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Robert Van de Graaff's 1 MeV generator was demonstrated in 1929.

In 1932 E.O. Lawrence's cyclotron achieved energies of 1.2 MeV and nuclear events similar to Cockroft-Walton.



John Cockcroft and Ernest Walton demonstrate the first man-made nuclear reaction in 1930 using their 0.4 MeV accelerator.



One day we will be able to accelerate charged particles to energies larger then radioactive decay.... 1927

In 1909 Rutherford's famous experiment used 5 MeV alpha particles to probe the gold atom and revel the nucleus.









Cosmotron 3.3 GeV protons



Fermi Lab - 1 TeV protons/antiprotons

Large Hadron Collider 14 TeV protons/protons Stanford Linear Accelerator 50 GeV electron-positron

Bigger Machines - More Energy

Bevatron 6.2 GeV protons





Donald Glaser invented the bubble chamber in 1952. His first detector was only a few inches in diameter. The last one used was 15 ft by 10 ft. C. R. T. Wilson introduced the cloud chamber in 1912.









Photographic emulsions have been used since the time of Becquerel in 1896. This is an image of a cosmic ray pion event from 1947.











Detailed Description













LHC Simulation

Start the protons out here

Why Do We Need the LHC? The Standard Model and Beyond.



What is Mass?

The Higg's boson

What are dark matter and dark energy?

Supersymmetric particles





Why is there more matter then antimatter

Symmetry breaking



What was it like just after the Big Bang?

Quark-gluon plasma

What about Gravity?

Extra dimensions, string theory



Problems to Ponder

A quick review of some important ideas from earlier in the year.

- In the Cockcroft-Walton experiment a proton was accelerated into a ⁷Li atom to produce two ⁴He atoms. What is the minimum amount of kinetic energy the proton must have to make this happen?
- 2. We wish to build a cyclotron and need to know the frequency of the a.c. signal we should supply. Use what you know about the force on a charge in a B-field, centripetal force, and the relationship between angular velocity and frequency to show that:

$$f = \frac{qB}{2\pi m}$$

Use your work from above and what you know about kinetic energy to derive:

$$KE = \frac{q^2 B^2 r^2}{2m}$$

If you wish to build a 30 cm diameter cyclotron to accelerate protons to 2 MeV what must be the strength of the B-field? What must be the frequency of the applied accelerating voltage?

- 3. How does 1 TeV compare to the amount of energy needed to raise the temperature of 1 g of water 1 °C? Give your answer in terms of a ratio.
- 4. If a proton has a rest energy of 938 MeV and an electron's is 0.511 MeV find the relativistic γ for a proton and electron with 20 MeV of kinetic energy.

What adjustments would have to be made if you were going to make a cyclotron that operated at energies above 20 MeV. Which particle needs more adjustment?

- 5. An electron traveling at 1 X 10⁷ m/s enters a detector. What must be the B-field in the detector to bend the path of the electron in a 2 cm radius curve? If the electron is traveling through a bubble chamber what would you expect to happen to the path as the electron continued?
- 6. What is the change in kinetic energy for a proton accelerated from 0.99c to 0.9999c?
- 7. What is the total energy of a proton accelerated through a potential difference of 200 MV?
- 8. Using Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation and the equation for centripetal force to derive an equation for the velocity of an orbiting body in terms of the mass inside the orbit and the radius of the orbit. What does this have to do with the discovery of dark matter?
- 9. If the 2.7 K cosmic background radiation is an example of blackbody radiation what is the peak wavelength? What region of the EM spectrum is this?