



# 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







### 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.

1kg

1m

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## 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

  - A 1 kg weight dropped 1m would have 6x10<sup>18</sup> eV of energy!
- On the other hand, it's a very useful unit when talking about indiv particles
   (kinetic energy) = (mass)×(gravity)×(height)
  - 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

(proton mass)×
$$c^2 = 938,000,000 \text{ eV} \approx 1 \text{ billion eV} = 1 \text{ GeV}$$
  
(electron mass)× $c^2 = 511,000 \text{ eV} \approx \frac{1}{2} \text{ MeV}$ 

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### Another way to look at energy...

• Quantum mechanics tells us all particles have a wavelength



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

.0000005% of mass converted to energy.

 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.* Hydrogen Bomb



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





**Kinetic Energy** 

 A body in motion will have a total energy given by



- The difference between this and mc<sup>2</sup> 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**

Basic Relativity

 $\beta = \frac{v}{c}$   $\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$ momentum  $p = \gamma m v$ total energy  $E = \gamma mc^2$ kinetic energy  $K = E - mc^2$   $E = \sqrt{\left(mc^2\right)^2 + \left(pc\right)^2}$ 

### Remember forever!



Some Handy Relationships

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

- Units
  - For the most part, we will use SI units, except
    - Energy: eV (keV, MeV, etc) [1 eV = 1.6x10<sup>-19</sup> J]
    - Mass: eV/c<sup>2</sup>
      [proto
- $[\text{proton} = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}^2 = 938 \text{ MeV/c}^2]$ 
  - Momentum: eV/c [proton @  $\beta$ =.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

These units make these relationships really easy to calculate

### **Some Pre-History**

- The first artificial acceleration of particles was done using "Crookes tubes", in the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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)



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### **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)

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 Walton = 75 accelerating fields -> Radio Frequency (RF) acceleration
- Bend particles so they see the same accelerating field over and over -> cyclotrons, synchrotrons



Anode

Cathode





Old FNAL Cockroft-Walton = 750 kV

### 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"



- **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)

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

$$\rho = \frac{p}{qB} \approx \frac{mv}{qB} \quad (v \ll c)$$

$$f = \frac{v}{2\pi\rho}$$

$$= \frac{qB}{2\pi m} \quad (\text{constant!!})$$

$$\Omega_s = 2\pi f = \frac{qB}{2\pi m}$$

### would not work for electrons!



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

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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



- 1935 60" Cyclotron
  - ➤ Lawrence, et al. (LBL)
  - ➤ ~19 MeV (D₂)
  - Prototype for many

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





### **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:

constant for

fixed energy!

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

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





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

 $B\rho$ 

T-m<sup>2</sup>/s

=V

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

units of eV in our usual convention

Remember forever!

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]	$\sqrt{E^2 - \left(mc^2\right)^2}$	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	(Bp) [T-m]	<i>p</i> [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

- 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 showing shims for field correction. 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"!





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

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### 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)

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





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  $\frac{P}{r}$  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

$$p_{\perp} \approx q v B t = q v B (l / v) = q B l$$

and it will be bent through small angle

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

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



### **Quadrupole Magnets\* as Lenses**



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



\*or quadrupole term in a gradient magnet

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### What About the Other Plane?



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 timevarying electric fields (RF cavities), either in a linear arrangement



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





## **Examples of Accelerating RF Structures**



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

### 37->53MHz Fermilab Booster cavity



ILC prototype elipical cell " $\pi$ -cavity" (1.3 GHz): field alternates with each cell

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



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



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

- 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<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> Collider

- ADA (Anello Di Accumulazione) at INFN, Frascati, Italy (1961)
  - 250 MeV e<sup>+</sup> x 250 MeV e<sup>-</sup>



 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!

## SppS: First Proton-Antiproton Collider



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

- 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





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## Superconductivity: Enabling Technology

 The maximum SppS 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



 $E \propto R^2$ 

- 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"



- 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!



\*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!!



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### LHC Layout and Numbers



> 27 km in circumference

- 2 major collision regions: CMS and ATLAS
- > 2 "smaller" regions: ALICE and LHCb

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<sup>-10</sup> 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!



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### **Evolution of the Accelerator Energy Frontier**



### 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 <u>S</u>S

### Future Circular Collider (FCC)

- Currently being discussed for ~2030s
- 80-100 km in circumference
- Niobium-3-Tin (Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn) 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<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> colliders will radiate away all of their energy each turn
    - LEP reached 100 GeV/beam with a 27 km circuference synchrotron!
  - → Next e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> collider will be linear

### International Linear Collider (ILC)

- LEP was the limit of circular e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> colliders
  - Next step must be linear collider
  - Proposed ILC 30 km long, 250 x 250 GeV e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> (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?



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## "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<sub>Z</sub> (90 GeV)
- Pushed to E<sub>CM</sub>=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





# Example: Spallation Neutron Source (Oak Ridge, TN)

A 1 GeV Linac loads 1.5E14 protons into a nonaccelerating synchrotron ring.



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



- 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.