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## Optics and Magnetic Modelling of the CERN Proton Synchrotron

**Tutor:** Prof. Pasquale Arpaia

**co-Tutor:** Dr. Ewen Hamish Maclean (CERN)

**Cycle:** XXXVII

**Year:** First

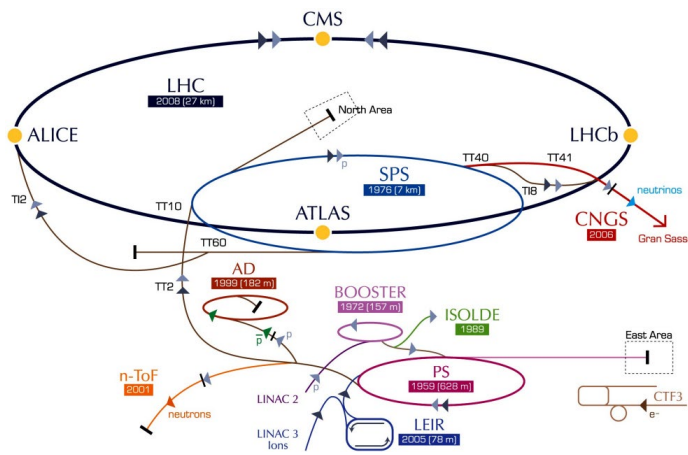
# My background

- **MSc degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy on 09<sup>th</sup> December 2020**
  - Thesis title: Analysis of thermal transients in a superconducting combined-function magnets for hadron therapy gantry
  - Tutors: Prof. Pasquale Arpaia and Prof. Annalisa Liccardo
  - Collaboration with CERN, Switzerland, Geneva
- **PhD in Information Technology and Electrical Engineering (ITEE)**
  - Start date: 1 January 2022
  - Tutor: Prof. Pasquale Arpaia
- **Partner Organization:**
  - European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)
  - CERN supervisor: Dr. Ewen Hamish Maclean
- **Scholarship type:**
  - Enrolled supernumerary under the UNINA-CERN agreements and the CERN Doctoral Student Programme
- **Research group/laboratory:**
  - Instrumentation & Measurement for Particle Accelerator Lab (IMPALab)
  - CERN sections: BE-ABP-LNO and TE-MS-C-NCM. Optics measurements and corrections team (OMC)



# Research field of interest

- The main research area of interest is the modeling of particle accelerators and beam optics measurements
- The project is mostly focused on both the optics and magnetic modeling of CERN Proton Synchrotron (PS) accelerator Main Unit, which is one of the injectors of the LHC
- Time invested also for the beam optics measurement in the LHC for the 2022 LHC Commissioning and Run 3.



[1] <https://home.cern/science/accelerators/proton-synchrotron>



[2] <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2423241>

# Summary of study activities (1)

- **Courses/PhD schools:**

- Scientific writing
- CERN Accelerator School (CAS): Introduction to Accelerator Physics; Kaunas, Lithuania
- Metrology and Machine Learning for Brain Computer Interfaces
- 5<sup>th</sup> Future-IoT PhD School: lot meets Autonomy 2022; Berlin, Germany
- My first steps in French

To be completed with the final exam:

- On the challenges and impact of Artificial Intelligence in the Insurance

- **Events attended:**

- Training on Methodical Accelerator Design (MAD-X): Beginners
- Training on Methodical Accelerator Design (MAD-X): Intermediate

# Summary of study activities (2)

- **Seminars:**

- Project Vac: Can a Text-to-speech Engine Generate Human Sentiments? (DIETI)
- Global and cluster Synchronization in complex network and beyond (DIETI)
- Computational single-cell biology – From one-to-many cells (DIETI)
- From basic principles in spintronics to some recent developments toward spin-orbitronics (DIETI)
- Living well within planetary Limits: is it possible? And what can physicists contribute? (CERN)
- Design Thinking (Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS))
- Potential and challenges of next generation railway signaling systems: Moving Block and Virtual Coupling (DIETI)
- Towards a political philosophy of AI (DIETI)
- Towards AI-Driven Cancer Precision Medicine (DIETI)

