EXPERIMENTS AT CERN IN THE DECADE 1964 – 1974

Luigi Di Lella Physics Department, University of Pisa (retired CERN physicist) 6th June 2014

- The CERN physics "environment" in the years 1964 74
 Size of experiments, detectors, data acquisition, analysis
- A personal selection of experiments at the PS and ISR

For a more complete description of physics results from those years see: L. Van Hove and M. Jacob, Highlights of 25 years of physics at CERN, Physics Reports 62 (1980) 1

The CERN physics environment in the years 1964 – 74

- Many experiments (typically, ~ 10 / year) with relatively short data – taking time (typically, one month)
- Small groups (< 10 physicists)</p>
- Little theoretical guidance (no Standard Model yet !)
- Two classes of experiments (managed by two CERN Divisions):
 - Bubble chamber experiments
 - Electronic experiments

Bubble chambers

(invented by D.A. Glaser in 1952)

Volumes filled with liquid close to the boiling point, kept under pressure.

Few milliseconds before the arrival of the beam particles
(fast ejection) expansion by a piston produces a pressure drop
→ superheated liquid → bubbles form first on the ionization providing photographic images of charged particle tracks
Used liquids: H₂, D₂, He₄, Ne, C₃H₈ (propane), freon, Xe

No trigger on selected events ; Rate limitation from number of tracks / picture .

Example of crowded picture





Event photographs (stereo views) are scanned by physicists and track points are digitized (manually, then automatically) and stored onto magnetic tapes

Charged particle tracking in electronic detectors is achieved by spark chambers (invented by Fukui and Miyamoto in 1959)



Metallic plates in a volume filled with pure noble gases (typically Ne-He mixtures)

High voltage pulse applied between these two lines following an external trigger

Sparks occur along a charged particle track when the high voltage pulse is applied (not later than 0.5 μs after the track time) Max. trigger rate ~ few per second

Initially, spark chambers are "read out" by photographic cameras providing stereo views of events.

Event photographs are then scanned and digitized as for bubble chambers .

Data acquisition in electronic experiments

On – line computers appear around 1964 and are used more and more for data acquisition and detector monitoring .

They allow the development of more "automatic" spart chamber read –out techniques:

- Sonic chambers (with microphones in the corners of each plane to detect the spark noise and measure its position from signal timing)
- Magnetic core read-out: the ground planes are made of wires traversing ferrite cores which are magnetized by the spark current and read out as a computer memory (made also of ferrite cores in those times)
- Magnetostrictive read-out: detection of the magnetic perturbation induced by the sparks on a nickel ribbon perpendicular to the ground wires, and propagating along the ribbon with the speed of sound.

Between the late 1960s and the early 1970s, spark chambers are gradually replaced by Multi–Wire Proportional Chambers and Drift Chambers (invented by G. Charpak in 1968)

Data analysis

Magnetic tapes containing the digitized information from tracking detectors (bubble chambers, spark chambers, MWPCs) are analysed in the CERN Computer Center or in external Institutes using reconstruction and analysis programs generally written in Fortran

During data – taking a few tapes are taken to the CERN Computer Center by one of the physicists on shift for fast analysis of a subsample of events to monitor the detector performance ("Bicycle on – line")

A personal selection of experiments at the PS and ISR

- Neutrino experiments
- Experiments on CP violation
- Hadron spectroscopy
- Exclusive reactions at high energy
- First results from ISR experiments
- Searches for fractionally charged particles
- The three muon "g 2" experiments

Neutrino physics at CERN begins in the PS South Hall in 1963

Layout of the beam and experiments



- Two innovations with respect to the 1962 experiment at the Brookhaven AGS which discovered the 2^{nd} neutrino (v_{μ}):
- Fast extraction of the primary proton beam from the PS and use of an external target to produce pions and kaons decaying to neutrinos;
- The invention of the magnetic horn

Wide band neutrino beams

Charged hadrons (π^{\pm} , K^{\pm}) produced at the target are focussed into an almost almost parallel beam with wide momentum distribution by magnetic "horns" (invented at CERN by Simon van der Meer)





Simon van der Meer explaining the horn working principles





Horn inner conductor

Horn outer conductor



Horn installed on the beam line (1964)



(wide-band, horn-focused beam from the CERN PS)

Neutrino detectors

1. A Heavy Liquid Bubble Chamber (HLBC) filled with CF₃Br (*freon*) in a 2.7 T magnetic field

Diameter 1.2 m, volume 500 liters (0.75 tons of freon) Nuclear interaction mean free path in freon ~ 0.6 m, radiation length 11 cm

2. A spark chamber detector with a fiducial mass of ~15 tons





Spark chamber picture of a $\nu_{\mu} + n \rightarrow \mu^{-} + p$ "quasi-elastic" event 418 events in the 1963-64 runs



Spark chamber picture of a $v_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p$ "quasi-elastic" event 39 events in the 1963-64 runs (consistent with expected v_e flux)

