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Résumé. - Les principaux développements de la physique des particules élémentaires, des origines à 1965, sont présentés en une liste chronologique à trois volets : théories, découvertes expérimentales et moyens techniques. L'attention est portée principalement sur la période 1930-1965, pour laquelle nous donnons les références des articles originaux.

Abstract. - The main developments in elementary particle physics, from the origins to 1965, are presented in a chronological list with three columns : theories, experimental discoveries and technical means. Our work mainly focuses on the period 1930-1965, for which we give the references of the original papers.

1. **Introduction.** - This work was undertaken on the occasion of the International Colloquium on the History of Particle Physics (Paris, July 21-23, 1982).

It appeared interesting to establish a chronological list of the most important discoveries -theoretical, experimental and technical- in this field and to present it in the form of a comparative table. This presentation may serve to visualize the development of this research but, of course, supposes the reader to be familiar with this field.

We divided the history of particle physics into three periods :

- Period before 1930 : "Early steps in corpuscular physics".
- Period from 1930 to 1965 : "From neutron to quarks".
- Period after 1965.

We did not treat the third, too recent, period and focused our historical work on the second one. The years 1930-1933 see the advent of neutron, neutrino, and positron and, in 1964, quarks emerge. This is the reason why we chose for our study the limits 1930-1965, which correspond roughly to the period analyzed in this conference.

However, for reasons of continuity, it seemed necessary to give an outlook of the discoveries made before 1930, in particular those related to the emergence of "corpuscular" physics. Thus, a list of the most relevant discoveries is given for this period with the names of the authors (table I). This table is conceived as a simple guide-line and no references to publications are given. However, we respected the

chronological order for discoveries made within a particular year. We referred for that to the dates of submission of the papers as we did for the second period (cf. below).

2. Presentation of the second period.— For the second period, we established a list of various topics with the corresponding references. With such a program arose certain difficulties.

First, a list of the most important topics had to be established. However, it is impossible to draw a clear demarcation line. The very rich world of particles and resonances is a good example. We chose to mention all resonances found in the years 1960-1961, but only some typical ones in the following years. Apart the f^0 which played a role in the works on the pomeron trajectory, we mentioned only the resonances which allowed to complete the 0^- and 1^- octets of mesons and the $3/2^+$ decuplet of baryons. In the same manner, we did not cover all the works devoted to the determination of the quantum numbers of these resonances. In order to make the table as clear as possible, we also preferred to keep together some important works made in a definite domain. We indicated, in that case, date limits rather than a specific year (see, for example, topic 86 : dispersion relations 1952-1958). We also omitted some topics which seemed important, but whose paternity is difficult and, perhaps, impossible to establish (for example : the idea that the electron cannot exist in the nucleus, the concepts of peripherism, bootstrap ...). A crude list of discoveries may also lead to oversimplified ideas. To obviate this inconvenience, we often judged useful to add informations or historical notes to the references.

Another difficulty lies in the choice of the references. We tried to retain the first and the next important ones according to the influence they have had. It is out of the scope of this work to give a complete bibliography which may be found in specialized review articles devoted to a restricted subject.

We apologize for involuntary omissions and errors which may have escaped our attention.

3. Choice of the dates.— The list of reference numbers of the topics follows, in principle, the chronology (explained below) of the first publications. However, in the case of some technical developments we chose a more appropriate date than that given by the publications. Topics with date limits are another exception. In that case, we chose the beginning year, but put this topic in the last position of the topics belonging to the same year and the same column.

The data chosen for a paper is indicated in brackets after the reference, and is, in principle, the date of submission of that paper. If a date does not appear (i.e. Review of Modern Physics), we indicate only the month of publication. We have also included, as references, talks given at conferences, if they are published in the corresponding proceedings, as well as notes written for Academies of Science. In these cases we have retained the dates of the oral presentations. We have also retained references on talks given at Conferences of the American Physical Society, although the papers referred to give only abstracts of the talks. In that case we mention in brackets, APS and the meeting dates.

