

# Outline: Cyclotron

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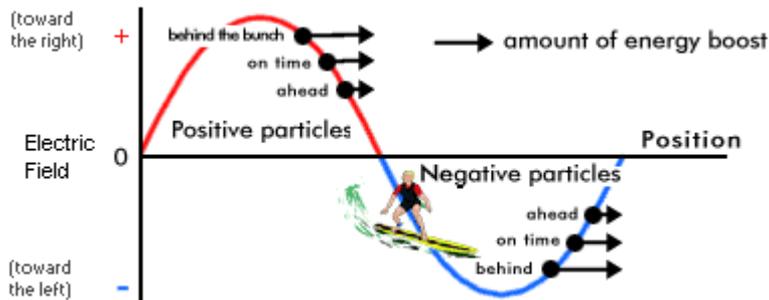


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# Radio-frequency (RF) accelerators



- ❖ Key idea: using rapidly changing high frequency voltages instead of electrostatic voltages avoids corona formation and discharge  
→ much higher accelerating voltages possible
- ❖ But: particles must have the correct phase relation to the accelerating voltage
- ❖ But: need high power RF sources!



# Cyclotron (1930)

- A charged particle in a uniform magnetic field will follow a circular path of radius

$$\rho = \frac{p}{q \cdot B} \approx \frac{m \cdot v}{q \cdot B} \quad (v \ll c)$$

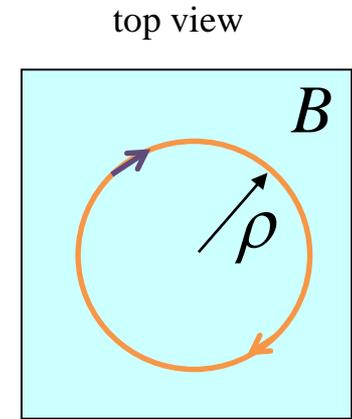
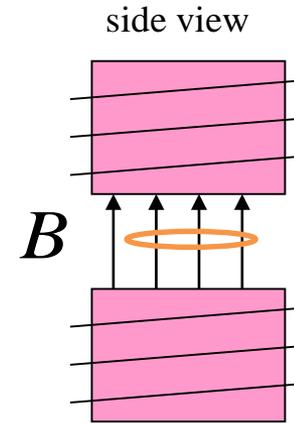
$$f = \frac{v}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \rho} = \frac{q \cdot B}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot m} \quad (\text{constant!!!})$$

$$\omega_s = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot f = \frac{q \cdot B}{m}$$

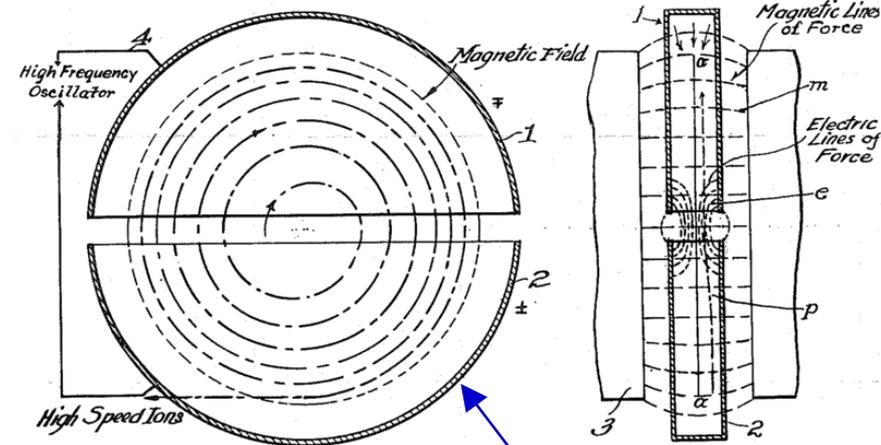
For a proton:

$$f_c = 15.2 \cdot B[T] \text{ MHz}$$

i.e. “RF” range



would not work for electrons  
“cyclotron frequency”



Accelerating “DEES”: by applying a voltage which oscillates at  $f_c$ , we can accelerator the particle a little bit each time around, allowing us to get to high energies with a relatively small voltage.

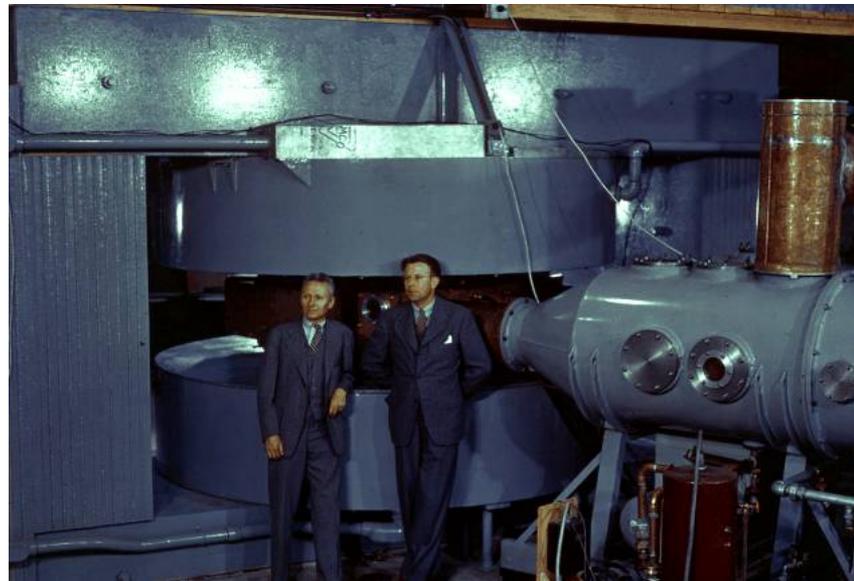
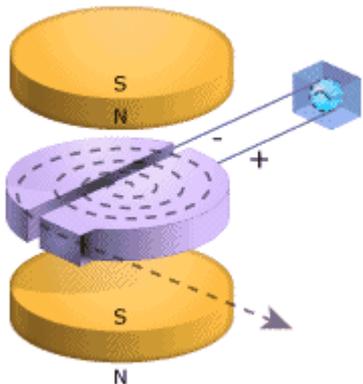
# The first Cyclotron 1930



