

# Relativity for Accelerator Physicists

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## Overview

- **The principle of special relativity**
- q Lorentz transformation and its consequences
- q4-vectors: position, velocity, momentum,invariants. Einstein's equation  $E=mc^2$
- q Examples of the use of 4-vectors
- Inter-relation between  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , momentum and energy
- g Electromagnetism and Relativity



# Reading

- W. Rindler: Introduction to Special Relativity (OUP 1991)
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## Historical background

- Groundwork by Lorentz in studies of electrodynamics, with crucial concepts contributed by Einstein to place the theory on a consistent basis.
- <sup>q</sup> Maxwell's equations (1863) attempted to explain electromagnetism and optics through wave theory
  - S light propagates with speed  $c = 3 \times 10^8$  m/s in "ether" but with different speeds in other frames
  - S the ether exists solely for the transport of e/m waves
  - S Maxwell's equations not invariant under Galilean transformations
  - S To avoid setting e/m apart from classical mechanics, assume light has speed *c* only in frames where source is at rest
  - S And the ether has a small interaction with matter and is carried along with astronomical objects



## Nonsense! Contradicted by:

- Aberration of star light (small shift in apparent positions of distant stars)
- qFizeau's 1859 experiments on velocity of light in<br/>liquids
- Michelson-Morley 1907 experiment to detect motion of the earth through ether
- g Suggestion: perhaps material objects contract in the direction of their motion  $L(v) = L_0 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

This was the last gasp of ether advocates and the germ of Special Relativity led by Lorentz, Minkowski and Einstein.



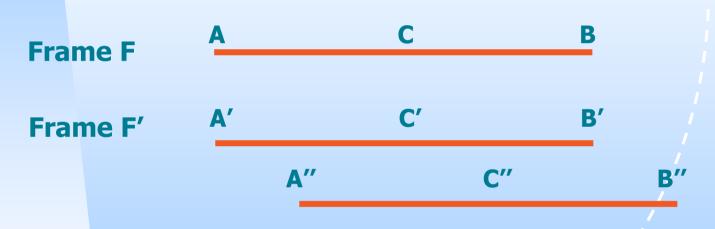
## The Principle of Special Relativity

- A frame in which particles under no forces move with constant velocity is "inertial"
- Consider relations between inertial frames where measuring apparatus (rulers, clocks) can be transferred from one to another.
- g Behaviour of apparatus transferred from F to F' is independent of mode of transfer
- <sup>q</sup> Apparatus transferred from F to F', then from F' to F'', agrees with apparatus transferred directly from F to F''.
- **The Principle of Special Relativity states that all physical** *laws take equivalent forms in related inertial frames, so that we cannot distinguish between the frames.*



## Simultaneity

Two clocks A and B are synchronised if light rays emitted at the same time from A and B meet at the mid-point of AB



G Frame F' moving with respect to F. Events simultaneous in F cannot be simultaneous in F'.
 G Simultaneity is not absolute but frame dependent.



## The Lorentz Transformation

- Must be linear to agree with standard Galilean transformation in low velocity limit
- qPreserveswave fronts ofpulses of light,

i.e.  $P \equiv x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - c^2 t^2 = 0$ whenever  $Q \equiv x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2 - c^2 t'^2 = 0$ 

<sup>q</sup> Solution is the **Lorentz transformation** from frame F(t,x,y,z) to frame F'(t',x',y',z') moving with velocity *v* along the *x*-axis:

$$t' = \gamma \left( t - \frac{vx}{c^2} \right)$$
  

$$x' = \gamma (x - vt)$$
  

$$y' = y$$
  

$$z' = z$$
  
where  $\gamma = \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)^{-1/2}$ 



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## Outline of Derivation

Set 
$$t' = \alpha t + \beta x$$
  
 $x' = \gamma x + \delta t$   
 $y' = \varepsilon y$   
 $z' = \varsigma z$   
Then  $P = kQ$   
 $\Leftrightarrow c^2 t'^2 - x'^2 - y'^2 - z'^2 = k(c^2 t^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)$   
 $\Rightarrow c^2 (\alpha t + \beta x)^2 - (\gamma x + \delta t)^2 - \varepsilon^2 y^2 - \varsigma^2 z^2 = k(c^2 t^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2)$   
Equate coefficients of  $x, y, z, t$ .  
Isotropy of space  $\Rightarrow k = k(\vec{v}) = k(|\vec{v}|) = \pm 1$   
Apply some common sense (e.g.  $\varepsilon, \varsigma, k = +1$  and not -1)



#### Consequences: length contraction Frame F z' A K Rod B X'

Rod AB of length L' fixed in F' at  $x'_A$ ,  $x'_B$ . What is its length measured in F?

