

# NP06-ENUBET report



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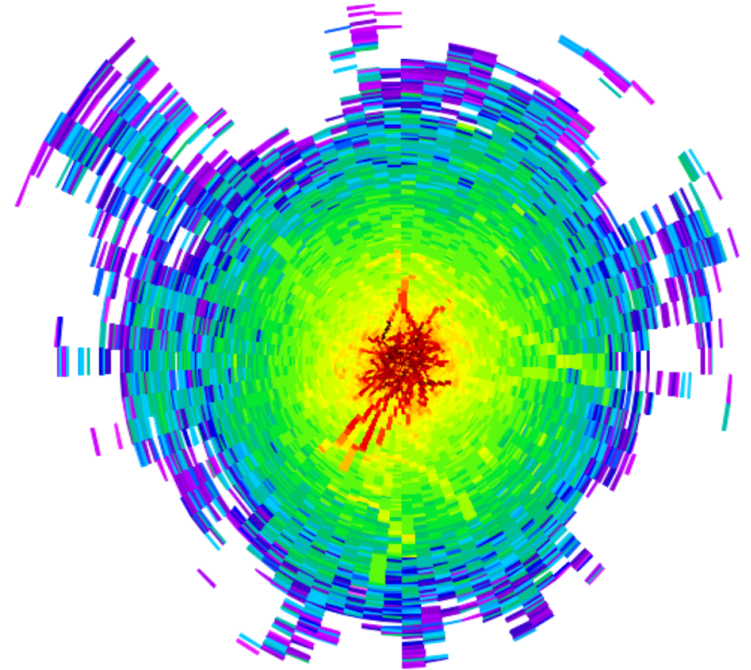
## Highlights

Updates in the beamline study and proton extraction

Improvements in the simulation

Leptons reconstruction in the tagger

Prototyping and steps to the Demonstrator



# Annual report, coll. growth, extension



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New forces from Thessaloniki Univ.

Already active on:

- waveform processing algorithms

Next:

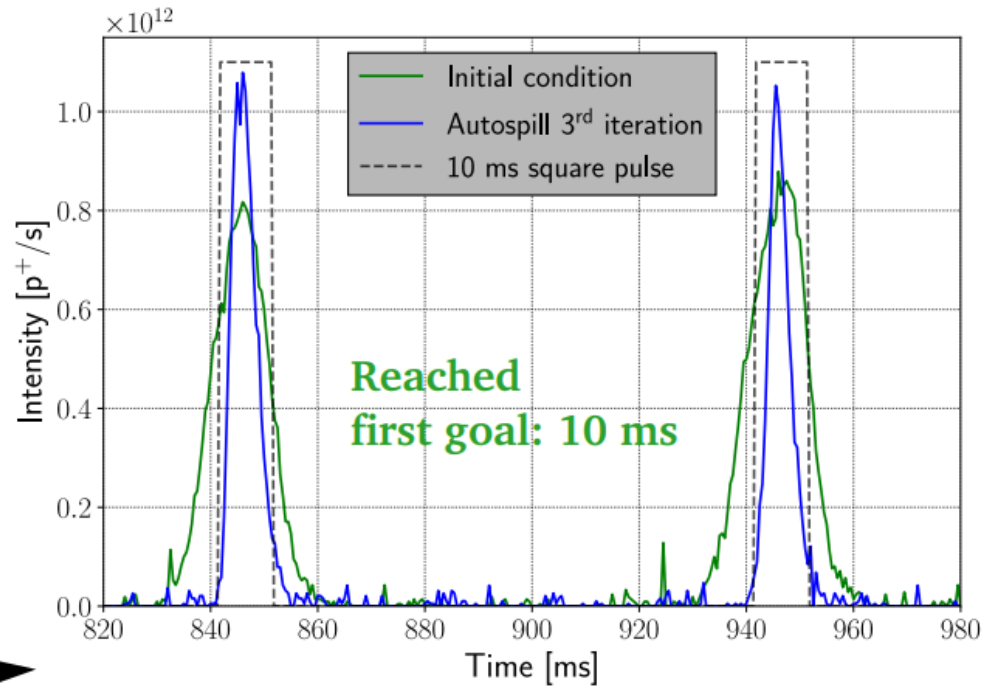
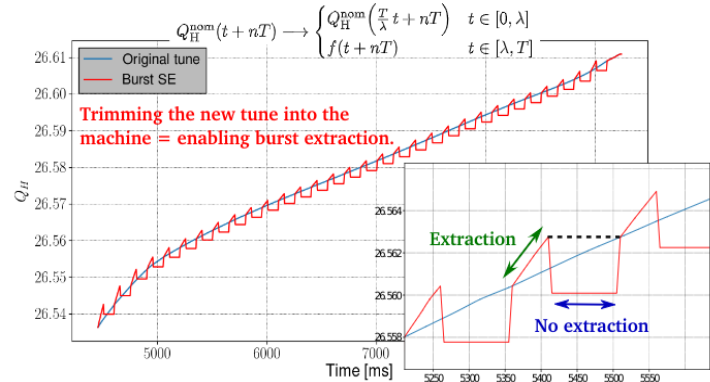
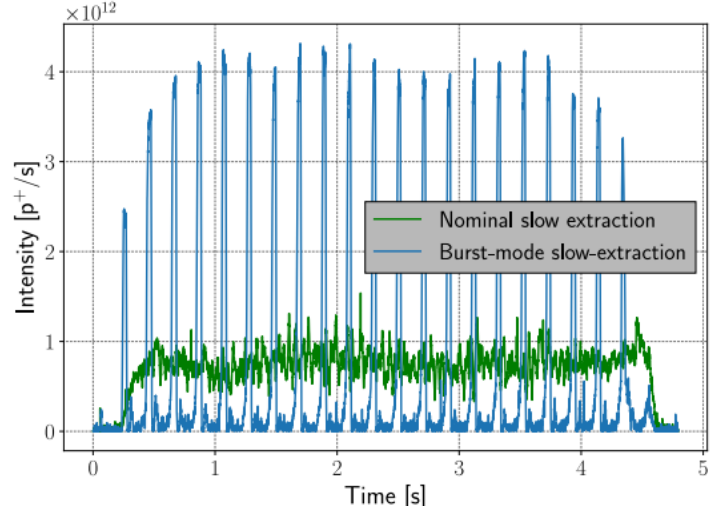
- members of the PICOSEC collaboration (fast MicroMegs with reduced gap)

- instrumentation of the forward region: physics and detector studies (also at next test beams)

The ERC project has been extended by 12 months up to June 2022.

# Proton extraction R&D for horn focusing

before LS2: burst mode slow extraction achieved at the SPS. Iterative feedback tuning allowed to reach ~10 ms pulses without introducing losses at septa



PhD thesis of M. Pari (UniPD + CERN doctoral).  
Defended 23/2/21.

# Proton extraction R&D

during LS2: burst mode slow extraction

a full simulation to validate the experimental results and explore possible improvements, which could not be tested in the machine before the shutdown.

Two different methods (increase of extraction sextupole strength and amplitude extraction)

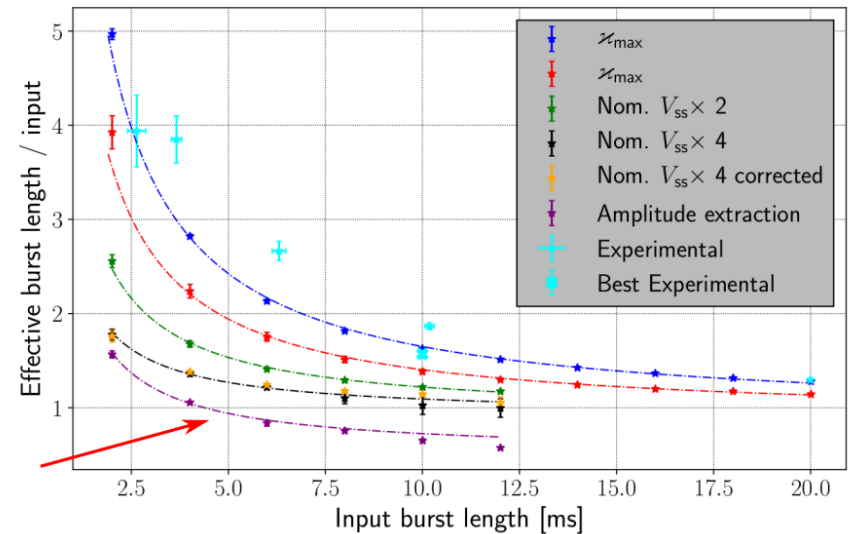
pulses between 3 and 10 ms seems at reach without hardware interventions → tests after LS2

Reduction of ripples in the usual slow extraction

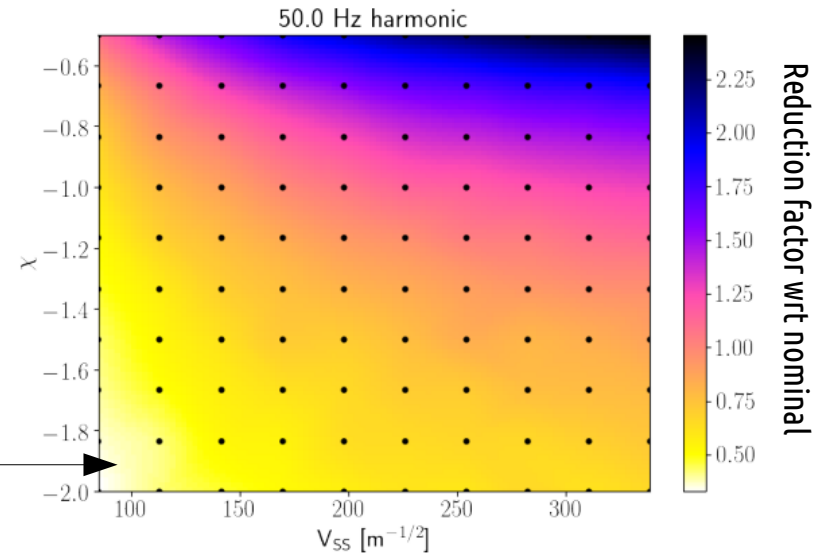
Tuning different set of sextupoles: the quad-correcting ones used to act on the chromaticity ( $X$ ) and the ones used for the extraction ( $V_{SS}$ )

CERN-TE-ABT-BTP, BE-OP-SPS  
Velotti, Pari, Kain, Goddard

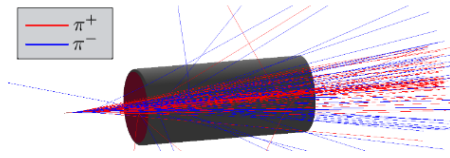
x 2 reduction of the 50 Hz ripples amplitude expected here wrt to nominal



