

Particles Accelerators



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ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY



**COLLIDE PARTICLES
WITHOUT AN
ACCELERATOR**

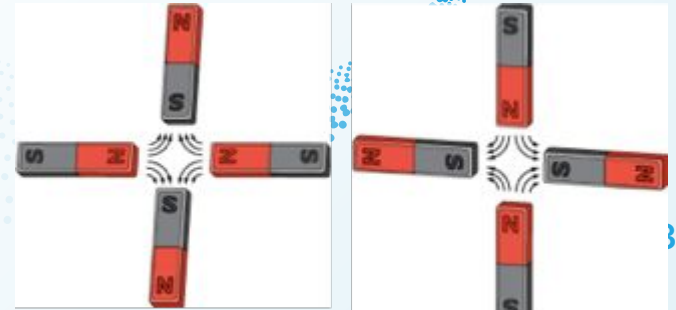
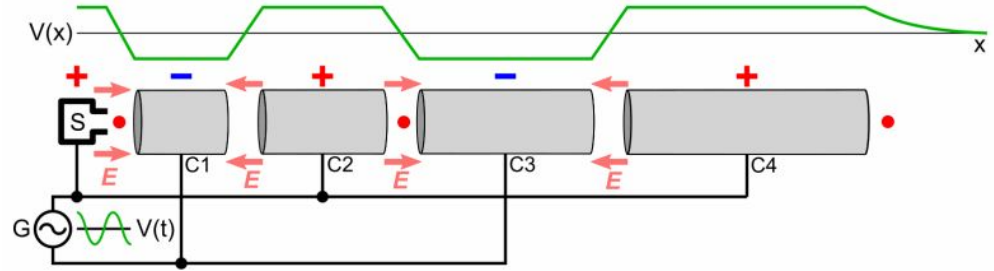
What we want our students to know

-Accelerators

Generate high speed beams of "particles" using electric fields, bending and focusing them using magnetic fields.

Used to answer fundamental questions about nature.

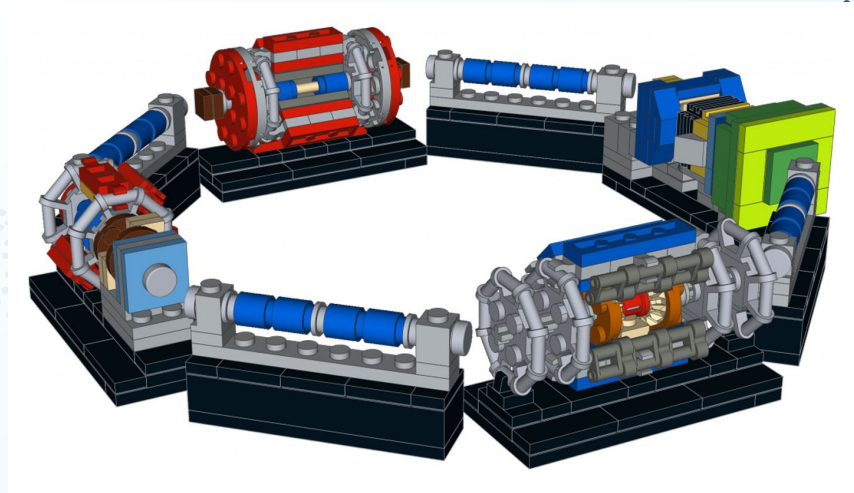
Can be applied to medical applications.



So you want to build a particle accelerator...

Materials

- Particle source (e.g. electron, protons, lead nuclei)
- Vacuum chamber
- Radio Frequency Cavity
- Magnets to bend or focus



