Collider Particle Physics - Chapter 4 -SppS: discovery of the W and Z



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Chapter Summary

- □ Toward the SppS collider
- The SppS parameters
- □ UA1 and UA2 Detectors
- □ A first look at the data
- □ Timeline of the W and Z discoveries

Let's start from the end

the UA1 and UA2 experiments

- The program was initiated in 1979 at the CERN Proton Antiproton collider. The SppS began operation in July 1981, and by January 1983 the discovery of the W and Z were announced.
- Rubbia and Van der Meer received the 1984 Nobel Prize in Physics from the Nobel Committee, for "(...) their decisive contribution to the large project, which led to the discovery of the field particles W and Z (...)".
- The Nobel prize was given to Rubbia for his "idea to convert an existent large accelerator into a storage ring for protons and antiprotons", i.e. the conception of the SppS, and to Van der Meer for his " ingenious method for dense packing and storage of proton, now applied for antiprotons", i.e. the devise of the technology for stochastic cooling.
- The conception, construction and operation of the SppS were considered as great technical achievements. Suded 15

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Toward the Spps

W and Z mass prediction

 \Box From the electron-neutrino scattering we can get a relationship between G_F and M_w:



The proton-antiproton collider idea

- □In 1976 a study group at CERN started working to prepare a report for the construction of a new e+e-collider (LEP) to produce the Z, but LEP was far in the future.
- □At Brookhaven the proton-proton collider ISABELLE (200+200 GeV) with superconducting magnets was recommended by the HEP Advisory Panel in 1974 and construction began in 1978 before superconducting magnet technology had been achieved. *The project was then cancelled in* 1983.
- □In 1975 and 1976 Carlo Rubbia presented in some seminars at Fermilab and at CERN the possibility to convert the existing proton accelerators to proton-antiproton colliders making use of a single magnet ring as for the e⁺e⁻ colliders.
- □ The beam of antiprotons were to be produced by means of the "electron cooling" or the "stochastic cooling".
- Rubbia presented the idea at the 1976 International Neutrino Conference in Aachen: C. Rubbia, P. McIntyre and D.Cline: Producing Massive Neutral Intermediate Vector Bosons with Existing Accelerators.
- The proposal by Rubbia and Collaborators was considered unrealistic at Fermilab but was appreciated by John Adams and Leon Van Hove, the CERN Directors.
- □ The game was to convert the SPS to a proton-antiproton collider with 540 GeV c.o.m. energy, but the first not easy step was to provide the antiproton beams.
- □ An essential contribution to the project came from the discovery of the "stochastic cooling" of particles by Simon van der Meer in 1968-1972.

pp collisions: history



- The antiprotons (p
) are the antiparticles of the protons (p).
- Therefore p
 p and e⁺e⁻ colliders have similarities (e.g. one mag. channel with head-on collisions).
- ... with the bonus of the lack of brem for $\bar{p}p$: in the same SPS tunnel, p/\bar{p} were accelerated up to 273/315/450 GeV, while e^{\pm} up to few GeV only.
- ... and the disadvantage of compositeness \rightarrow in high Q² collisions, partons_{1,2} have a momentum (x_{1,2} $\sqrt{s/2}$) and the energy of the parton collision is $\sqrt{\hat{s}} = \sqrt{sx_1x_2}$.
- In addition p
 's are very scarce in our world (also e⁺ are, but they are easy to produce and cheap).
- The real problem is the p̄ "fabrication", accumulation and cooling, which has to happen before the acceleration process.
- It requires lot of clever ideas, both from Physics, Electronics, Engineering.



pp collisions: sequence



- 1. <u>Protons</u> are accelerated to an intermediate suitable energy [the proposal says $E_p = 100$ GeV from Fermilab main ring, but it is NOT critical – at CERN $E_p = 26$ GeV from PS].
- 2. Then the p are extracted and sent onto a target, to produce high intensity <u>collisions</u>.
- 3. The <u>resultant</u> \bar{p} (very rare) are collected and cooled ("stacked") in a lower energy ring [at CERN $E_{\bar{p}} = 3.5$ GeV – can't store \bar{p} 's at rest, despite Dan Brown^(*)].
- 4. After hours (days), when enough p
 are available, they are re-extracted and injected in the main ring, together with protons.
- 5. Both \bar{p} and p are accelerated to the max energy, and then let collide.

