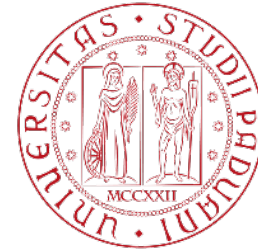


# The ENUBET project

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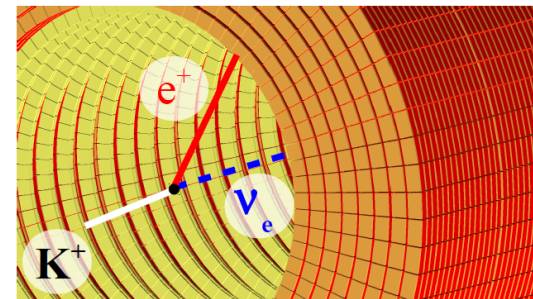
# Overview and outline



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**
- **Updated physics performance**
- **Experimental validation of detector prototypes**



Enhanced NeUtrino  
BEams from kaon Tagging

ERC-CoG-2015, G.A. 681647  
(2016-21)

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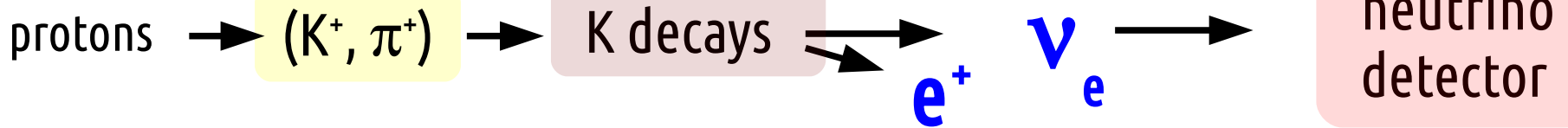
ENUBET: 54 physicists, 12 institutions



# Monitored beams

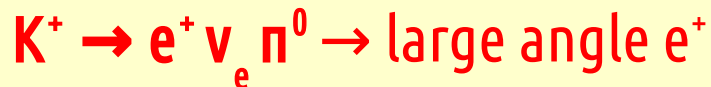


Based on conventional technologies, aiming for a **1% precision** on the  $\nu_e$  flux



- Monitor ( $\sim$  inclusively) the **decays** in which  $\nu$  are produced **event-by-event**
- “By-pass” **hadro-production, PoT, beam-line efficiency** uncertainties

- **Fully instrumented decay region**



- $\nu_e$  flux prediction =  $e^+$  counting

Removes the **leading source of uncertainty** in  $\nu$  cross section measurements

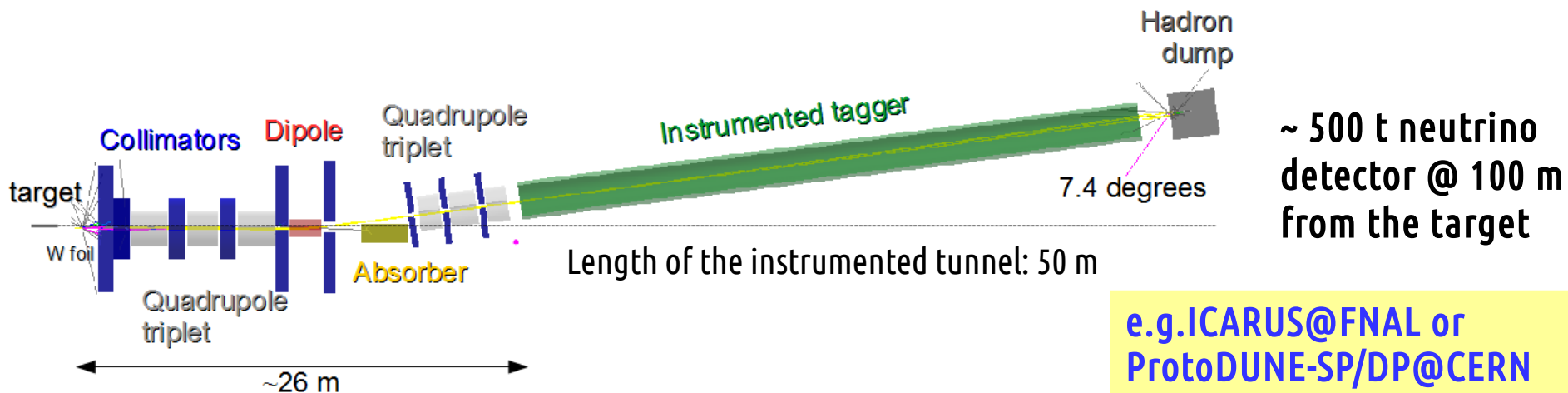
To get the correct spectra and avoid swamping the instrumentation  $\rightarrow$  needs a **collimated momentum selected hadron beam**  $\rightarrow$  **only decay products in the tagger**  
 $\rightarrow$  Correlations with interaction radius allows an **a priori knowledge of the  $\nu$  spectra**

# Neutrino beams for precision physics: the ENUBET project

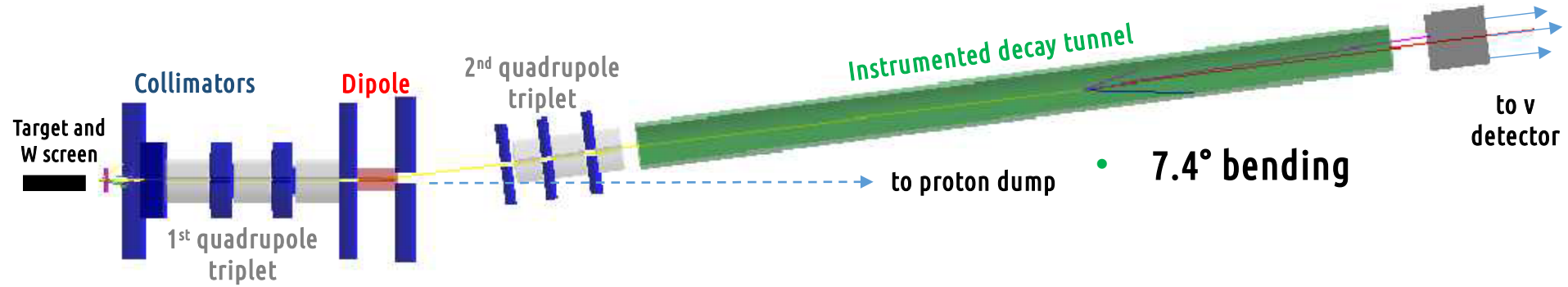
The next generation of **short baseline** experiments for **cross-section** measurements and for **precision  $\nu$ -physics** (e.g. **CP violation program**, sterile  $\nu$  NSI) should rely on:

- ✓ 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**

**The ENUBET facility fulfills simultaneously all these requirements**



# The ENUBET beamline (baseline option)



- **Proton driver:** CERN (400 GeV), FNAL (120 GeV), J-PARC (30 GeV)
- **Target:** 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	$\pi/\text{pot}$ ( $10^{-3}$ )	K/pot ( $10^{-3}$ )	Extraction length	n/cycle ( $10^{10}$ )	K/cycle ( $10^{10}$ )	Proposal (c)
Horn	<b>97</b>	7.9	2 ms (a)	438	36	x 2
“static”	<b>19</b>	1.4	2 s	85	6.2	<b>x 4</b>

(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  $\sim x 5$  faster statistics but the static option gained momentum since initial estimates were  $\sim x 4$  too conservative wrt to present simulations!

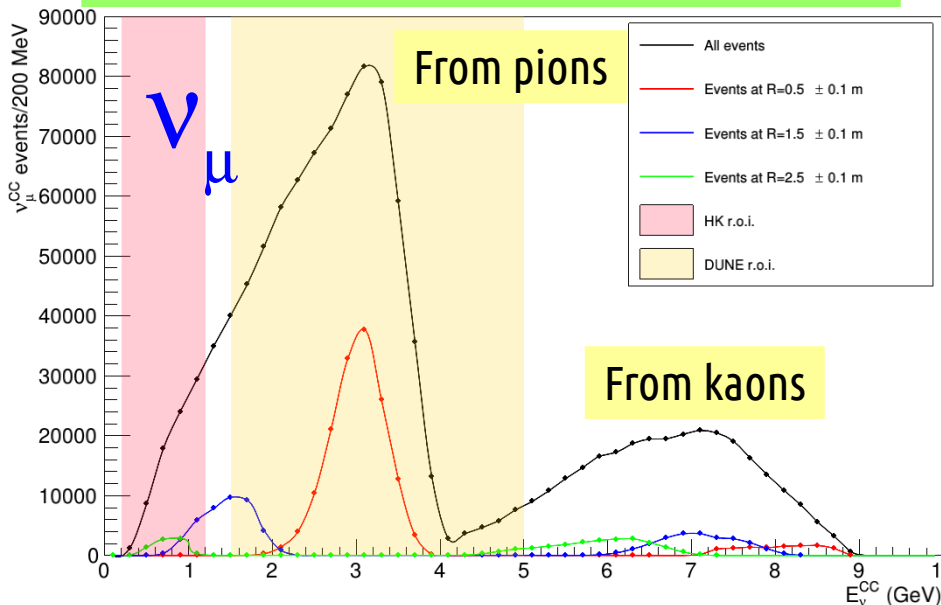
## Furthermore ... advantages of the static extraction:

- No need for fast-cycling horn
- Strong **reduction of the rate** (pile-up) in the instrumented decay tunnel
- Pave the way to a **“tagged neutrino beam”** →  
 $\nu$  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  $\mu$  after the dump at % level (**flux of  $\nu_\mu$  from  $\pi$** ) [**under evaluation**]

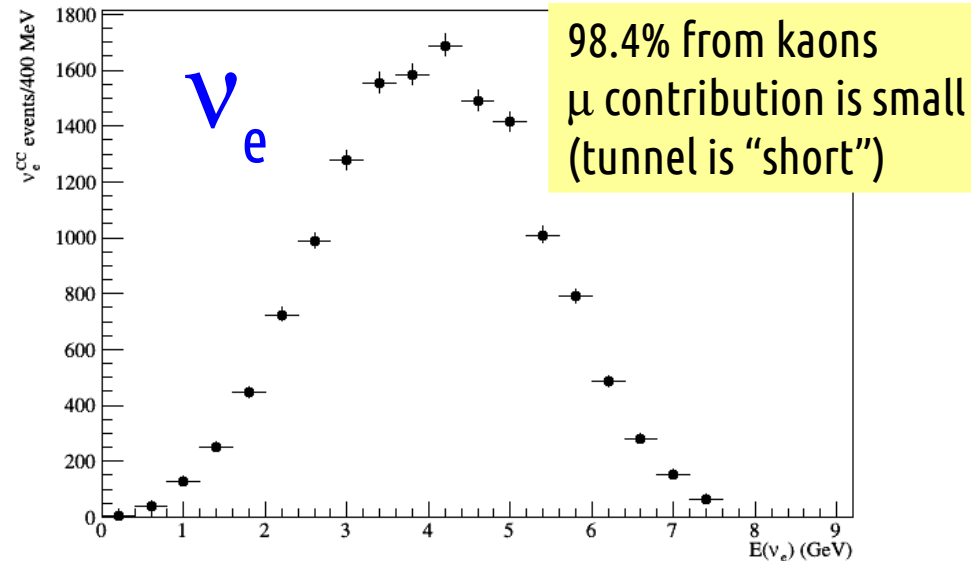
# Neutrino events per year at the detector

- **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
  - $4.5 \times 10^{19}$  pot at SPS (0.5 / 1 y in dedicated/shared mode) or  $1.5 \times 10^{20}$  pot at FNAL
- $\nu_\mu$  from K and  $\pi$  are **well separated** in energy (narrow band)
  - $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  from K are constrained by the tagger measurement ( $K_{e3}$ , mainly  $K_{\mu 2}$ ).
  - $\nu_\mu$  from  $\pi$ :  $\mu$  detectors downstream of the hadron dump ? (under study)

## 1.2 million $\nu_\mu$ Charged Current per year



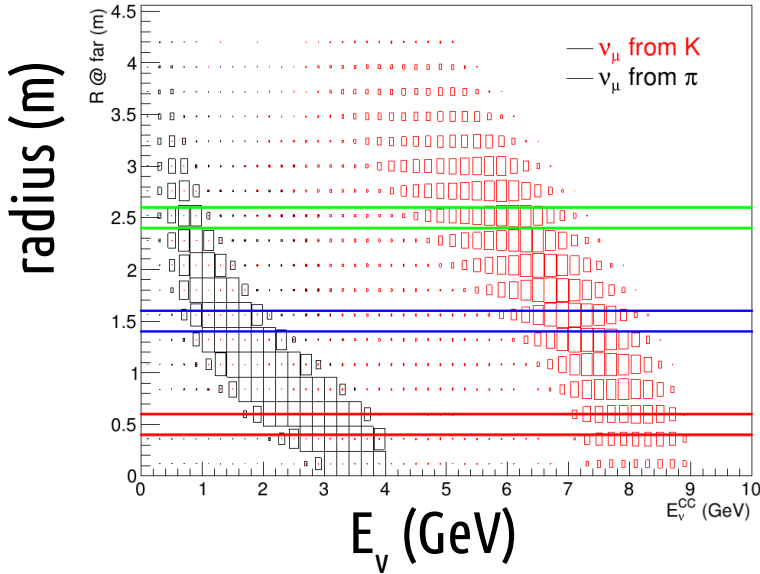
## 14000 $\nu_e$ Charged Current per year



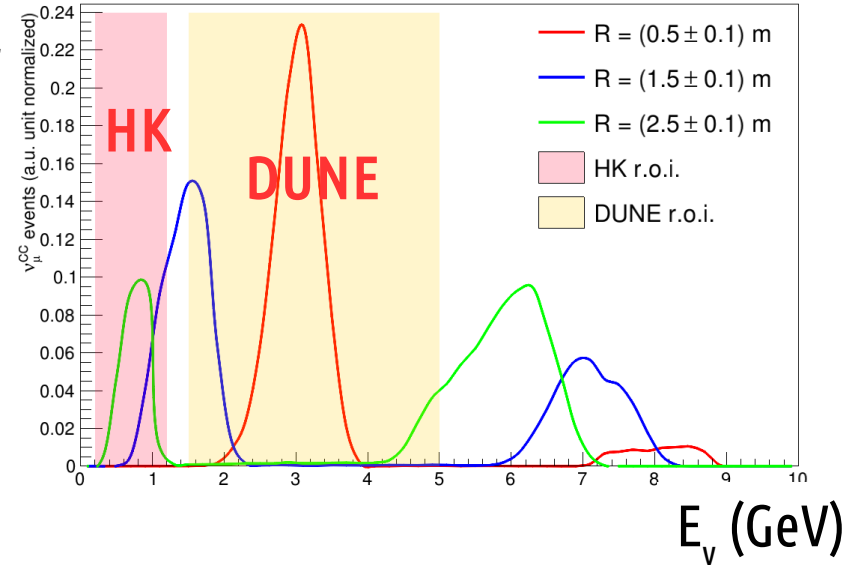
# $\nu_\mu$ CC events at the ENUBET narrow band beam

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



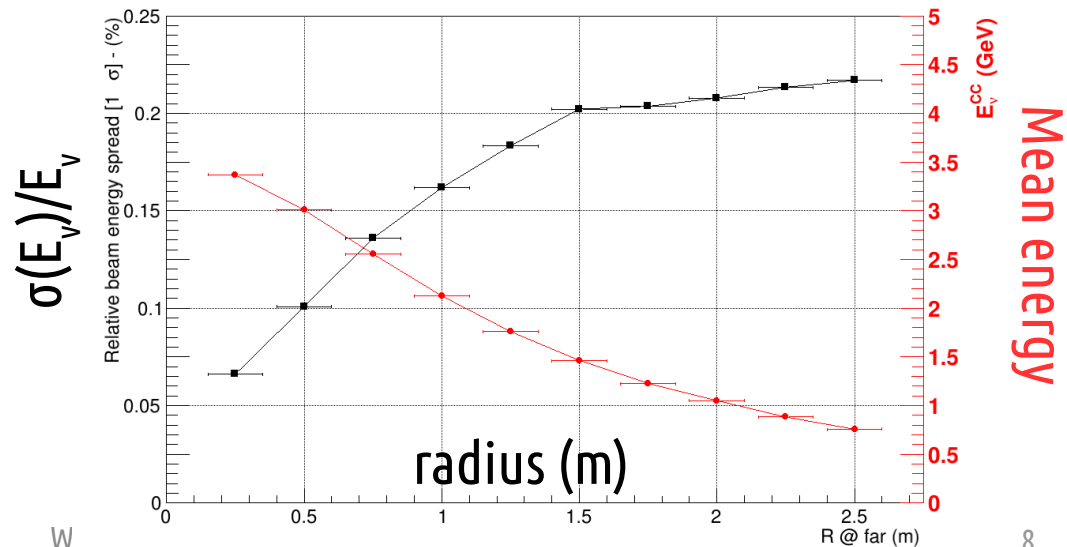
$\nu_\mu^{CC}$  in radial bins (1 norm.)



