The ENUBET project

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Outline



- The **physics of monitored** \mathbf{v} **beams** and goals of ENUBET
- The hadronic beamline:
 - → Proton extraction: the CERN-SPS machine studies
- The **positron tagger**:
 - → detector prototyping at CERN-PS (2016-2018)
- → ENUBET and CERN in the second half of the project



Monitored beams

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

protons
$$\longrightarrow$$
 (K^+, π^+) \longrightarrow K decays \rightleftharpoons $\stackrel{\bullet}{e}^+$ $\stackrel{\bullet}{v}_e$ $\stackrel{\bullet}{detector}$

- 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

$$\mathbf{K}^{+} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}^{+} \mathbf{v}_{e} \mathbf{n}^{0} \rightarrow \text{large angle } \mathbf{e}^{+}$$

v_a 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 → needs a **collimated momentum selected hadron beam** (only decay products in the tagger)

→ Correlations with interaction radius allows an **a priori knowledge of the v spectra**

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ENUBET goals and highlights

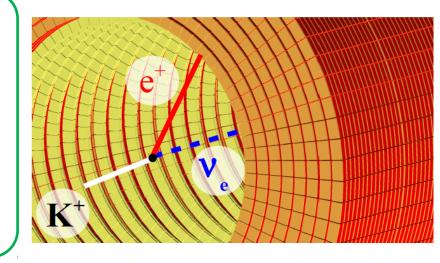
Goal: demonstrate the technical feasibility and physics performance of a neutrino beam where **lepton production at large angles is monitored at single particle level**.

Two pillars:

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

Recent achievements

- End-to-end simulation of the hadronic beamline
- Updated physics performance
- Experimental results on the beamline instrumentation prototypes



Neutrino beams for precision physics: the ERC ENUBET project

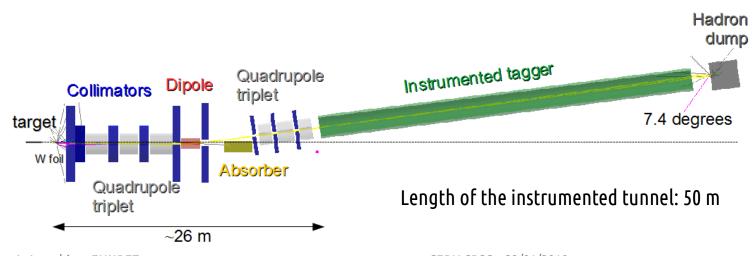
The next generation of **short baseline** experiments for **cross-section** measurements and for **precision v physics** (e.g. **CP violation program**, sterile v NSI) should rely on:

- ✓ 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



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The ENUBET facility fulfills simultaneously all these requirements



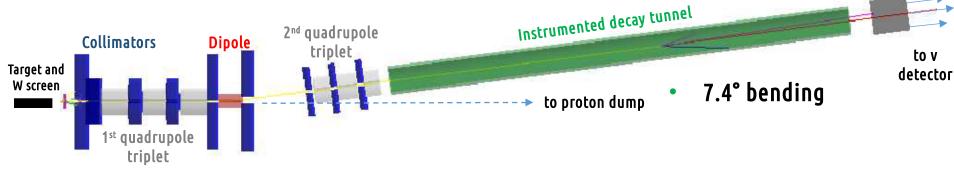
~ 500 t neutrino detector @ 100 m from the target

e.g.ICARUS@FNAL or ProtoDUNE-SP/DP@CERN

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The ENUBET beamline (baseline option)





- Proton driver: CERN (400 GeV), FNAL (120 GeV), J-PARC (30 GeV)
- <u>Target</u>: 1 m Be, graphite target. 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
- Transfer line
 - 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
 - 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
- Proton dump: position and size under optimization

The ENUBET beam line – particle yields



Focusing system	π/pot (10 ⁻³)	K/pot (10 ⁻³)	Extraction length	п/cycle (10¹º)	K/cycle (10¹º)	Proposal (c)
Horn	97	7.9	2 ms ^(a)	438	36	x 2
"static"	19	1.4	2 s	85	6.2	x 5

⁽a) 2 ms at 10 Hz during the flat top (2 s) to empty the accelerator after a super-cycle.

The horn-based option still allows \sim x5 faster statistics but the static option gained momentum since initial estimates were \sim x 5 too conservative wrt to present simulations!

Furthermore ... advantages of the static extraction:

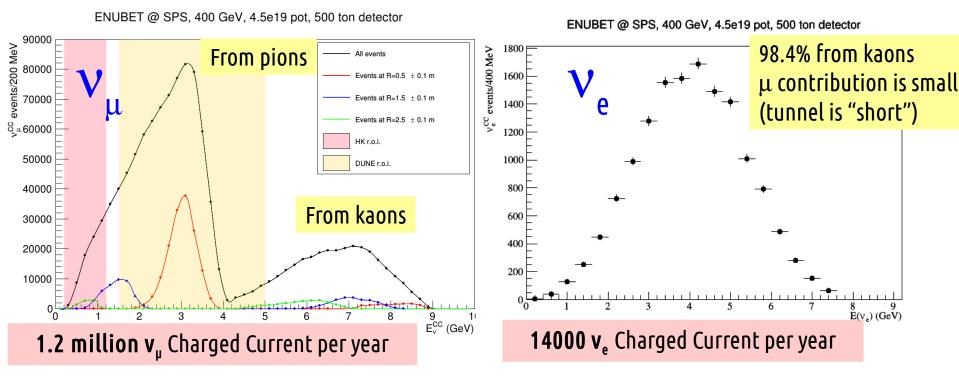
- No need for fast-cycling horn
- Strong **reduction of the rate** (pile-up) in the instrumented decay tunnel
- Monitor the μ after the dump at % level (flux of v_{μ} from π) [under evaluation]
- Pave the way to a "tagged neutrino beam", namely a beam where the neutrino interaction at the detector is associated in time with the observation of the lepton from the parent hadron in the decay tunnel

⁽c) A. Longhin, L. Ludovici, F. Terranova, EPJ C75 (2015) 155.

