

# Inspire as source of data

## A consideration (if I understand the use-case)

Triggered by Dmitri presentation of last week

I took a look at Inspire and how the data are presented

- I discussed about our project with its director

Assuming that:

- we want to minimize FNAL-DB (additional) development
- some experimental/real data are (will be) directly available in FNAL-DB: the ones for which we perform regular G4 validation  $O(10)$
- we want a way to get experimental (published) data, possibly via programmatically API

## Let's imagine...

I need to get experimental data for paper NIM A821 (2009)  
118-192 “Forward production of charged pions with incident  $\pi^{\pm}$ -  
on nuclear targets measured at CERN PS”

Authors provided data in machine readable format: updated to one  
of usual HEP db's (HEPDATA and then indexed by Inspire)

- If that is not the case, we manually need to extract the data from a plot  
and put it in FNAL-DB

Instead of asking FNAL-DB to provide directly the data, we can  
save in FNAL-DB a reference to Inspire record ID

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## Forward production of charged pions with incident pi<sup>±</sup> on nuclear targets measured at the CERN PS

HARP Collaboration (M. Apollonio (INFN, Trieste) *et al.*) [Show all 73 authors](#)

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Nucl.Phys. A821 (2009) 118-192

DOI: [10.1016/j.nuclphysa.2009.01.080](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nuclphysa.2009.01.080)

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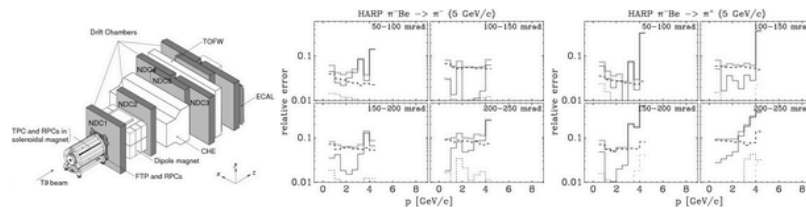
Experiment: [CERN-PS-214](#)

### Abstract (arXiv)

Measurements of the double-differential  $\pi^\pm$  production cross-section in the range of momentum  $0.5 \text{ GeV/c} \leq p \leq 8.0 \text{ GeV/c}$  and angle  $0.025 \text{ rad} \leq \theta \leq 0.25 \text{ rad}$  in interactions of charged pions on beryllium, carbon, aluminium, copper, tin, tantalum and lead are presented. These data represent the first experimental campaign to systematically measure forward pion hadroproduction. The data were taken with the large acceptance HARP detector in the T9 beam line of the CERN PS. Incident particles, impinging on a 5% nuclear interaction length target, were identified by an elaborate system of beam detectors. The tracking and identification of the produced particles was performed using the forward spectrometer of the HARP detector. Results are obtained for the double-differential cross-sections  $d^2\sigma/dp d\Omega$  mainly at four incident pion beam momenta (3 GeV/c, 5 GeV/c, 8 GeV/c and 12 GeV/c). The measurements are compared with the GEANT4 and MARS Monte Carlo simulation

**Note:** to be published on Nuclear Physics A

**Keyword(s):** INSPIRE: [pi nucleus: inclusive reaction](#) | [pi+: hadroproduction](#) | [pi-: hadroproduction](#) | [small-angle](#) | [differential cross section: momentum dependence](#) | [angular dependence](#) | [mass number: dependence](#) | [forward spectrometer](#) | [CERN Lab](#) | [numerical calculations: Monte Carlo](#) | 3: 5: 8: 12 GeV/c