The beam width at fixed  $R$  ( $\equiv \nu$  energy resolution for  $\pi$  component) is:

- 8 % for  $r \sim 50$  cm,  $\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 3$  GeV
- 22% for  $r \sim 250$  cm,  $\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 0.7$  GeV

+ Binning in  $R$  allows to explore the energy domains of **DUNE**/**HK** and enrich samples in specific processes (quasi-elastic, resonances, DIS) for **cross section** measurements





# Systematics on the $\nu_e$ flux

Golden sample  $\epsilon \sim O(10^{-2})$

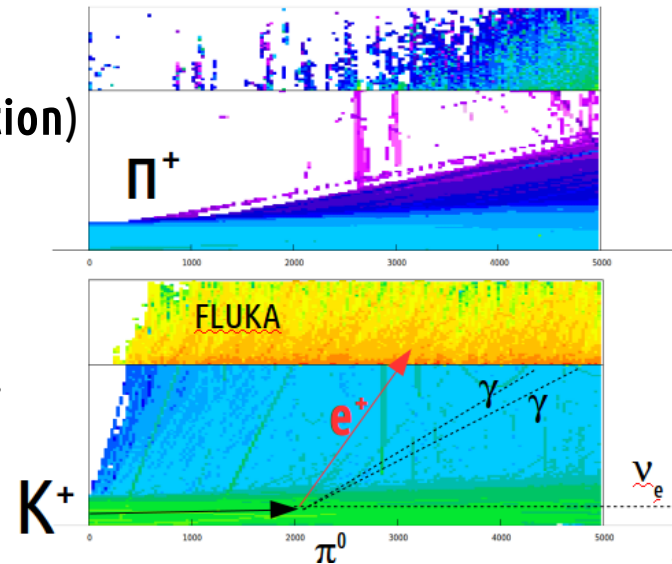
$\phi(\nu_e) = \alpha N(K_{e3}) + \epsilon N(\mu)$   $\longrightarrow$  Uncertainties from K yields, efficiency and stability of the transfer line are by-passed by the  $e^+$  tagging

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

Measuring the **inclusive rate of K decays** is also very powerful. Branching ratios known to  $< 0.1\%$  (additional uncertainty is small). Residual background is **stray pions from beam tails** (well characterized in terms of azimuth and longitudinal position)



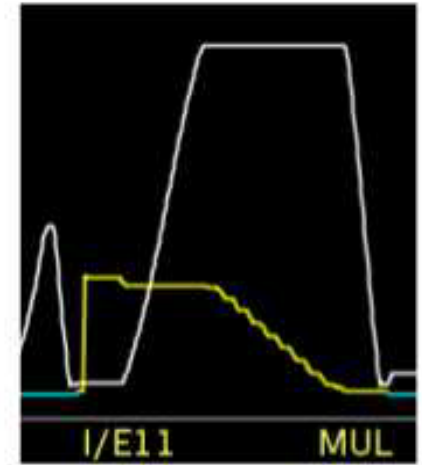
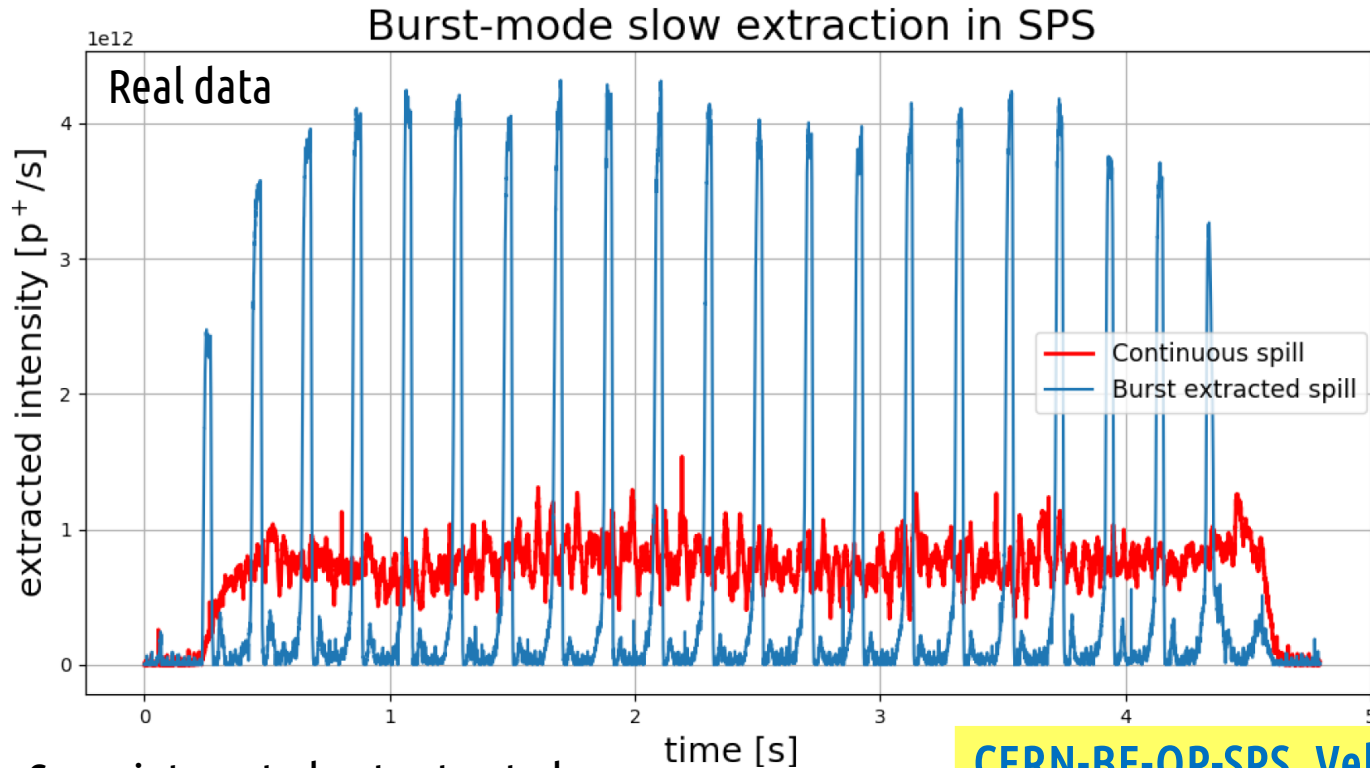
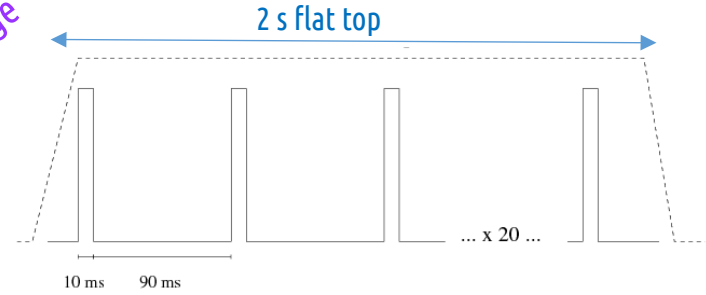
- can we get to 1% ? assessment in progress: toy Monte Carlos + full simulation
- Address the effect of each uncertainty and the degree of cancellations allowed by the large correlations between  $e^+$  rate and  $\nu_e$  flux.

# Machine studies for the horn-based option

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

From an idea “on slide” to a working implementation !

ENUBET #2YearsChallenge



Proton current

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

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

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/777458/>

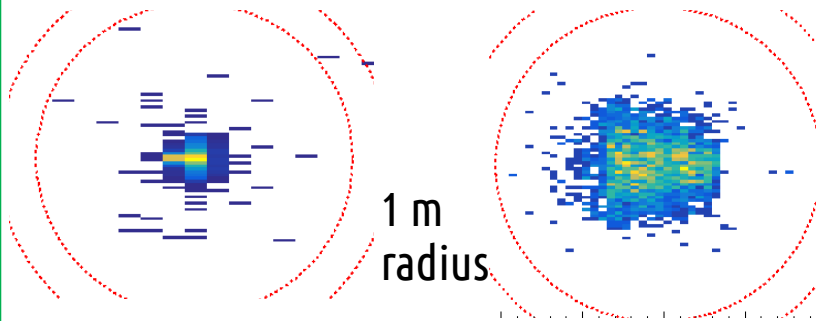
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# The static beamline: emittance, particle content

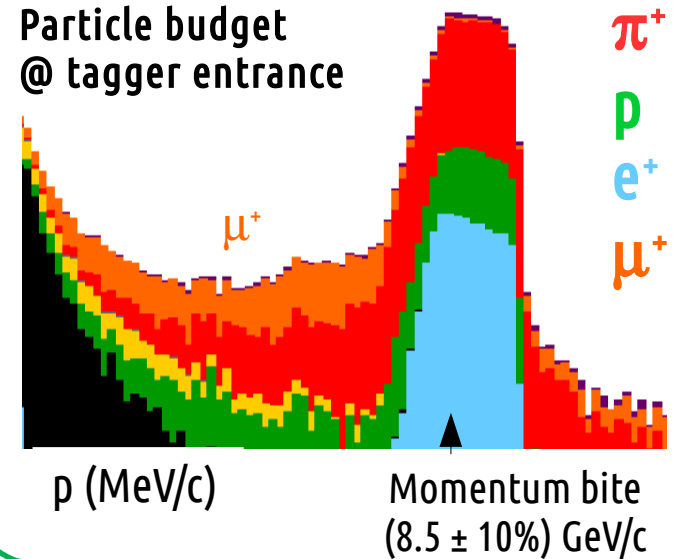
## Divergence of the kaon beam

$K^+$  @ tagger entrance

exit



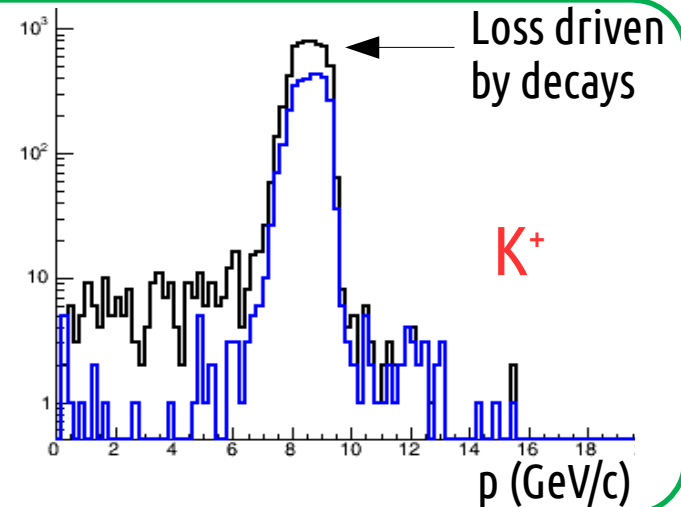
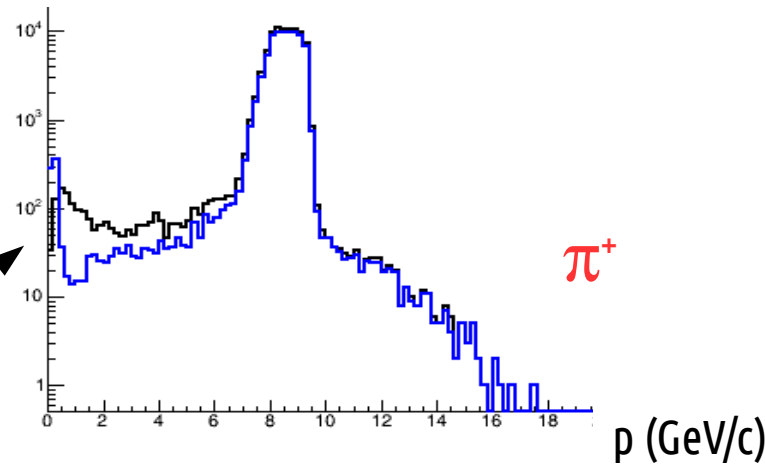
## Particle budget @ tagger entrance



## Spectra @

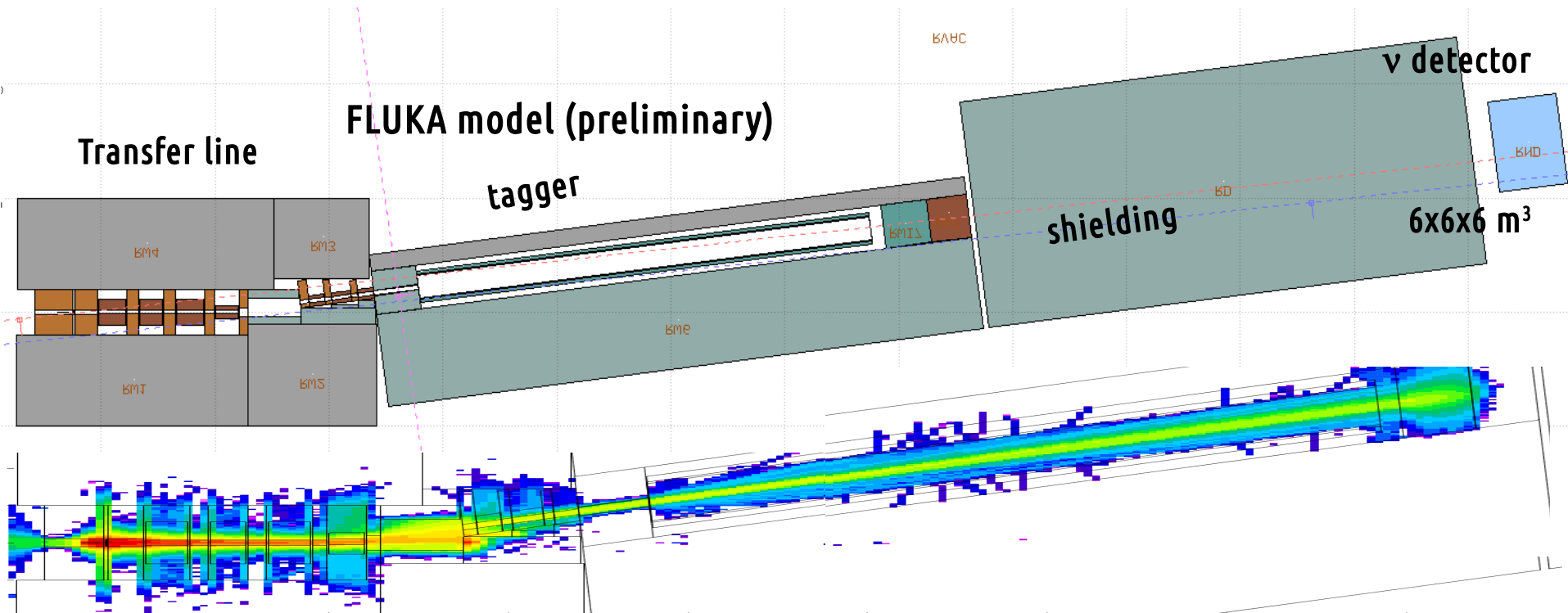
tagger entrance  
tagger exit

Low energy  
high angle  $\pi$

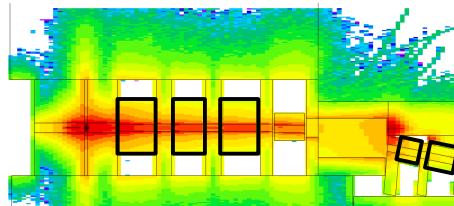


# The hadronic beamline: FLUKA simulation

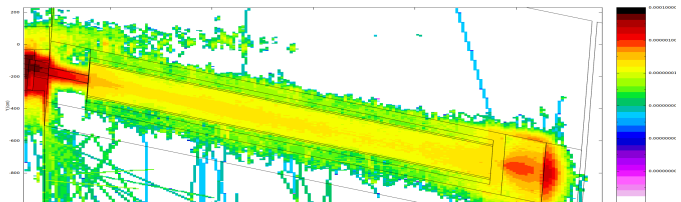
1) Optimize shielding to reduce backgrounds in the tagger ( $\mu$ ,  $n$ , high angle  $e^+$  and  $\pi^+$ )



2) Specs of rad-hard upstream focusing quads



3) neutron irradiation



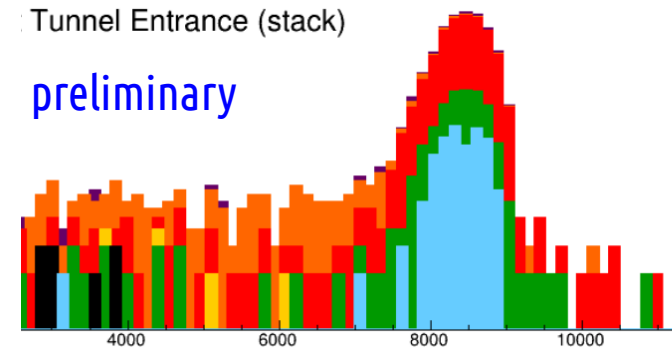
# Additional beamline options

We are also simulating other beamline schemes:

**2 dipoles with an intermediate quadrupole.**

Increased length of beamline but ... →

- Better quality of the beam in the tagger
- larger bending angle ( $15.2^\circ$ ) reducing
  - backgrounds from muons
  - probability for neutrinos produced in the straight section to reach the  $\nu$  detector

