

Calendar

Tuesday, February 14

11:00 p.m. Academic Lecture Series - Curia II

Speaker: B. Kayser, Fermilab

Title: The New World of Neutrino Physics - III (3rd Lecture)

3:30 p.m. Director's Coffe Break - 2nd Flr X-Over

4:00 p.m. Accelerator Physics and Technology Seminar - 1 West

Speaker: A. Dragt, University of Maryland
Title: Computation of Transfer Maps

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THERE WILL BE NO ILC R&D MEETING THIS WEEK

3:30 p.m. Director's Coffee Break - 2nd Flr X-Over

4:00 p.m. Fermilab Colloquium - 1 West
Speaker: D. Dennett, Tufts University
Title: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon

Weather



Mostly Sunny 45°/31°

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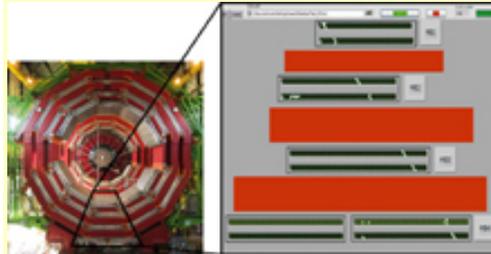
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CMS Sees First Cosmic Rays

CMS has successfully detected cosmic rays for the first time in a complete sector of muon chambers. These events mark a major milestone in commissioning the CMS Barrel detector.



The CMS barrel seen from its +Z end in the SX5 building at Cessy, where two out of five wheels of the barrel are already equipped with muon chambers. On the right, a snapshot of the online display showing a cosmic muon (white points) through the complete sector.

One of the key elements for the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) experiment is the precise detection of muons, as the acronym indicates. Muons are expected to give a clear signature for various physics discoveries, including the Higgs boson. A total of 1400 muon chambers of several types will be used by CMS, including the Drift Tube Chambers (DTCs) for the barrel.

Since the summer of 2004, the team building the DTCs (including institutes in Aachen, Bologna, Madrid, Padova, and Torino) has been engaged in the delicate and complex operation of installing the chambers in the CMS iron yoke.

The DTCs have 12 layers of drift tubes arranged in three groups of four, the one

Director's Corner

Lemons to lemonade

We were handed some lemons late last year and earlier this year when hardware failures in the Tevatron interrupted what otherwise has been a fabulous running period. The repairs together with the end effects of warming and cooling sections of the Tevatron have cost us more than six weeks of running. But we have now made lemonade out of the lemons.



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Even before the down time occurred, the Accelerator Division antiproton stacking team had planned to carry out studies to understand the limitations in antiproton production and accumulation. We had reached a point in the development of the Tevatron where antiproton production was the limitation in producing data.. When the Tevatron went down, the debuncher and accumulator rings that we use to accumulate antiprotons became available for study on a full time basis and the team was ready to take advantage of the situation.

The parameter that describes our antiproton manufacturing capacity is the "zero stack stacking rate," a number that describes how quickly the current of antiprotons builds up when the accumulated current or "stack" is very small. We carried out a complex series of studies during the down time that led to improvements in alignments and

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- Creamy Turkey Vegetable
- Chicken Gyros
- Salisbury Steaks w/Mushroom Au Jus
- Chicken Cacciatore
- Italian Panini w/Provolone
- Philly Cheese Stromboli
- Chipotle Chili & Queso Nachos Supreme

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Chez Leon**Wednesday, February 15****Lunch**

- Catfish w/Coarse Mustard
- Roasted Corn & Red Pepper
- Spicy Tomato Rice
- Pecan Pie

Thursday, February 16**Valentine's Day Dinner**

- Red Pepper Souffle w/Julienne of Zucchini
- Lobster Medallions w/Champagne Butter Sauce
- Green Beans w/Dill
- Lemon Grass Rice
- Chocolate Hearts w/Raspberry Sauce

[Chez Leon Menu](#)

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in the middle measuring the coordinate z along the beam direction, and the other two measuring the orthogonal coordinate, known as $R-\phi$. Each layer has up to 60 tubes. Together this information reveals the trajectories of the muons. The image shows muon signals in the $R-\phi$ groups in four chambers. Unlike conventional Drift Tube systems, consecutive layers are staggered by a half tube width enabling the DTCs to generate trigger signals for CMS (using a 'mean timer' method).

