

# Accelerators

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# Particle Physics

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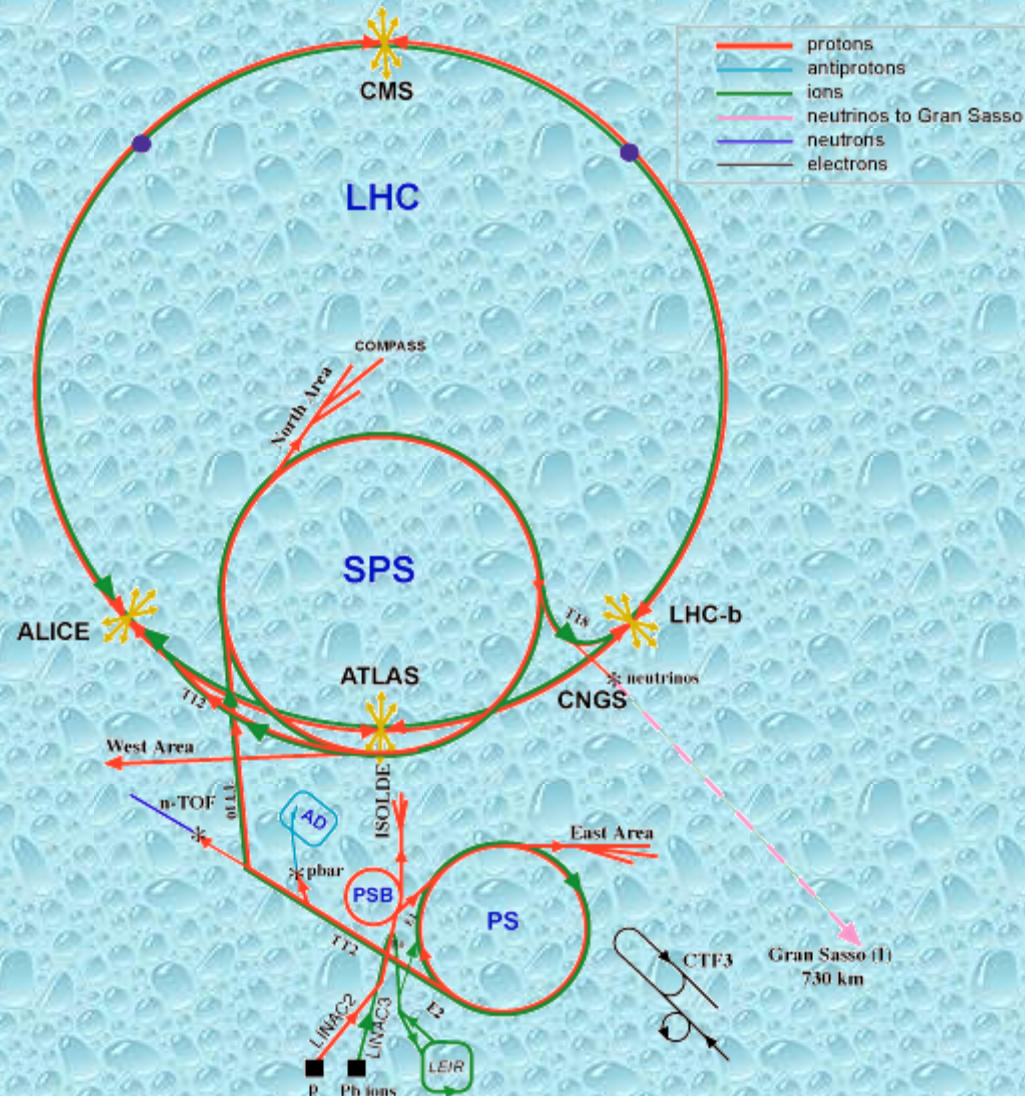
## Accelerators & Detectors

- Luminosity and cross-sections
- Fixed target vs collider
- linac vs circular
- Detectors: fixed target, collider
- Detector elements



