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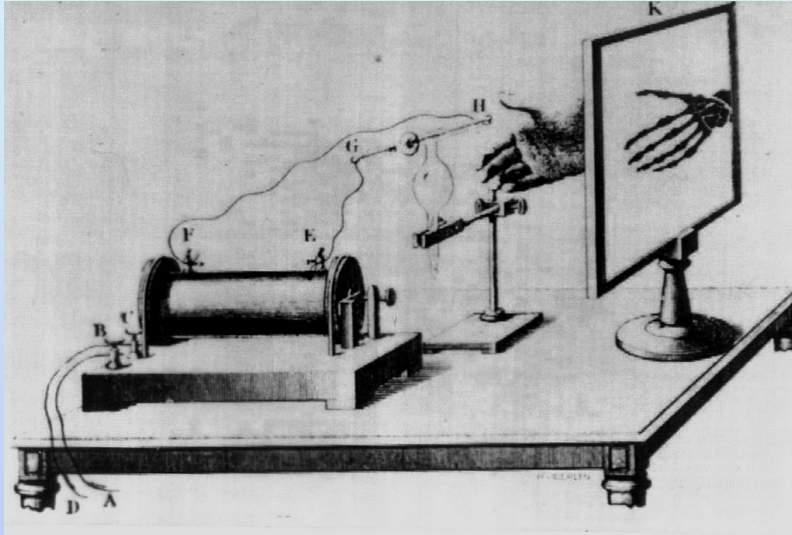
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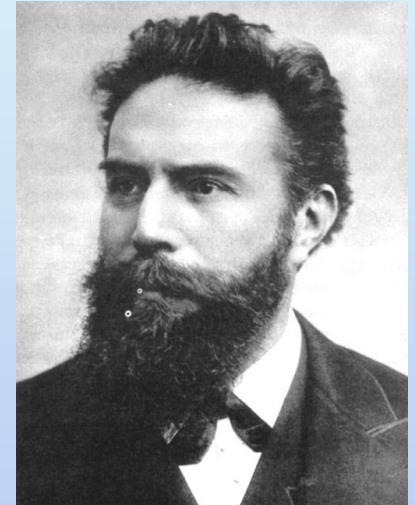
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The beginnings of modern physics and of medical physics



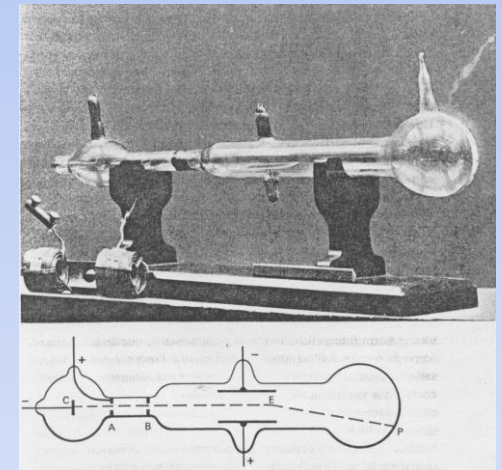
1895
discovery of X rays

**Wilhelm Conrad
Röntgen**



J.J. Thompson

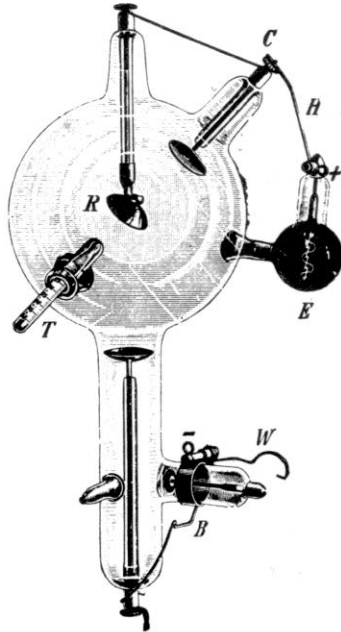
1897
“discovery” of the
electron



(An accelerator for) Medical imaging

Röhren fremden Fabrikates.

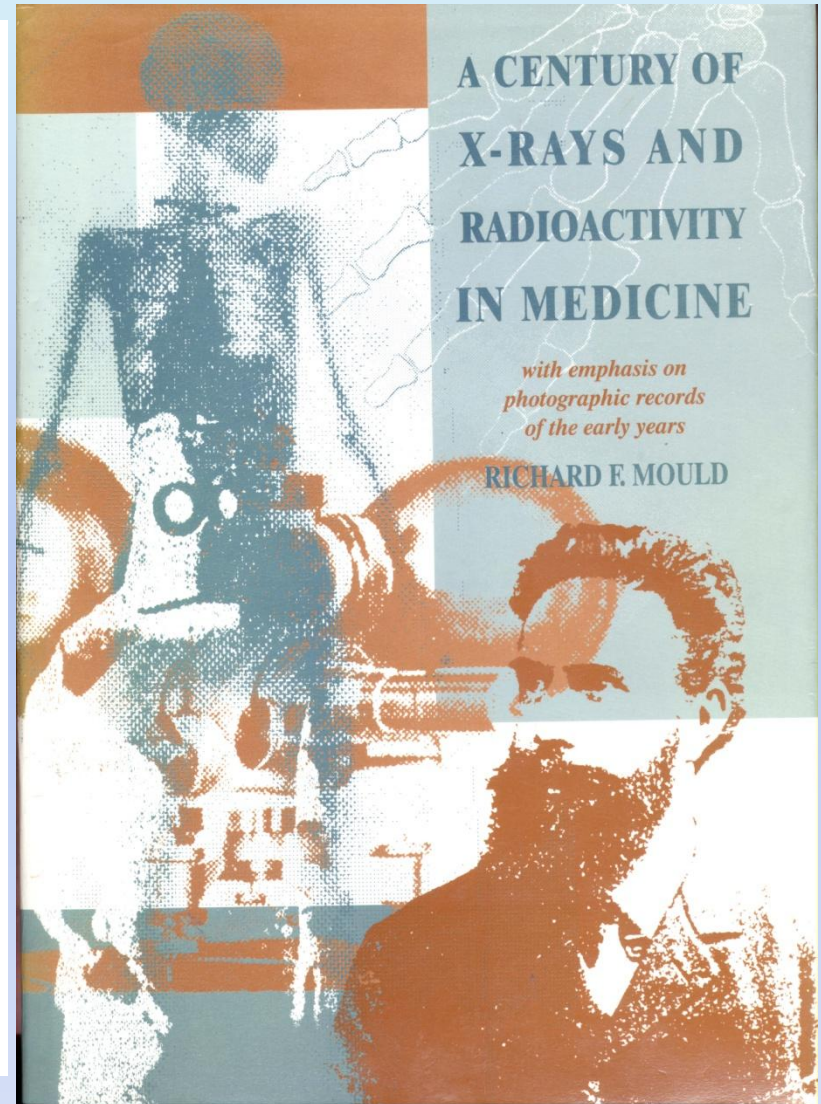
„Monopol“-Oberflächen-Therapie-Röntgenröhre mit Vorrichtung zur therapeutischen Dosierung der Röntgenstrahlen nach Prof. Dr. A. Köhler, Wiesbaden.



Schutzmarke.

Diese Röhre ist besonders für die Röntgen-Oberflächen-therapie bestimmt. Sie gestattet eine praktisch genügend genaue Verabreichung der für eine Sitzung erforderlichen Strahlenmenge durch bequeme direkte Ablesung an einer Thermometerskala.

[22.5] Monopol X-ray tubes were available in 1907 and some were modified to Köhler's specification by 1914. (Courtesy: Siemens AG, Erlangen.)

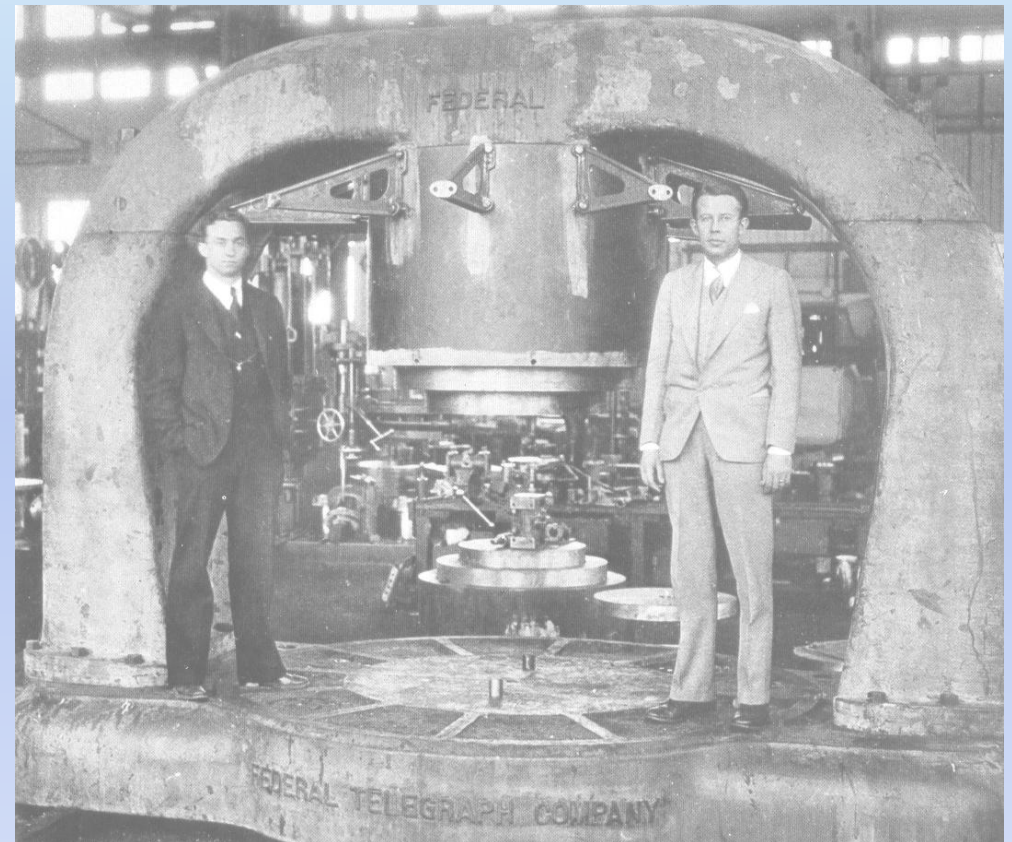


Tools for (medical) physics: the cyclotron

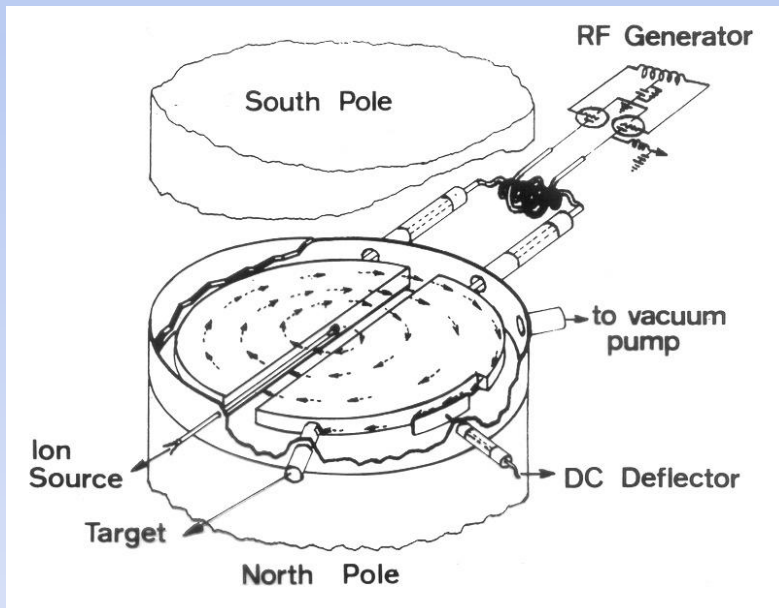


1930

Ernest Lawrence invents the cyclotron



M. S. Livingston and E. Lawrence with the 25 inch cyclotron



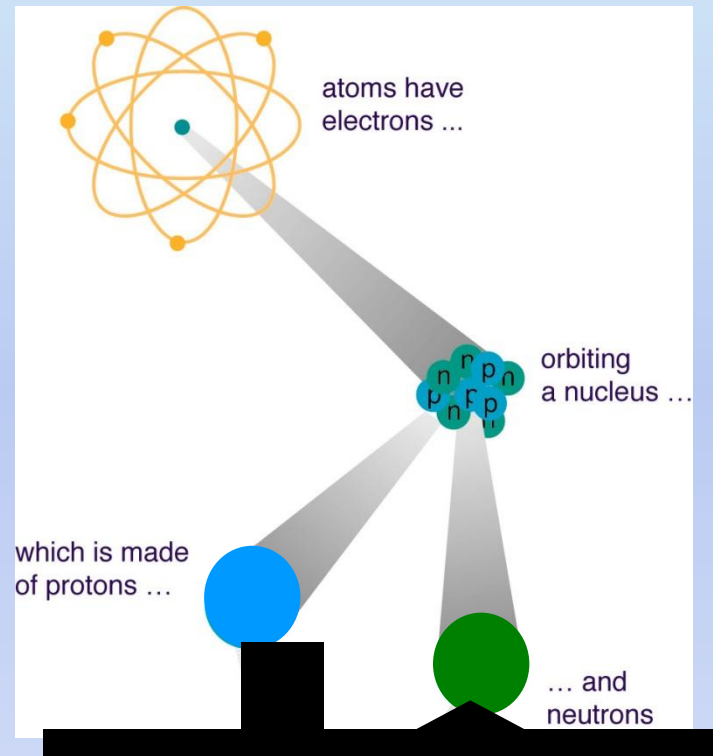
The beginnings of modern physics and of medical physics



James Chadwick
(1891 – 1974)

1932

Discovery of the neutron

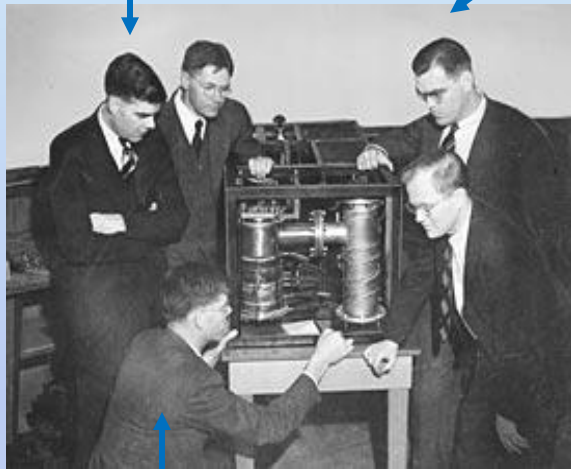


Cyclotron + neutrons = first attempt of radiation therapy with fast neutrons at LBL (R. Stone and J. Lawrence, 1938)

Tools for (medical) physics: the electron linac

Sigmur Varian

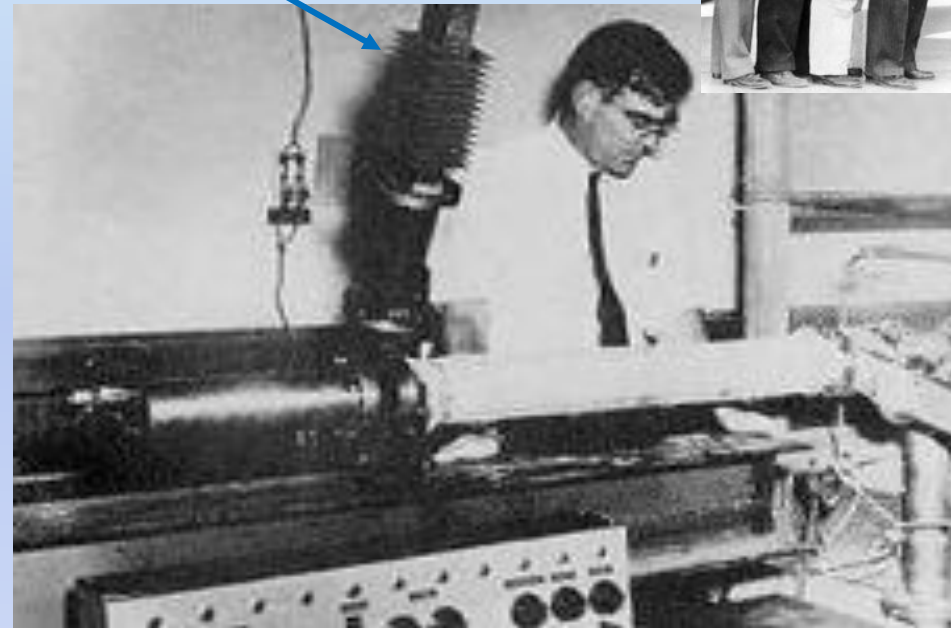
William W. Hansen



Russell Varian

1939

Invention of the klystron



1947

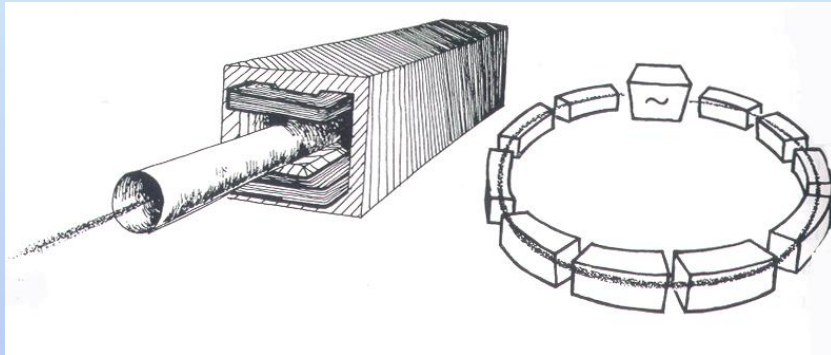
first linac for electrons
4.5 MeV and 3 GHz



Tools for (medical) physics: the synchrotron

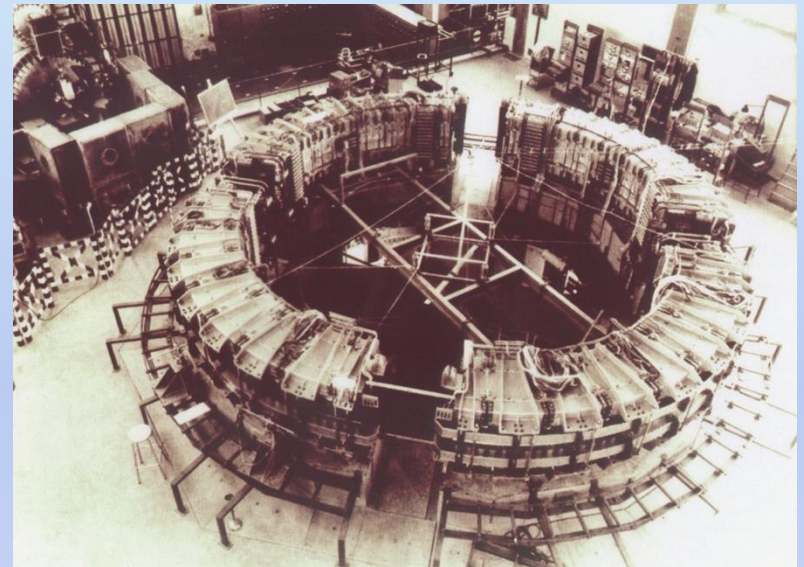
1945: E. McMillan and V.J. Veksler

discover the principle of phase stability



1 GeV electron synchrotron

Frascati - INFN - 1959



6 GeV proton synchrotron

Bevatron - Berkeley - 1954

Accelerators operational in the world

Three main applications:

- 1) Scientific research
- 2) Medical applications
- 3) Industrial uses

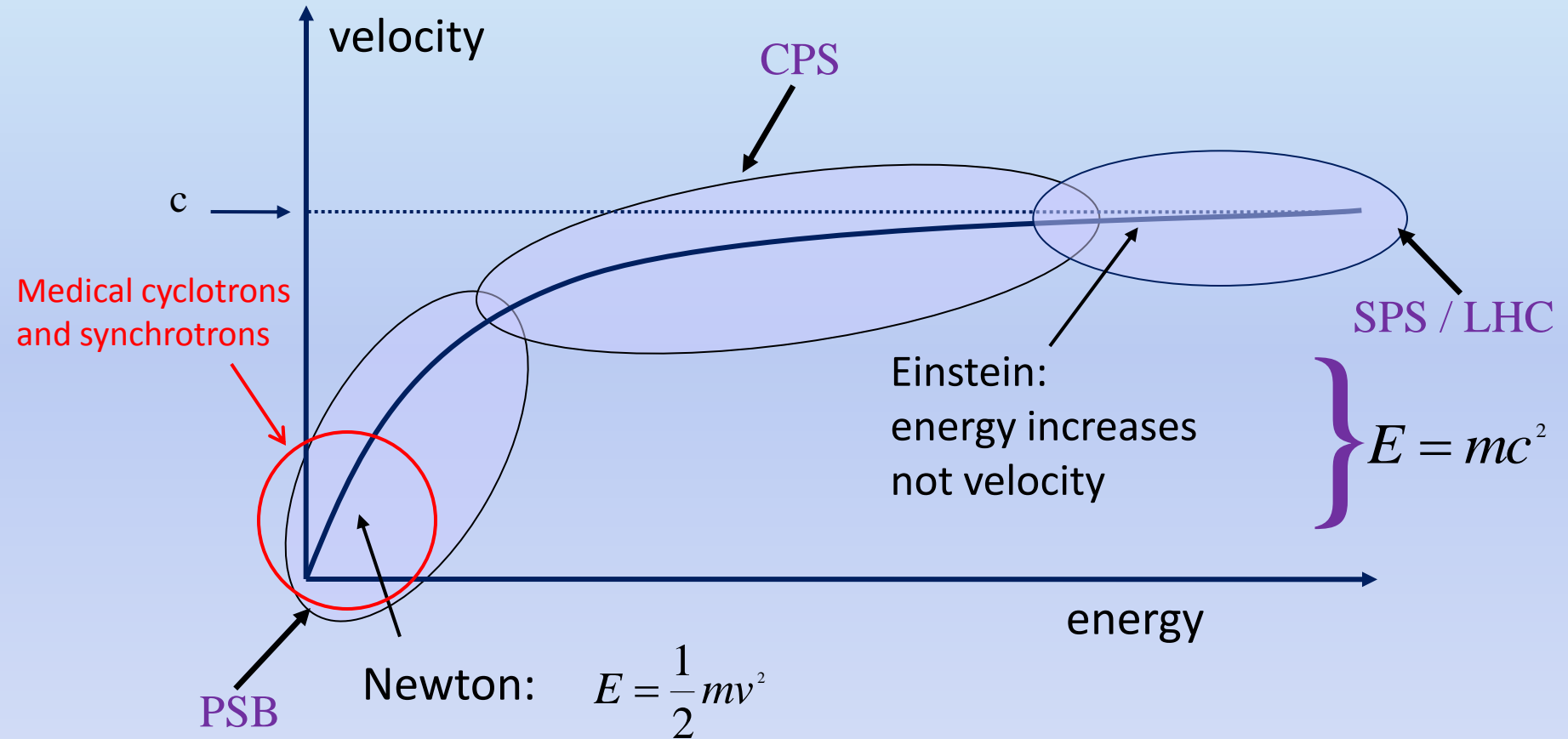
CATEGORY OF ACCELERATORS	NUMBER IN USE (*)
High-energy accelerators (E >1 GeV)	~ 120
Synchrotron radiation sources	> 100
Medical radioisotope production	~ 200 ~ 1000
Accelerators for radiation therapy	> 7500
Research accelerators including biomedical research	~ 1000
Industrial processing and research	~ 1500
Ion implanters, surface modification	> 7000
TOTAL	> 17500 ~ 18000

Note: A red bracket on the right side of the table groups the rows for Medical radioisotope production, Accelerators for radiation therapy, and Research accelerators including biomedical research, with a total value of 10,000.

