

(13.5) Protons are accelerated to 12 GeV in a synchrotron in which the bending magnets have a maximum field strength of 14.3 T. What is the radius of curvature of the proton orbit?

Begin by defining the units used etc.

$$B_{magn} := 14.3 \cdot \text{tesla} \quad eV := 1.60217733 \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot \text{joule} \quad m_{0p} := 1.672623 \cdot 10^{-27} \cdot \text{kg}$$

$$c_{light} := 299792458 \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1} \quad E_p := 12 \cdot 10^9 \cdot eV \quad q_e := 1.60217733 \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot \text{coul}$$

Because the high energy implies that the protons have a velocity which is not very small compared to the speed of light (see Fig. 4.2) we should first use eqn. (4.22) to convert energy to kinetic mass.

$$\Delta m_p := \frac{E_p}{c_{light}^2} \quad m_p := m_{0p} + \Delta m_p \quad m_p = 2.306 \cdot 10^{-26} \cdot \text{kg}$$

Then we use eqn (13.6) to calculate r .

$$z := 1 \quad r := \sqrt{\frac{E_p \cdot 2 \cdot m_p}{B_{magn}^2 \cdot q_e^2 \cdot z^2}} \quad r = 4.11 \cdot \text{m}$$