Must measure positions of ends in F at the same time, so events in F are  $(t,x_A)$  and  $(t,x_B)$ . From Lorentz:

$$x'_{A} = \gamma(x_{A} - vt) \qquad x'_{B} = \gamma(x_{B} - vt)$$
$$L' = x'_{B} - x'_{A} = \gamma(x_{B} - x_{A}) = \gamma L > L'$$

Moving objects appear contracted in the direction of the motion



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## **Consequences:** time dilatation

- qClock in frame F at point with coordinates (x, y, z)at different times  $t_A$  and  $t_B$
- In frame F' moving with speed v, Lorentztransformation gives

$$t'_{A} = \gamma \left( t_{A} - \frac{vx}{c^{2}} \right) \qquad t'_{B} = \gamma \left( t_{B} - \frac{vx}{c^{2}} \right)$$



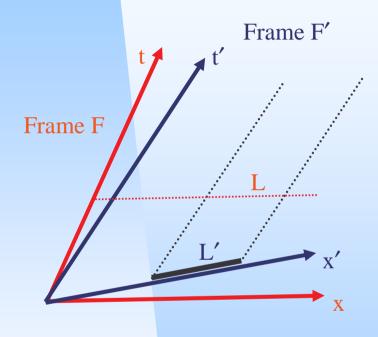
$$\Delta t' = t'_B - t'_A = \gamma (t_B - t_A) = \gamma \Delta t > \Delta t$$

#### Moving clocks appear to run slow



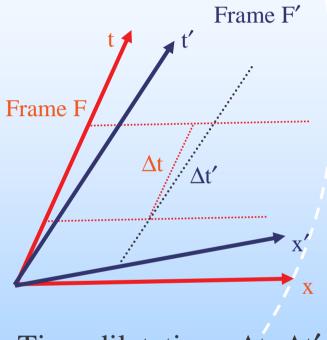
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#### Schematic Representation of the Lorentz Transformation



#### Length contraction L<L'

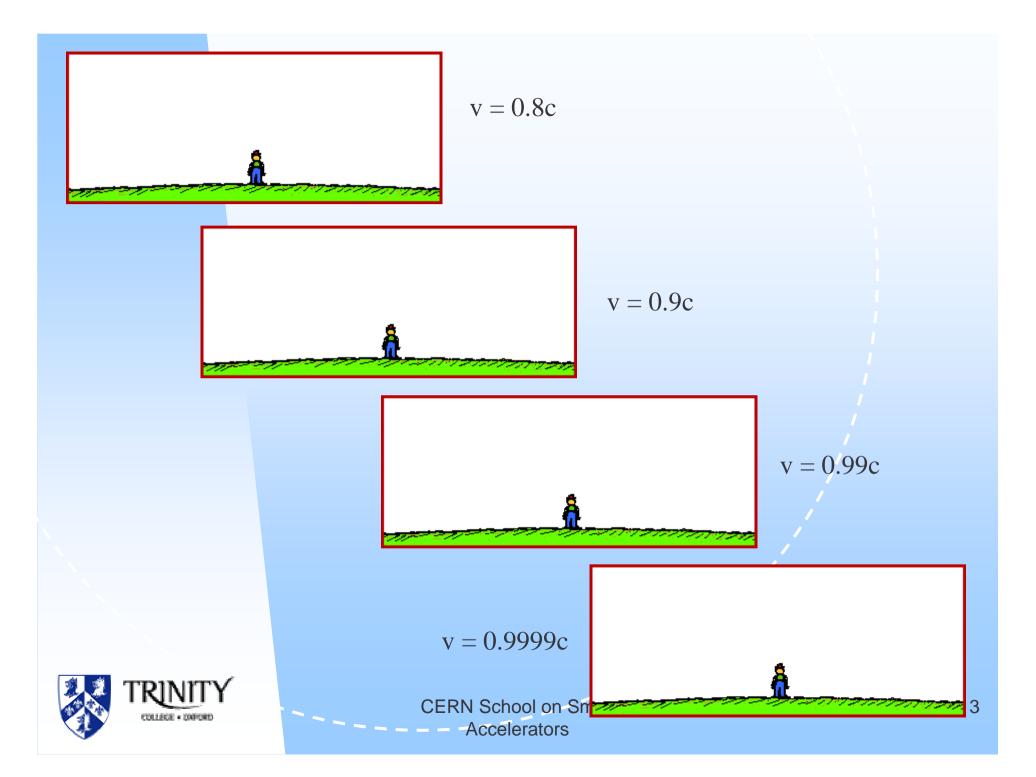
Rod at rest in F'. Measurement in F at fixed time t, along a line parallel to x-axis



