The Particle Adventure Internet Activity-III

Directions:

- 1. Proceed to http://particleadventure.org
- 2. Click on *Start Here*
- 3. On the *Home Glossary/Table of Contents* at left, go to the *How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles?* section, and click on *Accelerators* to begin this session. When you finish each page, click on the > icon at top right to proceed to the next page.

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? Accelerators

- 1. What is used to accelerate particles in an accelerator?
- 2. What happens to these particles after they are accelerated?
- 3. What is used to record the result?
- 4. Where's the nearest particle accelerator to you right now?

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? How to Obtain Particles to Accelerate

- 1. Which particles are obtained from hydrogen? _____
- 2. Which particles are accelerated in TV's?
- 3. How are antiparticles produced? _____
- 4. What is used to separate particle-antiparticle pairs?

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? Accelerating Particles

1. What do particles "ride" that speeds them up?

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? Accelerating Particles Animation

1. Watch the animation. Which particles accelerate more quickly, the ones near the crest (or trough) of the wave, or the one near the center?

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? Accelerator Design

- 1. What are the two types of collisions that occur in colliders?
- 2. List the two shapes of colliders and describe how particles move in them.

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? Fixed-Target Experiments

1. What is an early historic example of a fixed-target experiment?

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? Colliding-Beam Experiments

1. What is the advantage the colliding-beam arrangement?

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? A Linear or Circular Accelerator?

- 1. What three purposes are linacs used for?
- 2. What are two uses for synchrotrons?
- 3. What is used to keep particles in synchrotrons moving is a circle?

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? What Makes a Particle Go in a Circle?

1. What do **electric** fields do to particles in a circular accelerator?

| 2. | What are three key functions of magnets in a circular |
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| | accelerator? |

- 1._____
- 3. Do magnets add energy or speed to particles?
- 4. In a circular accelerator, how do the directions of a particle and its respective antiparticle compare?

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? Advantages of Accelerator Design

- 1. What advantages do circular accelerators have over linear accelerators?
- 2. What advantages do linear accelerators have over circular accelerators?

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? A Linear or Circular Accelerator?

1. For each of the first **five** accelerators profiled on this page, list the name, location, **type** of accelerator (hint – only one is a linear accelerator), and major particle discoveries (and/or area of research):

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? The Event

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How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? Detectors

- What three specific things can detectors tell about particles?
 1.
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 - 3.

How Do We Experiment With Tiny Particles? Detector Shapes

 Describe how particles travel after a collision in each of the two target styles and how this determines the detector design. Include a diagram (on the left) for each. Fixed target experiments:

Colliding beam experiments:

How Do We Interpret Our Data? Modern Detectors

- 1. What types of particles are detected in the tracking chamber?
- 2. What the hadron calorimeter measure?
- 3. Why are muons and neutrinos the only particles detected in the muon chambers?
- 4. How is the presence of neutrinos inferred from muon chamber data?

How Do We Interpret Our Data? Typical Detector Components

- 1. Why aren't neutrons and photons detected in the tracking chamber?

How Do We Interpret Our Data? Measuring Charge and Momentum

- 1. How can the sign of a charged particle be determined by the path of the particle in a magnetic field?
- 2. Which particle will bend more in a magnetic field, one with relatively high momentum or one with relatively low momentum?

How Do We Interpret Our Data? Modern Detectors

- 1. How do researchers know that a particle detected in the muon chamber is actually a muon and not some other particle? (Hint: it has to do with the layer just before the muon chamber.)
- 2. Why couldn't it be a neutrino?