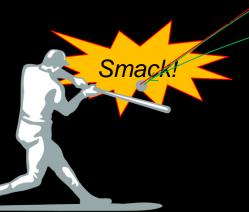
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## Collisions Short, Sharp Shocks



Which of the following is a property of *all* collisions - both "elastic" and "inelastic" collisions?

(1) The internal energy of the system after the collision is different from what it was before the collision.

(2) The total momentum of the system doesn't change.

(3) The total kinetic energy of the system doesn't change.

Which of the following is a property of all "elastic" collisions?

(1) The colliding objects interact through springs.

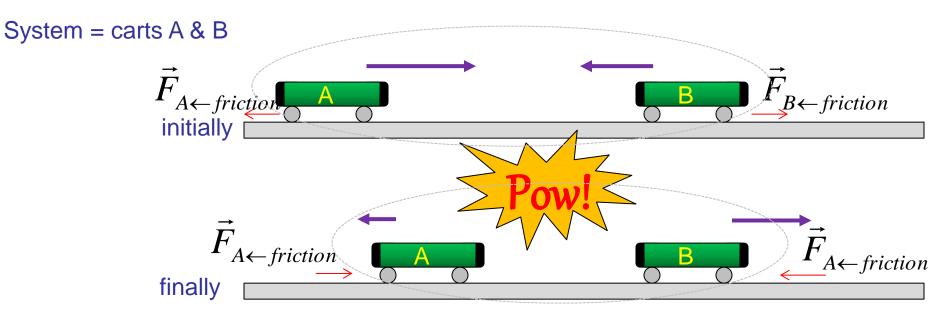
(2) The kinetic energy of one of the objects doesn't change.

(3) The total kinetic energy is constant at all times -- before, during, and after the collision.

(4) The total kinetic energy after the collision is equal to the total kinetic energy before the collision.

(5) The elastic spring energy after the collision is greater than the elastic spring energy before the collision.

#### Example



Often know initial motion, want to predict final motion

*Two* unknowns: 
$$\vec{v}_{A.f}$$
 and  $\vec{v}_{B.f}$ 

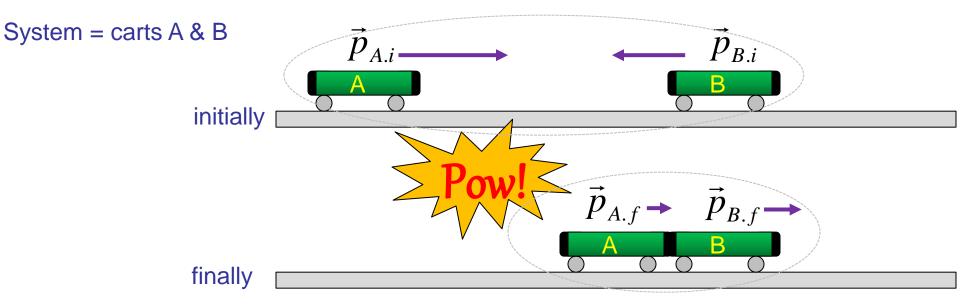
Generally need two equations to solve for them