Time dilatation:  $\Delta t < \Delta t'$ 

Clock at rest in F. Time difference in F' from line parallel to x'-axis





## Example: Rocket in Tunnel



- q All clocks synchronised.
- <sup>q</sup> Observers X and Y at exit and entrance of tunnel say the rocket is moving, has contracted and has length

$$\frac{100}{\gamma} = 100 \times \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 100 \times \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 50 \text{m}$$

<sup>q</sup> But the tunnel is moving relative to the ends A and B of the rocket and obesrvers here say the rocket is 100 m in length but the tunnel has contracted to 50 m





## Questions



If X's clock reads zero as the
 A exits tunnel, what does Y's
 clock read when the B goes
 in?

Moving rocket length 50m, so B has still 50m to travel before his clock reads 0. Hence clock reading is  $-\frac{50}{v} = -\frac{100}{\sqrt{3}c} \approx -200 \,\mathrm{ns}$ 

- qWhat does the B's clock read<br/>as he goes in?
- qWhere is the B when hisclock reads 0?

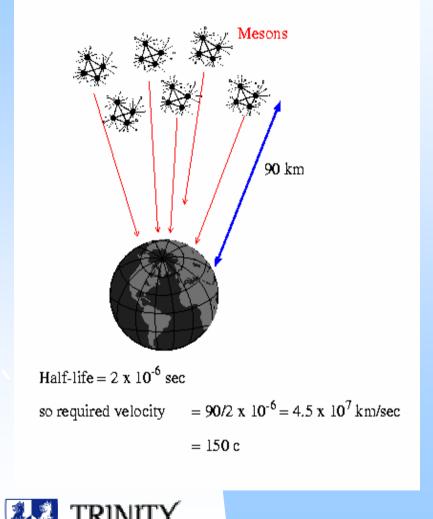


To the B, tunnel is only 50m long, so A is 50m past the exit as B goes in. Hence clock reading is

 $+\frac{50}{v} = +\frac{100}{\sqrt{3}c} \approx +200 \,\mathrm{ns}$ 

B's clock reads 0 when A's clock reads 0, which is as A exits the tunnel. To A and B, tunnel is 50m, so B is 50m from the entrance in the rocket's frame, or 100m in tunnel frame.

## Example: $\pi$ -mesons



- <sup>q</sup> Mesons are created in the upper atmosphere, 90km from earth. Their half life is  $\tau=2 \mu s$ , so they can travel at most  $2 \times 10^{-6}c=600m$  before decaying. So how do more than 50% reach the earth's surface undecayed?
- a Mesons see distance contracted by γ, so  $v\tau \approx \left(\frac{90}{\gamma}\right)$ km

 $v(\gamma \tau) \approx 90 \,\mathrm{km}$ 

g Both give

$$\frac{\gamma v}{c} = \frac{90 \text{ km}}{c \tau} = 150, \quad v \approx c, \quad \gamma \approx 150$$

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## Invariants

- An invariant is a quantity that has the same value in all inertial frames.
   S Examples: phase of a wave, rate of radiation of moving charged particle
- <sup>q</sup> Lorentz transformation is based on invariance of

$$c^{2}t^{2} - (x^{2} + y^{2} + z^{2}) = (ct)^{2} - \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$$

- <sup>q</sup> Write this in terms of the 4-position vector  $\mathbf{X} = (ct, \vec{x})$  as  $\mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{X}$ 
  - If  $X = (x_0, \vec{x}), Y = (y_0, \vec{y}),$  define the invariant product  $X \cdot Y = x_0 y_0 \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$
- q Fundamental invariant (preservation of speed of light):

$$c^{2}\Delta t^{2} - \Delta x^{2} - \Delta y^{2} - \Delta z^{2} = c^{2}\Delta t^{2} \left(1 - \frac{\Delta x^{2} + \Delta y^{2} + \Delta z^{2}}{c^{2}\Delta t^{2}}\right)$$
$$= c^{2}\Delta t^{2} \left(1 - \frac{v^{2}}{c^{2}}\right) = c^{2} \left(\frac{\Delta t}{\gamma}\right)^{2}$$

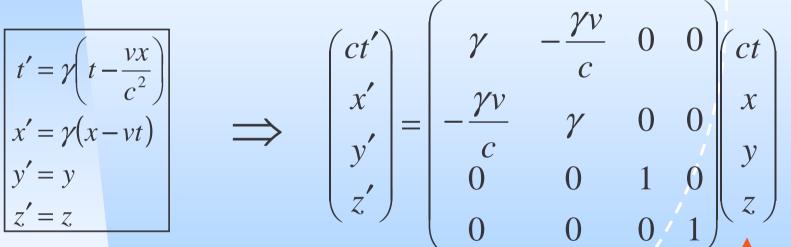
- q Write  $\Delta \tau = \Delta t / \gamma$ ,  $\tau$  is the proper time
- g When v=0,  $\tau = t$ , so  $\tau$  is the time in the rest-frame.



