The ENUBET project

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Overview and outline

The goal of ENUBET is to demonstrate the technical feasibility and physics performance of a neutrino beam where lepton production at large angles is monitored at single particle level

Two pillars:

- Build/test a **demonstrator** of the instrumented decay tunnel
- Design/simulate the layout of the hadronic beamline

Achievements

- Beamline simulation + accelerator studies
- Experimental validation of detector prototypes







Enhanced NeUtrino BEams from kaon Tagging

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ENUBET in the CERN Neutrino Platform



- CERN: already gave a prominent contribution for the success of ENUBET
 - machine studies performed at the SPS
 - East Area beamline for the characterization of the prototypes
- For 2019-2021 → recognition in the Neutrino Platform as ENUBET/NP06
 - support and consulting from CERN accelerator experts in collaboration with personnel by the project
 - test of the final proton extraction scheme in the SPS after LS2
 - use of the renovated East Area for the final validation of the demonstrator

132th meeting of the SPSC, 22nd–23rd/01/2019 https://cds.cern.ch/record/2654613/files/SPSC-132.pdf 228th meeting of the Research Board, 5/3/2019 https://cds.cern.ch/record/2668519/files/M-228.pdf

MoU finalized

5.12 The physics case of the ENUBET project and the exciting possibilities of a tagged neutrino beam are recognized by the SPSC. The committee recognizes the technological development for a neutrino beam without a horn using a quadrupole-based solution, and appreciates the close collaboration of the ENUBET collaboration with the CERN accelerator sector. The SPSC supports the proposed programme, and welcomes the opportunity to continue reviewing the experiment; test-beam requests will be considered via the standard annual procedure. The Research Board approved the participation of ENUBET in the Neutrino Platform, with reference NP06, on the understanding that

Monitored beams



Based on **conventional technologies**, aiming for a **1% precision on the v flux**

protons
$$\rightarrow$$
 (K⁺, π^+) \rightarrow K decays \rightarrow e^+ v_e^- heutrino detector

- Monitor (~ inclusively) the **decays** in which v are produced **event-by-event**
- "By-pass" hadro-production, PoT, beam-line efficiency uncertainties
- Fully instrumented decay region

 $K^{+} \rightarrow e^{+}v_{e} \pi^{0} \rightarrow large angle e^{+}$

v flux prediction = e⁺ counting

Removes the **leading source of uncertainty in v cross section measurements**

To get the correct spectra and avoid swamping the instrumentation \rightarrow needs a **collimated momentum selected hadron beam** \rightarrow **only decay products in the tagger** \rightarrow Correlations with interaction radius allows an **a priori knowledge of the** v_{μ} **spectra**

A neutrino beam for precision physics



The next generation of **short baseline** experiments for **cross-section** measurements and for **precision v-physics** (e.g. $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ **CP violation program**, **sterile** neutrinos, **NSI** at production/detection/propagation) should rely on:

✓ a direct measurement of the fluxes

a narrow band beam: energy known a priori from beam width
 a beam covering the region of interest from sub- to multi-GeV

The ENUBET facility fulfills simultaneously all these requirements





- Proton driver: CERN (400 GeV), FNAL (120 GeV), J-PARC (30 GeV)
- <u>Target</u>: Be, graphite. FLUKA.
- Focusing
 - **Horn**: 2 ms pulse, 180 kA, 10 Hz during the flat top *[not shown in fig.]*
 - **Static focusing system**: a quadrupole triplet before the bending magnet
- <u>Transfer line</u>
 - Kept **short** to: minimize early K the decays and those of off-momentum mesons out of tagger acceptance (untagged neutrino flux component)
 - Optics: optimized with TRANSPORT to a 10% momentum bite centered at 8.5 GeV/c
 - Particle transport and interaction: full simulation with G4beamline and GEANT4
 - Normal-conducting magnets

2 quad triplets (15 cm wide, L < 2 m, B = 4 to 7 T/m) 1 bending dipole (15 cm wide, L = 2 m, B =1.8 T)