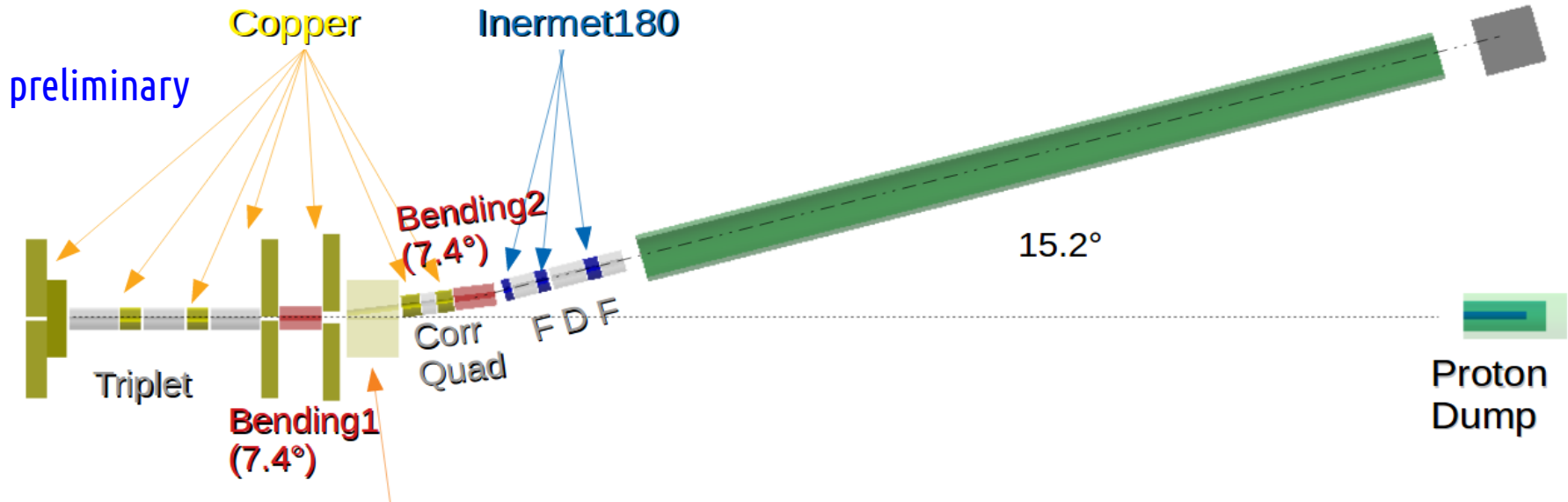


$\pi^+$

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$e^+$

$\mu^+$



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

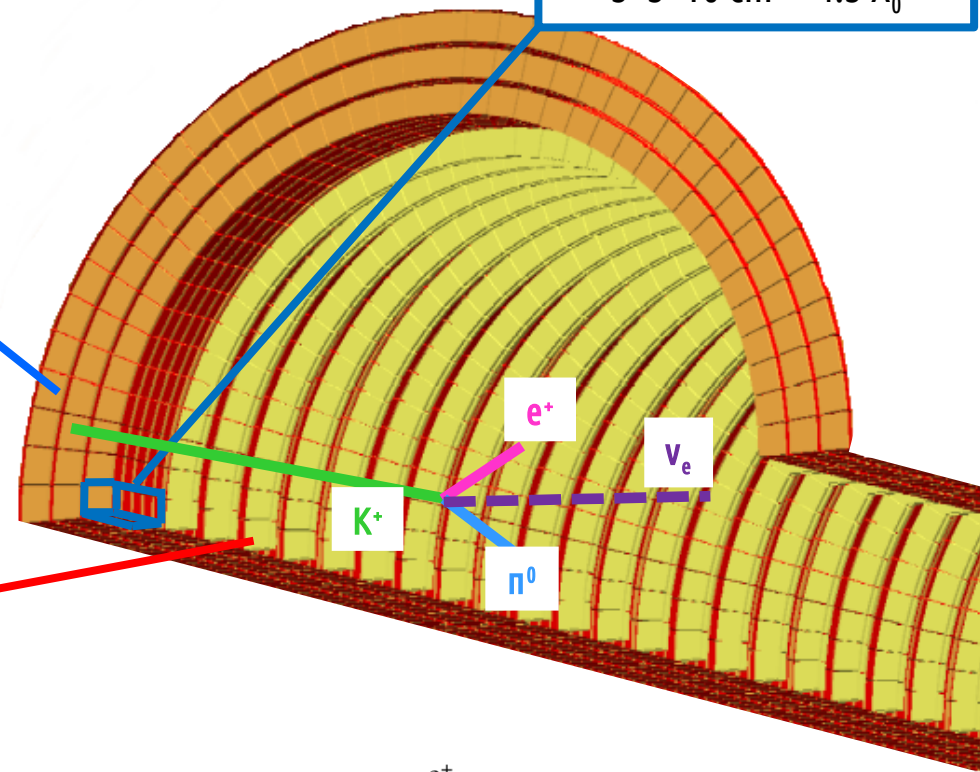
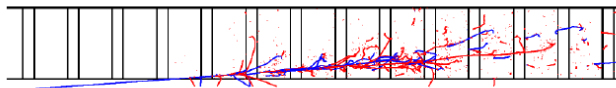
# The ENUBET tagger

Ultra Compact Module  
 $3 \times 3 \times 10 \text{ cm}^3 - 4.3 X_0$

## Calorimeter

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

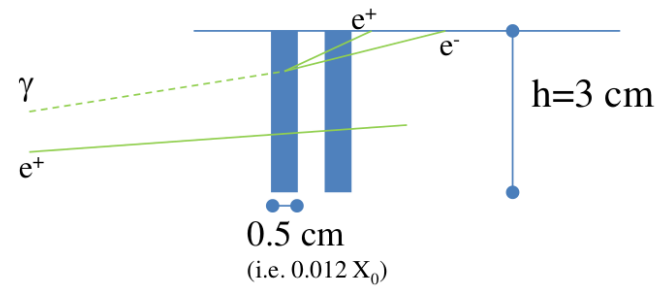
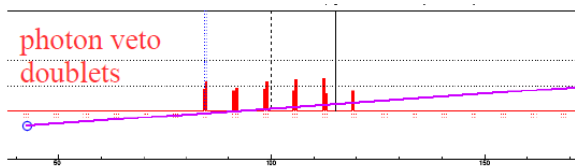
→  $e^+/n^{\pm}/\mu$  separation



## Integrated photon veto

Plastic scintillators  
 Rings of  $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$  pads

→  $n^0$  rejection



$e^+$  (signal) topology



$\pi^0$  (background) topology



$\pi^+$  (background) topology

# $K_{e3}$ 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.

## Analysis chain

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.

$e/\pi/\mu$  separation



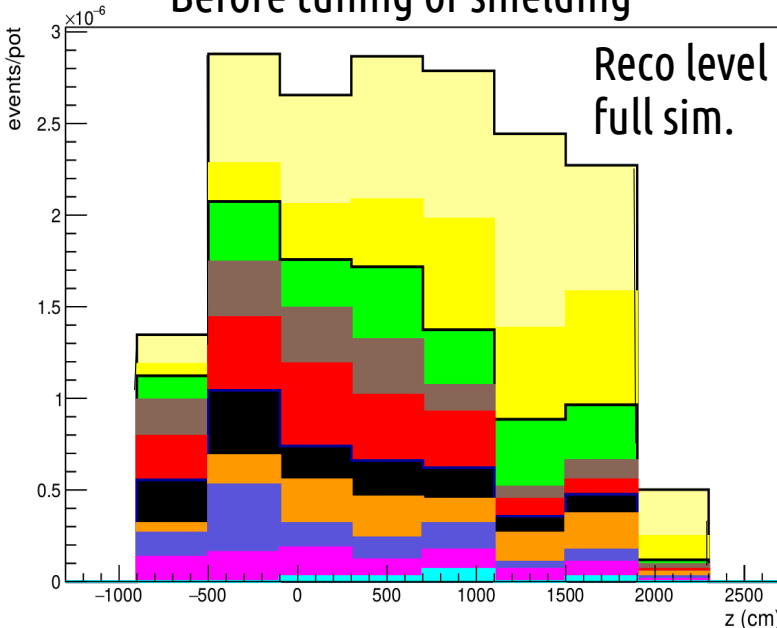
**Multivariate** analysis based on **6 variables** (pattern of the energy deposition in the calorimeter) with TMVA

$e/\gamma$  separation



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

Before tuning of shielding



- $K_{e3}$
- $K$  other dec.
- $\pi^+$
- $\pi^-$
- $e^-$
- $e^+$
- $\gamma$
- $\mu^+$
- $p$
- $n$

$\epsilon_{\text{geom}}$	0.36
$\epsilon_{\text{sel}}$	0.55
$\epsilon_{\text{tot}}$	0.20
Purity	0.26
S/N	0.36

$\phi$  cut  $\rightarrow$  0.46

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

# Time tagged neutrino beams ?

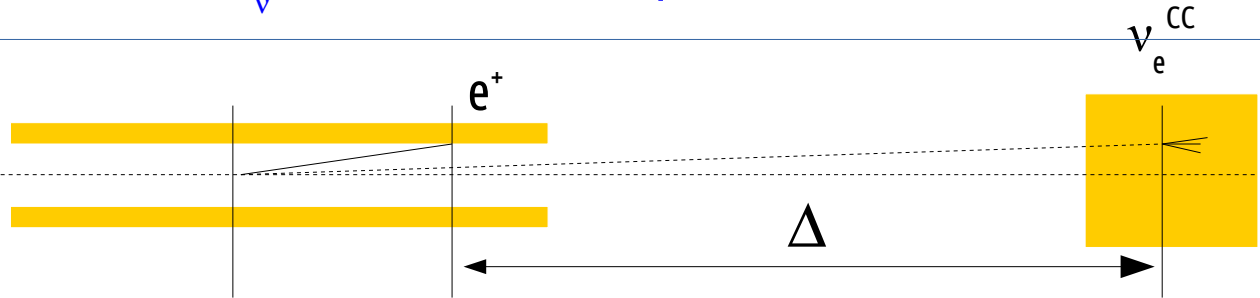


- Event time dilution → **Time-tagging**
- **Associating a single neutrino interaction to a tagged  $e^+$  with a small “accidental coincidence” probability through time coincidences**

$E_\nu$  and flavor of the  $\nu$  measured "a priori" event by event.

Compare “ $E_\nu$  from decay kinematics” ↔ “ $E_\nu$  from  $\nu$  interaction products”

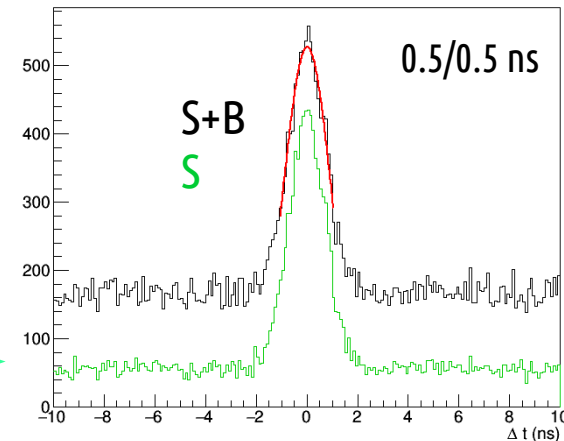
Time coincidence of  $\nu_e^{CC}$  and  $e^+$   $|\delta t - \Delta/c| < \delta$



$\delta$  = combined t-resolution ( $e^+$  tagger and  $\nu$  detector)

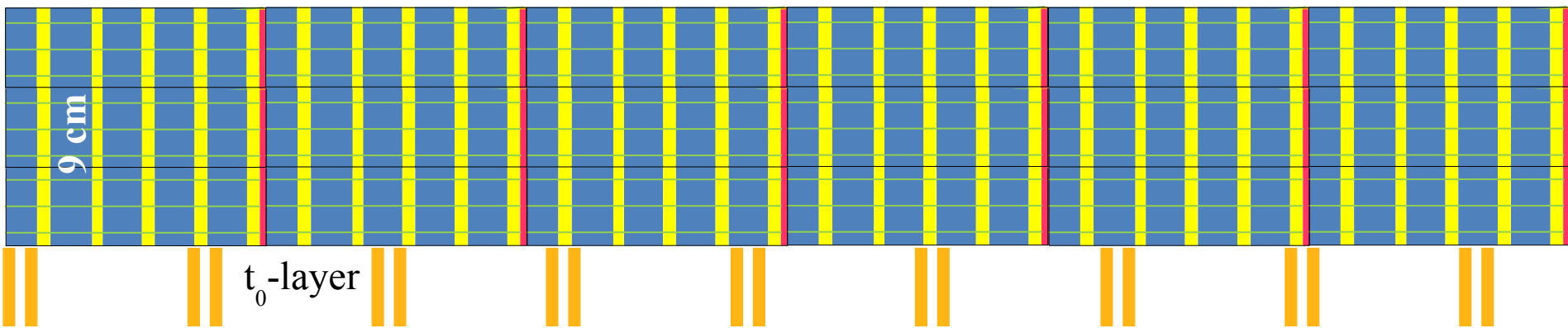
Presently with  $2.5 \times 10^{13}$  pot / 2s slow extraction:  
 genuine  $K_{e3}$  cand. : 80 MHz → 1 every ~ 12 ns  
 background  $K_{e3}$  cand. ~ 2 x → 1 cand. every ~ 4 ns

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



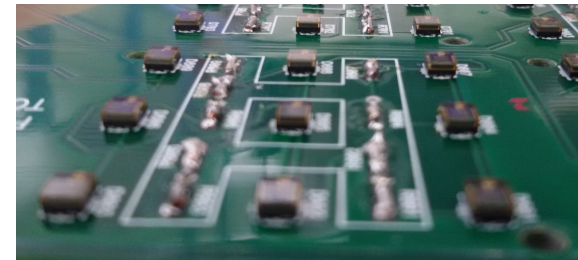


# The tagger: shashlik with integrated readout

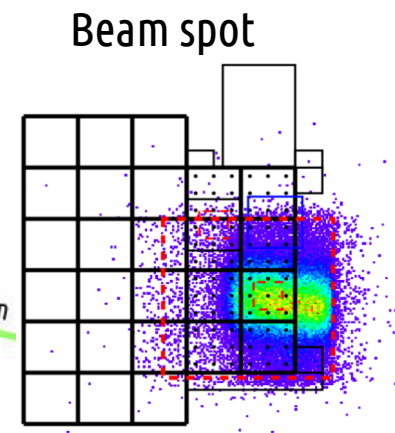
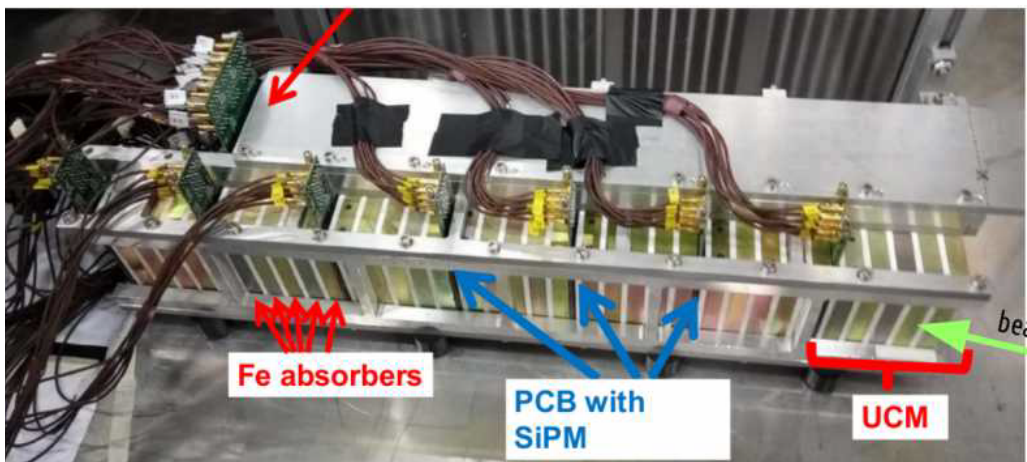
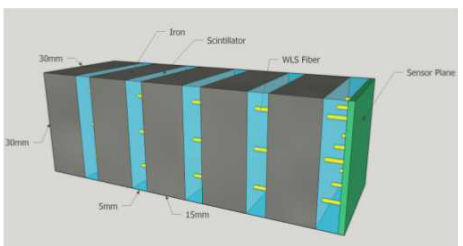


