

Workshop on Hadron Production Measurements using Nuclear Emulsions

Opening address

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4 Supporting programme

4.1: An appropriate programme of hadro-production and neutrino cross-section measurement is required to allow the present and next generation of long- and short-baseline experiments to achieve their full potential.

4.2: Measurements of hadro-production cross sections are critical to reducing the systematic error budget of future accelerator-based neutrino-oscillation measurements. At present, the only experiment that is in operation is NA61/ SHINE, which is scheduled to complete operation in 2018. It is timely to consider the requirements for measurements of hadron spectra beyond those that NA61/ SHINE will provide.

Recommendation 4.1: ICFA should encourage careful and timely consideration of the requirements for a hadro-production measurement programme to follow NA61/SHINE including possible extensions to the NA61/SHINE programme.

Impact of hadron production measurement

- Neutrino oscillation physics
 - Next decade: CP violation discovery
 - Precision study (1-2%) required
- Hadron production: key uncertainty

- ν flux

- hadron production @ target or air
- v cross section
 - · hadronic effect inside the nucleus
- Detector response
 - hadron interaction in the detector
- No reliable hadron interaction code
 - Cannot predict from first principle
 - Rely on data and empirical models



Comprehensive hadron production information needed

- Accelerator based neutrino
 - T2K, NOvA, HyperK, DUNE, SBND, JSNS2, ...
- Atmospheric neutrino
 - SuperK, ICECUBE, Km3net, INO, ...
 - Precise primary cosmic ray study by AMS (~1-2%)
 - hadron production provides precise neutrino flux





- Collider and fix target experiments
 - detector responses
- Hadron interaction models

- Systematic uncertainties in hadron production experiments
 - Vertex reconstruction: interaction in the tracking detector
 - Emulsion: Precise tracking with minimal materials
 - Limited phase space in particular in the forward direction
 - Emulsion: Full acceptance in the forward direction
 - Limited beam availability
 - Emulsion: Compact and can be placed at different beam lines
 - Fermilab: 1-120GeV, CERN: 10-500GeV
- Challenges in emulsion spectrometer: high statistics
 - High event density
 - Emulsion moving system
 - Event scanning:
 - Automated readout system

Impressive progress in emulsion technology



Hybrid emulsion detector



- Hybrid emulsion spectrometer
 - Emulsion+target, silicon strip, magnet, particle ID Cherenkov
- Secondary hadron beam at Fermilab (p,π up to 120GeV/c)
 - Six silicon strip detector to match the timing

Particle Identification by A-RICH (Belle2)?



Aerogel ring imaging Cherenkov

- π / K / p separation in 1-5 GeV/c
 - more flexible than threshold Cherenkov
 - Lower index aerogel extends momentum range
- Multi-track capability!



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- Comprehensive hadron production data is needed
 - for accelerator/atmospheric neutrino experiments
 - Neutrino flux, Detector response, Neutrino cross section
 - Physics: CP violation, mass hierarchy, τ appearance, etc.
 - for collider/fixed target experiments
- Hybrid emulsion detector opens up a new era in precise hadron production studies
 - Precise vertex reconstruction, Forward acceptance coverage
- Let's have an active discussions at this meeting to develop this exciting opportunity.