Chambers from the construction sites are sent to a hall in the former ISR tunnel at CERN, where they are carefully assembled with on-chamber cables and pipes and equipped with the 'Minicrates' containing the readout electronics for the chamber. These 'dressed' chambers require very few external components in order for them to become operational and undergo thorough pre-installation tests.

Reprinted from the [CERN Bulletin](#) (Story Continues)

Lunasa & The Karan Casey Band to Perform March 18

Not one but two of the [greatest bands in Irish music today](#) take the stage to create a night of Celtic music not to be missed. Join us on Saturday, March 18, as both Lunasa & The Karan Casey Band perform in Fermilab's Ramsey Auditorium. Tickets are \$26 (\$13 for ages 18 and under). For further information or telephone reservations, call 630/840-ARTS (2787) weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In the News

apertures and a whopping increase in the zero-stack stacking rate, from about 16 mA/hr early in the fall to about 21 mA/hr at present. Now we reach a stored current of 60 mA for transfer to the recycler in three hours instead of nearly four hours.

So when you go home, you can uncork the champagne and celebrate this new record and explain to your family that you are celebrating the new record in the "zero-stack stacking rate." I'll bet you they will be impressed!

Accelerator Update**February 10 - 13**

- Three stores provided 59 hours and 59 minutes of luminosity.
- TeV quenches twice.
- Preaccelerator switched to H-.
- Recycler losses part of stash.

[Read the Current Accelerator Update](#)

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[View the Tevatron Luminosity Charts](#)

Announcements**Last chance for survey participation**

So far more than 50 percent of Fermilab employees have filled in and submitted the Fermilab Today survey conducted by the University of Chicago Survey Lab. Thank you. The Survey Lab will close the online survey this Friday, February 17. If you have not yet completed the survey, please take 10 to 15 minutes of your time to answer the questions. Click on the link provided in the email from Kelly Daley of the Survey Lab. (If clicking doesn't work, please copy the entire link as one line into a Web browser.)

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PPARC Press Release February 13, 2006: Einstein's Theory 'Improved'?

A Chinese astronomer from the University of St Andrews has fine-tuned Einstein's groundbreaking theory of gravity, creating a 'simple' theory which could solve a dark mystery that has baffled astrophysicists for three-quarters of a century.

A new law for gravity, developed by Dr. Hong Sheng Zhao and his Belgian collaborator Dr. Benoit Famaey of the Free University of Brussels (ULB), aims to prove whether Einstein's theory was in fact correct and whether the astronomical mystery of Dark Matter actually exists. Their research was published on February 10th in the Astrophysical Journal Letters. Their formula suggests that gravity drops less sharply with distance as in Einstein, and changes subtly from solar systems to galaxies and to the universe.

Theories of the physics of gravity were first developed by Isaac Newton in 1687 and refined by Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity in 1905 to allow light bending. While it is the earliest-known force, gravity is still very much a mystery with theories still unconfirmed by astronomical observations in space.

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can we "see" them? A presentation for non-physicists at noon today, Feb 14, in 1 West with speaker Mike Albrow of Fermilab.

Call for Nominations: 2006 User's Meeting Featured Talks

The Graduate Student Association of Fermilab, along with the User's executive committee, for the first time is soliciting nominations for graduate students to present their work at the upcoming 2006 Users' meeting.

[More Information](#)

GSA Town Hall Meeting

Fermilab's Graduate Student Association will hold a Town Hall Meeting for graduate students and postdocs on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting, held in 1 West, allows grad students to get acquainted with the new Deputy Director, Young Kee Kim, and GSA Reps. The meeting will include Q&A with Young Kee Kim and your GSA Rep's and Announcements for Future GSA sponsored activities. The GSA will have a short presentation (15 min.) about future activities followed by time for Q&A as well. So start thinking up questions now!

[Upcoming Activities](#)