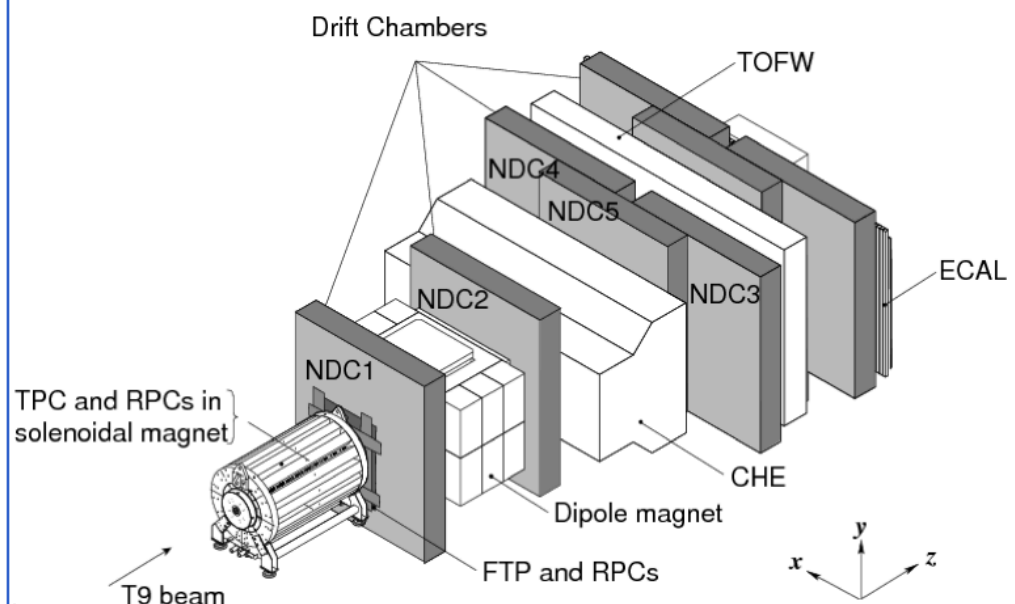


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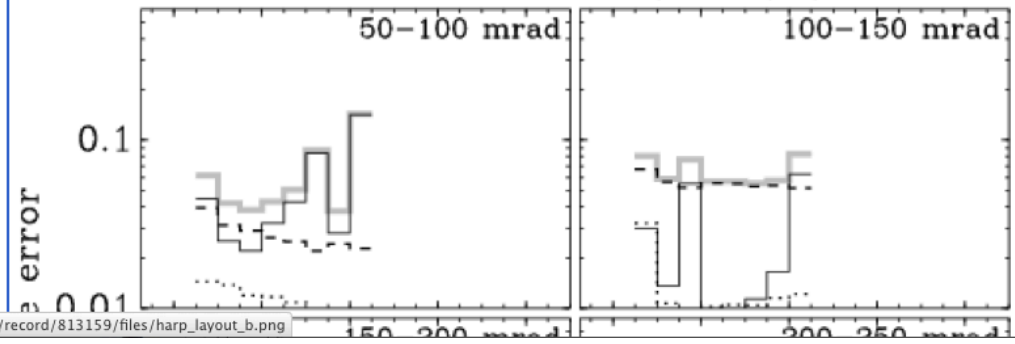
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Schematic layout of the HARP detector. The convention for the coordinate system is shown in the lower-right corner.

HARP  $\pi^- \text{Be} \rightarrow \pi^-$  (5 GeV/c)



Systematic errors as a function of momentum of the outgoing pions for the particular case of 5 and 8 GeV  $\pi$  interacting on a beryllium target. Plots in the upper left panel are for incident 5 GeV  $\pi$  producing  $\pi$ , plots in the upper right panel are for 5 GeV  $\pi$  producing  $\pi$ , plots in the lower left panels are for 8 GeV  $\pi$  producing  $\pi$  and plots in the lower right panel are for 8 GeV  $\pi$  producing  $\pi$ . Total

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THIS DATA COMES FROM DURHAM HEPDATA PROJECT

SUMMARY:

CERN-PS. Measurements of the double differential  $\pi^{+/-}$  production cross sections in  $\pi^{+}$  and  $\pi^{-}$  interactions with BE, C, AL, CU, SN, TA and PB nuclei at incident momentum from 3 to 12 GeV/c. The data were taken with the large acceptance HARP detector in the T9 beam line at the CERN PS with 5 pct nuclear targets and cover the final state  $\pi^{+/-}$  momenta from 0.5 to 8 GeV/c and angle 0.025 to 0.25 radians.. This part (1) contains the data taken with the BE target nucleus.. This part (2) contains the data taken with the C target nucleus.. This part (3) contains the data taken with the AL target nucleus.. This part (4) contains the data taken with the CU target nucleus.. This part (5) contains the data taken with the SN target nucleus.. This part (6) contains the data taken with the TA target nucleus.. This part (7) contains the data taken with the PB target nucleus..

