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Accelerators for Beginners and the CERN Complex

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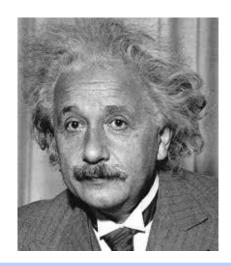
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Creating Matter from Energy

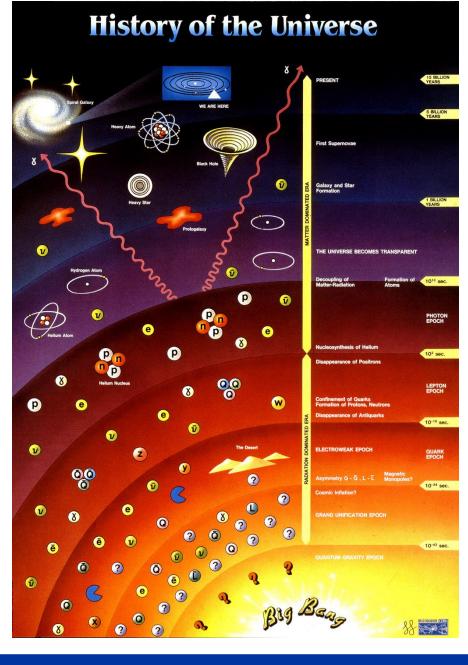
 $E = m \cdot c^2$

During the Big Bang Energy was transformed in matter



In our accelerators we provide energy to the particles we accelerate.

In the detectors we observe the matter created





Looking to smaller dimensions

Visible light

 $\lambda = 400 \rightarrow 700 \text{ nm}$





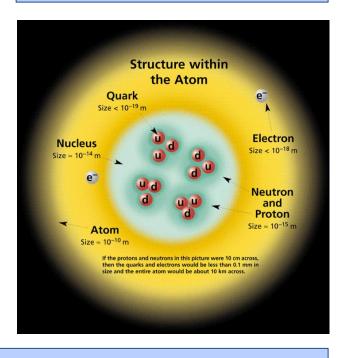


X-ray $\lambda = 0.01$ → 10 nm





Particle accelerators $\lambda < 0.01 \text{ nm}$



Increasing the energy will reduce the wavelength



Fixed Target vs. Colliders

Fixed Target



$$E \mu \sqrt{E_{beam}}$$

Much of the energy is lost in the target and only part is used to produce secondary particles

Collider



$$E = E_{beam1} + E_{beam2}$$

All energy will be available for particle production



Accelerators and Their Use

Today: ~ **30'000 accelerators** operational world-wide*

The large majority is used in industry and medicine

Industrial applications: ~ 20'000*

Medical applications: ~ 10'000*



Les than a fraction of a percent is used for research and discovery science

Cyclotrons

Synchrotron light sources (e-)

Lin. & Circ. accelerators/Colliders

This lecture will concentrate on the CERN type machines of which the majority are **Synchrotrons**

*Source: World Scientific Reviews of Accelerator Science and Technology A.W. Chao





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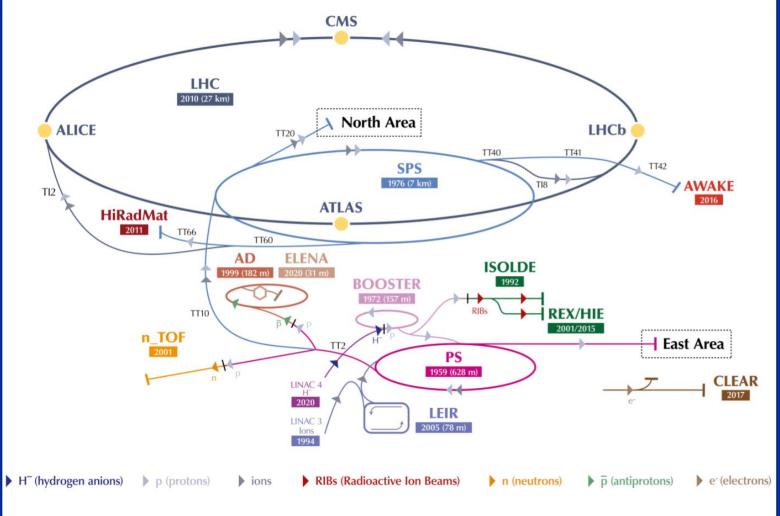








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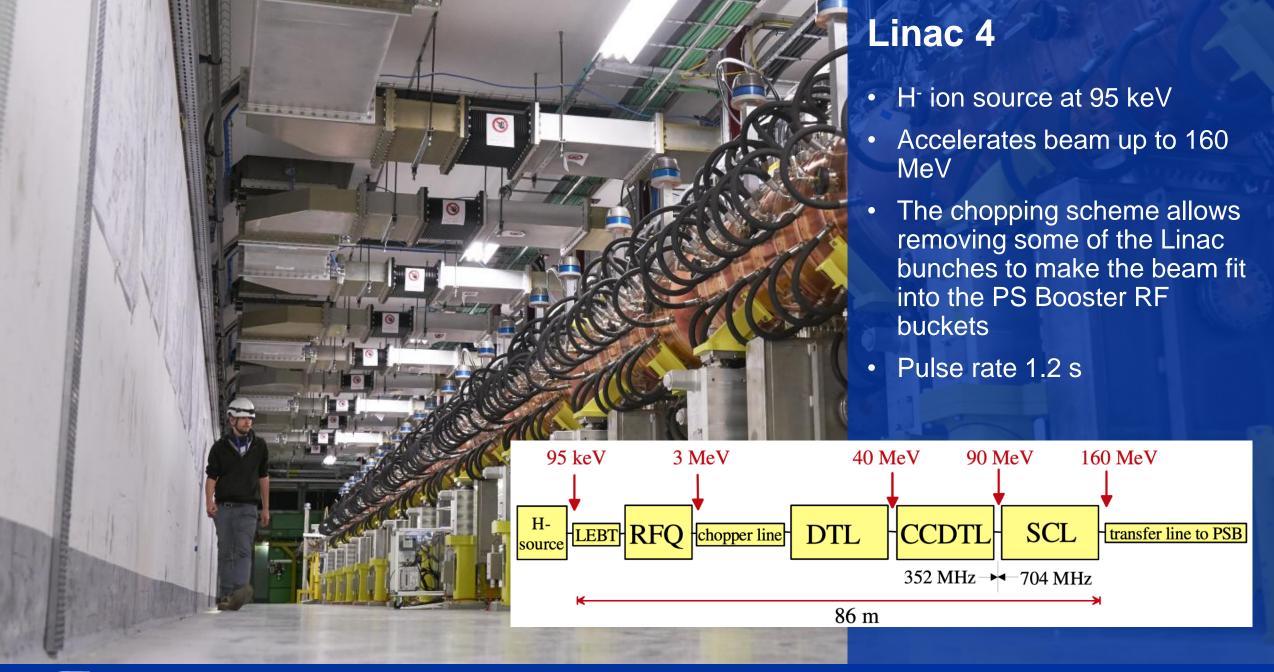








