

# Adroterapia: l'applicazione delle tecnologie degli acceleratori alla cura dei tumori

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# Schema del Corso

## Parte I:

razionale dell'adroterapia

la realizzazione del Centro Nazionale di Adroterapia Oncologica (CNAO)

## Parte II:

i centri di adroterapia nel mondo

viaggio alla scoperta del CNAO e delle tecnologie degli acceleratori

## Parte III:

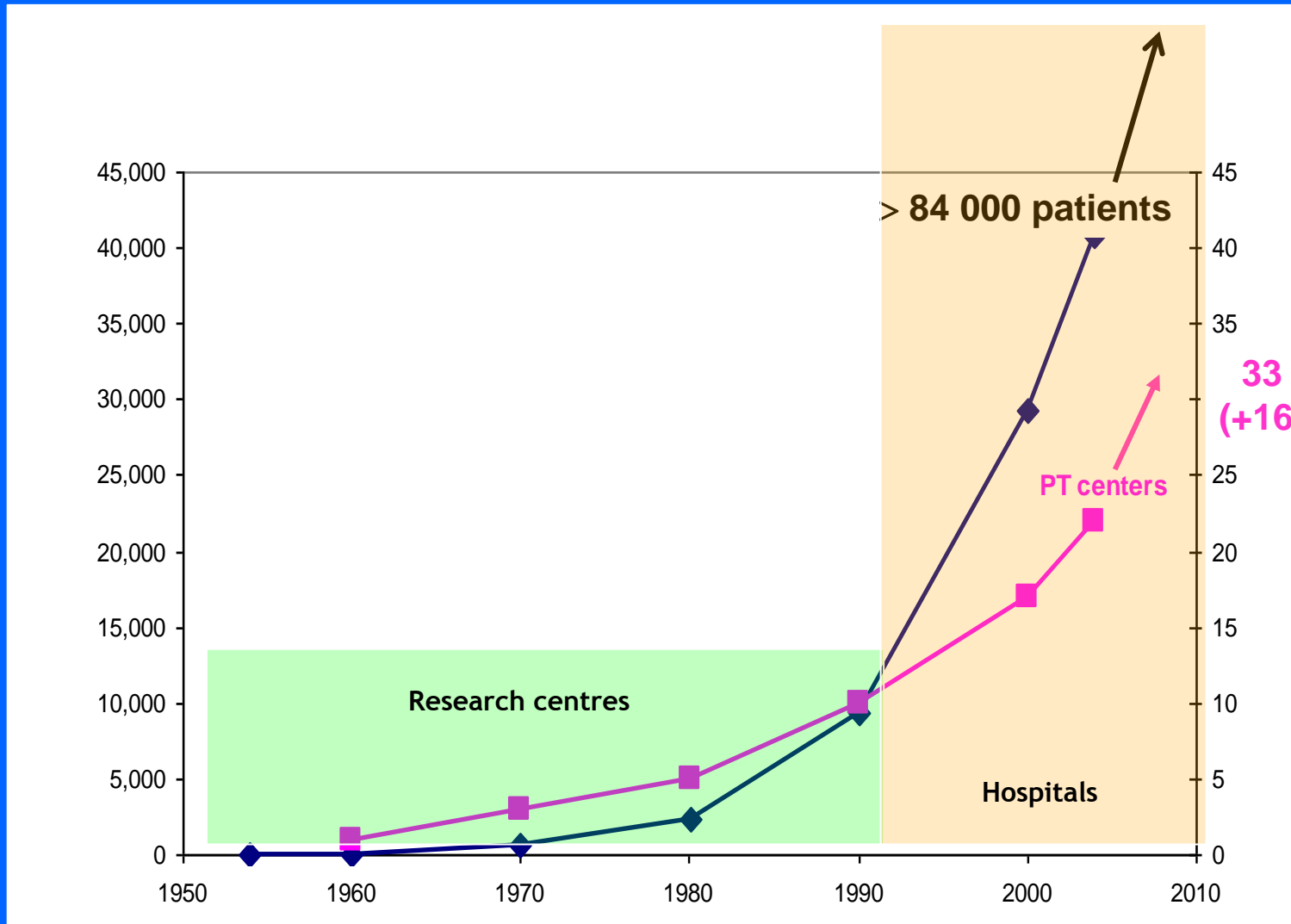
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## Parte IV:

le tecnologie e i sistemi a contatto con i pazienti

la sperimentazione clinica e i risultati sui pazienti

# Protontherapy is booming ([www.ptcog.psi.ch](http://www.ptcog.psi.ch))

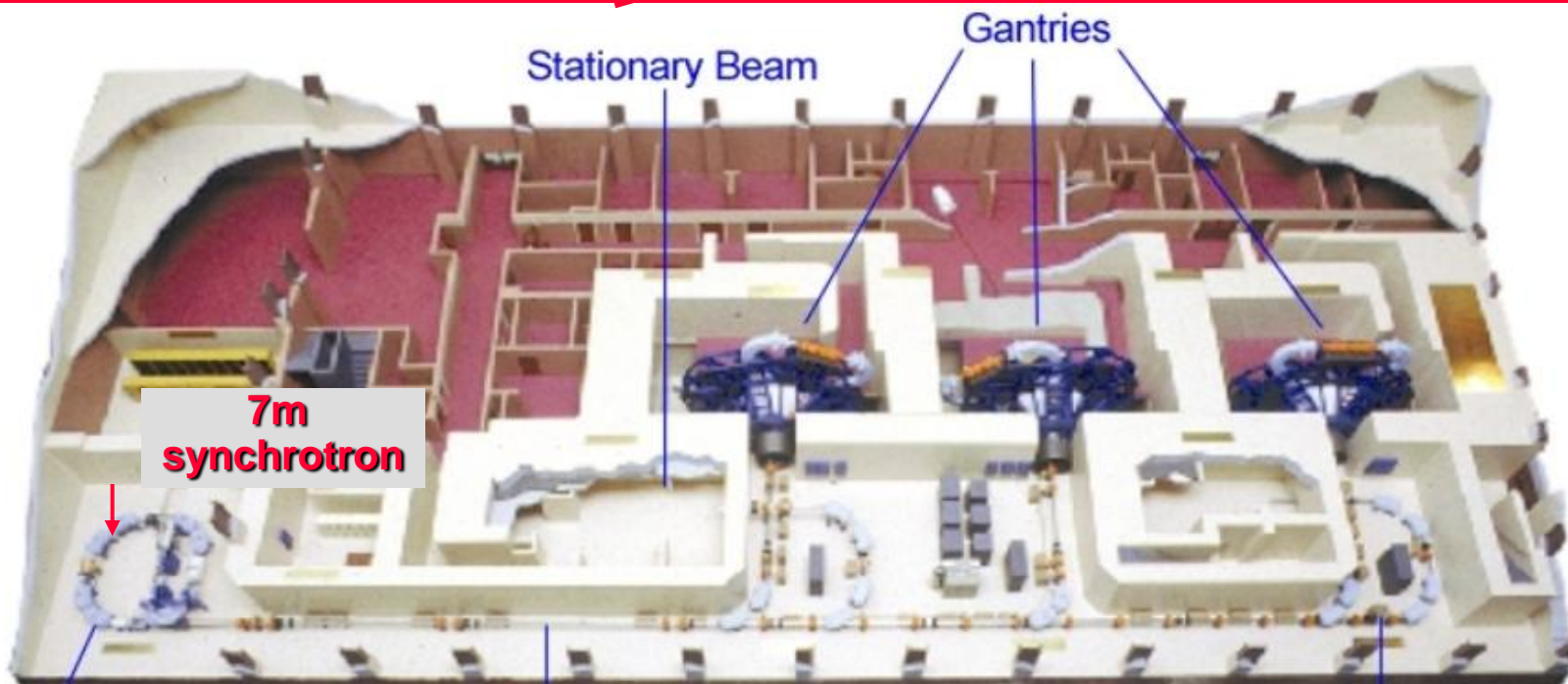
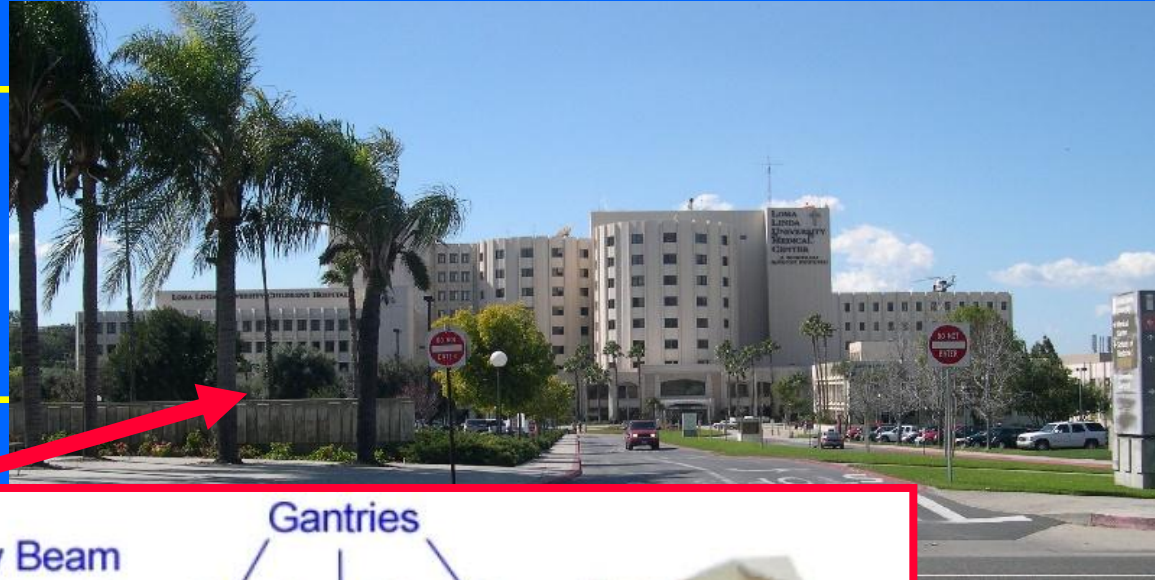


**Carbon Ions: > 9000 patients; 6 centres (+2 planned)**

# Loma Linda University Medical Center: first patient 1992

First hospital based  
protontherapy centre  
(1992)

2012:160 sessions/d



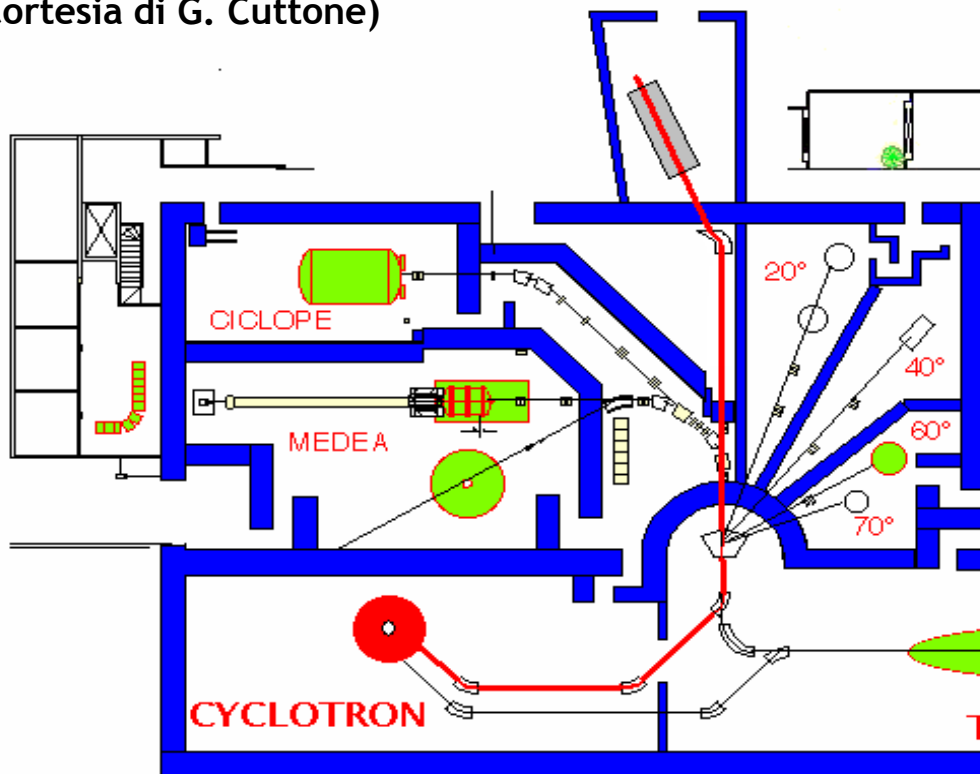
Optivus Ltd. commercialises this centre

# Centro CATANA ai LNS dell'INFN

Primo trattamento con protoni da 62 MeV nel 2002

250 pazienti affetti da melanomi oculari

(Cortesia di G. Cuttone)



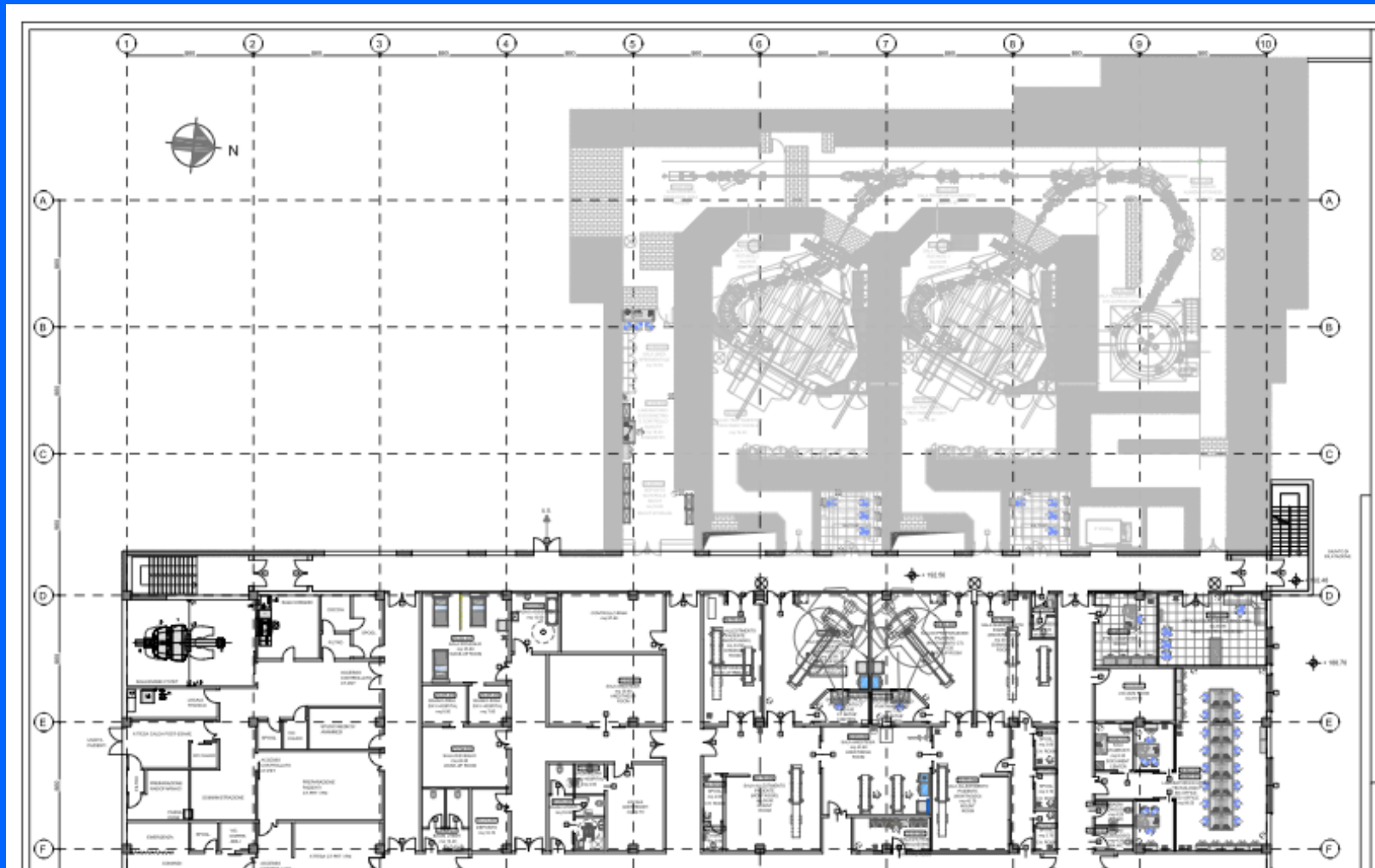
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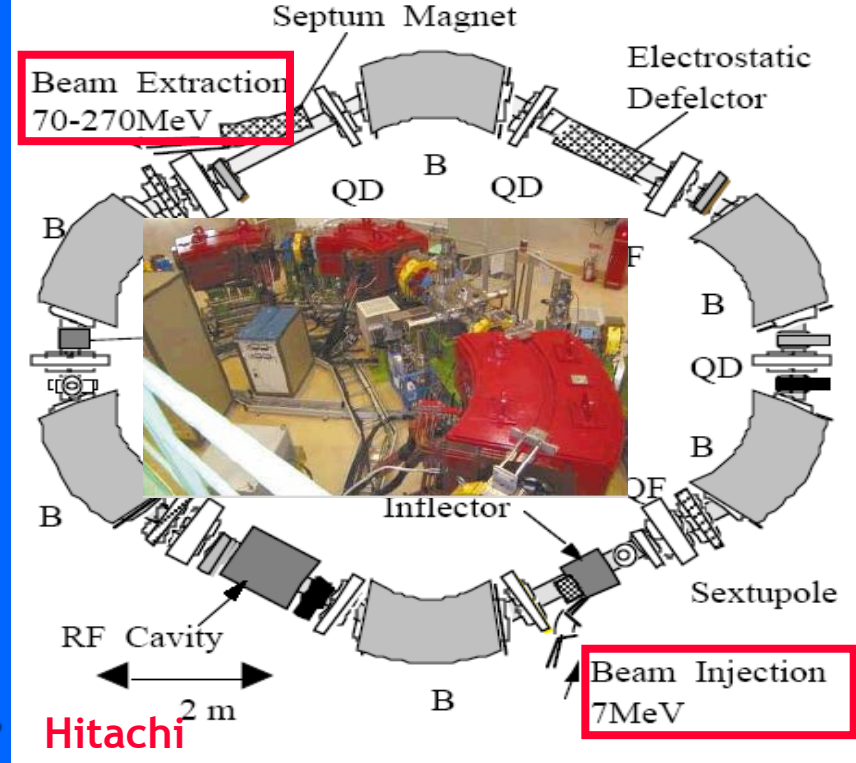
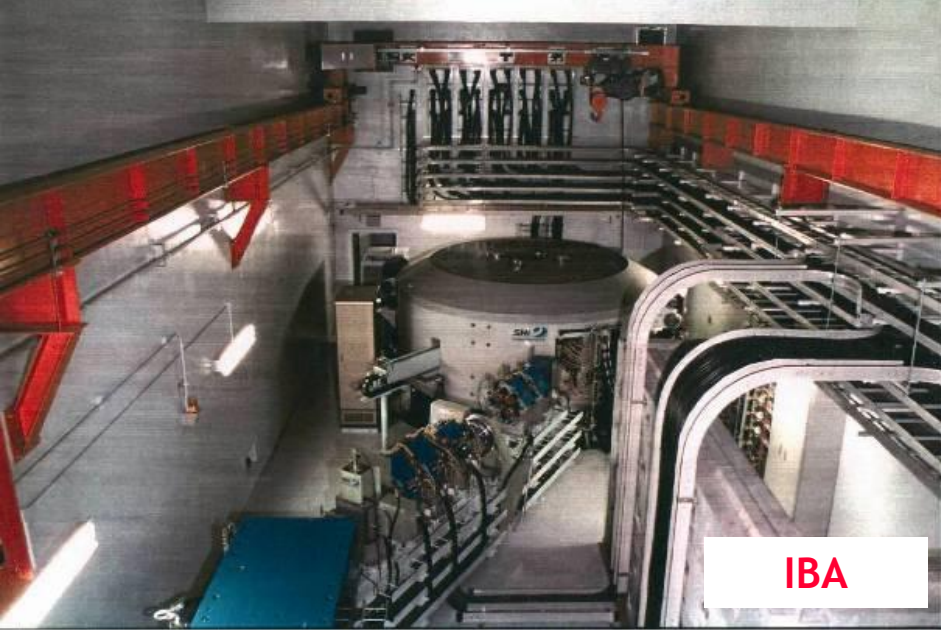
Centro di protonterapia

Ciclotrone IBA

2 sale con gantry e 1 sala a fascio fisso

Fascio da ciclotrone per fine 2013

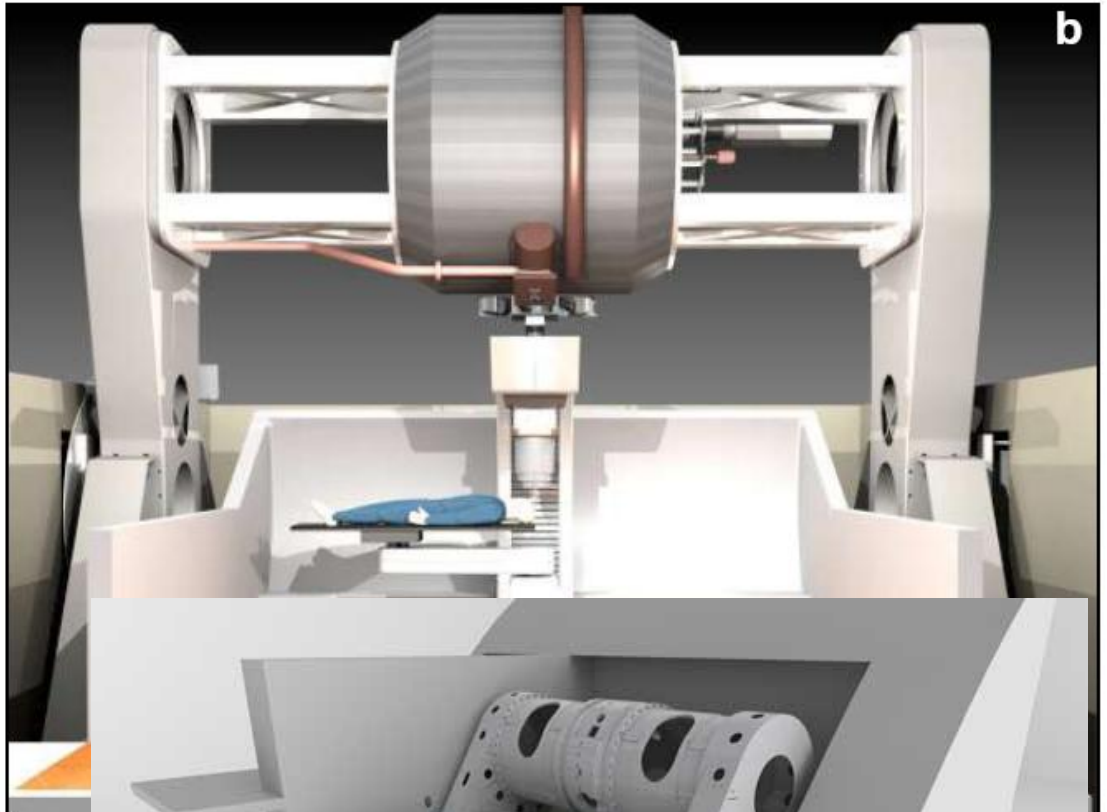
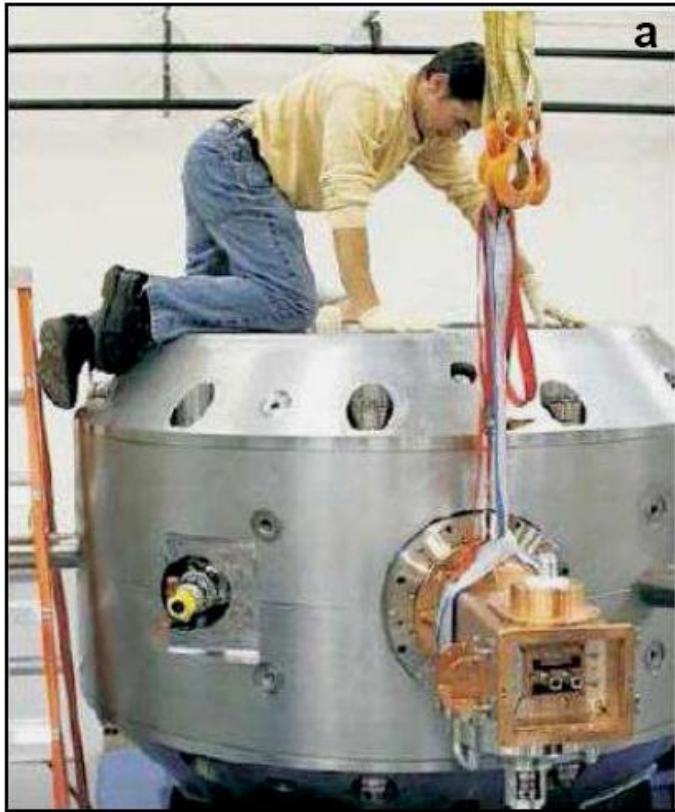




**Protontherapy: a market exists ...**



*Coming up: single room facility  
250 MeV synchrocyclotron rotating around the patient*



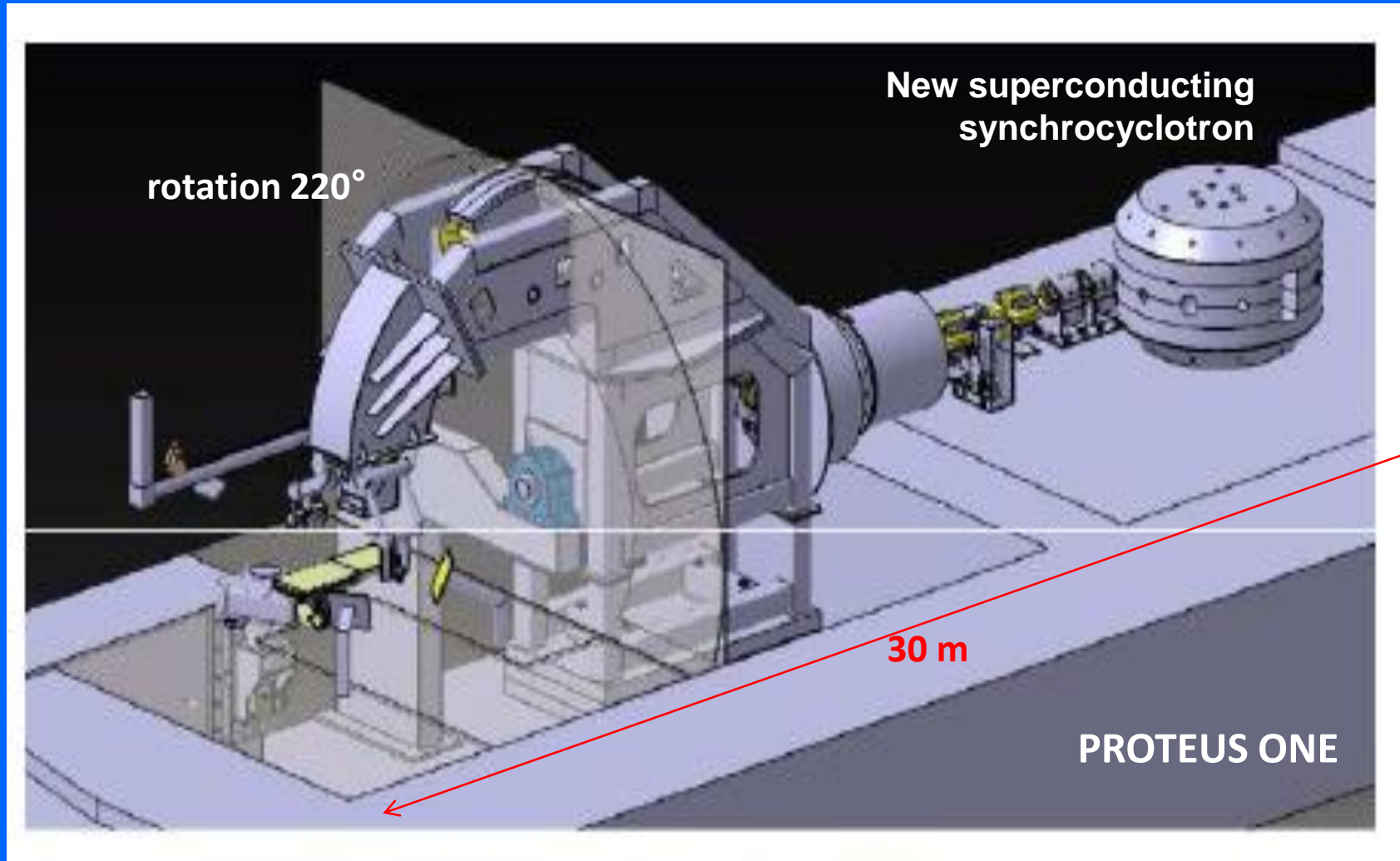
**MEVION S250**

Superconducting SC  
Diameter 1.8 m





# Single room facility by IBA



# HIMAC

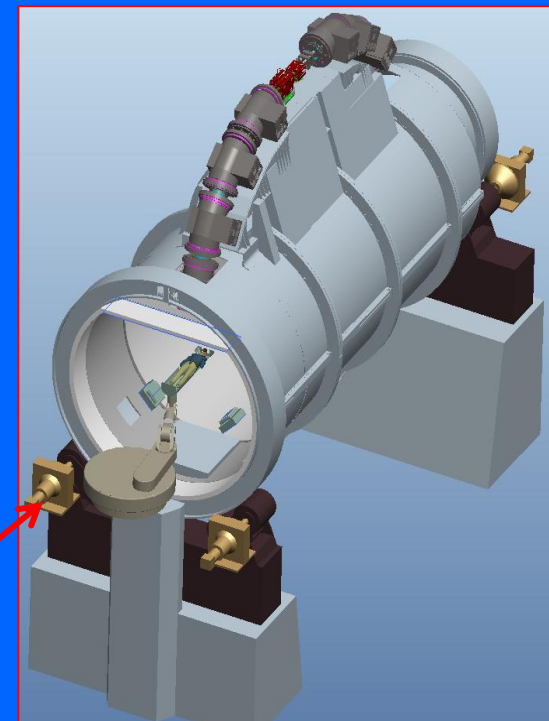
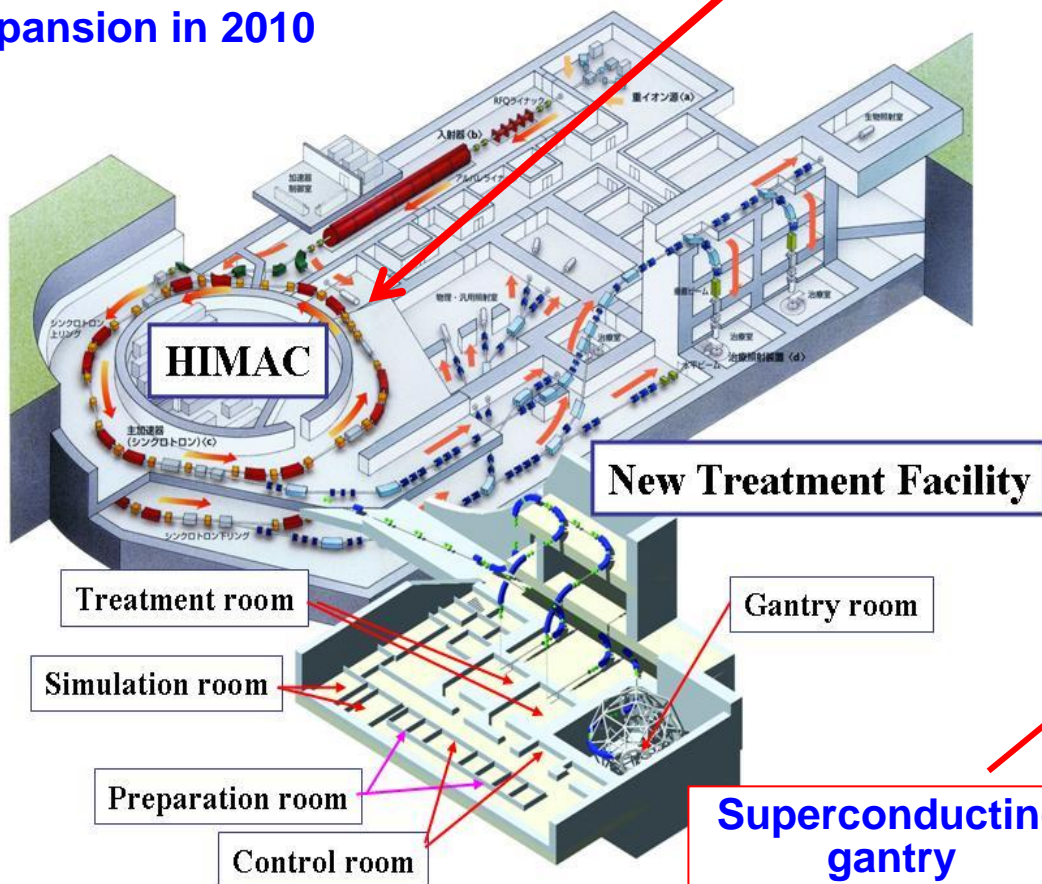
Heavy Ion Medical Accelerator in Chiba

(First patient in 1995)

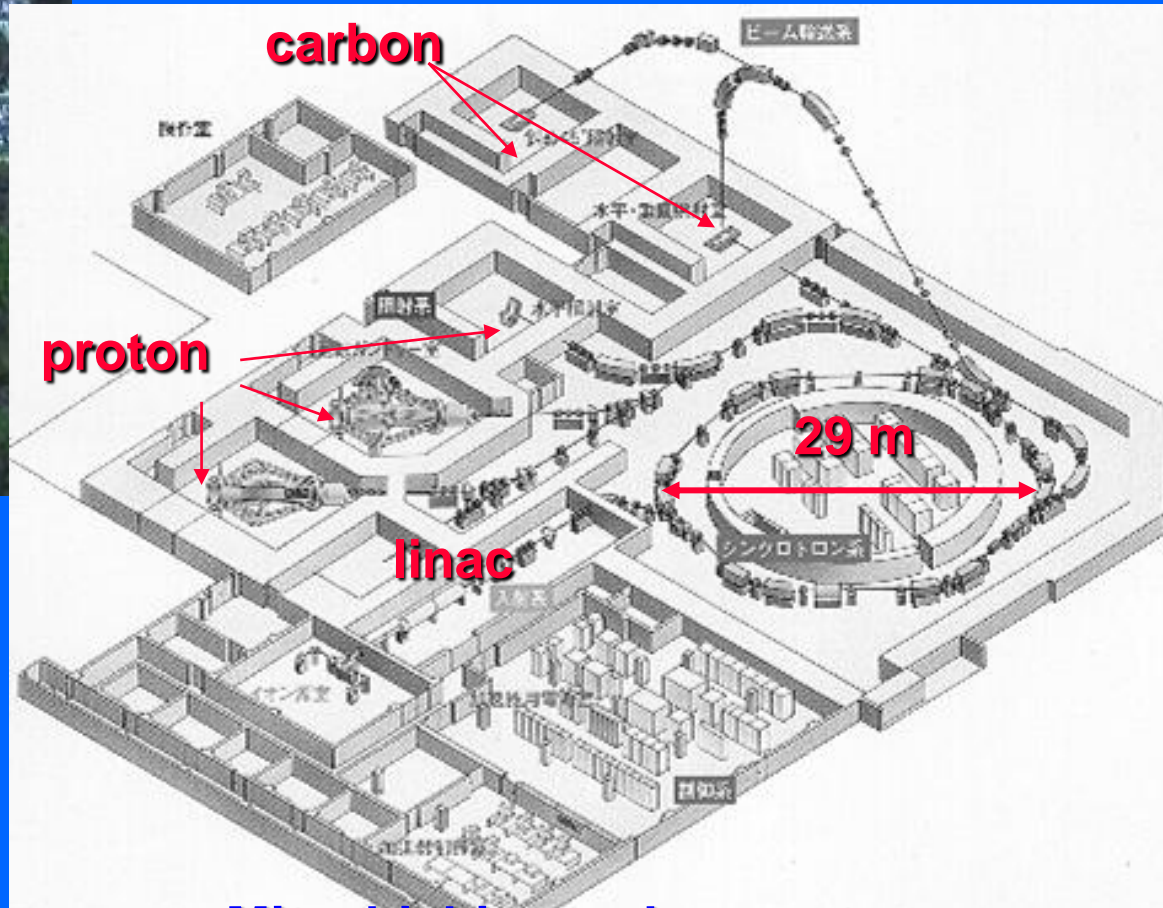
## Carbon Ion facilities

2 synchrotrons 800 MeV/u,  
therapy and nuclear physics

Expansion in 2010



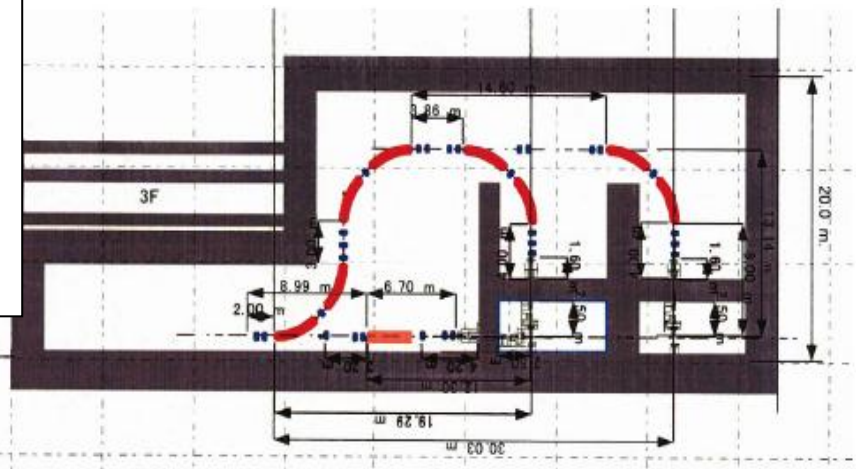
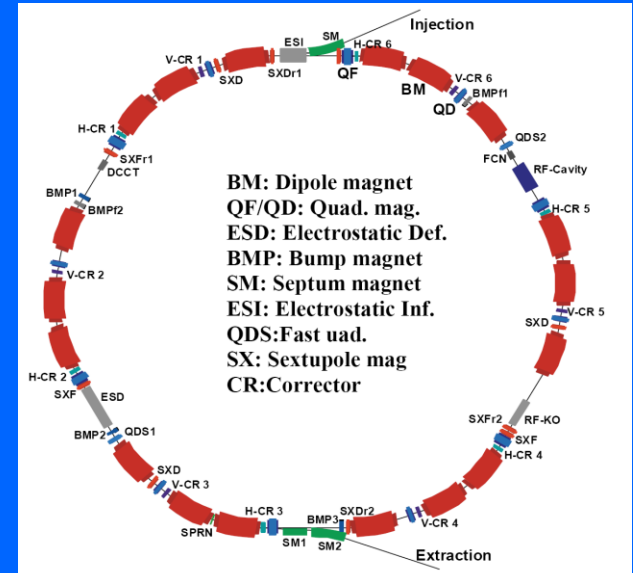
# The Hyogo 'dual' Centre