DATASETS:

**Description:** Double differential  $\pi^{+}$  and  $\pi^{-}$  production cross section in the laboratory system for  $\pi^{-}$ -BE interactions at 3, 5, 8 and 12 GeV for the angular range 0.05 to 0.10 radians..

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$P_{LAB}$	= 3.0 GeV	5.0 GeV	8.0 GeV	12.0 GeV
$\Theta$	$\in (0.05, 0.10)$ RADIANS			
	$\pi^{-} BE \rightarrow \pi^{+} X$			
$p_3$ (GeV)	$d^2(\sigma)/dp_3 d\Omega$ (B/GeV/SR)			

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**Description:** Double differential  $\pi^{+}$  and  $\pi^{-}$  production cross section in the laboratory system for  $\pi^{-}$ -BE interactions at 3, 5, 8 and 12 GeV for the angular range 0.10 to 0.15 radians..

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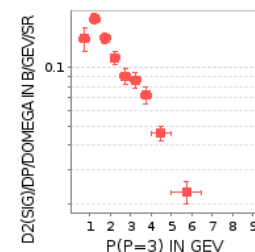
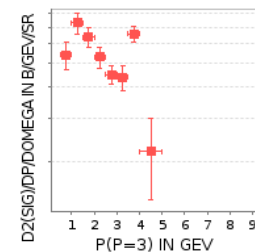
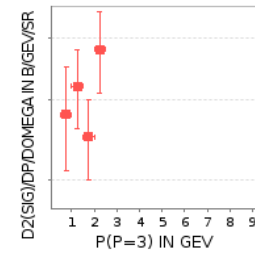
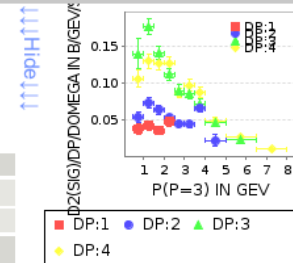
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$p_3$ (GeV)	$P_{LAB} = 3.0$ GeV			
	5.0 GeV	8.0 GeV	12.0 GeV	
	$\Theta \in (0.05, 0.10)$ RADIANS			
$PI^- BE \rightarrow PI^+ X$				
$d^2(\sigma)/dp/d\Omega$ (B/GeV/ISR)				
0.5– 1.0	0.038 ±0.007	0.054 ±0.007	0.14 ±0.02	0.106 ±0.012
1.0– 1.5	0.042 ±0.006	0.073 ±0.007	0.177 ±0.011	0.13 ±0.01
1.5– 2.0	0.035 ±0.005	0.064 ±0.006	0.141 ±0.009	0.127 ±0.010
2.0– 2.5	0.048 ±0.007	0.053 ±0.005	0.112 ±0.008	0.127 ±0.008
2.5– 3.0	–	0.045 ±0.004	0.090 ±0.008	0.086 ±0.006
3.0– 3.5	–	0.044 ±0.005	0.086 ±0.008	0.097 ±0.008
3.5– 4.0	–	0.066 ±0.005	0.072 ±0.007	0.087 ±0.007
4.0– 5.0	–	0.022 ±0.008	0.046 ±0.004	0.049 ±0.004
5.0– 6.5	–	–	0.023 ±0.003	0.027 ±0.002

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Information Citations (0) Files

## Additional data from: Forward production of charged pions with incident pi+- on nuclear targets measured at the CERN PS

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Cite as: HARP Collaboration ( 2009 ) HepData, [no persistent identifier assigned]

