



# Introduction to particle detectors and applications

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# How particles interact with matter?

Let's consider the case of the interaction of a particle traveling through any thickness  $x$  of material, so in terms of probability we can ask:

What is the probability for a particle not to suffer an interaction in a distance  $x$ ?

$P(x)$ : probability of not having an interaction after a distance  $x$

$w dx$ : probability of having an interaction between  $x$  and  $x+dx$

$$P(x + dx) = P(x)(1 - w dx)$$

$$P(x) + \frac{dP}{dx} dx = P - P w dx$$

$$dP = -wP dx$$

$$P = C e^{-2}$$

The probability of a particle surviving a distance  $x$  is thus exponential in distance

And then the probability of having an interaction in  $x$  is

$$P(x)_{int} = 1 - e^{-wx}$$

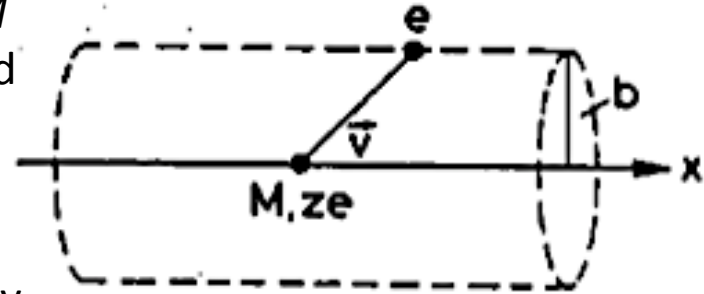
While the probability of the particle suffering a collision between  $x$  and  $x+dx$  after surviving a distance is

$$P(x) dx = e^{-wx} w dx$$



# Bohr's calculation (Classical case)\*

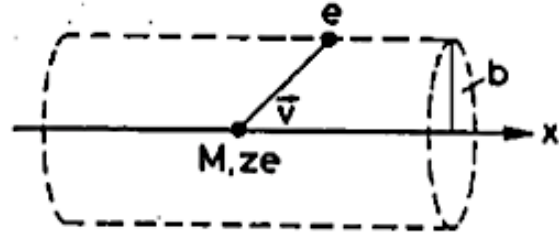
Consider a heavy particle with charge  $ze$ , mass  $M$  and velocity  $v$  passing through some material and if we suppose that there is an atomic electron at some distance  $b$  (from the trajectory). We will assume that the electron is free and initially at rest, and to simplify more, that it only moves very slightly during the interaction with the heavy particle so that the electric field acting on the electron may be taken at its initial position. Also we will assume that the incident particle ( $M \gg m_e$ ), so it will not deflect after the interaction.



This derivation will work reasonable for the energy loss for heavy particles such as the  $\alpha$ -particle. However, for lighter particles, like the proton, the quantum mechanical effects must be considered.

# Bohr's calculation (Classical case)

Lets calculate the energy gained by the electron with the impulse ( $I$ ) receiving from the heavy particle:



$$I = \int F dt = e \int E_{\perp} dt = e \int E_{\perp} \frac{dt}{dx} dx = \frac{e}{v} \int E_{\perp} dx = \frac{e}{v} \left( \frac{2ze}{b} \right)$$

where  $\int E_{\perp} 2\pi b dx = 4\pi z e$  with  $\int E_{\perp} dx = \frac{2ze}{b}$

Then 
$$I = \frac{2ze^2}{bv}$$

And the energy gain by the electron is 
$$\Delta E(b) = \frac{I^2}{2m_e} = \frac{2z^2 e^4}{m_e v^2 b^2}$$

# Bethe formula (intermediate energies)\*

The mean rate of energy loss by moderately relativistic charged heavy particles is well-described by the “Bethe equation,”

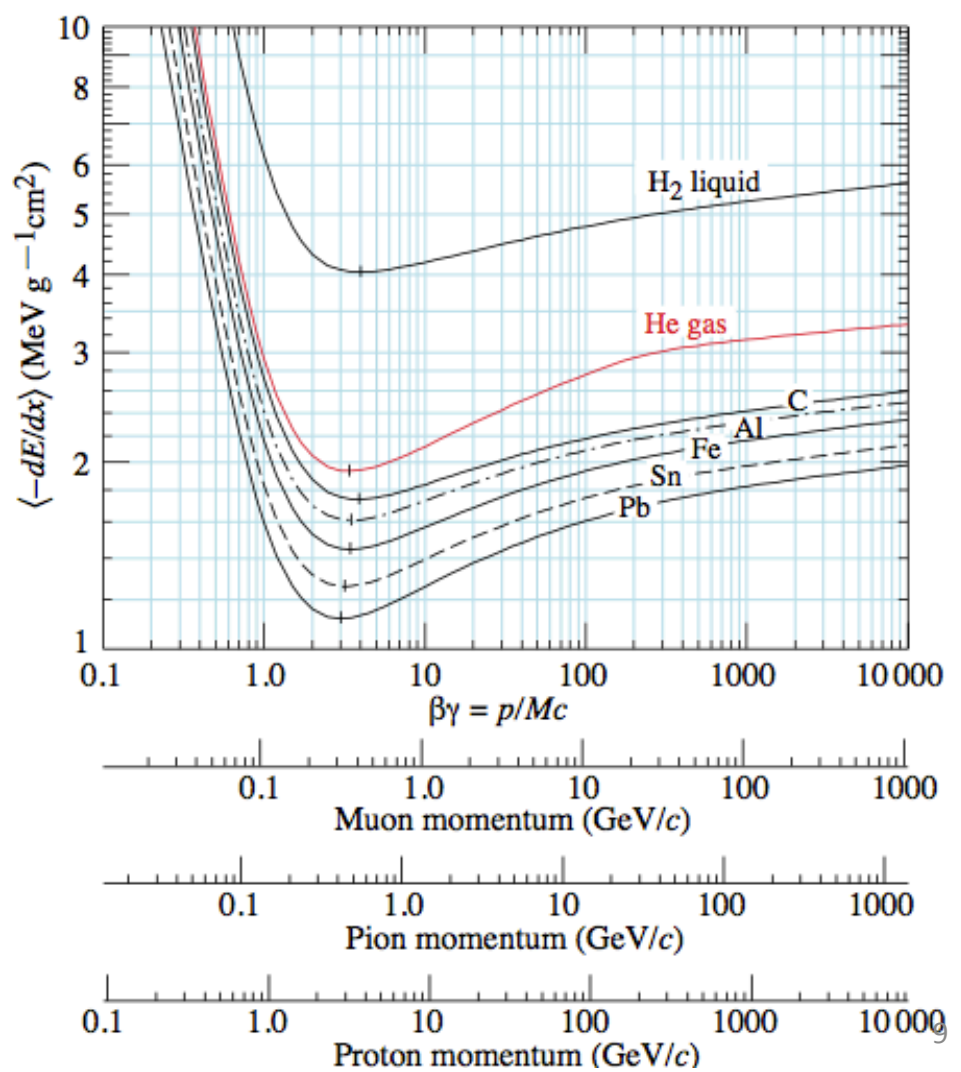
$$\left\langle -\frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 W_{\max}}{I^2} - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta(\beta\gamma)}{2} \right].$$

It describes the mean rate of energy loss in the region  $0.1 \lesssim \beta\gamma \lesssim 1000$  for intermediate- $Z$  materials with an accuracy of a few percent.

This is the mass stopping power; with the symbol definitions and values given in next Table, the units are  $\text{MeV g}^{-1} \text{cm}^2$ . As can be seen  $\langle -dE/dx \rangle$  defined in this way is about the same for most materials, decreasing slowly with  $Z$ .

$\rho$	density	$\text{g cm}^{-3}$
$x$	mass per unit area	$\text{g cm}^{-2}$
$M$	incident particle mass	$\text{MeV}/c^2$
$E$	incident part. energy $\gamma Mc^2$	MeV
$T$	kinetic energy, $(\gamma - 1)Mc^2$	MeV
$W$	energy transfer to an electron in a single collision	MeV
$k$	bremsstrahlung photon energy	MeV
$z$	charge number of incident particle	
$Z$	atomic number of absorber	
$A$	atomic mass of absorber	$\text{g mol}^{-1}$
$K$	$4\pi N_A r_e^2 m_e c^2$ (Coefficient for $dE/dx$ )	$0.307\,075 \text{ MeV mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2$
$I$	mean excitation energy	eV ( <i>Nota bene!</i> )
$\delta(\beta\gamma)$	density effect correction to ionization energy loss	

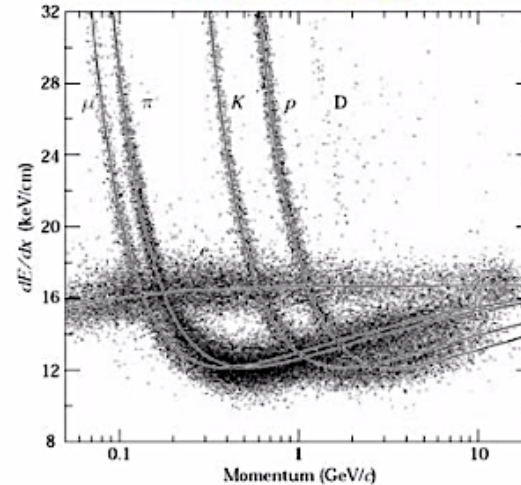
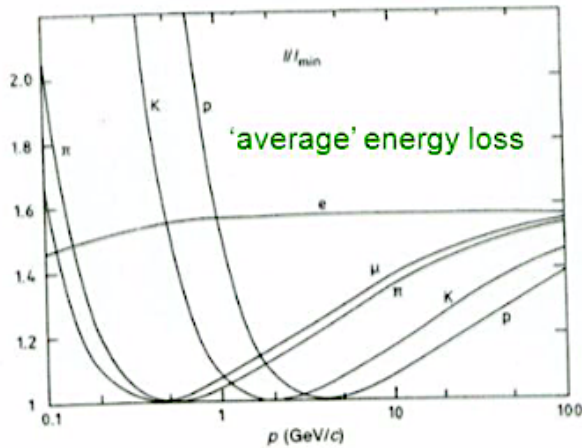
# Stopping power



