NSERC Subatomic GSC Site Visit to Victoria



8:30 Meet with Department Chair - Reading Room, Elliott 106
8:50 Move to Senate Chambers
9:00 NSERC speaks to us about policy etc. Whole group is invited plus GSC

10:00 - Coffee

10:15 - Intro (RKK) \leftarrow We are here. 10:30 - BaBar (JMR) 11:00 - ATLAS (ML/RKK) 11:30 - OPAL (RKK) 11:40 - Linear Collider (DK) 12:00 - Theory (MP)

12:25 - Start lunch

1:30 – Finish lunch

1:40 - Computing and MFA HEPNET & HEPGRID GRID Canada / MFA (RJS) 2:15 - Tour of MERCURY & Storage system -GRID Canada (RJS) 3:00 - Visit Detector Lab, TRIUMF lab, MUSE (DK/RKK/RJS)

3:45 - Coffee with Graduate Students (no faculty)

4:15 - Close out with Department Chair4:30 - Depart for airport

6:15 - Flight to Vancouver

The Particle Physics Group at Victoria

- Particle Physics is a major focus of the department
- Research: OPAL, BaBar, ATLAS, Linear Collider
- Education
 - To provide access to top international research for graduate and undergraduate students
- Internationally recognized group
 - responsible for major components of international projects
 - the University of Victoria is a well known name in particle physics
 - diverse, talented, critical mass for large impact
 - 43 researchers (faculty, fellows, associates, students, technologists) from 9 countries
 - research activities include extensive period spent at world class laboratories abroad (CERN, Stanford) Excellent training for students

The Particle Physics Group at Victori

- Faculty
 - experimentalists: Astbury, Karlen, Keeler, Kowalewski, Lefebvre, McPherson (IPP), Roney, Sobie (IPP)
 - Theorists: Picciotto, Pospelov
- Onsite TRIUMF staff
 - Birney, Charron, Dowling, Langstaff, Lenckowski
- Research associates
 - Agarwal, Banerjee, Bhuyan, Fincke, Kanaya, Poffenberger
- Graduate students
 - Bailey, Bayes, Bird, Bolokhov, Brown, Fortin, Hamano, Hughes, Ince, Jackson, Lambert, Michailopoulos, Nugent, Rosenbaum, Shaw, Teke, Vanderster (with EE), Yun
- Computer scientist
 - Bickle, Van Uytven
- Technologists
 - Holness
- Undergraduate
 - Klektau

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The Particle Physics Faculty at Victoria

• D. Karlen (2002)

PhD Stanford 88

- Pearce Chair of Physics
- Chair NSERC Subatomic Physics Chair (2003)
- R. Keeler (83)

PhD UBC 81

- Director of IPP (Institute of Particle Physics)
- Chair NSERC Subatomic Physics GSC (2000-2001)
- R. Kowalewski (97)

PhD Cornell 88

- B physics, particle lifetimes, reconstruction software (OPAL, BaBar, ATLAS)
- Convenor of BaBar Exclusive Semileptonic Working Group
- Member BaBar Publications Board (2003-)
- M. Lefebvre (91) Ph

PhD Cambridge 89

- Electroweak physics, Calorimetry (UA2, RD3, ATLAS)
- Founded ATLAS Canada, ATLAS Advisory Board (1998-99)
- ATLAS Publications Committee (2002-)
- R. McPherson (97) PhD Princeton 95
 - OPAL overall Physics Coordinator (01-02) & New Particles Searches Convenor (97-00)
 - ATLAS LAr testbeam software coordinator
 - Detector Control-System Coordinator

The Particle Physics Faculty at Victoria

• C. Picciotto (68)

PhD UC-Santa Barbara 68

- Weak Decay Theory, Department Chair 1998-2003
- Secretary-Treasurer of IPP
- M. Pospelov (2002) PhD

PhD Budker Inst. 94

- Particle phenomenology, physics beyond the Standard Model, supersymmetry
- Astroparticle physics and cosmology
- M. Roney (96) PhD Carleton 89
 - Electroweak, drift chambers and B & tau physics (OPAL, BaBar, ATLAS)
 - BaBar Run Coordinator (2003)
 - BaBar Executive board (1999-2001) and International Finance Committee (2001-), Department Chair 2003-
- R. Sobie (92)

