OVERVIEW

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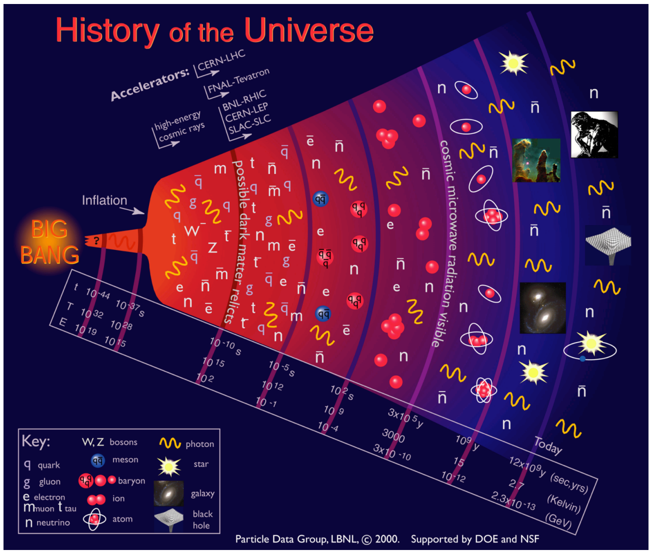
Goals of this Lecture

- This talk will serve as an overview of accelerator physics and the history of accelerators
- We'll cover all of these in much greater detail in the days to come, so this will serve as a preview.
  - Don't worry if you don't understand everything right away.

Motivation

Going to higher energies = going back in time



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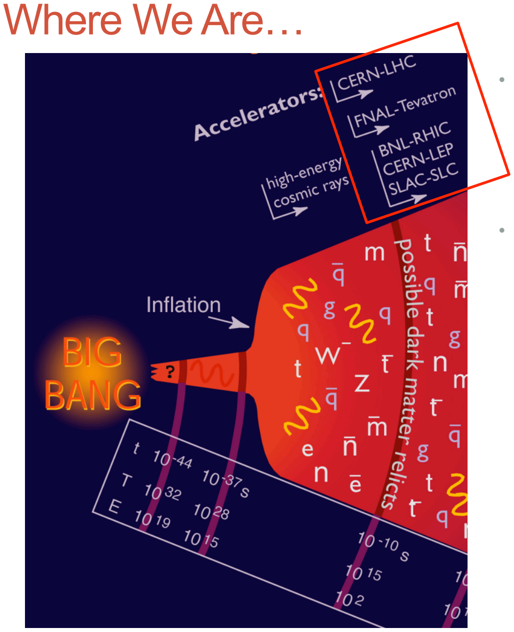
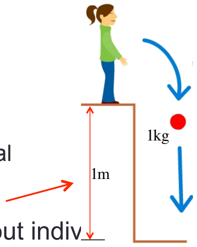
Where We Are…



- Accelerators allow us to go back 13.8 *billion years* and recreate conditions that existed a *few trillionths of a second* after the Big Bang
  - the place where our current understanding of physics breaks down.
- In addition to high energy, we need high
  "luminosity"
  that is, lots of particles interacting, to see rare processes.

Units of energy: Electron Volts



- An “electron-volt” is the energy gained by a particle of unit charge is accelerated over 1V potential
- It is *really small*
  - 1eV =1.6x10^{-19} (=.00000000000000000016) Joules - our usual unit of energy.
  - A 1 kg weight dropped 1m would have 6x10^{18} eV of energy!
- On the other hand, it’s a very useful unit when talking about indiv particles
  - If we accelerate a proton using an electrical potential, we know exactly what the energy is.
  - It’s also useful when thinking about mass/energy equivalence

$$(\text{proton mass}) \times c^2 = 938{,}000{,}000 \text{ eV} \approx 1 \text{ billion eV} = 1 \text{ GeV}$$

$$(\text{electron mass}) \times c^2 = 511{,}000 \text{ eV} \approx \frac{1}{2} \text{ MeV}$$

Another way to look at energy…

- Quantum mechanics tells us all particles have a wavelength

“Planck Constant”

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} \approx \frac{(\text{size of a proton})}{\text{Energy (in GeV)}}$$

momentum

as *v* approaches *c*

- So going to higher energy allows us to probe smaller and smaller scales
- If we put the high equivalent mass and the small scales together, we have…

Understanding Energy

- High Energy Physics is based on Einstein's equivalence of Mass and Energy

$$E = mc^2$$

- All reactions involve some mass changing either to or from energy

Chemical Explosion

.00000005% of mass converted to energy.

Hydrogen Bomb

~.1% (of just the Hydrogen!) converted.

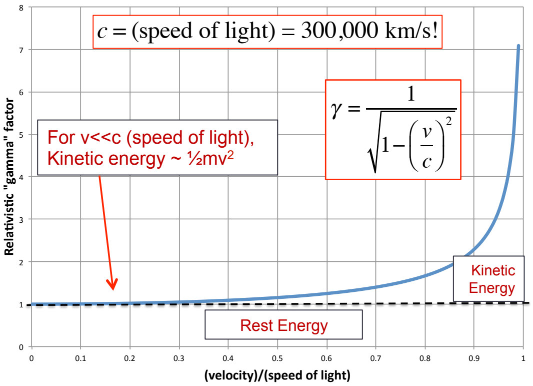
- If we could convert a kilogram of mass entirely to energy, it would supply all the electricity in the United States for *almost a day.*

Kinetic Energy

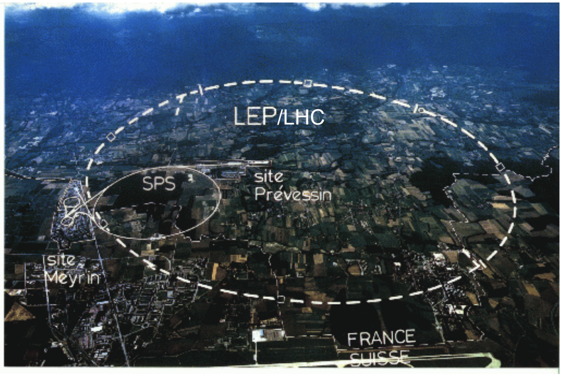
- A body in motion will have a total energy given by

$$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}} \equiv \gamma mc^2$$

- The difference between this and mc^2 is called the "kinetic energy"
- Here are some examples of kinetic energy



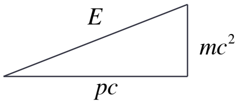
State of the Art: Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



- Built at CERN, straddling the French/Swiss border
- 27 km in circumference
- Currently colliding beams of 6.5 TeV/beam
  - Design energy of 7 TeV
- That's where we are. Now let's see how we got here…

Relativity and Units

Remember forever!



