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Innovators in Instrumentation
Physics on its taus

That tau physics has become a major feature at electron-positron colliders was an omnipresent theme of the 3rd Tau Workshop held in Montreux (Switzerland) from 19-24
September. As CERN Research Director Lorenzo Foa emphasized in his introductory remarks, the tau sector is rich in new results and opens up interesting possibilities.

Already the Glasgow conference this summer (October, page 1) had shown that tau physics was booming, with substantial progress being made in charged current interactions, the strange sector in tau decays, the measurement of couplings, and even in the tau neutrino domain.

Looking back over previous tau workshops, several concerns, such as the so-called one prong decay problem, have disappeared, overwhelmed by huge new data samples and major experimental efforts. Tau physics has become precision physics, competitive in several different fields, and will continue to bring crucial new insights.

In the opening session, chaired by tau lepton pioneer Martin Perl, a theoretical perspective by William Marciano of Brookhaven was followed by a review of tau properties by Ken Hayes of Hillsdale. Marciano stressed the importance of the tau in heralding the third generation of the Standard Model, shedding new light on, for instance, the origin of mass and CP violation. He also underlined the high precision achieved in testing lepton universality (electron/muon/tau democracy) as well as the advantages of taus as a quark-gluon laboratory.

A highlight of today’s tau physics is consolidated measurements of weighted mass spectra (spectral moments) and the strong coupling constant, underlining the importance of tau lifetime and leptonic branching ratio measurements.

These measurements of the quark-gluon coupling (alpha-s) are showing the need of more theoretical understanding, since theoretical uncertainties are reaching the level of experimental errors.

The Montreux meeting provided a welcome opportunity for a round table on experimental input for tau decay simulations. Chaired by Zbigniew Was of Cracow, it recommended updating hadron form factors.

**Tau neutrinos**

A full Montreux afternoon was devoted to the tau neutrino. The Neutrino 94 conference earlier this year (September, page 2) had shown that determining whether the tau neutrino is massive or not is a vital question.

Results from tau decay into five charged pions by ALEPH give a new upper limit for the tau neutrino mass, lowering it from 31 MeV to 24 MeV. More accurate limits seem to be within reach.

Neutrino properties were enthusiastically reviewed by Haim Harari, of the Weizmann Institute, who stressed that a neutrino mass upper limit of 20 eV can be deduced from cosmological arguments. Neutrino oscillation studies are the best experiments to clarify this question. As Harari remarked: "If neutrinos have mass they decay, slowly maybe, but they decay". Oscillation limits between tau and muon neutrinos came from the CHARM II collaboration at CERN and from Fermilab experiments.

A status report of the new CHORUS and NOMAD neutrino collaborations at CERN indicated the attainable sensitivities for oscillations, which should be complemented by long baseline neutrino experiments projected at Fermilab.

![Decay of a pair of tau leptons, as seen by the ALEPH detector at CERN's LEP electron-positron collider. One tau decays into an electron (and accompanying neutrinos), giving the narrow pencil, top right. The other tau (below, left) produces a spray of three pions and an invisible neutrino.](image-url)
Charged currents

One full day was devoted to charged current tau decays, with data from the ARGUS (DESY), CLEO and LEP collaborations. Michel Davier of Orsay in his review said that tau data is in a ‘healthy’ state. The structure of tau charged currents is in excellent agreement with the conventional vector/axial-vector picture.

Despite measurements still being statistics limited, LEP experiments give very precise leptonic branching ratios, emphasizing LEP’s excellent tau physics capabilities. One notable technique is the impact parameter approach used by OPAL. With different methods used to measure the tau lifetime mutually consistent, the electron-muon and tau-muon universalities can be tested at the 0.3% level.

Hadronic decays, reviewed by Brian Heltsley of Cornell, have also made progress, with an ‘explosion’ of results in the tau strange sector, and with charged and neutral kaons well identified.

Neutral currents

LEP results with tau pair events probing neutral current interactions were shown by Andrei Kounine of Massachusetts. Frequent beam energy calibrations with the resonant depolarization method improve the precision of the Z mass and width. There was increased precision also on the electron and tau Z couplings from the LEP and SLC (Stanford) collaborations, however still limited by statistics.

The final day looked at the tau as a probe for new physics, where Charles Nelson of Binghampton surveyed possible tau territory beyond the Standard Model. From the experimental viewpoint, Martin Perl pointed to future perspectives at LEP, CESR and BEPC (Beijing) where tau research continues. He stressed the advantages of the planned B-factories and the physics possibilities of a tau-charm factory, indicating the detector specifications needed for this research.

Michael Turner of Chicago highlighted the interesting cosmological and astrophysical consequences of a tau neutrino mass between 1 MeV and 30 MeV, with the additional cosmological mischief that could be wrought by unstable tau neutrinos.

The summary talk by Richard Stroynowski of Dallas emphasized the precision that has been achieved in this very active field, and underlined the usefulness of the tau lepton as a laboratory to study quark field theory (quantum chromodynamics - QCD) and resonances, etc. With most of the results still limited by statistics, more stringent tests will come from future tau data.

The Tau 94 workshop, chaired by Gigi Rolandi, was the third in a series pioneered by Michel Davier, and was sponsored by CERN and the Swiss National Science Foundation.

From Ricard Alemany

Colourless confinement for quarks

The enigma of quarks is that they are there, hidden deep inside nucleons and other strongly interacting particles, but refuse to come out. The tighter the quark bonds are stretched, the more difficult they are to break. This dogma has been accepted for some thirty years but has never been
mathematically proved.

The latest excitement with theorists is a proof that, under certain assumptions and in model environments far from reality, quarks can only exist in colourless combinations. This is the first theoretical proof that quarks cannot exist alone and explains why hadrons – clusters of quarks, each carrying fractional electric charge – only have familiar integral electric charges.

As well as their electric charge, quarks have another charge-like property called ‘colour’, denoted as red, green and blue. Although quarks are not really coloured, the description is useful because, according to the hypothesis of colour confinement, quarks always combine to make colourless hadrons in the same way that different coloured light mixes to make white. Colour confinement also forbids hadrons with fractional electric charges, but the hypothesis that they are forbidden has never been proven theoretically until now.

In two recent compelling papers, Nathan Seiberg of Rutgers and Ed Witten of Princeton show that quarks are confined in colourless hadrons. Confinement is shown in the wonderland of N=2 supersymmetry (where there are two supersymmetric partners for each ordinary particle); by ‘soft-breaking’ the proof is extended to the one-to-one N=1 sector. However much remains to be done to reach the real world.

The new development confirms superconductor analogies which describe how, if two magnetic monopoles were placed inside a superconductor, the lines of magnetic flux would just go directly from one to the other, forming a confining potential. Seiberg and Witten use ingenious constructions and many different past results to show that colour is similarly confined. This theoretical result is a gratifying combination of years of theoretical endeavour.

The papers are numbers 9408099 and 9407087 on the high energy physics theory preprints bulletin board on World Wide Web.

HADRONS-94
Soft interactions at large distances

Ten years ago the Institute for Theoretical Physics (known since 1992 as the Bogolubov Institute after its founder) of the Academy of Science of the Ukraine initiated what has become a very successful series of annual meetings on strong interactions at large distances.

Although sometimes overshadowed by the successes of the Standard Model and the theoretical enticements of supertheories; the Hadrons series has overcome political barriers and financial chaos to bring together physicists from diverse backgrounds to discuss central physics issues.

The latest workshop in the series was held from September 7-11 in Uzhgorod (Ungvár), a small university town in the westernmost reaches of the Ukraine, bordering on Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

The main topics were: elastic and diffractive scattering; probing the nucleon at small x (where x is the momentum fraction carried by the struck quark); spin physics; hadron spectroscopy; and collective properties of strongly interacting matter.

