PANDA experiment at the future FAIR facility (Darmstadt, Germany)

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- FAIR facility
- Overview of physics program
- Overview of detector

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FAIR project



Total cost - 1.008,66 MEuro, Poland - 23.74 MEuro.

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Construction site



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HESR



Up to 10^{11} stored antiprotons. Annihilation rate up to $2 \cdot 10^7 \ s^{-1}$.

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Fixed target experiment with antiproton beam of 1.5 - 15 GeV/c momentum from HESR synchrotron. Physics program of the PANDA experiment:

- Charmonium spectroscopy
- Search for exotic states (hybrids and glueballs)
- Hadrons in nuclear matter
- Physics of open charm
- Physics of hypernuclei
- Electromagnetic processes

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History

- Idea of experiment arises in 2003.
- Letter of intent in 2004 (http://www-panda.gsi.de/ archive/public/panda_loi.pdf).
- Technical progress report in 2005 (http://www-panda. gsi.de/archive/public/panda_tpr.pdf).
- Physics performance report with detailed description of intended scientific program in 2009 (http://arxiv.org/abs/0903.3905v1).
- Technical design report of detector subcomponents (EMC -2008, Magnet - 2009, MVD, Straw Tube Tracker - 2012)
- Current estimate of first physics run 2018.

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Why antiprotons?

- Gluon rich process
- Gain ~ 2 GeV in annihilation (low momentum transfer)
- B = 0 system
- All fermion-antifermion quantum numbers accessible (compared to e⁺e⁻)
- Very high mass resolution in formation reactions
- High angular momentum accessible (high L states)







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The cross section for the process: $p\bar{p} \rightarrow R \rightarrow \text{final state}$ is given by the Breit-Wigner formula: $\sigma_{BW} = \frac{2J+1}{4} \frac{\pi}{k^2} \frac{B_{in}B_{out}\Gamma_R^2}{(E-M_R)^2 + \Gamma_R^2/4}$

The production rate of a certain final state ν is a convolution of the BW cross section and the beam energy distribution function $f(E, \Delta E)$: $\nu = \mathcal{L}\{\epsilon \int dE f(E, \Delta E)\sigma_{BW}(E) + \sigma_b\}$



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The resonance mass M_R , total width Γ_R and product of branching ratios into the initial and final state $B_{in}B_{out}$ can be extracted by measuring the formation rate for that resonance as a function of the center of mass energy E.

Why antiprotons?



Gaiser et al., Phys. Rev. D34 (1986) 711 CrystalBall (SLAC): 3512.3 ± 4 MeV/c² Andreotti et al., Nucl. Phys. B717 (2005) 34-47 (E835): 3510.641 ± 0.074 MeV/c²

Production:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \psi' \rightarrow \gamma \chi_{1,2} \rightarrow \gamma (\gamma J / \psi) \rightarrow \gamma \gamma e^+ e^-$$

Invariant mass reconstruction depends on the detector resolution $\approx 10 \text{ MeV}$

Formation:

$$\overline{p}p \rightarrow \chi_{1,2} \rightarrow \gamma J / \psi \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$$

Resonance scan: Resolution depends on the beam resolution



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E760@Fermilab ≈ 240 keV PANDA ≈ 50 keV

Interpretation of many states depends on width of states

The study of QCD bound states is of fundamental importance for a better, quantitative understanding of QCD.

Particle spectra can be computed within the framework of non-relativistic potential models, effective field theories and Lattice QCD. Precision measurements are needed to distinguish between the different approaches and identify the relevant degrees of freedom.

- Charmonium
- Exotic excitations
- Heavy-light systems
- Strange and charmed baryons

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Charmonium spectroscopy



- Below the *DD* threshold, all expected states have been observed, with properties in good agreement with theory; some precision masses and widths measurements still missing; there are no additional states.