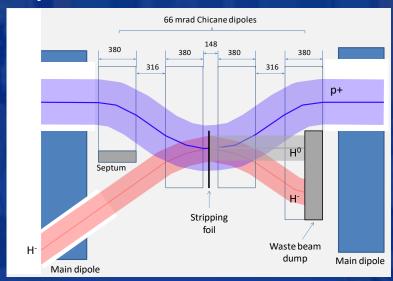


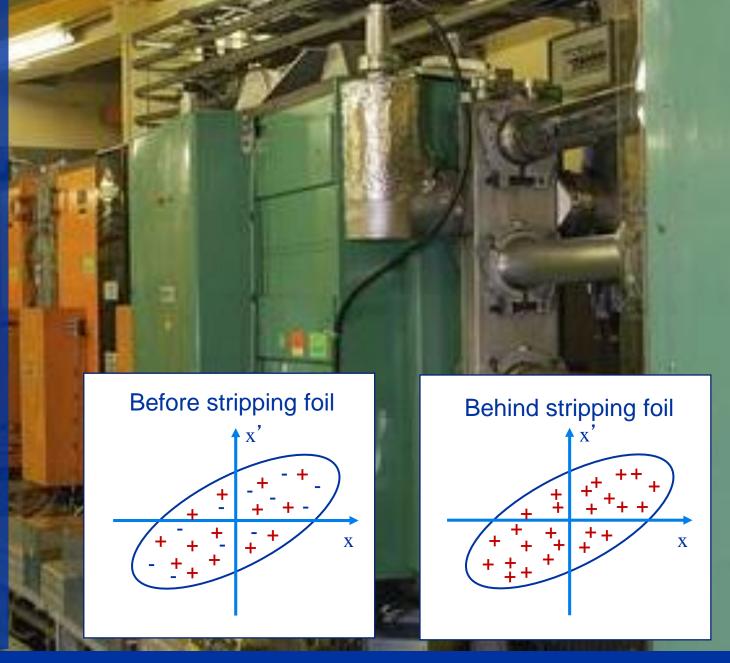




PS Booster

- 1st Synchrotron with 4 superposed rings
- Circumference of 157 m
- Proton energy from 160 MeV to 2 GeV
- Can cycle every 1.2 s
- Each ring will inject over multiturns, using charge exchange injection

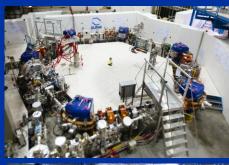






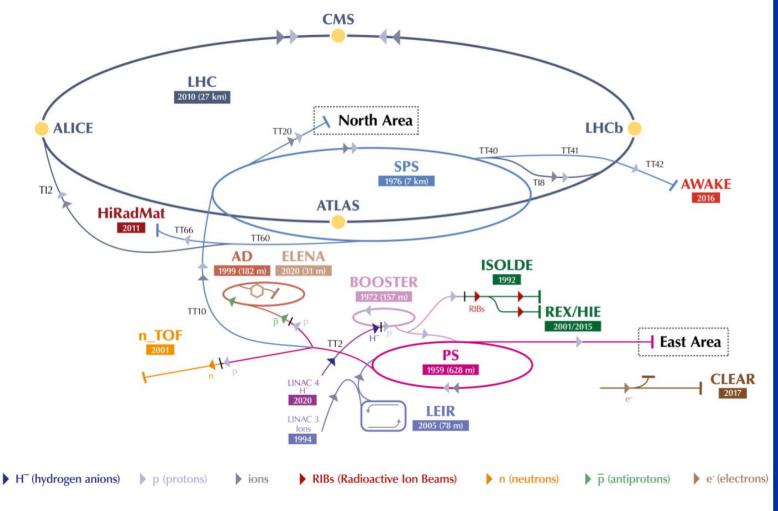








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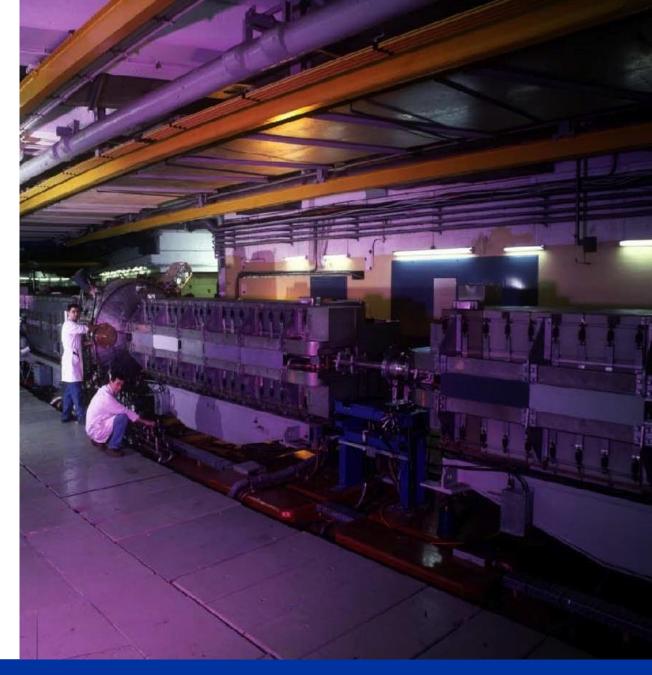






PS

- The oldest operating synchrotron at CERN
- Circumference of 628m
 - 4 x PSB circumference
- Increases proton energy from 2 GeV to max. 26 GeV
- Cycle length ranges from 1.2s to 3.6s
- Many RF systems allow for complex RF gymnastics
- Various types of extractions:
 - Fast extraction
 - Multi-turn extraction (MTE)
 - Slow extraction

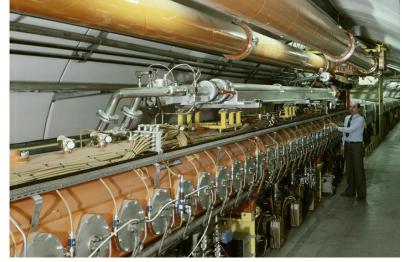




SPS

- The first synchrotron in the chain at ~30m under ground
- Circumference of 6.9 km
 - 11 x PS circumference
- Increases proton beam energy up to 450
 GeV with up to ~5x10¹³ protons per cycle
- Provides slow extracted beam to the North Area
- Provides fast extracted beam to LHC, AWAKE and HiRadMat







