



Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

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Today's Topic

1. Introduction to Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- How do justify the need for LHC?
- Why hadron? Why large ?
- Layout

2. Design of LHC

- Important parameters of LHC

3. Key Ideas of Colliding Particles

- Event Rate
- Center-of-mass energy (\sqrt{s})

4. Synchrotrons and Beams

- Cyclotron Frequency
- Betatron function $\beta(s)$
- Emittance (ϵ)
- Luminosity

Why Need An LHC?

- **Probing smaller and smaller scale**

- Is necessary to understand the structure of matter and what they are made of (constituents)

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} \approx \frac{1.2 [fm]}{p [GeV/c]} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{De-Broglie wavelength of a proton is } < 1.2 \text{ fm} \\ \text{For } \lambda < 10^{-3} \times 1.2 \text{ fm } \quad p > 1 \text{ TeV}/c \end{array}$$

- To probe a distance 1000 times smaller than a proton

- **Search for new types of matter (or new particles)**

- Higher energies are needed to discover new particles
 - Many theories predict particles with masses $> 1 \text{ TeV}$
 - Many of these processes are rare
 - their rate of production (cross section) is small
 - Surprising new results could be lurking. Need a probe like LHC

What's Large About LHC ?

Hauling an ATLAS Magnet (toroid end cap)



Lake Geneva

27 km circumference
Highest energy collider ever built
Superconducting, super cooled magnets

Our home (2008 – 2010)



ATLAS



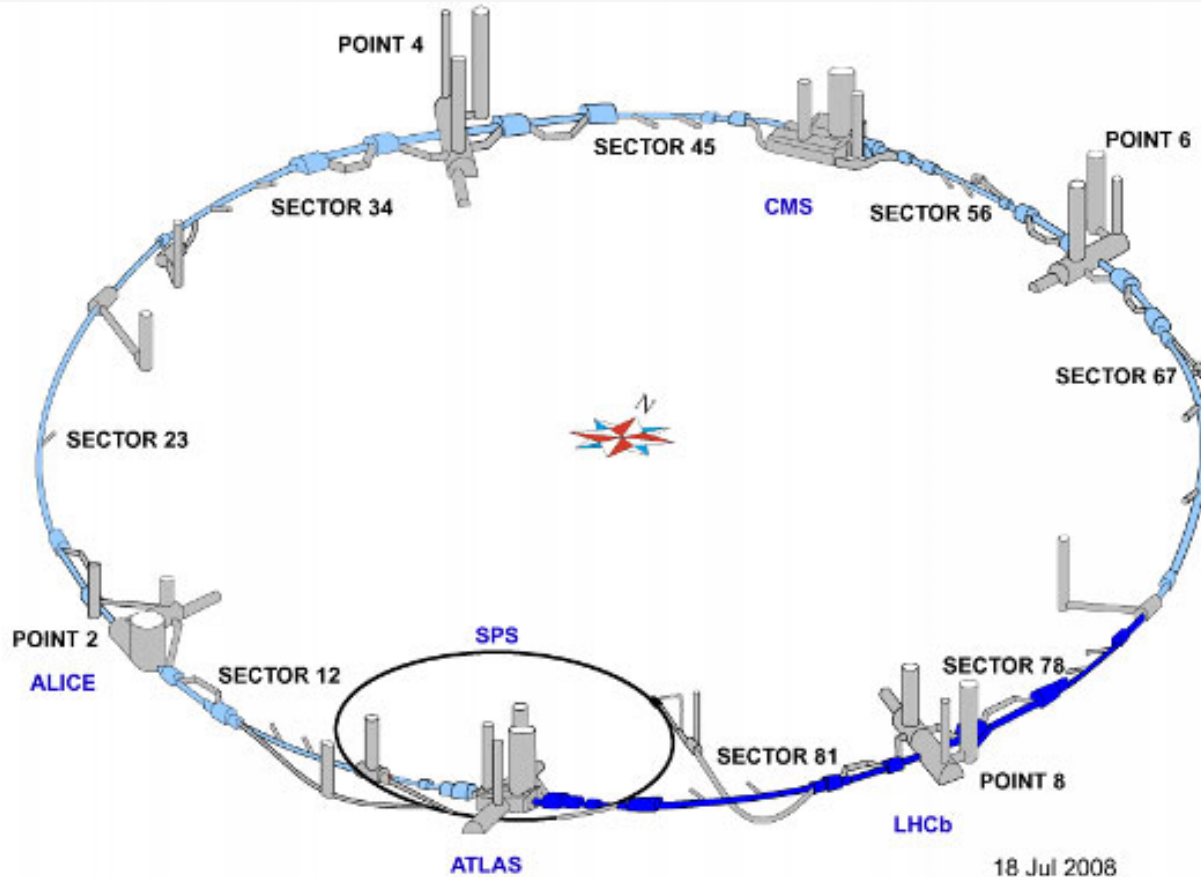
High Energy Colliders

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Accelerator	Particle Type, Laboratory	Energy \sqrt{s} GeV	Years of operation
LEP-I	e^+e^- collider, CERN	91	1989 – 1994
LEP-II	e^+e^- collider, CERN	209	1995 – 2000
HERA-I	$e-p$ collider, DESY	27 + 800	1992 – 2000
HERA-II	$e-p$ collider, DESY	27 + 920	2002 – 2007
Tevatron, Run I	$p\bar{p}$ collider, Fermilab	1800	1987 – 1996
Tevatron Run II	$p\bar{p}$ collider, Fermilab	1960	2002 – 2011
LHC, phase I	pp collider, CERN	7000	2010 – 2012
LHC, phase II	pp collider, CERN	14000	2014 – ...