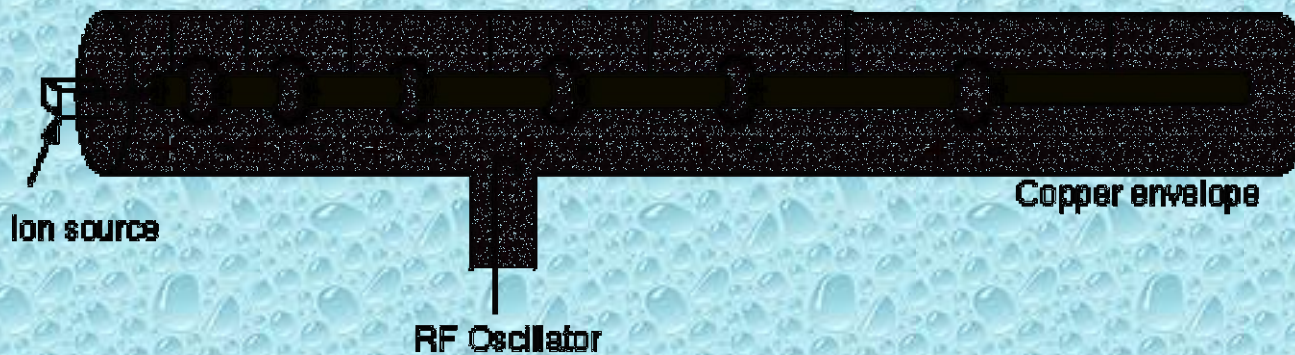
# High Energies in Accelerators

- Produce new particles
  - e.g. W, Z,
  - ... Higgs ?
- Probe small scale structure
  - $p=h/\lambda$ , e.g. proton structure



# Accelerators

- Electric Fields to accelerate stable charged particles to high energy
- Simplest Machine – d.c. high V source
  - 20MeV beam
- High frequency a.c. voltage
  - Time to give particles successive kicks