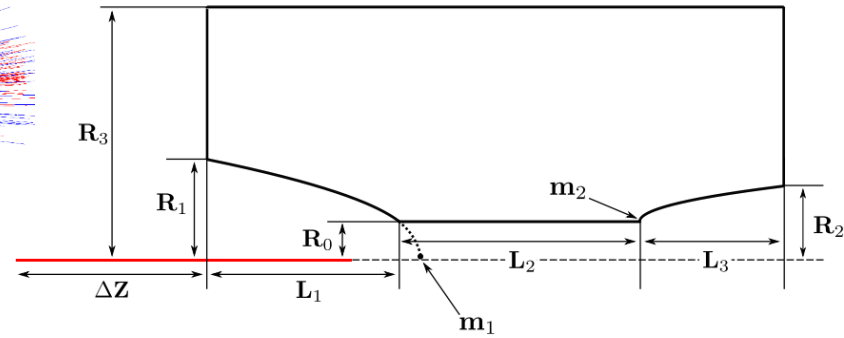
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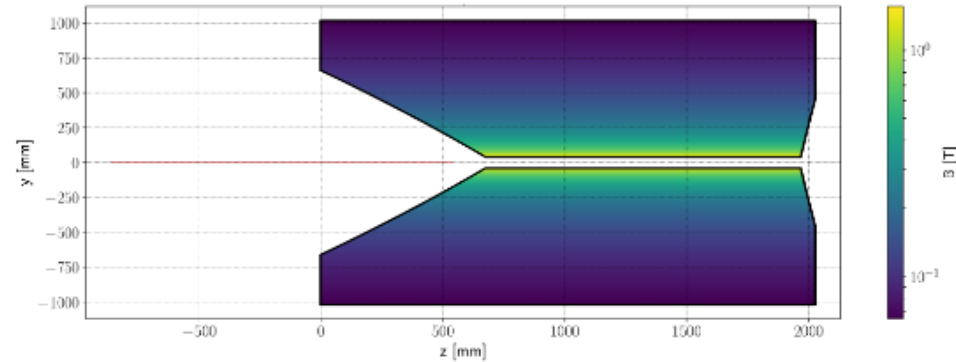
# Horn optimization



- New **double-parabolic** geometry (formerly MiniBooNE-like)
- New **genetic algorithm** implemented successfully to sample the large space of parameters.
- FoM is  $\sim$  number of collimated  $K^+$  with  $p \sim 8.5$  GeV/c
- Convergence in  $O(100)$  iterations
- First candidate designs worked out

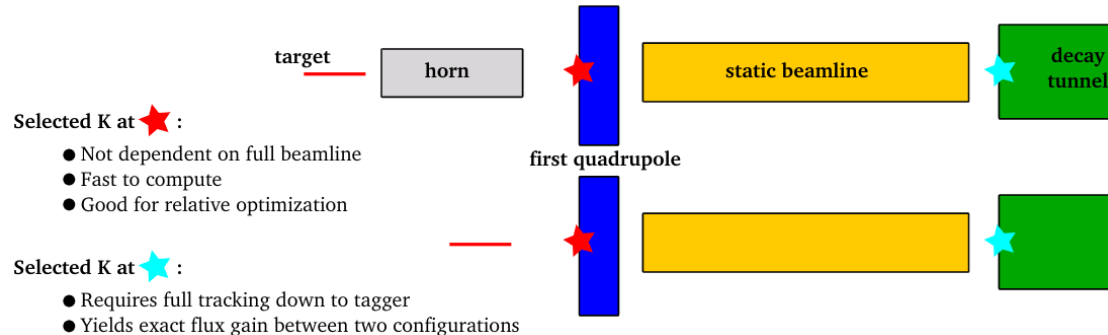


We were able to reach values of the **standalone FoM (★)** of **x 3 higher than the static case**. These results confirm an improvement w.r.t. early studies.



When plugged to the existing beamlines the gain factor reduces to only **x 1.5**  $\rightarrow$  **next step: dedicated beamline optimization (★)** to profit of the horn-option initial gain  $\rightarrow$  larger apertures for initial quads.

Can extend the same systematic optimization tool.



# Target optimization

Explored the parameter space of the geometry (also tronco-conical) and some materials (graphite, Inconel) to maximise the yields of mesons in our region of interest with FLUKA.

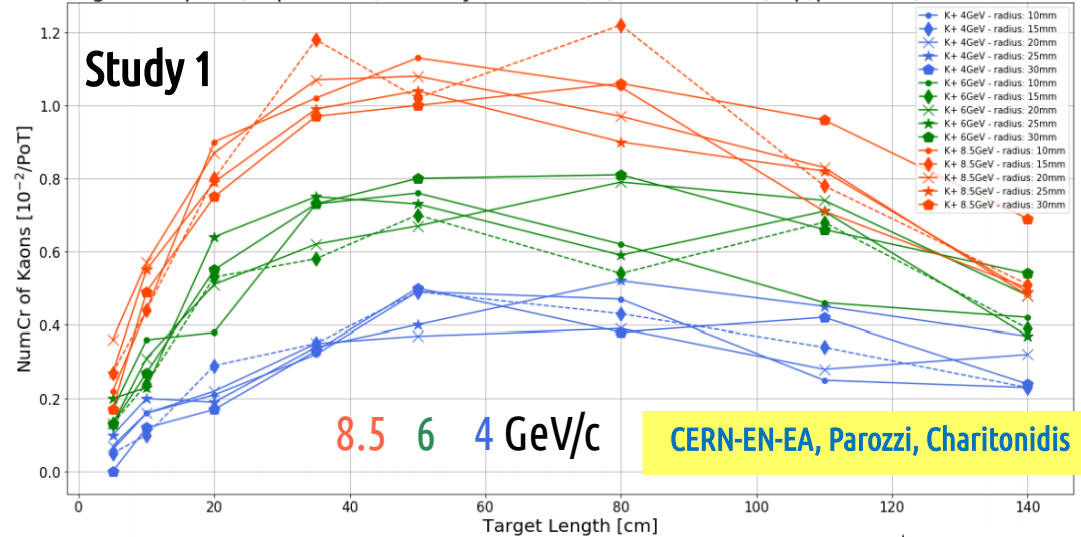
The current targets are both more efficient and robust under the point of view of implementation and lifetime.

New baseline targets:

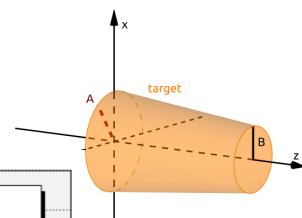
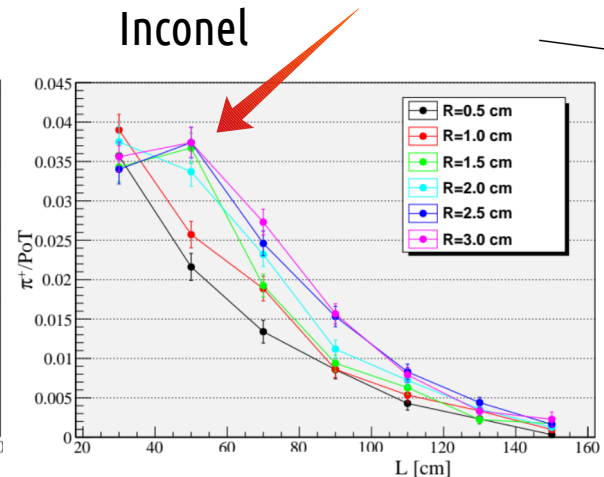
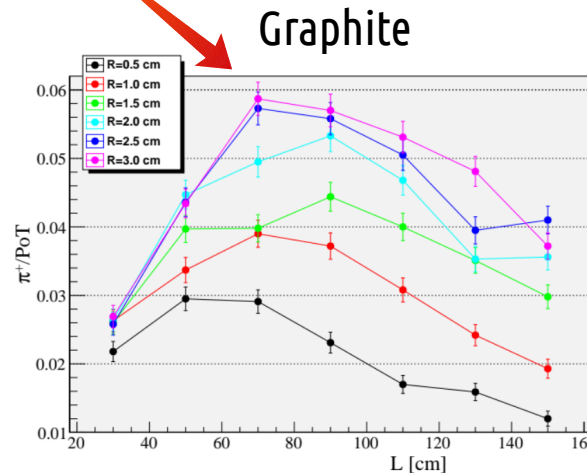
- Graphite:  $L/\varnothing = 700/60$  mm
- Inconel:  $L/\varnothing = 500/60$  mm

(\*) The two studies used different choices for the FOMs

Target: Graphite, Lq = 0.3m, Primary: 400 GeV/c, Direction: 0°,  $\Delta p/p: \pm 10\%$ , AA = 20 mrad



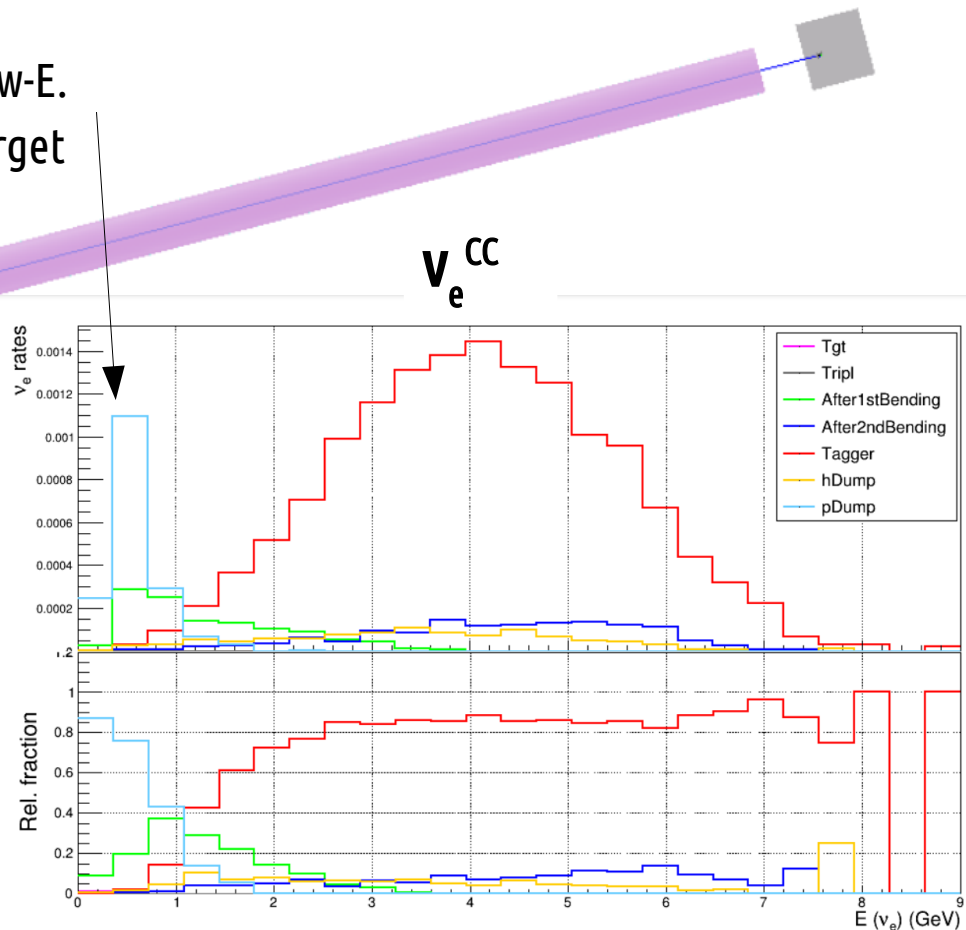
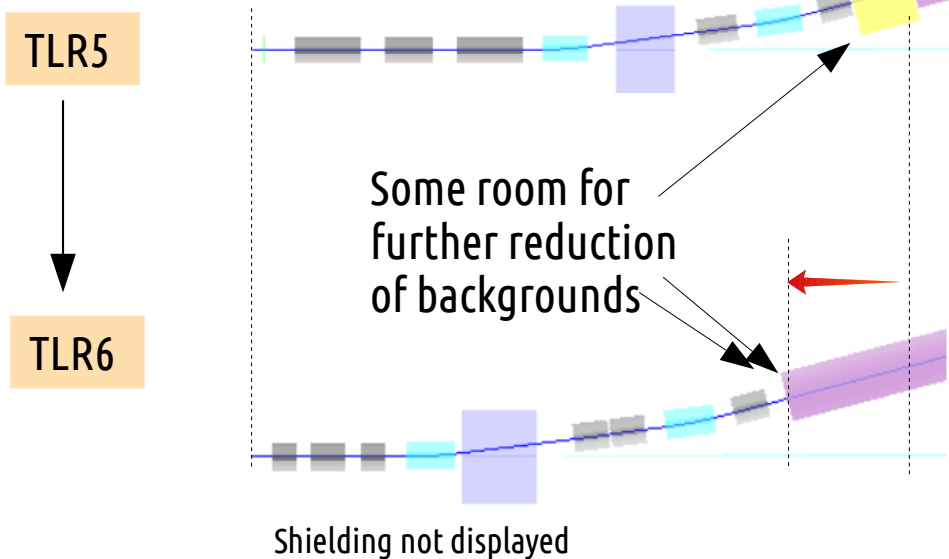
## Study 2