Neutrino events per year at the detector



- Detector mass: 500 t (e.g. Protodune-SP or DP @ CERN, ICARUS @ Fermilab)
- Baseline (i.e. distance between the detector and the beam dump): 50 m
- 4.5×10^{19} pot at SPS (0.5 / 1 y in dedicated/shared mode) or 1.5×10^{20} pot at FNAL

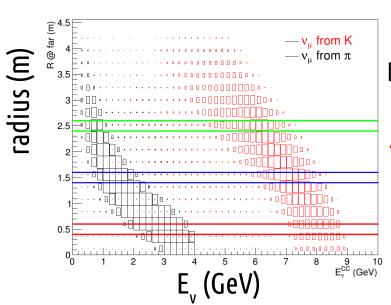


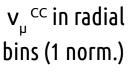
- v_{μ} from K and π are **well separated** in energy (narrow band)
- v_e and v_μ from K are constrained by the tagger measurement (K_{e3}, mainly K_{μ 2}).
- v_{μ} from π : μ detectors downstream of the hadron dump (under study)

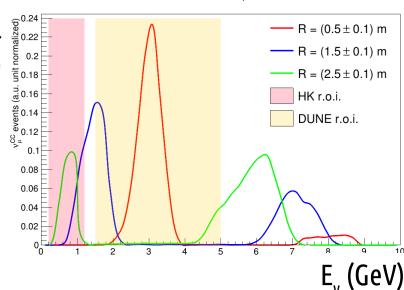
v_u CC events at the ENUBET narrow band beam



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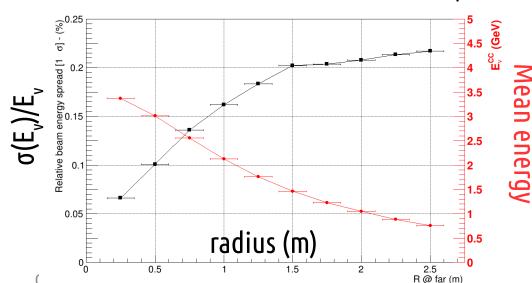




ENUBET @ SPS, 400 GeV, 4.5e19 pot, 500 ton detector

The beam width at fixed R
(≡ neutrino energy resolution) for the pion component is

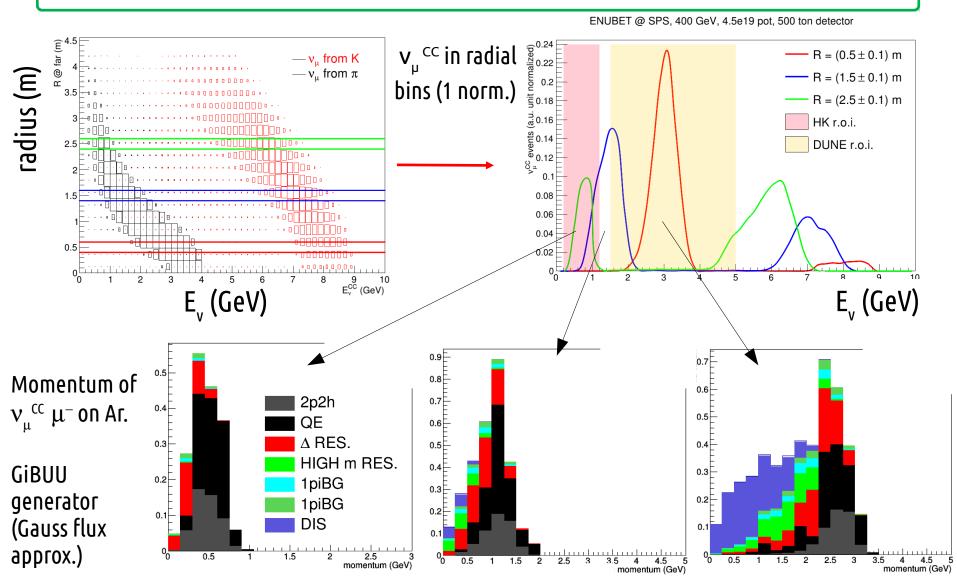
- 8 % for r ~ 50 cm, <E_v>~ 3 GeV
- 22% for r ~ 250 cm, <E,> ~ 0.7 GeV



v_u CC events at the ENUBET narrow band beam



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Systematics on the neutrino flux

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Positron tagging eliminates the leading sources of systematics but **can we get to 1%**? Detailed analysis being performed in the second phase. Statistical analysis based on toy Monte Carlo with the full simulation. Address the effect of each uncertainty and the degree of cancellations allowed by the large correlations between e^+ rate and v_e flux.

Sources	Size
K production yield	~Irrelevant (e+ tag)
Secondary transport efficiency, geometry, currents, stability.	~Irrelevant (e+ tag)
Integrated PoT	~Irrelevant (e+ tag)
Geometrical efficiency and fiducial mass	< 0.5%. PRL 108 (2012) 171803 [Daya Bay]
3-body kinematics and mass	< 0.1%. Chin. Phys. C38 (2014) 090001 [PDG]
Branching ratios	< 0.1%. Irrelevant (e+ tag) except for estimation of "background" from non-K _{e3} decay modes
e/п separation	test beams
Detector backg. From NC π ⁰ events	< 1%. EPJ C73 (2013) 2345 [ICARUS]
Detector corrections	< 1%. factorization if the target is the same as for the long baseline CPV experiment

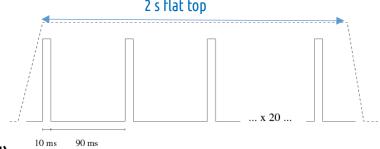
Machine studies for the horn-based option



• Performed Jul/Aug/Nov 2018 at the SPS

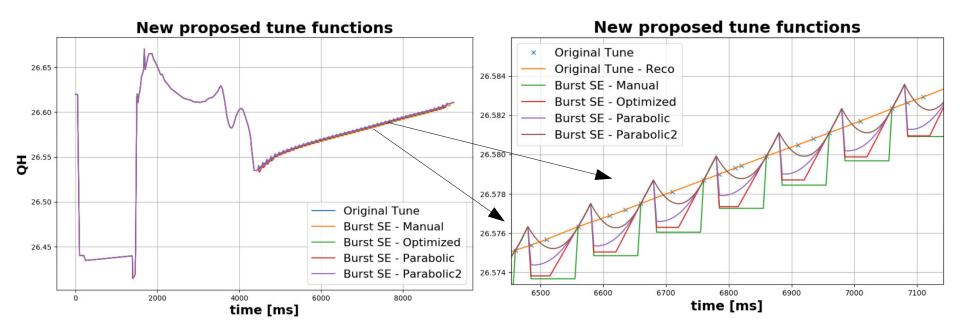
CERN-BE-OP-SPS, Velotti, Pari, Kain, Goddard