Adapted from “Maciszewski, W. and Scharf, W., *Particle accelerators for radiotherapy, Present status and future*, Physica Medica XX, 137-145 (2004)”

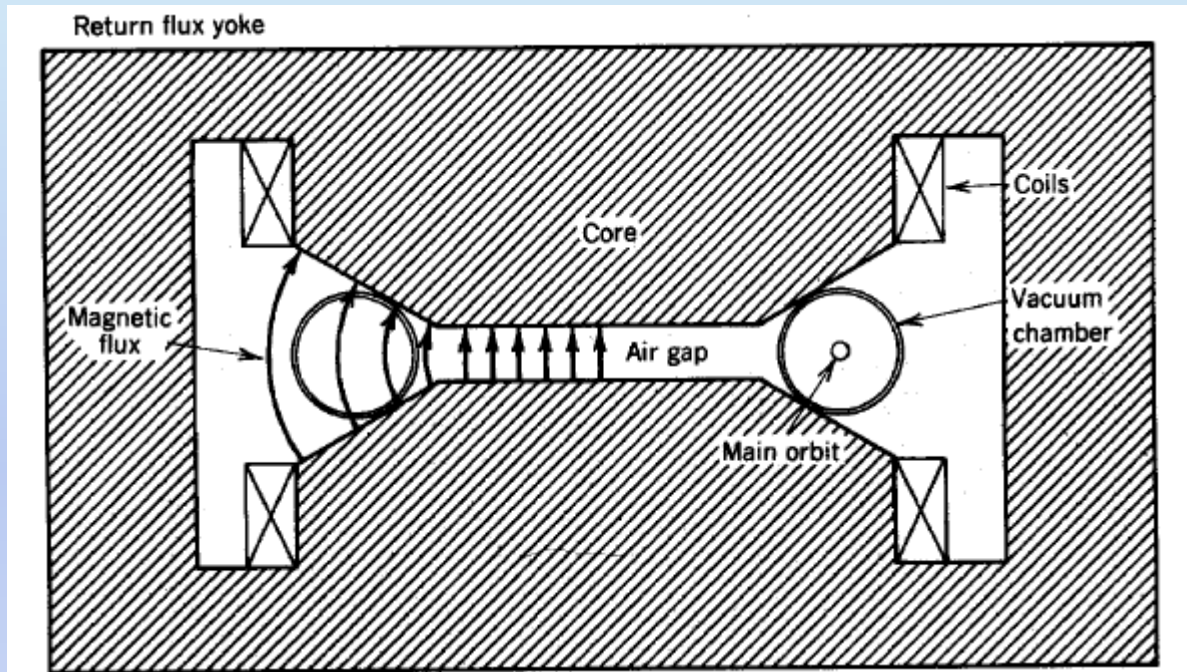
Relativity

CERN accelerators



The betatron

Schematic diagram of betatron with air gap



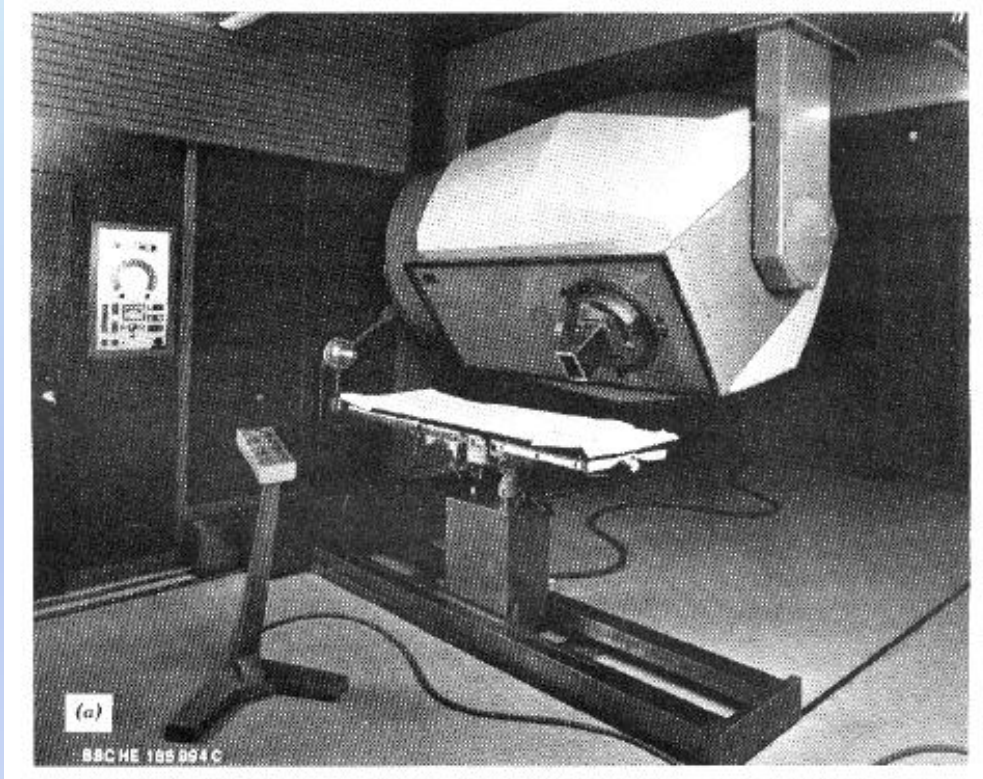
$$B(R) = \frac{1}{2} \bar{B}(R)$$

$B(R)$ = field at the orbit

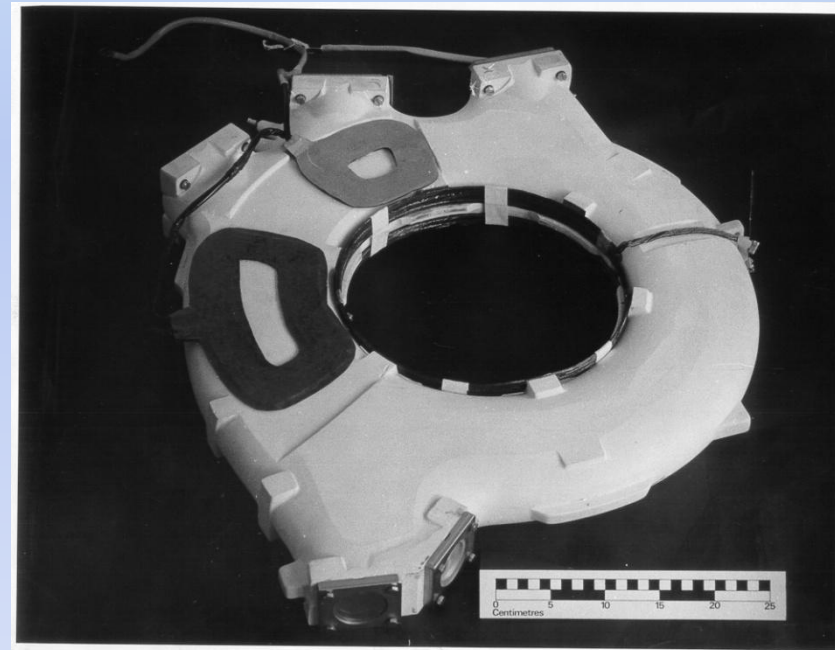
$\bar{B}(R)$ = average flux density through the orbit

- Magnetic field produced by pulsed coils
- The magnetic flux inside the radius of the vacuum chamber changes with time
- Increasing flux generates an azimuthal electric field which accelerates electrons in the chamber

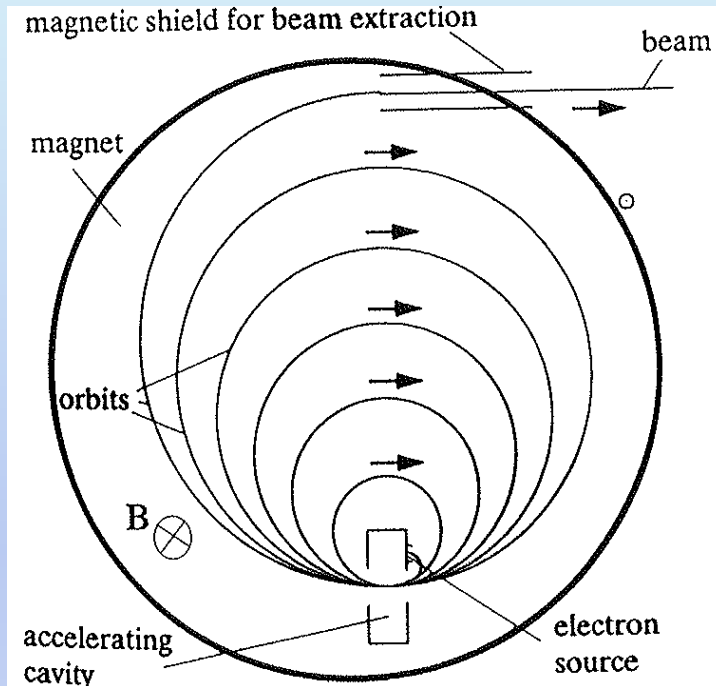
The betatron



An old 45 MeV betatron for radiation therapy



The microtron



- Isocronism only if $\gamma \approx 1$
- If $\gamma > 1$, $\Delta\tau$ per turn = $\Delta\gamma$
- To have isochronism it must be $\Delta\tau$ per turn = $h\tau_{RF}$
- Required energy gain per passage
 - for electrons $\Delta E_e = 511 \text{ keV}$
 - for protons $\Delta E_p = 938 \text{ MeV}$

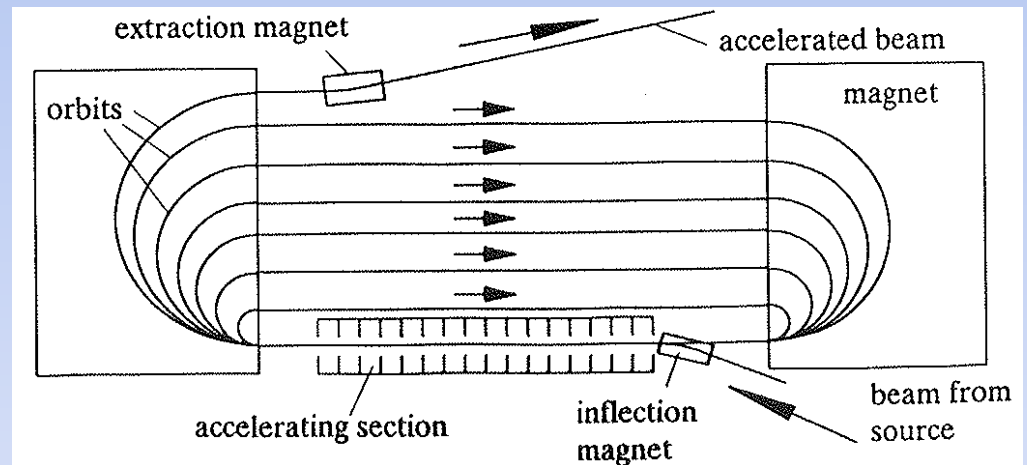
An “electron cyclotron”

- Uniform magnetic field
- Fixed-frequency RF system
- Well-separated orbits

Bending radius $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{eB}{cp} = \frac{eB}{mc^2\gamma\beta}$

Revolution time $\tau = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2\pi mc}{e} \frac{\gamma}{B}$

Racetrack microtron



Magnet weight $\approx (\text{energy})^3$

Three classes of modern medical accelerators

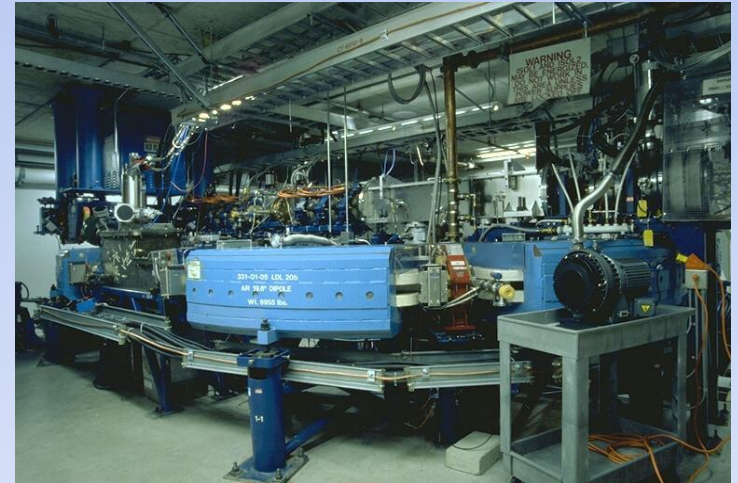
Electron linacs for conventional radiation therapy, including **advanced modalities**:

- Cyberknife
- IntraOperative RT (IORT)
- Intensity Modulated RT



Low-energy cyclotrons for production of radionuclides for medical diagnostics

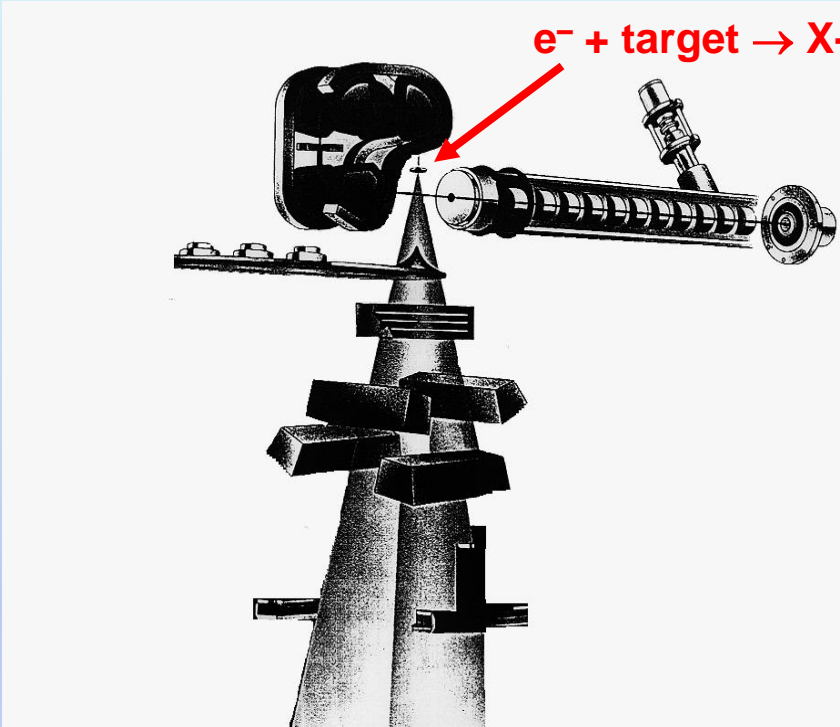
Medium-energy cyclotrons and synchrotrons for hadron therapy with protons (250 MeV) or light ion beams (400 MeV/u ^{12}C -ions)



Medical linear electron accelerator



Varian Clinac 1800 installed in the S. Anna Hospital in Como (Italy)



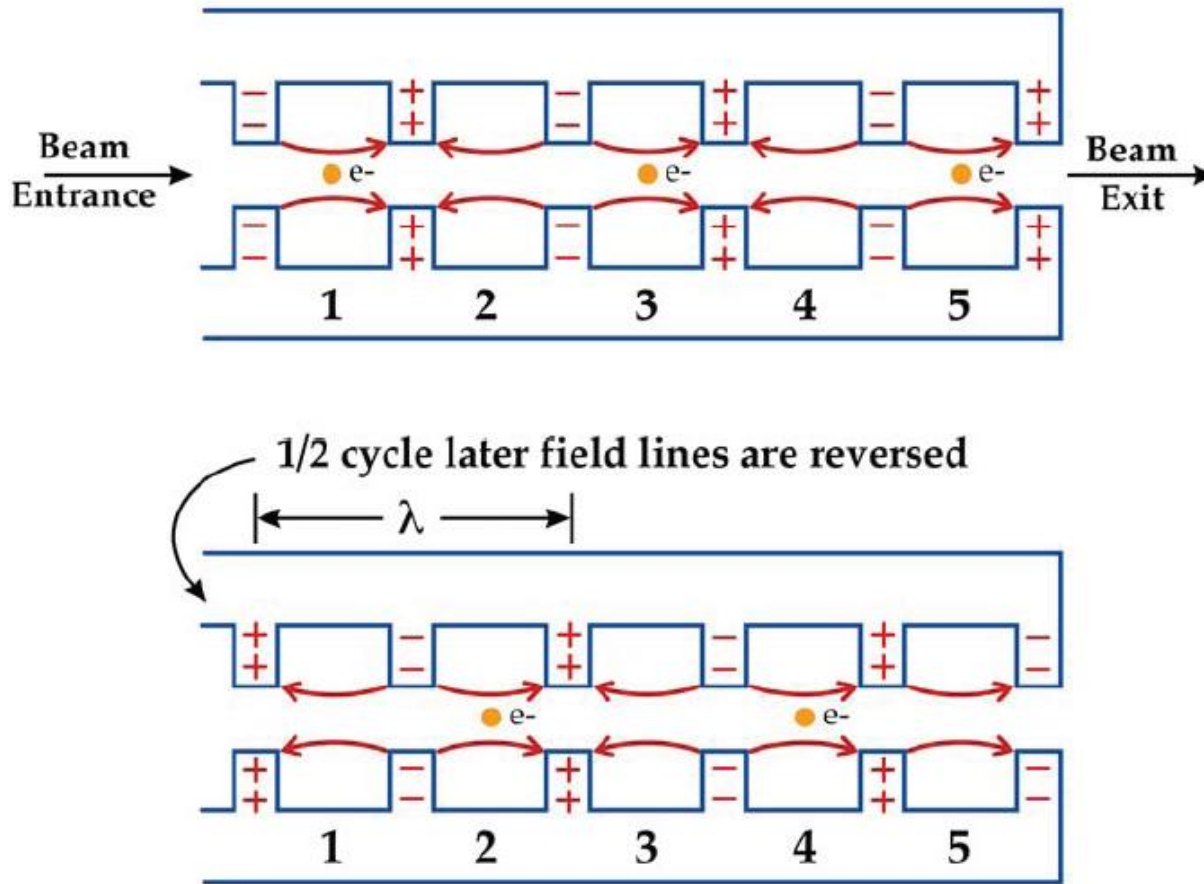
Multi-leaf collimator



3 GHz frequency

Electron acceleration in a wave guide

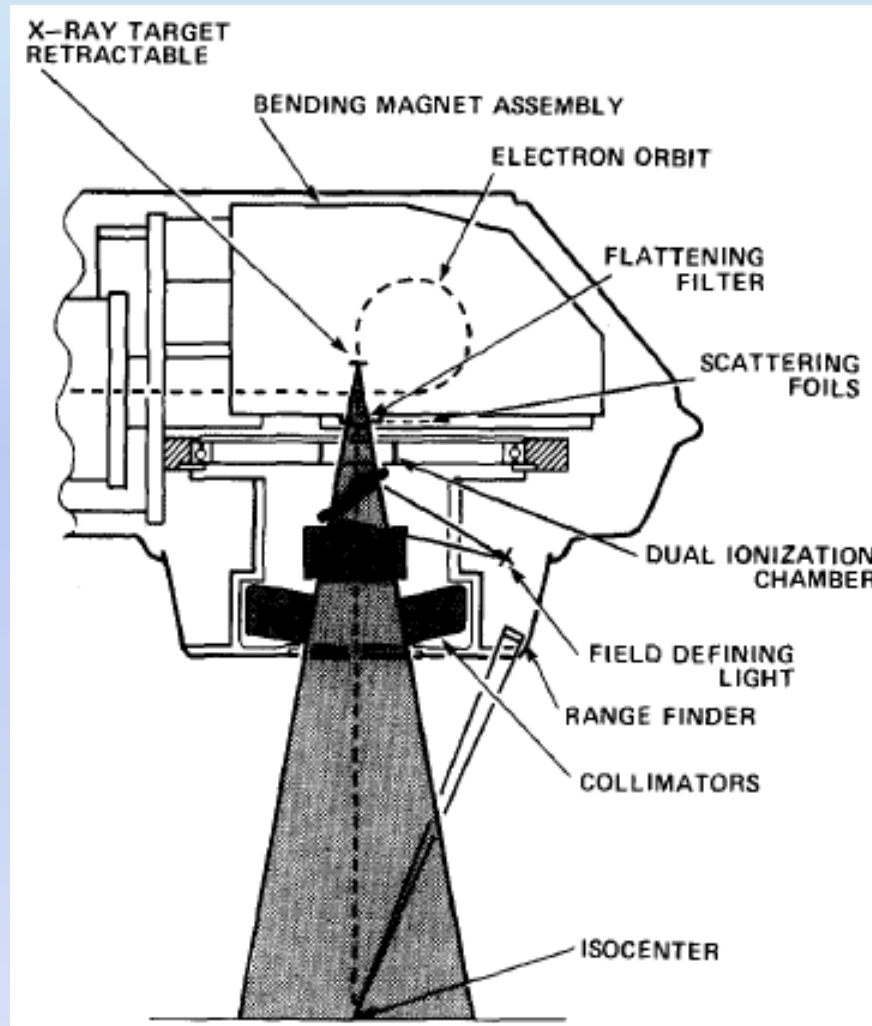
Operation of Linear Accelerators



Particles initially in cell 1 arrive in cell 2 to get further accelerating kick. Frequency must match particles velocity and cell periodicity = $\frac{1}{2} \lambda$:

