

Updates on FASER ν and FASER ν 2

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FASER ν and FASER ν 2

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Run 2				Run 3	Run 3	Run 3	Run 3				Run 4	Run 4	Run 4	Run 4			



11 kg

1.1 tons

20 tons

FASER ν pilot run

FASER ν physics run

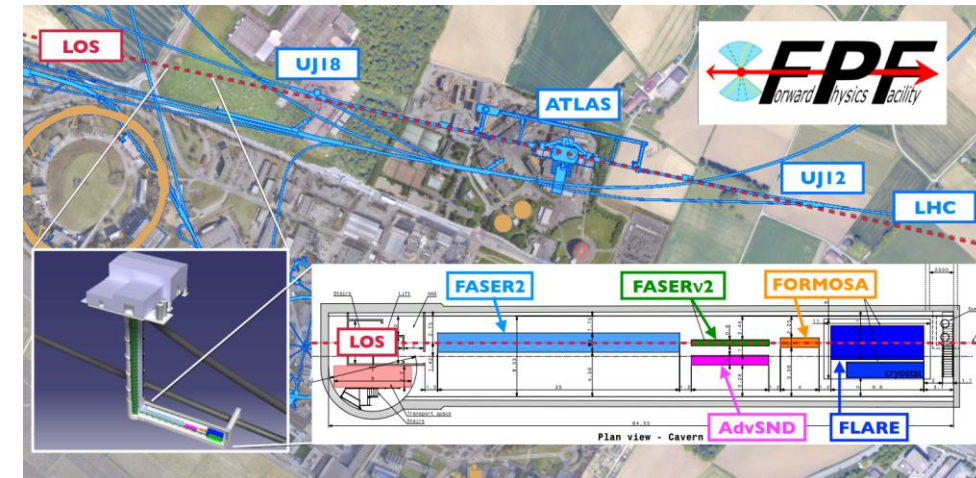
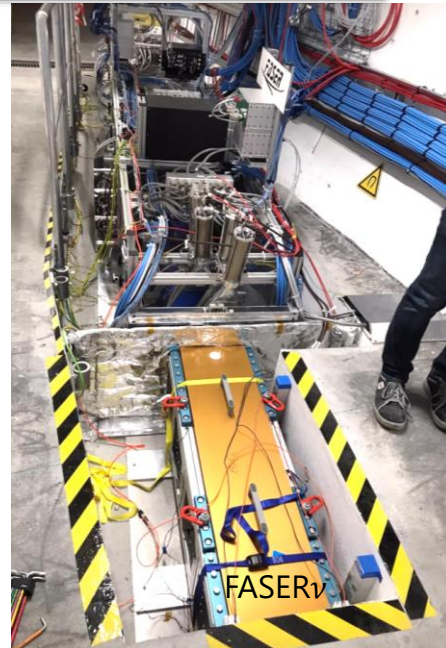
FASER ν 2

First neutrino interaction candidates at the LHC

FASER Collaboration,
[Phys. Rev. D 104, L091101 \(2021\)](#)