Student misconceptions

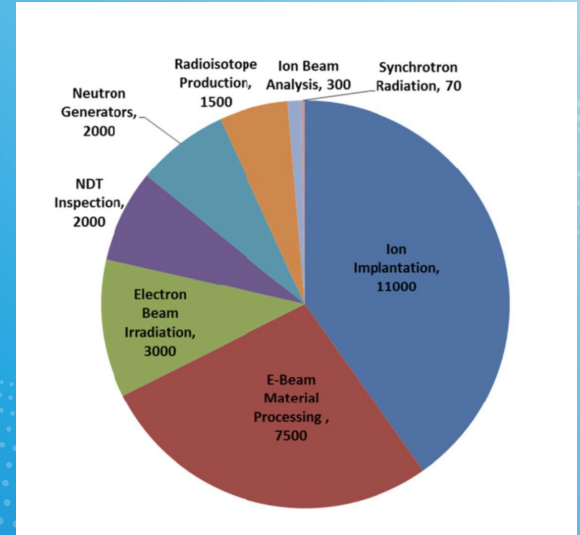
- Accelerators only speed up electrons
- Accelerate particles one by one
- Electric field used is static
- You can make a black hole with an accelerator
- This has nothing to do with my life



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*Your life is full of
accelerators*

Isabel Alonso



Pedagogical approaches

Adding Context:

Why are they important

Happy Higgs boson Day



Happy 4th of July 🇺🇸 🌟

Medical Applications - Based

1. RADIOTHERAPY

a. External Beam radiotherapy



b. Stereotactic radiosurgery



2. PROTON THERAPY



3. HEAVY ION THERAPY



Based RADIOTHERAPY

A.- EXTERNAL BEAM RADIOTHERAPY

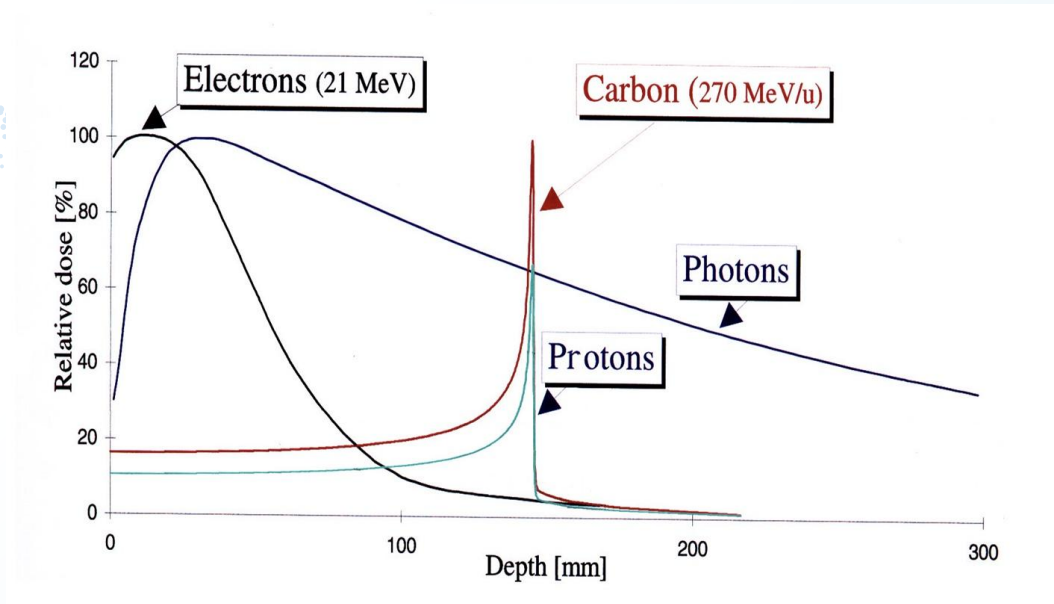
- Utilizes external radiation beams
- Effective for treating various types of cancers
- Precise targeting of tumors while minimizing damage to surrounding tissues

B.- STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY

- Non-invasive treatment option
- Delivers high doses of radiation to small, well-defined tumors.
- Commonly used for brain tumors and other localized lesions.

