SELEX (E781) is a fixed target experiment

The goal of the experiment was charm hadro-production and charm spectroscopy

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Tevatron ($E_p = 0.8 \text{ TeV}$)

Data taking in 1996-1997.



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PNPI contribution:

- Detectors: 14 multiwire proportional chambers 0.6*1.0 m², TRD-detectors: for beam and for scattered electrons, Fast scattering trigger.
- 2. Electronics: Readout system for RICH detector (11 000 channels), Readout system for vertex detector (70 000 channels), Front-end electronics for the drift chambers, Electronics for BTRD, ets. Software for electronics.
- 3. Data taking.
- 4. Data analysis.



Main SELEX physics publications:

- 1.**Total cross section** measurements with π^- , Σ^- and protons on nuclei and nucleons around 600 GeV/c. Nucl.Phys. B579 (2000) 277.
- 2. Observation of the **Cabibbo-suppressed decay** $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$. Phys.Rev.Lett. 84 (2000) 1857.
- 3. Precision measurements of the Λ_c^+ and D⁰ lifetimes. Phys.Rev.Lett. 86 (2001) 5243.
- 4. Measurement of the Σ^- charge radius by Σ^- -electron elastic scattering. Phys.Lett. B 522 (2001) 233.
- 5. Measurement of the D_s lifetime. Phys.Lett. B 523 (2001) 22.
- 6. Radiative decay width of the $a_2(1320)^2$ meson. Phys.Lett. B 521 (2001) 171.
- 7. First measurement of $\pi^-e \rightarrow \pi^-e\gamma$ pion virtual compton scattering. Phys.Rev. C 66 (2002) 034613.
- 8. Hadronic **production of** Λ_c from 600 GeV/c π^- , Σ^- and p beams. Phys. Lett. B 528 (2002) 49.
- 9. **Production asymmetry of D**_s from 600 GeV/c Σ^{-} and π^{-} beam. Phys. Lett. B 558 (2003) 34.
- 10. First observation of the **doubly charmed baryon** Ξ^+_{cc} . Phys. Rev. Lett. 89 (2002) 112001.

- 11. Upper limit on the decay $\Sigma(1385) \rightarrow \Sigma^{\neg}\gamma$, and cross section for $\gamma\Sigma^{\neg} \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^{\neg}$. Phys. Lett. B 590 (2004) 161.
- 12. **Polarization of** Σ^+ **hyperons** produced by 800 GeV/c protons on Cu and Be. Phys. Rev. D 70 (2004) 112005.
- 13. First observation of a narrow charm-strange meson $D_{sJ}^+(2632) \rightarrow D_{s}^+\eta$ and D^0K^+ . Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2004) 242001.
- 14. Confirmation of the doubly charmed baryon $\Xi^+_{cc}(3520)$ via its decay to pD⁺K⁻. Phys. Lett. B 628 (2005) 18.



SELEX Apparatus Features

- Forward production: $p_t < 3$ GeV/c
- typical Lorentz Boost ~ 100
- π, Σ^-, p beams
- RICH identification above 25 GeV/c
- decay proper time resolution ~ 18 fs









Schematic view of the SELEX detector.

The SELEX spectrometer

- Segmented target: 2 Cu and 3 C
- Hyperon magnet + 3 analysis magnets: M1, M2, and M3 Vertex detectors:
- Beam silicon detectors
- High precision silicon vertex detectors

Tracking:

- 18 Large silicon detector planes ($\sigma \sim 14 \ \mu m$)
- 28 PWC planes (σ~ 0.6-1 mm)
- 72 Drift chamber planes ($\sigma \sim 100 \ \mu m$)

Particle identification:

- Beam transition radiation detector, tagging Σ^{-}/π^{-} , p/π^{+}
- Ring imaging Cherenkov counter (3000 PMT)
- Electron TRD
- 3 Lead glass electromagnetic calorimeters

Beams Primary 8

Primary 800 GeV proton beam of 1.6*10¹⁰ s⁻¹ on Be target

Secondary beams: negative – Σ^- (50%) or π^- (50%) positive – protons (92%) and π^+

Charm trigger

Hardware: Valid beam track: BTRD

- \geq 4 charged tracks in the forward direction
- \geq 2 charged tracks in M2 with the momentum > 15 GeV/c

Software: (Online) Evidence for secondary vertex

Data 15*10⁹ interactions studied: 10⁹ events written on tape

 Σ^{-} 67%, π^{-} 14%, p⁺ 18%, π^{+} 1%

Vertex Spectrometer Performance



- transverse vtx resolution 8-15 μ m
- 20 highly-efficient vertex planes overdetermine tracks, reduce tracking confusion in high-multiplicity events
- target foils 0.8-2.2 mm thick with 1.5 cm period to localize primary int

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18 planes of BTRD. Each plane is a stack of 200 polypropylene foils 17 μ m thick spaced at 500 μ m followed by 3 PWC (70% Xe, 30% CO₂).



SELEX Charm Selection Criteria



- primary vertex tagged by beam track
- secondary vertex must lie outside material

Charm Selection Cuts for single charm studies:

- secondary vertex significance:
 - $-L/\sigma \geq 1$ for short-lived states (Ξ_c^0, Ω_c^0)
 - $-L/\sigma \geq 8$ for long-lived states $(\Lambda_c^+,...)$

• Pointback
$$\leq 4 \ (2 \ \sigma_b)$$

• second-largest miss significance among decay trks ≥ 4 .