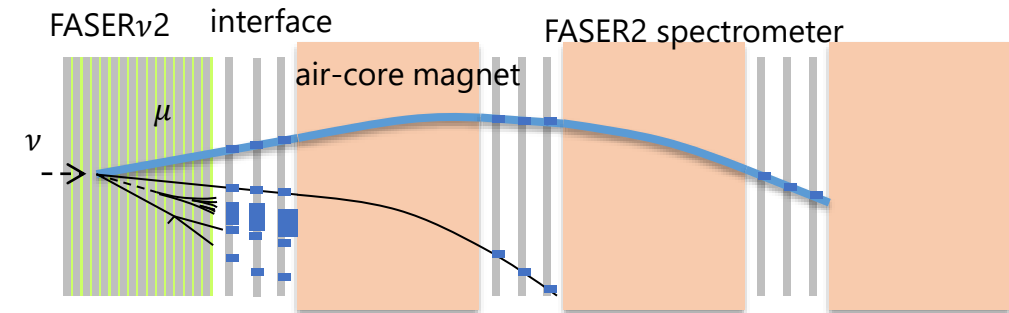
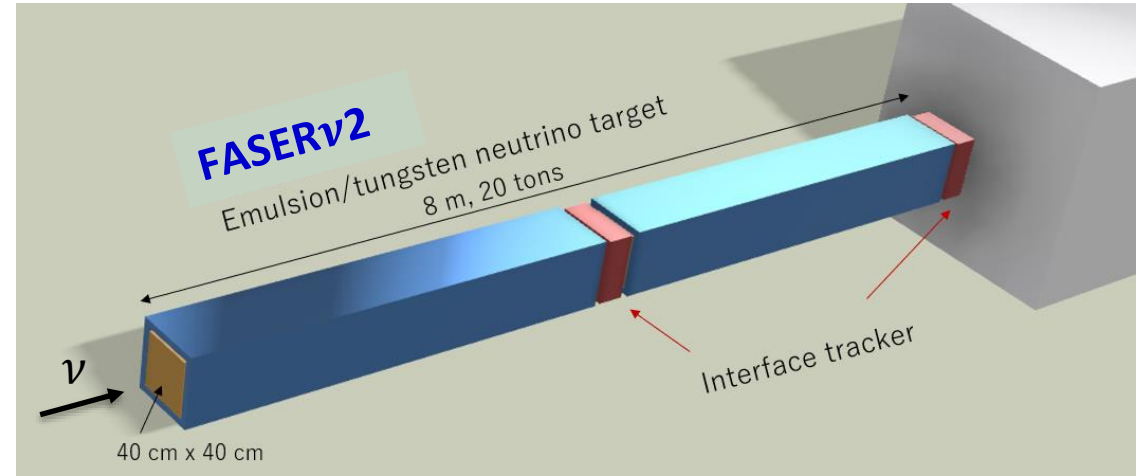
Cross section measurements of different flavors at TeV energies

Precision ν_τ measurements and heavy flavor physics studies

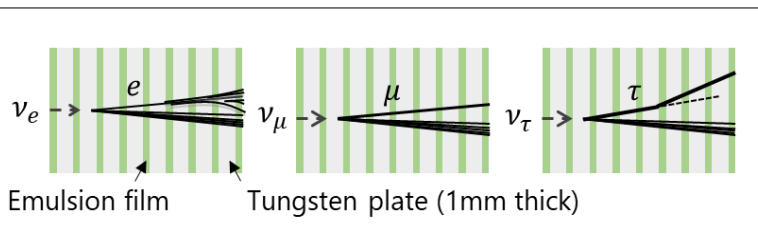
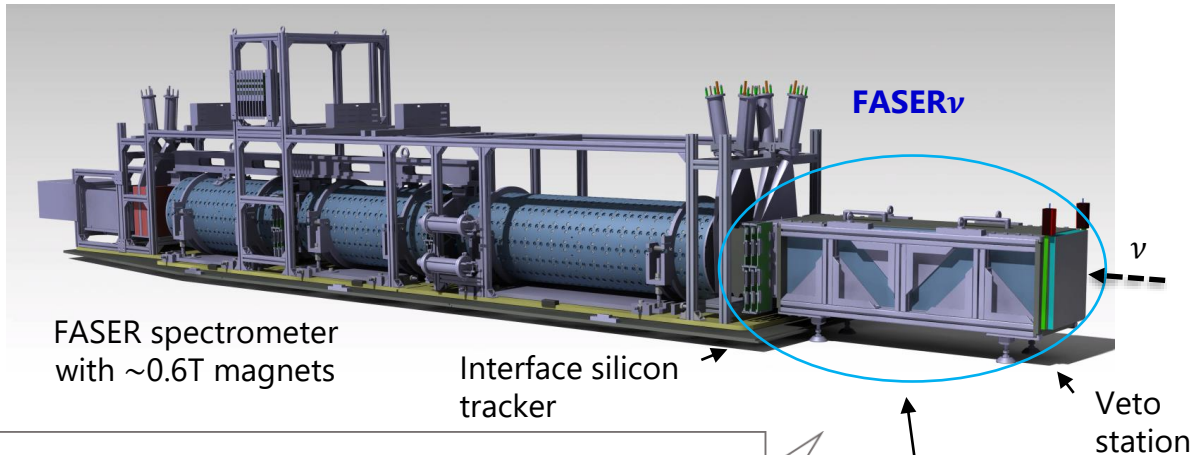