Based Proton Therapy

- Uses protons instead of conventional X-rays
- Precise and targeted treatment with minimal impact on healthy tissues
- Effective for tumors near critical structures and in pediatric cases

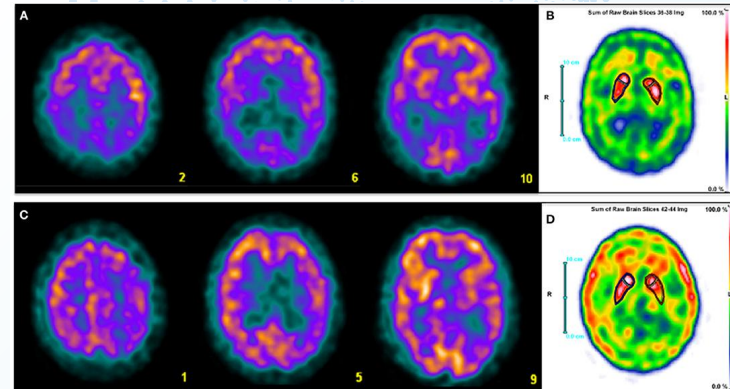
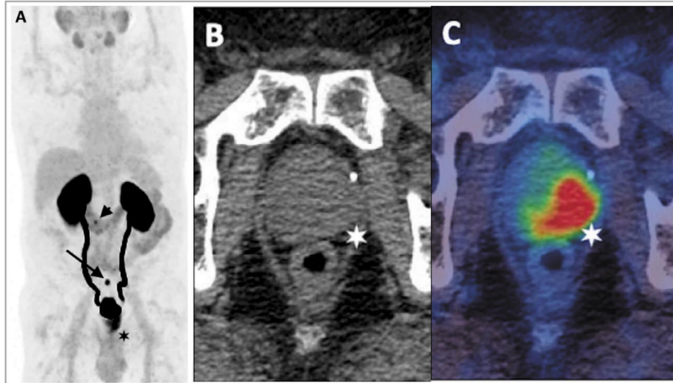


Based Heavy Ion Therapy

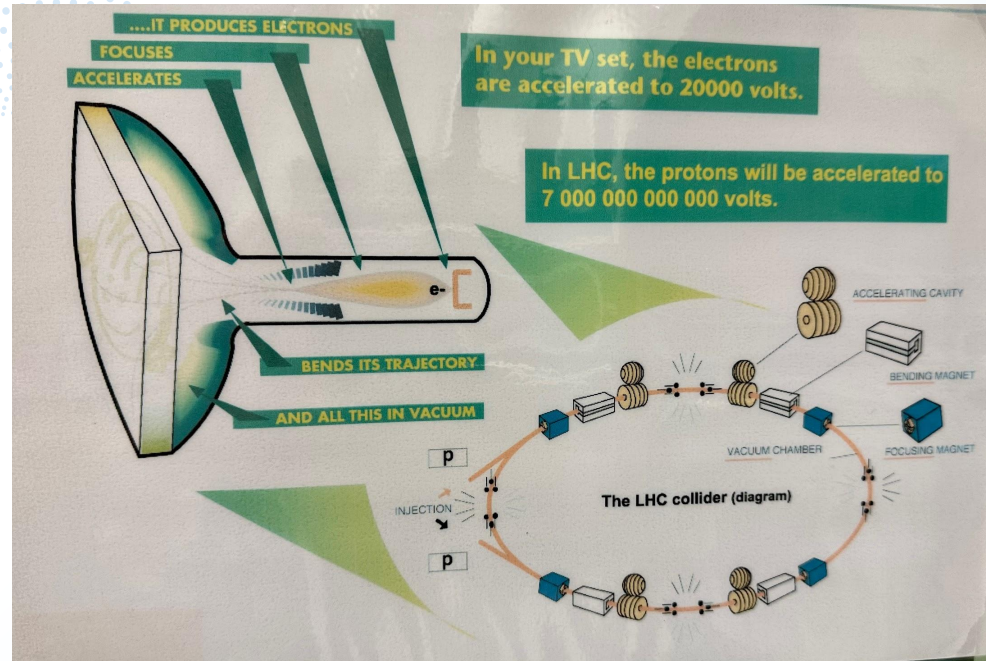
- Utilizes heavy ions like Carbon or Helium
- Enhanced precision and effectiveness in treating resistant tumors
- Particularly beneficial for deep-seated tumors and radioresistant cancers