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#### **4-Vectors**

The Lorentz transformation can be written in matrix form



An object made up of 4 elements which transforms like X is called a 4-vector

(analogous to the 3-vector of classical mechanics)

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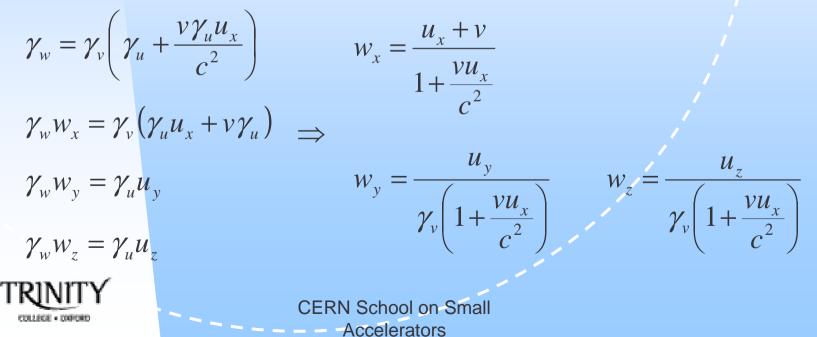
Position 4-vector  $\mathbf{X} = (ct, \vec{x})$ 

**4-Vectors in Special Relativity Mechanics**  $V = \frac{dX}{d\tau} = \gamma \frac{dX}{dt} = \gamma \frac{d}{dt}(ct, \vec{x}) = \gamma(c, \vec{v})$ q Velocity: g Note invariant  $V \cdot V = \gamma^2 (c^2 - \vec{v}^2) = c^2$  $P = m_0 V = m_0 \gamma(c, \vec{v}) = (mc, \vec{p})$ g Momentum  $m = m_0 \gamma$  is relativistic mass  $\vec{p} = m_0 \gamma \vec{v} = m \vec{v}$  is the 3 - momentum

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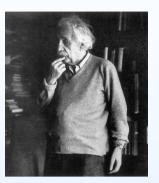
# Example of Transformation: Addition of Velocities

- A particle moves with velocity  $\vec{u} = (u_x, u_y, u_z)$  in frame F, so has 4-velocity  $V = \gamma_u(c, \vec{u})$
- Add velocity  $\vec{v} = (v, 0, 0)$  by transforming to frame F' to get new velocity  $\vec{w}$ .
- q Lorentz transformation gives  $(t \leftrightarrow \gamma, \quad \vec{x} \leftrightarrow \gamma \vec{u})$



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#### Einstein's relation



q Momentum invariant  $P \cdot P = m_0^2 (V \cdot V) = m_0^2 c^2$ 

- q Differentiate  $P \cdot \frac{dP}{d\tau} = 0 \implies V \cdot \frac{dP}{d\tau} = 0$
- q From Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law expect 4-Force given by  $F = \frac{dP}{d\tau} = \gamma \frac{dP}{dt} = \gamma \frac{d}{dt} (mc, \vec{p}) = \gamma \left( c \frac{dm}{dt}, \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \right) = \gamma \left( c \frac{dm}{dt}, \vec{f} \right)$ q But  $V \cdot \frac{dP}{d\tau} = 0 \implies V \cdot F = 0$ Rate of doing work,  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{f} =$  rate of change of kinetic energy Therefore kinetic energy Therefore kinetic energy  $T = mc^2 + \text{constant} = m_0 c^2 (\gamma - 1)$   $E = mc^2$  is total energy CERN School on Small CERN School on Small  $T = mc^2 + \text{constant} = m_0 c^2 (\gamma - 1)$