Until recently, the pomeron - a hypothetical vacuum quantum number exchange governing the asymptotic behaviour of total cross sections - was associated with hadronic reactions only. Now, the small-x data on nucleon structure from the HERA electron-proton collider at DESY, Hamburg, provide new information on the nature of the mysterious pomeron, establishing a link between “soft” (small momentum transfer) hadron-hadron and the violent interactions of “hard” deep inelastic lepton-hadron scattering.

Latest data on the small-x behaviour of the proton structure and diffractive behaviour were presented at the workshop by both HERA experiments - H1 (Christophe Royon) and ZEUS (Hong Joo Kim). The data in the x range $10^{-3}$ - $10^{-4}$ are compatible with a power 0.2-0.5 increase in the richness of the underlying structure. The Gribov-Lipatov-Altarelli-Parisi QCD fit for these data shows that the momentum density of gluons inside the proton could increase tenfold in this range.

Hard scattering in both photon-production and deep inelastic scattering has been observed with concentrations in distinct kinematical regions, an effect called ‘rapidity gap’ in the trade. For the diffractive photoproduction events, the hadronic final states show a predominantly two-jet structure, each jet having
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Most of the theoretical talks were related in one way or another to the pomeron, its QCD evolution (M. Giffon, F. Paccanoni, M. Bertini, E. Martynov) and the confinement problem. In deep inelastic lepton-hadron scattering, the odderon (to account for the difference between proton-proton and proton-antiproton scattering) is excluded by quantum number conservation if only electromagnetic interactions are taken into account, but the odderon can be exchanged by weak interactions, according to the electroweak unification (L. Jenkovszky). More HERA data (including those collected from the positron beam) may shed new light on the odderon.

Recent Tevatron data on single diffraction dissociation could resolve the long-standing problem of how fast cross-sections rise. These data favour models with a moderate increase ("soft" pomeron) such as the dipole one. The real part of the forward scattering amplitude may be affected by oscillations found in the slope of the diffraction cone (J. Kontros, A Lengyel).

The absence of clear evidence for glueballs - resonances made of at least two gluons - is an embarrassment for the theory. If the pomeron is made of two gluons (with a possible quark admixture) then glueballs should be related to it. From a fit to proton-proton and proton-antiproton data, the lowest-lying (spin two) glueball was predicted (P. Desgrolard et al) to have a mass of 2.75 GeV and a decay width 0.55 GeV.

Fine-structure meson and baryon spectroscopy, based on an interquark potential, suggested earlier by F. Paccanoni and co-authors, was presented by an international collaboration including Uzhgorod, Kosice and Presov. The potential was derived from a dipole gluon propagator and partial confinement is among its virtues. It may have interesting applications in the study of possible phase transitions in a non-relativistic quark model with density-dependent interactions (W. Alberico).

A first-order phase transition from the quark-gluon plasma to hadronic matter may proceed by nucleation, preceded by deep supercooling (L. Csernai, M. Gorenstein), with important cosmological consequences.

The proceedings of the workshop Hadrons-94 may be ordered from: ABUGRIJ@GLUK.APC.ORG The next meeting - Hadrons-96 - will be held in the Crimea in June 1996.

From David Atkinson and Laszlo Jenkovszky

1994 is a LEAP year

Despite its suggestive acronym, the Conference on Low-Energy Antiproton Physics - LEAP - is biennial. The third in the series, dominated by recent results from the LEAR Low Energy Antiproton Ring at CERN, was held from 12 - 17 September in the resort of Bled at the foot of the Karawanken mountains in northern Slovenia. Organized by the Jozef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, the meeting attracted some 100 participants. As with previous meetings held in Stockholm (1990) and Courmayeur (1992), this conference reviewed progress in low energy antiproton physics, covering nuclear and atomic physics, astrophysics, meson spectroscopy, charm and strangeness production and fundamental symmetries.

In atomic spectroscopy, intriguing long-lived bound states of the helium-4 antiproton atom have been discovered and studied with laser induced annihilation in helium (see page 16). The Crystal Barrel and Obelix collaborations are studying the meson spectrum with unprecedented statistical accuracy and have discovered three new mesons. One of them has properties consistent with those expected for the ground state glueball and was reported in physics meetings this summer (October, page 7). The CPLEAR group has established time reversal violation in the neutral kaon system. The antiproton mass was measured and found equal to the proton mass within unrivalled accuracy (November, page 6). With the technical progresses achieved in trapping low-energy antiprotons, the study of the gravitational attraction of antimatter and the production of antihydrogen
Dubna - the great survivor

Atoms are now around the corner. The Conference closed with the award of N. Hamann Prize to A. Masoni of Cagliari, for his presentation on a high statistics study of iota decay with the Obelix spectrometer. This Prize, funded by the Jozef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, is in memory of Niklaus Hamann, PS coordinator and LEAR physicist who died last year, aged 40.

This year, as CERN celebrates its 40th anniversary (November, page 26), not far behind in the celebration stakes is the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, near Moscow, established in 1956. While CERN's goal was to provide a physics platform on which to rebuild Western European science after World War II, JINR had a similar mission for the USSR and the socialist countries, including Eastern Europe. The fact that both organizations are reaching their 40th anniversary testifies to their success. While their aims were very similar, their political contexts and scientific strategies have led along very different routes. Faced with the challenge of building a major machine, CERN took the bull by the horns and went for the new technique of strong focusing. The bet succeeded, and the dividends were rich and numerous. Dubna chose a more conventional solution, designed under the guidance of the legendary Vladimir I. Veksler, co-discoverer of the principle of phase stability. For several years the resulting 10 GeV synchrophasotron, commissioned in 1957, was the highest energy machine in the world. This machine is still operational, and features in the Guinness Book of records as the planet's largest electromagnet.

While eclipsed by the new generation of strong focusing machines, the Synchrophasotron enjoyed a new lease of life as a heavy ion machine (up to silicon-28), as well as providing polarized deuterons beams. The machine currently runs for some 1,500 hours per year, providing research material for more than 500 scientists from 100 institutions.

The next energy step had very different scenarios at CERN and at JINR. In the early 1970s, CERN decided to build the '300 GeV Project' (now the 450 GeV SPS Super Proton Synchrotron) on site, with the 28 GeV PS proton synchrotron as its injector, rather than building a totally new infrastructure somewhere else in Europe (there was no shortage of candidate sites).

In the prestige field of high energy physics, the USSR chose a different route. Their next major machine was the 70 GeV proton synchrotron, which was pushed through rapidly, coming into operation in 1967 at the new Institute for High Energy Physics.
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The parting of the ways. Dubna’s Laboratory of High Energies Director Alexander Baldin explains the injection scheme which feeds the Synchrophasotron (top beamline) and the Nuclotron (below). (Photo G. Fraser)

at Protvino, roughly as far south of Moscow (100 kilometres) as Dubna is north.

Until the arrival of CERN’s Intersecting Storage Rings and Fermilab in the early 1970s, the Protvino machine provided the world’s highest energies. The USSR had wrested back the high energy crown, but the price had been high for Dubna. Much Dubna expertise and manpower migrated, never to return.

Despite these two cruel twists of fate, and the current financial difficulties after the breakup of the Soviet Union, Dubna has stuck courageously to its guns and remains a valuable focus of research. Although it has no glamorous new machines, it covers a wider field of science than does CERN.

The decision to go for research using heavy ion beams in 1971 and open up relativistic nuclear physics has paid off. Heavy ion beams are also provided by Dubna’s veteran U200 and U400 cyclotrons and the new U400M accelerator (December 1993, page 28). Together, these machines provide a wide range of ions to suit many tastes.

Through this work, Dubna has made major contributions to ion source technology, while on the experimental side Dubna’s Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions has made its mark in the study of superheavy elements (see the article by Laboratory Director Yuri Oganessian which appeared in the November issue, page 16). The quality of Dubna’s beams has attracted a steady stream of informed specialists. A US team from the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory has been working at JINR since 1990.

