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Application Areas

- In your old TV set: Cathode Tube
- Material Physics
	- Photons from Electrons,
	- Synchrotron Light
	- Material Surface
- Medicine
	- X-rays, synchrotron Radiation
	- Protons and Ions
- Food treatment
	- Physics
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Accelerators and LHC experiments at CERN

Units: Electronvolt

Electronvolt, unit for energy denoted by eV, is used for small energies (joule)

1 eV is defined as the energy needed to move one electron, with charge e e (around 1.602·10-19 C) in an electrical field with the strength 1 V/m a distance of 1 meter: Acceleration

1 eV = 1.602·10-19 joule.

In particle physics the unit eV is also used as a unit for mass since mass and energy are closely coupled through the relationship: E = mc 2 , m=g***m⁰ m is the particle mass and c the speed of light in vacuum. The mass of one electron, having a speed of v << c is around 0.5 MeV. Total energy**

From Wikipedia

When particles are accelerated to velocities (v) coming close to the velocity of light (c):

then we must consider relativistic effects

$$
\gamma = \mathbf{1} / \sqrt{\mathbf{1} - \beta^2}; \ \beta = \mathbf{v}/c
$$

Particle Sources and acceleration

- Natural Radioactivity: alfa particles and electrons. Alfa particles have an energy of around 5 MeV (corresponds to a speed of ~15,000 km/s).
- Production of particles: Particle sources
- Electrostatic fields are used for the first acceleration step after the source
- Linear accelerators accelerate the particles using Radio Frequency (RF) Fields
- Circular accelerators use RF and electromagnetic fields. Protons are today (2007+) accelerated to an energy of 7 TeV
- **The particles need to circulate in vacuum (tubes or tanks)** not to collide with other particles disturbing their trajectories.

Particle Sources 1

Particle Sources 2

Particle Sources 3

Time Varying Electrical Fields

Linear accelerators

The Cyclotron

the radius: isochronous cyclotron **the radius:** 13 **The frequency does not depend on the radius, if the mass is contant. When the particles become relativistic this is not valid any more. The frequency must change with the particle velocity: synchrcyclotron. The field can also change with**

Synchrotrons at CERN

The Synchrotron

Groups of particles are circulating synchronously with the RF field in the acceleratoing cavities

Each particle is circulating around an ideal (theoretical) orbit: for this to work out, acceleration and magnet fields must obey stability criteria!!

Forces on the particles

STEERING

The Dipole

Dipole Magnet, bends the particle trajectory in the horizontal plane (vertical field). Exception: correctors...

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F_x = -ev_s B_y
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F_r = mv_s^2 / \rho
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p = mv_s
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$$
\frac{1}{\rho(x, y, s)} = -\frac{e}{p} B_y(x, y, s)
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$$
B\rho = \frac{p}{e}
$$

"Magnetic rigidity"

The particles need to be focussed to stay in the accelerator. Similar principle as in optical systems.

The Quadrupole 2

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B_x = -g \cdot y
$$

$$
B_y = -g \cdot x
$$

$$
F_x = g \cdot x
$$

$$
F_y = -g \cdot y
$$

The force is proportional to x and to y:

Particles far from the center of the magnet are bent more, they get a more important corection.

"Alternate gradient focusing" gives an overall fokussing effect (compare for example optical systems in cameras)

The beam takes up less space in the vacuum chamber, the amplitudes are smaller and for the same magnet aperture the field quality is better (cost optimization)

Synchrotron design: The magnets are of alternating field (focusing-defocusing)

The following kind of differential equations can be derived, compare the simple pendulum:

$$
x''(s) + \left(\frac{1}{\rho^2(s)} - k(s)\right) \cdot x(s) = \frac{1}{\rho(s)} \Delta p / p \qquad k = \frac{e}{p} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x}
$$

$$
z''(s) + k(s) \cdot z(s) = 0
$$

$$
x(s) = \sqrt{\varepsilon \beta_x(s)} \cos(\frac{2\pi}{L}Q \cdot s + \delta)
$$

Oscillating movement with varying amplitude!

The number of oscillations the particle makes in one turn is called the "tune" and is denoted Q. The Q-value is slightly different in two planes (the horizontal and the vertical planes). L is the circumference of the ring.

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All particle excursions are confined by a function: the bsqare root of the the beta function and the emmittance.

Closed orbit, och field errors

Theoretically the particles oscillate around a nominal, calculated orbit.

The magnets are not perfect, in addition they cannot be perfectly alined.

For the quadrupoles for example this means that the force that the particles feel is either too large or too small with respect to the theoretically calculated force. Effect: the whole beam is deviated.

Beam Position Monitors are used to measure the center of the beam near a quadrupole, the beam should be in the center at this position.

Small dipole magnets are used to correct possible beam position errors.

Other types of magnets are used to correct other types of errors for example non perfect magnetic fields.

The Q-value gives the number of oscillations the particles make in one turn. If this value in an integer, the beam "sees" the same magnet-error over and over again and we may have a resonance phenomenon.(Resonance) Therfore the Q-value is not an integer.

The magnets have to be good enough so that resonace phenomena do not occur. Non wanted magnetic field components (sextupolar, octupolar etc.) are comparable to 10-4 relative to the main component of a magnet (dipole in a bending magnet, quadrupole in a focussing magnet etc.). This is valid for LHC

Types of effects that may influence the accelerator performance and has to be taken into account:

Movement of the surface of the earth Trains The moon The seasons Construction work

...

Calibration of the magnets is important Current regulation in the magnets

...

The energy of the particles must correspond to the field in the magnets, to permit the particle to stay in their orbits. Control of the acceleration!

Electrical Fields for Acceleration

The Synchrotron: Buckets

Targets:

Bombarding material with a beam directed out of the accelerator.

Bubbelchamber

Avaliable energy is calculated in the center of mass of the system (colliding objects)

particle energy

All particles do not collide at the same time -> long time is needed

Two beams are needed

 Antiparticles are difficult (expensive) to produce (~1 antiproton/10^6 protons)

 The beams affect each other: the beams have to be separated when not colliding

Luminosity

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EXPERIMENT

EXPERIMENT

Luminosity: the beam size

We need a small beam in the collision point

"Blow up" of the beam

Particle losses

 \Box Non wanted collisions in the experiments

 \square Limits the Luminosity

Superconducting Technology 1

Why superconducting magnets?

Small radius, less number of particles in the machine, smaller machine

Energy saving, BUT infrastructure very complex

The Superconducting Dipole for LHC **AT-MAS**

LHC dipole (1232 + reserves) built in 3 firms (Germany France and Italy, very large high tech project)

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The LHC Dipole

Working temperature 1.9 K ! Coldest spot i the universe...

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Physics Motivation 2

The CERN Laboratory

- **EXECUTE:** Users contribute to the present large research project, the LHC, with in-kind services and equipment or directly with funding
- ALICE "A Large Ion Collider Experiment" will observe protons and lead ion collisions (strongly interacting matter, quark gluon plasma)
	- ATLAS "A Toroidal LHC Apparatus" looks for Higgs bosons
	- CMS "Compact Muon Solenoid" looks for Higgs bosons
- **LHC-B, LHC Beauty experiment precise measurement on CP** violation