- Highlights:
- Phase 1: Higgs boson -- discovered July 2012
- Two year shutdown followed by Phase 2, which started in 2015

LHC Layout



- 8 crossing interaction points (IP's)
 - ATLAS, ALICE, CMS, LHCb experiments
- Accelerator sectors go in between the IP's
 - Sector 23 goes between 2 and 3, sector 34 goes between 3 and 4 etc.

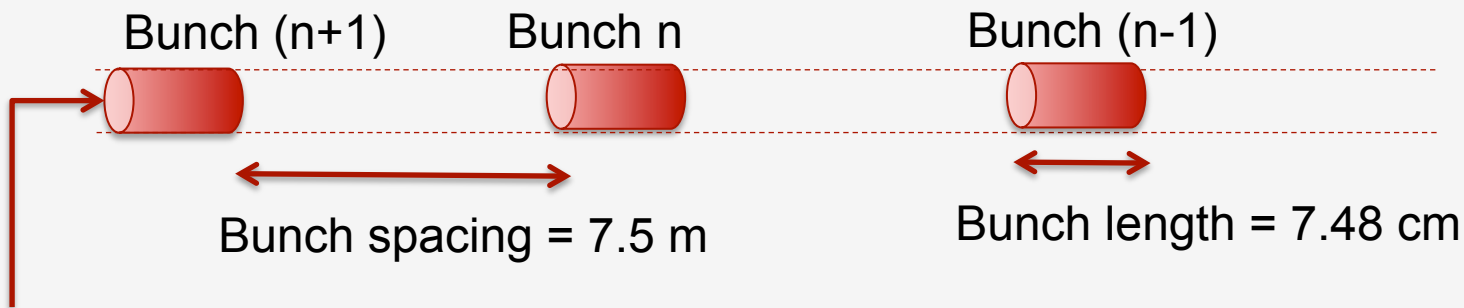
LHC Parameters

Quantity	number
Circumference	26 659 m
Dipole operating temperature	1.9 K (-271.3°C)
Number of magnets	9593
Number of main dipoles	1232
Number of main quadrupoles	392
Number of RF cavities	8 per beam
Nominal energy, protons	7 TeV
Nominal energy, ions	2.76 TeV/u (*)
Peak magnetic dipole field	8.33 T
Min. distance between bunches	~7 m
Design luminosity	$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
No. of bunches per proton beam	2808
No. of protons per bunch (at start)	1.1×10^{11}
Number of turns per second	11 245
Number of collisions per second	600 million

(*) Energy per nucleon

Proton Bunches

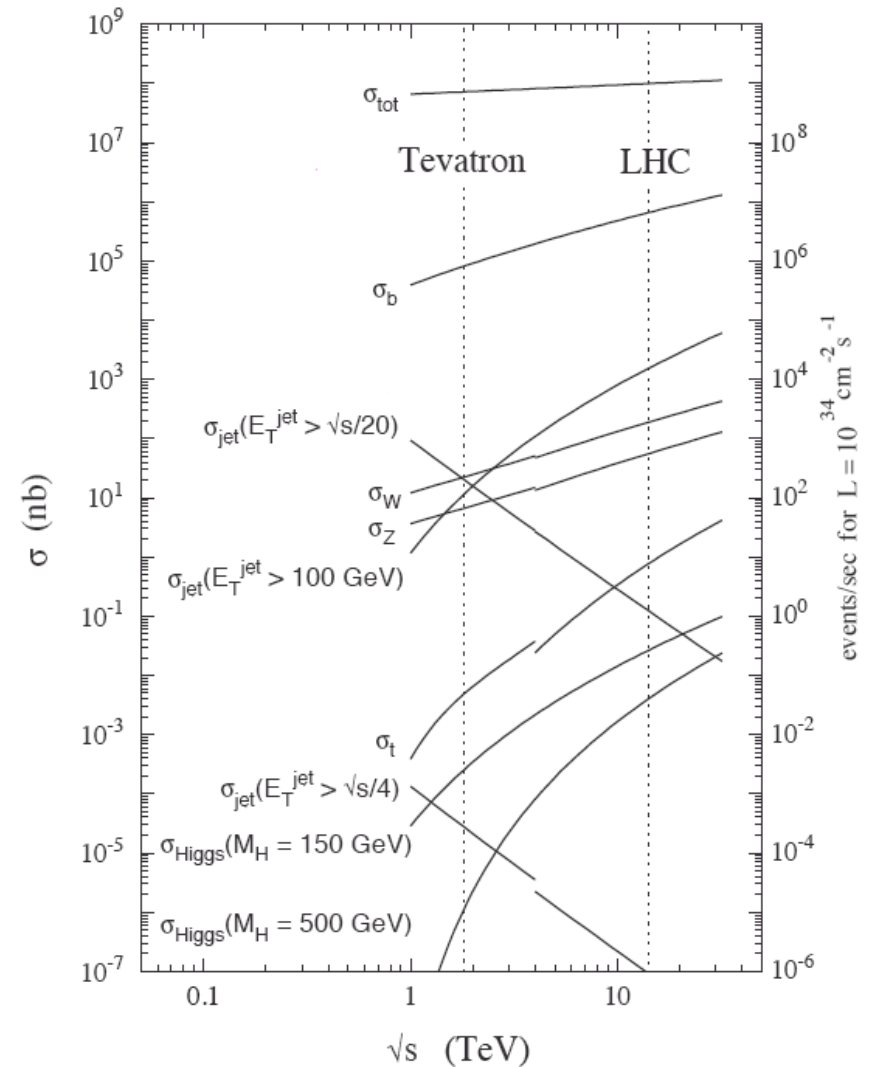
- Each beam is made up of bunches of protons
 - Each bunch is approximately a cylinder