$$\Delta \vec{p}_{A\&B} = \Delta \vec{p}_A + \Delta \vec{p}_B \approx 0$$

True for all collisions

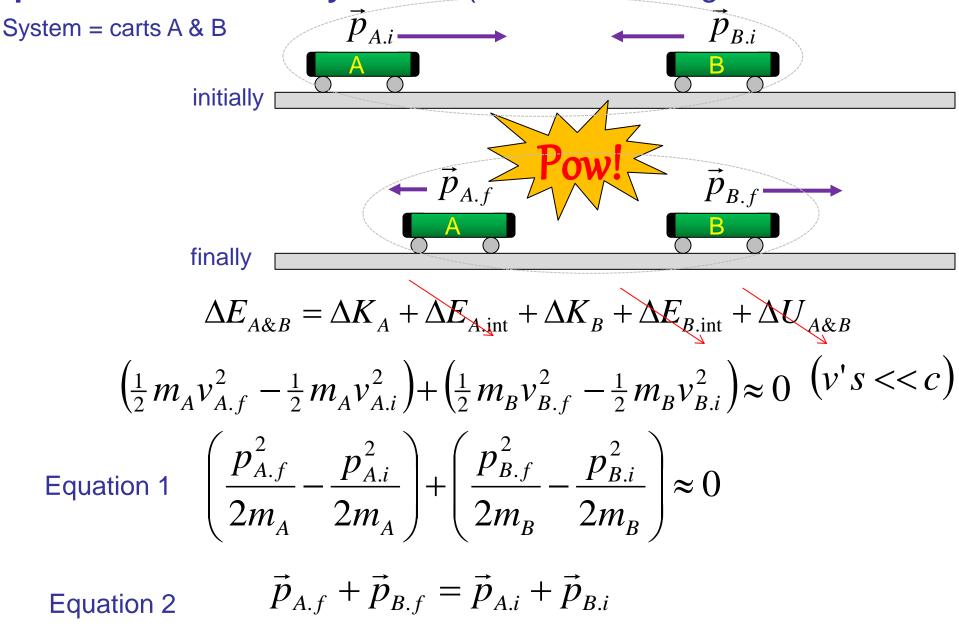
$$\Delta E_{A\&B} = \Delta E_A + \Delta E_B + \Delta U_{A\&B} \approx 0$$
  
$$\Delta K_A + \Delta E_{int.A} \Delta K_B + \Delta E_{int.B}$$

**Special Case: "Maximally Inelastic" – hit & stick** 

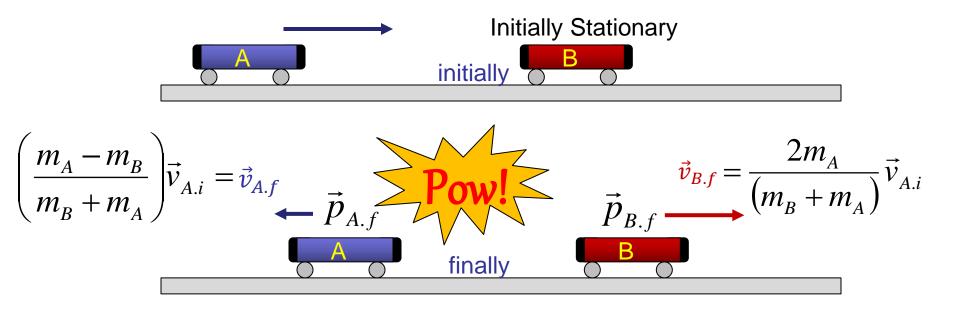


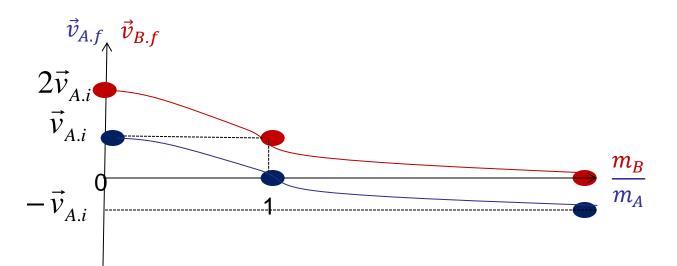
$$\vec{v}_{Af} = \vec{v}_{Bf} \equiv \vec{v}_{f} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \vec{p}_{A} + \Delta \vec{p}_{B} \approx 0 & (v's << c) \\ (m_{A} \vec{v}_{A.f} - m_{A} \vec{v}_{A.i}) + (m_{B} \vec{v}_{B.f} - m_{B} \vec{v}_{B.i}) \approx 0 \\ (m_{A} \vec{v}_{f} - m_{A} \vec{v}_{A.i}) + (m_{B} \vec{v}_{f} - m_{B} \vec{v}_{B.i}) \approx 0 \\ \vec{v}_{f} \approx \frac{m_{A} \vec{v}_{A.i} + m_{B} \vec{v}_{B.i}}{m_{A} + m_{B}}$$