FASER ν and FASER ν 2 detectors

- On-axis
- Flavor sensitivity
- Charge ID for muons ($\nu_\mu/\bar{\nu}_\mu$ separation, $\nu_\tau/\bar{\nu}_\tau$ separation)



- The FASER ν 2 detector will be composed of 3300 emulsion layers interleaved with 2 mm-thick tungsten plates.
- It will also include a veto detector and interface detectors to the FASER2 spectrometer.
- The total volume of the tungsten target is 40 cm × 40 cm × 6.6 m, and the mass is 20 tons.
- The muon rate is to be reduced with a sweeper magnet to make the emulsion replacement only once per year.



- Emulsion/tungsten detector
- 730 emulsion layers interleaved with 1.1-mm-thick tungsten plates
 - 25x30 cm², 1.1 m long, 1.1 tons

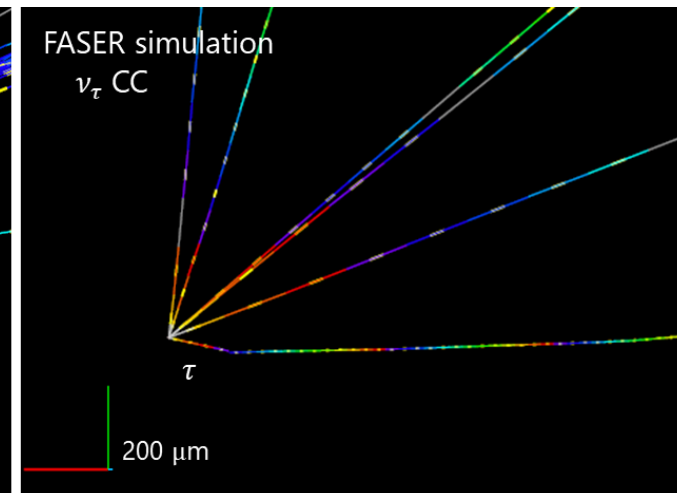
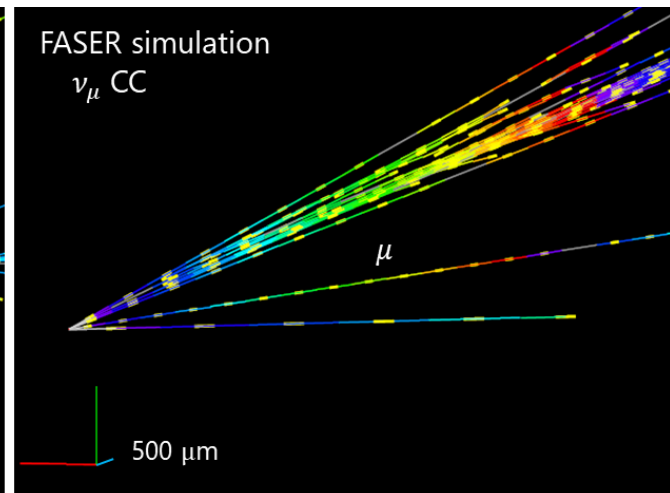
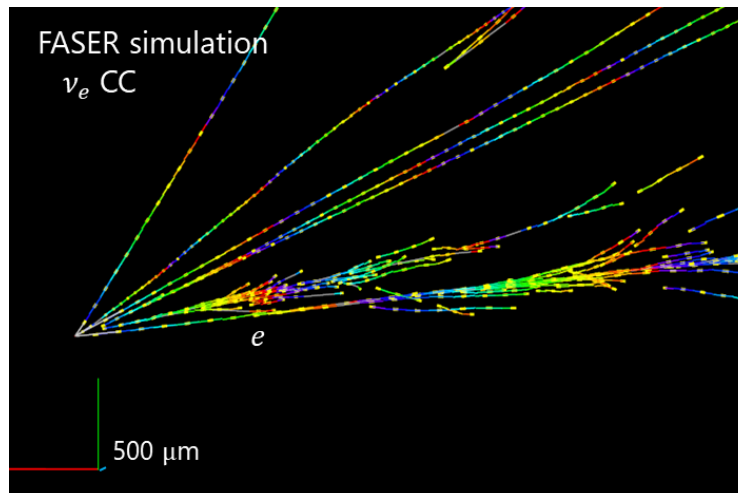
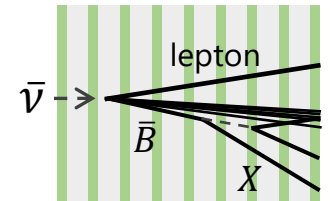
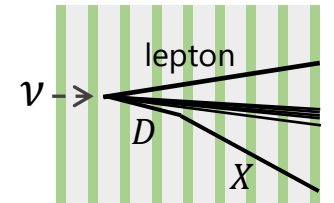
FASER ν and FASER ν 2 expected number of events

