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Abstract

Fixed target physics at CERN remains an essential part of the laboratory's scientific programme and horizon. In recent years fixed target and decay physics using CERN's unique accelerator and beam facilities continues to enable unique experiments to be undertaken. An overview is presented of the status of this physics and, wherever appropriate, of its future.

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- 2. Nuclear Matter and QCD Degrees of Freedom
- 3. Low Energy Hadronic Physics
- 4. K-decay Physics
- 5. Understanding anti-matter
- 6. The spin-structure of the Nucleon
- 7. Scalar Fields ?
- 8. Neutrino Physics @ CERN
- 9. Onwards

"I cannot choose the best. The best chooses me." Rabindranath Tagore





heavy ion programme @ SPS

- NA49 Large Acceptance Hadron Detection for an Investigation of Pb-induced Reactions at the CERN SPS completing
- 2. NA60 Study of Prompt Dimuon and Charm Production with Proton and Heavy Ion Beams at the CERN SPS *completing*
- **3.** NA61 Study of Hadron Production in Hadron-Nucleus and Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions at the CERN SPS *data-taking*
 - nucleon spin structure and hadronic physics @ SPS
 NA58 COmmon Muon and Proton Apparatus for Structure and Spectroscopy





- AD programme
- 1. AD-2(ATRAP) Cold Antihydrogen for Precise Laser Spectroscopy data taking
- 2. AD-3(ASACUSA) Atomic Spectroscopy and Collisions using Slow Antiprotons data taking
- 3. AD-4(ACE) Relative Biological Effectiveness and
 - Peripheral Damage of Antiproton Annihilation data taking
- 4. AD-5(ALPHA) Antihydrogen Laser Physics Apparatus constructing and commissioning
 - particle astrophysics
 CAST A Solar Axion Search Using a decommissioned LHC Test Magnet







on-going

- K-decay @SPS
- 1. NA48.2 Precision Measurement of Charged Kaon Decay Parameters with an Extended NA48 Setup *completing*
- **2. P136** R&D Programme for a measurement of $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu$
- 3. NA62 Measurement of the ratio $K^+ \rightarrow ev/K^+ \rightarrow \mu v$ analysing
- PS programme
- 1. PS212 (**DIRAC**) Lifetime Measurements of pi+ pi- Atoms to Test Low-Energy QCD Predictions data taking
- 2. PS214 (HARP) Hadron Production for the Neutrino Factory and for the Atmospheric Neutrino Flux *completing*
- 3. PS215 (CLOUD) A Study of the Link between Cosmic Rays and Clouds with a Cloud Chamber at the CERN PS *construction and commissioning*

Overview: the programme



CNGS programme

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1. CNGS1 (**OPERA**) An Appearance Experiment to Search for $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{T}$ Oscillations in the CNGS Beam

construction and commissioning

- 2. CNGS2(**ICARUS**) A search programme for explicit *v*-oscillations *construction and commissioning*
 - "photon science" OSQAR: Photon Regeneration, the QED vacuum, and scalar fields *construction, commissioning, data taking*
 - Coherent QED, and Accelerator Science?
 EM Processes in Strong Crystalline Fields data taking

What follows is necessarily limited and to my personal taste!



Nuclear Matter

- nuclear matter @ BE (~ MeV) scale
 - colour confinement of QCD d.f.
 - \rightarrow bound state colour singlet (1_c)
 - \rightarrow nucleon d.f.
 - → strong (> EM) nuclear force saturates → fluid $R = 1.25 A^{1/3}$ fm
 - 1 nucleon per 8 fm^3
 - \rightarrow internucleon force \leq 1-2 fm
 - → independent particle shell
- nuclear matter and QCD d.f confined energy deconfined nucleon phase ↔ parton phase Quark-Gluon Plasma







Nuclear Matter as QGP?



- Quark-Gluon Plasma
 - partonic (coloured) d.f.
 - low *T* ← overlap nucleons ← pressure: cold QGP
 - neutron star ?
 - higher $T \leftarrow$ heating \leftarrow energy: hot QGP $| \rightarrow q\overline{q} q\overline{q} ... \rightarrow$ hadrons

plasma ← quasi-free q q g
← q q g g colour screened by other colour
"predicted" feature of chromodynamics (SM) non-perturbative (lattice)
finite T field theory → Universe ≤ 10⁻⁴ s
vital piece of the SM of the Universe

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QGP from Ion Collisions ?



courtesy NA49

 hot QGP expectation/phenomenology
 1. microscopic nucleon collisions
 qqq qq q q g → pre-equil^m parton state
 net mom^m along beam ↔

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> 2. parton re-scattering → thermal q q g → pre-equ^m parton state mom^m equi-partition u ū d d s s equi-partition few GeV/fm³ → QGP @ high T?