# Energy dependence (Particle identification)

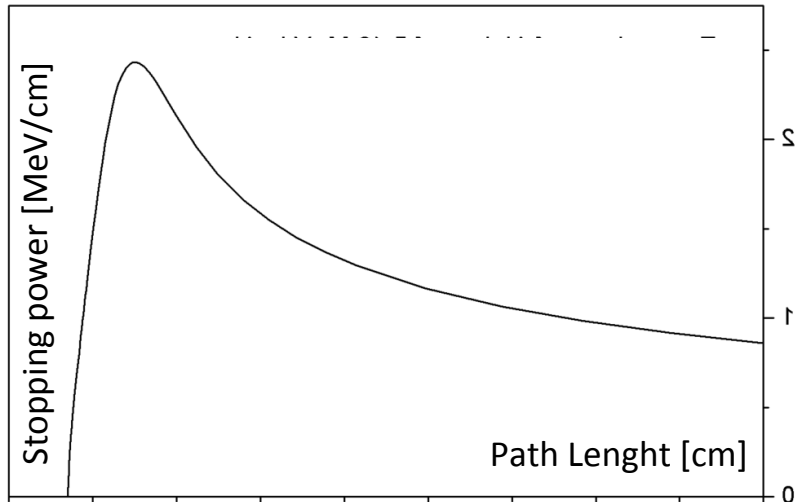
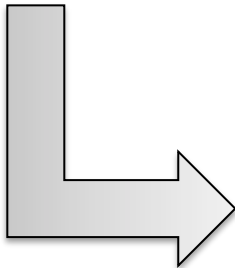
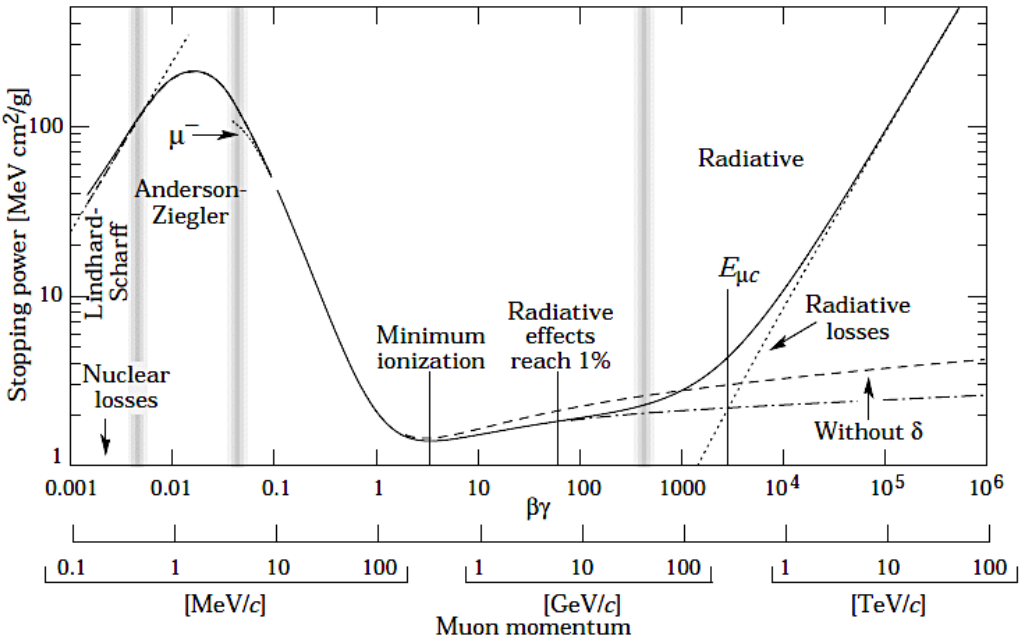
For energies below the minimum ionizing value, each particle exhibits a  $\langle dE/dx \rangle$  curve, in most of the cases distinct from other particles types.

This can be exploited in particle physics as a means for identifying particles (in this range)

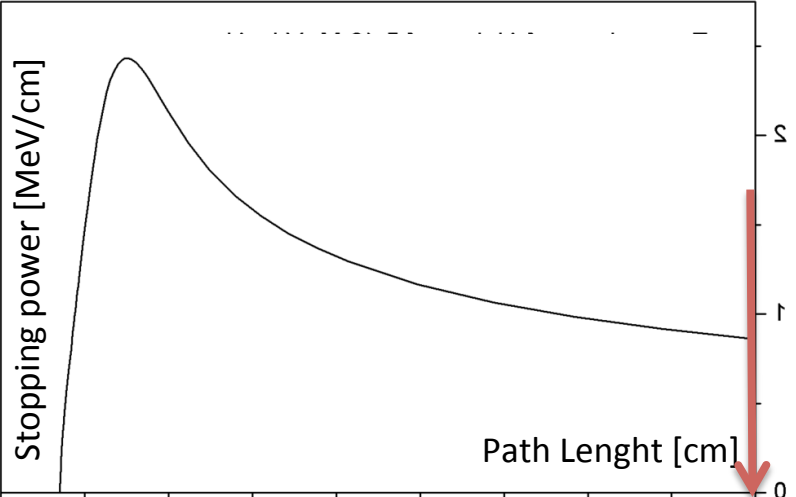
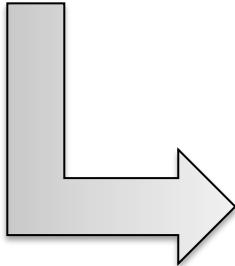
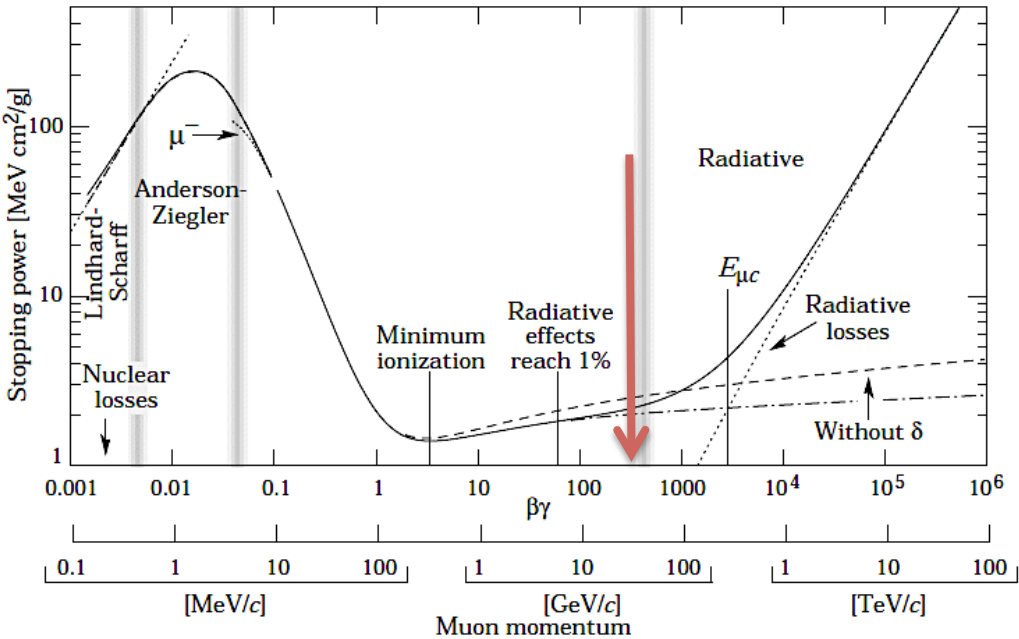


In certain momentum ranges, particles can be identified if we measure the energy loss

# Bragg curve

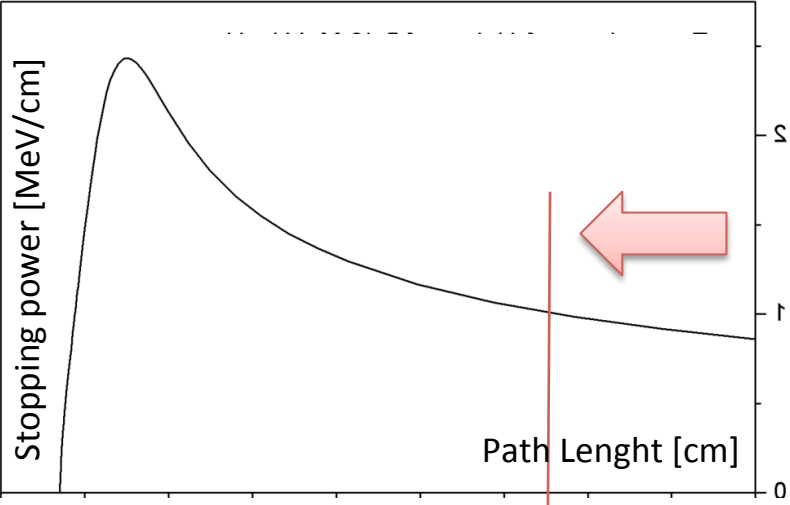
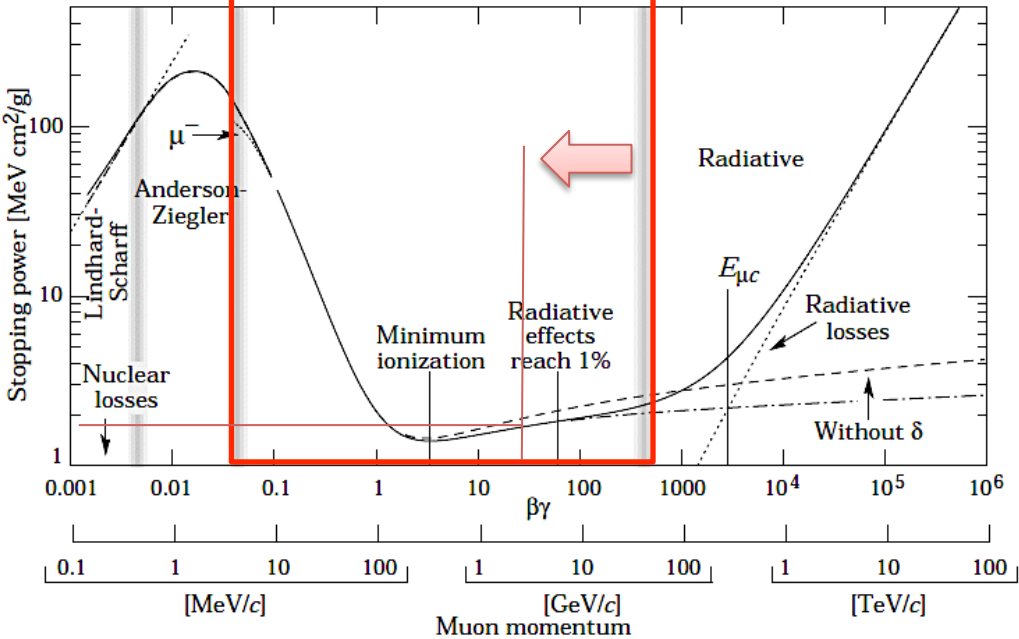
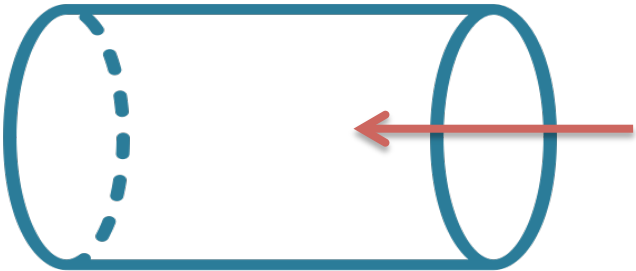