- ❖ 1930: Lawrence proposed the cyclotron (before he developed a workable color TV screen)
- ❖ 1931: Lawrence and Livingston built first cyclotron (80 keV)
- ❖ 1932: Lawrence and Livingston used a cyclotron for 1.25 MeV protons and mentioned longitudinal (phase) focusing



Ernest O. Lawrence  
(1901-1958)



M. Stanley Livingston  
(1905-1986)

- ❖ 1935: 60" cyclotron



# Electromagnetic forces on charged particles

- ❖ Lorentz force equation gives the force in response to electric and magnetic fields:

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

- ❖ The equation of motion becomes:

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(m_o\gamma v) = q \cdot (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

- ❖ The kinetic energy of a charged particle increases by an amount equal to the work done (work-energy theorem)

$$\Delta W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = q \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} + q \int (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

$$\Delta W = q \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell} + q \int (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{v} \cdot dt = q \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

# Motion in E and B fields

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = q \cdot [\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}]$$

❖ Governed by Lorentz force:  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = q \cdot [\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}]$

$$E^2 = \vec{p}^2 c^2 + m_0^2 c^4$$

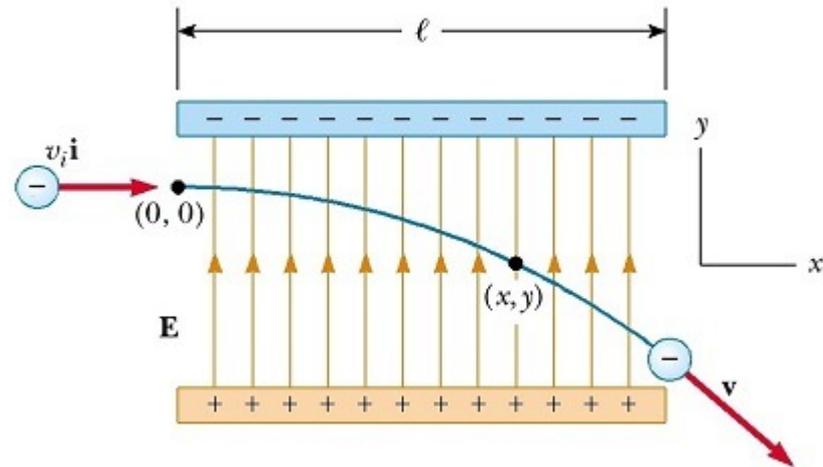
$$\Rightarrow E \frac{dE}{dt} = c^2 \vec{p} \cdot \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{c^2 \vec{p}}{E} \cdot q \cdot (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = \frac{qc^2}{E} \cdot \vec{p} \cdot \vec{E}$$

A magnetic field does not alter a particle's energy. Only an electric field can do this.

❖ Acceleration along a uniform electric field ( $B = 0$ ):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= v \cdot t \\ y &= \frac{1}{2} a \cdot t^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{eE}{m} t^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{parabolic path for } v \ll c$$





# Electromagnetic forces on charged particles

- ❖ We therefore reach the important conclusion that
  - magnetic fields cannot be used to change the kinetic energy of a particle
- ❖ We must rely on electric fields for particle acceleration
  - acceleration occurs along the direction of the electric field
  - energy gain is independent of the particle velocity
- ❖ In accelerators:
  - longitudinal electric fields (along the direction of the particle motion) are used for acceleration
  - magnetic fields are used to bend particles for guidance and focusing
  
- ❖ There are many possibilities, depending on existence and time-dependence of  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  fields. For example, if there is no magnetic field  $\vec{B} = 0$  and a time-independent electric field along the z-axis, then electrostatic accelerator. If the electric field is time-dependent, then LINAC.
- ❖ If  $\vec{E} = 0$  and  $B_\theta = B_r = 0$  and  $B_z \perp \vec{v}$  then circular motion with  $\omega_c = \dot{\theta} = \frac{q \cdot B_z}{m}$   $\omega_c =$  cyclotron frequency
- ❖ If  $\rho$  radius of curvature, then  $p = q \cdot B_z \cdot \rho$  or  $p[MeV/c] = 300[MeV/c] \cdot B_z[T] \cdot \rho[m]$



# Behavior under constant B-field

- ❖ Motion in a uniform, constant magnetic field  
Constant energy with spiraling along a uniform magnetic field