- 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

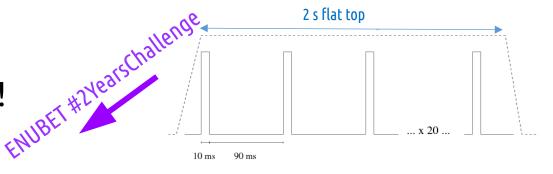
M. Pari (CERN doctoral student, Univ. of Padova) @ SLAWG meeting of 5/12/2019 https://indico.cern.ch/event/777458/

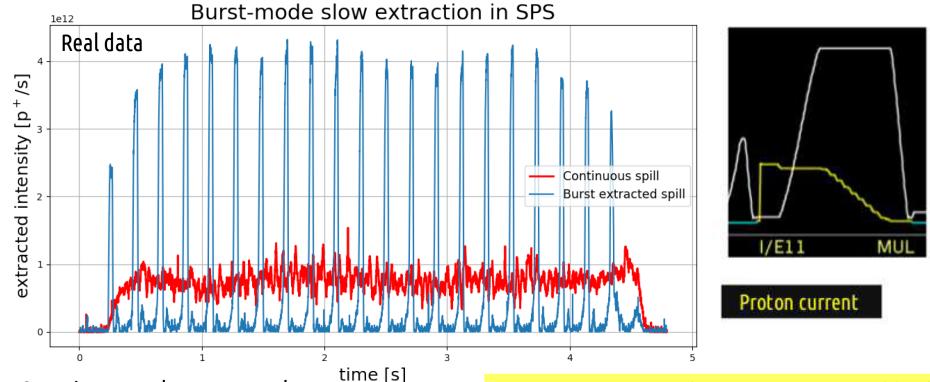


Machine studies for the horn-based option



From an idea "on slide" to a working implementation!





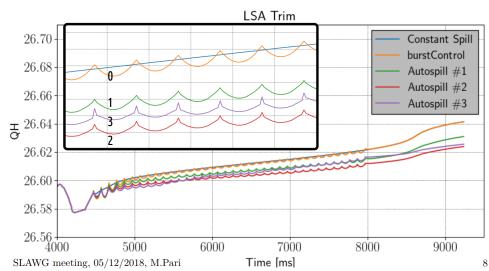
Same integrated pot extracted.
Protons squeezed into intervals with active horn

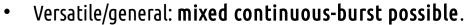
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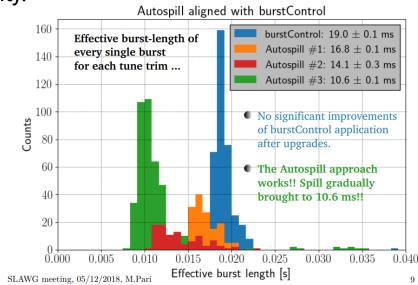


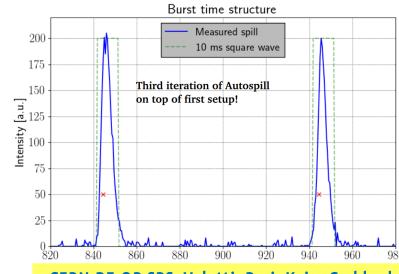
- Difficult to get below 20 ms → implemented a feed-forward mechanism using BCT data
- Iterative procedure (AutoSpill) → can "sharpen" peaks **up to 10 ms in 3 iterations**
- at the cost of a somewhat larger variance in peak intensity.





- 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!

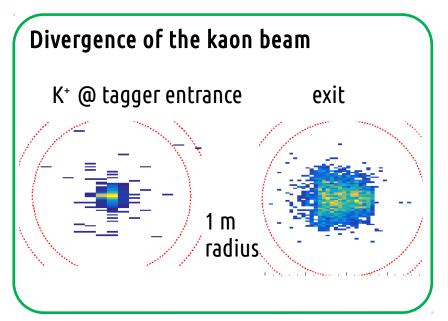


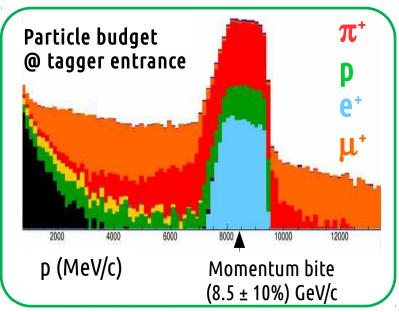


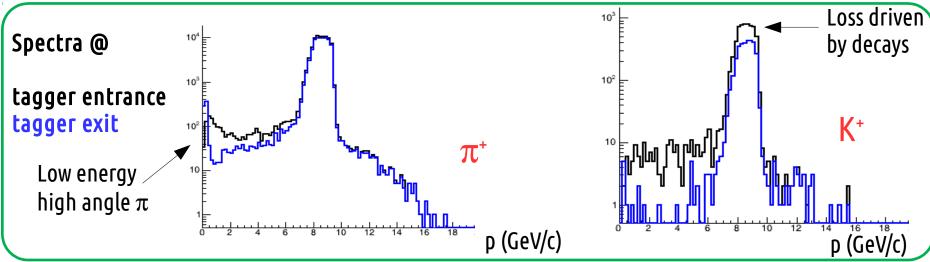
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The static beamline: emittance, particle content