- Basic Relativity

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

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

$$\text{momentum } p = \gamma m v$$

$$\text{total energy } E = \gamma m c^2$$

$$\text{kinetic energy } K = E - mc^2$$

$$E = \sqrt{\left(mc^2\right)^2 + \left(pc\right)^2}$$

Some Handy Relationships

$$\beta = \frac{pc}{E}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{E}{mc^2}$$

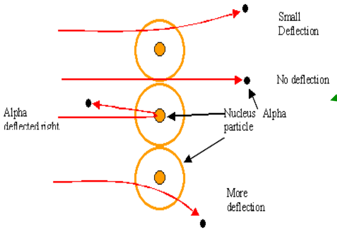
$$\beta\gamma = \frac{pc}{mc^2}$$

These units make these relationships really easy to calculate

- Units
  - For the most part, we will use SI units, except
    - Energy: eV (keV, MeV, etc) [1 eV = 1.6x10^{-19} J]
    - Mass: eV/c^2 [proton = 1.67x10^{-27} kg = 938 MeV/c^2]
    - Momentum: eV/c [proton @ β=.9 = 1.94 GeV/c]
  - In the US and Europe, we normally talk about the kinetic energy (K) of a particle beam, although we'll see that momentum really makes more sense

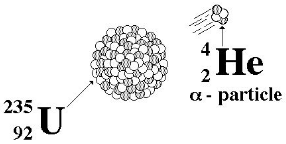
Some Pre-History

- The first artificial acceleration of particles was done using "Crookes tubes", in the latter half of the 19th century
  - These were used to produce the first X-rays (1875)
  - At the time no one understood what was going on
- The first "particle physics experiment" told Ernest Rutherford the structure of the atom (1911)



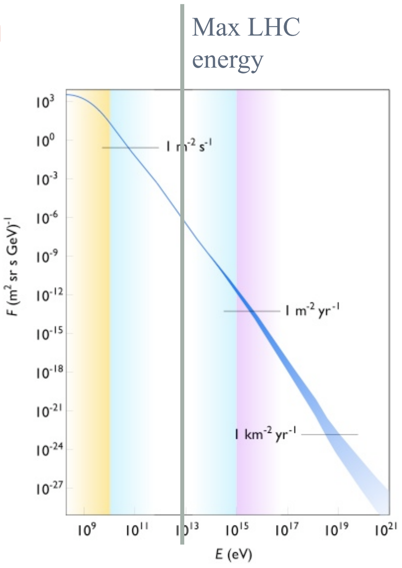
Study the way radioactive particles "scatter" off of atoms

- In this case, the "accelerator" was a naturally decaying ^{235}U nucleus



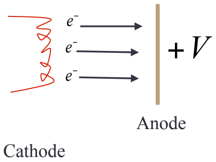
Natural Particle Acceleration

- Radioactive sources produce maximum energies of a few million electron volts (MeV)
- Cosmic rays reach energies of ~1,000,000,000 x LHC but the rates are too low to be useful as a study tool
  - Not enough "luminosity"
- However, low energy cosmic rays are extremely useful for detector testing, commissioning, etc.



Man-made Particle Acceleration

The simplest accelerators accelerate charged particles through a *static* electric field. Example: **vacuum tubes** (or CRT TV's)



$$K = eEd = eV$$

Old FNAL Cockroft-Walton = 750 kV

Limited by magnitude of electric field:

- CRT display ~keV
- X-ray tube ~10's of keV
- Van de Graaf ~MeVs

Solutions:

- Alternate fields to keep particles in accelerating fields -> Radio Frequency (RF) acceleration
- Bend particles so they see the same accelerating field over and over -> cyclotrons, synchrotrons

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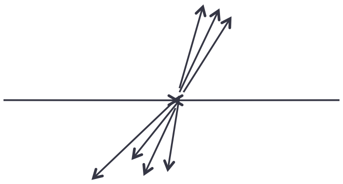
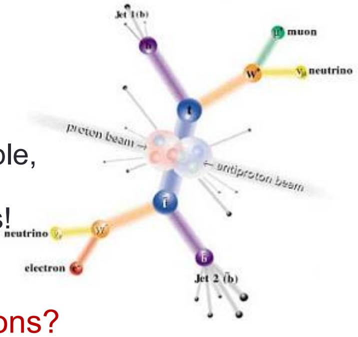
Interlude: Electrons vs. Protons



- Electrons are point-like
  - Well-defined initial state
  - Full energy available to interaction

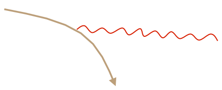
- Protons are made of quarks and gluons
  - Interaction take place between these constituents.
  - Only a small fraction of energy available, not well-defined.
  - Rest of particle fragments -> big mess!



So why not stick to electrons?

Synchrotron Radiation

As the trajectory of a charged particle is deflected, it emits “synchrotron radiation”



Radius of curvature

$$\text{Radiated Power} \propto \frac{1}{\rho^2}\left(\frac{E}{m}\right)^4$$

An electron will radiate about *10^{13} times more power* than a proton of the same energy!!!!

- **Protons:** Synchrotron radiation does not affect kinematics very much
  - Energy limited by strength of magnetic fields and size of ring
- **Electrons:** Synchrotron radiation dominates kinematics
  - To to go higher energy, we have to *lower* the magnetic field and go to *huge* rings
  - Eventually, we lose the benefit of a circular accelerator, because we lose all the energy each time around.

Since the beginning, the “energy frontier” has belonged to proton (and/or antiproton) machines, while electrons are used for precision studies and other purposes.

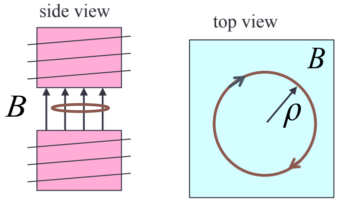
Now, back to the program…

The Cyclotron (1930’s)

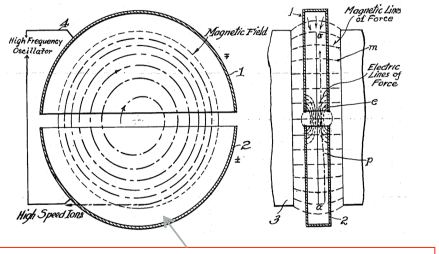
would not work for electrons!

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho &= \frac{p}{qB} \approx \frac{mv}{qB} \quad (v \ll c) \\
f &= \frac{v}{2\pi\rho} \\
&= \frac{qB}{2\pi m} \quad \text{(constant!!)} \\
\Omega_s &= 2\pi f = \frac{qB}{m}
\end{aligned}$$



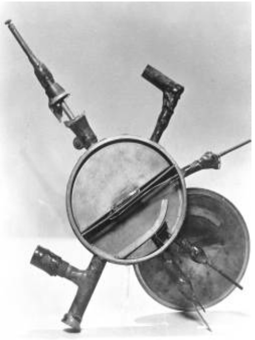
“Cyclotron Frequency”



For a proton: $f_C = 15.2 \times B[T]$ MHz
i.e. “RF” range

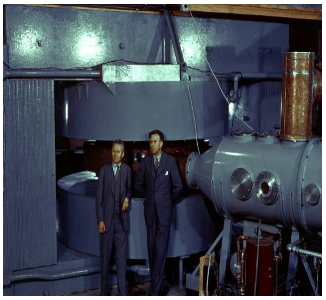
Accelerating “DEES”: by applying a voltage which oscillates at f_c, we can accelerator the particle a little bit each time around, allowing us to get to high energies with a relatively small voltage.

