

CMA The Japanese B -factory collides electron beams head-on with positron beams. The beam energies are unequal but have been carefully adjusted so as to produce an excited state of the Υ meson called the $\Upsilon(4S)$. The rest mass of the $\Upsilon(4S)$ is $10.58 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. Subsequently the $\Upsilon(4S)$ decays to a pair of B -mesons: B^+ and B^- . The rest masses of the oppositely-charged B^+ and B^- mesons are both $5.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. The rest mass of the electron is negligible at these energies.



[Hint: In working the following parts, use units where energy is measured in GeV, momentum in GeV/c , and mass in units GeV/c^2 .]

- a) The energy of the electron beam is set at $E^- = 8 \text{ GeV}$ and the center of mass energy of the colliding beams is equal to the mass of the $\Upsilon(4S)$. Calculate the energy E^+ of the positron beam in the laboratory frame. Momenta perpendicular to the beam direction are zero.
- b) Calculate the magnitude of the momenta of the B^+ and B^- in the *rest frame* of the $\Upsilon(4S)$.
- c) Assume the B^+ is emitted in the direction of the electron beam. What are the magnitudes of the 3-momenta of the B^+ and B^- mesons in the laboratory frame?
- d) The B^+ and B^- mesons both decay after $1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}$ in their respective rest frames. How far did the B^+ particle travel in the laboratory frame before it decayed?