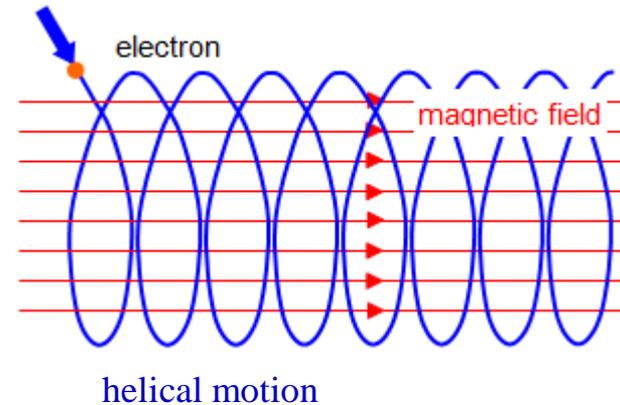
$$\frac{m_0 \cdot \gamma \cdot v^2}{\rho} = q \cdot v \cdot B \Rightarrow$$

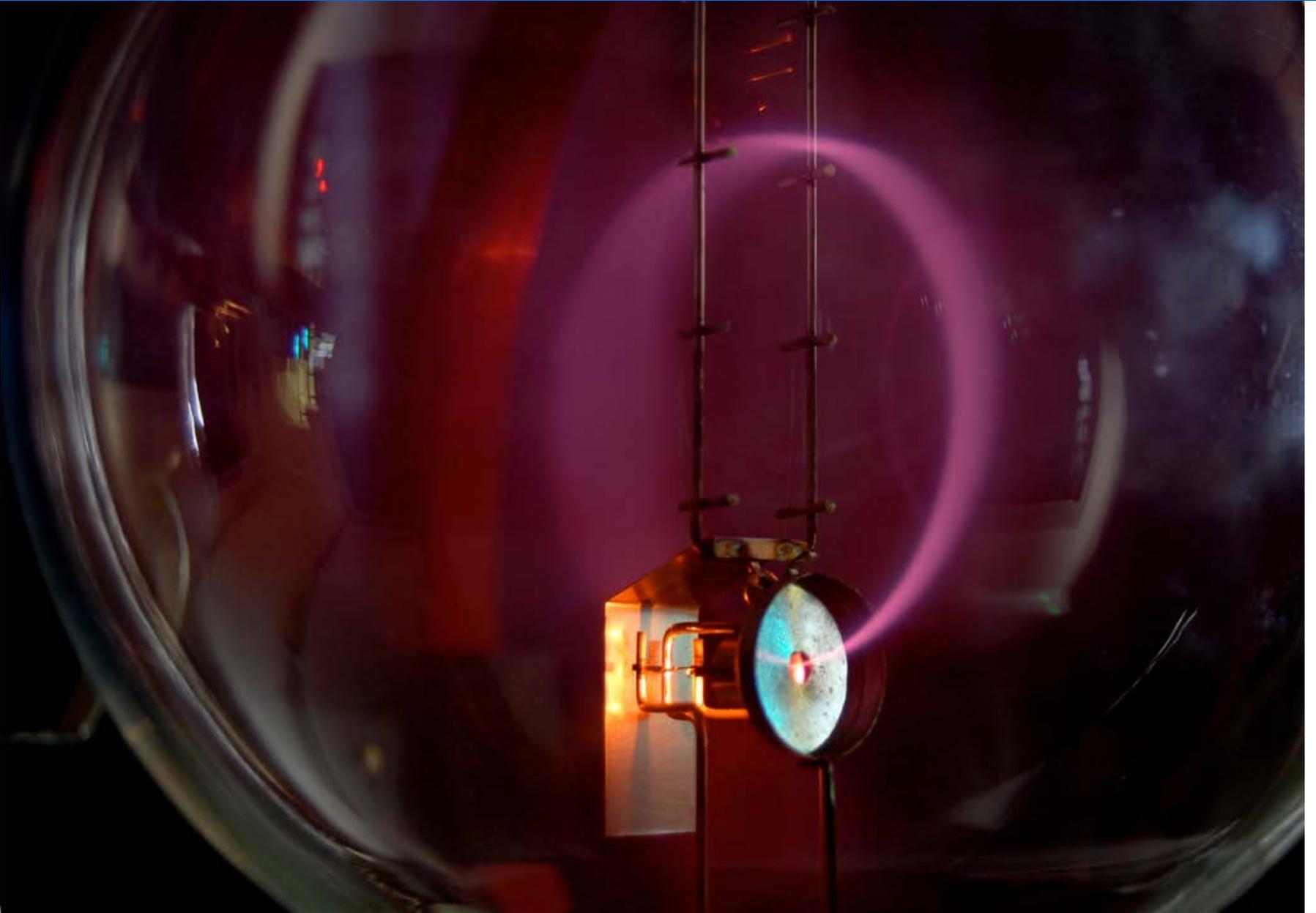
$$(a) \quad \rho = \frac{m_0 \cdot \gamma \cdot v}{q \cdot B}$$

