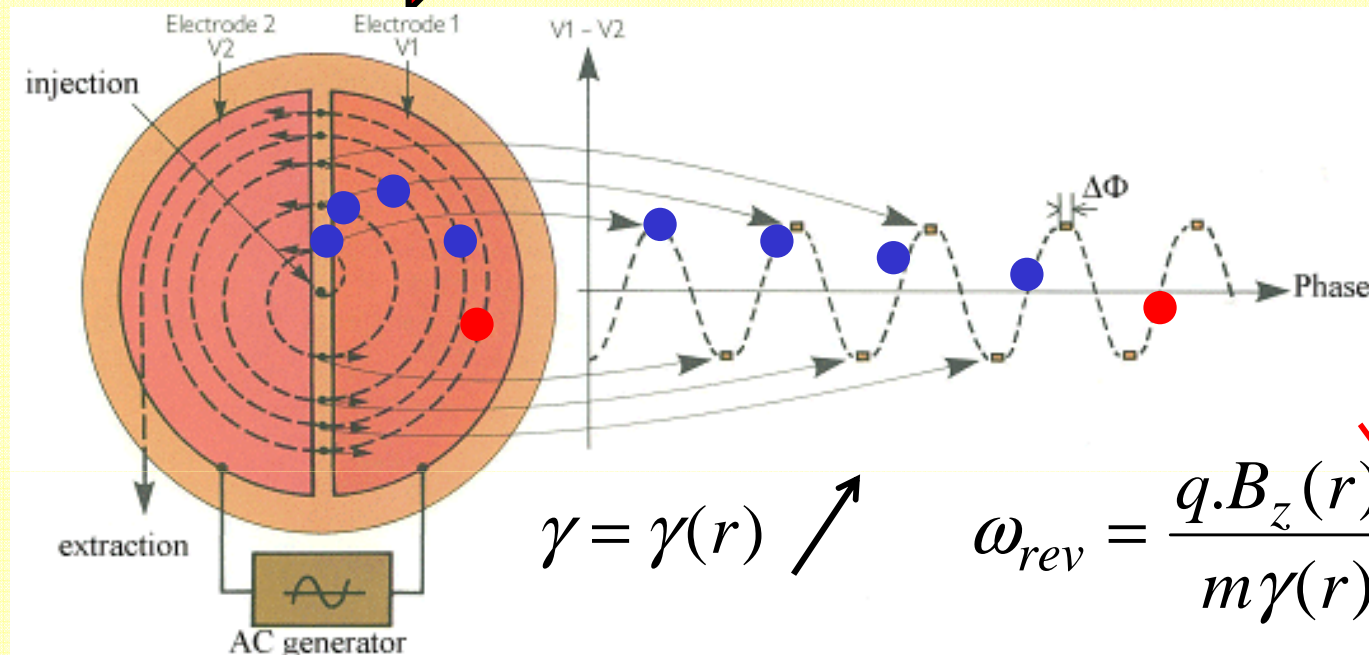
# Longitudinals with relativistic particles

With  $B_z = \text{constant}$ , relativistic  $\gamma$  increases AND  $\omega_{rev}$  decreases

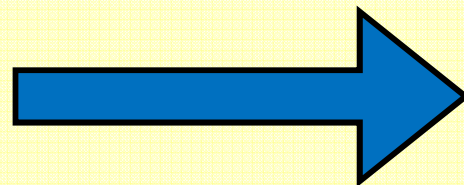
$$\omega_{rev} = \frac{qB_0}{\gamma m}$$



Isochronism condition not fulfilled



$$\omega_{rev} = \frac{q \cdot B_z(r)}{\gamma(r) m}$$

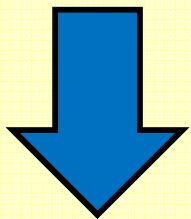


Isochronism condition fulfilled if

$$B_z(r) / \gamma(r) = \text{CONSTANT}$$

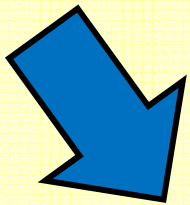
# Transverse dynamics in the cyclotrons

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



Isochronism condition  
(longitudinal)

$$B_z = B_z(R) \sim \gamma$$



We will show that that isochronism  
have a bad consequence on  
vertical oscillations