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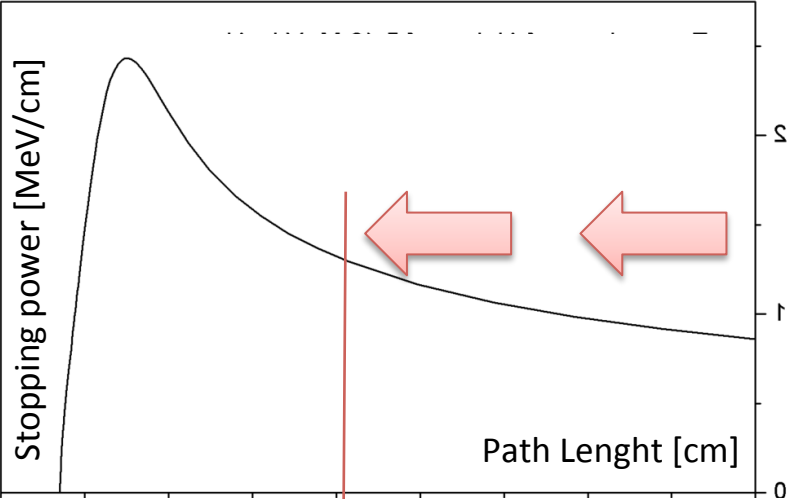
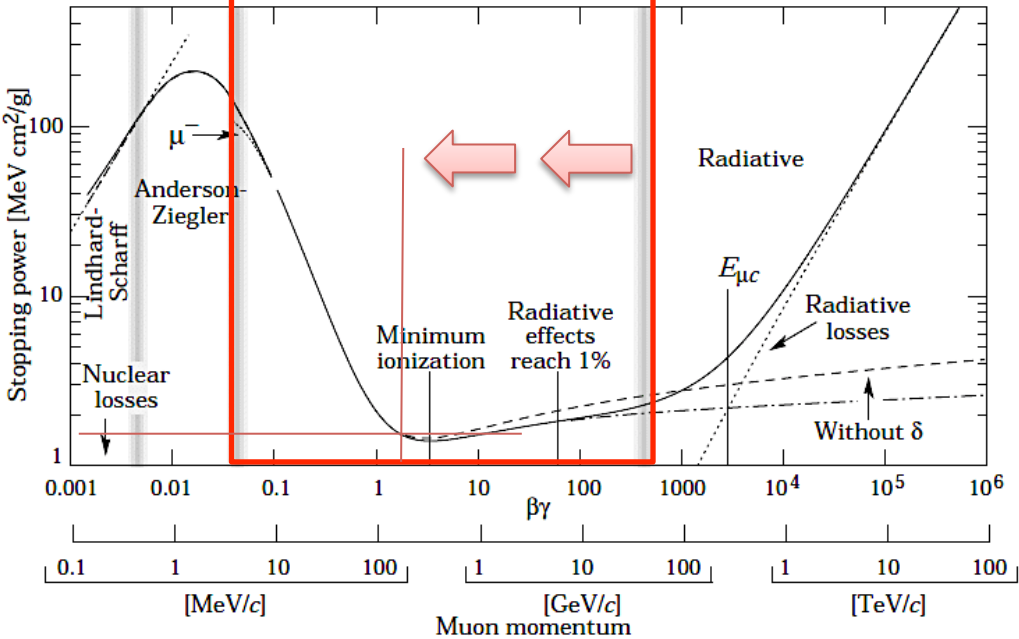
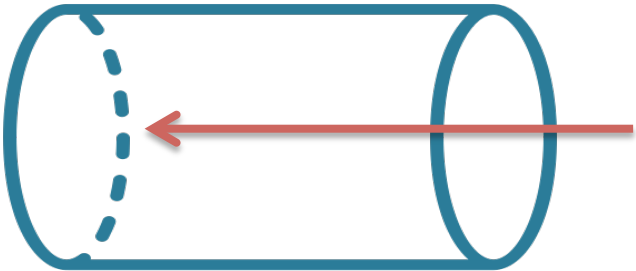




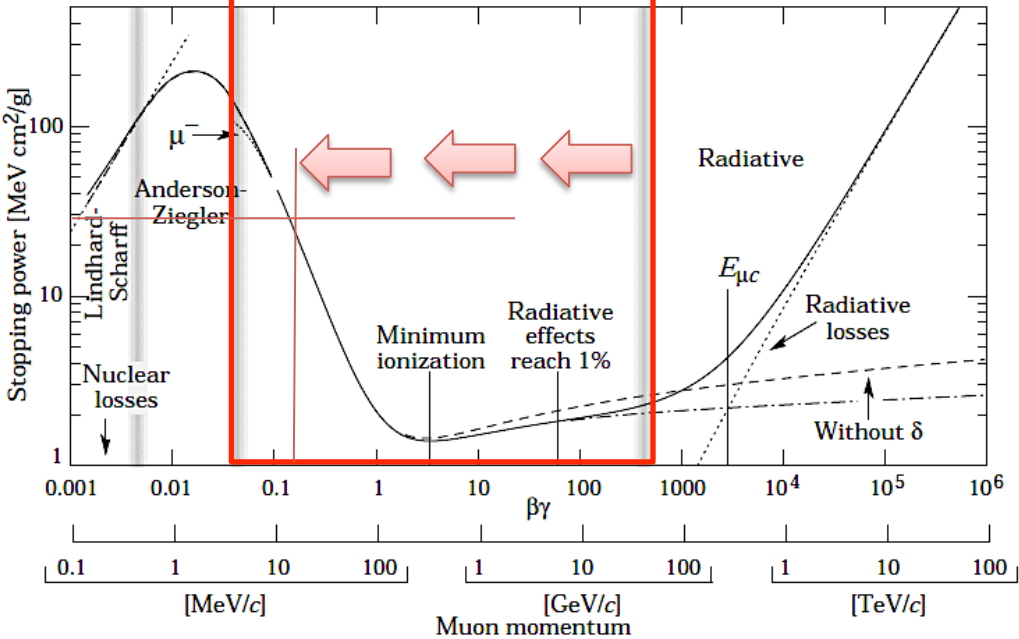
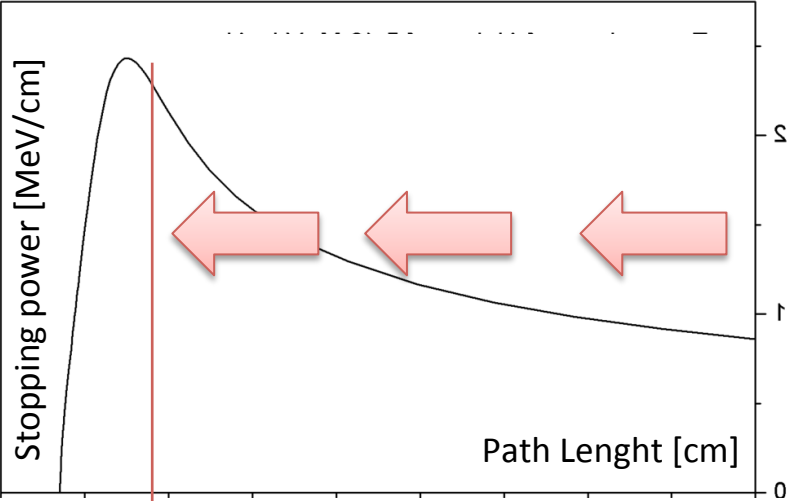
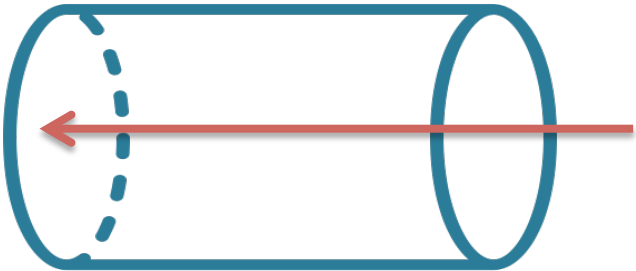
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Proton Bragg Curve

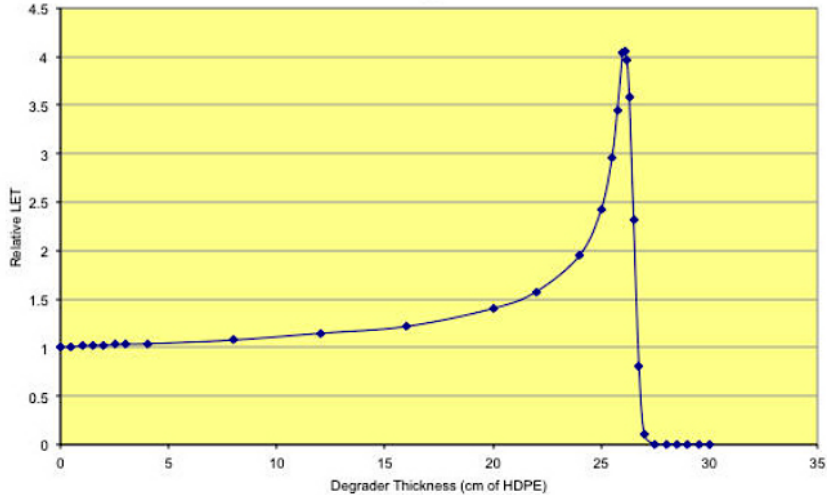


Figure 1: Bragg Curve for 205 MeV protons. Range in HDPE is 26.100 cm where the peak of the curve occurs. The LET at the entrance point is 0.4457 keV/micron in water.

Carbon Bragg Curve

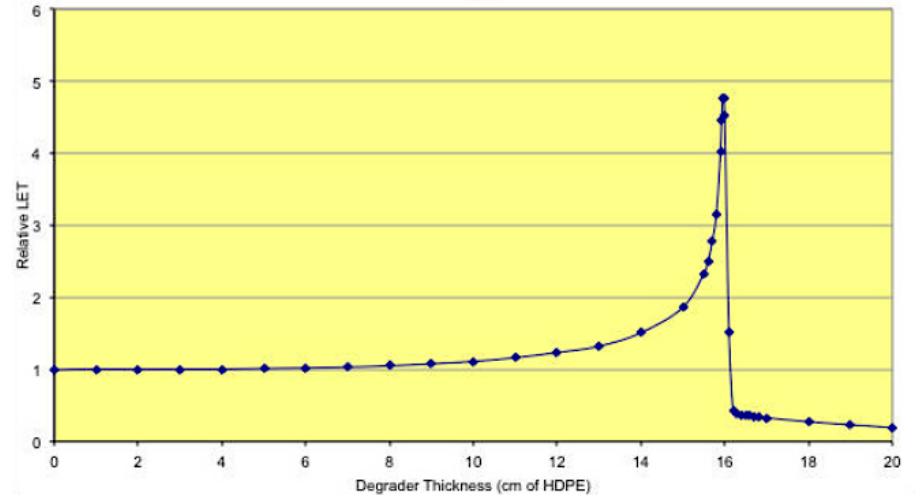


Figure 2: Bragg curve for 292.7 MeV/n Carbon ions. Range is 15.950 cm in HDPE. LET on entrance is 24.33 keV/micron in water. For degrader thicknesses beyond the Bragg Peak, 16 cm, you can see the tail produced by low-Z fragments.

