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Few recollections from Gerardo's time in Milano

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Let us go back to the beginning of the sixties

The situation of the Nuclear Physics group in Milano

At the end of the fifties beginning of the sixties in Milano there was a nuclear Physics group headed by Prof. Ugo Facchini \\\

1working at the

laboratory CISE with a neutron beam generated by 200 keV and 3.5 MeV protons from van de Graaf

The experience developed there and the necessity to make steps forward in the study of nuclei, nuclear reaction and nuclear applications led the group to the propose a project for the construction of a cyclotron

The cyclotron of Milan was then built in the period 1960-65, it was the first Italian cyclotron

In addition to the University and INFN it also received local funding from companies and the Municipality of Milan.

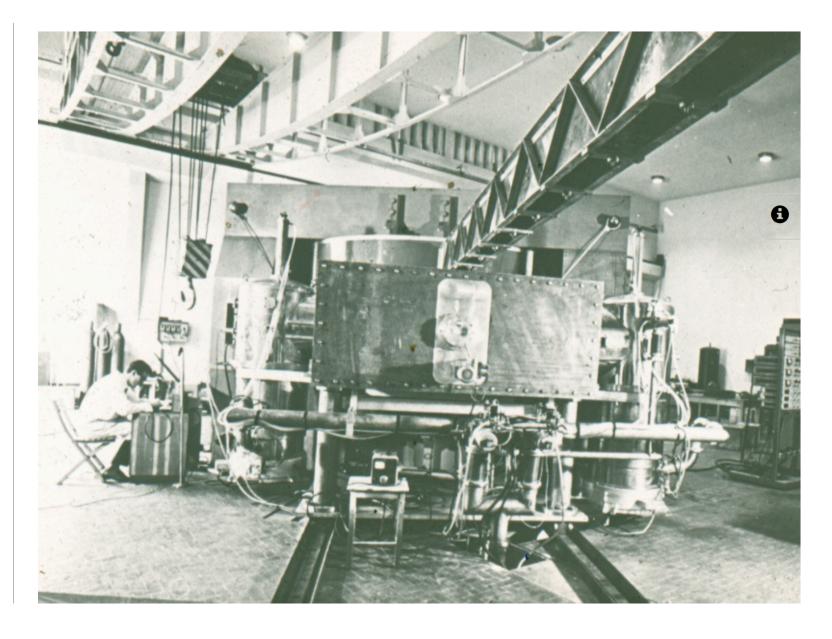
It is interesting to underline the great willingness of the Lombard business world that at that time was keen to finance basic research activities, without immediate technological repercussions.



Transport of the copper cable for winding the coils of the first cyclotron in Milan in the early 1960s.

this project was an exemplary case of success due to the synergy between developments in fundamental research and technological developments dictated by research in industry.

(for example those for cables and windings by Pirelli).



Un apposito capannone ed altri edifici furono costruiti per ospitare la macchina e i laboratori di ricerca e alla direzione del progetto ci furono Tagliaferri, Succi e Resmini.

These scientists were the mentors of

Gerardo Dutto



Gerardo made a significant contribution to this cyclotron

and to him, for example, we owe the design of a valve on the beam extraction channel that has always been called the "Dutto valve"

(as a student I have learned about it before meeting him)

a story very similat to the «Dutto Plates» for vertical centering of the first few turns of the beam at TRIUMF Center Region Cyclotron, a 3 MeV full sized prototype of the main cyclotron center region

Initial Operation of the Milan AVF Cyclotron.

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(ricevuto il 28 Gennaio 1965)



First AVF cyclotron in Europe,
2nd in the world
Builded by Succi, Resmini,
Acerbi et al.
To save money they:
Are not using trimming coils (it works)
Frequency fixed at 20510 kHz

→ only protons
 Beam only in the night (not radiation shields)

 Electrostatic extractor not used Negative H⁻ ions are accelerated up to a radius

where is positioned an aluminum foil → H⁺ H⁺ are switched off by the magnetic field

Proton beams of the Milan cyclotron

- Easy extraction (efficiency of the 100%).
- Proton energy, fixed by the position of the stripping foil: Ep= 14 → 44 MeV.
- An energy change takes few minutes.
- With magnetic analysis △Ep → 20 keV
- Good beams for excitation functions
- 14 → 44 MeV energy range of interest for the onset of different reaction mechanisms.

ACCELERATION OF H IONS AND EXTRACTED BEAM MEASUREMENTS IN THE MILAN CYCLOTRON (+)

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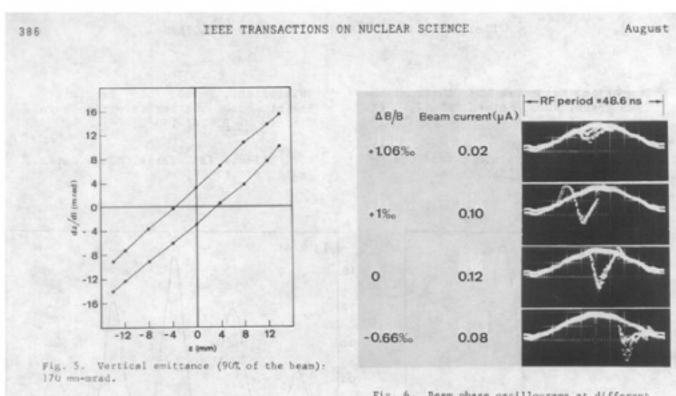


Fig. 6. Beam phase oscillograms at different values of magnetic field. Horizontal scale: 5 n sec/cm Vertical scale: 50 mV/cm Resonant frequency 20.552 MHz.

From 1965 to 1970 there

are a number of scientific

contributions to

Congresses by the Ciclotron group of Milan

with the presence of Gerardo Dutto.

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In Summary

His short period in Milano was very important for his training and to develop his passion on the construction and developments of particle accelerators

In spite of the short period spent here he left a very good memory for his ability and capability to be an innovator and bring new ideas

He kept important scientific ties with the accelerator group in Milano, particularly at the time in which the Supercondicting cyclotron was built (partly in Milano and then in Catania).

But also later during his longstanding involvement in research work in the field of accelerator technologies, with which he greatly contributed by collaborating around the world, Milano and Italy were among them

His legacy is precious also in Milano for the many projects carried out at our laboratory LASA (see the presentation of Dario Giove)

.....and his desire and to make always progresses at the top level will stay with us indelebly