# Cyclotrons Tutorials 1

- An **isochronous cyclotron** uses a **RF cavity** at **60 MHz** at the RF harmonic  **$h=3$** 
  - a. Compute **the time needed to perform one turn  $T_{rev}$**  for the accelerated ions.
  - b. Compute **the average field  $B_z$**  needed to accelerate a proton beam  
( in a non relativistic approximation)

# Cyclotrons Tutorials 2

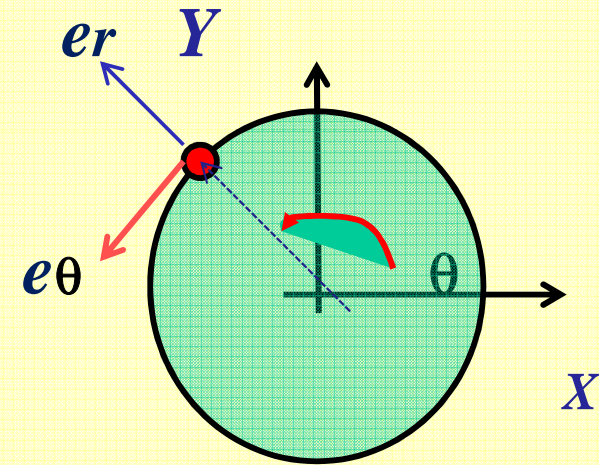
• Demonstrate that in a **uniform circular motion**, the radial acceleration is

$$a_r = |V^2 / R|.$$

Nota : You can use parametric equations :

$$X(t) = R \cos(\omega t)$$

$$Y(t) = R \sin(\omega t)$$



Then compute **the velocity** and **the acceleration**.

**Demonstrate that the acceleration is radial**

Nota :  $\omega t = \theta$                        $\omega = d\theta/dt$

# ion trajectory in cyclotrons

Steenbeck 1935, Kerst and Serber 1941

We will use **cylindrical coordinates** ( $\mathbf{e}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_\theta$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_z$ )

We will show that

In Radial plane (horizontal)

$$\text{radius}(t) = R(t) + x_0 \cos(v_r \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