- Effective Area (A) of a bunch
 - $A = 0.2$ mm far away from collision points
 - $A = 16$ μm at the collision or interaction point (IP)
 - Bunches get squeezed by quadrupole magnets as they approach IP
- After doing some math
 - Effective number of bunches around a 27 km ring = 2808
 - Since they are moving close to speed of light, the spacing between bunches arriving at IP is ~ 25 ns

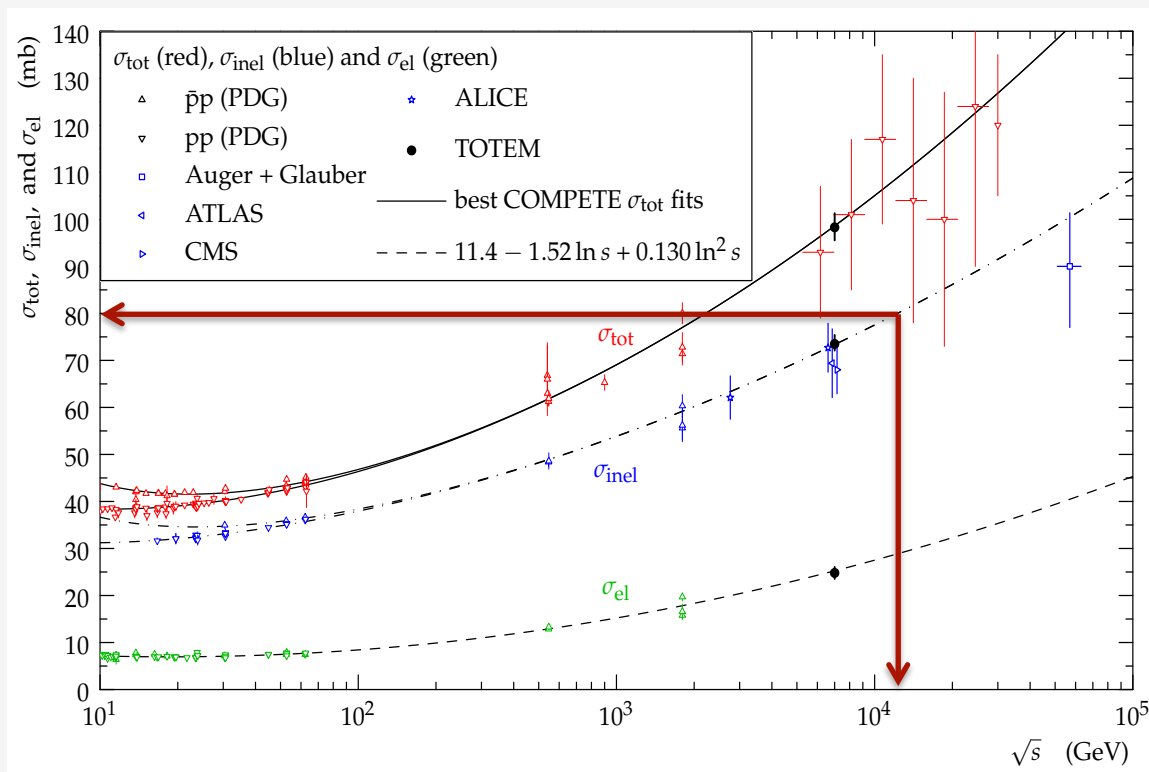
Event Rate

- **Event**
 - Any physical process that is allowed by nature and which obeys conservation laws (e.g., $qq \rightarrow H\gamma$)
- **Cross Section (σ)**
 - Probability that an event occurs (units of $1\text{b} = 10^{-24}\text{ cm}^2$)
 - Rare processes have small cross sections
- **Luminosity = \mathcal{L}**
 - Ability of the particle accelerator to produce the required number of interactions ($\text{cm}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$)
- **Event Rate**
 - $\dot{n} = \mathcal{L}\sigma$



Example 1

- Find the rate of inelastic pp collisions at 14 TeV
 - $L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - $\sigma \sim 80 \text{ mb} = 80 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$ (at $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$)
 - Event Rate = $\sigma L = 80 \times 10^{(34-3-24)} \text{ s}^{-1} = 80 \times 10^7 / \text{s}$