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda}$$

Schematic drawing of a typical therapy head for a medical electron accelerator



CyberKnife (CK) Robotic Surgery System

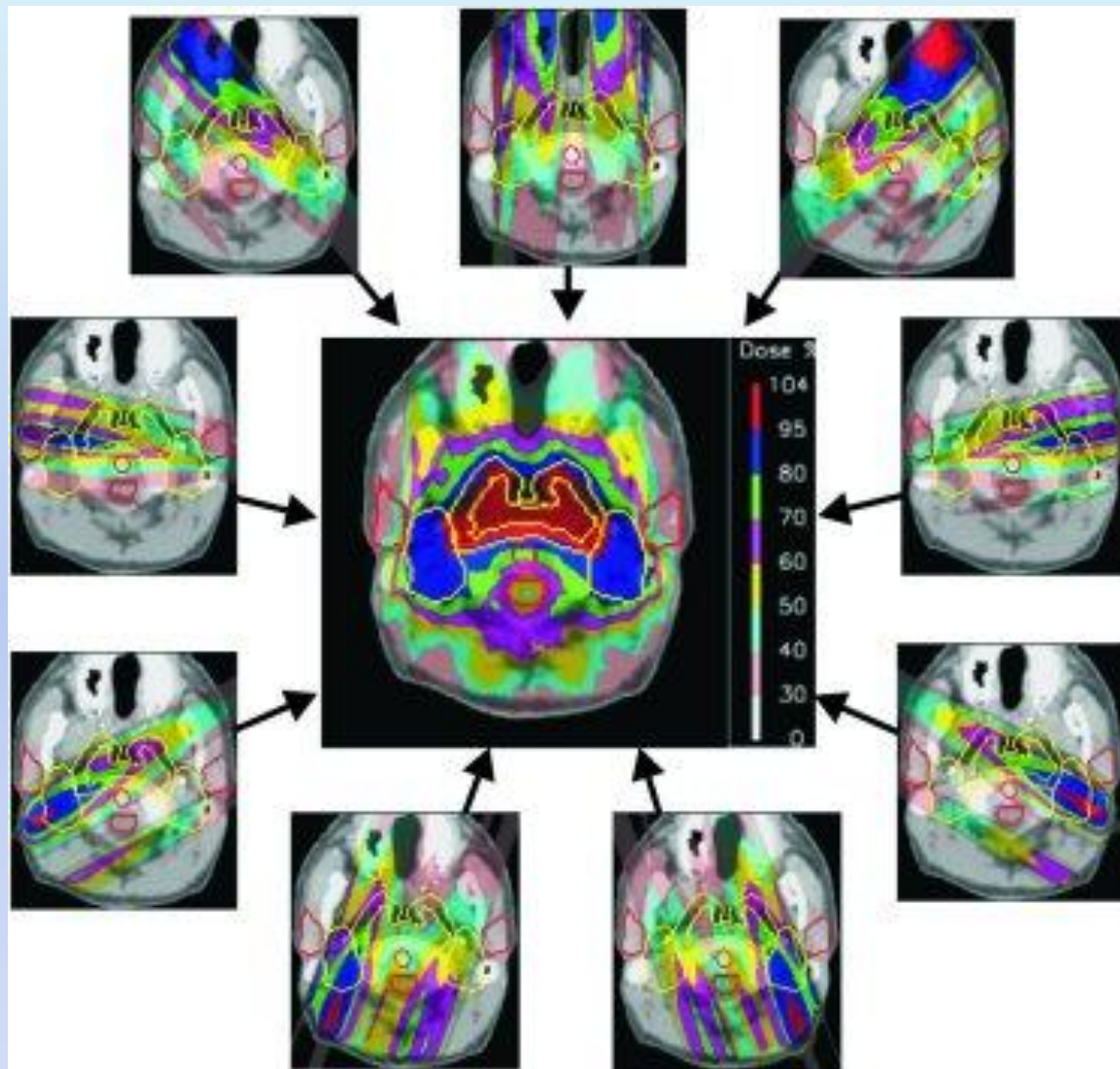
6 MV Linac mounted on a robotic arm



- No flattening filter
- Uses circular cones of diameter 0.5 to 6 cm
- Non-Isocentric
- Average dose delivered per session is 12.5 Gy
- 6 sessions/day
- Dose rate @ 80 cm = 400 cGy/min

<http://www.accuray.com/Products/Cyberknife/index.aspx>

Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)

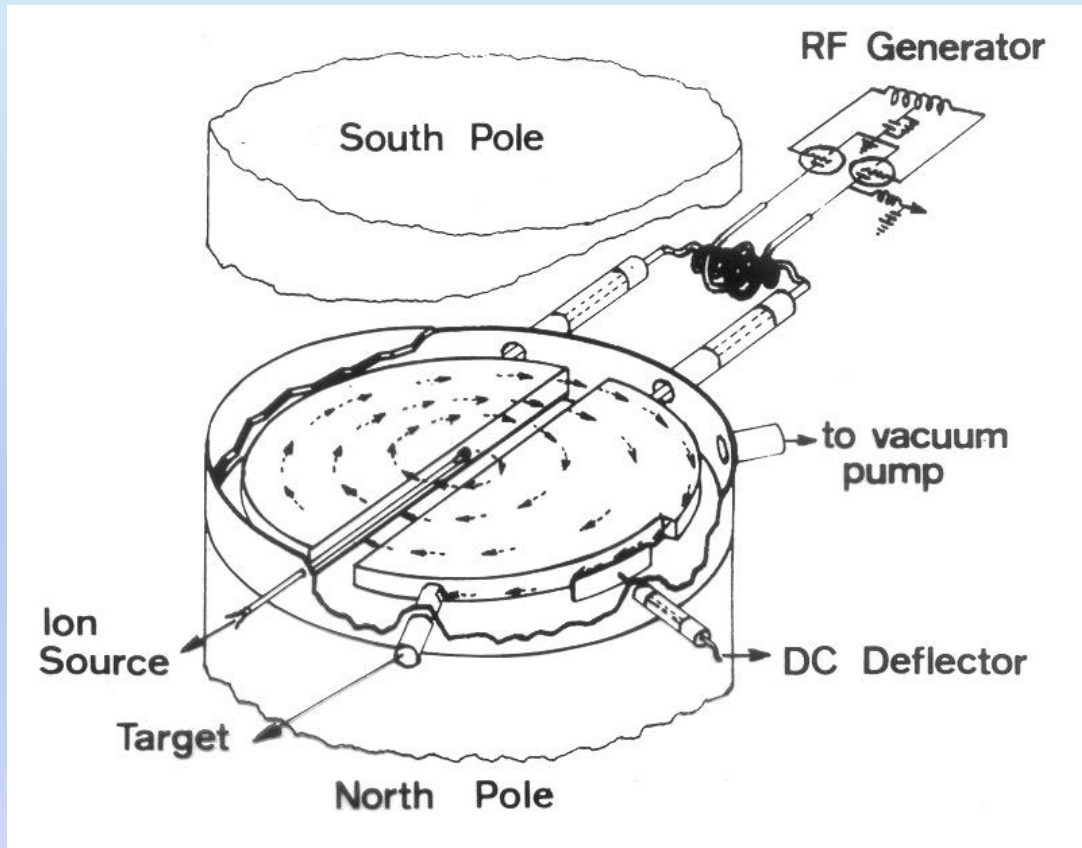


An example of intensity modulated treatment planning with photons. Through the addition of 9 fields it is possible to construct a highly conformal dose distribution with good dose sparing in the region of the brain stem (courtesy of T. Lomax, PSI).

E. Pedroni, Europhysics News (2000) Vol. 31 No. 6

Yet X-rays have a comparatively poor energy deposition as compared to protons and carbon ions

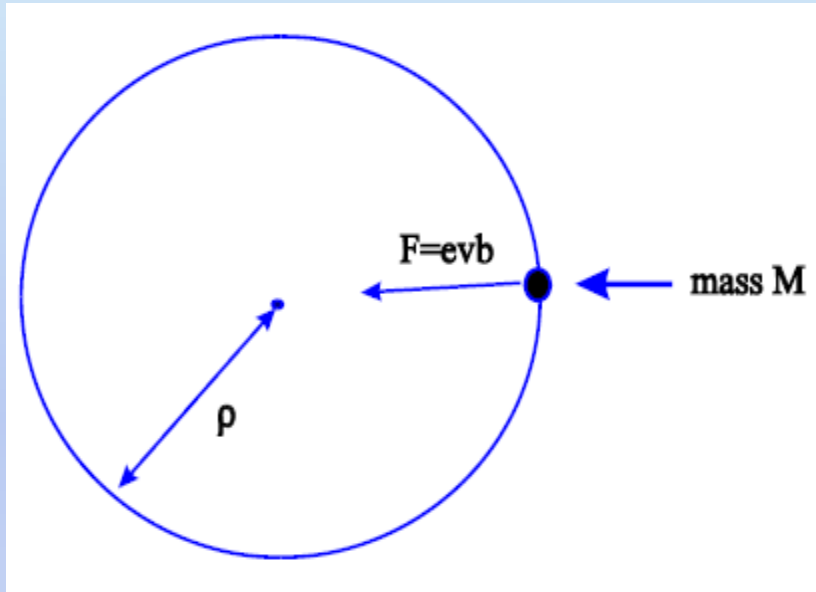
The cyclotron



Scanditronix MC40



Motion of a particle in a dipole magnetic field (the field is in/out of the plane of this slide)



$$F = \frac{mv^2}{\rho}, \text{ where } \rho = \text{radius of curvature of the path}$$

$$F = evB = \frac{mv^2}{\rho}$$

($p = \text{momentum} = mv$)

$$B\rho = \frac{mv}{e} = \frac{p}{e}$$

$$B\rho = 33.356 \cdot p \text{ [kG}\cdot\text{m]} = 3.3356 \cdot p \text{ [T}\cdot\text{m]} \text{ (if } p \text{ is in GeV/c)}$$

$B\rho$ is called “magnetic rigidity” of the particle and is an index of how difficult is to bend the motion of a charged particle by a magnetic field

The cyclotron

$$F = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$mv^2 / \rho = qvB$$

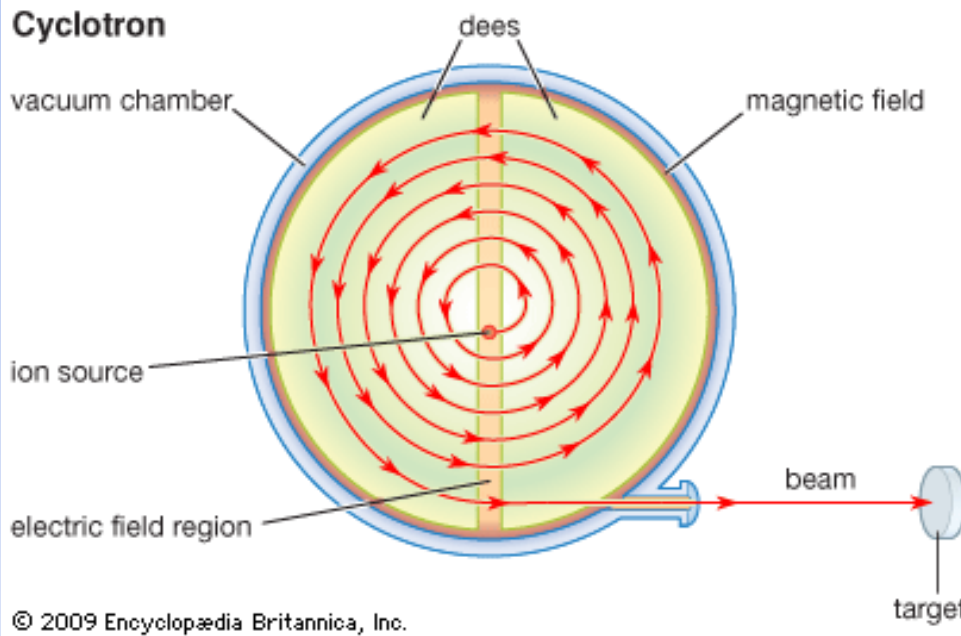
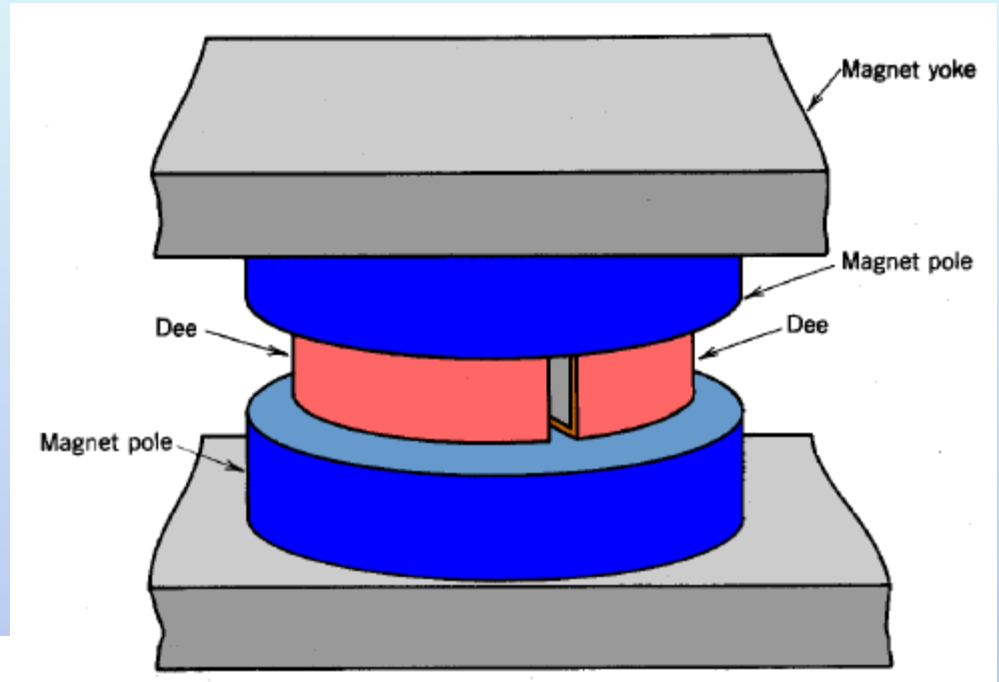
$$\text{Rev. frequency } f = qB/2\pi m$$

Rev. period $\tau = 1/f$ is independent of v

Resonant acceleration with $f_{RF} = h \cdot f$



Isochronism



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Maximum energy/nucleon:

$$T/A = k (B\rho)^2 (Z/A)^2$$

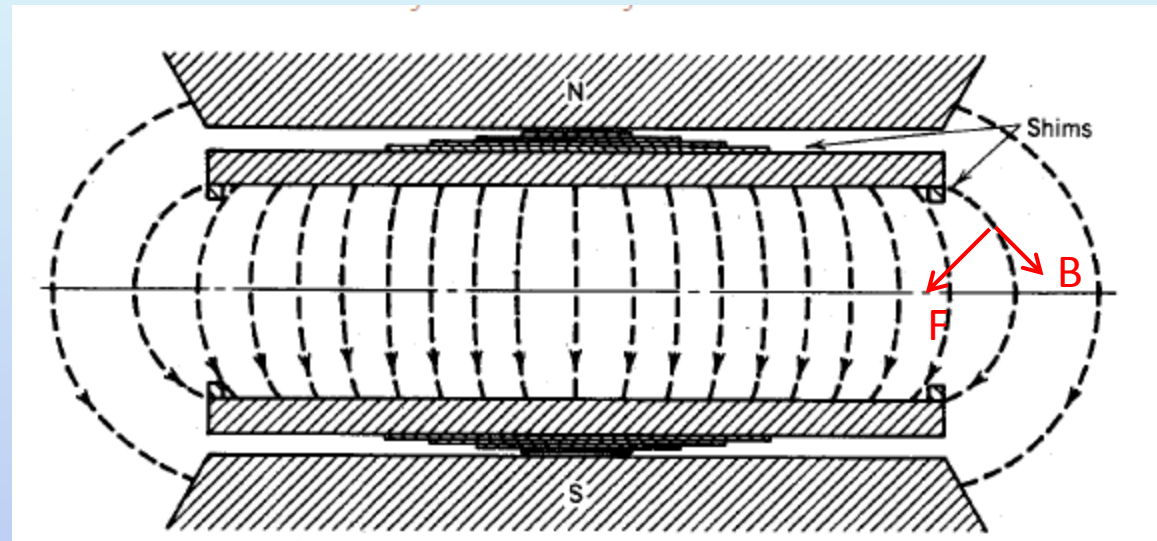
$$\text{with } k = e^2 / 2m_p$$

$K = k (B\rho)^2$ is called "bending limit"

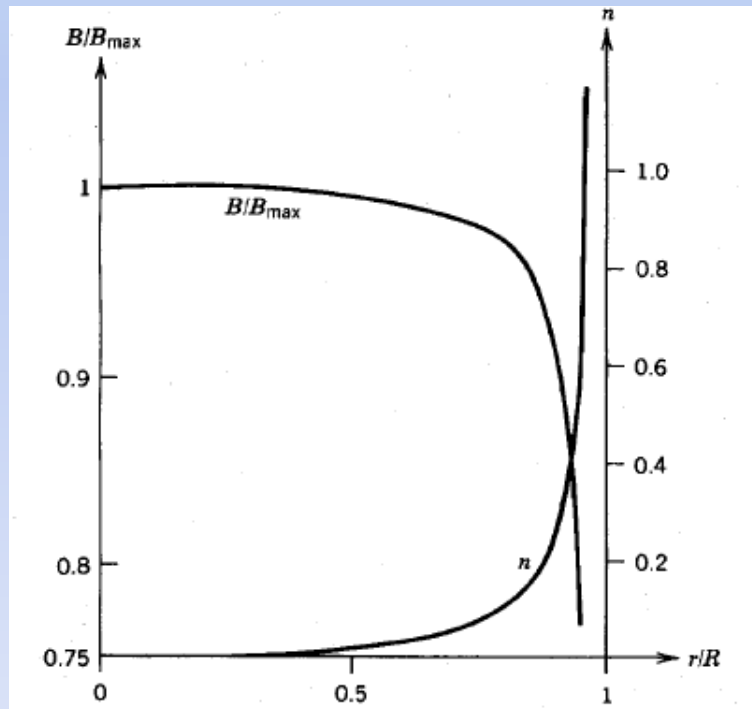
$$K = 48 (B\rho)^2 \quad (\text{MeV})$$

if B is in teslas and m in metres

The classical (non relativistic) cyclotron



Magnetic fields of uniform-field cyclotron:
(top) Sectional view of cyclotron magnetic poles showing shims for optimizing field distribution.
(left) Radial variation of vertical field magnitude and field index.