Special Case: Perfectly Elastic (all internal changes 'bounce back'

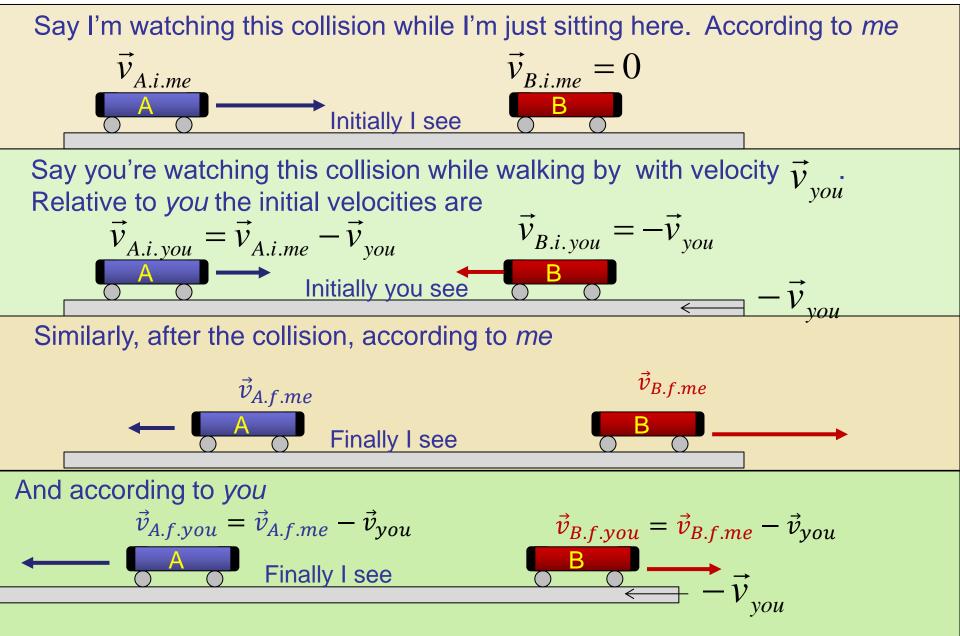


### **1-D Collision** Special Case: Perfectly Elastic (all internal changes 'bounce back' Extra special case: Say B is initially stationary





### Special Case: Perfectly Elastic Transform for B initially moving



### Special Case: Perfectly Elastic Transform for B initially moving

So, completely rephrasing things from your perspective:

$$\vec{v}_{A.i.you} = \vec{v}_{A.i.me} - \vec{v}_{you}$$

$$\vec{v}_{B.i.you} = -\vec{v}_{you}$$

$$\vec{v}_{A.i.you} = \vec{v}_{A.i.me} - \vec{v}_{B.i.you} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_{A.i.me} = \vec{v}_{A.i.you} + \vec{v}_{B.i.you}$$

$$\vec{v}_{A.f.you} = \vec{v}_{A.f.me} - \vec{v}_{you}$$

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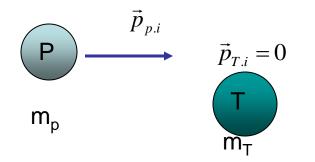
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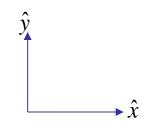
$$\vec{v}_{B.f.you} = \vec{v}_{A.f.me} - \vec{v}_{B.i.you}$$

$$\vec{v}_{A.f} = \left(\frac{m_A - m_B}{m_B + m_A}\right) \vec{v}_{A.i.me} - \vec{v}_{B.i.you}$$

$$\vec{v}_{B.f.you} = \frac{2m_A}{(m_B + m_A)} \vec{v}_{A.i.me} - \vec{v}_{B.i.you}$$

Slow (v<<C)