Radial tune  $v_r$

In the Vertical (axial) plane

$$z(t) = z_0 \cos(v_z \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

axial tune  $v_z$

3 slides to compute  $v_z$  &  $v_r$

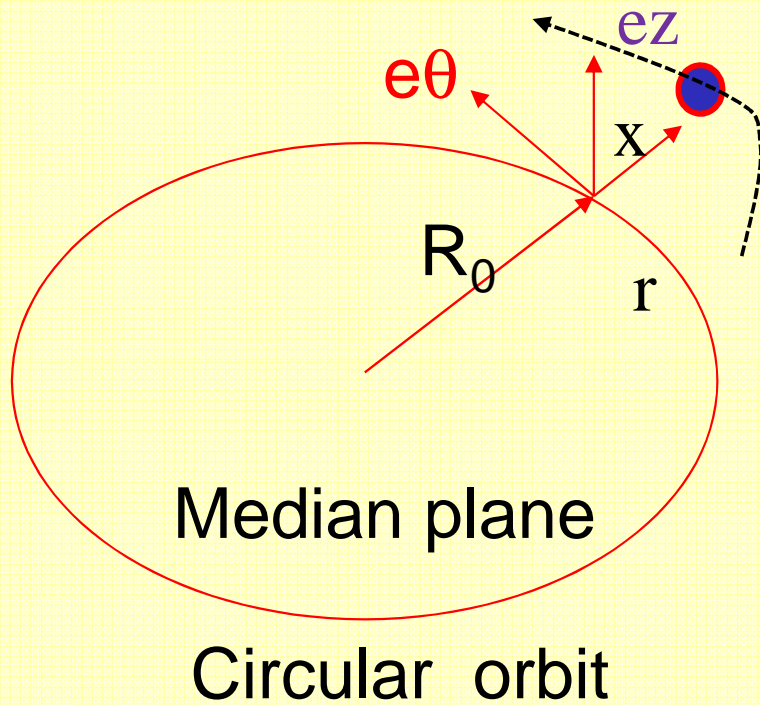
# Transverse dynamics with $B_z(R)$

cylindrical coordinates ( $\mathbf{e}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_\theta$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_z$ )

and

define  $x$  a small orbit deviation with  $B_z=B_z(r)$  (not constant)

$$\vec{\mathbf{r}} = [R + x(t)] \cdot \vec{e}_r + z(t) \cdot \vec{e}_z$$



$$B_z(R) = \gamma(R) B_0 \quad \text{Isochron field}$$

$$= R^{-n} B_0$$

Uniform Circular motion  $x=0$

Motion Eq. With  $x \neq 0$  ??????

$$m \frac{d(\vec{\mathbf{v}})}{dt} = m \frac{d^2(\mathbf{r})}{dt^2} = ?$$

# Radial dynamics with $B_z(R)$ (No RF)

- Taylor expansion of the field  $B_z$  around the median plane:

- *definition of  $n(R)$*        $B_z = B_0 R^{-n}$        $n$  =field index (Bz is never uniform)

SO  $B_z = B_{0z} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} x + \dots \approx B_0 \left(1 - n \frac{x}{R}\right)$

with  $n = -\frac{R}{B_0} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial R}$

- How evolves an ion, in this non uniform  $B_z$  :  $r(t) = R + x(t)$

$$m\gamma \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = -q \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$r = R(1 + x/R)$$

$$\frac{d^2 (r \cdot \vec{e}_r)}{dt^2} = \left( \ddot{x} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} \right) \vec{e}_r + 2 \dot{x} \dot{\vec{e}}_r$$

$$= \left[ \ddot{x} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{R} \left(1 - \frac{x}{R}\right) \right] \vec{e}_r + 2 \dot{x} \dot{\vec{e}}_\theta$$

radial motion ( $\vec{e}_r$ )

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{R \left(1 + \frac{x}{R}\right)} \approx \frac{1}{R} \left(1 - \frac{x}{R}\right)$$

$$m\gamma \left( \ddot{x} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{R} \left(1 - \frac{x}{R}\right) \right) = -q v_\theta B_{0z} \left(1 - n \frac{x}{R}\right)$$

$$m\gamma \left( \ddot{x} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{R} \left(1 - \frac{x}{R}\right) \right) = -q B_{0z} \left(1 - n \frac{x}{R}\right) \cdot v_\theta$$

$$\text{and } \omega_{rev} = \frac{q B_{0z}}{\gamma m} = \omega_0 \approx \frac{v_\theta}{R}$$

After simplification :

$$\ddot{x} + \omega_0^2 \cdot (1 - n) x = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\ddot{x} + [v_r \omega_0]^2 x = 0$$