# New transferline

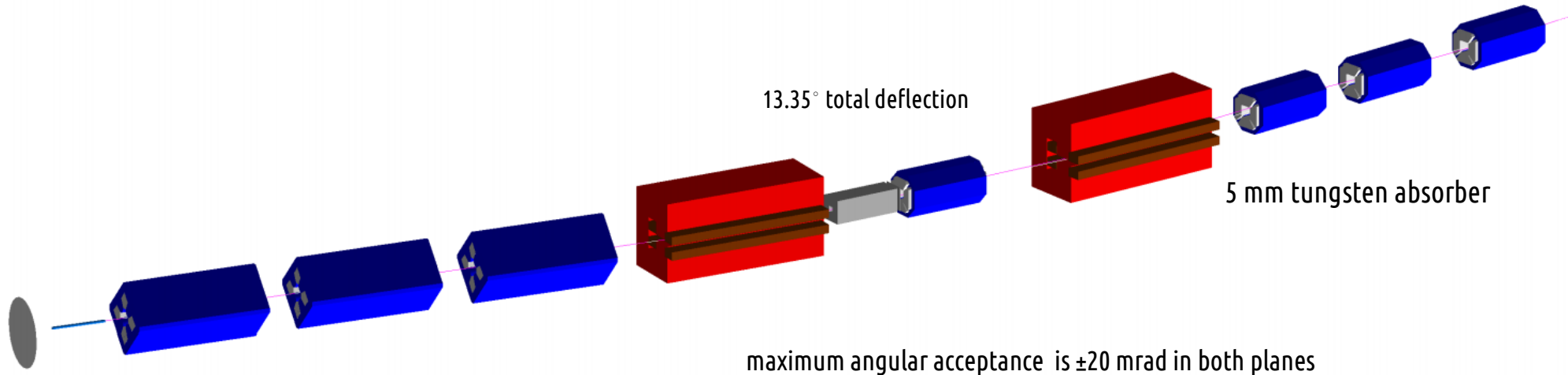
- A new design (“TLR6”) worked out;
- Optimizes length, optics and collimation
- Implements the optimized target.
- Significant suppression of  $\nu_e$  from the target region at low-E.
- With  $4.5 \times 10^{19}$  POT/y  $\rightarrow 10^4 \nu_e^{CC}$  on 500 t @ 100m from target
- in  $\sim 2$  y (3.5 y with TLR% with optimized target)

Transfer line	$\pi^+$ [ $10^{-3}$ /POT] [ $8.5 \pm 5\%$ ] GeV/c	$K^+$ [ $10^{-3}$ /POT] [ $8.5 \pm 5\%$ ] GeV/c	Ratio w.r.t previous results
previous TL	2.05	0.185	
TLR5	3.4	0.28	1.5
TLR6	4.2	0.4	2



# Multi-momentum transferline

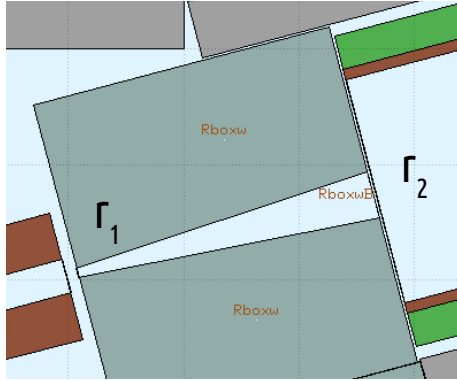
- A parallel study to **add flexibility** and allow a set of **different neutrino spectra** spanning from the “**Hyper-K**” to **DUNE** regions of interest. Focus **8.5, 6 or 4 GeV/c** secondaries.
- Tools: Optics optimization - TRANSPORT + G4Beamline. Validation + higher order effects with MADX/PTC-TRACK. Background reduction studies: FLUKA
- Detailed description of existing magnetic elements
- Under consideration: whole beamline tilted w.r.t. target → suppresses  $e^+$  more than  $K^+$





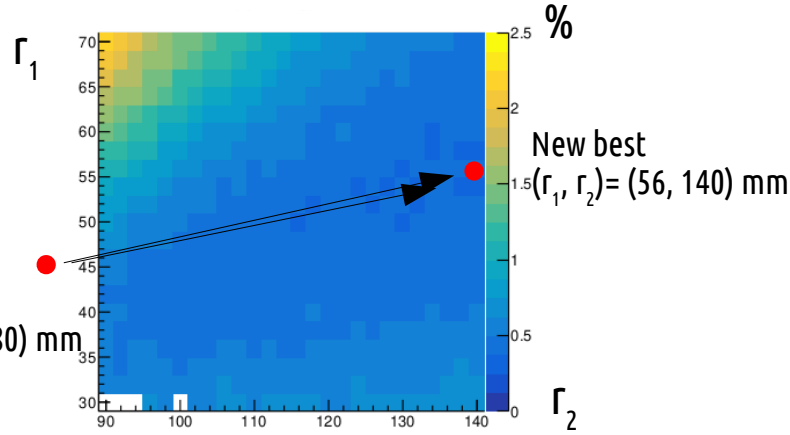
# Optimization of the final collimator

Standalone fast G4 sim.  
Tweaking of radii

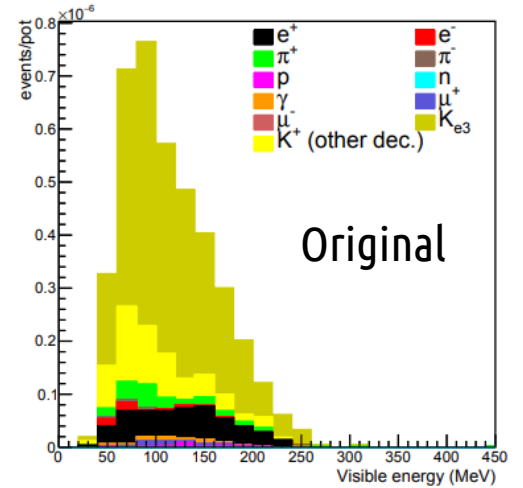


Original  
 $(r_1, r_2) = (45, 80)$  mm

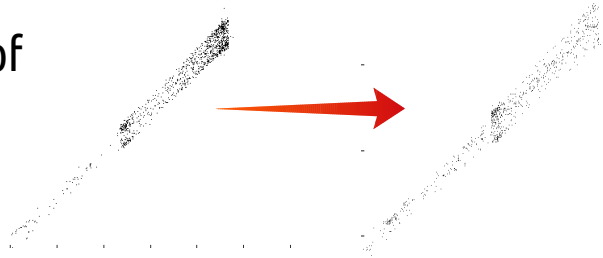
Fraction of transmitted  $\pi^+$  hitting the tagger



Background  $e^+$  and  $\pi^+$   
reduced by  $\sim 22\%$



XZ distribution of  
the vertex of  
background  $\pi^+$



New collimator will be soon implemented into a new version

In the pipeline:

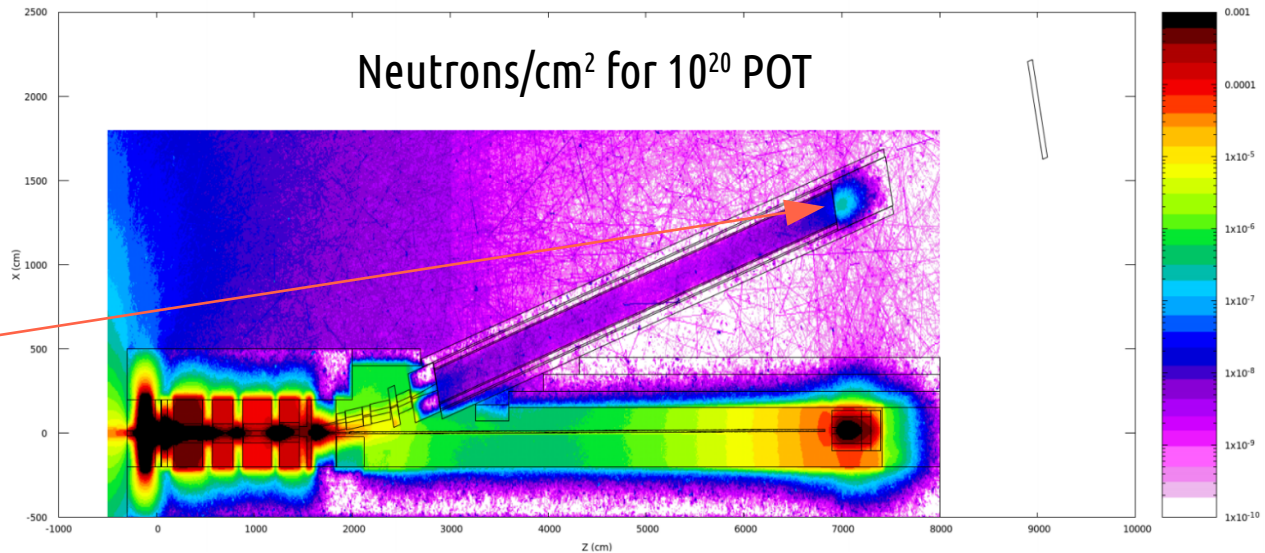
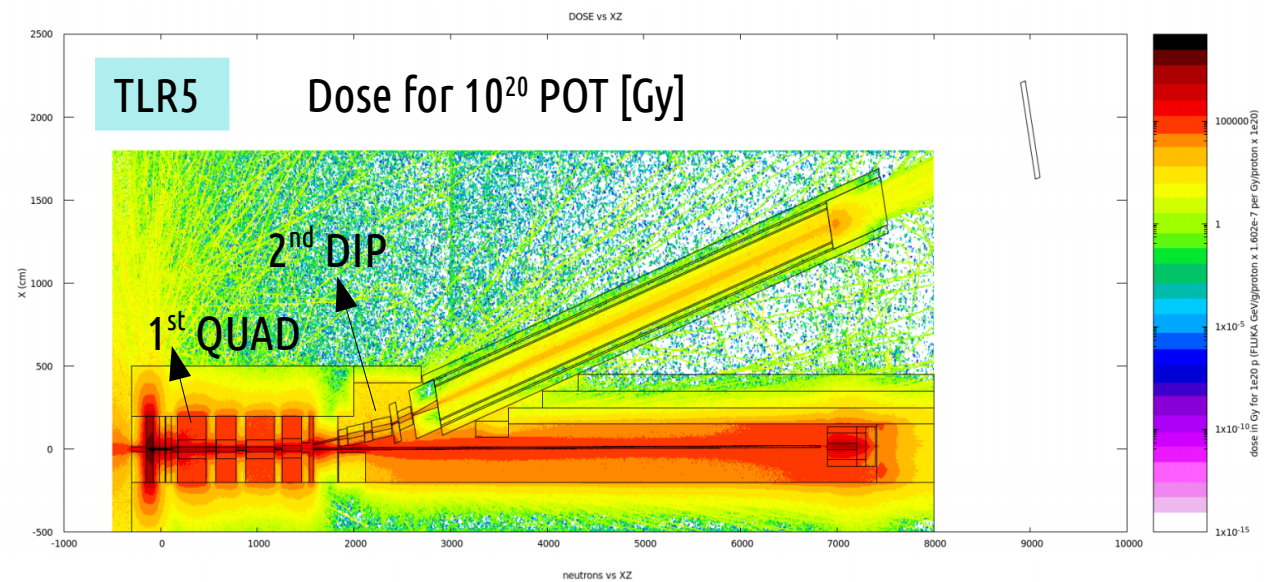
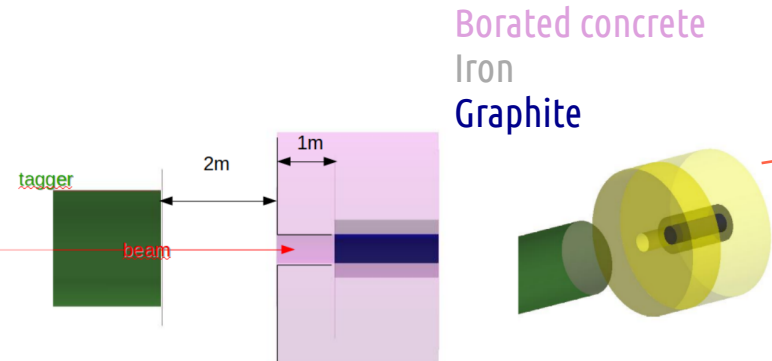
- Testing other shapes (i.e. bi-conical)
- Extend genetic algorithm used for the horn

