Large international collaborations in particle physics

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Relation between elementary particle physics and the development of the early Universe

Early Universe: extremly dense → extremly high temperatures (like in gas after compression in the car engine)



Collissions between particles in the early Universe:

just like collissions of particles in accelerators

 \rightarrow Similar processes





Temperature of the Universe



One of the really big questions: why is there a difference between the number of particles and anti-particles?

Out of 10 billions of particles and 10 billions of anti-particles in the early Universe only

1 particle survived!

10.000.000.000 particles

10.000.000.000 anti-particles

1 particle

0 anti-particles

CP symmetry and its violation

Symmetry operation CP: transforms a particle into its anti-particle

If the two do not behave in the same way – e.g., if they decay differently \rightarrow violation of CP symmetry

Since there were equal amounts of particles and anti-particles in the early Universe, while today the Universe contains only matter (=particles) and almost no anti-matter (anti-particles)
→ This symmetry is obviously violated!

Very important to understand how and why this symmetry is violated.

Particle physics experiments

Accelerate elementary particles, let them collide → energy released in the collision is converted into mass of new particles, some of which are unstable

Two ways how to do it: Fixed target experiments







How to accelerate charged particles?

- Acceleration with electromagnetic waves (typical frequency is 500 MHz – mobile phones run at 900, 1800, 1900 MHz)
- Waves in a radiofrequency cavity: c<c₀





... Similar to surfing the waves



Electric field



KEK-B collider for electrons and positrons



Large hadron collider



Accelerator figure of merit 1: Center-of-mass energy

If there is enough energy available in the collission, new, heavier particles can be produced.



e.g. LHC, CERN: search for new particles with m > 100GeV



Two complementary approaches

Two complementary approaches to search for the so far unobserved processes and particles: the **energy frontier** and the **intensity frontier**.

Energy frontier : direct search for production of unknown particles at the highest achievable energies.

Intensity frontier : search for rare processes, deviations between theory predictions and experiments with the ultimate precision.

 \rightarrow for this kind of studies, one has to investigate a very large number of reactions ("events") \rightarrow need accelerators with ultimate **intensity** ("luminosity")

Comparison of energy /intensity frontiers To observe a large ship far away one can either use strong binoculars or observe carefully the direction and the speed of waves produced by the vessel.

Energy frontier (LHC)







Luminosity frontier (SuperKEKB)

Accelerator figure of merit 2: Luminosity

Observed rate of events = Cross section x Luminosity $\frac{dN}{dt} = L\sigma$

Accelerator figures of merit: luminosity L

and integrated luminosity

$$L_{\rm int} = \int L(t) dt$$

High luminosity is needed for studies of rare processes.

Luminosity vs time



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How to understand what happened in a collision?



•Measure the coordinate of the point ('vertex') where the reaction occured, and determine the positions and directions of particles that have been produced

•Measure momenta of stable charged particles by measuring their radius of curvature in a strong magnetic field (~1T)

•Determine the identity of stable charged particles (e, μ , π , K, p)

•Measure the energy of high energy gamma rays

Experimental aparatus

Detector form: symmetric for colliders with symmetric energy beams; extended in the boost direction for an asymmetric collider; very forward oriented in fixed target experiments.



Example of a fixed target experiment: HERA-B





Belle spectrometer at KEK-B





ATLAS at LHC



How to carry out such large scale projects

For an experiment in particle physics one needs:

- an accelerator
- at least one detector

These are huge projects, requiring sizable resources both in funding and in expertize.

 \rightarrow Large international collaborations: a necessity

However, scientific work in such a large international collaboration is also a challenge!

Example: Belle and Belle II detectors at the e⁺e⁻ collider, KEK, Tsukuba



A little bit of history...

CP violation: difference in the properties of particles and their anti-particles – first observed in 1964.

M. Kobayashi and T. Maskawa (1973): CP violation in the Standard model – related to the weak interaction quark transition matrix

Their theory was formulated at a time when three quarks were known – and they requested the existence of three more!

The last missing quark was found in 1994.

... and in 2001 two experiments – Belle and BaBar at two powerfull accelerators (B factories) - have further investigated CP violation and have indeed proven that it is tightly connected to the quark transition matrix

KM's bold idea verified by experiment

Relations between parameters as expected in the Standard model →







→ With essential experimental confirmations by Belle and BaBar! (explicitly noted in the Nobel Prize citation)

The KM scheme is now part of the Standard Model of Particle Physics

•However, the CP violation of the KM mechanism is too small to account for the <u>asymmetry between matter and anti-matter</u> in the Universe (falls short by 10 orders of magnitude !)

•SM does not contain the fourth fundamental interaction, gravitation

•Most of the Universe is made of stuff we do not understand...



Are we done ? (Didn't the B factories accomplish their mission, recognized by the 2008 Nobel Prize in Physics ?)





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НАРУШЕНИЕ СР-ИНВАРИАНТНОСТИ, С-АСИММЕТРИЯ И БАРИОННАЯ АСИММЕТРИЯ ВСЕЛЕННОЙ

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Теория расширяющейся Бселенкой, предполагающая сверхалотное начальное состояние вещества, по-видимому, исключает возможность макроскопического разделения вещества и внтивещества; поэтому следует Matter - anti-matter asymmetry of the Universe: KM (Kobayashi-Maskawa) mechanism still short by 10 orders of magnitude !!!

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The KEKB Collider

Fantastic performance far beyond design values!



SuperKEKB is the intensity frontier



How big is a nano-beam ?



How to go from an excellent accelerator with world record performance – KEKB – to a 40x times better, more intense facility?