Round and Round We Go: the First Cyclotrons



- ~1930 (Berkeley)
  - Lawrence and Livingston
  - K=80 keV
  - Fit in your hand

- 1935 - 60" Cyclotron
  - Lawrence, et al. (LBL)
  - ~19 MeV (D_2)
  - Prototype for many



Onward and Upward!

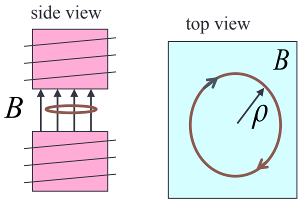
- Cyclotrons were limited by three problems
  - Constant frequency breaks down at ~10% speed of light
    - Solved with variable frequency "synchro-cyclotrons"
      ➔ phase stability (more about this later)
    - Later "isochronous cyclotrons" (had to solve stability problems)
  - As energy goes up, magnet gets huge
  - Beams are not well focused and get larger with energy
- Two major advances allowed accelerators to go beyond the energies and intensities possible at cyclotrons
  - "Synchrotron" – in which the magnetic field is increased as the energy increases (proportional to momentum), such that particles continue to follow the same path .
  - "Strong focusing" – a technique in which magnetic gradients (non-uniform fields) are used to focus particles and keep them in a smaller beam pipe than was possible with cyclotrons.
- Note: still plenty of uses for cyclotrons (simple, inexpensive, rapid cycling)
  - Medical treatments
  - Isotope production
  - Nuclear physics

Understanding Beam Motion: Beam "rigidity"

- The relativistically correct form of Newton's Laws for a particle in an electromagnetic field is:

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

- A particle of unit charge in a uniform magnetic field will move in a circle of radius



$$\rho=\frac{p}{eB}$$

$$\rightarrow (B\rho)=\frac{p}{e} \leftarrow$$

constant for fixed energy!

T-m²/s =V

$$\boxed{(B\rho)c}=\frac{\boxed{pc}}{e}$$

units of eV in our usual convention

$$\boxed{(B\rho)[\text{T-m}]=\frac{p[\text{eV/c}]}{c[\text{m/s}]}\approx\frac{p[\text{MeV/c}]}{300}}$$

Remember forever!

Beam "rigidity" = constant at a given momentum (even when *B*=0!)

If all magnetic fields are scaled with the momentum as particles accelerate, the trajectories remain the same
➔"synchrotron" [E. McMillan, 1945]

Example Beam Parameters

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

Parameter	Symbol	Equation	Injection	Extraction
proton mass	m [GeV/c²]		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	β	$(pc)/E$	0.713	0.999999991
rel. gamma	γ	$E/(mc^2)$	1.426	7461.5
beta-gamma	βγ	$(pc)/(mc^2)$	1.017	7461.5
rigidity	(Bρ) [T-m]	p[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.

Weak Focusing

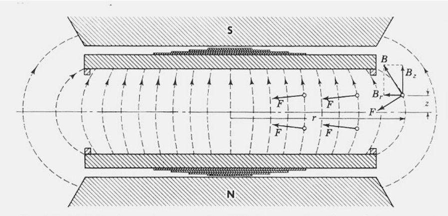
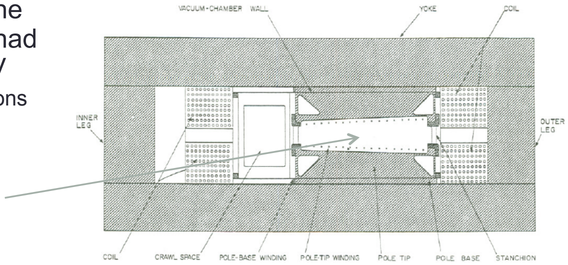


Fig. 6-7. Radially decreasing magnetic field between poles of a cyclotron magnet, showing shims for field correction.

- Cyclotrons relied on the fact that magnetic fields between two pole faces are never perfectly uniform.
- This prevents the particles from spiraling out of the pole gap.
- In early synchrotrons, radial field profiles were optimized to take advantage of this effect, but in any weak focused beams, *the beam size grows with energy.*
- The most famous weak focusing accelerator was the Berkeley Bevatron, which had a kinetic energy of 6.2 GeV
  - High enough to make antiprotons (and win a Nobel Prize)
  - It had an aperture 12”x48”!

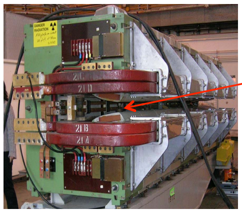


Strong Focusing

- Strong focusing utilizes alternating magnetic gradients to precisely control the focusing of a beam of particles
  - The principle was first developed in 1949 by Nicholas Christofilos, a Greek-American engineer, who was working for an elevator company in Athens at the time.
  - Rather than publish the idea, he applied for a patent, and it went largely ignored.
  - The idea was independently invented in 1952 by Courant, Livingston and Snyder, who later acknowledged the priority of Christophilos’ work.
  - Courant and Snyder wrote a follow-up paper in 1958, which contains the vast majority of the accelerator physics concepts and formalism in use to this day!
- Although the technique was originally formulated in terms of magnetic gradients, it’s much easier to understand in terms of the separate functions of dipole and quadrupole magnets.

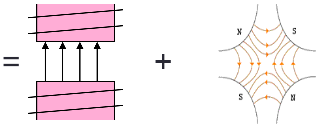
Combined Function vs. Separated Function

Strong focusing was originally implemented by building magnets with non-parallel pole faces to introduce a linear magnetic gradient



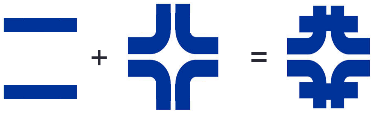
CERN PS (1959, 29 GeV)

$$B_y(x) = B_0 + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} x$$



dipole quadrupole

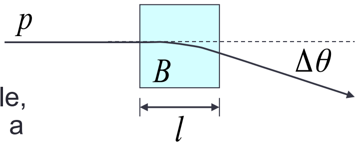
Later synchrotrons were built with physically separate dipole and quadrupole magnets. The first “separated function” synchrotron was the Fermilab Main Ring (1972, 400 GeV)



dipole quadrupole Fermilab

Strong focusing is also much easier to *teach* using separated functions, so we will…

Thin Lens Approximation and Magnetic “kick”



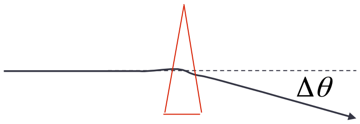
- If the path length through a transverse magnetic field is short compared to the bend radius of the particle, then we can think of the particle receiving a transverse “kick”, which is proportional to the integrated field

$$\boxed{p_\perp \approx qvBt = qvB(l/v) = qBl}$$

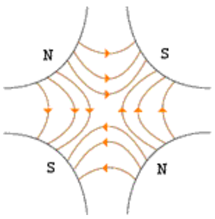
and it will be bent through small angle

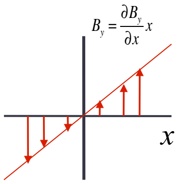
$$\boxed{\Delta\theta \approx \frac{p_\perp}{p} = \frac{Bl}{(B\rho)}}$$

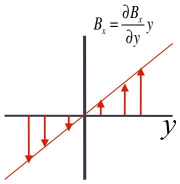
- In this “thin lens approximation”, a dipole is the equivalent of a prism in classical optics.