Although every step requires ingenuity, step (3) and (4) are the real marvels; have a closer look.



pp collisions: the making of **p**

Rubbia et al. invented an innovative scheme for pp collisions

 Rubbia initially offered it to Fermilab, then he built it at CERN in 1978-81, later somebody else implemented it at Fermilab

(the top quark, as we will see later, was discovered at Fermilab in this collider)

- The key structures were the p collectors, which were a new design of the Van der Meer horn ... (This was needed to reduce the spread in transverse momentum of the antiprotons entering the Antiproton Accumulator ring)
- ... and the AA (= Antiproton Accumulator), the ring where the p were collected, cooled, accumulated and stored for up to few days.





Typical high energy Wide Band neutrino beam



pp collisions: pickup + kicker



The main problem : the "cooling" of \bar{p} :

- [why "cooling" ? in classical physics, the <u>temperature</u> of a gas is related to its motion in its CM frame : higher temperature means higher (<v²> - <v>²) velocity; so "gas cooling" means reducing the <u>relative</u> velocity of particles;]
- analyze a single particle (——) circulating in a ring;
- it oscillates with "<u>betatron oscillations</u>" around the ideal particle (——);
- a "<u>pick-up</u>" electrode detects its position respect to the nominal orbit;
- this value, appropriately amplified, is transmitted to a "kicker", displaced by (n/2 + ¼) wavelengths;
- · the kicker corrects the orbit;
- notice that the <u>space displacement</u> produces an <u>angle correction</u>;

- in reality, the pick-up and kicker are traversed by a large and incoherent number of particles at the same time;
- but if their average displacement is NOT zero, they get a correction and (<u>in</u> <u>average</u>) become closer to the ideal orbit.



<u>pp collisions: pickup + kicker</u>



- Wikipedia : "Liouville's theorem, [...] after the French mathematician <u>Joseph</u> <u>Liouville</u>, is a key theorem in classical statistical and Hamiltonian mechanics. It asserts that the phase-space distribution function is constant along the trajectories of the system."
- A principle well known to experts of beam optics : e.g. a quadrupole, or the principle of strong focusing.
- The cooling of p
 "conflicts" with the theorem: e.g. a squeeze in transverse momentum should result in an increase in space dimensions.
- <u>Stochastic cooling</u> : [S. van der Meer, Nobel Lecture] "Fortunately, there is a trick - and it consists of using the fact that particles are points in phase space with empty space in between. We may push

each particle towards the center of the distribution, squeezing the empty space outwards. The small-scale density is strictly conserved, but in a macroscopic sense the particle density increases. This process is called <u>cooling</u> because it reduces the movements of the particles with respect to each other."



pp collisions: (how to avoid) Liouville theorem



Stochastic cooling



A cartoon by Carlo, to explain the previous sentence of van der Meer and the solution of the "Liouville problem".

- My understanding : cannot modify individual particle trajectories, but act on packets of n particles, small enough that their means be sensibly different from the ideal orbit (1/√n not negligible).
- it requires to divide the p
 is in small packets, act on each packet, and then reassemble the beam.
- A completely different type of cooling exists, <u>electron cooling</u>, invented by G.I. Budker. It is used in other accelerators.

x



μ

"if a population of n elements is distributed according to a gaussian with average μ and rms σ , its mean is a random variable with average μ and rms = σ/\sqrt{n} ."

Electron cooling

□ Electron cooling was invented by Gersh Budker at INP (Novosibirsk) in 1966 for the purpose of increasing luminosity of hadron collider.

It was first tested in 1974 with 68 MeV protons at NAP-M storage ring at INP.

□ It is used at both operating ion colliders: the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RICH) at BNL and in the Low Energy Ion Ring (LEIR) at CERN.

□ Basically, electron cooling works as follows:

- A beam of dense quasi-monoenergetic electrons is produced and merged with the ion beam to be cooled.
- The velocity of the electrons is made equal to the average velocity of the ions.
- The ions undergo Coulomb scattering in the electron "gas" and exchange momentum with the electrons. Thermodynamic equilibrium is reached when the particles have the same momentum, which requires that the much lighter electrons have much higher velocities. Thus, thermal energy is transferred from the ions to the electrons.
- The electron beam is finally bent away from the ion beam.