1966 – 74 : a new neutrino beam in the PS South – East Area



DETECTORS

1966 – 70 : The 1.2 m diam. Heavy Liquid Bubble Chamber filled with C₃H₈ (propane) followed by a spark chamber detectors;

1971 – 74: The giant Heavy Liquid Bubble Chamber Gargamelle filled with freon

Among the results from the early neutrino experiments:

- Measurement of the cross-section versus energy of the quasi-elastic process $v_{\mu} + n \rightarrow \mu^{-} + p$
- Measurement of the nucleon weak axial form factor from the Q² distribution of quasi-elastic events
- Measurement of the cross-section versus energy of resonance production: $v_{\mu} + p \rightarrow \mu^{-} + \Delta^{++} \rightarrow \mu^{-} + p + \pi^{+}$ $v_{\mu} + n \rightarrow \mu^{-} + \Delta^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{-} + n + \pi^{+}$ $v_{\mu} + n \rightarrow \mu^{-} + \Delta^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{-} + p + \pi^{\circ}$
- Study of multi-pion production by neutrinos
- Search for μ^-e^+ and $\mu^-\mu^+$ pairs as a possible signature for the production of a light (mass < 2 GeV) weak boson W: ν_{μ} + nucleus $\rightarrow \mu^-$ + nucleus + W⁺, followed by W⁺ $\rightarrow e^+ + \nu$ or W⁺ $\rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu$

Measurement of the neutrino – nucleon total cross-section in the 1.2 m diameter heavy liquid bubble chamber I. Budagov et al., Phys. Lett. 30B (1969) 364

 $\sigma_{TOT}(v_{\mu} - nucleon) = (0.8 \pm 0.2) E (GeV) \times 10^{-38} cm^2$

The linear rise with energy is a consequence of the quark structure of the nucleon, which had just been discovered at SLAC by measuring "deep-inelastic" electron – nucleon scattering

→ Demonstration that neutrinos interact with light, point-like nucleon constituents

See the recent paper by D.H. Perkins "An early neutrino experiment: how we missed quark substructure in 1963", The European Physics Journal H 38 (2013) 713



Why did it take ~10 years to discover neutrino Neutral – Current interactions ?

v + nucleon $\rightarrow v +$ hadrons [cross-section typically $\approx 2 \times 10^{-39} E_v \text{ cm}^2 (E_v \text{ in GeV})$]: Incident neutrino energies $1 - 2 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow$ little visible energy in the detector \rightarrow difficult to separate the interaction from interactions of neutrons produced by neutrino interactions near the end of the shielding wall



the trigger is inefficient to low energy hadronic showers

Attempt to detect the elastic reaction $v + p \rightarrow v + p$ in the 1.2 m diam. HLBC filled with propane (D.C. Cundy et al, Phys. Lett. 31B (1970) 478) Observe 4 events with proton kinetic energy 150 – 500 MeV corresponding to

 $\frac{\sigma(\nu_{\mu} + p \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} + p)}{\sigma(\nu_{\mu} + n \rightarrow \mu^{-} + p)} = 0.12 \pm 0.06$ (the authors consider this result as an upper limit).

In 1979 this ratio is measured to be 0.11 \pm 0.02 by the BNL-Harvard-Pennsylvania coll. 30 ton liquid scintillator contained in 216 independent cells \rightarrow 217 events (background 38%) See A. Entenberg et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 42 (1979) 1198 ν_{μ} ($\overline{\nu}_{\mu}$) + electron $\rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$ ($\overline{\nu}_{\mu}$) + electron Very small cross–section, typically = A x 10⁻⁴² E_v cm² (E_v in GeV) ; Background from ν_{e} – electron scattering (Charged – Current interaction)



The general opinion in the early 1970s: if neutrino Neutral – Current interactions exist at all, one needs neutrino beams from a higher energy proton accelerators to discover them:

- Higher cross-section, higher visible energy ;
- Longer muon tracks from v_{μ} Charged Current interactions \rightarrow easier separation between the two interaction types

Gargamelle

- Designed and built in France by André Lagarrigue and collaborators
- Cylindrical body 4.8 m long, 1.85 m diameter, volume 12 m³
- Magnetic field 1.8 T



Gargamelle during assembly



André Lagarrigue



Inside the chamber body

1973: observation of an event consisting only of an electron collinear with the beam in the heavy liquid bubble chamber Gargamelle from an exposure to the antineutrino beam (mostly \overline{v}_{μ})

 $Flux \overline{\nu}_{\mu}$

Electron energy 385 \pm 100 MeV ; electron angle to beam direction 1.4° \pm 1.4° F.J. Hasert, et al., Phys. Lett. 46B (1973) 121



Expected number of $v_e + e^- \rightarrow v_e + e^-$ events with $E_e > 300$ MeV, $\theta_e < 5^\circ : 0.03 \pm 0.02$

Observation of neutrino-like interactions without muon or electron in Gargamelle

F.J. Hasert, et al., Phys. Lett. 46B (1973) 138

Events with neutrino beam: 102 Neutral-Current (NC), 428 Charged-Current (CC) events Events with antineutrino beam: 64 NC, 148 CC events

Study also Associated Stars (AS): neutron stars associated with a CC event giving a muon visible in the chamber.