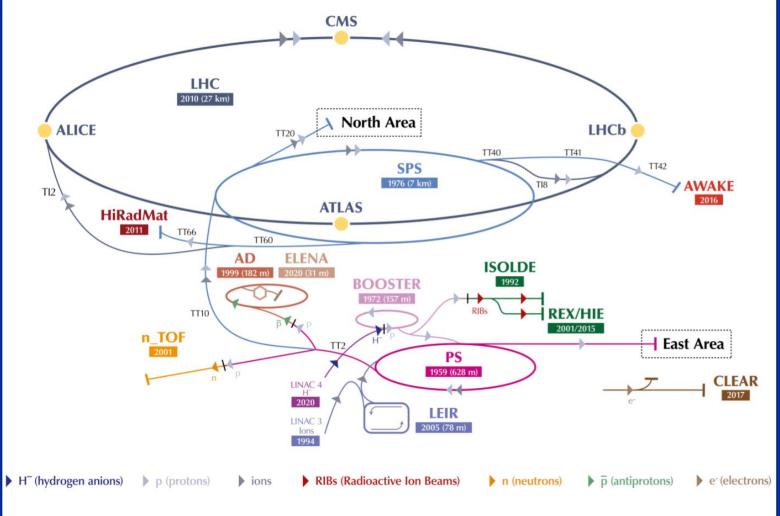








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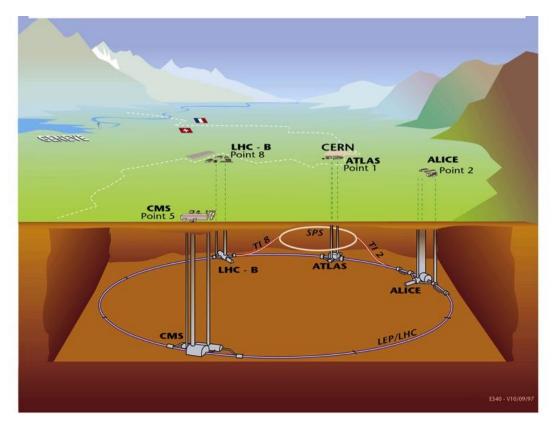








LHC

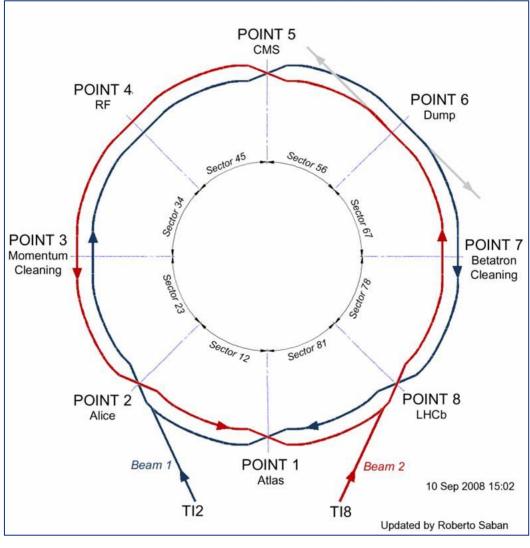


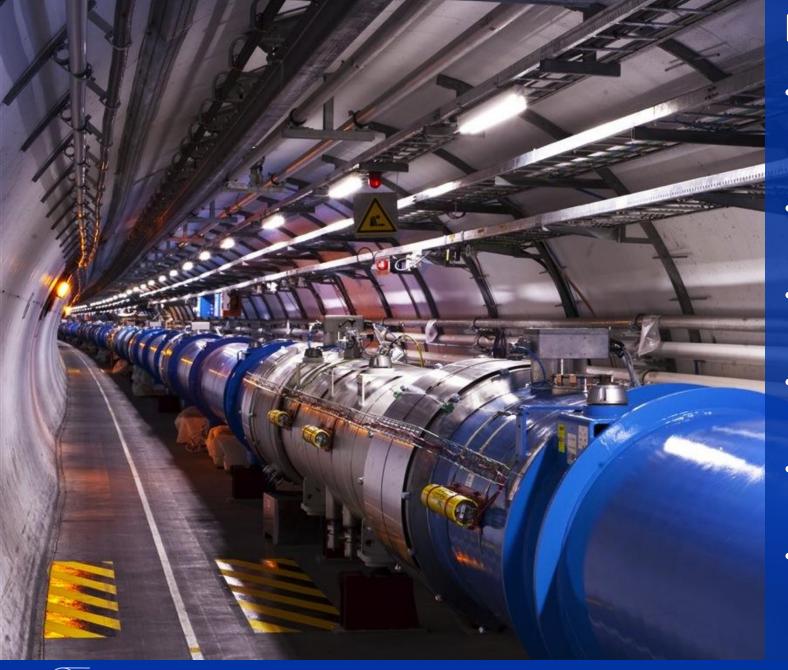


- Four major experiments
- Circumference 26.7 km



150 tons of liquid helium to keep the magnets cold and superconducting





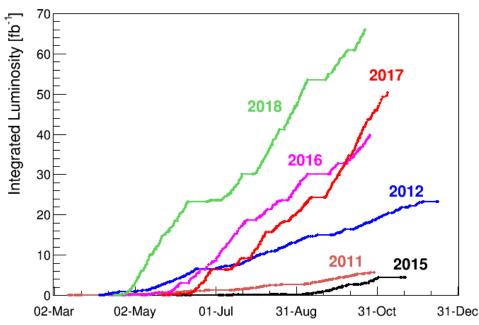
LHC

- 1232 main dipoles of 15 m each that deviate the beams around the 27 km circumference
- 858 main quadrupoles that keep the beam focused
- 6000 corrector magnets to preserve the beam quality
- Main magnets use superconducting cables (Cu-clad Nb-Ti)
- 12'000 A provides a nominal field of 8.33 Tesla
- Operating in superfluid helium at 1.9K



LHC: Luminosity the Figure of Merit

$$LUMINOSITY = \frac{N_{event/sec}}{S_r} = \frac{N_1 N_2 f_{rev} n_b}{4 \rho S_x S_y} F$$
Beam dimensions



Maximise Luminosity:

- Bunch intensity
- Transverse beam size
- Beam size at collision points (optics functions)
- Crossing angle
- Machine availability