**Mitsubishi: turn-key system**

**500 carbon patients**

# The Gunma University centre



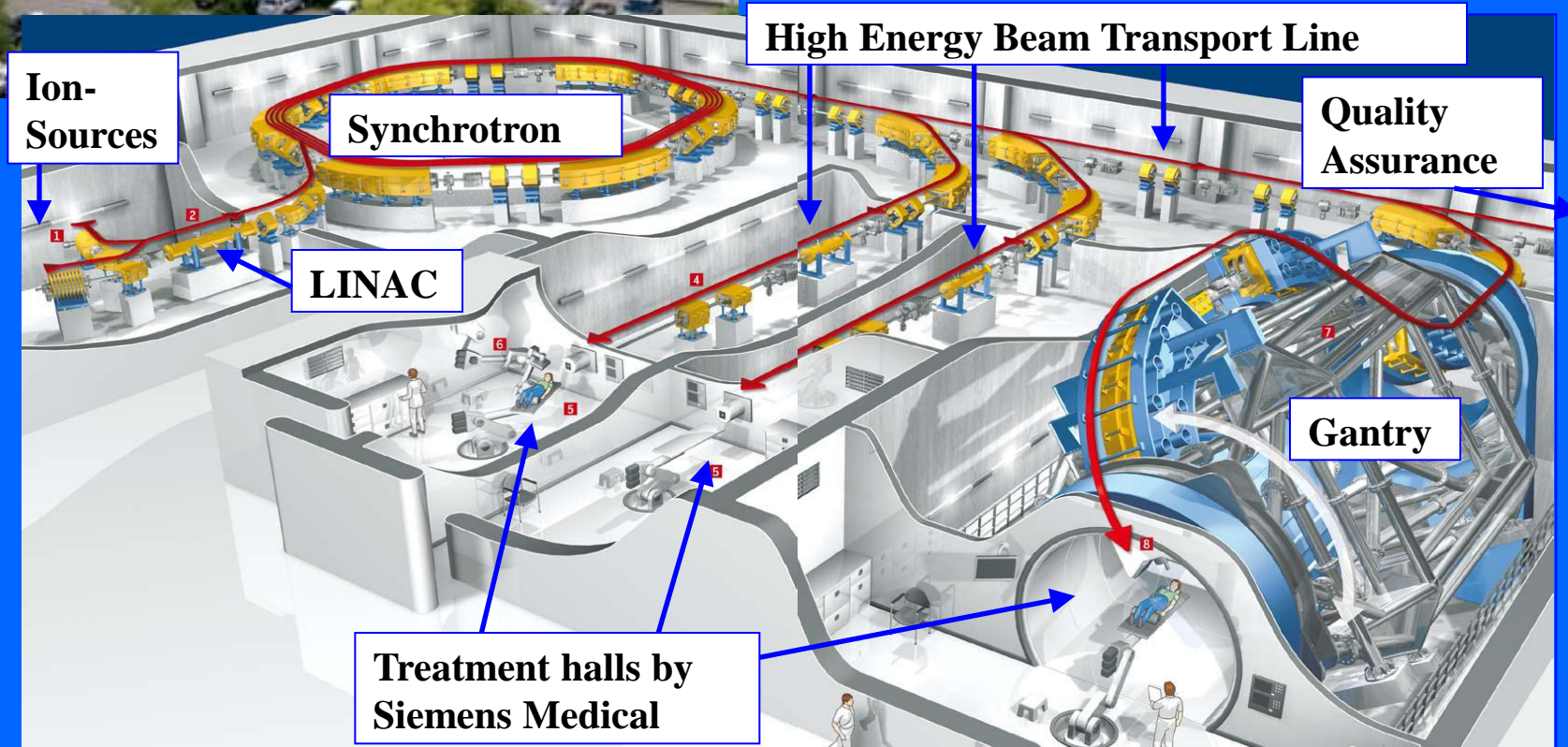
R&D = NIRS + KEK + RIKEN

Construction: Mitsubishi

# HIT - Heidelberg

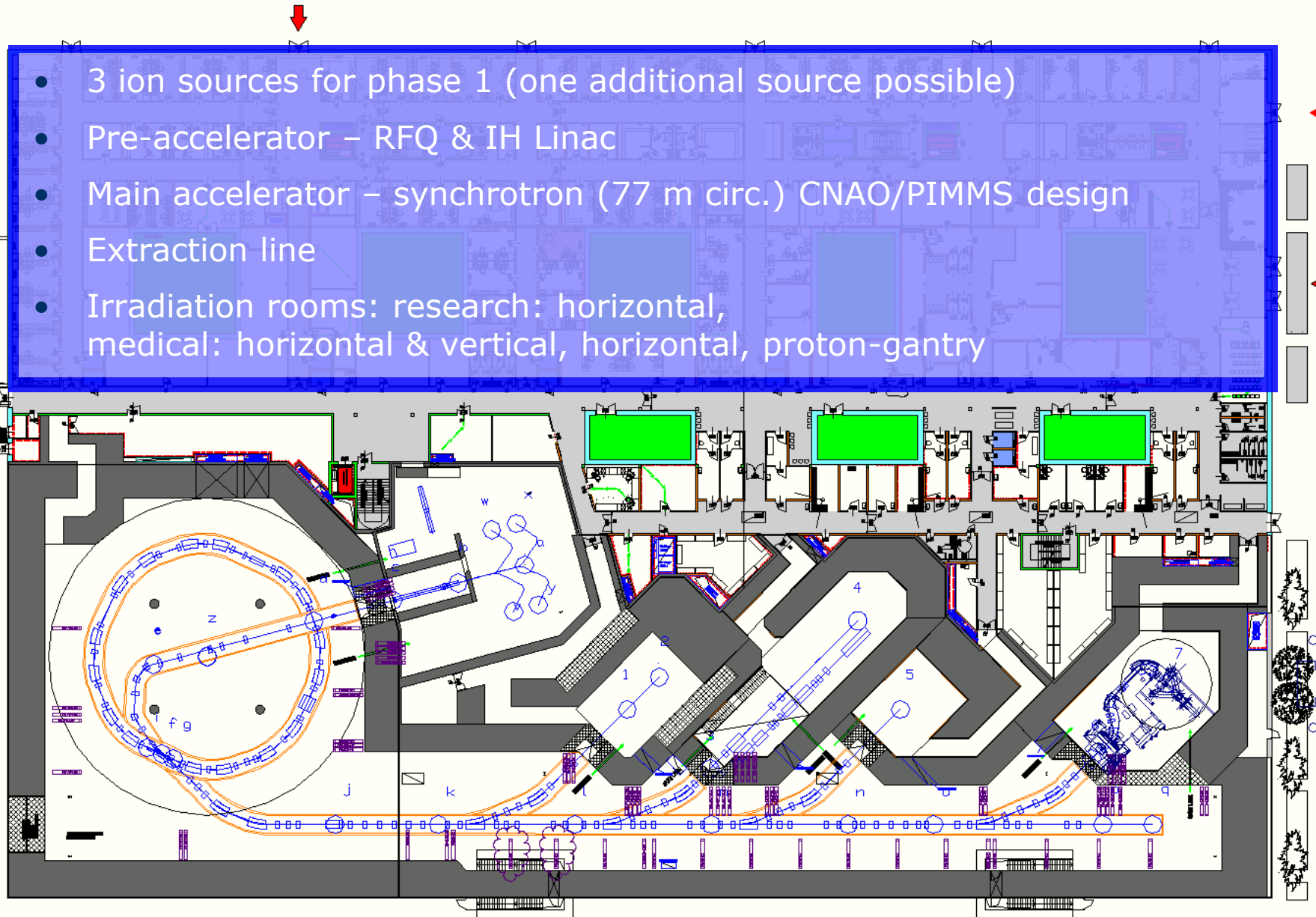
First patient: end 2009

So far about 1.000 patients

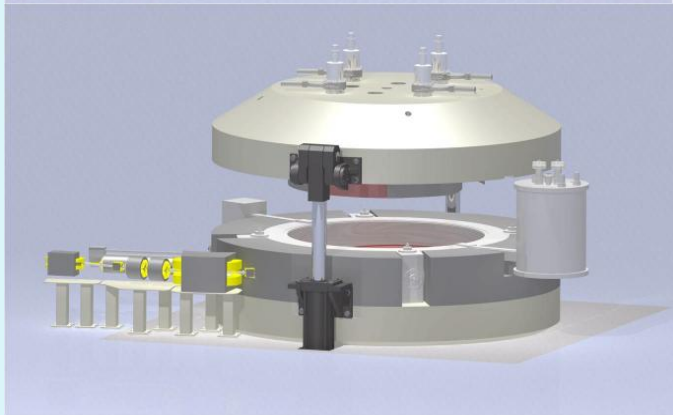
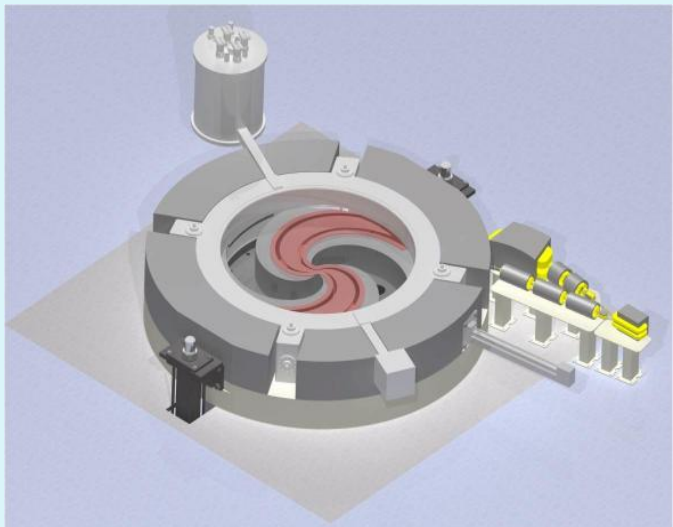


# Med-Austron (based on CNAO/INFN/CERN design + DDS)

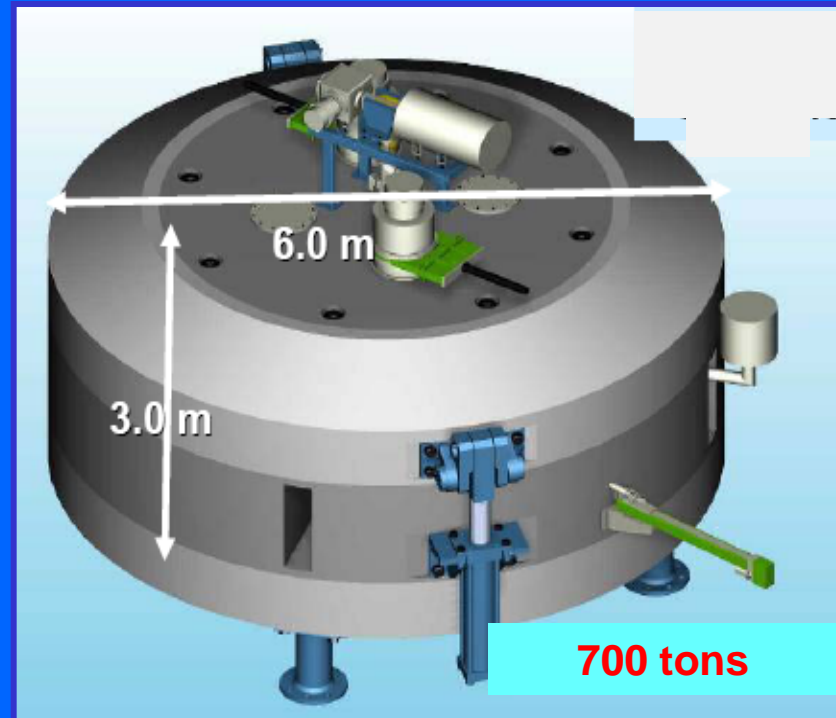
- 3 ion sources for phase 1 (one additional source possible)
- Pre-accelerator – RFQ & IH Linac
- Main accelerator – synchrotron (77 m circ.) CNAO/PIMMS design
- Extraction line
- Irradiation rooms: research: horizontal, medical: horizontal & vertical, horizontal, proton-gantry



# New medical accelerators (?): IBA Superconducting cyclotron



IBA C400 Cyclotron :  
400MeV/u carbon , 265 MeV p  
( $B_c = 4.5$  T)

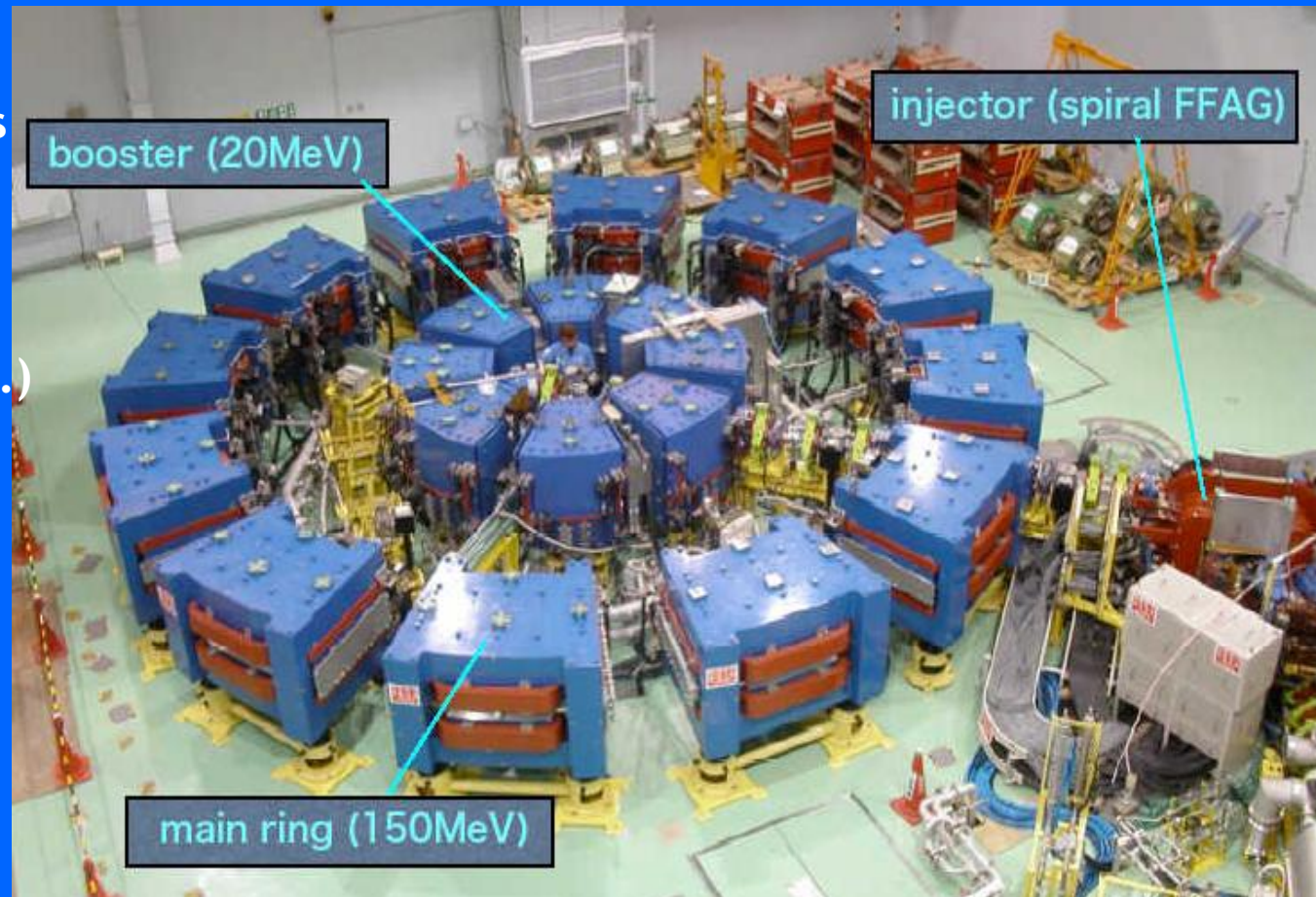


700 tons

## *New medical accelerators (?): FFAAG*

(original idea dates back to 1950's)

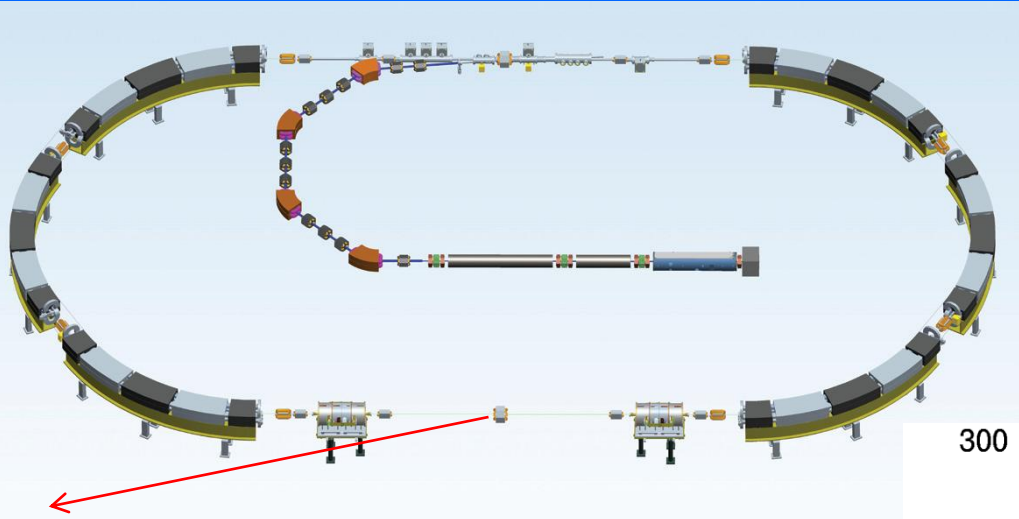
- + Simplicity of fixed field
- + Potential for fast (ms) variable energy
- + Rapid cycling (200 Hz, repainting)
- High intensities
- Multistage accelerators
- Complicated magnets
- Complicated RF cavity
- Dense lattice (ext. diff.)



**Only existing reasearch facility: KURRY 150 MeV proton scaling FFAAG**

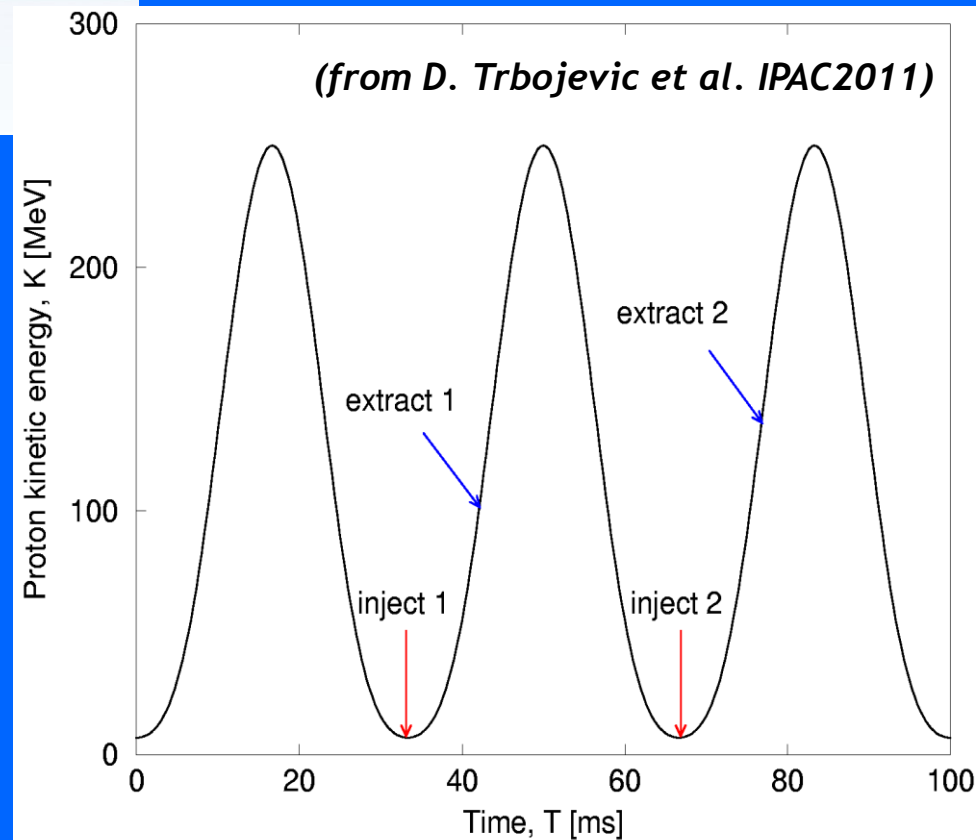


# New medical accelerators (?): **BNL fast cycling synchrotron** (first publication 1999's, S. Peggs et al.)

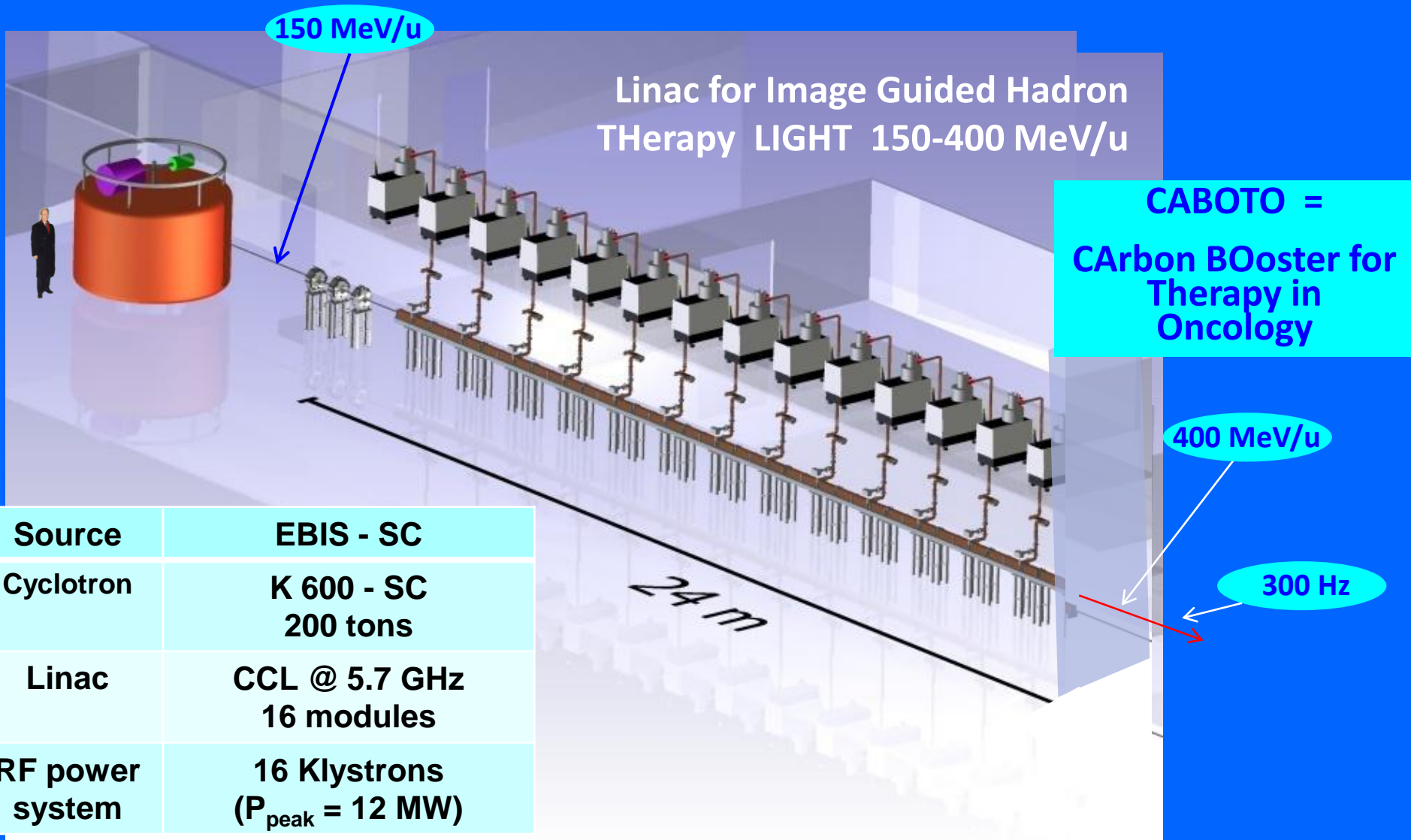


Injection linac at 8 MeV/u  
Racetrack, FODO in the arcs,  $D=0$  ss  
Fast inj+extr,  $C = 60$  m

30 Hz repetition rate (repainting?)  
Fast energy change



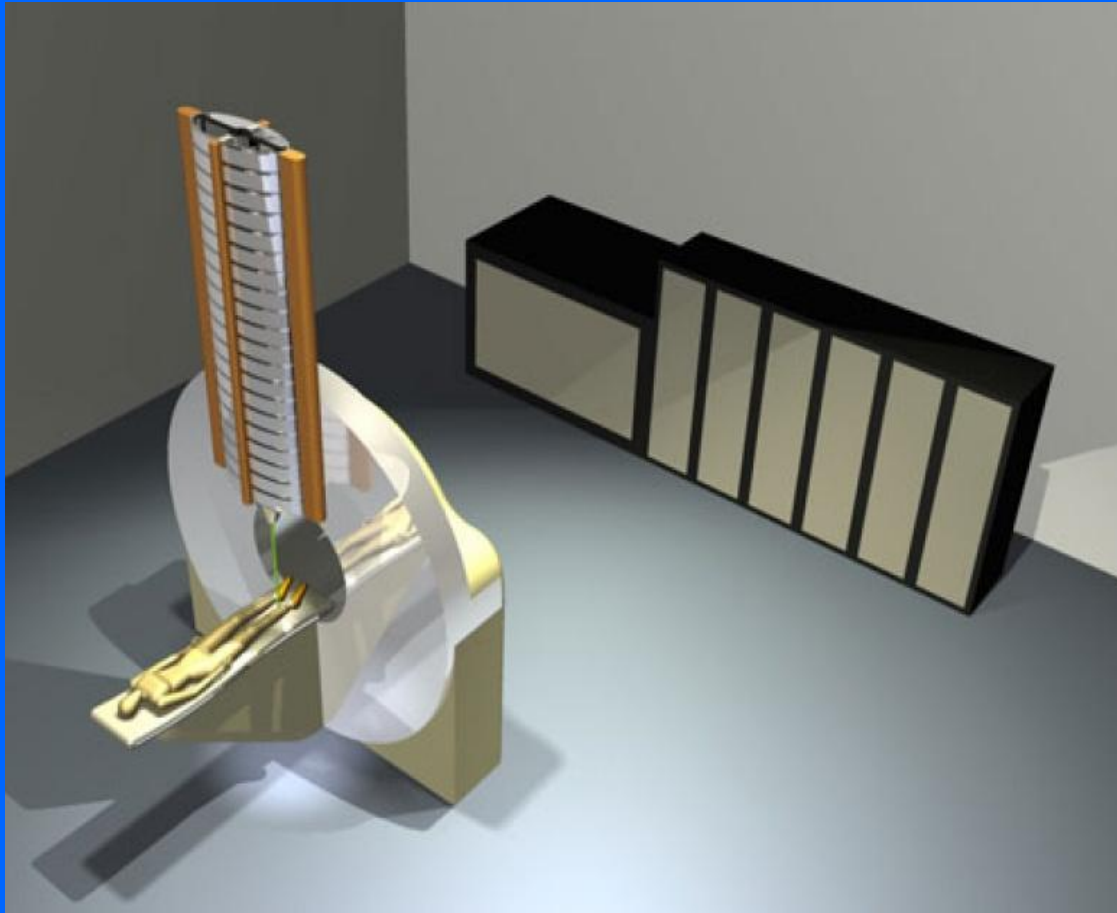
# New medical accelerators (?): TERA cyclinac for C-ions



Energy is adjusted in 2 ms in the full range by changing the power pulses sent to the accelerating modules

Charge in the spot is adjusted every 2 ms with the computer controlled source

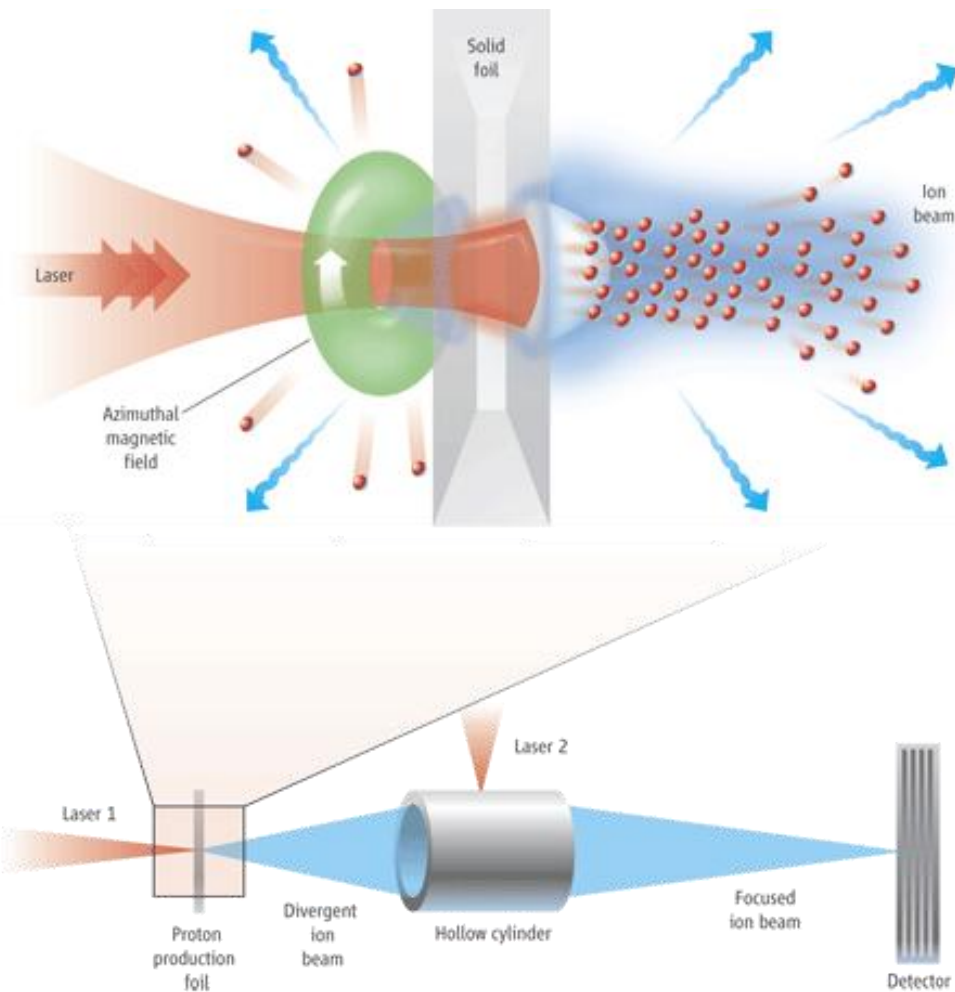
## *New medical accelerators (?): Dielectric Wall Accelerator (DWA)*



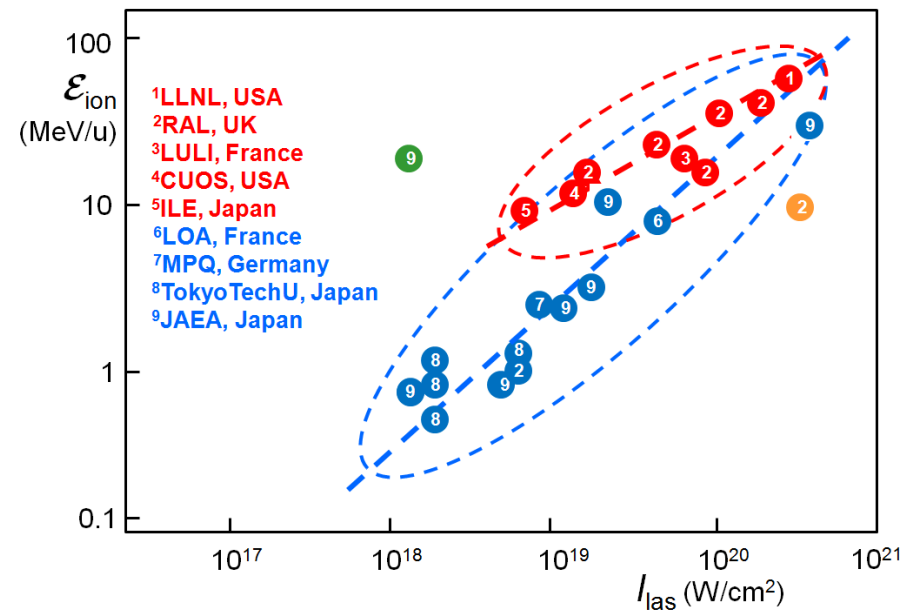
Pulsed High-Voltage accelerators (G. Caporaso et al)  
built in collaboration with Tomotherapy – Madison (T. Mackie)

Far into the future

# New medical accelerators (?): laser-driven particle accelerators



Toncian et al., *Science* 2006

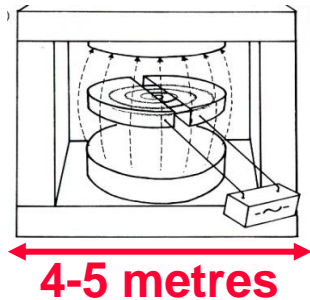


courtesy of S.D.Kraft & G. Kraft

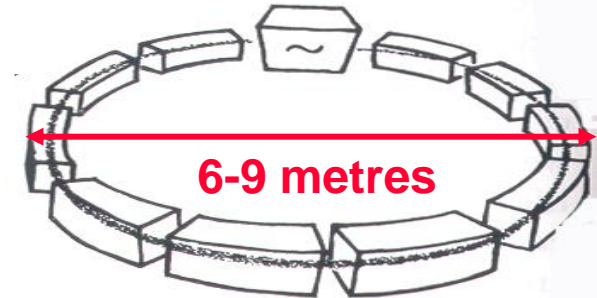
# The accelerators used today in hadrontherapy are “circular”

## Teletherapy with protons (200-250 MeV)

**CYCLOTRONS (\*) (Normal or SC)**



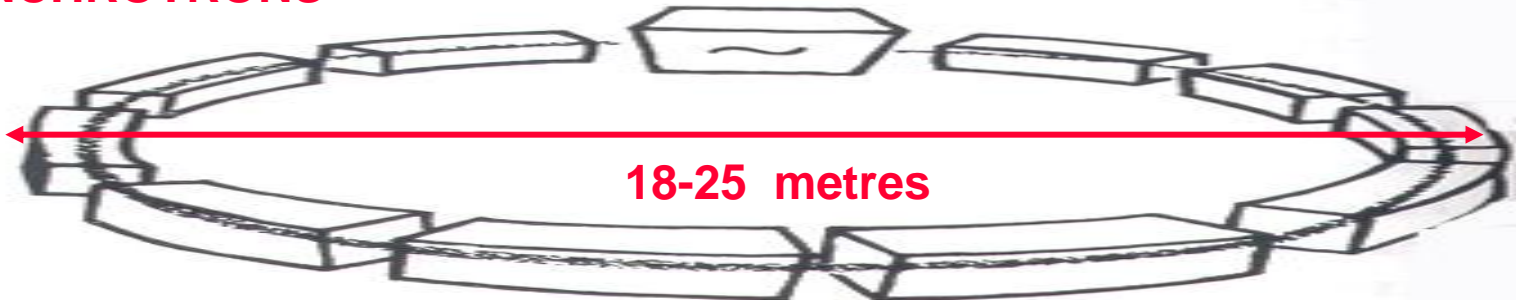
**SYNCHROTRONS**



(\*) also synchrocyclotrons

## Teletherapy with carbon ions (4800 MeV = 400 MeV/u)

**SYNCHROTRONS**



# Equazione fondamentale

per descrivere il movimento di una particella in un acceleratore

*Il moto di una particella carica è modificato dai campi elettromagnetici*

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = q \left( \vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right)$$

$\vec{E}$  = campo elettrico  
 $\vec{B}$  = campo magnetico

$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$  = momento

$m = m_0\gamma$  = massa

$\vec{v}$  = velocità

$q$  = carica

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

→ particella relativistica

# Campi elettrici

$$\vec{F} = m_o \vec{a} = q \vec{E}$$

**Accelerazione:**

aumento di velocità  
+ aumento di energia

con le cavità a  
radiofrequenza

# Campi magnetici

$$p = m_o \gamma v = q B \rho$$

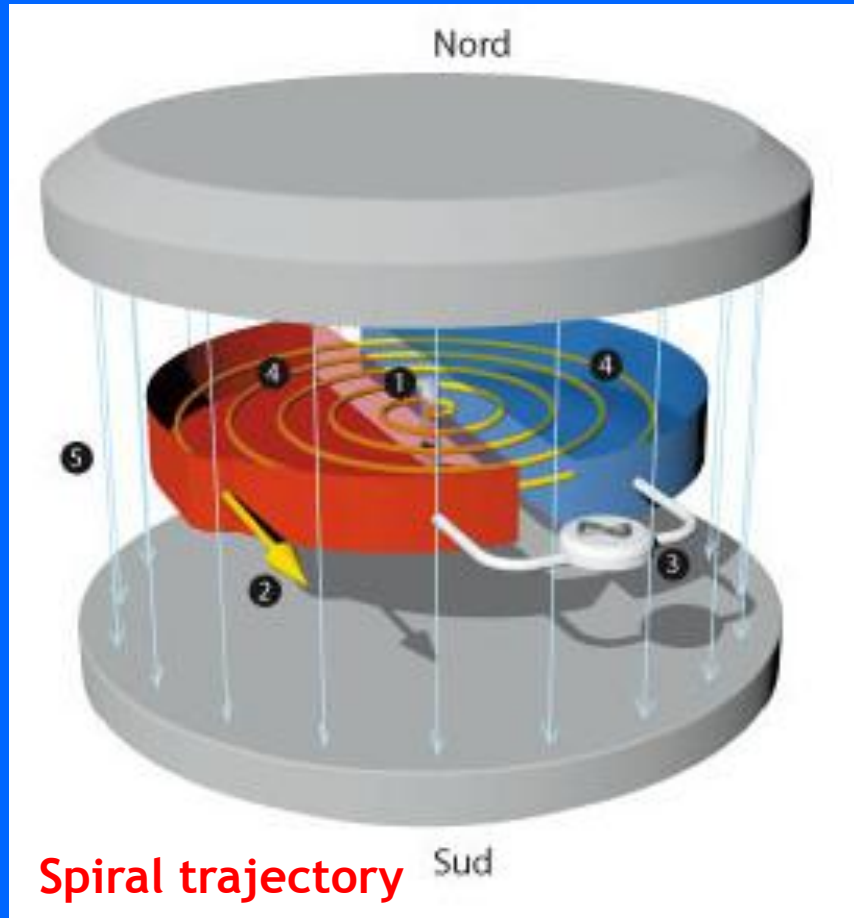
**Curvatura:**

se campo B uniforme  
→  $\rho$  aumenta con p: ciclotroni

se p e B “sincroni”  
→  $\rho$  costante: sincrotroni

*Stato di carica q è importante*

# Cyclotron



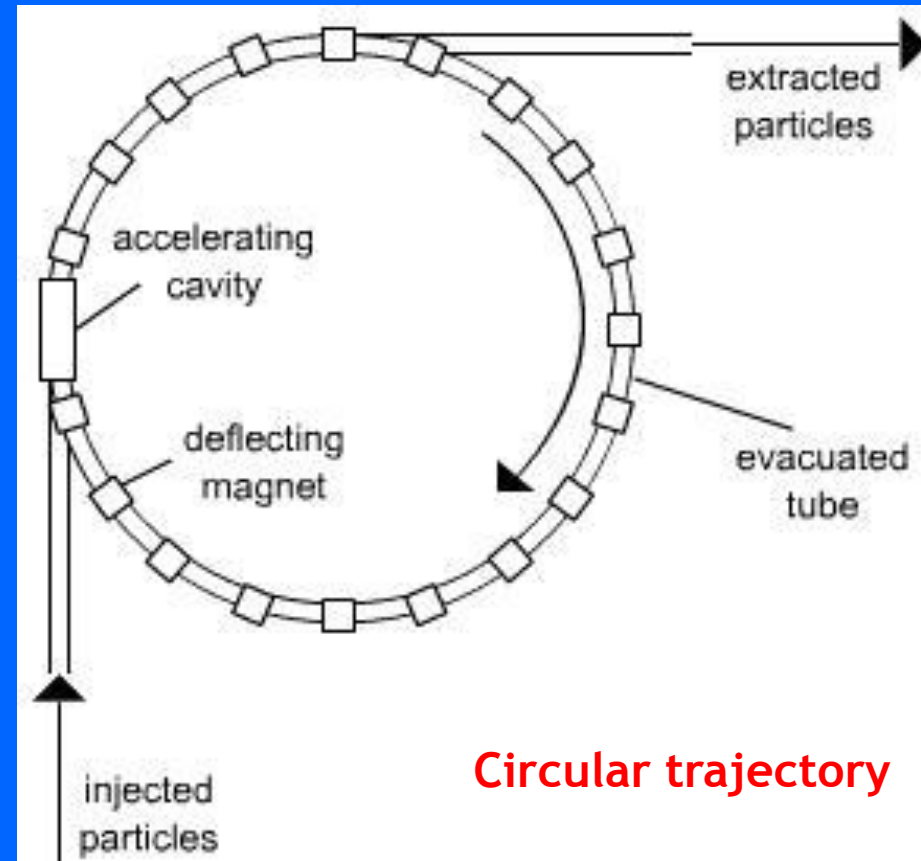
**Spiral trajectory**

$B = \text{constant}$

Dynamic law: 
$$\omega_{rev} = \frac{qB}{m}$$

Fixed frequency, high intensities

# Synchrotron



**Circular trajectory**

$\rho = \text{constant}$

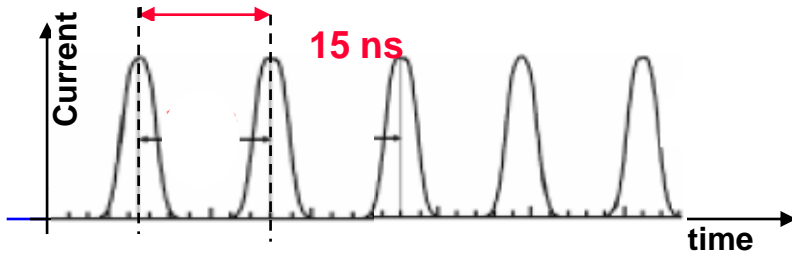
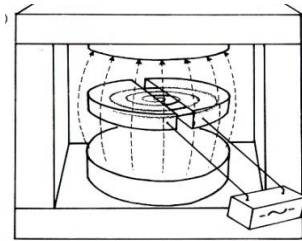
Dynamic law: 
$$p = qB\rho$$