Decay tunnel: r = 1 m. L=40 m, low power hadron dump at the end

The ENUBET beam line – particle yields



Focusing system	π/pot (10 ⁻³)	K/pot (10 ⁻³)	Extraction length	п/сусle (10¹º)	K/cycle (10 ¹⁰)	Proposal ^(c)
Horn	97	7.9	2 ms ^(a)	438	36	x 2
"static"	19	1.4	2 s	85	6.2	x 4

(a) 2 ms at 10 Hz during the flat top (2 s) to empty the accelerator after a super-cycle. (c) A. Longhin, L. Ludovici, F. Terranova, EPJ C75 (2015) 155.

The horn-based option still allows ~x 5 faster statistics but the static option gained momentum since initial estimates were ~ x 4 too conservative wrt present simulations! **Furthermore ... advantages of the static extraction:**

- No need for fast-cycling horn
- Strong **reduction of the rate** (pile-up) in the instrumented decay tunnel
- Pave the way to a "tagged neutrino beam" →
 - ν interaction at the detector **associated in time** with the observation of the **lepton from the parent hadron** in the decay tunnel (more later)
- Monitor the μ after the dump at % level (flux of v_{\mu} from π)

Neutrino events per year at the detector



- **Detector mass:** 500 t (e.g. Protodune-SP or DP @ CERN, ICARUS @ Fermilab, WC at J-PARC)
- Baseline (i.e. distance between the detector and the beam dump) : 50 m
- 4.5 x 10¹⁹ pot at SPS (0.5 / 1 y in dedicated/shared mode) or 1.5 x 10²⁰ pot at FNAL
- v_{μ} from K and π are well separated in energy (narrow band)
- \mathbf{v}_{e} and \mathbf{v}_{μ} from K are constrained by the tagger measurement (K_{e3}, mainly K_{µ2})
- \mathbf{v}_{μ} from π : could be constrained by μ detectors downstream of hadron dump



v_u CC events at the ENUBET narrow band beam



The neutrino energy is a function of the distance of the neutrino vertex from the beam axis. ENUBET @ SPS, 400 GeV, 4.5e19 pot, 500 ton detector Ê v_{\parallel}^{cc} in radial $R = (0.5 \pm 0.1) m$ @ far $-v_{\mu}$ from K 0.22 radius (m) $-v_{\mu}$ from π $R = (1.5 \pm 0.1) m$ bins (1 norm.) 3.5 $R = (2.5 \pm 0.1) m$ HK r.o.i. D វដ្ដ 0.14 DUNE r.o.i. a 0.12 0.1 0.08 0.06 0.04 0.5 0.02 E^{CC} (GeV) **E**.. (GeV) E_. (GeV) The beam width at fixed R ($\equiv v$ energy (GeV) resolution for π component) is: Relative beam energy spread [1 20.0 21.0 1.0 • 8 % for r ~ 50 cm, <E_>~ 3 GeV Mean σ(E_)/E • 22% for r ~ 250 cm, <E_> ~ 0.7 GeV i energy + Binning in R allows to explore the energy domains of **DUNE/HK** and enrich samples in specific processes (quasi-elastic, resonances, 0.05 radius (m) DIS) for cross section measurements 0.5 0.5

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R @ far (m)

Systematics on the $\boldsymbol{\nu}_{_{e}}$ flux



 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Golden sample} & \epsilon \sim O(10^{-2}) \\ \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\boldsymbol{v}_{e}) = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \ \textbf{N}(\textbf{K}_{e3}) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \ \textbf{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}) \ - \end{array}$

Uncertainties from K yields, efficiency and stability of the transfer line are by-passed by the **e**⁺ **tagging**

 α encodes the residual geometrical (decay lengths, beam spread) and kinematic factors from K decays \rightarrow "easy" corrections.

