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FOREWORD

The major portion of this annual report consists of the published papers and abstracts resulting from the research activities of this laboratory during the period July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968. Abstracts of papers submitted to journals but not yet published by June 30, 1968 are also included. Authors and titles of PhD theses completed during the year are given. The report concludes with a list and a photograph of the cyclotron staff. A brief survey of the progress made during the past year in the improvement and development of various laboratory facilities is given below.

1. The Cyclotron

The performance of the cyclotron has continued to improve and its capabilities have further expanded. The installation of a new electrostatic deflector has enabled the cyclotron to operate routinely at proton energies up to 45 MeV with nearly 100% extraction efficiency. Improved circuitry in the rf system has reduced the energy spread of the raw beam to 0.1%. Another operation that has become routine is second harmonic rf acceleration. This has made available beams of deuterons and alpha particles with energies up to 23 MeV and 46 MeV, respectively. With completion of a helium purification and recovery system, there have begun experiments with helium-3 beams having energies up to 70 MeV.

Aided by specially located internal phase selection slits, proton beams having less than 1 nanosecond pulse length and 1 microampere time average intensity have been used in experiments employing the time of flight technique. We expect this capability of the MSU cyclotron to be further exploited.

2. Beam Transport

The beam transport and analyzing system has been refined and extended so that beam can now be placed on target at any of five different experimental set ups. A recently installed NMR system in the analyzing magnets should allow stability and reproducibility of the beam energy to a few parts in 10^5 .

3. Experimental Apparatus

A goniometer-type scattering chamber with an angular precision of $\pm 0.2^\circ$ has been designed and constructed in this laboratory. Although not limited to this use, the chamber has been specially designed to accommodate the germanium detector packages developed here. The chamber plus germanium detector has been used in (p,p') experiments at 40 MeV with the resolution from all sources being less than 0.1%.

A broad-range, double-focusing, reaction-product spectrograph has been purchased from Scanditronix. The scattering chamber, camera box and plate holder have been designed and are under construction in our shop.

4. Computer

During the past year our use of the Sigma 7 Computer has advanced from computations to data analysis to data

acquisition. The versatility of the laboratory has been greatly increased by the use of the computer in the data-acquisition mode.

In parallel with the development of sophisticated on-line uses of the computer there has been an extensive conversion of both our cyclotron and our nuclear physics computer programs from the CDC 3600 to the SDS Sigma 7. Work is underway to convert the distorted wave code "JULIE" for use on the Sigma 7. With the cooperation of R.M. Drisko at ORNL "JULIE" has already been reduced to Fortran and put to use at MSU on the CDC 3600 computer.

In order to perform frequent and extensive computations and at the same time perform the real time tasks of data acquisition, a time sharing system called "JANUS" is being developed at MSU. A limited amount of time sharing has already been achieved. In order to permit efficient time sharing a second 16K bank of memory is being added to the system.

5. Building Addition

After a three month delay caused by a strike the cyclotron laboratory addition is now scheduled for completion and occupancy in September, 1968. In addition to alleviating overcrowding of the nuclear experimental group, the addition will allow the nuclear theory group, presently in the Physics Building across the campus, to be housed under the same roof with us. The theory group now includes Drs. H. McManus, J. Borvsowicz, K. Kolltveit and R. Muthukrishnan and their students and staff.

The year ahead should prove to be the most productive one for nuclear physics at MSU.

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