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LIBERAL ARTS!



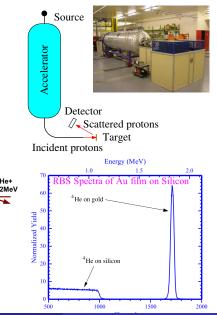


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Energy Detector



Thick

Target

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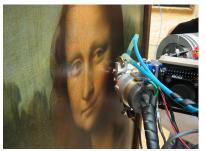
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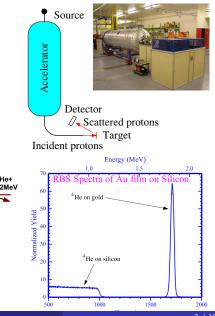
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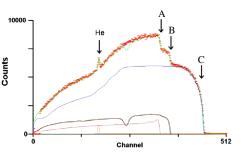
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- What is the ratio of the elastically scattered proton kinetic energy K₁ to its incident energy K₀ in terms of the masses and scattering angles?
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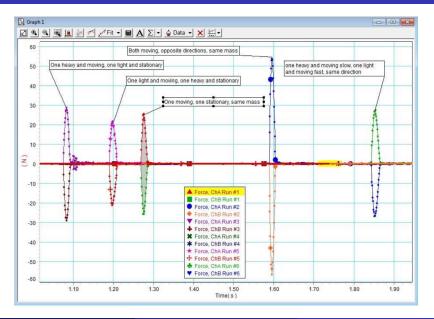
- Consider a body with no net force acting on it. If it is at rest, it will remain at rest. If it is moving with a constant velocity, it will continue to move at that velocity.
- Por all the different forces acting on a body

$$\sum \vec{F}_i = m\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

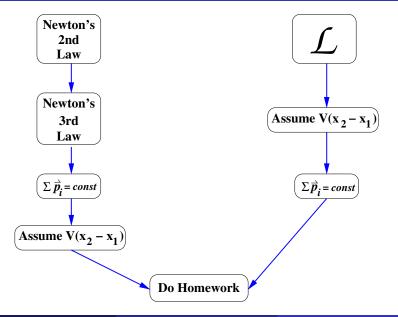
• For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

$$\vec{F}_{AB} = -\vec{F}_{BA}$$

Newton's Third Law



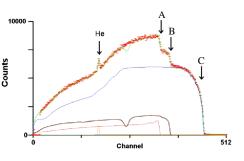
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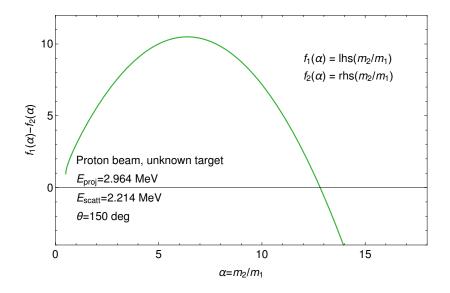
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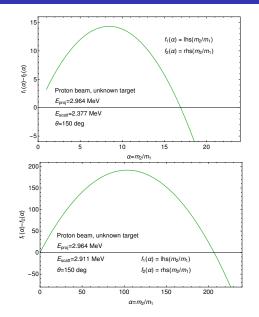
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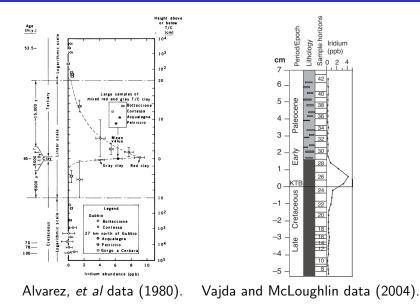
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What happened to them?



The Iridium Anomaly in the K-T Boundary



Jerry Gilfoyle

Collisions

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The End of the Dinosaurs

It is now believed the dinosaurs and many other species were driven to extinction 65 million years ago by an ecological disaster brought on by the collision of an asteroid with the Earth. Consider the following scenario. The asteroid collides with the Earth as the Earth orbits the Sun and sticks to the surface as shown in the figure (a perfectly inelastic collision). How much does the velocity of the Earth change? How much energy is released in the collision? How does this compare with the energy released by the Hiroshima atomic bomb ($6.8 \times 10^{13} J$)?

Asteroid mass: Asteroid speed: Earth mass: Earth speed: Angle: $m_{A} = 3.4 \times 10^{14} \text{ kg}$ $v_{A} = 2.5 \times 10^{4} \text{ m/s}$ $m_{E} = 6.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ $v_{A} = 3.0 \times 10^{4} \text{ m/s}$ $\theta = 30^{\circ}$



Effects of the Chicxulub Asteroid Strike

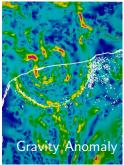
- Megatsunamis as high as 5 kilometers (3.1 mi); enough to completely inundate even large islands such as Madagascar.
- Excavated material along with pieces of the impactor, ejected out of the atmosphere by the blast, would have been heated to incandescence upon re-entry, broiling the Earth's surface and possibly igniting wildfires.
- Olossal shock waves would have triggered global earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.
- The emission of dust and particles could have covered the entire surface of the Earth for years, possibly a decade. Photosynthesis by plants would be interrupted, affecting the entire food chain.
- Sunlight would have been blocked from reaching the surface of the earth by the dust particles in the atmosphere, cooling the surface dramatically.
- It is estimated that 75% or more of all species on Earth vanished.

More Evidence (and What to Worry About)

- An impact crater the right size and age is on the Yucatan Peninsula containing shocked crystals and melted rock.
- There is abundant evidence of other cataclysmic collisions with Solar System debris.
- Solution Frequency of impacts:

Pea-size meteoroids	10 per hour	
Walnut-size	1 per hour	
Grapefruit-size	1 every 10 hours	
Basketball-size	1 per month	
50-m rock	1 per 100 years	
1-km asteroid	1 per 100,000 years	
2-km asteroid	1 per 500,000 years	





Big Explosions

Event	Energy Released (J)	Fatalities
Hiroshima (1945)	$6.3 imes10^{13}$	75,000 prompt, 250,000 delayed
Soviet Test (1961)	$2.7 imes10^{17}$	None we know of.
Krakatoa (1883)	$6.9 imes10^{18}$	36,000
Tambora (1815)	Unknown	92,000



What would happen now?





Effect of 5-km-wide asteroid striking the mid-Atlantic.

▶ Watch

CO_2 Normal Modes HW Instructions

- Your homework solution should be written out by hand on paper and the Mathematica notebook stapled to it. The written solution should include the items below. The Mathematica notebook should clearly show how you obtained those items.
- Clearly and legibly write out the matrix for the CO₂ molecule, the eigenvalues of the matrix, and the eigenvectors.
- Show that each eigenvector behaves properly with its associated eigenvalue.
- Clearly write out the general solution to the CO₂ problem and its first derivative with respect to time.
- State your initial conditions. See list here.
- Olearly write out the equations the coefficients in the general solution must satisfy.
- Obtain the coefficients for the particular solution in terms of parameters in the initial conditions.