Require total visible energy > 1 GeV in NC events, total hadronic energy > 1 GeV in CC events.

Distributions of event origin along the beam axis: NC and CC distributions are similar, consistent with uniform distributions as expected for neutrino interactions.

 $(NC/CQ)_{\nu} = 0.21 \pm 0.03$

 $(NC/CQ_{\bar{v}} = 0.45 \pm 0.09)$

Associated Stars show decreasing distributions, as expected from the known neutron interaction length.



Example of a neutrino interaction producing a hadronic shower and no muon





Neutrino beam direction

Demonstration that quarks have fractional electric charge

Compare deep-inelastic electron scattering with $v + \overline{v}$ Charged Current scattering from a target containing equal numbers of protons and neutrons (= equal numbers of up- and down- quarks and antiquarks).

Form of the structure function $F_2(x,y)$ in the quark model ($x = Q^2/2M_pE_{had}$, $y = E_{had}/E$):

for electron scattering

$$F_2^{\text{em}}(x, y) = [1 + (1 - y)^2] x [\langle e_q^2 \rangle q(x) + \langle e_{\overline{q}}^2 \rangle \overline{q}(x)] = \frac{5}{18} [1 + (1 - y)^2] x [q(x) + \overline{q}(x)]$$

$$< e_q^2 > < e_{\bar{q}}^2 > = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{9} \right)$$



CERN experiments on CP violation

The "July 1964 revolution": evidence for $\pi^+\pi^-$ decay of the long – lived K⁰ meson in an experiment at the Brookhaven AGS – a decay violating CP symmetry Decay rate ~ 2 x 10⁻³ with respect to all charged decay modes J.H. Christenson, J.W. Cronin, V.L. Fitch, and R. Turlay, Phys. Rev Lett. **13** (1964) 138

The two mass eigenstates of the neutral K mesons before July 1964:



After July 1964:

$$\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{S}} = \frac{\mathbf{K}_{1}^{0} + \varepsilon \mathbf{K}_{2}^{0}}{\sqrt{1 + \left|\varepsilon\right|^{2}}} = \frac{(1 + \varepsilon)\mathbf{K}^{0} + (1 - \varepsilon)\overline{\mathbf{K}}^{0}}{\sqrt{2(1 + \left|\varepsilon\right|^{2})}} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{L}} = \frac{\mathbf{K}_{2}^{0} + \varepsilon \mathbf{K}_{1}^{0}}{\sqrt{1 + \left|\varepsilon\right|^{2}}} = \frac{(1 + \varepsilon)\mathbf{K}^{0} - (1 - \varepsilon)\overline{\mathbf{K}}^{0}}{\sqrt{2(1 + \left|\varepsilon\right|^{2})}}$$
short-lived
Iong-lived

An early suggestion to explain the violation of CP symmetry in K₁ $\rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ decay : (Bell & Perring, Bernstein, Cabibbo and Lee) the existence of a new long – range weak vector field producing a potential energy of equal magnitude but opposite sign for K^0 and \overline{K}^0 . A $K^0 - \overline{K}^0$ mass splitting of ~10⁻⁸ eV could produce $K_1 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ decays at the rate measured in the AGS experiment but the rate would vary with the square of the K₁ energy \rightarrow Repeat the AGS experiment at a much higher beam momentum

(the average K_{L} momentum in the AGS experiment was 1.1 GeV/c)

Measurement of $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ at a mean K_L momentum of 10.7 GeV CERN – Orsay – MPI collaboration, Phys. Lett. **15** (1965) 58



- Neutral beam derived from an internal target at the PS
- Beam angle 8 mrad with respect to the circulating proton beam
- Charged pion / electron / muon separation by gas Čerenkov counter + Fe absorber
- Magnetic spectrometer: dipole magnet + optical spark chambers

Results:

- 44 ± 8 events consistent with $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay
- Rate (3.5 ± 1.4) x 10⁻³ with respect to all charged modes, consistent with the AGS result

Another early suggestion to explain the apparent violation of CP symmetry in the decay $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$: violation of C symmetry in the electromagnetic interaction of hadrons, inducing violation of CP symmetry in weak hadronic decays through higher order corrections (Lee & Wolfenstein, Okun', Prentki & Veltman)

1966: Experimental evidence for charge asymmetry in the decay $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^\circ$ (an electromagnetic process) C. Baltay et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **16** (1966) 1224

Bubble chamber experiment at the Brookhaven AGS studying the reaction $p + d \rightarrow \eta + p + p$ followed by $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^\circ$ (1441 events) In the η rest frame define N_+ : number of events with $T(\pi^+) > T(\pi^-)$

