Accelerator Technology Challenges (Part 3):

Accelerator operation and design challenges (1/2)

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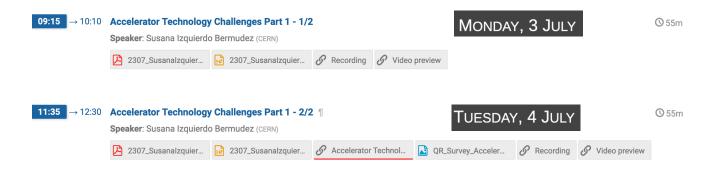






The Accelerator Technology Challenges lecture block

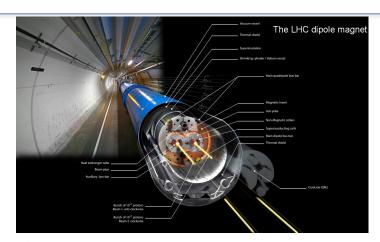
1 - Superconducting magnets



2 –Superconducting RF cavities



3- Operational and design challenges











2008 incident at the LHC

- Sep 10, 2008: p circulate through the LHC
- Sep 19, 2008: incident during dipole commissioning:
 - Current was being ramped up to produce 6.5 T field
 - Shortcircuit in interconnect between quadrupole (white/left) and dipole (blue/right) due to a welding issue
 - Electrical arc (spark) developed, which punctured the cryogenic He enclosure
 - He at high T and P -> He gas expanded with exposive force.
 6 tonnes of He leaked.
 - Magnets (weighing tonnes!) displaced
 - Damage to ~50 superconducting magnets, as well as their anchor mounting to concrete floor, and vacuum pipe contamination
 - 14 months delay in LHC operation schedule until all affected magnets were repaired
 - LHC had to be run at lower energy than nominal until all magnet interconnects were upgraded by 2013













Accelerator operation and design challenges

The 2008 incident, while a nuisance, was not the end of LHC

1st take-home message:

Accelerator operation is ridden with technical challenges

 Without wandering into the realm of incidents, in today's lecture we will focus on a series of daily challenges posed by particles lost from the beam and impacting somewhere in the machine (beam losses)

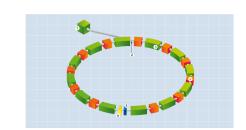




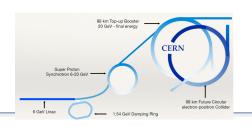


Outline of the material ahead

- Particle accelerator recap:
 - Basic building blocks
 - Operational cycle of a particle accelerator



- A qualitative discussion of beam losses, their causes, their effects, and their implications for the operation of particle accelerators (today)
- Basic generalities of hadronic and EM particle showers
- Numerical simulation tools (Monte Carlo method)
- Application to the design of particle accelerators (tomorrow)











Recap: building blocks and basic operational cycle of a particle accelerator





Introduction to particle accelerators and beam dynamics

Speaker: Foteini Asvesta (CERN) @ Recording Video preview introAccelerators_s... introAccelerators_s... Many more details in **Particle Accelerators and Beam Dynamics 2/3 10:25** → 11:20 WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY these lectures from a Speaker: Foteini Asvesta (CERN) couple weeks ago, which Recording Video preview introAccelerators_s... introAccelerators_s... you may revisit: **Particle Accelerators and Beam Dynamics 3/3** THURSDAY, 6 JULY Speaker: Foteini Asvesta (CERN) introAccelerators_s... Particle Accelerator... Recording Video preview introAccelerators_s... Beam is sent to synchrotron accelerator from the pre-accelerate (Tandem or Linac, etc.). **Dipole** magnets to bend the beam **Quadrupole** magnets to focus the beam For today, we'll just need **RF** cavities Charged particles travel around the track in a fixed orbit by electromagnet. a very basic schematic: to accelerate the beam

Particle Accelerators and Beam Dynamics 1/3

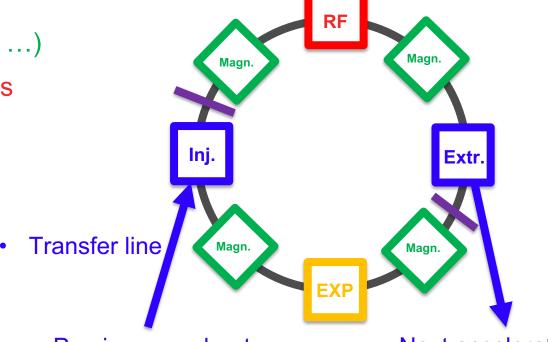




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Schematic of a particle accelerator (synchrotron)

- Particle injection system
- **Magnets** (bending dipole, focusing quadrupoles, ...)
- Radiofrequency (**RF**) cavities: accelerate particles
- Collimation
- Vacuum system
- **Experiment**
- Particle **extraction system**: B or E field
- Synchronization -> typical operational cycle



Previous accelerator or source

- LHC collimation



- Next accelerator
- Target/experiment
- Beam dump







SPS dipole





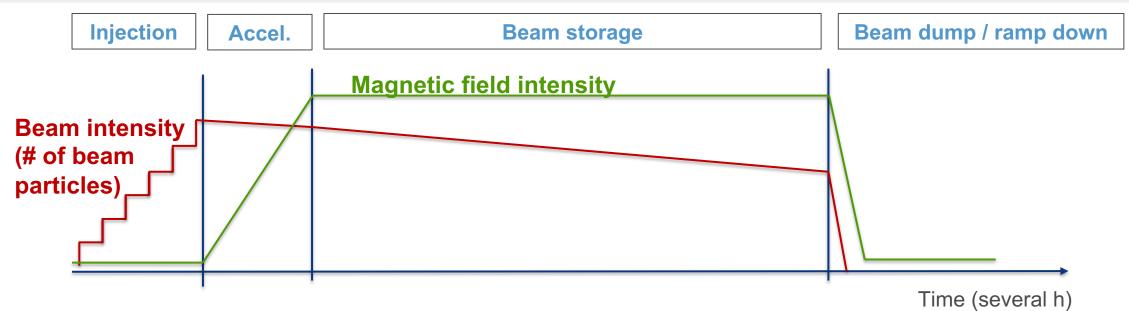


LHC RF cavities



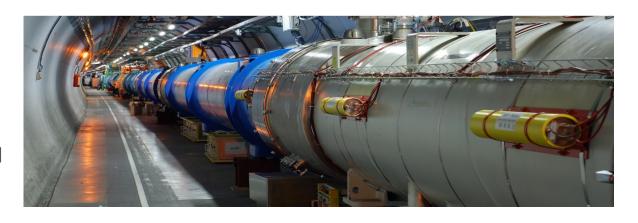


Schematic operational cycle of a particle accelerator (synchrotron)



E.g. for storage rings:

- Beam circulating for many h
- Multiple particle injection to fill the ring
- Acceleration: energy increase, B also ramped up to keep particles in circulating beam orbit
- Beam is then stored for hours, serving experiments
- Beam quality degrades (desired collisions, undesired beam losses): eventual beam dump, ramp down magnets

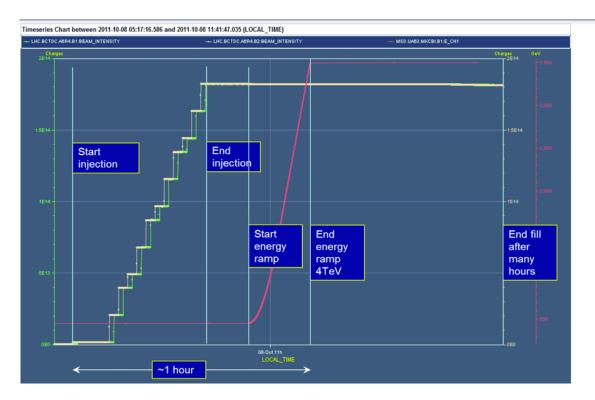


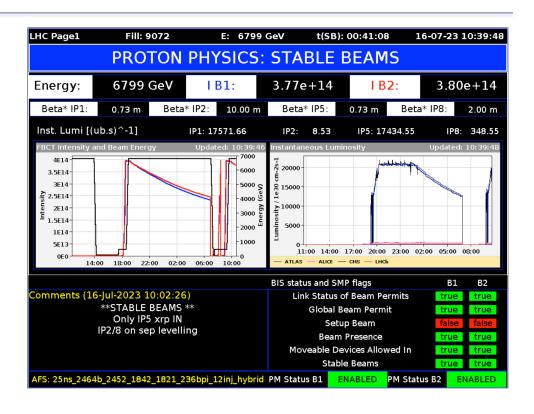






E.g. LHC operational cycle





[1] M.S. Camillocci, LHC Nominal cycle

https://indico.cern.ch/event/434129/contributions/1917195/attachments/1205096/1765722/Nominal_cycle.pdf