Initial Cooling Experiment (ICE): 1978

The ISR results were reproduced in a dedicated experiment (ICE) using protons of 3.5 GeV. (*ICE used the magnets of the g-2 experiment*)



ICE results



Schottky scan after 1, 2 and 4 minutes.

Signal height proportional to the square root of density and width proportional to $\Delta p/p$

Antiprotons



pp collisions: the AA





- 1. A view of the CERN pp complex in the '80s.
- 2. The AA and the its functioning principle.
- 3. A scheme of the AA operations.





Spps parameters

The Collider performances

1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990

On July 7, 1981 the first antiproton beam was injected and accelerated in the SPS at 270 Slide from GeV and on July 10 the first collisions were registered in the VIII acave Antiproton stack accumulated: 10¹¹/day, beams lifetime in SPS : several hours. F. Lacava **Cross sections** After exactly 3 year from the project approval: pits, accelerators and detectors had been 10^{9} completed. 108 $\sigma_{\rm tot}$ In October 1981 the tracks of charged particles from the collisions at 540 GeV c.m energy 10^{7} were recorded in UA1 and UA5 experiments. first events of minimum bias 106 In 1982 the luminosity was 10²⁹ cm⁻²s⁻¹ and integrated 28 nb⁻¹ W discovery 105 10^{4} In 1983 1.7 x 10²⁹ cm⁻²s⁻¹ and 153 nb⁻¹ Z° discovery σ (nb) 10^{3} From 1988 with Antiproton Collector added to AA luminosity up to 6 x 10³⁰ cm⁻²s⁻¹ 10² Initial luminosity Integrated luminosity /year 10 σw 70 8000 6 x 10³⁰ cm⁻²s⁻² 100 σ_7 10²⁹ cm⁻²s⁻¹ 60 7000 10-50 6000 nb⁻¹ 5000 10-2 40 4000 30 10⁻³ 3000 0.1 20 2000

1000

SppS Tevatron LHC σ . BR (W \rightarrow e ν) . BR (Z → e⁺ e 10 E_{CM} (TeV) $N_{events} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}}_{int}$

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1985 1986 1987 1988 1989

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SppS parameters

Slide from P. Bagnaia

1983 was the "golden year" of SppS : performances still improving, W $^{\pm}$ and Z discovery. Notice :

- The rate of p
 production : a rate ~10⁶ paid to convert matter into antimatter.
- The energy for p̄ collection (3.5 GeV) was chosen because it is optimal for production σ and acceptance.
- The cross-section of the design, from an old experiment σ(p ₇₄W → p̄X), was higher. The project had margins to (barely) survive.
- The SppS performances were considered great, but LHC is × 10⁵ in luminosity and × 20 in energy (30 years later).

The Spp̄S in 1983							
$p_{74}W \rightarrow \bar{p} X$	pੋ = 26 GeV	10 ¹³ / 2.4 s					
p	pੋ = 3.5 GeV	$1/(10^6 \text{ p})$ $\rightarrow \text{few} \times 10^9/\text{h}$					
p̄ p	√s = 546 GeV ^(*)	£ = 1.6×10 ²⁹ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹					
∫£dt	153 nb ⁻¹						
N _{events} (p̄p)	8×10^9	Don't confuse "W"					
$W^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm}v$	90	(tungsten,"wolfram")					
$W^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \nu$ (UA1 only)	<mark>14</mark>	[sorry, not my fault,					
Z → e⁺e⁻	12	only 26 letters available]					
$Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ (UA1 only)	4						
^(*) √s = 630 GeV in ≥ 1984.							

SppS parameters

Year	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Beam energy (GeV)	273	273	315	315		315	315	315	315
β _h * (m)	1.5	1.3	1	1		1	1	1	0.6
β _v * (m)	0.75	0.65	0.5	0.5		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.15
# bunches	3+3	3+3	3+3	3+3		3+3 (6+6)	6+6	6+6	6+6
p/bunch (10 ¹⁰)	9.5	14	16	16			12	12	12
p̄/bunch (10 ¹⁰)	1.2	1.5	2	2			4	6	7
< £ _{initial} > (10 ³⁰ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)	0.05	0.17	0.36	0.39		0.35	1.3	1.8	3.1
< £ _{int} /coast > (nb ⁻¹)	0.5	2.1	5.3	8.2		2.8	31.5	40	70
# coasts/year	56	72	77	80	0	33	107	119	104
< T _{coast} > (h)	13	12	15	17			11	12	10
ℒ _{int} /year (nb⁻¹)	28	153	395	655	0	94	3608	4759	7241