# Basic quantities used in Accelerator calculations

Relative velocity  $\beta = \frac{V}{c}$ 

Velocity  $v = \beta c$ 

Momentum  $p = mv = m_0 \gamma \beta c$ 

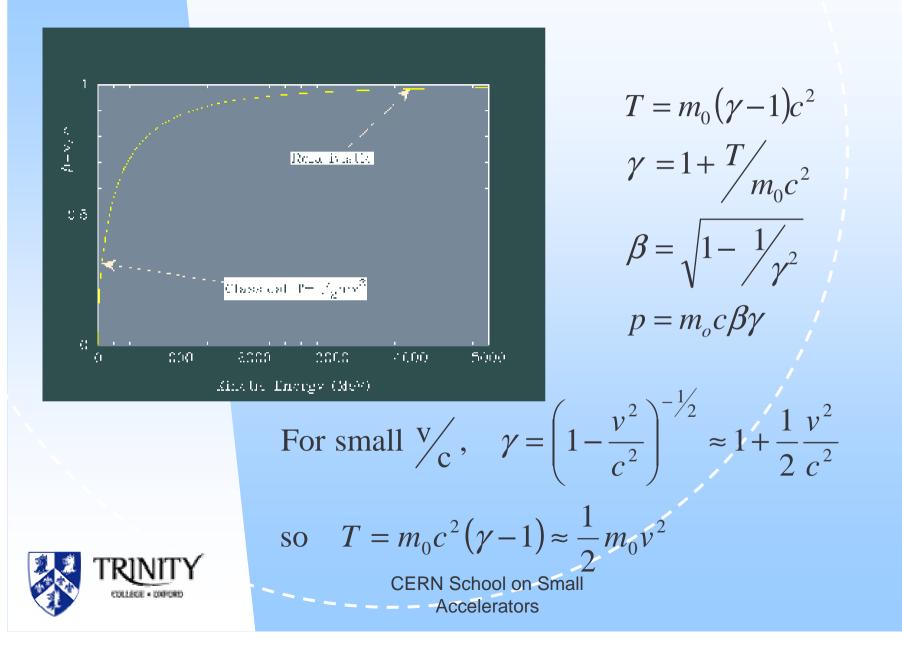
Kinetic energy  $T = (m - m_0)c^2 = m_0 c^2 (\gamma - 1)$  $\gamma = \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \left(1 - \beta^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ 

$$(\beta\gamma)^2 = \frac{\gamma^2 v^2}{c^2} = \gamma^2 - 1 \implies \beta^2 = \frac{v^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma}$$



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## Velocity as a Function of Energy



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Relationships between small variations in parameters  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Delta p$ ,  $\Delta \beta$ ,  $\Delta \gamma$ 

$$(\beta\gamma)^{2} = \gamma^{2} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta\gamma\Delta(\beta\gamma) = \gamma\Delta\gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta\Delta(\beta\gamma) = \Delta\gamma \qquad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma^{2}} = 1 - \beta^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\gamma}\Delta\gamma = \beta\Delta\beta \qquad (2)$$

$$\frac{\Delta p}{p} = \frac{\Delta(m_0 \gamma \beta c)}{m_0 \gamma \beta c} = \frac{\Delta(\beta \gamma)}{\beta \gamma}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\Delta \gamma}{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\Delta E}{E}$$
$$= \gamma^2 \frac{\Delta \beta}{\beta}$$
$$= \frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 1} \frac{\Delta T}{T} \quad \text{(exercise)}$$



	$\frac{\Delta\beta}{\beta}$	$\frac{\Delta p}{p}$	$\frac{\Delta T}{T}$	$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \frac{\Delta \gamma}{\gamma}$
$\frac{\Delta\beta}{\beta} =$	$\frac{\Delta\beta}{\beta}$	$\frac{\frac{1}{\gamma^2} \frac{\Delta p}{p}}{\frac{\Delta p}{p} - \frac{\Delta \gamma}{\gamma}}$	$\frac{1}{\gamma(\gamma+1)}\frac{\Delta T}{T}$	$\frac{\frac{1}{\beta^2 \gamma^2} \frac{\Delta \gamma}{\gamma}}{\frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \frac{\Delta \gamma}{\gamma}}$
$\frac{\Delta p}{p} =$	$\gamma^2 \frac{\Delta \beta}{\beta}$	$\frac{\Delta p}{p}$	$\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}\frac{\Delta T}{T}$	$rac{1}{eta^2}rac{\Delta\gamma}{\gamma}$
$\frac{\Delta T}{T} =$	$\gamma(\gamma+1)\frac{\Delta\beta}{\beta}$	$\left(1+\frac{1}{\gamma}\right)\frac{\Delta p}{p}$	$\frac{\Delta T}{T}$	$\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}\frac{\Delta\gamma}{\gamma}$
$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\Delta E}{E} \\ \frac{\Delta \gamma}{\Delta \gamma} \end{array} =$	$\frac{(\beta\gamma)^2 \frac{\Delta\beta}{\beta}}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^{\Delta\beta}}$	$\frac{\beta^2 \frac{\Delta p}{p}}{\Delta p  \Delta \beta}$	$\left(1-rac{1}{\gamma} ight)rac{\Delta T}{T}$	$\frac{\Delta\gamma}{\gamma}$
$\frac{1}{\gamma} =$	$(\gamma^2 - 1) \frac{1}{\beta}$	$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{\beta}$		1