[2] Machine Protection and Interlock Systems for Circular Machines - Example for LHC https://e-publishing.cern.ch/index.php/CYR/article/view/239/181

[3] Live: https://op-webtools.web.cern.ch/vistar/vistars.php (see e.g. LHC Page 1, SPS Page 1)

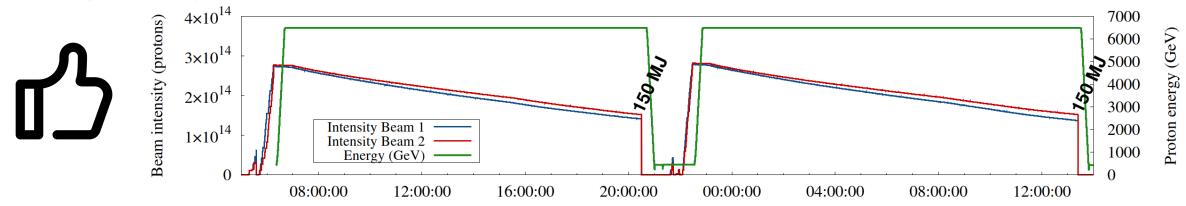




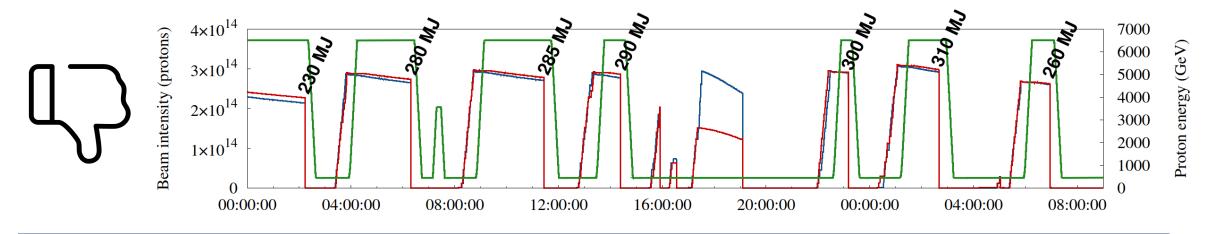


LHC cycles: https://op-webtools.web.cern.ch/vistar/vistars.php

■ On good days: successful injection, successful E ramp-up, beam serves exp ~12h



On bad days: injection failure, asymmetric B1/B2 behavior, dumps after just a few h.







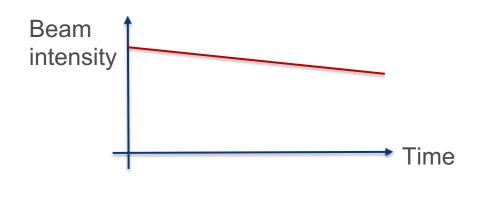


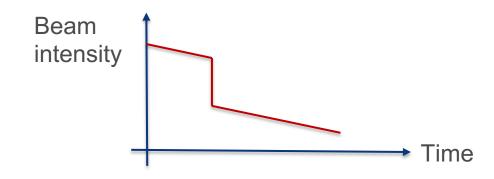
Coming up

Processes that contribute to:

- The monotonic regular loss of beam intensity
- The fast/sudden beam losses and subsequent beam dumps

• But first: are beam losses such a big deal?





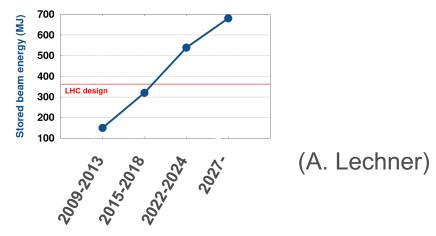




Energy stored in the LHC beam

Energy of p beam*: O(10² MJ)
*See additional slides

- Equivalent to that of a
 400 tonne train at ~140 km/h
- Losing even a fraction of this energy poses challenges
- Beam losses cannot be left unattended















Beam losses





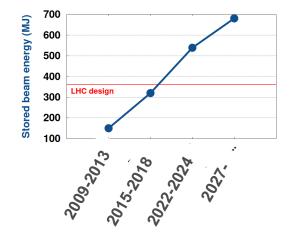


An introduction to beam losses

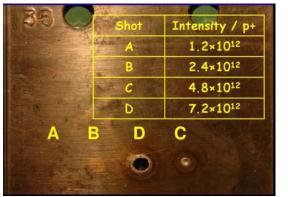
- Energy stored in circulating p beam @LHC: O(100) MJ
- Considerable challenge for accelerator operation, equipment, and personnel in case even a fraction of the beam is lost in the accelerator (beam losses):
 - Malfunction of accelerator systems → Operation has to be stopped until affected system is back in service (no collisions, no DAQ for exp.)
 - E.g. Superconducting (SC) magnets brought out of SC state (quench)
 - Macroscopic effects on materials: heating, melting, evaporation, embrittlement
 - Microscopic/structural damage affecting lifetime of accelerator equipment
 - Especially important: radiation-induced errors in electronics
 - Activation -> delays operator access for maintenance



 Consequences range from temporary absence of beam to an extended shutdown of the accelerator



450 GeV p on Cu





Beam losses pose challenges to the operation of particle accelerators and are a main concern in their design







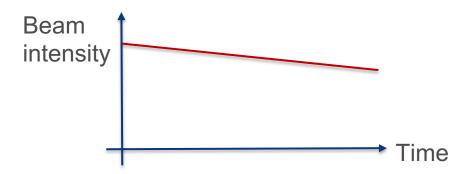
Regular vs. accidental beam losses

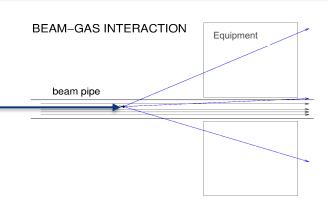
A beam particle is lost for a variety of reasons:

- It is in the wrong orbit and ends up traversing the vacuum chamber
- It impinges on a beam intercepting device (e.g. absorber) -> shower
- It undergoes a collision with e.g. residual gas in the beam pipe (at ultra-high vacuum)
- It undergoes unintended collision with unidentified falling object (UFO), e.g. dust
- It undergoes an intended collision at an interaction point

Regular beam losses:

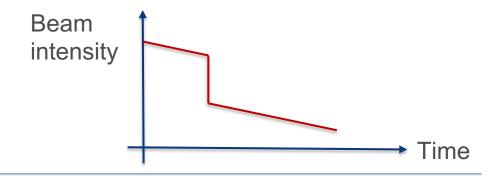
- Generally unavoidable, continuous, every cycle
- Slow (~minutes/hours)
- O(10%) intensity drop / cycle





• Accidental beam losses:

- Occasional, not every cycle
- Sudden / fast (ns-ms)
- Potentially large intensity loss









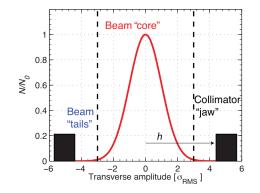
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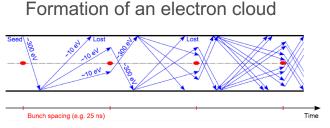
Beam intensity Time

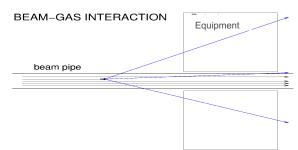
- Halo (tail in spatial profile) of beam can be lost on machine aperture due to various effects which transfer particles from the core to the halo region of the beam profile, e.g.:
 - Magnetic field errors, RF noise, interaction between beam particles, e- clouds, etc

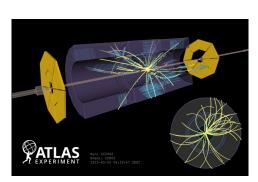
- Direct losses:
 - Elastic collision with residual gas
 - Nuclear inelastic collision with residual gas
 - (Intended!) collisions

- Operational variations:
 - Beam orbit drifts due to optics changes in the cycle
 - Changes in the tune
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Accounted for in design phase to reduce impact on equipment, personnel, and operation