10 cm = 5 X<sub>0</sub>

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



CERN PS test beam Nov 2016



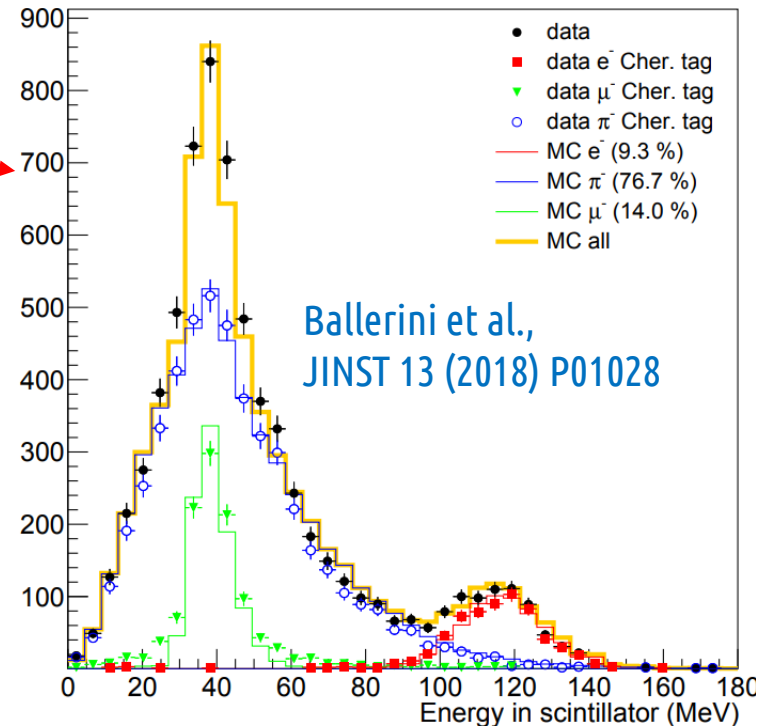
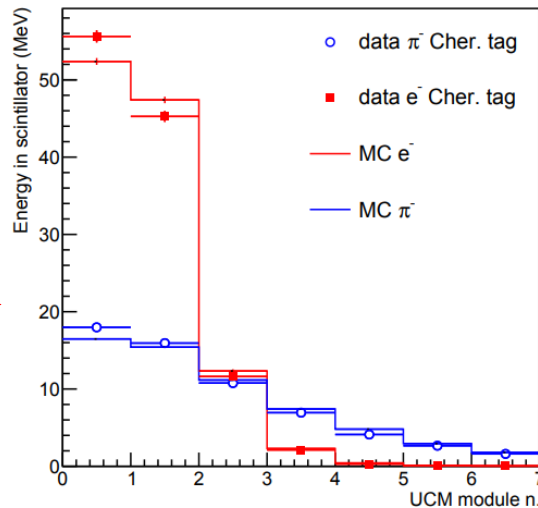
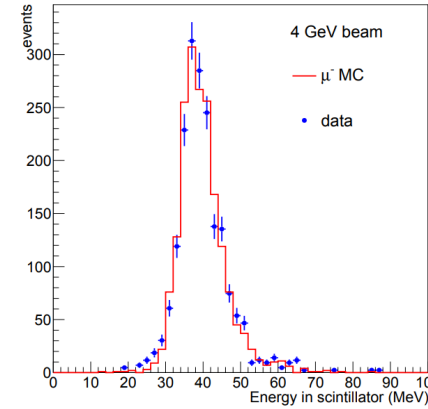
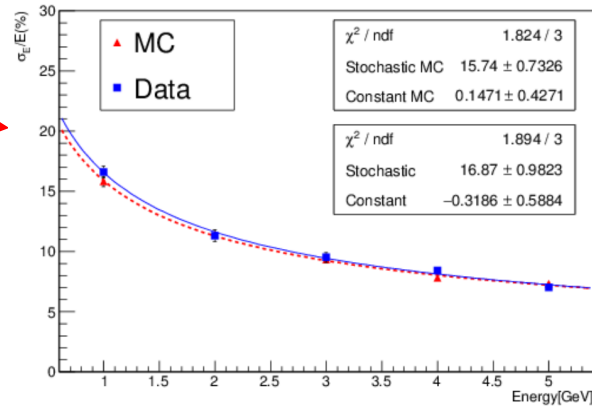
# Test beam results with shashlik readout



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

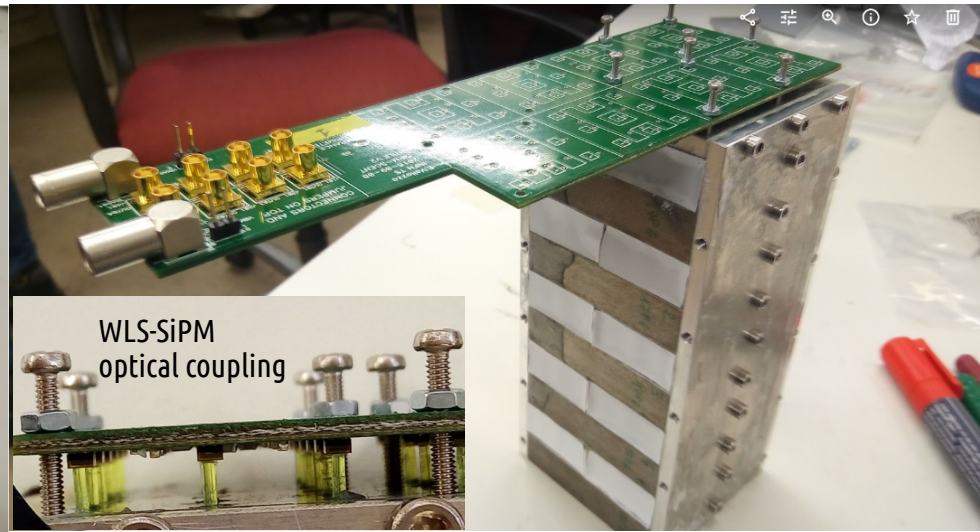
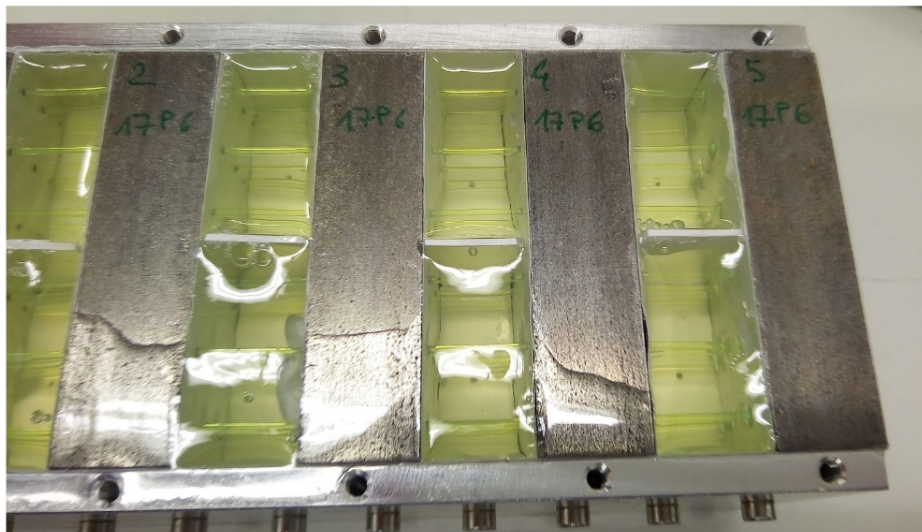
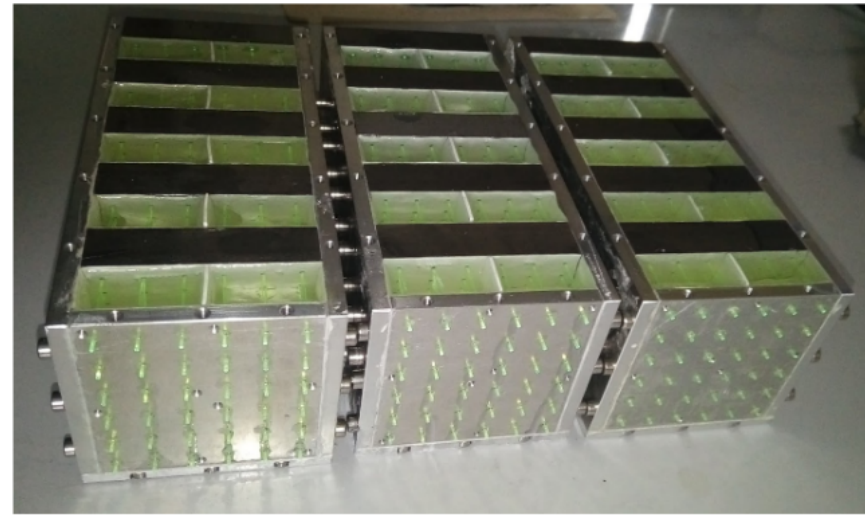
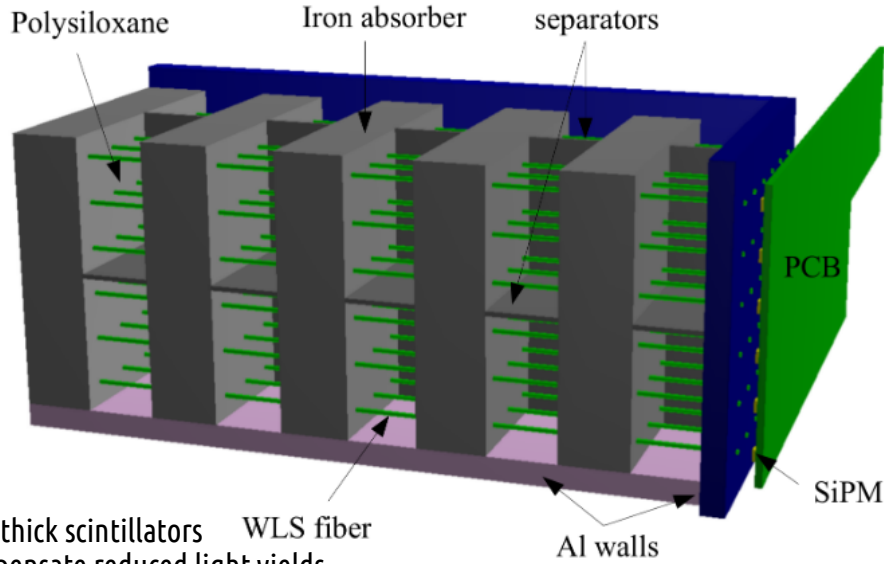
## Tested response to MIP, e and $\pi^-$

- e.m. energy resolution:  $17\%/\sqrt{E}$  (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 non-uniformities
- Equalizing UCM response with mips MC/data already in good agreement
- longitudinal profiles of partially contained  $\pi$  reproduced by MC @ 10% precision



# Polysiloxane shashlik prototypes

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

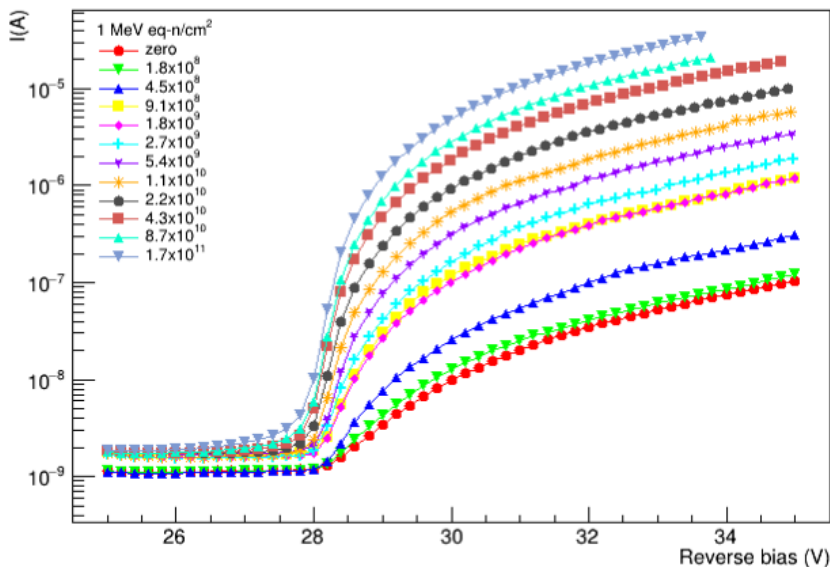


# SiPM irradiation measurements at INFN-LNL and CERN

- @ the CN Van de Graaf on July 2017 → 1-3 MeV n with fluences up to  $10^{12}/\text{cm}^2$  in a few hours

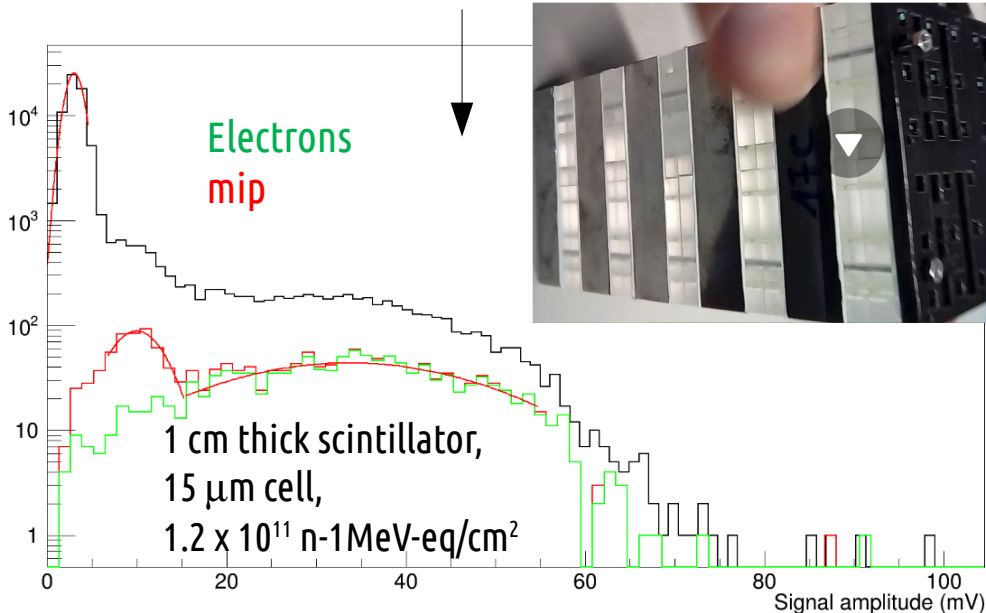
Dark current vs bias at increasing n fluences

FBK HD-RGB  $1 \times 1 \text{mm}^2$   $12 \mu\text{m}$  cell size



F. Acerbi et al., Irradiation and performance of RGB-HD SiliconPhotomultipliers for calorimetric applications, JINST 14 (2019) P02029

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



(FBK-HD-RB Advansid)

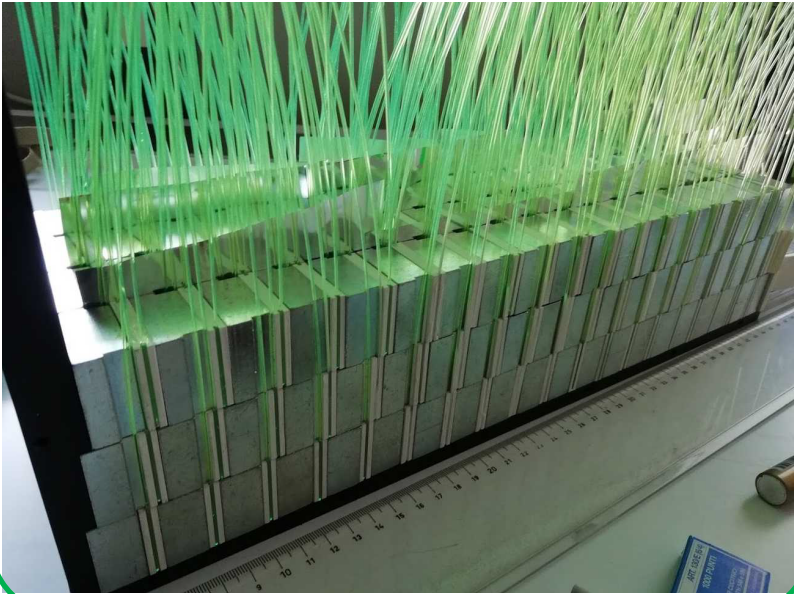
- By choosing SiPM cell size and scintillator thickness (~light yield) properly mip signals remain well separated from the noise even after typical expected irradiation levels
- Mips can be used from channel-to-channel intercalibration even after maximum irradiation.