Quadrupole Magnets* as Lenses



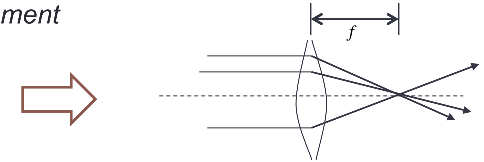




Note: $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} \equiv B'$

- A positive particle coming out of the page off center in the horizontal plane will experience a *restoring* kick *proportional to the displacement*

$$\Delta\theta \approx -\frac{B_y l}{(B\rho)} = -\frac{B' l x}{(B\rho)}$$

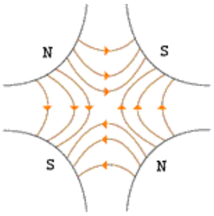


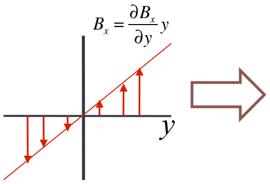
just like a “thin lens” with focal length

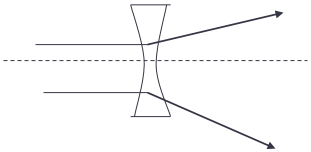
$$\boxed{f = \frac{x}{\Delta\theta} = \frac{(B\rho)}{B' l}}$$

*or quadrupole term in a gradient magnet

What About the Other Plane?



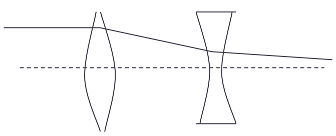


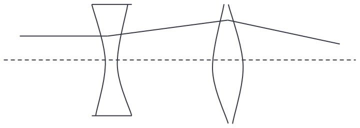


$$f = -\frac{(B\rho)}{B' l}$$

Defocusing!

Luckily, if we place equal and opposite pairs of lenses, there will be a net focusing *regardless of the order*.

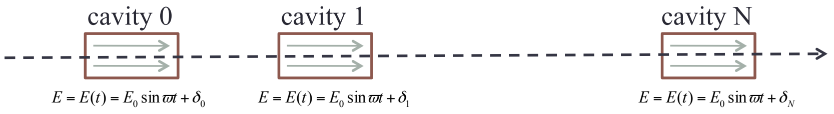




➔pairs give net focusing in *both* planes -> “FODO cell”

Longitudinal Motion

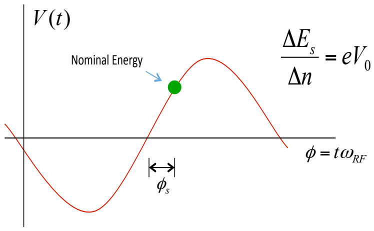
- We will generally accelerate particles using structures that generate time-varying electric fields (RF cavities), either in a linear arrangement



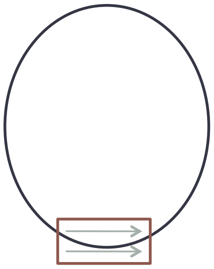
$E = E(t) = E_0 \sin \varpi t + \delta_0$ $E = E(t) = E_0 \sin \varpi t + \delta_1$ $E = E(t) = E_0 \sin \varpi t + \delta_N$

or located within a circulating ring

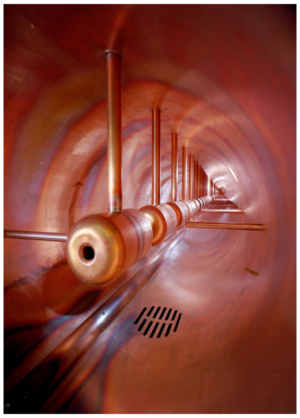
- In both cases, we want to phase the RF so a nominal arriving particle will see the same accelerating voltage and therefore get the same boost in energy



$$\frac{\Delta E_s}{\Delta n} = eV_0 \sin \phi_s$$

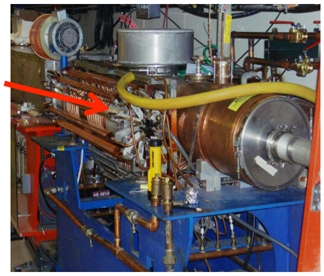


Examples of Accelerating RF Structures

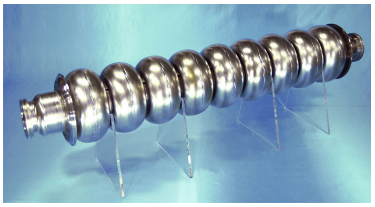


Fermilab Drift Tube Linac (200MHz): oscillating field uniform along length

37->53MHz Fermilab Booster cavity



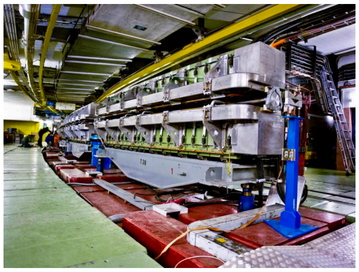
Biased ferrite frequency tuner



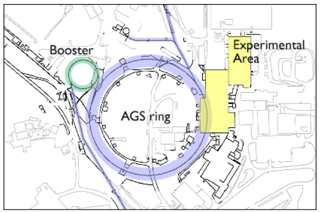
ILC prototype elipical cell “π-cavity” (1.3 GHz): field alternates with each cell

Some Important Early Synchrotrons

Berkeley Bevatron,
- 1954 (weak focusing)
- 6.2 GeV protons
- Discovered antiproton



CERN Proton Synchrotron (PS)
- 1959
- 628 m circumference
- 28 GeV protons
- Still used in LHC injector chain!