$$v_r^2 = (1 - n)$$

Harmonic oscillator with the frequency

$$\omega_r = \sqrt{1 - n} \omega_0$$

**Horizontal stability condition ( $v_r$  real) :**

$$n < 1$$

$n < 1$  :  $B_z$  could decrease//or increase with the radius R

**Horizontal stability is generally easy to obtain**

# Horizontal stability condition ( $\nu_r$ real) :

Harmonic oscillator with the frequency

$$\ddot{x} + [\nu_r \omega_0]^2 x = 0$$

$$\nu_r = \sqrt{1 - n}$$

$\nu_r$  Radial tune

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_0 \cos(\nu_r \omega_0 t)$$

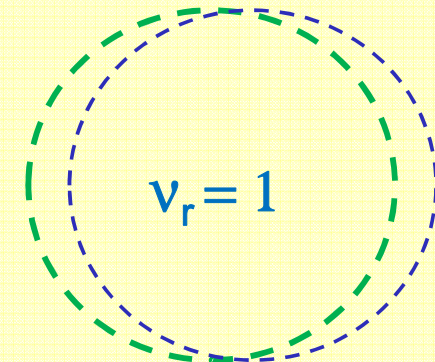
**Horizontal stability if  $n < 1$**

$$\nu_r^2 = 1 - n > 0$$

$n < 0$  : isochronism condition  $B_z$  should increase

$n < 1$  : stability condition ( $\nu_r^2 > 0$ )

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{R}_0(t) + \mathbf{x}_0 \cos(\nu_r \omega_0 t)$$



# Vertical dynamics with $B(r)$

## Vertical motion in the non uniform $B_z(r)$

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

$$m\gamma \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = F_z = q(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})_z = -q(\dot{r} B_\theta - r\dot{\theta} B_r)$$

Because  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = 0$   $\frac{\partial B_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial r} = 0$

$$B_z = B_0 r^{-n}$$

$$B_r = -n \frac{B_{0z}}{r} z$$

Motion equation

$$\ddot{z} + [\nu_z \omega_0]^2 z = 0$$

Harmonic oscillator with the frequency

$$\nu_z = \sqrt{n}$$

**Vertical stability condition :  $n > 0$  ( $\nu_z$  real)**

$$\nu_z^2 = n > 0$$

**NOT COMPATIBLE WITH ISOCHRONISM**



Watch the vertical oscillations !!

Isochronism condition :

$n < 0$  :  $B_z(R) \sim R^{-n}$  : increase with R

Vertical tune

$$\nu_z = \sqrt{n}$$

$$n < 0$$

$$\ddot{z} + [\nu_z \omega_0]^2 z = 0$$

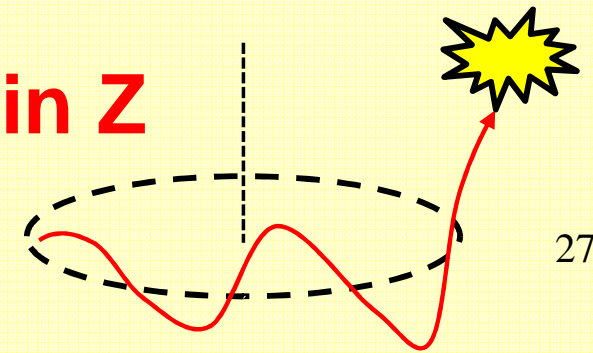
$$\nu_z = i \sqrt{|n|}$$

Isochronism condition will induce **Unstable oscillations**

$$z(t) \sim z_0 \exp(-i \nu_z \omega_{\text{rev}} t) = z_0 \exp(+|\nu_z| \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

**Unstable oscillations in Z**

= exponential growth = beam losses



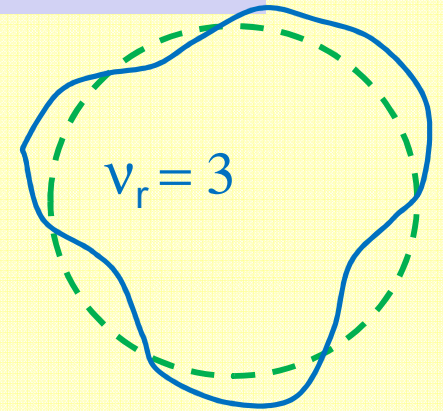
# Tunes : $\nu_r$ & $\nu_z$

oscillations around reference trajectory

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{R}_0(t) + \mathbf{x}_0 \cos(\nu_r \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