## Linear Energy Transfer (LET)

## Bragg Curves

Charged particles, such as protons and heavy ions, lose energy when passing through material primarily through ionization. The Bethe-Bloch equation describes that energy loss. The Bragg Curve is a graph of the energy loss rate, or Linear Energy Transfer (LET) as a function of the distance through a stopping medium. **The energy loss is characterized primarily by the square of the nuclear charge,  $Z$ , and the inverse square of the projectile velocity,  $\beta$ . This gives the Bragg Curve its familiar shape, peaking at very low energies, just before the projectile stops.** It is this Bragg Peak that makes ion therapy advantageous over X-ray treatment for cancer. The Bragg Curve falls with increasing energy until a minimum is reached near a velocity of  $\beta = 0.9$ , about 2.2 GeV for protons. LET increases slowly, rising logarithmically for energies above the minimum.

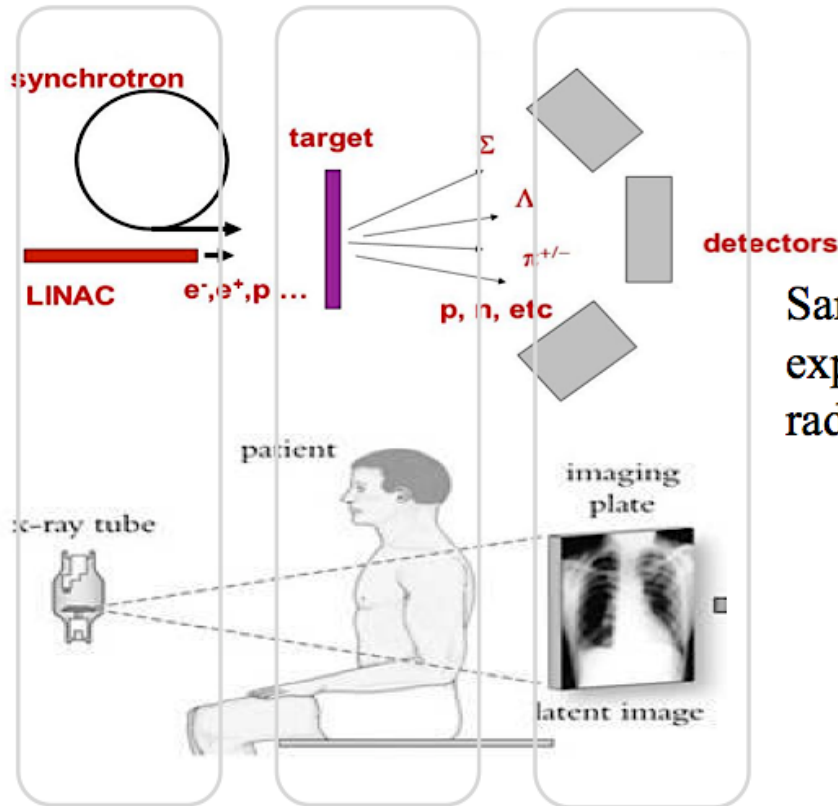
The Interaction of Photons in matter (x-rays) is dramatically different from charged particles. In particular the photon's lack of an electric charge makes this big difference. Now, instead, the main interactions of x-rays in matter will be

- 1) Photoelectric Effect
- 2) Compton Scattering
- 3) Pair Production

As a summary of the interaction a beam of photons is not degraded in energy as it passes through a thickness of matter, it will only attenuate in intensity! (Absorption coefficient)

# Interaction of Photons

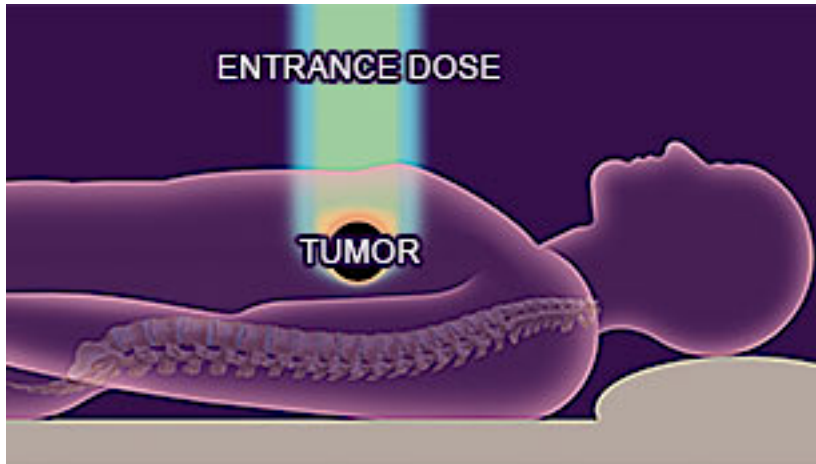
# HEP technologies for medicine



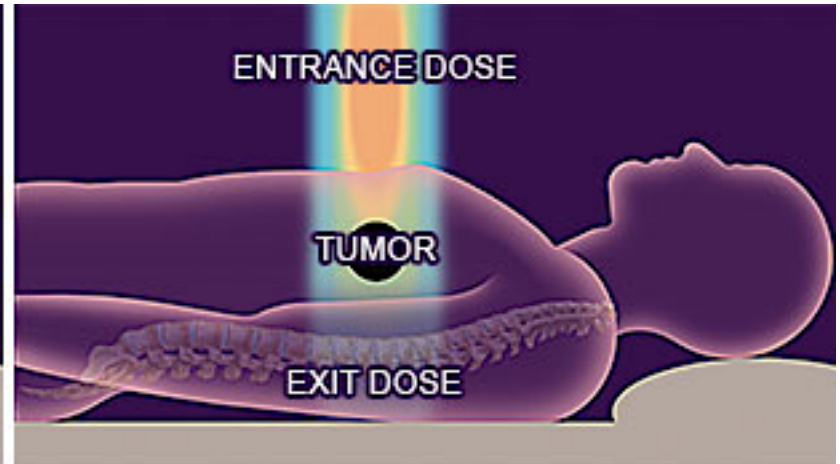
Same concept for an HEP experiment and a radiological investigation

# Application

Hadon Therapy vs X-Rays



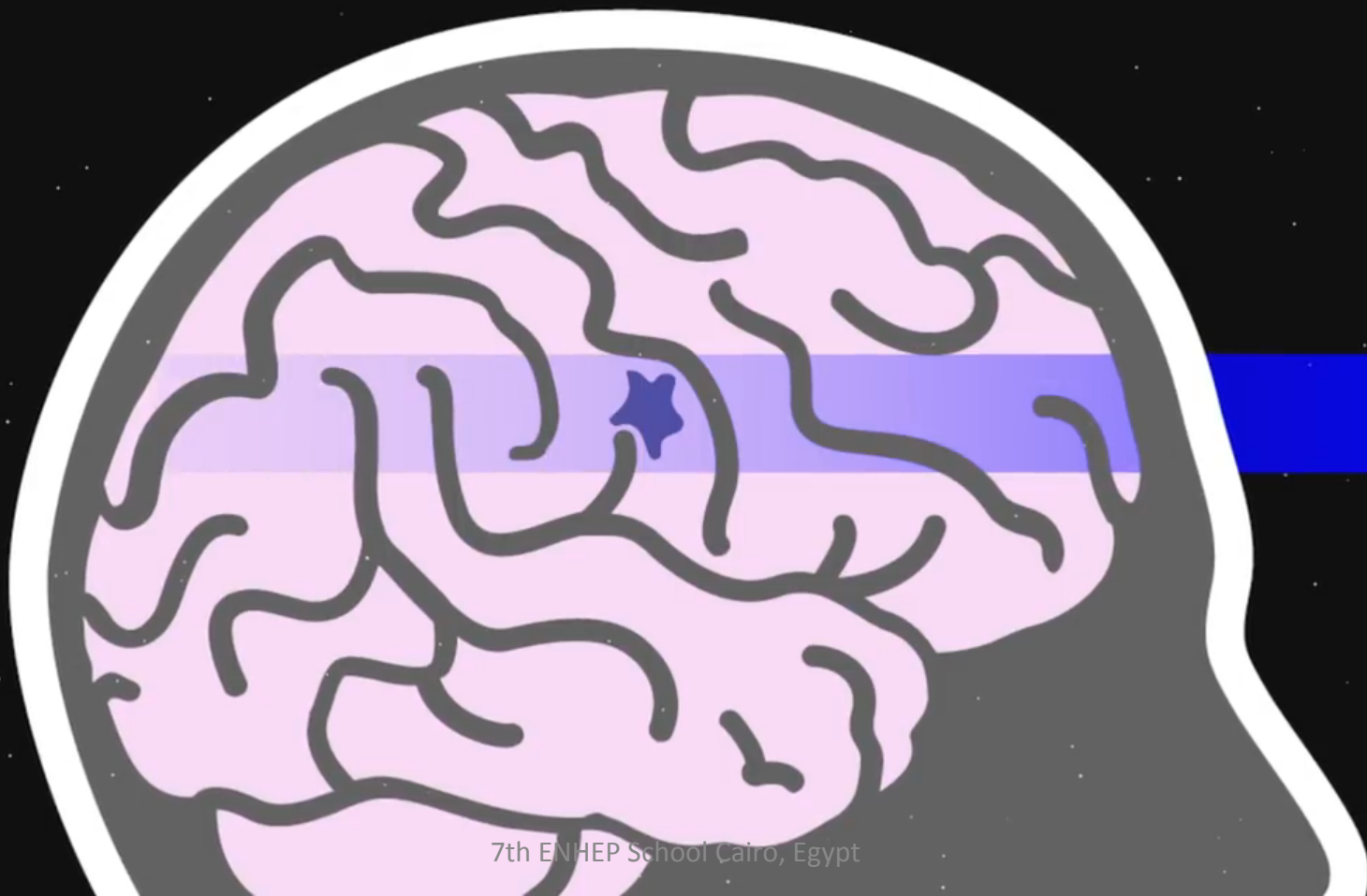
**TARGETED PROTON THERAPY:**  
Deposits most energy on target



