linear electron accelerator

An evacuated metal tube in which electrons pass through a series of small gaps (usually) in the form of cavity resonators in the high frequency range) so arranged and spaced that, at a specific excitation frequency, the stream of electrons on passing through successive gaps gains additional energy from the electric field in each gap.

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