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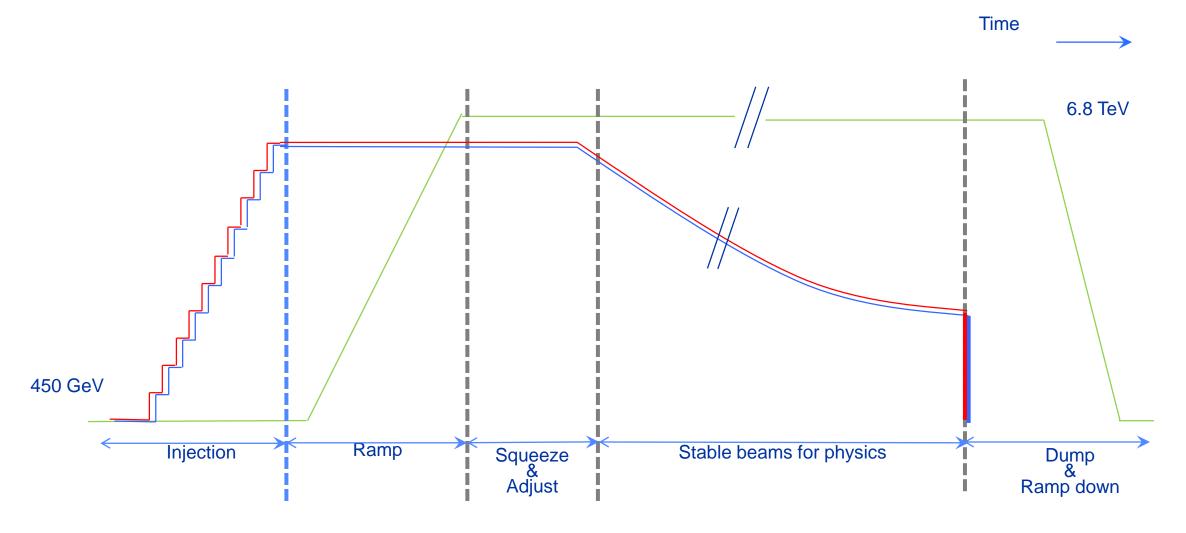


The LHC Cycle

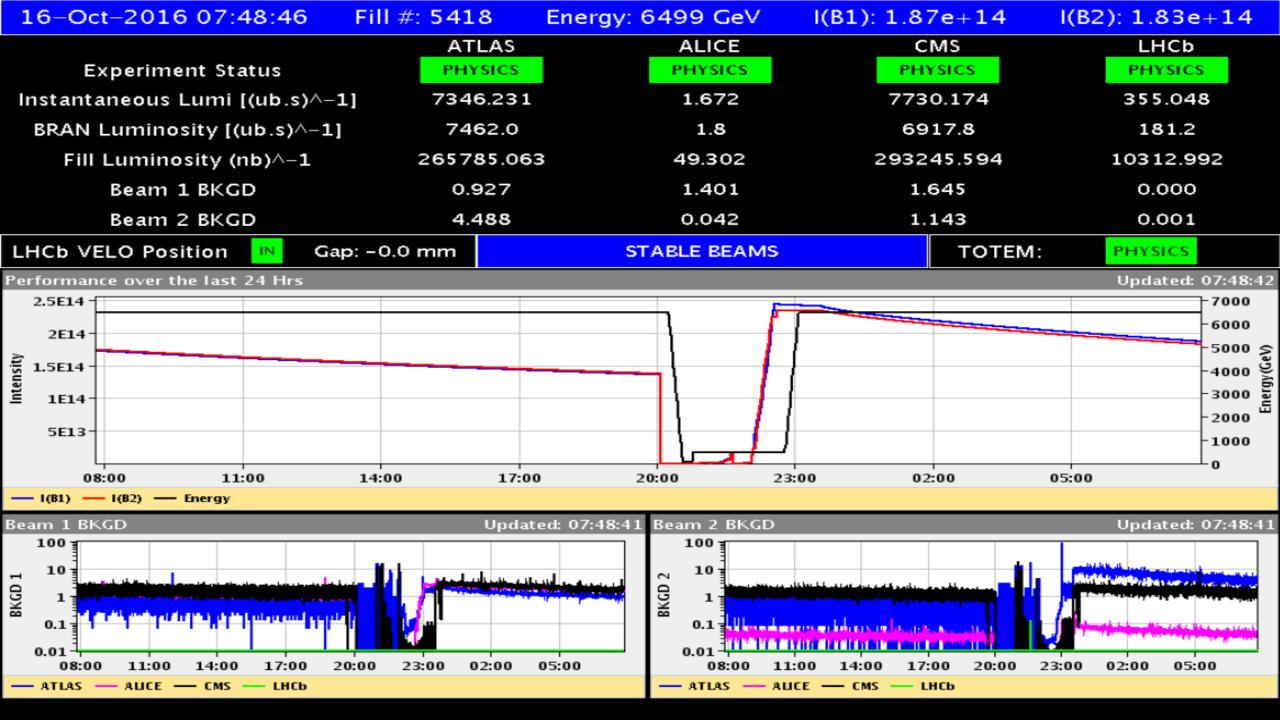
= Field in main magnets

= Beam 1 intensity (current)

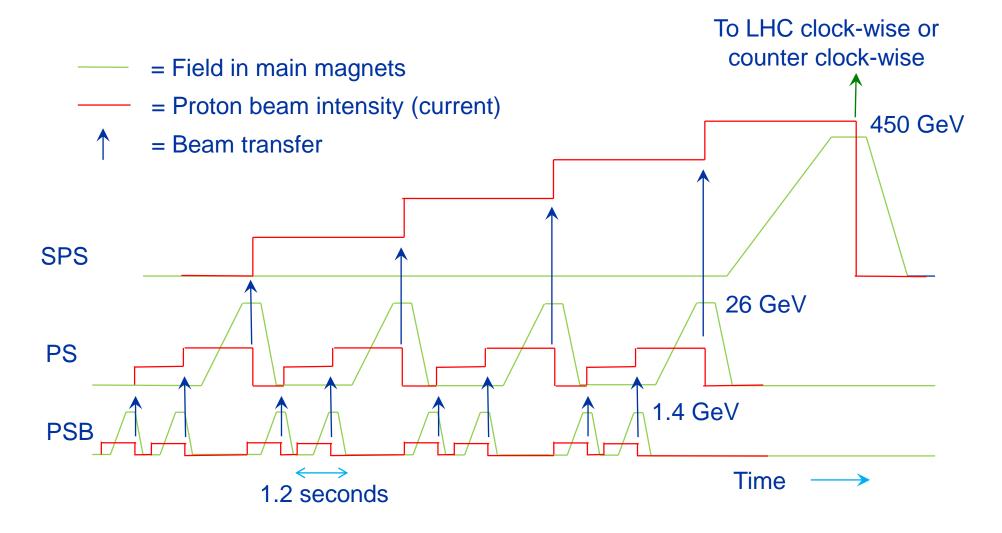
= Beam 2 intensity (current)