# Irradiation studies

The dose at the hottest point of the quadrupole closest to the target is of about 100-300 kGy.

The dose at the second dipole leaves room for thinking about a SC option (could easily double/triple the bending angle)

Optimization of the hadron dump with G4beamline will be soon ported to FLUKA

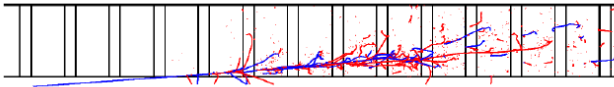


# The ENUBET tagger

## Calorimeter

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

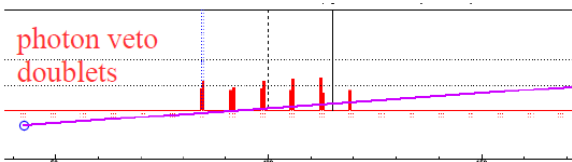
→  $e^+/\pi^+/\mu$  separation



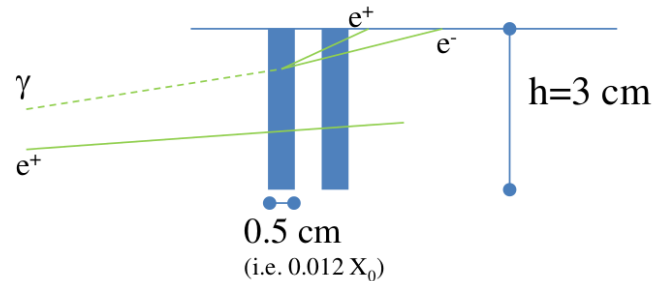
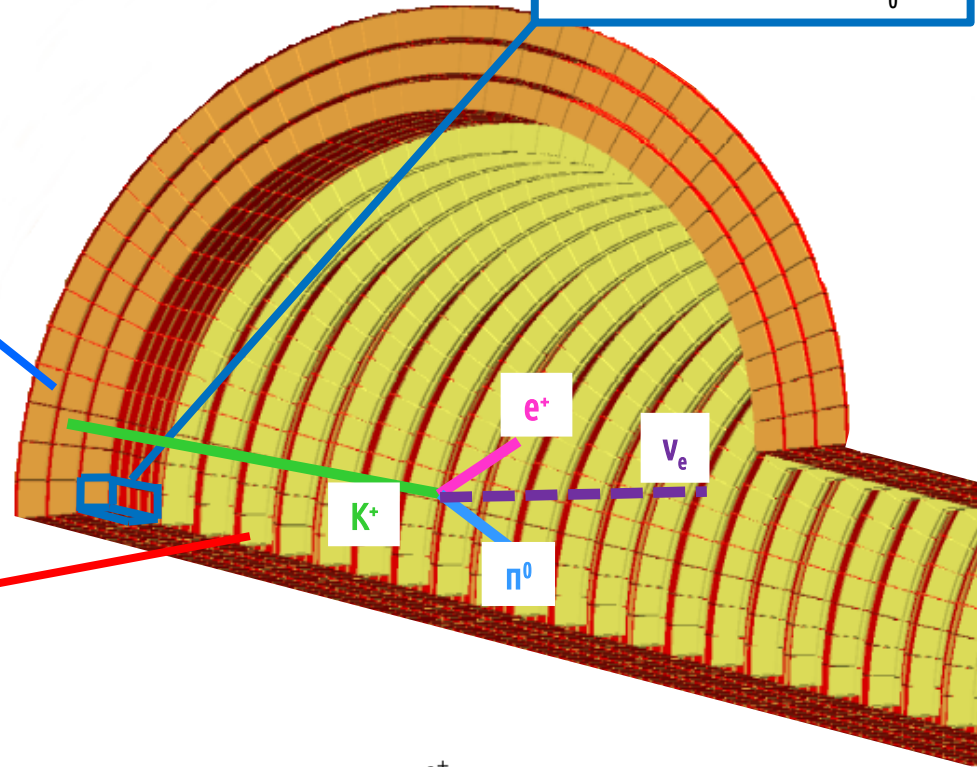
## Integrated photon veto

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

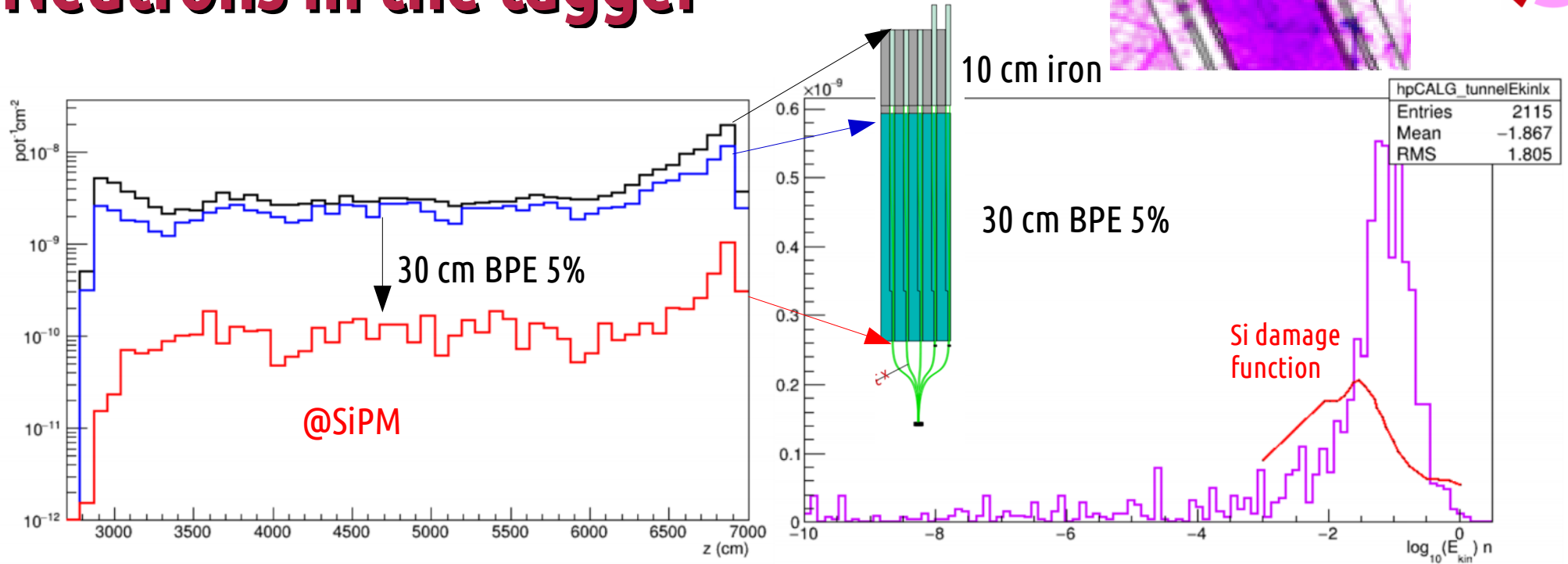
→  $\pi^0$  rejection



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



# Neutrons in the tagger



BPE shielding has a **reduction effect**  $\sim \times 20$   
 W.r.t. to the single dipole beamline  
 $7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ n/POT/cm}^2 \sim 10 \times \text{reduction}$   
 ( $7 \times 10^9 \text{ n/cm}^2$  for  $10^{20}$  POT)

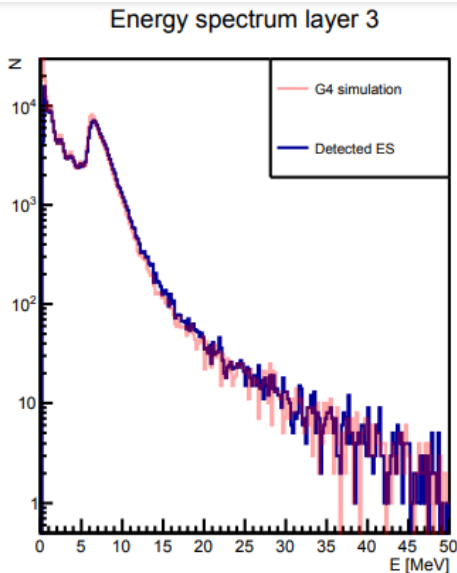
$E_{\text{kin}}$  of surviving neutrons is  $O(10-100)$  MeV

# Waveform analysis

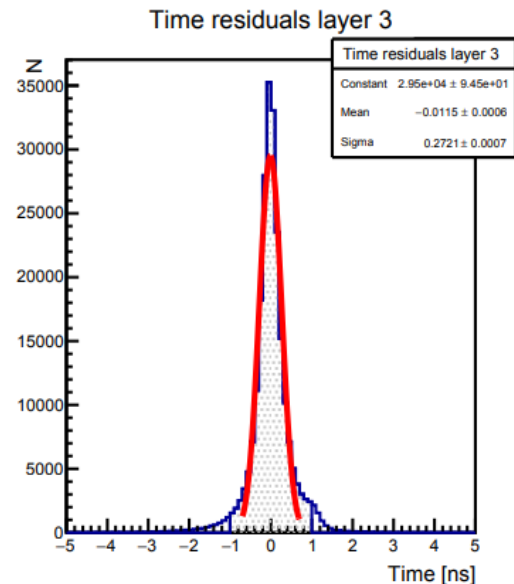


The energy is now reconstructed as it will happen for real data i.e. considering the **amplitudes digitally-sampled signals at 500 MS/s**. Pile-up effects treated rigorously.

Matching between true level energy deposits from GEANT4 and fully reconstructed waveforms



Matching between true and reconstructed time (500 MS/s). 270 ps.



