# Group 3 - Particle Detectors

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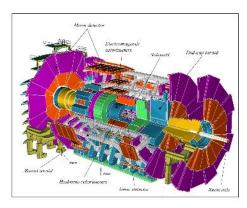
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#### Key Ideas and Curriculum & Classroom connections.

#### **Key Idea:**

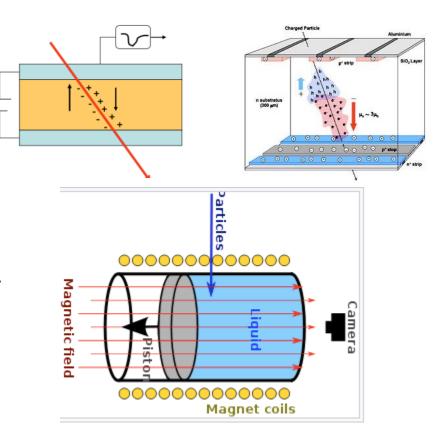
The interaction between a particle and a known medium under controlled conditions in terms of the energy transferred make possible the detection and identification of the particle. INDIRECT MEASSUREMENT.

### **Curriculum and classroom connections:**

Principle of conservation of Energy. Ionization.

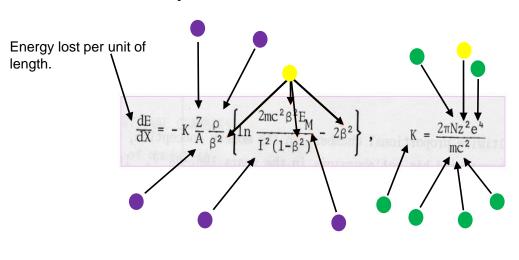
Thermal Physics and states of the matter.

Electricity and Magnetism.



#### **Curriculum and classroom connections (Extensions)**

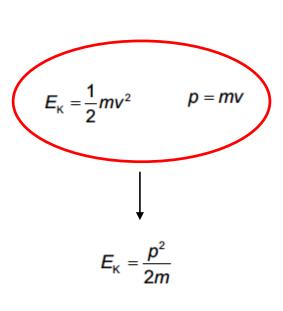
#### **Bethe-Bloch equation**



Medium

Particle

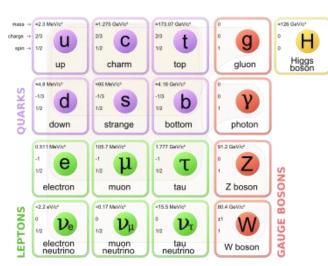
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#### "Guess µ"

- Based on the game "Guess Who?"
- Revision/Diagnostic tool
- Misconceptions which are addressed
  - Invisible object
  - Properties can be detected
  - Identifying by select characteristics
  - Inferral of information
- Misconceptions which are not addressed
  - Not all properties can be detected
  - Properties are revealed by interactions, not direct measurement
  - Particles are identified by their decay chain





#### Measuring the unseen - Marble Activities



Rutherford scattering experiment. University of Rochester PARTICLE Program

- Conceptual experience with indirect measurement, exploiting interactions between particles and media
- Potential misconceptions
  - Only one interaction mode
  - Particles are independent of each other

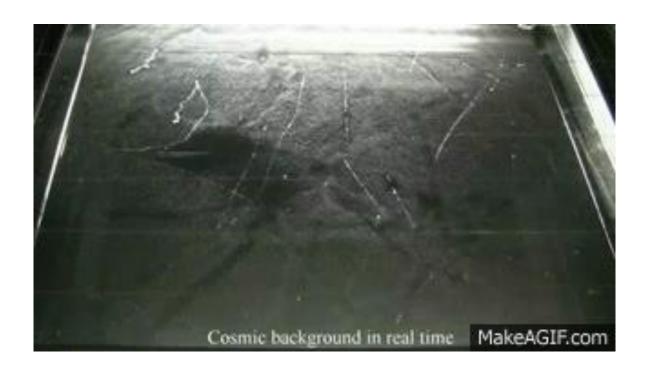
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Tracking unseen particles experiment. Contemporary Physics Education Project