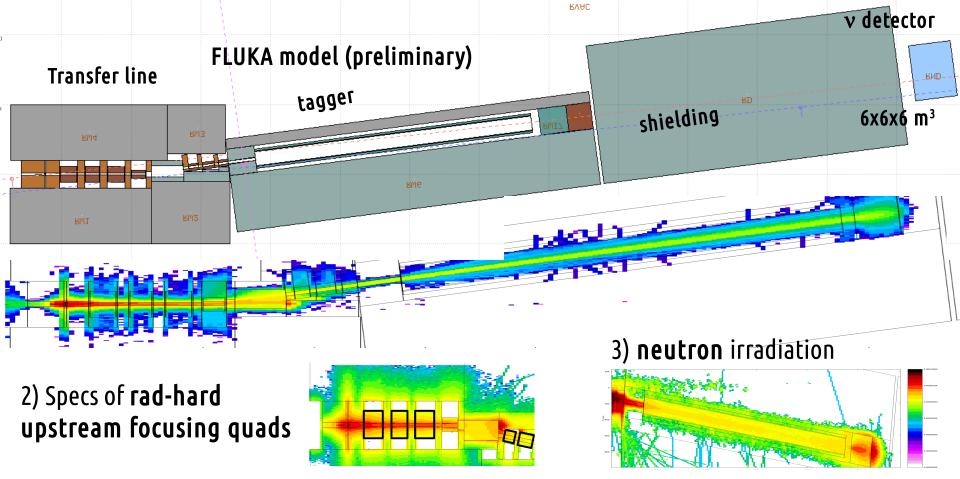




The hadronic beamline: FLUKA simulation



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

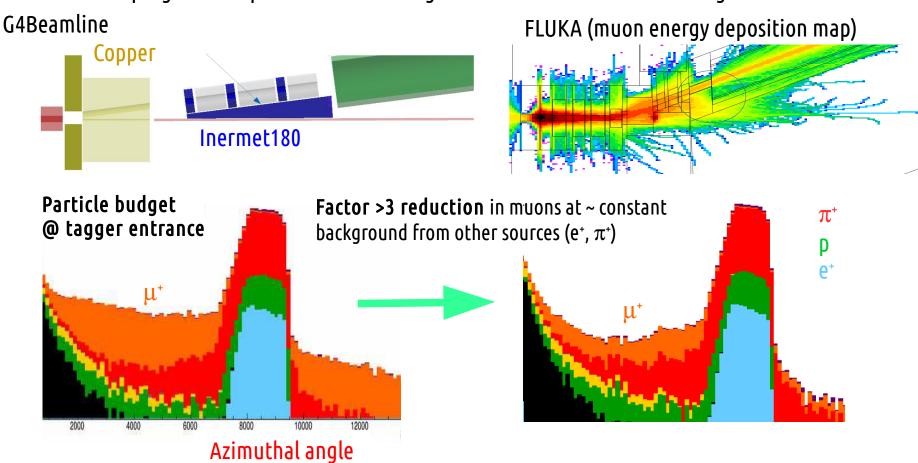


This is an item where the expertise of CERN A&T has been (and will be) extremely useful

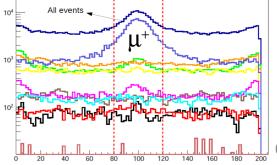
Beamline shielding tuning studies



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



The bulk of μ^+ along dipole bending plane



Besides shielding a further reduction of muons can be achieved by removing a section in φ in the upstream part of the tagger

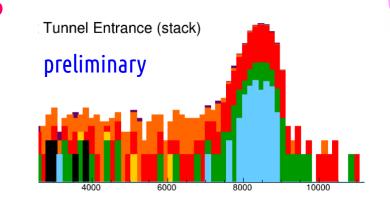
Additional beamline options

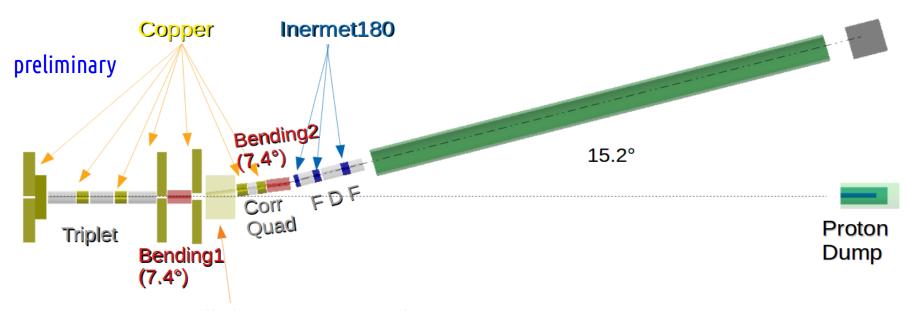
We are also simulating other beamline schemes:

2 dipoles with an intermediate quadrupole.

Increased length of beamline but ... \rightarrow

- Better quality of the beam in the tagger
- larger bending angle (15.2°) reducing
 - backgrounds from muons
 - ullet probability for neutrinos produced in the straight section to reach the $oldsymbol{v}$ detector





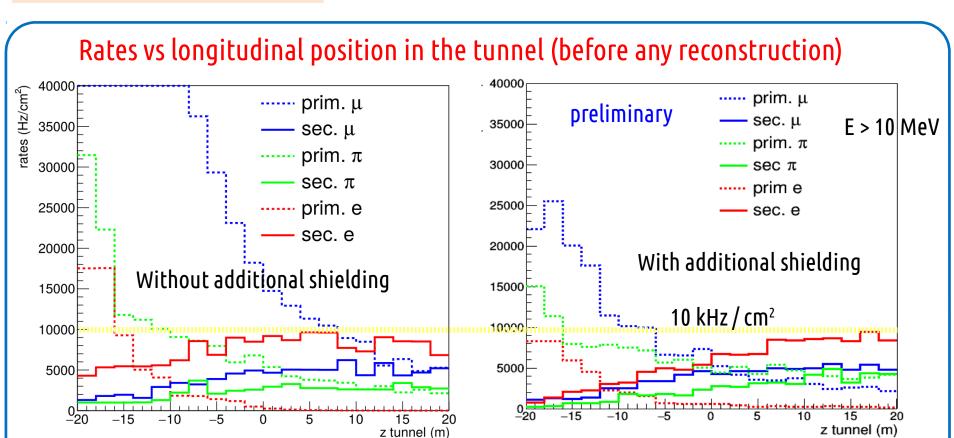
- We are putting all these inputs together
- → pindown the best scheme in terms of physics and technical feasibility

Particle rates in the tunnel



Static focusing system 4.5×10^{13} pot in 2 s (400 GeV)

Radius = 1 m from the axis of the tunnel



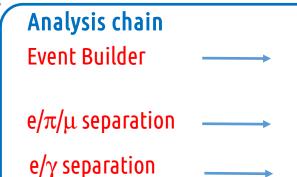
- Primary particles background largely reduced with tuning in the shielding
- The second part of the tunnel is significantly favored in terms of signal-to-background
- With static focusing scheme rates in the second half are below 10 kHz/cm²

