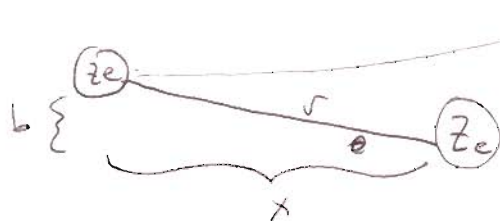


## II Stopping Power [Ann. Physics vol. 5, 325 (1930)]

a) Bethe Equation (Heavy charged particles)

1-) classical energy loss

Consider the energy lost when a particle of charge  $(ze)$  traveling at speed  $v$  is scattered by a target of  ~~$(ze)$~~  charge  $(ze)$ .



if gaussian units  $k \equiv 1$

$$\text{coulomb force} = F = k \frac{(ze)(ze)}{r^2}$$

Notice: as  $ze$  is scattered the horizontal component of "F" flips direction  
 $\therefore$  no net horizontal force

$$F_{\text{vertical}} = k \frac{z^2 e^2}{r^2} \sin \theta = k \frac{z^2 e^2}{r^2} \left( \frac{b}{r} \right)$$

The momentum change is given by the definition of Impulse

$$\Delta p = \int F dt$$

Then the energy transferred to the  $(ze)$  electron is  $\frac{(\Delta p)^2}{2m_e}$

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a) Bethe Equation

1.) classical energy loss

$$\Delta p = \int F dt = \int \frac{k z z e^2 b}{r^3} dt$$

$$dt = \frac{dx}{v} = \frac{dx}{\beta c}$$

$$= \frac{k z z e^2 b}{\beta c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + b^2$$

$$= \frac{k z z e^2 b}{\beta c b^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}} = \frac{k z z e^2}{\beta c b^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{2 k z z e^2}{\beta c b}$$

$$\approx 2$$

$$r_e \equiv \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2} = \frac{\hbar e^2}{m_e c^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta p = \frac{2 z z r_e m_e c}{\beta b}$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{(\Delta p)^2}{2m_e} = \text{energy transferred to electrons} = \text{energy lost by incident particle}$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{r_e m_e}{\beta b} \right)^2 \frac{z^2 z^2 c^2}{m_e}$$

## II Stopping Power

a) Bethe Equation

b) Classical energy loss

$$-dE = \int_0^\infty P(\Delta E) \Delta E dx = \text{energy lost by incident particle}$$

$$\sigma = \text{atomic x-section} = \frac{\frac{\text{\# particles scattered}}{A}}{\frac{\text{\# particles in}}{A}} \quad [\text{cm}^2]$$

$$P(\Delta E) = \text{probability of the energy transfer} = \text{probability of interaction} \\ = \left(\frac{N}{A}\right) \sigma : \text{in units of cm}^2/\text{g} \quad \left(\frac{\text{probability}}{\text{exposure dose}}\right)$$

$$P(\Delta E) \Delta E = \left(\frac{N}{A}\right) (2\pi b db) Z = \text{probability to hit}$$

an electron in the area of an annulus of radius  $(b+db)$  with an energy transfer of between  $\Delta E$  &  $\Delta E + d(\Delta E)$

$Z \equiv \# \text{ electrons / target atom}$

$$\Rightarrow -dE = \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{N}{A}\right) (2\pi b db) Z \Delta E dx$$

$$\text{or } \frac{-dE}{dx} = \int_0^\infty \frac{N}{A} (2\pi b db) Z \Delta E$$

$$= 2\pi \frac{N}{A} Z \int_0^\infty \Delta E b db$$

$$= 2\pi \frac{N}{A} Z \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{2 e^2 m_e c^2}{\beta^2 b^2} z^2 \right] b db$$

$$= 4\pi \frac{N}{A} Z \frac{e^2 m_e c^2}{\beta^2} z^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{db}{b} \quad \text{limits are more physical via } b_{\min} \text{ to } b_{\max}$$

$$= \cancel{2\pi} 4\pi N e^2 m_e c^2 \frac{z^2 Z}{A \beta^2} \ln\left(\frac{b_{\max}}{b_{\min}}\right) \equiv K \frac{z^2 Z}{A \beta^2} \ln\left(\frac{b_{\max}}{b_{\min}}\right)$$