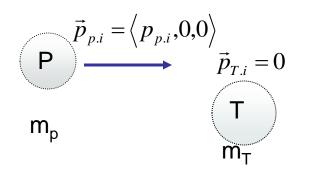




Slow (v<<C)

$$\vec{p}_{p.f} = \left\langle p_{p.f} \cos \theta_p, p_{p.f} \sin \theta_p, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$P^{\theta_p}$$



#### **Three Equations / Four Unknowns**

Need another equation Or more information

Energy Principle

$$\vec{p}_{T.f} = \langle p_{T.f} \cos \theta_T, -p_{T.f} | \sin \theta_T | , 0 \rangle$$

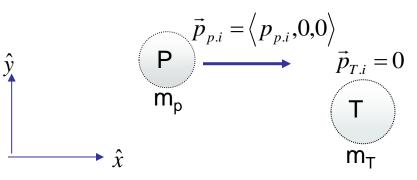
#### **Momentum Principle**

$$\vec{p}_{p,f} + \vec{p}_{T,f} - \vec{p}_{p,i} = 0 \qquad (E_{p,f} + E_{T,f}) - (E_{p,i} + E_{T,i}) = 0$$

$$\hat{x} : p_{p,f} \cos \theta_p + p_{T,f} \cos \theta_T - p_{p,i} = 0 \qquad K_{p,f} + K_{T,f} - K_{p,i} + \Delta E_{int,p} + \Delta E_{int,t} + \Delta U_{t,p} = 0$$

$$\hat{y} : \underline{p}_{p,f} \sin \theta_p - \underline{p}_{T,f} |\sin \theta_T| - 0 = 0 \qquad \frac{p_{p,f}^2}{2m_p} + \frac{p_{T,f}^2}{2m_p} - \frac{p_{p,i}^2}{2m_p} = 0$$
if Elastic

**Example.** Say a 2kg puck moving at 3m/s collides with a 4kg puck that's just sitting there. Say the 2kg puck travels off at 30° and the 4kg one travels down at 50°. What are the final speeds and is the collision elastic?



Momentum Principle  $\hat{x}: p_{p.f} \cos \theta_p + p_{T.f} \cos \theta_T - p_{p.i} = 0$  $\hat{y}: p_{p.f} \sin \theta_p - p_{T.f} |\sin \theta_T| - 0 = 0$ 

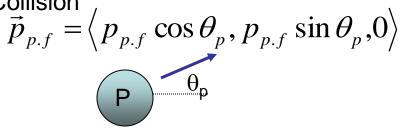
$$\vec{p}_{T.f} = \langle p_{T.f} \cos \theta_T, -p_{T.f} | \sin \theta_T | , 0 \rangle$$