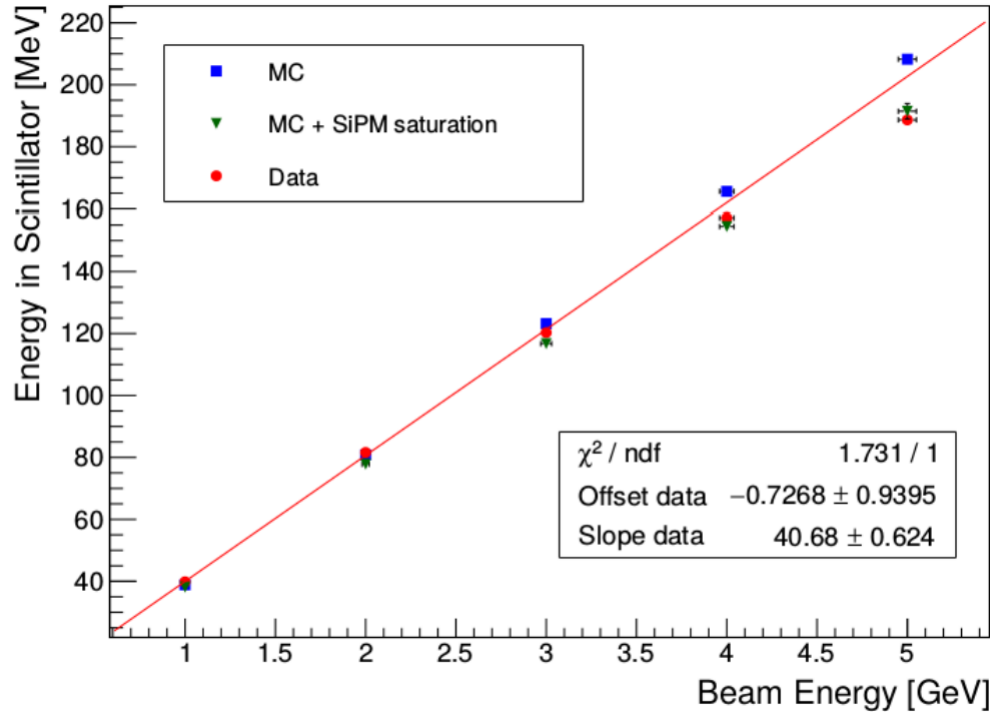
Peak finding efficiencies:  
 Slow  $\sim 4.5 \times 10^{13}$  POT in 2s  
 Fast  $\sim$  horn  $\sim 10 \times$  slow

Transfer line and extraction scheme	Hit rate per LCM	detection efficiency
TLR5 slow	1.1 MHz	97.4%
TLR5 fast	10.4 MHz	89.7%
TLR6 slow	2.2 MHz	95.3%

# Instrumentation

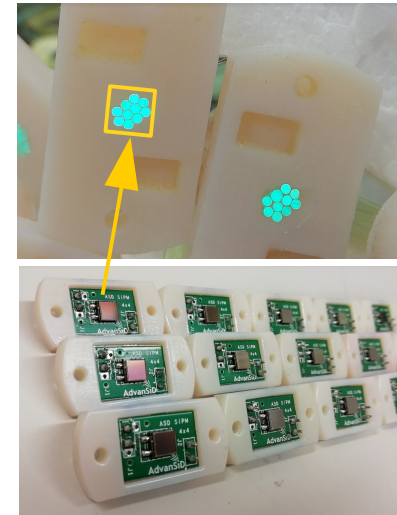
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$$N_{\text{fired}} \simeq N_{\text{max}} \left(1 - e^{-N_{\text{seed}}/N_{\text{max}}}\right)$$



$$N_{\text{seed}} \equiv (1 + P_{x\text{-talk}}) \cdot N_{pe}$$

$$N_{\text{max}} \simeq 5000 < 9340$$



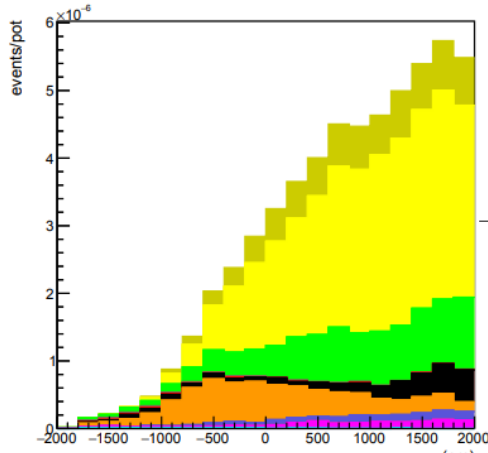
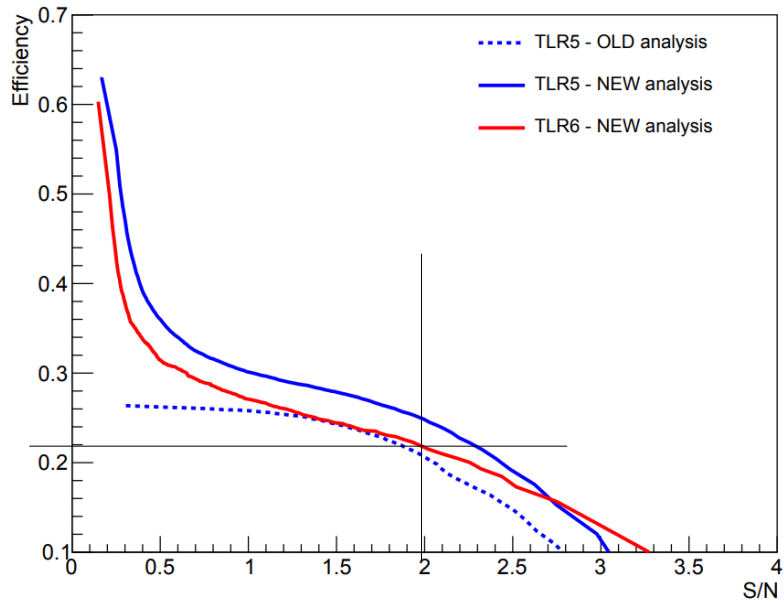
New SiPMs under test (NUV, RGB high density and low cross talk from FBK)



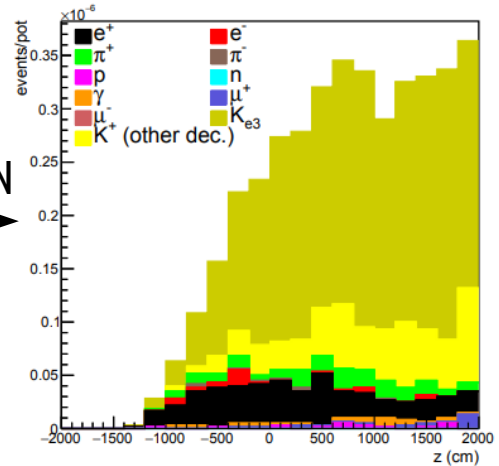
# Positron reconstruction

In the positron reconstruction algorithms the  $t_0$ -layer variables have been embedded in our multi-variate analysis in a transparent way.

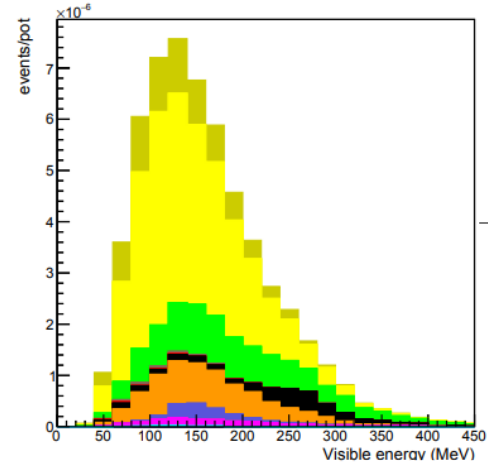
**$K_{e3}$  positron selection:**  
 efficiency  $\sim 22\%$       S/N of  $\sim 2$



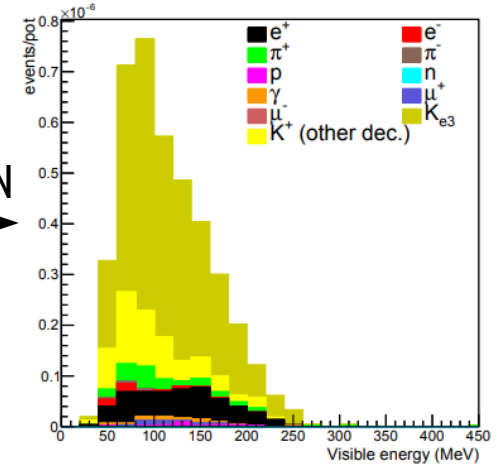
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$Z$ , coord. along the tagger (cm)



NN

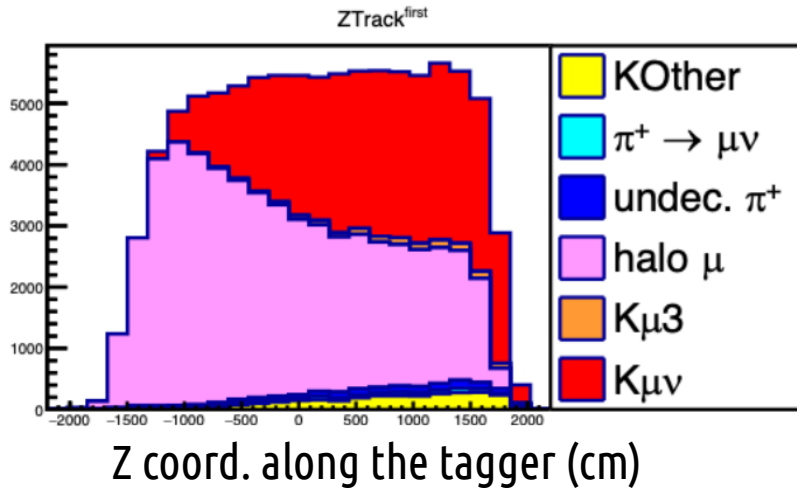


Visible energy (MeV)

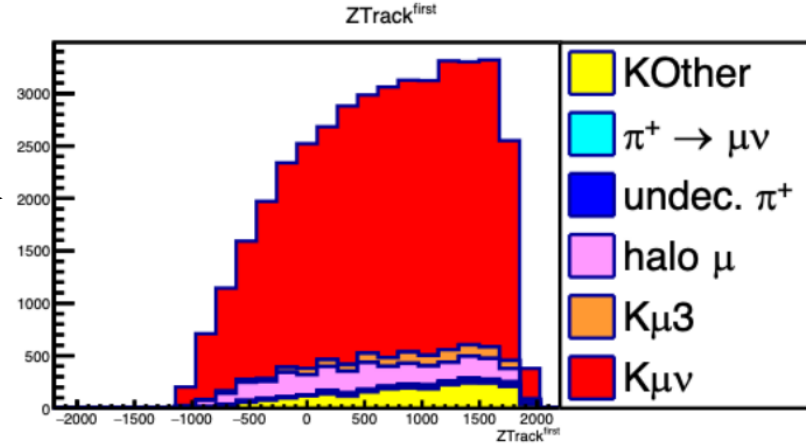


# Muon reconstruction

TLR6



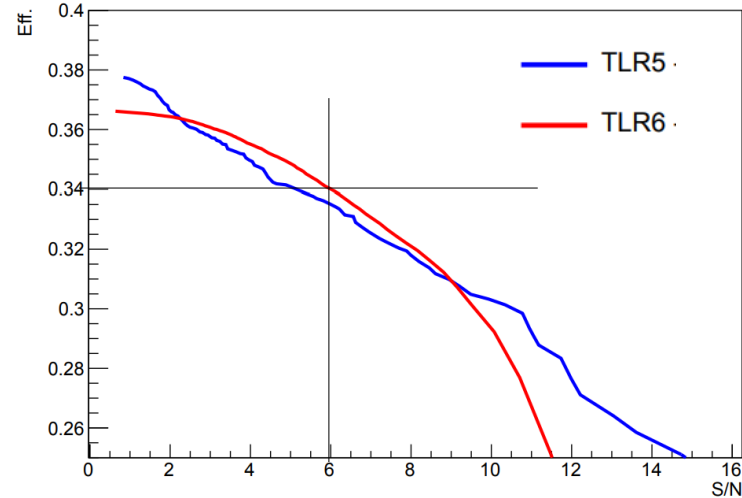
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$\mu^+$  from  $K_{\mu\nu}$  selection:

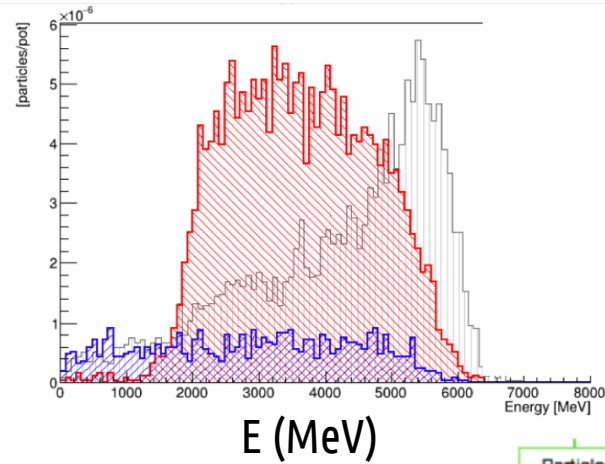
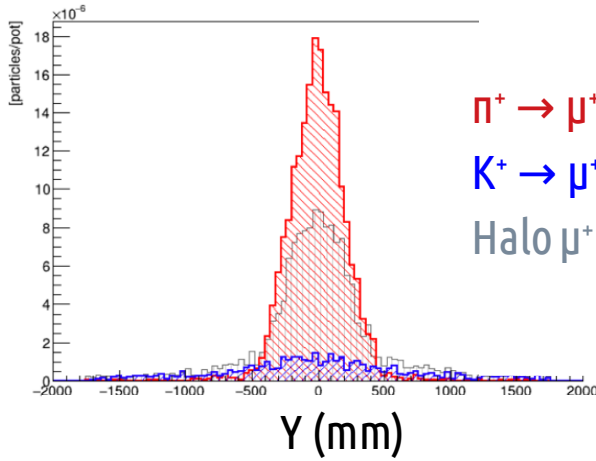
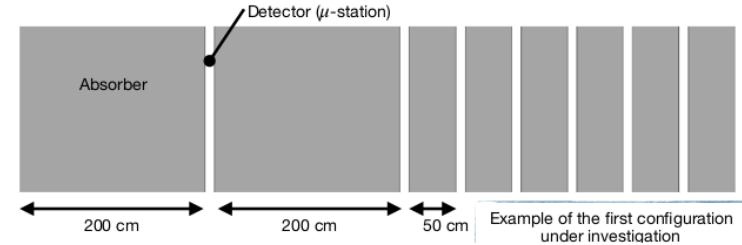
efficiency  $\sim 34\%$

S/N of  $\sim 6$



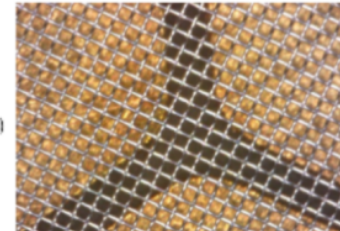
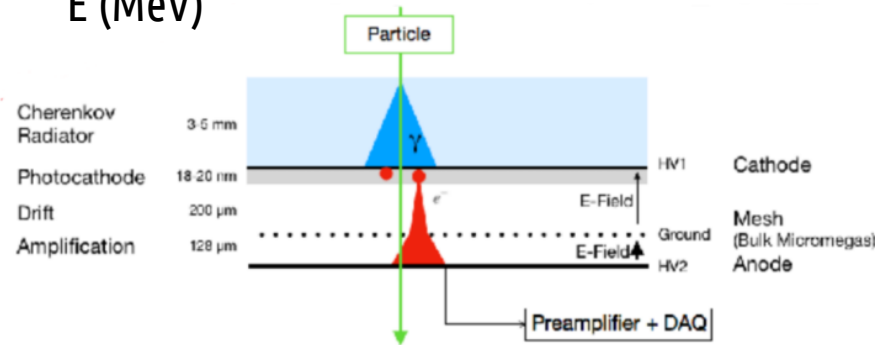
# Forward region muons reconstruction

Range-meter after the hadron dump. Extends the tagger acceptance in the forward region to constrain  $\pi_{\mu 2}$  decays contributing to the low-E  $\nu_{\mu}$ .



The most upstream (hottest) detector needs to cope with a muon rate of  $\sim 2$  MHz/cm<sup>2</sup> and about  $10^{12}$  1 MeV-n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Design being defined. Possible candidate: fast Micromegas detectors employing Cherenkov radiators + thin drift gap (PICOSEC coll.). Bonus: excellent timing.

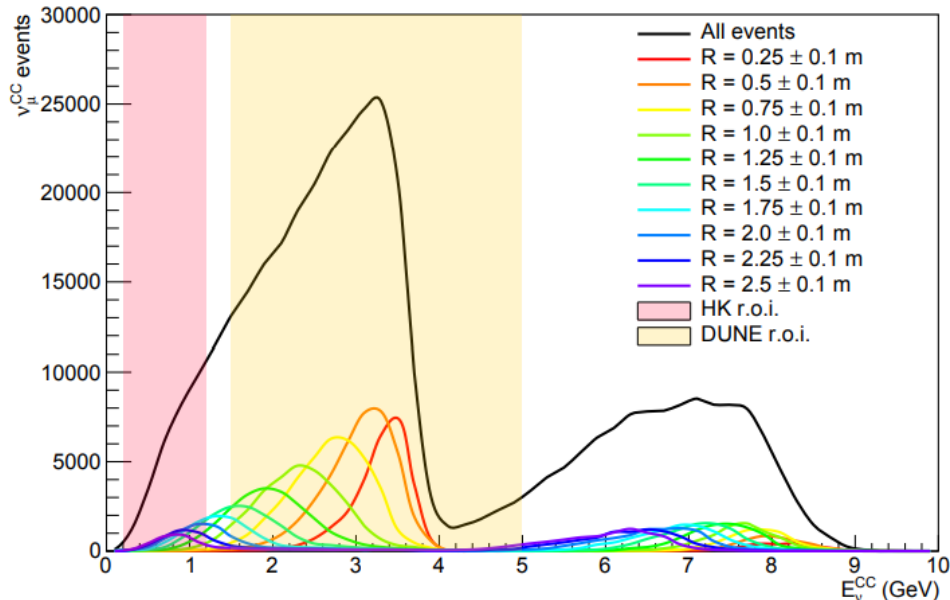


# Narrow-band, off-axis technique

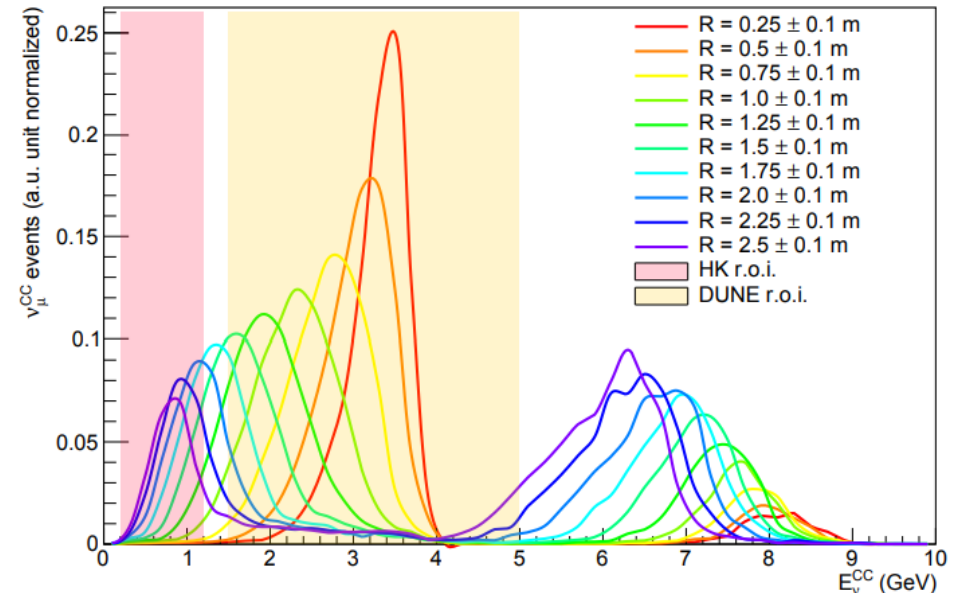
Neutrino interactions in bins of the radial distance from the center of the beam allow to single-out well separated neutrino energy spectra → strong prior for energy unfolding, independent from the reconstruction of interaction products in the neutrino detector. A kind of “off-axis” but without having to move the detector (thanks to the low distance of the detector) !

TLR6

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



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

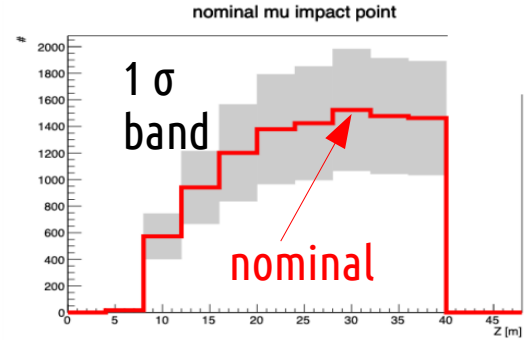
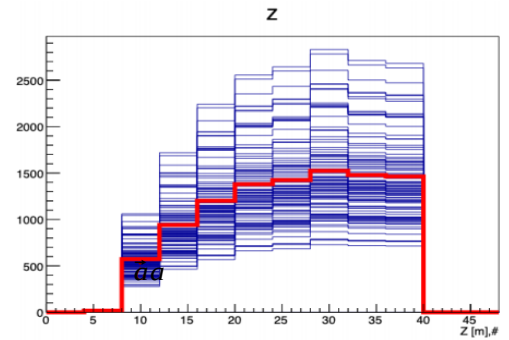


# Framework for systematics

A software framework written within ROOFIT to constrain the neutrino flux from the reconstructed leptons.

To validate the machinery the impact point along the tagger of muons from kaon decays is considered.

Uncertainty envelope created by sampling hadro-production parameters of a **toy model** (multiverse method).