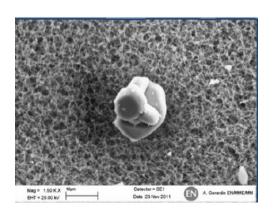
Accidental beam losses



- Typical causes:
 - Malfunction of accelerator equipment
 - E.g. power converter for a magnet fails, wrong kick applied, beam mis-steered, eventually lost.
 - Operational mistake (human / software error)
 - Unidentified falling objects (UFOs), ~micrometer-sized dust particles in beam path (negatively charged, which are attracted to the beam and scatter it away)
 - · ...
- Beam has typically to be refilled: operational loss O(h)













Protection / monitoring of accidental beam losses

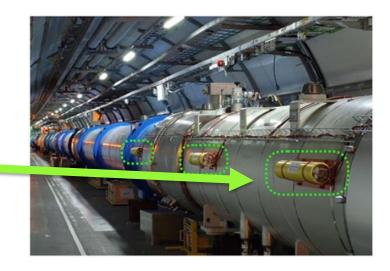
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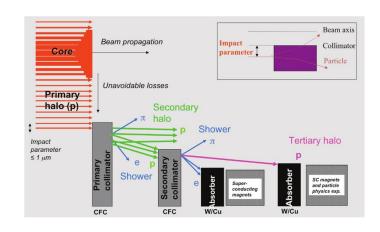
- Constant monitoring of beam and equipment parameters (e.g. beam current, position, profile...), beam-loss monitor signal, magnet current, etc.
- O(10⁵) parameters constantly being monitored within safety range. If any of them gets out of hand, beam is extracted on the beam dump.



- There can be losses for which the scheme above is not fast enough
- Collimation system

Ref: S. Redaelli et al., HL-LHC Technical design report, Chapter 5, Collimation System http://cds.cern.ch/record/2750434/files/1159-Article%20Text-4918-1-10-20201218.pdf











Thus far: general description of beam losses and their operational implications

Next: what happens when an energetic particle lost from the beam impinges on a material?

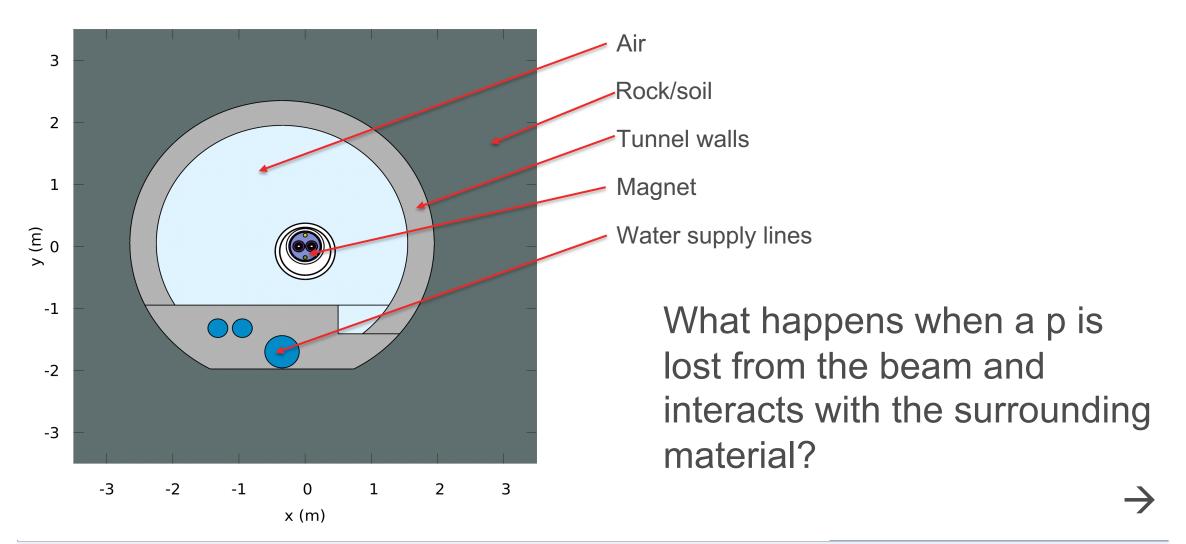
Basic radiation-matter interaction mechanisms at play in order to understand/predict/mitigate macroscopic effects of beam losses on materials







Example: tunnel cross section for a 450 GeV p accelerator







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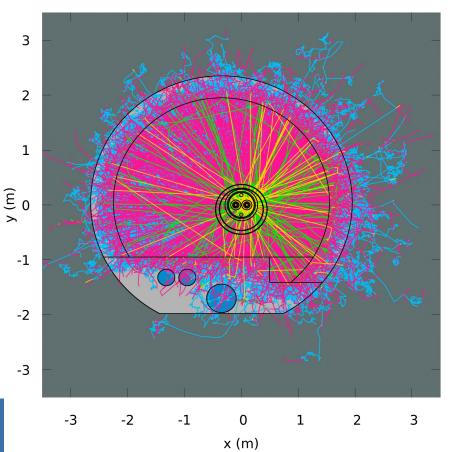
Radiation shower set up by a single 450 GeV proton loss

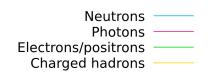
- Go-to tool to assess these kind of questions:
 Monte Carlo simulation of radiation transport (more on this tomorrow!)
- Basic idea: define radiation source, material geometry, interaction physics, and simulate full radiation showers

Particle showers shown in this and further slides have been simulated with



https://fluka.cern





- This is the radiation shower of a <u>single</u> proton lost in the machine.
- A <u>single</u> proton loss leads to a complex radiation shower extending throughout the beam pipe, the air, tunnel walls, and even the rock/soil outside!

All sorts of complications: energy deposition (magnet quench!), possible damage of electronics, material activation, etc.

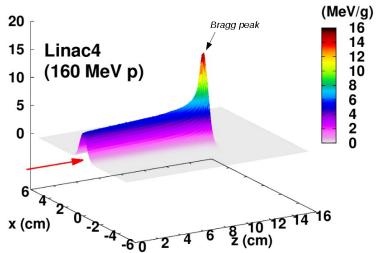


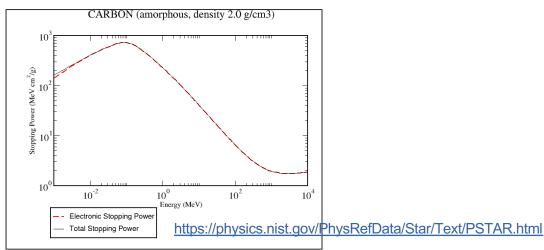




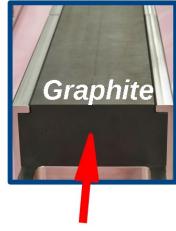
LINAC4 protons onto a graphite block

- Radiation-matter interactions vary: lepton vs hadron, low/high E, low/high Z material...
- Energy (per unit mass) by 160 MeV protons from LINAC4 onto a graphite block.









- Energy deposition driven by ionization losses (collisions with target e-).
- Energy loss rate increases drastically at low energies (i.e. at the end of p range), hence the Bragg peak
 (interesting for medical applications, see Manuela Cirilli's talks yesterday/tomorrow!)
- There is also elastic scattering (on target atoms): progressive spread (x) as a function of z
- Few protons will undergo nuclear reactions: secondary n and light fragments produced, giving a low dose tail
- Incidentally, you see that ~10 cm of graphite are needed to effectively stop the beam

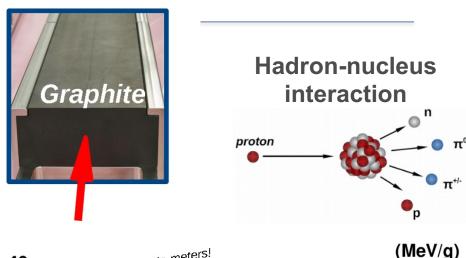


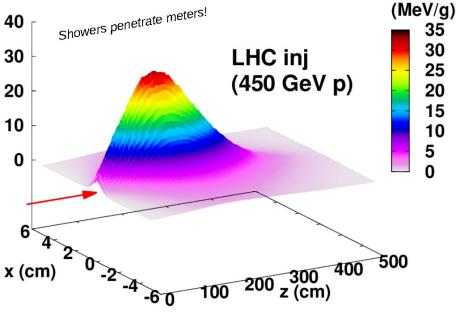




SPS protons onto a graphite block

- Very different situation at at higher energies, e.g. for 450 GeV p on graphite
- Dominant mechanism: copious hadronnucleus inelastic interactions, about once every few 10s of cm
- Plenty of secondaries are produced: n, p, pions, etc.
- Complex radiation shower extending beyond the lower-energy example
- About 4 m of graphite are now needed to effectively stop the beam (!)
- Let's take a closer look at how such a radiation shower builds up