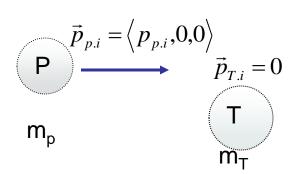
Energy Principle – *if Elastic* 

$$\frac{p_{p.f}^2}{2m_p} + \frac{p_{T.f}^2}{2m_T} - \frac{p_{p.i}^2}{2m_p} = 0$$



Slow (v<<C), Elastic Collision

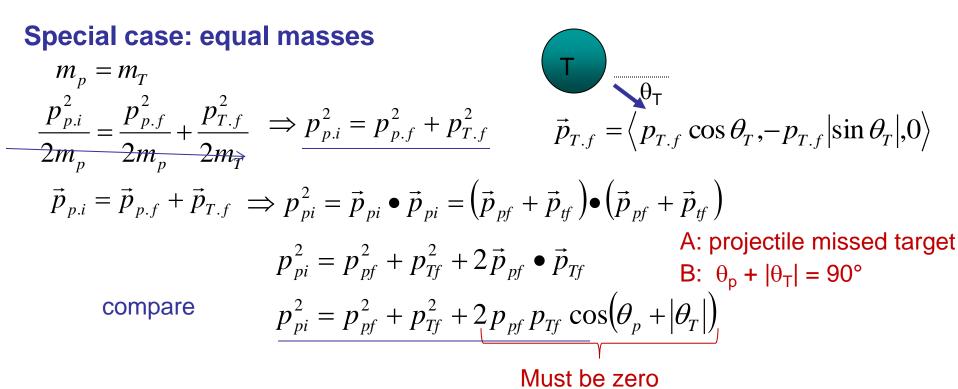




 $\hat{x}$ 

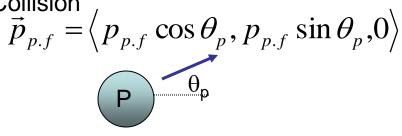
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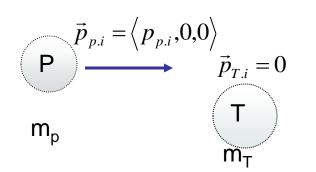
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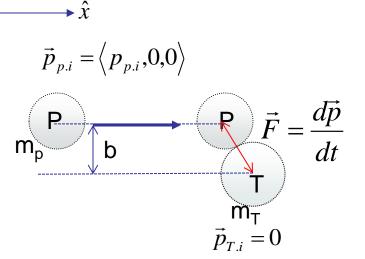
#### **Momentum Principle**

 $\mathbf{x}$ 

$$\vec{p}_{p.f} + \vec{p}_{T.f} - \vec{p}_{p.i} = 0$$
  
$$\hat{x} : p_{p.f} \cos \theta_p + p_{T.f} \cos \theta_T - p_{p.i} = 0$$
  
$$\hat{y} : \underline{p}_{p.f} \sin \theta_p - \underline{p}_{T.f} |\sin \theta_T| - 0 = 0$$

 $T = \sqrt{\theta_T}$   $\vec{p}_{T.f} = \langle p_{T.f} \cos \theta_T, -p_{T.f} | \sin \theta_T | , 0 \rangle$ Energy Principle – *if Elastic*  $(E_{p.f} + E_{T.f}) - (E_{p.i} + E_{T.i}) = 0$   $K_{p.f} + K_{T.f} - K_{p.i} = 0$   $\frac{p_{p.f}^2}{2m_p} + \frac{p_{T.f}^2}{2m_T} - \frac{p_{p.i}^2}{2m_p} = 0$ 

Slow (v<<C), Elastic Collision  $\vec{p}_{n,f} = \langle p_{n,f} \cos \theta_n, p_{n,f} \sin \theta_n, 0 \rangle$ 



Component of momentum along line of contact changes, other component remains constant

b = Impact Parameter

**Momentum Principle** 

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$$\frac{\mathbf{P} - \theta_{\mathbf{p}}}{\theta_{\mathbf{p}}}$$

#### **Three Equations / Four Unknowns**

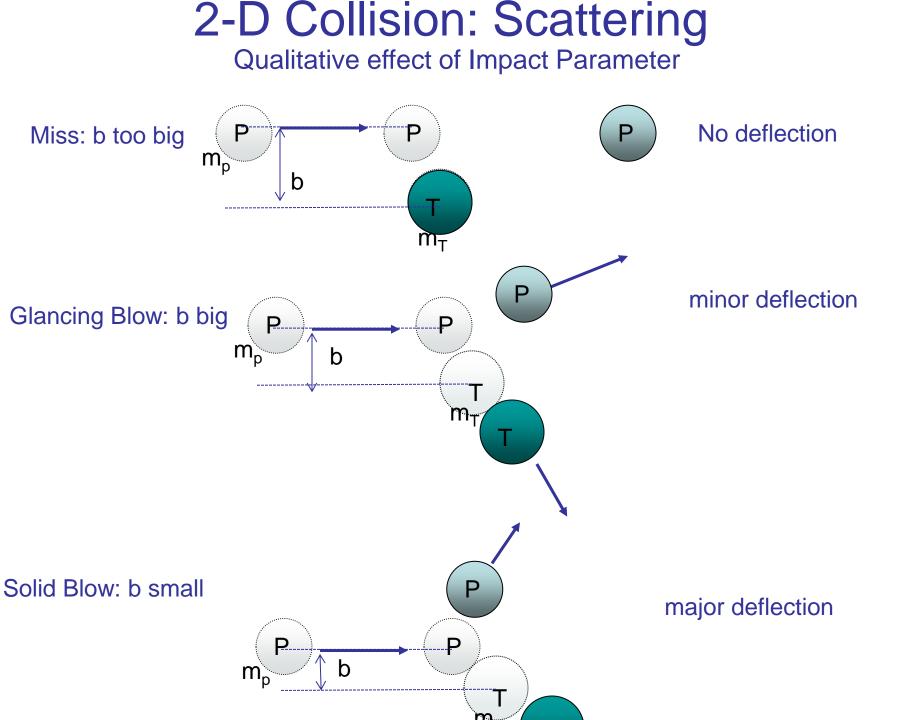
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Collision geometry and Impact Parameter