N₋ : number of events with $T(\pi^-) > T(\pi^+)$

Measured asymmetry A =
$$\frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ + N_-}$$
 = 0.072 ± 0.028

The CERN – ETH – Saclay experiment at the CERN PS

A.M. Cnops et al., Phys. Lett. 22 (1966) 546

 π^- + p $\rightarrow \eta$ + n ; beam momentum 713 MeV/c ; 12 cm long liquid H₂ target



Identify $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \eta + n$ by neutron time-of-flight and angle (missing mass) Frequent magnetic field reversals to reduce spurious charge asymmetries Result based on 10665 $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^\circ$ decays :

Measured asymmetry A =
$$\frac{N_{+} - N_{-}}{N_{+} + N_{-}} = 0.003 \pm 0.011$$

• no evidence for C violation in $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^\circ$ decay

Precise measurements of the $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ decay parameters

$$\eta_{+-} = \left| \eta_{+-} \right| \exp(i\varphi_{+-}) = \frac{A(K_L \to \pi^+ \pi^-)}{A(K_S \to \pi^+ \pi^-)} \quad \text{(ratio of decay amplitudes);} \quad \Delta m = m_L - m_S$$

Two basic methods:

• Measure the interference between $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $K_s \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^$ from coherent regeneration of K_s by one or more regenerators. Interference term behind one regenerator :

 $2|\eta_{+-}\rho|e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{S}+\Gamma_{L})t}\cos(\Delta mt+\varphi_{\rho}-\varphi_{+-})$

 $\rho = |\rho| e^{i\varphi_{\rho}}$: K_s coherent regeneration amplitude relative to K_L ;

- t : time in the K_{S,L} rest frame measured from regenerator exit
- Measure the interference between $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $K_s \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^$ from initial K^0 or \overline{K}^0 states ("vacuum regeneration"). Interference term :

$$2A(p)|\eta_{+-}|e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{S}+\Gamma_{L})t}\cos(\Delta mt-\varphi_{+-})$$

 $A(p) = \frac{S(p) - S(p)}{S(p) + \overline{S}(p)} \quad (S(p), \overline{S}(p) : \text{ initial } \mathbb{K}^0 \text{ and } \overline{\mathbb{K}}^0 \text{ production intensities});$

t: time in the K_{S,L} rest frame measured from the K⁰ (\overline{K}^0) production point

Measurement of the interference between $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ and $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^$ behind a copper regenerator

H. Faissner et al. (Aachen-CERN-Torno coll.), Phys. Lett. 30B (1969) 204



- Magnetic spectrometer with magnetic core read-out spark chambers
- Trigger counters select events with two charged particles parallel to the beam axis after momentum deflection \rightarrow high efficiency for $K_{L,S} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ decays
- Five copper regenerators of equal thickness but different densities



Precision measurement of Δm with two regenerators Aachen – CERN-Torino coll., Phys. Lett. **32B** (1970) 523



- K_L beam subdivided into three parallel regions with different regenerator configurations
- Equal K_L attenuations for the three regions



 $\Delta m = (0.542 \pm 0.006) \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$

The CERN "vacuum regeneration" experiment

(CERN – Heidelberg collaboration)



- The first CERN experiment to use large-size multiwire proportional chambers on a large scale for track reconstruction and trigger
 → ~ 10³ recorded events / machine cycle (0.35 s)
- Front face of the decay volume 2 meters from K⁰, K⁰ production target

Time distribution of $K \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ decays in the "vacuum regeneration" experiment CERN – Heidelberg coll., Phys. Lett. **B48** (1974) 487



Results :

 $|\eta_{+-}| = (2.300 \pm 0.035) \times 10^{-3}$ $\Gamma_{s} = (1.119 \pm 0.006) \times 10^{10} s^{-1}$ $\phi_{+-} = (49.4 \pm 1.0)^{0} + [(\Delta m - 0.540)/0.540] \times 305^{0}$

Measurement of ∆m from the charge asymmetry in semileptonic K decays

CERN-Dortmund-Heidelberg coll., Phys. Lett. B52 (1974) 113

Lepton charge asymmetry in the "vacuum regeneration" experiment $\delta(t) = (N^+ - N^-)/(N^+ + N^-)$ vs. decay time in the K rest frame



 $\delta(t) = 2\mathbf{A}(p) \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{\mathrm{S}} + \Gamma_{\mathrm{L}})t} \cos(\Delta \mathrm{m}t) + 2\operatorname{Re}\varepsilon$

(For K_L semileptonic decay δ = 2Re $\varepsilon \approx 0.3$ % as a consequence of the Δ S = Δ Q rule)

 $\Delta m = (0.5334 \pm 0.0040) \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$

The parameter ε describes CP violation in $K^0 - \overline{K}^0$ mixing (the small CP = +1 impurity in the K_L state)