But the jewel in Dubna’s heavy ion crown is undoubtedly the superconducting Nuclotron (July/August 1993, page 9), brainchild of Laboratory of High Energies Director Alexander Baldin. This 250-metre ring, assembled in the synchrophasotron’s basement, provided its first beams last year.

Experiments currently use internal targets, achieving luminosities of 10^{33} cm^{-2} s^{-1}, but the plan is to develop external beams too, with energies up to 6 GeV per nucleon. Progressively, users are expected to switch from the synchrophasotron to the Nuclotron. A useful Nuclotron bonus is surplus liquid helium, piped off to waiting trucks and supplied to the European market, adding a useful cash bonus to JINR funds.

The initial goal of the Nuclotron was 20 GeV per nucleon. While this is still a dream, Baldin is optimistic about the physics that can be explored nevertheless. Nuclotron beams can be used for studying practically all the characteristics of highly excited nuclear matter.

Another Dubna on-site feature, further extending the range of applications, is a well-equipped six-cabin facility for radiotherapy using synchrocyclotron beams. The good localization of these beams is valuable for treating eye and cranial tumours, while a neutron beam is used to treat larger radioresistant tumours.

The IBR-2 reactor, commissioned in 1982 and with a spectacular pulsing system using strobed plates, has a wide range of spectrometers covering both nuclear and condensed matter research. As well as JINR Member States and ancillary special programmes, Dubna’s neutron programme includes bilateral agreements with Saclay and the International Institut Laue-Langevin in France and with the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in the UK.

Other neutron beams are provided by the older IBR-30 pulsed machine using an electron linac as injector. The plan is to replace this with an Intense Resonance Neutron Source - IREN - using a 150 MeV electron linac and a sub-critical uranium booster. This project involves close collaboration with Novosibirsk’s Budker Institute. Three klystrons are being supplied by the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center in the US.
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In 1989 Dubna celebrated the 80th birthday of former Dubna Director and renowned scientist Nikolai N. Bogolubov (left, who died in 1992). On Bogolubov's left is Dubna Vice-Director Alexei Sissakian, responsible for Dubna high energy physics and an enthusiastic supporter of CERN-Dubna collaboration.

Dubna - the great survivor

JINR is especially proud of its theory group, with traditions dating back to its establishment under Nikolai N. Bogolubov and Dimitri I. Blokhintsev and which maintains the high traditions of Russian mathematics and analysis.

With its ready source of knowledge and expertise, coupled with the attractions of a leafy site and the proximity (but not the disadvantages) of Moscow, Dubna's vigorous programme of special schools attracts good participation.

More ambitious are Dubna's plans for a fully-fledged international university on the site, with teaching in English. Already some 100 students pass through Dubna each year for lectures and practical work.

For the future, Dubna is pushing for an electron-positron ring to mass-produce charmed particles and tau leptons - a 'tau-charm factory'. This project involves a close collaboration with the electron machine specialists at Novosibirsk's Budker Institute.

Support

JINR was established to cater for the USSR and satellite countries. Unlike CERN, truly international despite being sited near Geneva, JINR today is predominantly Russian, both in terms of funding (60 per cent) and sociology.

With the breakup of the Union, many of the former Soviet republics still regard Dubna as a research focus. Support comes in kind as well as in cash. While Hungary has left the family and departed for CERN, a special Hungarian agreement continues to cover that country's involvement in JINR neutron physics and heavy ion research.

Poland, now also a CERN Member State, retains its ties to Dubna, as do the Czech and Slovak Republics. The most conspicuous empty seat is that of East Germany, whose membership lapsed when the country ceased to exist as such. However special support from Germany, earmarked for cooperation in specific topics and the use of Dubna facilities is the subject of a special annual agreement.

Although the shine may have worn off some of its research facilities, JINR remains an important interface between Western and Eastern science and is packed with know-how. Many Dubna specialists would be happy to work on 'sub-contract' research projects.

Even when the Cold War was at its most frigid, Dubna cherished the bright flame of international collaboration. In 1957, the possibility of collaboration between the infants CERN and JINR began to be explored, and a framework for future collaboration emerged which went on to involve several major Soviet centres. In the early 1970s, inspired by Fermilab Director Robert Wilson, fruitful contacts were made with the US.

While new sources of funding have opened up to support former Soviet
Science, JINR Director General Vladimir Kadyshevsky prefers to take a more pragmatic approach, paraphrasing a Japanese proverb - 'do not give me fish, invite me to go fishing'. 'Science is by nature international', he continues, adding that he was pleased to find a US Department of Energy report quoting the Russian writer Anton Chekhov 'Science cannot be national, in the same way that a multiplication table cannot be national. If a science becomes national it ceases to be a science.'

**By Gordon Fraser**

Erice must be not only one of the most picturesque settings for a conference on history, but also one of the most appropriate, founded so the legends say more than 3000 years ago. Particle physics, by contrast, is strikingly modern, but the Ettore Majorana Centre at Erice was a fitting location for physicists to gather and discuss their subject in the International Conference on the History of Original Ideas and Basic Discoveries in Particle Physics, from 29 July to 3 August.
Physics revelations

the years, from the muon (Oreste Piccioni) and neutrino (Fred Reines) to the W and Z particles (Pierre Darriulat), and mention even of the top quark (Alvin Tollestrup). On a personal note, particular highlights were to learn from Toichiro Kinoshita about the challenge in computing terms of calculating quantum electrodynamics to eighth order; to hear about the development of accelerators and detectors (vital to progress in the subject, but often submerged beneath the weight of theoretical ideas) ranging from Gus Voss on electron-positron colliders to Albert Walenta on multiwire chambers; and to meet for the first time with Chien-Shiung Wu (who had a special status for a certain undergraduate as one of the few well known women in physics).

One of the aims of the conference was to provide some of today’s young particle physicists with the opportunity to hear from and mix with the people who have been instrumental in shaping the subject. Among those present were Christopher Tully (Princeton) and Avi Yagil (Fermilab), winners of Richard P. Feynman Scholarships for exceptional young physicists, and Thomas Gould (Johns Hopkins), Sekhar Mishra (Fermilab) and Fuqiang Wang (Brookhaven) who received honourable mention as outstanding candidates. The five received their awards before a ceremony to dedicate the original lecture theatre at the Ettore Majorana Centre to Richard Feynman - although the ceremony did not quite go to plan. Appropriately for this conference, history intervened at the last minute while workers were preparing the walls to be decorated with Feynman diagrams. They discovered ancient frescoes hidden beneath a dozen or so layers of whitewash accumulated over many generations. The frescoes included a depiction of the Last Supper, painted around 1500 probably at the request of Antonino Zichichi, an ancestor of his current namesake, founder of the Ettore Majorana Centre. Was this, as the present Antonino commented, in a sense Feynman’s last discovery?

Feynman contributed further to the conference on the final day, when David Goodstein, a low temperature physicist from Caltech, talked of the history of superconductivity and Feynman’s efforts to understand the phenomenon. As part of his fascinating contribution, Goodstein played extracts from recordings of Feynman discussing superconductivity in 1964 at a seminar at Caltech, the year that his introductory lecture on the same subject became enshrined in the last chapter of the celebrated books. Feynman is of course not the only link between particle physics and superconductivity. Superconducting detectors play an important role in the search for dark matter, as Cabrera described; and there is a deep connection between superconductivity and the higgs mechanism, which endows particles with mass in the electroweak theory discussed in a paper submitted by Steven Weinberg (who could not be present). To bring the audience completely up to date on superconductivity, Paul Chu from Houston presented the recent history of high-temperature superconductors, in which he has played a leading role.

It is not possible to give here more than a hint of the flavour of a conference like this, and those who wish for more details must await the publication of the proceedings. For the young people, however, that will not be quite the same as having had the opportunity to make contact with the roots of the subject, perhaps even breakfasting with those such as Weisskopf who themselves break­fasted with Pauli and other founders of particle physics.