4. Bibliography. - We have been considerably helped in our work by some existing attempts of this kind in particular :

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- R. Omnès : Introduction à l'étude des particules élémentaires, p.421-430 (Ediscience, Paris, 1970).
- B. Pontecorvo : Fifty years of neutrino physics : a few episodes (Dubna report E1 81-117, 1981).

We have also profited from some books reproducing published papers on a restricted subject, in particular :

- R.T. Beyer : Foundations of nuclear physics (Dover, New York, 1949)
- J. Schwinger : Selected papers on QED (Dover, New York, 1958).
- R. Hofstadter : Nuclear and Nucleon Structure (W.A. Benjamin, New York, 1963).
- P.K. Kabir : The development of weak interaction theory (Gordon and Breach, New York, 1963).
- M. Gell-Mann and Y. Ne'eman : The eightfold way (W.A. Benjamin, New York, 1964).

Many review articles exist also on various subjects and can be found in different reviews (Physics Reports, Annual Review of Nuclear Science ...).

The various talks given at this Conference were also fruitful and enabled us to complete our bibliography. Finally, we have the pleasure of thanking people who made remarks about the preliminary version of this work given in July 1982 during the Paris Conference. We would also like to thank M. Conversi, M. Gell-Mann, P. Hamamdjian, F. Netter, K. Nishijima, C. Peyrou, B. Pontecorvo, G.D. Rochester, H. Schnewly and F. Selleri for remarks we received after the Conference.

Table I - Early steps in corpuscular physics

Year	Theoretical Advances	Name	Year	Experimental Results	Name	Year	Technical Developments	Name
1811-1814	Introduction of atoms and molecules	Avogadro Ampère						
1820	Electrodynamical theory of magnetism	Ampère					First studies of electrical discharges in gases	Faraday
1868-1881	Maxwell equations	Maxwell				1833		
1869	Classification of elements	Mendeleev				1876	Development of electrical discharges in vacuum	Crookes
1880-1900	Statistical thermodynamics	Boltzmann Gibbs	1881	Measurement of elementary charge (Q/N)	Helmutz			
			1887	Velocity of light is constant	Michelson Morley			
			1895	Cathode rays are negatively charged	J.B. Perrin			
				Discovery of X-rays	Röntgen			
			1896	Discovery of radioactivity	Becquerel			
1897	Explanation of the Zeeman effect	Lorentz	1897	Zeeman effect	Zeeman			
				Identification of the electron (e/m)	J.J. Thomson			
1900	Black body radiation theory (quantum h)	Planck	1898-1902	Isolation of radium	M. et P. Curie			
1905	Quantum of light and photoelectric effect	Einstein	1905	Rules of spectral lines	Balmer Ritz			
	Theory of Brownian motion	Einstein						
	Theory of relativity	Einstein						

Year	Theoretical Advances	Name	Year	Experimental Results	Name	Year	Technical Developments	Name
			1909	α rays = He_4 nuclei	Rutherford	1908	Particle counting by proportional counters	Geiger and Rutherford
			1910	Electron charge measurement	Millikan			
			1910-1911	Discovery of cosmic rays	Gockel Hess			
			1911	Evidence of the atomic nucleus	Rutherford			
1913	Planetary model of the atom	Bohr	1913	Stark effect	Stark	1912	Wilson chamber	CTR Wilson
	Concept of isotopism	Fajans Soddy	1914	Atomic excitation by electrons	Franck and Hertz			
				Continuous β spec- trum	Chadwick			
1916	Development of Bohr atom	Sommerfeld	1919	First nuclear trans- mutation and evidence for proton (${}^{14}_7\text{N} + \alpha \rightarrow {}^{17}_8\text{O} + \text{p}$)	Rutherford	1909-1920	Improvements of ioni- sation chamber for cosmic rays	Wulf Millikan
1920	Hypothesis of "neutrons" in nuclei	Rutherford	1922	Stern-Gerlach experiment	Stern and Gerlach	1919-1924	Ion mass spectrograph	Aston
			1923	Corpuscular nature of X-rays	Compton			