Medical Imaging with Particle Accelerators

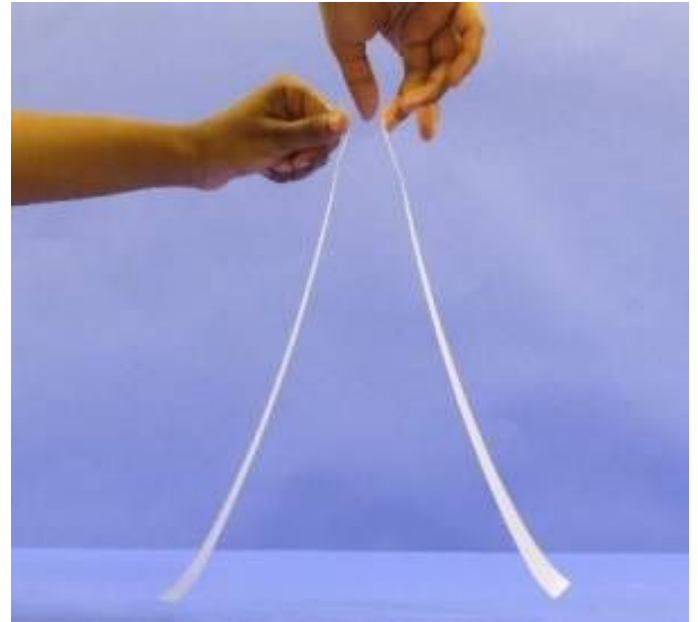
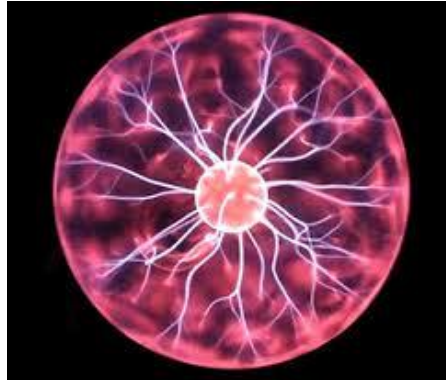
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET) *1
- Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) *2
- Advantages of PET, SPECT with particle accelerators: Offers valuable diagnostic tool with improved sensitivity, resolution and qualification capabilities



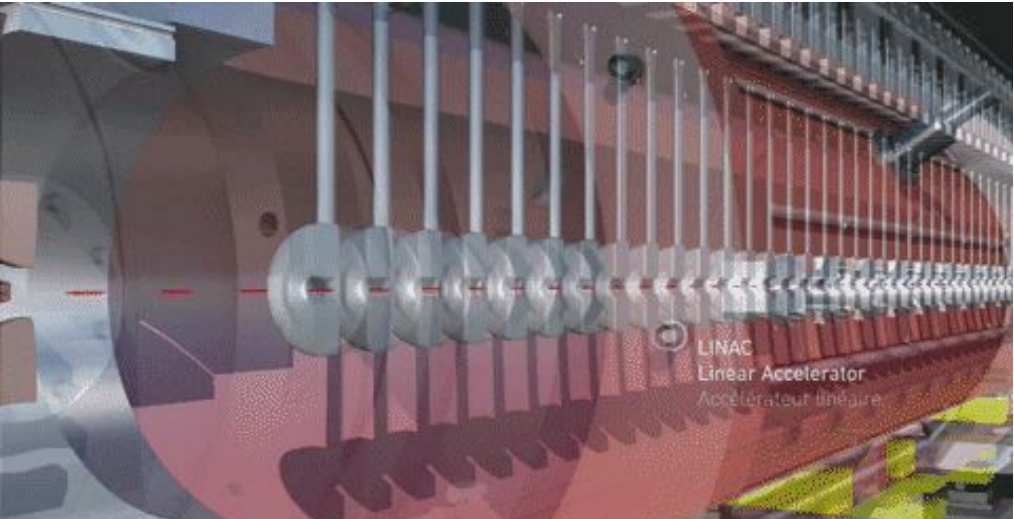
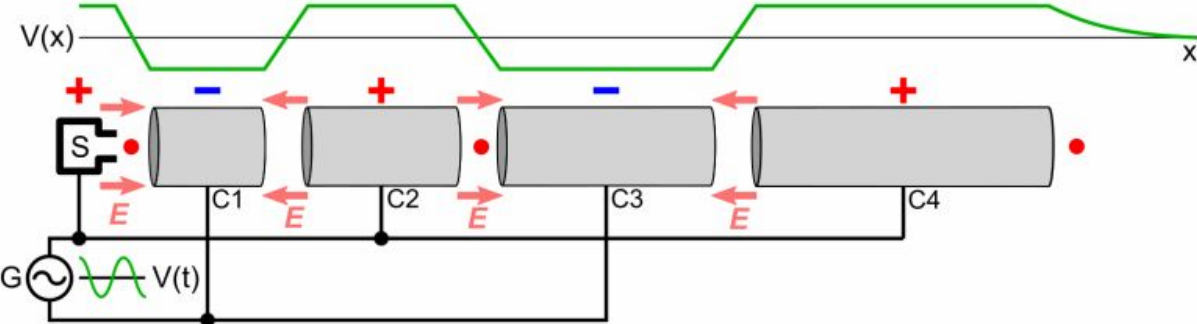
Pedagogical approaches to understanding the steps need to accelerate particles