## II Stopping Power

a) Bethe Equation

1) classical energy loss

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{dE}{dx} &= 4\pi N r_e^2 m_e c^2 \frac{z^2 Z}{A \beta^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{db}{b} \\ &= K \frac{z^2 Z}{A \beta^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{db}{b} \end{aligned}$$

The above classical calculation diverges at the limits because the physics is different at those extremes  
 $\therefore$  introduce a  $b_{min}$  :  $b_{max}$  which represent the distance regions ~~which~~ through which the physics is valid.

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = K \frac{z^2 Z}{A \beta^2} \int_{b_{min}}^{b_{max}} \frac{db}{b} = K \frac{z^2 Z}{A \beta^2} \ln\left(\frac{b_{max}}{b_{min}}\right)$$

Apply physics: if  $b_{min} \rightarrow 0$  then  $\frac{dE}{dx}$  diverges

and energy transfer  $\rightarrow \infty$

physically there is a maximum energy that may be transferred before the physics of the problem changes  
 (i.e.: to ionization, nucleus excitation, jet production...)

so physically  $b_{min}$  corresponds to the maximum energy which may be transferred

## II stopping power

a) Bethe Equations

1.) classical energy loss

What is the minimum impact parameter  $b_{\min}$ ?

If the size of the target electron may be approximated in terms of its deBroglie wave length

$$\text{the } b_{\min} \approx \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{\text{deBroglie}} = \text{a good estimate}$$

$$= \frac{h}{2p} = \frac{h}{2mv_{\text{rel}}c}$$

What is  $b_{\max}$ ?

As " $b$ " gets bigger the interaction is "softer" and longer. If the interaction time ( $\tau_i$ ) is so long that it is equivalent to an electron orbit ( $\tau_R$ ) then the atom looks more like it is neutrally charged. The electron orbit is perturbed adiabatically so no orbit changes take place and minimal energy is transferred.

$$\tau_i = \frac{b_{\max}}{v} (\sqrt{1-\beta^2}) \rightarrow \text{field at high velocities gets Lorentz contracted}$$

$$\tau_R = \frac{h}{I} \quad ; \quad I \equiv \text{mean excitation energy of target material} \\ (E=h\nu) = \left(\frac{h^2}{2m}\right)$$

## II stopping power

a) Bethe Equation

1.) classical energy loss

what is  $b_{max}$ ?

$$\tau_c \approx \tau_R$$

$$\frac{b_{max}}{v} \sqrt{1-\beta^2} = \frac{h}{I}$$

$$b_{max} = \frac{h \sqrt{1-\beta^2} v}{I \sqrt{1-\beta^2}} = \frac{h \gamma \beta c}{I}$$

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \ln \left( \frac{b_{max}}{b_{min}} \right) \left( \frac{b_{max}}{b_{min}} \right)$$

$$= K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \ln \left( \frac{h \gamma \beta c / I}{h / 2 r m_e \beta c} \right)$$

$$= K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \ln \left( \frac{2 \gamma^2 m_e \beta^2 c^2}{I} \right)$$

$$\frac{K}{A} \equiv \frac{4\pi N r_e^2 m_e c^2}{A} = 0.307 \frac{\text{MeV cm}^2}{g} \quad \left( \text{if } A = \frac{1}{2} \text{ mole} \right)$$

 $z^2$  = charge of incident particle $Z$  =  $\frac{\# \text{ electrons}}{\text{target atom}}$  = Atomic number of medium $m_e$  = mass of electron  
 $\beta = \frac{v}{c}$  of projectile $I$  = Mean excitation energy  
 $r = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$  of projectile



