## **Status and plans for 2013, CERN NA63**

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Status:

- 1. Quantum suppression
- 2. Structured target resonance
- 3. Low-Z LPM

4. Positron production (test, 4 MIMOSAs) Plans (for 2014):

- 1. Heavy ion bremsstrahlung
- 2. Positron production (8 MIMOSAs)

# STATUS Quantum suppression 2009 measurement

# Strong fields

- Strong compared to what? relativistic (c) quantum (ħ) field for electrons (m,e)
  - The critical field:

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = m^2 c^3 / e \hbar$$
  
= 1.32 × 10<sup>16</sup> V/cm

## $B_0 = 4.41 \times 10^9 \text{ T}$

Exists at the surface of some neutron stars (magnetars)

Relativistic invariant:  $\chi = \gamma \mathcal{E}/\mathcal{E}_0$ 





## Beamstrahlung – synchr.rad.

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1 JULY 1987

#### Quantum treatment of beamstrahlung

Richard Blankenbecler and Sidney D. Drell





# Quantum suppression

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### Experimental investigations of synchrotron radiation at the onset of the quantum regime

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STATUS Low-Z LPM 2010 measurement 2012 measurement

## Low-Z LPM

- Test LPM theory in low-Z targets
- 2010 measurement: deconvolution of synchr. rad. given up
- Experiment redone in 2012 with a much improved setup

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 ${\sf X_0}/{\Delta t} imes {\sf 1/N_e} imes {\sf dN_\gamma}/{\sf dln}\hbar\omega$ 

1.3

1.0

0.9

0.8

0.7

0.6

0.5 0.3

0.4 0.5 0.6



## Low-Z LPM

## 20 GeV electrons in Copper: No signs of kink-like structure



# Low-Z LPM

178 GeV electrons in various targets: Analysis in progress – looking good. Expected finished end-2012.



STATUS Structured targets 2011 measurement 2012 measurement

#### week ending 17 FEBRUARY 2012

#### **Direct Measurement of the Formation Length of Photons**

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Measuring the formation length with a micrometer screw....

# Structured targets – systematic investigation



STATUS Positron production 2012 measurement



Read-out electronics operational – triggered readout. Wrongly patched MIMOSAs prevent large coverage in momentum.

## Spectrometer magnet

## Aligned diamond <100> crystal

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## MIMOSA detectors

# Angular scans

 Radiation enhancement observed w/ 180 GeV electrons (signal = radiation above 50 GeV, 'strong field radiation')

September 2012, CERN with 1.5 mm diamond:





## **MIMOSA** read-out



80C 60C 40C 

Raw data map of plane 4 - DUT, S/N>-65536.0



PLANS FOR 2014 (to be reported in 2013)

## Heavy ion bremsstrahlung

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#### Bremsstrahlung from relativistic heavy ions in matter

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## Radiation emission



Peak structure due to finite nuclear size

## Heavy ion bremsstrahlung



# Publications, NA63

- Up to 2011:
  - 4 NuclInstrMethB, 1 JPhysB, 1 JPhysConfSer, 2 PRD, 1 PRL
- In 2012:
- Mangiarotti, P. Sona, S. Ballestrero, K.K. Andersen and U. I. Uggerhøj: Comparison of analytical and Monte Carlo calculations of multi-photon effects in bremsstrahlung emission by high-energy electrons, Nucl. Instr. Meth. B 289 5-17 (2012)
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- K.K. Andersen, J. Esberg, H. Knudsen, H.D. Thomsen, U.I. Uggerhøj, P. Sona, A. Mangiarotti, T.J. Ketel, A. Dizdar and S. Ballestrero (CERN NA63): *Experimental investigations of synchrotron radiation at the onset of the quantum regime*, Phys. Rev. D 86, 072001 (2012)
- 'In the pipeline' (to be finished in 2013):
  - Low-ZLPM
  - Structured targets