$$\rho = \left| \frac{p}{q \cdot B} \right|$$

$$(b) \quad \omega = \frac{v}{\rho} = \frac{q \cdot B}{m_0 \cdot \gamma}$$

$$\omega = \frac{q \cdot B \cdot c^2}{E} = \frac{v}{\rho}$$





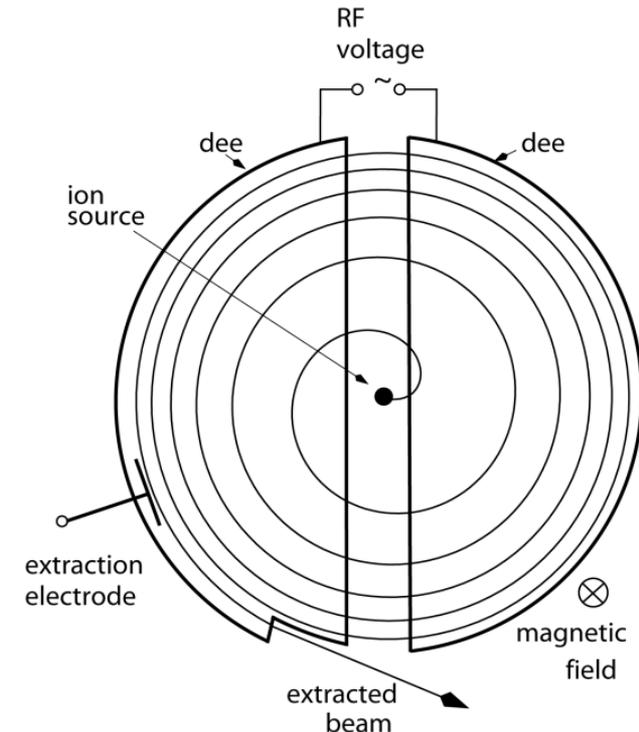
# The Cyclotron

- ❖ This is a constant frequency orbital accelerator, but one in which the orbit radius increases. Cyclotron angular frequency given by:

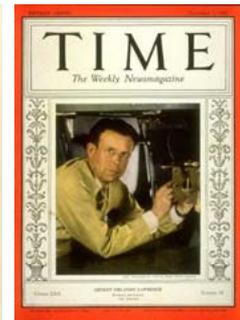
$$\omega_c = q \cdot B / m \quad \text{independent of particle velocity}$$

- ❖ Acceleration occurs, provided the synchronism condition, RF frequency of the source matches the cyclotron frequency  $\omega_{RF} \sim \omega_c$ , is met.
- ❖ Continues gaining velocity until it spirals out  $r = m \cdot v / e \cdot B$   
Radius increment per turn decreases with increasing energy because the revolution time must stay constant.
- ❖ Correct for low energy ( $\gamma \sim 1$ ) independent of  $\vec{p}$  - earlier ones were proton accelerators for a few MeV!
- ❖ As the mass increases ( $m_0\gamma$ ), orbital frequency changes and resonance condition is no longer fulfilled. To overcome this, either
  - Modulate the frequency  $\rightarrow$  'synchrocyclotron' or
  - Allow  $B_z$  to increase with R, to keep  $\omega_c = \text{constant}$ . However, we will see this is unstable ( $n < 0$  and axial motion is unstable). This can be restored by abandoning cylindrical symmetry of B field, i.e. magnet is now split into segments, and using the focusing of the magnet edges  $\rightarrow$  'sector focused cyclotron'.

Typical parameters:  $B = 1.5 \text{ T}$ ,  $\omega = 50 \text{ MHz}$ ,  $U = 200\text{-}500 \text{ kV}$ ,  $I [\text{mA}]$   
 $E_{\text{proton}} = 20\text{-}30 \text{ MeV}$



First successful cyclotron, 4-5 inch model built by Lawrence and Livingston, 1929



Lawrence on the cover of Time magazine, 1937

# Basics – Cyclotron frequency and K-value

## ❖ Cyclotron frequency (homogenous) B-field

$$\omega_c = \frac{e \cdot B}{\gamma \cdot m_0}$$

## ❖ Cyclotron K-value

- K is the relativistic **kinetic energy reached** for protons **from bending strength**:

$$p^2 = m_0^2 c^2 (\gamma^2 - 1) = m_0 \cdot m_0 c^2 (\gamma - 1)(\gamma + 1) = m_0 T_{kin} (\gamma + 1) \rightarrow T_{kin} = \frac{p^2}{m_0 (\gamma + 1)}$$
$$\frac{T_{kin}}{A} = \frac{p^2}{(\gamma + 1)m_u} \cdot \frac{1}{A^2} = \frac{B^2 \cdot \rho^2 \cdot q^2}{(\gamma + 1)m_u} \cdot \frac{1}{A^2}$$

$$\frac{T_{kin}}{A} = \frac{(B \cdot \rho)^2 \cdot e^2}{(\gamma + 1)m_u} \left(\frac{q}{A}\right)^2 = K \cdot \left(\frac{q}{A}\right)^2$$

- K can be used to rescale the energy reach of protons to other charge-to-mass ratios (q/A)
- K in [MeV] is often used for naming cyclotrons

example: **K-130 cyclotron, Jyväskylä**

# Orbit in uniform magnetic field

During time  $\Delta t$ , the **velocity vector** rotates through the exact same angle  $\Delta\theta$ . The velocity magnitude doesn't change. So the change in the velocity vector is  $\Delta v = v \cdot \Delta\theta$ .

The same statements are true about the **momentum vector**, which is parallel to the velocity vector. So the change in the momentum vector is  $\Delta p = p \cdot \theta$ .

$$\text{Then } \vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \rightarrow q \cdot v \cdot B = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = \frac{p \cdot \Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{p \cdot (v \cdot \Delta t / R)}{\Delta t} \rightarrow q \cdot B = \frac{p}{R}$$

Remember!!!