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a) Bethe Equation

1.) classical energy loss

Example: Find  $\frac{dE}{dx}$  for a 10 MeV proton hitting an  $LH_2$  target

$$\rho_{LH_2} = .07 \frac{g}{cm^3}$$

$$\beta_{proton} = ?$$

$$K.E = 10 \text{ MeV} = (\gamma - 1)mc^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{K.E}{mc^2} + 1 \approx 1$$

$\therefore$  proton is not relativistic

$$v^2 = \frac{2 K.E}{m} = \frac{2 (10 \text{ MeV})}{938 \text{ MeV}} = 2 \times 10^{-2} c^2 ; \quad c^2 \approx 1$$

$$\therefore \beta^2 = \frac{v^2}{c^2} = 2 \times 10^{-2} \quad \beta \approx$$

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = K z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \ln \left( \frac{2 \gamma^2 m_e \beta^2 c^2}{I} \right)$$

$I = 21.6 \text{ eV}$  ; see solid data point in Fig 23.4 of PDG pg 145

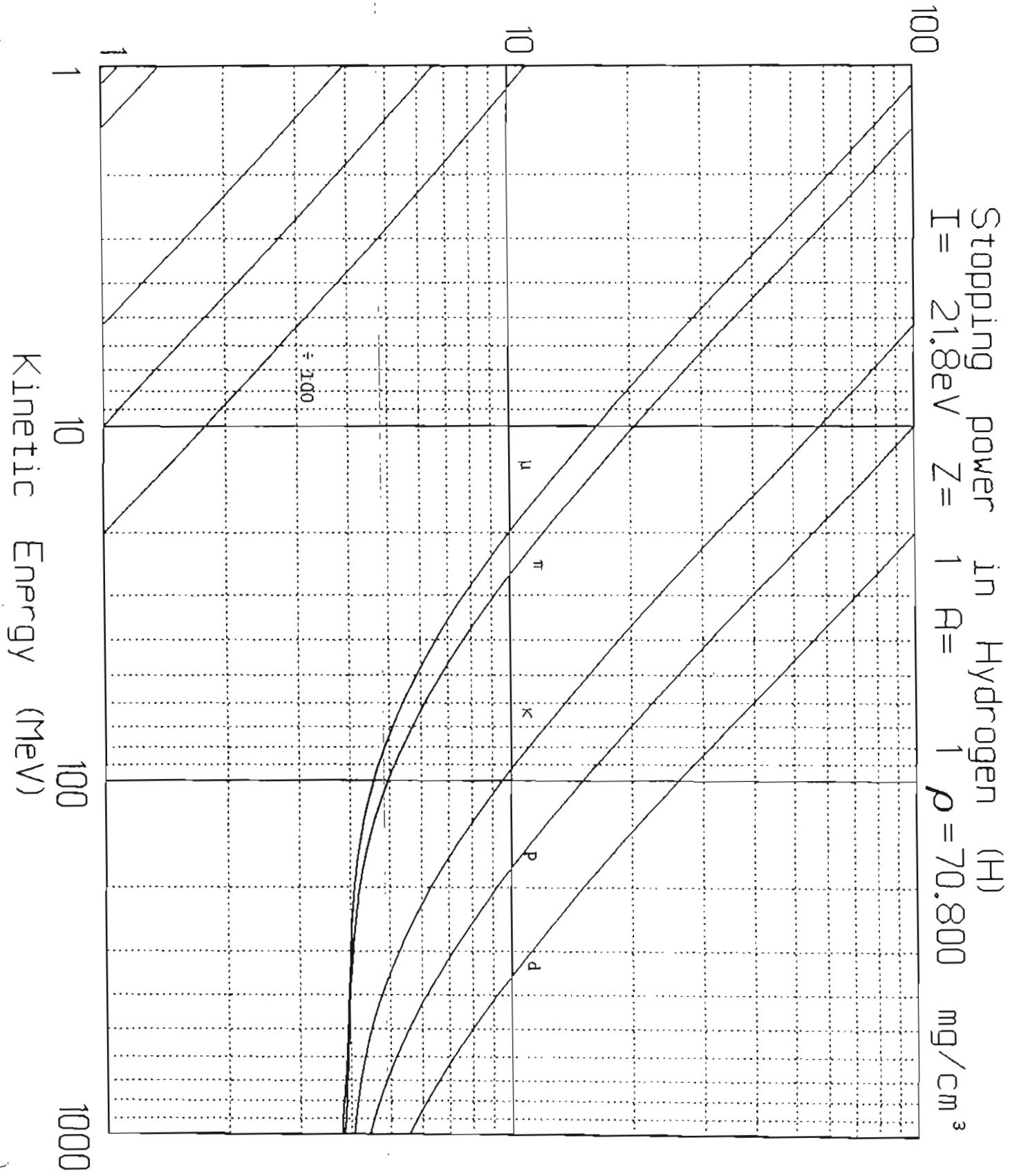
$$\frac{dE}{dx} = \left( 0.307 \frac{\text{MeV} \cdot \text{cm}^2}{g} \right) (1)^2 (1) \frac{1}{(2 \times 10^{-2})} \ln \left( \frac{2 \gamma^2 (511 \text{ MeV}) (2 \times 10^{-2})}{21.6 \text{ eV}} \right) \left( \frac{10^6 \text{ eV}}{\text{MeV}} \right)$$