Participants at the Erice history meeting. Left to right - Howard Georgi, Bias Cabrera, Sheldon Glashow. (Photos C. Sutton)
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Bunch trains arrive at LEP

On 11 November at CERN's LEP collider, after surprisingly few hours of machine development, a train of four electron bunches collided with a similar train of positrons. This successful debut bodes well for future operations with the higher energy LEP200 (November, page 6).

CERN Physics at LEP2

With the LEP2 project pushing ahead to boost CERN's LEP electron-positron collider to higher energy, in February a Workshop on Physics at LEP2 will review the studies for the preparation and interpretation of LEP2 data.

The organization of this Workshop and its final report will resemble the 1989 Workshop on Z Physics at LEP1.

With LEP2 physics scheduled for 1996, conveners and experiments contact persons have now been appointed, and working groups are being formed. The first General Meeting of all working groups will take place on 2-3 February at CERN in the Main Auditorium.

After one or two more such meetings, the final General Meeting will be in October 1995. All the General Meetings will take place at CERN. Those interested in participating are invited to attend the first General Meeting in February, where formation of the working groups will be completed.

Four sectors are foreseen, each with one or two co-ordinators and four to eight contact persons nominated by the four LEP experiments to promote and organize participation in the working groups.

The sectors with their working groups are:

- Standard physics - 1) WW cross sections and distributions, 2) W mass, 3) Standard Model processes, 4) QCD, 5) Gamma-gamma physics;
- New physics - 1) Three-gauge couplings, 2) Higgs, 3) New particles: virtual effects and/or real production, 4) Z-prime;
- Event generators - 1) WW and Standard Model processes, 2) Gamma-gamma physics, 3) Discovery physics, 4) Bhabha luminometer, 5) QCD;
- Machine/physics interface - 1) Absolute energy calibration and polarization, 2) Interaction point, 3) Integrated luminosity versus energy.

Each working group will have two conveners.

Up-to-date information may be found in the World-Wide Web: http://www.cern.ch/Physics/Conferences/C1995/LEP2PHYS/Announcement.html

Strengthening Scientific Co-operation

On a visit to CERN in October, European Commissioner for Research, Development, Education and Training, Antonio Ruberti signed an administrative agreement promoting closer scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and CERN.

The first meeting of the Joint EC-CERN Research Committee established by the agreement followed the signing ceremony. Potentially fruitful areas identified for cooperation include information technology, industrial and materials technology, training and mobility of researchers, and developing scientific cooperation with Central and Eastern European countries.

CERN has already actively participated in various EC programmes such as SCIENCE, which encourages researcher mobility, and RACE and ESPRIT promoting telecommunications and information technology respectively. The recently installed CS-2 scalable parallel computer in the CERN Computing Centre formed part of the ESPRIT-funded European High Performance Computing initiative.

In addition, CERN's wunderkind World Wide Web network information system will be further developed and maintained with support from the European Union and in collaboration with
with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Financial support of 1.5 million ECU – 2.5 million Swiss francs – has been earmarked for this project. World Wide Web is a spinoff from CERN’s involvement in advanced networking and in the past few years has revolutionized access to computer networks.

Heavy implications

Heavy ions at CERN are back, and heavier, as a new CERN facility supplies its first lead ion beams. Ingenious upgrades of existing accelerators together with several new systems accelerate lead ions to the high energies and intensities required by experiments searching for the long-awaited quark-gluon plasma. With lead beams, the more compact nuclear concentrations of matter will improve the chances of seeing quark-gluon matter in turmoil.

As with the oxygen and sulphur beams of the late 1980s and early 1990s, the system uses an Electron Cyclotron Resonance source operating in afterglow mode. Microwave power pulses transfer energy to the source’s electrons, creating a plasma. At the end of the pulse, there is a sudden, brief increase in beam intensity as the plasma collapses and the lead ions escape.

The lead ions travel along a new Low Energy Beam Transport and through a high resolution spectrometer. This separates the different isotopes, selecting only lead 27+. These ions are then accelerated from 2.5 keV to 250 keV per nucleon by a new Radio Frequency Quadrupole (RFQ).

After traversing the specially built Medium Energy Beam Transport, the beam enters the new linac. This has an interdigital H structure: an arrangement of drift tubes that give a higher accelerating field for lower input power, and occupy a much smaller space than conventional linacs. Its three tanks push the lead ions to 4.2 MeV per nucleon.

The beam then passes along the High Energy Beam Transport to a carbon foil that strips the ions to lead 53+. It is much easier to accelerate lead in this highly ionized form as, for a given field, acceleration is proportional to a particle’s electrical charge. Other, unwanted charge states are removed by a filter system.

The next stage is the Booster, suitably upgraded. Without these improvements, the ions would be lost through interactions with residual gas in the system. Cleaning out the Booster and adding more vacuum pumps has brought the pressure down to the $10^{-9}$ Torr region. Pulsing the Booster’s radiofrequency (RF) acceleration system to bunch the ions, they are accelerated from 10 to 20 per cent of the speed of light. The RF is then switched off and the ions allowed to debunch. The bunching and acceleration are then repeated to take the ions from 20 to 42 per cent of the speed of light.

The ions are next fed into the Proton Synchrotron (PS), whose radiofrequency is synchronized with the Booster. The PS is also used to accelerate protons, electrons and positrons, and injection of the lead ions somehow has to be fitted into this crowded programme. A complicated timing device ensures that all these particles can be accelerated in turn. There are four ion cycles of 1.2 seconds within a supercycle of 19.2 seconds; protons, electrons and positrons are individually inserted in the remaining time. The lead ions travel about 200,000 times around the PS in each ion cycle, rising to 4.25 GeV per nucleon before being ejected to the Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS) through a foil that strips them to lead 82+.

The four batches of lead ions injected consecutively from the PS are accelerated simultaneously by...
the SPS. One potential problem was that the lead ions do not have a high enough velocity, and thus the frequency swing in the SPS travelling wave cavities is not large enough. The novel solution exploits the fact that the four batches do not fill the whole ring but only about 10 microseconds of the total revolution time of 23 microseconds. The short filling time of the SPS cavities – about 1 microsecond – allows the cavity phase to be readjusted during the beam-free period. The cavities hence operate at constant frequency and their phase is fine tuned after each revolution of the beam. The SPS supplies lead 82+ ions to the experiments at between 50 and 160 GeV per nucleon. Speaking at a party to celebrate the successful acceleration of heavy ions, project leader Helmut Haseroth said, “The nicest present for our enthusiasm and effort will be from physics: the discovery of quark-gluon plasma. We hope they discover something interesting.”

The project is the result of a 1988 proposal to accelerate lead ions using an interconnecting series of accelerators. It was achieved by the collaboration established in 1990 between GANIL in France, Legnaro, Torino and Padua in Italy, GSI and Frankfurt in Germany, and CERN. Financial contributions were made by Sweden and Switzerland; India helped with software and some hardware production, and the Czech Republic contributed some labour.

Heavy ion experiments

A range of major experiment are lined up for the new heavy ion beams. Each uses a different method to search for signs of the elusive quark-gluon plasma.

To the best of our knowledge, quarks in today’s world only exist in clusters which form hadrons, strongly interacting particles. However, at extremely high energy densities, the idea that a particular quark belongs to a particular hadron becomes meaningless. At these energy densities, strong interactions surpass the electromagnetic interactions that dominate matter at everyday densities. Since gluons mediate strong interactions, the mix of particles becomes a quark-gluon plasma.

To detect quark-gluon plasma, experimentalists need to collide matter at high energy and density, and find a record of what happened. Heavy ions such as lead provide the necessary volume of nucleons and have now been accelerated to higher energies at CERN.