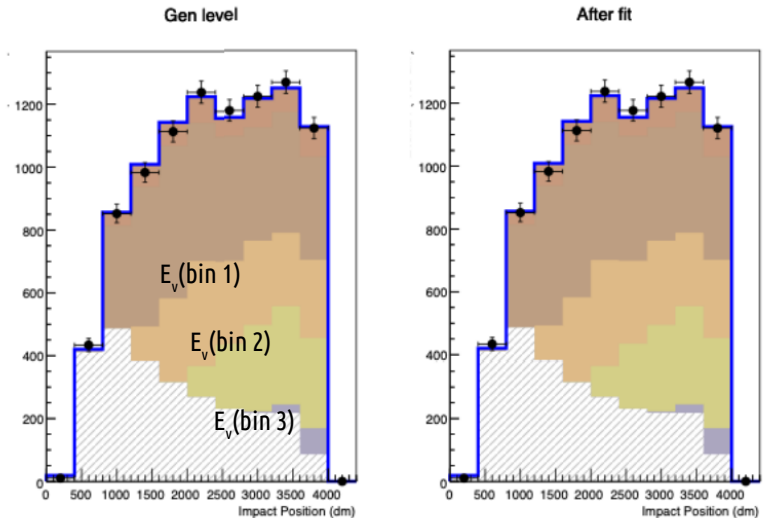


Extended likelihood fit of lepton variables with templates in bins of the associated neutrino energy:

$$PDF = N_S(\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}) \cdot S(\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}) + N_B(\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}) \cdot B(\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta})$$

Nuisance parameters from uncertainties related to hadroproduction ( $\alpha$ ) and beam parameters ( $\beta$ ).

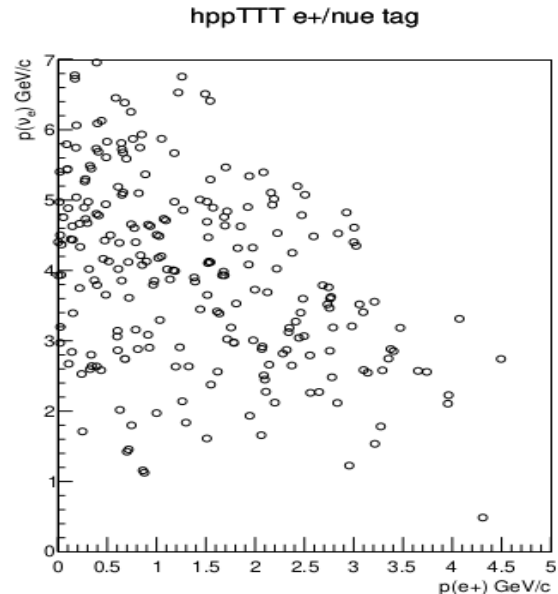
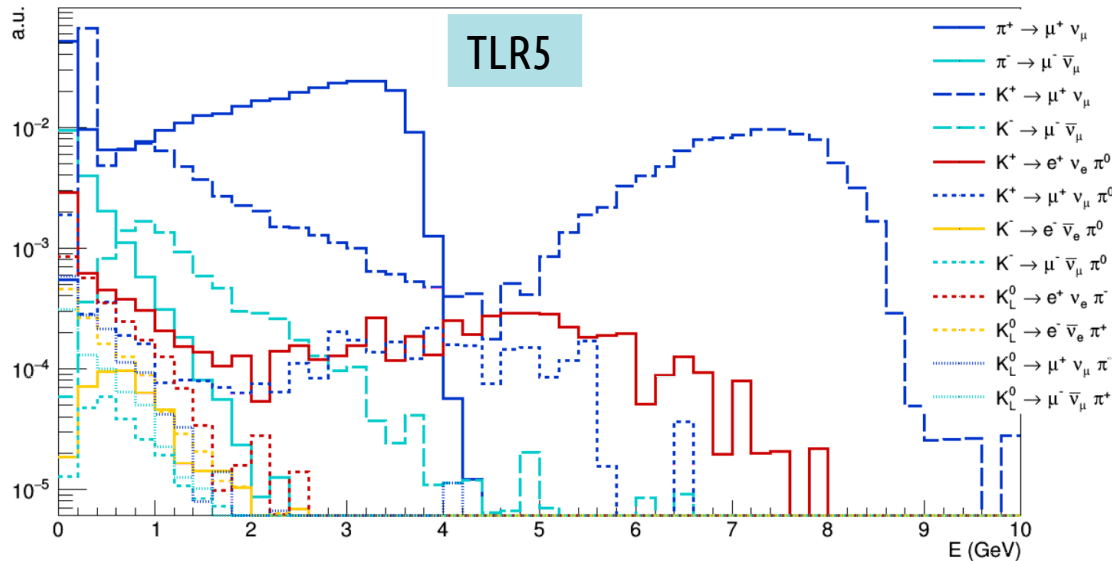
Fit the relative normalizations of the templates in  $E_\nu \rightarrow$  flux constraint.  
In progress: from a toy to the real ENUBET case using full simulation.



# Framework for systematics



- → created a **common data model** to be used for systematic studies (G4TL+G4TAG).
- Unify p-target (FLUKA). Full simulation including the beamline G4 (G4TL). Tagger simulation and lepton reconstruction G4 (G4TAG).
- Information of **all decays producing neutrinos** is stored and linked to the parent particle at the level of target and at the tunnel entrance.
- Allows a full description of **v-flux components** and **linking neutrinos to the relative reconstructed leptons**.

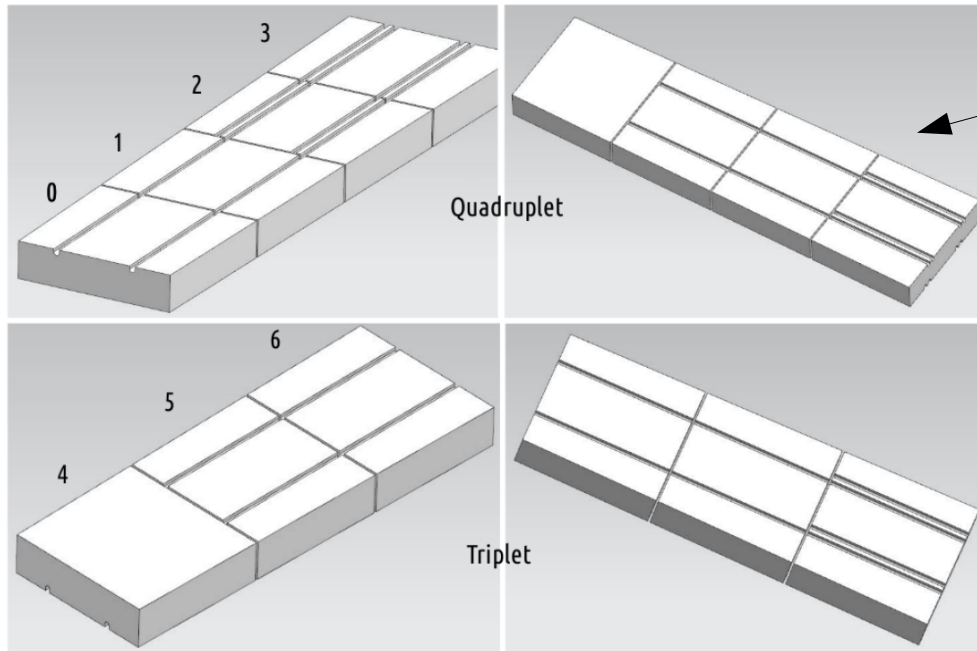


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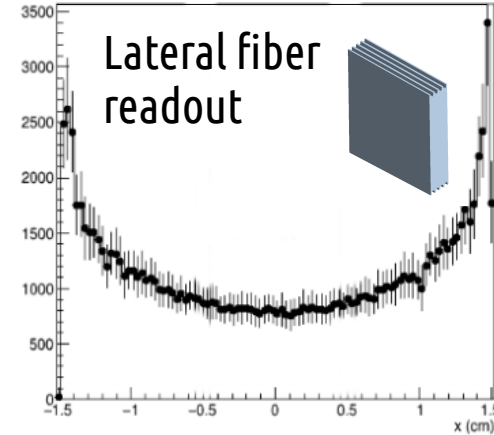
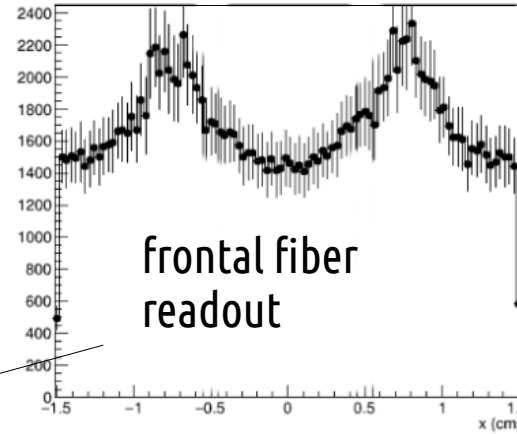
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# Updated light readout scheme

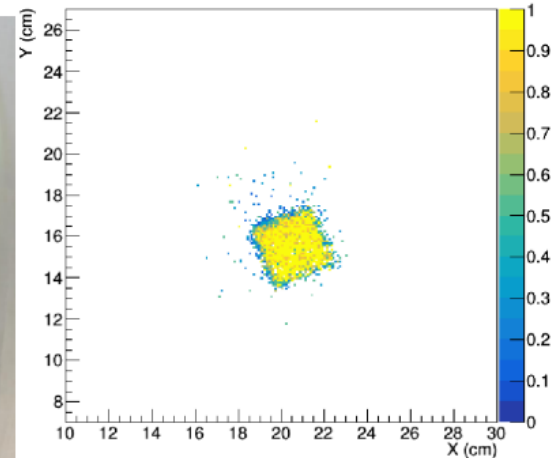
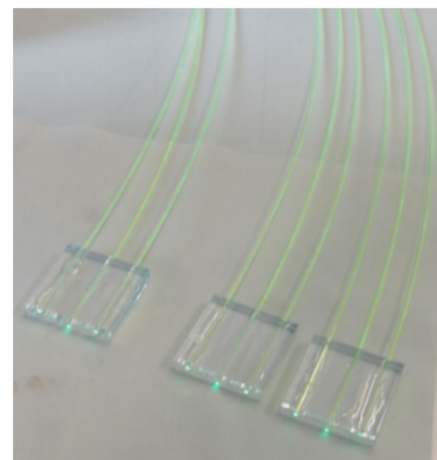
- From lateral to frontal light collection
- Safer for injection molding. More uniform, efficient.
- Each tile has readout grooves and “transit” grooves.
- Readout grooves on alternate sides.
- Staggering for the two tiles at larger r.