(coast = fill in the LHC language)

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Slide from P. Bagnaia

The detectors

The detectors



Reminder: how to detect the different type of particles

This layout works also for a fixed target experiment (not for the missing energy)



Reminder: layout of a generic collider detector



SppS Detector guidelines

A 4T SOLID ANGLE DETECTOR FOR THE SPS USED AS A PROTON-ANTIPROTON

COLLIDER AT A CENTRE OF MASS ENERGY OF 540 GeV

- (i) In order to collect the largest amount of unbiased information at each event the detector must cover the <u>largest</u> possible <u>fraction</u> of the solid angle. In practice we have succeeded to insure detection of particles down to about one degree from the beam axis.
- (ii) The <u>simultaneous</u> detection of large transverse momentum electrons, muons and neutrinos, the last ones by missing energy, is of importance when searching for a broad class of new physical phenomena.
- (iii)We need energy measurements both by magnetic curvature and <u>calorimetry</u>. A global energy flow measurement remains of significance even for configurations where the local particle density is too large for the visual detectors to give meaningful curvature measurements. Likewise an electromagnetic shower detector complements the energy resolution of magnetic analysis for high energy electrons, like for instance from decays of the type $W^{O} \rightarrow e^{+}e^{-}$. It is also less sensitive to internal radiative corrections⁶¹ and to bremsstrahlung in the vacuum chamber walls.

- (iv) The detector must operate with <u>minimum disruption of the SPS</u> <u>programme</u> and in an environment which is relatively hostile because of <u>high radiation</u> levels, backgrounds and so on. Only unsophisticated and reliable equipment must be chosen. The problem of debugging and maintaining efficiently a complex equipment in the SPS tunnel should not be underestimated.
- (v) The nature of our proposal is basically <u>evolutionary</u> and several separate elements (building blocks) are designed in such a way as to be operated almost independently and may eventually be installed in successive phases matched to the available luminosity and to the advances of civil engineering.
- (vi) Data acquisition and trigger should be arranged in order to collect the maximum of information at each event and per unit of time.

Extracted from the UA1 technical proposal

30 January 1978

The detectors



UA2



Pierre Darriulat

The detectors: UA1



The detectors: UA2



The detector in the open position

The detectors

The UA1 experiment First multi-purpose 4π (hermetic) detector in particle physics



The UA2 experiment

optimized for W and Z detection in electron channel no central magnetic field, no muons



vertex detector: cylindrical drift chambers + preshower Upgrade: inner Si pad detector → first incarnation of a Si tracker adapted to collider experiments

Magnetic spectrometer: Upgrade: replaced by calorimeter

Approved in Dec 1978 – first data taking in Dec 1981

The detectors: UA1 layout

It was the first general purpose (multipurpose) 4π (hermetic) experiment in particle physics. It was composed by very innovative and sophisticated detectors.





The detectors: UA1 Calorimeters (from F. Lacava)



The detectors: UA1 parameters

slide	from						-	B=	0.7	T_ σ(p)/p =	0.5% p (GeV)	_
P.E	P. Bagi Central drift		Gas			Field		V _{drift}		α_{Lorentz}	N _{sense wires}	
	chambe	r Ar-eth	Ar-ethane 40-60		1.5 kV/cm		53 µm/ns		23° @ 0.7 T		6110	
										No s	segmentation in phi	
	UA1	Zenith θ	type	Name		e.m. rad- length		had. abs- length		Cell Δθ×Δφ	σ _E /E	
	Central	250_1550	e.m.	gon	ondolas 26.6/sin		sinθ	$1.1/sin\theta$		5°×180°	0.15/√E(Ge	√)
	calorimeter	primeter 25 - 155 had.		C	C's			5.0/sin		15°×18°	0.80/√E(Ge\	√)
	Endcap	5°–25°	e.m.	e.m. bouchons		27/c	osθ	osθ 1.1/cc		20°×11°	0.12/√E(Ge	J)
calorimeter		155°–175°	had.		l's	-		7.1/co	sθ	5°×10°	0.80/√E(Ge\	/)



The detectors: UA2 scheme



UA2 detector was optimized for the detection of electrons from W and Z decays.

The emphasis was on a highly granular calorimeter with spherical projective geometry, which also was well adapted to the detection of jets.