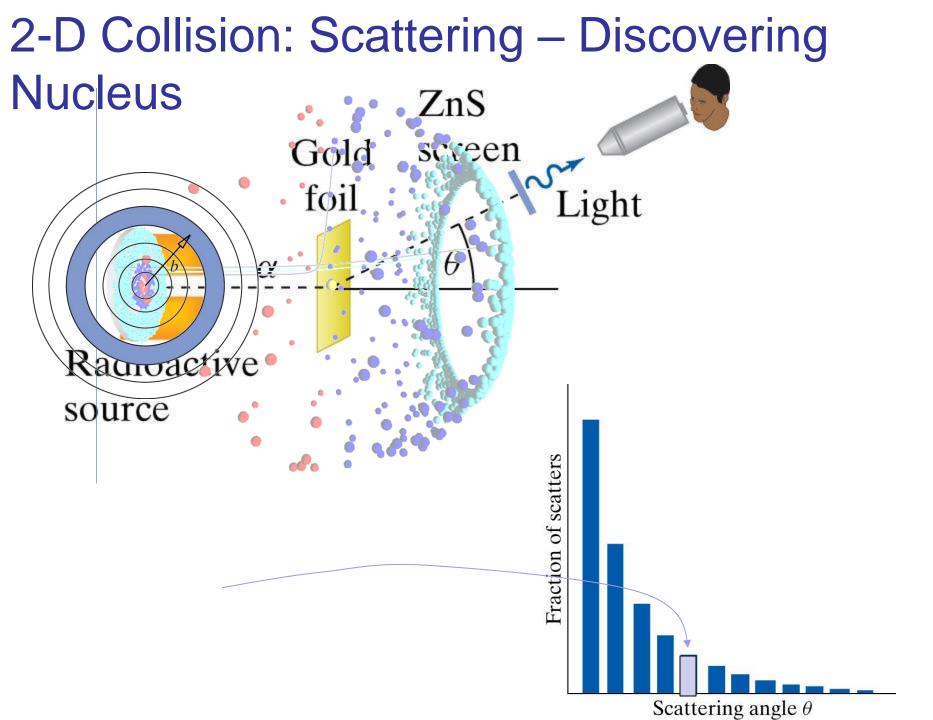
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\left\langle E_{p.f} + E_{T.f} \right\rangle - \left( E_{p.i} + E_{T.i} \right) = 0 \\
\left\langle E_{p.f} + K_{T.f} - K_{p.i} = 0 \\
\left\langle \frac{p_{p.f}^{2}}{2m_{p}} + \frac{p_{T.f}^{2}}{2m_{T}} - \frac{p_{p.i}^{2}}{2m_{p}} = 0 \\
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The larger the impact parameter, the larger the scattering angle (deflection).
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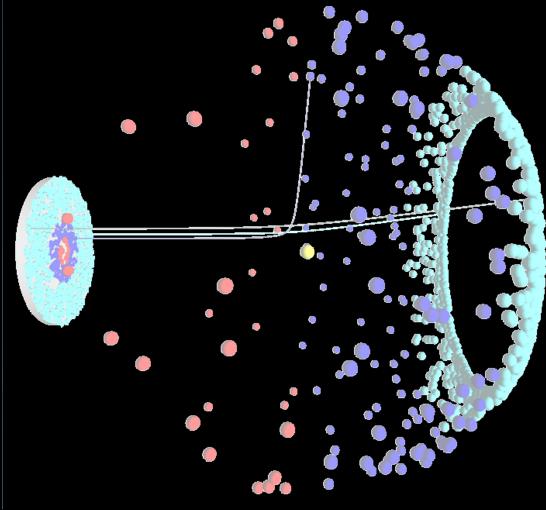
# Probability and Cross-sectional Area Playing Darts Badly