$\nu_r$  : Number of radial oscillations per cyclotron turn  
in horizontal (radial) plan

$$\nu_r^2 = 1 - n \quad \text{stable oscillations}$$



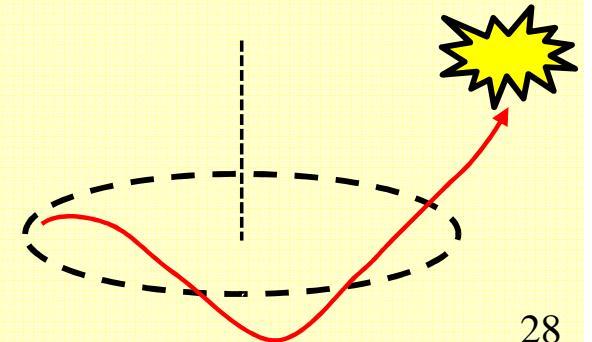
$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{z}_0 \cos(\nu_z \omega_{\text{rev}} t) = \mathbf{z}_0 \cos(\nu_z \theta)$$

$$\nu_z^2 = n < 0 \quad \text{unstable oscillations}$$

$$(\nu_z = i | \nu_z |)$$



$$\mathbf{z}(t) \sim \mathbf{z}_0 \exp(\pm | \nu_z | \omega_{\text{rev}} t)$$

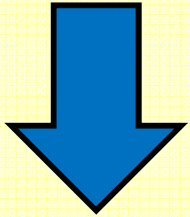


# Vertical stability $\neq$ Isochronism

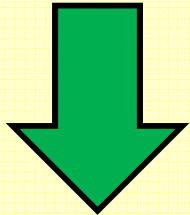
Isochronism condition  
(longitudinal)

$$B = B_z(R)$$

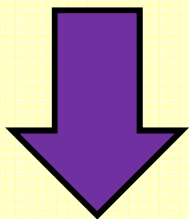
$$\omega_{rev} = \frac{qB_z(R)}{\gamma(R)m}$$



$B_z$  should increase with  $R$  ( $B_z = B_0 R^{-n}$   $n < 0$ )



Unstable Vertical oscillations ( $B_r$  defocus in  $z$  plane)



Additive Vertical focusing is needed

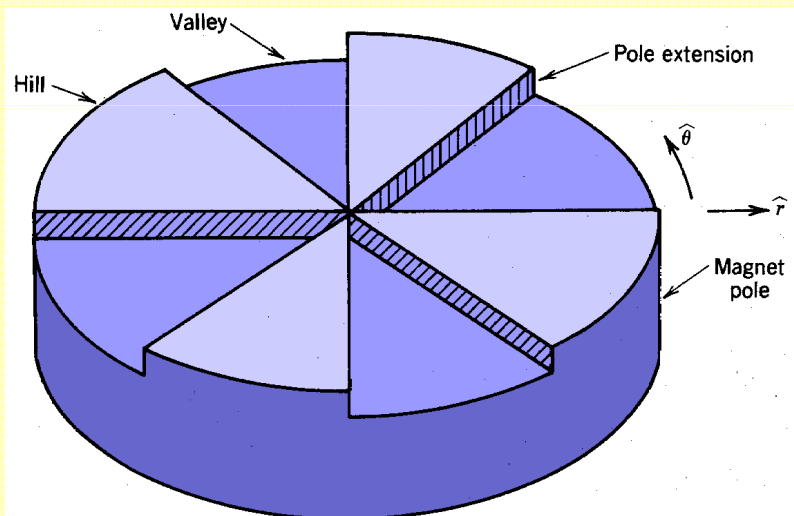
$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_r & \mathbf{e}_z & \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ \dot{r} & \dot{z} & r\dot{\theta} \\ B_r & B_z & B_\theta \end{vmatrix}$$

$B_\theta$  component needed ( $F_z = -q v_r B_\theta$ ) : « AVF » Cyclo

# Azimuthally Varying Field (“AVF”)

## Vertical weak focusing : $B_z = f( R, \theta )$

•  $F_z \sim \langle q v_r B_\theta \rangle$  : Vertical focusing



$$B_z = f( R, \theta )$$



$$B_\theta = g( R, \theta )$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = 0$$