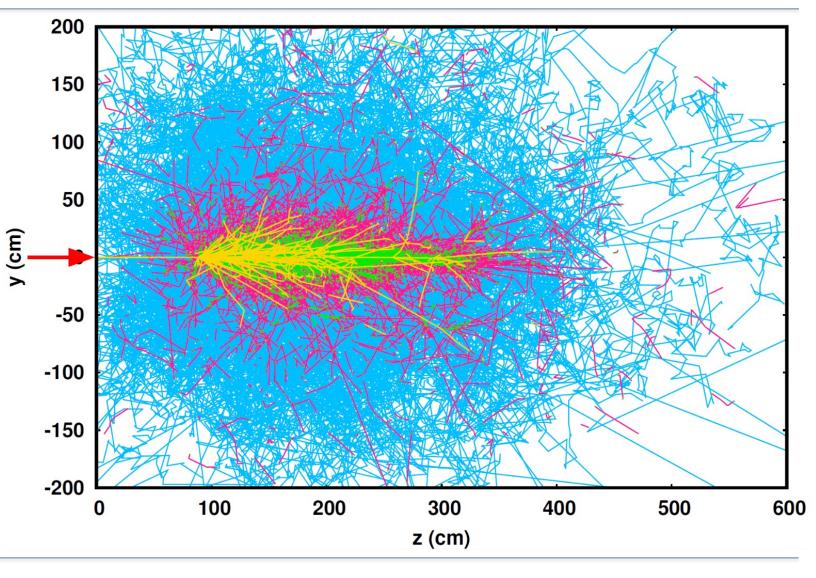






Interactions of a single 450-GeV p, this time on Al

- Radiation shower simulated (with FLUKA)
- All segments you see represent particle tracks from the complex shower set up by a SINGLE 450 GeV p in Al
- Let's now try to guess which kind of particles produce which tracks in this shower

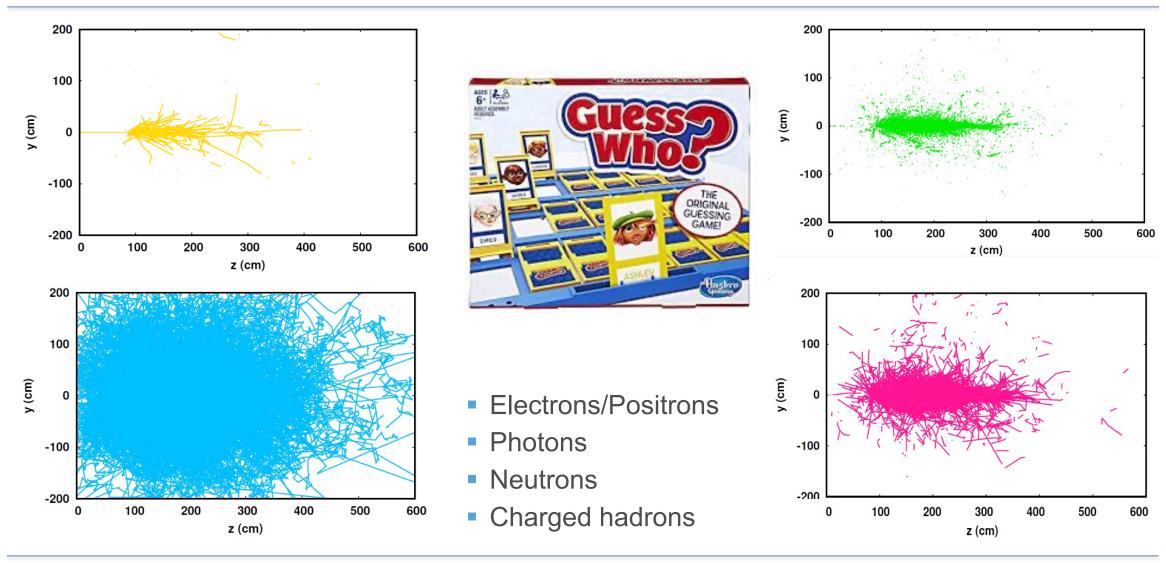








Care to guess who is who?

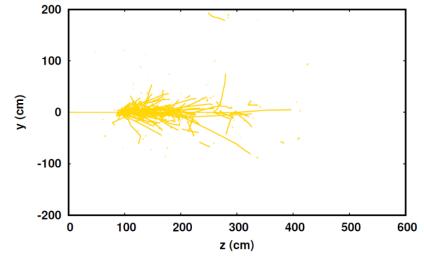


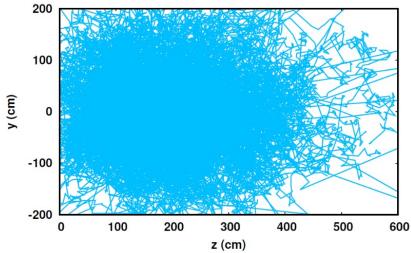




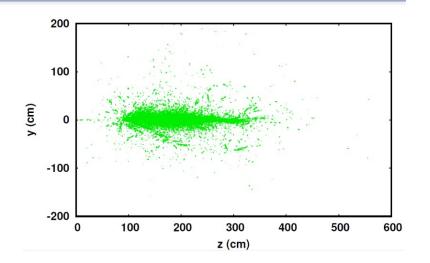


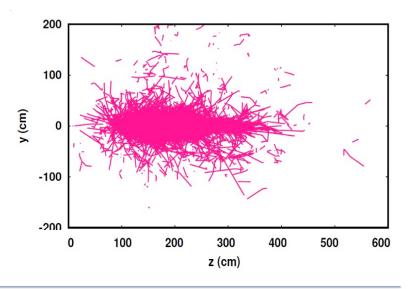
Care to guess who is who? HINTS





- Neutrons have no charge (they make it far from the beam)
- Charged hadrons: the proton is one itself!
- Photons make it a bit farther than e+-
- By elimination: e+-(much shorter range)









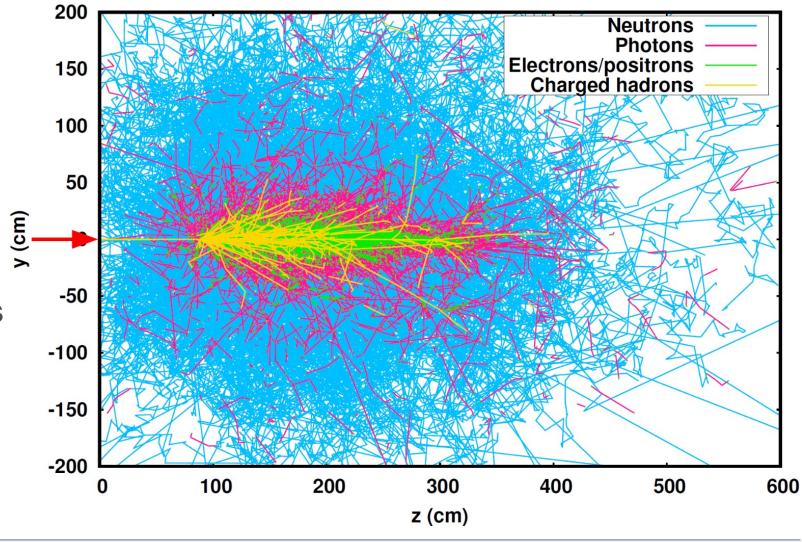


Radiation shower set up by a single 450-GeV p impinging on Al

 Great, but how is this shower produced?

 What are the basic interaction mechanisms governing it?

 Let's take a somewhat deeper look!