Is there also direct CP violation in the weak decay matrix elements? Denoting by ε' the parameter describing direct CP violation the ratios of decay amplitudes are

$$\eta_{+-} = \frac{A(K_L \to \pi^+ \pi^-)}{A(K_S \to \pi^+ \pi^-)} = \varepsilon + \varepsilon'$$

$$\eta_{00} = \frac{A(K_L \to \pi^0 \pi^0)}{A(K_S \to \pi^0 \pi^0)} = \varepsilon - 2\varepsilon'$$

motivation to search for $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ and measure its rate

Early experiments with 10 – 20 events gave contradictory results.
Measurement of the decay $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ Aachen – CERN – Torino coll., Phys. Lett. B40 (1972) 141



View along beam

Side view



First evidence for $\varepsilon' \neq 0$ from experiment NA31 at the CERN SPS (1988) Conclusive result in 1999 from KTEV (Fermilab) and NA48 (CERN):

 $\epsilon' / \epsilon = (1.66 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-3}$

Hadron spectroscopy

Many important results, mainly from the hydrogen bubble chambers:

- Measurement of the K*(890) spin parity (1^-) from \overline{p} p annihilation at rest
- Discovery of the f (1270) and measurement of its spin parity (2⁺)
- Discovery of the A₂ (1320) and measurement of its spin parity (2⁺)
- Discovery of the K*(1430) and measurement of its spin-parity (2⁺)



These results provided additional evidence for SU(3) multiplets of hadronic resonances, which led to the formulation of the hadron quark model

Exclusive reactions at high energy

Measurement of the charge exchange reaction $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + n$ Orsay – Saclay coll., Phys. Rev. Lett. 14 (1965) 763 ; Phys. Lett. 20 (1966) 75



Spark chamber with thin Pb plates

Differential cross – section $d\sigma/d|t|$

 $t = (P_{\pi^{-}} - P_{\pi^{0}})^{2}$

- Minimum at -t ≈ 0.6 (GeV/c)2
- Decrease of do/d|t| with increasing energy
- The decrease with energy becomes larger with increasing |t| ("shrinking" of the forward peak)

All features quantitatively described by the Regge pole model (exchange of the ρ – meson Regge trajectory)



Other predictions of the Regge pole model:

- Polarization parameter in pion proton elastic scattering $P_0 \neq 0$
- Opposite sign for $\pi^+ p$ and $\pi^- p$ elastic scattering
- $P_0 = 0$ for $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + n$

Differential cross – section for a polarized proton target:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d \mid t \mid} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d \mid t \mid}\right)_{P_{T}=0} (1 + \vec{P}_{0} \cdot \vec{P}_{T})$$

 \overrightarrow{P}_{T} : polarization of target protons; \overrightarrow{P}_{0} direction normal to the scattering plane

Crystals containing ~1/16 free, polarized protons with >70% polarization had been developed in Saclay in the early 1960s by A. Abragam and collaborators, and brought to CERN in 1964.

Polarization reversal was achieved by changing a microwave frequency by ~0.3 %, with no need to reverse the magnetic field \rightarrow no systematic effects



Select scattering on free, polarized protons (1/16) by two-body kinematics (pion – proton coplanarity and $\theta_{\pi} - \theta_{p}$ correlation)

Polarization parameter:
$$P_0 = \frac{1}{P_T} \frac{N(P_T \text{ up}) - N(P_T \text{ down})}{N(P_T \text{ up}) + N(P_T \text{ down})}$$

A simple Regge pole model does not describe correctly the polarization parameter in BOTH π^+p and π^-p elastic scattering



Polarization parameter in $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + n$ Orsay – Saclay – Pisa coll., Phys. Lett. **23** (1966) 501



The simple Regge pole model with the exchange of only one trajectory (the ρ – meson) predicted P₀ = 0 in disagreement with the experimental results. It was still possible to describe the polarization results for both π^{\pm} p elastic scattering and π^{-} p charge exchange using Regge pole models with more trajectories and more fitting parameters.

However, by the mid 1970s physicists lost interest in these studies, probably attracted by new, more interesting subjects

The CERN Intersecting Storage Rings (ISR) The first proton – proton collider ever built

- Two slightly distorted rings intersecting in 8 points
- Average radius 78.6 m
- Proton accumulation by RF stacking in momentum space: the first proton pulse from the PS is accelerated by the ISR RF system up to the highest acceptable momentum (the orbit with largest radius), successive pulses are accumulated on orbits of lower and lower average radius
- Circulating beams are ribbon shaped (few cm wide), crossing at a 14° angle, with no time structure
- Max. proton energy 31 GeV
 - \rightarrow collision energy 62 GeV corresponding to
 - ~ 2.05 TeV protons on a stationary target
- Design vacuum 10⁻¹⁰ Torr, soon improved to 2 x 10⁻¹²
- Design luminosity 4 x10³⁰ cm⁻² s⁻¹ reaching > 2 x10³¹ with low-β insertions
- First collisions 27 January 1971; end of collider operation 1984



View of an ISR crossing region with a double – arm detector at 90 degrees



1964 : Presentation of the ISR design report to CERN Council

End of 1965: approval ("a window to investigate the highest energies")

1968: Study groups to prepare for experiments (Which physics should be studied at the ISR?)