**CONVENTIONAL RADIATION THERAPY:**  
Deposits most energy before target







# PROTONS

ENERGY LOSS



DEPTH

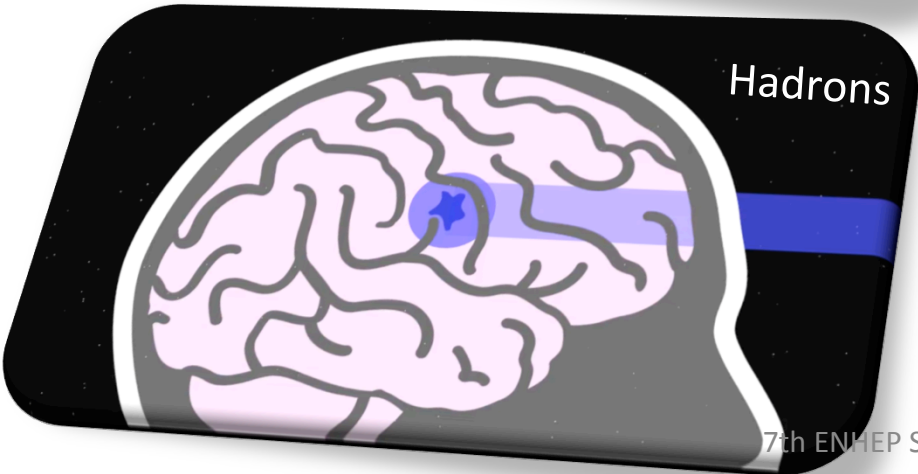
# Hadro-Therapy

## Radiological Use of Fast Protons

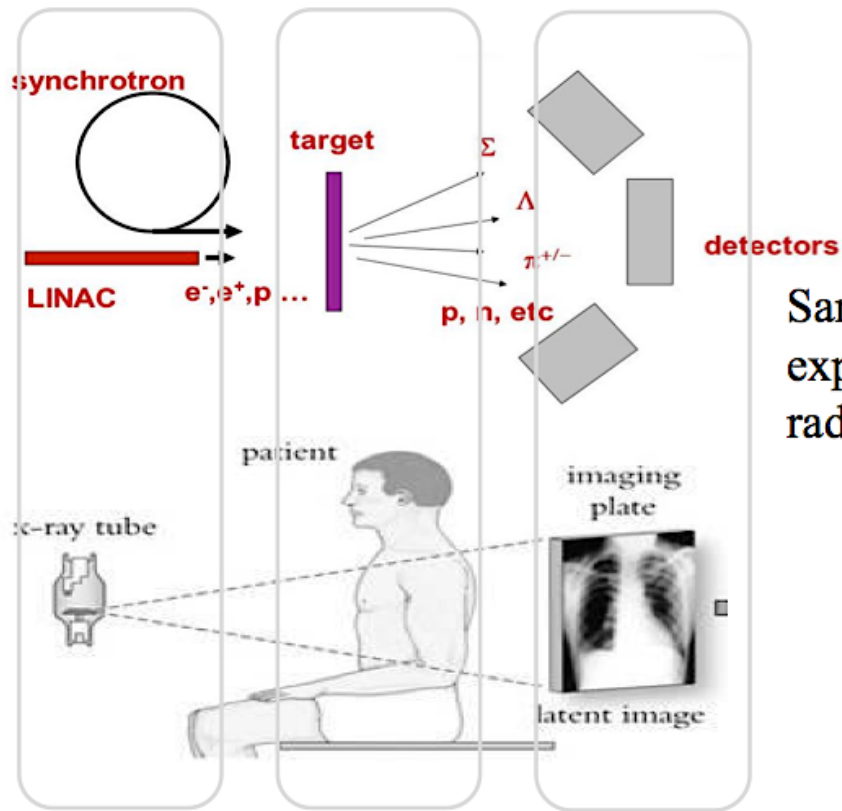
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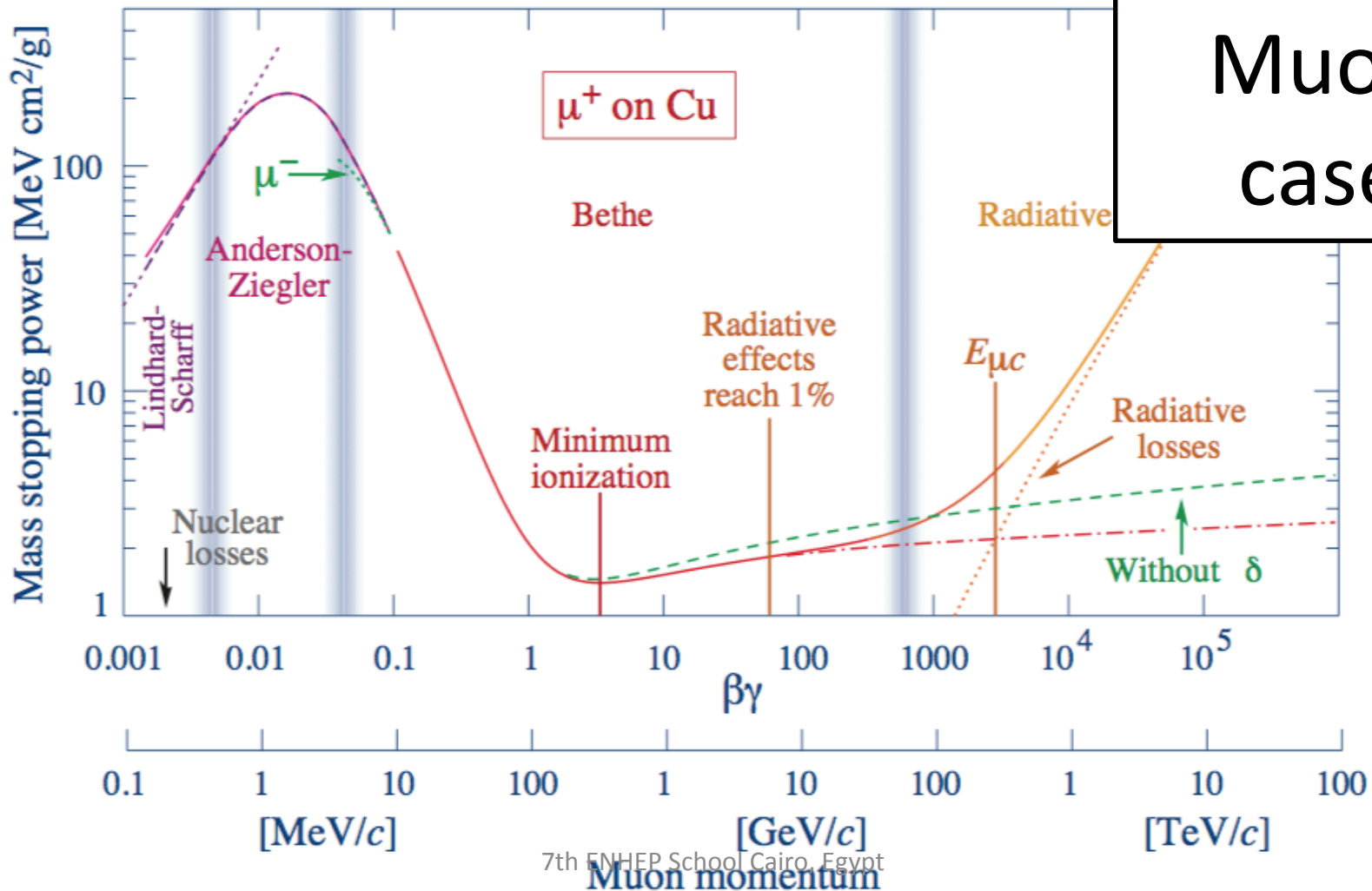
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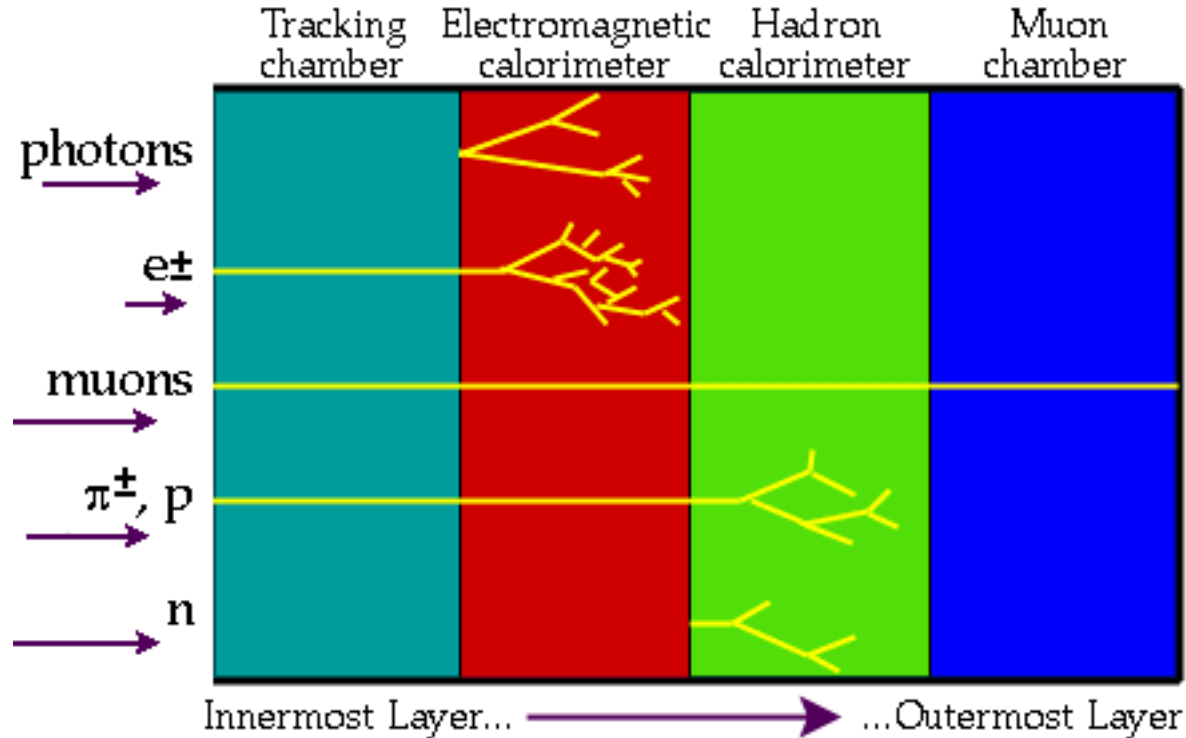