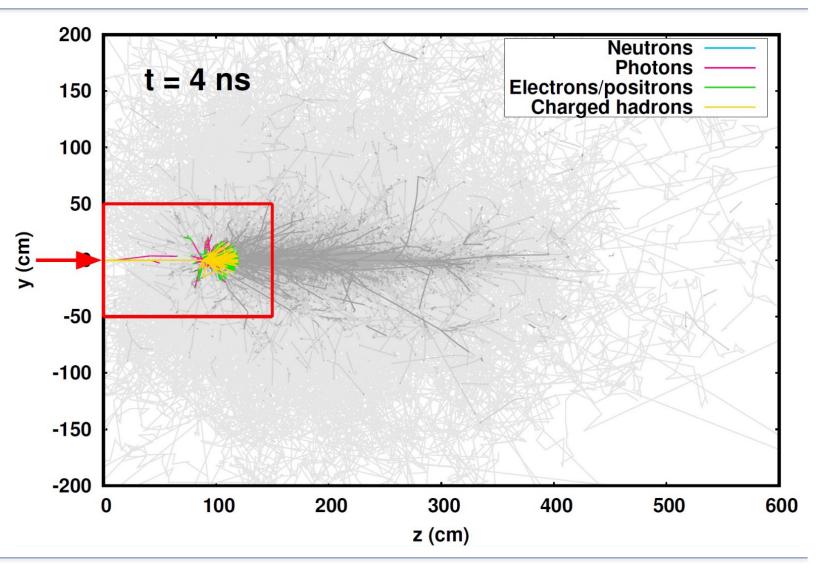






The shower until the first nuclear reaction

- We freeze frame
 4 ns after the
 beam penetrates
 the graphite block
- Let's zoom in to the red area

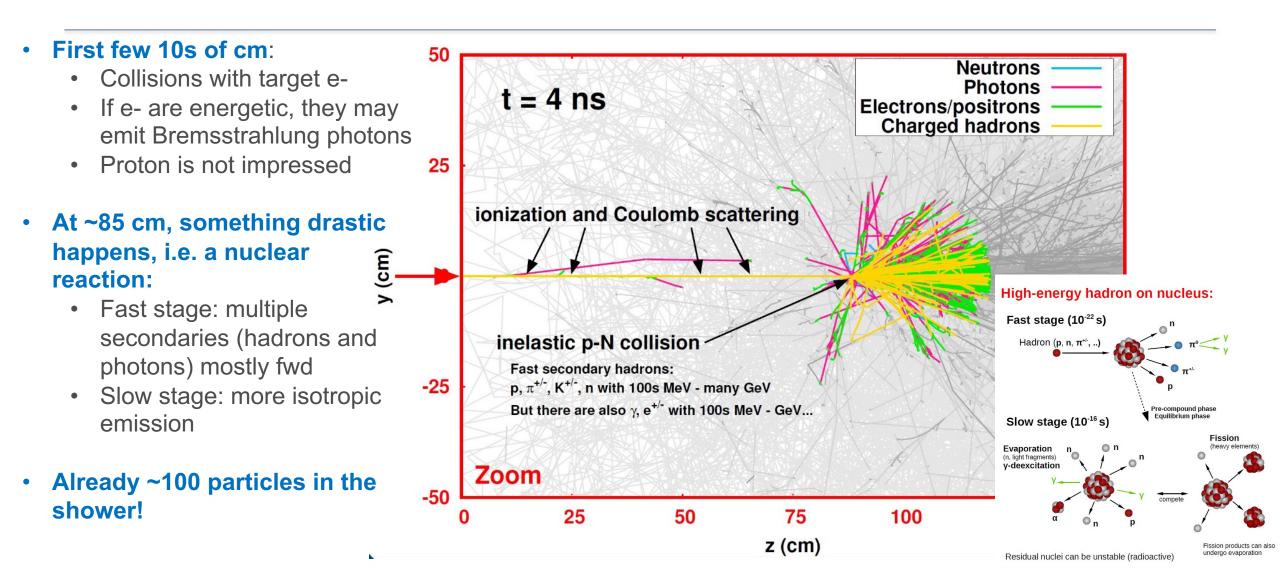








Aftermath of the first nuclear inelastic interaction



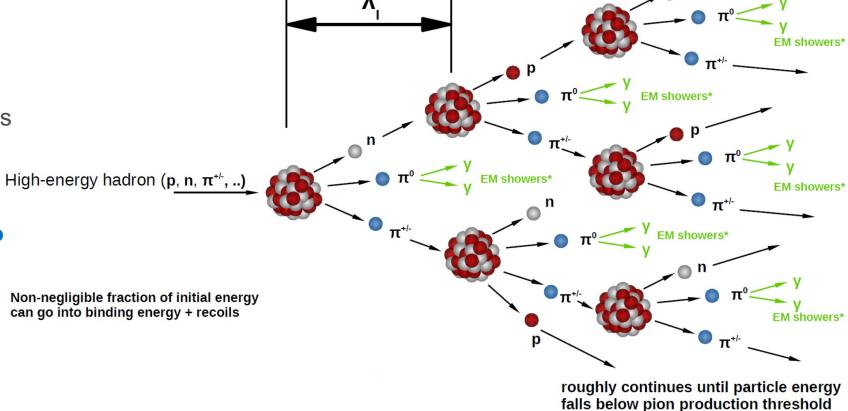






Hadronic shower development

- Secondary hadrons reinteract with a similar mean free path
- This leads to a geometric increase in the number of hadrons in the shower!
- Some of the produced hadrons are unstable and may decay, e.g. pion0 -> 2 gammas
- Hadronic showers couple to electromagnetic showers
- Along hadronic shower, residual nuclei are produced, possibly radioactive



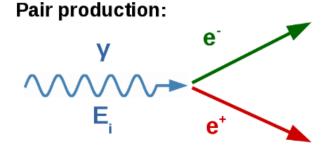


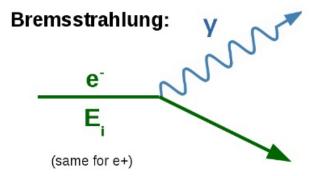


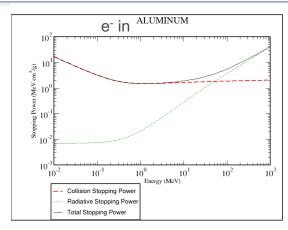


Electromagnetic shower development

Relevant interaction mechanisms (at high E):

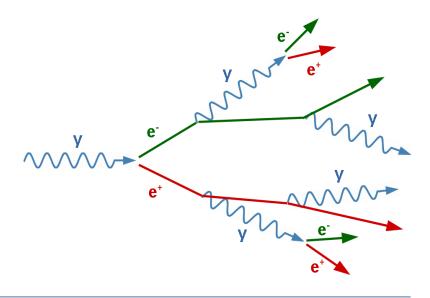






https://physics.nist.gov/PhysRefData/Star/Text/ESTAR.html

- Electrons/positrons lose energy via radiative (Bremsstrahlung emission) or non-radiative (elastic scattering on target e-) collisions
- EM shower development: fewer secondaries (just 2), but EM interactions have much shorter MFPs, so one still ends up with a large number of secondaries.
- Incidentally, EM showers may couple to hadronic showers (photonuclear interactions), but cross section is low, so the feedback into the hadronic shower is modest.



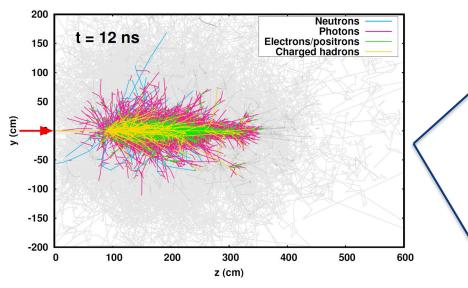




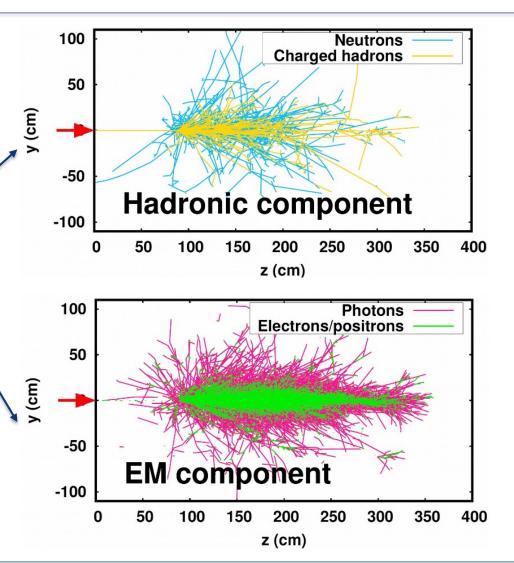


Back to our p in Al

 We now freeze frame 12 ns after the beam penetrates the graphite block



- A complex shower is developing:
 - Hadronic: p, n, pions, other hadrons
 - Electromagnetic: photons, e-, e+
- Let's now advance the clock!