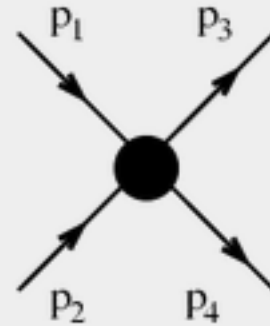


Example 2

- Find the event rate for the process $qq \rightarrow Zh$
 - $L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - $\sigma \sim 50 \text{ fb} = 50 \times 10^{-15} \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$ (at $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$)
 - Event Rate = $\sigma L = 50 \times 10^{(34-15-24)} \text{ s}^{-1} = 5 \times 10^{-4}/\text{s}$
- At this rate, how long does it take to observe 100 events?
 - $t = 100 / (5 \times 10^{-4}/\text{s}) \sim 55 \text{ hours or } > 2 \text{ days}$

Center of Mass Energy \sqrt{s}

$$a(p_1) + b(p_2) \longrightarrow c(p_3) + d(p_4)$$



- 2 \rightarrow 2 collision (scattering)

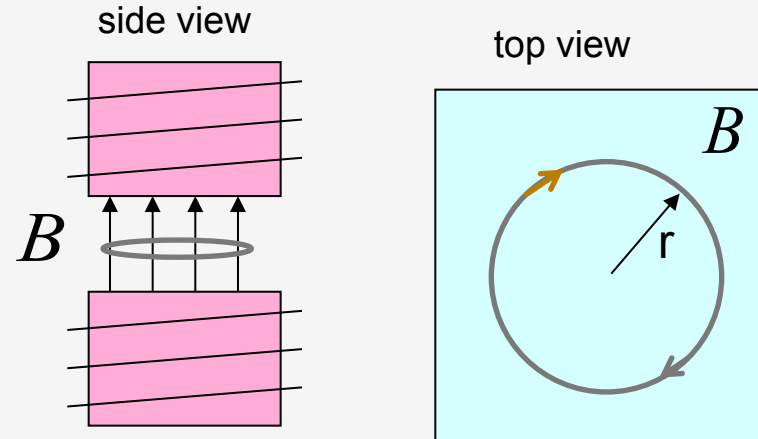
- p_1, p_2 are the four momenta of incoming particles (a,b)
- p_3, p_4 are the four momenta of outgoing particles (c,d)

- Defined as $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = (p_3 + p_4)^2 = 4E^2$ (Lorentz-invariant)
- $\sqrt{s} = (E + E)$ which is the combined energy of the incoming particles as seen from the center-of-mass reference frame.
- For LHC a=proton, b=proton, $E = 7$ TeV, $\sqrt{s} = 7+7 = 14$ TeV

Cyclotron Frequency

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{F}_c &= \frac{mv^2}{r} \\ |\vec{F}_B| &= |q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}| = qvB \\ \Rightarrow r &= \frac{mv}{qB} \\ f_c &= \frac{v}{2\pi r} = \boxed{\frac{qB}{2\pi m} = \text{constant}}\end{aligned}$$

for a proton $\boxed{f_c = 15.2 |B| \text{ MHz}}$



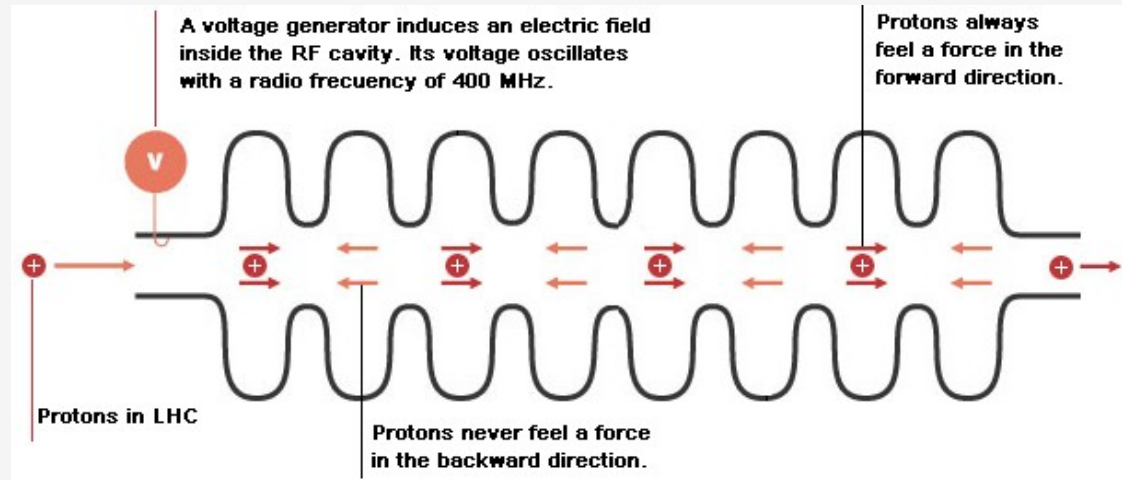
- **Cyclotron**

- For small values of velocity ($\beta = v/c < 0.2$) this is a perfectly valid

- **Synchrotron**

- We usually accelerate particles close to the speed of light $\beta \sim .99$
- Relativistic correction to mass (replace m by γm_0)
- As energy increases, f_c is no longer a constant!
 - f_c becomes smaller, *i.e.*, particles take longer to go around!