Energy increases with  $B$



# The time structures of the beams are very different

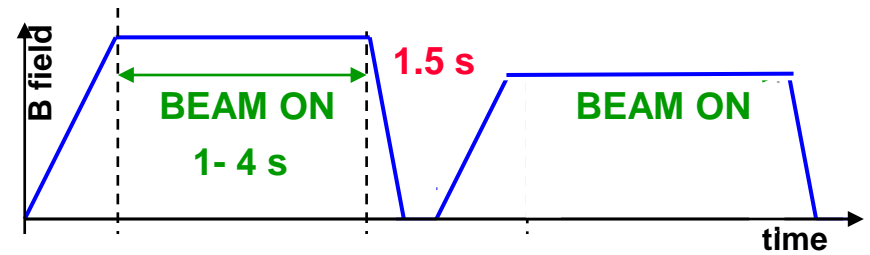
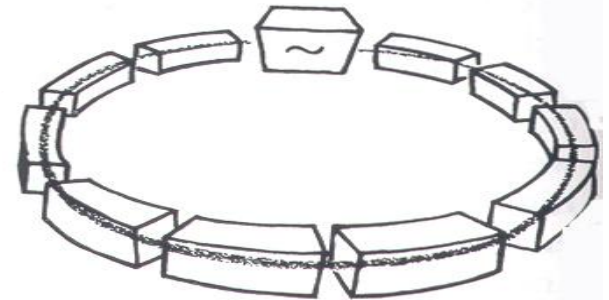
## CYCLOTRONS (Normal or SC)



Pulsed beam always present ( $I \sim 50 \mu\text{A}$ )

Fixed energy

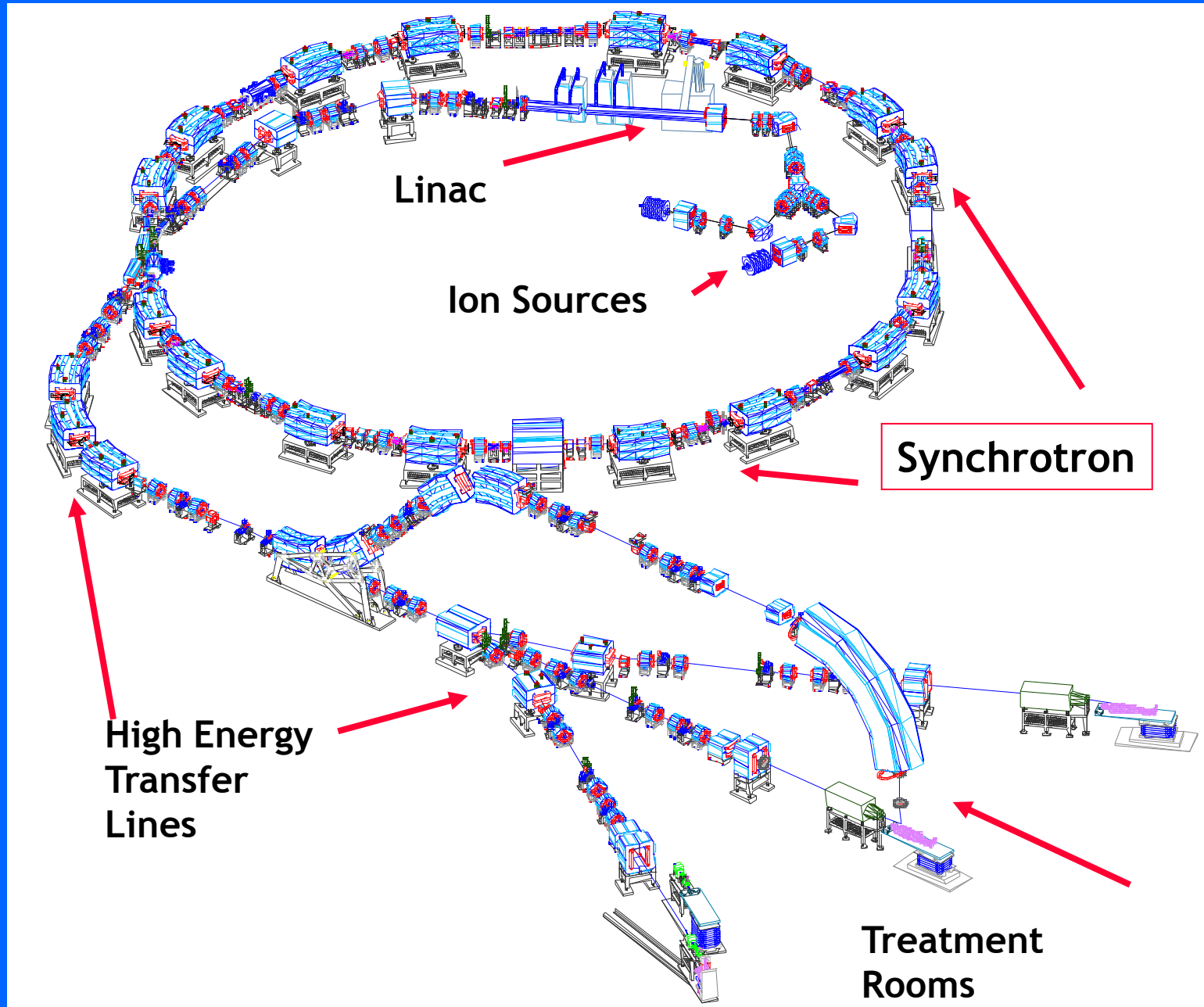
## SYNCHROTRONS



Cycling beam has 1 second gaps ( $I$  few nA)

Variable energy

# Hospital based: safety, efficiency, reliability, maintainability





# Starting point... THE PATIENT

*Hospital based: safety, efficiency, reliability, maintainability*

1	Beam particle species	p, He <sup>2+</sup> , Li <sup>3+</sup> , Be <sup>4+</sup> , B <sup>5+</sup> , C <sup>6+</sup> , O <sup>8+</sup>
2	Beam particle switching time	≤ 10 min
3	Beam range	1.0 g/cm <sup>2</sup> to 27 g/cm <sup>2</sup> in one treatment room 3.1 g/cm <sup>2</sup> to 27 g/cm <sup>2</sup> in two treatment rooms Up to 20 g/cm <sup>2</sup> for O <sup>8+</sup> ions
4	Bragg peak modulation steps	0.1 g/cm <sup>2</sup>
5	Range adjustment	0.1 g/cm <sup>2</sup>
6	Adjustment/modulation accuracy	≤± 0.025 g/cm <sup>2</sup>
7	Average dose rate	2 Gy/min (for treatment volumes of 1000 cm <sup>3</sup> )
8	Delivery dose precision	≤± 2.5%
9	Beam axis height (above floor)	150 cm (head and neck beam line) 120 cm (elsewhere)
10	Beam size <sup>1</sup>	4 to 10 mm FWHM for each direction independently
11	Beam size step <sup>1</sup>	1 mm
12	Beam size accuracy <sup>1</sup>	≤± 0.25 mm
13	Beam position step <sup>1</sup>	0.8 mm
14	Beam position accuracy <sup>1</sup>	≤± 0.2 mm
15	Field size <sup>1</sup>	5 mm to 34 mm (diameter for ocular treatments) 2×2 cm <sup>2</sup> to 20×20 cm <sup>2</sup> (for H and V fixed beams)
16	Field position accuracy <sup>1</sup>	≤± 0.5 mm
17	Field dimensions step <sup>1</sup>	1 mm
18	Field size accuracy <sup>1</sup>	≤± 0.5 mm

*(Basic specifications of CNAO facility)*

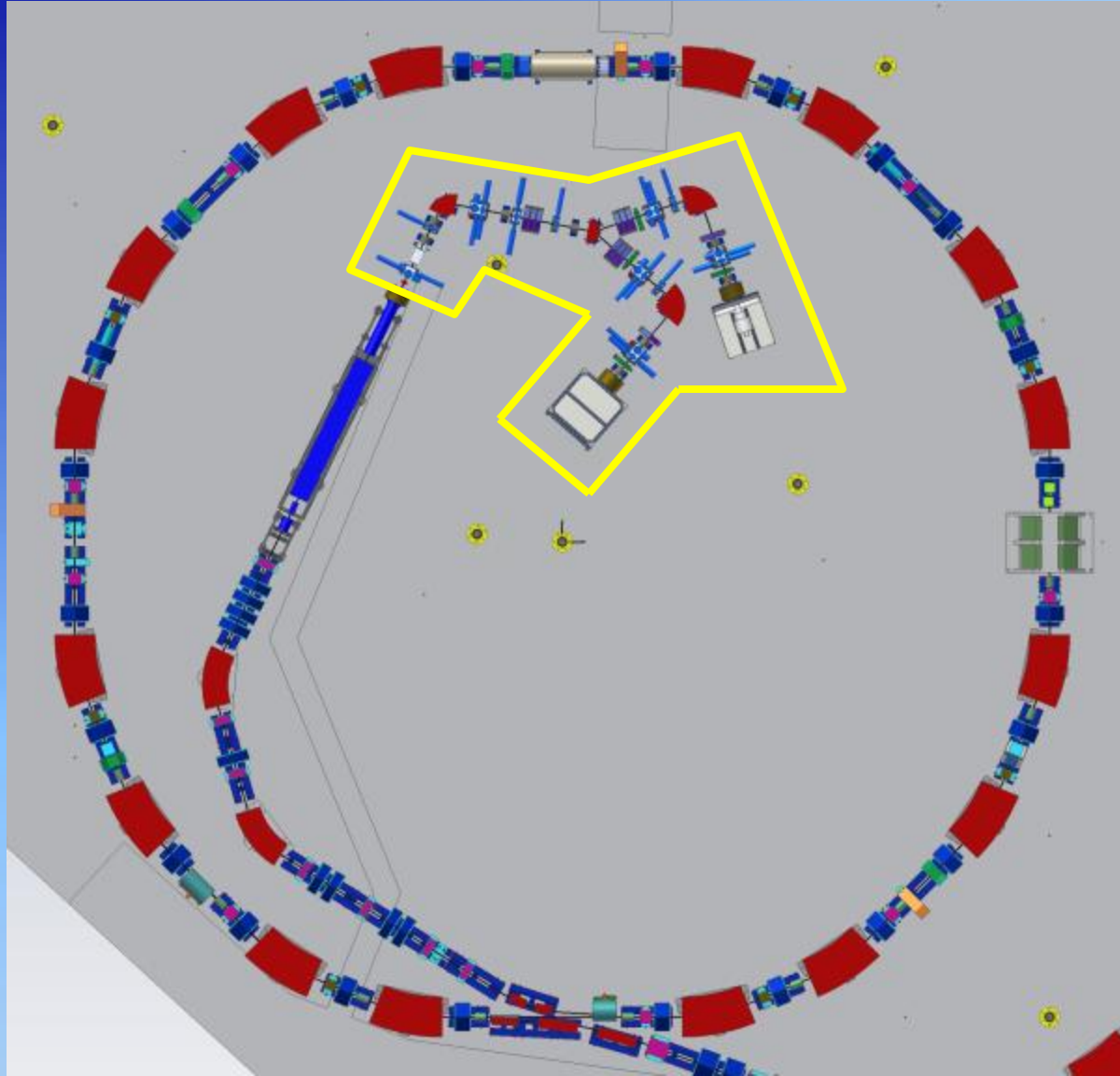


***Viaggio  
alla scoperta  
del CNAO***

Le sorgenti

e

La LEBT



**LEBT**

**0.008 MeV/u  $H^{3+}$   
0.008 MeV/u  $C^{4+}$**

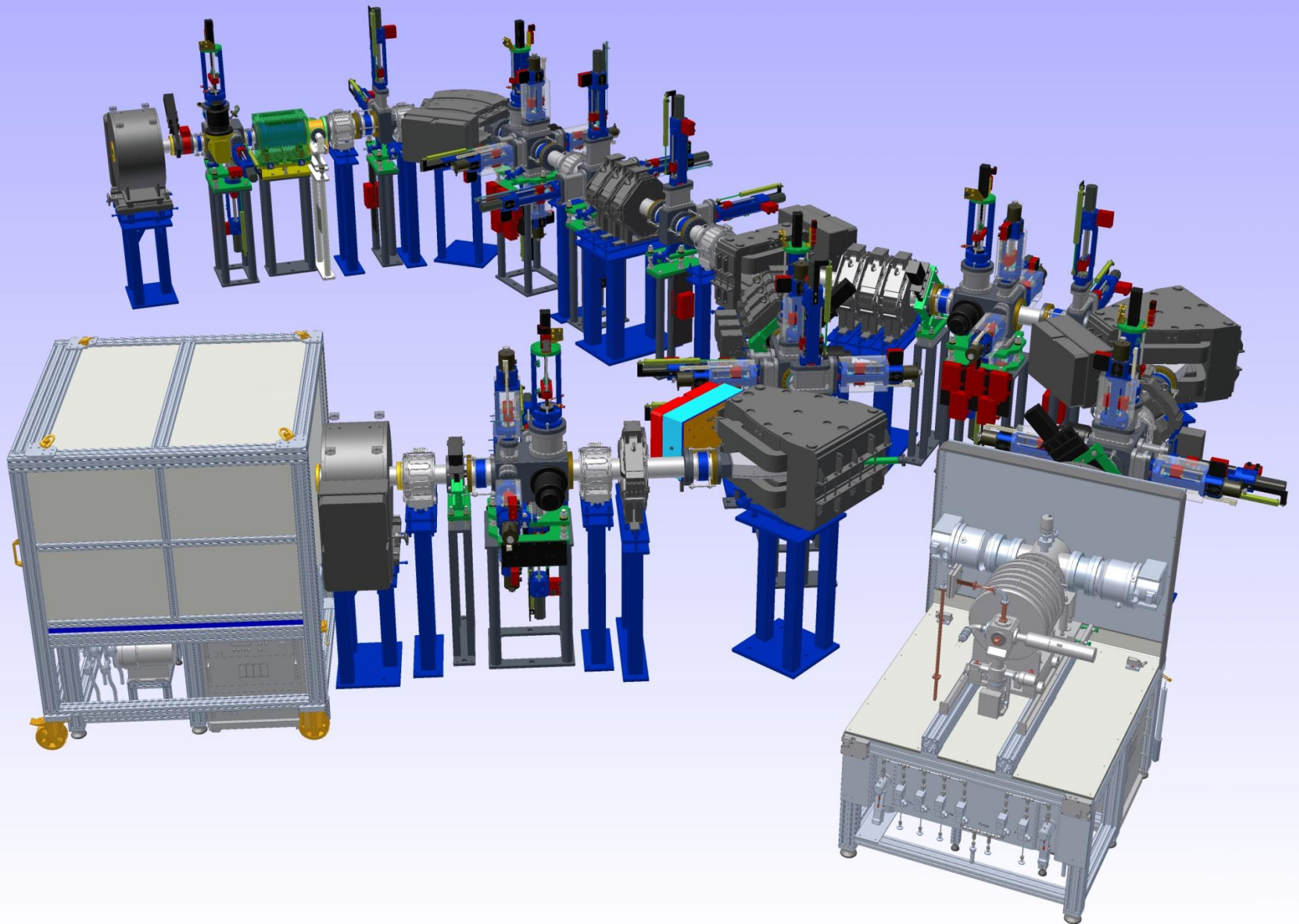
**$I \sim 0.5$  mA ( $H^{3+}$ )  
 $I \sim 0.2$  mA ( $C^{4+}$ )**

**Two ECR sources**

**Continuous beam**

**LEBT Chopper**

# LEBT



# Ion Sources

The ion sources are used for accelerators, in industry for the treatment of surfaces (plasma etching, coating, etc..), for ion implantation or for the disposal of waste.

The objective of the ion sources is to produce a beam of particles that can be injected into the accelerators with adequate characteristics to optimize the acceleration process, minimizing the losses of the beam inside the machine and maximizing the overall reliability.

The characteristics which must have a source to operate as an injector of a Cyclotron, a Synchrotron, or a Linac are:

- Great stability
- Production of intense beams of higher charge states.
- Small emittance both transverse and longitudinal.
- Ability to operate for long periods without maintenance.



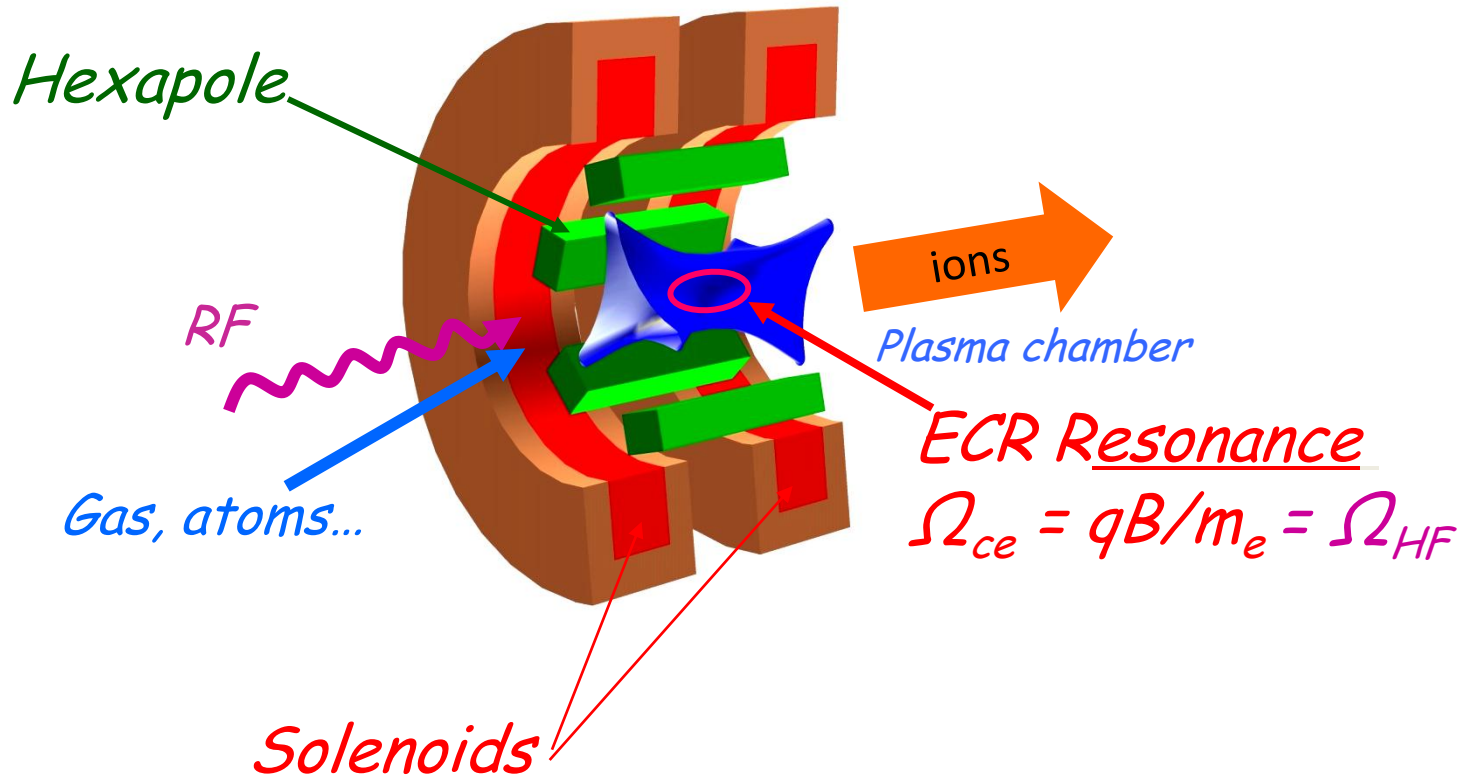
# Types of Ion Sources

The universal ion source does not exist, but there is the best source for producing a special beam.

- Single charge state Sources: **PIG**, Duoplasmatron, **MDIS**
- Very high charge state Sources: **EBIS**
- Sources close to “universal” application: **ECRIS**

# *ECR*

*(Electron Cyclotron Resonance)*



The ECRIS are able to produce ions with a high state of charge by providing a plasma for interaction between a microwave field and the free electrons present in a gas, i.e. realizing a plasma ECR.

# ECRIS

## *Advantages*

- High currents of high charge state
- High reliability and long life
- Continuous and pulsed beams
- Any beams

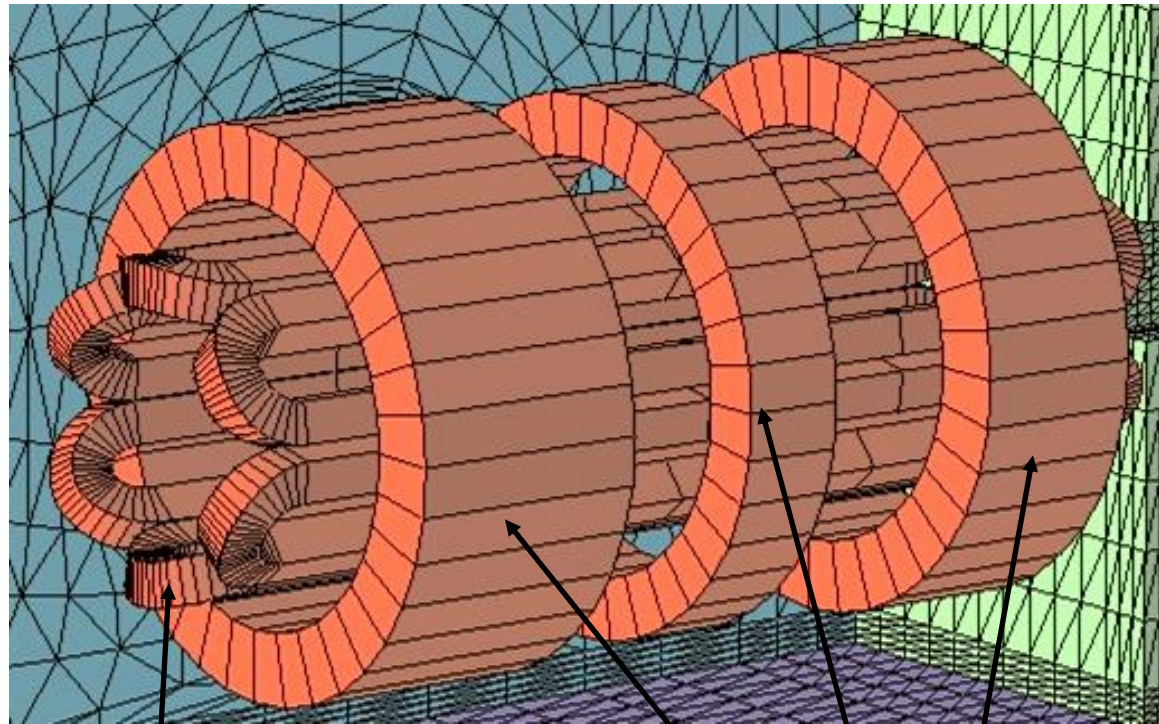
## *Disadvantages*

- High power consumption if is not used permanent magnets (CNAO choice) or superconducting coils
- Expensive technology
- Long conditioning time for the high charge states

# B-min magnetic system (Multi Mirrors)

The **solenoids** generate a magnetic field called the Simple Mirror weak in the central region of the chamber, stronger in the peripheral regions (**axial field**).

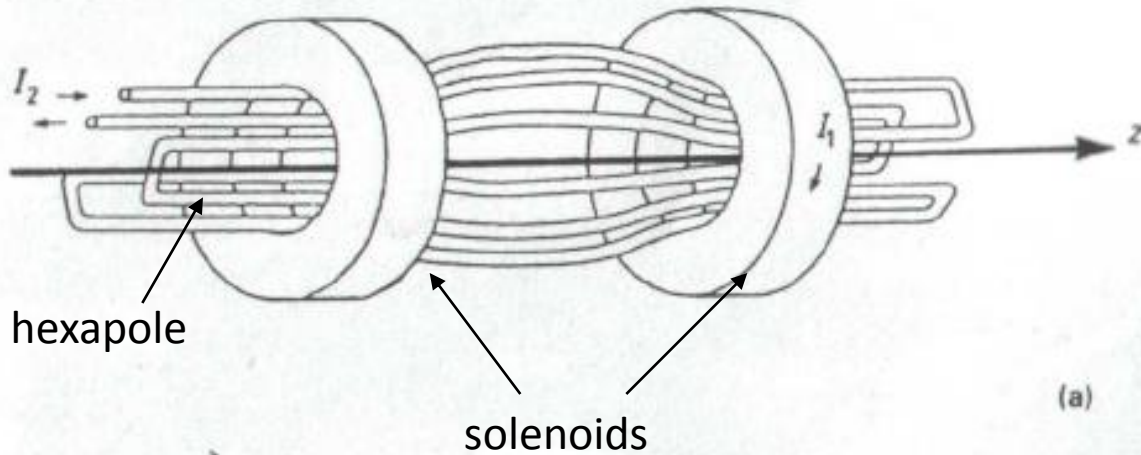
The **hexapole** generates a field that increases going from the center towards the periphery in a direction transverse to the axis of the plasma chamber (**radial field**).



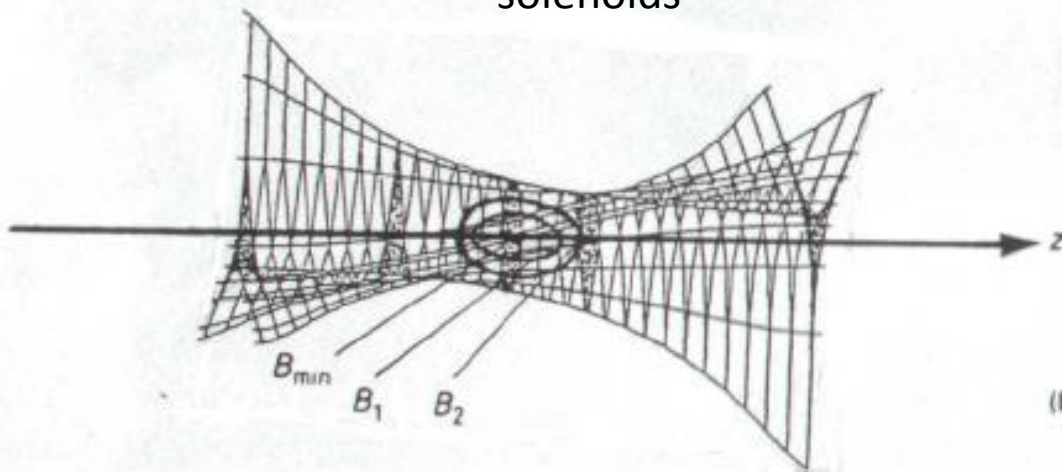
Hexapole

Solenoids

# B-min magnetic configuration



(a)



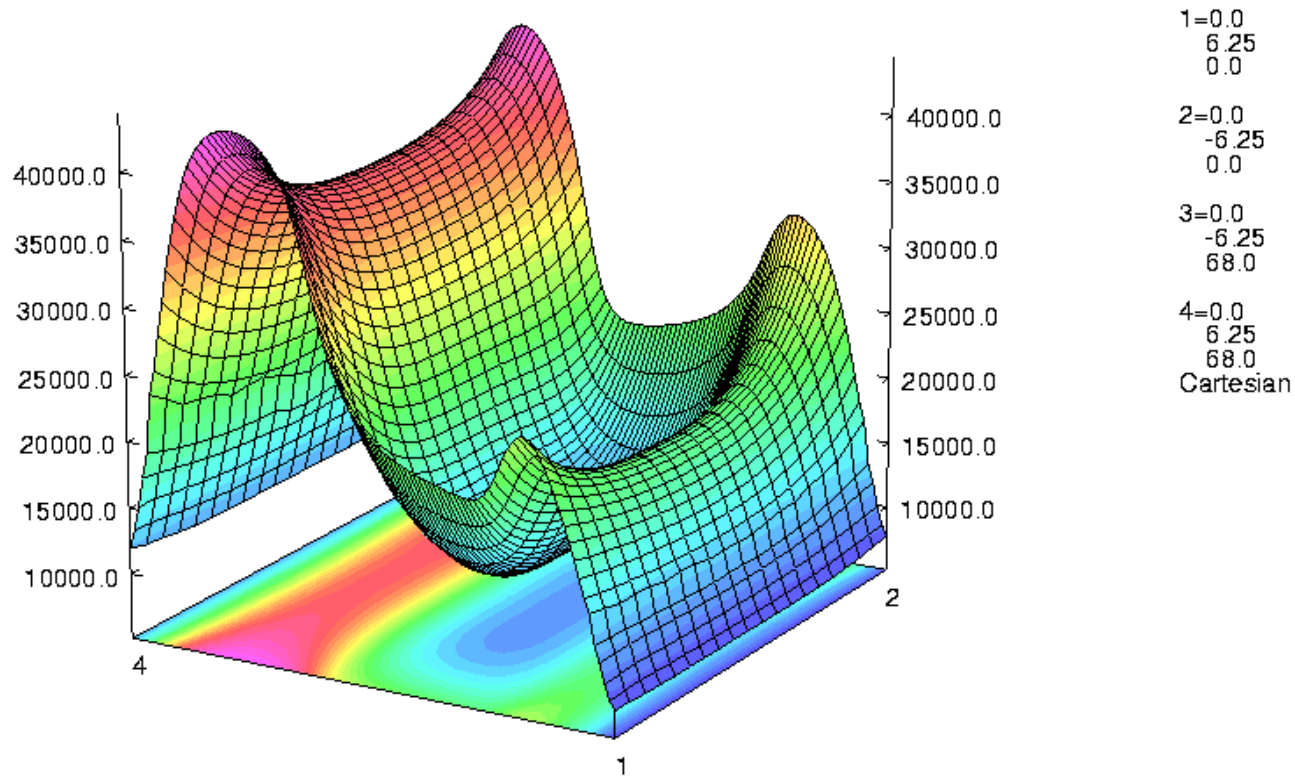
(b)

In this case there are closed surfaces of constant B (egg-shaped).

The stability of the confinement is guaranteed, in the case in which the plasma is generated by means of em waves and thanks to the resonance ECR, only if

$$B_{\max} > 2 B_{\text{ECR}}$$

# Magnetic field



Component: BMOD  
Minimum = 6939.602146, Maximum = 44319.55148  
Integral = 18615163.42

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**OPERA-3d**  
Post-Processor 8.010

- High-B Mode concept,  
Ciavola & Gammino, 1990

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} B_{inj} \approx 3B_{ECR} \text{ or more if possible} \\ B_{rad} \geq 2B_{ECR} \\ B_{ext} \leq B_{rad} \end{array} \right.$$

# The plasma ECR

A Gas under normal conditions of temperature and pressure has a small number of free electrons.

→  
Magnetic field

Few free electrons spiraling around the lines of force of the magnetic field with frequency

$$\omega_c = eB/m$$



The electrons collide with the gas atoms and form a **plasma**



A circularly polarized electromagnetic wave transfers energy to the electron by the resonance ECR:

$$\omega_{RF} = \omega_c$$

The angular frequency of this cyclotron motion is  $\omega_c = eB/m$

The resonance condition is met when  $\omega_{rf} = \omega_c$

Considering relativistic speeds  $B_{ECR}(T) = 357 f_{rf}(GHz)$

At CNAO:  $f_{rf} = 14,5 GHz$      $B_{ECR} = 0,5 T$

# PLASMAS

In physics and chemistry, plasma is a state of matter similar to a gas in which a certain portion of the particles are ionized. In the universe, plasma is the most common state of matter, most of which is in the rarefied intergalactic plasma (particularly intracluster medium) and in stars.

Heating a gas may ionize its molecules or atoms (reduce or increase the number of electrons in them), thus turning it into a plasma, which contains charged particles: positive ions and negative electrons or ions. Ionization can be induced by other means, such as strong electromagnetic field applied with a laser or microwave generator at positive ions and negative electrons or ions.

The presence of a non-negligible number of charge carriers makes the plasma electrically conductive so that it responds strongly to electromagnetic fields. Plasma, therefore, has properties quite unlike those of solids, liquids, or gases and is considered a distinct state of matter.



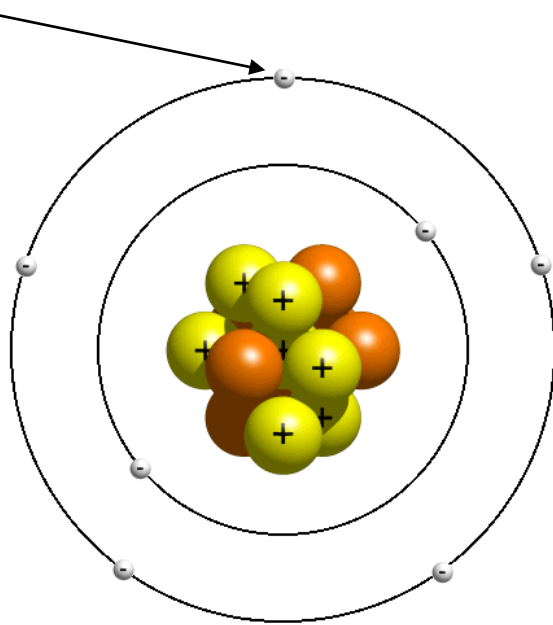
# Ionization

Neutral atom

Positive ion

Colliding electron

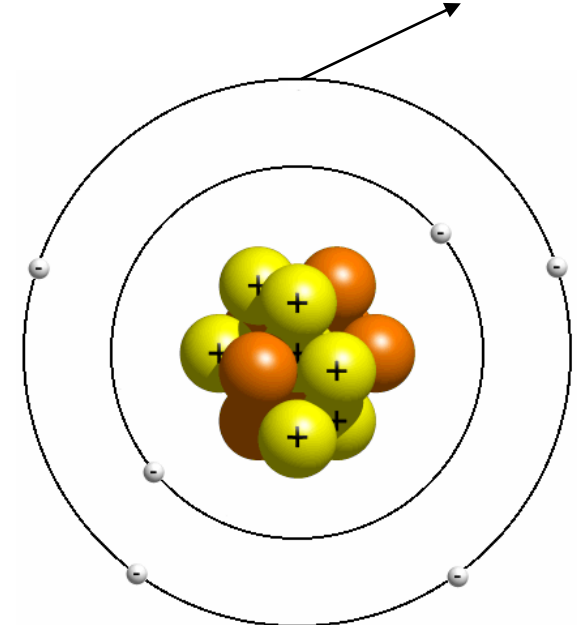
Escaping electron



Ionization



$$E_e > I$$

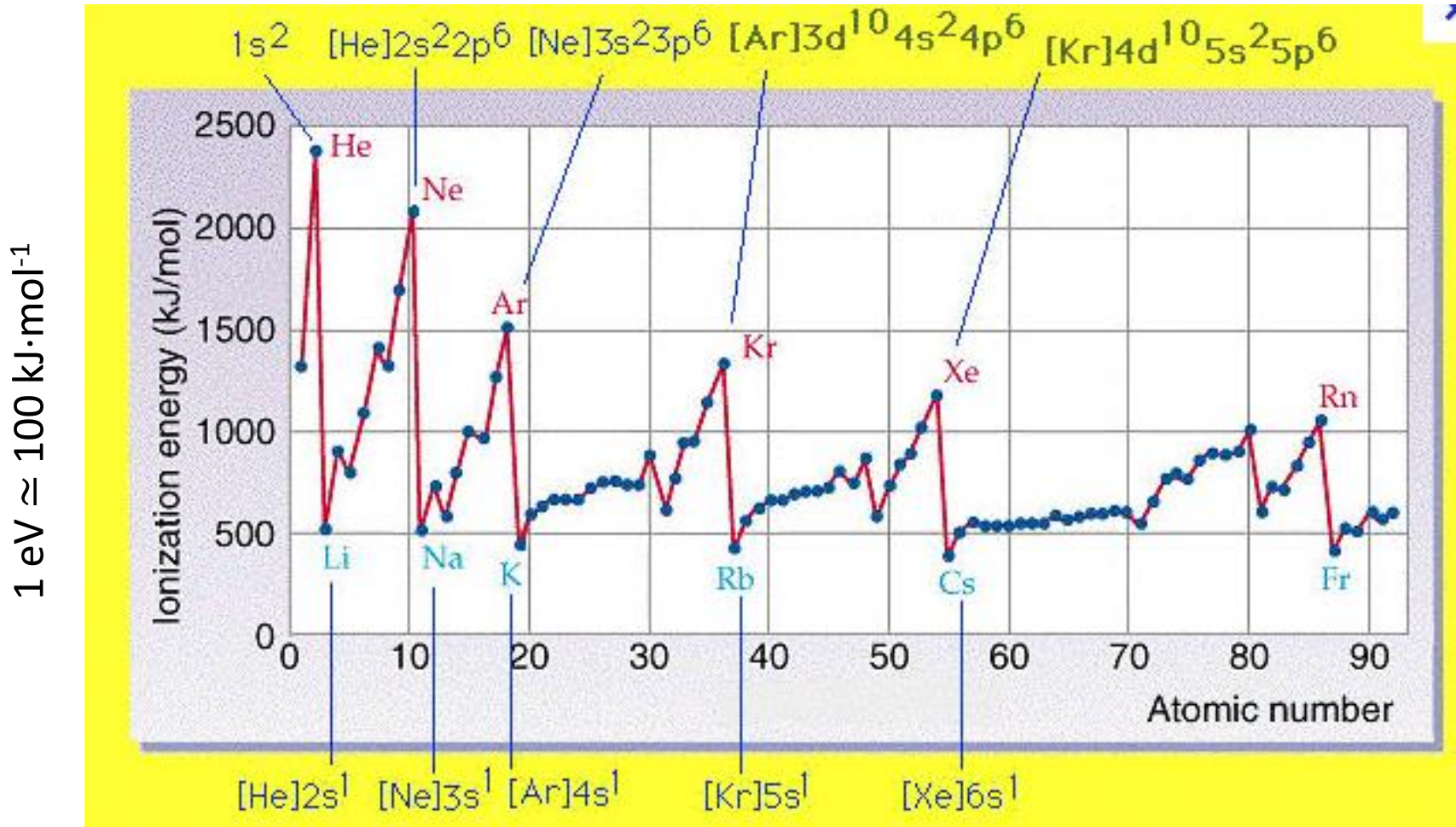


Protons number = Electrons number

Protons number > Electrons number

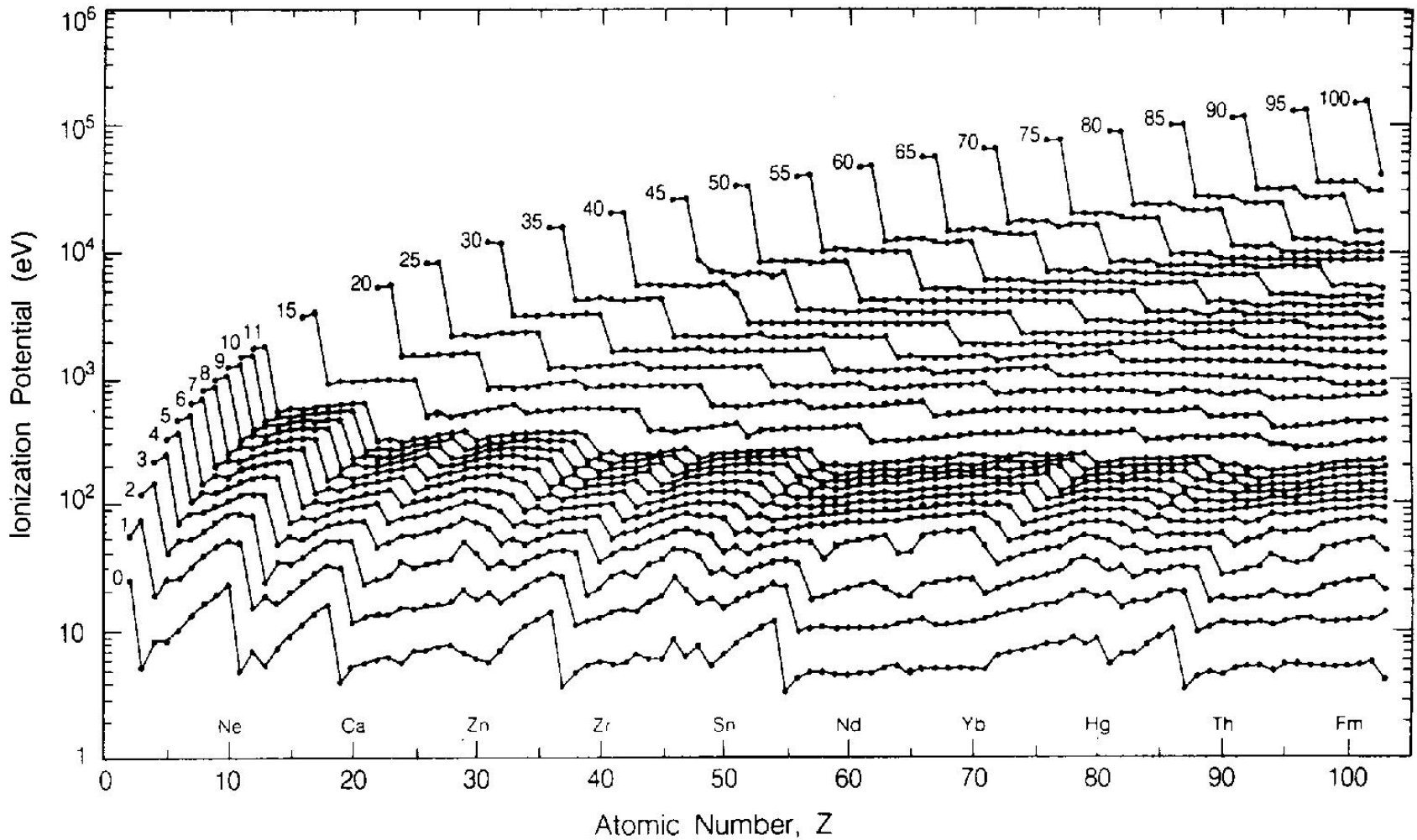
The process it's possible when the Energy of the electrons is higher of the Ionization potential of neutral atoms