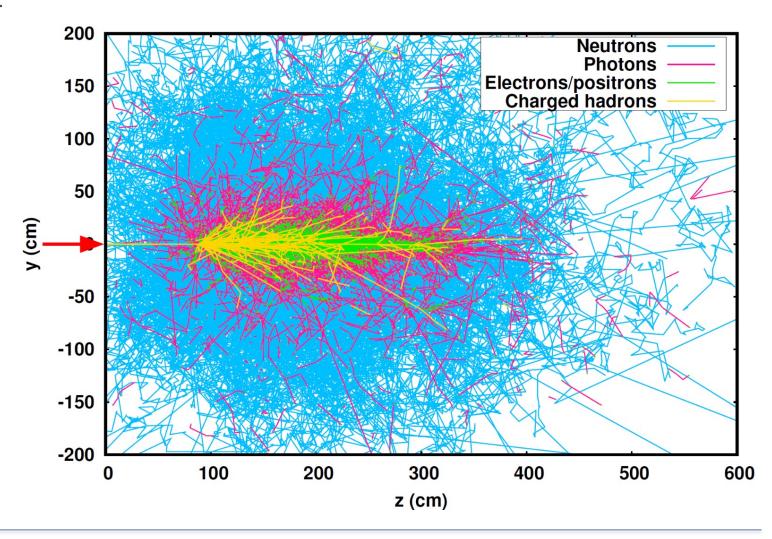






Snapshot of the radiation shower at longer times

- We now freeze frame 20 ms (not ns, but ms!) after the beam penetrates the graphite block
- There is now an bundance of neutron tracks:
 - No charge
 - Not subject to ionization
 - They can travel longer paths
 - They interact with nuclei (bouncing off elastically, or via nuclear reactions)
 - At low energies, capture: (n,gamma).
- A few more details will follow in tomorrow's lecture



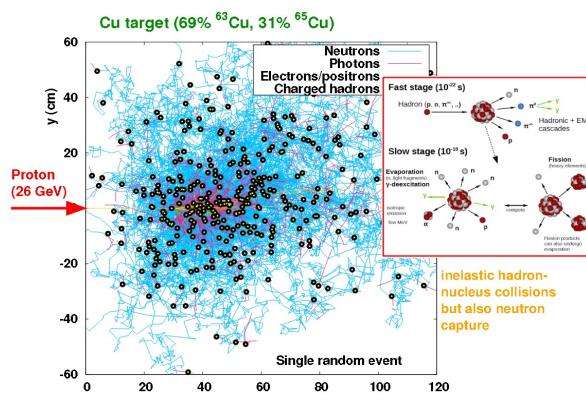




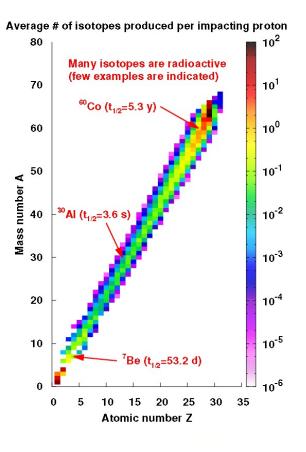


One last aspect: production of radioactive nuclei

- At the end of a hadronnucleus interaction, a residual nucleus (of a possibly different A and Z) is produced.
- E.g., for 26 GeV protons in Cu, here you can see all the residual nuclei produced
- And to the right you see them resolved by A and Z
- Some of them are unstable, leading to the emission of radiation at a delayed time



circle = location where a radioisotope was produced

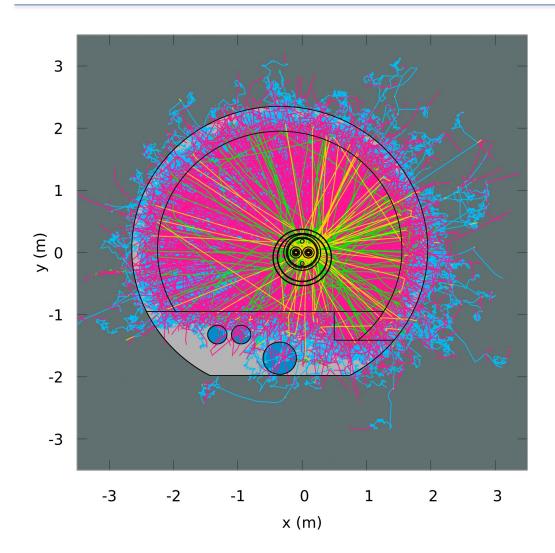


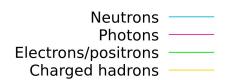






Recap: radiation shower set up by a single 450 GeV proton loss





- You now know what happens when energetic particles interact with matter.
- Beam losses in an accelerator generate complex radiation showers, extending well beyond the beam pipe, affecting nearby equipment, the air in the tunnel, the tunnel itself, surrounding soil, etc







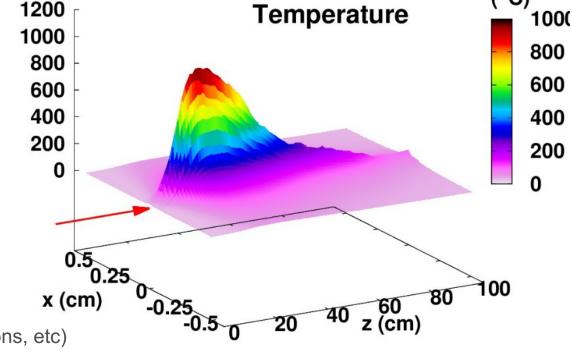






Material heating

- When an energetic p impacts on a material, hadronic and EM shower develops
- Collisions on target atoms/nuclei → local energy deposition leading to atomic/molecular/lattice vibrations
- The material heats up
- Energy deposition profiles from e.g. MC simulations can be used to assess temperature profile
- Consider a single nominal LHC p bunch impinging on Cu:
 - 1.15e11 protons, 7 TeV
 - 0.3 mm x 0.3 mm spot size
- Here is the temperature profile on Cu, with peak values around 1000°C
- Cu melts at 1085°C (!)
- Main consequences (next slides):
 - Loss of SC in magnets
 - Material damage (melting, plastic deformation, phase transitions, etc)



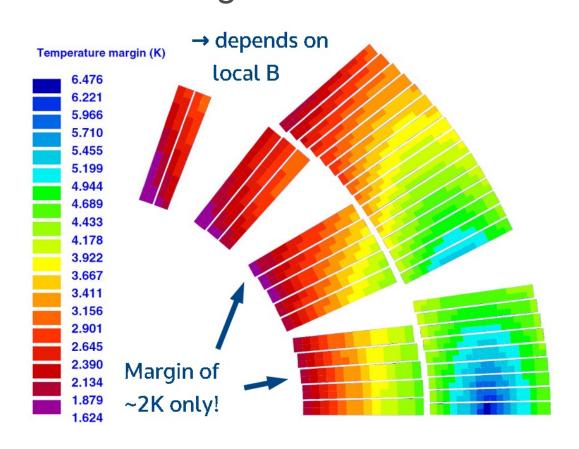






Heating - Quenches of superconducting magnets

 Maximum temperature increase that LHC dipole coils can sustain without losing SC state:



- There are regions where the margin is a mere increase of 2 K
- At 6.5 TeV, an instantaneous energy deposition of O(mJ/cm³) can lead to a quench
- Suffices to lose ~ 1 in 10⁷ p from the beam in order to quench (!)
- ~1/2 day to recover (cryogenics)
- Systems are in place to protect SC magnets (see superconductivity lecture)

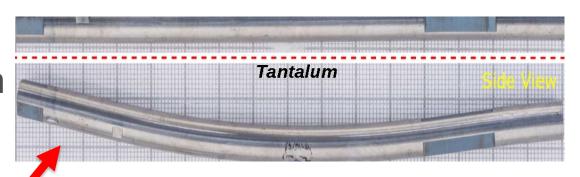


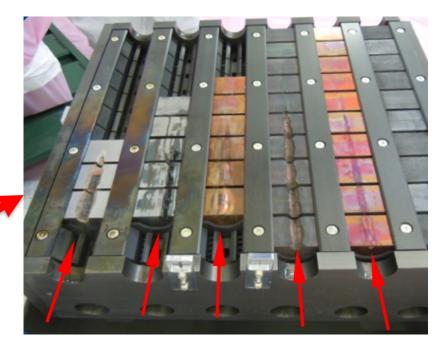




Heating - Energy depositions O(0.1-1 kJ/cm³)