- Weak focusing
 - Decrease of rev. frequency f with r
 - Loss of isochronism
- **Two solutions to achieve higher energies:**
- **synchrocyclotron**
 - **AVF cyclotron**

The AVF (isochronous) cyclotron

AVF = azimuthally varying field

$$B(r, \theta) = \langle B(r) \rangle + \text{Mod}(r, \theta)$$

- RF constant
- $\langle B \rangle$ rises with radius r to compensate for the relativistic increase of the particle mass

$$f = q\langle B \rangle / 2\pi m \gamma$$

Vertical focusing achieved by the azimuthal variation of B

A further component of the axial focusing force is obtained by giving the sectors a spiral shape

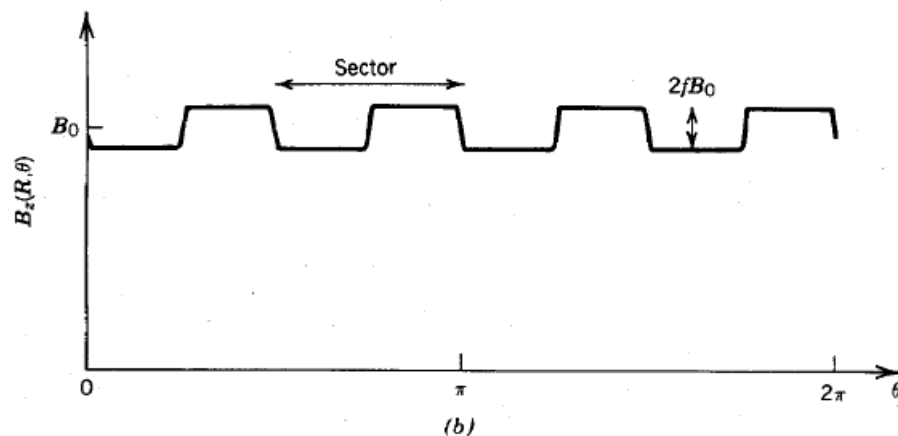
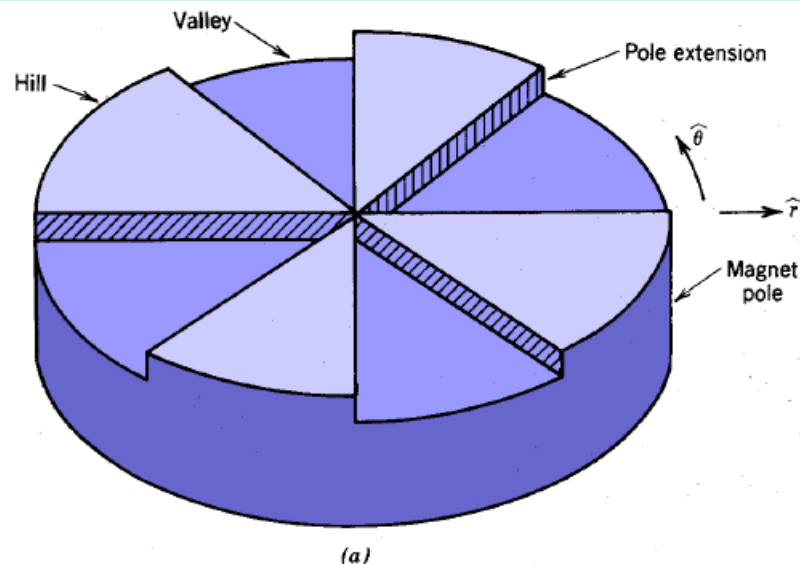
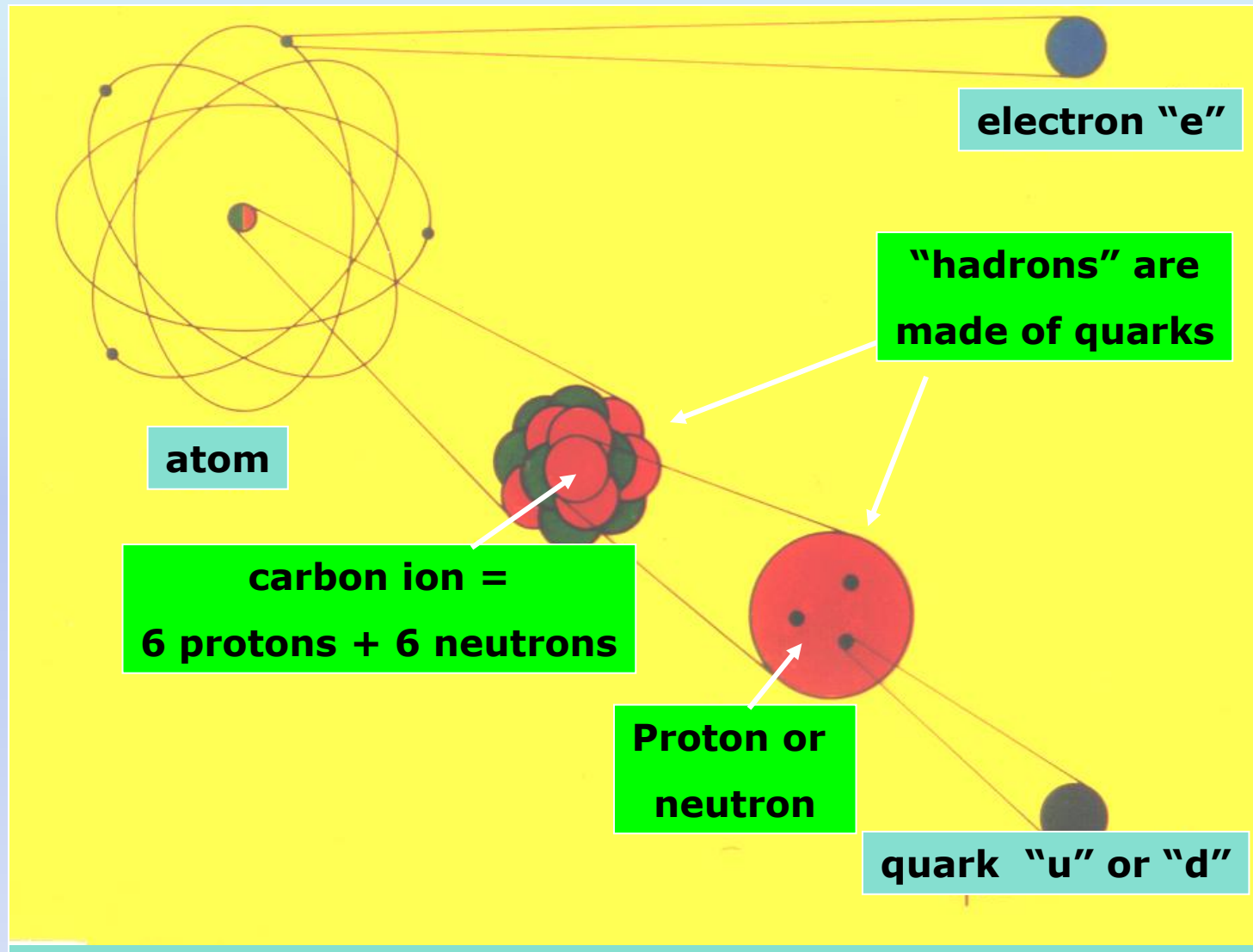
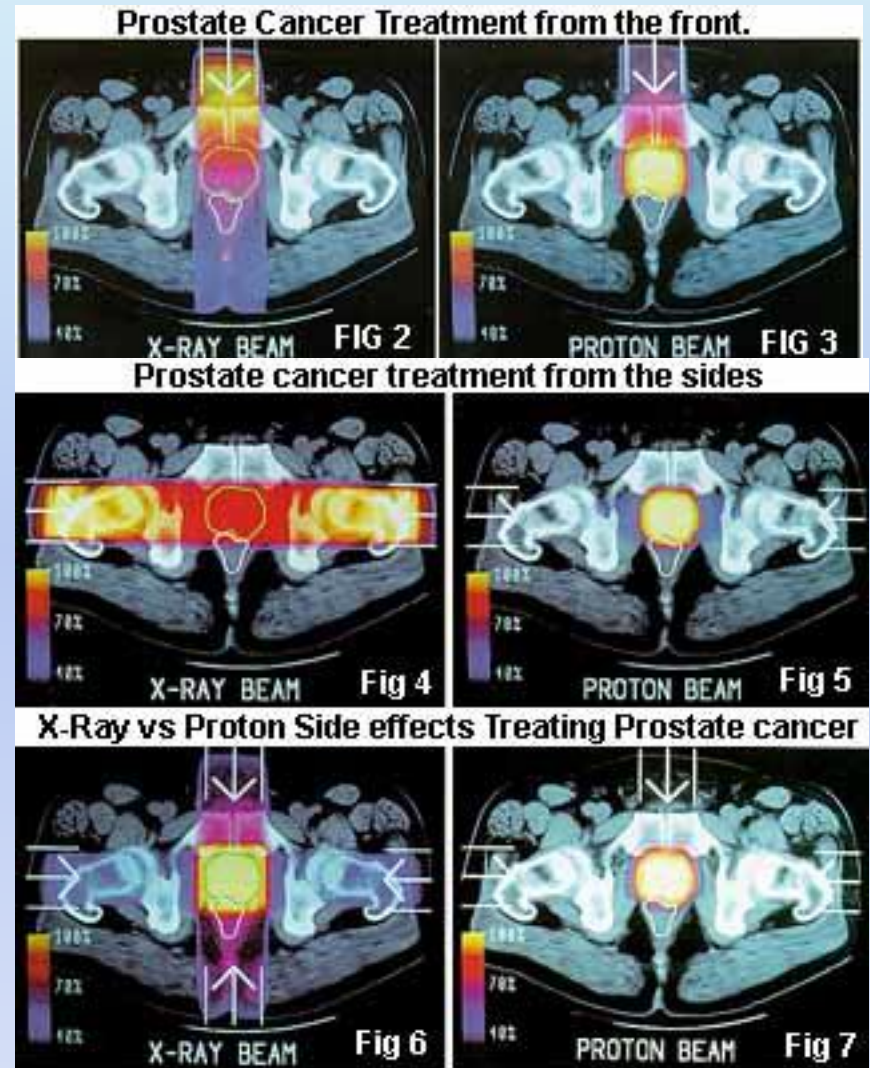
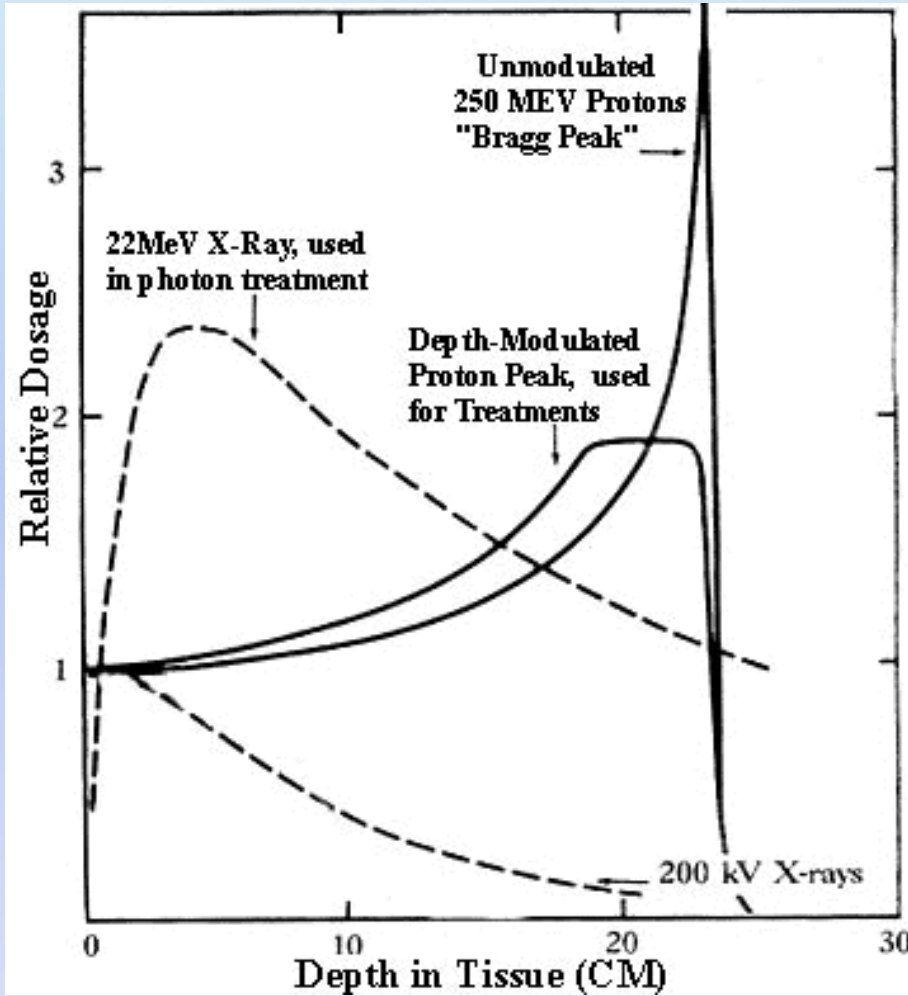


Figure 15.6 Magnetic fields in AVF cyclotron. (a) Magnet pole of AVF cyclotron, no spiral angle. (b) Vertical field amplitude as function of azimuth at constant radius.

Hadrontherapy: n, p and C-ion beams



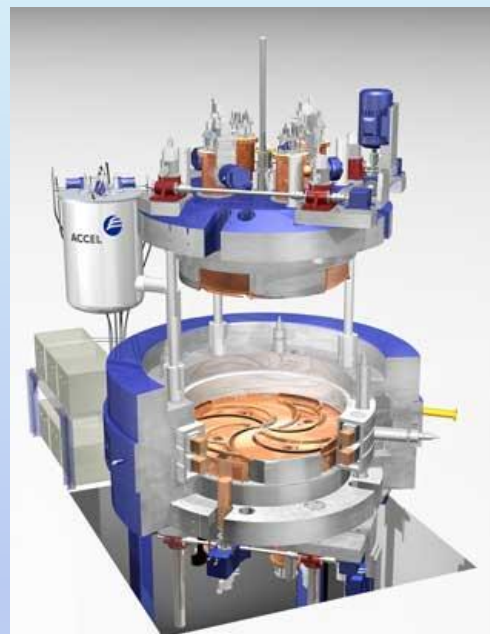
Proton radiation therapy



Clinical results

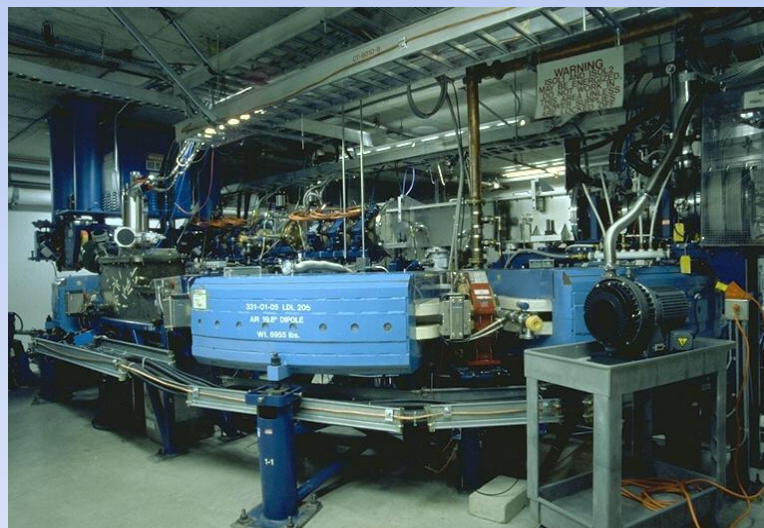
Indication	End point	Results photons	Results carbon HIMAC-NIRS	Results carbon GSI
Chordoma	local control rate	30 – 50 %	65 %	70 %
Chondrosarcoma	local control rate	33 %	88 %	89 %
Nasopharynx carcinoma	5 year survival	40 -50 %	63 %	
Glioblastoma	av. survival time	12 months	16 months	Table by G. Kraft 2007 Results of C ions
Choroid melanoma	local control rate	95 %	96 % (*)	
Paranasal sinuses tumours	local control rate	21 %	63 %	
Pancreatic carcinoma	av. survival time	6.5 months	7.8 months	
Liver tumours	5 year survival	23 %	100 %	
Salivary gland tumours	local control rate	24-28 %	61 %	77 %
Soft-tissue carcinoma	5 year survival	31 – 75 %	52 -83 %	

Cyclotrons and synchrotrons for proton therapy



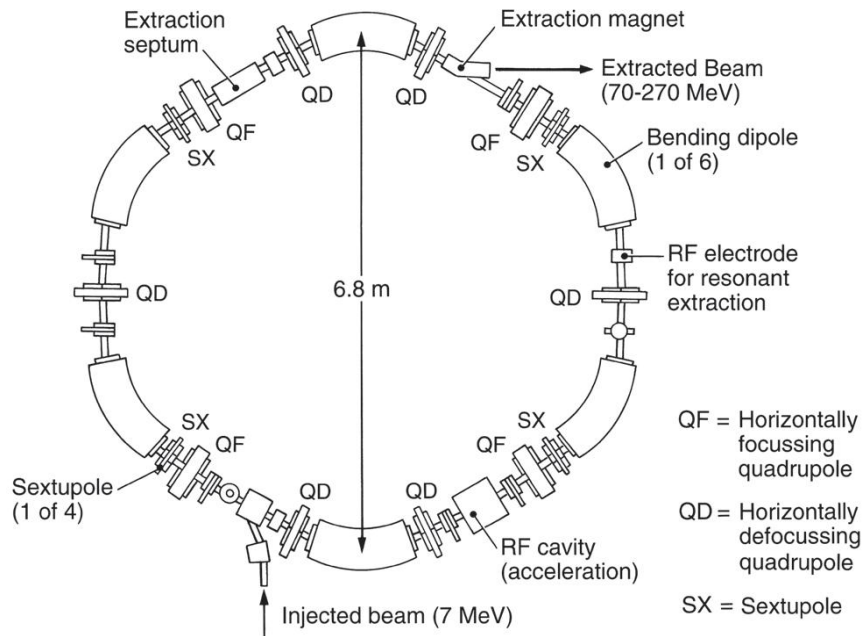
Accel-Varian

Loma Linda
(built by FNAL)

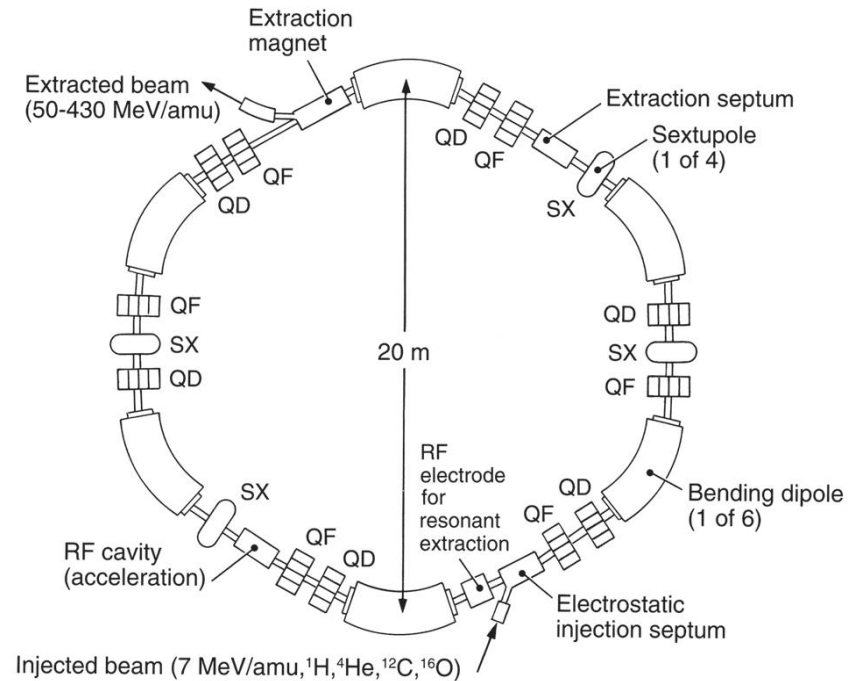


Proton versus carbon-ion synchrotrons

Hitachi proton synchrotron

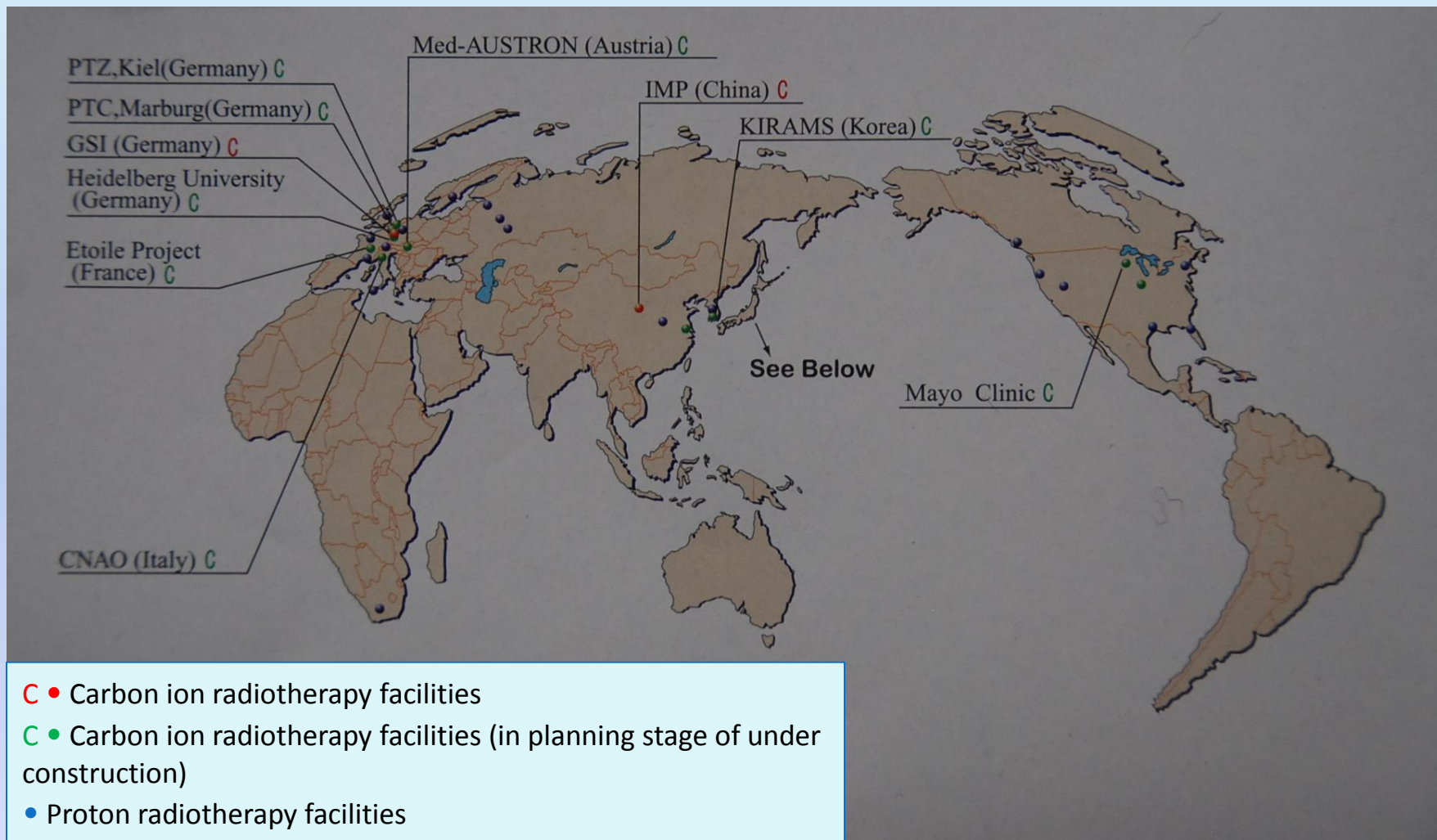


Siemens ion synchrotron



G. Coutrakon, Accelerators for Heavy-charged-particle Radiation Therapy,
Technology in Cancer Research & Treatment, Volume 6, Number 4 Supplement, August 2007

Hadron-therapy in the world



Courtesy NIRS

Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC)

A NEW TOOL FOR CONTROLLING CANCER

The Loma Linda University Medical Center Proton Treatment Center is the first in the world to offer proton therapy, designed to treat cancerous tumors without harming surrounding healthy tissue. The center cost \$40 million, took four years to

design and build, and contains the world's smallest synchrotron built by Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. It is as large as some hospitals, can serve up to 100 patients in a 10-hour day, and is a model for worldwide training and research.