Fermilab linac

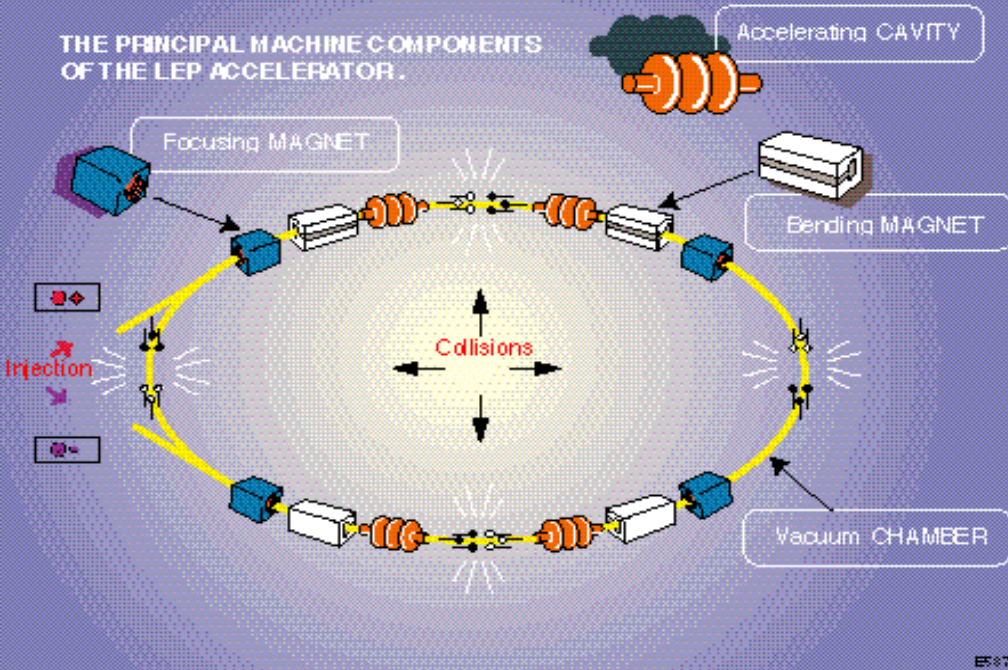


> MeV Energy speed  $\sim c$ , hence length of tubes same

Linear Accelerator - Linac

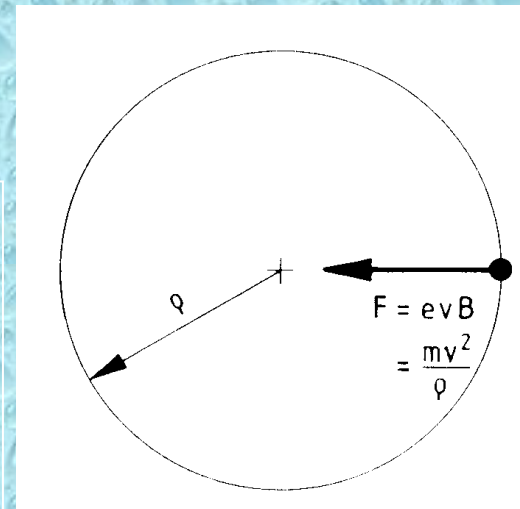
# Synchrotron

THE PRINCIPAL MACHINE COMPONENTS OF THE LEP ACCELERATOR.



B field (bending) and  
E-field (accelerating cavity)  
Synchronised with particle  
velocity

- pp,ep collider – need different magnets
- p anti-p, or  $e^-e^+$ 
  - **One set of magnets, one vacuum tube**
  - LEP ( $e^+e^-$ ), Tevatron(p anti-p)
- Need to produce anti-particles
  - Positron – OK, anti-protons difficult
  - from proton nucleus collisions

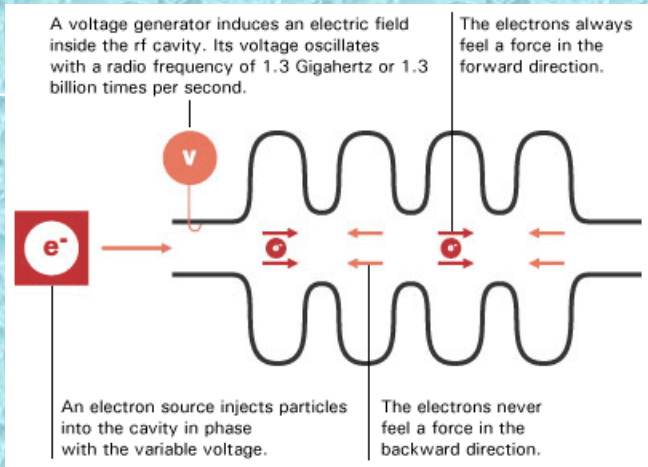


radius

$$p(\text{GeV} / c) = 0.3B\rho_5$$

# Accelerating Cavities

- International Linear Collider plan for 35 MV/m
- Length for 500 GeV beams ?



Niobium, superconducting

# Magnets

1200 dipole superconducting (1.9K) magnets, 14.3m long, 8.35 T



Proton energy 7 TeV,  
minimum ring circumference ?

# Energy considerations:

## 1) Fixed Target vs Collider

- Energy
  - Achieve higher sqrt(s) at collider
    - Direct new particle searches
- Stable particles
  - Colliding beam expts use p, e<sup>-</sup> (muons?)
- Rate
  - Higher luminosity at fixed target

## 2) Linac vs synchrotron

- Linac Energy
  - length & voltage per cavity
- Synchrotron Energy
  - Radius, max B-field
  - Synchrotron radiation

} Higher E = bigger machine

# Energy: Fixed Target Experiment



b at rest:  $E_b = m_b$

$$s = (E_a + m_b)^2 - p_a^2 \approx 2E_a m_b \quad \text{for} \quad E_a \gg m_a, m_b$$

$$\sqrt{s} \propto E_a^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

# Energy: Colliding Beam



Symmetric beams – lab frame = CM frame Particle & anti-particle collision

$$E_a = E_b \quad \mathbf{p}_a = -\mathbf{p}_b$$

$$s = (E_a + E_b)^2 + 0 = 4E_a^2$$

$$\sqrt{s} \propto E_a$$



# Synchrotron Radiation

Energy lost as particles  
bent to travel in circle

$$\Delta E = \frac{q^2 \beta^3 \gamma^4}{3\epsilon_0 \rho}$$

$\rho$  is radius of curvature of orbit  
So for relativistic particles  $\beta \approx 1$

$$\Delta E \propto \gamma^4$$

Limits energy for a electron/positron machine  
<  $\sim 100\text{GeV}/\text{beam}$