$$= 105 \frac{\text{MeV} \cdot \text{cm}^2}{g} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Trimp kilometres handbook} \\ \Rightarrow 100 \frac{\text{MeV} \cdot \text{cm}^2}{g} \end{array} \right)$$

How much energy is lost after 0.3 cm

$$\Delta E = \left( 105 \frac{\text{MeV} \cdot \text{cm}^2}{g} \right) \left( 0.07 \frac{g}{cm^3} \right) (0.3 \text{ cm}) = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$$

From : "TRIUMF Kinematic handbook", 2<sup>nd</sup> edition,  
MeV/g cm<sup>-2</sup> Sept. 1987, L.G. Greeniaus





## II stopping power

a) Bethe Equation

2) Bethe - Bloch Equation

while the classical equation above works in a limited kinematic regime, the Bethe - Bloch Equation includes the corrections needed to cover most kinematic regimes for heavy particle energy loss

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = K \frac{z^2}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2 \gamma^2 T_{max}}{I^2} \right) - \beta^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} \right]$$

: from ~~TPO~~ PDG "passage of particles through matter"  
section 23.1 equation 23.1

$-\beta^2$ : electron spin and very distant collisions which only deform electron atomic orbits each reduce  $dE/dx$  by  $\beta^2/2$

$\frac{\delta}{2}$ : density correction term: in the classical derivation the material is treated as just a system of "N" atoms uniformly distributed in space. These atoms, however, give the material a polarizability which can reduce the electric field (dielectric)

## II Stopping Power

a) Bethe equation

3) GEANT 4 version

The GEANT 4 file.

sources/processes/electromagnetic/standard/src/G4BetheBlochModel.cc

is used to calculate hadron energy loss.

line 132  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = \log \left[ \frac{2 m_e c^2 [\gamma(\gamma+1) E_{min}]}{I^2} - \left(1 + \frac{E_{min}}{E_{max}}\right) \beta^2 \right]$$

where  $\gamma = \frac{K.E.}{m}$

line 143  $\Rightarrow \frac{dE}{dx} = \log [\gamma(\gamma+1)] - \frac{cdens}{2} : \text{Density correction}$

$\downarrow$   
 means to  
 subtract Bethe's term from current value  
 of  $dE/dx$

line 148  $\Rightarrow \frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{2C}{Z_{kin}} : \text{shell correction}$

this corrects the classical assumption that the atomic electron velocity is initially zero

not 4!  $\frac{1}{2} h(\omega)$  (or that the incident particles velocity is far greater than the atomic electron's)

line 154  $\Rightarrow \frac{dE}{dx} = \left( \frac{2\pi m_e c^2 r_e^2 Z^2}{\beta^2} \right) (\rho_e) \Rightarrow \frac{N Z}{A} : \text{constant term}$