The Alternating Gradient Synchrotron complex

Brookhaven Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS)
- 1960
- 808 m circumference
- 33 GeV protons
- Discovered charm quark, CP violation, muon neutrino

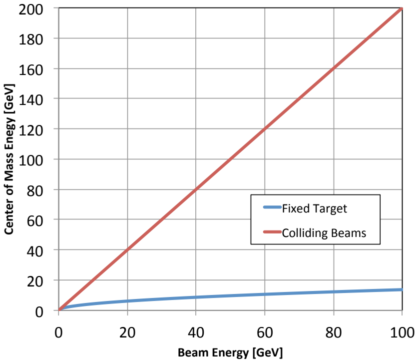
Getting the Most Energy: The Case for Colliders

- If beam hits a stationary proton, the "center of mass" energy is

$$E_{\rm CM} = \sqrt{2E_{\rm beam} m_{\rm target} c^2}$$

- On the other hand, for colliding beams (of equal mass and energy) it's

$$E_{\rm CM} = 2E_{\rm beam}$$

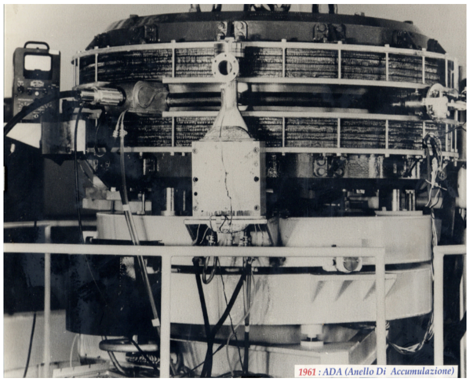


- To get the 14 TeV CM design energy of the LHC with a single beam on a fixed target would require that beam to have an energy of 100,000 TeV!
  - *Would require a ring 10 times the diameter of the Earth!!*

Getting to the highest energies requires colliding beams

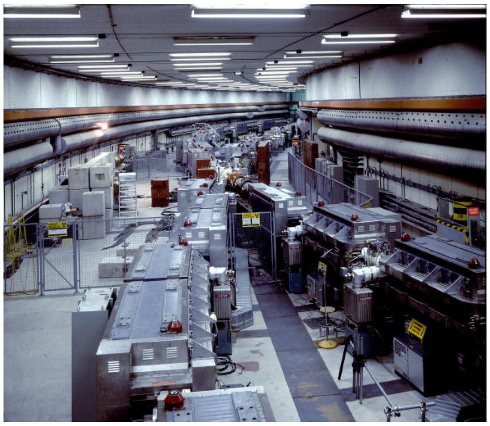
First e^+e^- Collider

- ADA (Anello Di Accumulazione) at INFN, Frascati, Italy (1961)
  - 250 MeV e^+ x 250 MeV e^-

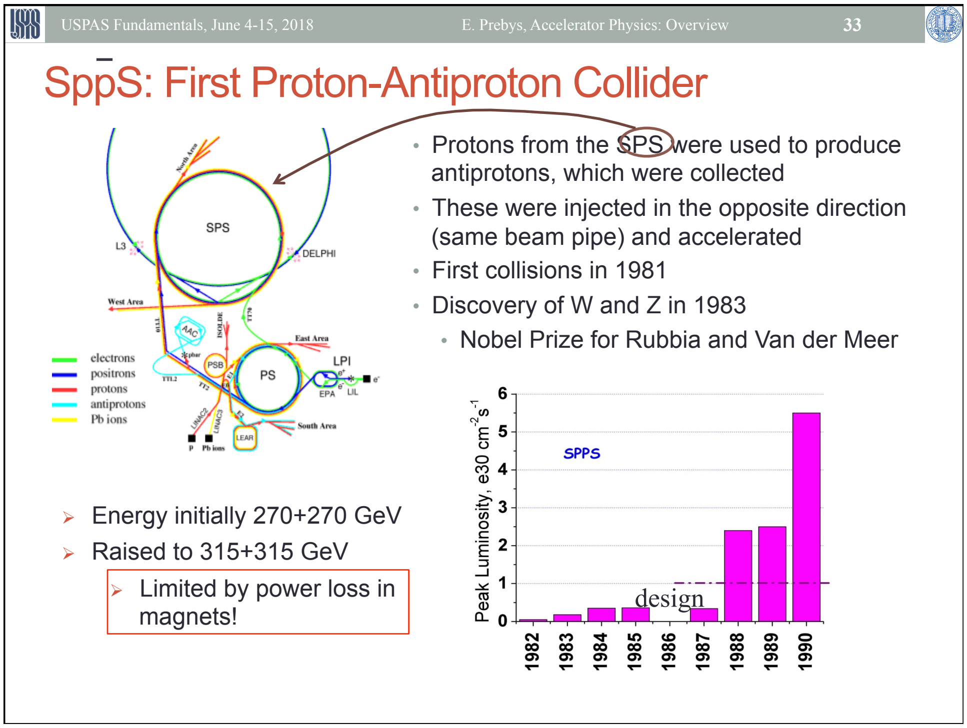


- It's easier to collide e+e-, because synchrotron radiation naturally "cools" the beam to smaller size.

First Proton Collider: CERN Intersecting Storage Rings (ISR)



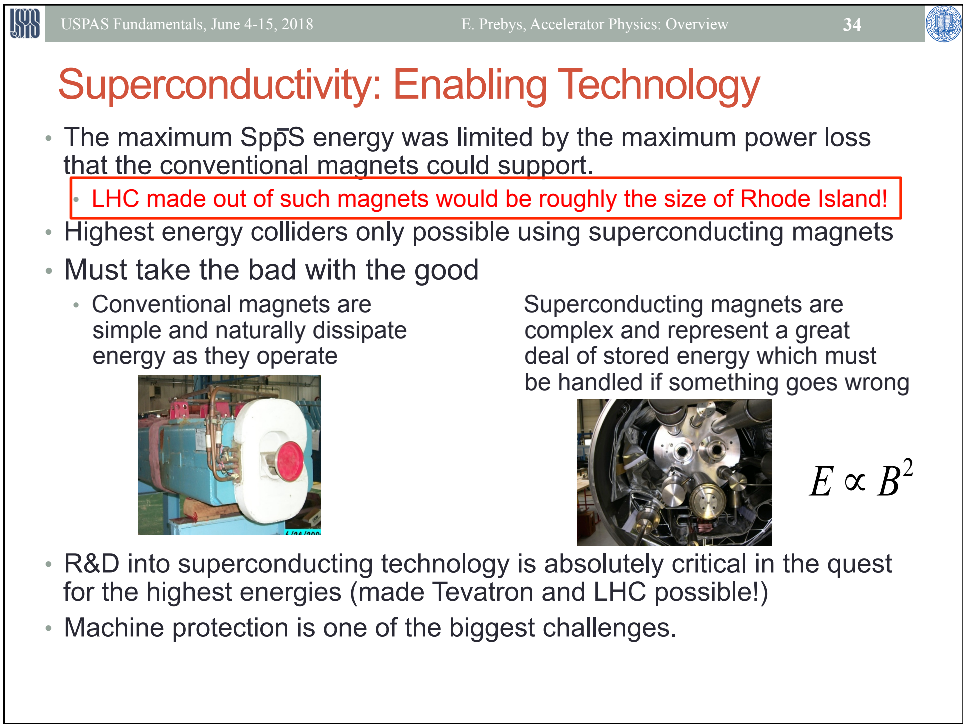
- 1971
- 31 GeV + 31 GeV colliding proton beams.
  - Highest CM Energy for 10 years
- Set a luminosity record that was not broken for 28 years!