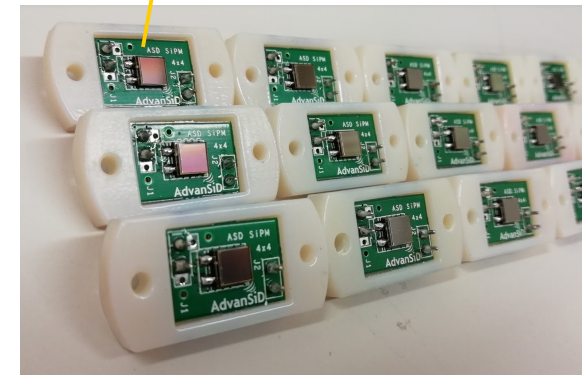
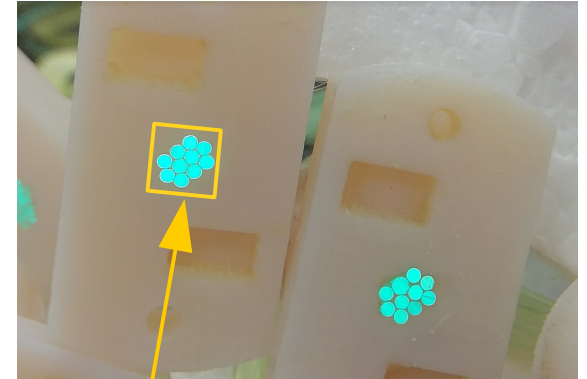
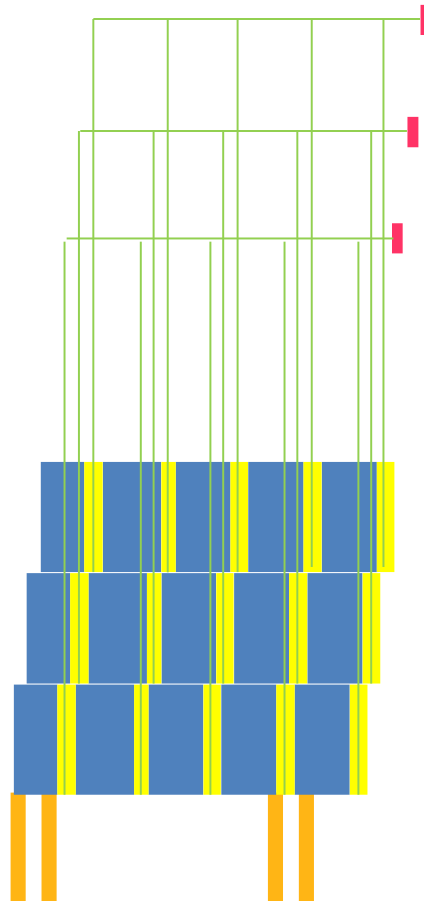
# The tagger: lateral readout option

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**.

Sampling calorimeter with lateral WLS light collection



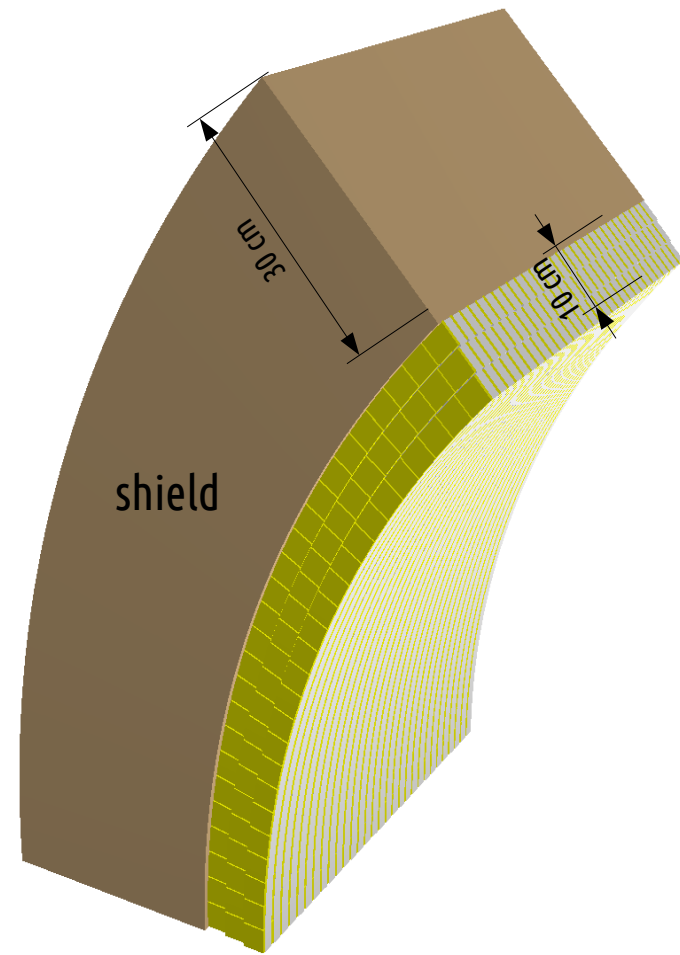
May 2018, CERN-PS test beam



Large SiPM for 10 WLS  
4x4 mm<sup>2</sup>

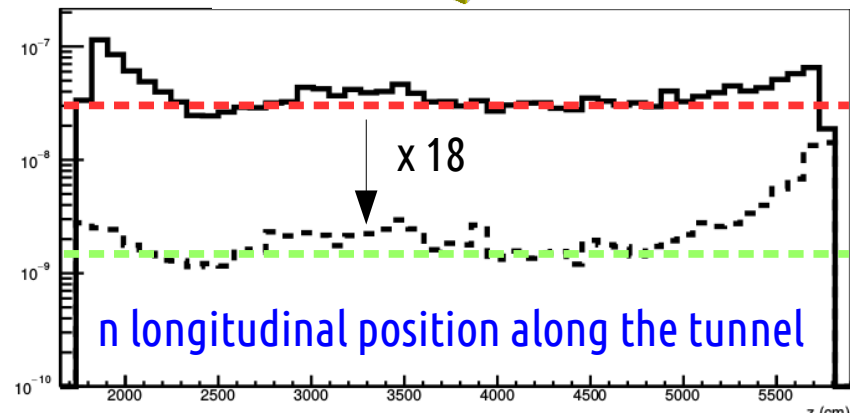
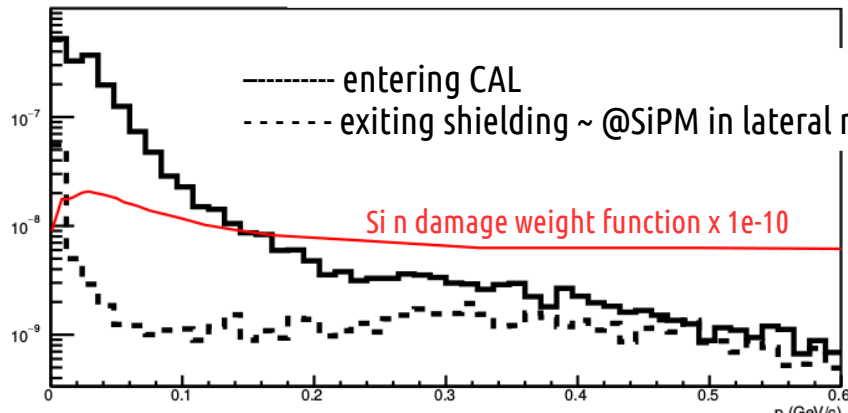
# Achievable neutron reduction with lateral readout

- 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.



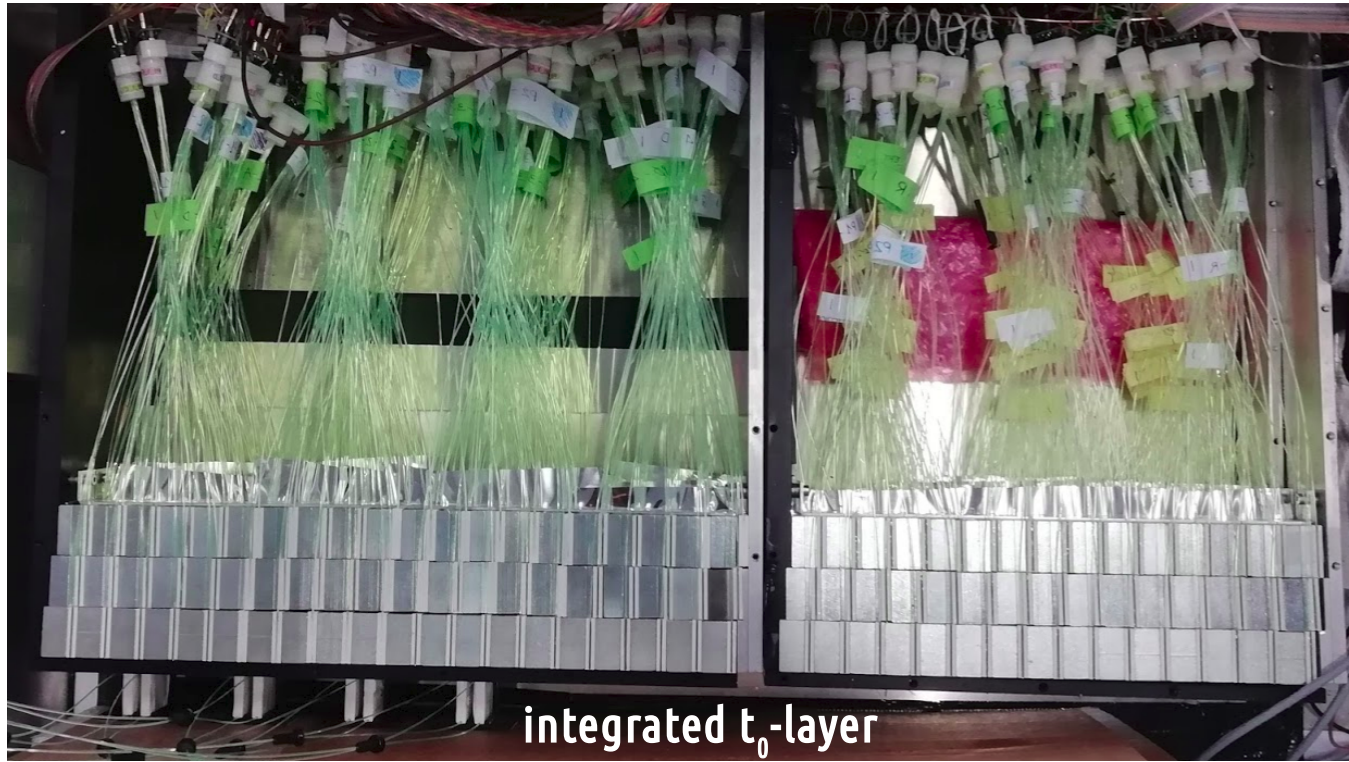
Neutron energy

preliminary

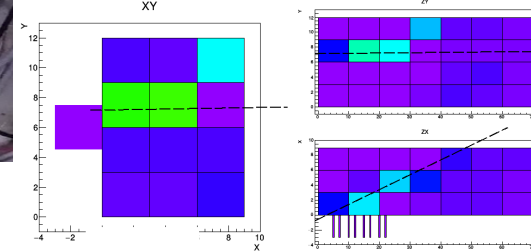
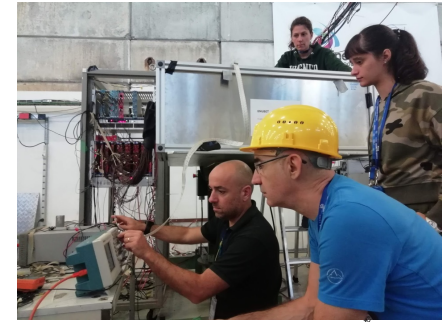


# The Tagger – Detector R&D

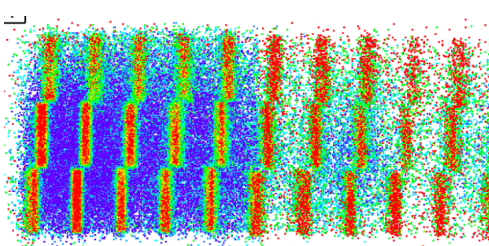
September 2018 CERN-PS: a module with hadronic cal. for pion containment and integrated  $t_0$ -layer



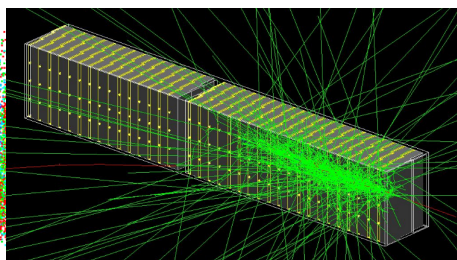
- Good signal amplitude
- Checking impact of light connection uniformity and reproducibility of WLS-SiPM optical match. In progress.



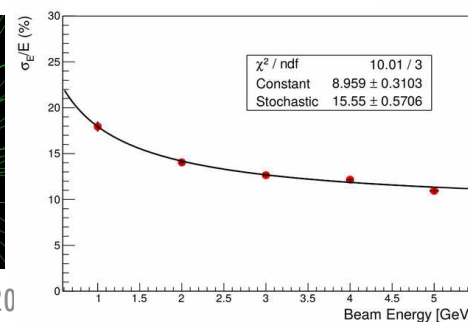
## Efficiency maps



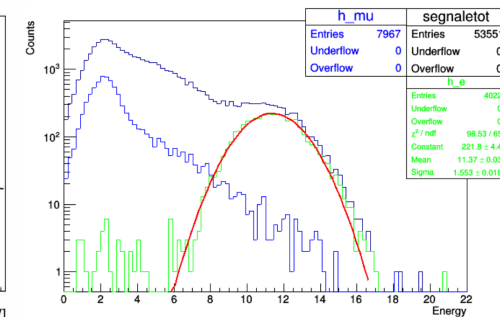
## Simulation



## Resolution

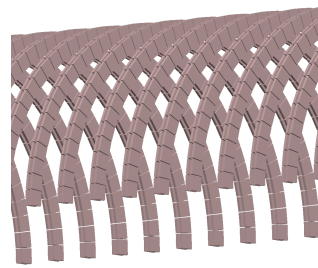


## PID



# The photon veto

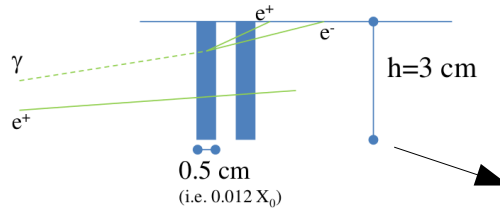
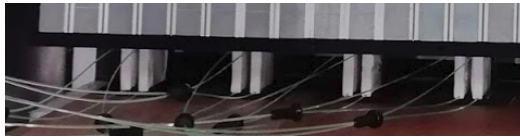
@ CERN-PS T9 line 2016-2018



## • $\gamma / e^+$ discrimination + timing

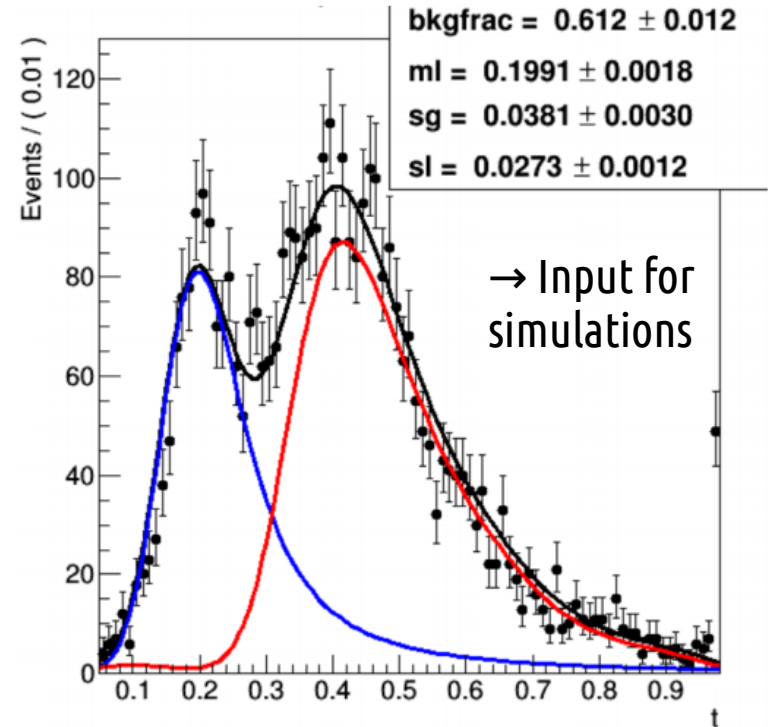
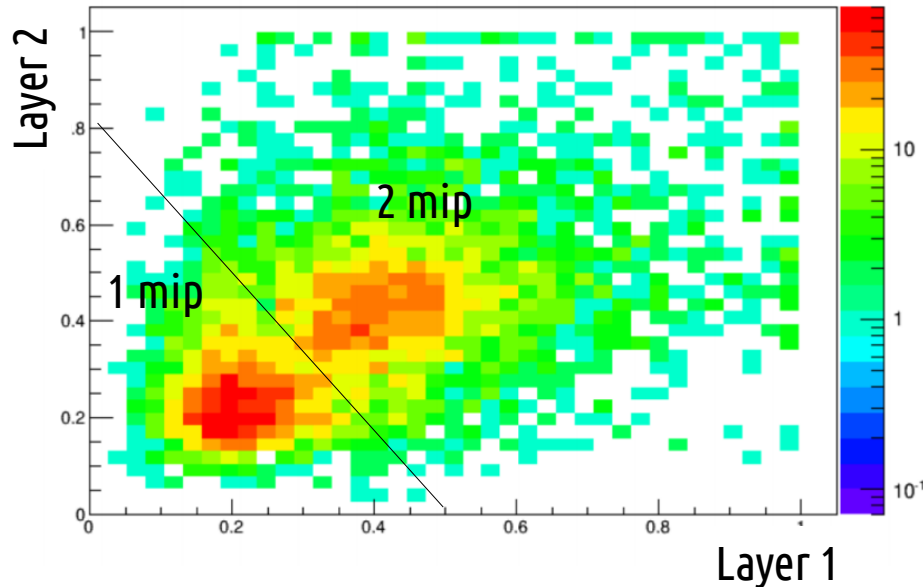
scintillator ( $3 \times 3 \times 0.5 \text{ cm}^3$ ) + WLS Fiber (40 cm) + SiPM