# Summary of study activities (3)

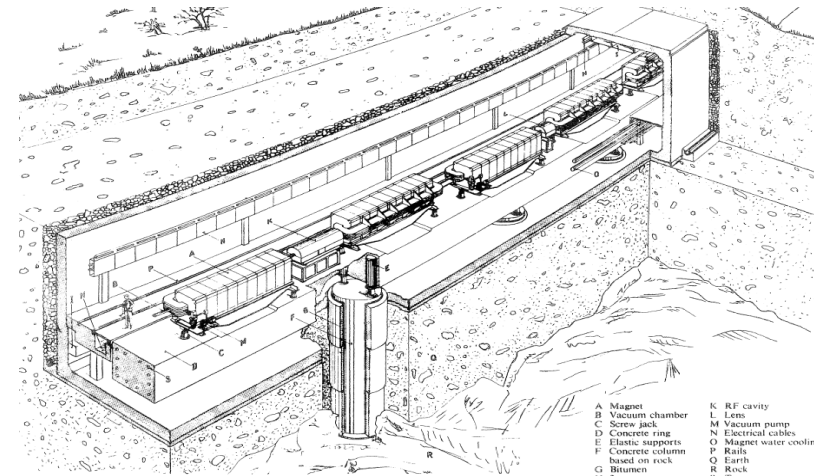
- **Seminars:**

- Everything you always wanted to know about the Internet (but were afraid to ask) (CERN)
- ITER, the magnets and the road to the first plasma (CERN)
- 5G Academy: Fixed Wireless Access (DIETI)
- 5 Academy: AR for remote use of measurement instrumentation (DIETI)
- Vine robots: design challenges and unique opportunities (DIETI)
- PhD4PhD: A student's speaking – Thermoacoustics for renewable energies (DIETI)
- Probing and infusing biomedical knowledge for pre-trained language models (DIETI)
- PhD4PhD: A student's speaking – Robotic assistance: pros and cons of a new technology (DIETI)
- 5G Academy: Introduction to intellectual property management (DIETI)
- Cybercrime and Information Warfare: National and International actors (DIETI)
- Privacy and Data Protection (DIETI)



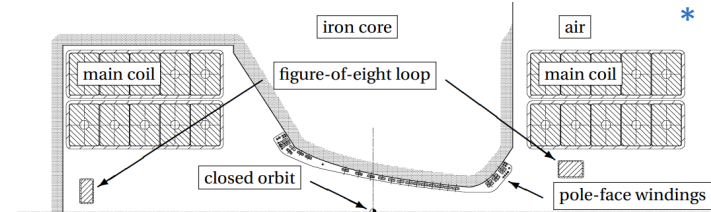
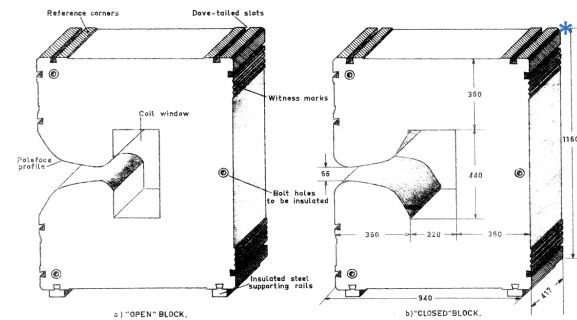
# Research activities: Overview (1) - Problem

- **CERN Proton Synchrotron (PS): main features**
  - Circumference of 628 m
  - 277 room-temperature magnets (main unit dipoles, extraction magnets, injection magnets, and so on)
  - Accelerates protons and heavy ions beam from 2 GeV up to 26 GeV kinetic energy
- **PS Main Unit (MU):**
  - 100 Main Unit along the ring
  - Each of them with 3 coils: main coils and two additional circuits (F8L and PFW)
  - Pole shape designed to create a combined function magnetic field

