

Repetitive Acceleration: Cyclic or Linear

Good News and Bad News about Monopoles

In general, static magnetic fields are much stronger than static electric fields. The Lorentz electromagnetic force law

 $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{q} \left(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} \right) \quad (\mathbf{SI})$

tells us that a 1 Tesla magnetic field exerts the same force on a relativistic particle (v = c) as a 3×10^8 Volt/metre electric field. This can also be seen from the units, *i.e.*

1 Volt/metre = 1 (metre/second)Tesla

Using the conversion constant $c = 3x10^8$ m/s, we have $1m/s = 1/(3x10^8)$, so

 3×10^8 Volt/metre = 1 Tesla

It is easy to generate a $10T (= 3 \times 10^3 \text{ MV/m})$ static magnetic field, but static electric fields above about 3 MV/m are almost impossible. This is because our world is made from particles with electric charge but no magnetic charge, so high electric fields are shorted out by sparks consisting of electrically charged particles. There is no known reason why magnetic charges ("magnetic monopoles") should not exist, and they probably do but very rarely and with masses of the order of 10^{15} GeV/c^2 .

e.g. The complete Lorentz force law is

 $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{q}_{e} \left(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \right) + \mathbf{q}_{m} \left(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{E} \right) \quad (\text{signs?})$

Synchrotrons



Effective Accelerating Gradient

Limits to circular accelerators

Acceleration by Electromagnetic Waves

 $e.g. 10^{20} \text{ W/m}^2 \Rightarrow \text{E}_{\text{max}} = 275 \text{ GV/m}$

But in free space E is transverse to the direction of propagation of the wave, so there can be no continuous acceleration, just oscillation.

Typical limits on accelerating gradients