3. QGP (?) expands and cools \rightarrow hadrons (if QGP) phase transition

4. hadrons re-scatter and interact dilution

QGP Signatures?



courtesy NA49

hot QGP experiment: high energy AA
 microscopic nucleon collisions

+ parton re-scattering \rightarrow thermal QGP? enhanced γ (black body) \rightarrow detector enhanced $e \mu$ (black body) \rightarrow detector suppressed $J/\psi \ \psi' \rightarrow$ detector

 ρ -resonance distortion $q\overline{q} / \pi\pi \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- QGP(?) expands and cools \rightarrow hadrons + hadrons re-scatter and interact re-scattering preserves light flavours hadron flavour mix \rightarrow hadron thermometer $\rightarrow T_c @ QGP$ -hadron phase change ? $\rightarrow \mu_B @ QGP$ -hadron phase change ?









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Clear µµ excess over expected Charm and Drell-Yan yields observed

Enhanced open charm excluded by precise measurement of muon track offset with respect to the primary interaction point



Excess qualitatively different from Drell-Yan (strongly concentrated at low $p_{\rm T})$

Looks related to a soft process like $q\bar{q}$ annihilation in a deconfined phase or multipion annihilation \Rightarrow Thermal radiation



John Dainton **NA60 CERN** Academic Lectures May 2008 Anomalous suppression Measured / nucl. abs. 1 1. 1. 2. 1. 1 1. 1. 1. detected in Indium-Indium starting at $N_{part} \sim 80$, corresponding to an energy density ~ 1.5 GeV/fm^3 1.1 Centrality dependence of 0.9 J/Y suppression determined by NA60 much more 0.8 precisely than previous 0.7 measurements 0.6 J/Y suppression marking NA50 Pb-Pb (E_{ZDC}), 158 GeV 0.5 the onset of NA60 In-In (E700), 158 GeV deconfinement? 0.4 150 200 250 300 50 100 350 400 N_{part}













Low Energy Hadron Physics: DIRAC



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> Pionium or A_{2n} can be produced in the interaction of a 24 GeV/c proton beam with nuclear targets (eg. Ni). These exotic atoms originate from C oulomb attraction in the final state, when the relative distance between 2 pions is of the order of few fm.

The aim of DIRAC is to detect $\pi^*\pi^*$ pairs originating from $A_{2\pi}$ -BREAKUP (ionization) in the same nuclear target: These so-called "atomic pairs" are characterized by small opening angles (< 3 mrad) and small relative pair momenta Q < 3 MeV/c.

The detection of "atomic pairs" allows to determine the $A_{2\pi}$ BREAKUP probability,

which is a function of the $A_{2\pi}$ LIFETIME.

Low Energy Hadron Physics: DIRAC



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> "Accidental" & "correlated" pairs:

Spectra of $\pi^+\pi^-$ relative momenta Q for accidental and time-correlated pairs. The latter sample dN_{corr}/dQ contains mainly "free" and few "atomic" (Q < 4 MeV/c) pairs from pionium ionization. For Q > 4 MeV/c the "free pair" spectrum dN_{free}/dQ is fitted by a distribution, b ased on the "accidental pair" spectrum.

Method

Effect \Rightarrow "Atomic pairs": Difference between the spectra dN_{corr}/dQ observed and dN_{tree}/dQ predicted for all Q: \rightarrow Residual pairs. The excess at low Q is the signal for "atomic pairs", i.e. $\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$ pairs from pionium ionization.

Low Energy Hadron Physics: DIRAC

к+

em

 π^0

strong

- measuring low energy $\pi\pi$ scattering
 - K-decay

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isospin amplitudes: a_0 and a_2

- pionium $\rightarrow \pi\pi$ isospin amplitude combⁿ: $a_0 - a_2$
- measuring low energy $K\pi$ scattering
 - "kapionium" $\rightarrow K\pi$ isospin amplitude combⁿ : $a_1 - a_3$
- at low energy potential structure not resolved \rightarrow scattering length a_s $\sigma = \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \sin^2 \delta_s = 4\pi a_s^2$

important test of QCD at low energy



Low Energy Hadron Physics: DIRAC

Low-energy QCD predictions for scattering lengths (s-wave):