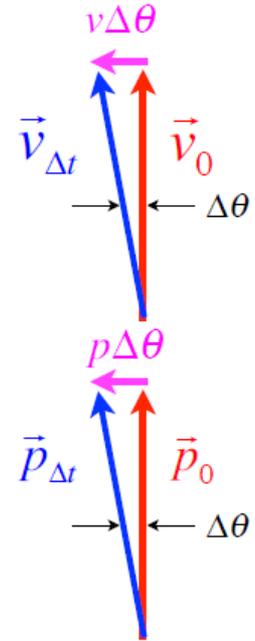
$$p = 300 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c} \cdot \rho_{\text{meters}} \cdot B_{\text{Tesla}}$$

So to get high momentum, one needs a strong magnet.

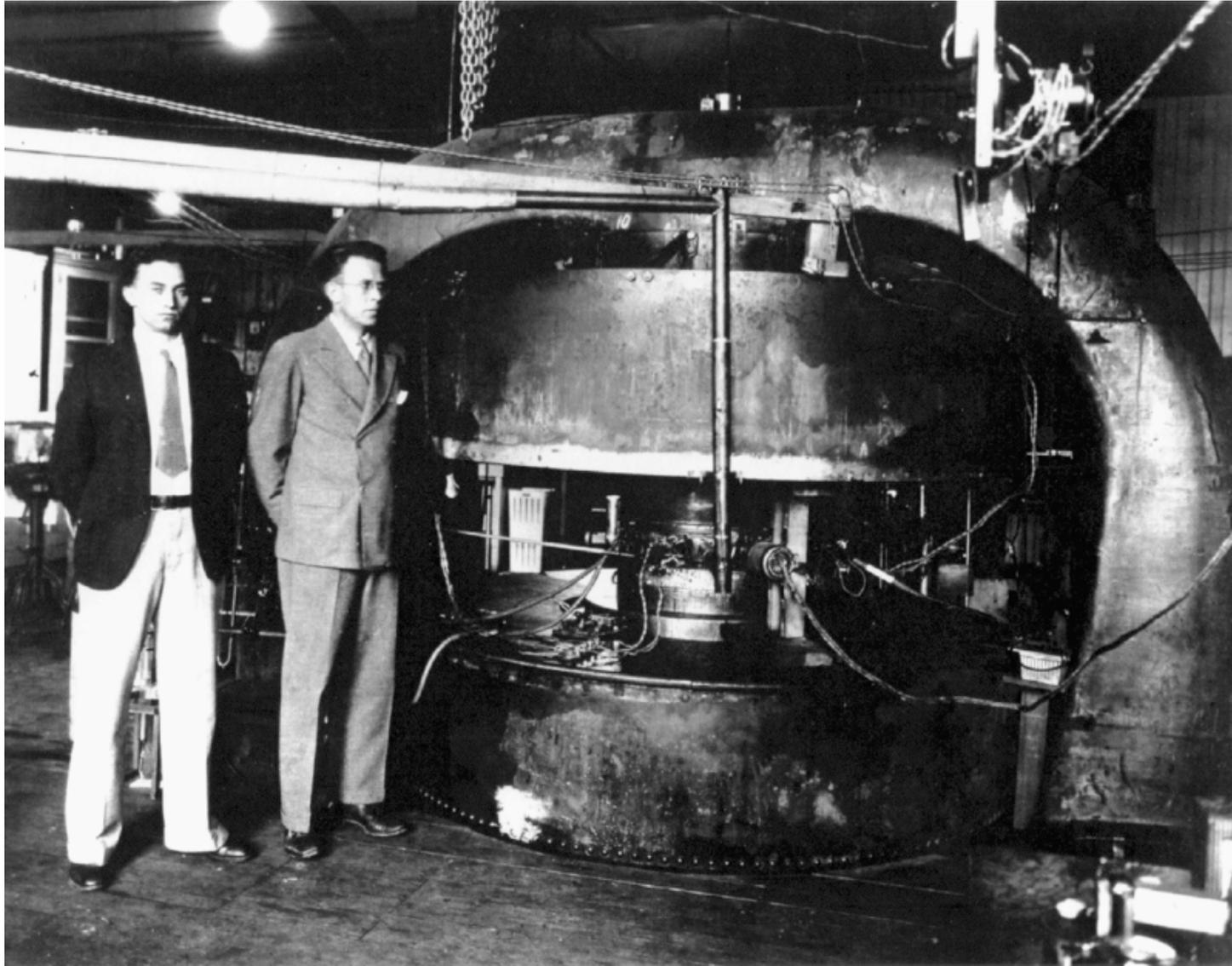
It's hard to get the field strength more than 1.5 T, because iron saturates. So one must increase the diameter.