Emphasis on: measurement of proton – proton total cross – section; elastic scattering including Coulomb interference region; isobar production $p + p \rightarrow p + N^*$; particle production.

Cosmic ray experiments had shown that the main feature of pion production at very high energies is the limited transverse momentum p_T

$$rac{\mathrm{dN}}{\mathrm{dp}_{\mathrm{T}}} \propto \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{T}} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{-6p}_{\mathrm{T}}}$$
 (p_T in GeV/c)

giving <pT> ≈ 300 MeV/c

The prevailing opinion :

"Nothing happens at 90° in proton - proton collisions at the ISR"

The typical example of this "school of thought": the design of the general – purpose magnetic spectrometer for the ISR The Split Field Magnet: maximum bending power in the angular regions at small angles to the beams, with minimal perturbation to the beams



Split Field Magnet with magnetic field directions



The story of an ISR discovery which prevented a more important discovery

1970: a "beam dump" experiment at the Brookhaven AGS observing the production of high – mass muon pairs

J.H. Christenson, G.S. Hicks, L.M. Lederman. P.J. Limon, B.G. Pope and E. Zavattini, Phys. Rev. Lett. **25** (1970) 1523



-396

M_{µµ} GeV/c²

Measurement of the muon angle by counter hodoscopes and of muon energy by residual range in iron → poor resolution on the dimuon invariant mass



Detect electrons near 90° at opposite azimuth

Good invariant mass resolution (wire spark chambers + lead glass counters)

The preliminary proposal had gas Čerenkov counters for electron / pion separation.

The final set-up had no gas Čerenkov counters (only low p_T pions were expected around 90°), but the solid angle was much increased (about 1 sr on each side of the beams)



OBSERVATION OF π° MESONS WITH LARGE TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM IN HIGH-ENERGY PROTON-PROTON COLLISIONS

CERN– Columbia – Rockefeller coll., Phys. Lett. B46 (1973) 471 Results presented at the 1972 Int. Conf. on High Energy Physics



The production of high transverse momentum π^{\pm} was also observed at the ISR in two experiments with single-arm magnetic spectrometer

British-Scandinavian collaboration (ISR experiment R-203), Phys. Lett. **B44** (1973) 521

Saclay-Strasbourg collaboration (ISR experiment R-102), Phys. Lett. **B44** (1973) 537



- The production of high transverse momentum hadrons at the ISR was interpreted as the result of hard scattering between point – like proton constituents ("partons", first observed in deep – inelastic electron – nucleon scattering at SLAC).
- **It had been predicted to occur in high-energy proton-proton collisions:** Inclusive Processes at High Transverse Momentum, S.M. Berman, J.D. Bjorken and J.B. Kogut, Phys. Rev. D4 (1971) 3388.
- However, the production cross-section of high p_T hadrons calculated in this paper assumed photon exchange between partons (electromagnetic interaction), too small to be observed at the ISR.
- The ISR experiments have demonstrated that partons behave as point-like objects also when they interact strongly.
- These results have opened the way to the study of jet production in high energy hadron collisions (the only process occurring to leading order in perturbative QCD).
- In experiment R-103 (the large solid angle double-arm lead-glass array) the rate of two-arm coincidences used for trigger was dominated by the production of high pT π^0 pairs emitted at opposite azimuth. It was limited to ~10 Hz by the spark chambers (and also by the rate of event writing onto magnetic tape). The only way to keep the trigger rate under control was to increase the trigger energy threshold.

A SEARCH FOR ELECTRON PAIRS AT THE CERN ISR

F.W. BÜSSER*1, L. CAMILLERI, L. Di LELLA, G. GLADDING*2, A. PLACCI, B.G. POPE, A.M. SMITH, J.K. YOH*3 and E. ZAVATTINI CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

> B.J. BLUMENFELD*4 and L.M. LEDERMAN*5 Columbia University, NY, USA*6

R.L. COOL*5, L. LITT and S.L. SEGLER Rockefeller University, NY, USA*7

Received 20 December 1973

The analysis of runs corresponding to 2×10^{10} inelastic interactions at $\sqrt{s} = 52.7 \text{ GeV}$ yielded five events in which two tracks, on opposite sides of the apparatus, were found to satisfy all of the above requirements. The invariant mass of each pair was calculated from the relation $m^2 = 2p_1 p_2 (1 - \cos \theta)$, where θ is the opening angle of the two electrons, and p_1 and p_2 are their momenta. The pair masses were distributed above a threshold of 3.1 GeV/ c^2 . This threshold was due to the energy cuts imposed on each electron and to the requirement that the two electrons be on opposite sides of the apparatus. No pair was observed with an effective mass greater than 4.2 GeV/ c^2 .