Year	Theoretical Advances	Name	Year	Experimental Results	Name	Year	Technical Developments	Name
1924	Wave aspect of matter Light quanta statistics	L. de Broglie Bose						
1924-1925	Generalization of Bose statistics Exclusion principle	Einstein Pauli						
1925	Electron spin hypothesis	Uhlenbeck and Goudsmit						
1925-1926	Matrix mechanics	Heisenberg Born Jordan						
1926	Fermi-Dirac statistics	Fermi Heisenberg Dirac						
	Wave mechanics	Schrödinger						
	Statistical interpretation of QM	Born						
1927	Quantum theory of radiation Uncertainty relations	Dirac Heisenberg	1927	Measurement of energy release in β decays. β decays have definitely continuous spectrum	Ellis and Wooster			
	Concept of parity	Wigner						
	Quantization of bosons	Klein and Jordan		Verification of electron diffraction	Davissom and Germer			
1927-1928	Introduction of group theory in QM	Weyl Wigner						
1928	Relativistic equation for electron Quantization of fermions α decay of nucleus explained by tunnel effect	Dirac Jordan and Wigner Gamow						
						1928	Geiger-Müller counter Linear accelerator principle	Geiger and Müller Wideröe
						1929	Coincidence method for particle detection	Böthe and Kolhörster

Table II - Steps in particle physics from 1930 to 1965

Year	Theoretical Advances	Year	Experimental Results	Year	Technical Developments
1928 - 1936 1930	Applications of QED to electromagnetic processes ¹ Concept of antiparticle ²			1930 - 1932 1930 - 1932	Cockroft-Walton accelerator ³ First cyclotrons (4 and 11") ⁴
1931	Neutrino hypothesis ⁵ Introduction of the magnetic monopole ⁶	1931 - 1932	Identification of the deuterium ⁷	1931	Electrostatic accelerator (Van de Graaff) ⁸
1932	Hypothesis of neutron as a particle ¹⁰ Introduction of the isospin ¹¹ First theories of nuclear exchange forces ¹²	1932	Identification of the neutron ⁹		
	Validity of QED in cosmic-ray physics ¹⁵ Introduction of T invariance ¹⁶	1933 - 1934	Discovery of the positron ¹³ Measurement of the magnetic moment of the proton and of the deuteron ¹⁷	1932	Triggering of Wilson chamber by Geiger counters ¹⁴
1933	Vacuum polarization and charge renormalization ¹⁸ β decay theory ¹⁹				
1934	Distinction between "strong" and "weak" interactions ²² Quantization of the scalar field ²³ Meson theory of nuclear forces ²⁴	1934	Discovery of artificial radioactivity and of β^+ decay ²⁰	1934 - 1949	γ Cerenkov effect and corresponding detectors ²¹

Year	Theoretical Advances	Year	Experimental Results	Year	Technical Developments
1936	Extension of Fermi interaction and Gamow-Teller selection rules ²⁵ Problem of the increase of the weak interaction with energy ²⁶ Isospin invariance for nucleus ²⁷ Super multiplet theory ²⁸	1936	Charge independence of nuclear forces ²⁷		
1937	Majorana neutrino ³¹ Treatment of the infrared divergence ³² Principle of mass renormalization ³³ Particle states in the Poincaré group ³⁴ Hypothesis of a π^0 ³⁵	1937	Evidence of the "mesotron" (μ) in penetrating cosmic rays ²⁹	1937 - 1939	Magnetic resonance method for determination of nuclear magnetic moments ³⁰
1938	Concept of baryonic charge ³⁶	1938	K capture of orbital electron by weak process ³⁷		
*	Energy production in stars by Bethe's cycle ³⁸	*	Discovery of nuclear fission ³⁹		
		1939 *	Emission of neutrons in the fission process ⁴⁰	1939	The 60 inch medical cyclotron at Berkeley ⁴¹
1939	Demonstration of spin statistics connexion ⁴²		Direct measurement of neutron's magnetic moment ⁴³ First observation of the mesotron decay ⁴⁴		