Packing a Punch



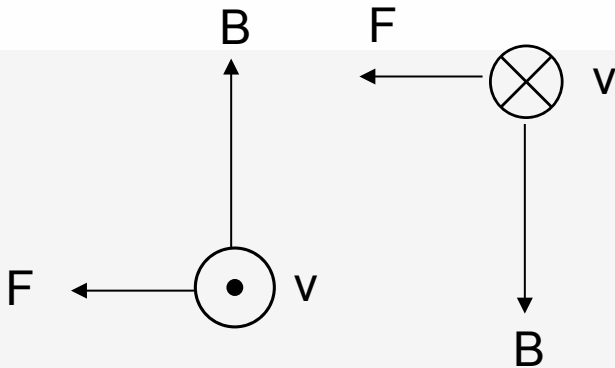
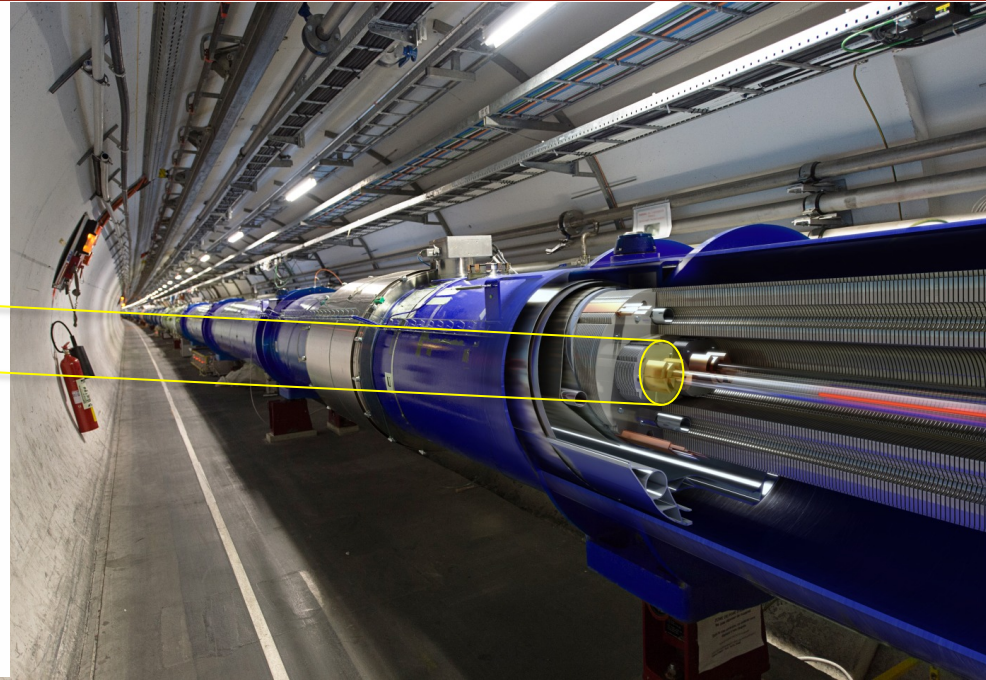
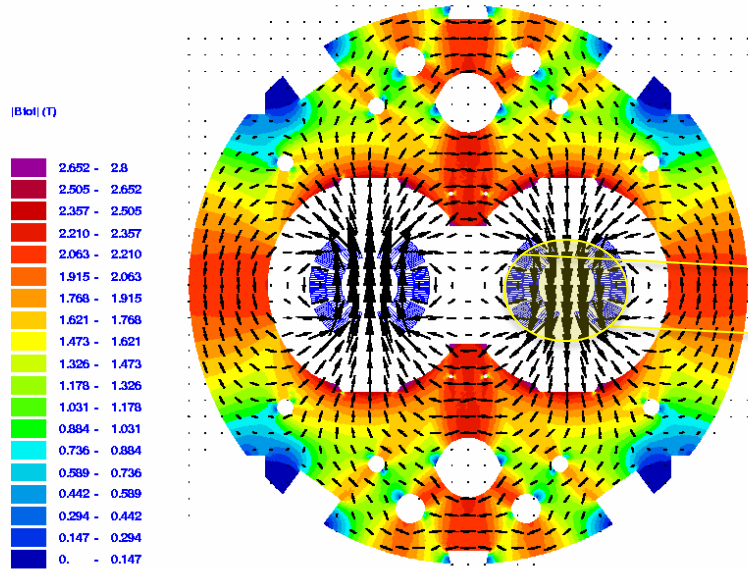
- **Bunches of Protons**

- We need protons to be in a close bunch. Why?
 - in order to maximize collisions when the bunches “cross over” (*i.e.*, collide)

- **Radiofrequency (RF) Cavities**

- Oscillating voltage at 400 MHz (radio frequency)
- Help keep the protons to remain closely packed “bunches”
- In addition, the bunches receive a “kick” in the forward direction
 - every time they pass one of these cavities they gain additional 16 MeV
 - At close to the speed of light, they complete **11245 laps in one second!**
 - To get from 0.45 TeV to 7 TeV, it takes about 37 seconds!