PhD Toronto 85

- OPAL tau physics coordinator (1998-2002) and Canadian representative on ATLAS International Computing Board
- Spokesperson for Victoria CFI Computer Storage Award 6M\$ CFI & BCKDF, 1M\$ IOF
- A. Astbury (83) (retired) PhD Liverpool 61
 - Chairman Int. Review Com. Muon Ionization Cooling Exp't. (MICE), RAL
 - President Elect of IUPAP (International Union of Pure and Applied Physics)
 - Director of TRIUMF (1994-2001)

Graduate Student Record



- D. Britton, PhD (Bryman, Robertson) Faculty Imperial College, University of London
- P. Schenk, PhD (Astbury) Gov. Gen. Gold Medal

<u> 1995 - present</u>

- **M. Rosvick, PhD** "Measurement of the Neutral Current in the Standard Model Using the Tau Polarization Asymmetries Determined from the Decay" 1995 (Keeler).
- J. Steuerer, PhD "Measurement of the Product Branching Ratio" 1995 (Astbury)
- **P. Knowles, PhD** "Muonic Processes in Solid Hydrogen Films." 1996 (Beer)
- M. Vincter, PhD "A Precision Measurement of the Ratio of the Effective Vector to Axial-Vector Couplings of the Weak Neutral Current at the Z0 Pole." 1996 (Keeler), Faculty Member of University of Alberta.
- **M. Welsh, PhD** "I. The Form Factor, II. Validity of Soft Photon Amplitudes, III. Soft Photon Excess in Hadron Scattering." 1996 (C. Picciotto)
- **P. Hu, MSc** "A Study of the Response of the OPAL Calorimeter to Hadrons." 1996 (Keeler).
- **J. Maier, MSc** "The Wolfenstein-Gerstein Effect in Solid Protium-Deuterium Targets." 1997 (Beer)

Graduate Student Record



- **S. Richardson, PhD** "A Study of Some Rare Radiative Meson Decays", 1998 (Picciotto)
- **J. White, PhD** "Testing Lepton Universality using One-Prong Hadronic Tau Decays", 1998 (Sobie, Lefebvre)
- **S. Bishop, MSc** "A Low Noise Lifetime Measurement of Electrons Drifting in Liquid Argon", 1998 (R.K. Keeler, R. Sobie)
- **L. Stumpf, MSc** "A Measurement of the Branching Ratio of the Decay of the Lepton to Five Charged Hadrons", 1998 (R. Sobie, R.K. Keeler)
- **T. Porcelli, PhD** "Measurements of Muon Catalyzed dt Fusion in Solid HD" 1999 (Beer)
- S. Robertson, PhD "A Measurement of the Tau Electronic Branching Ratio", 1999 (R. Sobie, R. Keeler). Governor General's Gold Medal - Now IPP Scientist McGill
- **I. Lawson, PhD** "Neutral Kaon Production from One-prong Tau Decays", 2000 (Keeler, Sobie)
- D. O'Neil, PhD "Performance of the ATLAS Hadronic Endcap Calorimeter and The Physics of Electroweak Top Quark Production at ATLAS", 2000 (M. Lefebvre) Faculty member SFU

Graduate Student Record



- **D. Fortin MSc** "Performance of the ATLAS Hadronic Endcap Calorimeter Modules to Electrons and Pions", 2001 (Lefebvre).
- **P. Jackson, MSC** "Hypothesis Testing Variables Applied to Trajectory Fitting in the BaBar Experiment", 2001 (Kowalewski)
- **C. Bird, MSc** "Infrared Regularization in Relativistic Chiral Perturbation Theory" 2001 (Picciotto)
- **C. Brown, MSc** "A Study of the Leptonic Branching Ratios of the Tau at *BABAR*" 2001 (Roney).
- **K. Graham, PhD** "Precision Determination of the Electroweak Mixing Angle and Test of Neutral Current Universality from the Tau Polarization Measurements at OPAL" 2001 (Roney).
- M. Dobbs, PhD "Probing the Three Gauge-boson Couplings in 14 TeV Proton-Proton Collisions" 2002 (M. Lefebvre). 1st Owen Chamberlain Fellow at LBL
- B. Vachon PhD "Search for Excited Charged Leptons in Electron-Positron Collisions" 2002 (McPherson, Sobie). Gov. Gen. Gold Medal
- **L. Kormos PhD** "A Measurement of the Tau to Muon Branching Ratio" 2003 (Sobie, Keeler).

