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Summary of the analysis Review of the experiment

 π^0

CSB – V

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PRL is out: **91**, 142302

CSB <u>summer analysis</u>: ★match GEANT to experiment

(adjust PMT response functions)

rework Pb-glass fit (new routines) build luminosity simulation (scintillator non-linearity under study)

No surprises!

Mark Pickar

Long experimental paper partially written.



d+d elastic scattering:

(use hydrogen target for reference cross section and analyzing power)

DONE: geometry + efficiency IN PROCESS:

identify d+d and d+p events extract deuteron polarization find good acceptance limits get σ , iT₁₁, T₂₀, T₂₂ data Observation of the Isospin-forbidden d+d \rightarrow ⁴He+ π^0 Reaction near Threshold

$$d + d \implies {}^{4}He + \pi^{0}$$

isospin: 0

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— pion had 3 charge states

CHARGE SYMMETRY says that the physics is unchanged when protons and neutrons are swapped, or when up and down quarks are swapped.

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The pion wavefunction $\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (u\overline{u} - d\overline{d})$ is not symmetric under up-down exchange. Deuterons and helium reverse exactly. Thus, an observation of this process is also an observation of charge symmetry breaking.

History of the search for $d+d \rightarrow {}^{4}He+\pi^{0}$ according to J. Banaigs *et al.* PRL 58, 1922 ('87)

Trends in:



Saturne experiment: also L. Goldzahl *et al*. NP A533, 675 ('91)



But Dobrokhotov *et al.* PRL 83, 5246 ('99) say this could be 4 He+ γ + γ (isospin-allowed double radiative capture)

We must separate this background!



Target density = 3.1×10^{15} Stored current = 1.4 mALuminosity = 2.7×10^{31} /cm²/s Expected rate ~ 5 /day 6° bend in Cooler straight section Target upstream, surrounded by Pb-glass Magnetic channel to catch ⁴He (~100 MeV) Reconstruct kinematics from channel time of flight and position. (Pb-glass energy and angle too uncertain for π⁰ reconstruction. αyy looks the same.)

COOLER-CSB MAGNETIC CHANNEL and Pb-GLASS ARRAYS

•separate all ⁴He for total cross section measurement •determine ⁴He 4-momentum (using TOF and position) •detect one or both decay γ 's from π^0 in Pb-glass array



Scintillators

∆E-2 F

Veto-1

SEPARATION OF $\alpha \pi^0$ AND $\alpha \gamma \gamma$ EVENTS

M Calculate missing mass from the four-Major physics momentum measured in the magnetic channel background is from alone, using TOF for z-axis momentum and double MWPC X and Y for transverse momentum. radiative capture. **MWPC** spacing Y-position (cm) = 2 mm 2 50 0 **Monte Carlo simulation for** illustration. Experimental 40 errors included.] $\alpha \pi^0$ peak - 4 σ_{TOT} = 10 pb 30 MWPC₁ X-position (cm) $\alpha\gamma\gamma$ prediction 20 60 from Gårdestig αγγ background 50 (16 pb) 10 needed TOF resolution <mark>م ا</mark> م σ_{GAUSS} = 100 ps 128 132 136 140 20 missing mass (MeV) Difference is due to 10 Cutoff controlled acceptance of channel. by available Acceptance widths are: 98 100 102 104 96 energy above angle = 70 mr (H and V) Time of Flight ($\Delta E_1 - \Delta E_2$) (ns) threshold. momentum = 10%

COMMISSIONING THE SYSTEM using p+d \rightarrow $^{3}\text{He}+\pi^{0}$ at 199.4 MeV



Calibrating the luminosity of the IUCF Cooler





INDENTIFICATION OF ⁴He IN THE CHANNEL

Proton rate from breakup ~ 10^5 /s. Handle this with: veto longer range protons set timing to miss most protons reduce MWPC voltage to keep Z=1 tracks below threshold divide Δ E-1 into four quadrants

Set windows around ⁴He group. Rate still 10³ too high.



The ⁴He flux, most likely from (d,α) reactions, is smooth in momentum and angle. It represents the part of phase space sampled by the channel.

We absolutely need coincidence with the Pb-glass (decay γ) to extract any signal at all.









<u>Pb-glass</u> <u>Hit Patterns</u>





SINGLE AND DOUBLE GAMMA SIGNALS

data for all of July run



Many γ 's come from beam halo hitting downstream septum.

List of requirements:

- > correct PID position in channel scintillator energy
- > correct range of TOF values
- > correct Pb-glass cluster energies and corrected times



Energy of Cooler beam known from ring circumference and RF frequency (~ 16 keV)

Calculation of He momentum depends on good model of energy loss in channel. This is also needed to set channel magnets.

Calculation of time of flight required knowing the time offsets for each scintillator PMT and tracking changes through the experiment. Final adjustments were made in replay.

2.0 ³He cone opening angle (deg) 1.6 1.2 0.8 0.4 0.0 L 1.95 1,96 RF frequency (MHz) Cooler circumference (m) 86,80 86.76 1.95 1.96 1.955 average circumference

= 86.786 ± 0.003 m

Run plan:

started in June at 228.5 MeV to keep cone in channel during 1-week break decided to raise energy to 231.8 MeV demonstrate that peak stayed at pion mass provide two cross sections to check energy dependence (Limits were luminosity, rate handling, available time.) For good resolution, we need FWHM ~ 0.2 ns.

PMT signal transit time drifts and occasionally jumps as the tube ages, responding to heat.

Timing is affected when people change PMT voltage or swap other equipment.

This is also connected to missing mass reconstruction errors arising from 6° magnet dispersion, pulse height, and position effects.

Time Stability Problem

A narrow peak helps π^0 separation statistically.



To make run-by-run corrections to TOF, we need a marker. We use deuterons that stop and the back of the E scintillator.

Choose Energy

Choose Trajectory









Resulting TOF peaks

 $\Delta E1$ scintillator:



Results for June run:

CHANNEL







EXISTENCE?

For the candidate events, check to see whether there is any cone.

XY-1 position T = 231.8 MeV, θ_{max} = 1.75° T = 228.5 MeV, θ_{max} = 1.20° 8914-8914. ENTRIES 250_ ENTRIES 207. 120 120 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 250. 0.00 0.00 207. 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 100 100 80 80 60 60 40 40 20 20 0 0 20 40 60 100 120 20 40 120 D 80 D 60 80 100

Circles with these centers also minimize the missing mass width.

missing mass (MeV \times 100)



Framework from CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

based on symmetries of QCD uses nucleons (N) and pions (π) in low-momentum expansion

There are two contributions to charge symmetry breaking: $(\delta m_N \text{ and } \overline{\delta} m_N)$ U. van Kolck, J.A. Niskanen, and G.A. Miller, PL B 493 (2000) 65



NOTE: There are also indirect contributions through neutron-proton mass difference, pion mixing, etc.

THEORETICAL CHALLENGE (estimates from Anders Gardestig)





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