Hence, LHC proton collider

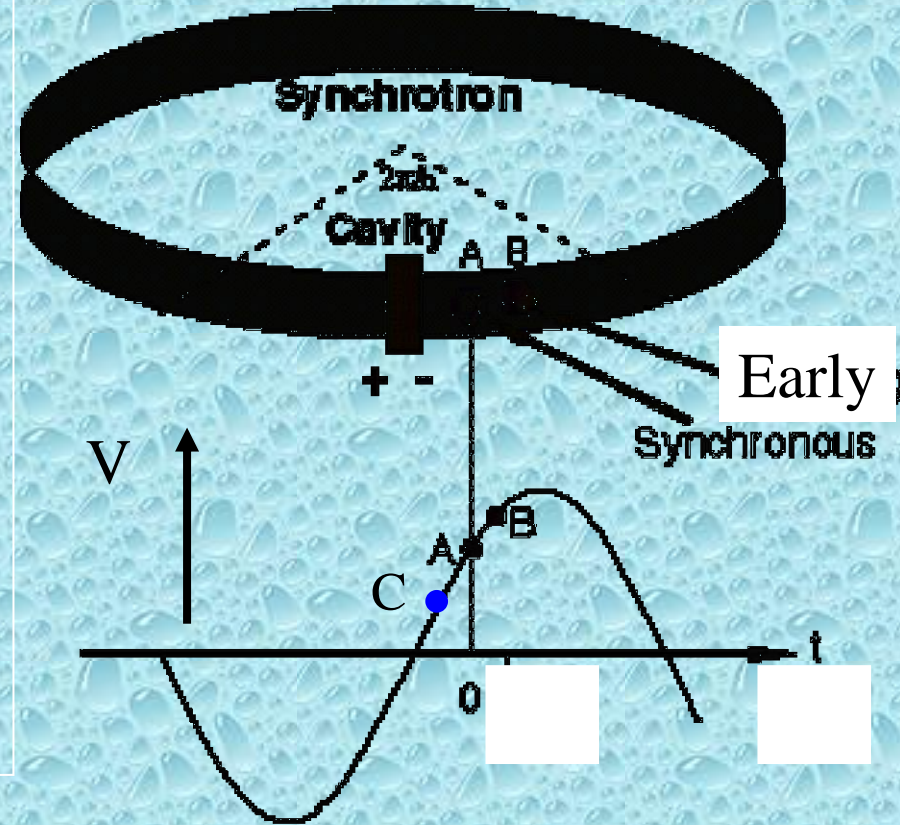


Also a useful source of high energy  
photons for material studies

Diamond Synchrotron started operation  
recently in Oxfordshire

# Synchrotron: Beam Stability

- Particles accelerated in bunches LHC  $N=10^{10}$
- Particle accelerated just enough to keep radius constant – in reality...
- **Synchrotron Oscillations**
  - Movement of particles wrt bunch
  - out of phase with ideal, stability ensured



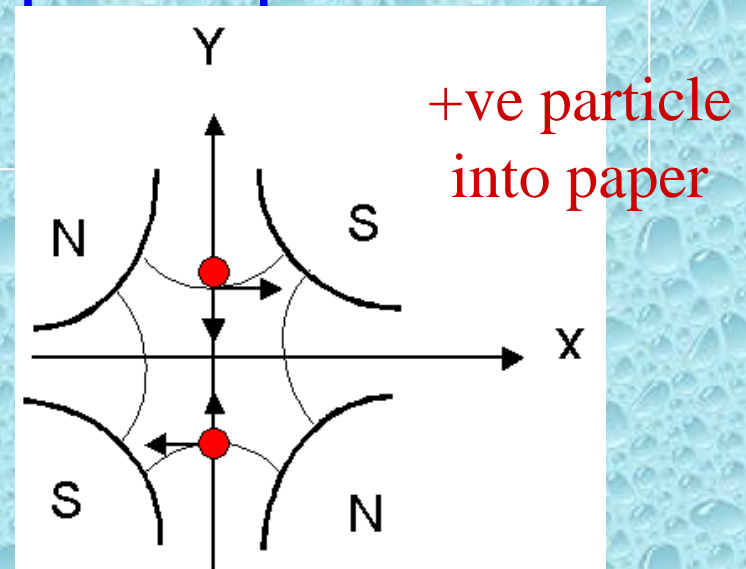
Particle **B** arriving early receives a larger RF pulse  
moves to a larger orbit and arrives later next time

