

# A New Experiment to Study Hyperons, Charm, and the Charmonium System

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# Fermilab “Climate”

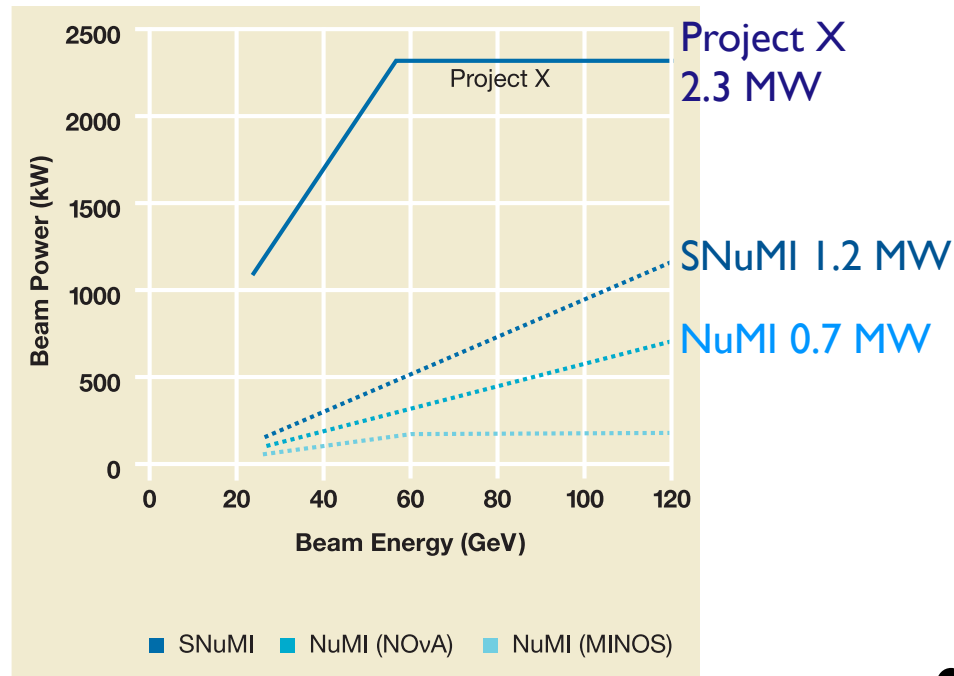
- ➡ Urgent need to identify intermediate mission for on-site accelerators while awaiting ILC decision
- ➡ Target the “intensity frontier”:
  - ▶ Neutrino oscillations, rare and forbidden decays:
    - $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \nu$
    - $\mu \rightarrow e$
- ➡ Clear & strong theoretical connection with “Quantum Universe” themes

# “Project X”

- In spring, Fermilab Steering Group formed to recommend plan for intermediate period before ILC
  - Recommends construction of 8 GeV proton linac using ILC technology (~\$1/2B project, ~5y constr)
    - enables neutrino “SuperBeam,” rare K decay expts
    - if adopted, will extend life of pbar Source by obviating need for “Super-NuMI” intensity upgrade
- ➡ In this scenario, new pbar expt seems possible:
- modest on scale of other projects
  - attractive opportunity to keep results flowing while other projects under construction

# “Project X”

from Fermilab Steering Group Report  
<http://www.fnal.gov/pub/directorate/steering/index.shtml>



## Proton beam power

Beam power versus beam energy for possible proton facilities at Fermilab.

- Project X strengthens
  - ILC R&D/industrialization
  - neutrino program
  - proposed  $\mu 2e$  program
  - proposed K program
  - proposed pbar program
- Recommended if:
  - ILC delayed  $\geq 5y$  or
  - built “offshore”

# pbar Physics

- Hyperons – search for new physics
- Charm mixing – is it new physics?
- Charmonium – feasible, but QCD
  - ▶ but apparatus that can do hyperons and charm can do charmonium also
  - ▶ and improved understanding of (nonperturbative) QCD important for interpreting above and other physics

# Hyperon CP Violation...

- SM predicts small CP asymmetries in hyperon decay
- NP can amplify them by orders of magnitude:

Table 5: Summary of predicted hyperon  $CP$  asymmetries.