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



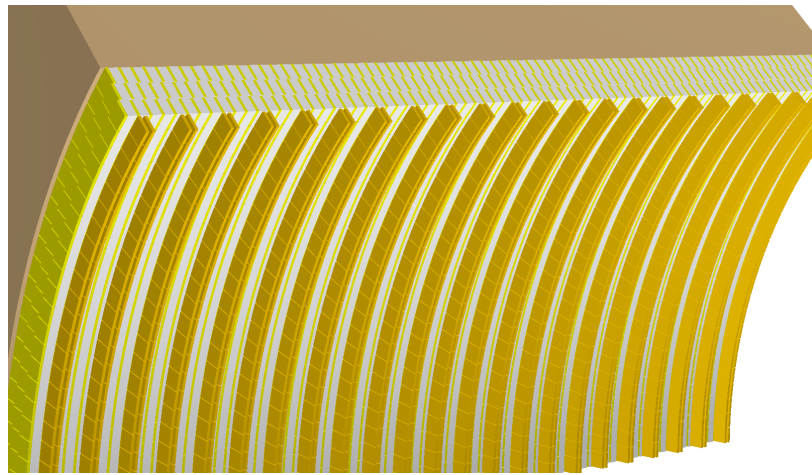
charge exchange:  $\pi^- p \rightarrow n \pi^0 (\rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

Trigger: PM1 + VETO + PM2

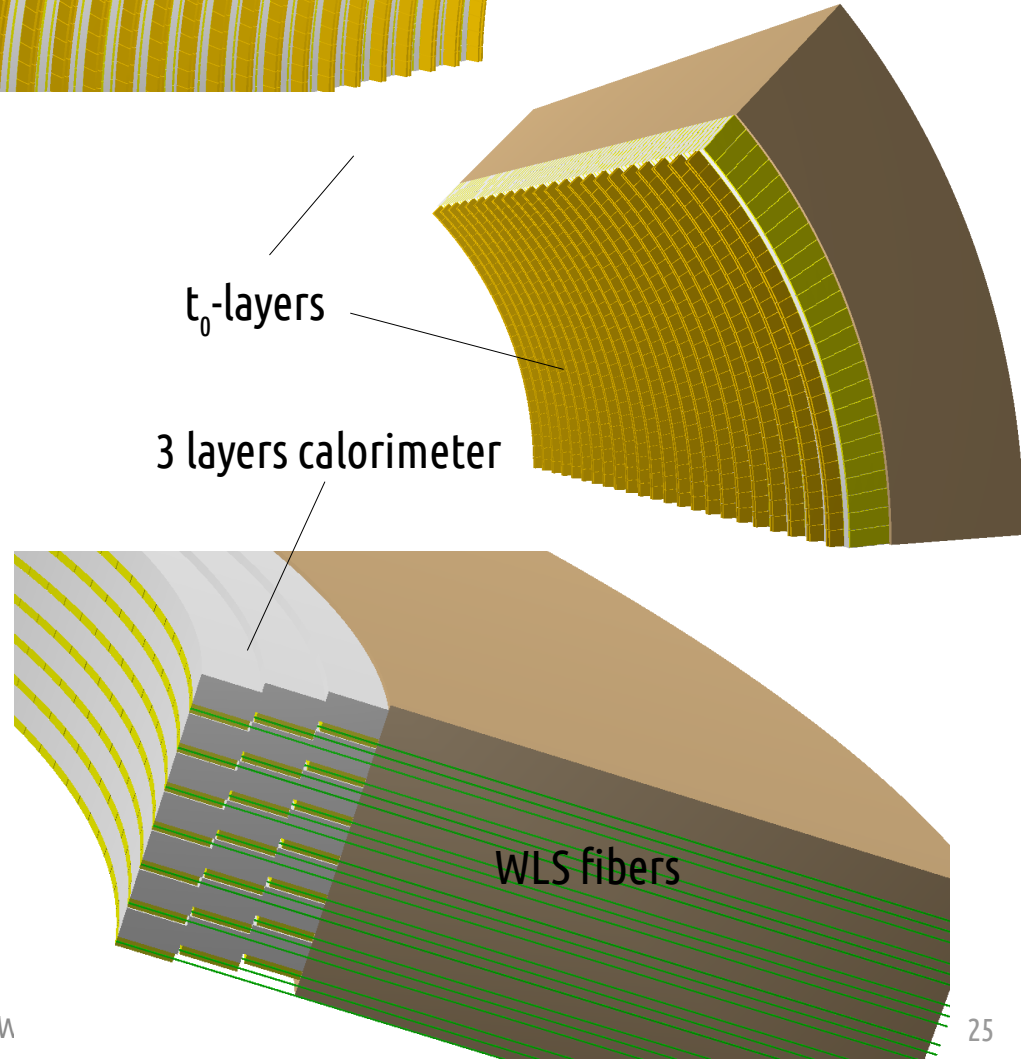
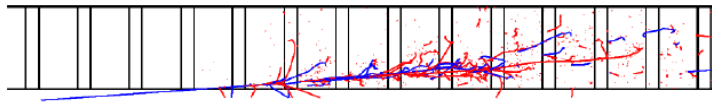




# The tagger demonstrator



- Length ~ 3 m
  - allows the containment of shallow angle particles in realistic conditions
- Fraction of  $\phi$
- Due by 2021



# 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

132<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SPSC, 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>/01/2019  
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2654613/files/SPSC-132.pdf>

228<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Research Board, 5/3/2019  
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2668519/files/M-228.pdf>

## MoU being finalized

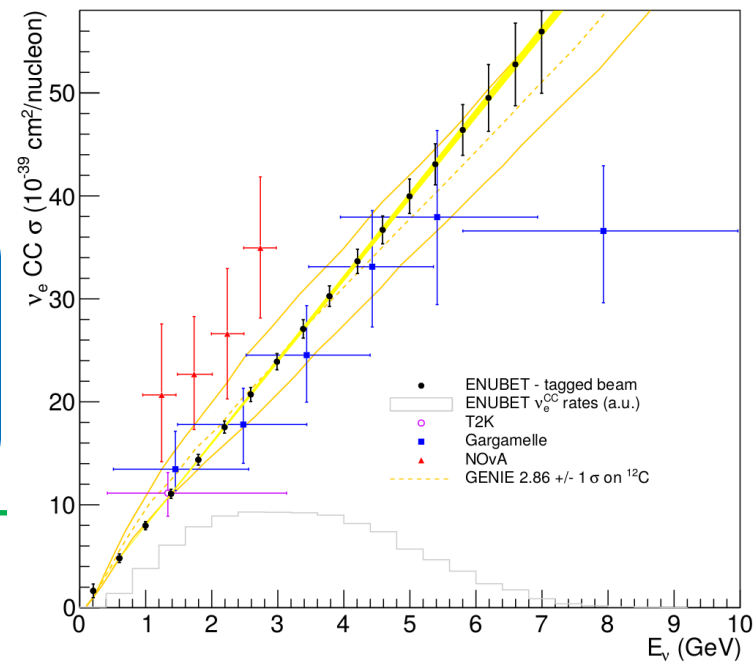
5.12 The physics case of the **ENUBET** project and the exciting possibilities of a tagged neutrino beam are recognized by the SPSC. The committee recognizes the technological development for a neutrino beam without a horn using a quadrupole-based solution, and appreciates the close collaboration of 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**

# Conclusions

ENUBET is a **narrow band beam** with a high **precision monitoring** of the flux at source ( $O(1\%)$ ) and control of the  $E_\nu$  spectrum ( $20\% @ 1 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow 8\% @ 3 \text{ GeV}$ )

In the first two and a half years

- first **end-to-end simulation of the beamline**
- Tested the **“burst” slow extraction** scheme at the CERN-SPS
- feasibility of a **purely static focusing system** ( $10^6 \nu_\mu^{CC}$ ,  $10^4 \nu_e^{CC} / \text{y}/500 \text{ t}$ )
- **full simulation of  $e^+$  reconstruction: single particle level monitoring**
- completed the **test beams** campaign before LS2
- Strengthened the **physics case**:  $\rightarrow$  slow extraction + **“narrow band off-axis technique”**



The ENUBET technique is **very promising** and the results we got so far **exceeded our expectations**

# Next steps

- 2019: freeze **light readout technology** (shashlik versus “lateral readout” )
- 2019: Further **tuning of the beamline design** (improve current S/N for e<sup>+</sup>)
- Full assessment of **systematics** on the neutrino fluxes
- **CDR** at the end of the project (2021): **physics and costing**
- Build the **demonstrator prototype** of the tagger (2021)

Grazie !



# Backup

# Time tagged neutrino beams: challenges

- Proton extraction  $\sim 2s$  → Static focusing with slow extraction is mandatory
- $\sigma_t$  of the tagger  $< 1$  ns → OK
- $\sigma_t$  of the  $\nu$  detector  $< 1$  ns → Feasible but at the limit of present technology
- Cosmic background  $\times 10$  → Foresee overburden/cosmic ray tagger
- small  $K^+$  momentum bite → Feasible but implies flux reduction  
(not to spoil the  $\nu_e$  energy reco.)
- Tagger-detector time sync.  $\ll 1$  ns → OK (direct optical links)

In parallel to the  $t_0$ -layer baseline option (light plastic scintillator tracker) we are considering alternative technologies (NUTECH project MIUR).

Improve the timing both:

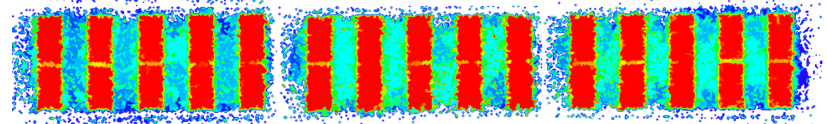
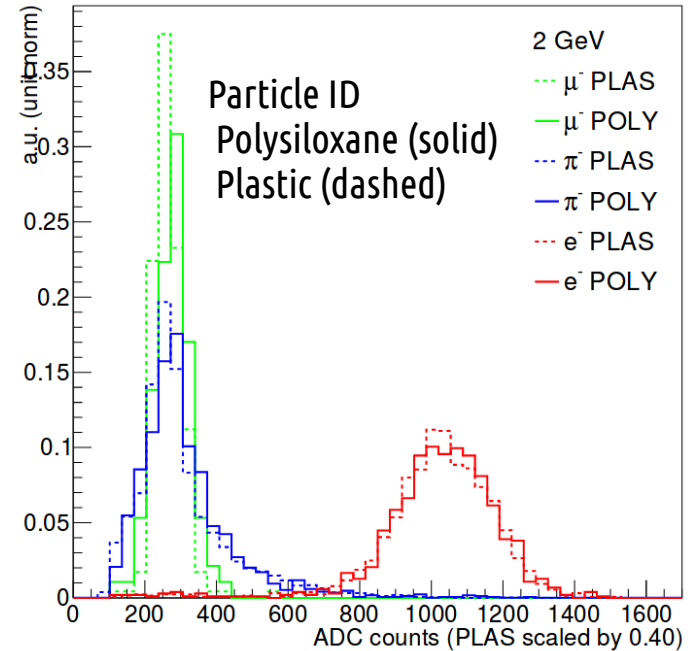
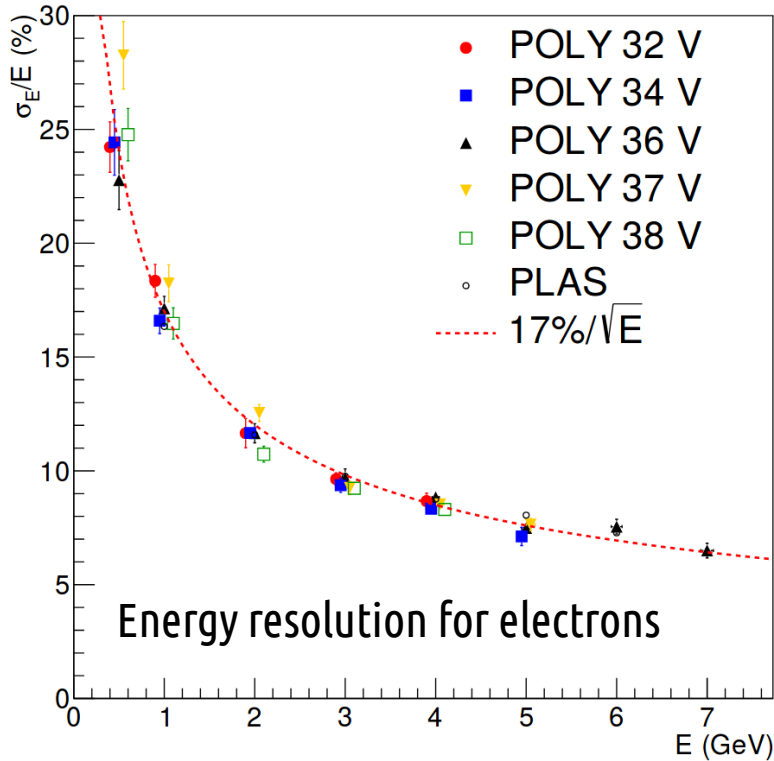
- at the tagger
  - direct readout of cherenkov light, LYSO crystals with embedded SiPM, MicroMegs
- and at the neutrino detector side
  - SiPM based readout of Ar scintillation light

# Polysiloxane shashlik prototypes

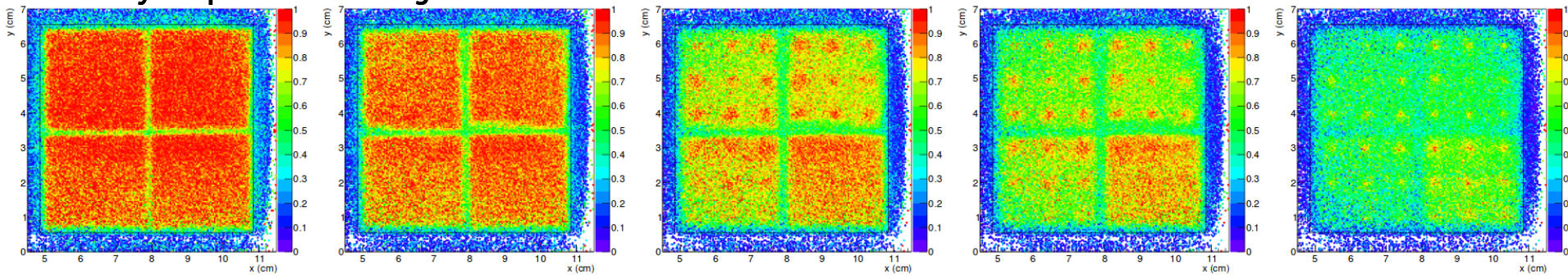
Light yield (normalized to thickness) is  $\sim 1/3$  of plastic scintillator

→ 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



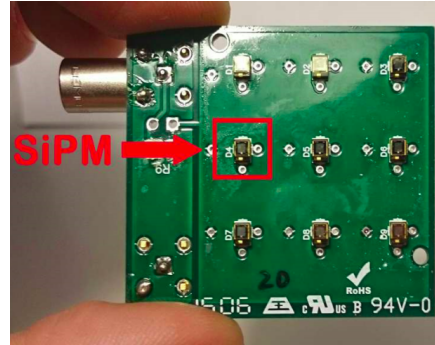
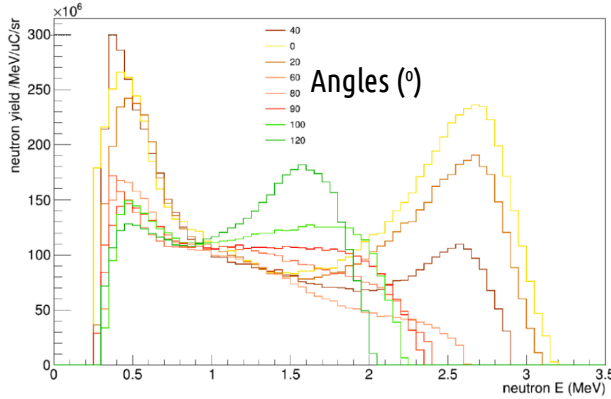
Efficiency maps at increasing thresholds →