The **background** in the positron sample has to be controlled \rightarrow simple robust detector validated at test beams ($e/\pi^{\pm 0}/\mu$ separation)

Silver sample $\phi'(v_e) = \alpha N(K) \times BR(K_{e3})$

Measuring the **inclusive rate of K decays** also very powerful. Additional uncertainty from Branching ratios < 0.1%.

- Quantitative assessment in progress. Finally possible thanks to the development of a complete simulation framework + good S/N.
- Degree of cancellation allowed by the large correlations between e⁺ rate and v_e flux being tested with toy simulations + likelihood fit on the flux normalization factors (bin-by-bin)→



Extending the scope: muon neutrino component



1) High-Energy $(K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ v_{\mu})$: tagger \rightarrow in progress (main focus so far K_{e_3}) 2) Low-Energy $(\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ v_{\mu})$: use μ^+ as a proxy for measuring v_{μ} . Not large acceptance in the calorimeter (forward) \rightarrow **muon stations following the hadron dump**





Estimation of muon and neutron rates in progress \rightarrow choice of detector technology Systematics: impact of punch through, absorber non uniformity, detection efficiency, halo muons



Beamline option B (2 dipoles)

A relatively new design:

2-dipoles \rightarrow large bending angle (15.2°)

Increased length and reduced rates but \rightarrow

A better collimated (contained) beam with reduced backgrounds (i.e. from "forward going" high energy muons.





Beamline option B (2 dipoles)



2-dipoles \rightarrow large bending angle (15.2°)



The **shielding** has also been significantly improved p (GeV) by employing a tungsten thick plug in front of the **tagger** \rightarrow dumps high angle low-E particles impinging on the tagger

Improvements in the shielding design



- Reshaping of the tungsten filter placed in front of the tagger
- Pions and kaons in the momentum bite reduced by 2%, all backgrounds reduced by large factors















Beamline option B (2 dipoles)

2-dipoles scheme \rightarrow large bending angle (15.2°)

The length of the beamline collinear with the tagger also kept at minimum

 $v_{\rm e}$ from early decays of charged or neutral kaons (not taggable) have a lower probability to reach the v detector. *Removable with energy cut.*

10-15% contamination from the straight section in front of the tagger (pointing to the detector) can be *accounted for with simulation* (geometry).

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A very significant advantage of this new beamline design!

Machine studies for the horn-based option



"burst " slow extraction: trigger the third integer betatron resonance with a periodic pattern



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https://ipac2019.vrws.de/papers/wepmp035.pdf 16

Horn focusing reloaded

A larger collection efficiency (~neutrino flux) and a somewhat shorter beamline can be achieved using a magnetic horn in place of a quadrupole triplet.

We are **resuming a systematic optimization of the horn shape** after initial analysis that indicated a gain of about a factor 5.

Search the parameter space maximizing a figure of merit









Phase space at horn exit

The hadronic beamline: FLUKA simulation



1) Optimize shielding to reduce backgrounds in the tagger (μ , n, high angle e⁺ and π^+)



2) Specs of **rad-hard upstream focusing quads**





GEANT4 simulation of the beamline



G4Beamline used for designing the beamline (quick tracking) Developed a **new GEANT4 simulation code**. Good agreement found for the single dipole beamline \rightarrow



GEANT4 holds memory of all particle history ightarrow

- Identify the origin of background
- Break down neutrino components
- Optimize reduction of target files (FLUKA) by connecting particles at the tagger entrance with the corresponding ones at target exit.
- Automatically produces FLUKA geometry input file
- Settings configurable with control card (mac file) and stored into a ROOT file → beamline systematics
- Merging with **GEANT4 tagger simulation** ongoing
 - - from beam elements to detectors

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Origin of backgrounds can be "mapped" → tweaking of geometry/materials



The ENUBET tagger

Ultra Compact Module 3×3×10 cm³ – 4.3 X₀

Calorimeter

Longitudinal segmentation Plastic scintillator + Iron absorbers Integrated light readout with SiPM

$\rightarrow e^{+}/\pi^{\pm}/\mu$ separation

Integrated photon veto Plastic scintillators Rings of 3×3 cm² pads → π⁰ rejection





 π^{+} (background) topology



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 π^0 (background) topology

Input rates and readout

Double dipole beamline with slow extraction \rightarrow Max. tot rate ~500 kHz/ch.

