

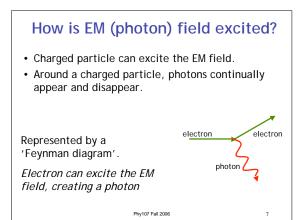
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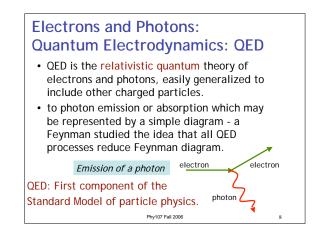
## Other particles and fields

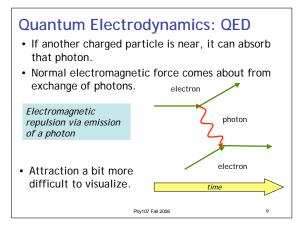
- Electromagnetic field spread out over space.
- Stronger near the the source of the electric/magnetic charge weaker farther away.
- Electromagnetic radiation, the photon, is the quanta of the field.
- · Describe electron particles as fields:
  - Makes sense the electron was spread out around the hydrogen atom.
- Wasn't in one place had locations it was more or less probable to be. Stronger and weaker like the electromagnetic field.
- Electron is the quanta of the electron field. Phylor Fal 2006

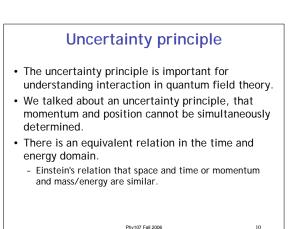
## • What about quantum mechanics? What would that

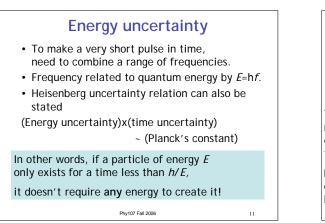
- tell us about electric, magnetic... fields?
  - Field strength should be quantized
  - Quantization small, not noticeable at large field strength or large times
  - However, for small strength or over a very short time might be noticeable
  - Example: an electron flying be another electron very quickly Only time to have one quanta of repulsion occur
- · Quanta of the field
  - Need to name the thing that conveys the repulsion
  - What particle is mixed up in electricity and magnetism: The photon! Phytor Fall 2006 5

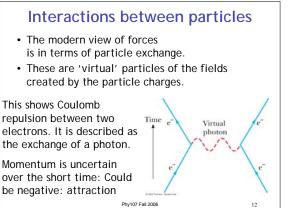


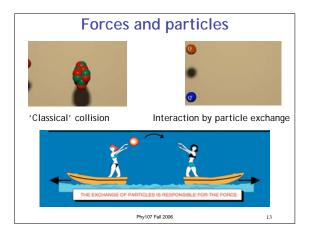


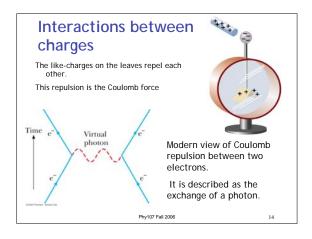


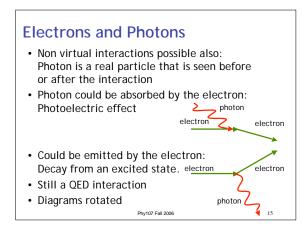


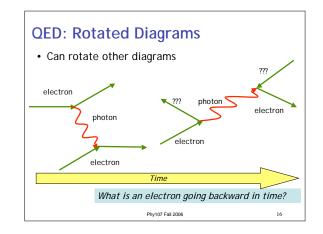


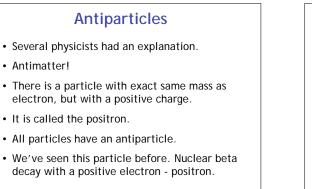












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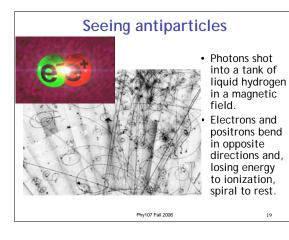
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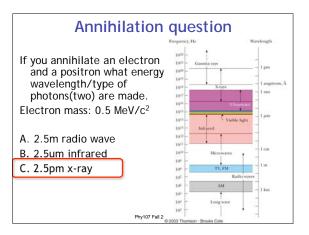
Electron and positron can 'annihilate' to form two photons.
Photon can 'disappear' to form electron-positron pair.
Relativity: Mass and energy are the same

Go from electron mass to electromagnetic/photon energy

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Pair production, annihilation



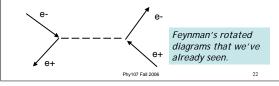


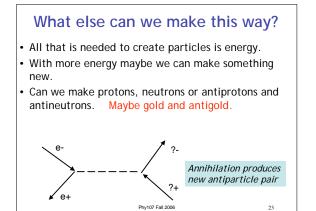
## The story so far

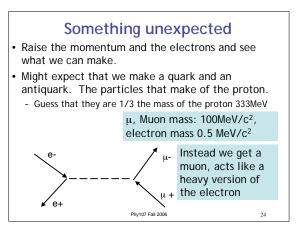
- Electromagnetic force and electrons are both fields.
- The fields have quanta: photon and electrons.
- Note electron is the smallest quanta of the electron field with energy equal to the electron rest mass
- The Quantum field theory QED explains how they interact.
- Very successful theory: explains perfectly all the interactions between electrons and photons
- · Predicted a few things we didn't expect
  - Antiparticles the positron.
  - Electrons and positions: can be annihilated to photons and vice versa. Phylo7 Fall 2006 21

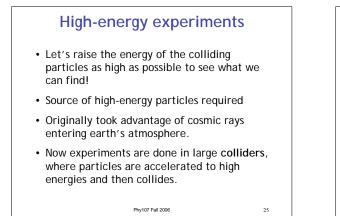


- All that is needed to create particles is energy.
- Energy can be provided by high-energy collision of particles.
- An example:
  - Electron and positron annihilate to form a (virtual) photon.
  - This can then create particles with mc<sup>2</sup><photon energy.









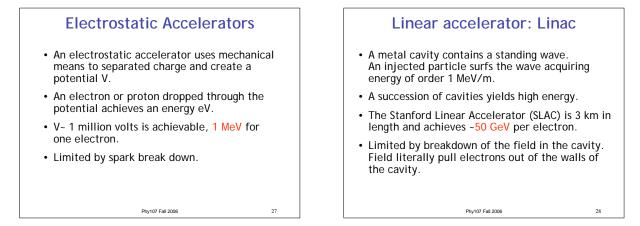
## Cosmic rays

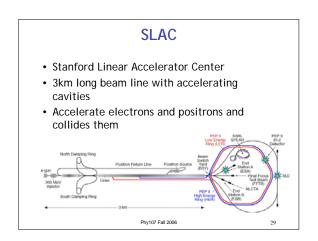


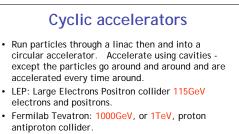
 New particles were discovered in cosmic ray air showers in which a high energy extraterrestrial proton strikes a nucleus (N or O) in the atmosphere and secondary particles multiply.

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- LHC: Large hadron collider: 7TeV proton proton
- Limitation is size and the power of magnetic field needed to keep the particles going around in a circle.

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