

Calendar

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Tuesday, Feb. 9

1:30 - 5 p.m.

LPC Lectures on Hadron Collider Physics - Curia II
Speaker: Dan Green, Fermilab
Title: The Standard Model

3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd floor X-over

4 p.m.

[Accelerator Physics and Technology Seminar](#) - One

West

Speaker: Vahid Ranjbar, Tech-X Corporation

Title: Recent Upgrades to BBSIM

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DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

4 p.m.

[Fermilab Colloquium](#) - One

West

Speaker: Richard Lindzen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Title: The Peculiar Issue of Global Warming

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H1N1 Flu

From *symmetry breaking*

New MINOS results “strongly disfavor” sterile neutrino, neutrino decay



Neutrinos generated at Fermilab are first measured by the MINOS near detector, pictured above, before traveling to the experiment's far detector in Minnesota.

Finding the truth, whether that means solving a crime or describing the nature of fundamental particles, is just as much about eliminating the wrong answers as it is about finding the right ones. The same way that ruling out an alibi for a suspect is an important step toward finding the bad guy, disproving a theoretical prediction is necessary in order to find the correct theory that explains the whole story.

In the search for a better understanding of neutrinos, the Main Injector Neutrino Oscillation Search, MINOS, recently put forth results that help rule out a theorized fourth neutrino and strengthen the case against the hypothesis of neutrino decay. MINOS co-spokesperson Rob Plunkett says the results “really start to close the loop” on some major theories that neutrino experiments set out to investigate.

The MINOS experiment begins at Fermilab, in Batavia, Illinois, where a neutrino beam is generated, and its composition measured by the MINOS near detector. The beam then travels 735 kilometers to the Soudan mine in northern Minnesota, where the MINOS far detector catches it.

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Special Announcement

Director's Corner

The issues of the week

Two issues dominated last week. The first arose from the decisions about the LHC that followed from the Chamonix meeting, affecting the LHC's running schedule, the accelerator repairs and plans for future upgrades. The second was the unveiling of the President's budget for FY2011.



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The results of the Chamonix meeting were presented [last Friday at CERN](#) in a series of presentations culminating in Steve Myers's summary. The most important decision was to run the LHC at 7 TeV center-of-mass energy for about two years or one inverse femtobarn, whichever comes first. After that, the LHC would be shut down to fix a few thousand interconnections once and for all, a shutdown that would require at least a year.

Coming out of the shutdown the accelerator would be ready for a long run at the full 14 TeV center-of-mass energy. Not surprisingly these plans brought the press asking how the extended run at low energy and relatively low luminosity would affect our own plans for the Tevatron. We support the decision to run the LHC conservatively. The planned first run of two years already opens significant physics opportunities beyond the Tevatron, so at this time we do not expect this decision to affect our own plans to conclude the Tevatron run at the end of FY2011.

While the schedule of the LHC is now more concrete, CERN will revisit the timing for the upgrades of the LHC accelerator and detectors. This could have consequences for our own plans in the US. In particular a rigorous examination of the limits on performance has raised questions about the need for the SPL, a major superconducting linac that CERN would build as part of replacing the LHC injection chain.

The President's budget request, unveiled Monday of last week, was favorable for both

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Weather



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Current Security Status

[Secon Level 3](#)

Wilson Hall Cafe

Tuesday, Feb. 9

- Breakfast: Bagel sandwich
- Golden broccoli soup
- Southern-style fish sandwich
- Coconut-crusted tilapia
- Burgundy beef tips
- La Grande sandwich
- Assorted sliced pizza
- Chicken fajitas

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)

Chez Leon

Wednesday, Feb. 10

- Lunch
- Mahogany beef stew w/red wine & hoisin sauce
 - Horseradish mashed potatoes
 - Baked apples

Thursday, Feb. 11

- Dinner
- Closed

[Chez Leon Menu](#)

Call x3524 to make your reservation.

Archives

Lectures on hadron collider physics begin today

Fermilab scientist Dan Green kicks off a series of lectures on hadron collider physics today at 1:30 p.m. in Curia II. From the Higgs boson to supersymmetry, the lectures will outline the physics that scientists hope to uncover at the Large Hadron Collider. The talk will include results from the first collisions that occurred at the end of last year. Today's lecture will focus on rediscovering the Standard Model.

If you cannot attend in person, the LHC Physics Center will simultaneously broadcast the lectures on EVO, a video conferencing system. More information and a complete lecture schedule are available [online](#).

Photo of the Day

Congratulations to our new citizens



Fermilab Deputy Director Young-Kee Kim and Assistant Laboratory Director Roy Rubinstein celebrated receipt of their U.S. citizenships. Rubenstein received his citizenship in 2008 and Kim received her citizenship on Feb. 1.

Special Announcement

the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy Office of Science. Despite the freeze on overall domestic spending the Office of Science has a proposed increase of 4.4 percent and high-energy physics a proposed increase of 2.3 percent. This is a good outcome for science in these very difficult times.

As we analyze the proposed budget for FY2011 at Fermilab, it is easy to conclude that we will have a very challenging year in 2011. We will be trying to ramp up the future programs at the same time that we extend the Tevatron run through a full year of operations with significantly increased power costs. We will need to exercise maximum efficiency and austerity. We might as well tighten our belts two more notches, starting now.

Accelerator Update

Feb.5-8

- Five stores provided ~63.75 hours of luminosity
 - MTest off due to LCW pump problem
 - Pelletron recovered from full discharge
 - TeV accessed to repair dipole lead
- *The integrated luminosity for the period from 2/1/10 to 2/8/10 was 50.47 inverse picobarns. NuMI reported receiving 7.99E18 protons on target during this same period.

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The Illinois Young Dependent Law, which allowed extension of dental benefits to dependents up to age 26, went into effect Jan. 1. Fermilab employees who enrolled dependents under the Fermilab dental plans in connection with this law may experience a delay in claim processing. CIGNA has notified Fermilab's Benefits Department that the carrier is experiencing difficulties in processing claims. CIGNA has identified the cause of the problem and is working on resolution. CIGNA has not yet provided a timeframe for resolution, but employees should expect at minimum to allow a few more weeks for processing.

In the News**CERN gears up its computers for more atom smashing**From *Scientific American*, Feb. 8, 2010

When the Large Hadron Collider goes back online in a few weeks, CERN's IT systems will have to be flexible in order to process the spate of information

A deluge of high-energy physics data is headed toward servers in Geneva, Switzerland, later this month. That's because the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) now says it plans to restart its Large Hadron Collider (LHC) soon for a run that could last as long as two years at a collision energy of seven TeV (tera-electron volts, 3.5 TeV per beam). As CERN ramps up the world's most powerful particle accelerator to operate well beyond its previous best performance, the lab's computer systems must likewise be tuned so they can properly capture and analyze all of this new output.

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