# Ionization energies versus atomic number



The periodicity is a direct result of the electronic configuration of the elements

# Ionization potential



The increase of the energy of electrons in the plasma increase the charge state

# How to achieve high intensity and high charge states?

The increase in  
electron density



increases the beam current  
extracted from the source



Increase of the quality factor  $Q$  given by the product  
between the electron density and the confinement time

The increase in the  
ion confinement time



more ions are confined,  
more ionizing collisions  
are able to undergo  
Increase the maximum  
achievable charge state  
from the source



$$Q = n_e \tau_i$$

# Important parameters

- The maximization of the

**Quality factor**

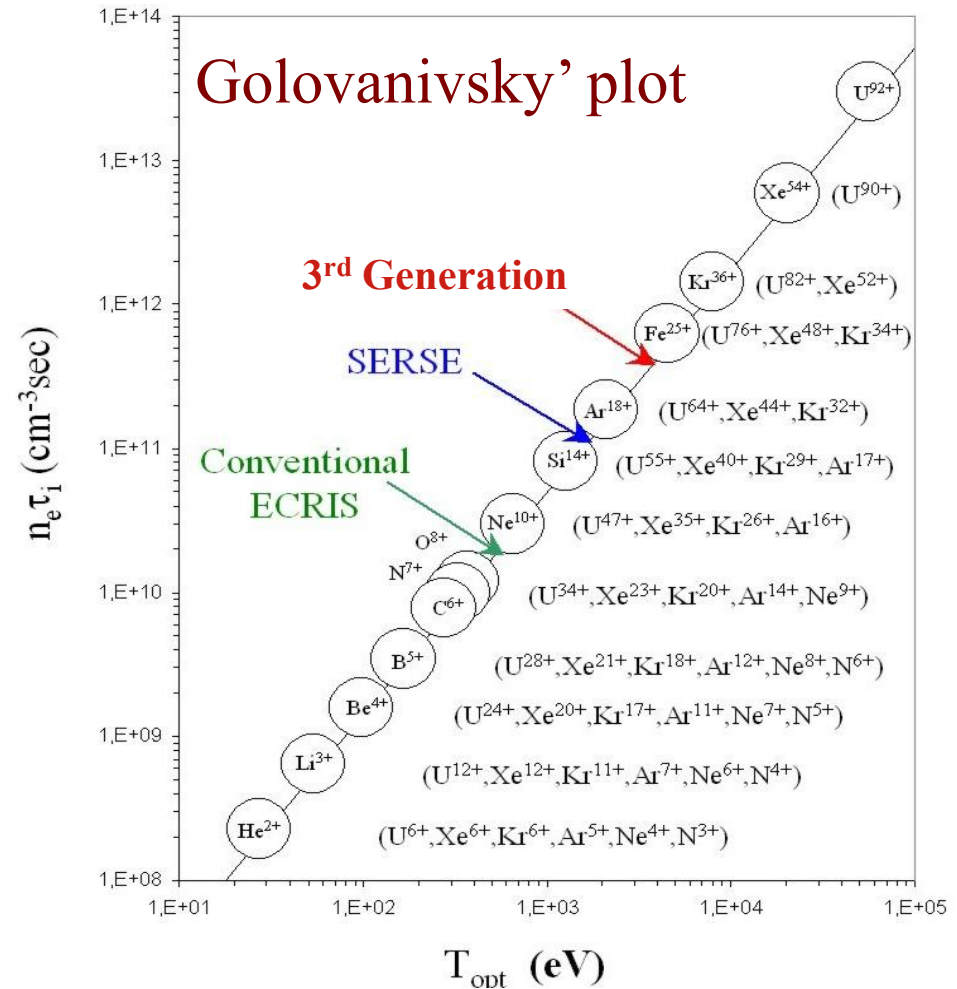
$$Q = n_e \tau_i$$

- Reduction of the **neutral fraction**

$$\frac{n_0}{n_e} \leq f(T_e, A, z)$$

- Increasing of the **Electronic Temperature**

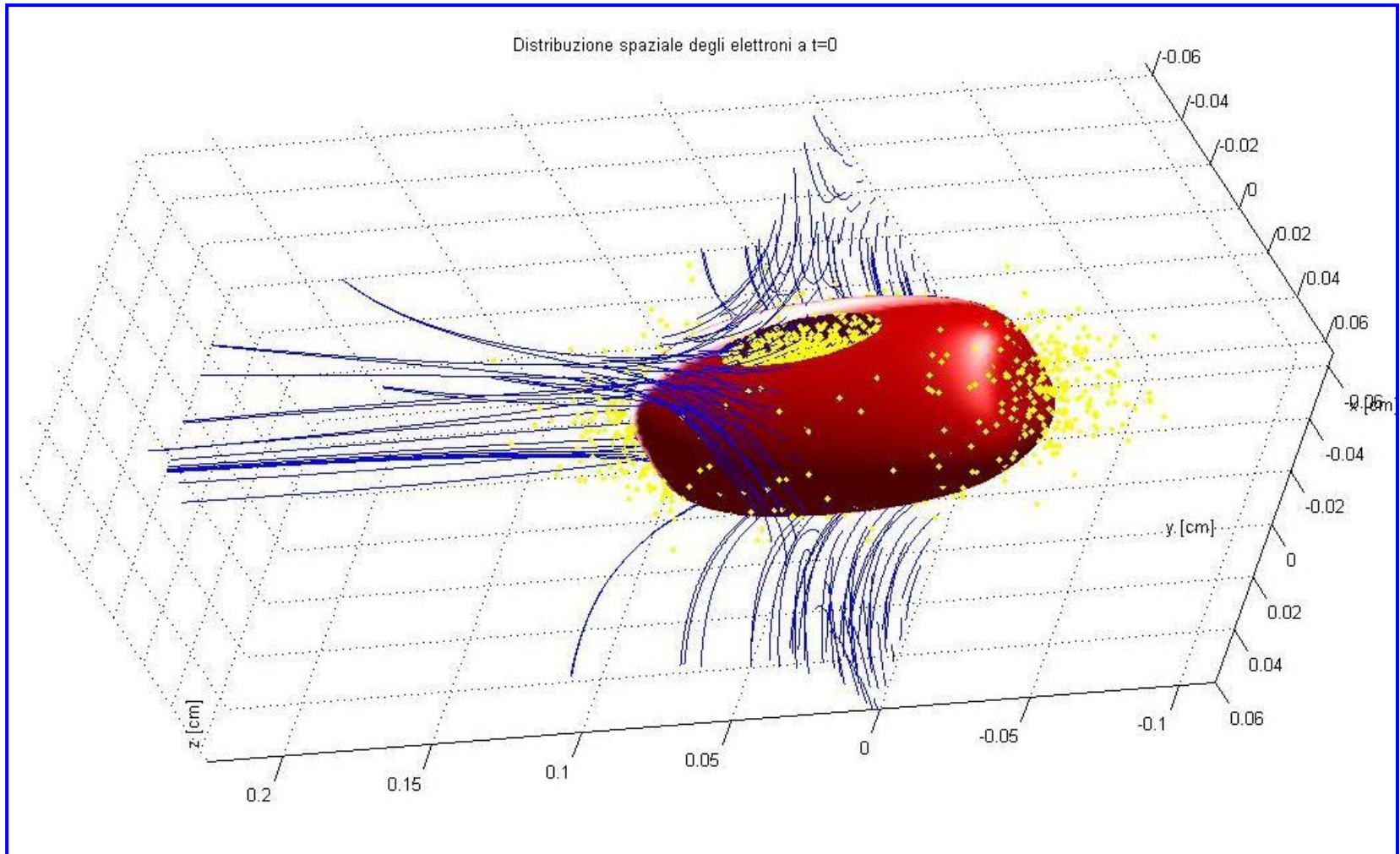
$$\frac{n_i}{n_n} = 2.4 \times 10^{21} \frac{T_e^{3/2}}{n_e} e^{-U_i/KT}$$



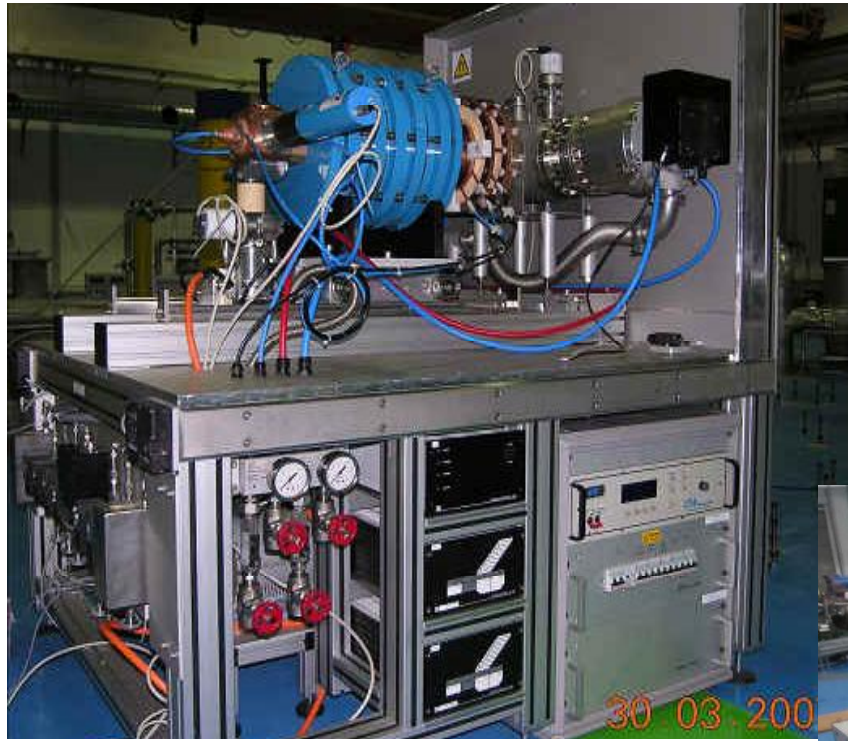
The Golovanivsky' plot shows the obtainable ion charge states for different values of electron temperature and quality factors  $n_e \tau_i$

For fully stripped light ions:  $n_e \tau_i \cong 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ sec}$   $T_e^{opt} = 0.5 \text{ keV}$

# Electron Distribution and Resonance Surface



# ECR SUPERNANOGAN



Ion sources produced by Pantechnik  
in collaboration with: INFN-LNS

O1 and O2 sources inside the Synchrotron ring



Significant improvements have been  
provided by INFN-LNS: frequency  
tuning effect, gas control, extractor  
reliability, etc.

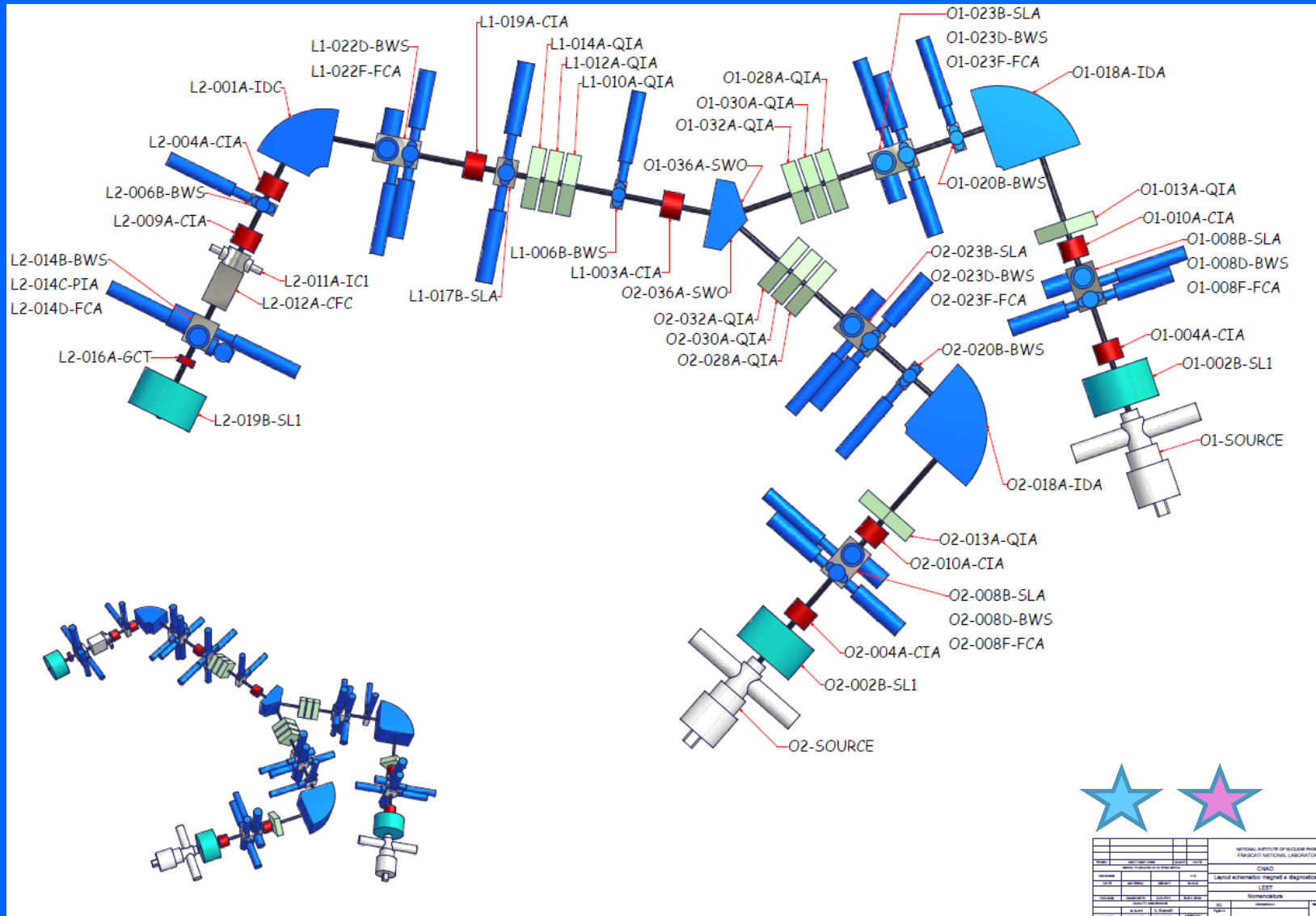
# ECR SUPERNANOCHAN

## Measured performances

Ions	Current (request) [ $\mu\text{A}$ ]	Current (avail.) [ $\mu\text{A}$ ]	After improvements by INFN-LNS [ $\mu\text{A}$ ]	Emittance (request) $\pi$ mm.mrad	Emittance (new extractor) $\pi$ mm.mrad	Stability [99,8%]
$\text{C}^{4+}$	200	200	250	0.75	0.56	36 h
$\text{H}_2^+$	1000	1000		0.75	0.42	2 h
$\text{H}_3^+$	700	600	1000	0.75	0.67	8 h
$\text{He}^+$	500	500		0.75	0.60	2 h



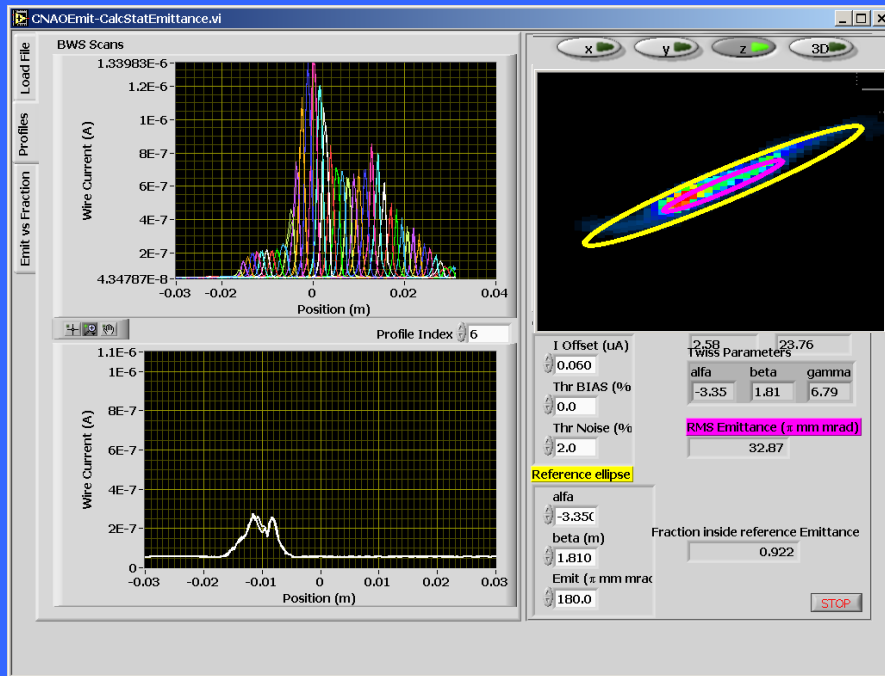
# LEBT commissioning: LEBT layout



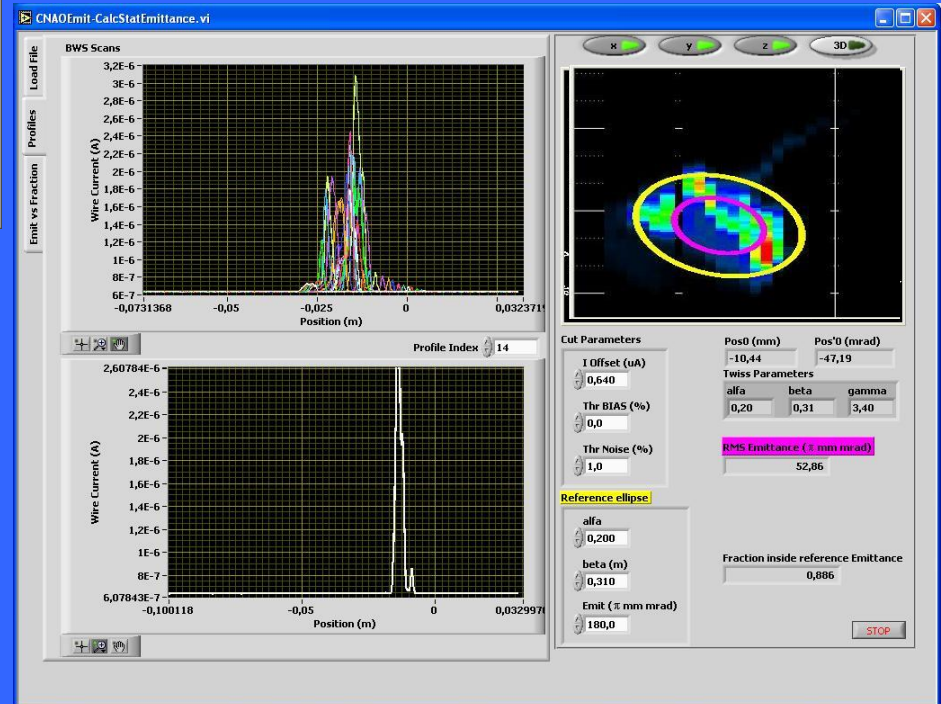
# Sources currents and emittances

$H_3^+$ , 1.0mA  
(design = 700 mA)

Emittance measured  
after spectrometer



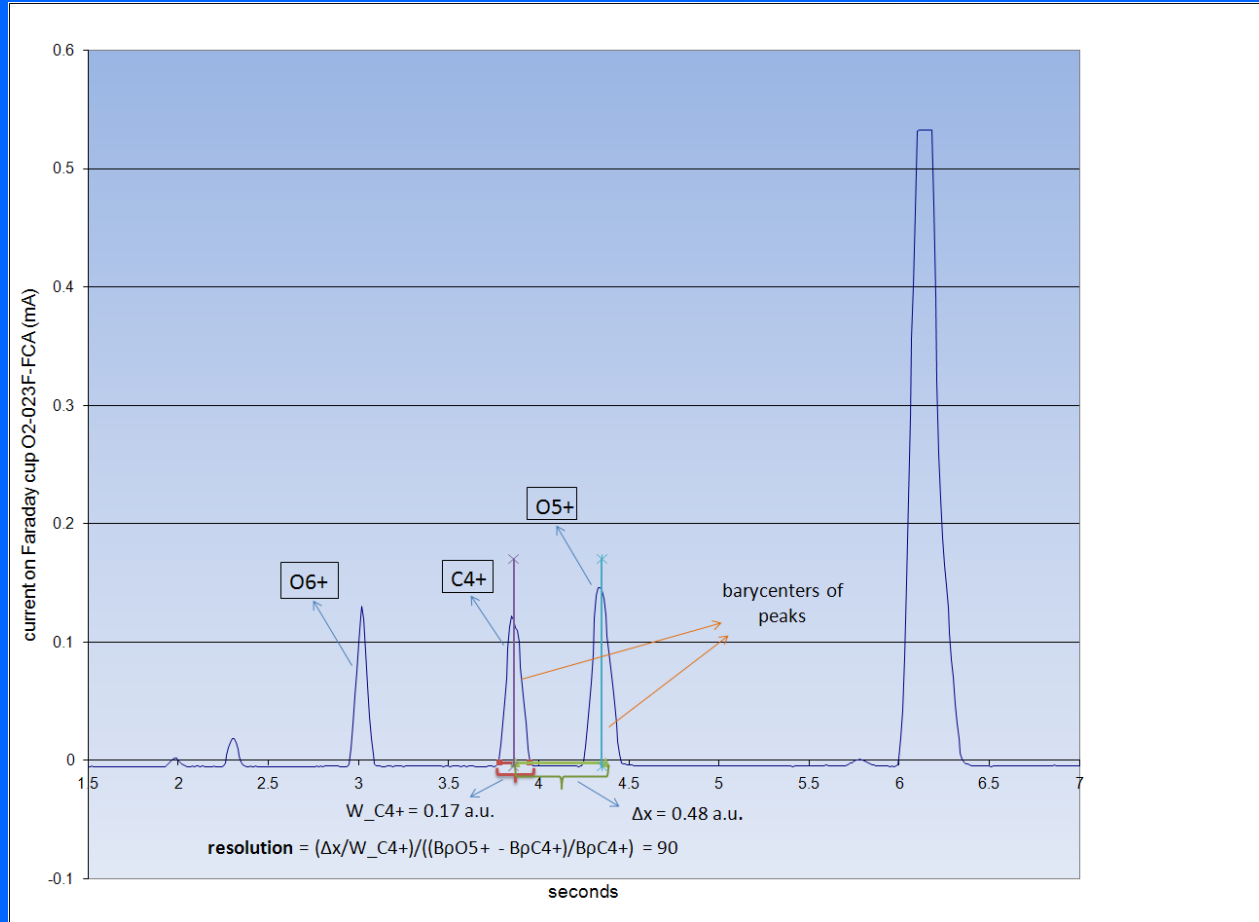
$C^{4+}$ , 250  $\mu$ A  
(design = 200  $\mu$ A)



# Species selection

$$R = \frac{\left(\frac{\Delta x}{W}\right)}{\left(\frac{(B\rho_{O^{5+}} - B\rho_{C^{4+}})}{B\rho_{C^{4+}}}\right)}$$

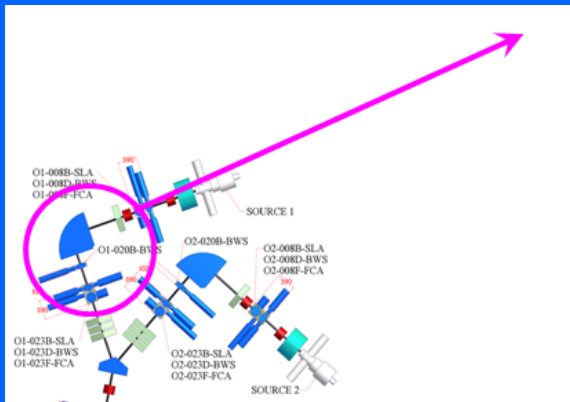
Minimum resolution to separate C4+ from O5+:  
 $R \approx 30$



**Measured  $R \approx 90$**

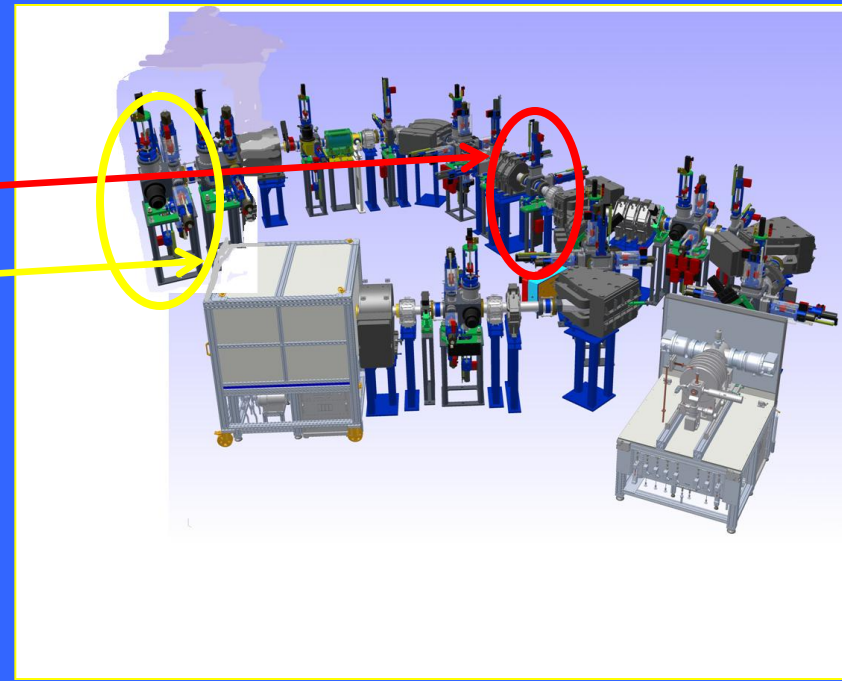
Measurement performed with a fixed gap of slits (2mm).

Thanks to the good resolution different species could be selected and transported along the LEBT



# LEBT commissioning

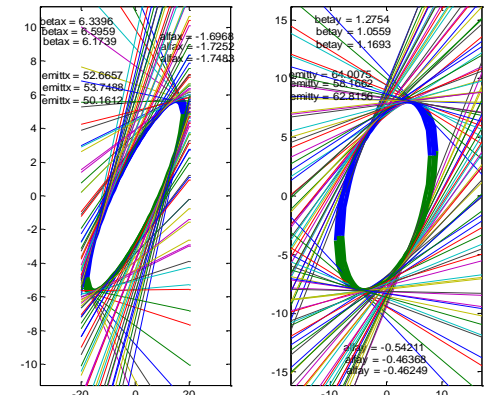
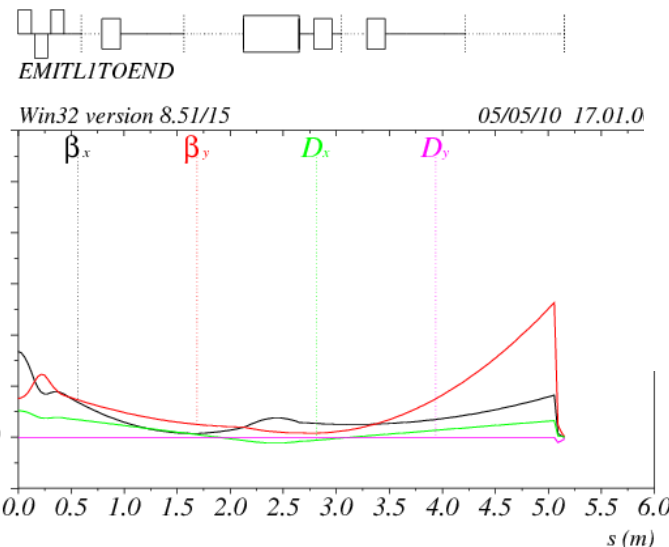
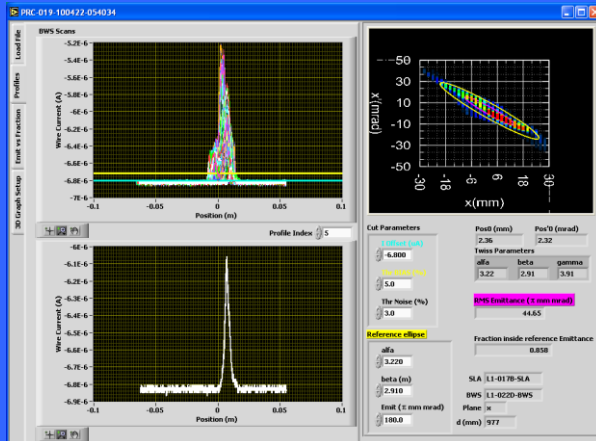
Diagnostic tanks containing  
slits, wire scanners, faraday cups  
Along the line + TB0



Emittance and Twiss Parameters measurements

- With tank diagnostics
- With Quad scans
- Model Agreement better than  $\pm 10\%$

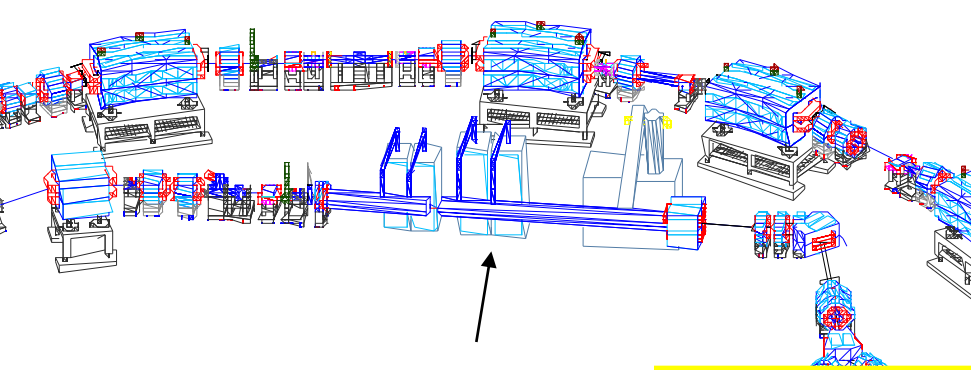
Transmission efficiency up to 97%





***Viaggio  
alla scoperta  
del CNAO***

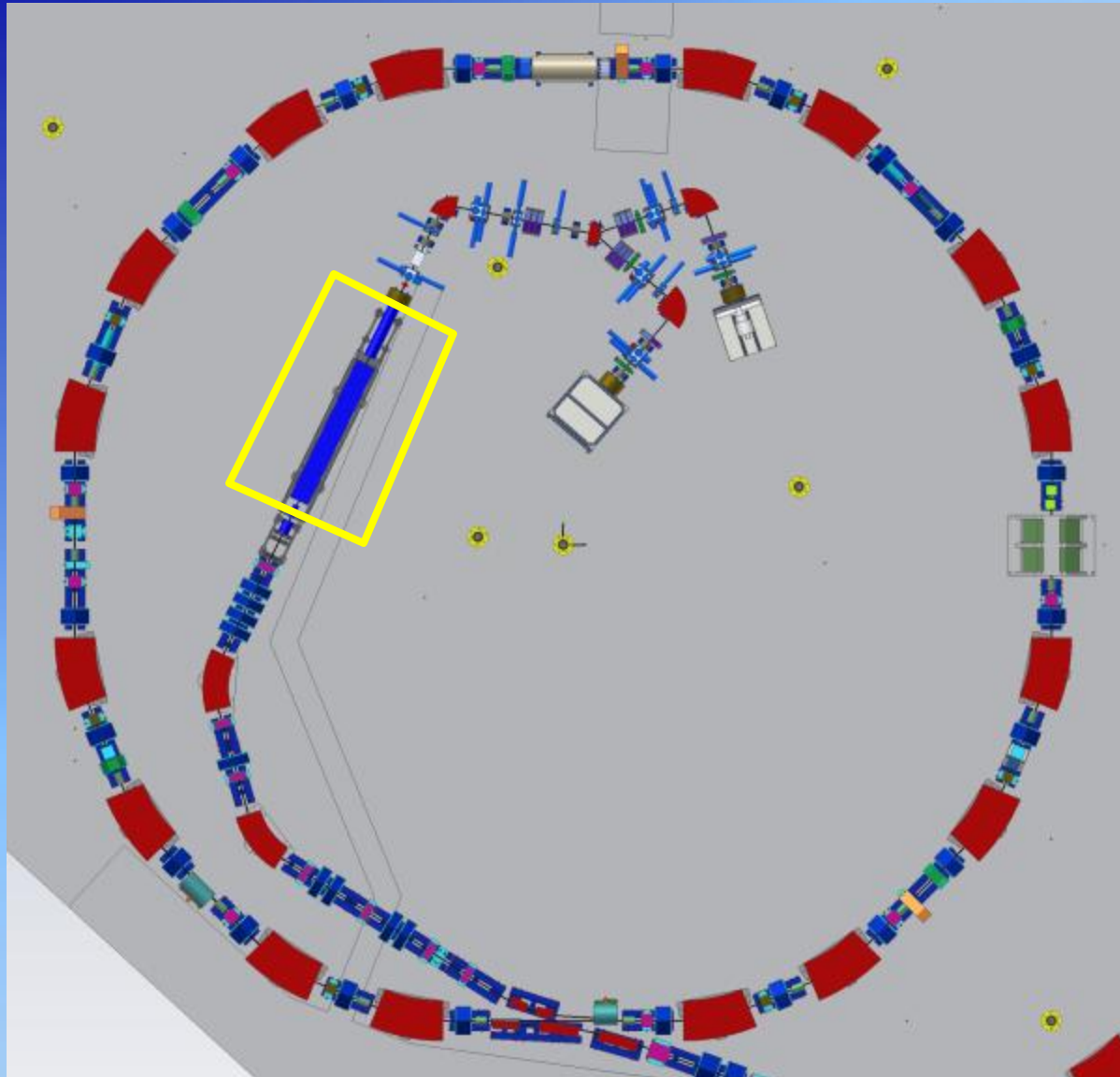
**Il Linac  
e  
La MEBT**



## The Linear accelerator for ions

In about 6 meters the beam increases the energy by a factor 1000 - to reach 1/10th of light speed... 30'000 km/sec





**Linac=RFQ+IH**

**217 MHz**

**RFQ**

**0.008-0.4 MeV/u  $H^{3+}$**

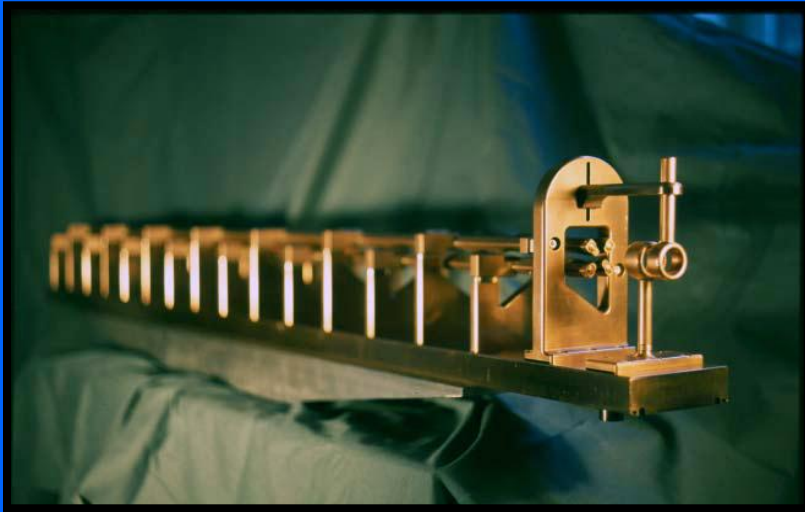
**0.008-0.4 MeV/u  $C^{4+}$**

**IH**

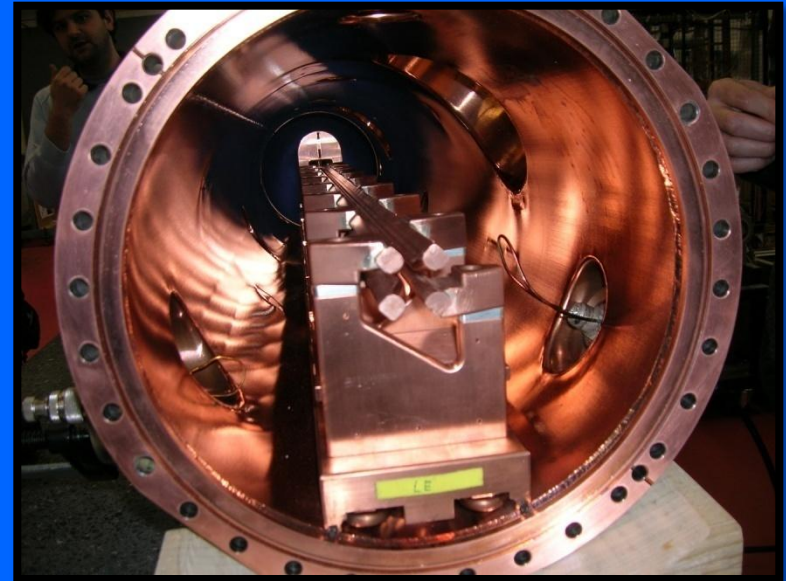
**0.4-7 MeV/u  $H^{3+}$**

**0.4-7 MeV/u  $C^{4+}$**

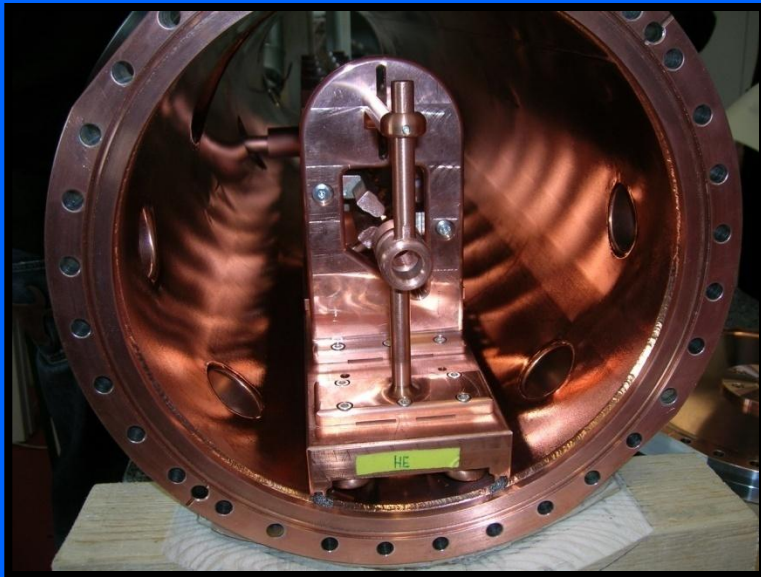
# CNAO RFQ



Struttura interna



Ingresso ioni



Uscita ioni

Four-rods like type

Energy range = 8 - 400 keV/u

Electrode length = 1.35 m,

Electrode voltage = 70 kV

RF power loss (pulse): about 100 kW

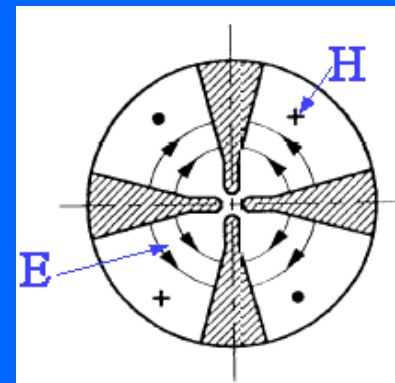
Low duty cycle: around 0.1%



Gli *RFQ* (detti anche “*four vanes structures*”) sono utilizzati per la prima accelerazione di protoni e ioni ( $\beta \approx 0.01$ ). L’idea è quella di utilizzare strutture aventi un campo elettrico che simultaneamente focalizza e accelera le particelle del fascio. Per far questo si utilizzano strutture risonanti del tipo mostrato in figura. In prossimità dell’asse, il campo elettrico quadrupolare consente una *focalizzazione trasversa* del fascio. La *modulazione* pseudo-sinusoidale del *profilo degli elettrodi*, d’altra parte, consente di avere una componente di campo lungo *z* che *accelera il fascio*.