HOW A PROTON BEAM WORKS

The beam enters the body at a low absorption rate and increases in intensity at a specific point, called the Bragg peak. A series of protons are focused on the tumor, giving it the highest concentration of radiation, killing the cells of the tumor. Not only is the dose of radiation in normal tissue sharply reduced, compared to conventional radiation therapy, but the energy of the proton beam completely dissipates within the tumor, causing no damage to normal tissues beyond the tumor.

THE GANTRY

Three gantries resembling giant ferris wheels can rotate around the patient and direct the proton beam to a precise point. Each gantry weighs about 90 tons and stands three stories tall. The 15-foot-diameter gantries support the bending and focusing magnets to direct the beam, and have counterweights for extra radiation shielding.

STATIONARY BEAM

The stationary beam has two branches, one for irradiating eye tumors and the other for central nervous system tumors.

THE INJECTOR

Protons are stripped out of the nucleus of hydrogen atoms and sent to the accelerators.

SYNCHROTRON (ACCELERATOR)

The synchrotron is a ring of magnets, about 20 feet in diameter, through which protons circulate in a vacuum tube. As the magnetic field in the ring is increased, the energy of the protons is also increased. When the magnetic field reaches the value corresponding to a prescribed beam energy, the field is held constant while protons are slowly extracted from the ring. The system accelerates protons to a minimum energy (20 million electron volts) in one-quarter second and to maximum energy (250 million electron volts) in one-half second.

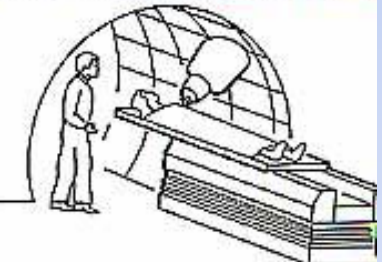
Steel-reinforced concrete walls are up to 15 feet thick.

BEAM TRANSPORT SYSTEM

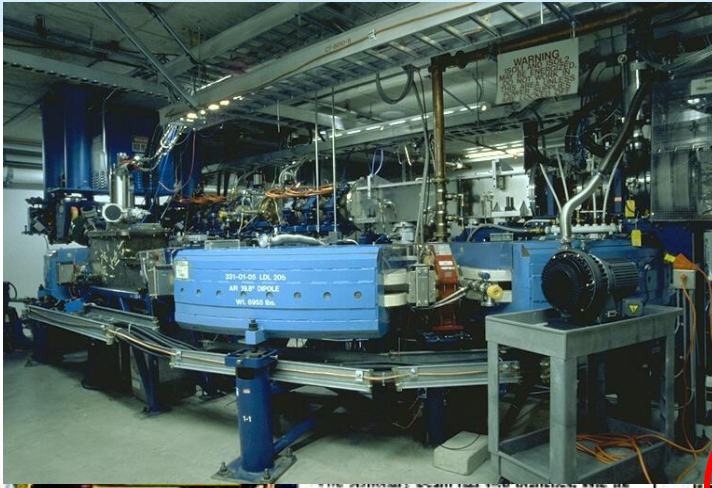
The Beam Transport System carries the beam from the accelerator to one of four treatment rooms. This system consists of several bending and focusing magnets which guide the beam around corners and focus it to the desired spot size and location within the vacuum tube. The system revisitors the size, position, and intensity of the beam at many points. Variations from the prescribed parameters send messages through the computer network to adjust the beam or to trip interlocks which automatically shut it off.

WHAT THE PATIENT SEES

The patient rests on a couch or sits in a chair, as appropriate for treatment. Alignment and verification of the patient to the beam, controlled from a room just outside the treatment room, will take most of the time; actual beam time takes less than a minute. Most patients will be able to return to work or other activities immediately after the procedure.



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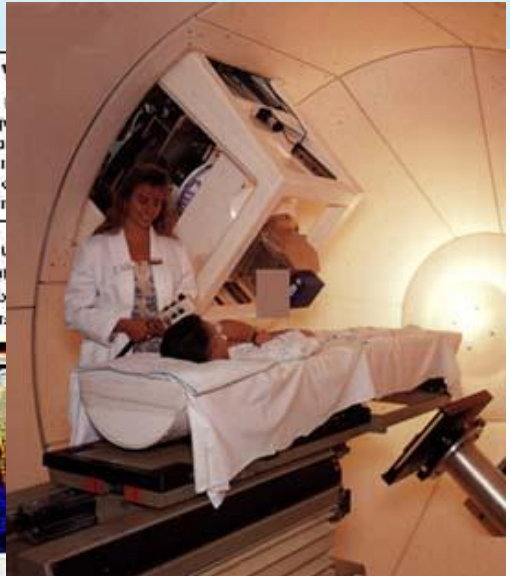
It is the world's smallest synchrotron... Laboratory. It is as large as... to 100 patients in a 10-hour day... the training and research.

HOW A PROTON BEAM

The beam enters the body at a... specific point, called the Bragg... giving it the highest concentration... only is the dose of radiation in... tional radiation therapy, but the... within the tumor, causing no da...

THE GANTRY

These gantries resembling giant ferris wheels can rotate around... the proton beam to a precise point. Each gantry weighs about... three stories tall. The 15-foot-diameter gantries support the b... magnets to direct the beam, and have counterweights for extra...



THE INJECTOR

Protons are stripped out of the... nucleus of hydrogen atoms and sent... to the accelerator.

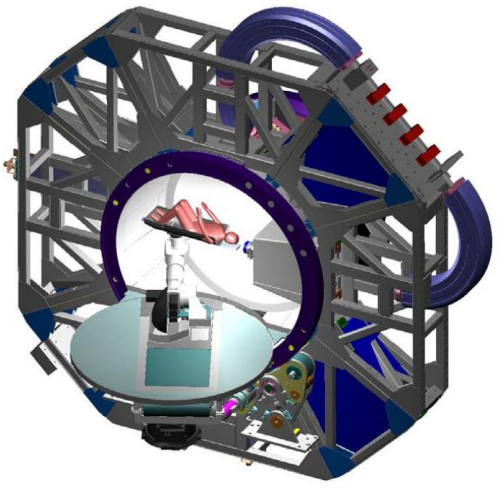
irradiating eye tumors and the orbit for central... nervous system tumors.



SYNCHROTRON

The synchrotron... 30 feet in diam... outside in a vacu... in the ring is in... ions is also the... field reaches the... scribed beam a... while protons a... ring. The syste... main energy (2... quarter second... million electron...

Steel-reinforced... concrete walls... are up to 15... feet thick.

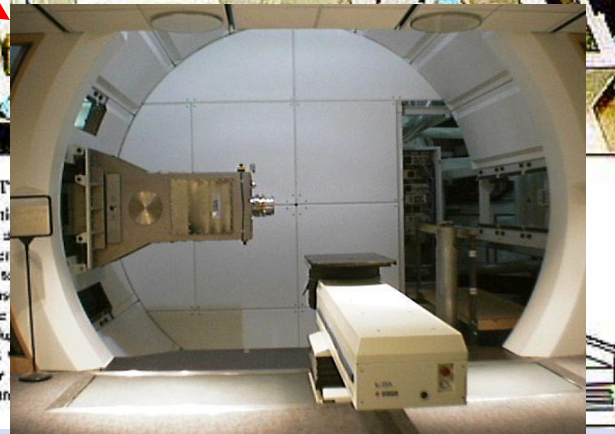


PORT SYSTEM

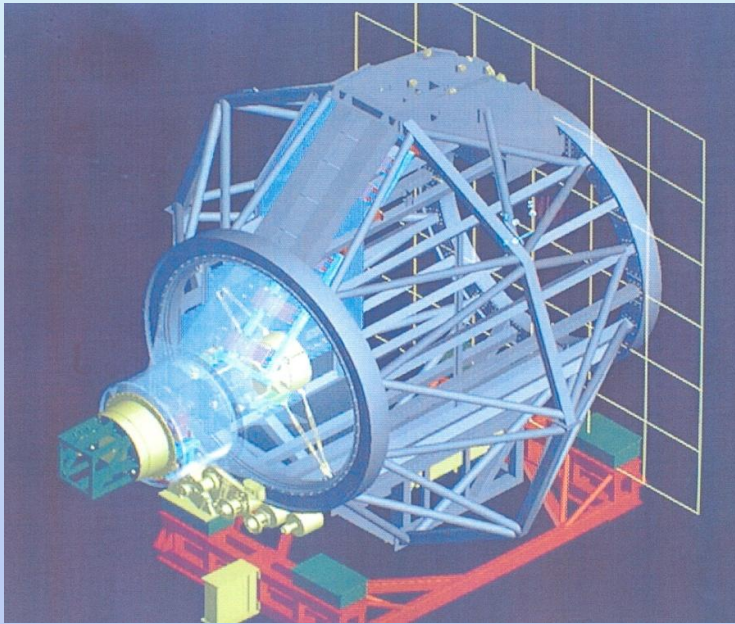
Port System carries the beam... or to one of four treatment... consists of several bending... elements which guide the beam... I focus it to eye desired spot... within the vacuum tube. The... size, position, and intensi... many points. Variations from... sensors send messages... ner network to adjust the... relocks which automatically...

WELAR

The pati... a chair, a... Aligment... patient to... turn just... will take... these table... patients... or other... procedure...



A PT facility is not just the accelerator...



The IBA proton gantry

A gantry is a massive structure that allows directing the beam to the tumour from any direction. It carries

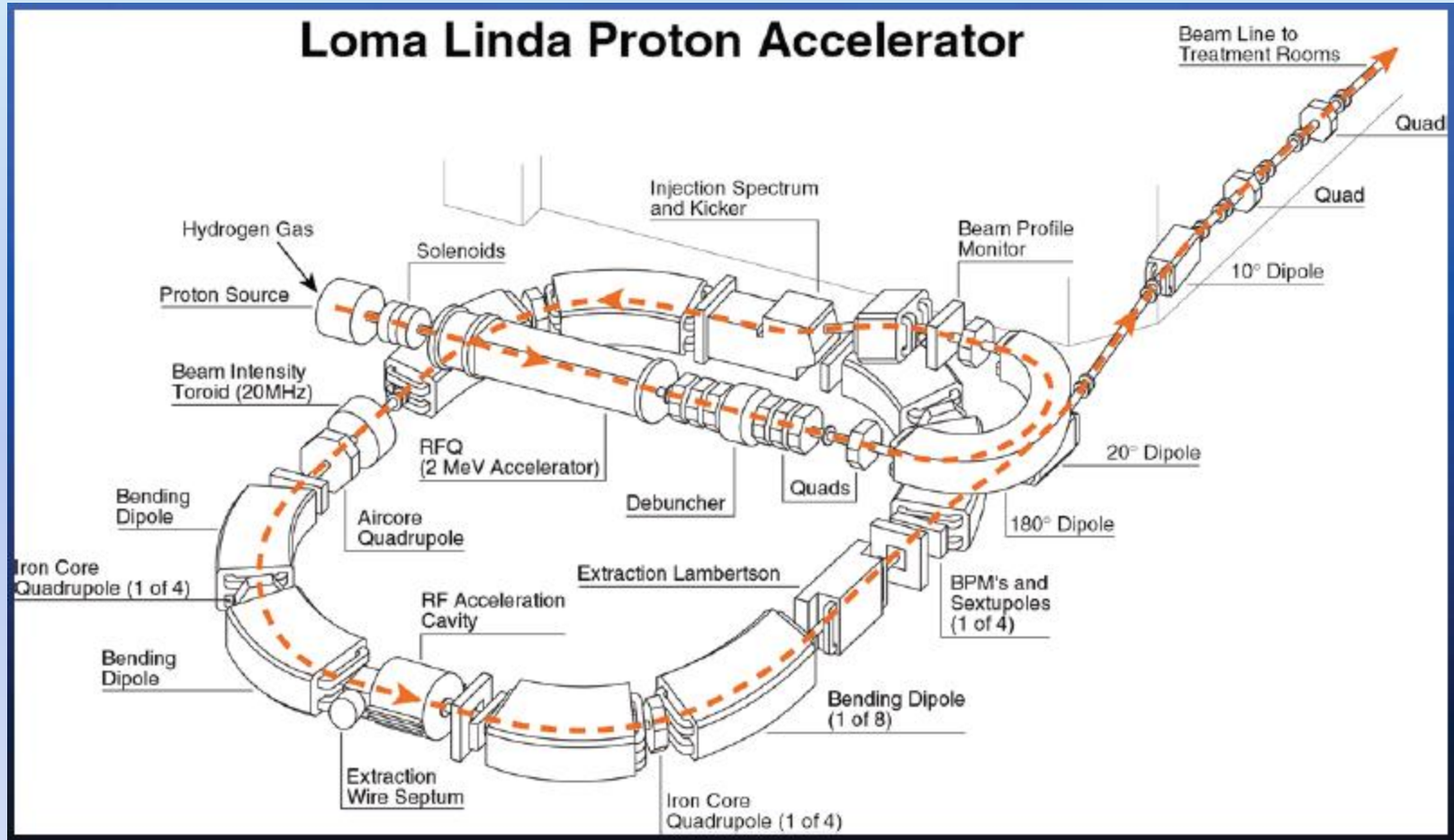
- the final section of the beam line
- the beam spreading 'nozzle'
- the proton 'snout' which carries the aperture and range compensator

**What it looks like to the patient:
gantry room at the Midwest Proton
Radiotherapy Institute (MPRI)
(modified IBA gantry)**

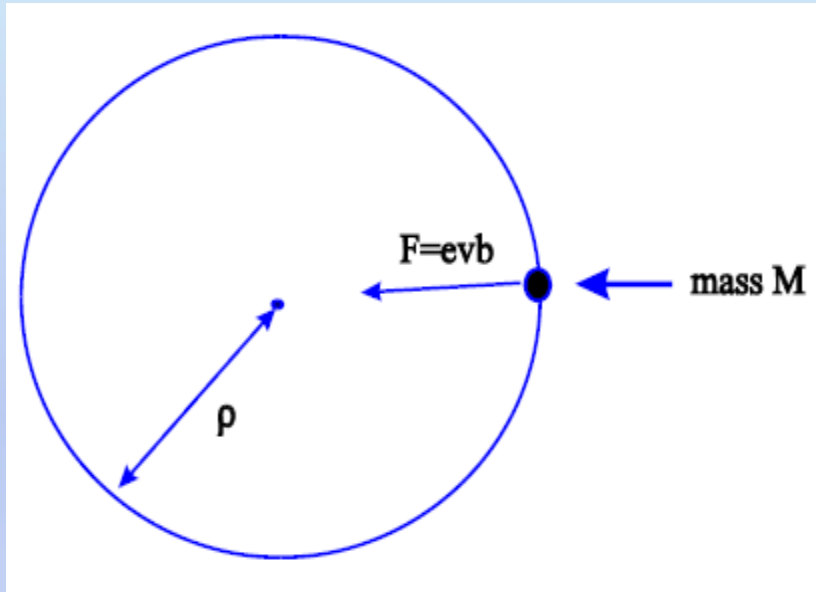


Adapted from B. Gottschalk

The LLUMC proton synchrotron



We have already seen the motion of a particle in a dipole magnetic field...



$$F = \frac{mv^2}{\rho}, \text{ where } \rho = \text{radius of curvature of the path}$$

$$F = evB = \frac{mv^2}{\rho}$$

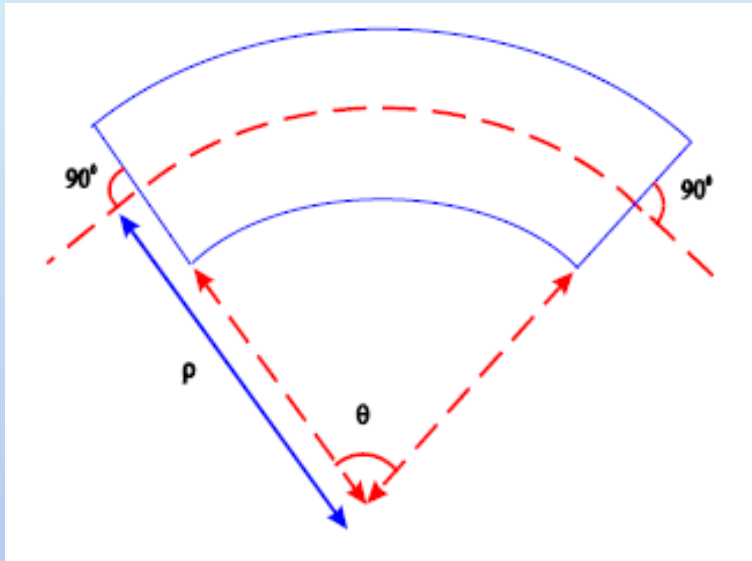
(p = momentum = mv)

$$B\rho = \frac{mv}{e} = \frac{p}{e}$$

$$B\rho = 33.356 \cdot p \text{ [kG}\cdot\text{m]} = 3.3356 \cdot p \text{ [T}\cdot\text{m]} \text{ (if } p \text{ is in GeV/c)}$$

$B\rho$ is called “magnetic rigidity” of the particle and is an index of how difficult is to bend the motion of a charged particle by a magnetic field

Trajectory of particles in a dipole field



Trajectory of a particle in a bending magnet

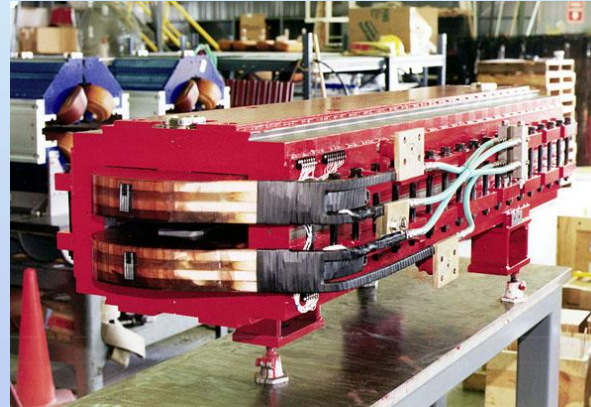
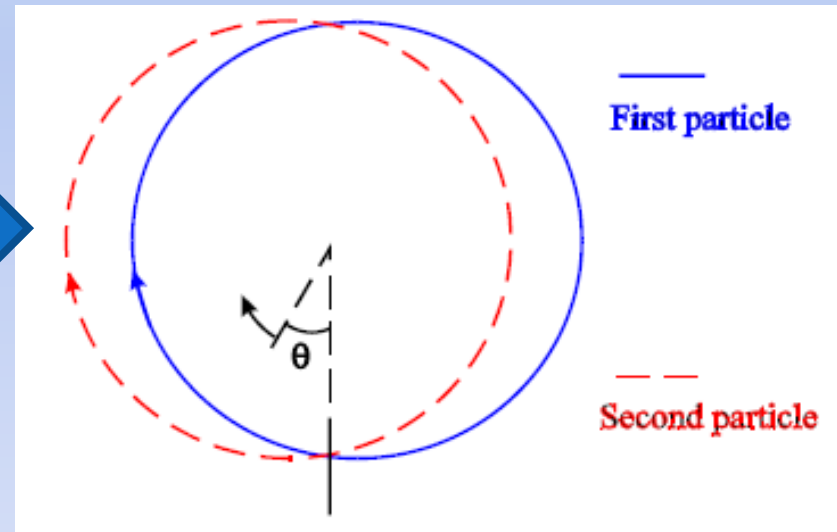
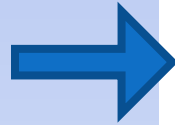


Photo:
courtesy ANL

Unfortunately an accelerator contains more than one particle!