ISR experiment R-105 (two-arm spectrometer) CERN-Columbia-Rockefeller-Saclay collaboration



The rise of the proton – proton total cross – section at the ISR

Three experiments:

R – 801 (Pisa – Stony Brook collaboration) Scintillation counter hodoscopes covering a solid angle of almost 4π



R – 601: CERN – Rome collaboration

Measurement of proton – proton elastic scattering at very small angles, including the Coulomb interference region



An original system of "pots" equipped with scintillator hodoscopes moving as close as possible to the beams under stable beam conditions The technique of movable "pots" (with different types of detectors) has since been used in all measurements of elastic and total cross-sections at all hadron colliders: the \overline{p} p colliders at CERN and Fermilab, and the LHC (TOTEM experiment) R – 602 : Aachen – CERN – Harvard – Genova – Torino collaboration Measurement of proton – proton elastic scattering using two septum magnets (dipoles)



Relation between elastic scattering at small angles and the total cross-section

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}|\mathrm{t}|} = \frac{\pi}{\mathrm{k}^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\Omega^*} = \frac{\pi}{\mathrm{k}^2} |\mathrm{A}(\theta^*)|^2$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{A}(\theta^*) \text{ strong interaction scattering amplitude;} \\ \mathsf{t} = -2\mathsf{k}^2 \left(1 - \cos\theta^*\right) \quad (4 - \text{momentum transfer})^2 \ ; \ \mathsf{k} \ : \ \text{momentum} \\ \theta^* \ : \ \text{scattering angle} \\ \theta^* \ : \ \text{scattering angle} \end{array} \right\} \text{ in the centre-of-mass} \\ \text{reference frame} \\ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{Extrapolation to } \mathsf{t} = \mathsf{O} \left(\theta^* = \mathsf{O}\right) \ \text{gives} \ |\mathsf{A}(\mathsf{O})|^2 = [\operatorname{ReA}(\mathsf{O})]^2 + [\operatorname{ImA}(\mathsf{O})]^2 \end{array} \right\}$

"Optical" theorem:
$$\sigma_{TOT} = \frac{4\pi}{k} Im A(0)$$

The measurement of $d\sigma/d|t|$ in the Coulomb interference region gives $\rho = \frac{\text{ReA}}{\text{ImA}}$

$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}} = 4 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{1 + \rho^2} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d|t|}\right)_{t=0}}$$



The proton – proton total cross – section at the end of 1973



M. Holder et al. (Aachen – CERN – Harvard – Genova – Torino coll.), Phys. Lett. **B36** (1971) 400 U. Amaldi et al. (CERN – Rome coll.), Phys. Lett. **B43** (1973) 231; Phys. Lett. **B44** (1973) 112 R. Amendolia et al. (Pisa – Stony Brook coll.), Phys. Lett. **B44** (1973) 119

The invention of the hadronic calorimeter

NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS AND METHODS 106 (1973) 189-200; © NORTH-HOLLAND PUBLISHING CO.

A TOTAL ABSORPTION SPECTROMETER FOR ENERGY MEASUREMENTS OF HIGH-ENERGY PARTICLES

J. ENGLER, W. FLAUGER, B. GIBBARD, F. MÖNNIG, K. RUNGE and H. SCHOPPER

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, and Institut für Experimentelle Kernphysik, Karlsruhe, Germany

Received 18 August 1972

A sampling total absorption counter (STAC) is described, which consists of a sandwich of iron and scintillator plates. It permits the energy determination of neutrons or other strongly interacting particles with energies above 3 GeV. The optimization of the energy resolution and other properties of the counter are reported. At 24 GeV/c an energy resolution of $\pm 11\%$ was achieved.



Searches for free quarks

Searches for free quarks with fractional electric charge started in 1964, as soon as the quark model of hadrons based on SU(3) symmetry was proposed

The main detector methods:

- Low ionization density (for relativistic free quarks expect dE/dx between 1/9 and 4/9 of (dE/dx)_{MIP} (MIP = Minimum Ionizing Particle)
- Measured momentum (assuming |charge| = e) higher than average beam momentum

Searches for free quarks at the CERN PS:

- Exposure of the 80 cm H₂ bubble chamber to a 20 GeV beam (average bubble density for 1 MIP = 25 bubbles / cm)
- Exposure of a heavy liquid (Freon) bubble chamber to a 16 GeV beam (average bubble density for 1 MIP = 20 bubbles / cm)

Observe no track consistent with fractional electric charge particles

Assuming that free quark production mechanism is dominated by

- p + nucleon \rightarrow p + nucleon + q + \overline{q} , obtain typical upper limits of the order of
- < 1 free quark produced in 10⁸ p nucleon collisions

The most sensitive search for free quarks at the PS: a counter experiment in a beam from an internal target J.V. Allaby et al., Nuovo Cim. A64 (1969) 75