Gli RFQ, introdotti da circa 20 anni, consentono di interfacciare la sorgente col Linac provvedendo al focheggiamento, alla prima accelerazione ed al “bunching” del fascio con efficienza di cattura elevatissima.

Nella figura a lato sono rappresentate qualitativamente le linee di forza del capo elettrico e magnetico del modo risonante (*pseudo*  $TE_{210}$ ) in una generica sezione trasversa.

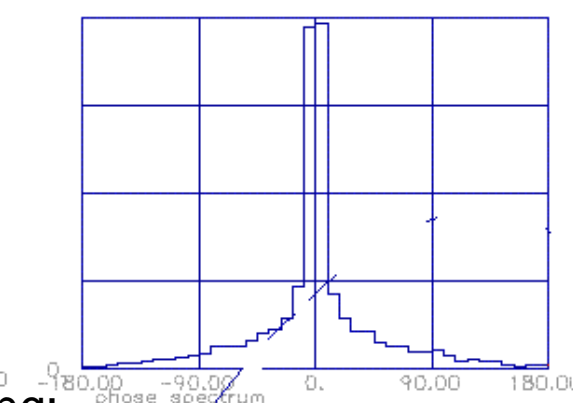
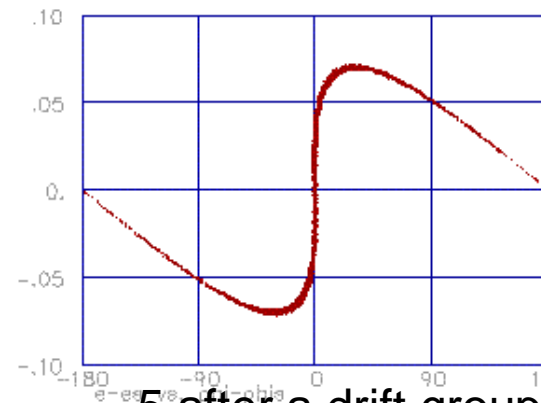
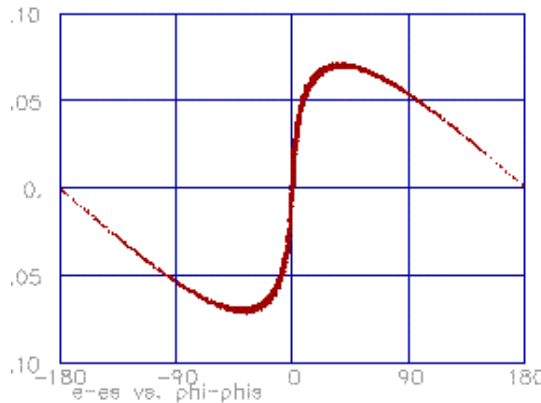
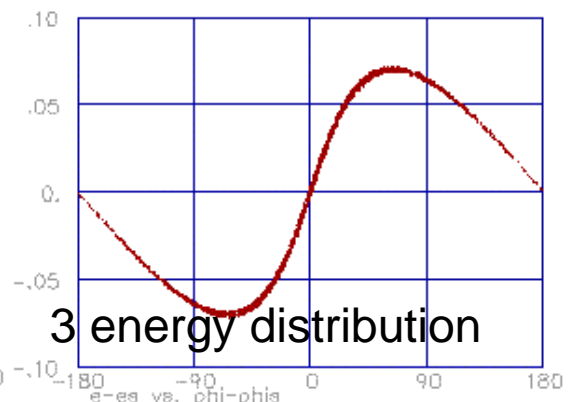
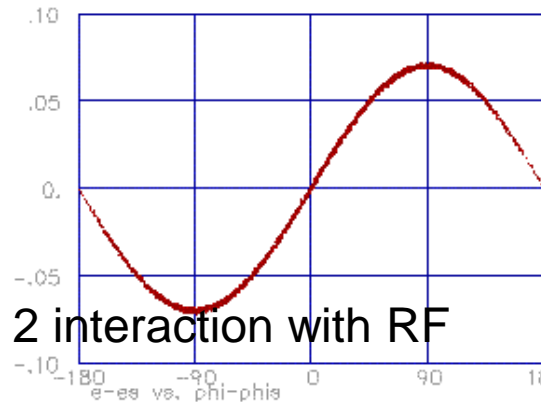
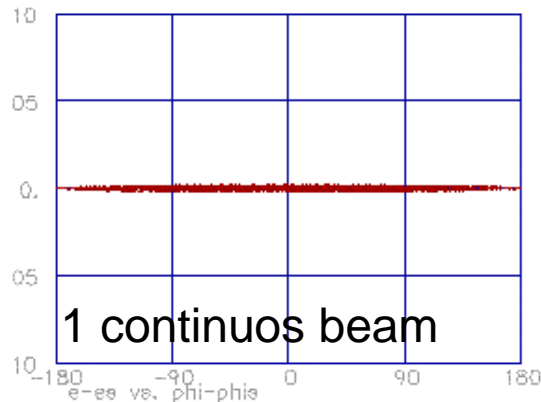


# Bunching

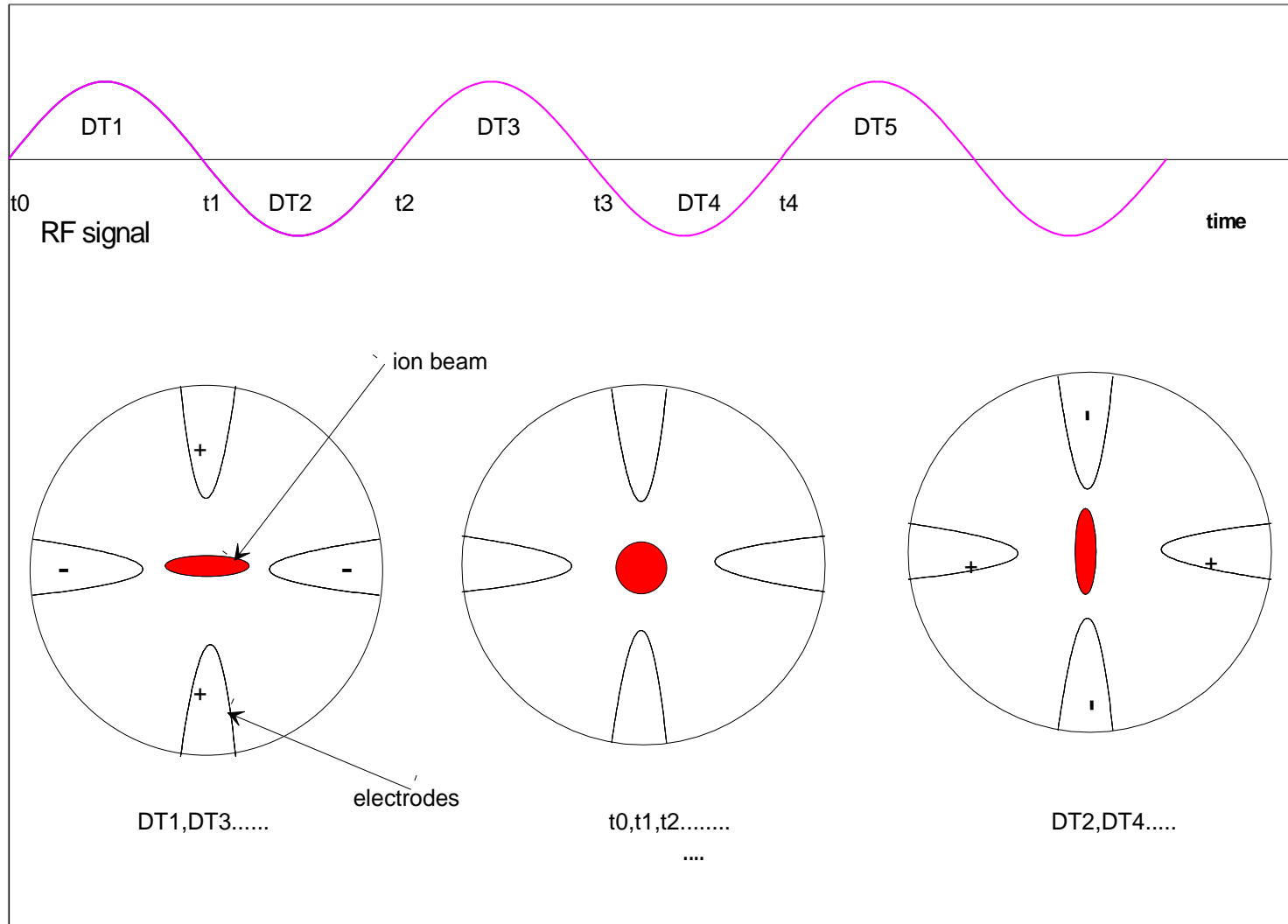
Preparation to acceleration:

- generate a velocity spread inside the beam
- let the beam distribute itself around the particle with the average velocity

# Discrete Bunching

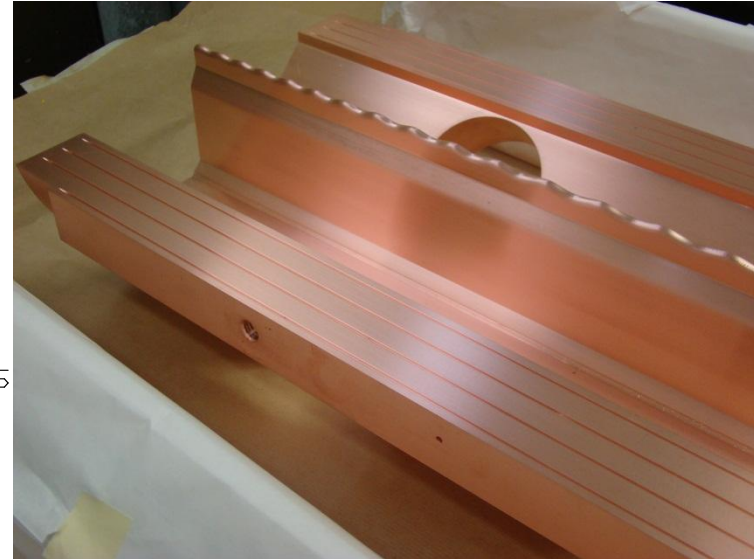
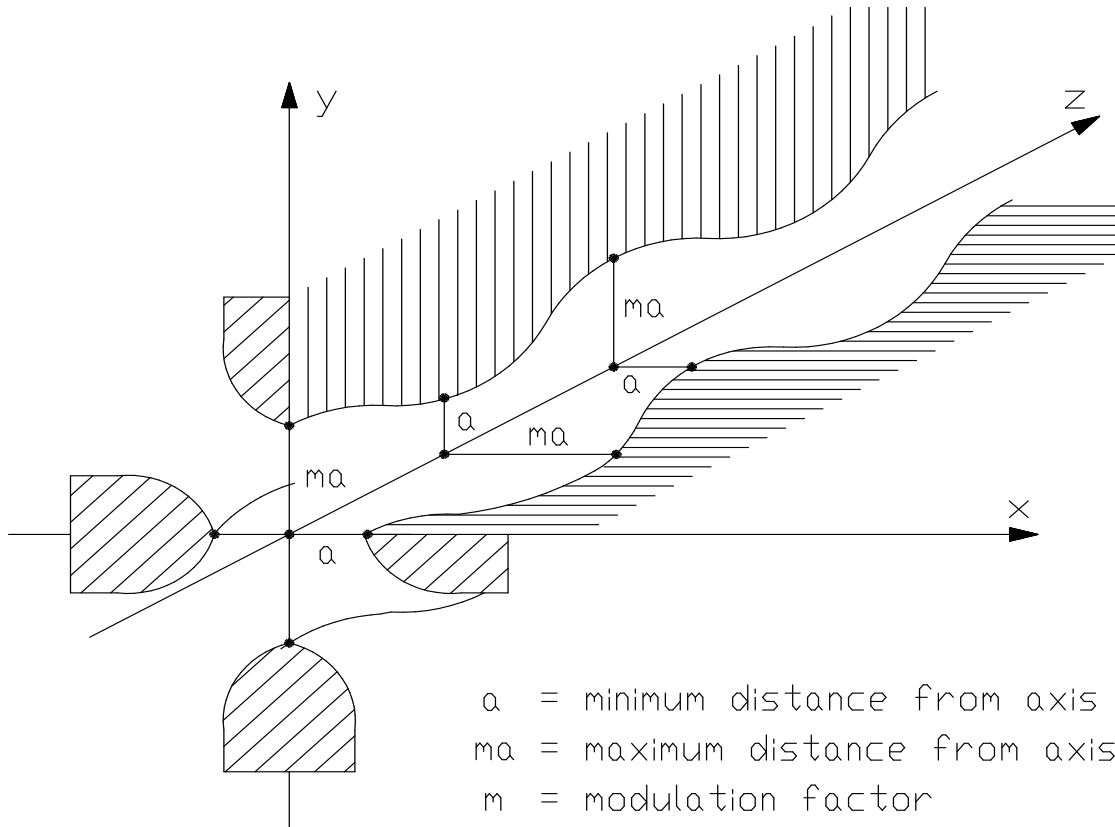


# transverse field in an RFQ



(Courtesy A. Lombardi)

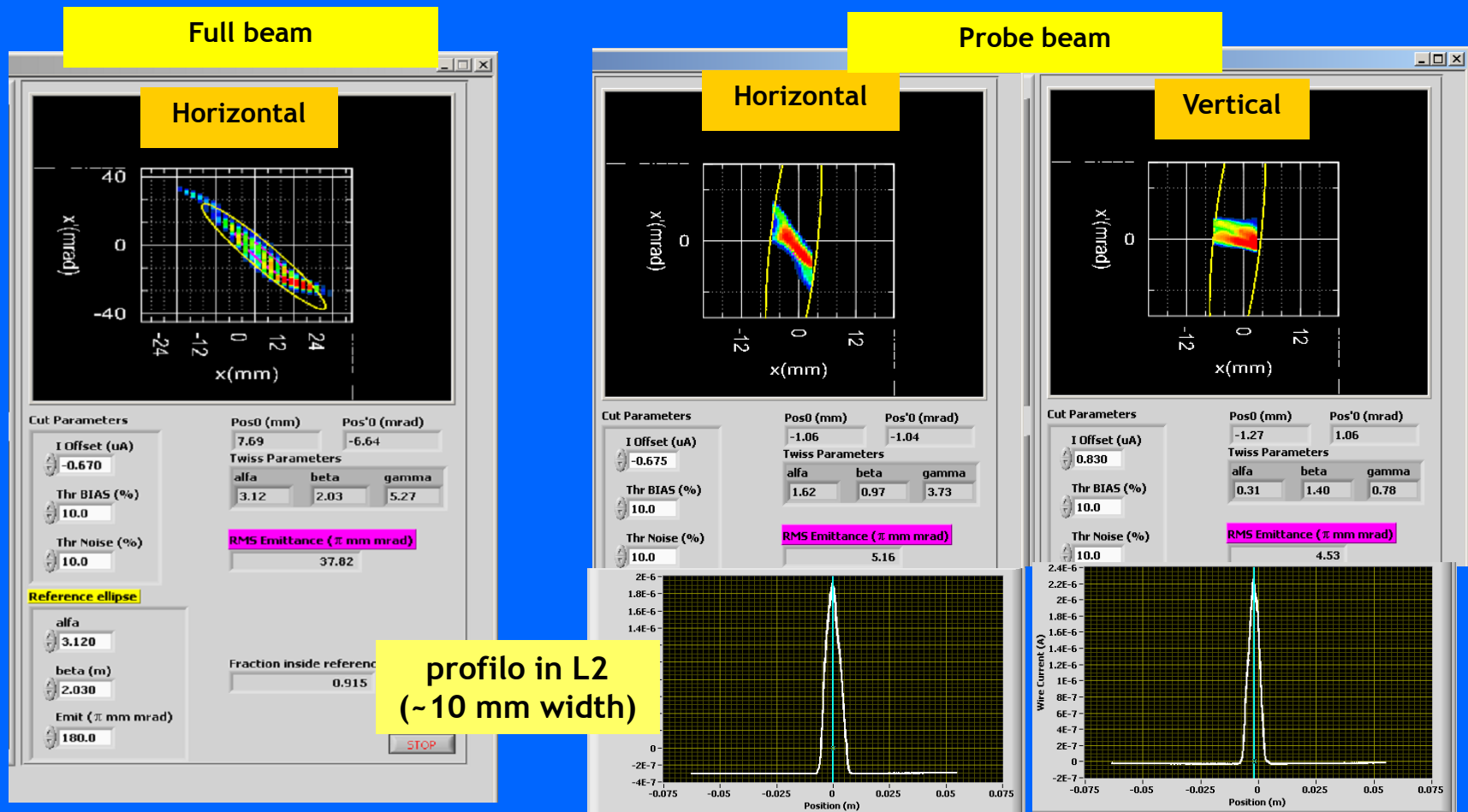
# acceleration in RFQ



longitudinal modulation on the electrodes creates a longitudinal component in the TE mode

(Courtesy A. Lombardi)

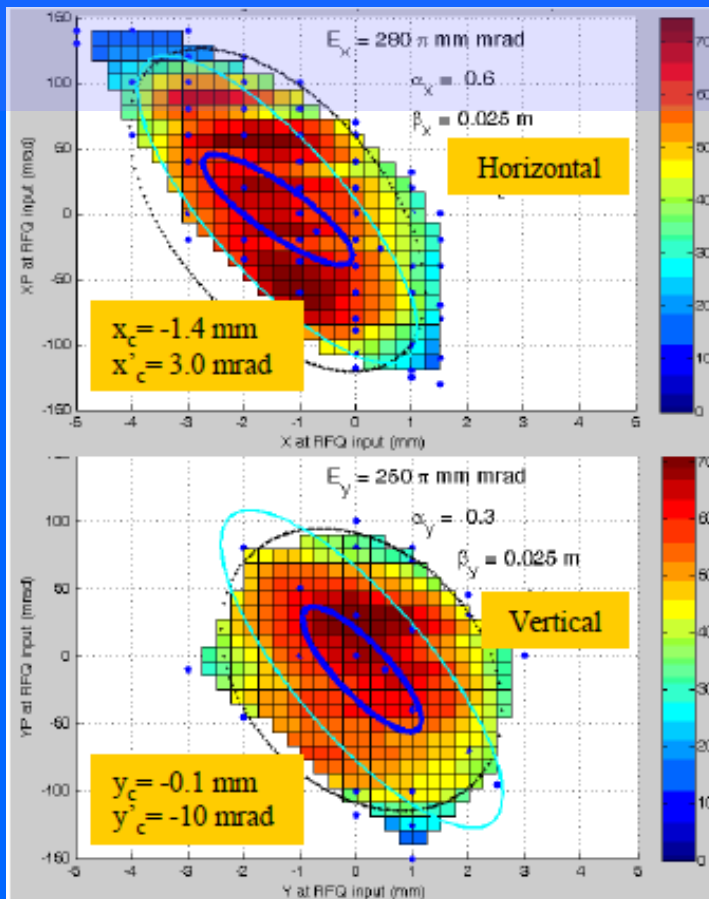
# $H_3^+$ : "full beam" and "probe beam" Emittances in L1-017 and profile in L2



Preparazione del "probe beam": Fascio ottimizzato in L2. Le slitte vengono chiuse quanto basta per selezionare un fascio di intensità di  $\sim 100 \mu\text{A}$ .

# Misure di accettazione dell'RFQ

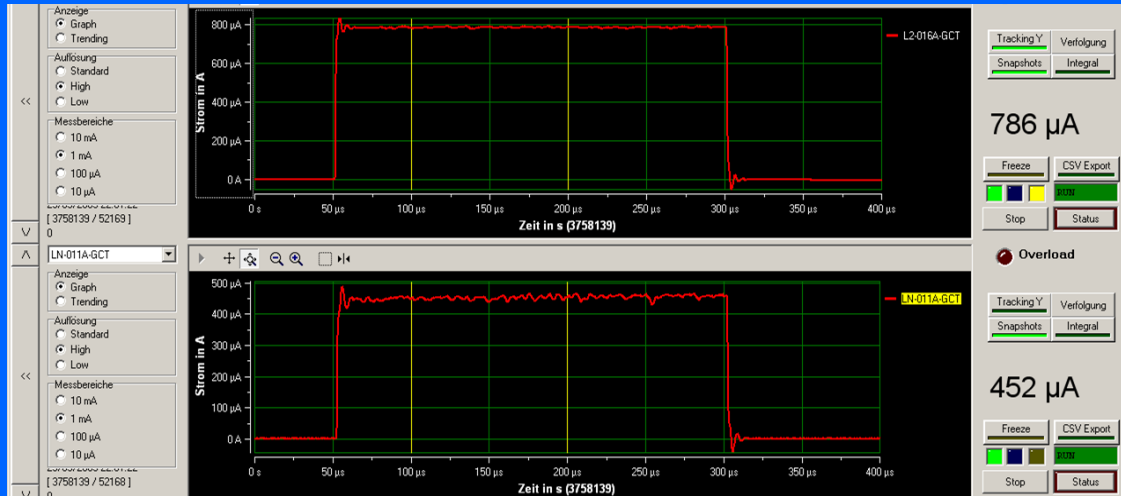
- Scansione sull'accettazione dell'RFQ usando gli steerer della LEBT
- Le coordinate nello spazio delle fasi all'iniezione nell'RFQ sono state misurate durante il commissioning della LEBT con TB0



- Ellisse blu: H3+ probe beam @ 8 keV/u
- Ellisse azzurra: accettazione dell'RFQ matchata con un'emittanza di  $180 \pi$  mm mrad
- Ellisse nera: accettazione al 90% che fitta coi dati sperimentali

# Commissioning RFQ

## Corrente di fascio prima e dopo l'RFQ

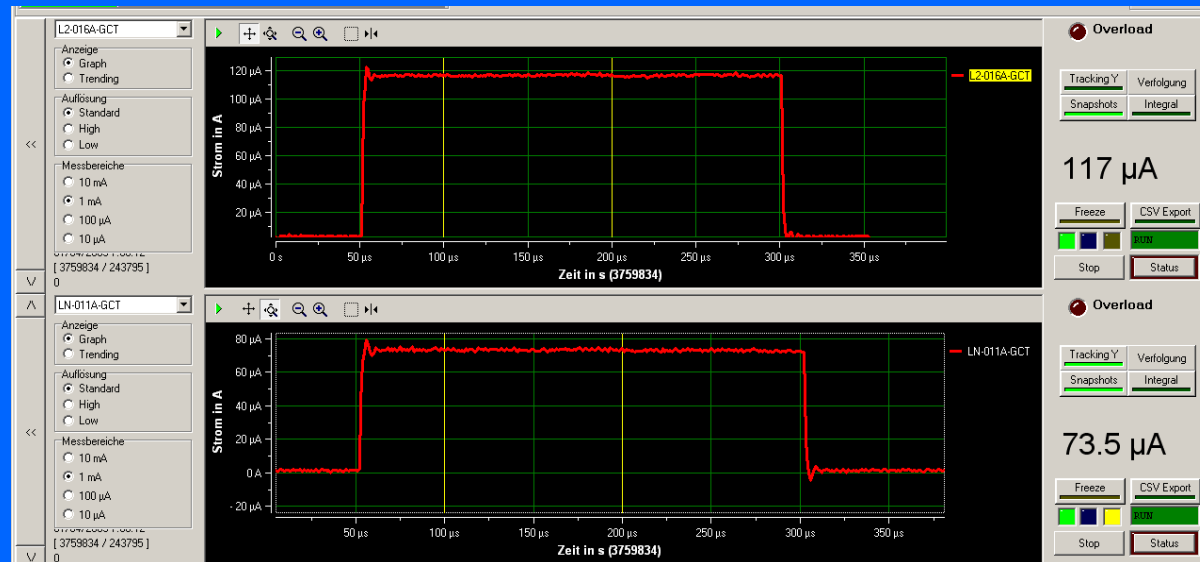


**Risultati  $\text{H}_3^+$  @ 8 keV/u:**

Correnti in entrambi gli ACTs  
(L2-016A-GCT e in TB2) @  $V_{\text{Tank}} = 5.1$  Volt

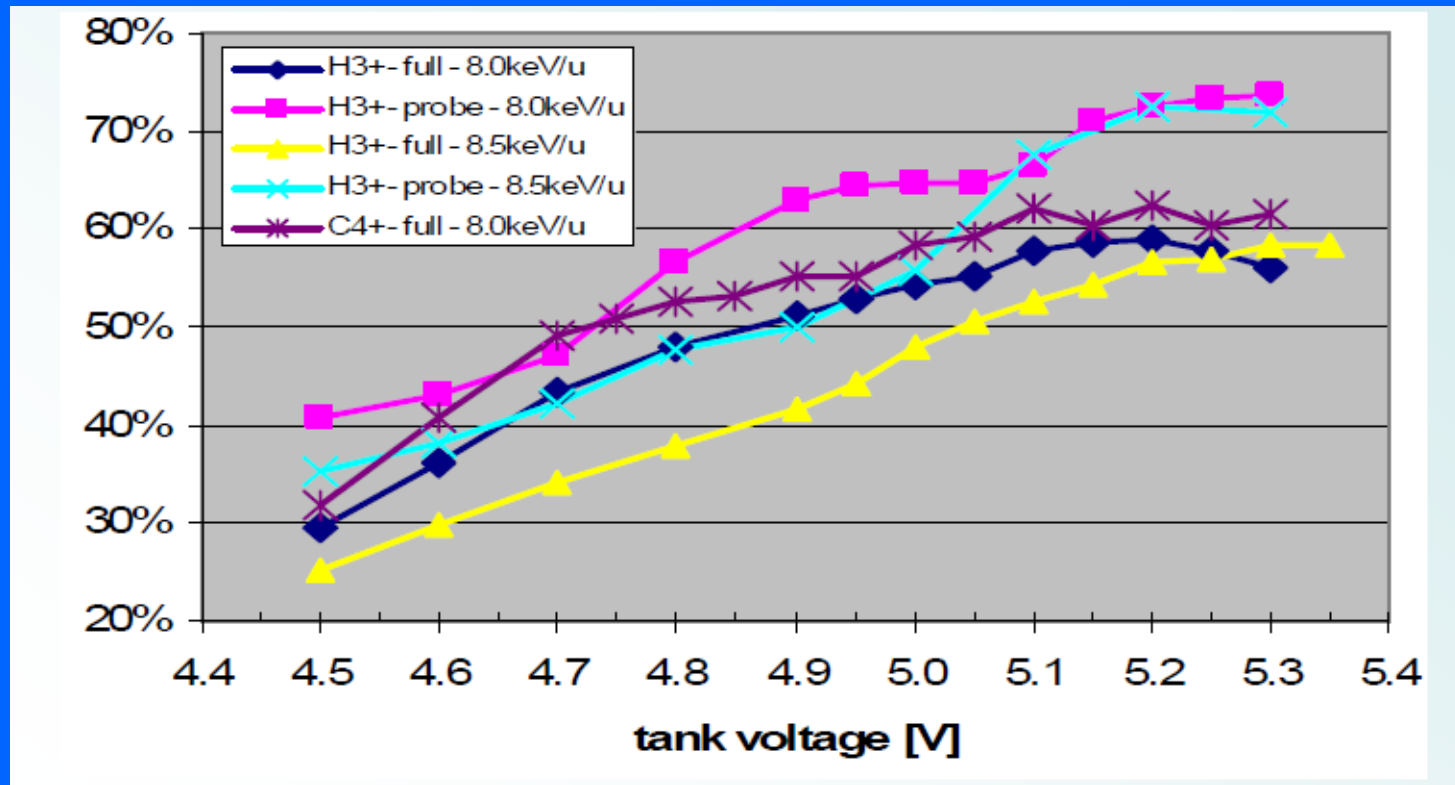
**Risultati  $\text{C}_4^+$  @ 8 keV/u**

Correnti in entrambi gli  
ACTs (L2-016A-GCT e in  
TB2)





Misurando la corrente prima e dopo l'RFQ

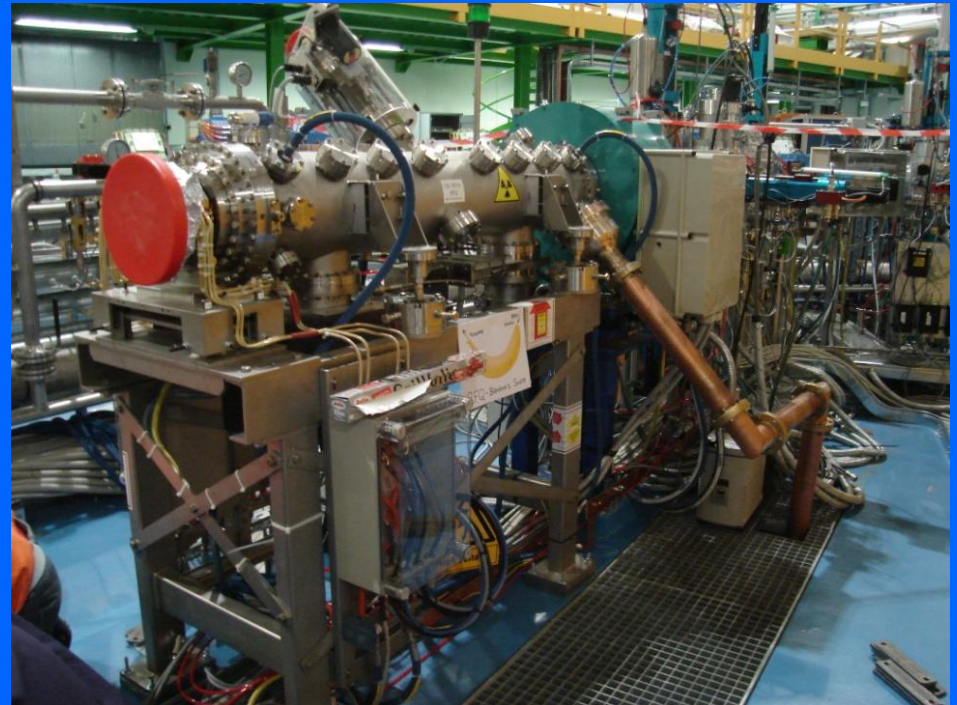


**Risultati H3+ full beam:** Trasmissione ~57 % al punto di lavoro = 5.1 Volt (195 kW)  
Steering accettabile in entrambi i piani

**Risultati C4+ full beam :** Trasmissione ~60 % al punto di lavoro = 5.1 Volt (195 kW)  
Steering accettabile in entrambi i piani

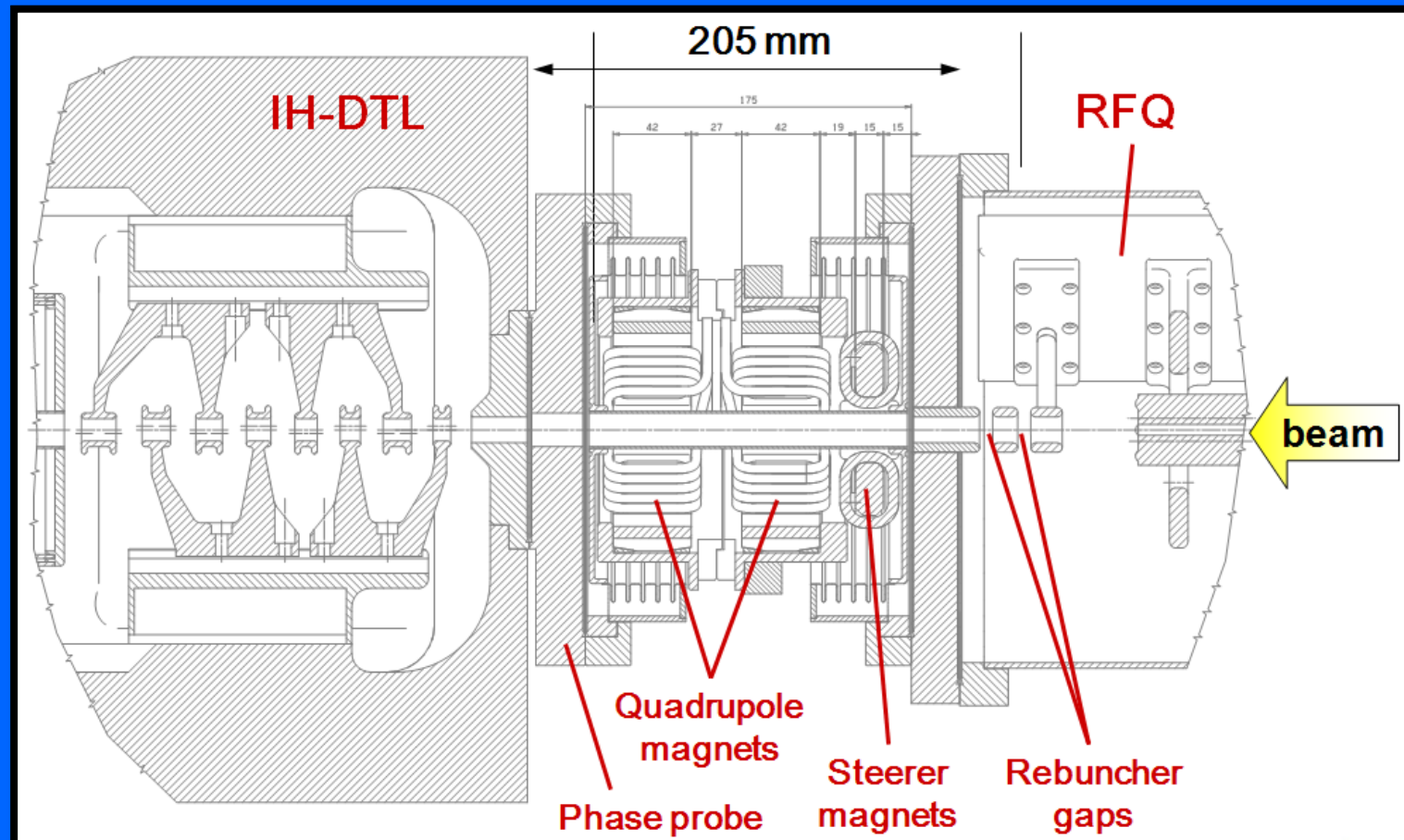
L'RFQ è adatto per trasporto e accelerazione alle basse energie per le sue buone proprietà di foccheggiamento. Per energie più alte l'efficienza cala e le strutture con drift tubes diventano più adatte.

- I drift tubes sono usati anche come “rebuncher” dopo l'RFQ per migliorare il “matching” del fascio all'accettazione della struttura longitudinale seguente. Una soluzione comune è una cavità di tipo buncher tra l'RFQ e la struttura DTL.
- Nel caso CNAO/Heidelberg è stato sviluppato un nuovo modello: un drift tube è montato direttamente alla fine dell'RFQ (ma comunque dentro la cavità) formando così un'unità buncher.



## Tra RFQ e IH: Inter Matching Section

Per focalizzare il fascio in entrambi i piani trasversi di fase e per correggere le piccole deviazioni angolari del fascio all'uscita dell'RFQ, viene flangiata al tank dell'RFQ un'unità magnetica costituita da un xy-steerer e da un doppietto (QD).