Particle **C** arriving late received smaller acceleration, smaller orbit, earlier next time

# Focussing

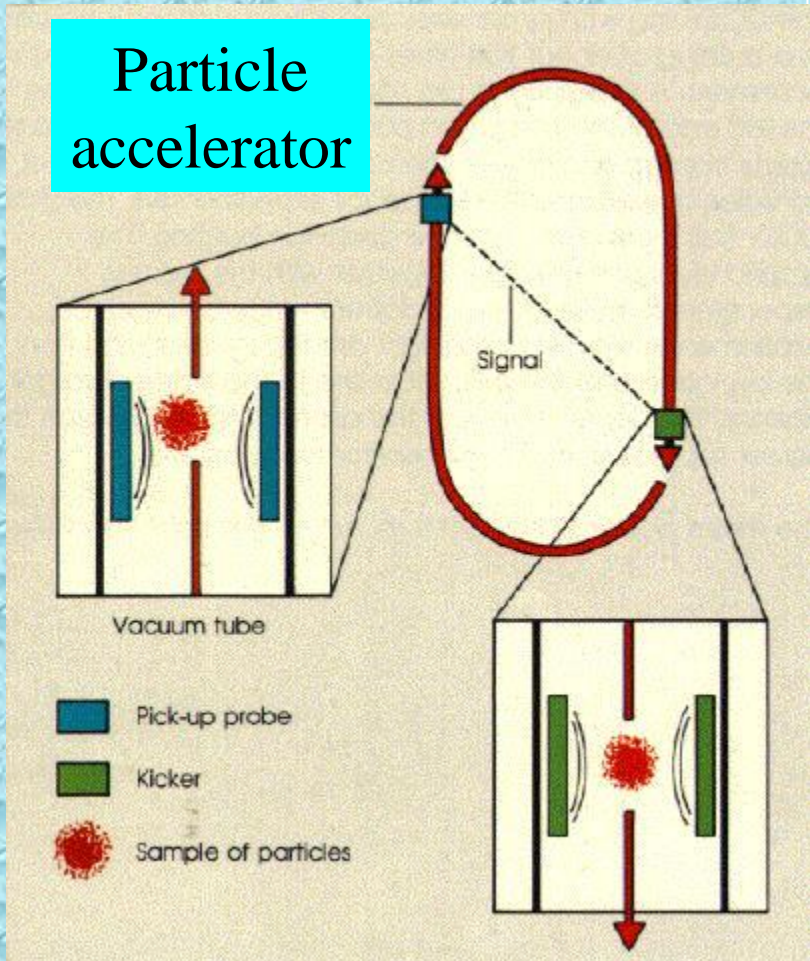
- Particles also move in transverse plane
  - Betatron oscillations
  - Origin - natural divergence of the originally injected beam and small asymmetries in magnetic fields.
- Beams focussed using quadropole magnets.

Focussing in vertical/ horizontal planes  
Force towards centre of magnet.  
Alternate vertical / horizontal  
net focussing effect in both planes.



N.B. Dipoles=bending, Quadropoles=focussing

# Cooling



- Initially particles have a wide spread of momentum and angle of emission at production
- Need to “cool” to bunch
- One methods – stochastic cooling used at CERN for anti-protons
- Sense average deviation of particles from ideal orbit
- Provide corrective kick
- Note particles travelling at  $c$  and so does does electrical signal !