- Many unexpected states have been reported above the $D\bar{D}$ threshold, seemingly too many with $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$. Several exotic hypotheses about their nature: tetraquarks, hadronic molecules, hybrids, glueballs, hadro-quarkonia.

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- These result mainly from Belle and $B\!A\!B\!A\!R$, with significant contributions also from CDF, D0, CLEO, LHCb, ATLAS, CMS and BES

Exotic QCD states (X,Y,Z)

conventional quarkonium

• quarkonium hybrids



- quarkonium tetraquarks
 - compact tetraquark
 - meson molecule
 - diquark-onium
 - hadro-quarkonium

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Born-Oppenheimer tetraquark! arXiv:1305.6905

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Exotic QCD states

How PANDA can contribute?

- $J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$, $J/\psi\pi^0\pi^0$, $\chi_c\gamma \rightarrow J/\psi\gamma\gamma$, $J/\psi\gamma$, $J/\psi\eta$, $\eta_c\gamma$
- Direct formation in pp: line shapes !



Glueballs

- Narrow state at 1500 MeV/c² seen by Crystal Barrel best candidate for glueball ground state ($J^{PC} = 0^{++}$)
- Non exotic gg/ggg-system are complicated to be identified (mixing with the nearby $\bar{q}q$ states).
- Detailed predictions of mass spectrum from LQCD. C.Amsler et al., [Crystal Barrel], Phys Lett B 342, 433 (1995)
- Exotic heavy glueballs:
 - m(0⁺⁻)=4140(50)(200) MeV
 - m(2⁺⁻)=4340(70)(230) MeV
- Width unknown but there is a good probability to see glueballs in charm channels



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One of the fundamental questions of QCD is the generation of MASS. The light hadron masses are large than the sum of the constituent quark masses. Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking seems to play a decisive role in the mass generation of light hadrons. How can we check this?

- Since density increase in nuclear matter is possible a partial restoration of chiral symmetry.
- Evidence for mass changes of pions and kaons has been observed.
- $c\bar{c}$ states are sensitive to gluon condensate: - Small (5-10 MeV/ c^2 in medium modifications for low-lying $c\bar{c}$ (J/ψ and η_c)
 - Significant mass shifts for excited states: 40, 100, 140 MeV/c² for χ_{cJ}, ψ' and $\psi(3770)$ respectively (S.Lee, Phys. Rev. C67, 038202 (2003)).
- D mesons are the QCD analog of the H-atom.
 chiral symmetry to be studied on a single light quark

- theoretical calculations disagree in size and sign of mass shift (50 MeV/ c^2 attractive - 160 MeV/ c^2 repulsive) (Phys. Rev. B487, 96 (2000) - Eur. Phys. J A7, 279 (2000)).



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Hypernuclei, system where one (or more) nucleon is replaced by one (or more) hyperon(s) (Y), allow access to a whole set of nuclear states containing an extra degree of freedom: strangeness.

- Probe of nuclear structure and its possible modifications due to the hyperon
- Test and define shell model parameters
- Description in term of quantum field theories and EFT
- Study of the YN and YY forces (single and double hypernuclei)
- Weak decays ($\Lambda \rightarrow \pi N$ suppressed, but $\Lambda N \rightarrow NN$ and $\Lambda \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda N$ allowed: four baryon weak interact)
- Hyperatoms
- Experimentally: in 50 years of study 35 single and 6 double hypernuclei established.

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Hypernuclear physics



- $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \Xi^- \bar{\Xi}^+$ and $\bar{p}n \rightarrow \Xi^- \bar{\Xi}^0$ followed by re-scattering of the Ξ^- within the primary target nucleus.
- After stopping the Ξ⁻ in an external secondary target, the formed Ξ hypernuclei will be converted into double Λ hypernuclei.

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Nucleon form factor

The simplest structure functions of the nucleon are form factors.