3 Integrated magnetic triplet lenses

56 Accelerating gaps

Energy range 0.4 – 7 MeV/u

Tank length 3.77 m

Inner tank height 0.34 m

Inner tank width 0.26 m

Drift tube aperture diam. 12 – 16 mm

RF power loss (pulse)  $\approx 1$  MW

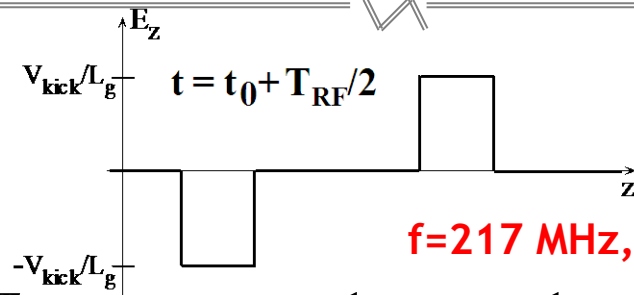
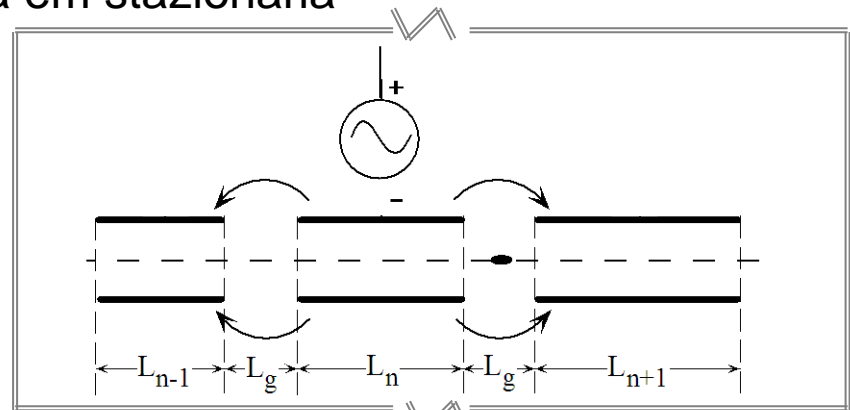
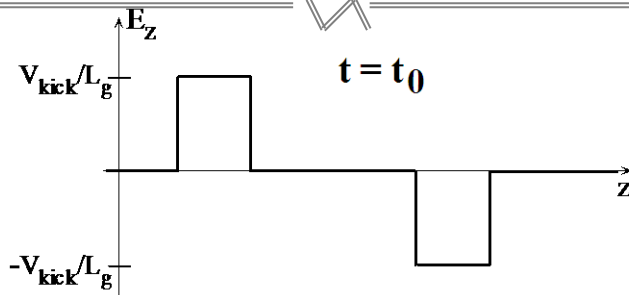
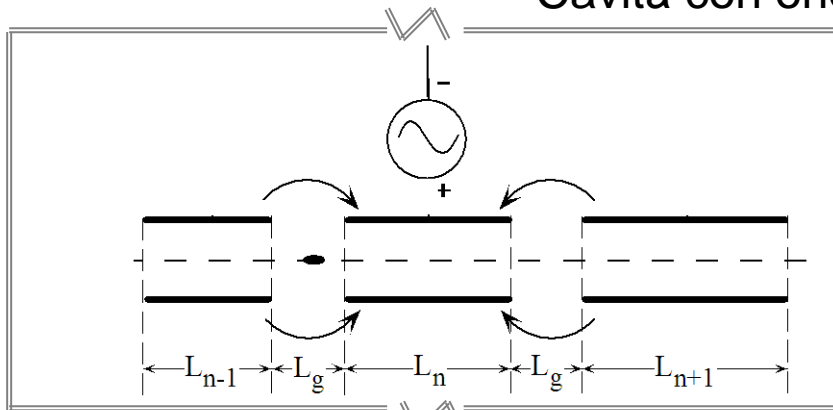
Averaged eff. volt. gain 5.3 MV/m



# Synchronous particle

- Design a linac for one “test” particle. This is called the “synchronous” particle.
- The length of each accelerating element determines the time at which the synchronous particles enters/exits a cavity.
- For a given cavity length there is an optimum velocity (or beta) such that a particle traveling at this velocity goes through the cavity in half an RF period.
- In a synchronous machine EACH cell is different

# Cavità con onda em stazionaria



$f = 217 \text{ MHz}, \lambda_{RF} = 1,38 \text{ m}$

La lunghezza  $L_n$  del n-simo tubo di drift:

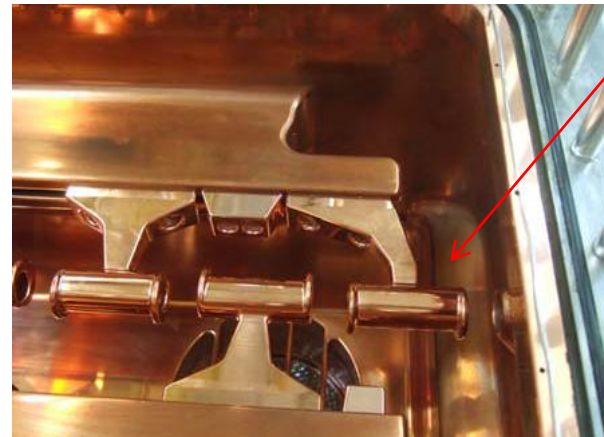
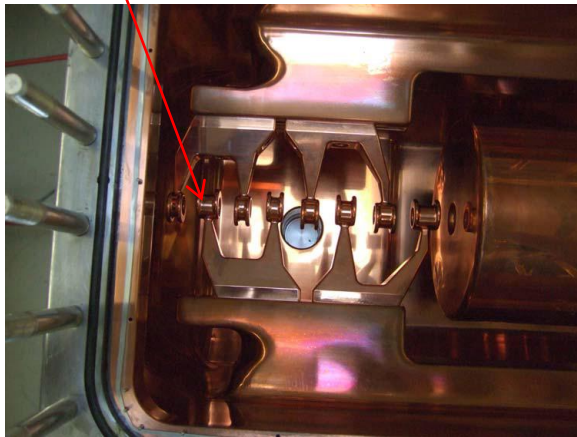
$$\frac{L_n}{v_n} = \frac{T_{RF}}{2} \Rightarrow L_n = \frac{1}{2} v_n T_{RF} = \frac{1}{2} \beta_n \lambda_{RF}$$

Ingresso IH:  $L_n = 20 \text{ mm}$

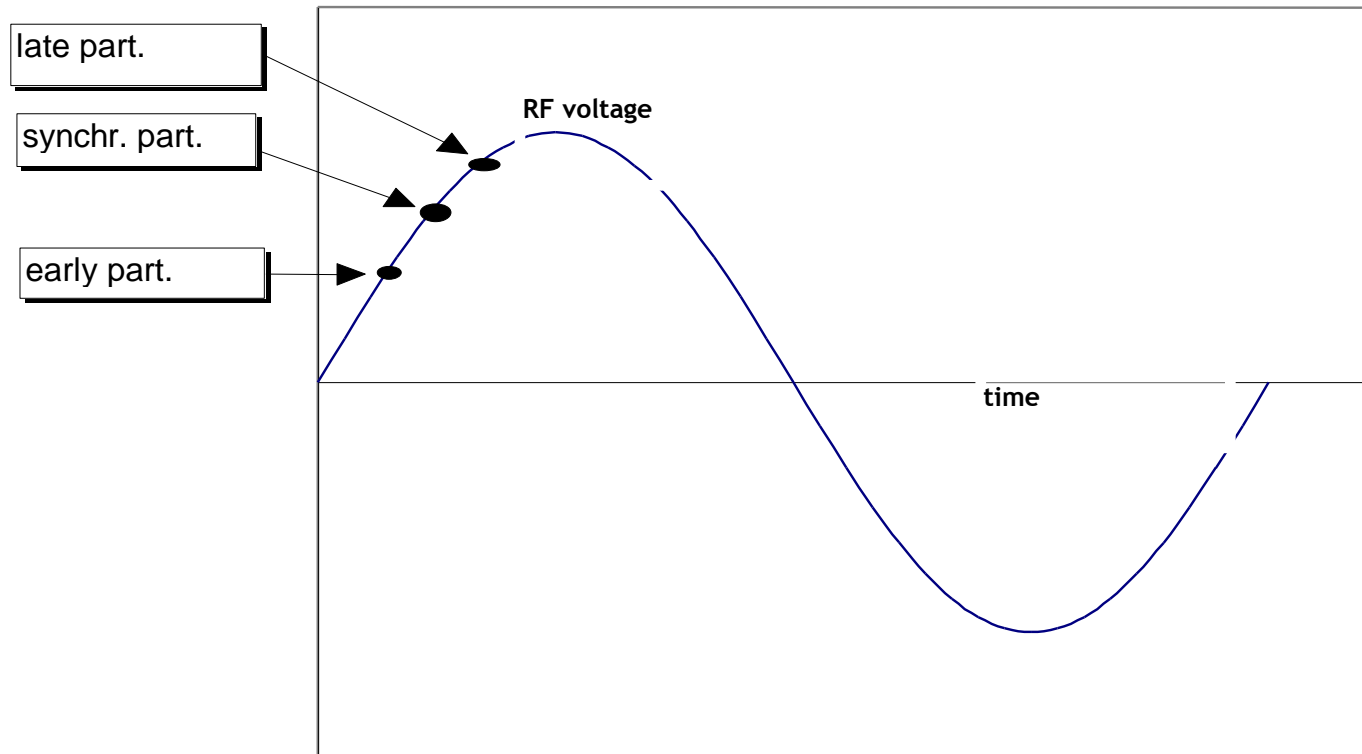
$\beta_{0,4} = 0,03$

$\beta_{7,0} = 0,12$

Uscita IH:  $L_n = 80 \text{ mm}$



Supponiamo che la fase sincrona sia scelta in anticipo rispetto al picco ( $\varphi_s \leq 0$ ). Una qualunque particella che attraversi il gap prima della fase sincrona avrà un kick più piccolo e guadagnerà meno velocità presentandosi in ritardo al gap successivo. Al contrario una particella che attraversi il gap dopo la fase sincrona avrà un kick più grande e guadagnerà più velocità presentandosi in anticipo al gap successivo.

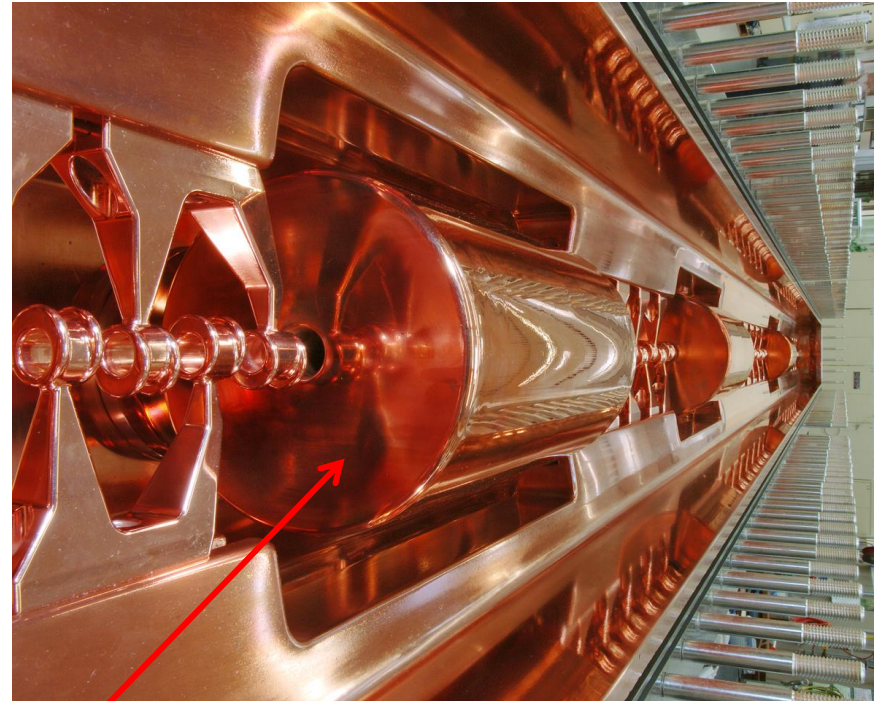
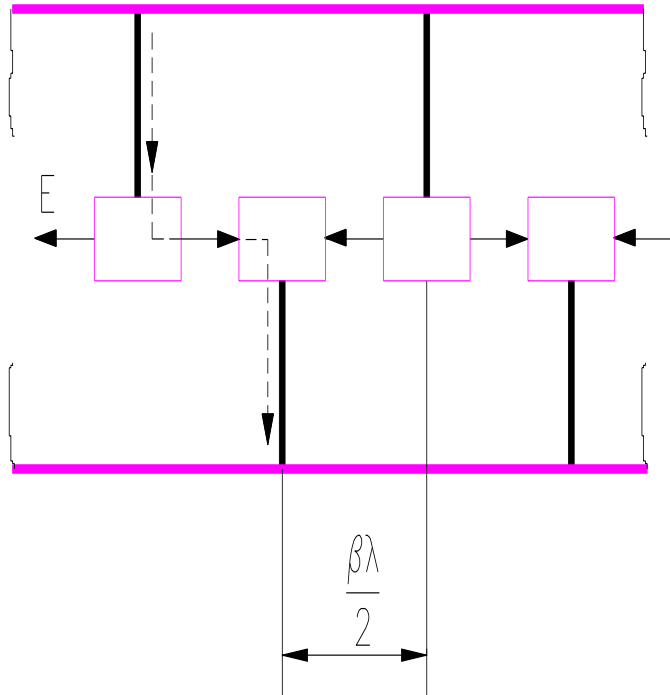


Quindi la scelta  $\varphi_s \leq 0$  garantisce il *focheggiamento longitudinale* del fascio (*principio di stabilità di fase*, valido per ogni acceleratore lineare). La scelta opposta  $\varphi_s \geq 0$  porta invece all'instabilità longitudinale.

# Interdigital H structure

I=Interdigital: stem alternati come dita intrecciate

H: campo elettrico trasversale, “raddrizzato dagli stem”



- stem on alternating side of the drift tube force a longitudinal field between the drift tubes
- focalisation is provided by quadrupole triplets places OUTSIDE the drift tubes



# LCS = LINAC Control System

- VACC = Virtual Accelerator
- Serve per creare, accelerare e trasportare un fascio (includendo informazioni su: specie ionica, corrente magneti interni al LINAC, energia fascio, intensità, ecc.)
- I controlli per ogni specifico set-up sono salvati nella memoria delle DCU degli alimentatori e della diagnostica

GUI\_Modi (V1.14.01) : GUI zur Bedienung des Datenversorgungsmoduls

VACC selection and info

VACC: 106: P. Proton CNAO, Proton settings CNAO

DSM param. version: 16 Status: Executable Select VAcc

Action: Calculate, Init values, Current values

Status DSM-Control

Progress: VAcc Job fertig ok

DSM download status: Download erfolgreich

02LEBT	01LEBT	LINAC	MEBT
BRho (RFO-Exit)	0.2732 Tm		
BRho (IH-Exit)	1.1447 Tm		
MPuls: Start	20.000 ms		
MPuls: Länge	50 µs		
I1BR1: Toffset_RF	-350 µs		
I1BR1: Thigh_RF	500 µs		
I1B2: Toffset_RF	-350 µs		
I1B2: Thigh_RF	500 µs		
M1BB1: Toffset_RF	-350 µs		
M1BB1: Thigh_RF	500 µs		

I1M01: ks	9.800 1/m		
I1BR1: Tankspannung	5.290 V		
I1BR1: Ucav	5.290 V		
I1BR1: phi	180.0 Grad		
I1MS1H: ax	0.50 mrad		
I1MS1V: ay	0.50 mrad		
I1QD11: kL	-15.502 1/m		
I1QD12: kL	14.893 1/m		

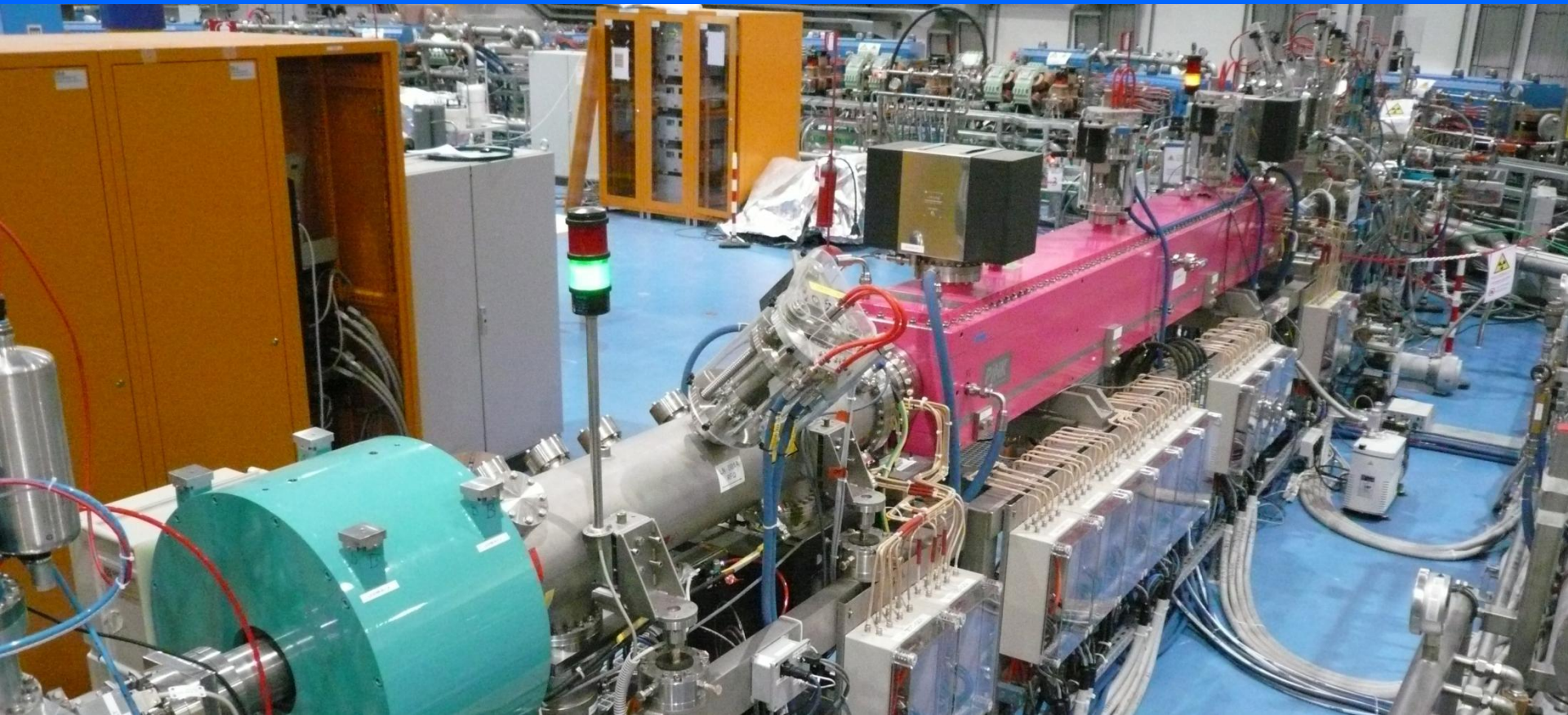
I1B2: Tankspannung	5.730 V		
I1B2: U_cav	5.730 V		
I1B2: phi	165.0 Grad		
I1B2: delta phi (RFQ)	345.0 Grad		
I1QT21: kL	-12.945 1/m		
I1QT22: kL	18.700 1/m		
I1QT23: kL	-13.081 1/m		
I1QT31: kL	7.993 1/m		
I1QT32: kL	-13.804 1/m		
I1QT33: kL	7.969 1/m		
I1QT41: kL	-5.495 1/m		
I1QT42: kL	10.136 1/m		
I1QT43: kL	-5.478 1/m		
I1QT51: kL	4.165 1/m		
I1QT52: kL	-8.010 1/m		
I1QT53: kL	4.169 1/m		
I1MS2H: ax	0.60 mrad		
I1MS2V: ay	-0.40 mrad		

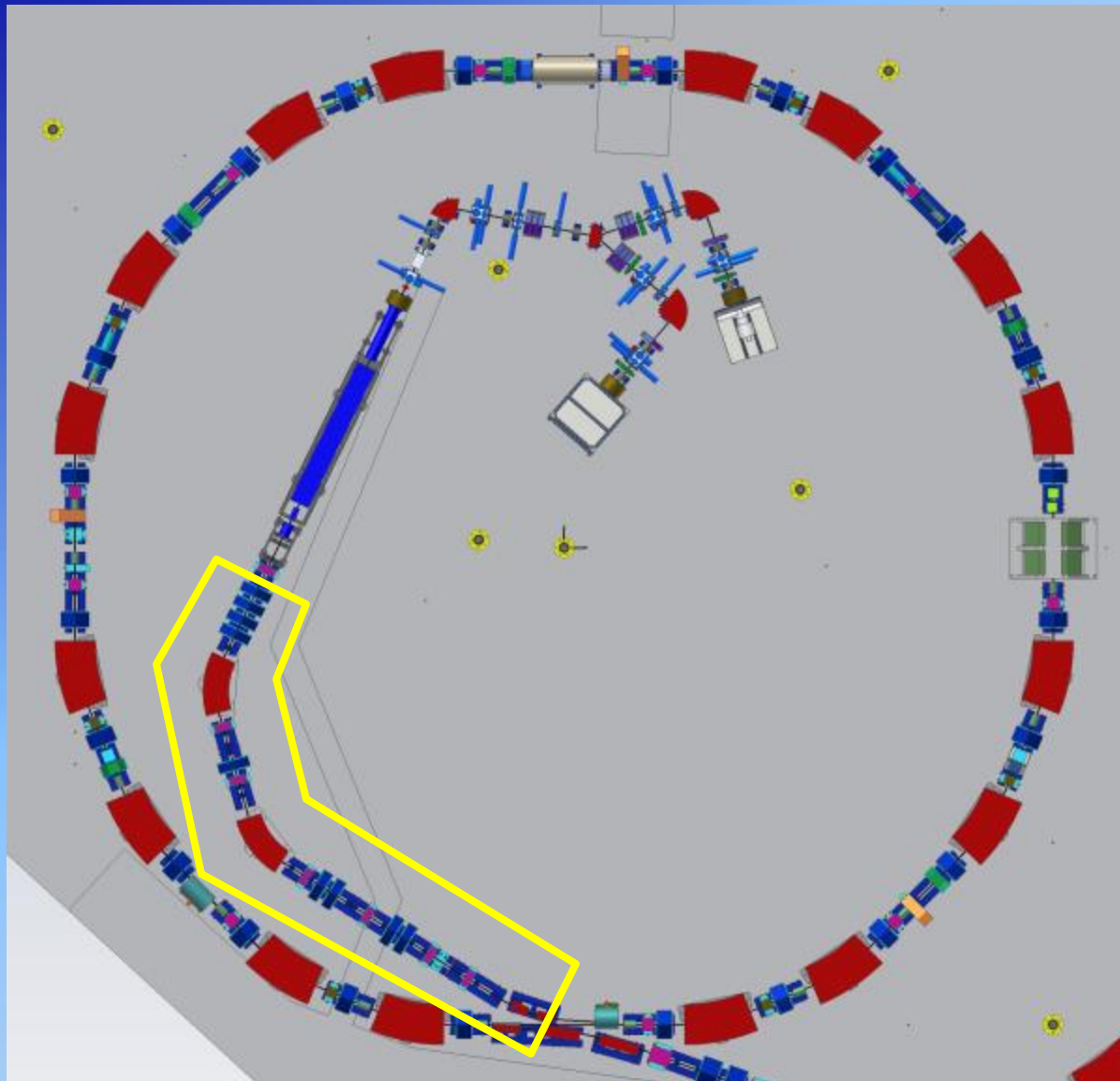
- Per chiedere un set up diverso dell'acceleratore basta solo il numero del set up (VACC) da mandare alle DCUs con i valori di tutti i magneti
- Ci sono poi interfacce diverse per controllare i valori attuati e per fare misure

# Linac commissioning

Successfully  
commissioned  
in July 2009

Request at LINAC exit	measured	nominal
current for C6+ (7 MeV/u)	135 microA	120 microA
current for H+ (7 MeV)	1.2 mA	0.75 mA





## MEBT

7 MeV p  
7 MeV/u C<sup>6+</sup>

I ~ 0.75 mA (p)  
I ~ 0.12 mA (C<sup>6+</sup>)

Stripping foil

Current selection

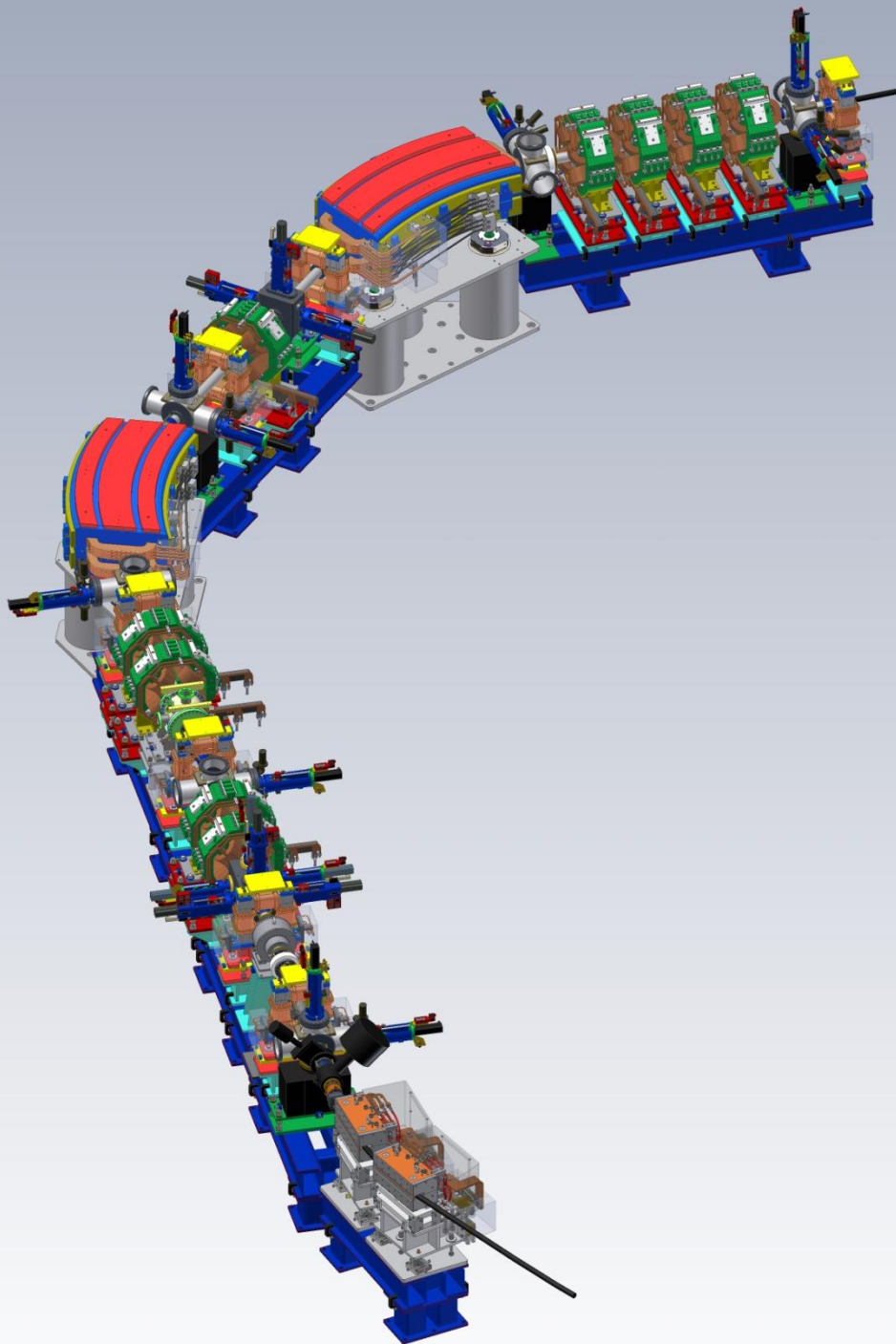
Debuncher

Emittance dilution

Match betas

$(x, x')_{inj}$

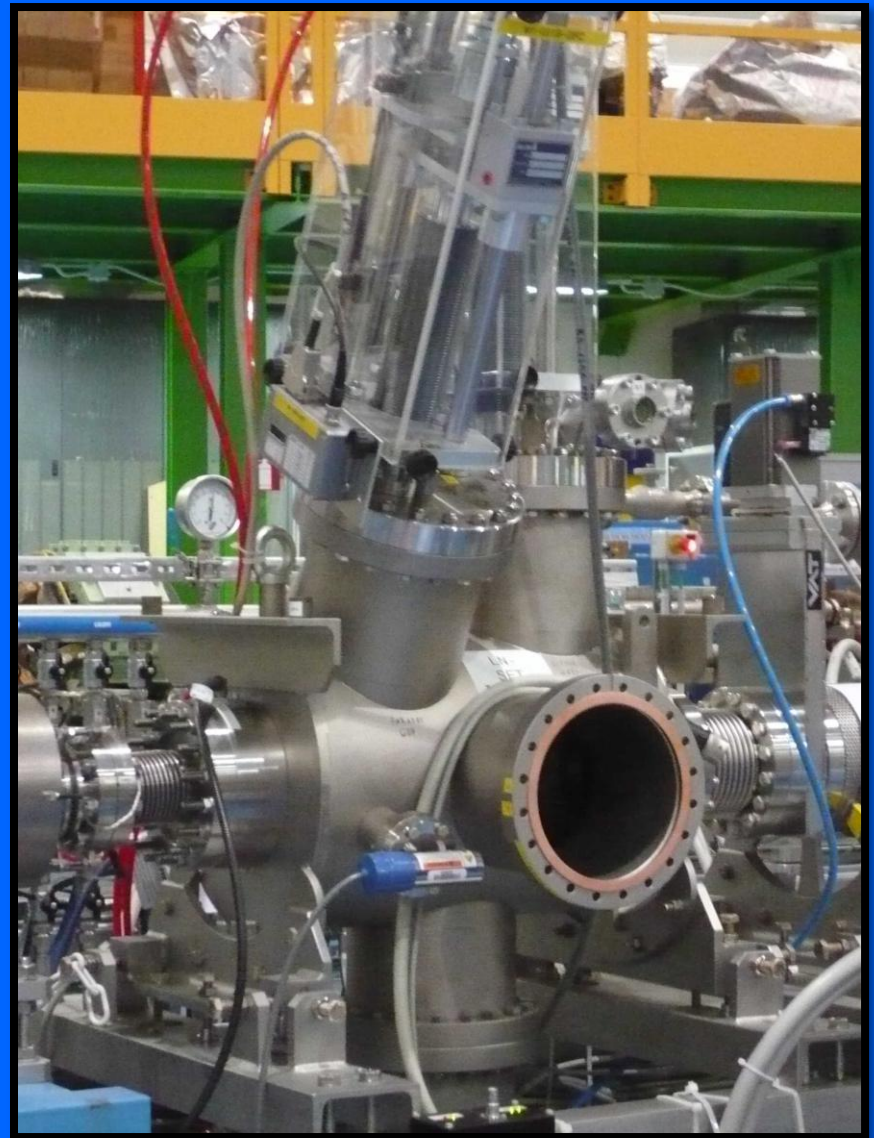
# *Layout MEBT*



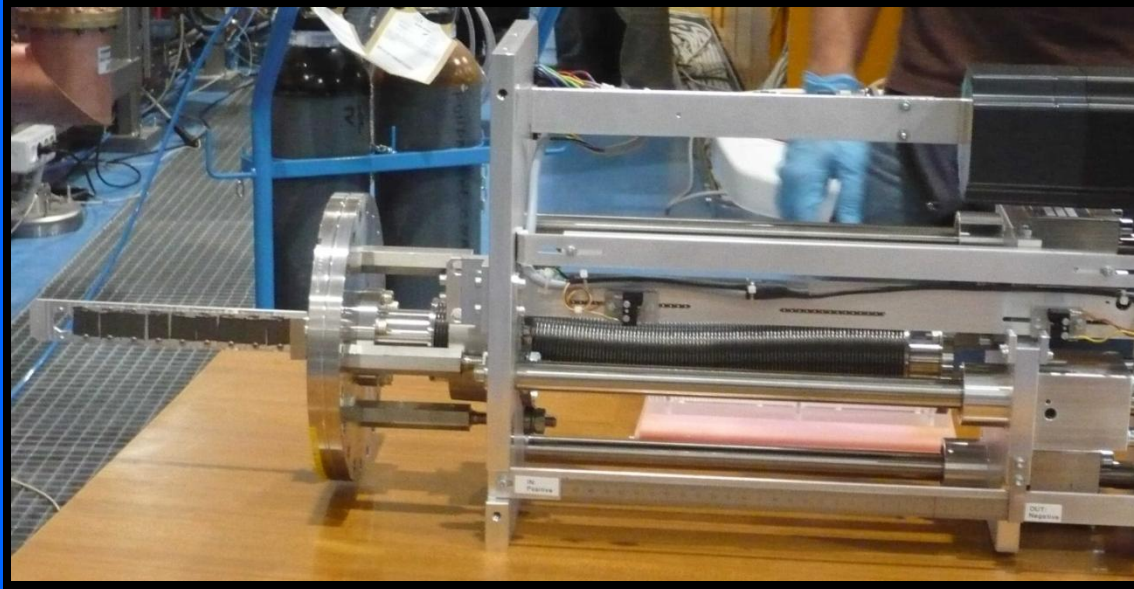
## Stripper foil tank

Tutte le strutture RF sono disegnate per una frequenza di risonanza pari a 216.816 MHz e per rapporti massa su carica:  $A/q < 3$  ( $^{12}\text{C}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{H}^{3+}$ ,  $^3\text{He}^+$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}^{6+}$ ).

Per togliere gli elettroni rimanenti prima di iniettare gli ioni nel sincrotrone, un sottile stripper foil di carbonio è posizionato a circa 1 m dopo il DTL.

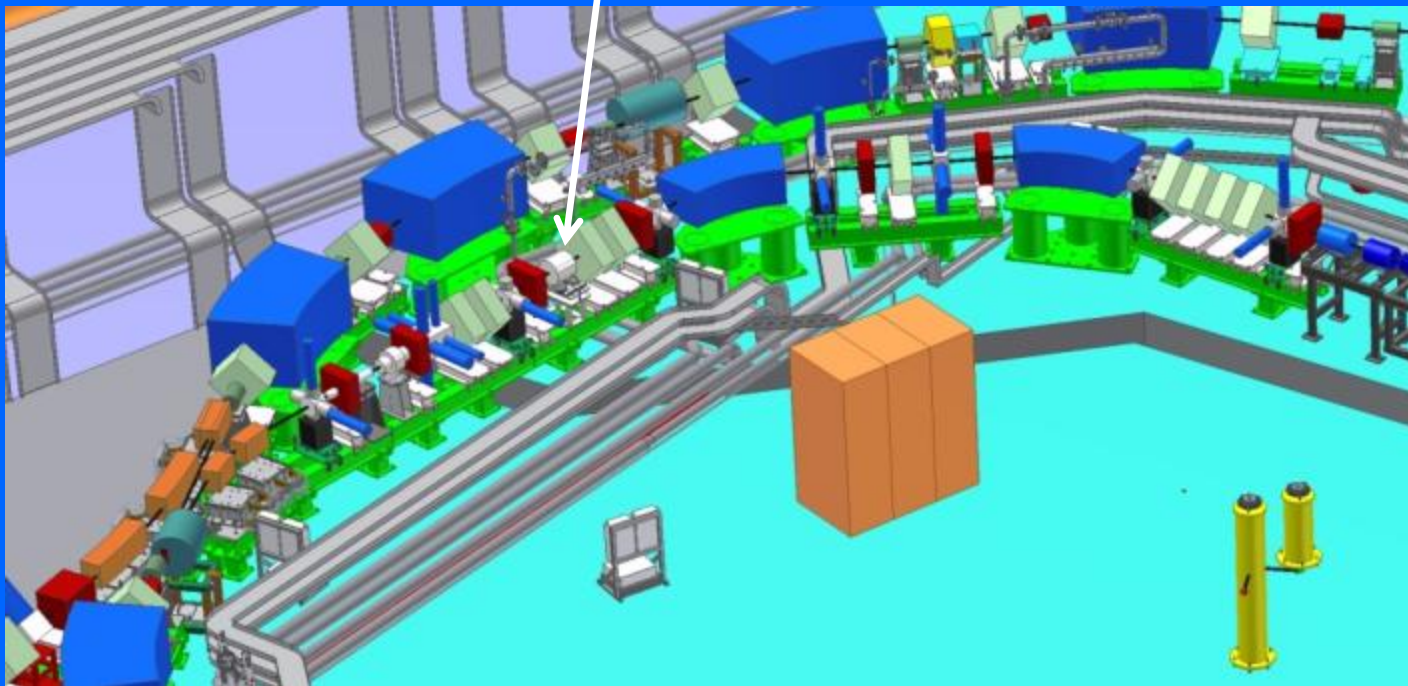


# Carbon foils



<b>Positions:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Foil material:</b>	<b>Carbon</b>
<b>Foil thickness:</b>	<b>100-200 <math>\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2</math></b>
<b>Foil diameter:</b>	<b>15 mm</b>
<b>Beam diameter:</b>	<b>5 mm</b>
<b>Position accuracy:</b>	<b><math>\pm 0,5</math> mm</b>

Debuncher to minimize the injected beam momentum spread



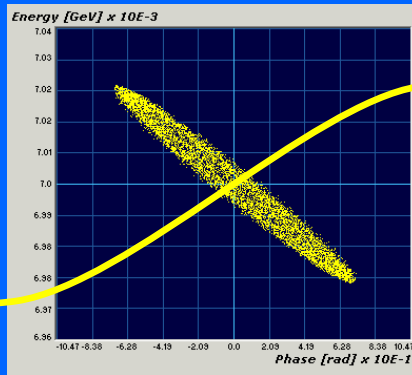
# Il Debuncher

- È un acceleratore a 2 gap che riduce la dispersione in termini di momento (da 0.2% a 0.1%)
- La frequenza di risonanza è tunata da un RF plunger mobile montato in cima.