Step 1 -Generate particles

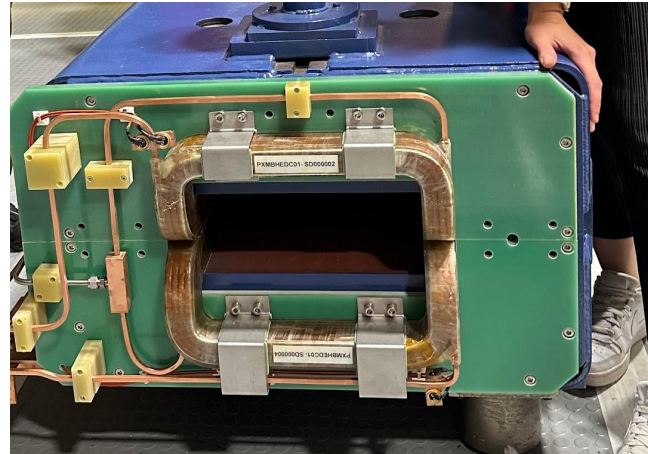
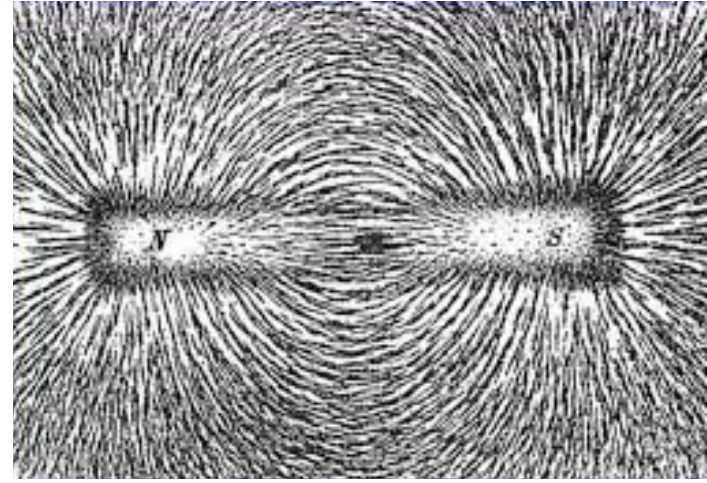


Step 2: Accelerating charged particles in Radio frequency cavities



Visualizing Magnetic fields

Most high students are familiar with visualizing magnetic field lines using a bar magnet and iron filings



Step 3: Beams of charged particles bent with magnets

Students can observe that the path of **charged** particles can be changed in a magnetic field

Older CRTs produced images by firing electron guns (red, blue, and green) through the television body onto the back of the screen.