There are three types of experiment searching for quark-gluon plasma. The first will detect electromagnetic signals: P280, a proposed Brookhaven/CERN/Dubna/Heidelberg/Milan/Weizmann, collaboration hopes to look for electron-positron pairs; NA50, an Annecy/Bucharest/Cagliari/INFN/CERN/Clermont Ferrand/CNRS/Lisbon/Moscow/Orsay/LPNHE Palaiseau/Strasbourg/Turin/Lyon group, will look for muon pairs; and WA98, of Bhubaneswar/Calcutta/CERN/Chandigarh Punjab/GSI/Dubna/Geneva/Strasbourg will search for photons issuing from the early part of the collision. These experiments will measure the state of the system at the time when quark-gluon plasma is expected to exist, and study whether the properties of the hadrons produced in the dense medium are altered.

A second approach is taken by experiments NA44, a collaboration between Brookhaven/CERN/Columbia/Copenhagen/Creaton/Hiroshima/KEK/Los Alamos/Lund/Ohio State/Pittsburgh/Tbilisi State/Texas A&M/Tokyo/NA49, from Athens/ Birmingham/Budapest/CERN/Brakow/GSI/UC Davis/Frankfurt Main/Freiburg/LBL/UCLA/Marburg/Munich/Warsaw/Washington/Zagreb; and WA97 of Athens/Bari/INFN/Bergen/Birmingham/CERN/Paris/Genoa/Kosice/Legnaro/Padua/Rome/Salerno/Serpukhov/Strasbourg/ULP/Trieste. These will examine the hadronic signals and determine the overall conditions when hadrons are formed, possibly from quark-gluon plasma.

In addition, NA52 of BERN/CERN/Annecy/Helsinki/Stockholm/CNRS/Strasbourg, will look for material that may be left over from a quark-gluon plasma.

Supplementing these major experiments is a range of studies using emulsion targets.

LEAR throws light on antiprotonic helium atoms

Antiprotonic helium is an exotic atom formed when a low energy (a few electronvolts) antiproton collides with a helium atom, displacing one of its two orbital electrons.

Newly installed inside the charge cloud of the remaining electron, the antiproton ejects this too within a few of its own orbits of some $10^{-15}$ seconds. As with the dog that did not bark in the night in the Sherlock Holmes story, the missing electron plays a crucial role in what happens next, ensuring that subsequent
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Antiproton annihilation rate vs. time in metastable antiprotonic helium atoms, measured by plastic scintillation counters. A dye laser pulse was fired into the helium target 1.8 microseconds after the entry of each antiproton. At the critical wavelength of 597.256 nm, it stimulated any atom still in the \( n=39, l=35 \) state at that time to jump to the lower \( n=38, l=34 \) state, resulting in a sharp increase in the annihilation rate.

Collisions bring the antiproton near the nucleus in less than \( 10^{-12} \) seconds, when it annihilates.

In three or four cases in every hundred in such atoms, the antiproton survives for as long as 25 microseconds (June 1992, page 14). To put this in perspective, if the antiproton’s orbital period is an atomic ‘year’, its expected lifetime is then of the order of ‘centuries’, while in the long-lived atoms the antiproton can survive for the equivalent of the age of the Universe.

The PS205 collaboration (Tokyo, Okazaki, Munich, Budapest and CERN) has been hard at work on this phenomenon at CERN’s LEAR low energy antiproton ring since November 1991, unearthing an isotope effect, which makes the antiproton live 14% longer in helium-4 than in helium-3, studying the influence of additional foreign gases on the lifetime, and showing that this metastability is unique to helium.

Intriguing though these results were, they have been eclipsed by the collaboration’s latest exploits. The metastability was tentatively explained as a property of those antiprotonic helium atoms which at birth have the antiproton in states with large principal and orbital quantum numbers. The spacing of these levels should be only 2–3 eV. Ejecting the second electron requires 25 eV energy release, and this should therefore be strongly suppressed.

However if the second electron remains, the dog barks - deexcitation by collisions becomes ineffective, and the atom can only approach the nucleus very slowly, by radiating 2–3 eV photons. This contrived-sounding model has been questioned, but it held out enticing prospects for making very precise visible-light spectroscopic measurements on atoms containing antiprotons. Could it be possible in the same experiment both to confirm the model and open up this new field of investigation, bordering on particle as well as atomic physics? Precision measurements on other exotic atoms have always deepened our understanding of fundamental particles, so it was certainly worth trying.

But it was a classic needle in a haystack. At any given moment, only one metastable atom was present in the helium target among some \( 10^{23} \) ordinary helium atoms (the experimenters went to considerable trouble to arrange this, so that their detectors would know exactly which antiproton had annihilated). In addition the experimenters were blindfolded - theoretical models could only suggest approximately which regions of the haystack to search, and when a transition did occur the deexcitation photon would be emitted in an arbitrary direction, making it very difficult to catch in a spectrometer.

Luckily, a further feature of the model is that some metastable levels must have adjacent non-metastable partners. A high powered laser pulse was therefore fired into the helium target every time a metastable atom was known to be inside [1]. By scanning the laser wavelength a search could be made for transitions between such pairs; when the resonance condition was reached the antiproton would jump down to the nearby non-metastable level and annihilate in the fast lane.

The beauty of this method is that it converts the problem of catching the photon into one of catching the annihilation products, something which can be done easily by surrounding the helium target with scintillation or Cherenkov counters.

After several days of scanning, the experimenters’ persistence was rewarded by a sharp increase in the antiproton annihilation rate ‘on resonance’ at 597.256 nm. By studying the shape of the peak and the number of events in it, quantum numbers could be assigned to the transition. The principal quantum number goes from 39 to 38 while the orbital quantum number goes from 35 to 34. In further experiments [2], the laser light delay was varied in order to study the time evolution of the metastable state population.
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Two-laser experiments were also done, the second being used to measure the repopulation of the level depopulated by the first.

In September, PS205 removed any remaining doubts about the validity of the model by shooting down antiprotons from a second metastable level, and demonstrated a new technique in which 100ns bunches containing some $10^8$ antiprotons were stopped in helium, producing several million metastable atoms simultaneously.

Laser stimulated annihilation has now been demonstrated in this new mode of operation, and should result in a vastly increased efficiency when searching for and studying new resonances. The collaboration also plans to study fluorescent transitions and investigate the fine and hyperfine structure of the spectrum. This may bring greatly improved measurements of the antiproton's static properties.

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Hidden strangeness?
Quark rules not OK

Recent results from the annihilation of stopped antiprotons at CERN's Low Energy Antiproton Ring (LEAR) have demonstrated a significant violation of the Okubo-Zweig-lizuka (OZI) rule, which forbids the production of particles containing quarks which were not there initially. The top process, giving a phi meson, is suppressed. In the process below, all the final quarks were there initially.

The Okubo-Zweig-lizuka (OZI) rule forbids in principle the production of particles containing quarks which were not there initially. The top process, giving a phi meson, is suppressed. In the process below, all the final quarks were there initially.

Two antiprotons annihilate to produce a proton and a meson, with a photon in addition. The meson is a phi, and the photon is produced in the annihilation of the two quarks. The OZI rule predicts that this process should be suppressed, as it involves the production of a meson that contains quarks that were not present initially.

Production of the phi meson is a particularly sensitive test of the rule because the phi is a pure strange quark-antiquark state, while the omega meson, in contrast, contains up and down quarks and antiquarks, present initially. The proton or neutron is not normally considered as containing strange quarks or antiquarks.

According to OZI, the ratio of phi to omega-meson production in hadron interactions should be rather small, on the level of a few parts per thousand. This has been nicely confirmed in a number of experiments with proton-proton, pion-proton and antiproton-proton annihilation at different projectile energies.

After this confirmation, results from LEAR showing strong deviations from the OZI rule are something of a surprise. The Crystal Barrel collaboration, for example, has measured the production of phi and omega accompanied by one or two neutral pions, an eta or a photon in proton-antiproton annihilations after the antiprotons have been stopped in liquid hydrogen. The experiment sees a large deviation from the 'naive' OZI rule for single pion production, whilst the other cases deviate only slightly. However, the most striking result was an extremely large anomaly in the case of accompanying photons, where the phi production rate was found to be about 100 times higher than expected!