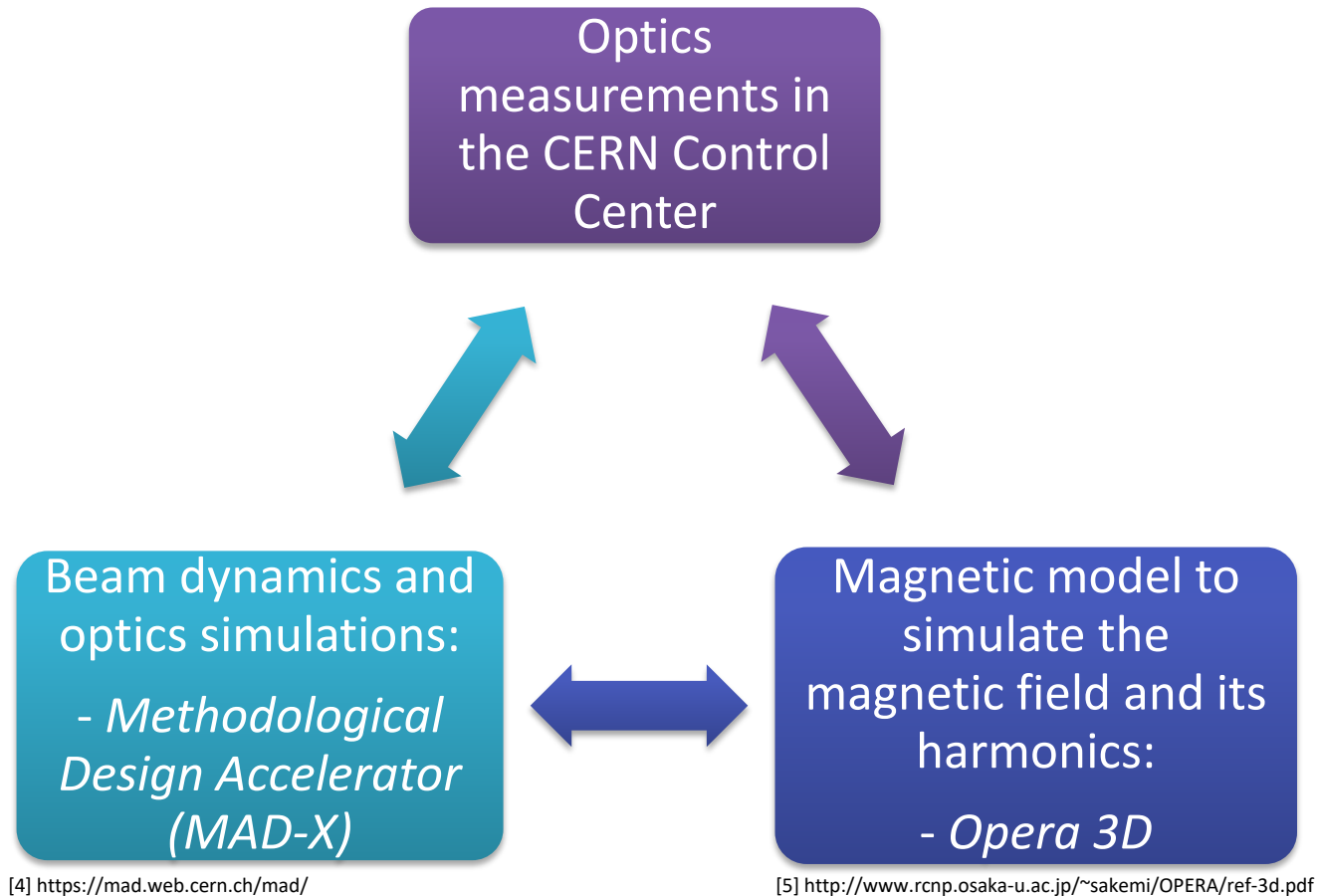


[3] Pictures from: The CERN Proton Synchrotron magnets – Report design

- A Magnet chamber
- B Vacuum chamber
- C Screw jack
- D Concrete ring
- E Elastic supports
- F Concrete column based on rock
- G Bitumen
- H 2 tons crane
- I Ventilation
- K RF cavity
- L Lens
- M Vacuum pump
- N Electrical cables
- O Magnet water cooling
- P Rails
- Q Earth
- R Rock
- S Temperature regulating water pipes