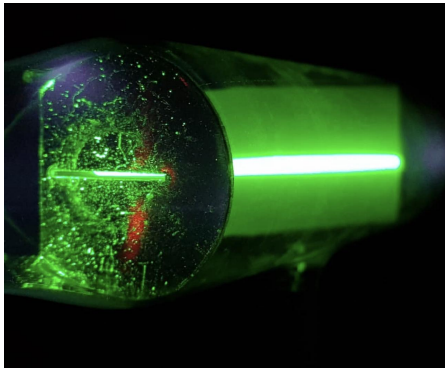




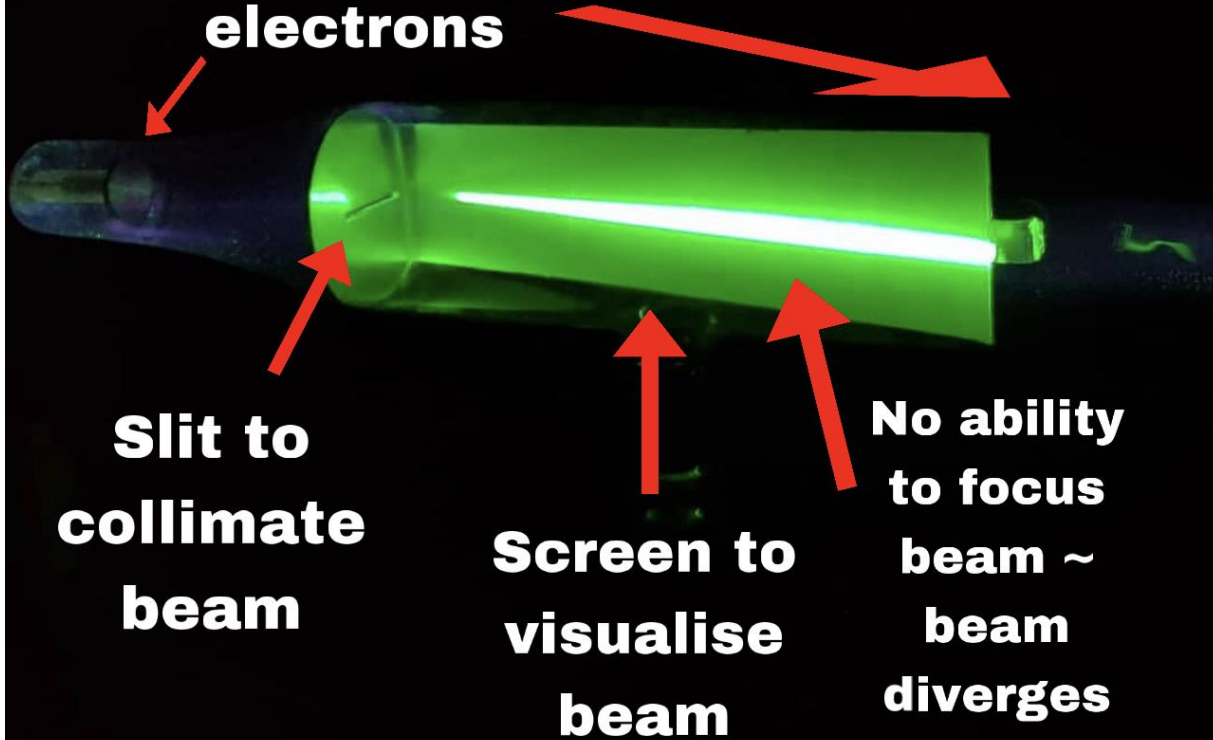
Can use a Cathode Ray Tube as a live demo

A Cathode Ray Tube is a particle accelerator.