Number of circulating particles in a synchrotron is typically in the order of 10^{10} - 10^{12} and more

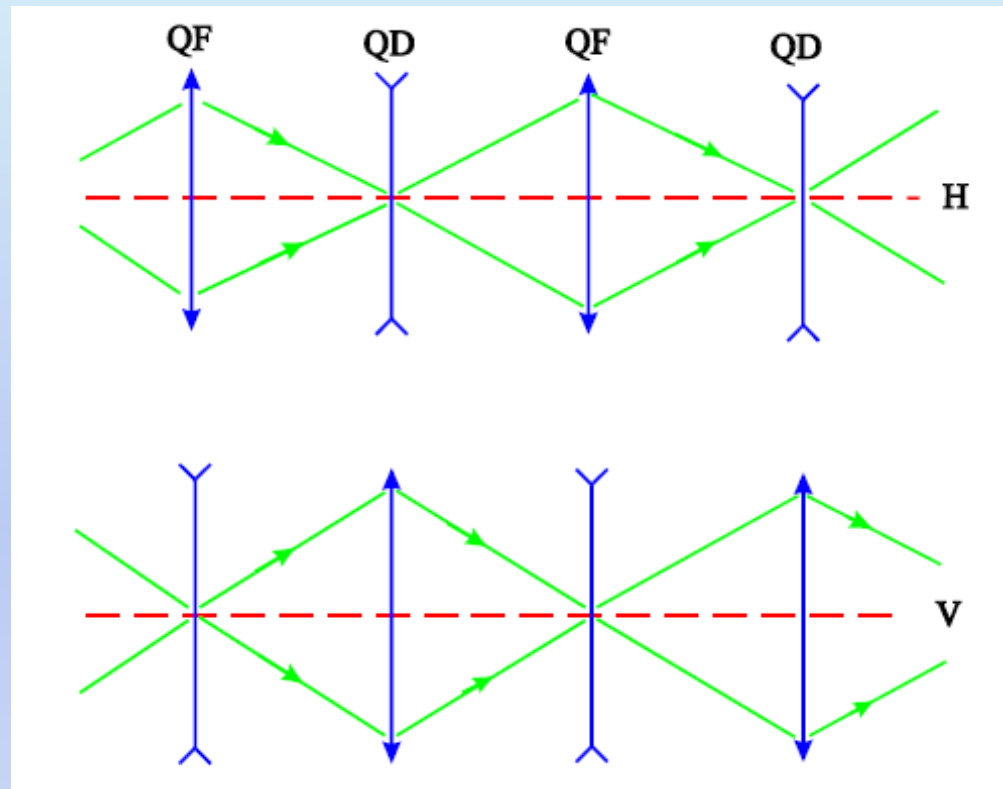
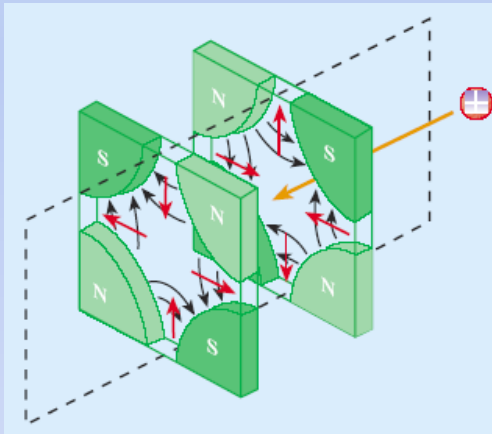


Two particles in a dipole field, with same momentum but different initial angles

Quadrupoles as thin lenses

Light rays passing through a series of focusing and defocusing lenses

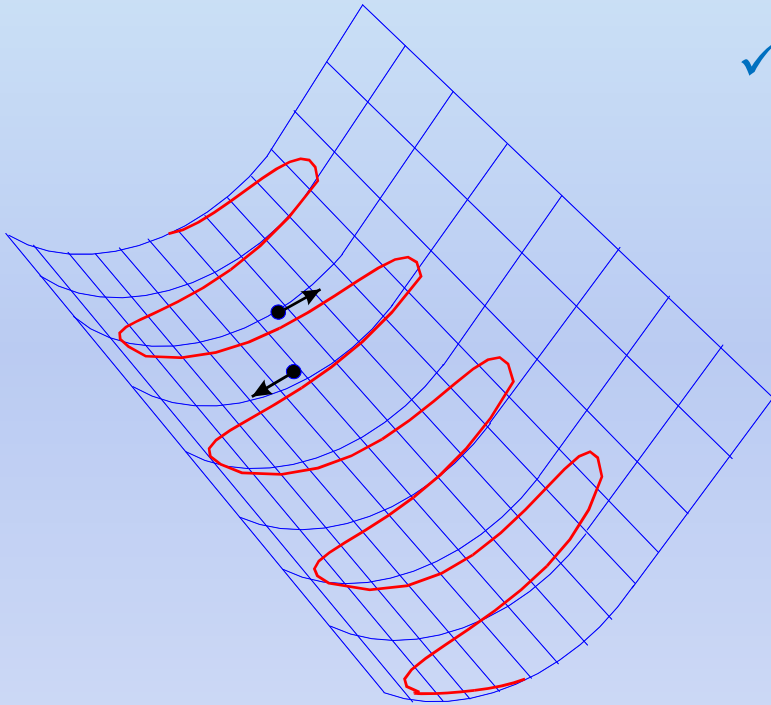
The lenses, which are concave in one plane, are convex in the other



In both cases the concave lenses will have little effect as the light passes very close to their centre, and the net result is that the light rays are focused in both planes

The mechanical equivalent

- ✓ The gutter below illustrates how the particles in a synchrotron behave due to the quadrupolar fields.



- ✓ Whenever a particle beam diverges too far away from the central orbit the quadrupoles focus them back towards the central orbit.

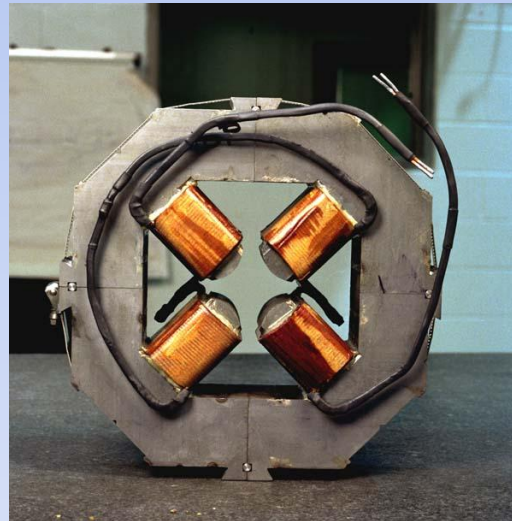


Photo courtesy Fermilab Visual Media Services

Hadron-therapy in Europe

○ in operation
 ◇ in construction
 △ planned

Yellow = p only
 Orange = p and C

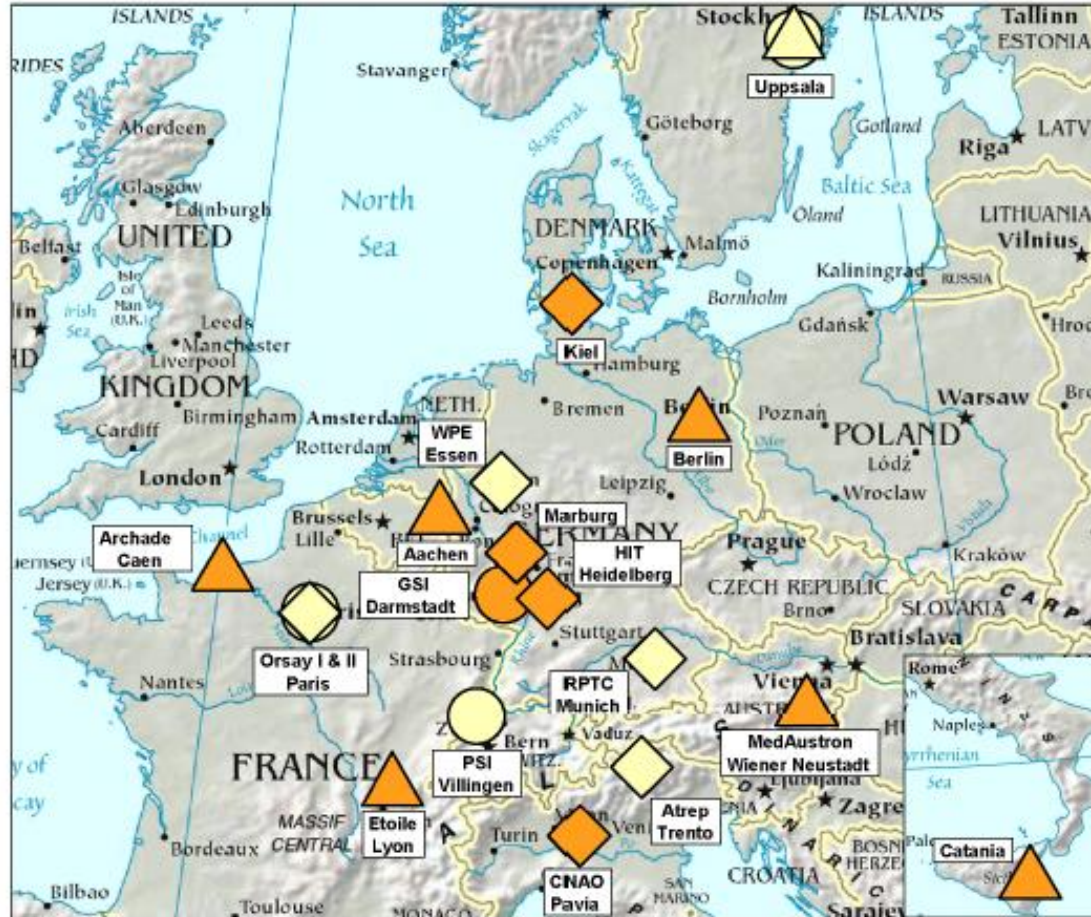


FIGURE 1. Map of Europe showing the present status of the ion beam therapy. The status of different projects is given by the symbols: in operation ○; under construction ◇; planned △. The type of the facilities is indicated by the colors: yellow – proton only; orange – Carbon and protons.

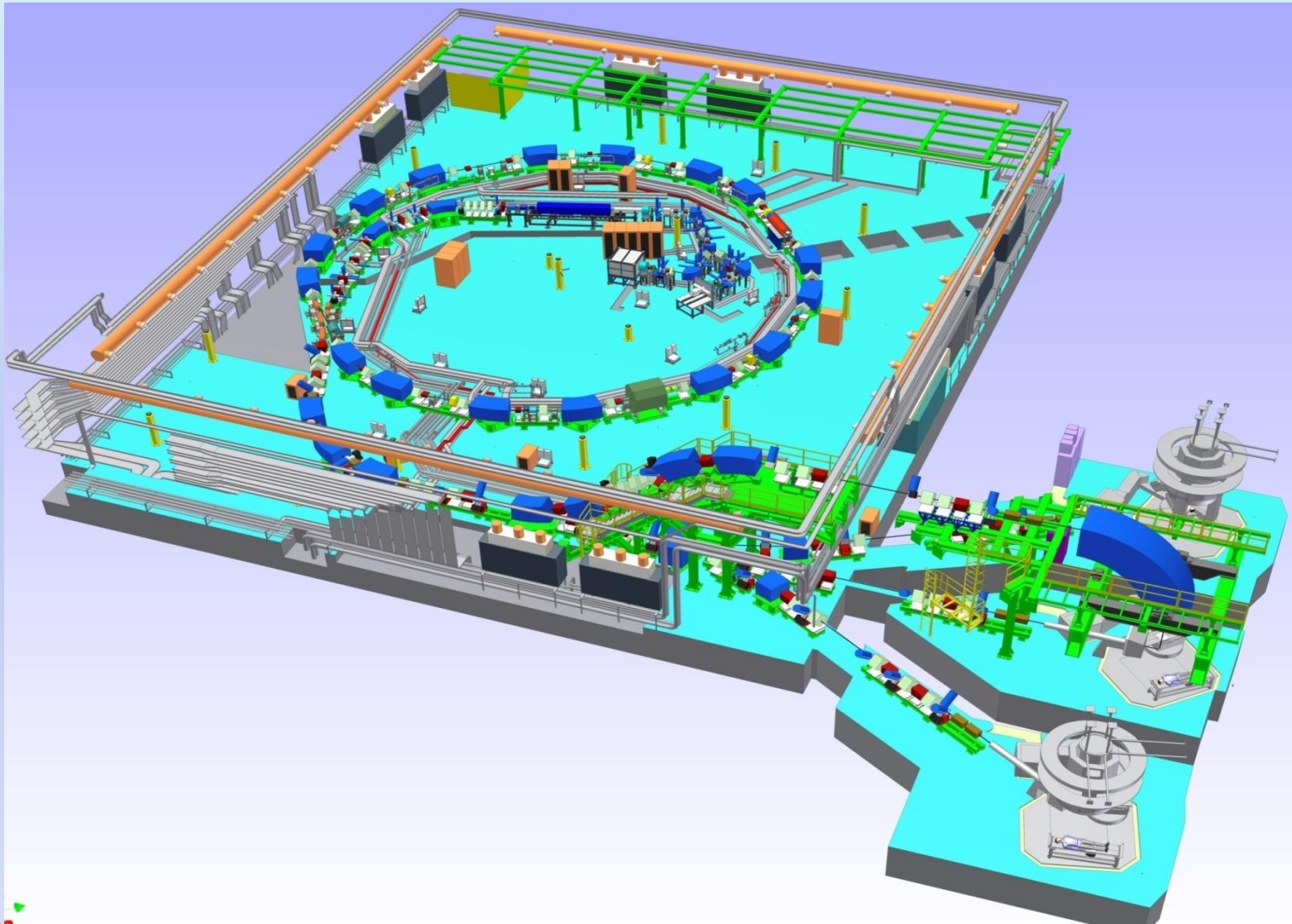
G. Kraft, Proc. of CAARI 2008, AIP, p. 429

National Centre for Oncological hadrontherapy (CNAO) in Pavia



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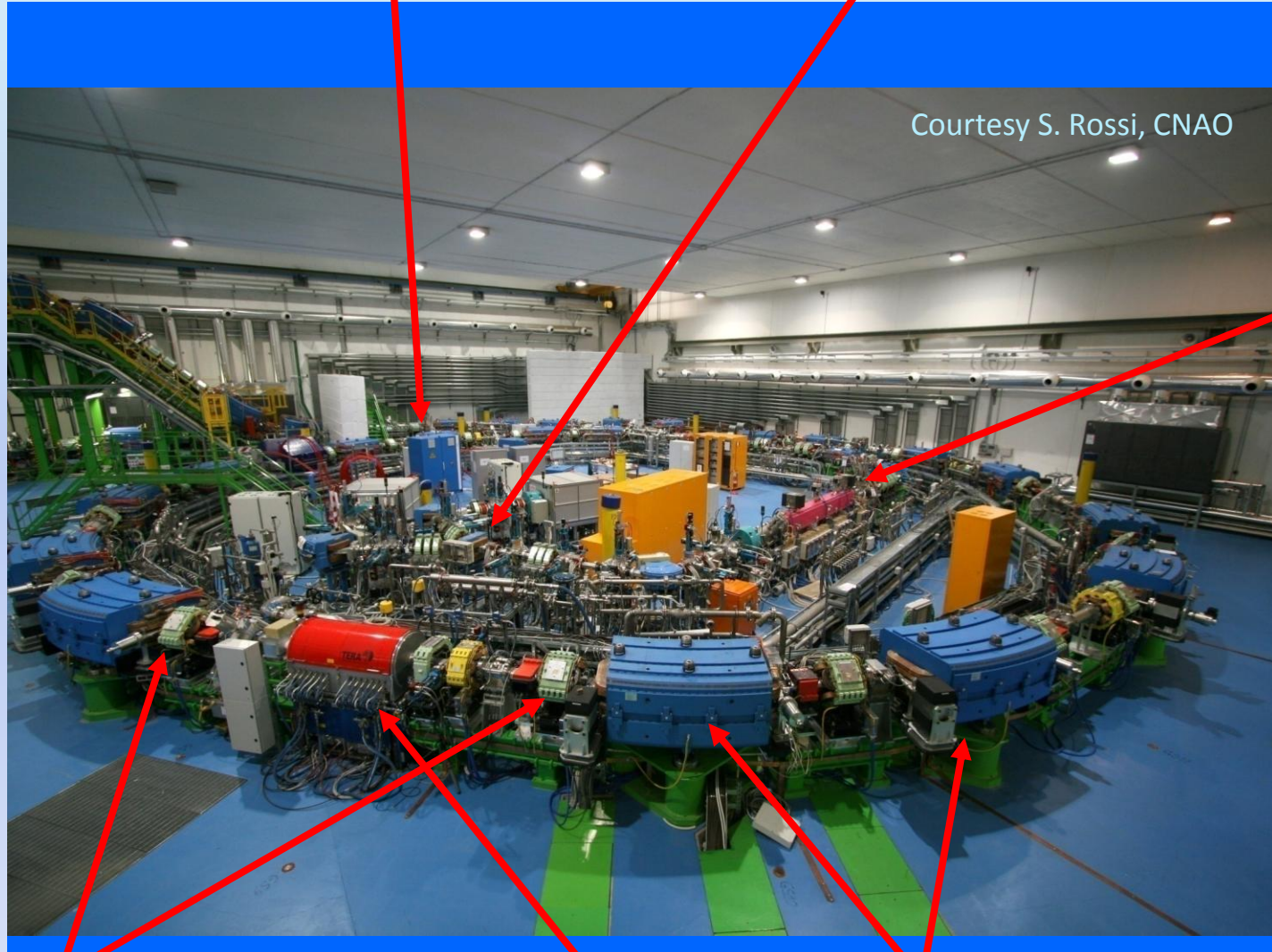
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The CNAO synchrotron

Ion sources

LEBT components



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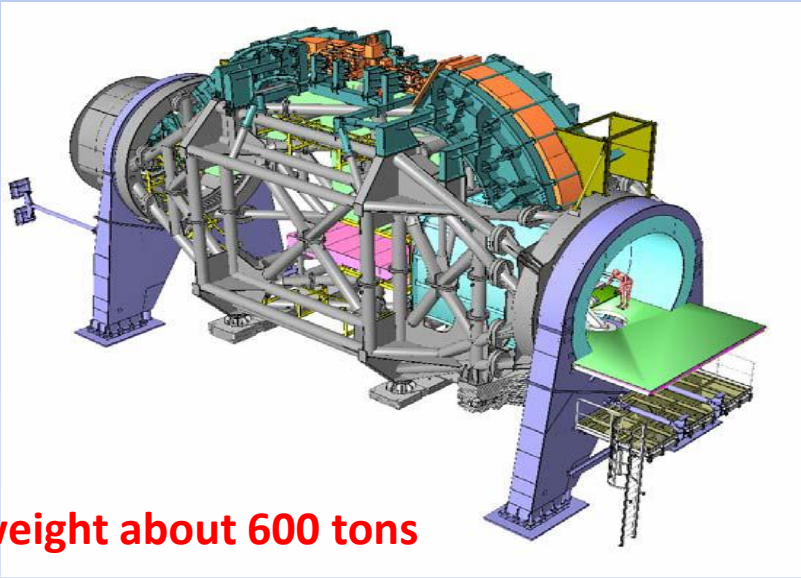
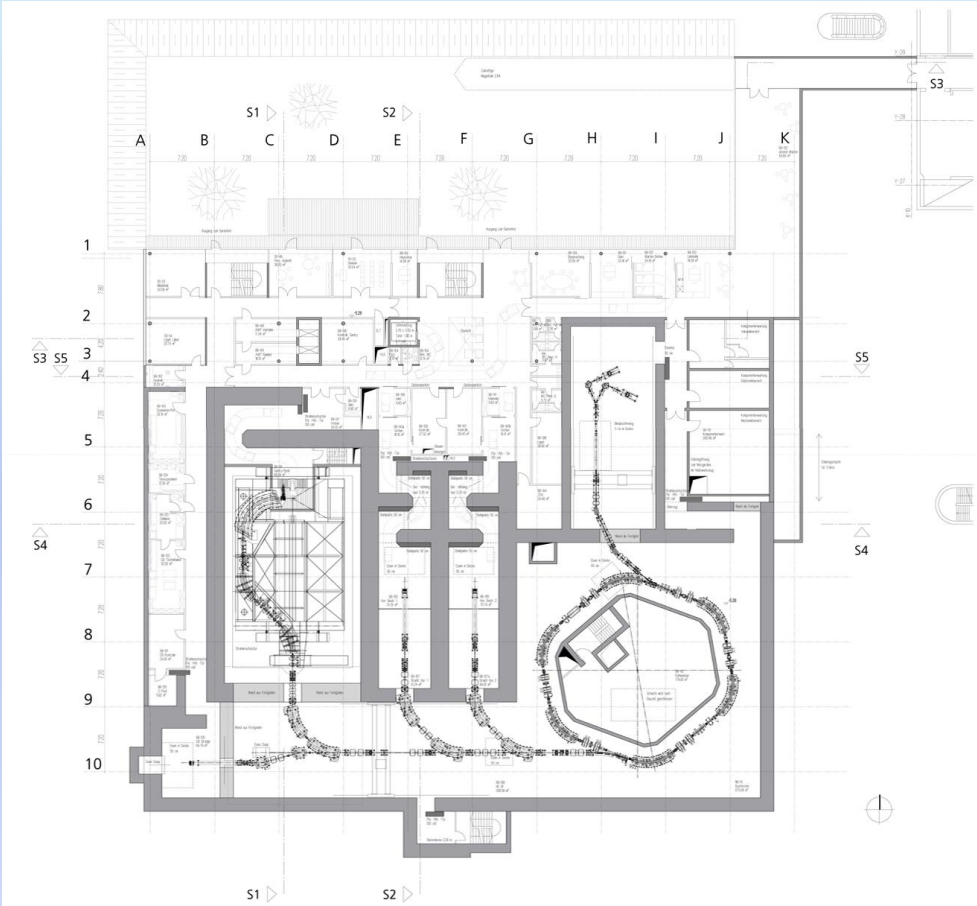
Injector linac

