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Chapter 3: Experimental methods

1. A secondary particle beam can consist of several types of different particles. Separators are used to select the type of particle required. The separator consists of two parallel plates with a high potential between them. The beam passes between the plates and then through a deflecting magnet and slit system. Show that the difference in angular deflection, $\Delta \theta$, of two relativistic particles with momentum *p* and masses *m*_I and *m*₂, after traversing an electric field of strength E and length L, is:

$$\Delta\theta = \text{EeL}\frac{(m_1^2 - m_2^2)}{2p^3}$$

2. Critical energy of the electromagnetic shower development in iron is $E_C=24$ MeV, and one radiation length is $X_0=1.76$ cm. Estimate the necessary thickness of a calorimeter that uses iron as an absorber, if initial electrons have energies not exceeding $E_0=100$ MeV.

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Chapter 4: Space-time symmetries

Electromagnetic decays of η meson to two pions have never been observed, which is explained by the parity conservation requirement. Use this knowledge to:

a) knowing that η has spin 0, deduce its parity

b) knowing that decays of η to three pions are readily observed, deduce intrinsic parity of a pion