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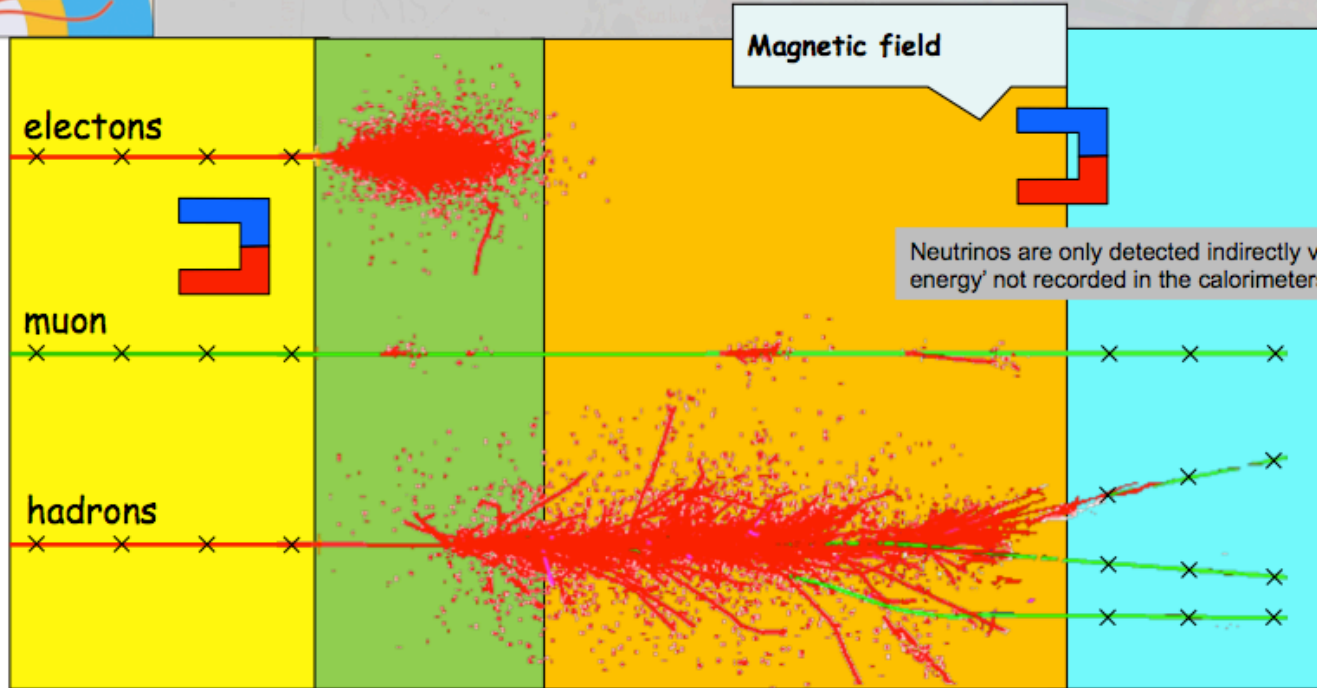
# Muon case

# Muons are mips





# How to detect particles in a detector



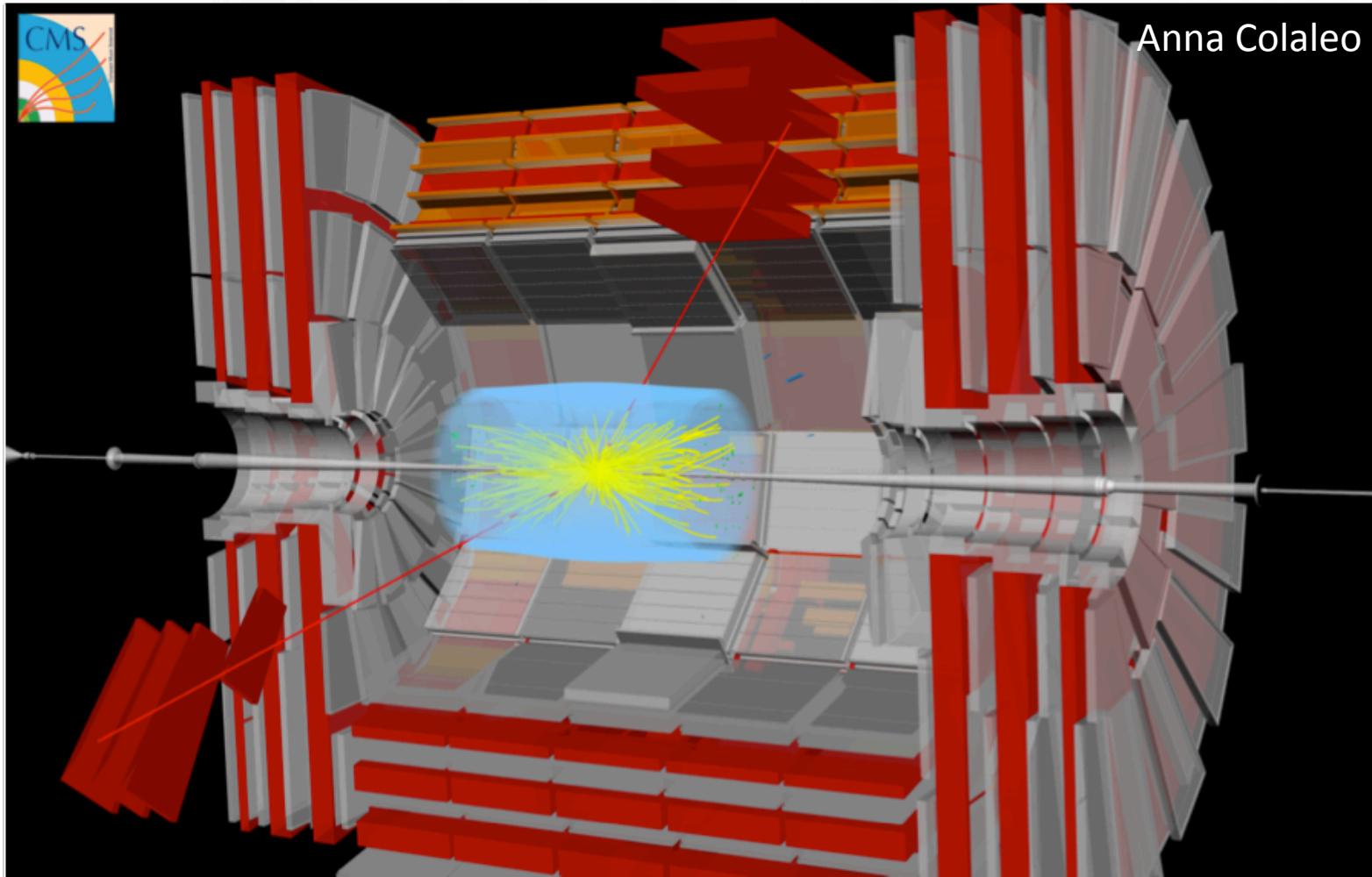
**Tracking detector**  
 -Measure charge and momentum of charged particles in magnetic field

**Electro-magnetic calorimeter**  
 -Measure energy of electrons, positrons and photons

**Hadronic calorimeter**  
 -Measure energy of hadrons, such as protons, neutrons, pions, etc.

**Muon detector**  
 -Measure charge and momentum of muons



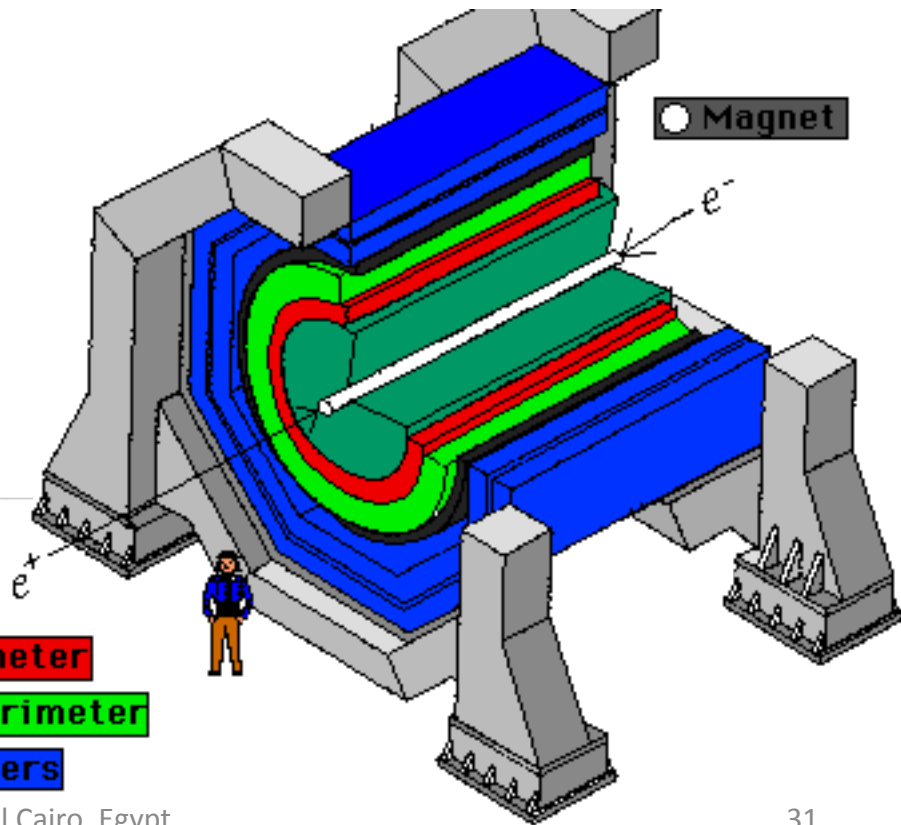
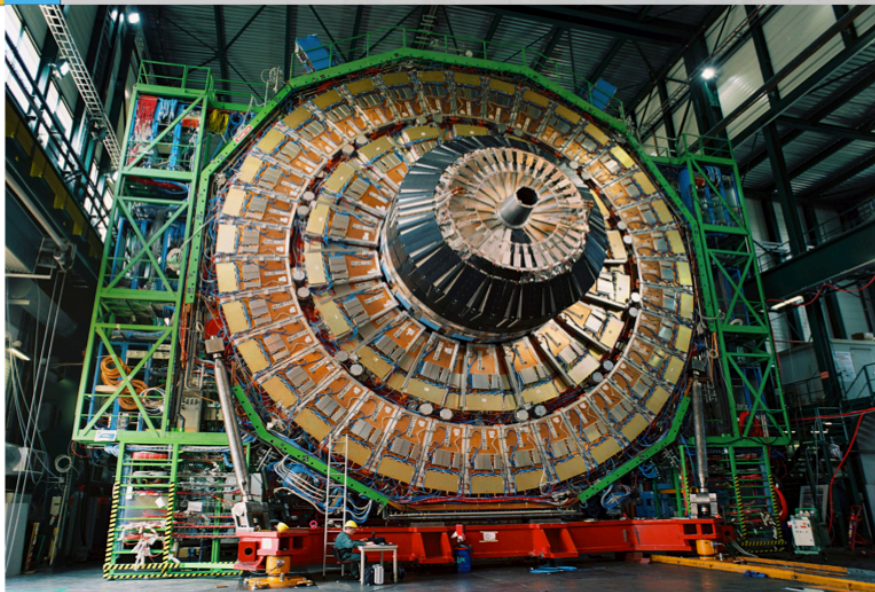