GEANT4 optical simulation



Uniformity tests with cosmic rays

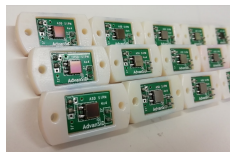
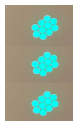
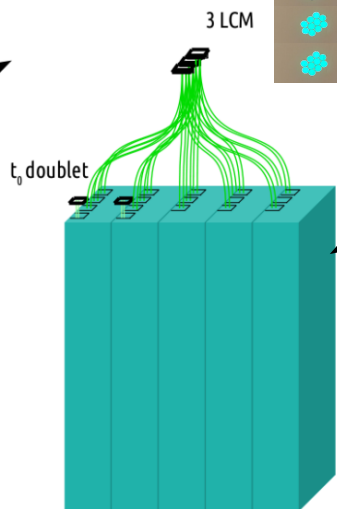
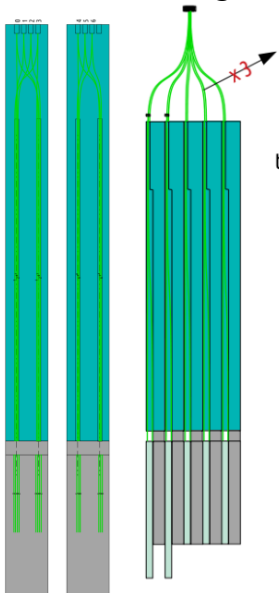


# Towards the demonstrator

Custom digitizers  
@ 500 MS/s



WLS routing



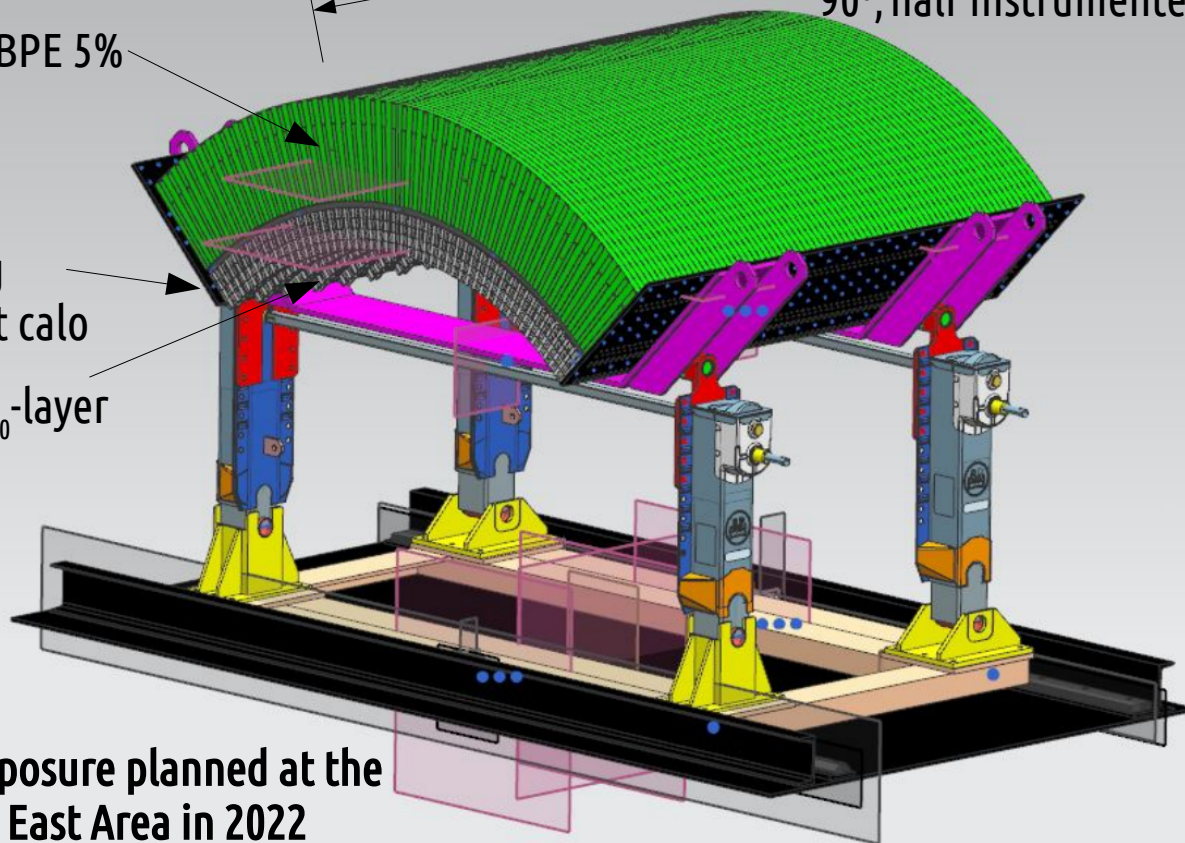
BPE 5%

Sampling  
iron/scint calo

$t_0$ -layer

1.65 m

90°, half instrumented



Exposure planned at the  
PS East Area in 2022

# Joint studies with nuSTORM in PCB



The positive outcome of the European Strategy for Particle Physics has triggered a shared effort with nuSTORM: investigate the presence of realistic synergies in terms of physics reach and a possible coordinated technical implementation.

[Joint presentation](#) at the Physics Beyond Colliders workshop (03/21)

The rationale of



To extract the most physics from DUNE and Hyper-Kamiokande, a complementary programme of experimentation to determine neutrino cross-sections and fluxes is required. Several experiments aimed at determining neutrino fluxes exist worldwide. The possible implementation and impact of a facility to measure neutrino cross-sections at the percent level should continue to be studied. Other important

ENUBET and nuSTORM  
(see also the European Strategy Physics Briefbook, arXiv:1910.11775)

[European Strategy for Particle Physics Deliberation document \(pag. 5\)](#)

ENUBET, in particular is aimed at

- Designing a narrow band neutrino beam at the GeV scale and measure at 1% the **flux**, **flavor** and (at 10%) the **energy of the neutrinos** produced at source

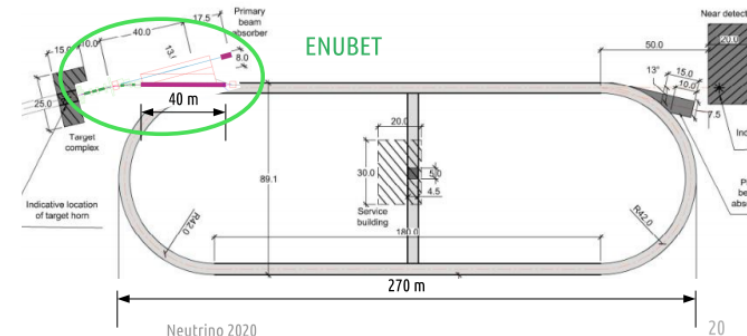
NuSTORM: offers an **unprecedented statistics of  $\nu_e$**  and a major leap toward Neutrino Factories and **the muon collider**

## nuSTORM & ENUBET



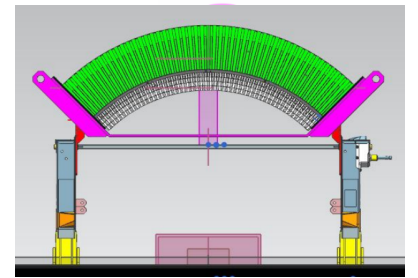
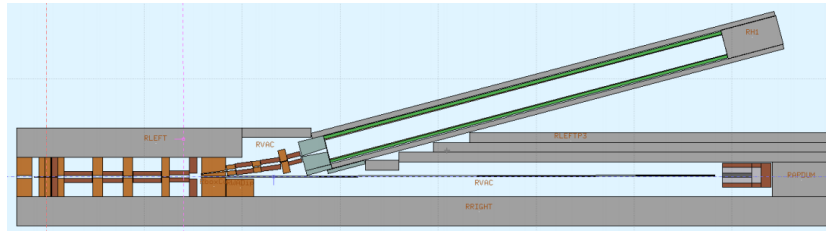
	Decay region	Hadron dump	Proton extraction	Target, sec. transfer line, p-dump	Neutrino detector
ENUBET	~40 m. Instrumented.	Yes. Dumps muons in addition preventing a (small) $\nu_e$ pollution to $K_{e3} - \nu_e$	Slow, 400 GeV (flexible)	Yes, similar	~100 m (some flexibility)
nuSTORM	Replaced by straight section of the ring (180 m).	No. Muons are kept: the most interesting flux parents.	Fast, 100 GeV	Yes, similar	> 300 m from target (ring straight section)

- Different concepts, budget, geometry.
- Main synergy: target facility, 1<sup>st</sup> stage of meson focusing, proton dump.





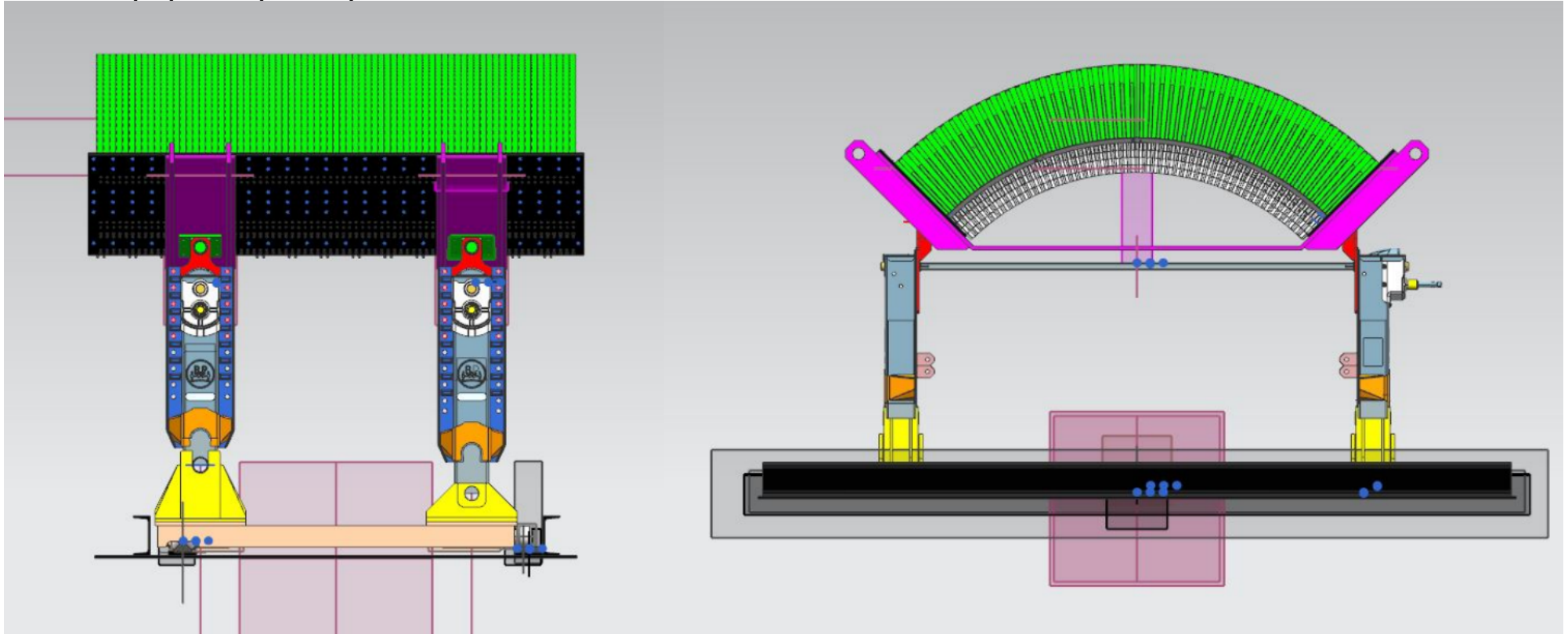
# Conclusions



- **ENUBET** is on schedule and we are entering the last phase of the project
- **The new beamline:** single particle  $e^+/\mu^+$  monitoring with good  $S/B$ , efficiency and neutrino yields with a much reduced untagged- $\nu_e$  component
  - **Multi-momentum** option on its way
- Experimental test of **“burst” slow extraction** @ SPS → could go down to 3 ms
  - **horn option** remains very appealing: further optimization ongoing
- **Frontal readout** option → long lifetime/accessibility of SiPM
- Completed the **test beams** campaign before CERN LS2
- **Redundant end-to-end simulation** as a framework for the treatment of systematics
- **Construction of the demonstrator** and electronics in progress → **test at PS East Hall summer 2022**
  - **PBC:** Engineering studies, explore synergies with nuSTORM
  - **Conceptual Design Report** at the end of the project (2022): **physics and costing**

# Bonus slides

# Design of the demonstrator



# FLUKA irradiation studies

The double dipole beamline has been ported to FLUKA and the neutron and ionizing doses have been updated. The double dipole allows to **decrease the neutron flux at the location of photo-sensors by about one order of magnitude with respect to the single-dipole one**