Filling the LHC & Satisfying Fixed Target users





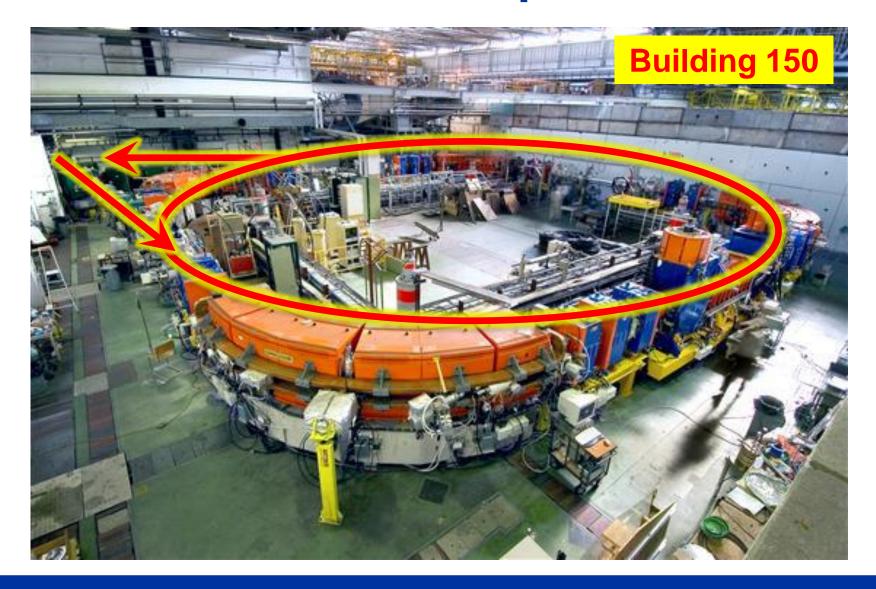


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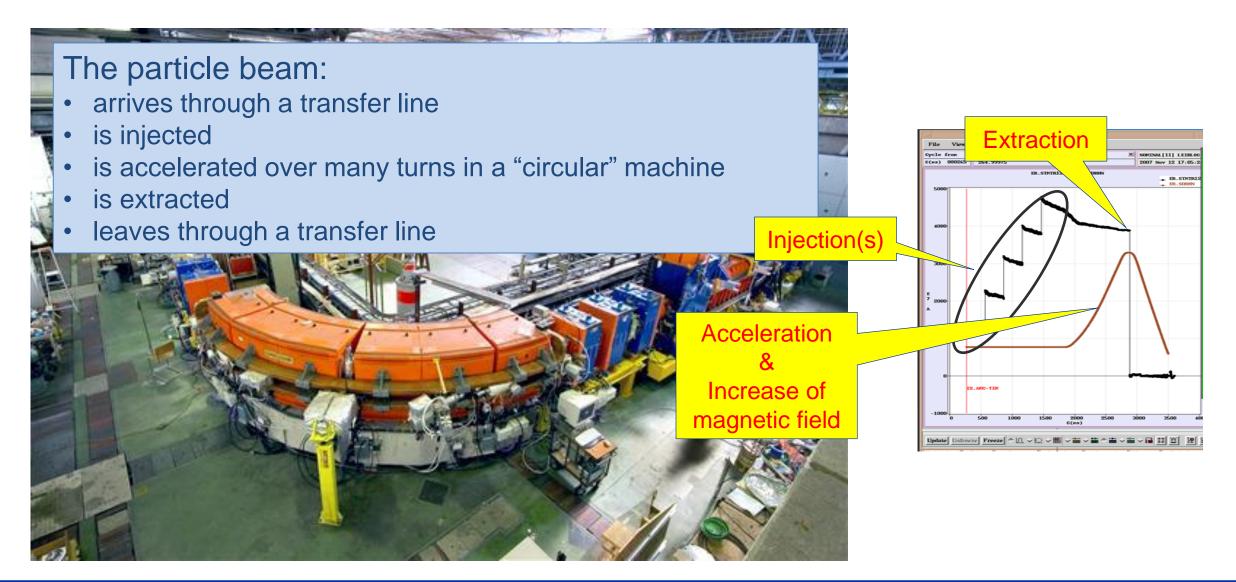