#### **4**-Momentum Conservation

<sup>q</sup> Equivalent expression for 4-momentum  $P = m_0 \gamma(c, \vec{v}) = (mc, \vec{p}) = \left(\frac{E}{C}, \vec{p}\right)$ 

q Invariant 
$$m_0^2 c^2 = P \cdot P = \frac{E^2}{c^2} - \vec{p}^2$$
  $\frac{E^2}{c^2} = m_0^2 c^2 + \vec{p}^2$ 

 $\P$ Classical momentum<br/>conservation laws  $\rightarrow$ <br/>conservation of 4-<br/>momentum. Total 3-<br/>momentum and total<br/>energy are conserved.

 $\sum_{\text{particles,i}} P_i = \text{constant}$  $\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{particles,i}} E_i \text{ and } \sum_{\text{particles,i}} \vec{p}_i \text{ constant}$ 



#### Example of use of invariants

 $\mathbf{q}$  Two particles have equal rest mass  $\mathbf{m}_0$ .

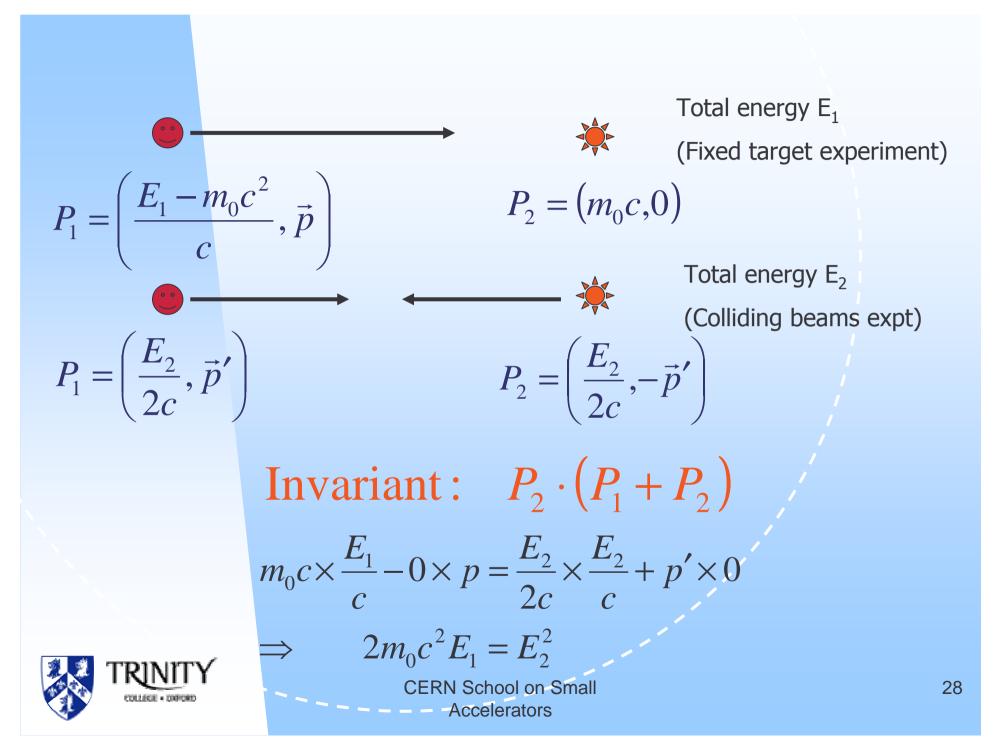
§ Frame 1: one particle at rest, total energy is  $E_1$ .

§ Frame 2: centre of mass frame where velocities are equal and opposite, total energy is  $E_2$ .