# Cross-Sections

We perform an experiment:  $p + p \rightarrow p + p + \pi^0$  Smashing beam into a target

How many pions do we expect to see ?

$\propto$  Duration of expt(t)

$\propto$  Volume of target seen by beam (V)

$\propto$  Density of p in target ( $\rho$ )

$\propto$  Beam incident /sec/Unit area (I)

$\propto$  Solid angle of detector ( $\Delta\Omega$ )

$\propto$  Efficiency of experiment (trigger/analysis) ( $\varepsilon$ )

$\propto (I t) (V\rho) \Delta\Omega \varepsilon$

$\Delta N \propto (1/\text{Area})(N_o) \Delta\Omega \varepsilon$

The constant of proportionality – the bit with the real physics in !

– is the differential cross-section  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$

Integration over  $4\pi$  gives total cross-section  $\Omega = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta$

Can divide total xsec into different reactions e.g.

$$\sigma_T = \sigma_{EL} + \sigma_{INEL}$$

xsec measured in barn, pb etc...

# Luminosity

For colliding beams no  $V$  (target volume) term.

Require two narrow beams with complete overlap at collision point

Typical beam sizes 10-100 $\mu\text{m}$  in  $xy$  and  $\text{cm}$  in  $z$

Interaction rate is

$$N = (n_1 n_2 f / a) \sigma \quad \text{jn s}^{-1}$$

$n_1, n_2$  are number of particles in a bunch

$f$  is the frequency of collisions

e.g. rotation in circular collider, this can be high, LHC 40 MHz!

$a$  is the bunch area of overlap at collision point (100% overlap)

$(n_1 n_2 f / a)$  is known as the **luminosity**  
LHC plans up to  $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



Linac – one shot machine  
Synchrotron – particles  
circulate for many hours

Fixed target luminosity can be higher

e.g.  $10^{12}$  p on 1m long liquid-H target gives  $\sim 10^{37} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

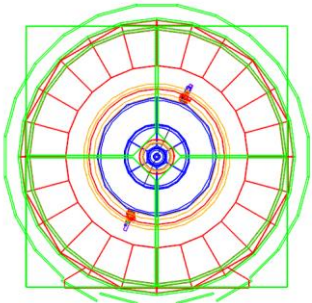
Number of events = lumi  $\times$  xsec  $\times$  time

Typically good machine running time is  $\sim 1/3$  yr ( $1 \times 10^7$  s)

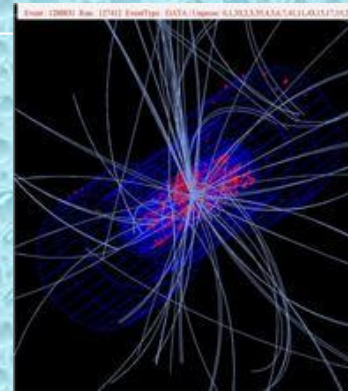
# Electrons vs Protons ?

- Useful centre-of-mass energy electron vs proton
- Proton is composite,  $\sim 10\%$  root(s) useful energy
- 100 GeV LEP, 1TeV Tevatron had similar reach
- Electron-positron much cleaner environment
  - No extra particles
  - Can detect missing energy e.g. neutrinos, new neutral particles
- Proton
  - Higher energies, less synchrotron radiation
  - Electron-positron – “high precision machine”
  - Proton-proton – “discovery machine”