Like edge focusing in dipole magnet :  
 $B_z$  variation  
 can produce vertical forces

Isochronism  $n < 0$  :  $B_z(R)$  increase with  $R$

Vertical stability :  $B_z(R)$  Defocus +  $B_\theta$  Focus

$B_z$  should oscillate with  $\theta$  to compensate the instability

• Vertical force  $F_z$  , with component  $B_\theta$

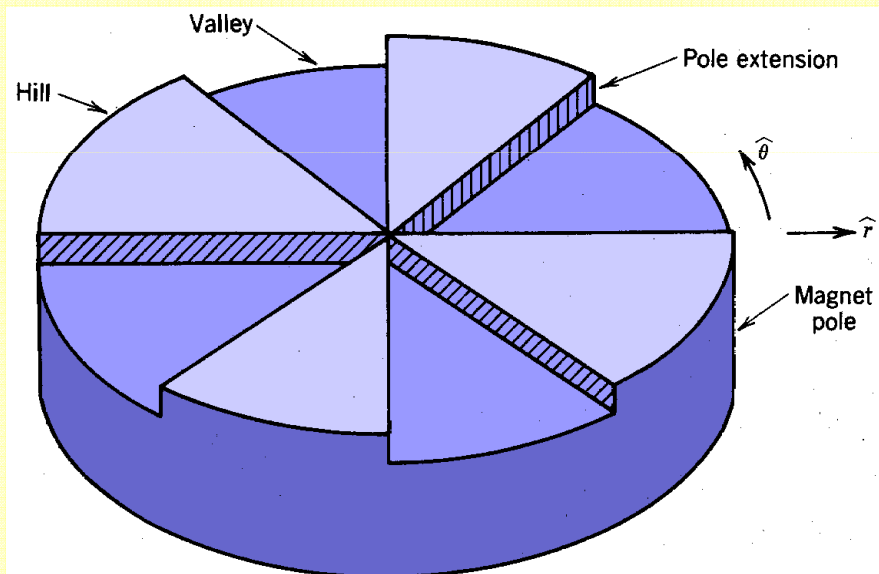
## Azimuthally varying Field (AVF)

an additive focusing vertical force  $\langle F_z \rangle = q \langle \mathbf{v}_r \cdot \mathbf{B}_\theta \rangle$

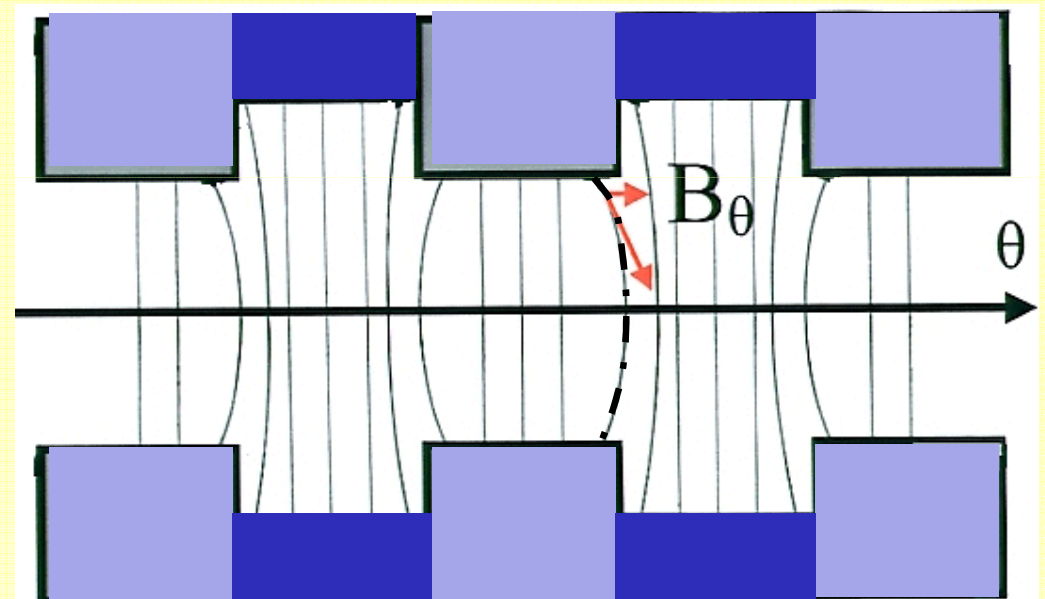
$B_\theta$  created by:

Succession of high field and low field regions :  $B_z = f(R, \theta)$

- $B_\theta$  appears around the median plane
  - valley : large gap, weak field
  - Hill : small gap, strong field



N=4 sectors



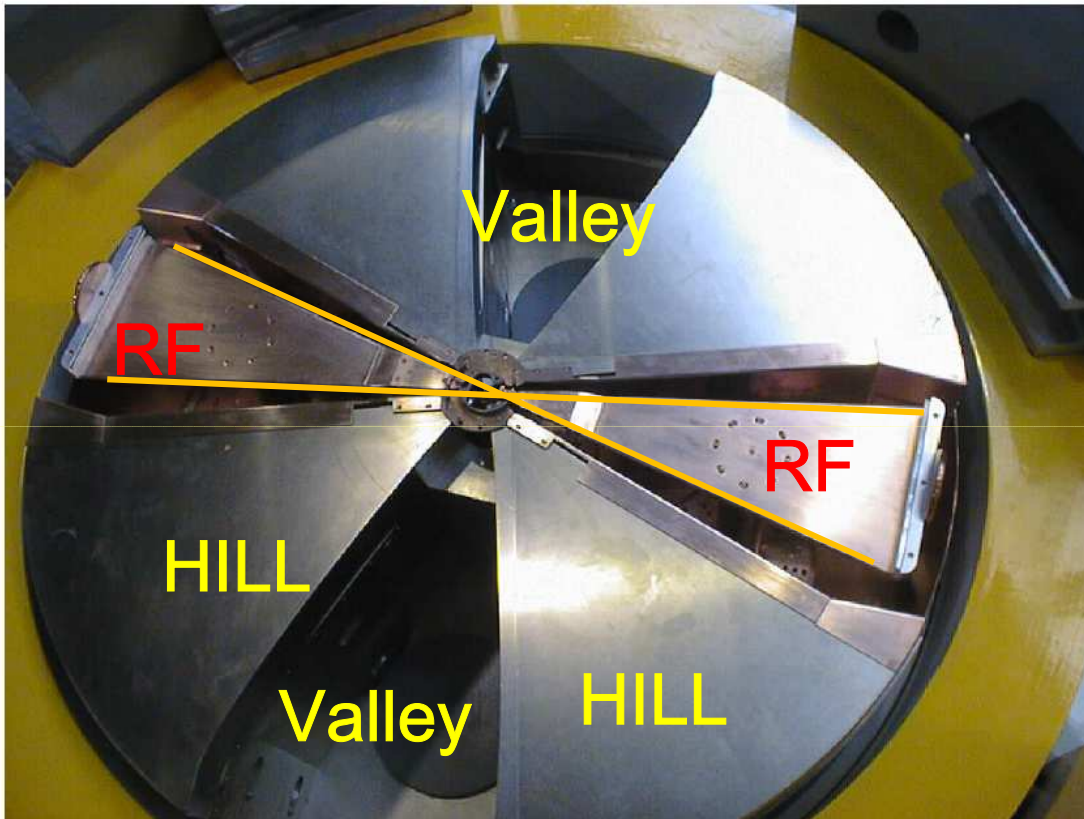
Hill valley Hill valley

# Azimuthally varying Field (AVF)

Exemple : 30 MeV compact proton cyclo.

4 straight sectors

C30 poles and valleys



-2 RF cavities  
Inserted in the  
valleys

= 4 accelerating gaps

4 Hills + 4 Valleys