

Answers

1 Circular orbit $qvB=mv^2/R$ implies $1/R(\text{m}) = 0.3 B(\text{T})/p(\text{GeV})$ or $R = p/(0.3 \times B)$

a) $R = 7000 \text{ GeV}/(0.3 \times 12 \text{ T}) = 1,944.4 \text{ m}$

This tight radius would indicate circumference of 12.217 km. The LHC circumference is 26 km and the difference is due to the FODO (focusing-drift-defocusing-drift) optical structure of the accelerator plus the space needed for quadrupole magnets, RF cavities and final-focus optical structures

b) $B = p/(0.3 \times R)$ implies a scale factor of 13/7, i.e., $B = 12 \text{ T} \times 13/7 = 22.286 \text{ T}$

c) minimum radius $R = 50000 \text{ GeV}/(0.3 \times 20 \text{ T}) = 8.333 \text{ km}$

assuming the same scaling factor between minimum and actual radius as for LHC

$$k = \text{actual radius}/\text{minimal radius} =$$

$$k = 26000 \text{ m}/(2 \times \pi) \times 1944 \text{ m} = 2.13$$

$$\text{we would get a total length of the tunnel} = 2 \times \pi \times 8.333 \text{ km} \times 2.13 = 111.5 \text{ km}$$

2. Light year in km: $1 \text{ ly} = 9.461 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}$

Distance to Alpha Centauri: $d = 4 \text{ ly} = 3.784 \times 10^{13} \text{ km}$