In the Rutherford experiment, what was surprising to the experimenters?

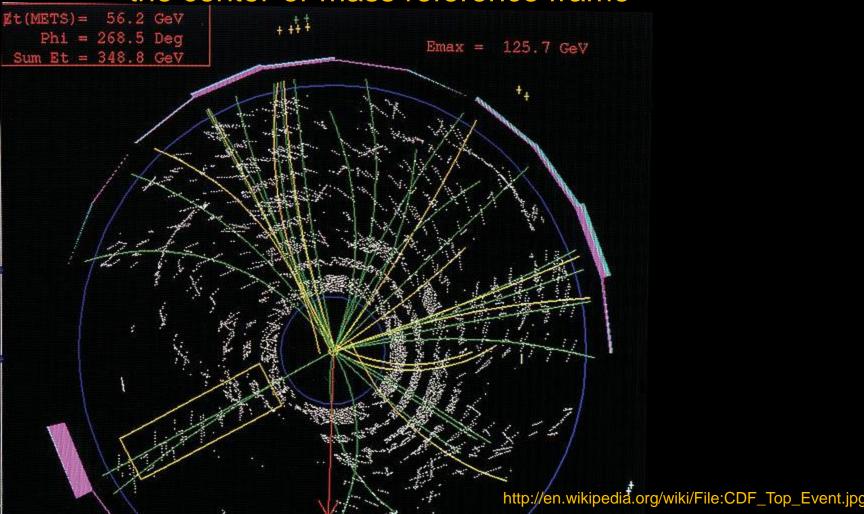
(1) Sometimes the alpha "rays" passed right through the gold foil.(2) Sometimes the alpha "rays" were deflected slightly when they passed through the gold foil.

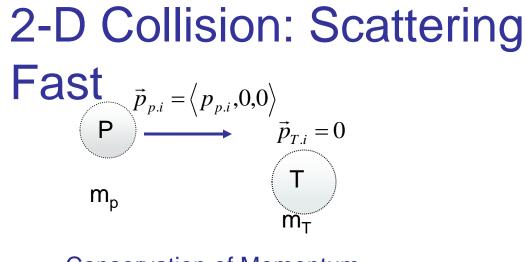
(3) Sometimes the alpha "rays" bounced back from the gold foil.



# **Deeper Collisions**

- relativistic speeds
- identifying 'mystery' particles
- the mathematical trick of analyzing in the center-of-mass reference frame





$$\vec{p}_{p.f} = \left\langle p_{p.f} \cos \theta_p, p_{p.f} \sin \theta_p, 0 \right\rangle$$

$$P \qquad \theta_p$$

#### **Conservation of Momentum**

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$$\hat{y} : p_{p,f} \sin \theta_p - p_{T,f} |\sin \theta_T| - 0 = 0$$
where
$$\vec{p} = \frac{m\vec{v}}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}}$$
Conservation of Energy
$$(E_{p,f} + E_{T,f}) - (E_{p,i} + E_{T,i}) = 0$$
where
$$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - (\frac{v}{c})^2}}$$
By plugging that into it and recovering that.
$$\sqrt{(p_{p,f}c)^2 + (m_{p,f}c^2)^2} + \sqrt{(p_{T,f}c)^2 + (m_{T,f}c^2)^2} - \sqrt{(p_{p,i}c)^2 + (m_{p,i}c^2)^2} - m_{T,i}c^2 = 0$$