Asymm.	Mode	SM	NP	Ref.
$A_\Lambda$	$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi$	$\lesssim 10^{-5}$	$\lesssim 6 \times 10^{-4}$	[68]
$A_{\Xi\Lambda}$	$\Xi^\mp \rightarrow \Lambda\pi, \Lambda \rightarrow p\pi$	$\lesssim 0.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$\leq 1.9 \times 10^{-3}$	[69]
$A_{\Omega\Lambda}$	$\Omega \rightarrow \Lambda K, \Lambda \rightarrow p\pi$	$\leq 4 \times 10^{-5}$	$\leq 8 \times 10^{-3}$	[36]
$\Delta_{\Xi\pi}$	$\Omega \rightarrow \Xi^0\pi$	$2 \times 10^{-5}$	$\leq 2 \times 10^{-4}$ *	[35]
$\Delta_{\Lambda K}$	$\Omega \rightarrow \Lambda K$	$\leq 1 \times 10^{-5}$	$\leq 1 \times 10^{-3}$	[36]

\*Once they are taken into account, large final-state interactions may increase this prediction

# ...& Rare Decays

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## Does the HyperCP Evidence for the Decay $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$ Indicate a Light Pseudoscalar Higgs Boson?

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**( $\mathcal{B} \approx 10^{-8}$ )**

The HyperCP Collaboration has observed three events for the decay  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$  which may be interpreted as a new particle of mass 214.3 MeV. However, existing data from kaon and  $B$ -meson decays provide stringent constraints on the construction of models that support this interpretation. In this Letter we show that the “HyperCP particle” can be identified with the light pseudoscalar Higgs boson in the next-to-minimal supersymmetric standard model, the  $A_1^0$ . In this model there are regions of parameter space where the  $A_1^0$  can satisfy all the existing constraints from kaon and  $B$ -meson decays and mediate  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$  at a level consistent with the HyperCP observation.

# Some Hyperon Goals

- Observe many more  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow p\mu^+\mu^-$  events and confirm or refute SUSY interpretation
- Discover or limit  $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Xi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$  and confirm or refute SUSY interpretation
- Discover or limit  $CP$  violation in  $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^-$  and  $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Xi^0 \pi^-$  via partial-rate asymmetries

Predicted  $\mathcal{B} \sim 10^{-6}$   
if  $P^0$  real

Predicted  $\Delta\mathcal{B} \sim 10^{-5}$   
in SM,  $\lesssim 10^{-3}$  if NP



# Charmonium

- Thanks to superb precision of antiproton beam energy and momentum spread E<sub>0</sub> = 6.67835 @ FNAL AA made very precise measurements of charmonium parameters, e.g.
  - best measurements of various  $\eta_c, \chi_c, h_c$  masses, widths, branching ratios,...
  - interference of continuum & resonance signals

# Summary

- Best experiment ever on hyperons, charmonia, and charm may run a few years from now at Fermilab
- More focused than PANDA, could happen sooner & get more beam
- Aligned with FNAL Steering Group plan
- Want to join?
- ...or help us make the physics case?
- ...or at least, help spread the word?

# Proto-Collaboration

- I am drafting Lol and soliciting collaborators

- So far:

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# Schedule?

*Highly speculative...!*

- 2010? Tevatron closes
- 2011 pbar installation & startup?
- 2012-17? Project X construction?
- 2017 pbar source closes?
- 2019 ILC construction starts???

# Note:

- Letter of Intent for new Fermilab antiproton experiments available at  
<http://capp.iit.edu/hep/pbar>
- Klaus Peters & DMK organizing antiproton parallel session at Project X physics workshop, Fermilab, Nov. 16–17, 2007; see  
[http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/Longrange/Steering\\_Public/workshop-physics.html](http://www.fnal.gov/directorate/Longrange/Steering_Public/workshop-physics.html)