F. Pupilli et al., PoS NEUTEL2017 (2018) 078

K_{e3} positrons reconstruction

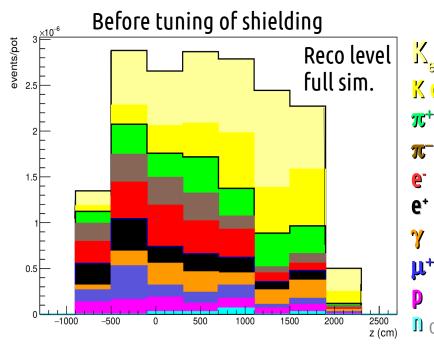


Full GEANT4 simulation of the detector, validated by prototype tests at CERN in 2016-2018. Includes particle propagation and decay, from the transfer line to the detector, hit-level detector response, pile-up effects.



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

Multivariate analysis based on 6 variables (pattern of the energy deposition in the calorimeter) with TMVA Signal on the tiles of the photon veto (0-1-2 mip)



K other dec.

1 5	
e -	
e⁺	
Y	
μ^+	
P	

E geom	0.36	
E _{sel}	0.55	
E tot	0.20	
Purity	0.26	CU
S/N	0.36	-

Instrumenting half of the decay tunnel: $K_{e3} e^+$ at single particle level with a S/N = 0.46

Time tagged neutrino beams?

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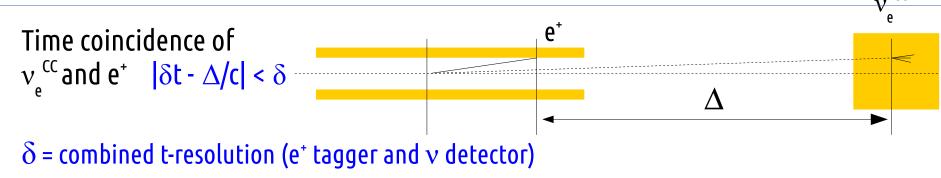
• Event time dilution → **Time-tagging**





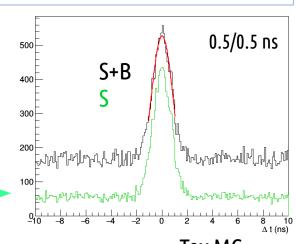
 E_{v} and flavor of the v measured "a priori" event by event.

Compare " E_v from decay kinematics" \leftrightarrow " E_v from v interaction products"



Presently with 2.5e13 pot / 2s slow extraction: genuine K_{e3} cand. : 80 MHz \rightarrow 1 every \sim 12 ns background K_{e3} cand. \sim 2 x \rightarrow 1 cand. every \sim 4 ns

With δ =0.5 \oplus 0.5 ns resolutions already interesting! S/N ratio will likely improve with further tuning.





Time tagged neutrino beams: challenges

- Proton extraction ~ 2s
- σ_{l} of the tagger < 1 ns
- σ_{r} of the v detector < 1 ns
- Cosmic background \times 10
- small K⁺ momentum bite small (not to spoil the v_{p} energy reco.)
- Tagger-detector time sync. $<< 1 \text{ ns} \rightarrow OK \text{ (direct optical links)}$

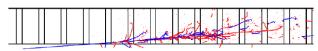
- → Static focusing with slow extraction is mandatory
- \rightarrow OK
- → Feasible but at the limit of present technology
- → Foresee overburden/cosmic ray tagger
- Feasible but implies flux reduction

In parallel to the t_n -layer baseline option (light plastic scintillator based tracker) we are considering alternative technologies to improve the timing both at the tagger (direct readout of cherenkov light, LYSO crystals with embedded SiPM) and neutrino detector side (SiPM based readout of Ar scintillation light). The ENUBET tagger

Calorimeter

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

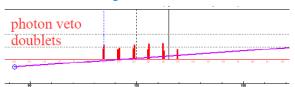
 \rightarrow e⁺/n⁺/ μ separation

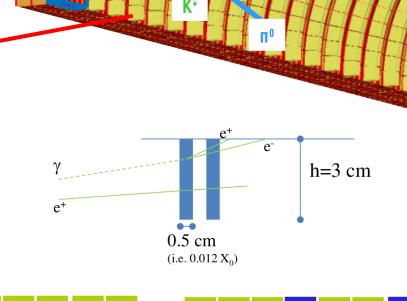


Integrated photon veto

Plastic scintillators Rings of 3×3 cm² pads

→ n⁰ rejection







 π^0 (background) topology

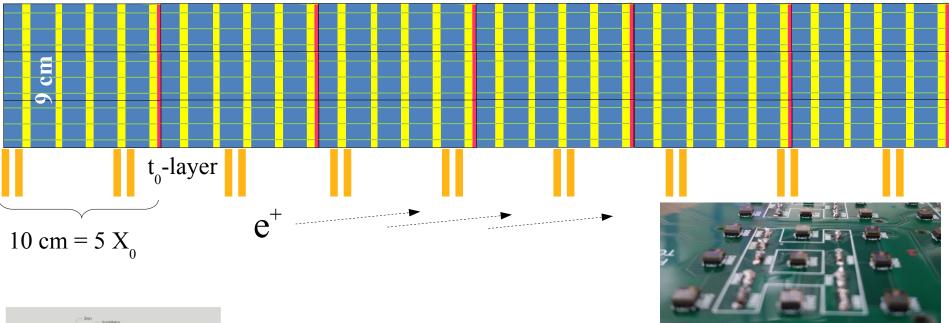


Ultra Compact Module

 $3 \times 3 \times 10$ cm³ – 4.3 X₀

The tagger: shashlik with integrated readout

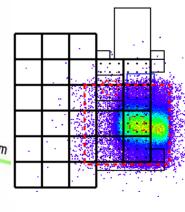






CERN PS test beam Nov 2016





Test beam results with shashlik readout

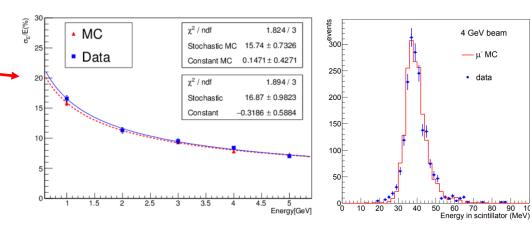


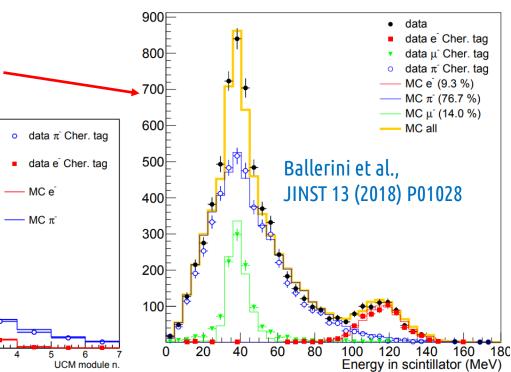
Calorimeter prototype performance with test-beam data @ CERN-PS T9 line 2016-2017