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Recall: particle energy

$$E_p = K_p + E_{p.int}$$
$$E_{p.int} = m_p c^2$$

Elastic

$$\Delta E_{p.int} = \Delta m_p c^2 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(p_{p.f}c)^2 + (m_p c^2)^2} + \sqrt{(p_{T.f}c)^2 + (m_T c^2)^2} - \sqrt{(p_{p.i}c)^2 + (m_p c^2)^2} - m_T c^2 = 0$$
In-Elastic

$$\Delta E_{p.int} = \Delta m_p c^2 \neq 0$$
  
$$\sqrt{(p_{p.f}c)^2 + (m_{p.f}c^2)^2} + \sqrt{(p_{T.f}c)^2 + (m_{T.f}c^2)^2} - \sqrt{(p_{p.i}c)^2 + (m_{p.i}c^2)^2} - m_{T.i}c^2 = 0$$

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What is the rest mass of the X<sup>+</sup>?

 $\vec{p}_{\pi.i}$ 

**Conservation of Energy** 

m<sub>π</sub>

 $\hat{x}$ :

 $\hat{y}$ :

π

 $(\mathbf{p}) \quad \sqrt{(p_{\pi.f}c)^2 + (m_{\pi.f}c^2)^2} + \sqrt{(p_xc)^2 + (m_xc^2)^2} - \sqrt{(p_{\pi.i}c)^2 + (m_\pi c^2)^2} - m_{p.i}c^2 = 0$ 

 $\vec{p}_{p,i} = 0$ 

Conservation of Momentum

$$p_{\pi.f} \cos \theta_{\pi} + p_{X.f} \cos \theta_{X} - p_{\pi.i} = 0 \qquad p_{X.f} \cos \theta_{X} = p_{\pi.i} - p_{\pi.f} \cos \theta_{\pi}$$
$$p_{\pi.f} \sin \theta_{\pi} - p_{X.f} |\sin \theta_{X}| = 0 \qquad p_{X.f} |\sin \theta_{X}| = p_{\pi.f} \sin \theta_{\pi}$$

 $(p_{X,f}\cos\theta_X)^2 + (p_{X,f}|\sin\theta_X|)^2 = (p_{\pi,i} - p_{\pi,f}\cos\theta_\pi)^2 + (p_{\pi,f}\sin\theta_\pi)^2$  $p_{X,f} = \sqrt{(p_{\pi,i} - p_{\pi,f} \cos \theta_{\pi})^2 + (p_{\pi,f} \sin \theta_{\pi})^2} \qquad p_{X,f} = \sqrt{(p_{\pi,i})^2 + (p_{\pi,f})^2 - 2p_{\pi,i} p_{\pi,f} \cos \theta_{\pi}}$ 

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π

 $\theta_n$ 

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 $\vec{p}_{p,i} = 0$ 

р

 $m_p$ 

 $\vec{p}_{\pi.i}$ 

π

 $\mathbf{m}_{\pi}$ 

Conservation of Momentum

$$p_{X.f} = \sqrt{(p_{\pi.i})^2 + (p_{\pi.f})^2 - 2p_{\pi.i}p_{\pi.f}\cos\theta_{\pi}}$$

Conservation of Energy

$$\sqrt{(p_{\pi.f}c)^{2} + (m_{\pi.f}c^{2})^{2}} + \sqrt{(p_{X}c)^{2} + (m_{X}c^{2})^{2}} - \sqrt{(p_{\pi.i}c)^{2} + (m_{\pi}c^{2})^{2}} - m_{p.i}c^{2} = 0$$

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#### Could do algebraically further, or just plugin numbers and simplify

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