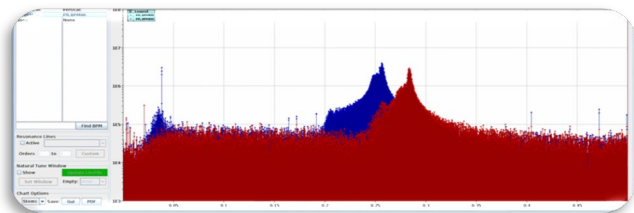
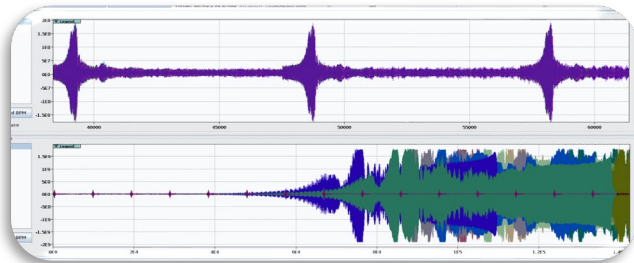
# Research activities: Overview - Methodology (2)





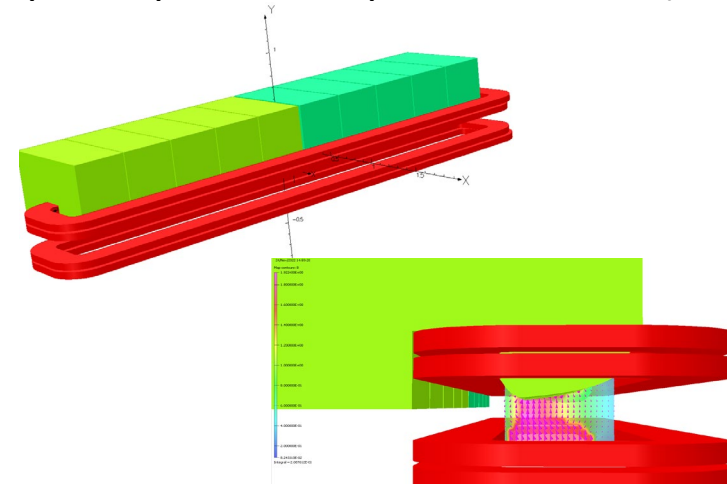
## Overview – Expected results and validation (3)

- **Optics measurements:**
- Allows acquiring beam orbit and from it measuring the spectrum and tunes through FFT

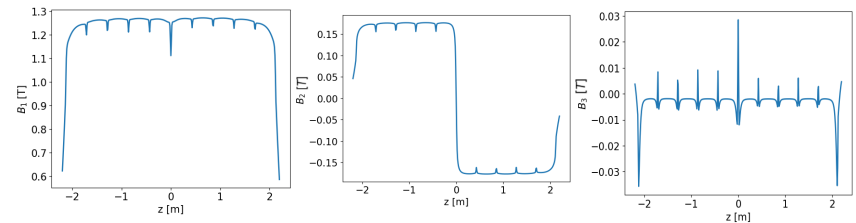


- **Magnetic model:**

- Allows simulating the magnetic field map in the magnet aperture and its multipolar components (dipole, quadrupole, sextupole, and so on)



Methodical  
Accelerator  
Design MAD-X



# Products

[1]	<p><b>Title:</b> Analysis of thermal transients in superconducting combined-function magnet for hadron therapy gantry</p> <p><b>Authors:</b> Vittorio Ferrentino, Pasquale Arpaia, Antonio Gilardi, Mikko Karppinen, Charilaos Kokkinos, Emmanuele Ravaioli</p> <p><b>Current status:</b> Submitted</p> <p><b>Journal:</b> IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity</p>
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# Next year

## Courses

Joint Universities  
Accelerator  
Schools (JUAS) by  
European  
Scientific Institute  
(ESI)

## PS-MU model in Opera and MAD-X

- Add new features to the magnetic model to make it closer to the real machine
- Add the additional circuits
- Edit the optics model

## Optics Measurements

Benchmark of the  
models

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