#### Problem: Relate $E_1$ to $E_2$



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## **Electromagnetism and Relativity**

g Maxwell's equations are relativistically invariant

$$7 \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{so}$$
$$7 \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \quad \nabla \times \vec{H} - \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \vec{j} \quad \text{ch}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H} \qquad \vec{D} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

source - free



charge and current densities

in vacuum 
$$\mathcal{E}_0 \mu_0 = \frac{1}{c^2}$$

q Lorentz force law:

 $\vec{f} = q \left( \vec{E} + \vec{v} \wedge \vec{B} \right)$  for single particle charge q $\vec{f} = \rho \vec{E} + \vec{j} \wedge \vec{B}$  for charge distribution



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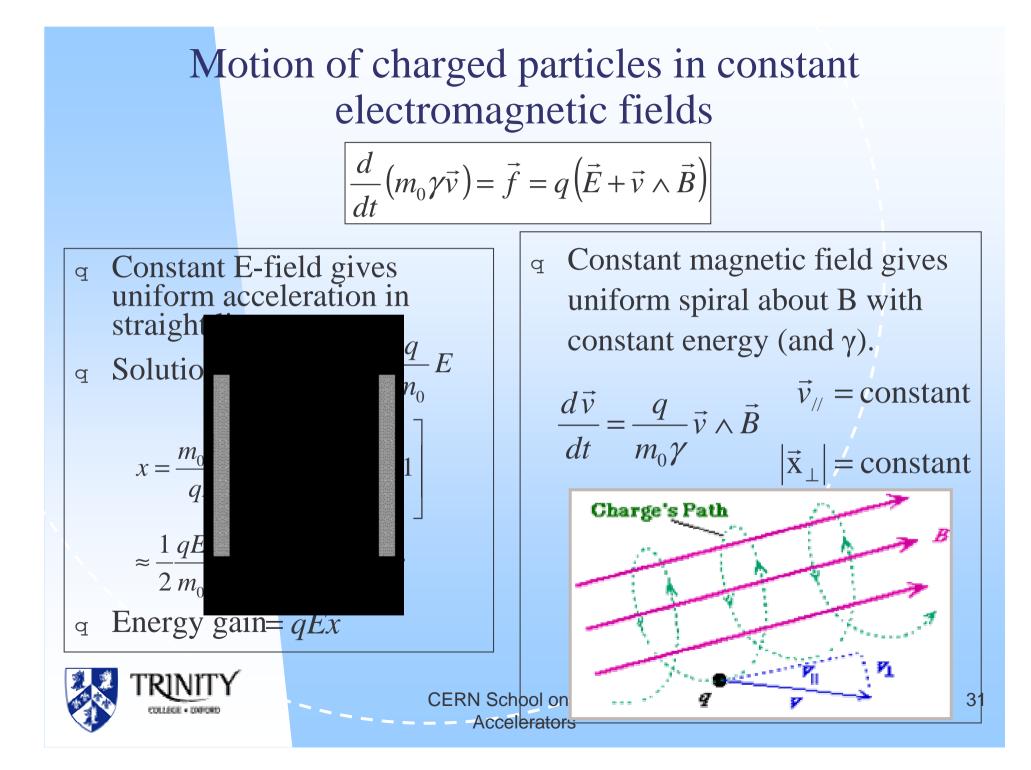
## Lorentz force law

#### g Relativistic equation of motion

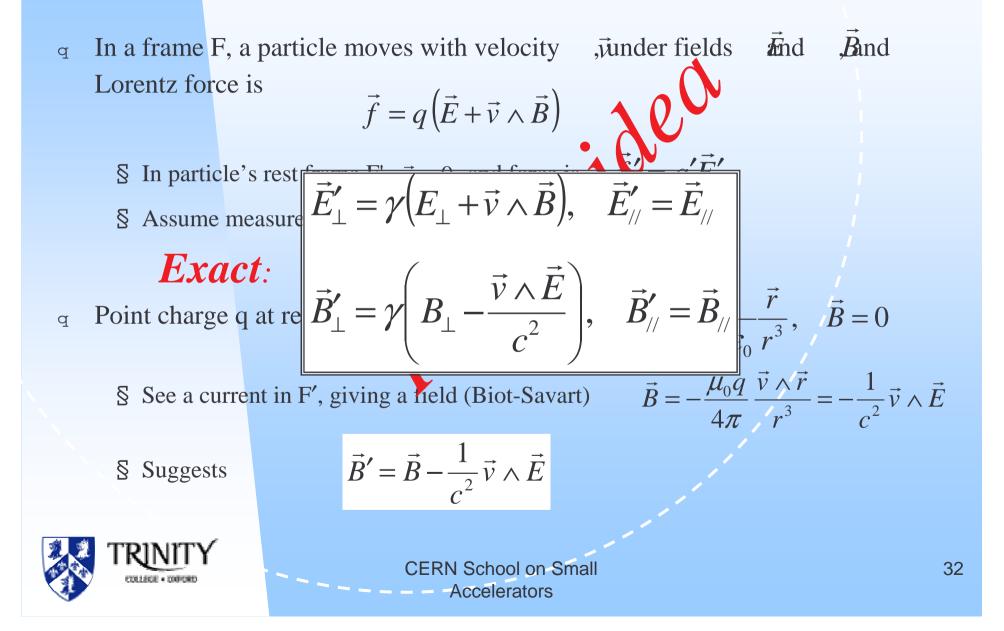
§ 4-vector form:  $F = \frac{dP}{d\tau} \Rightarrow \gamma \left(\frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{f}}{c}, \vec{f}\right) = \gamma \left(\frac{1}{c} \frac{dE}{dt}, \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}\right)$ § 3-vector component:  $\frac{d}{dt} \left(m_0 \gamma \vec{v}\right) = \vec{f} = q \left(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \wedge \vec{B}\right)$ 