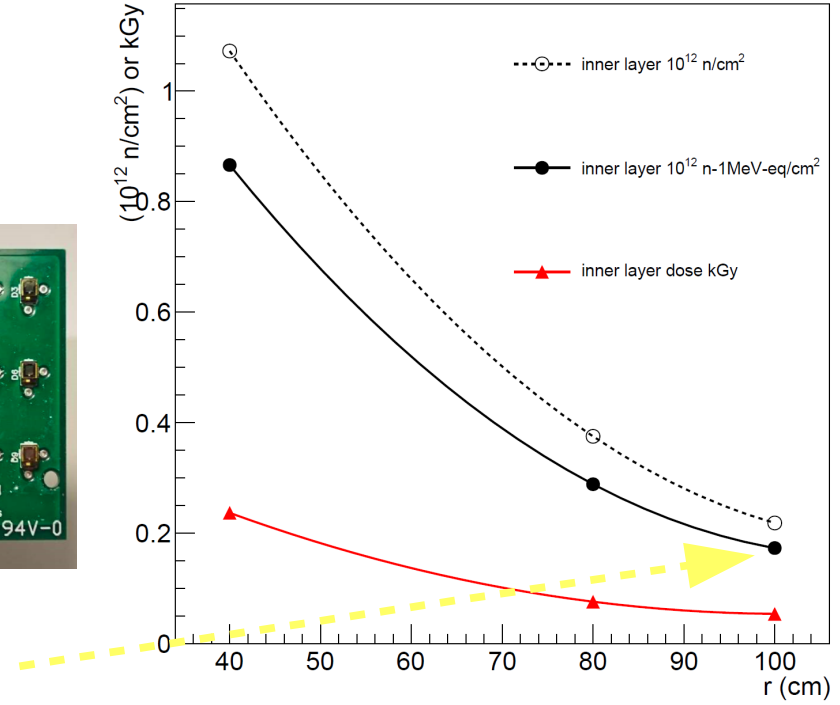
# SiPM irradiation measurements at INFN-LNL

- SiPM were irradiated at the CN Van de Graaf on July 2017
- 7MV and 5 mA proton currents on a Be target
- ${}^9\text{Be}(p,n){}^9\text{B}$ ,  ${}^9\text{Be}(p,n\alpha)2\alpha$ ,  ${}^9\text{Be}(p,n\alpha){}^8\text{Be}$  and  ${}^9\text{Be}(p,n\alpha){}^5\text{Li}$
- $\rightarrow$  1-3 MeV n with fluences up to  $10^{12}/\text{cm}^2$  in a few hours

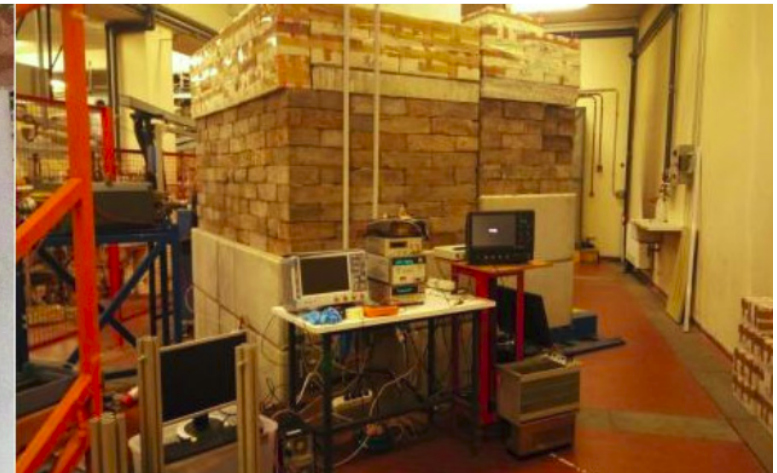
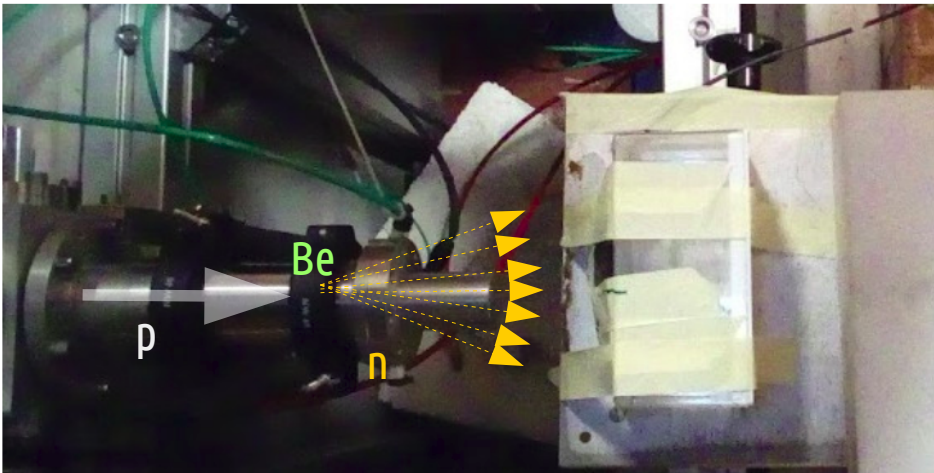
n spectra (from previous works at the same facility)



## Expected n doses from K decays (FLUKA)



$\rightarrow$  Tested 12, 15 and 20  $\mu\text{m}$  SiPM cells up to  $\sim 2 \times 10^{11} \text{ n/cm}^2$  1 MeV-eq (max non ionizing dose for  $10^4 \text{ v}_e^{\text{CC}}$  at a 500 t v detector at  $r = 1 \text{ m}$ )

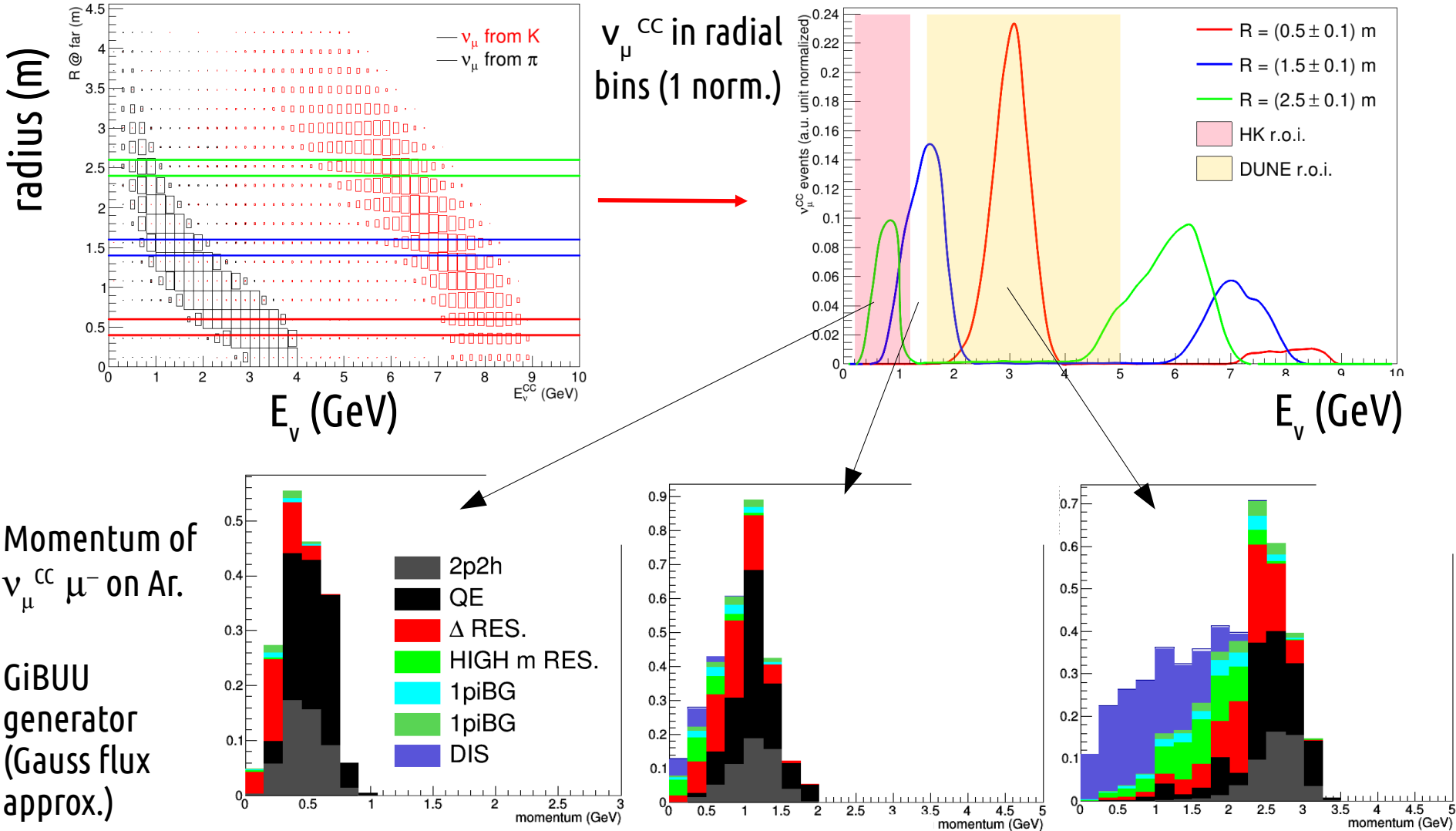




# $\nu_\mu$ CC events at the ENUBET narrow band beam

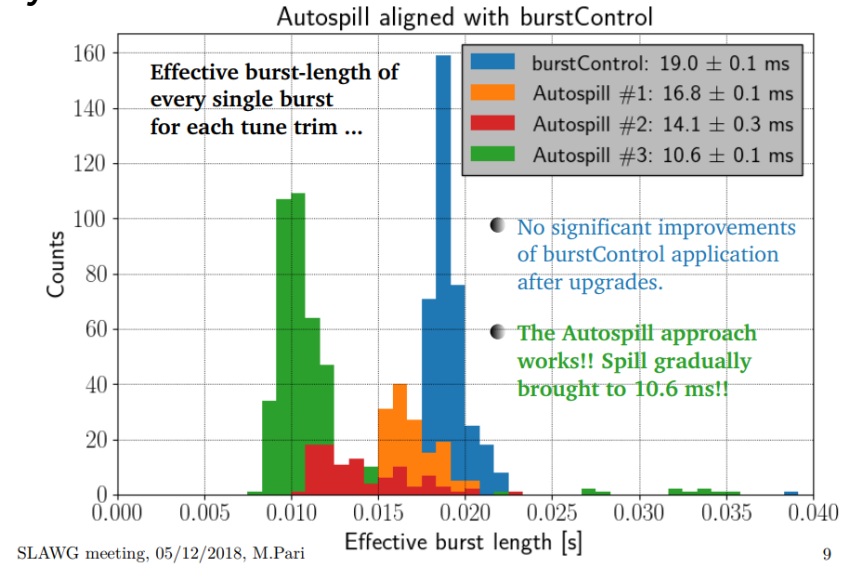
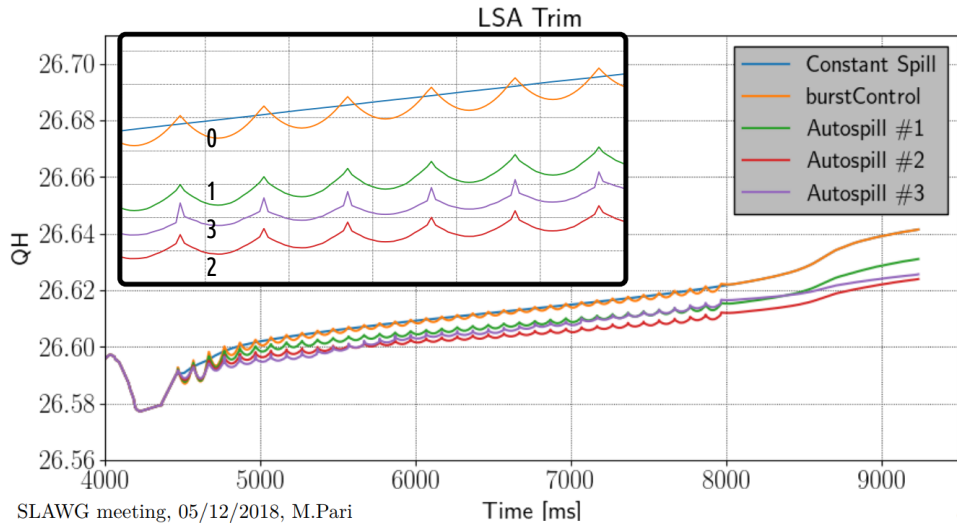
The neutrino energy is a function of the distance of the neutrino vertex from the beam axis.

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

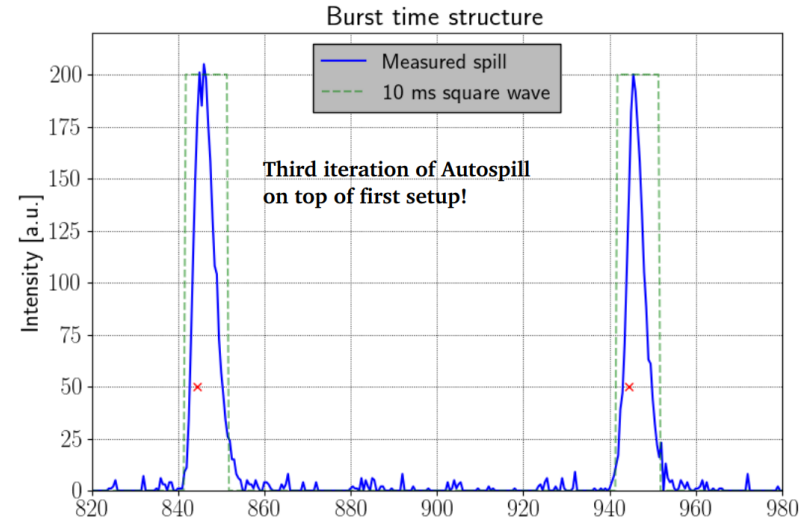


# Machine studies for the horn-based option

- 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.



- 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!**





Padova June 2016



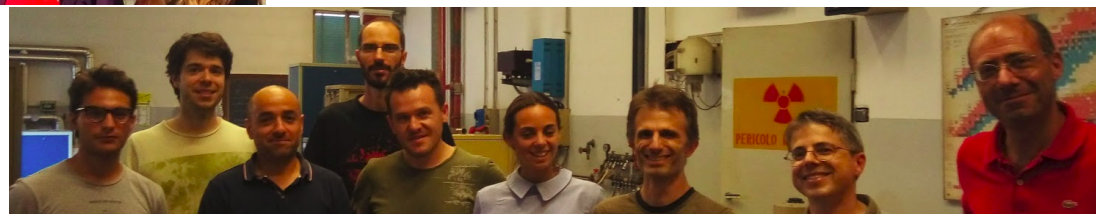
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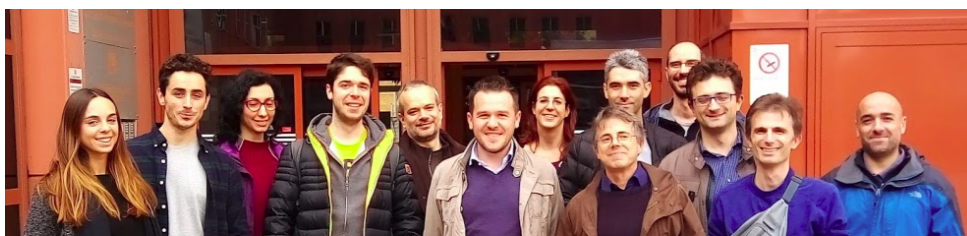


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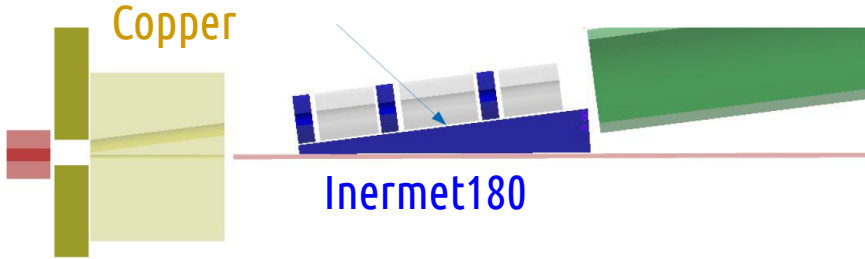
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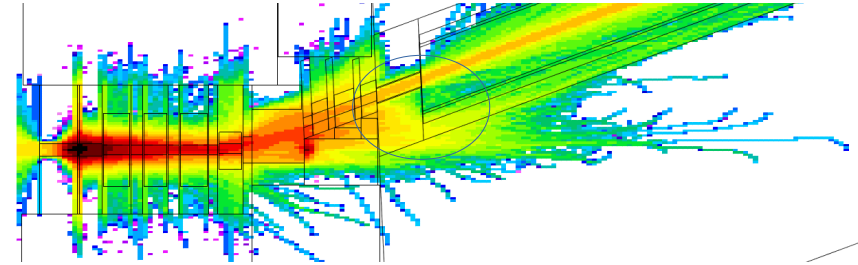
# Beamline shielding tuning studies