23 degrees by 22 individuals (16 men, 6 women) since 1995

3 Governor General's Gold Medals

3 in faculty positions & 1 IPP Research scientist

Present students: 2 NSERC PGS, 1 FCAR, 3 UVic Fellowships

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Undergraduate Student Supervision



HEP Undergraduate Students since 1997 Student's Name Group and Supervisor Period of Employment

ALLAN. Jennifer BENNING, Manj GABLE, Ian KLEKTAU, Lila VANDERSTER, Dan ZWIERS, Ian SMECHER. Graeme STARKE. Tamara GUILLAUME. Girard LINDNER, John GROULX, Sarah MACDONALD, Robert MCDONALD, Robbi MUZZERALL, Erica LINDNER, John WIGGINS, Wendy KING, Greg NUGENT, Ian MUELLER. Eilif GIFFORD, Jonas DAY. Ben DESROCHES. Louis COPPIN, Kristen CHAPPLE, Erin CAMPSALL, Paul BEAUCHEMIN, Catherine PEEBLES, Dan BÉLANGER-CHAMPAGNE, C. HOFFMAN, Brie

ATLAS – R. Sobie ATLAS/OPAL - R. Sobie ATLAS – M. Lefebvre ATLAS – R. Sobie ATLAS – R. Sobie ATLAS – R. Sobie ATLAS - R Sobie ATLAS – M. Lefebvre ATLAS – M. Lefebvre ATLAS – R Keeler ATLAS – M Lefebvre ATLAS - R. Keeler ATLAS – R. Sobie ATLAS – R. Keeler ATLAS MIG – M. Lefebvre ATLAS MIG - M. Lefebvre BaBar – M. Roney BaBar – M. Roney BaBar – M. Ronev BaBar – R. Kowalewski BaBar – M. Ronev BaBar – R Kowalewski BaBar – M. Roney OPAL – R. Keeler OPAL – R. Keeler OPAL – R. Keeler OPAL – R. Keeler TPC – D. Karlen

TPC – D. Karlen

Jan-Apr 2003 Jan-Apr 2003 May-Aug 2003, May-Aug 2002 Sep-Dec 2003 Sep-Dec 2002 May-Aug 2002 Jan-Apr 2002 May-Aug 2002 May-Aug 2001 Jan-Apr 2000 May-Aug 1998 May-Aug 1999 May-Aug 2000 May-Aug 2001 Aug-Dec 2001 Feb-Aug 2002 Jan-Aug 2002 May-Aug 2002 May-Aug 2001 May-Aug 2000 Jan-Apr 2000 Jan-Apr 1999 May-Aug 1997 May-Aug 2000 May-Aug 1999 Jul-Aug 1999 Jan-Apr 2001 May-Aug 2003 May-Aug 2003

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Research Overview



• Theory

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- particle phenomenology, astroparticle physics and cosmology
- Three large projects
 - OPAL (CERN) data analysis being finalized
 - BaBar (SLAC) started data taking in 1999
 - will continue running for several years
 - ATLAS (CERN) is under construction
 - first beam for physics expected in 2007



Conclusion



We have a research program that is based on:

- Exploring the latest theoretical developments.
- Collecting and analyzing data at BaBar.
- Preparing the ATLAS detector and analysis programs.
- Developing prototype detectors for the Linear Collider.

The Victoria group has:

- An excellent track record for training graduate and undergraduate students as well as engineers, technologists and postdoctoral fellows.
- Significant participation in the planning and operating organizations of our field.