With a 2 meter diameter one obtains  $p = 450 \text{ MeV}/c$ . For protons, that's about half the speed of light, where relativity starts to become noticeable.

$$\text{beam "rigidity"} = B \cdot \rho$$



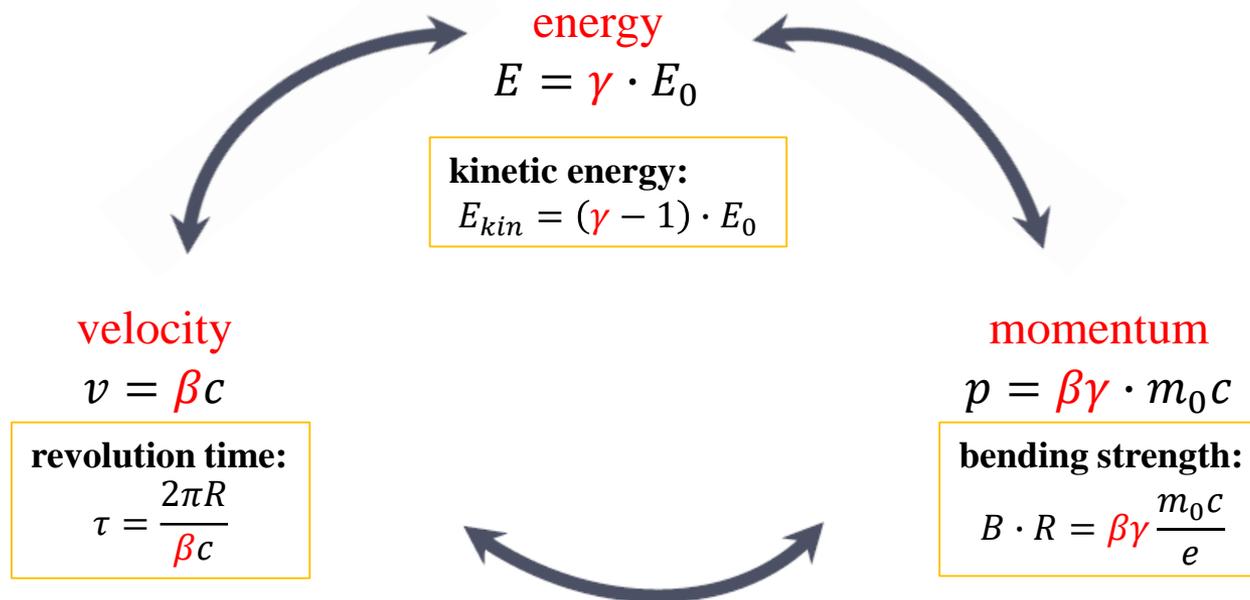
# 27-inch Cyclotron with Lawrence and Livingstone