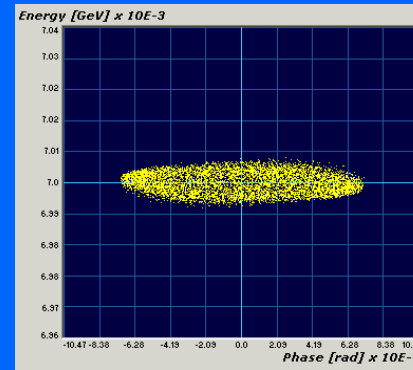


# Debuncher

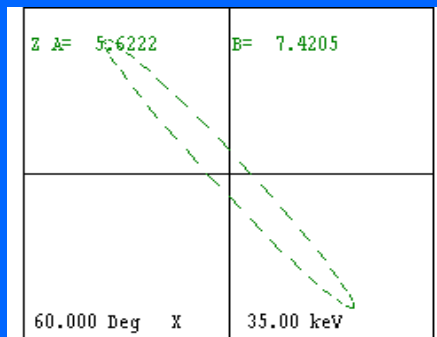


20 (40) kV/gap

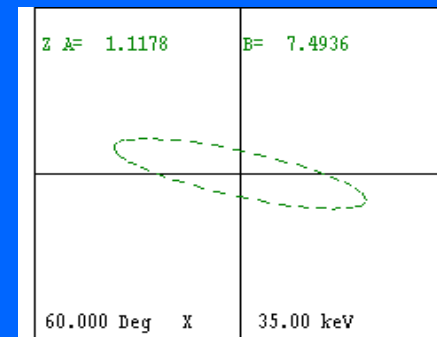
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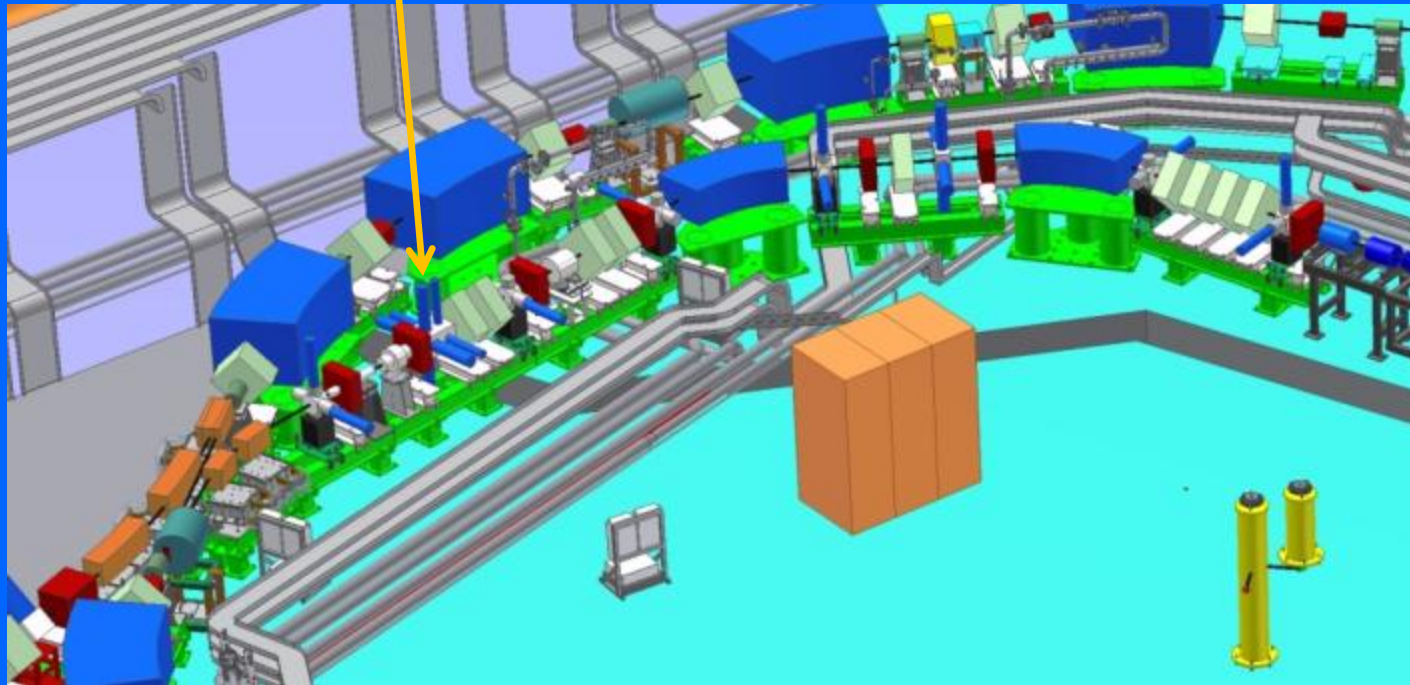
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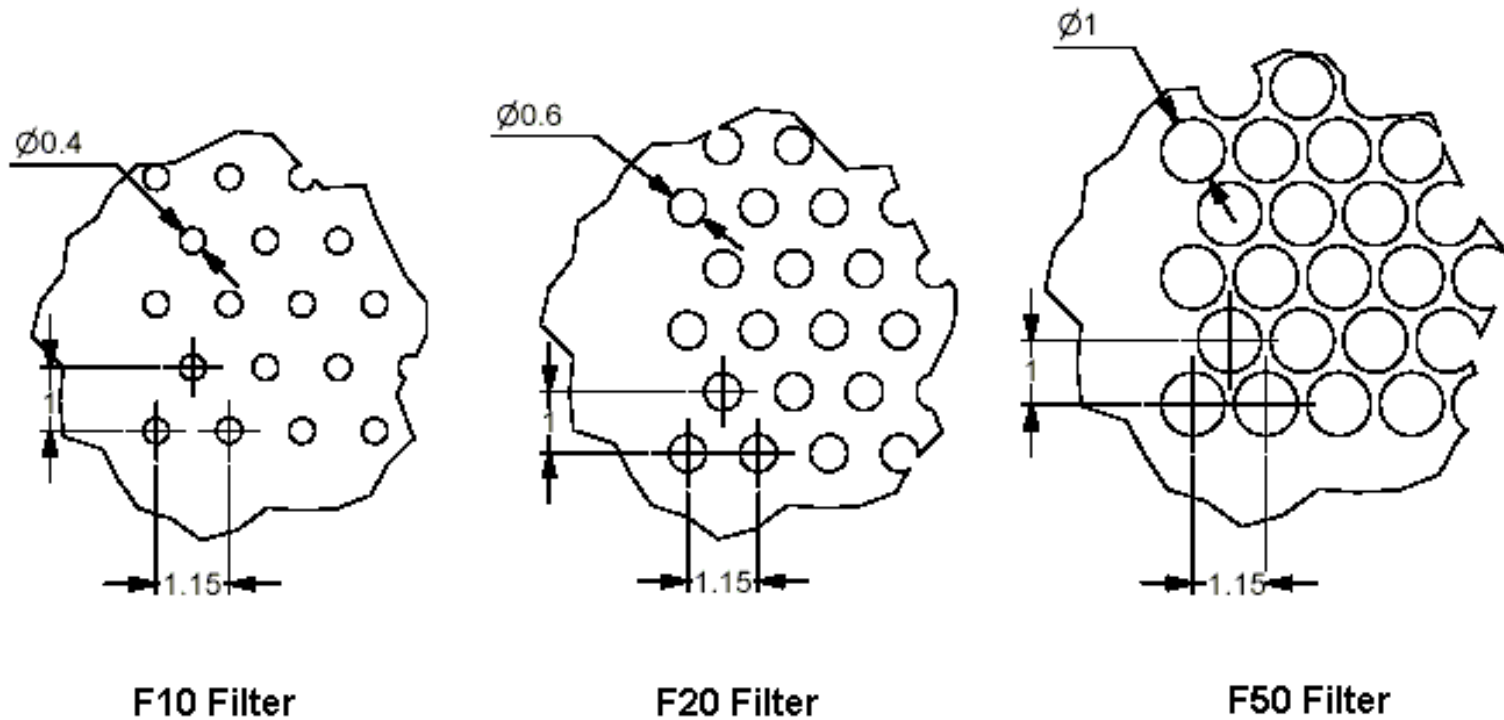
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# *Injected current selection*

Intensity degrader

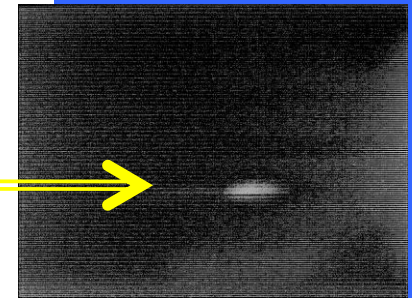
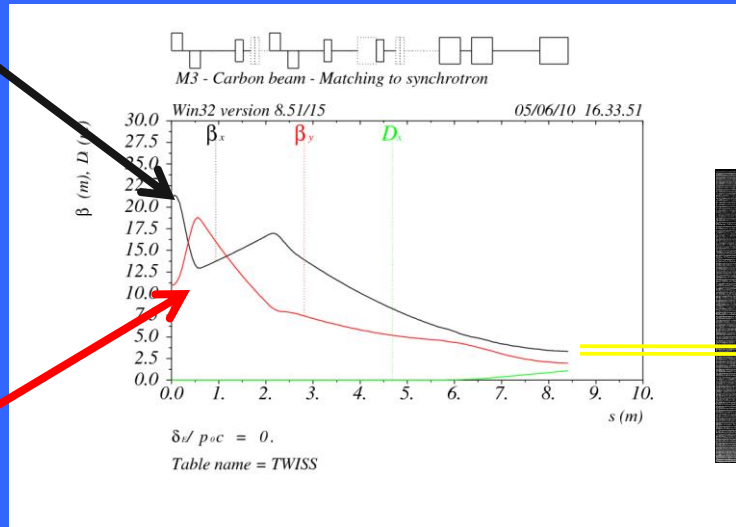
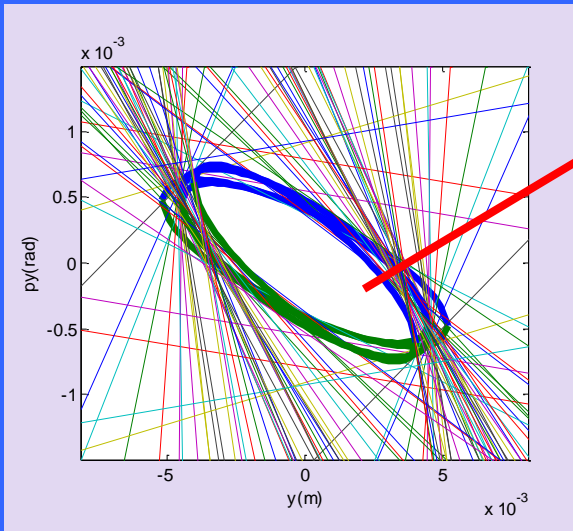
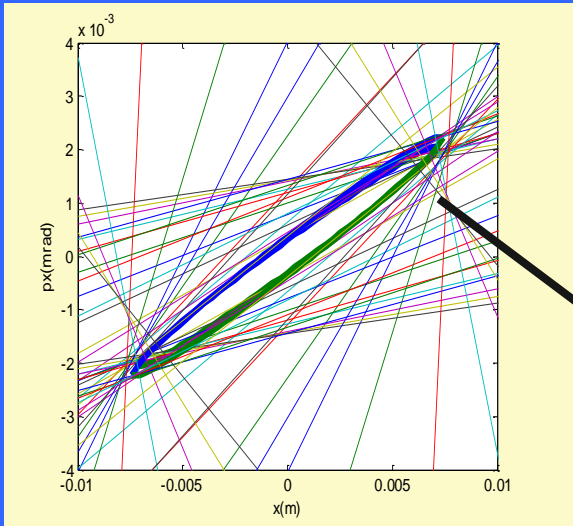


# Intensity degrader

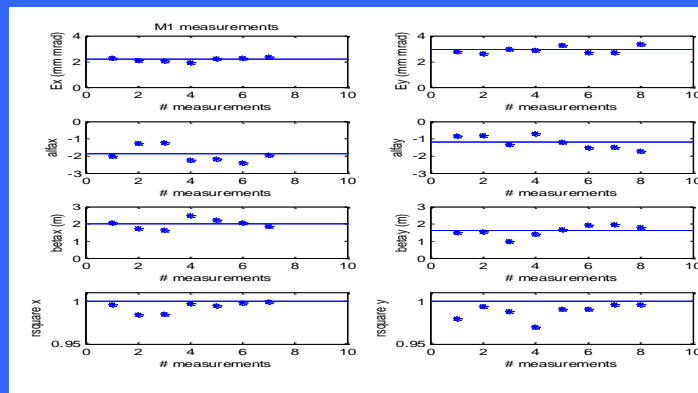


4 transmission levels: 100%, 50%, 20%, 10%  
Keep overall emittance unchanged

# Emittance measurements with Quad Scans used for beam optimisation at injection



TVScreen in synchrotron



Different quad sets

**Carbon beam**  
**> 90 % transmission in MEBT**



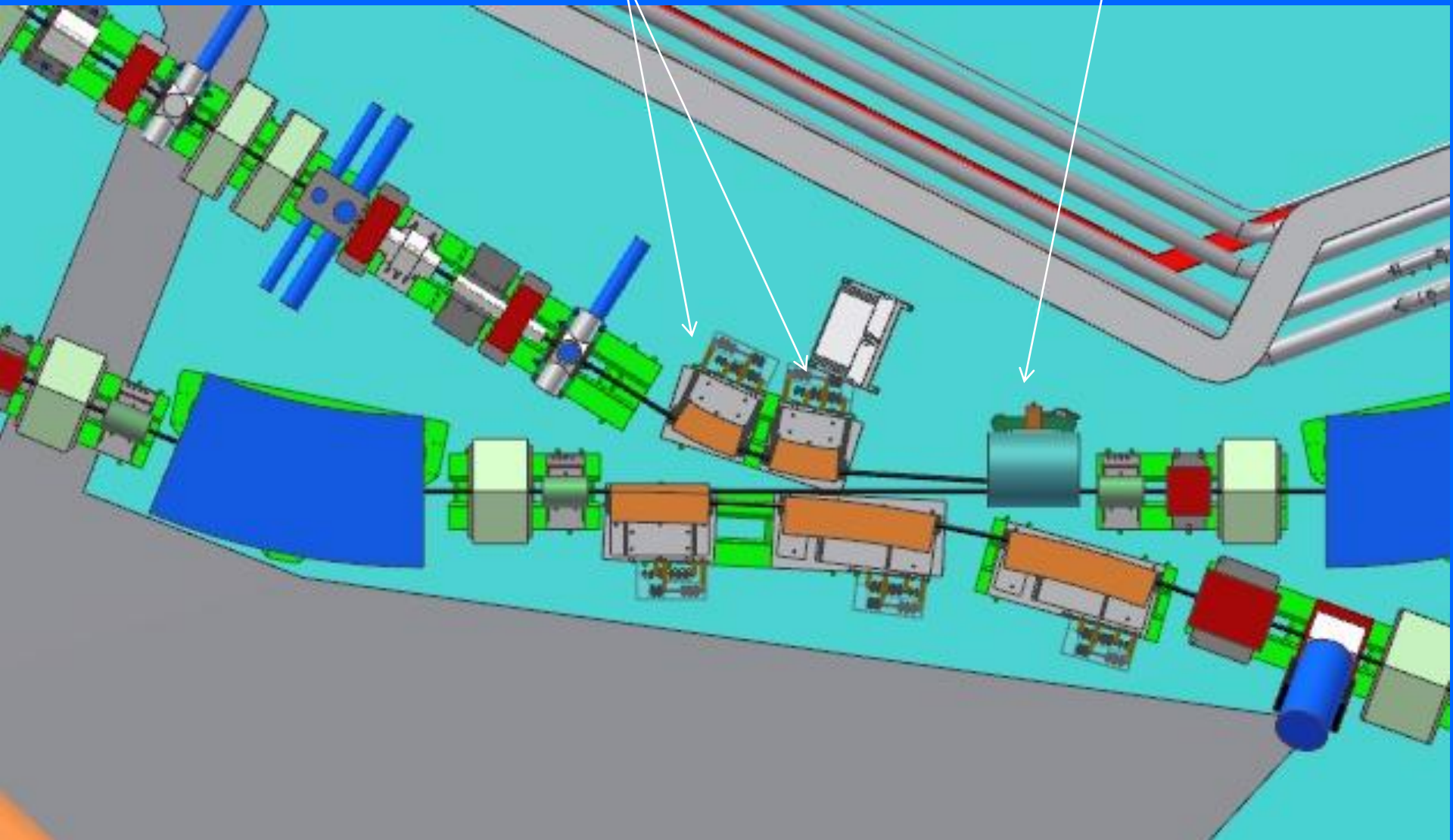
***Viaggio  
alla scoperta  
del CNAO***

**Dalla MEBT al sincrotrone  
il processo di iniezione**

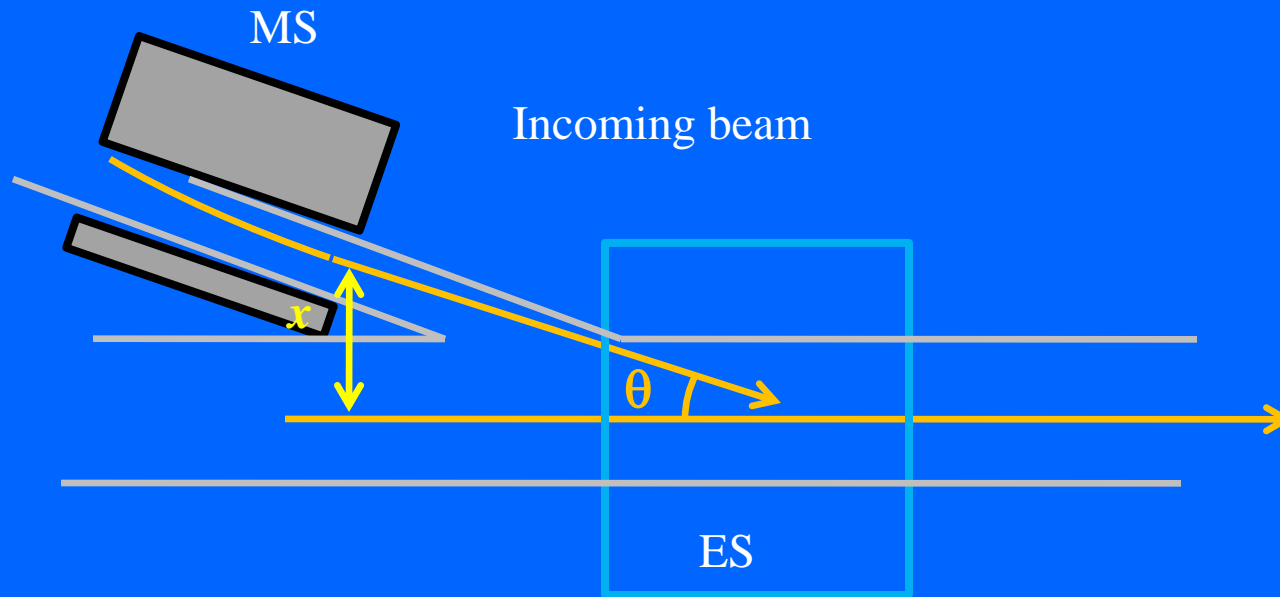
# *Injection section layout*

Setti magnetici

Setto elettrostatico



# Position and angles



$$x = \sqrt{\beta_x} (\sqrt{\epsilon_i} + \sqrt{\epsilon_x}) + D_x \left( \left( \frac{\Delta p}{p} \right)_i + \left( \frac{\Delta p}{p} \right)_x \right) + x_{co} + x_s$$

where  $\pi\epsilon_i$  and  $\pi\epsilon_x$  are the un-normalised horizontal emittances in the injected beam line and the ring respectively,

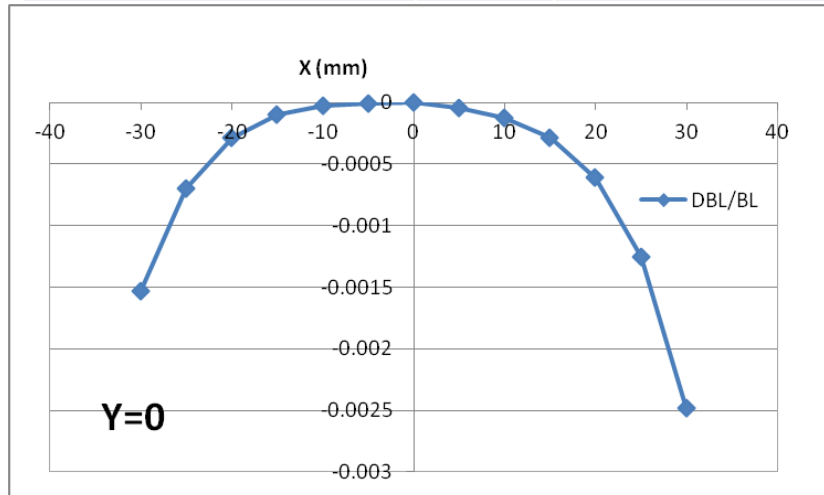
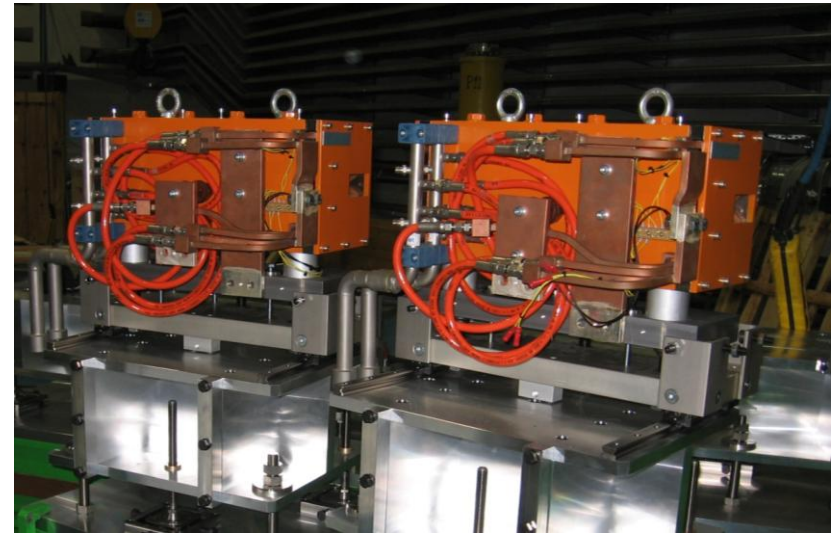
$(\Delta p / p)_i$  and  $(\Delta p / p)_x$  are the momentum spread of the beam in the injection line and the ring respectively,

$x_{co}$  is an allowance for closed-orbit deviations and clearances and

$x_s$  is the effective thickness of the septum unit.

# 2 Injection Magnetic Septum

<i>Design parameter</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Value</i>
Deflection angle	[mrad]	250
Gap aperture	[mm]	80 (hor) ; 40 (vert)
Magnetic length	[m]	0.444
Resistance	[m $\Omega$ ]	0.72
Inductance	[ $\mu$ H]	21.3
Cooling		Water
Nominal Current	[A]	3416
Nominal field	[T]	0.429
Good field region	[mm]	71 (hor); 40 (vert)
Field Quality	$\Delta$ BL/BL	$\pm 1 \cdot 10^{-2}$

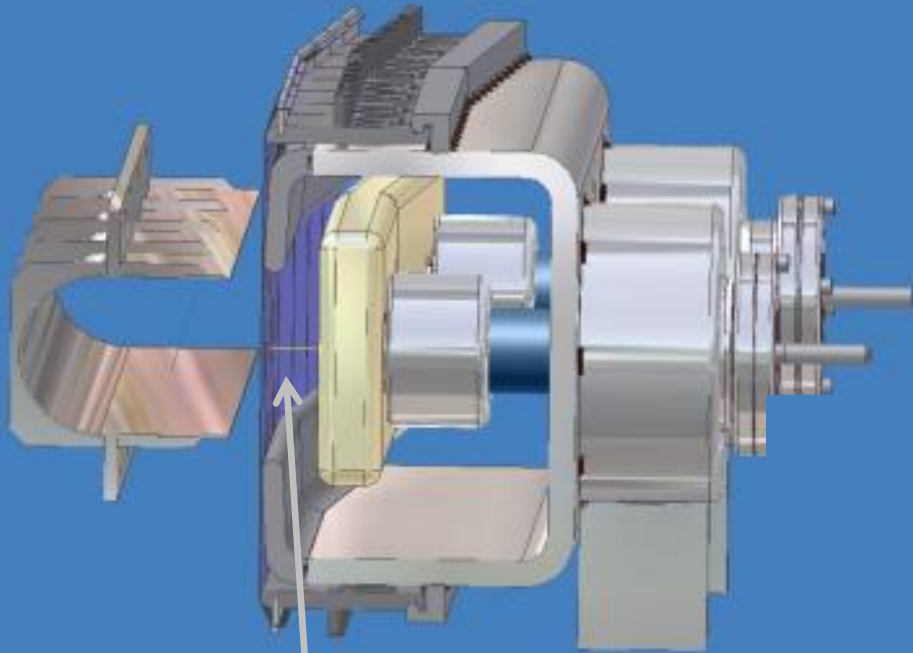


*Measured Integrated Field Homogeneity at Nominal Current*

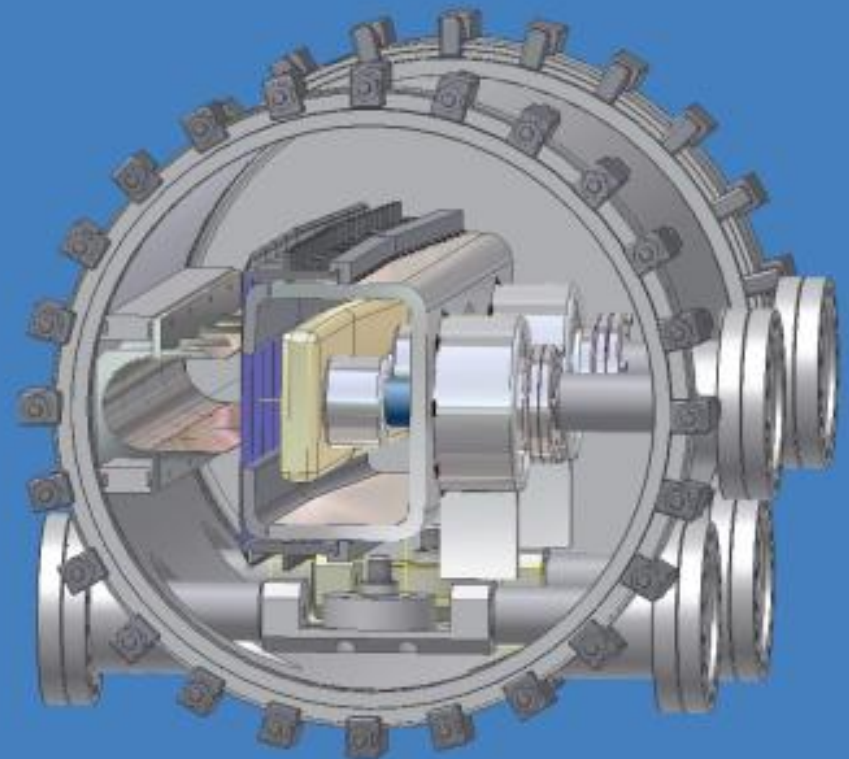


# *Electrostatic septum*

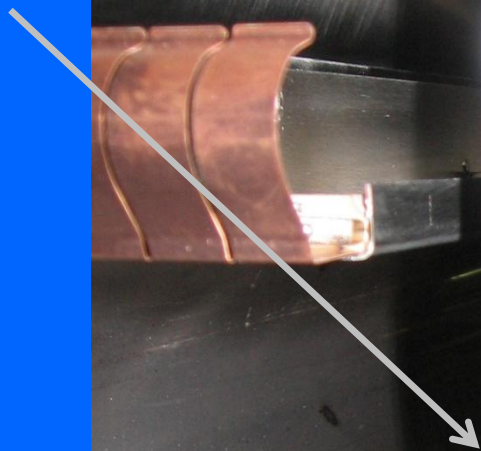
Thin, straight and aligned



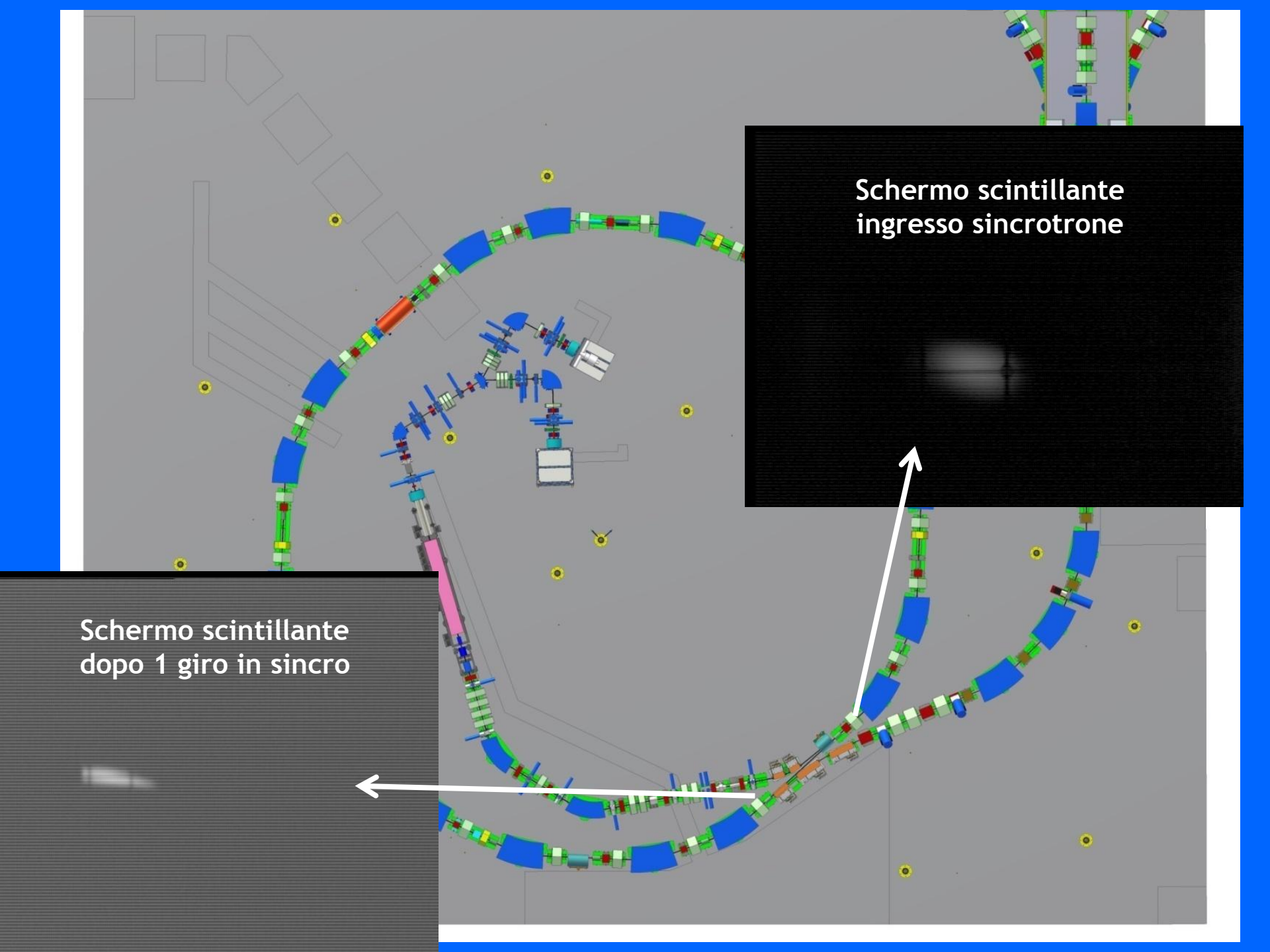
70 kV / 1.5 cm



Foglio di Molibdeno  
0.1 mm



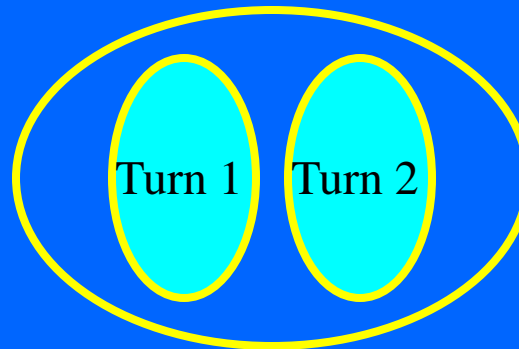
Deflessione di 60 mrad

A 3D schematic of a synchrotron ring, showing the arrangement of bending magnets (blue), insertion devices (orange and green), and various beamline components. Two inset images show scintillation screens. The top-right inset, labeled 'Schermo scintillante ingresso sincrotrone', shows a bright, diffuse spot of light. The bottom-left inset, labeled 'Schermo scintillante dopo 1 giro in sincro', shows a much more structured and elongated light pattern, indicating the beam's evolution after one full turn.

Schermo scintillante  
ingresso sincrotrone

Schermo scintillante  
dopo 1 giro in sincro

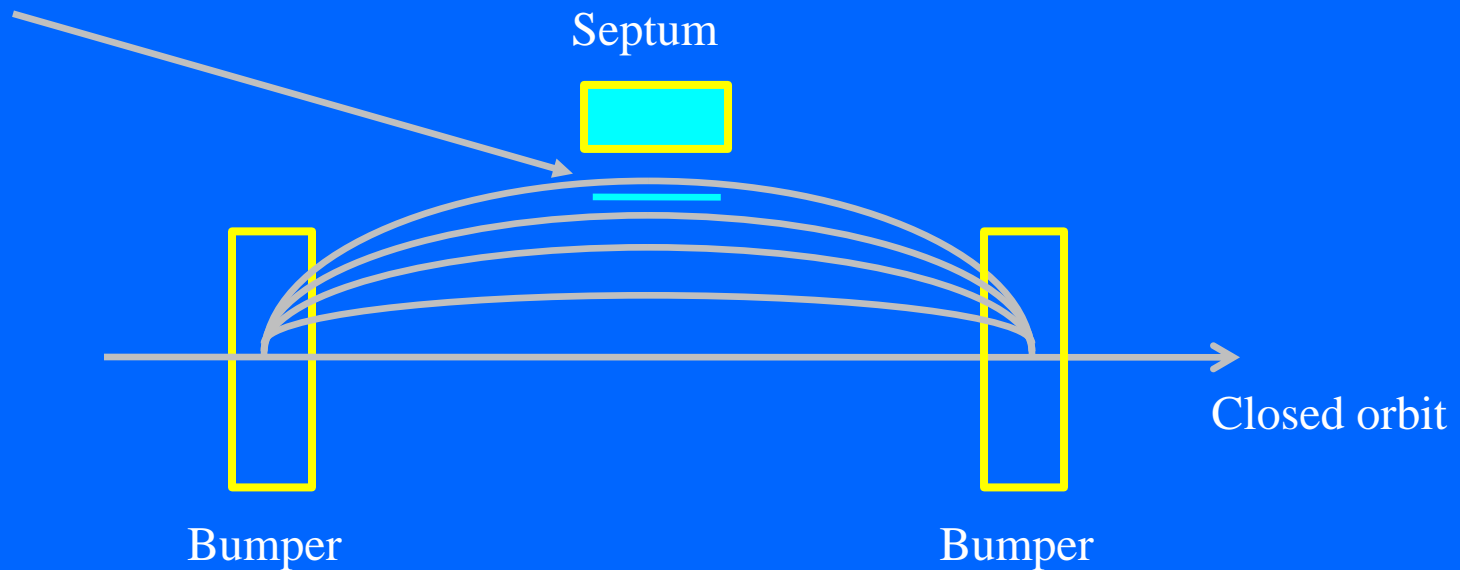
- Sometimes the current is not enough... Then we want to insert charges for longer than one turn.
- We cannot beat Liouville, but we can stack beams one next to the other (increase emittance)



# Multiturn injection

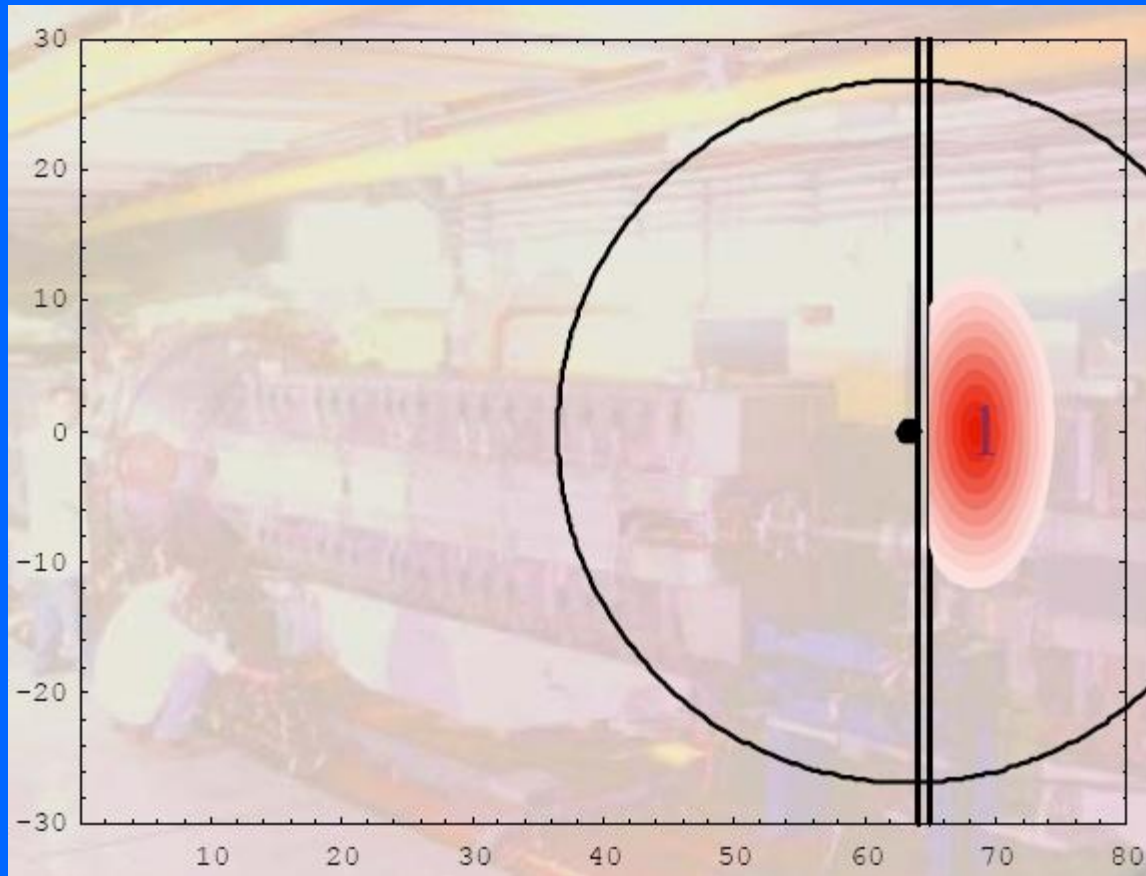
Create an orbit “bump”

Incoming beam

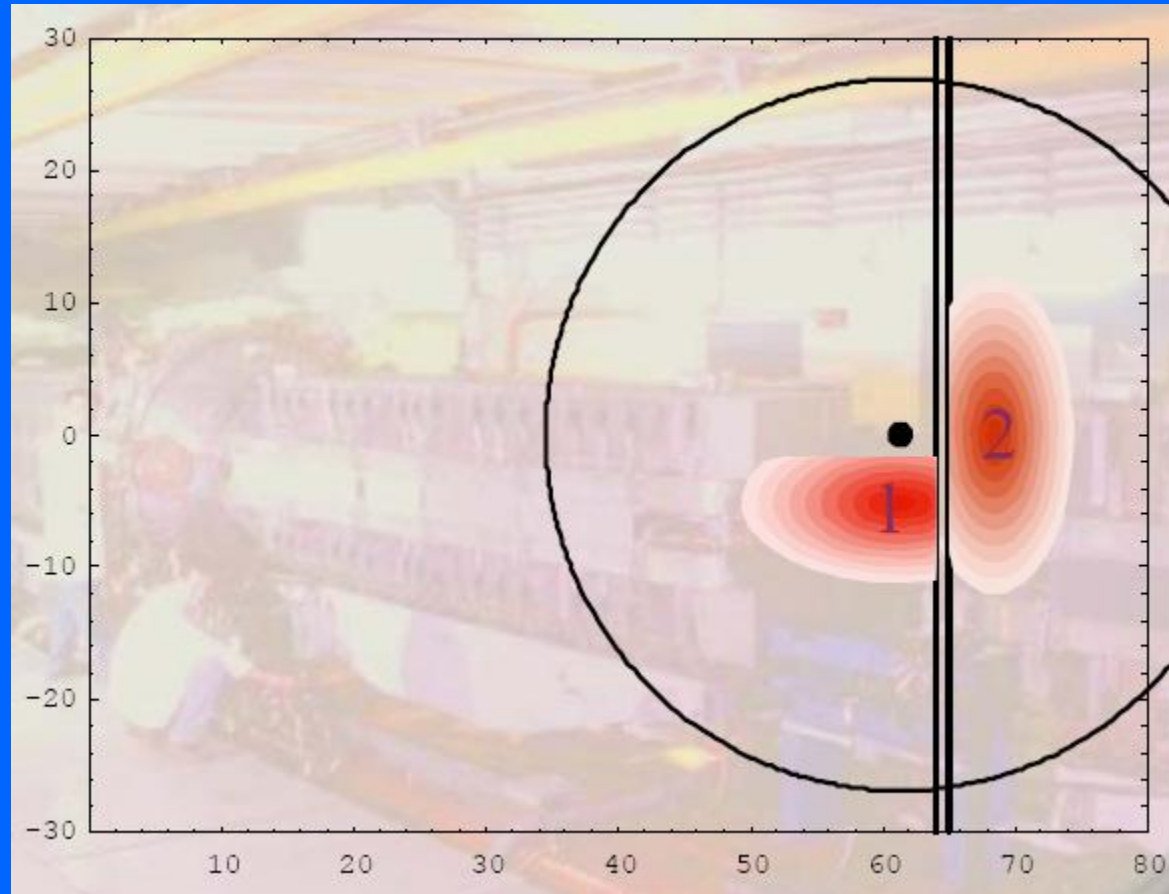


Generally there are 2, 3 or 4 bumpers.  
The bump collapses in tens of turns

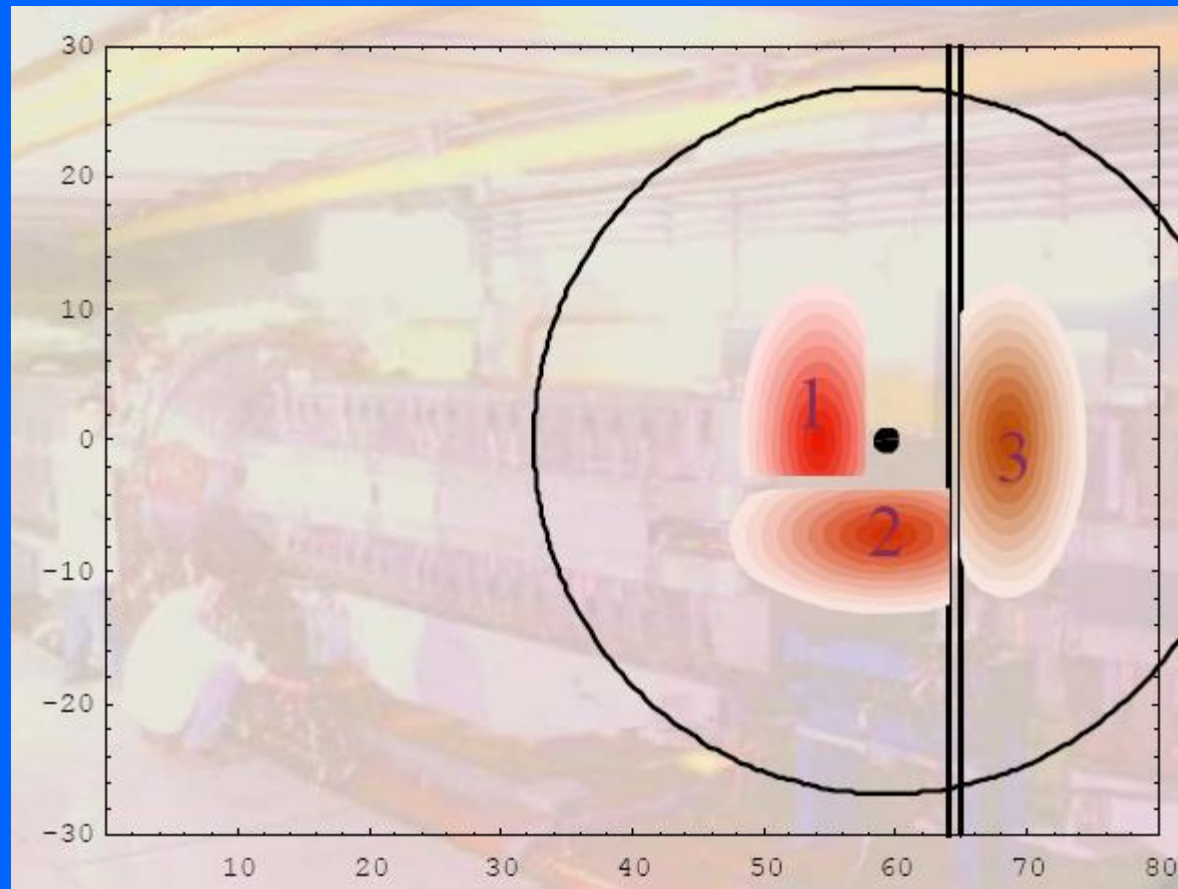
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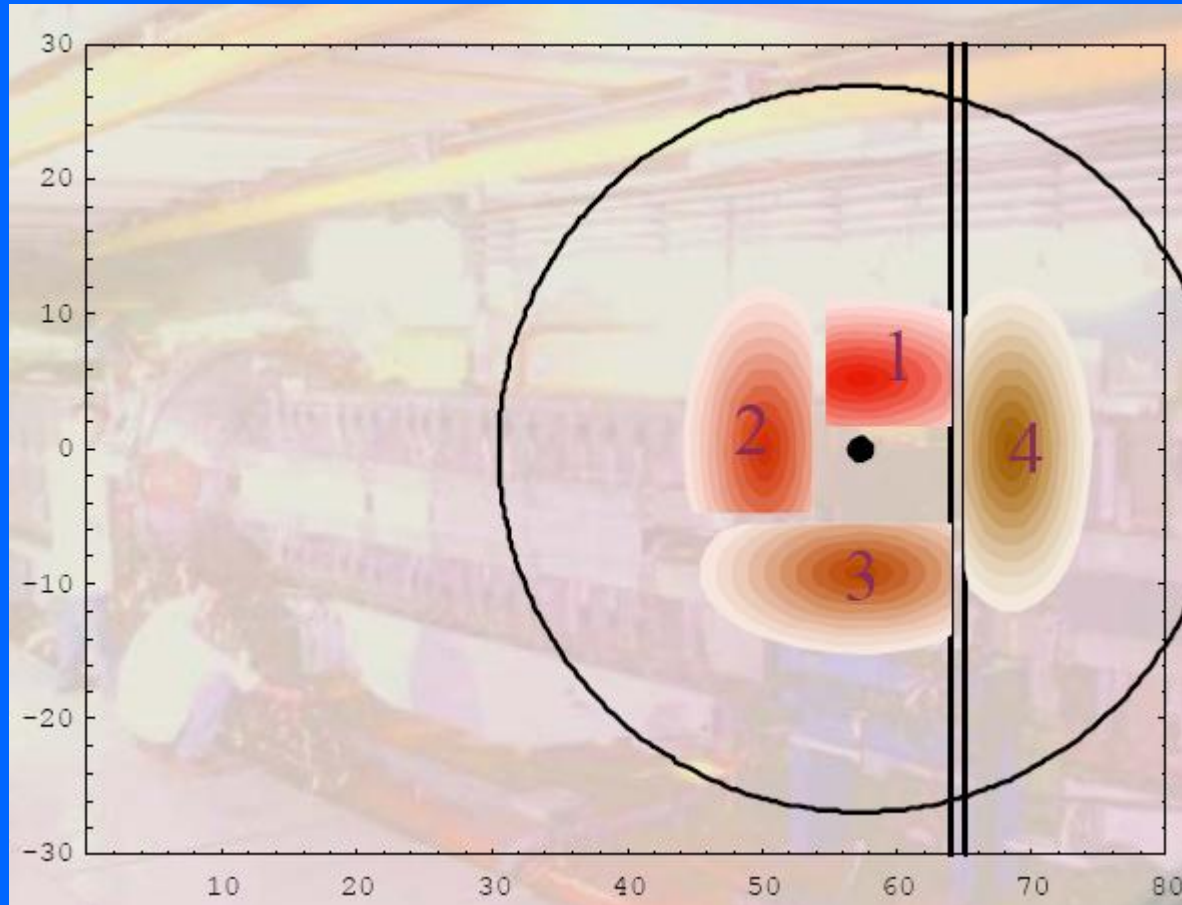