Quadrupole magnets

RF cavity

Dipole magnets

Heavy Ion Therapy Unit at the University of Heidelberg clinics



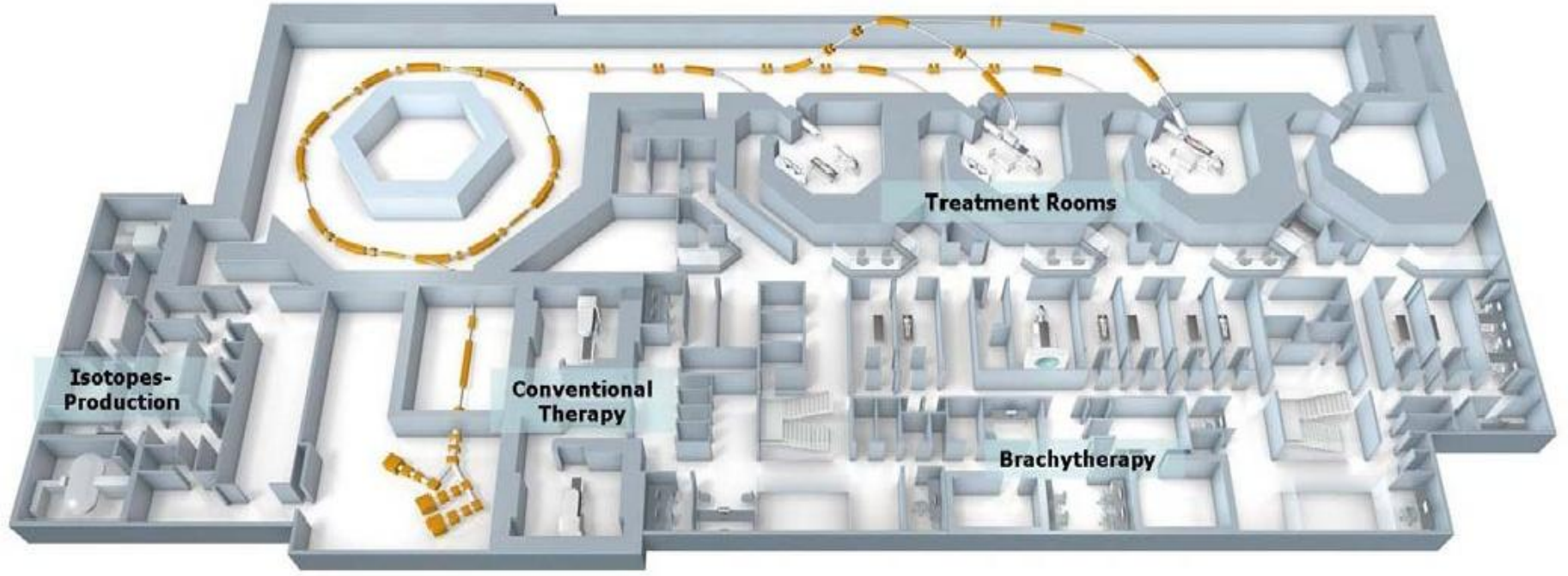
Courtesy HIT

The HIT heavy ion gantry, weight about 600 tons

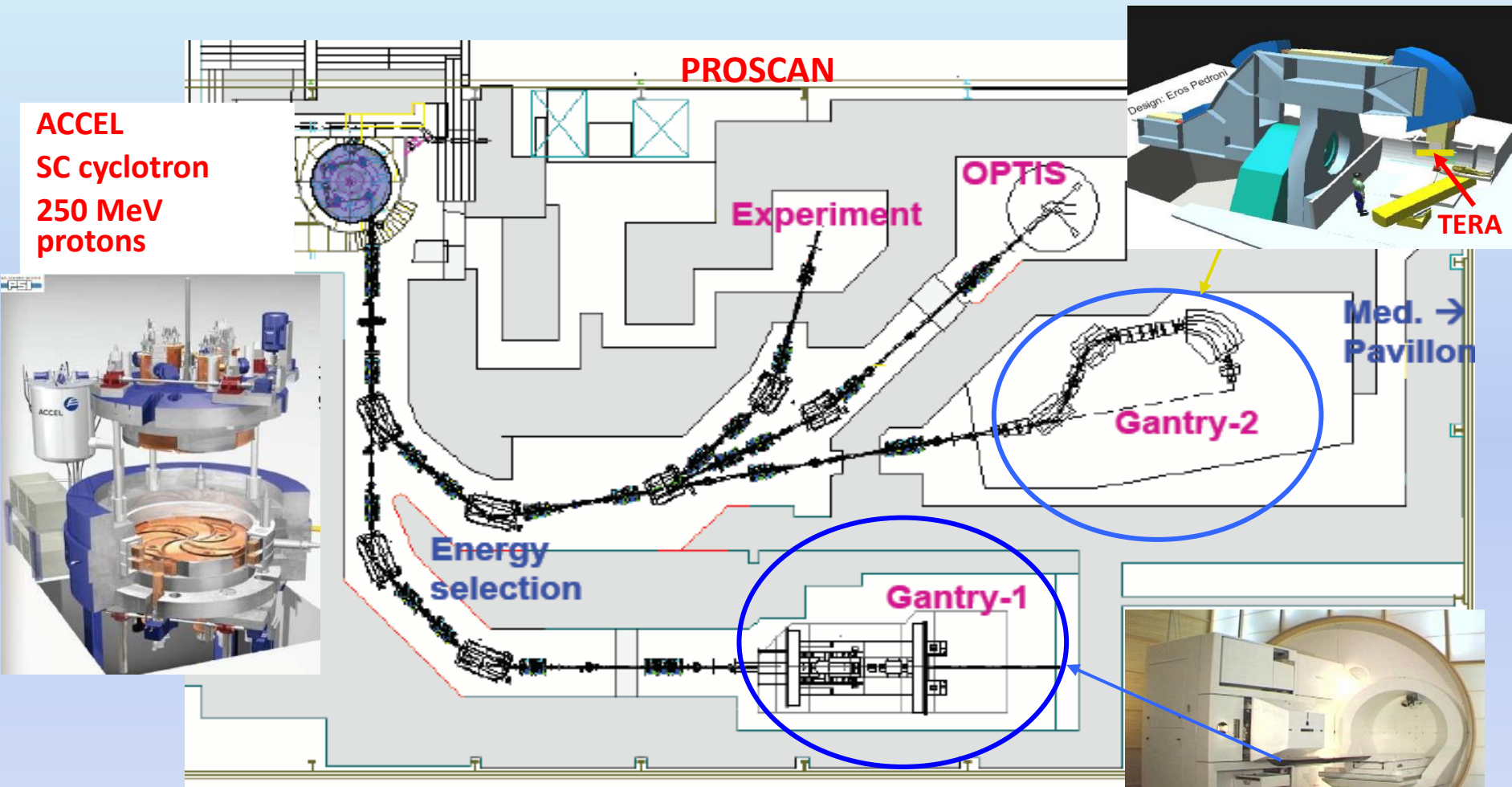
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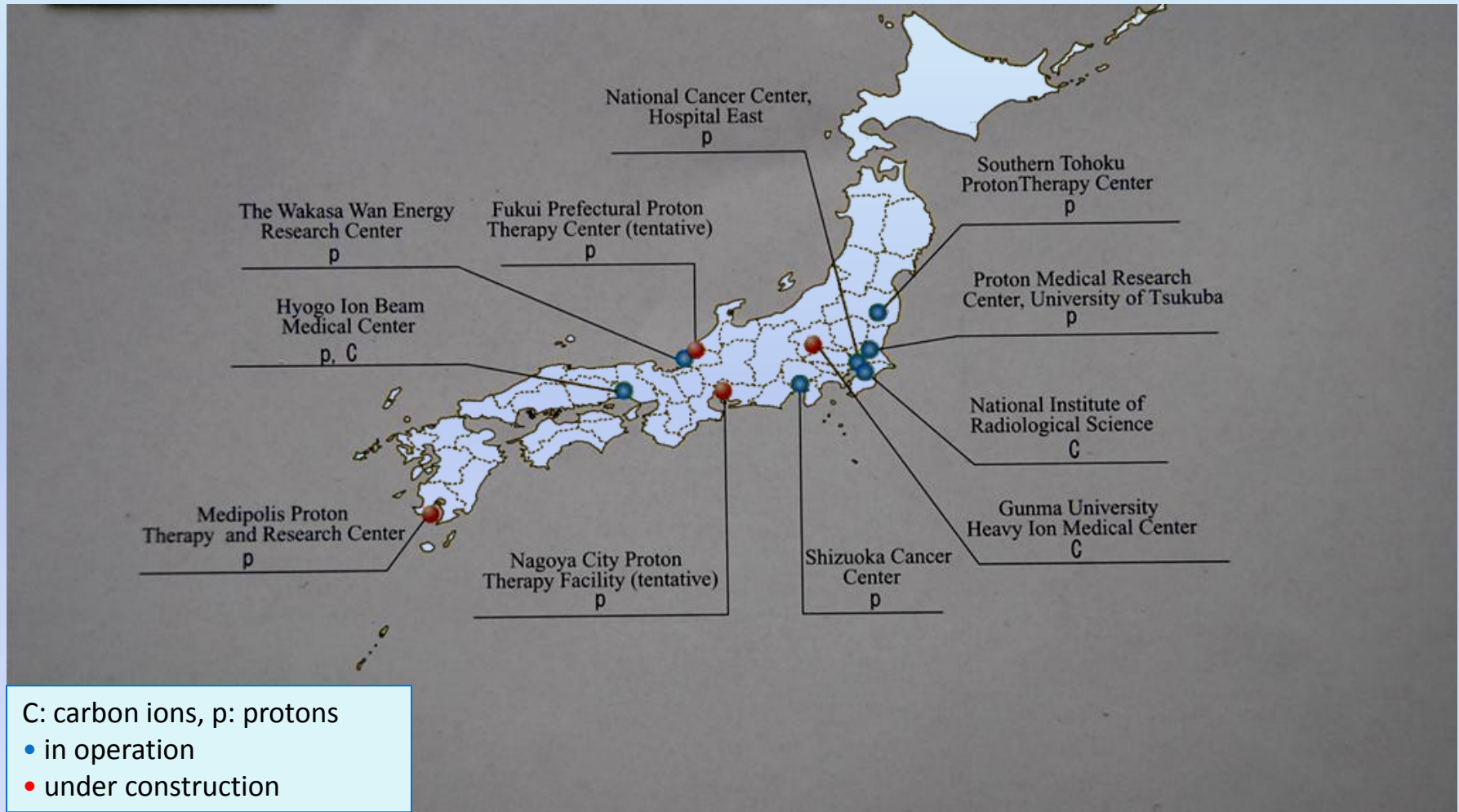
PROSCAN at PSI, Switzerland



Courtesy PSI and U. Amaldi , TERA

J.M. Schippers et al., NIM BB 261 (2007) 773–776

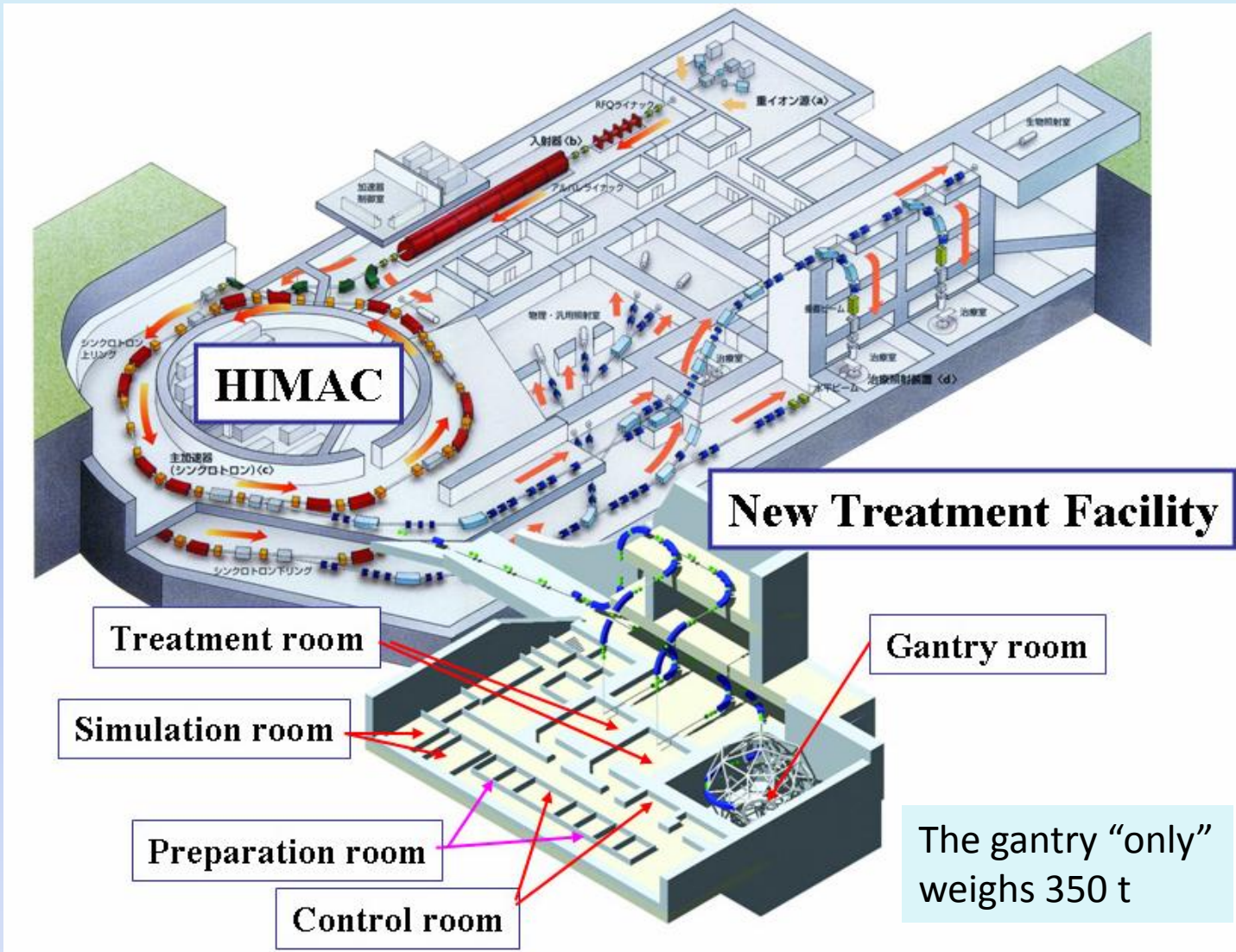
Hadron-therapy in Japan



C: carbon ions, p: protons
• in operation
• under construction

Courtesy NIRS

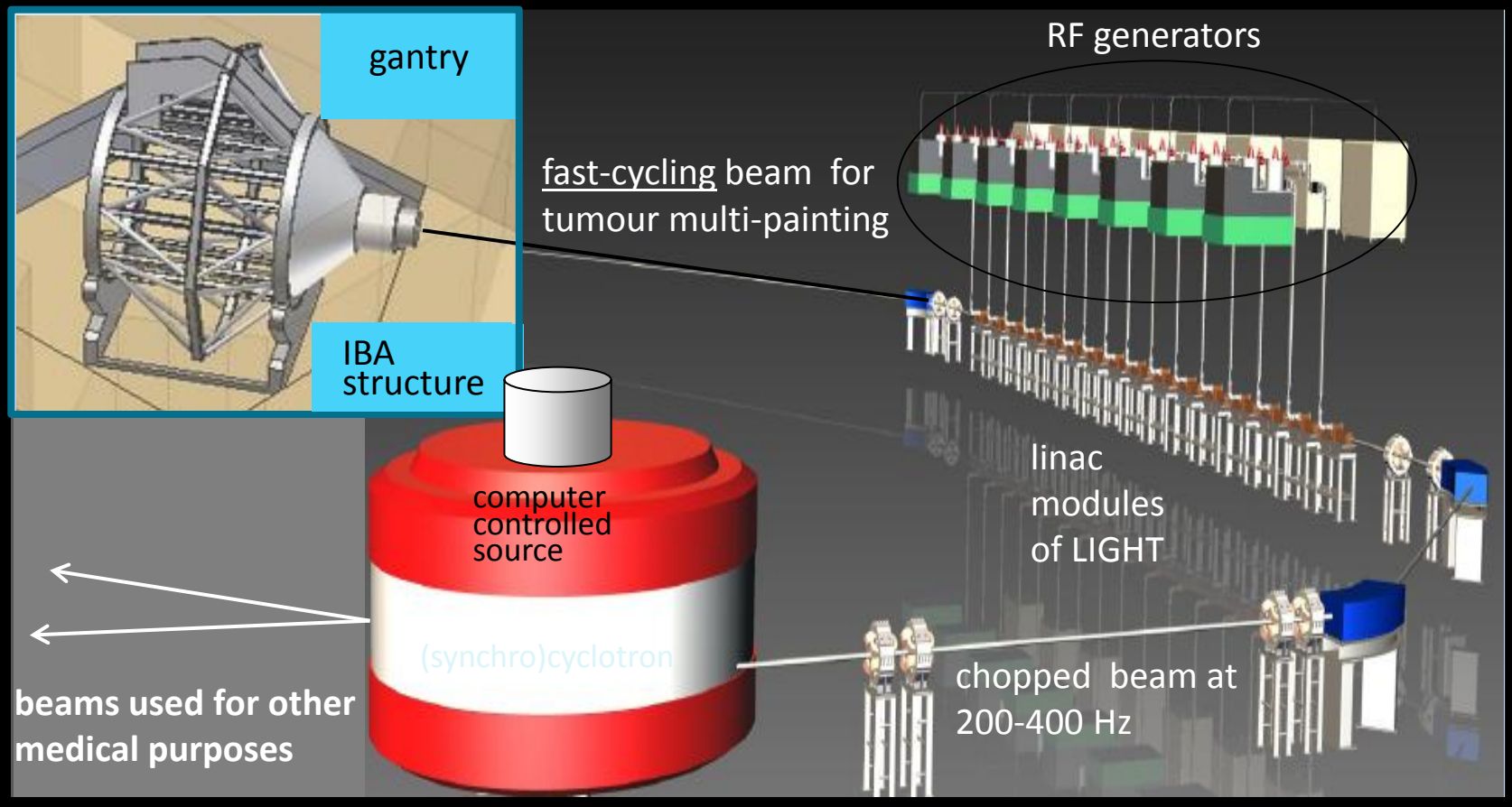
HIMAC in Chiba



K. Noda et al., Recent progress on HIMAC for carbon therapy, Proc. of PAC09

Some new concepts

TERA Cyclinac=cyclotron+linac for Image Guided Hadron-therapy



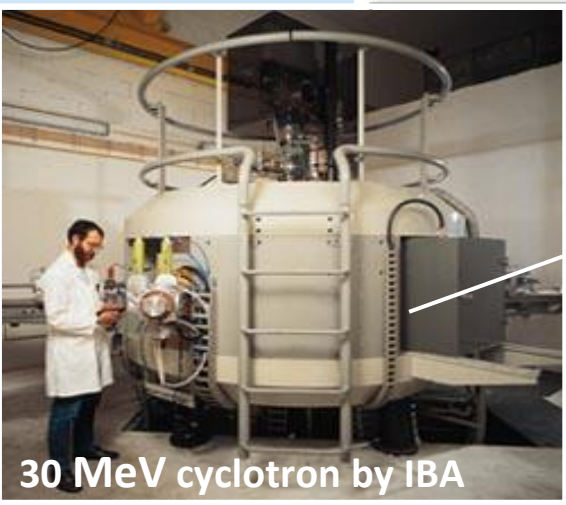
The energy is adjusted in 2 ms in the full range by changing the power pulses sent to the 16-22 accelerating modules
The charge in the next spot is adjusted every 2 ms with the computer controlled source

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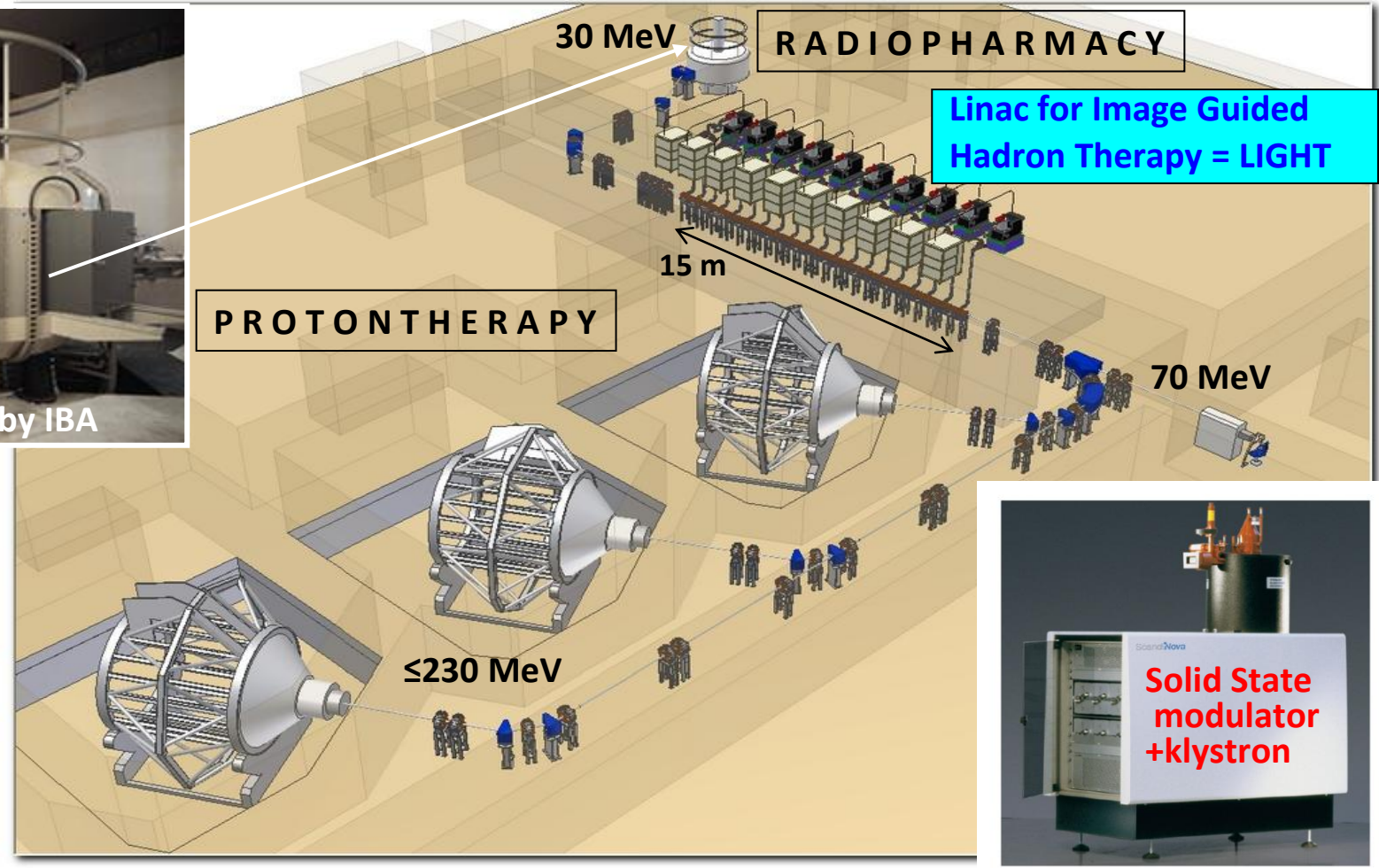
IDRA = Institute for Diagnostics and Radiotherapy

