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Main Injector Particle Production



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Main Injector Particle Production Experiment

MIPP

Goal is to measure particle production from  $(\pi Kp^{+/-})$ -nucleus interactions ranging from 5 to 85 GeV/c and p-nucleus interactions at 120 GeV/c. Targets range from hydrogen to uranium.

Applications to QCD, nuclear physics, and neutrino physics

Measurements include production on NuMI Target

## *Low Energy Beam* $\pi$ +



## Uncertainties Due To Hadron Production



10 to 30% uncertainties in absolute rate

2-10% uncertainties in far to near comparison

## MIPP Detector Overview





## **Particle ID Performance**





- Solution Strate States Sta
- Some Thresholds in CKOV1 and CKOV2 set to get fast π/K/p tag for trigger prescale. More accurate tag is possible using combination of BCKOV information (ADC/TDC) and time of flight.
- Interactions in target tagged by combination of scintillator multiplicity counter and counts of hit roads in first wire chamber
- ∞ ~5% of all data is minimum bias

# Interaction trigger

### 2"x3"x1/8" scintillator



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r (cm)

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Runs 9099-9103 40 GeV target out

**MIPP Events Per Week** 



Entries in **bold red** meet or exceed the run plan. Entries in *italics* are *not* in the run plan.

Data Summary 23 January 2006			Acquired Data by Target and Beam Energy Number of events, x 10 <sup>6</sup>								
Target			Е								Tatal
Z	Element	Trigger Mix	0	5	20	35	45	60	85	120	Total
0	Empty <sup>1</sup>				0.10	0.14	0.03	4.39		0.25	4.91
	K Mass							1.76		1.76	1.76
0	Empty LH <sup>1</sup>		0.01		0.30			0.61	0.31		7.12
1	LH	Normal	0.03	0.21	1.94			1.98	1,73		
4	Be	p only								1.08	1.75
		Normal				0.10		0.56			
6	C	Mixed				0.08	0.08	0.21		0,02	1,50
	C 2%	Mixed			0,39			0.26		0,47	
	NuMI	p only								1,78	1,78
13	Al	Normal				0.10	0.01	0.02			0.13
29	Cu	Normal					0.01	0.08			0.09
47	Ag	Normal					0.07				0.07
83	Bi	p only								1.05	2.82
		Normal				0.52	0.02	1.23			
92	U	Normal	0.01					0.75			0.75
Total			1.81	0.21	2.73	0,98	0,20	10,11	2.04	4.76	22,85

## Analysis Status

MIPP has been taking data for  $\sim 1+$  year and is still running. While operating the detector, we have been writing our reconstruction software.

The basics all work:

- $\rightarrow$  TPC track finding and fitting
- $\rightarrow$  Track fitting with chambers
- $\rightarrow$  Used these to make preliminary alignment
- $\rightarrow$  TPC dE/dx
- $\rightarrow$  RICH ring finding + fitting

We are just now completing our first major pass through all our data. This will allow us to complete calibrations that require lots of data:

- $\rightarrow$  wire-by-wire timing calibration in chambers
- → mirror-by-mirror calibration of DCKOV
- $\rightarrow$  bar-by-bar calibration of TOF wall

Enough of the reconstruction is working so that we can take preliminary looks at the data

Some sample distributions for thin targets at 120 GeV

120 GeV p on Be (top), C (middle), and Bi (bottom). Feynman x distribution for all tracks shown at left,  $q^{*}p_{T}$  shown at right. Dotted lines show negative tracks.



## Comparison of Feynman x distributions







Momentum (GeV)

## MIPP Upgrade

The EOS TPC used by MIPP is a great device, but its old (1980's vintage) and its electronics are limited to 30 Hz readout speed. Much faster TPC's exist today. HARP TPC runs at 3 kHz and experiment recorded total of 420M events during its run

Proposal is to use the ALICE electronics design (3 kHz) and modify the physical layout to match the EOS (MIPP) TPC

Assuming the rest of the experiment can be made to run at similar rates, MIPP could acquire data at rate of ~30M events per week of running assuming current beam conditions (3.6 second spill every 2 minutes 50% duty cycle ~= 10k spill seconds/week)





## MIPP Upgrade

Proposal made to Fermilab PAC in May was not accepted, however...

There is a run of the chips scheduled for STAR and ALICE, Fermilab expected to spend ~\$75k to purchase chips in this run (save startup costs)

Costs: TPC electronics upgrade ~\$200k. Rest of experiment ~\$200k

Upgrade proposal likely to be reconsidered in fall when current run ends

Limiting factor is manpower: Upgrade is no small task and the MIPP collaboration must grow if the upgrade is to succeed.

Neutrino experiments are gaining interest in MIPP data and have been very supportive. If MIPP upgrade is to go forward interest must be expressed as willingness to participate. There would be lots to do: *new collaborators welcome!*