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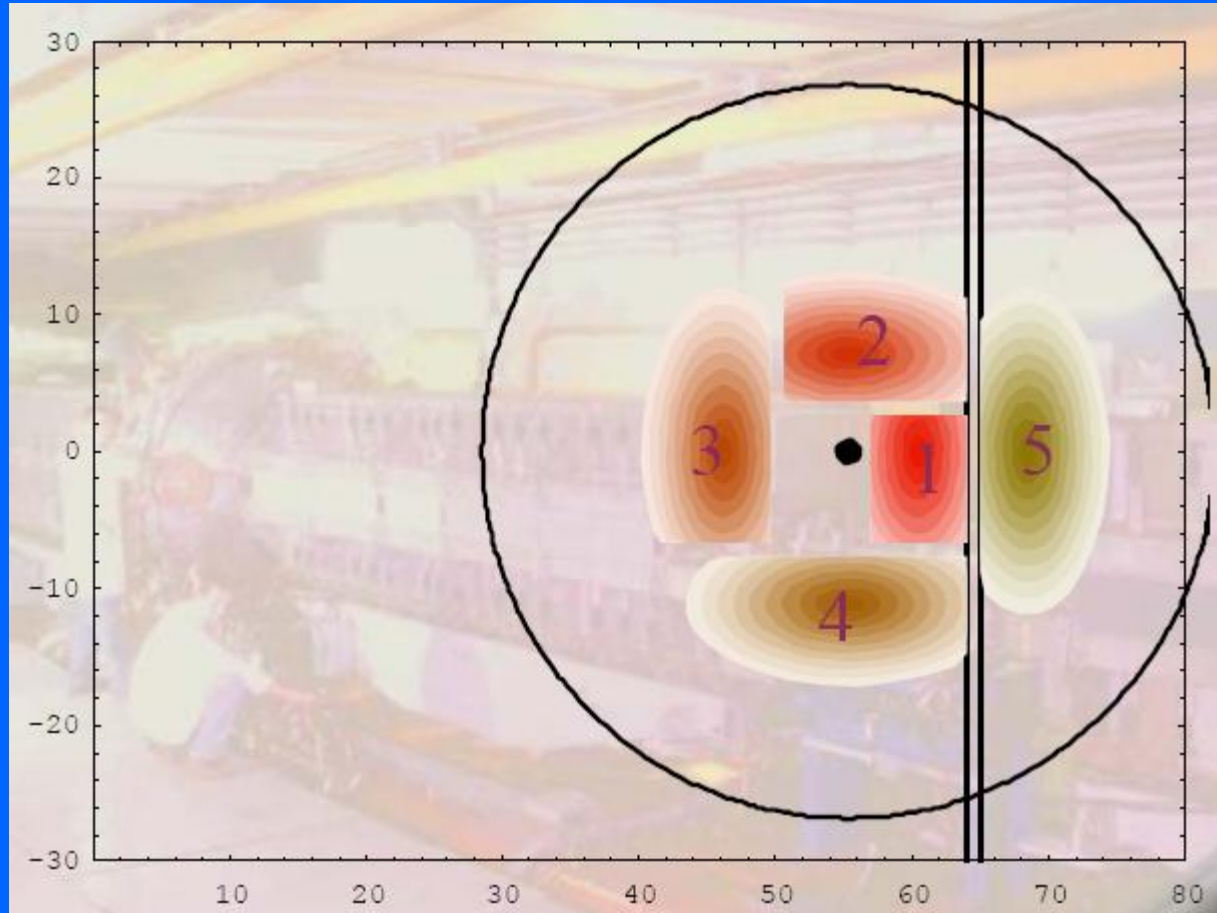




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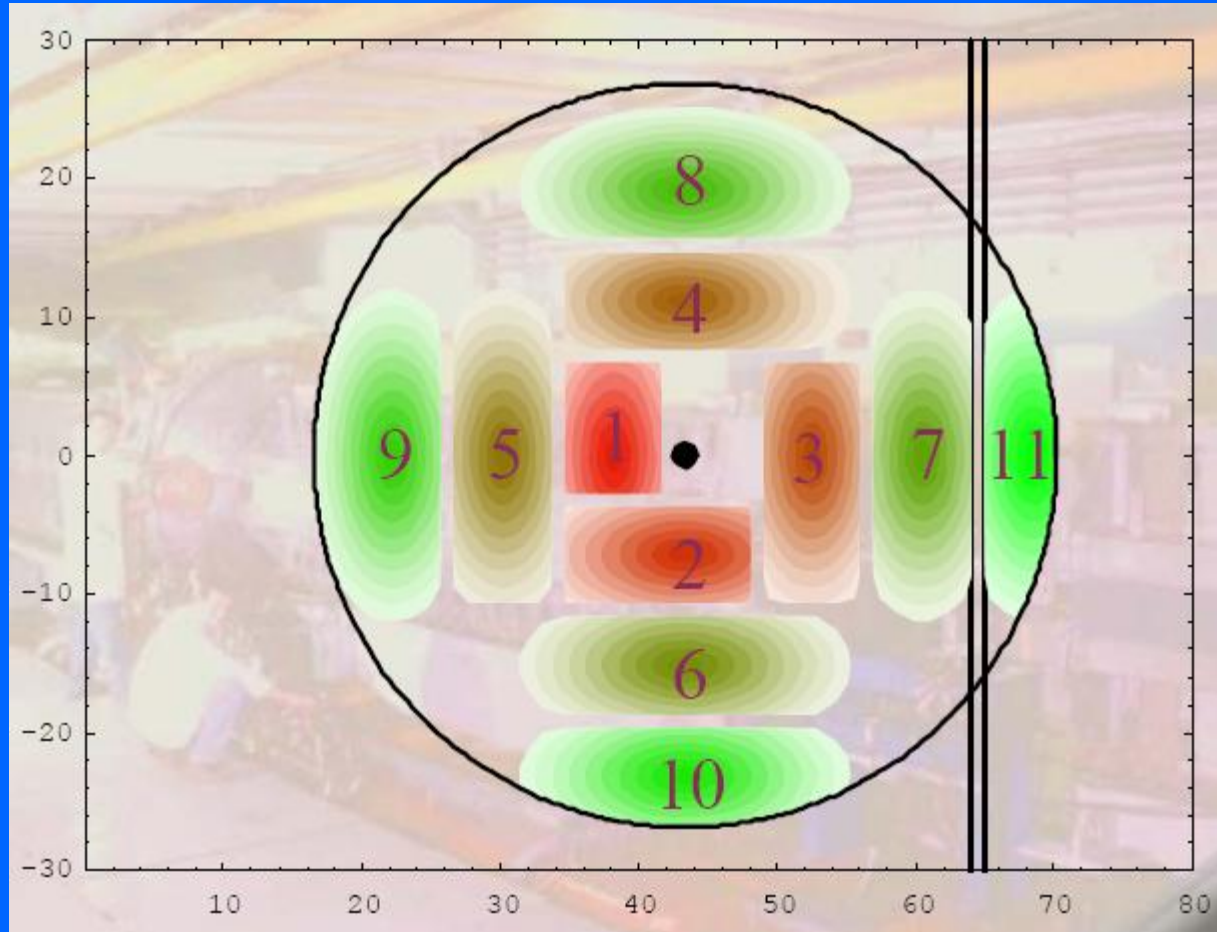


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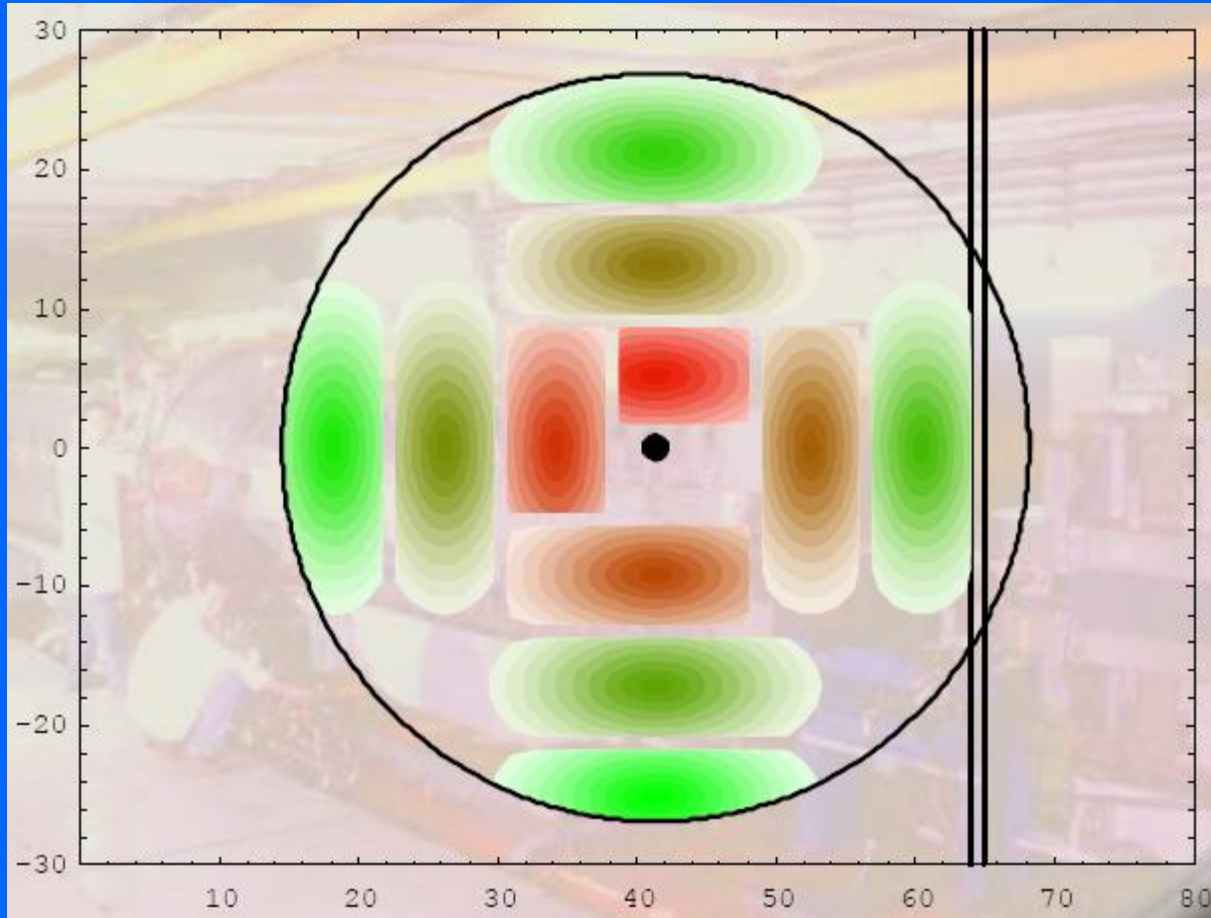




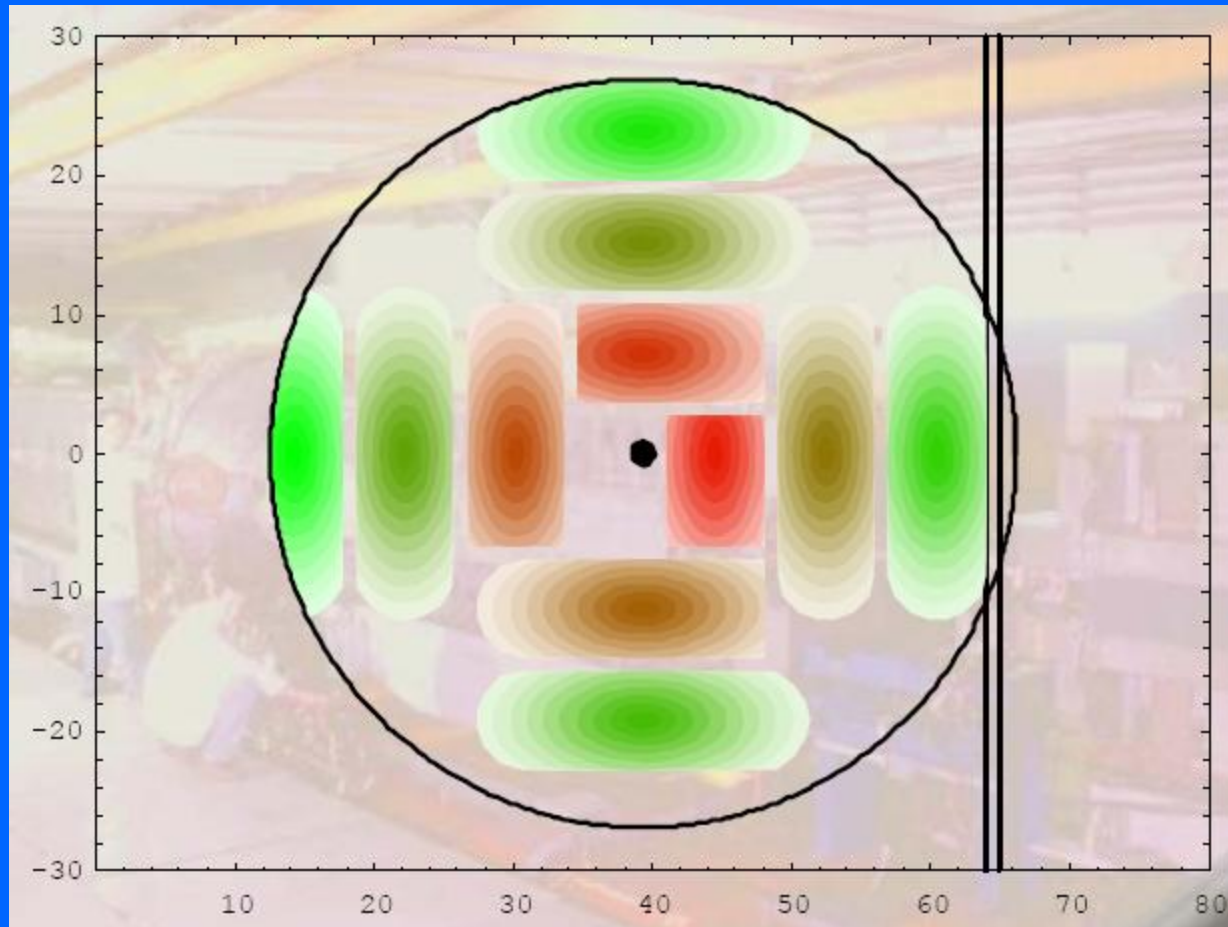
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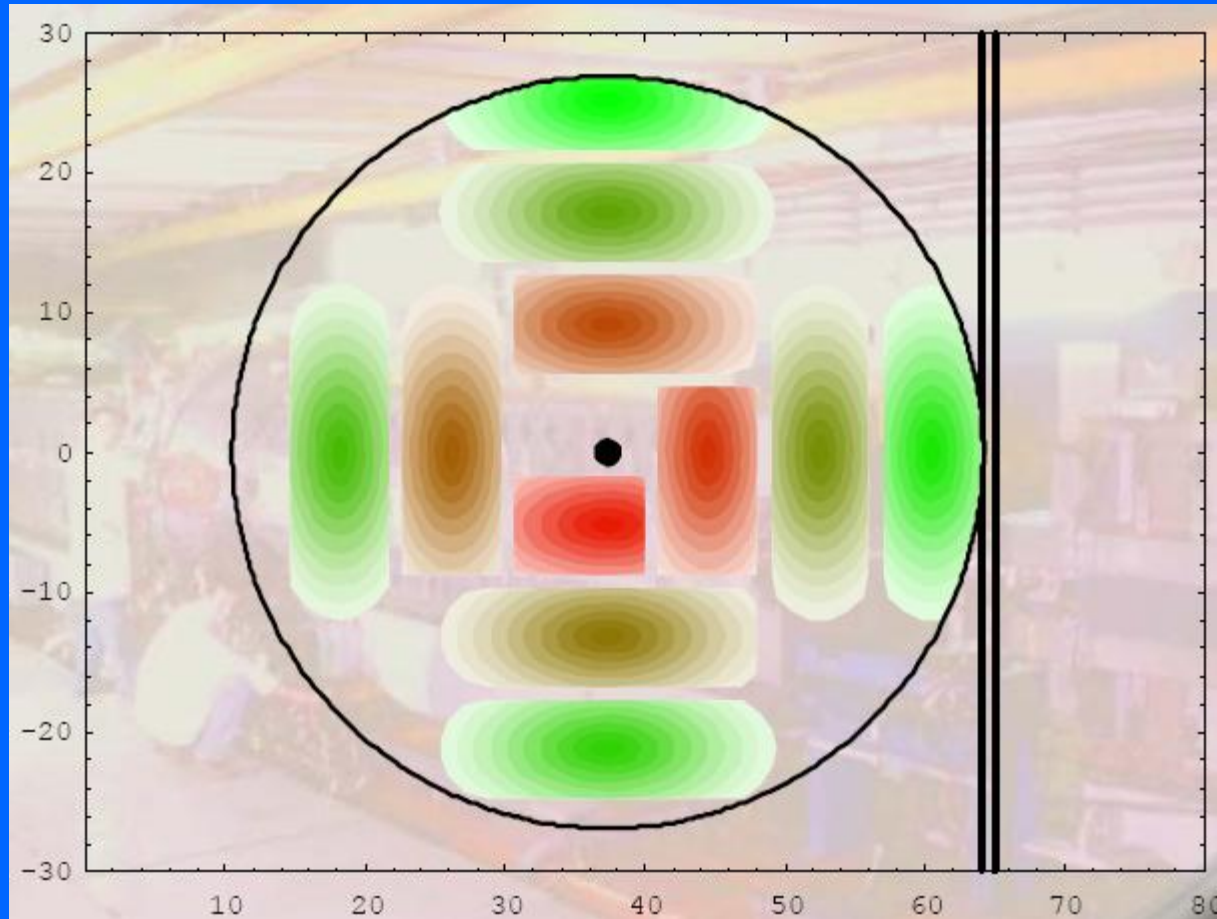
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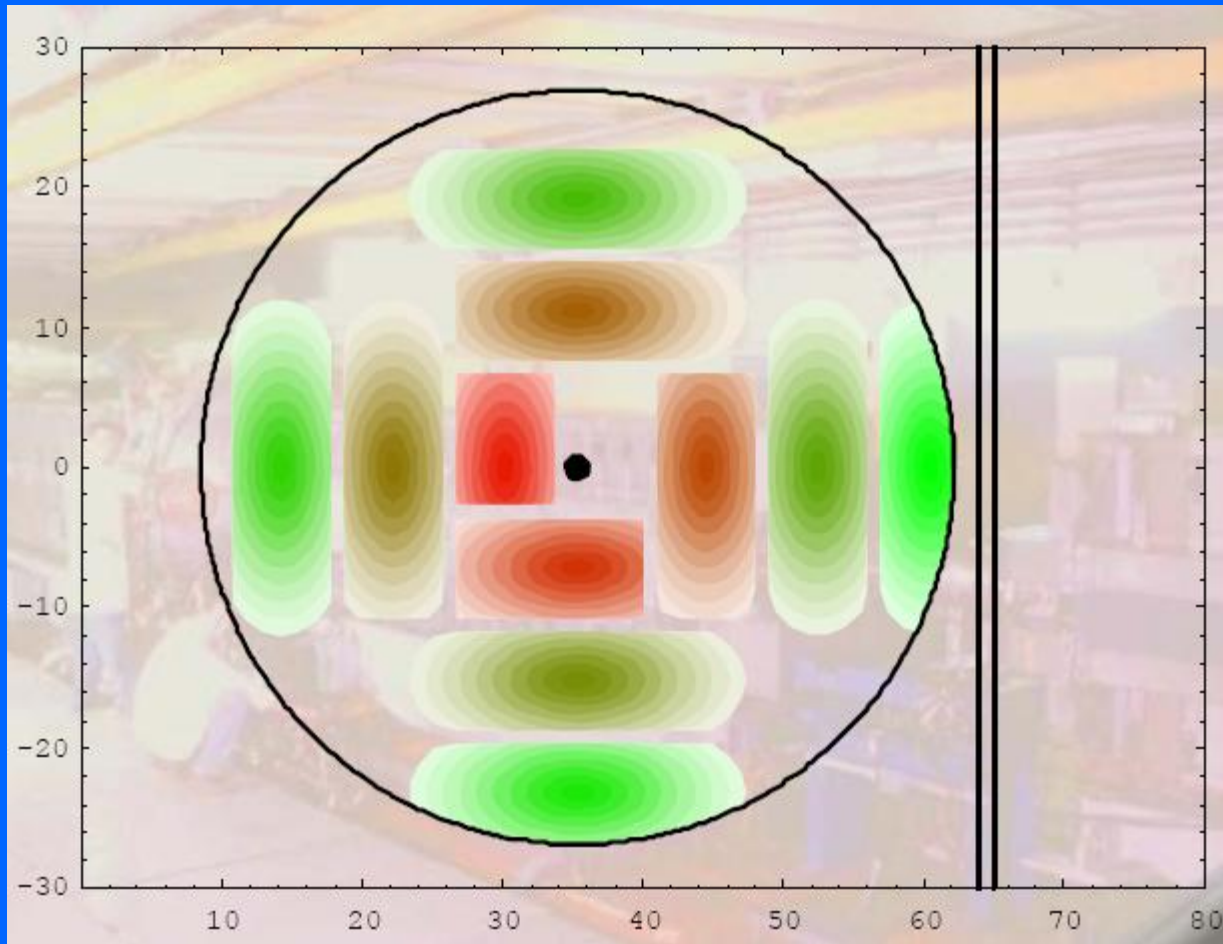
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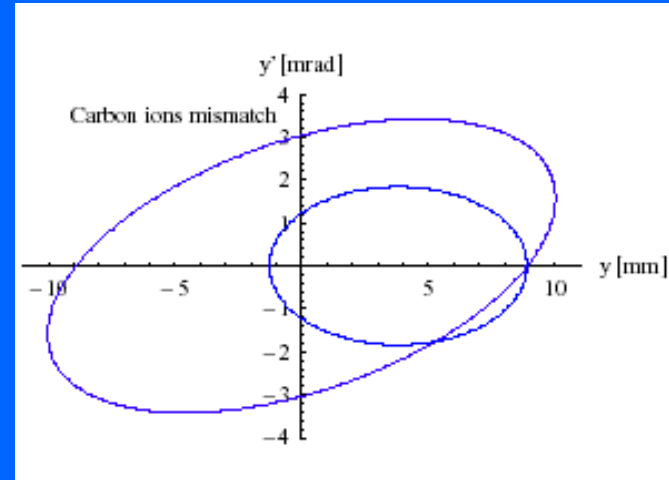


# Injection

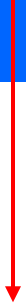
Protons = 1.9 ( $E_x/E_{\text{linac}}=2.3$ )

Carbon = 2.6 ( $E_x/E_{\text{linac}}=3.2$ )

~30  $\mu\text{s}$  bump duration



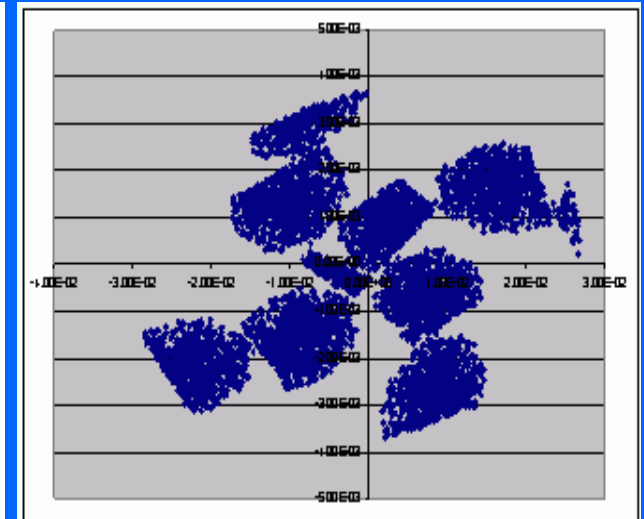
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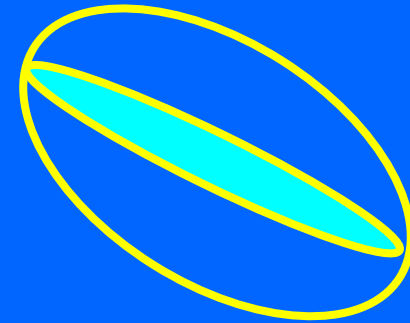
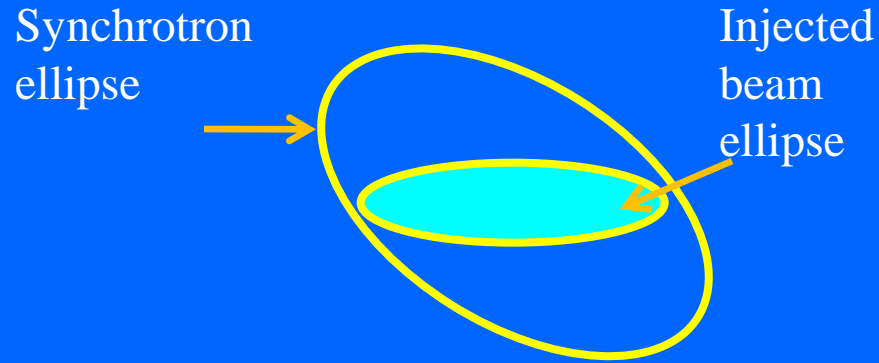
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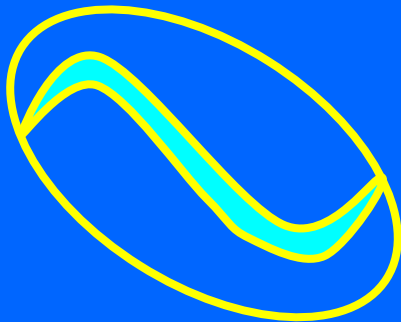
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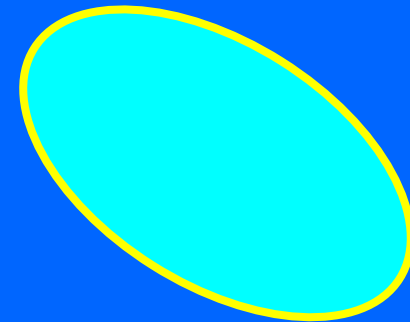
# Beam matching at injection



Initially just rotate  
(emittance is conserved)

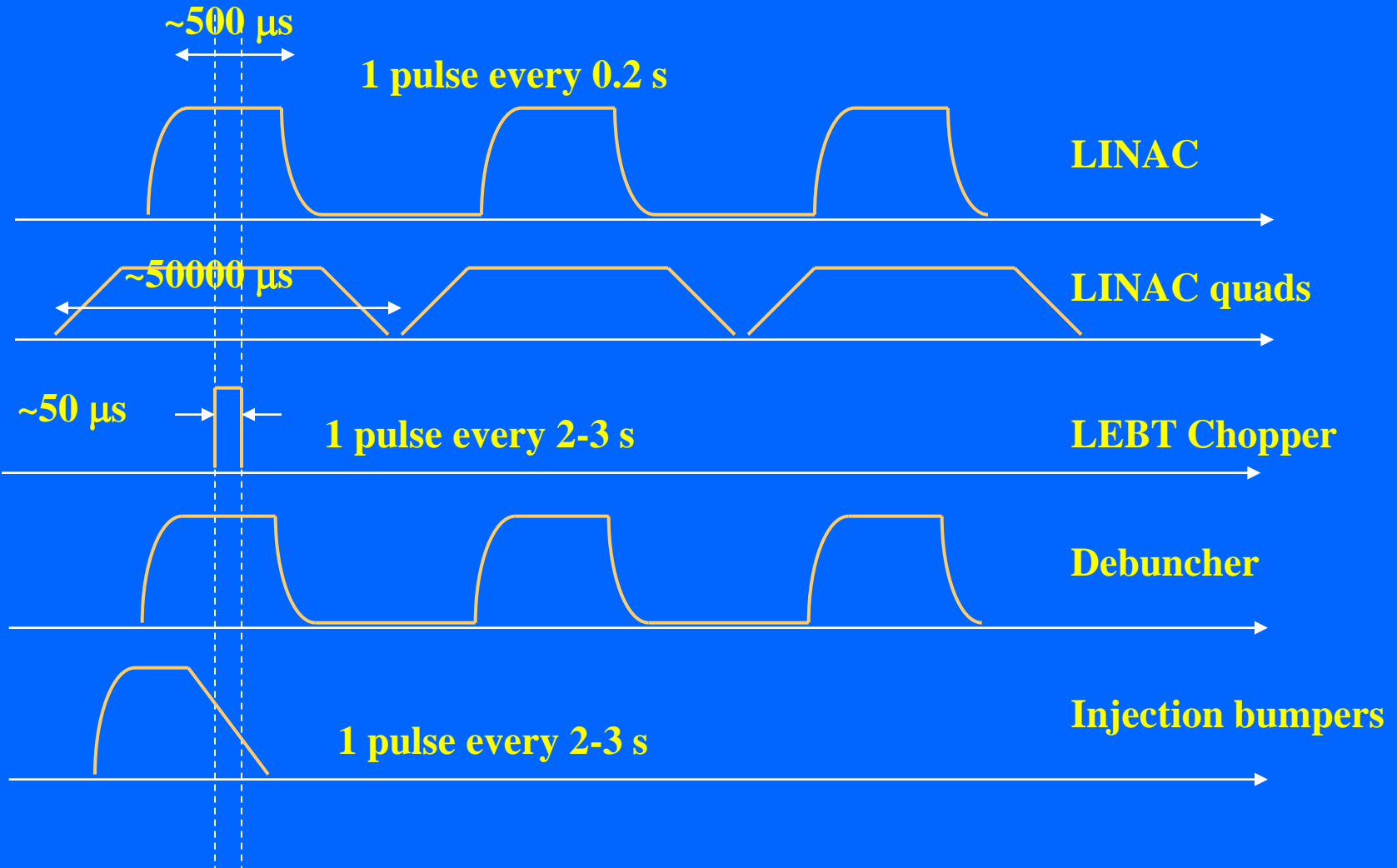


Nonlinearities distort beam ellipse.  
Area is conserved

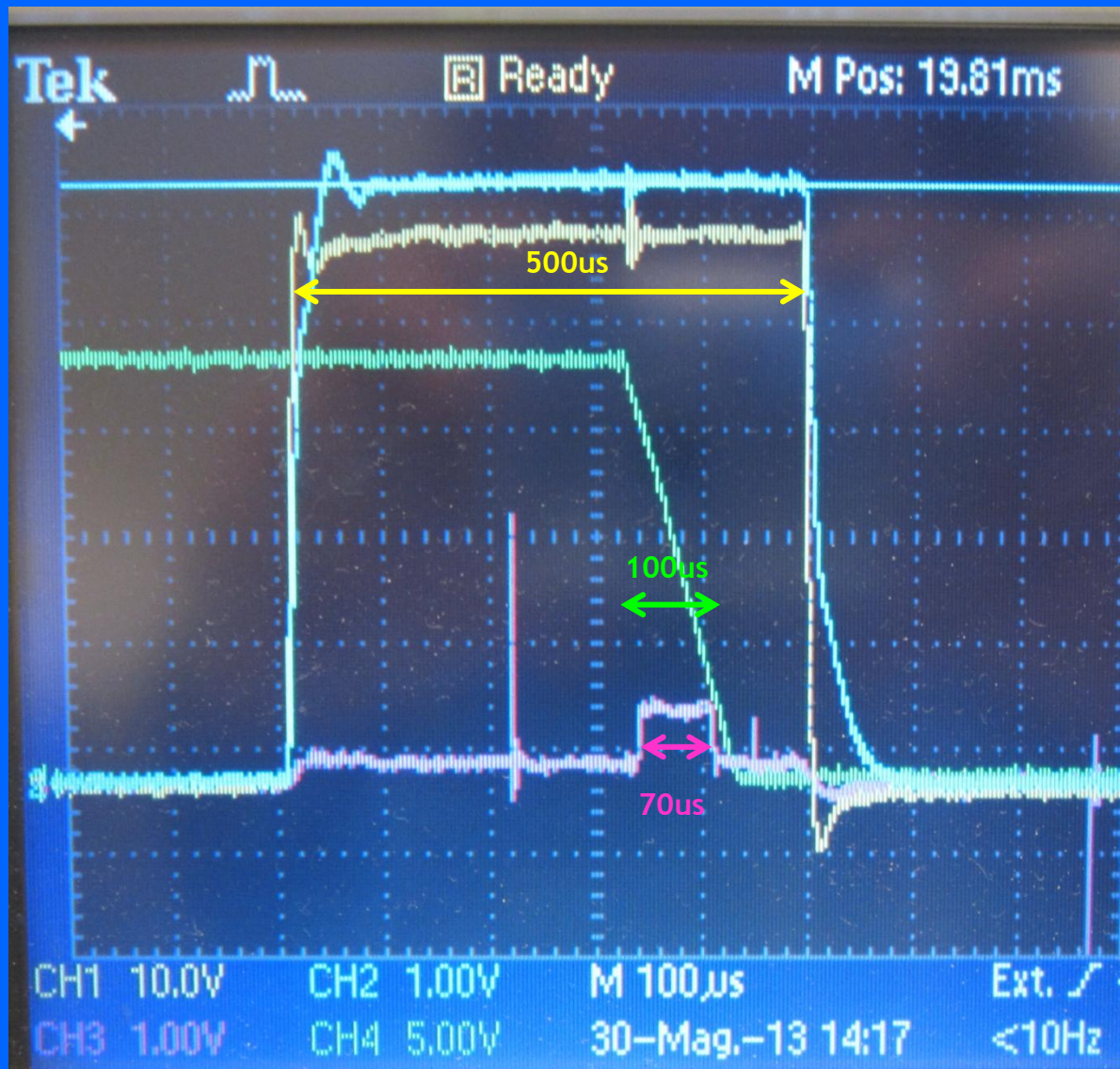


Filamentation is complete  
Emittance has increased in practice

# Injection in time



# Timing dell'iniezione

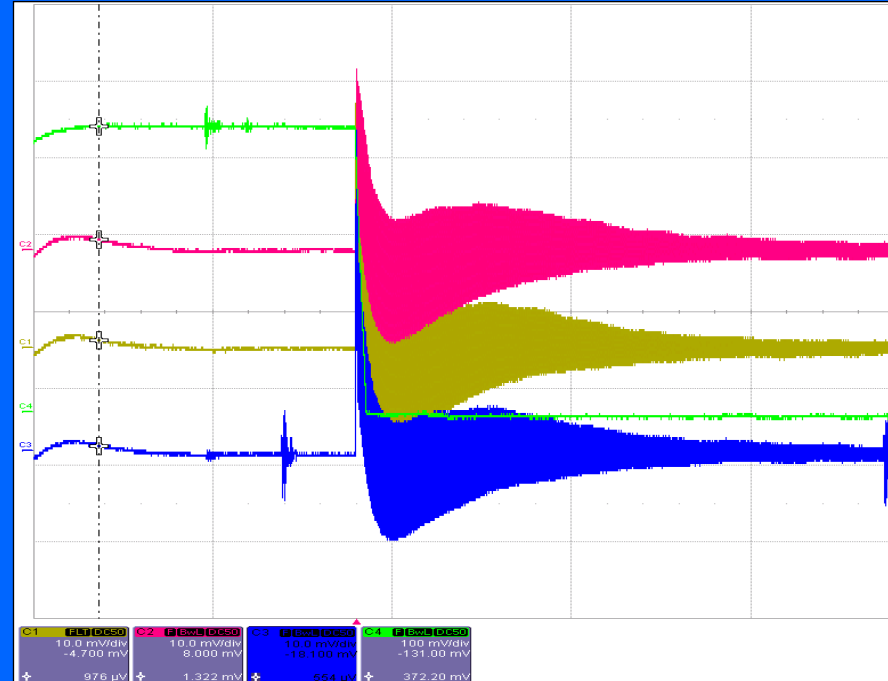
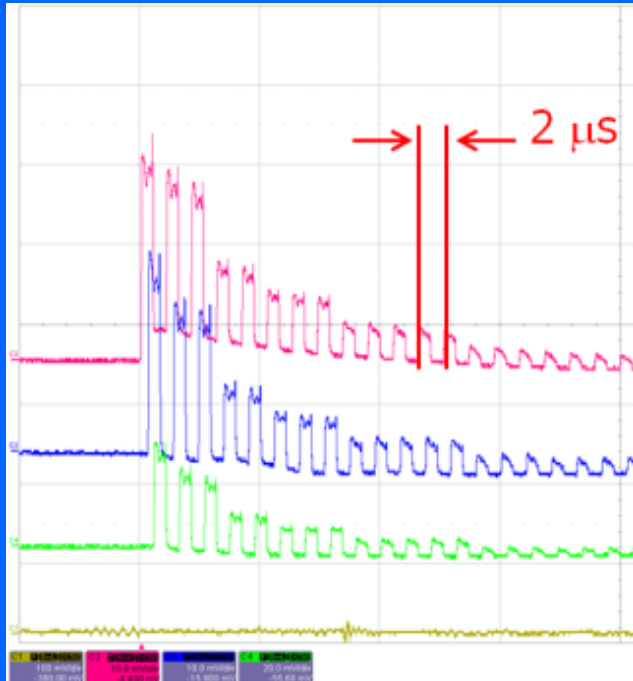


Impulso RF IH

Impulso RF RFQ

Impulso Injection  
Bumper

Impulso Chopper  
LEBT



Multiturn injection measured on three pick-ups without adiabatic trapping with  $1\mu\text{s}$  beam (left) and  $30\mu\text{s}$  beam.

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