S Lorentz force derives naturally from relativistic 4-vector (4×4 matrix) formulation of Maxwell's equations and is not an additional hypothesis.



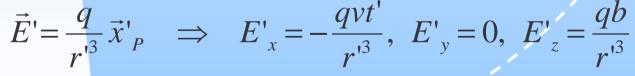


## Relativistic Transformations of E and B



## Electromagnetic Field of a Single Particle

**Charged** particle moving along x-axis of Frame F a Frame F Frame F' **Observer** P Origins coincide at t=t'=0b charge q q In F', P is at  $\vec{x}'_{P} = (-vt', 0, b), \text{ so } |\vec{x}_{p}| = r' = \sqrt{b^{2} + v^{2}t'^{2}}, \quad t'_{P} = \gamma \left(t_{p} - \frac{vx_{p}}{c^{2}}\right) = \gamma t_{P}$ q And fields are only electrostatic (B=0), given by





CERN School on Small — Accelerators **Transform** to laboratory frame F:

- $E_{x} = E'_{x} = -\frac{q\gamma vt}{(b^{2} + \gamma^{2}v^{2}t^{2})^{3/2}} \qquad B_{y} = -\frac{\gamma v}{c^{2}}E'_{z} = -\frac{\beta}{c}E_{z}$   $E_{y} = 0 \qquad B_{x} = B_{z} = 0$   $E_{z} = \gamma E'_{z} = \frac{q\gamma b}{(b^{2} + \gamma^{2}v^{2}t^{2})^{3/2}}$   $q \text{ As } v \rightarrow c, \ \beta \rightarrow 1, \text{ and magnetic induction } cB_{y} \approx -E_{z}$
- At non-relativistic energies,  $\gamma \approx 1$ , and restores the Biot-Savart law:  $\vec{v} \wedge \vec{r}$

$$\vec{B} \propto q \, \frac{v \wedge r}{r^3}$$



### Electromagnetic Field of a Beam of Particles

- $\mathbf{q}$  Coasting beam, momentum  $p\pm p$
- In effective rest frame, see only an electrostatic field,  $E'_{\perp}$ , and  $B'_{\perp}=0$
- **Transform** to laboratory frame:  $E_{//} = E'_{//} = 0$ ,  $E_{\perp} = \gamma E'_{\perp}$

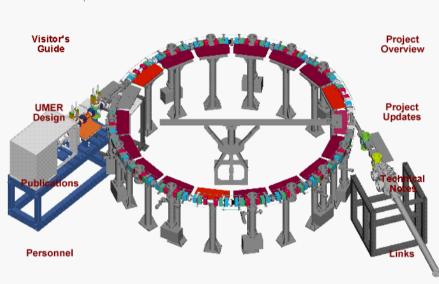
$$B_{//} = B'_{//} = 0, \quad B_{\perp} = \gamma \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{E'}_{\perp}}{c^2}$$

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<sup>q</sup> So particle in beam is affected by a space charge force proportional to  $(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{P}) = c \left( \vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{E}' \right) - c \left( 1 - v^2 \right) \vec{E}'$ 

$$(E + v \times B)_{\perp} = \gamma \left( E'_{\perp} + v \times \frac{1}{c^2} \right) = \gamma \left( 1 - \frac{1}{c^2} \right) E'_{\perp}$$
  
Electrostatic repulsion between particles minus Magnetostatic attraction between thin current wires  
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## **University of Maryland Electron Ring**



The Electron Ring is being constructed in the Institute for Research in Electronics and Applied Physics



A small ring used to explore aspects of beam dynamics, including effects of strong space-charge forces in the beam.



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#### Effect of Space Charge on an Intense Beam

Injected beam in Proposed Fermilab Booster