Also at LEAR, the OBELIX collaboration has complemented these results by comparing phi and omega production in antineutron annihilations in liquid hydrogen, and in antiproton annihilation on gaseous deuterium. Large deviations from OZI were found when the phi and omega were accompanied by a negative or a positive pion.

An interesting result was obtained by the ASTERIX collaboration at LEAR, which compared phi and omega production accompanied by a range of mesons when annihilation took place from low angular momentum (S- or P-wave) states of the resultant proton-antiproton atom. The phi/omega ratio in S-wave annihilations is generally higher than the OZI prediction by a factor of 2 to 8, but the most striking variation is the case of an accompanying single pion in S-wave annihilations, when the disagreement is a factor 20 or so. However, in P-wave annihilations there is no corresponding enhancement.

A phi meson and a pion can only be produced in proton-antiproton annihilation from the S-wave, when the proton and antiproton spins are parallel (spin triplet state). If annihilation takes place from the P-wave, only the spin-singlet state (antiparallel spins) is possible.

Why are results from antiprotons at rest so different from other hadronic tests? Why does the OZI rule violation depend so strongly on the quantum numbers of the initial state? There are different theoretical models on the market. One interesting possibility is a small strange quark component inside the nucleon. Deep inelastic scattering experiments using beams of neutrinos and polarized (spin oriented) muons and electrons have shown that the nucleon's valence quarks are accompanied by strange quarks which may carry part...
Comparison of phi- and omega-meson production under different conditions, showing the startling increase in phi production at the three experiments at CERN’s LEAR low energy antiproton ring.

of the nucleon spin (July, page 19). If so, these strange quarks have special spin assignments.

Annihilation at rest explores a kinematic region with much less momentum transfer than the deep inelastic experiments. But if under these conditions the nucleon contains some polarized strange quarks then some of the puzzles of antiproton annihilation can be explained.

If the nucleon contains strange quarks, then the phi could be created directly via OZI-allowed processes. Dependence on the quantum configuration of the initial state is due to the polarization of the strange quarks: they willingly form the spin-one phi meson from the spin-triplet states.

Only in proton-antiproton annihilation at rest are phi mesons created from a pure spin state. Other interactions have a mixture of different spin and angular momentum states, hiding the OZI-violation. Experiments on phi production in polarized proton beam interactions with polarized targets could test whether there is intrinsic strangeness in the proton.

CORNELL Superconducting technology breakthrough at CESR

Superconducting accelerating cavities are routinely employed in the present generation of electron storage rings at TRISTAN (KEK, Japan) and HERA (DESY, Hamburg) and will be used in CERN’s LEP II. In order to be useful in future high current machines, such as the Phase III upgrade of Cornell’s CESR ring (December 1993, page 22), B factories, tau-charm factories, or other ongoing plans, superconducting cavities must meet extremely stringent requirements.

The cavities must be able to operate safely with very high circulating beam currents and must deliver hundreds of kilowatts of radiofrequency (r.f.) power to the beams. At the same time, this power must be transmitted to the cavities through the cryogenic liquid helium environment, and many kilowatts of beam-induced higher-order-mode (HOM) power must be conducted out of that environment and dissipated at room temperature. Finally, the cavities must be designed to minimize impedance (excitation of the cavities by beam wake fields) in order to avoid beam instabilities at high currents.

These rigorous requirements have been met in a prototype (December 1992, page 17) of the superconducting radiofrequency (SRF) cavity.
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The system planned for the Phase III upgrade of CESR. The system has several special design features suited for high current operation. In order to minimize impedance, a single cell, 500 MHz niobium cavity with a 24 cm diameter beam pipe is used. A superconducting waveguide conducts r.f. power through the cryogenic environment to the cavity, and room temperature loads dissipate the HOM power. The unique HOM loads are room-temperature sections of 24 cm diameter beam pipe, lined with ferrite, extremely lossy at microwave frequencies but with acceptable vacuum properties. The cavity, the input coupler, and the higher-order-mode load are all original designs of the CESR SRF group.

This system performed very well in a CESR test. At an operating electric field gradient of 4.5 MV/m, the cavity accelerated a beam of 220 mA in 27 bunches, the maximum single-beam current ever run in CESR. No instability attributable to the cavity was encountered. This current is three times the previous 70 mA record held by KEK in Japan with a five-cell cavity at a field gradient of 2 MV/m. The high power of the circulating beam did not increase the heat load, or present any danger to the SRF cavity.

After additional high pulsed power processing without beam, the SRF cavity was operated at gradients between 5 and 6.1 MV/m with beam currents near 100 mA. A maximum of 155 kW of rf power was transferred to an 118 mA beam through the input power coupler/window and the SRF cavity. This is to be compared to the previous record of 70 kW through a single SRF cavity coupler set at KEK. The maximum higher order mode power extracted from the beam was 4 kW, a factor of 20 above the previous CESR world record.

Most of the tests were conducted at the nominal beam energy of CESR (5.3 GeV), with 1.4 MV of accelerating potential provided by the SRF single-cell cavity and 6 MV provided by the 20-cell copper cavities of the normal CESR r.f. system. With the SRF system operating alone, it was possible to accelerate a 30 mA beam to 4.3 GeV - injection into unconventional optics, not the SRF system, was the limiting factor.

In order to achieve high luminosities, future storage rings will require closely spaced bunches, where interactions of bunches with each other via higher order modes in the cavities can lead to instabilities that could be very difficult to control. To see if this could be a problem with the CESR SRF system, beam stability studies were carried out with a variety of bunch configurations: single 45 mA bunches, 9 bunches (13 mA/bunch) equally spaced 85 metres apart, 9 trains of 3 bunches (8 mA/bunch) 4.2 m apart, 2 bunches (15 mA/bunch) 0.6 to 3 metres apart, and finally, 1281 bunches (36 microA/bunch) 0.6 m apart. In addition, a 117 mA beam was bumped horizontally and vertically by 5 mm and, while supporting a 100 mA beam, the cavity was axially deformed with the tuner by 0.4 mm in order to sweep the frequencies of the higher modes across dangerous beam revolution harmonics. In all these tests, no resonant excitation of higher modes or beam instabilities were observed, which confirms that the potentially dangerous modes were damped strongly and rendered harmless.

The CESR SRF group has long pioneered research and development of SRF cavities, providing the design of the SRF cavities used in CEBAF and expanding the limits of accelerating fields (25 MV/m for the TESLA project, CERN Courier, Oct 1993). This R&D effort will continue, but production of the four single-cell cavities required for the CESR Phase III upgrade is now an additional major goal.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Transition

Continuing its round of CERN Member States, the European Committee for Future Accelerators (ECFA) met in Prague in September. After the division of Czechoslovakia, which became a CERN Member State in 1992, into two states later that year, this was the first time that ECFA had looked at particle physics in the new Czech Republic.

As well as having been reshuffled at a national level, the organization of Czech scientific research has gone through a transition, with its previous clear separation between research in Academy Institutes and in teaching universities now dissolving.

Czech involvement in modern particle physics developed through involvement in experiments organized through the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), Dubna, near Moscow. Dubna (see page 7)
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was established in 1956 as the counterpart for socialist countries.
Czech physicists began working first at Serpukhov. Subsequently, through the CERN-JINR agreements set up in the late 1960s, they began participating in experiments at CERN, particularly the NA4 muon scattering study which went on to produce landmark results on nucleon structure.

Subsequent experiments with Czech participation at CERN include UA2, UA4, Delphi, Isolde and heavy ion studies as well as the Atlas and Alice projects and their associated research and development programmes for LHC. At DESY, Czech physicists are part of the H1 team at the HERA electron-proton collider. International schools and workshops have been held in Czech centres.