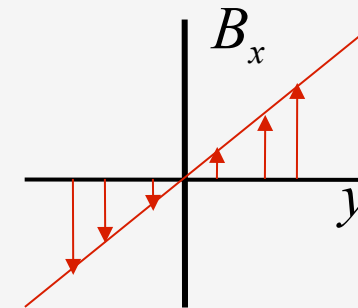
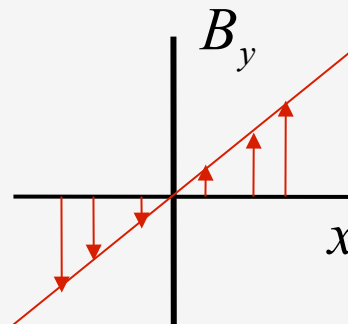
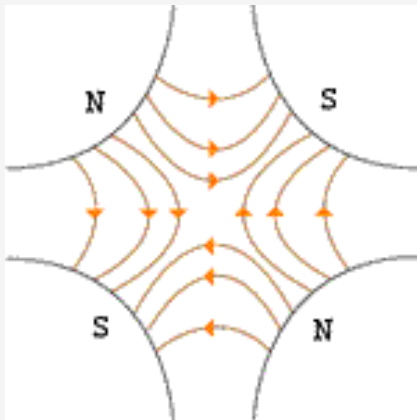
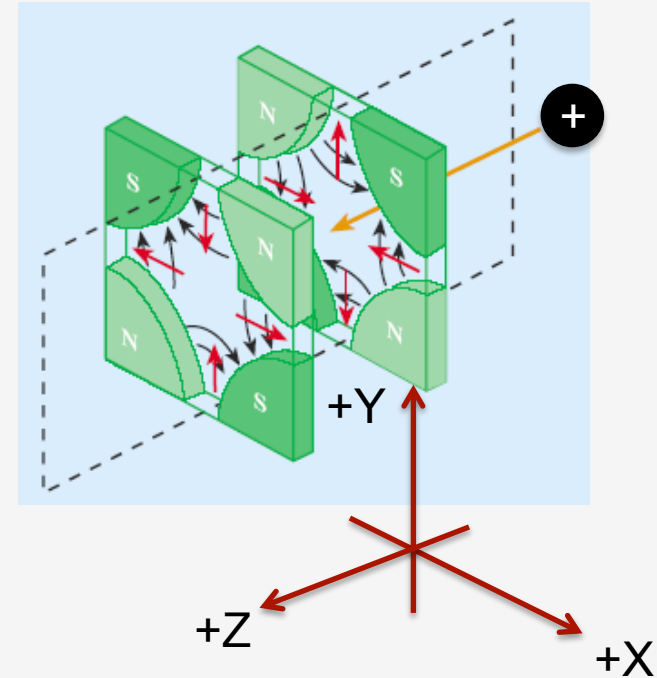
Bending Using Dipoles



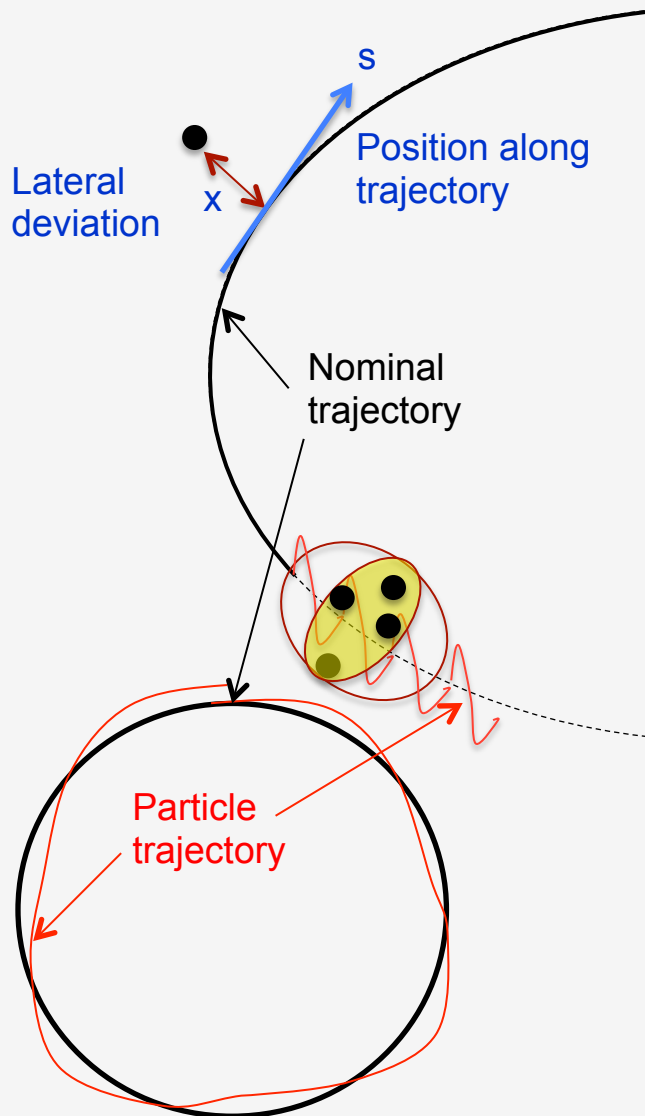
- The bending of protons occurs due to the transverse magnetic field
- The dipole magnet bends the protons and keeps them along the circular track just like a prism

Focusing using Quadrupoles

- Imagine a bunch of protons
 - Yellow line indicates the path
 - First quadrupole magnet squeezes the bunch close together in the XY plane
 - Second quadrupole magnet does the same in YZ plane
 - This process continues to keep the bunch of protons within the vacuum tube in which they are circling around
 - LHC has a total of 858 quadrupoles



Betatron Function



- **Nominal Trajectory (s)**

- Is defined by the dipoles
- If we consider the protons in a bunch, they follow the nominal trajectory

- **Lateral Deviation (x)**

- There are deviations in the XY and XZ planes from nominal
 - they oscillate around the nominal trajectory

- **Beta function $\beta(s)$**

- Describes the lateral shift and gives us a “beam envelope” which would contain the protons in the bunch.