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LEP  
Event

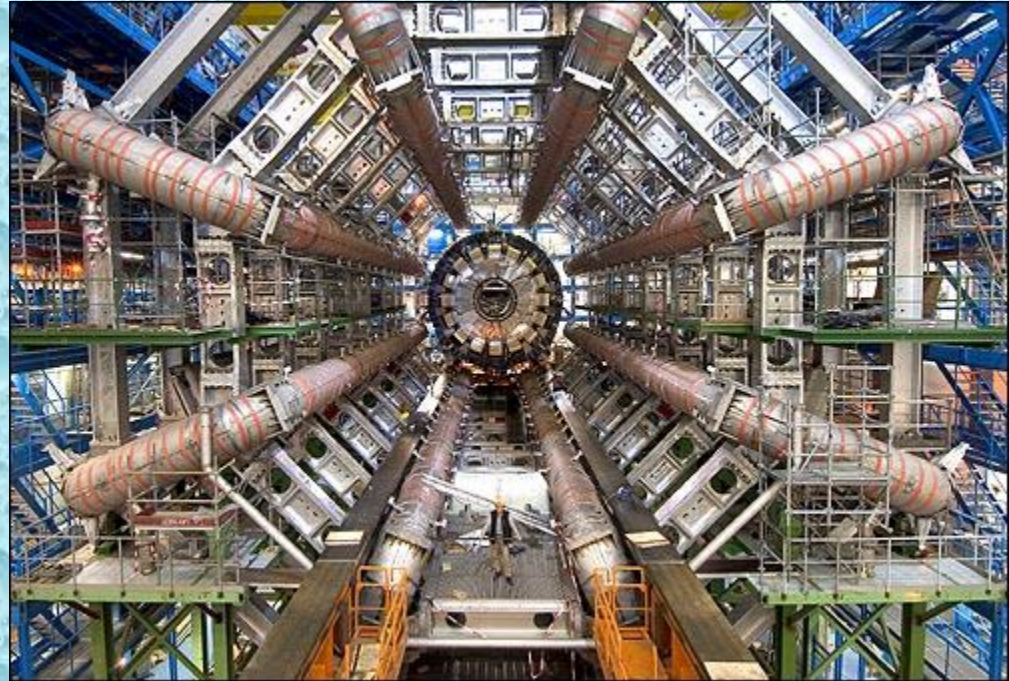
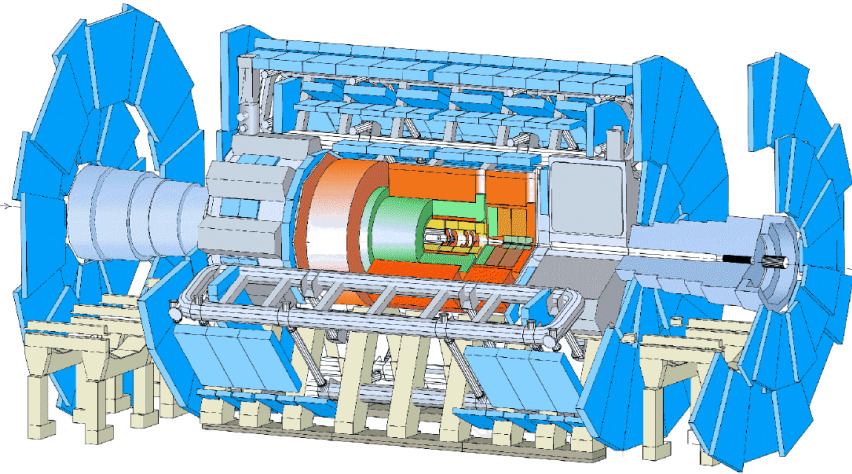


Tevatron  
Event





# Example Particle Detector- ATLAS



Detector Components:

Tracking systems, ECAL/HCAL, muon system  
+ magnet – several Tesla - momentum measurement

Tracking: Spatial Resolution 5-200 $\mu\text{m}$

ECAL: Energy Resolution  $\Delta E / E \approx 0.05 / \sqrt{E}$

HCAL: Energy Resolution  $\Delta E / E \approx 0.5 / \sqrt{E}$

Time Resolution:  
LHC 40Mz=25ns

# Elements of Detector System

## • Sensitive Detector Elements: e.g.

- Tracking - silicon sensors, gaseous ionisation detectors
- Calorimeters – lead, scintillators

## • Electronic readout: e.g.

- Custom designed integrated circuits, custom pcbs,
- Cables, power supplies.