Sp$\bar{p}$S: First Proton-Antiproton Collider

- Protons from the SPS were used to produce antiprotons, which were collected
- These were injected in the opposite direction (same beam pipe) and accelerated
- First collisions in 1981
- Discovery of W and Z in 1983
  - Nobel Prize for Rubbia and Van der Meer

- Energy initially 270+270 GeV
- Raised to 315+315 GeV
  - Limited by power loss in magnets!



Superconductivity: Enabling Technology

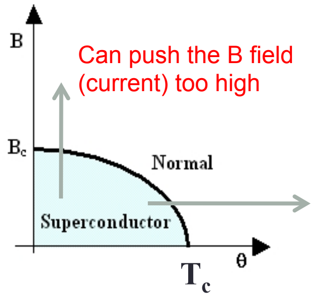
- The maximum Sp$\bar{p}$S energy was limited by the maximum power loss that the conventional magnets could support.
  - LHC made out of such magnets would be roughly the size of Rhode Island!
- Highest energy colliders only possible using superconducting magnets
- Must take the bad with the good
  - Conventional magnets are simple and naturally dissipate energy as they operate
  - Superconducting magnets are complex and represent a great deal of stored energy which must be handled if something goes wrong

$$E \propto B^2$$

- R&D into superconducting technology is absolutely critical in the quest for the highest energies (made Tevatron and LHC possible!)
- Machine protection is one of the biggest challenges.

When is a superconductor not a superconductor?

- Superconductor can change phase back to normal conductor by crossing the “critical surface”



Can push the B field (current) too high

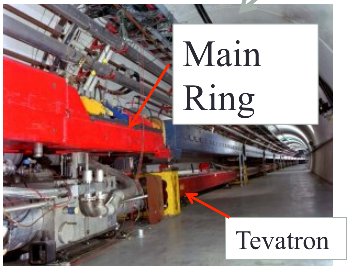
Can increase the temp, through heat leaks, deposited energy or *mechanical deformation*

- When this happens, the conductor heats quickly, causing the surrounding conductor to go normal and dumping lots of heat into the liquid Helium➔“quench”
  - all of the energy stored in the magnet must be dissipated in some way
- Dealing with quenches is the single biggest issue for any superconducting synchrotron!

Quench Example: MRI Magnet*

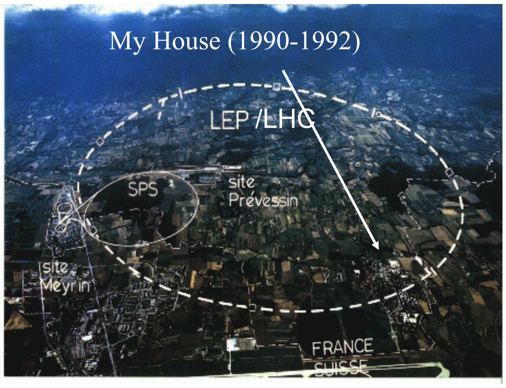
*pulled off the web. We recover our Helium.

Tevatron: First Superconducting Synchrotron



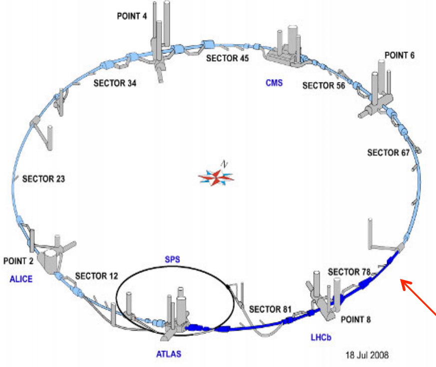
- 1968 – Fermilab Construction Begins
- 1972 – Beam in Main Ring
  - (normal magnets)
- Plans soon began for a superconducting collider to share the ring.
  - Dubbed “Saver Doubler” (later “Tevatron”)
- 1985 – First proton-antiproton collisions in Tevatron
  - Most powerful accelerator in the world *for the next quarter century*
- 1995 – Top quark discovery
- 2011 – Tevatron shut down after successful LHC startup

Back the present: Large Hadron Collider



- Straddles French/Swiss border near Geneva, Switzerland
- Tunnel originally dug for LEP
  - Built in 1980’s as an electron positron collider
  - Max 100 GeV/beam, but 27 km in circumference!!

LHC Layout and Numbers

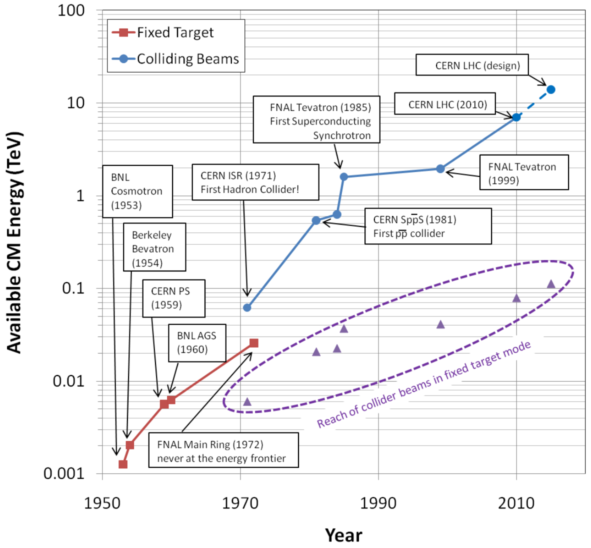


Design:

- 7 TeV+7 TeV proton beams
  - 7 times Fermilab Tevatron
  - Magnets have two beam pipes, one going in each direction.
- Stored beam energy 150 times more than Tevatron
  - Each beam has only 5x10^{-10} grams of protons, but has the energy of a train going 100 mph!!
- These beams are focused to a size *smaller than a human hair* to collide with each other!

- 27 km in circumference
- 2 major collision regions: CMS and ATLAS
- 2 “smaller” regions: ALICE and LHCb

Evolution of the Accelerator Energy Frontier



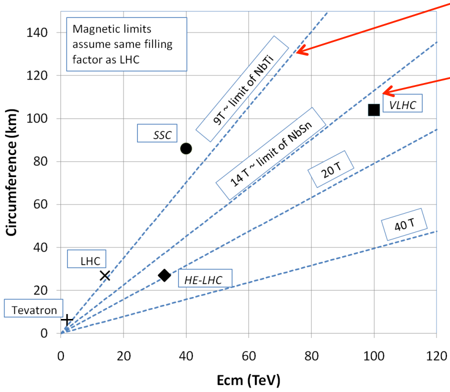
~a factor of 10 every 15 years

That trend will not continue

← proton mass

What next?