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$P_{LAB}$	$= 3.0 \text{ GeV}$	$5.0 \text{ GeV}$	$8.0 \text{ GeV}$	$12.0 \text{ GeV}$
	$\Theta \in (0.05, 0.10) \text{ RADIANS}$			
	$PI^- BE \rightarrow PI^+ X$			
$p_3 \text{ (GeV)}$	$d^2(\sigma)/dp/d\Omega \text{ (B/GeV/SR)}$			

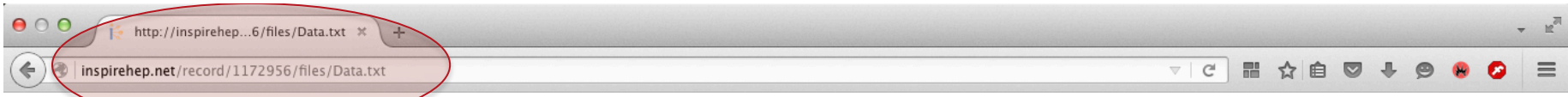
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This dataset complements the following publication:  
[Forward production of charged pions with incident pi+- on nuclear targets measured at the CERN PS](#)

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Double differential  $\pi^+\pi^-$  and  $\pi^+\pi^+$  production cross section in the laboratory system for  $\pi^-$  BE interactions at 3, 5, 8 and 12 GeV for the angular range 0.05 to 0.10 radians.  
Location: T 4

PLAB : 3.0 GeV : 5.0 GeV : 8.0 GeV : 12.0 GeV

RE :  $\pi^-$  BE  $\rightarrow$   $\pi^+$  X

THETA IN RADIANS : 0.05 TO 0.10

x: P(P=3) IN GEV

y : D2(SIG)/DP/DOMEGA IN B/GEV/SR

x	xlow	xhigh	y	dy+	dy-	y	dy+	dy-	y	dy+	dy-	y	dy+	dy-
0.75	0.5	1.0	0.038	+0.007	-0.007	0.054	+0.007	-0.007	0.14	+0.02	-0.02	0.106	+0.012	-0.012
1.25	1.0	1.5	0.042	+0.006	-0.006	0.073	+0.007	-0.007	0.177	+0.011	-0.011	0.13	+0.01	-0.01
1.75	1.5	2.0	0.035	+0.005	-0.005	0.064	+0.006	-0.006	0.141	+0.009	-0.009	0.127	+0.01	-0.01
2.25	2.0	2.5	0.048	+0.007	-0.007	0.053	+0.005	-0.005	0.112	+0.008	-0.008	0.127	+0.008	-0.008
2.75	2.5	3.0	-	0.045	+0.004	-0.004	0.09	+0.008	-0.008	0.086	+0.006	-0.006	-	-
3.25	3.0	3.5	-	0.044	+0.005	-0.005	0.086	+0.008	-0.008	0.097	+0.008	-0.008	-	-
3.75	3.5	4.0	-	0.066	+0.005	-0.005	0.072	+0.007	-0.007	0.087	+0.007	-0.007	-	-
4.5	4.0	5.0	-	0.022	+0.008	-0.008	0.046	+0.004	-0.004	0.049	+0.004	-0.004	-	-
5.75	5.0	6.5	-	-	0.023	+0.003	-0.003	0.027	+0.002	-0.002	-	-	-	-
7.25	6.5	8.0	-	-	-	0.01	+0.001	-0.001	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Inspire and raw-data

Whenever available Inspire uses HepData to present machine-readable data tables

- it also generates plots/tables on the fly

Format is decided and handled by HepData, it is my understanding that scripts to produce plots/tables are also available

Inspire has APIs to query its DB

- The traffic we generate could be easily absorbed by current system
- In case note, there is a general interest towards our activities

## Possible workflow

Store in FNAL-DB references to Inspire record ID

FNAL-DB provides querying mechanism tailored to our needs (following discussions on reaction/material etc): e.g. query by interaction

FNAL-DB returns record ID from Inspire

- Inspire API provide access to machine readable raw-data
- everything should be integrated in a single library/tool that makes the Inspire usage hidden to the user

We do not “reinvent the wheel” and re-use the professional tools developed exactly for this purpose