A secondary beam from a PS internal target bombarded by 27 GeV protons _____

T : trigger counters
PH: scintillators for pulse height measurement
SC: streamer chamber (isotropic spark chamber)
Selected beam momentum :
32.6 GeV/c for |charge| = 1/3 ("super momentum")
22 GeV/c for |charge| = 2/3

Assuming p + nucleon \rightarrow p + nucleon + q + \overline{q} : < 1 particle / 10¹¹ p -nucleon collisions for charge = -1/3 < 1 particle / 2x10¹⁰ p -nucleon collisions for charge = -2/3

Search for free quarks at the ISR CERN – MPI coll., Nucl. Phys. **B101** (1975)349



Assuming $p + p \rightarrow p + p + q + \overline{q}$:

< 1 particle / 10⁹ p –p collisions for |charge| = 1/3 < 1 particle / 5x10⁸ p –p collisions for |charge| = 2/3 at a collision energy of 53 GeV

The three "g – 2" experiments

Measurement of the muon anomalous magnetic moment

For a review see F.J.M. Farley and E. Picasso, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Science 29 (1979) 243

Muon magnetic moment
$$g_{\mu} \left(\frac{e}{2mc} \right) \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

For a spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particle obeying the Dirac equation g = 2

Quantum fluctuations of the electromagnetic field around the muon modify this value:

$$g_{\mu} = 2(1+a_{\mu})$$
 $a_{\mu} = \frac{g_{\mu}-2}{2}$

Anomalous magnetic moment $a_{\mu} \approx 1 / 850$

Original motivation to measure a_{μ} in the early 1960s: to understand the difference between muon and electron (mass difference associated with different interaction?)

Inject longitudinally polarized muons with momentum \vec{p} into a uniform magnetic field \vec{B}

$$\vec{\omega}_{c} = -\left(\frac{e}{mc}\right)\frac{B}{\gamma} \quad \text{muon angular velocity (} \omega_{c} / 2\pi \text{ "cyclotron frequency")}$$
$$\vec{\omega}_{s} = -\left(\frac{e}{mc}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\gamma} + a_{\mu}\right)\vec{B} \quad \text{muon spin precession}$$
$$\vec{\omega}_{a} \equiv \vec{\omega}_{s} - \vec{\omega}_{c} = -\left(\frac{e}{mc}\right)a_{\mu}\vec{B} \quad \text{spin precession relative to the momentum velocity (} \vec{\omega}_{c} / 2\pi \text{ "cyclotron frequency")}$$

An independent, precise measurement of the muon spin precession at rest provides the value of $g_{\mu}(e / mc) - B$ is measured precisely using proton magnetic resonance

spin precession relative to the momentum vector



One full momentum turn \rightarrow angle between spin and momentum $2\pi a_{\mu}\gamma \approx \gamma/135$ \rightarrow need many turns to measure a_{μ} precisely

1962 – 65: First CERN experiment with slow muons from the 600 MeV syncrocyclotron Special dipole magnet with gradients for muon focusing and orbit horizontal movement Measure muon polarization after 440 turns





 $a_{\mu} = (1.162 \pm 0.005) \times 10^{-3}$

1966 – 70: 1st muon storage ring at CERN (orbit diameter 5 m) $p = 1.28 \text{ GeV/c}, \gamma = 12$, measure muon polarization over 2500 turns



Time modulation from $a_{\mu} \neq 0$ vs. storage time



Storage rings require focusing to keep circulating beam inside vacuum chamber. This is usually achieved using magnetic field gradients (quadrupole components). In the 1st muon storage ring at CERN $\Delta B/B \approx 0.2\%$ over the full radial aperture of 8 cm \rightarrow the knowledge of the radial distribution of the circulating muons introduces a systematic uncertainty on the measurement of a_{μ}

New idea: use uniform magnetic field and electrostatic focusing

In the presence of an electrostatic field $\vec{E} \quad \vec{\omega}_a = -\left(\frac{e}{mc}\right) \left[a_\mu \vec{B} + \left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} - a_\mu\right) \vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}\right]$ (β = muon v/c)

Idea first implemented in the 2nd muon storage ring at CERN (1972 – 76 , bending radius 7 m)

factor = 0 for γ = 29.304 p = 3.094 GeV/c "magic" momentum




1997 – 2006: The muon storage ring at Brookhaven National Laboratories (BNL): continuous superconducting magnet, bending radius 7 m, "magic" momentum muons

 $a_{\mu} = (1.1659209 \pm 0.0000006) \times 10^{-3}$

CONCLUSIONS

The way to do particle physics experiments has changed a lot during the years 1964 – 74.

- Improvements of detector technology:
 - from small volume to large volume bubble chambers;
 - from spark chambers to MWPCs and drift chambers;
 - development of calorimetry;
 - development of fast electronics and computers.
- More theoretical guidance when proposing and designing new experiments, thanks to a better understanding of the laws of Nature (e.g., hadron compositeness and the development of the Standard Model)