# Example: Pileup Mitigation

Pileup: additional interactions per bunch crossing

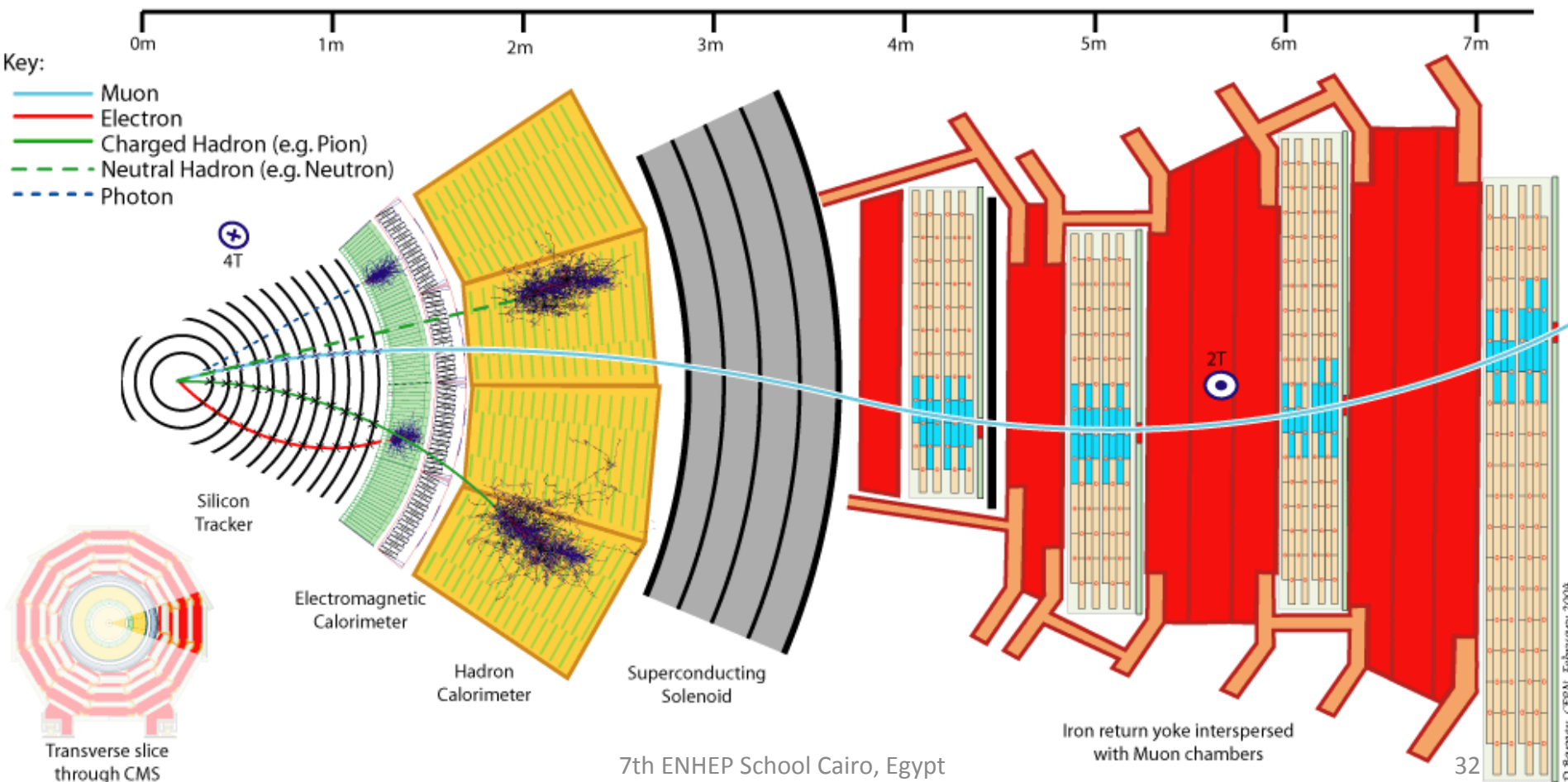
Only one interaction is of interest!

# Historically – All Installed in Surface Hall



- Tracking
- E-M Calorimeter
- Hadron Calorimeter
- Muon Chambers





# Detecting particles

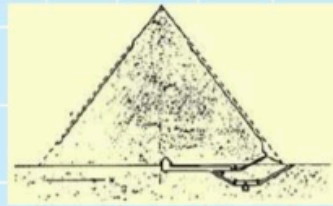
The concept is not new, but now we can profit of advanced instruments



**Luis Alvarez**  
1965

*Cosmic ray muons used to search for chambers at Giza.*

Khufu's Great Pyramid



L.W. Alvarez et al., *Science* 167 (1970) 832. Photo Source: [www.gizaonline.com/egyptology/GizaPyramids1.htm](http://www.gizaonline.com/egyptology/GizaPyramids1.htm) by Alan Winston



## **Search for Hidden Chambers in the Pyramids**

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*Science*, New Series, Vol. 167, No. 3919. (Feb. 6, 1970), pp. 832-839.



Fig. 2 (bottom right). Cross sections of (a) the Great Pyramid of Cheops and (b) the Pyramid of Chephren, showing the known chambers: (A) Smooth limestone cap, (B) the Belzoni Chamber, (C) Belzoni's entrance, (D) Howard-Vyse's entrance, (E) descending passageway, (F) ascending passageway, (G) underground chamber, (H) Grand Gallery, (I) King's Chamber, (J) Queen's Chamber, (K) center line of the pyramid.

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# Search for Hidden Chambers in the Pyramids

## The structure of the Second Pyramid of Giza is determined by cosmic-ray absorption.

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# Muon Tomography

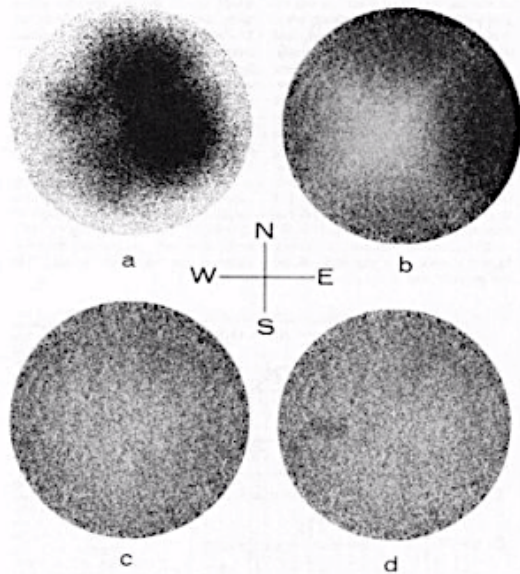
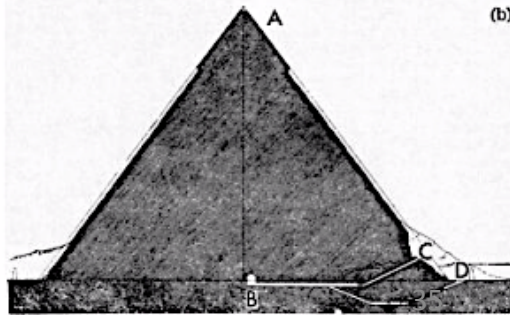
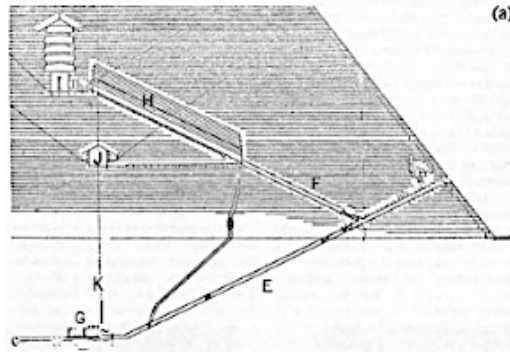


Fig. 13. Scatter plots showing the three stages in the combined analytic and visual analysis of the data and a plot with a simulated chamber. (a) Simulated "x-ray photograph" of uncorrected data. (b) Data corrected for the geometrical acceptance of the apparatus. (c) Data corrected for pyramid structure as well as geometrical acceptance. (d) Same as (c) but with simulated chamber, as in Fig. 12.

Luis Alvarez used the attenuation of muons to look for chambers in the Second Giza Pyramid → Muon Tomography

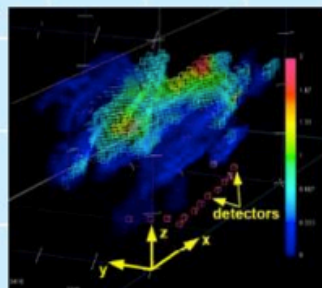
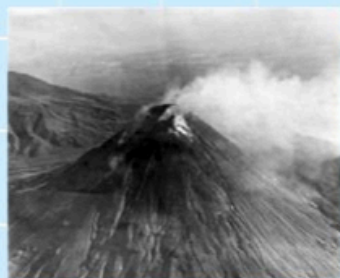
He proved that there are no chambers present.





# Detecting particles

## Muon Geotomography



Large scale gaseous detector with high spatial resolution are needed

## Muon Tomography for Security Applications

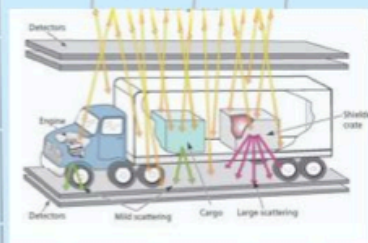
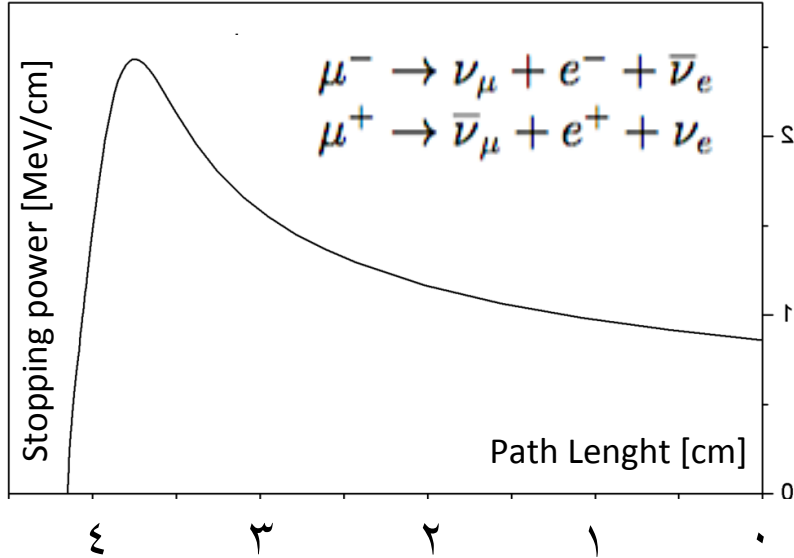