- The energy of Hadron colliders is limited by feasible size and magnet technology. Options:
  - Get very large (~100 km circumference)
  - More powerful magnets (requires new technology)



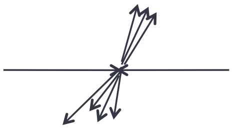
All accelerator magnets based on this

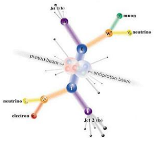
Future magnets could be based on this

Future Circular Collider (FCC)

- Currently being discussed for ~2030s
- 80-100 km in circumference
- Niobium-3-Tin (Nb_3Sn) magnets.
- ~100 TeV center of mass energy

Other Paths to the Energy Frontier



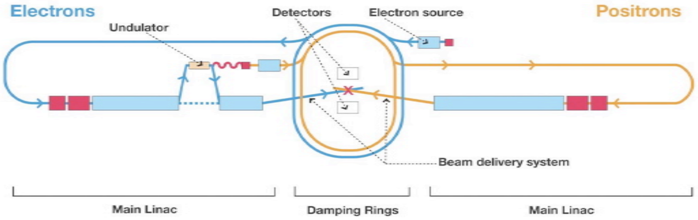


- Leptons vs. Hadrons revisited
  - Because 100% of the beam energy is available to the reaction, a lepton collider is competitive with a hadron collider of ~5-10 times the beam energy (depending on the physics).
  - A lepton collider of >1 TeV/beam could compete with the discovery potential of the LHC
    - A lower energy lepton collider could be very useful for precision tests, but I'm talking about direct *energy frontier* discoveries.
  - Unfortunately, building such a collider is VERY, VERY hard
    - Eventually, circular e^+e^- colliders will radiate away all of their energy each turn
      - LEP reached 100 GeV/beam with a 27 km circuference synchrotron!

    ➔ Next e^+e^- collider will be linear

International Linear Collider (ILC)

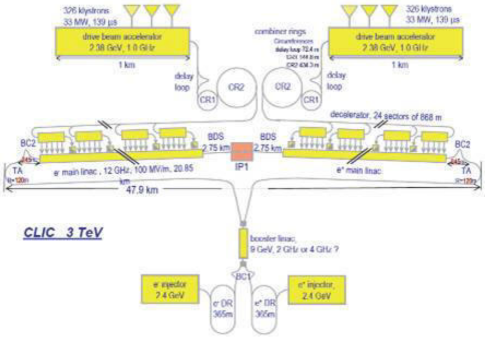
- LEP was the limit of circular e^+e^- colliders
  - Next step must be linear collider
  - Proposed ILC 30 km long, 250 x 250 GeV e^+e^- (NOT energy frontier)



- We don't yet know whether that's high enough energy to be interesting
  - Need to wait for LHC results
  - What if we need more?

"Compact" (ha ha) Linear Collider (CLIC)?

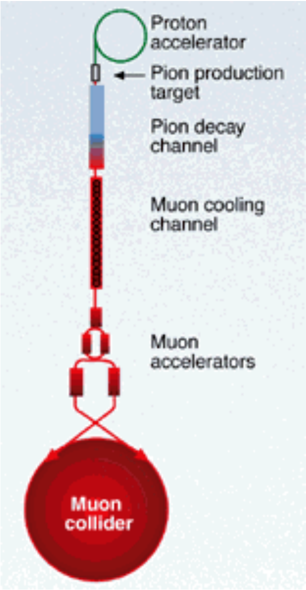
- Use low energy, high current electron beams to drive high energy accelerating structures



- Up to 1.5 x 1.5 TeV, but VERY, VERY hard

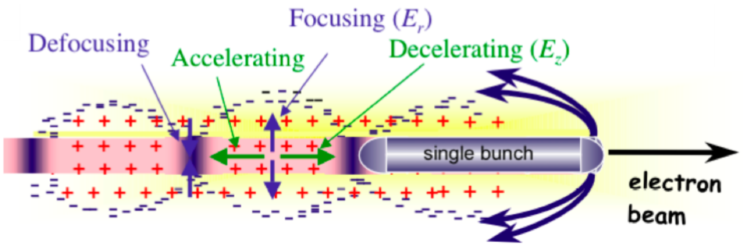
Muon colliders?

- Muons are pointlike, like electrons, but because they're heavier, synchrotron radiation is much less of a problem.
- Unfortunately, muons are unstable, so you have to produce them, cool them, and collide them, before they decay.



Wakefield accelerators?

- Many advances have been made in exploiting the huge fields that are produced in plasma oscillations.



- Potential for accelerating gradients many orders of magnitude beyond RF cavities.
- Still a long way to go for a practical accelerator.

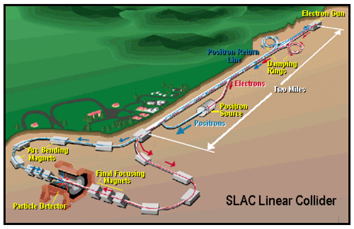
Some other important accelerators (past):

LEP (at CERN):

- 27 km in circumference
- e+e-
- Primarily at $2E=M_Z$ (90 GeV)
- Pushed to E_{CM}=200GeV
- L = 2E31
- **Tunnel now houses LHC**

SLC (at SLAC):

- 2 km long LINAC accelerated electrons AND positrons on opposite phases.
- $2E=M_Z$ (90 GeV)
- polarized
- L = 3E30
- **Proof of principle for linear collider**



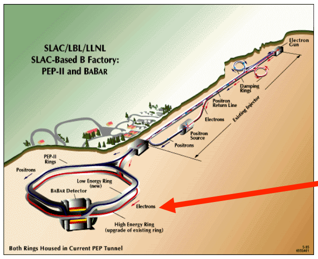
B-Factories

- B-Factories collide e+e- at $E_{CM} = M(\Upsilon(4S))$.

-Asymmetric beam energy (moving center of mass) allows for time-dependent measurement of B-decays to study CP violation.

KEKB (Belle Experiment):

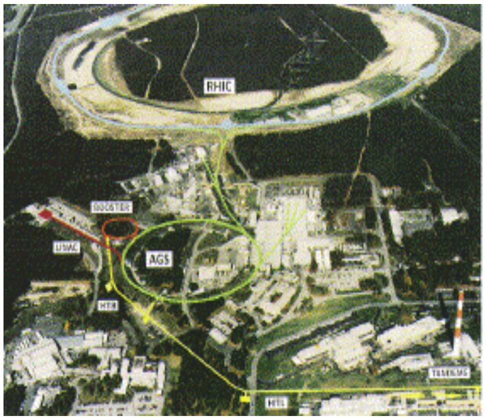
- Located at KEK (Japan)
- 8GeV e- x 3.5 GeV e+
- Peak luminosity >1e34



PEP-II (BaBar Experiment)

- Located at SLAC (USA)
- 9GeV e- x 3.1 GeV e+
- Peak luminosity >1e34

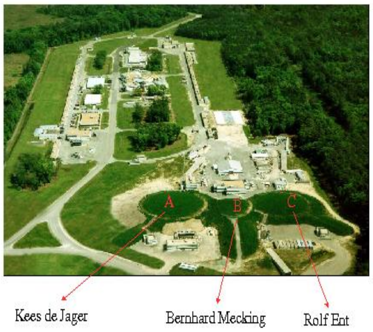
Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)