Most experiments could not determine $|G_M|$ and $|G_E|$ (the magnetic and electric form factors respectively) separately from the analysis of the angular distributions, but extracted $|G_M|$ using the arbitrary assumption $|G_E| = |G_M|$

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Nucleon form factor

Existing results on the proton form factor



Older Rosenbluth separation data (crosses), most recent JLab Rosenbluth separation data (filled circles), and polarization transfer data (triangles).



- $|G_E|$ and $|G_M|$ in the time like region can be determined by the reactions $\bar{p}p \rightarrow e^+e^-$
- Presently statistics is limited: no real separation $|G_E|/|G_M|$
- G_E in the time like region is today unknown
- Extraction of the ratio $R = |G_E|/|G_M|$

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$p\overline{p} ightarrow e^+e^-$ angular distribution

- \sim 120 days, $\mathcal{L}{=}2{\times}10^{32}~\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$, $\mathcal{L}_{\textit{int}}{=}2~\text{fb}^{-1}$
- Statistical errors only

- $R = |G_E|/|G_M|$ will be determined with good precision for q² values less than 15 (GeV/c)²



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Time-like form factor of the proton



Measurement of the $R = |G_E|/|G_M|$ ratio at \overline{P} ANDA can be done with unprecedent precision compared to BABAR and LEAR.

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Time-like magnetic form factor of the proton



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 4π coverage High rates Good PID Good momentum resolution Vertexing for *D*, K_S^0 , Λ No hardware trigger Modular structure (partial wave analysis) (2 × 10⁷ annihilation/s) (γ , e, μ , π , K, p) (\sim 1 %) ($c\tau$ = 123 μ m for D^0) (raw data rate \sim TB/s) (Hypernuclear physics)

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Detector is divided into:

- Target spectrometer with superconducting solenoid magnet (2 *Tesla*)
- Forward spectrometer with large aperture dipole magnet (2 *Tesla* · *m*).

Target

The cluster-jet beam for the internal target in the HESR is produced by expansion of pre-cooled gas in a convergent-divergent Laval-type nozzle with micron-sized throat into vacuum. During the passage of the gas through the nozzle the gas adiabatically cools down and forms a supersonic stream of atoms or molecules. Under appropriate conditions, depending on the type of gas, condensation can take place and nano-particles, the so-called clusters, are created. In prototype of cluster jet target the record of density $2 \times 10^{15} cm^{-2}$ reached.



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MVD

The concept of the MVD is based on radiation hard silicon pixel detectors with fast individual pixel readout circuits and silicon strip detectors. The layout foresees a four layer barrel detector with an inner radius of 2.5 cm and an outer radius of 13cm. The two innermost layers will consist of pixel detectors and the outer two layers will consist of double sided silicon strip detectors. Six detector wheels arranged perpendicular to the beam will achieve the best acceptance for the forward part of the particle spectrum.



- Small pixel cells (100 × 100 μm², 10⁷ channels)
- Dedicated ASIC for untriggered data readout (ToPix)
- Double-sided silicon micro-strip detectors in the outer parts of the MVD facilitate the readout of a much larger area with significantly fewer channels.
- ToT to extract some energy information.
- PID capability via *dE/dX*.

This detector will consist of aluminised Mylar tubes called straws, which will be self supporting by the operation at 1 bar overpressure. The straws are to be arranged in planar layers which are mounted in a hexagonal shape around the MVD.

- 4636 straw tubes
- 23-27 radial layers
- Ar/CO₂ gas mixture (200 ns drift time)
- Position resolution ($\sigma_{r\phi} \sim 150 \mu m$, $\sigma_z \sim 2 3 mm$)
- Momentum resolution 1 2%
- Two concepts of readout (Amplitude sampling vs amplitude via Time-over-Threshold)



Film tube End plug Wire Crimo pin Crimo pin

Full hexagon sector



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Straw components

SciTil



- At the high interaction rate in the presence of multiple pile-ups the fast detector can assign accurate time stamps to tracks ⇒ SciTil.
- Conversion of γ's in DIRC can be detected.
- Contribution to PID with time-of-flght.
- Silicon Photomultiplier as a photon detector is small, fast, has high rate capability and can work in magnetic field.
- Time resolution around 100 ps can be achieved.