It uses a high voltage power supply to accelerate particles ~ electrons



**High voltage
to accelerate
electrons**

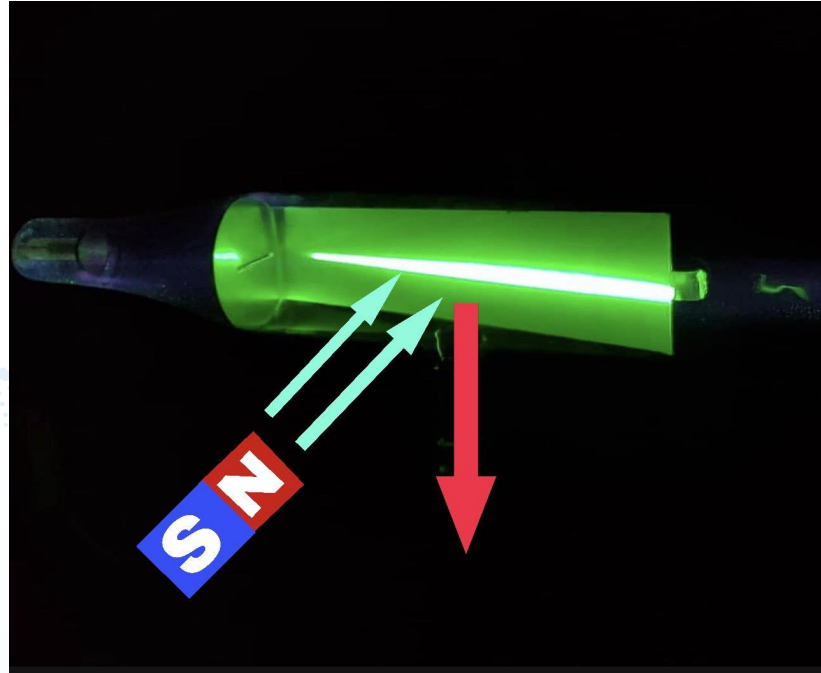
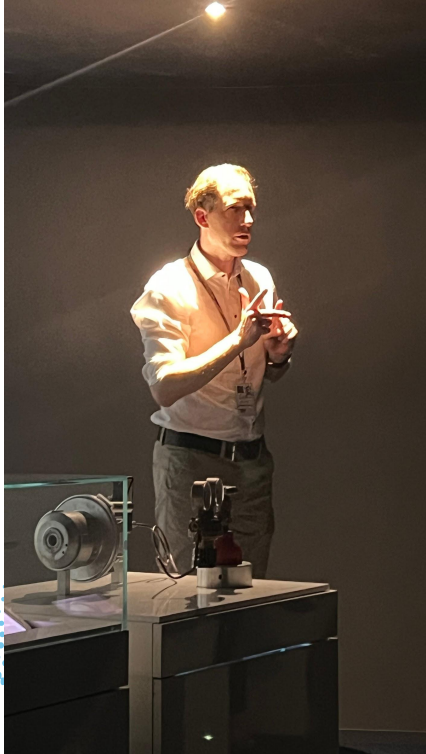