Tested response to MIP, e and π^-

- e.m. energy resolution: 17%/√E (GeV)
- Linearity deviations: <3% in 1-5 GeV range
- From 0 to 200 mrad → no significant differences
- Work to be done on the fiber-to-SiPM mechanical coupling → dominates the nonuniformities
- Equalizing UCM response with mips MC/data already in good agreement

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



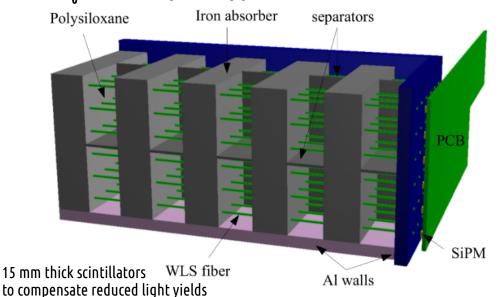


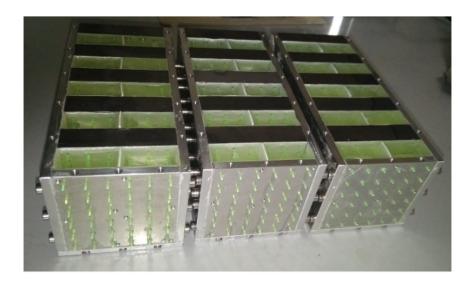
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Polysiloxane shashlik prototypes



Pros: increased resistance to irradiation (no yellowing), simpler (just pouring + reticulation) A 13X₀ shashlik prototype tested in May 2018 and October 2017 (first application in HEP)







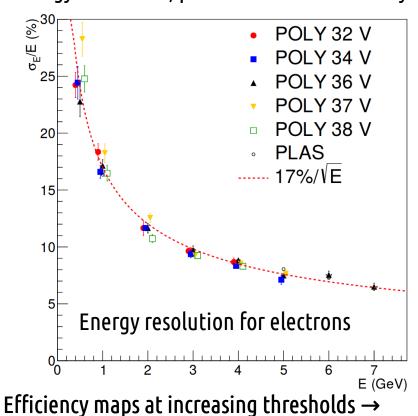
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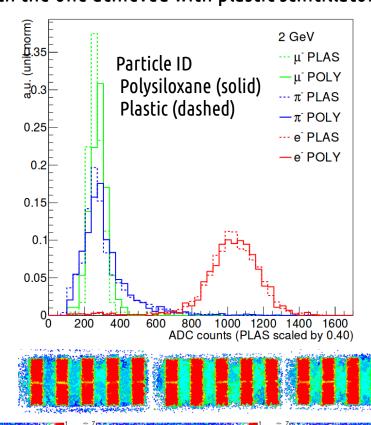
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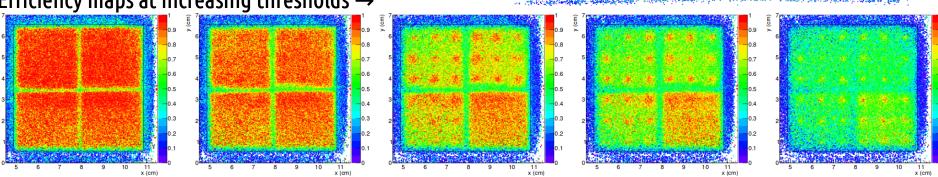
Light yield (normalized to thickness) is ~ 1/3 of plastic scintillator

→ tests light transmission on WLS fibers in absence of air gap

Energy resolution, particle-ID and uniformity in line with the one achieved with plastic scintillator



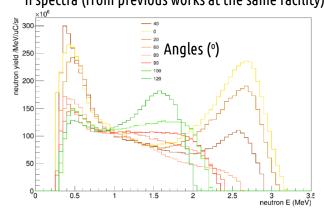




SiPM irradiation measurements at INFN-LNL



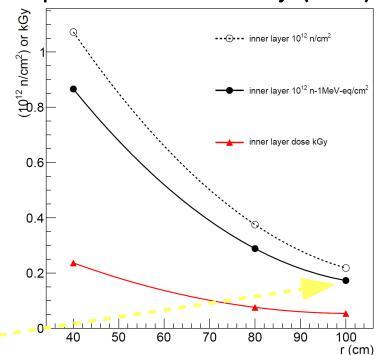
- SiPM were irradiated at the CN Van de Graaf on July 2017
- 7MV and 5 mA proton currents on a Be target
- ${}^{9}Be(p,n){}^{9}B, {}^{9}Be(p,np)2\alpha, {}^{9}Be(p,np){}^{8}Be \text{ and } {}^{9}Be(p,n\alpha){}^{5}Li$
- → 1-3 MeV n with fluences up to 10¹²/cm² in a few hours
 n spectra (from previous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





 \rightarrow Tested 12,15 and 20 μ m SiPM cells up to ~ **2** x **10**¹¹ **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)

Expected n doses from K decays (FLUKA)