- Orders of magnitude larger than what is needed to induce a quench
- Tests in HiRadMat (450 GeV p from SPS for material response under intense irradiation)
- E.g.:
 - Thermal stresses in Ta rod, exceeding plastic limit, leading to a permanent deformation
 - Melting, evaporation, explosions, sputtering in a series of metals





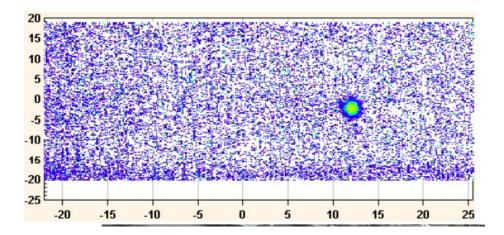




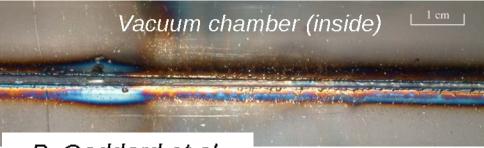


Heating – Historical example from SPS (2004)

- LHC not operational at that time.
- SPS was being used (among other) to test collimator materials for the LHC
- Incident during extraction of SPS beam (450 GeV p, 2.5 MJ/beam)
- Fault on extraction magnet
- Wrong trajectory
- Impact on vacuum chamber
- It ripped open. Gash of ~ 25 cm
- Vacuum leak, operation stop, magnet replacement
- Weeks to repair damage
- Good example for importance of active/passive protection (slide 19)







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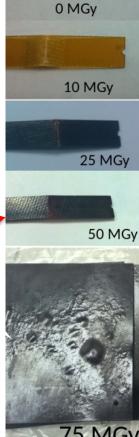




Structural defects

- Radiation showers -> collisions with target atoms -> recoil -> lattice displacements:
 - May make materials more brittle/fragile
 - Example: stainless steel rod exposed to n: atomic displacements -> formation of voids -> material swelled from to 2.5 cm to 2.7 cm length
 - Changes in mechanical/thermal/electronic properties
- Ionization (besides heating) affects chemical bonds
 - Relevant for organic materials (plastics, polymers...)
 - Cable / magnet coil insulation
 - E.g. insulator degradation after exposure to progressively higher doses. At 10 MGy (change of colors) while up to 75 MGy bubbles formed. Structure compromised. If this happens in the coils of a magnet, shortcircuits may occur between coils, one has to replace them. Implying again downtime in the accelerator











Last macroscopic effect today: single-event effects in electronics

- A single particle causes a disturbance in a circuit, e.g. a bit flip in a RAM memory
 -> data corruption -> malfunction of electronic component
- They are a concern for
 - Satellites in orbit (outages!)
 - Accelerators (electronics racks for vacuum, detectors, control systems, etc)
- Soft errors (recoverable):
 - Single-event upset, multiple bit upset, etc
- Hard errors (unrecoverable):
 - Single-event burnout



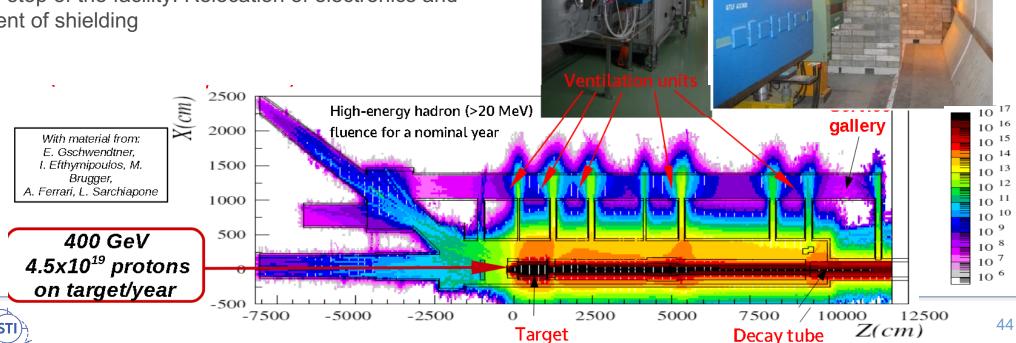
Electronics racks in LHC tunnel





Single-event effects example: CNGS (2000-2012)

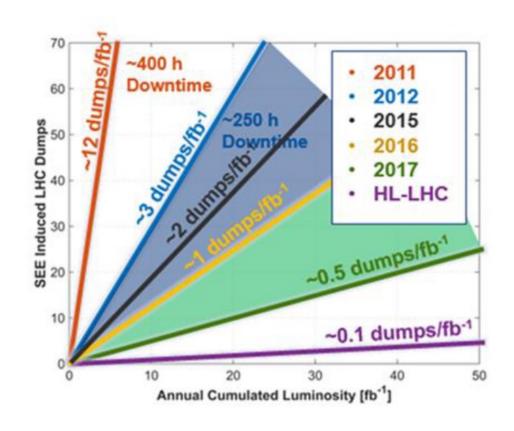
- Energetic protons on target, producing pions, and kaons, decaying in a decay tube, mostly into muons and neutrinos
- Stopping block downstream to stop charged particles, muons stopped after ~1 km of rock.
- Neutrinos remain. Idea: study neutrino oscillations several 100 km away at the Gran Sasso (GNGS) lab in Italy
- Early runs: plenty of single-event effects → failures in electronic controllers for ventilation system managing air in the tunnel
- Why? High-energy hadron fluence leaked into service gallery!
- Premature stop of the facility. Relocation of electronics and improvement of shielding



Radiation to electronics (R2E) @CERN



- R2E is the CERN activity in charge of ensuring that radiation effects on electronic components and systems across the CERN infrastructure do not negatively impact the availability and performance of the accelerator complex
- Propose mitigation strategies
- https://r2e.web.cern.ch/
- R2E Annual Meeting (2022): https://indico.cern.ch/event/1116677







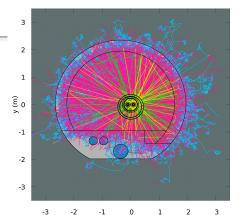


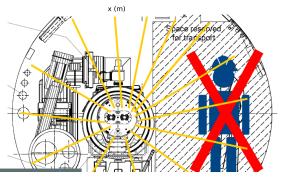
Last beam loss effect for today: activation

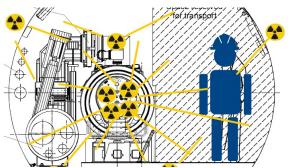
- Beam loss -> radiation shower, leading to prompt radiation field: p, n, π[±], K,..., γ,e[±], e[±], μ[±], etc.
- Tunnel subject to an intense radiation field. Nobody allowed in tunnel if beam is on.
- Nuclear inelastic interaction -> residual nucleus (may be radioactive!)
- Residual nuclei: **delayed** emission of γ , e[±]. Even when beam is off (!). Gradually decreases with time. Whole unit at CERN for these assessments: HSE-RP
- As a measure to reduce dose to personnel, robots!











Robots at CERN: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiO65xck9cM









Summary

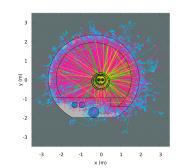






Main topics introduced in today's lecture

- We've become aware of beam losses
- Operational implications of beam losses: system malfunction, superconducting magnet quenches, etc



- Microscopic description of radiation-matter interaction:
 - Hadronic and electromagnetic shower formation
- Macroscopic effects of beam losses on materials:
 - Heating (magnet quenching, material deformation/evaporation, etc)
 - Displacement damage: defects in material structure
 - Single-event effects
 - Activation

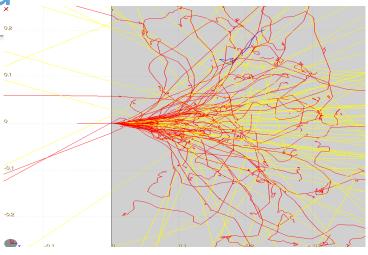








Sneak peek of tomorrow's lecture menu



- A bit more on radiation-matter interaction
- Monte Carlo simulation of radiation transport
- MC applications to overcome design challenges for prospective particle accelerators (FCCee, Muon Collider)









To keep up with latest LHC performances

- Yearly LHC Performance Workshop, traditionally held in Chamonix.
- 23 February, 2023 Summary from the latest edition by ATS director:
 - https://home.cern/news/opinion/accelerators/news-chamonix-workshop
- "Firstly, the inner triplet quadrupoles and associated corrector magnets situated on either side of ATLAS and CMS take a serious hit from luminosity debris coming from the interaction point. The associated radiation levels anticipated for Run 3 could eventually compromise their performance. The LHC Triplet Task Force has analysed the impact of radiation on equipment lifetime in the LHC inner triplet regions and proposed a number of mitigation measures, some of which will be deployed immediately to minimise the local integrated radiation dose. Additional measures and supporting activities are under study."