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GEM

- Gaseous micro-pattern detector based on GEM foils are chosen due to high rate capability to sustain up to $3 \times 10^4 cm^{-2} s^{-1}$ particles expected in most forward direction.
- 3 GEM station will cover particles emitted at angles 5° – 22°.
- Required position resolution $\sim 100 \mu m$.





Forward tracker

The Forward Tracker (FT) is designed for momentum analysis of charged particles deflected in the field of the PANDA dipole magnet. Three pairs of planar tracking stations: one pair (FT1, FT2) in front, the second (FT5, FT6) behind the dipole magnet and the third pair (FT3, FT4) inside the magnet gap in order to track low momentum particles hitting the magnet yoke.

- Each tracking station consists of four double-layers: the first and the fourth one contain vertical straws (0°) and the two intermediate double-layers contain straws inclined at +5° and -5°, respectively.
- The FT is based on 10 mm in diameter straw tube detectors of the type proposed for the Central Tracker.
- In order to minimize the aging effects, usage of 90% Ar + 10% CO2 gas mixture is considered.
- With position resolution of *σ* = 0.1 *mm* per detection layer the momentum resolution better than 1 % is expected.





Electromagnetic calorimeter



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Shashlyk calorimeter

The detection is based on lead-scintillator sandwiches read out with wavelength shifting fibres passing through the block and coupled to photo-multipliers (27×14 modules).



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PID

- Cherenkov radiation : above ~ 0.8 GeV/c
- Energy loss measurements: below ~ 0.8 GeV/c
- · Time of flight
- · Muon detectors: primary muons selection from pions and decay muons
- EMC: electromagnetic showers for e and γ



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DIRC

DIRC (Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov light)

- PANDA PID requirement: more than 3σ π/K separation in the momentum range 0.5-5 GeV/c
- DIRC detector is based on principle that charged particles propagated in medium with β > 1/n emit cherenkov photons on a cone with opening angle cos θ_c = 1/βn(λ)
- Photons exit radiator bars through focusing elements into expansion volume and are imaged on photon detector array.
- Observed hit patterns of Cherenkov photons (x,y,t) determine PID likelihoods for e/µ/π/K/p
- Two DIRC detectors in PANDA: Barrel DIRC similar to Babar DIRC with several improvements (fast photon timing, focusing system) and Disk DIRC





- · 22° 140 ° polar angle
- 80 radiator bars, syntetic fused silica 1.7x3.3x250 cm³
- Double lens system
- 30 cm oil-filled
- ~ 15 kchannels MCP-PMTs

Single photon Cherenkov angle resolution: 8-9 mrad Number of photoelectrons per track > 20

- 5°-22°
- · Octagonal disk, 2 m diameter, 2 cm thick
- Four identical pieces with polished and reflecting sides
- · Dichroic mirrors on rim
- 432 small focusing guides image photons on digital SiPM or MCP PMTs







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DAQ

Self triggered readout

- Components:
 - Time distribution system
 - Intelligent frontends
 - Powerful compute nodes
 - High speed network
- Data Flow:
 - Data reduction
 - Local feature extraction
 - Data burst building
 - Event selection
 - Data logging after online reconstruction
- Programmable Physics Machine



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Hypernuclear setup



- $\Lambda\Lambda$ hypernuclei study: $\overline{p} + {}^{12}C \Rightarrow \Xi + \Xi$
- Backward End Cap EMC and MVD will be removed
- Dedicated beam pipe system
- Wire target into the beam pipe
- Secondary active target (Si strips + Be,B,C absorbers)
- HPGe encapsulated crystal attached to the X-Cooler

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