 $\pi\pi: a_0 - a_2 = 0.265 \pm 1.5\%$ $\pi K: a_1 - a_3 = 0.24 (1 - 100p) a_1 - a_3 = 0.269 \pm 6\% (RS)$ Experiments $A_{2\pi}$ lifetime: 1) 2005 DIRAC: $a_0 - a_2 = 0.264 \pm 7.5\%(stat) \pm \frac{3}{8}\%(sys) = ... \pm \frac{1}{11}\%$...based on 2001 data (6530 observed atoms) (PL B619, 50) 2) 2008 DIRAC: $a_0 - a_2 = 0.268 \pm 4.5\%(stat) \pm \frac{1.9}{2.2}\%(sys) = ... \pm \frac{4.9}{5.0}\%(sys) = ...$... from major part 2001-03 data (13390 observed atoms) preliminary 3) >2008 DIRAC: $a_0 - a_2 = ... \pm 2\%(stat) \pm 1\%(sys) \pm 1\%(th) = ... \pm 2.4\%$...after data collection in 2008 & 2009 $A_{\pi K}$ lifetime: $a_1 - a_3 = \dots \pm 10\%$ (stat) >2008 DIRAC: ...after data collection in 2008 & 2009 \blacktriangleright on the way to checking chromodynamic χ PT







L. Landau, 1957: "As is well known, the unusual properties of *K*-mesons have created a perplexing situation in modern physics.... Invariance of the interactions with respect to combined inversion (CP) leaves space completely symmetrical....



From Gino Isidori: http://scienzapertutti.lnf.infn.it/P1/schedaCP.html



What is (the origin of) $\mathcal{Q}^{P?}$



- discovery of \mathcal{Q}^{p} (BNL 1964) - indirect: $R(\mathcal{K}^{0} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{K}^{0}}) \neq R(\overline{\mathcal{K}^{0}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^{0})$
 - super-weak interaction (Wolfenstein)
 - only in indirect (kaon oscillations)
 - not in decays

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- no other plausible experimental effect
- 3 q generations (Kobayashi & Maskawa, 1973)
 (2 q generations no phase → CP
 - 3 q generations 1 (complex) phase $\rightarrow QP$)
 - before *c*-quark discovery
 - 3 q generations direct $\rightarrow \varepsilon'/\varepsilon \neq 0$ in K-decay $\rightarrow QP$ in B-decay


































First Demonstration - Antiprotons Stacked in a Trap

G. Gabrielse, X. Fei, L.A. Orozco, R. Tjoelker, J. Haas, H. Kalinowsky, T.A. Trainor, W. Kells Phys. Rev. Lett. 63, 1360 (1989)

"Stacking of Cold Antiprotons" ATRAP Phys. Lett. B **548**, 140 (2002)



















Fig. 1. (a) The structure of the \bar{p} He⁺ atomcule, in which the \bar{p} with large-(n, l) quantum numbers circulates in a localized orbit around the He²⁺ nucleus, while the electron occupies the distributed 1s state. (b) The level scheme of large-(n, l) states of the \bar{p} He⁺ atomcule. The solid bars indicate radiation-dominated metastable states, while the broken lines are for Auger-dominated short-lived states, The significance of this categorization will be explained below. The ionized \bar{p} He²⁺ states are also shown by dotted lines. From Ref. [2].





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ELENA layout

ELENA basic parameters





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COMPASS



60 m

- 250 physicists from 10 countries
- fixed-target experiment at unique SPS beam-line muons (160 GeV/c), pions (<280 GeV)
- world-largest polarised solid-state target
- full particle ID RICH, ECAL, HCAL
- novel detector types
 - Micromegas, GEMS, ...
- LHC-grade data rates presently 8 TByte/day
- data taking start 2002 muons till 2007 beam pion beam ≥ 2008
















- the strong CP problem
 - no GP in QCD
 - no QCD phase $\overline{\Theta}$
 - Peccei-Quinn mechanism

 $\overline{\Theta} \rightarrow SSB$ field \leftarrow axion (low mass scalar)

- experiment
 - Vacuum Magnetic Birefringence (PVLAS OSQAR)
 - photoproduction in Sun: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow axion$ (CAST CERN)
 - DM galaxy halo: axion $\rightarrow \mu$ wave γ tunable cavity
 - (ADMX LLRL)
 - "light shining thru walls" $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow axion \rightarrow \gamma\gamma FEL$









Nd-YAG laser: Power P = 0.1 - 10 kW $\lambda = 1064$ nm Optical cavity: F = 10^4 - 10^5 , I = 7 m Detection part: L = 7 m

Expectations: Improvement / the present reference result of Cameron et al. Phys. Rev. D47 (1993) 3707 $\sim R \ x \ 10^7$ with 1 magnet & 100 W















Sun, atmosphere, LBL reactors & accelerators



No direct evidence yet of flavour APPEARANCE tagged by identification of 1⁻ emitted in CC interaction (only *indirect* evidence from NC measurement in SNO, and soon in MINOS)





