SELEX Single Charm Analysis



- Charm vector momentum points back to primary: cut on $(b/\sigma_b)^2$ (point-back cut)
- Decay vertex lies outside target material (space cut)



• $\Lambda_a^+ \to p \mathcal{K}^+ \pi^+$ sample used to search for double charm

(**ud**) (**sc**) (**bt**)

u, d, s - light, c, b, t - heavy

 Ξ_{cc}^{+} - (dcc)

p - (uud) π^+ - (ud) K⁻ - (su) D⁰ - (cu)

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$$D^+ - (cd)$$
 $D_s^- - (cs)$ $\Lambda_c^+ - (udc)$ $\Sigma^- - (dds)$





 $\Lambda_c \ x_F$ distribution at low and high p_t

$$(1 - x_F)^n$$

 $\pi^{-} (ud)$ $\Sigma^{-} (dds)$ p (uud) $\Lambda^{+}_{c} (udc)$ $\Lambda^{-}_{c} (udc)$







$\Lambda_c p_t^2$ distribution





 $D_s x_F$ distributions for a Σ^- beam







Colour-drag string model; intrinsic-charm model



Reconstructed masses of Λ_c^{+} and D^0 .



The acceptance-corrected reduced proper lifetime distributions for Λ_c^+ and D^0 events.



	Lifetime, fs	Stat. error, fs	Syst. error, fs
Λ_c^+	198.1	7.0	5.6
D^{0}	407.9	6.0	4.3
D^{\pm}	1070	36	_
D_s	472.5	17.2	4.4

Results of the SELEX lifetime measurements.



At Lifetime Measurements FOCUS SELEX PDG00 **NA32** E697 NA 14 E697 E 69 1 S S 64 6.4 ++++ +1 2 0.0 240 -2061 $\hat{\mathbf{m}}$ 109.1± 204.6± 220 HQ-HФH ьЪ 200 180 160 82 New World Average [fsec] without CLEO $\tau[\Lambda_{\star}^{\star}] = 199.7 \pm 3.3$ 203.6 ± 3.6 140 χ^2 /ndof = 8.51/7 0.25/6 120 ∟ 1986 1988 1992 1998 2000 2002 2004 1990 1994 1996 Year

SELEX lifetime of Λ_c^+ in comparison with the results of other experiments.









 Σ^+ polarization as a function of x_F for Cu and Be targets.

(The production angle was 4 mrad; the polarization is perpendicular to the production plane)





 Σ^+ polarization ratio vs x_F.







 Σ e elastic scattering

$Q^2 \Lambda_c$ events distribution

Acceptance as a function of Q^2 .

Formfactor squared.

 $F(Q)=1-Q^2 < r^2 > /6.$





Comparison of strong and electromagnetic mean squared radii for proton, Ξ^- , and π^- from SELEX data and for K⁻ and Ξ^- from other data.







$$\Xi_{cc}^{+} \rightarrow \Lambda_{c}^{+} \mathrm{K}^{-} \pi^{+}$$

$$\Lambda_{c}^{+} \rightarrow K^{-} p \pi^{+}$$







16 событий над фоном, равным
6.1+/-0.5.
Статистическая значимость –
6.3σ.
Вероятность случайного
выброса – 10⁻⁴.



Results from ccd^+ Search

 $K^{-}\pi^{+}\Lambda_{c}^{+}$: Phys. Rev. Lett **89**,112001(2002)



Calculate m(ccd⁺) using m(Λ_c^+) = 2.2849 GeV/c² Poisson Probability for peak anywhere on plot: 1.1×10^{-4}

- look for extra vertex between primary and Λ_c^+ with vertex significance ≥ 1 .
- If it's double charm, ccq decay has to make a K⁻
- Results confirmed by two independent, different analysis methods

Right-sign channel has peak at 3520 MeV/c²

Wrong-sign channel has no significant structure





$$\Xi^+_{cc} \rightarrow pD^+K^-$$

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5.4 событий над фоном 1,6+/-0.35. Вероятность случайного выброса- 1.5*10⁻⁵.

Вероятность статистической флуктуации в двух экспериментах-1.5*10⁻⁹.

$$D_{s}^{+}(2632) \rightarrow D_{s}^{+} \eta$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{s}^{+} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}^{+} \mathbf{K}^{-} \pi^{+} \qquad \eta \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

First observation of a Narrow Charm-Strange Meson D⁺_{sI}(2632)

In 2003, BaBar, Cleo, Belle $D_{sJ}(2317)$ and $D_{sJ}(2463)$





$$D_{s}^{+}(2632) \rightarrow D_{s}^{+} \eta$$

49 событий над фономв 52 события.Значимость – 7.2 σ.

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 $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ Q \approx 275 \text{ MeV}$

14 событий над фоном в 7 событий. Значимость – 5.3 σ.

The relative branching ratio $\Gamma(D^0K^+)/\Gamma(D^+{}_s) = 0.16 + - 0.06.$

K. Chao Phys. Lett. B 599 (2004) 43, Barnes et.al., hep-ph/0407120, Beverin et al., hep-ph/0407281 : $D^+_{sJ}(2632) \rightarrow first radial exci-$ tation of the 1⁻ of $D_s^*(2112)$.



CONCLUSION

SELEX has obtained a number of physical results. The most interesting results are **The discovery of a doubly charmed baryon** $\Xi_{cc}^{+}(3520)$ and **Observation of a heavy charm-strange meson** $D_{sI}(2632)$