The LEIR Accelerator as Example



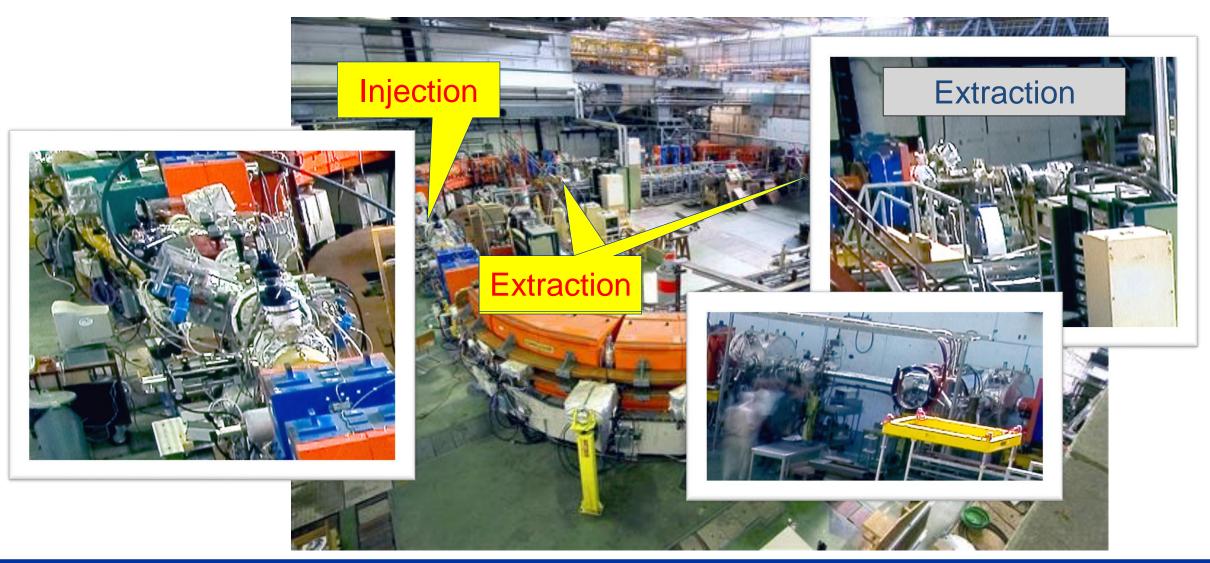


Vacuum Chamber



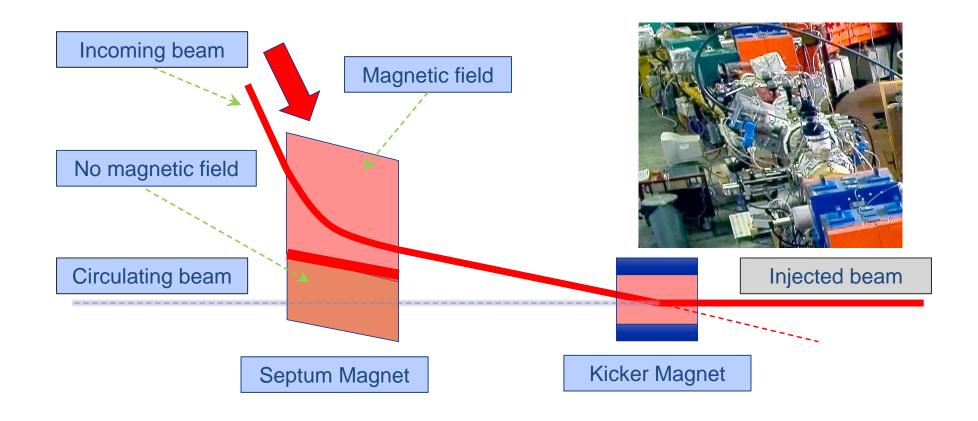


Injecting & Extracting Particles



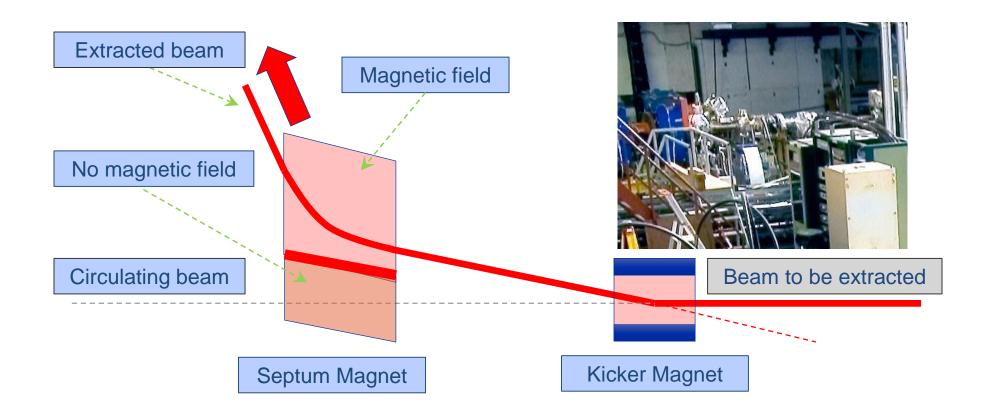


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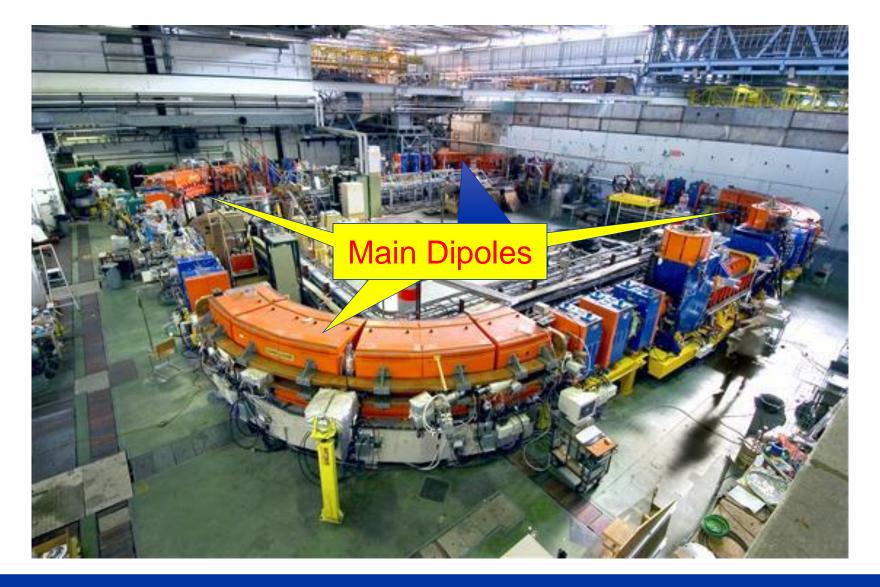


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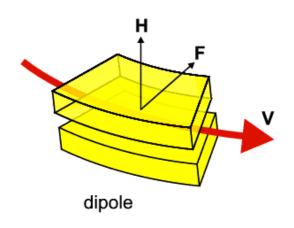
Make Particles Circulate

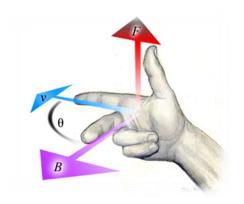




Deviating Charged Particles

Moving charged particles are deviated in a magnetic field

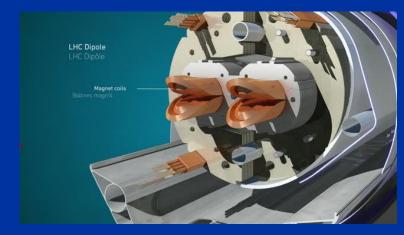




Magnetic Lorentz Force:

$$F = e(\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

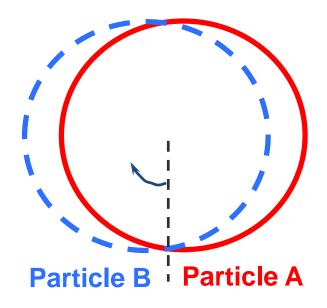




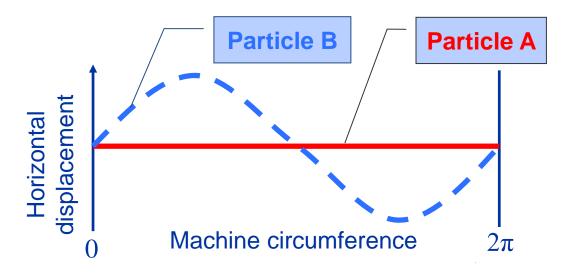


Oscillatory Motion in the Horizontal Plane

Two charged Particles in a homogeneous magnetic field



Horizontal motion



Different particles with different initial conditions in a homogeneous magnetic field will cause oscillatory motion in the horizontal plane

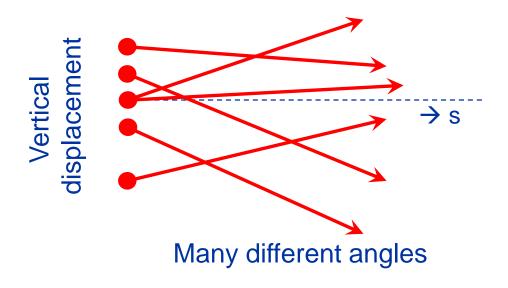
Betatron Oscillations



Oscillatory Motion in the Vertical Plane

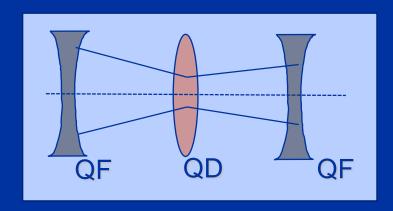
The horizontal motion seems to be "stable".... What about the vertical plane?