To keep up with latest LHC performances

"Secondly, electron cloud is an issue in the LHC and, when operating with high bunch currents, the associated heat load deposited on the beam screens in the main dipoles pushes the cryogenics system to the limits. Following the long shutdowns, the situation appears to be degrading locally in some sectors, and the effects have become a potential intensity limitation for the HL-LHC era. The complex surface chemistry involved appears to be understood, and a variety of mitigation measures are being considered."





LHC Operations workshop (Evian)

- https://indico.cern.ch/event/1077835/timetable/
- Talk on UFOs by A. Lechner:
 https://indico.cern.ch/event/1077835/contributions/4602794/attachments/2352808/4014155/2021_11_25_ufosrun3.pdf
- e-cloud talk by L. Mether:

https://indico.cern.ch/event/1077835/contributions/4533371/attachments/2353050/4014646/Evian 2021 ecloud.pdf

- Mitigation strategy: beam scrubbing (running under intense e-cloud effect seemse to inhibit the effect itself!)
- Less important at collision energy (higher magnetic rigidity)





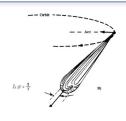


A (necessarily incomplete) overview of particle accelerators





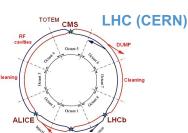


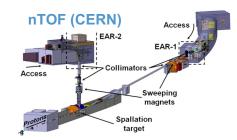


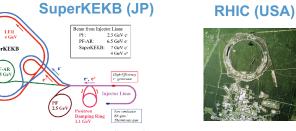
Synchrotron light sources:

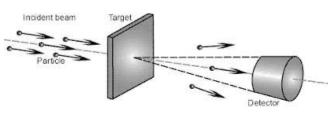
- Circulating e- beam, O(1 GeV)
- Synchrotron radiation emission











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Fixed target experiments:

- Incident beam on a target to produce secondary particles/beams
- E.g. neutron spallation source:
 - Proton beam O(1 GeV)
 - Flux of secondary particles, e.g. n

Particle colliders:

- Circulating beams
- ~Head-on high-energy particle collisions
- Probe inner structure of matter

Engineering and fundamental physics:

- Accelerator and cosmic ray physics
- Particle physics R+D
- Interaction cross section measurements



Applications

- Material science: crystallography, magnetism, ...
- Medical imaging and radiotherapy
- Airport security, food sterilization,
- •



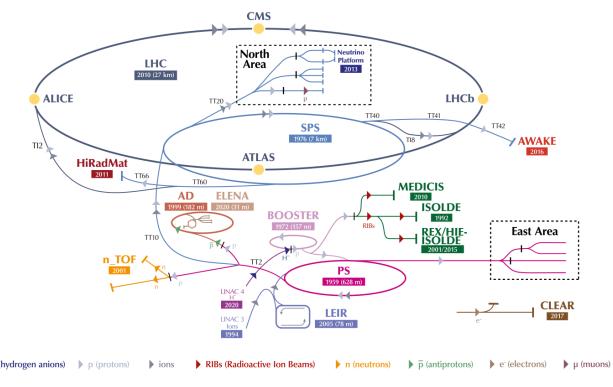




CERN's accelerator complex

- One more occasion to rejoice at this schematic!
- Chain of particle accelerators
 - From H₂ bottle to TeV p-p collisions
- Fixed-target experiments:
 - nTOF
 - ISOLDE
 - North and East Area lines
 - ...
- (Nearly) head-on collisions:
 - ALICE
 - ATLAS
 - CMS
 - LHCb
 - . . .

The CERN accelerator complex Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



LHC - Large Hadron Collider // SPS - Super Proton Synchrotron // PS - Proton Synchrotron // AD - Antiproton Decelerator // CLEAR - CERN Linear

Electron Accelerator for Research // AWAKE - Advanced WAKefield Experiment // ISOLDE - Isotope Separator OnLine // REX/HIE-ISOLDE - Radioactive

EXperiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE // MEDICIS // LEIR - Low Energy Ion Ring // LINAC - LINear ACcelerator //

n_TOF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials // Neutrino Platform





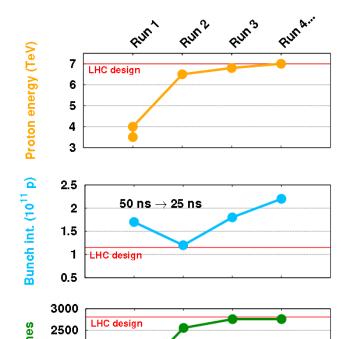


LHC proton beam parameter evolution since 2009

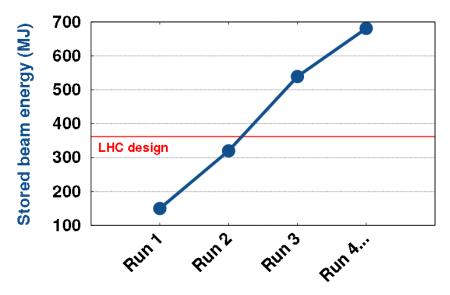
Run 1: 2009 - 2013

Run 2: 2015 - 2018 Run 3: 2022 - 2024

Run 4 (HL)...: 2027-



Stored beam energy = proton energy × bunch intensity × # bunches



Heavy ion operation not discussed in this talk (load on dump is less)



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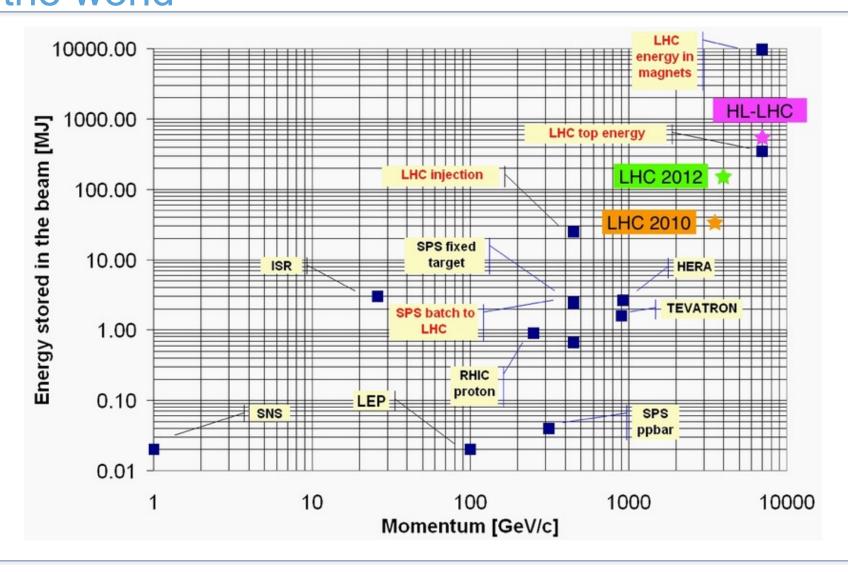






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Atlas of energy stored per beam in various accelerators around the world





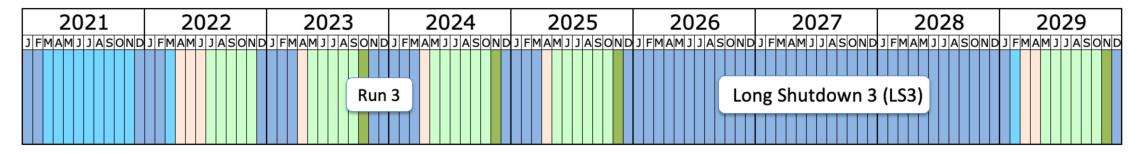




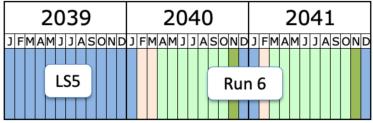
LHC Operation schedule

Longer term LHC schedule

In January 2022, the schedule was updated with long shutdown 3 (LS3) to start in 2026 and to last for 3 years. HL-LHC operations now foreseen out to end 2041.



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