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Year	Theoretical Advances	Year	Experimental Results	Year	Technical Developments
1942	General formalism of the S-matrix ⁴⁶	1941	Lifetime of the mesotron ⁴⁵	1940-1943	(First electronic computers)
1943-1949	Covariant formalism of quantum electrodynamics ⁴⁸	1944	First observation of the K^+ ⁴⁹	1942 *	First nuclear reactor ⁴⁷
				1940-1945	(Developments in microwave technics)
				1945	Principle of phase stability for accelerators ⁵⁰
				1945-1946	Development of nuclear emulsion ⁵¹
		1946	Mesotron is not the Yukawa meson ⁵³	1946	The 184 inch synchrocyclotron 380 MeV α at Berkeley ⁵²
1947	Explanation and calculation of the Lamb Shift ⁵⁵ First calculation of $(g-2)$ for electron ⁵⁷	1947	Discovery of the π meson and the decay $\pi \rightarrow \mu$ ⁵⁴ Measurement of the Lamb Shift ⁵⁵	1947	Scintillation counters ⁵⁶
1947-1949	Universal Fermi interaction ⁶⁰		Measurement of $(g-2)$ for electron ⁵⁷		
1948	Path integral formalism in quantum mechanics ⁶³	1947-1949	Absence of $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ ⁵⁸ Discovery of V^0 particles ⁵⁹ $\mu \rightarrow e + 2\nu$ ⁶¹		
*	Big Bang theory ⁶⁵	1948	Identification of the neutron decay ⁶⁴	1948	Production of π by accelerator ⁶² (Synchrocyclotron, Berkeley)
1949	First composite model of the π ⁶⁷ ρ Michel parameter for the e spectrum of the μ decay ⁶⁹	1949	Discovery of the $(K^+ \pi^+ \pi^-)$ ⁶⁶ Identification of $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$ ⁶⁸		
				1949-1950	Semi-conductor detectors ⁷⁰ Liquid scintillation counters ⁷¹

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Year	Theoretical Advances	Year	Experimental Results	Year	Technical Developments
		1950	Evidence for the production of "jets" in NN collision at high energies ⁷² Parity of the π^- and $\pi^-\pi^0$ mass difference ⁷⁴	1950-1952 1950-1953	Strong focusing principle for accelerators ⁷³ 1 GeV electron Linac at Stanford ⁷⁵
		1951	Two types of V^0 particles ($\Lambda^- \rightarrow p\pi^-, K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$) ⁷⁶ Charge distribution in the nucleus ⁷⁷ Decay modes of K^+ different from the τ ⁷⁸		
1951	Hypothesis of associated production of V^0 particles ⁷⁹		Discovery of the Ξ^- ⁸¹	1951 1952	Development of the diffusion Cloud chamber ⁸⁰ Invention of bubble chamber ⁸² The Cosmotron (3 GeV) at Brookhaven ⁸³
1952-1958	Dispersion relations ⁸⁶	1952-1953	First hyperfragment ⁸⁴ Discovery of the Δ^{++} (First resonance in particle physics) ⁸⁵		
1953	Introduction of the G invariance ⁸⁷ Renormalization group ⁹⁰	1953	Discovery of the Σ^+ ⁸⁸ K^0 has same mass as K^+ ⁸⁹		
1953-1955	Concept of lepton number ⁹² CPT theorem ⁹³ Strangeness and classification of particles ⁹⁵	1953	Associated production of strange particles and discovery of the Σ^- ⁹⁴ Structure of nucleus explored by electrons from 100 to 700 MeV ⁹⁶	1953	Production of V^0 by Cosmotron ⁹¹