Many particles many initial conditions

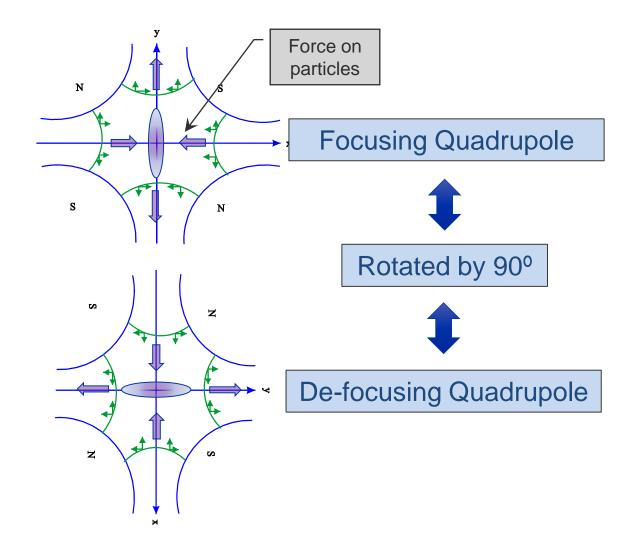






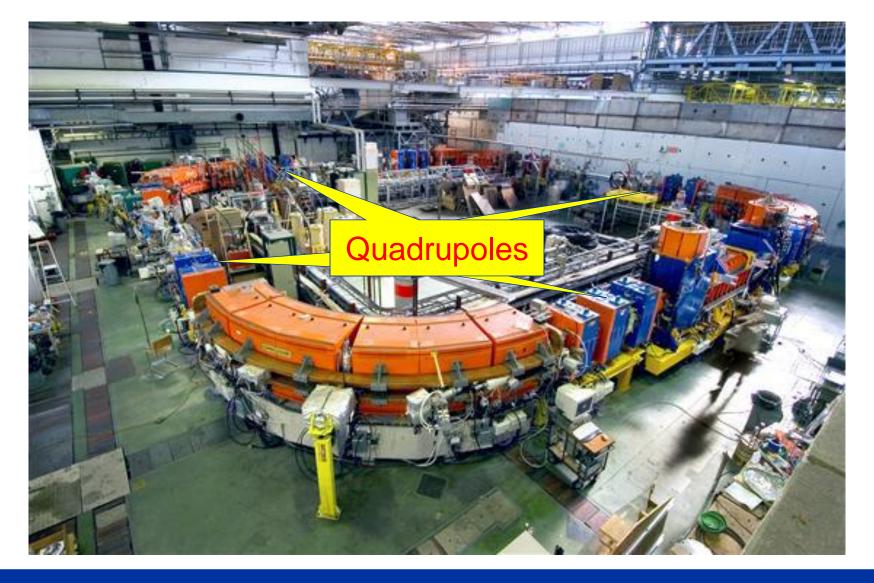


Focusing Particle Beams, a bit like a lens





Focusing Particle Beams in LEIR



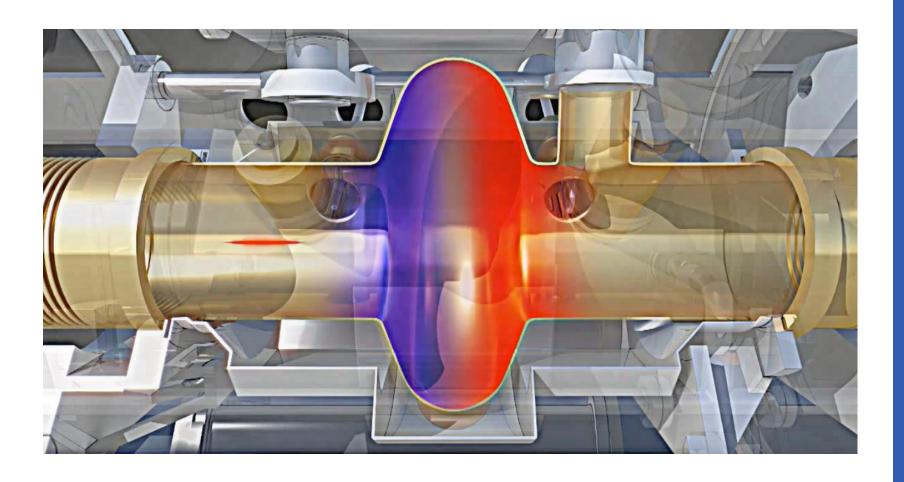


Accelerating Particles, Using Electrical Fields





Radio Frequency Cavity

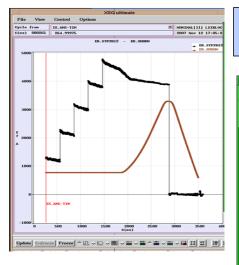


Charged particles are accelerated by a longitudinal electric field

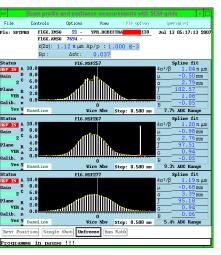
The electric field needs to alternate with a harmonic of the revolution frequency



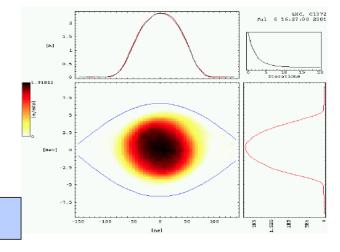
The Eyes of Operations



Beam intensity or current measurement



Transverse beam profile/size measurement



Longitudinal beam profile measurements

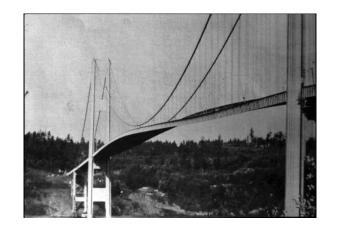
Measure the LHC luminosity, number of events per surface and time unit.

Any many more beam properties.....

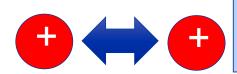


Possible Limitations

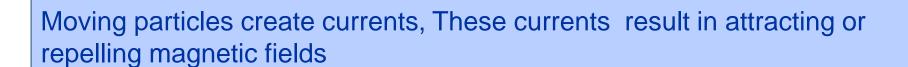
Machines and elements cannot be built with infinite perfection

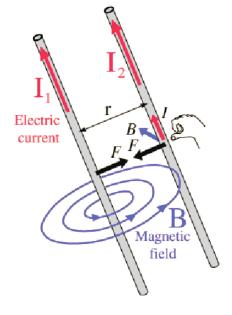


Same phase and frequency for driving force and the system can cause resonances and be destructive

