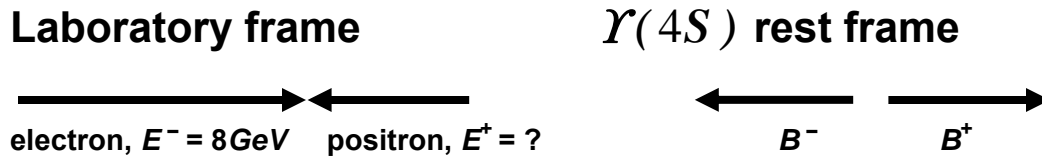


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The Japanese B-factory collides electron beams and positron beams with adjustable and unequal beam energies to produce an excited state of the Y -meson, called the $Y(4S)$. The rest mass of the $Y(4S)$ is $10.58 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. Subsequently, the $Y(4S)$ meson decays into a pair of B -mesons: B^+ and B^- . The rest masses of the oppositely charged B^+ and B^- mesons each are $5.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$.



Hint: Stay in the units where energy is measured in GeV , momentum in GeV/c and mass in GeV/c^2 .

- The beam energy of the electron beam is chosen as $E^- = 8 \text{ GeV}$ and the center of mass energy of the colliding beams equals the mass of the $Y(4S)$ meson: calculate the energy of the positron beam, E^+ , in the laboratory frame. Momenta perpendicular to the beam direction are zero.
- Calculate the magnitudes of the momenta for the B^+ and B^- mesons in the rest frame of the $Y(4S)$.
- Assume the B^+ is emitted in the direction of the electron beam. What are the magnitudes of the 3-momenta for the B^+ and B^- mesons in the laboratory frame?
- The B^+ and B^- mesons both decay after $1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$ in their respective rest frames. How far has each particle traveled in the laboratory frame before they decay?