- Located at Brookhaven:
- Can collide protons (at 28.1 GeV) and many types of ions up to Gold (at 11 GeV/amu).
- Luminosity: 2E26 for Gold
- **Goal: heavy ion physics, quark-gluon plasma, ??**

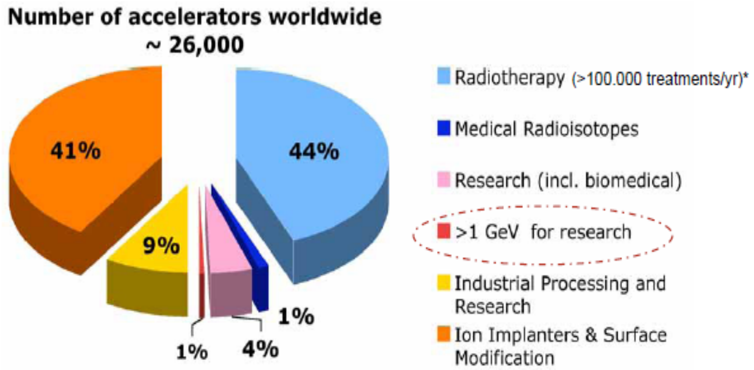
Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF)

Jlab, the aerial view



- Locate at Jefferson Laboratory, Newport News, VA
- 12GeV e- at 200 uA continuous current
- Nuclear physics, precision spectroscopy, etc

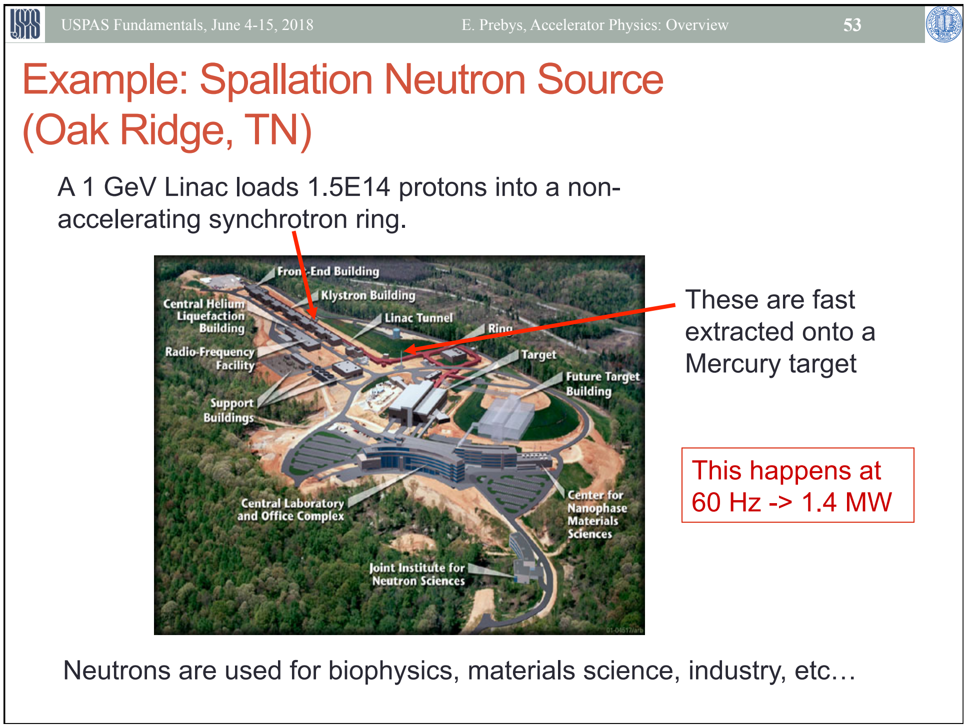
Research Machines: Just the Tip of the Iceberg



Annual growth is several percent

Sales >3.5 B$/yr

Value of treated good > 50 B$/yr **



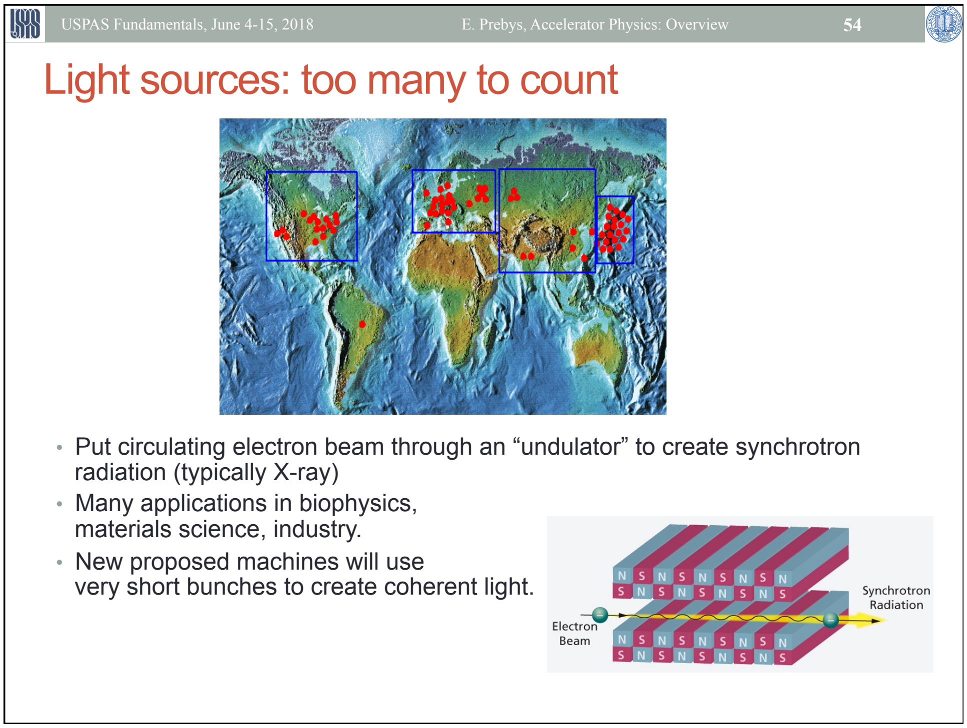
Example: Spallation Neutron Source (Oak Ridge, TN)

A 1 GeV Linac loads 1.5E14 protons into a non-accelerating synchrotron ring.

These are fast extracted onto a Mercury target

This happens at 60 Hz -> 1.4 MW

Neutrons are used for biophysics, materials science, industry, etc…



Light sources: too many to count

- Put circulating electron beam through an "undulator" to create synchrotron radiation (typically X-ray)
- Many applications in biophysics, materials science, industry.
- New proposed machines will use very short bunches to create coherent light.

Other uses of accelerators

- Radioisotope production
- Medical treatment
- Electron welding
- Food sterilization
- Catalyzed polymerization
- Even art…

In a "Lichtenberg figure", a low energy electron linac is used to implant a layer of charge in a sheet of lucite. This charge can remain for weeks until it is discharged by a mechanical disruption.