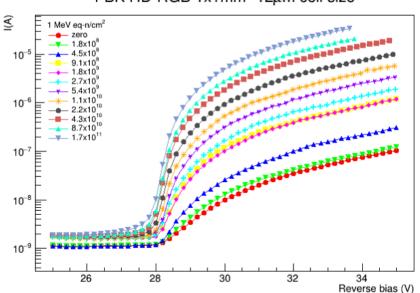


SiPM irradiation measurements at CERN

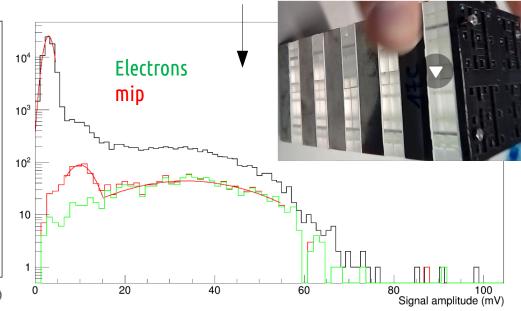


Dark current vs bias at increasing n fluences

FBK HD-RGB 1x1mm² 12μm cell size



A shashlik calorimeter equipped with irradiates SiPMs was later tested at CERN-PS T9 in Oct 2017



Submitted to Journal

Irradiation and performance of RGB-HD Silicon Photomultipliers for calorimetric applications

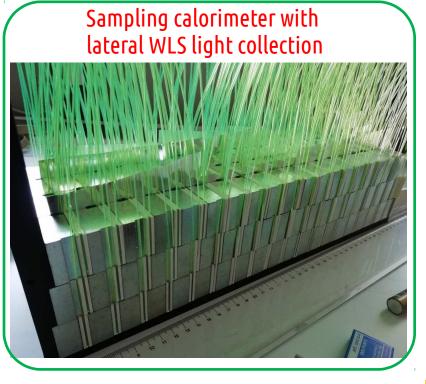
1 cm thick scintillator, 15 μm cell, 1.2 x 10¹¹ n-1MeV-eq/cm² (FBK-HD-RB Advansid)

- 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 from channel-to-channel intercalibration even after maximum irradiation.

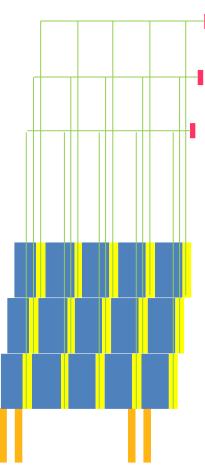
The tagger: lateral readout option

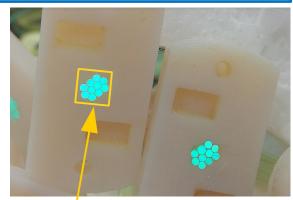


Light **collected from scintillator sides** and **bundled** to a single SiPM reading 10 fibers (1 UCM). SiPM are not immersed anymore in the hadronic shower → less compact but .. much **reduced neutron damage** (larger safety margins), better **accessibility**, possibility of replacement. Better reproducibility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



May 2018, CERN-PS test beam



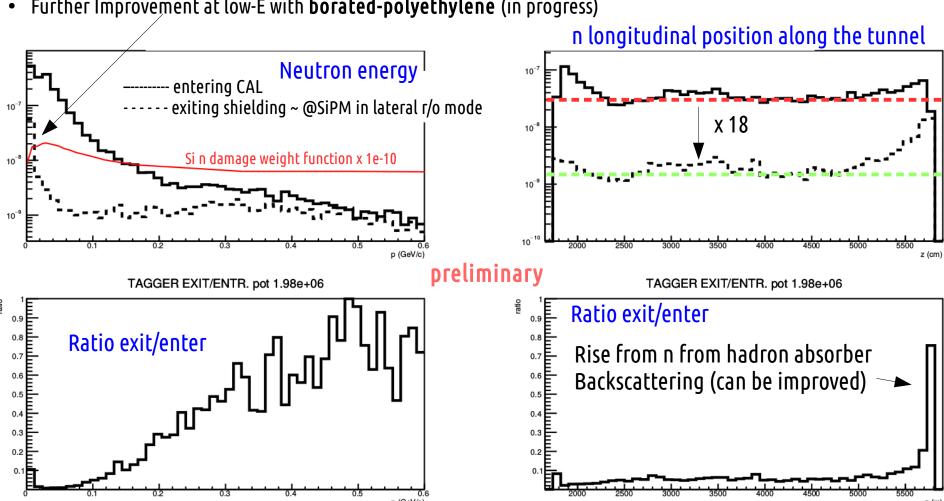




Large SiPM for 10 WLS 4x4 mm²

Achievable n reduction in the lateral readout scheme

- 30 cm of polyethylene between CAL and SiPM
- FLUKA full simulation. 400 GeV p.
- Beam backgrounds included \rightarrow tuning of materials in progress
- Very good suppression especially below 100 MeV.
- **Factor** ~18 reduction averaging over spectrum.
- Further Improvement at low-E with **borated-polyethylene** (in progress)



The Tagger – Detector R&D

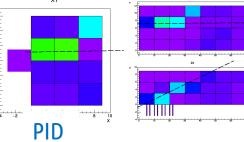


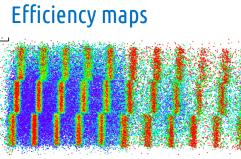
September 2018 CERN-PS: a module with hadronic cal. for pion containment and **integrated** t_n -layer



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

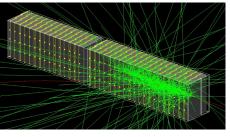




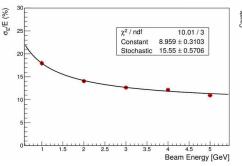


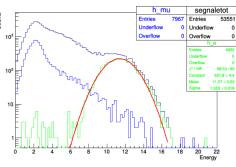
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Simulation