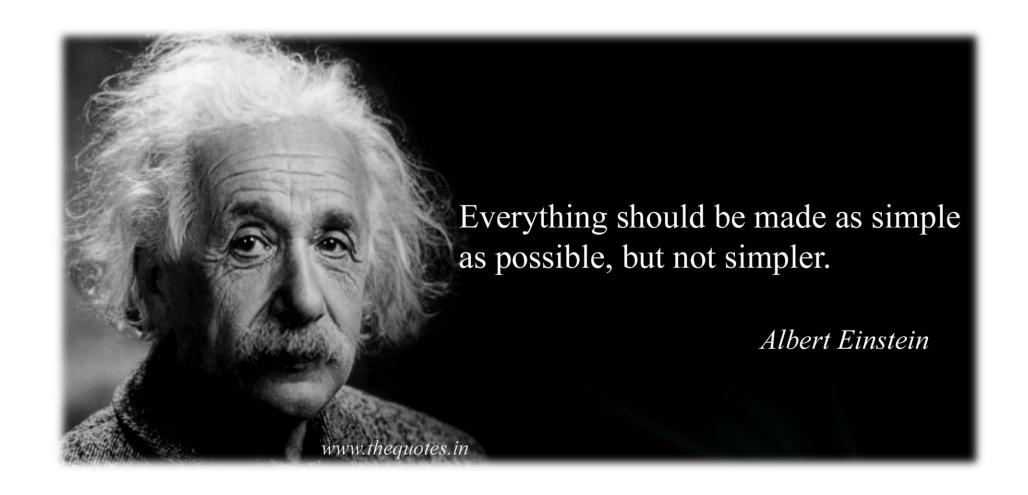


Neighbouring charges with the same polarity experience repelling forces



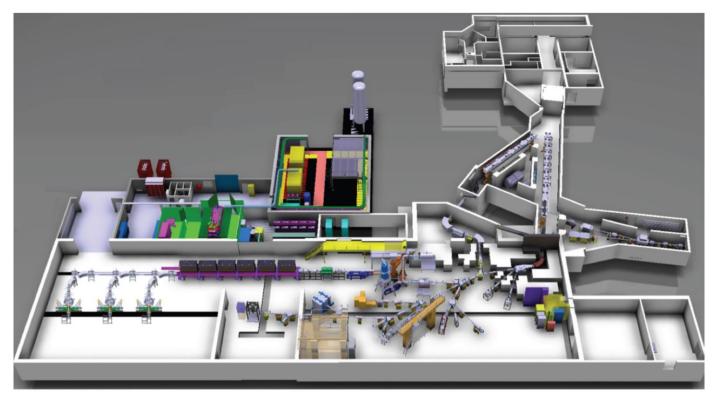






ISOLDE / HIE-ISOLDE



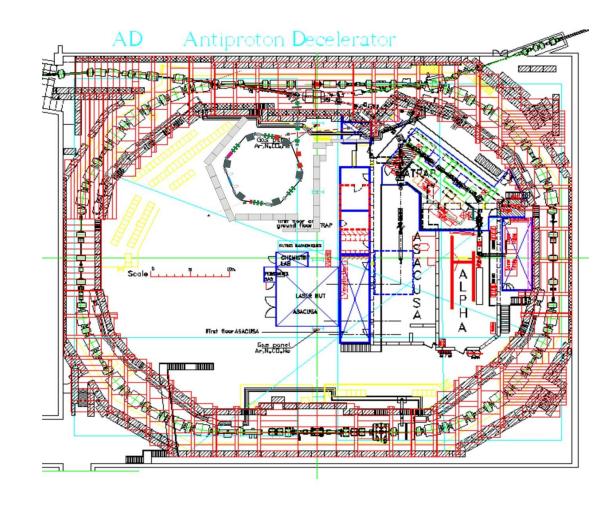


- The PSB proton beam impinges on a target producing a range of isotopes
- Two mass separators (GPS & HRS) allow selection of isotopes
- The post acceleration of isotopes is being extended
 - REX, normal conducting accelerating structures
 - HIE-ISOLDE, super conducting LINAC



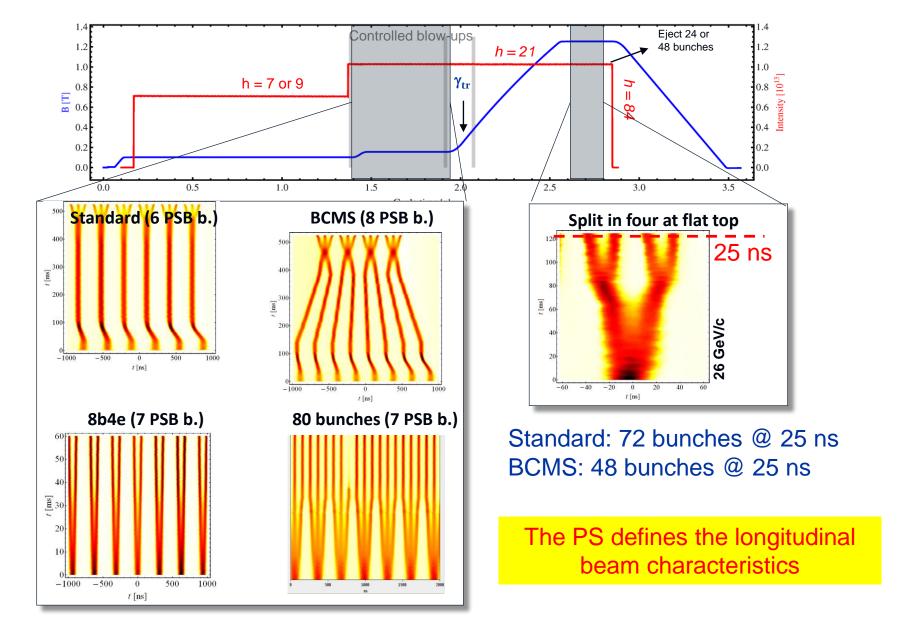
AD-ELENA

- Receives fast extracted proton beam from PS at 26 GeV/c on a target
- Every million protons yields about one usable antiproton at 3.5 GeV/c.
- AD decelerates beam in stages down to 5.3 MeV
- ELENA will further decelerate down to 100 keV
- Experiments:
 - ASACUSA, ALPHA, AEGIS, BASE, GBAR





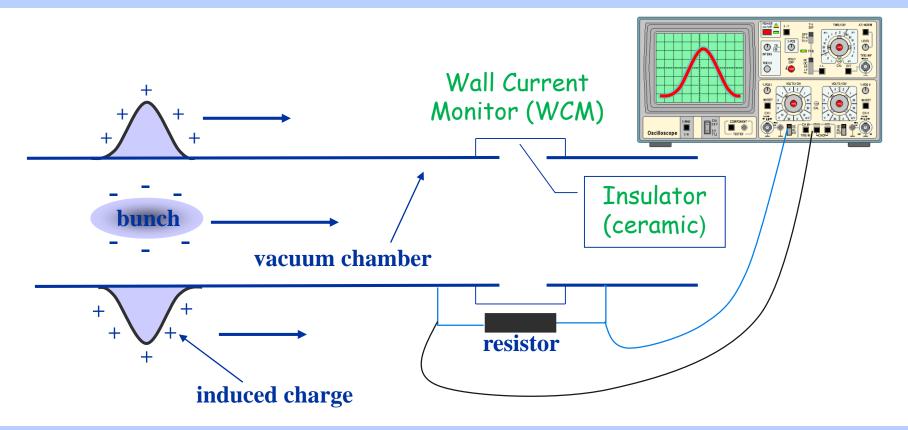
PS for LHC





Example: Wall Current Monitor

A circulating bunch creates an image current in vacuum chamber.



The induced image current is the same size but has the opposite sign to the bunch current.

