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STUDY OF THE PRODUCTION MECHANISMS AND DECAY PROPERTIES  
OF CHARMED PARTICLES OBSERVED IN NUCLEAR EMULSIONS COUPLED  
TO THE NA14 SPECTROMETER

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## SUMMARY

The aims of this test experiment are :

- a) to check the expected improvement in scanning speed and efficiency, due to the use of the microstrip vertex detector of the NA14 set up and to the help of automated microscopes ;
- b) to evaluate the enrichment factor in the charmed event content of the sample to be searched, due to the particle identification power and the vertex detector of NA14 ;
- c) to collect some 100 pairs of charmed particles, produced and decaying in emulsion, which would allow a comparison with the results from the WA58 experiment, in particular about the possible energy dependence of the production mechanism of associated  $\Lambda_c^+ \bar{D}$ .

The incident beam will consist of tagged photons between 70 and 150-200 GeV.

Modified\* set up of experiment NA14/2

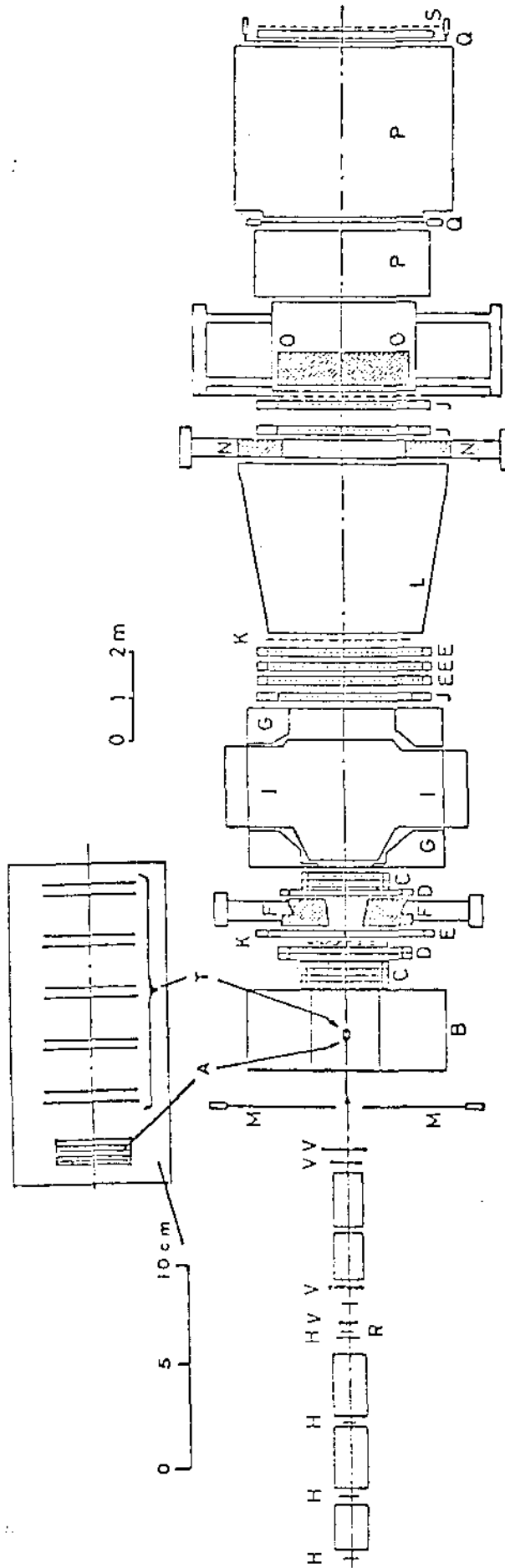


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| H, V       | Tagging hodoscopes     | F    | "crown" lead glass calorimeter |
| M          | muon veto              | G    | Colliath Magnet                |
| A          | Si active target*      | I, L | Čerenkov Counters              |
| B          | APX vertex magnet      | K    | trigger hodoscopes             |
| C, D, E, J | MNFC's                 | N    | Imperial College Calorimeter   |
| T          | Si microstrip detector | O    | Olga-Pemelope Calorimeter      |
|            |                        | P    | iron filler                    |
|            |                        | Q, S | $\mu$ hodoscopes               |

\*Si active target replaced by emulsion target (stack)