Resolution





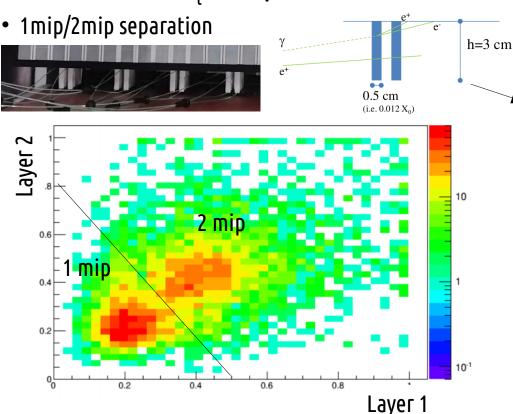
The photon veto – test beam



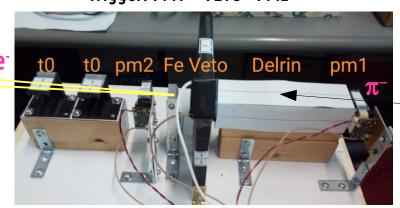
@ CERN-PS T9 line 2016-2018

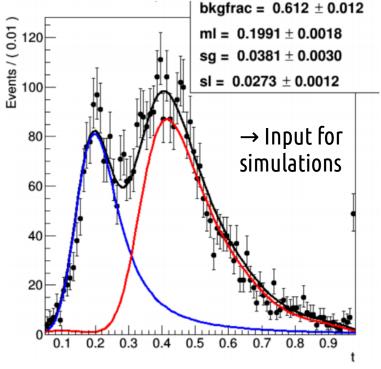
• γ / e⁺ discrimination + timing scintillator (3×3×0.5 cm³) + WLS Fiber (40 cm) + SiPM

- light collection efficiency → >95%
- time resolution $\rightarrow \sigma_{r} \sim 400 \text{ ps}$



charge exchange: $\pi - p \rightarrow n \pi^0 (\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$ Trigger: PM1 + VETO +PM2





Conclusions



ENUBET is a narrow band beam with a high precision monitoring of the flux at source (O(1%)) and control of the E_y spectrum (20% at 1 GeV \rightarrow 8% at 3 GeV)

2018 has been a special year, we have

- provided the first end-to-end simulation of the beamline (Jul)
- Proved the feasibility of a purely static focusing system (10 6 v_{μ}^{CC} , 10 4 v_{e}^{CC} /y/500 t)
- full simulation of e⁺ reconstruction: single particle level monitoring. S/N ~ 0.5
- Tested with data the "burst" slow extraction scheme at the CERN-SPS (Aug-Nov)
- **completed the test beams** campaing (Sep) before LS2
 - → identified best options for instrumentation (shashlik and lateral readout)
- Strengthened the **physics case**:
 - → slow extraction + "narrow band off-axis technique"

The ENUBET technique is **very promising** and the results we got in the **last twelve months exceeded our expectations**

Next steps



- In 2019 we need to:
 - decide on the light readout technology for the final demonstrator (shashlik versus "lateral readout")
 - improve the design of the beamline to reduce beam halo contamination (current e⁺ S/N can be significantly improved)
 - re-optimise the **tunnel radius** to increase geometrical acceptance
 - Systematic assessment on predicted neutrino fluxes
 - Develop new ideas to enhance precision also on v_µ
 - from $K_{\mu 2}$ with μ id in the tagger
 - from π : counting μ from π in hadron-dump (could be feasible with a 2s extraction).
 - CDR at the end of the project (2021): physics and costing
 - Build a demonstrator prototype of the tagger (2021)

A very special thank to CERN



- First 2 years of the project: collaboration with the CERN groups for
 - machine studies performed at the SPS
 - East Area beamline for the characterization of the prototypes
 - → prominent contribution for the success of ENUBET.
- Requests for 2019-2021
 - support and consulting from CERN accelerator experts in the design of the beamline in collaboration with personnel employed 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.
 - For 2021, we request (2 weeks + 3 weeks)



Padova June 2016

CERN Aug 2017



CERN Oct 2017

INFN-LNL Jun 2017

THANKS!



CERN May 2018

CERN Sep 2018



Milan Oct 2017



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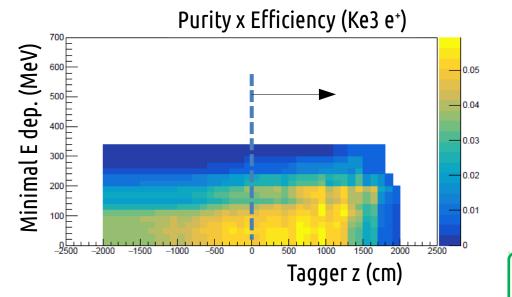


Positron ID from K decay



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.

Analysis chain Event Builder		F. Pupilli et al., PoS NEUTEL2017 (2018) 078 Identify the seed of the event (UCM with large energy deposit) and cluster neighboring modules (in time and space)
e/ π/μ separation	→	Multivariate analysis based on 6 variables (pattern of the energy deposition in the calorimeter) with TMVA
e/ γ separation		Signal on the tiles of the photon veto

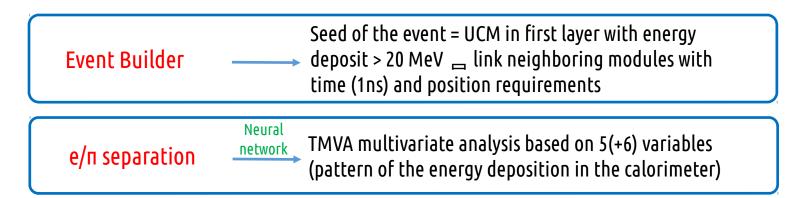


E geom	0.36	
E _{sel}	0.55	
E tot	0.20	
Purity	0.26	cut 0.46
S/N	0.36	• 0.46

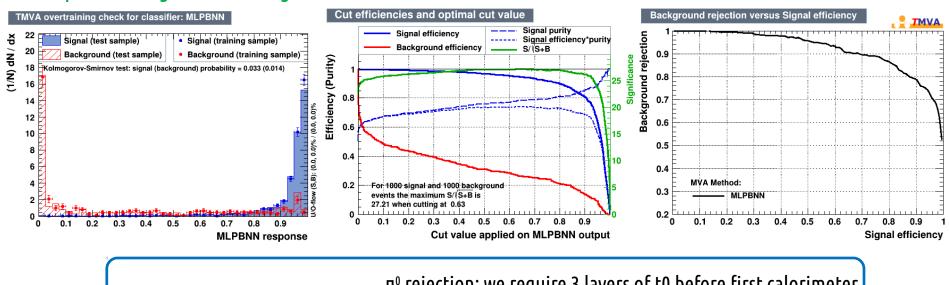
Instrumenting half of the decay tunnel: K_{e3} e⁺ at single particle level with a S/N = 0.46

The Tagger – positron ID from K decay





Response to signal and background



e/γ separation ———— π⁰ rejection: we require 3 layers of t0 before first calorimeter energy deposit compatible with a mip (0.65-1.7 MeV)