Image reconstruction can spot material of different density

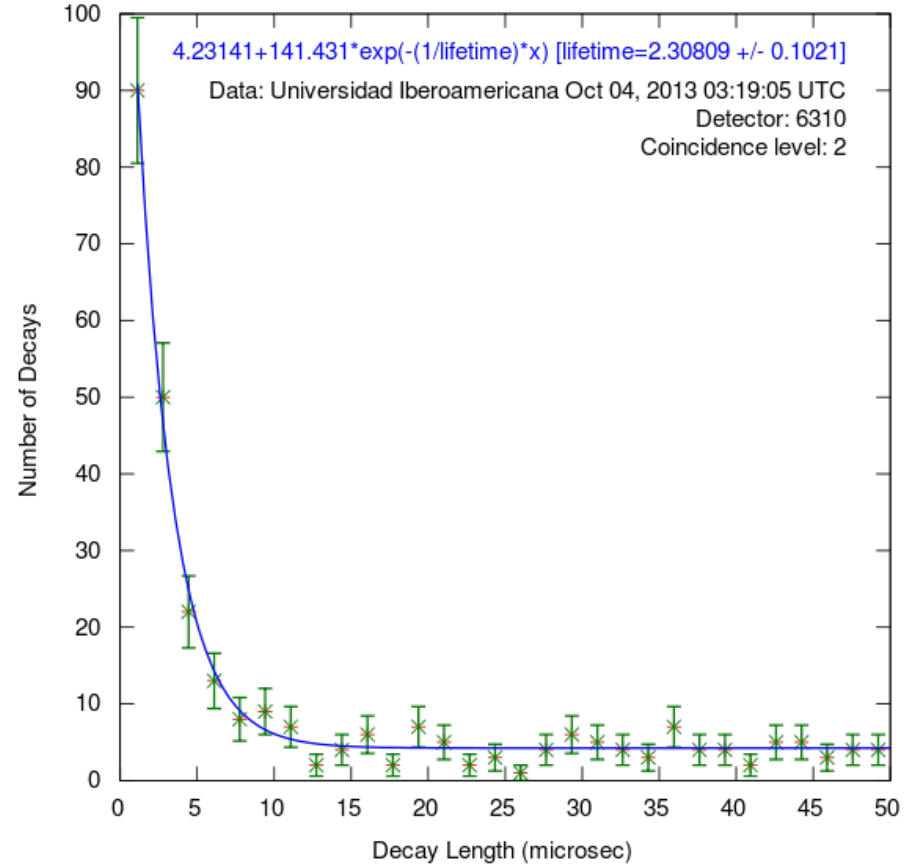
Reconstruction software is crucial



# Muon lifetime



## Lifetime Study



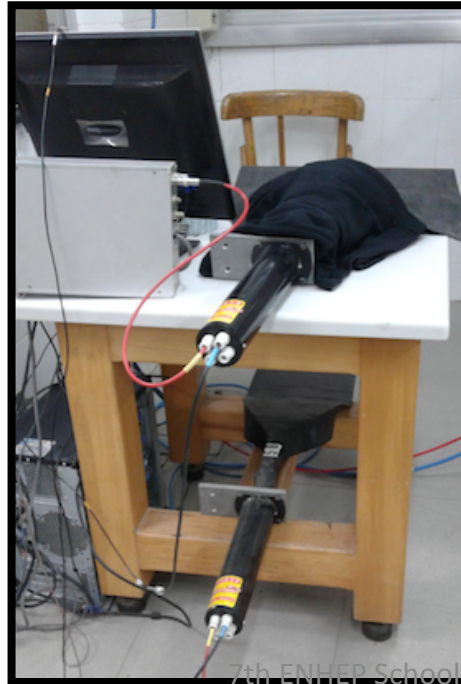
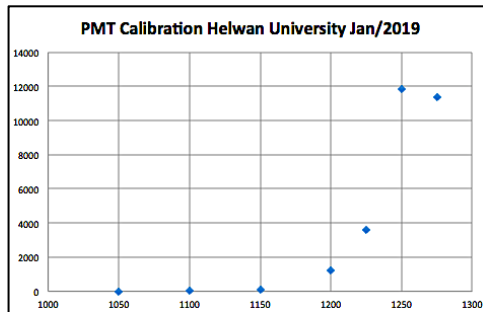
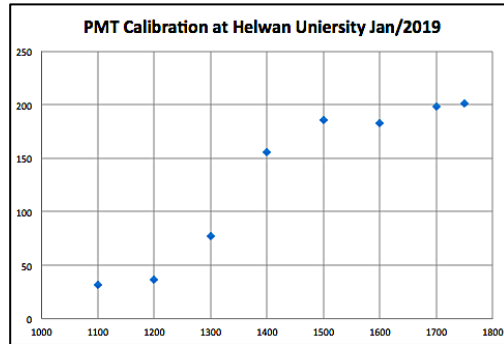
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3. Shereen Aly(PhD student, Helwan university)
4. Asmaa Hassan (PhD student, Helwan university)
5. Tahany Ahmed(Master student, Helwan university)
6. Sara Ragab (Master student, Helwan university)
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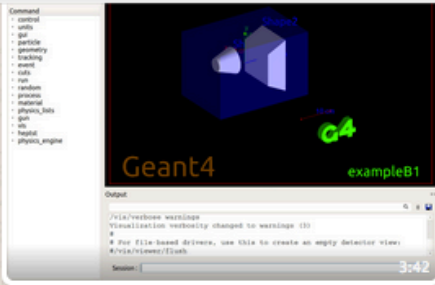


# Calibration runs



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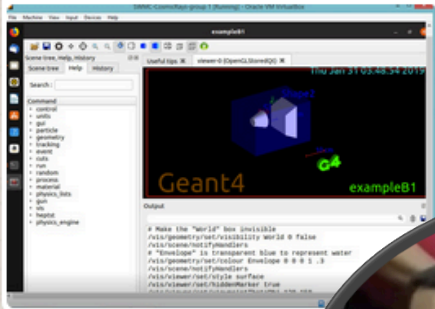
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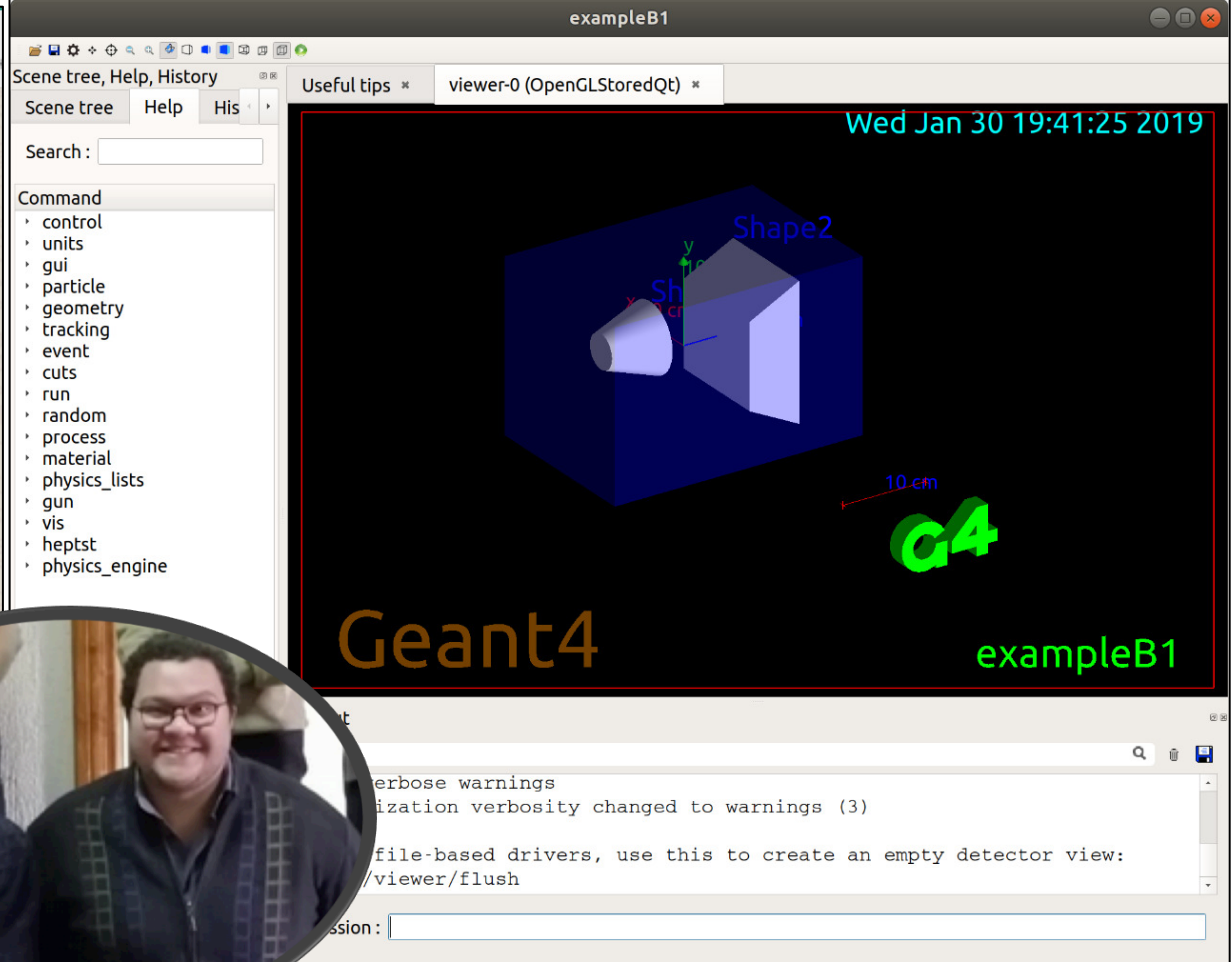
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Useful tips * viewer-0 (OpenGLStoredQt) *
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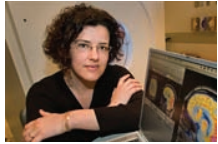
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### **Medicine: cancer therapy**

Every major medical center in the nation uses accelerators producing x-rays, protons, neutrons or heavy ions for the diagnosis and treatment of disease. It is estimated that there are over 7,000 operating medical linacs around the world that have treated over 30,000,000 patients.



### **Medicine: diagnostic instrumentation**

Particle detectors first developed for particle physics are now ubiquitous in medical imaging. Positron emission tomography, the technology of PET scans, came directly from detectors initially designed for particle physics experiments sensing individual photons of light.



### **Homeland security: monitoring nuclear waste nonproliferation**

In nuclear reactors, the amount of plutonium builds up as the uranium fuel is used. Because plutonium and uranium emit different kinds of particles, a particle detector can be used to monitor and analyze the contents of the nuclear reactor core. A prototype detector, originally developed by physicists for experiments, has already demonstrated the potential use of this new monitoring technology.



### **Industry: power transmission**

Cables made of superconducting material can carry far more electricity than conventional cables with minimal power losses. Further superconducting technology advances in particle physics will help advance this industry, offering an opportunity to meet continued power needs in densely populated areas where underground copper transmission lines are near their capacity.





### **Industry: understanding turbulence**

From long distance oil pipelines to models for global weather prediction, turbulence determines the performance of virtually all fluid systems. Silicon strip detectors and low-noise amplifiers developed for particle physics are used to detect light scattered from microscopic particles in a turbulent fluid, permitting detailed studies of this challenging area.



### **Computing: the World Wide Web**

Particle physicists developed the World Wide Web to give them a tool to communicate quickly and effectively with colleagues around the world. Few other technological advances in history have more profoundly affected the global economy and societal interactions than the Web. In 2001, revenues from the World Wide Web exceeded one trillion dollars, with exponential growth continuing.



### **Computing: the Grid**

The Grid is the newest particle physics computing tool that allows physicists to manage and process unprecedented amounts of data across the globe by combining the strength of hundreds of thousands of individual computing farms. Industries such as medicine and finance are examples other fields that also generate large amounts of data and benefit from advanced computing technology.



### **Sciences: synchrotron light sources**

Researchers use the ultra-powerful X-ray beams of dedicated synchrotron light sources to create the brightest lights on earth. These luminous sources provide tools for such applications as protein structure analysis, pharmaceutical research, materials science and restoration of works of art.