

PANDA physics: light, strange, charm





Why Antiprotons





Systematic and precise tool to rigorously study the dynamics of QCD

Antiproton Chain: HESR & PANDA





Civil Engineering





Construction Site (last month)









Full Setup





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Day-1 Setup





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PANDA Installation Schedule





Status of HESR Dipoles and Quadrupoles complete



- 46 dipoles and 84 quadrupoles are waiting for installation
- Power converters delivered
- Sextupoles in production





All components will be finished end of 2019







Phases of PANDA – Sensitivities in a nutshell





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Light Quark/Meson Spectroscopy



Kaon spectrum

- every SU(3) meson nonet contains kaons but most of them have not been found
- their properties remain unclear and how well we really understand light mesons

(Strangeonium) hybrids

- predicted in the mass region of abo
- spin-exotic quantum numbers signa
- efforts will be continued and extend

Glueballs

- f₀(1500) discovered at LEAR/CB 199
- LQCD predicts also 2⁺⁺, 0⁻⁺ below 2.
- mixing with qq
 states complicates c
- BES III rad. J/ ψ for masses below 2.5 GeV/ c^2 in (not conclusive so far)
- 4-5 GeV/ c^2 region unexplored, where spin-exotic states are predicted

Multiquarks/Molecules

- Where are the strange/strangeonium counterparts to the Zc's
- Is the recent a₁(1420) finding by Compass a hint to that area?





φφ Resonances - Light Glueball Search



series of 2⁺⁺states with weak evidence by Etkin et al.

Jetset (1998):

- cross section 100x larger than expected from OZI
- large gluonic component?
- glueball candidate?
- limited phase space, low rates

tensor states in this mass region seen by BESIII in J/ $\psi \rightarrow \gamma \phi \phi$ (13k events in 2⁺ wave in 1.3B J/ ψ) $\gamma \phi \phi$ lacks crossing interferences in Dalitz plot \rightarrow J^{PC} biased

PANDA (2025):

- scan above 2.25 GeV: terra incognita
- physics studies at reduced luminosities feasible
- accesses $2^{\text{++}}$ and $0^{\text{-+}}$
- conventional mesons are suppressed due to OZI



Previous measurements of $\overline{p}p \rightarrow \overline{Y}Y$





A lot of data on $\overline{p}p \rightarrow \overline{\Lambda}\Lambda$ near threshold, mainly from PS185 at LEAR Very scarce data bank above 4 GeV/c High event rates & low background for Λ and Σ No data on $\overline{p}p \rightarrow \overline{\Omega}\Omega$ nor $\overline{p}p \rightarrow \overline{\Lambda}_c\Lambda_c$ Even with conservative cross section estimates, Ω / Λ_c channels are feasible

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Antihyperons in Nuclei

Antiprotons sensitive tool to study **antihyperon potential in nuclei** !

Exploit abundantly produced hyperon-antihyperon pairs near threshold

Benchmark data to test theoretical concepts to describe dynamics of (anti)hyperons in heavy-ion collisions

Important **first step** towards the |S|=2 **hypernuclei program** of PANDA

Need $\sim 10^6 \text{ YY}$ pairs for unique physics (polarization, planarity and everything)

Phase-1

→ ~10 d for $\overline{\Lambda}$ -Potentia & ~75 d $\overline{\Xi}$ -Potential

Day-1 \rightarrow 1 day for 10⁵ for $\overline{\Lambda}$ -Potential (12x simu)





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Nucleon Electromagnetic Final States





Time-Like proton electromagnetic FFs



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The effective FF can be measured up to $q^2 \sim 30 \text{ GeV}^2$ no individual determination of G_E and G_M so far



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Analytical Structure of the Formfactor



Time-like Electromagnetic Form-factors (lepton pair production) Integrated luminosity (Phase-1)

$$L = 75 \text{ pb}^{-1} @ p_{\text{lab}} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$$
$$L = 97 \text{ pb}^{-1} @ p_{\text{lab}} = 3.3 \text{ GeV}/c$$







Day-1 activities:

Build database on multi-pion production in $\overline{p}p$ as input to QCD calculations

Demonstrate the feasibility to identify di-lepton ($+\pi^{0}$) channels

Key-Experiments of the Start Phase



Concentration on unique and forefront physics topics

- Production of (multi-)strangeness baryons (unexplored, new territory, "Strangeness-Factory")
- Precise measurement of the line shape of narrow XYZ-states, e.g. X(3872) (only possible in proton—antiproton, counting experiment, clarification of the nature of the states)
- Resonant formation of the negative and uncharged partners of the Z-States (only possible in proton–antiproton, goal is the nature of the states)
- Measurement of the electromagnetic form factors of the proton in the time-like domain with electrons and muons in the final state
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XYZ-, Hyperon Factory

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Welcome to the PANDA Experiment Website

The PANDA Experiment will be one of the key experiments at the Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAR) which is under construction and currently being built on the area of the CSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung in Darmstadt, Germany. The central part of FAIR is a synchrotron complex providing intense pulsed ion beams (from p to U). Antiprotons produced by a primary proton beam will then be filled into the High Energy Storage Ring (HESR) which collide with the fixed target inside the PANDA Detector.

The PANDA Collaboration with more than 500 scientist from 17 countries intends to do basic physics research on various topics around the weak and strong forces, exotic states of matter and the structure of hadrons. In order to gather all the necessary information from the antiproton-proton collisions a versatile detector will be build being able to provide precise trajectory reconstruction, energy and momentum measurements and very efficient identification of charged particles.



Thank you