Almost even illumination from muons. At increasing z rates are dominated by kaon decay products (NB K+ initial fraction~ 5-10%!). Tail from uncollimated pions at the end of the tunnel.







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K_{e3} **positrons reconstruction**



Full GEANT4 simulation of the detector, validated by prototype tests at CERN in 2016-2018. Includes particle **propagation** and **decay**, from the transfer line to the detector, hit-level detector response, **pile-up** effects.

The Ke3 branching ratio is ~5 % and Kaons are about 5-10% of the incoming hadron beam

Analysis chain 1) Event Builder

Identify the **seed** of the event (UCM with largest energy deposit in inner layer and > 28 MeV). **Cluster neighboring cells** close in time. **Iterate** on not-yet-clustered cells.

Hit map for genuine positrons

K_{e3} **positrons reconstruction**



Analysis chain

1) Event Builder

Identify the **seed** of the event (UCM with largest energy deposit in inner layer and > 20 MeV). **Cluster neighboring cells** close in time. **Iterate** on not-yet-clustered cells

2) e/ π/μ separation

Multivariate analysis based on **15 variables** (13 on pattern of the energy deposition in the calorimeter + z, ϕ) with TMVA (MLP NN)



K₂₃ positrons reconstruction



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3) e/γ separation

2) $e/\pi/\mu$ separation

Signal on the tiles of the **photon veto** (0-1-2 mip)



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Time tagging

- Event time dilution → **Time-tagging**
- Associating a single neutrino interaction to a tagged e⁺ with a small "accidental coincidence" probability through time coincidences
 E_v and flavor of the v measured "a priori" event by event.
 Compare "E_v from decay kinematics" ↔ "E_v from v interaction products"



I.e. with 2.5×10^{13} pot / 2s slow extraction and double dipole beamline (with 20% eff. S/N 1.6): genuine K_{e3} cand. : \rightarrow 1 every ~ 77 ns background K_{e3} cand. ~ 0.6 x \rightarrow 1 cand / ~ 130 ns Already with δ =0.4 \oplus 0.4 ns resolutions results in a correct association with an interesting purity

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Pontecorvo

The tagger: shashlik with integrated readout



UCM: ultra compact module. SiPM and electronics embedded in the shashlik calorimeter





Test beam results with shashlik readout



Calorimeter prototype performance with test-beam data @ CERN-PS T9 line 2016-2017

UCM module n.

Tested response to MIP, e and π^-

- e.m. energy resoluton: 17%/√E (GeV)
- Linearity deviations: <3% in 1-5 GeV range
- From 0 to 200 mrad \rightarrow no significant differences
- Work to be done on the fiber-to-SiPM mechanical coupling \rightarrow dominates the nonuniformities



longitudinal profiles of partially contained π reproduced by MC @ 10% precision





Polysiloxane shashlik prototypes



Pros : **increased resistance to irradiation** (no yellowing), **simpler** (just pouring + reticulation) A **13X**₀ **shashlik prototype** tested in May 2018 and October 2017 (**first application** in HEP)







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Polysiloxane shashlik prototypes

Light yield (normalized to thickness) is ~ 1/3 of plastic scint. \rightarrow tests light transmission on WLS fibers in absence of air gap Energy resolution, particle-ID and uniformity ~ plast. scint.





calorimeters

Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectrometers, Detectors and Associated Equipment Volume 956, 11 March 2020, 163379

Polysiloxane-based scintillators for shashlik

F. Acerbi^a, A. Branca^{b, c}, C. Brizzolari^{d, k}, G. Brunetti^b, S. Carturan^{c, f}, M.G. Catanesi^g, S. Cecchini^h, F. Cindolo^h,