A proton cyclinac

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30 MeV cyclotron by IBA

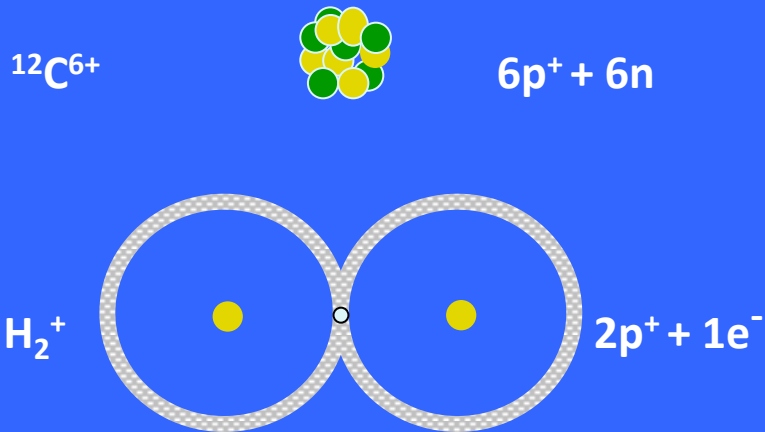


A.D.A.M. SA, Application of Detectors and Accelerators to Medicine, a CERN spin-off company will build LIGHT, and has an agreement with IBA for the delivery of the rest and the overall control

The 250-300 MeV SC cyclotron designed by LNS, Italy

SCENT = Superconducting Cyclotron for Exotic Nuclei and Therapy

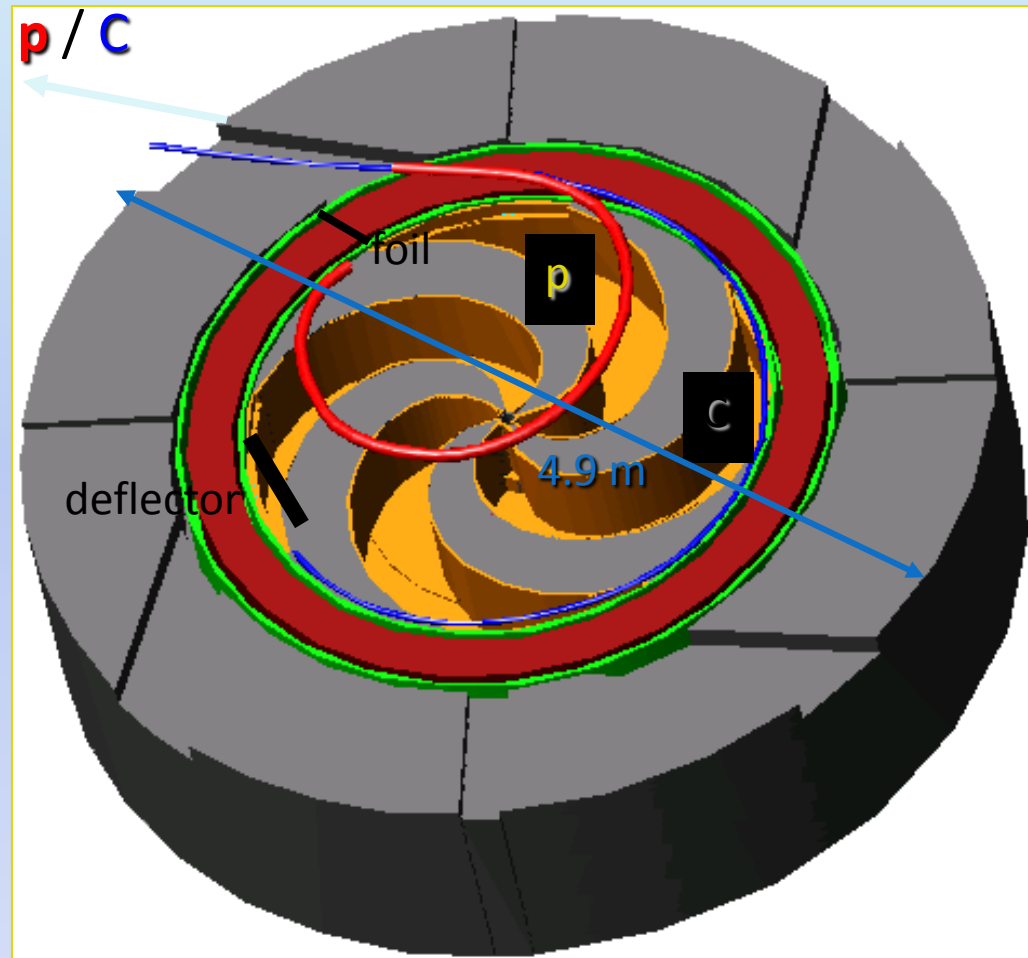
The superconducting cyclotron accelerates particles with $Q/A = 1/2$



Output energies:

protons 250 MeV

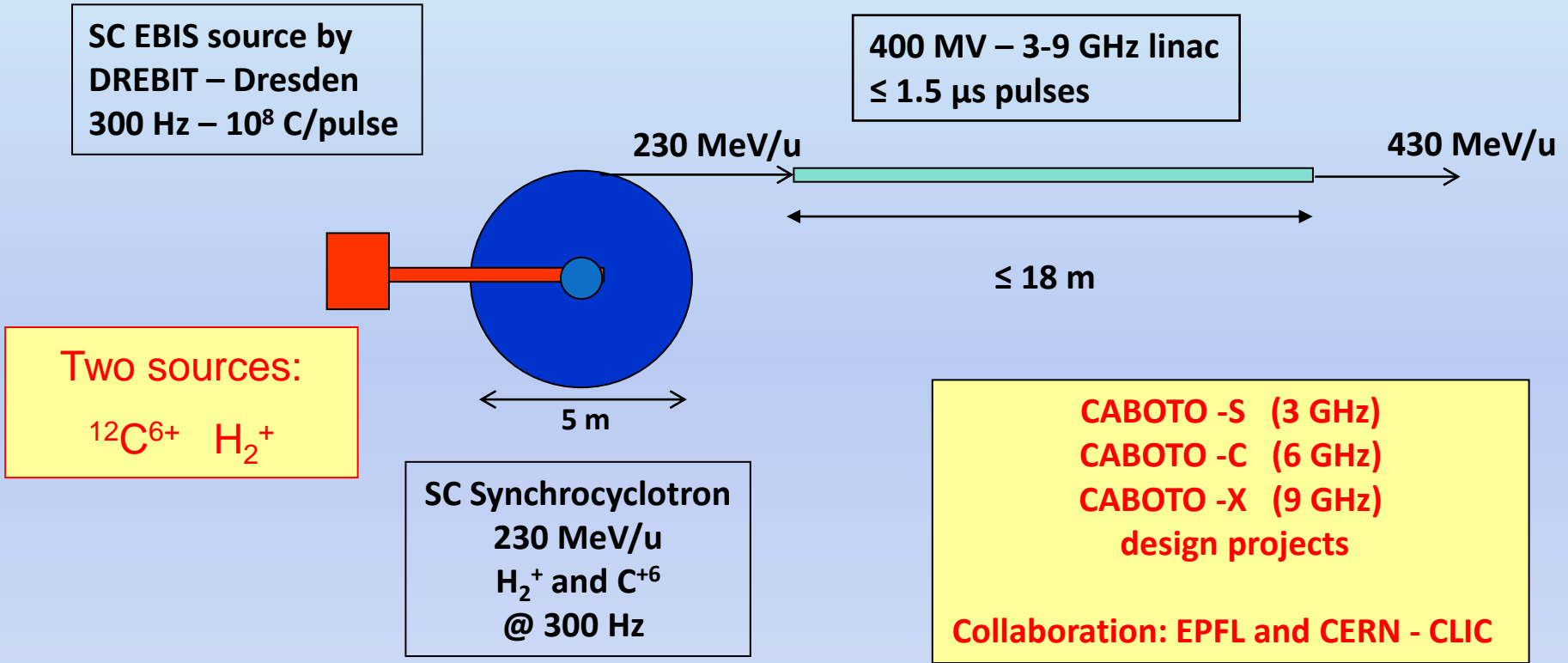
carbon ions 3000-3600 MeV



L. Calabretta et al, NIM A 562 (2006) 1009 -1012

CABOTO = Carbon Booster for Therapy in Oncology

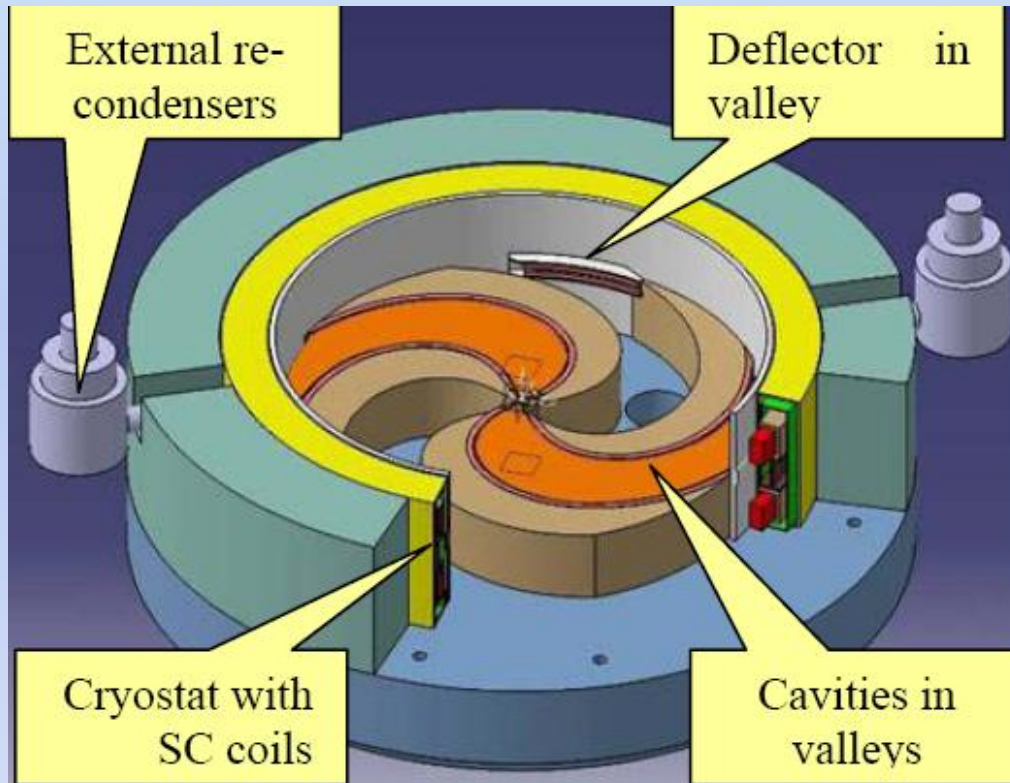
TERA Foundation, Italy



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IBA 400 MeV/u carbon-ion cyclotron

“Archade” (at Ganil in Caen, France) is based on the new IBA 400 MeV/u superconducting cyclotron

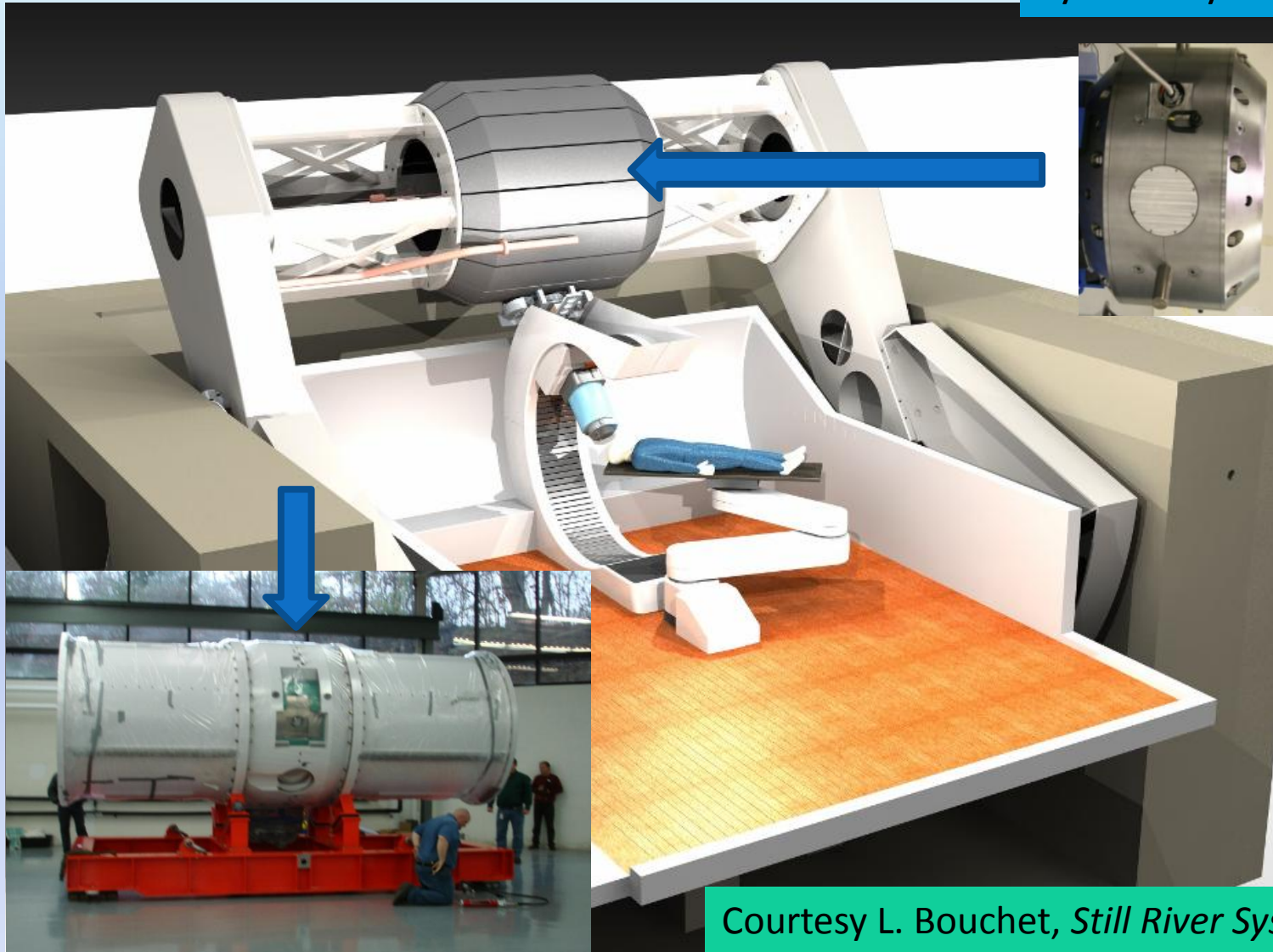


- **Maximum energy: 400 MeV/u, adjustable externally by ESS**
- **Superconducting magnet. Hill field 4.5 T**
- **Cooling by helium loop, with 4 external recondensers**

Courtesy Y. Jongen, IBA

Still River Systems

Synchrocyclotron



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Synchrocyclotron @ 10 Tesla

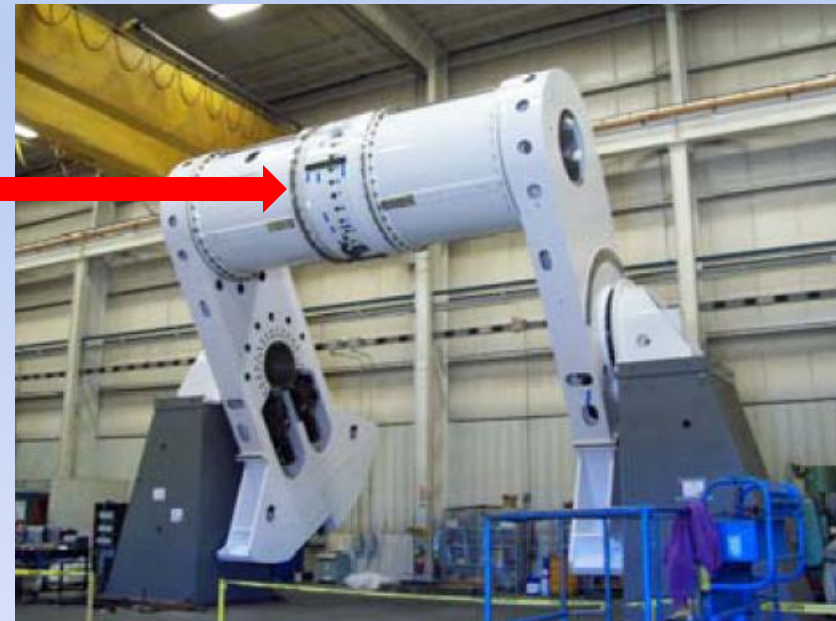
Proton energy: 250 MeV

Ion source tested up to 1,000 nA

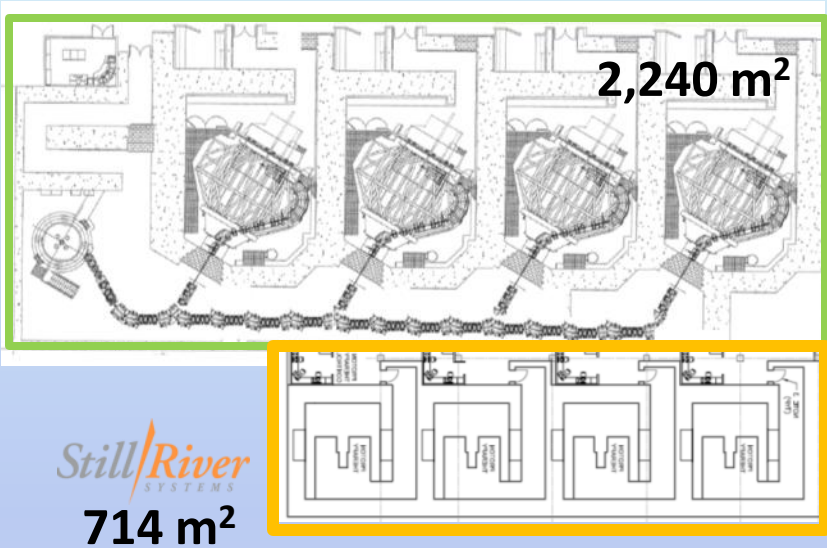
Cooling is through cryo-compressors (NO liquid Helium)

Low maintenance requirements – quarterly only

Time structure: similar to linear accelerator with gating and scanning capabilities

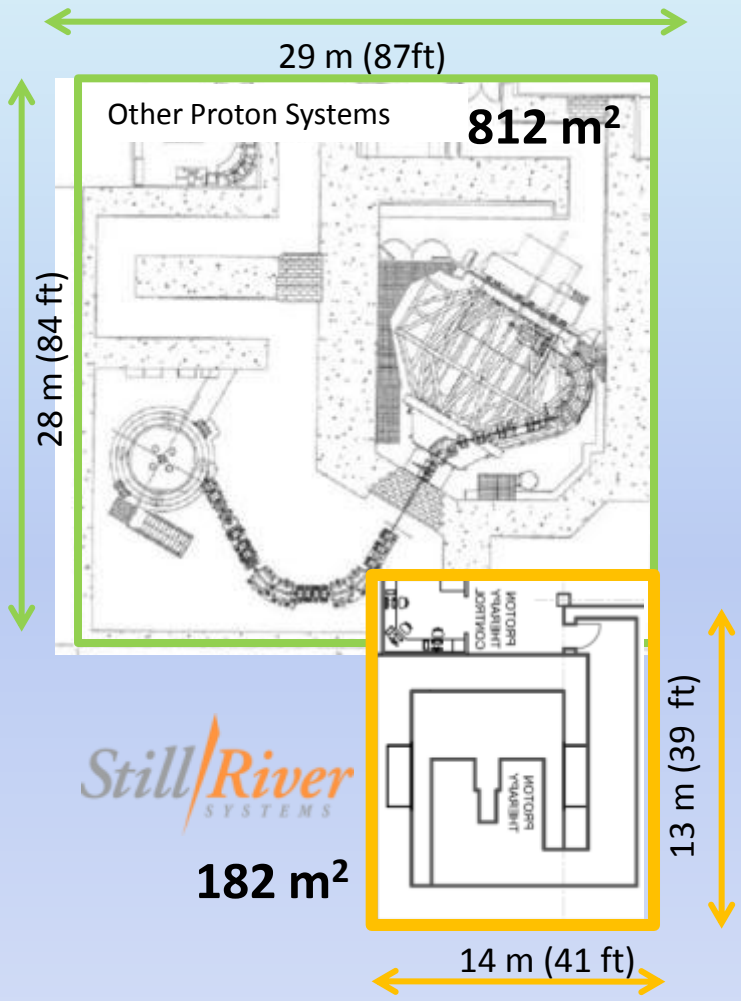


Multi-room versus single-room facilities



Advantages of single-room facility:

- ✓ Modularity
- ✓ Reliability / back-up
- ✓ PT treatment available at more hospitals
- ✓ (Hopefully) cost



Courtesy L. Bouchet, *Still River Systems*

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PTCOG: Particle Therapy Co-Operative Group
<http://ptcog.web.psi.ch/>