In KEKB, colliding electron and positron beams are much thinner than the human hair...



... For a 40x increase in intensity you have to make the beam as thin as 100 atomic layers!



Need to build a new detector to handle higher backgrounds

Critical issues at L= 8 x 10^{35} /cm²/sec

- Higher background (×10-20)
 - radiation damage and occupancy
 - fake hits and pile-up noise in the EM
- Higher event rate (×10)
 - higher rate trigger, DAQ and computing
- Require special features
 - low $p \mu$ identification \leftarrow s $\mu\mu$ recon. eff.
 - hermeticity $\leftarrow v$ "reconstruction"

Have to employ and develop very advanced technologies to build such an appartus!

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Belle II Detector

KL and muon detector: Resistive Plate Counter (barrel) Scintillator + WLSF + MPPC (end-caps)

EM Calorimeter: CsI(Tl), waveform sampling (barrel) Pure CsI + waveform sampling (end-caps)

electrons (7GeV)

Beryllium beam pipe 2cm diameter

Vertex Detector 2 layers DEPFET + 4 layers DSSD

> Central Drift Chamber He(50%):C₂H₆(50%), Small cells, long lever arm, fast electronics

Particle Identification Time-of-Propagation counter (barrel) Prox. focusing Aerogel RICH (fwd)

positrons (4GeV)

Determine the reaction point position with a fantastic precision - extremly delicate elements

Beryllium beam pipe 2cm diameter

Vertex Detector 2 layers DEPFET + 4 layers DSSD



Hair – 100 microns thick







Detect muons: particles that penetrate 1m of iron



Again: this project would not be possible without a strong international collaboration!



Even a single detector system requires a broad international collaboration!





Huge data samples @ Belle II: We need distributed computing resources



Simulated data campaign in October 2014

Total Number of Jobs by Site



The Belle II Collaboration



A very strong group of ~600 highly motivated scientists!

SuperKEKB luminosity projection





Collaboration in numbers...

- 600 collaborators
- ~60 institutions (universities and institutes)
- 20 countries
- ~25 different funding agencies (ministries, agencies)
- Several dramatically different working cultures
- 8 time zones
- 9 different detector systems

Formally a very loose structure (collaborating scientists are employed by their home institutions, the leader of the experiment (spokesperson) is not a director

How to get organized?



Some typical challenges:

- 600 collaborators \rightarrow a number of different personalities
- ~60 institutions (universities and institutes) → each group has its own leader, and the leader, in turn, has his boss in the home institution
- 20 countries, ~25 different funding agencies (ministries, agencies)
 → different ways and cycles of funding
- Several considerably different working cultures → Japanese work very long hours, scientists from US are used to fierce discussions
- 8 time zones → impossible to find a time slot for a phone conference that would suit everybody – for some it will always be in the middle of the night...





Some typical challenges 2:

- 9 different detector systems → different, sometime conflicting requirements, different detector preparation methods
- Formally a very loose structure: collaborating scientists are employed by their home institutions, the leader of the experiment (spokesperson) is not a director → planning of various aspects of the project cannot be carried out by the project top management alone; same is true for the task sharing



Why and how does this work at all?

In this field of science working in large international research groups has a half a century long tradition. Large-scale experiments cannot be carried out even by a single country, let alone by a single research group.

Research groups and individual researchers are highly motivated: they know that one without the other can not succeed. The success of the whole collaboration is crucial for the promotion of individual scientists involved in the project, and for early stage researchers it facilitates the path to a permanent job...

Such a large international research group is formed on a voluntary basis: individual groups either join forces in the preparatory phase of the project, or are in a later stage of the project identified as suitable candidates, and invited to join.

Success is not guaranteed...

Caveat: projects sometimes fail:

- …sometimes because the physics goal was not well chosen or other experiments were faster or the relevance of the research faded while the project was under preparation → not bad, a good lesson for the next experiment! After all, this is just like in sport, you cannot always win!
- ...sometimes because wrong people came together this is not so nice, and not particularly useful as an experience...

Organisational structures

Clearly, such a group needs some organization to function.

This is a typical structure:

- Spokesperson leads the group (elected for a fixed term, often renewable)
- Executive board helps in the day-to-day decisions.
- Institutional board: highest body of a collaboration, with representatives from each of the collaborating institutions.
- Coordinators: physics, technical (detector), software, computing: coordination of the work of sub-detector leaders and working group leaders.



Organisation, continued

Financial aspects are discussed in the Financial board (in some collaboration this is the job of a Resource committee).

External bodies:

- International advisory committee (at Belle II: BPAC) internationally recognized experts on detectors and physics topics of the experiment
- Financial oversight panel (FOP): representative of funding agencies involved in the project
- Scrutiny Committee: a small body of independent experts from major contributing nations, checks the expenses for the maintenance and operation.

Rules of how to operate ('bylaws') are set by the Collaboration Board.

Organisation, continued

In most experiments, there are similar structures.

 \rightarrow ATLAS







- In particle physics, working in large international research groups has a long tradition. Large-scale experiments cannot be carried out even by a single country, let alone by a single research group.
- Research groups and individual researchers are highly motivated to collaborate in the team: they know that one without the others can not succeed. The success of the whole collaboration is crucial for the promotion of individual scientists involved in the project.
- Still, some organizational structures are needed to steer the project.
- At KEK in Tsukuba a major upgrade is under way since 2010, to resume operation in 2016 → SuperKEKB+Belle II, with 40x larger event rates.
- Expect a new, exciting era of discoveries, complementary to the LHC