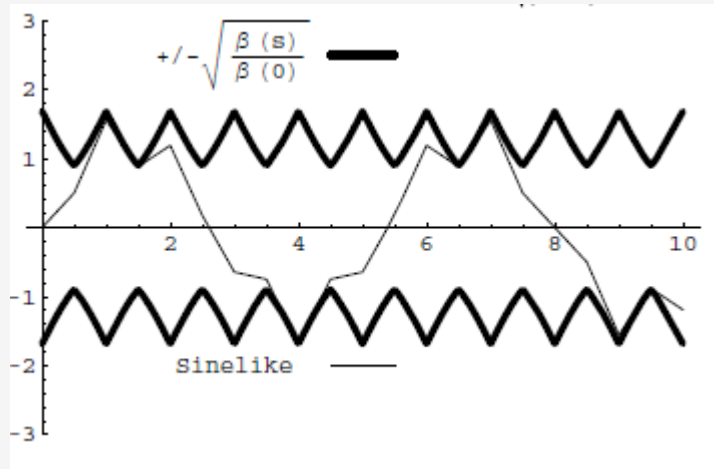
$$x(s) = A \sqrt{\beta(s)} \sin(\psi(s) + \delta)$$

$$\psi(s) = \int_0^s \frac{ds}{\beta(s)}$$

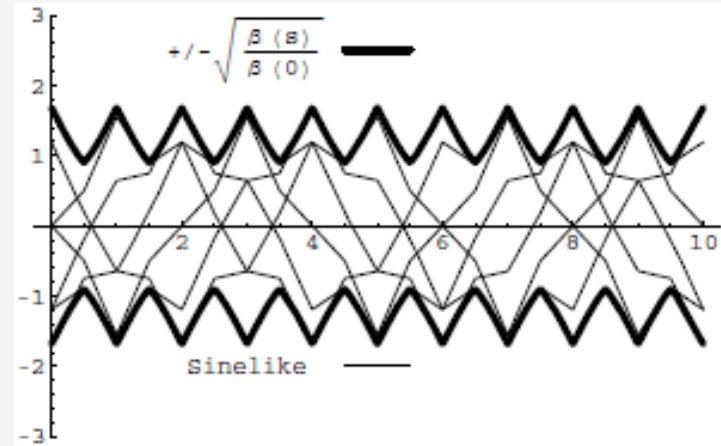
Number of oscillations for one turn => TUNE

Betatron Function

Normalized particle trajectory



Trajectories over multiple turns



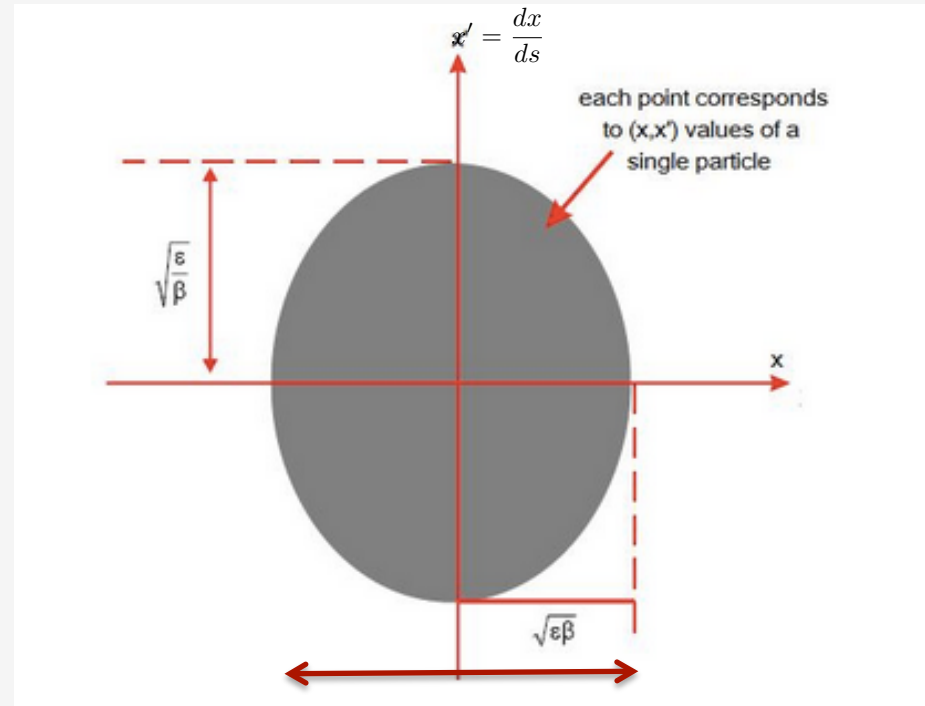
- **Conceptual Understanding**

- Betatron function is the bounding envelope of the beam
 - You can think of it as the amplitude of the sine wave
 - Strong closely spaced quadrupoles lead to
 - Small $\beta(s)$, lots of wiggles
 - Weak sparsely spaced quadrupoles lead to
 - Large $\beta(s)$, fewer wiggles