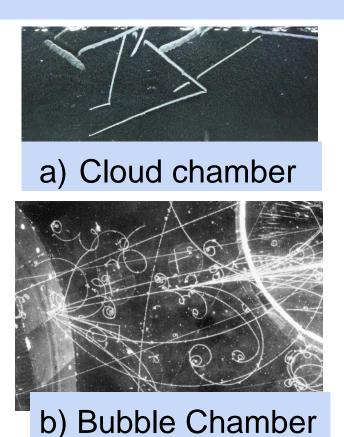
- Models decay
- Allows for detection of "neutral" particles
- Potential misconceptions
  - Reason for magnetic interaction in actual particles
  - Decay definition

## Concept 3 - Cloud Chamber



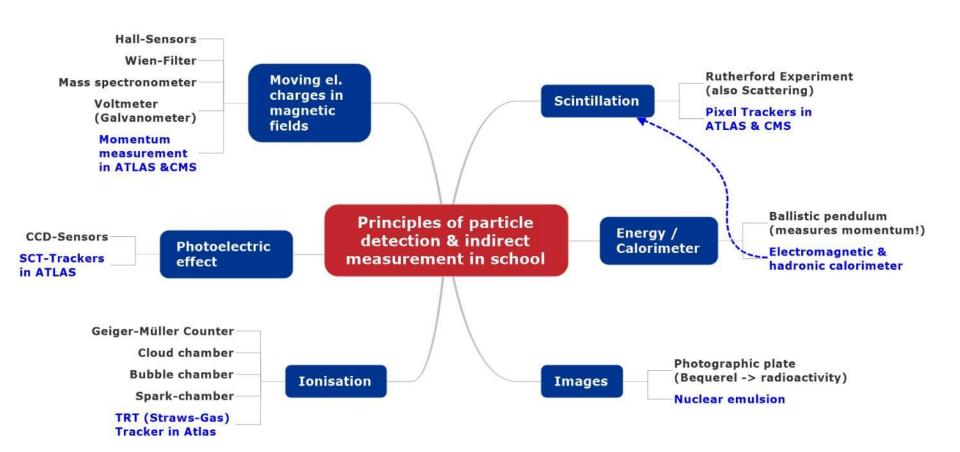
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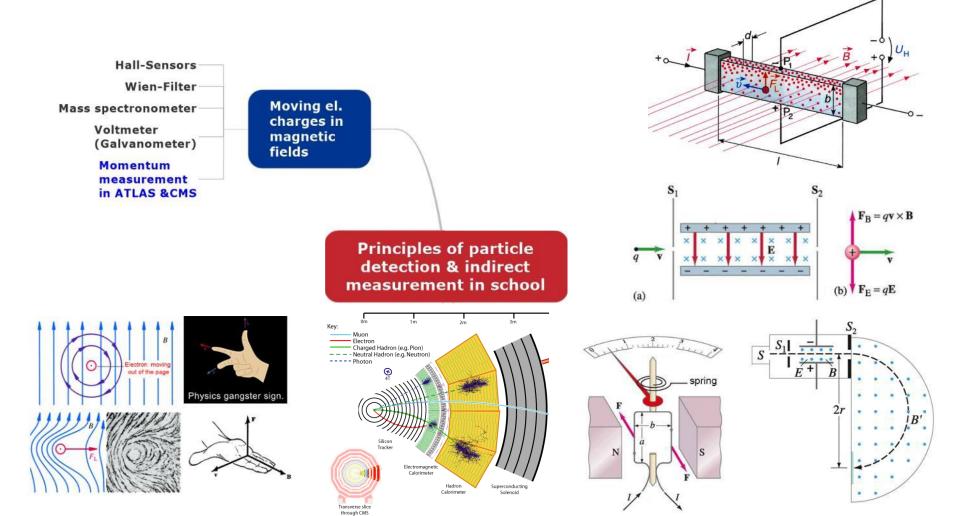
#### Which is the odd one out?





d) Cheese Fondue





Summarization of the Key principles students should understand:

1. Particles have several observable properties

2. We observe these properties by making **indirect measurements**,

3. We detect & identify particles by **designing systems** that utilize their **interactions with various media** 

#### Any Questions?

Suggested (mandatory) questions:

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They're both quantum mechanics

What is an English physicist's favourite food?

Fission chips

How much will the "Guess  $\mu$ " game cost?

The first edition of the game will involve neutral particles only, so there's no charge.

Where does bad light end up?

In prism