The photon veto

@ CERN-PS T9 line 2016-2018



• γ / e⁺ discrimination + timing

scintillator (3×3×0.5 cm³) + WLS Fiber (40 cm) + SiPM

- light collection efficiency \rightarrow >95%
- time resolution $\rightarrow \sigma_t \sim 400 \text{ ps}$
- 1mip/2mip separation





charge exchange: $\pi \xrightarrow{P} \rightarrow n \pi^{0} (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$ Trigger: PM1 + VETO +PM2



SiPM irradiation @ INFN-LNL (Legnaro)



- SiPM were irradiated at the CN Van de Graaf on July 2017
- 7MV and 5 mA proton currents on a Be target
- ${}^{9}Be(p,n){}^{9}B, {}^{9}Be(p,np)2\alpha, {}^{9}Be(p,np){}^{8}Be and {}^{9}Be(p,n\alpha){}^{5}Li$
- \rightarrow 1-3 MeV n with fluences up to 10¹²/cm² in a few hours

n spectra (from previous works at the same facility)





→ Tested 12,15 and 20 µm SiPM cells up to ~ $2 \times 10^{11} \text{ n/cm}^2$ 1 MeV-eq (max non ionizing dose for 10⁴ v_e^{cc} at a 500 t v detector at r = 1 m)



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SiPM irradiation measurements at INFN-LNL and CERN





- By choosing SiPM cell size and scintillator thickness (~light yield) properly mip signals remain well separated from the noise even after typical expected irradiation levels
- Mips can be used for **channel-to-channel intercalibration** even after maximum irradiation.

Achievable neutron reduction with lateral readout

- 30 cm of borated **polyethylene** in front of SiPM
- FLUKA full simulation. 400 GeV protons.
- Very good suppression especially below 100 MeV.
- Factor ~18 reduction averaging over spectrum.





The tagger: lateral readout option



Light collected from scintillator sides and bundled to a single SiPM reading 10 fibers (1 UCM). SiPM are not immersed anymore in the hadronic shower \rightarrow less compact but .. much reduced neutron damage (larger safety margins), better accessibility, possibility of replacement. Better reproducibility of the WLS-SiPM optical coupling.



May 2018, CERN-PS test beam





Large SiPM for 10 WLS 4x4 mm²

The Tagger – Detector R&D



September 2018 CERN-PS: a module with hadronic cal. for pion containment and integrated t_n-layer



- Good signal amplitude
- Checking impact of light connection uniformity and reproducibility of WLS-SiPM optical match. In progress.





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The tagger demonstrator

- Length ~ **3 m**
 - allows containment of shallow angle particles in realistic conditions
- Fraction of ϕ
- Due by 2021
- Will be tested at the CERN renovated East Area after Long-Shutdown 2
- Demonstrate physics, scalability and cost effectiveness



Demonstrator

- A new design: staggering of WLS fibers within tiles in place of staggering the absorbers
- Optical simulations with GEANT4 to verify the effect of using a displaced groove → almost no difference





 In progress: mechanical design and analysis

WLS

- Iron machining strategies
- Procurement of injection molded tiles, SiPMs

Borated P.E.

- Spacing of t₀-layers made compatible with WLS routing (1 doublet/UCM)
- Tiles: 5-7 mm to accommodate grooves



Iron corona

section

Progress with the electronics (WP3)



Development of custom digitizers Cosmic ray waveforms with the custom system 8 ch, 14-bit ADC, 250 MS/s 0000 mplitude [ADC ~10 ms spill (horn) 9000 8000 ~40 MB/spill/UCM 7000 6000 **4 ch ADC** board ready and validated 5000 4 amplifiers with gain = 4 (ADA4930 opamps) 4000 2 x ADS4249 ADCs 3000 Power: Weidmuller (3.3/5V) or SAMTEC conn. 2000 1000 100 200 300 400 500 time (dk) Single p.e. signals in SiPM ~125 ADC/ph.el.