# 184-inch Cyclotron Magnet in Berkeley



# Cyclotron Limits

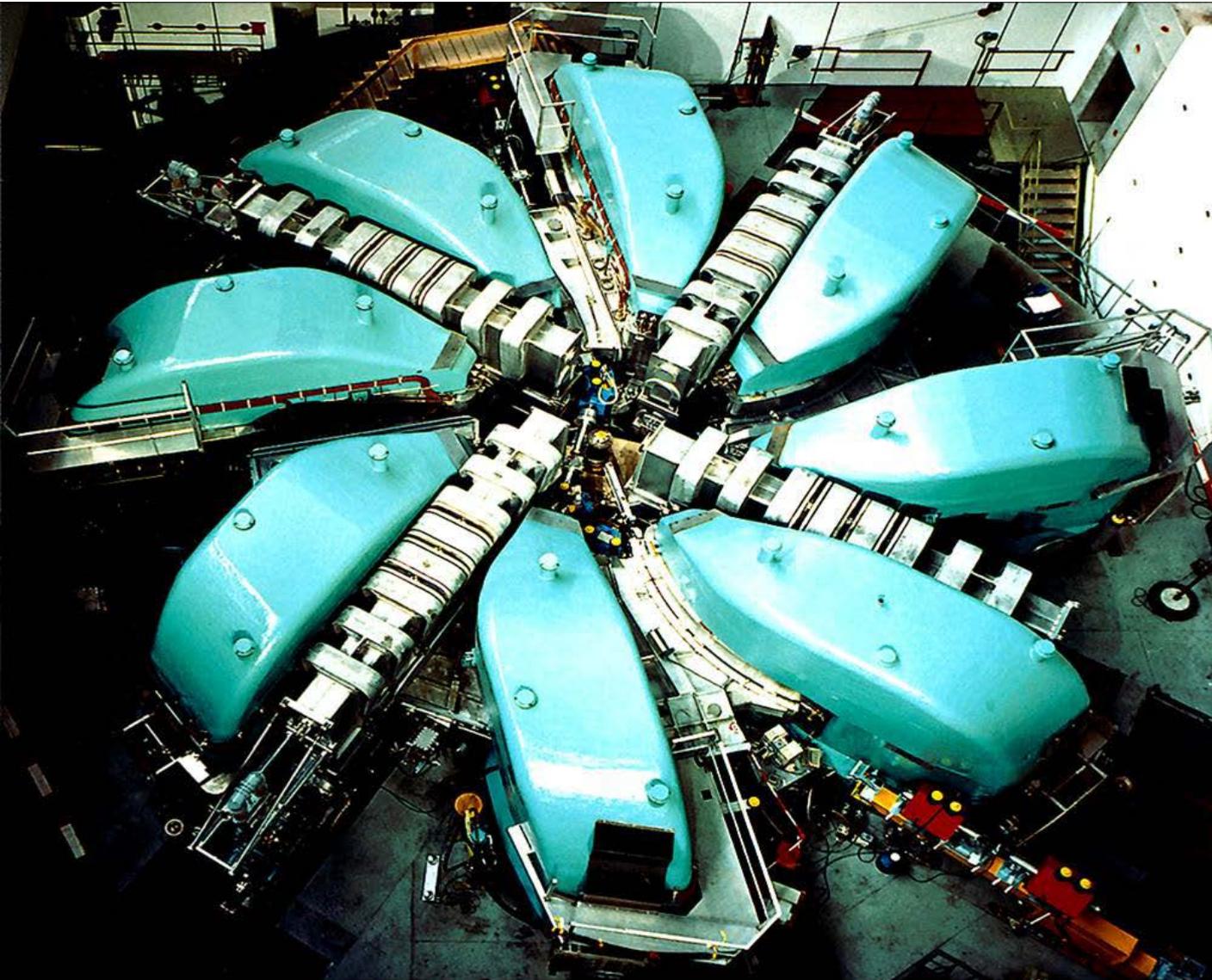


Ideally, the “184 inch” cyclotron with a field of 2.2 Tesla and orbital radius of 2.08 meters would get to  $p = 1373 \text{ MeV}/c$ . Since  $pc = \beta\gamma mc^2$  and  $mc^2 = 938.6 \text{ MeV}$  for protons,  $\beta\gamma = \frac{1373}{938.6} = 1.463$  and  $\gamma = \sqrt{1 + (\beta\gamma)^2} = 1.772$

That means the kinetic energy would be 0.772 times  $mc^2$ , or 724 MeV.

But, the period would be 77% longer at the maximum radius than it was at small radius. So particles would get out of phase rapidly and the acceleration stops.

# Sector Focusing Cyclotron - PSI



In case  $\gamma > 1$ :

$$\omega_c = \frac{q \cdot B_z(r)}{m_0 \cdot \gamma}$$

K = 592 MeV

I = 2 mA

**1.3 MW**

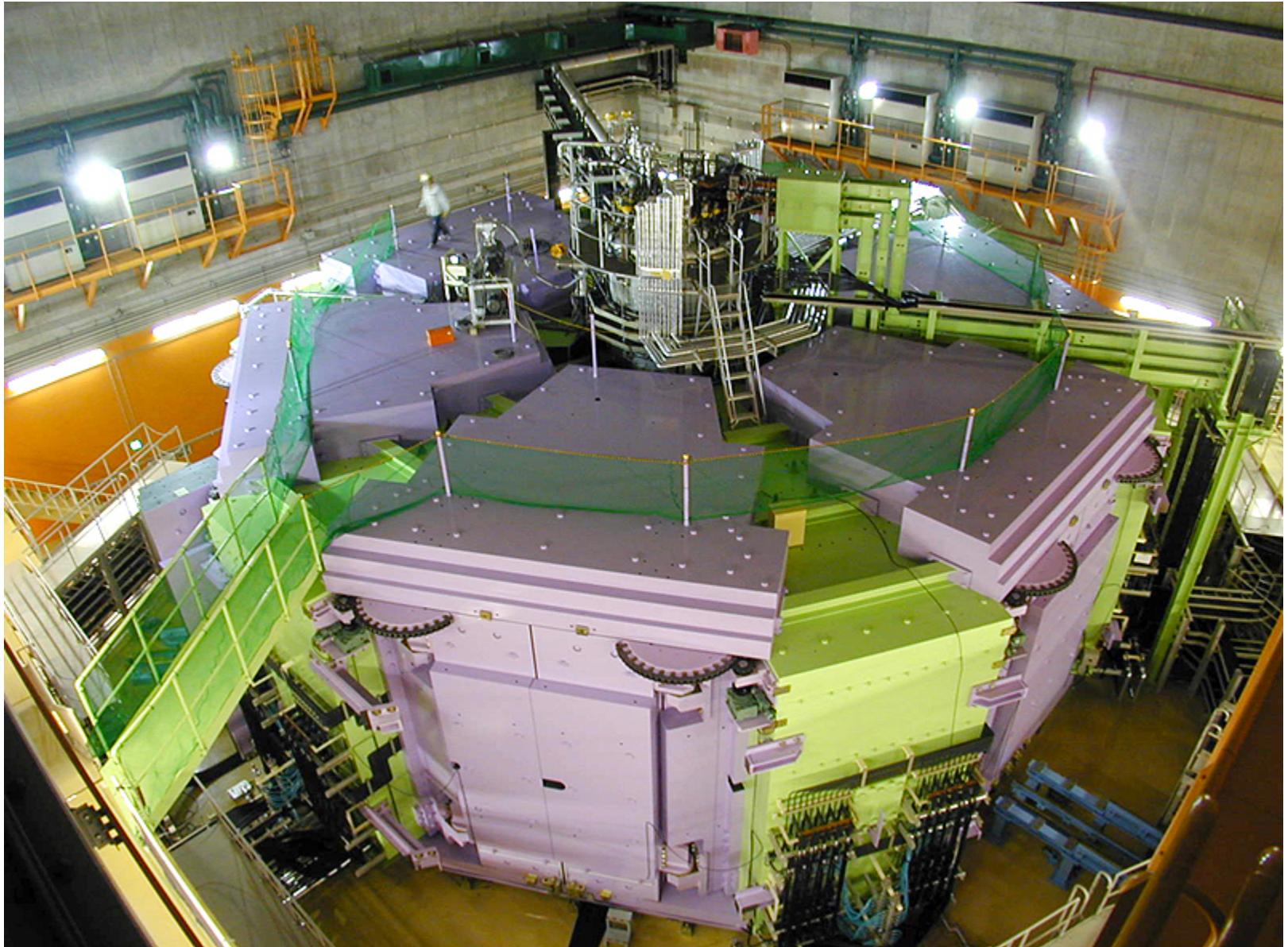
# Beam parameter

Compare Fermilab (K = 400 MeV) to LHC (K = 7000 GeV)