Year	Theoretical Advances	Year	Experimental Results	Year	Technical Developments
1954	Yang-Mills field ⁹⁸ $K_1^0 K_2^0$ mixture theory ¹⁰¹ Axiomatic field theory ¹⁰²	1954	Evidence for $K^+ \rightarrow \mu + \nu$ ⁹⁷ Evidence for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$ ¹⁰⁰	1954	First operation of Bevatron (6 GeV) at Berkeley ⁹⁹
1955	Hypothesis of conserved vector current (CVC) ¹⁰³	1955	Branching ratios of the K^+ ¹⁰⁵ Identification of the $\bar{p}$ ¹⁰⁶ θ - τ puzzle ¹⁰⁷	1955	Flash tube chambers ¹⁰⁴
1956	The static model of πN interaction ¹⁰⁸ $\Delta S = \Delta Q$ rule for semi-leptonic weak decays of strange particles ¹⁰⁹ Hypothesis of parity violation in weak interactions ¹¹⁰	1956	First observation of ν reactions ¹¹¹ Identification of long-lived neutral V particles (K_S^0) ¹¹² Identification of $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0 \gamma$ ¹¹³		
1957	Two-component theory of neutrino ¹¹⁴ Hypothesis of CP violation ¹¹⁵ Description of e.m structure of nucleons by form factors ¹¹⁶ σ models ¹¹⁹ Revival of intermediary boson in weak interactions ¹²⁰ Universal (V-A) weak interaction ¹²¹ Pomeranchuk theorem ¹²²	1957	Limited transverse momentum in jets ¹¹⁷ Violation of parity and charge conjugation in weak interactions ¹¹⁸ The neutrino is left handed ¹²³		

Year	Theoretical Advances	Year	Experimental Results	Year	Technical Developments
1958	Goldberger-Trieman relation ¹²⁴ Method for extracting $\pi\pi$ cross sections ¹²⁷	1958	Failure of Universal Fermi Interaction in β decay of hyperons ¹²⁵ $K_S^0 - K_L^0$ mass difference ¹²⁶ Verification of (V-A) theory in $\pi \rightarrow e\nu$ ¹²⁸	1949 - 1958	Spark chambers ¹²⁹
1960	Introduction of Regge pole ¹³² Partially conserved axial current (PCAC) ¹³⁴ Goldstone theorem ¹³⁶	1959	First observation of Ξ^0 ¹³⁰	1959	Feasibility of ν reactions with accelerators ¹³¹
1961	SU_3 and classification of particles. (The eightfold way) ¹³⁹ Current algebra ¹⁴¹	1960	Discovery of Y^* (1385) ¹³⁷	1960	CERN proton synchrotron (25 GeV) ¹³³
		1961	Precise measurement of (g-2) factor for the μ ¹³⁸ Discovery of K^* (890) ¹⁴⁰ Measurement of π^0 lifetime ($\sim 10^{-16}$ sec) ¹⁴² Discovery of ρ meson ¹⁴³ Indication of a Y_0^* (1405) ¹⁴⁴ Discovery of ω^0 meson ¹⁴⁷		AGS (30 GeV) at Brookhaven ¹³⁵
	Froissart bound on cross sections ¹⁴⁶ Multiperipheral model ¹⁴⁸ Application of Regge poles to resonances and particles ¹⁴⁹	1962	Discovery of η^0 meson ¹⁵⁰ Identification of two neutrinos (ν_e and ν_μ) ¹⁵¹ Discovery of $\Xi^*(1530)$ ¹⁵² Discovery of f^0 meson ¹⁵³ Discovery of ϕ meson ¹⁵⁴	1961	First e^+e^- storage rings ¹⁴⁵

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1963	SU ₃ and weak interactions. Introduction of the Cabibbo angle ¹⁵⁵			1963	(Integrated electronic circuit)
1964	First introduction of quarks ¹⁵⁷ SU(6) and classification of particles ¹⁶¹ Higgs mechanism for spontaneous symmetry breaking ¹⁶² Superweak theory ¹⁶³ Introduction of colour for quarks ¹⁶⁴	1964	Observation of the Ω^- ¹⁵⁸ Discovery of η' (958) meson ¹⁵⁹ Discovery of CP violation ¹⁶⁰	1963 1963 - 1964	Streamer chamber ¹⁵⁶
		1965 *	Discovery of cosmic black body radiation ¹⁶⁵		

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