## • Support Services: e.g.

- Mechanical supports
- Cooling

## • Trigger System

- LHC 40 MHz, write to disk 2kHz
- Which events to take ?
- Parallel processing, pipelines
- Trigger levels
- Add more detector components at higher levels

## Computing in HEP

Each event 100kB-1MB

1000MB/s, 1PB/year

Cannot analyse on  
single cluster

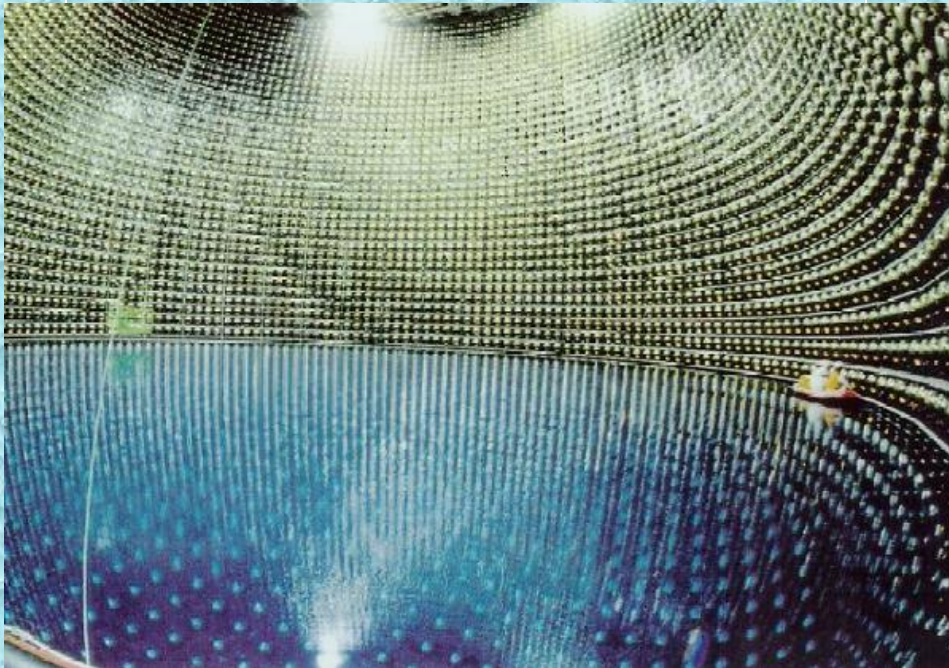
Worldwide computing  
Grid

# Example Neutrino Detector

But not all detectors look like previous examples

Example – neutrino detector

- Very large volume
- Low data rate

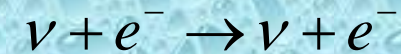


**Super-Kamiokande**  
**half-fill with water**

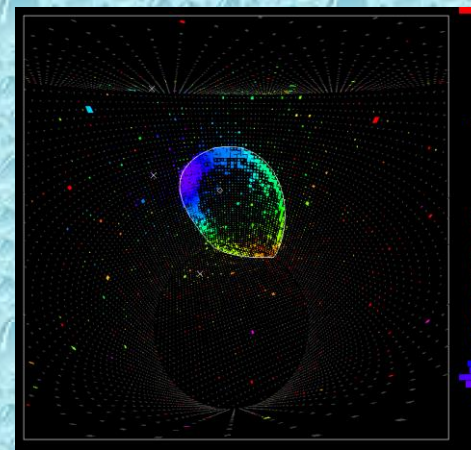
50,00 tonnes of water

11000 photomultiplier tubes

Neutrinos interact



Cherenkov light cone given off  
and detected by photomultipliers



# Accelerator Summary

Considerations for an accelerator.

- Reaction to be produced
- Energy required
- Luminosity required
- Events expected



Particles are accelerated by electric field cavities.

Achievable Electric fields few MV/m

Higher energy = longer machine

Fixed target expt. – not energy efficient but sometimes unavoidable  
(e.g. neutrino expts)

Particles are bent into circles by magnetic fields.

Synchrotron radiation – photons radiated as particle travels in circle

E lost increases with  $\gamma^4$ , so heavy particles or bigger ring

Or straight line...

Synchrotron oscillations controlled by rf acceleration

Quadropole magnets used to focus beams in transverse plane

Linac – repetition rate slower as beams are not circulating

Synchrotron – beams can circulate for several hours