**Slit to
collimate
beam**

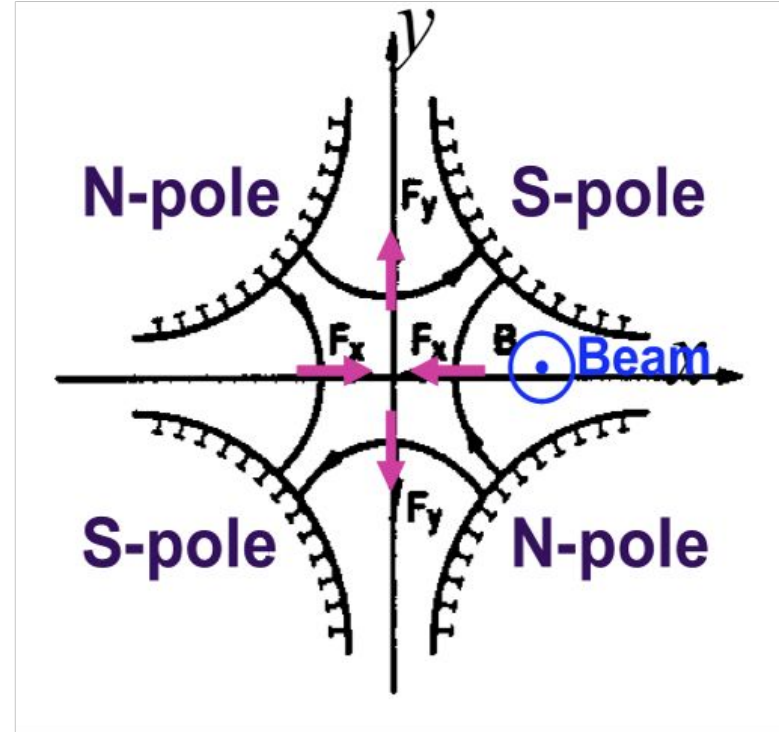
**Screen to
visualise
beam**

**No ability
to focus
beam ~
beam
diverges**

The Right Hand Rule - Lorentz Force



Step 4: Magnet lattice focuses beam



Pedagogical approaches

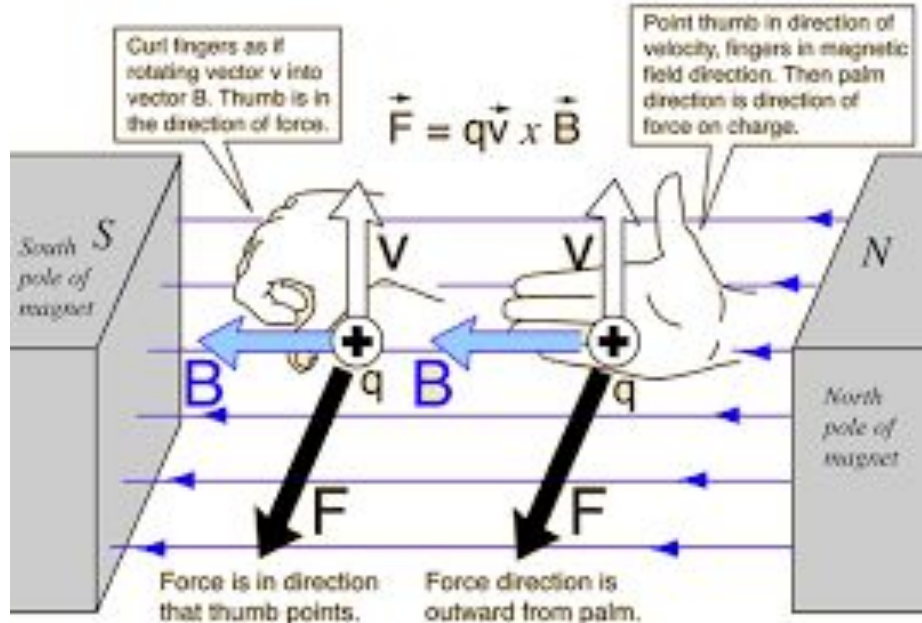
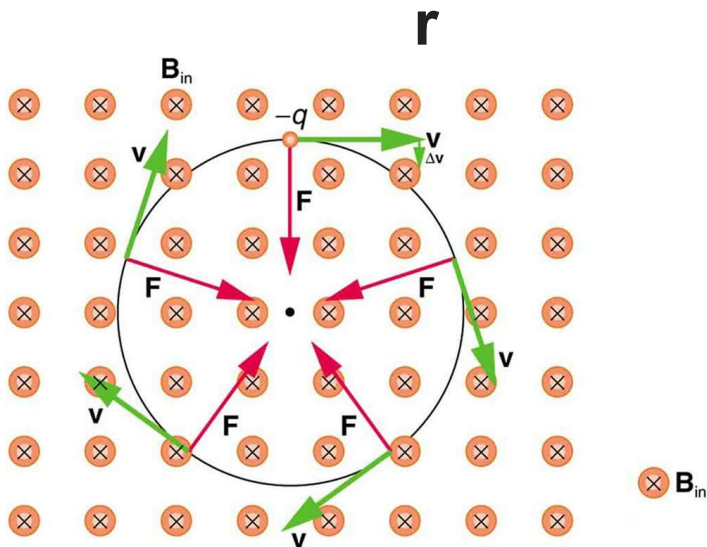
Support their understanding with mathematical representations



Mathematics that would help our students (If we must)

Lorentz force acts as a centripetal force:

$$qvB = \underline{mv}^2$$



Pedagogical approaches

Kinesthetic learning



Thanks for listening





Resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOhbhpU9Wrg>

<https://onlinestores.factorvoutlets2023.com/category?name=plasma%20ball%20gif>

<https://www.facebook.com/actitoutlessons/>

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/electric/elefie.html>

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pictures from physics website. We are so sorry

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