→ **final** 8 ch board with **fast synchronous FIFO USB** data transfer protocol in a few months

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Summary of progress

ENUBET is a **narrow band beam** with a high **precision monitoring** of the flux at source O(1%) and control of the E_{v} spectrum

Feasibility of **purely static focusing system** (10⁶ v_{μ}^{cc} , 10⁴ v_{e}^{cc} /y/500 t) Tested **"burst" slow extraction** at CERN-SPS \rightarrow **horn option** remains very appealing Completed the **test beams** campaign before CERN Long Shutdown 2

- CERN Neutrino platform ENUBET-NP06
- Polysiloxane shashlik calorimeter paper published
- End-to-end simulation based on GEANT4
 - The framework for the treatment of **systematics**
- \circ **Double dipole beamline** with improved shielding \rightarrow
 - Single particle e+ monitoring with a greatly improved Signal-to-Noise
 - Reduction of **untagged-neutrino component**
 - Lateral readout option → ensures a long lifetime and accessibility of photosensors
- **Read-out**: developed **waveform treatment** algorithms and **custom digiziters**
- Engineering of the final prototype

Especially,

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ENUBET next steps



- Full assessment of **systematics** on the neutrino fluxes
- Build the **demonstrator prototype** of the tagger (2021)
- Conceptual Design Report at the end of the project (2021): physics and costing
- >2021: (likely) propose a full scale experiment implementation supported by a larger international collaboration.







Backup

Pivotal importance of the v_e cross section



Leptonic CP violation : $P(v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\rho})$ vs $P(anti-v_{\mu} \rightarrow anti-v_{\rho})$

- the δ_{cP} phase induces **mainly a change in normalization in interaction rates** of electron neutrinos (in opposite directions for nu and anti-nu)
- knowing well the v_e cross section crucial to boost the potential of future experiments (HyperK, DUNE) by decreasing their systematics budget.
- **Moreover** $\sigma(v_e)$ vs : E \rightarrow **unravel 3-flavour CP violation** from **exotic scenarios** (sterile

neutrinos, non-standard interactions) with a similar phenomenology



$\boldsymbol{v}_{\!\scriptscriptstyle \mu}$ CC events at the ENUBET narrow band beam

The neutrino energy is a function of the distance of the neutrino vertex from the beam axis.



ENUBET @ SPS, 400 GeV, 4.5e19 pot, 500 ton detector

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Machine studies for the horn-based option

• Performed Jul/Aug/Nov 2018 at the SPS

CERN-BE-OP-SPS, Velotti, Pari, Kain, Goddard

- Idea: synchronize proton beam and horn current pulses
- + keep rates compatible with tagger (10 ms pulses "slow extr.")
- "burst " slow extraction: trigger the third integer betatron resonance with a periodic pattern
- M. Pari (CERN doctoral student, Univ. of Padova) @ SLAWG meeting of 5/12/2019 https://indico.cern.ch/event/777458/





Machine studies for the horn-based option



- Difficult to get below 20 ms \rightarrow implemented a feed-forward mechanism using BCT data
- Iterative procedure (AutoSpill) → can "sharpen" peaks **up to 10 ms in 3 iterations**
- at the cost of a somewhat larger variance in peak intensity.



- Versatile/general: **mixed continuous-burst possible**.
- General **software tool** developed for CR operations.
- Present studies suggest that this mode does not increase significantly radiation losses at septa
- ENUBET: would the static focusing be preferred, burst mode could be used to **constrain cosmics background**.
- Now focusing on simulation/further ideas, improvement in diagnostics used for feedback (BCT).
- Studies performed in a limited time → will benefit greatly of more data in the future!



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Padova June 2016

CERN Aug 2017







CERN Oct 2017

INFN-LNL Jun 2017



CERN May 2018

CERN Sep 2018





Milan Oct 2017



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Beamline shielding tuning studies

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• Studies in progress to optimize the shielding to shield muons and other backgrounds.



The static beamline: emittance, particle content



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