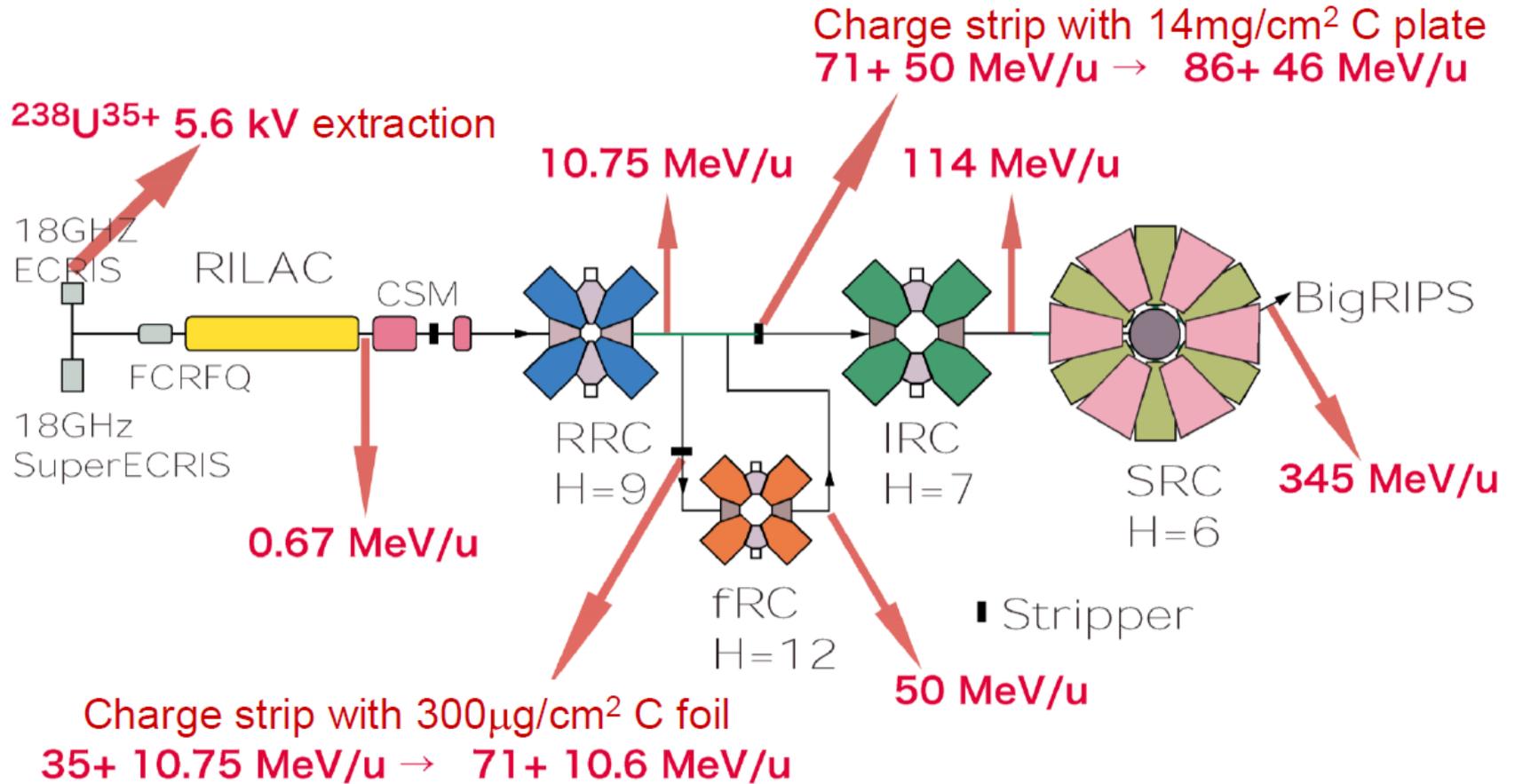
Parameter	Symbol	Equation	Injection	Extraction
proton mass	m [GeV/c <sup>2</sup> ]		0.938	
kinetic energy	K [GeV]		.4	7000
total energy	E [GeV]	$K + mc^2$	1.3382	7000.938
momentum	p [GeV/c]	$\sqrt{E^2 - (mc^2)^2}$	0.95426	7000.938
rel. beta	$\beta$	$(pc) / E$	0.713	0.999999991
rel. gamma	$\gamma$	$E / (mc^2)$	1.426	7461.5
beta-gamma	$\beta\gamma$	$(pc) / (mc^2)$	1.017	7461.5
rigidity	(Bρ) [T-m]	$p[\text{GeV}] / (.2997)$	3.18	23353.

This would be the radius of curvature in a 1 T magnetic field *or* the field in Tesla needed to give a 1 m radius of curvature.

# RIKEN – Superconducting Cyclotron (K-2600)



# Acceleration Scheme of Uranium



# Pro and contra cyclotrons

- pro:**
- **compact and simple design**
  - **efficient power transfer**
  - **only few resonators and amplifiers needed**
- con:**
- **injection/extraction critical**
  - **energy limited to 1GeV**
  - **complicated bending magnets**
  - **elaborate tuning required**
- other:**
- **naturally CW operation**