Emittance

- Definition

- x' vs x is a “phase space”
- At any point along the trajectory, each particle can be represented by a position in this phase-space
- The collection (ensemble) of all the protons will be inside an ellipse with a certain area. This area is called “emittance”
- For a Gaussian distribution the RMS of emittance contains 39% of protons at LHC

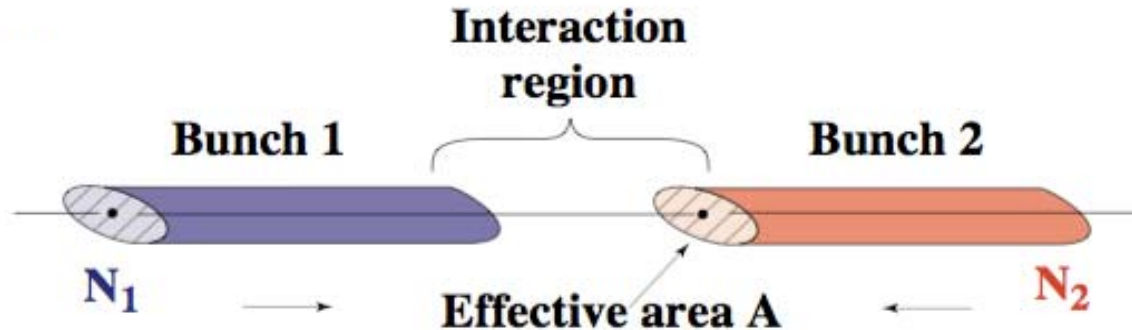


$$A = 4\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y \approx \left(2\sqrt{\epsilon\beta}\right)^2$$

$$\epsilon_{rms} = \sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle \langle x'^2 \rangle - \langle xx' \rangle^2}$$

http://www.lhc-closer.es/taking_a_closer_look_at_lhc/0.complex_movement

Luminosity

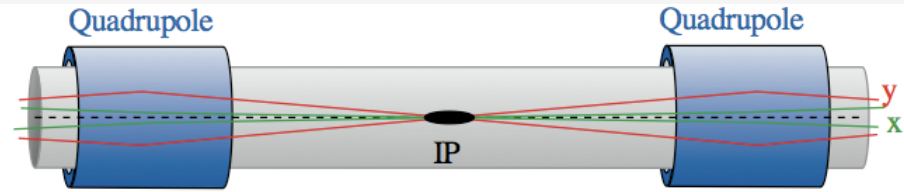
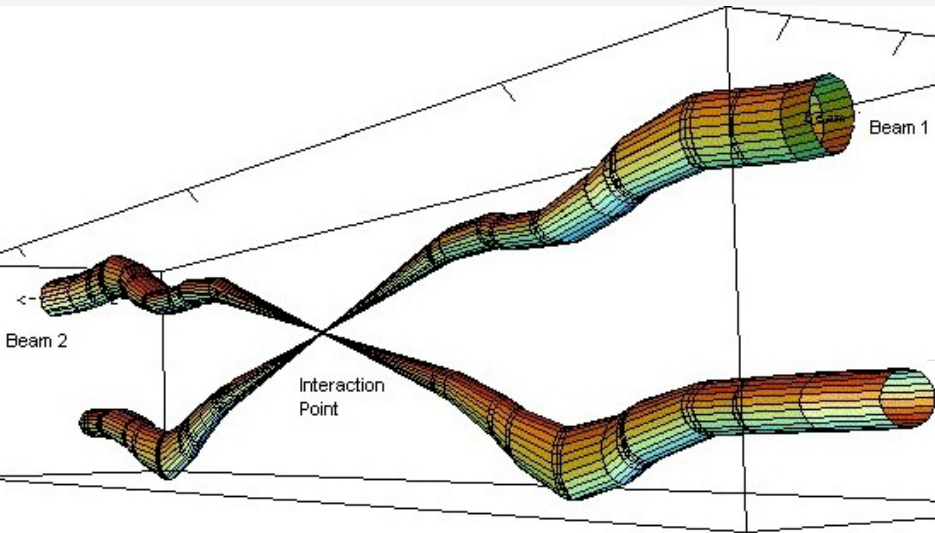


for Gaussian bunches with rms sizes $\sigma_x \sigma_y$ $A = 4 \pi \sigma_x \sigma_y$

- Luminosity is a function of
 - number of protons in each bunch (N_1, N_2)
 - Effective area of collision at interaction point (A)
 - Bunch crossing frequency (f)

$$\mathcal{L} = f \frac{N_1 N_2}{A} = f \frac{N_1 N_2}{4\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y}$$

Luminosity at IP



- Accelerator physicists often express luminosity as a function of
 - Betatron function and Emittance
- The bunches are squeezed / focused at IP
 - Hourglass effect
 - Crossing angle
 - Betatron function $\beta \rightarrow \beta^*$

Increasing Luminosity

Collision frequency

Particles in a bunch

Geometrical factor:
- crossing angle
- hourglass effect

Transverse size (RMS)

$$L = f \frac{N_b^2}{4\pi\sigma^2} R$$

Revolution frequency

Number of bunches

Betatron function at collision point

Normalized emittance

$$L = f_{rev} \frac{1}{4\pi} n N_b^2 \frac{\gamma}{\beta^* \epsilon_N} R$$