Charged particle tracking was performed in the central detector utilising a combination of multi wire proportional chambers, drift chambers and hodoscopes.

Energy measurements were performed in the calorimeters.

Magnetic field only in the forward region

Unlike UA1, UA2 had no muon detector.

The detectors: UA2 calorimeters



A first look at the data

The events: jets discovery

1982: in July (Paris Conference) UA2 announced observation of hadronic jets



UA2: a pragmatic approach: select the highest E_T events, simply "look at" the energy flow in the calorimeter



The events: UA1 jets



UA1: first looked at correlations of tracks in the central detector then used tracks or cells for jet algorithm: $R_{cone}=\sqrt{(\Delta\phi)^2+(\Delta\eta)^2}, \eta = -\ln(\tan\theta/2)$ e.g.: $\theta=40^\circ \rightarrow \eta=1.0$ $\theta=5^\circ \rightarrow \eta=3.0$

The events: UA1 jets











Figure 12.3. Lego plots for four UA-1 events that were candidates for $Z^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$. The plots show the location of energy deposition in ϕ , the azimuthal angle, and $\eta = -\ln \tan(\theta/2)$, the pseudorapidity. The isolated towers of energy indicate the cleanliness of the events (Ref. 12.8).



The events: UA2 $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$





An electron is identified by an e.m. cluster, a track in the central detector and no energy in the hcal behind the cluster

Figure 12.4. A UA-2 candidate for $Z^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$. The upper diagram shows a track detected by a series of proportional chambers and a chamber following a tungsten converter. The calorimeter cells indicate energy measured by the electromagnetic calorimeter. The lego plot for the event shows two isolated depositions of electromagnetic energy, indicative of an e^+e^- pair (Ref. 12.9).

UA1 MEGATEK: W decays





UA1 MEGATEK: Z decays





The events: UA1 $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$







Calorimeters: uncertainties on the energy scale

□ Of course, neither UA1 nor UA2 directly measured the energy lost by the particle(s), but they measured the light produced by the particles traversing the layers of scintillator material. The chain is:



The entire chain must be calibrated on a test beam with electrons and pions of known energies to get the calibration constants, namely the factor to go from the response in voltage to the energy of the incoming particle.

- □ The calibration constants take into account also the sampling fraction (namely the energy lost in the scintillator with respect to the energy lost in the absorber material).
- □ ... but the calibration constants are not "constant" at all since they change with time (material ageing, radiation damages, etc ...), so it is necessary to monitor them constantly, either with dedicated devices (xenon lamps, radioactive source), or with the data itself using resonances of known mass (π^0 , J/ ψ ... today, Z)
- □ UA1: big modules, scale uncertainty = 3% ; UA2: small modules, scale uncertainty = 1.6%

Reminder: invariant mass



The total quadrimomentum squared is a relativistic invariant (for Lorentz transformation).

Lab Frame

$$P_{M}^{\mu} \cdot P_{M,\mu} = (E_{1} + E_{2})^{2} - (\vec{p}_{1} + \vec{p}_{2})^{2}$$

$$P_{M}^{*,\mu} \cdot P_{M,\cdot}^{*} = M^{2}$$
 $M_{inv} = \sqrt{(E_{1} + E_{2})^{2} - (\vec{p}_{1} + \vec{p}_{2})^{2}}$

The same relationship holds also if the particle M decays into three or more particles, like for instance in the Higgs boson decays into four leptons

Timeline of the W and Z discoveries



W discovery went public



1983: Z discovery - UA1





The Z discovery crossed the Ocean



The New York Times

OPINION Europe 3, U.S. Not Even Z-Zero Published: June 6, 1983

A team of 126 scientists at the CERN accelerator in Geneva reports proof of an important new subatomic particle, the Z-zero. The discovery carries two messages. The good news is that it confirms a major theory about the fundamental forces of nature. The bad news is that 18 Europeans have taken the lead in the race to discover the ultimate building blocks of matter.

1983: Z discovery – UA2

7 July 1983: CERN seminar by P. Darriulat to announce Z discovery

11 August: paper submitted for publication (Phys.Lett.B)



UA2 Z-candidate





UA1: analysis of 1983 data: $W \rightarrow \mu v$; $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



Compared to 43 W \rightarrow e ν events







The Rest is history













End of chapter 4