In total, there are some 40 Czech experimentalists, mainly based in Academy institutes and in universities in Prague. There are also a similar number of theorists.
The Czech Republic is keen to expand its industrial contribution to CERN, and an industry exhibition at CERN in June made important initial contacts.
The nation's contribution to CERN, yet to attain its cruising altitude, is paid through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but CERN-Czech relations are closely supervised by the Ministry of Industry and Trade, which also provides special support funding for physicists working at CERN. The science itself is covered by the Academy and the universities as well as through grants. A Czech-CERN committee monitors activities at and related to CERN.

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UNITED STATES

Particle and nuclear astrophysicists look to the future

While many high-energy physicists are planning giant colliding beams machines as the vessels to sail beyond the familiar waters of the Standard Model, others are testing alternate conveyances to explore the most fundamental issues of particle physics.

Studies of proton decay, neutrino masses and oscillations, dark matter, high-energy astronomy, microwave background fluctuations, large-scale structure, and the physics of the early Universe could move the field far from the Standard Model shore.

Just as zoologists and geologists once explored new lands together, high-energy physicists have been joined by nuclear physicists and astrophysicists who are interested in the experiments because of the relevance to their own disciplines.

To recognize and nurture this growing interdisciplinary field, the American Physical Society's Divisions of Astrophysics, Nuclear Physics, and Particles and Fields (DPF) sponsored a two-week summer study to examine emerging research opportunities. The study, modestly called "Particle and Nuclear Astrophysics and Cosmology in the Next Millennium", was held in Snowmass, Colorado from June 29 to July 14.

The Snowmass series of summer studies have been important in planning the future of the US high-energy physics programme. The 1994 meeting was distinguished from previous ones by its broad interdisciplinary and international participation.
Over 400 physicists from 16 countries attended; nearly 20% of them from outside the US.

Twenty working groups were organized around specific topics in neutrinos, cosmic rays, gravitational phenomena, low background experiments, and cosmology. Interest in neutrinos and underground physics was heightened when participants found among their registration material a letter from Fermilab Director John Peoples announcing the interest of Fermilab’s Physics Advisory Committee in opportunities for neutrino experiments at the Main Injector (the so-called NuMI programme). In addition to its first use in improving collider luminosity, high-intensity Main Injector beams could be used for sensitive neutrino oscillation experiments around the year 2000.

Following the recommendation, Fermilab plans to construct a neutrino beam aimed at a massive detector in a distant underground laboratory - for example a new 15 kTon detector, 730 km away in the Soudan laboratory. The approved E-803 short-baseline experiment would occupy an underground experimental hall in the same beam on the Fermilab site. Both long- and short-baseline experiments could detect the oscillations of muon neutrinos into tau neutrinos, but in different regions of mixing angle and neutrino mass. E-803 is similar to, but more sensitive than, the CERN Chorus experiment, already in operation. Long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiments are also under discussion at CERN, Brookhaven, and KEK (Japan). The strong Fermilab support for NuMI constitutes an important entry in the neutrino game.

Boris Kayser (NSF) reviewed the list of experimental hints of nonzero neutrino mass to construct several scenarios for future experiments. The list includes the atmospheric neutrino anomaly, the solar neutrino deficit, the need for hot dark matter, a possible signal for neutrinoless double beta decay, and a possible signal for muon to electron neutrino oscillations from the LSND experiment at Los Alamos.

Data from the gallium solar neutrino experiments continue to support earlier evidence from water Cerenkov and chlorine experiments for neutrino oscillations, and place tighter constraints on mixing parameters. In his summary talk, Wick Haxton (Washington) stressed the importance of such complementary measurements and of calibrations with radioactive sources. Powerful new generation solar neutrino experiments (SNO in Canada and SuperKamiokande in Japan) are already under construction, and several others are being prototyped. Heroic experiments to probe the full spectrum of primary solar neutrinos are being developed by proponents of the HeLaZ and HERON detectors. Supernova neutrinos can provide further information about neutrino masses and mixing, but current stellar collapse models and present detector technology both limit their usefulness.

The high-energy neutrino astrophysics community moved a step closer to a next generation neutrino telescope. Francis Halzen (Wisconsin) argued that the next generation telescope should utilize a cubic kilometre sensitive volume of water or ice, and reviewed the status of the current generation of detectors known as BAND (Baikal, Amanda, Nestor, Dumand). While these huge “prototype” detectors are still in various stages of development, the techniques they have pioneered could be used for a much larger telescope. The cubic kilometre detector could study extragalactic neutrino astronomy and search for neutrinos from WIMP annihilation. Several temporary working groups set up at Snowmass could eventually lead to the formation of an international collaboration.

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Connections to Stockholm

The 1994 Frank Prize at the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, went to Yu. Abov, L. Pikelner and V. Alifimov for their discovery of parity violation in neutron-neucleon scattering. The Prize was instituted in 1993 as a memorial to 1958 Nobel prizewinner Ilya Frank, after whom the JINR Laboratory of Nuclear Physics is named. The first recipient was Clifford Shull, who shared the 1994 Nobel prize with Bertram Brockhouse.

Among the guests at the 1994 Nobel Prize Awards in Stockholm was Jenny Van Hove. The theoretical work of her late husband, former CERN Research Director General Leon Van Hove, was acknowledged in the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences’ citation of the Physics prize to Bertram Brockhouse and Clifford Shull for their role in developing neutron scattering techniques.

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this next generation cosmic ray facility. Jim Cronin (Chicago) is leading the push for a 5000 square-kilometre array which might record 50 events per year above 10^{20}eV, based on a handful of events seen by existing detectors. The origin of such ultra-high energy particles is a mystery because there is no accepted mechanism capable of accelerating to this energy, while such particles also have only very limited range through the microwave background radiation. Advances in high energy gamma ray astronomy were summarized by Dick Lamb (Iowa State), who noted that this field is divided into low-energy space-based and high-energy ground-based communities. Closer coordination of their efforts was a major topic of discussion. Challenges for the future include filling the observational gap between 10 GeV and 10 TeV and extending the reach of the EGRET and BATSE detectors (on board the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory) with a new generation of even more sophisticated experiments.

The low-background experiments working group attracted the second largest number of Snowmass participants (after neutrinos). Topics included searches for proton decay, dark matter, double beta decay, and other rare/nonexistent phenomena. Chris Stubbs (Santa Barbara) summarized the status of dark matter searches. While all current evidence for dark matter originates from astronomical observations, the dark matter problem has much broader physical significance. In fact, dark matter was a unifying theme underlying many topics. There was considerable optimism that substantial experimental progress would be made in the foreseeable future.

The gravity sessions were dominated by two issues, one theoretical and the other experimental. On the theoretical side the question of the loss of information associated with black holes received the most attention. The possibility that the resolution of this question might involve a fundamental change in our interpretation of quantum mechanics keeps it a burning issue. While their theoretical friends were speculating what would happen if encyclopaedias were thrown into black holes, experimentalists were concentrating on plans for the approved gravitational-wave experiment known as LIGO. With construction under way in Oregon, and groundbreaking planned in Louisiana, they have their hands full. Theorists interested in gravity waves followed reports of gamma-ray bursts from the space working groups in the hope that the mysterious bursts are the result of neutron star or black hole coalescence which would provide a discernible signal.

The cosmology working groups seemed confident that early-Universe theories will soon be put to the test by observations of the cosmic background radiation (CBR), large-scale structure, and dark matter searches. Until recently just detecting CBR fluctuations was a triumph, now experimentalists and theorists are setting targets for the accuracy and angular coverage of future experiments required to test early-universe scenarios.

One strategy expressed by Paul Steinhardt (Pennsylvania) was that the top three goals of CBR studies should be: 1 - test inflation; 2 - test inflation; and 3 - test inflation, with everything else of secondary importance. Many cosmologists agreed with this emphasis on inflation, with much effort directing into connecting inflation theories with present-day observations.

