Just a few reflections + photos

1971 Stony Brook, graduate study 1972

Professor Chenning Yang Studied high energy physics thesis on HEP



1972

Professor Ernest Courant Introduction accelerator physics half-time ISABELLE at BNL



• Lifelong learning with professors Yang and Courant



1981 Tokyo University



2016 Tsinghua University Special lecture on quaternions



Yellow Mountain 1994



Marseilles 1984



on helical spin snake

Speaking of being grateful, two more things happened in 1973-74 pivotal to my life.

• First, Patricia said YES, not knowing what she got herself into.



1972 Montreal







• Then, Professor Yang talked to me --- twice, convinced me to make a transition from high energy physics to accelerator physics.



I became an accelerator physicist.



Reflection becoming an accelerator physicist wasn't easy 1974:

- Accelerator physics was not a field!
 - ♦ "Accelerator physics" was not a phrase
 - ♦ No professional organizations in APS, EPS, etc
 - \diamond No profession journals
 - ♦ No prizes/honors
 - \diamond No schools

Should a young PhD enter a field like that? I hesitated.



- After two in-depth discussions with Yang, I made the right decision!
- I have been very lucky that Yang and Courant were there for the guidance and encouragement at a time when I needed them most.



- As mentioned, accelerator physics was not a field in 1974. I was hired to SLAC as "experimental high energy physicist".
- But I was lucky, I came to SLAC where meeting me were visionary leaders.







Burt 1983

• Reflection I am grateful for 10 years of uninterfered accelerator physics research at SLAC 1974-1984. All my later research works trace back to works done in these years.

- In 1984, Maury Tigner asked me to join the Superconducting Super Collider Central Design Group.
 - ♦ Started unforgettable time of hard and exciting work on a big project.
 - \diamond And many later years.







now

• Cancellation of the SSC sent me back to SLAC in 1993. It conclusively ended my participation in big projects!

In the mean time, the accelerator community evolved with dedicated efforts by many. Thanks to these efforts, we now have an accelerator community. "Accelerator physics" is now a phrase!



7 is dedicated to Colliders



International Committee for Future Accelerators

U.S. Particle Accelerator School

Education in Beam Physics and Accelerator Technology

Google Search



- Melvyn Month, leader of these efforts in the 70s and 80s.
- ♦ USPAS school
- Division of Physics of Beams in the APS
- ♦ the Wilson Prize





Menvyn Month 1983

- Many other efforts
- \diamond Accelerator Group in EPS
- ♦ International Committee of Future Accelerators
- ♦ Physical Review of Accelerators and Beams
- ♦ Handbook of Accelerator Physics and Engineering
- ♦ Reviews of Accelerator Science and Technology
- Much more needs to be done. Burden falls on younger generation.
 => May the community growth continue!

- Reflections don't stop at my beloved professors and bosses.
- Also many close friends and colleagues!































 Last but not least ... and family! Thanks for coming!