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

G4Beamline

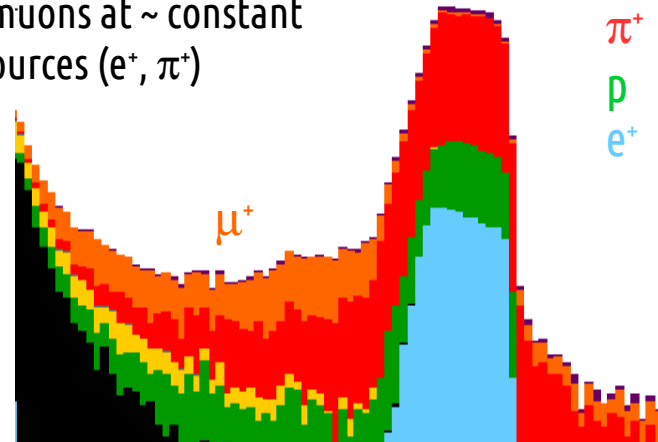
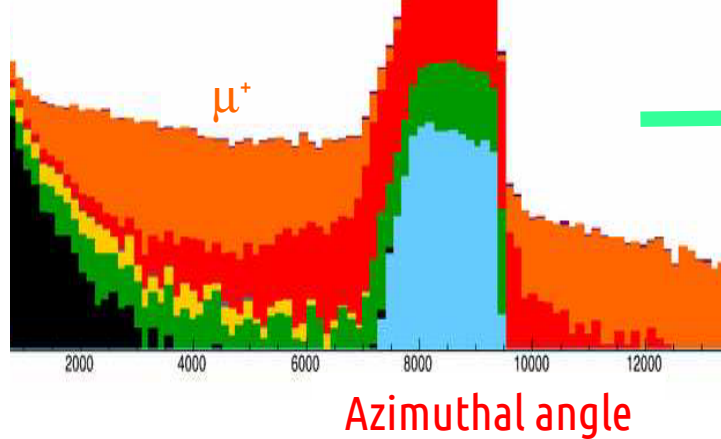


FLUKA (muon energy deposition map)



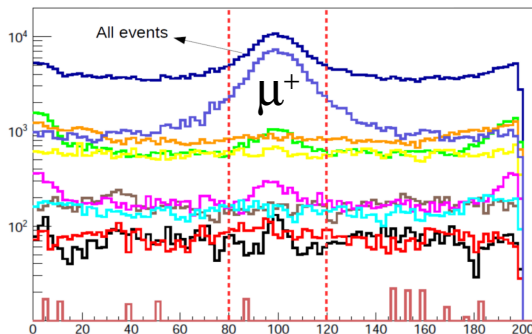
Particle budget @ tagger entrance

Factor >3 reduction in muons at ~ constant background from other sources ( $e^+$ ,  $\pi^+$ )



Azimuthal angle

The bulk of  $\mu^+$  along dipole bending plane



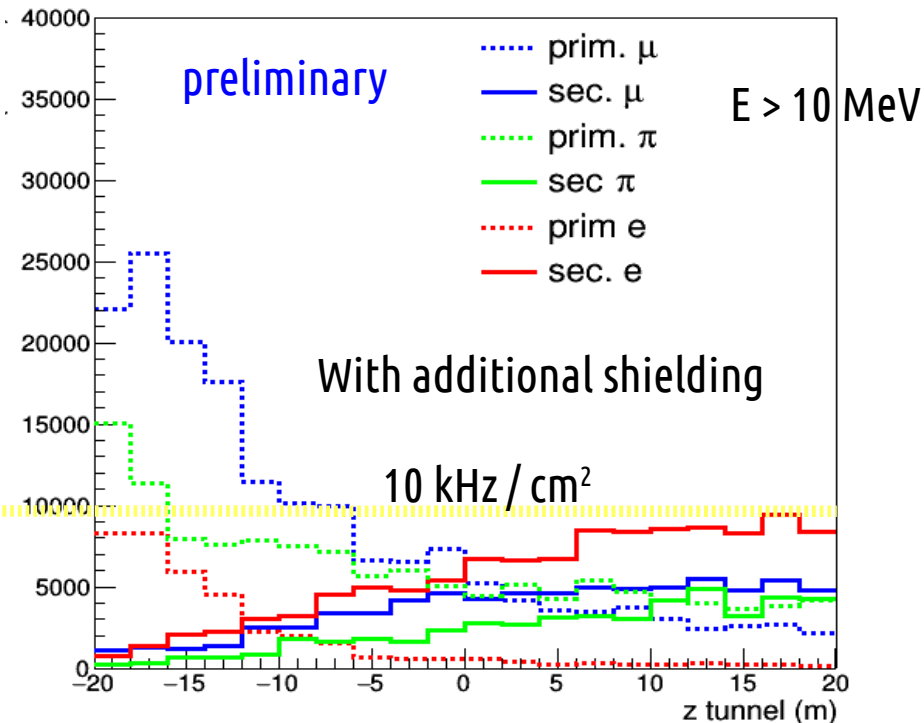
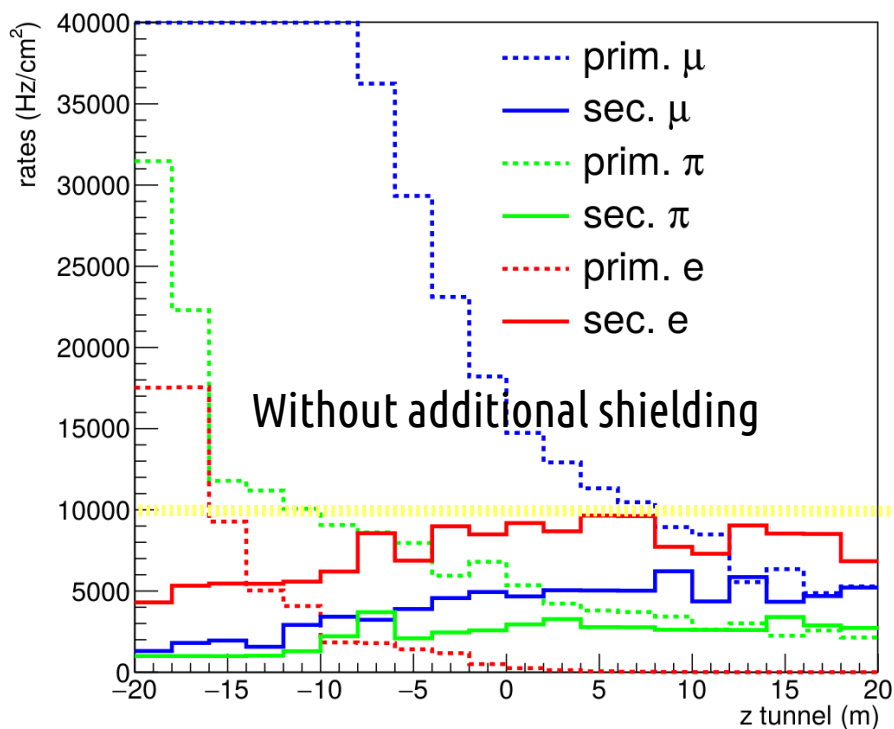
Besides shielding a further reduction of muons can be achieved by removing a section in  $\phi$  in the upstream part of the tagger

# Particle rates in the tunnel

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

Radius = 1 m from the axis of the tunnel

## Rates vs longitudinal position in the tunnel (before any reconstruction)



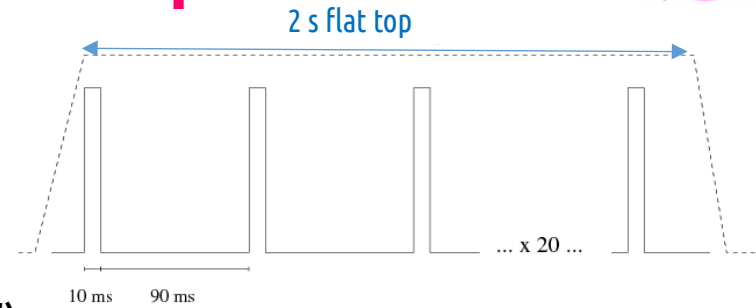
- Primary particles background largely reduced with tuning in the shielding
- The second part of the tunnel is significantly favored in terms of signal-to-background
- With static focusing scheme rates in the second half are below 10 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>

# 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.")

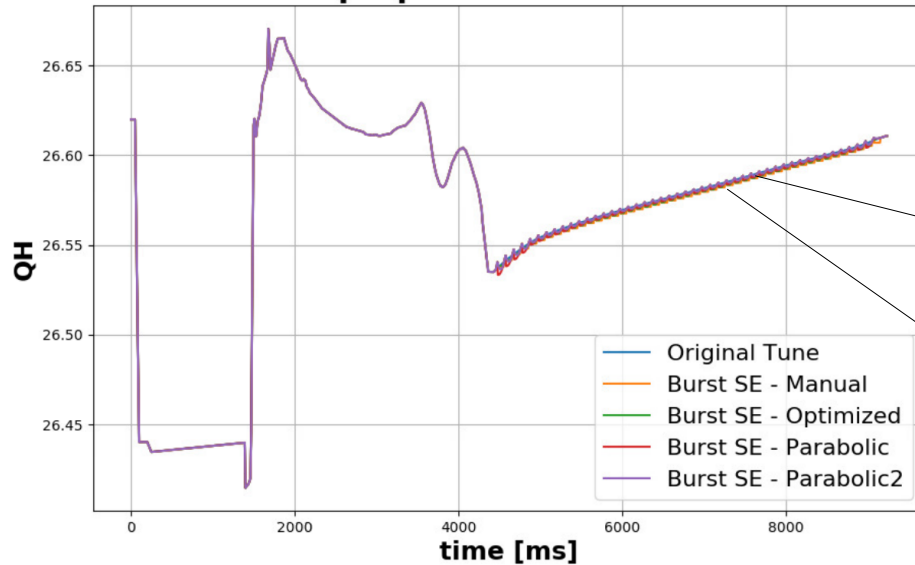


**"burst" slow extraction:** trigger the third integer betatron resonance with a periodic pattern

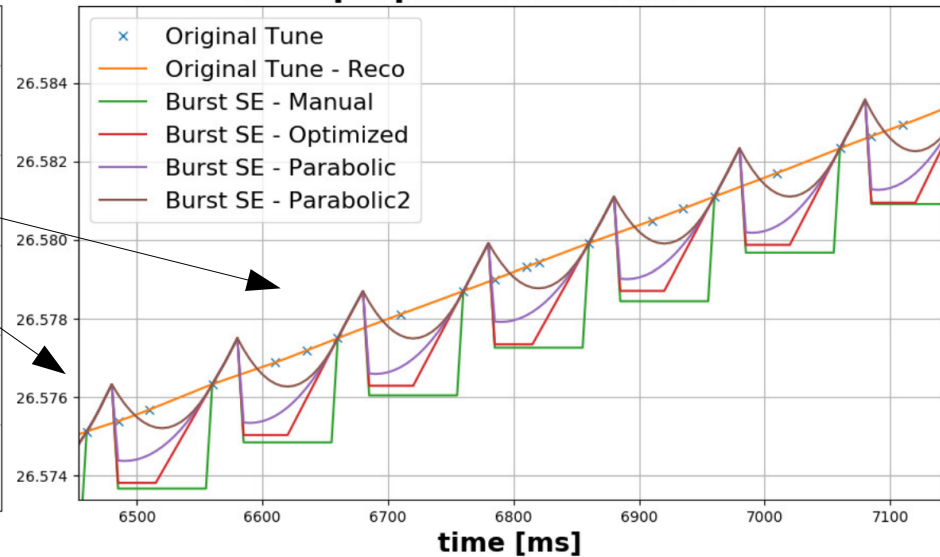
M. Pari (CERN doctoral student, Univ. of Padova) @ SLAWG meeting of 5/12/2019

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/777458/>

New proposed tune functions



New proposed tune functions



# Positron ID from K decay

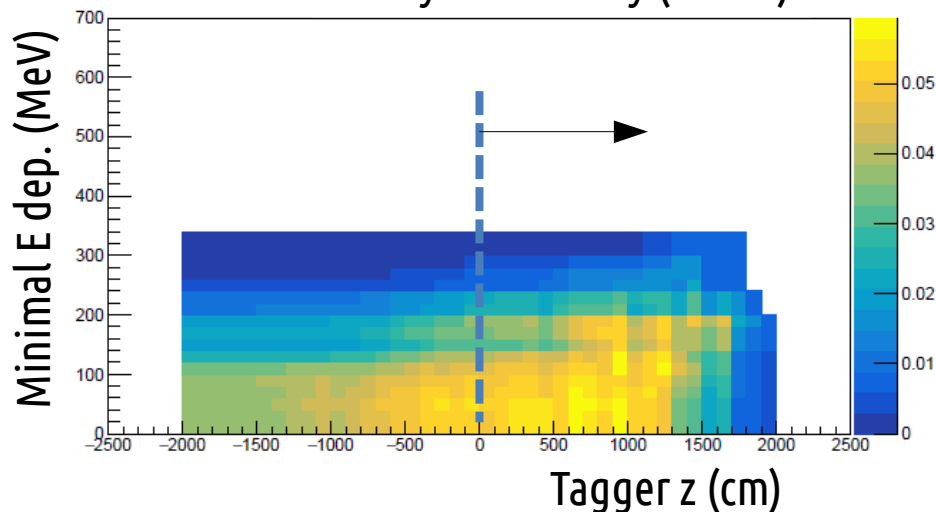
Full **GEANT4 simulation** of the detector, **validated** by prototype tests at CERN in 2016-2018. Includes particle propagation and decay, from the transfer line to the detector, hit-level detector response, pile-up effects.

## Analysis chain

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

- Event Builder** → Identify the seed of the event (UCM with large energy deposit) and cluster neighboring modules (in time and space)
- e/ $\pi$ / $\mu$  separation** → Multivariate analysis based on 6 variables (pattern of the energy deposition in the calorimeter) with TMVA
- e/ $\gamma$  separation** → Signal on the tiles of the photon veto

Purity x Efficiency (Ke3 e<sup>+</sup>)



$\epsilon_{\text{geom}}$	0.36
$\epsilon_{\text{sel}}$	0.55
$\epsilon_{\text{tot}}$	0.20
Purity	0.26
S/N	0.36

$\phi$  cut → 0.46

Instrumenting half of the decay tunnel:  
K<sub>e3</sub> e<sup>+</sup> at single particle level with a S/N = 0.46

# The Tagger – positron ID from K decay

Event Builder



Seed of the event = UCM in first layer with energy deposit  $> 20$  MeV  $\square$  link neighboring modules with time (1ns) and position requirements

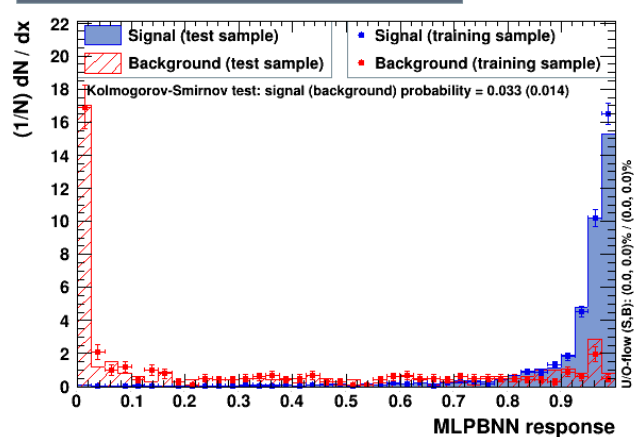
e/n separation

Neural network

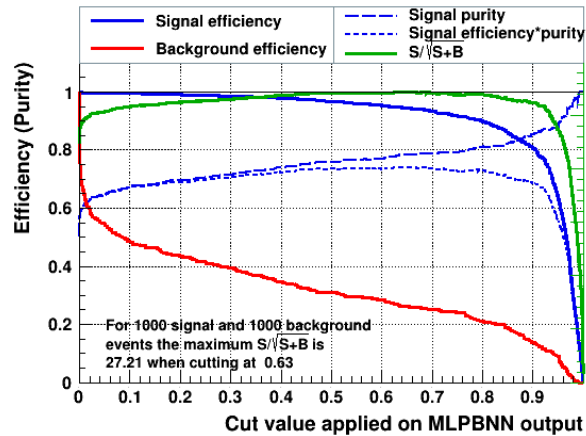
TMVA multivariate analysis based on 5(+6) variables (pattern of the energy deposition in the calorimeter)

## Response to signal and background

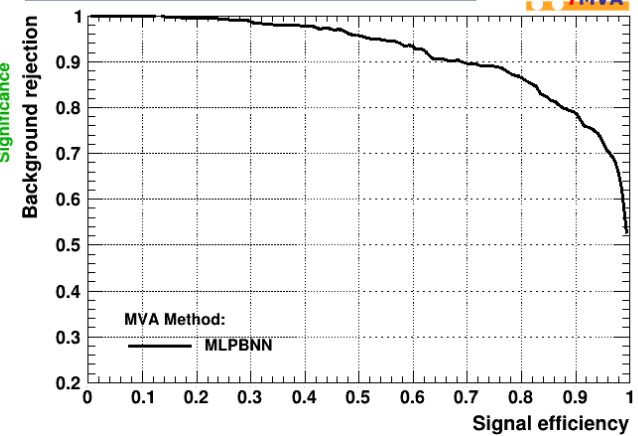
TMVA overtraining check for classifier: MLPBNN



Cut efficiencies and optimal cut value



Background rejection versus Signal efficiency



e/y separation



$n^0$  rejection: we require 3 layers of  $t_0$  before first calorimeter energy deposit compatible with a mip (0.65-1.7 MeV)