Predicting the dark matter ingredients of the primordial soup continues to be as much an art as a science, with Joel Primack (Santa Cruz) calling for a light neutrino seasoning, Michael Turner (Chicago) speaking up for bland, cold broth of axions, and others calling for a dash of cosmological constant or light supersymmetric particles. Even those with strong tastes agreed that
upcoming large-scale structure surveys such as the Sloan Digital Sky Survey would be required before we can say if the Universe is a spicy mix of many particles, or if too many theorists have spoiled the primordial soup.

Even after long, hard days in the working groups there was still a little energy available for rest and recreation. The volleyball prowess of the cosmologists was reconfirmed as they easily took care of the gravitationalists to capture the “Universe Cup.”

While even from the top of Aspen Mountain the next millennium was slightly over the horizon, the Colorado mountains did provide a most appropriate setting for this visionary summer study. The Organizing Committee was chaired by Roberto Peccei (UCLA). Fermilab provided the usual excellent logistical support, including a Secretariat (under Cynthia Sazama) and a well-equipped computer centre.

By David Ayres (Argonne) and Edward W. Kolb (Fermilab and the University of Chicago)

On people

Maurice Jacob, distinguished theoretist, one-time leader of CERN’s Theory Division and President of the European and French Physical Societies, and now responsible for CERN’s relations with Member States, becomes a member of the French Légion d’Honneur.

Neville Smith, previously with AT&T Bell Laboratories, has been appointed first scientific programme head of the Advanced Light Source at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory.

Tom Roser becomes Head of the Accelerator Division in the Alternating Gradient Synchrotron Department at Brookhaven, succeeding Bill Teng, now on sabbatical.

Feynman on film


CEBAF beams

After delivering its first beams earlier this year (September, page 42), the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF) superconducting accelerator in Newport News, Virginia, has attained 1.46 GeV, recirculating the beam in two passes. The goal is 4 GeV or higher in five passes. Preparations for higher passes alternate with detector commissioning.

Sergei M. Polikanov 1926-94

Sergei M. Polikanov died on September 2 at the age of 67. He was a member of the scientific staff of the GSI Darmstadt heavy ion Laboratory. Born in Moscow in 1926, Polikanov studied physics with prominent teachers like L. D. Landau and I. E. Tamm and worked with G. N. Flerov...
on the synthesis of transuranic elements. In these experiments, carried out at the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), Dubna, element 103 (Nobelium) was first synthesized. In 1962 he discovered a spontaneous fission activity of 14 ms in uranium-238 reactions with heavy ions. This initially confusing phenomenon was soon recognized to be the spontaneous fission of an excited nuclear state of americium-242 and subsequently observed to be a phenomenon that occurred in many other transuranics. Few accomplishments in nuclear physics in recent years have had such a wide impact. The discovery soon received appropriate recognition: the Lenin Prize in 1967; election to corresponding membership in the Soviet Academy of Sciences in 1974; and in 1977 the Tom Bonner Prize of the American Physical Society.

In the early 70s Polikanov was the first to propose using muons to probe nuclear fission and nuclear dynamics. This early work in Dubna soon brought him into contact with CERN which offered the best possibilities for experiments with muons. His desire to depart with his family for a prolonged research abroad and his subsequent affiliation with Sakharov’s Helsinki Group led to a complete break with the Soviet establishment. In 1978 Polikanov and his family were expelled from the Soviet Union, and he formally returned all his Soviet prizes and honours. After working at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen from 1978 - 1980 and at CERN from 1980 - 1982, in 1982 he received a permanent position as a staff scientist at GSI, Darmstadt. He was appointed Honorary Professor at Heidelberg and in 1988 was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Uppsala in Sweden.

We have all learned much from Sergei Polikanov. With his death we have lost a man of great integrity, an outstanding physicist, and a highly regarded colleague.

From P. Armbruster and H.J. Specht

Tanguy Altherr 1963-94

This summer the promising French theorist Tanguy Altherr lost his life in a climbing accident in his home Brittany. After completing his thesis at Annecy, he went on to do research at Helsinki and in the French CNRS before coming to CERN as a Fellow. An acknowledged specialist in the theory of finite temperature fields, he was a prolific collaborator and the author of 31 papers, his age when he died.

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Ilya M. Kapchinsky

On 5 July, Ilya M. Kapchinsky, well known for his work in oscillation theory, radio engineering, particle beam physics and accelerator technology, who died in 1993 (September 1993, page 33) would have been 75. A meeting at Moscow’s Institute for Theoretical and Experimental Physics (ITEP) commemorated the event.

After graduating from Moscow, he worked in radio and radar. From 1958, he headed ITEP’s Linac Laboratory (later Division), directing teams which built linacs both at ITEP and at IHEP, Protvino. Characteristic of his work was a deep understanding of technical problems. Both these linacs went on to surpass their design values and be reliable for many years. Later came new high current ion machines.

After fresh results on the behaviour of intense beams of charged particles, in 1968, with V.V. Vladimirsky and V.A. Tepljakov, he discovered the space-uniform quadrupole focusing effect, leading to a new method of ion beam acceleration (now best known as the radiofrequency quadrupole technique), now used all over the world. He also proposed a two-frequency proton linac idea.

His achievements, ingenuity and mastery of the field brought him several awards, in the US and Germany as well as in his home country. The continual and widespread application of his ideas serve as a fitting memorial to his work.

Meetings

The 3rd International Workshop on B-Physics at Hadron Machines - Beauty ’95 - will be held at Oxford University, U.K. from 10-14 July, 1995. Further information from BEAUTY95@PHYSICS.OXFORD.AC.UK The URL of the World Wide Web Home Page will be: http://www-pnp.physics.ox.ac.uk/beauty95.html

The 2nd International Workshop (Beauty ’94) was held at Mont-St-Michel, Normandy from 25-29 April. Peter Doman of London’s Imperial
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College was the summary speaker. The Proceedings appeared in Nuclear Instruments & Methods A 315 (15 November, 1994).
The 15th International Conference on Physics in Collision will be held from June 8-10, 1995 at the Marian Miesowicz Centre of High Energy Physics in Cracow, Poland. The conference is intended to provide an overview of the current status of high energy physics. Further information can be obtained from PHYSCOLL95, Institute of Nuclear Physics, ul. Kawiory 26A, 30-055 Krakow, Poland, E-mail: PHYSCOLL@VSK01.IFJ.EDU.PL, Tel: (4812) 33 33 66, Fax: (4812) 33 38 84.

LTD6 - the Sixth International Workshop on Low Temperature Detectors - will take place from 28 August to 1 September at Beatenberg, near Interlaken, Switzerland. Further information from LTD6@LHEP.UNIBE.CH

The 1995 Low dimensional quantum field theory meeting will be held at Centro Stefano Franscini, Monte Verita’, Ascona, from 10-15 September 1995, sponsored by the European Science Foundation, ETH Zurich and Swiss National Science Foundation. Directors: K. Osterwalder (ETH, Zurich) and V. Rittenberg (Univ. of Bonn). Information: Secretariat CSF, ETH Zentrum, HGG24.1, CH-8092 Zurich, Phone: +41-1 632 25 00, Fax: +41-1 262 56 22.

European Physical Society in support of the LHC

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(signed) G. Jarlskog, Chairman of EPS High Energy Physics Division, and N. Kroo, EPS President.
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As well as a full programme of talks, the symposium included also the visits to Dubna’s recently commissioned superconducting Nuclotron (July/August 1993, page 9) accelerating a range of nuclei up to 6 GeV per nucleon, to the first Soviet synchrotron, S-3 at the Lebedev Institute which has been operating for 30 MeV electrons since 1948, and to Veksler’s grave at Novodevitchy Cemetery.

Karl Von Meyenn, left, who has long been assisting with the editing of Wolfgang Pauli’s scientific correspondence, has joined the Pauli Committee at CERN as a full member. He is seen here with fellow committee member Charles Enz of Geneva, who was Pauli’s last assistant, and who is holding a copy of Pauli’s ‘Writings on Physics and Philosophy’, published under the auspices of the Committee.

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