Based on "F. Kling and L.J. Nevay, Forward Neutrino Fluxes at the LHC, [Phys. Rev. D 104, 113008](#)"
and "J.L. Feng et al., The Forward Physics Facility at the High-Luminosity LHC, [arxiv:2203.05090](#)"

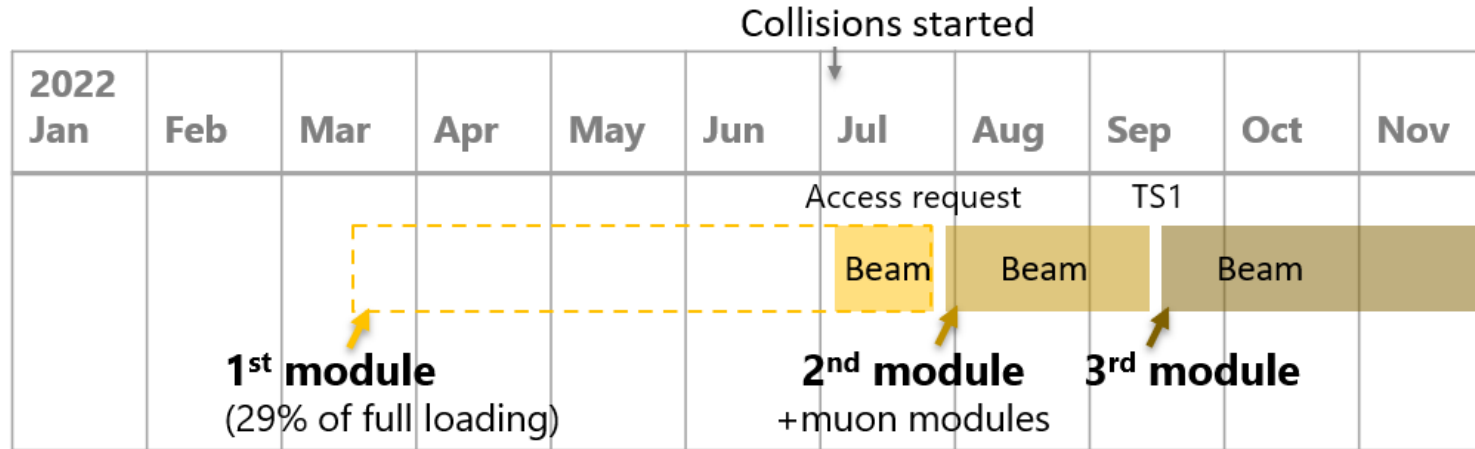
(ν int. rate estimated using **Sibyll 2.3d**)

(**DPMJET 3.2017**)

		$\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ CC	$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC	$\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ CC	$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC	$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC
FASERν (1.1 tons, 150 fb ⁻¹)	ν int.	0.9k	4.8k	15	3.5k	7.1k	97
	ν int. with charm	~0.1k	~0.5k	~2	~0.4k	~0.7k	~10
	ν int. with beauty	-	~0.05	-	-	~0.1	-
FASERν2 (20 tons, 3 ab ⁻¹)	ν int.	178k	943k	2.3k	668k	1400k	20k
	ν int. with charm	~20k	~90k	~0.2k	~70k	~100k	~2k
	ν int. with beauty	~2	~10	~0.02	~7	~10	~0.2



FASER ν 2022 runs



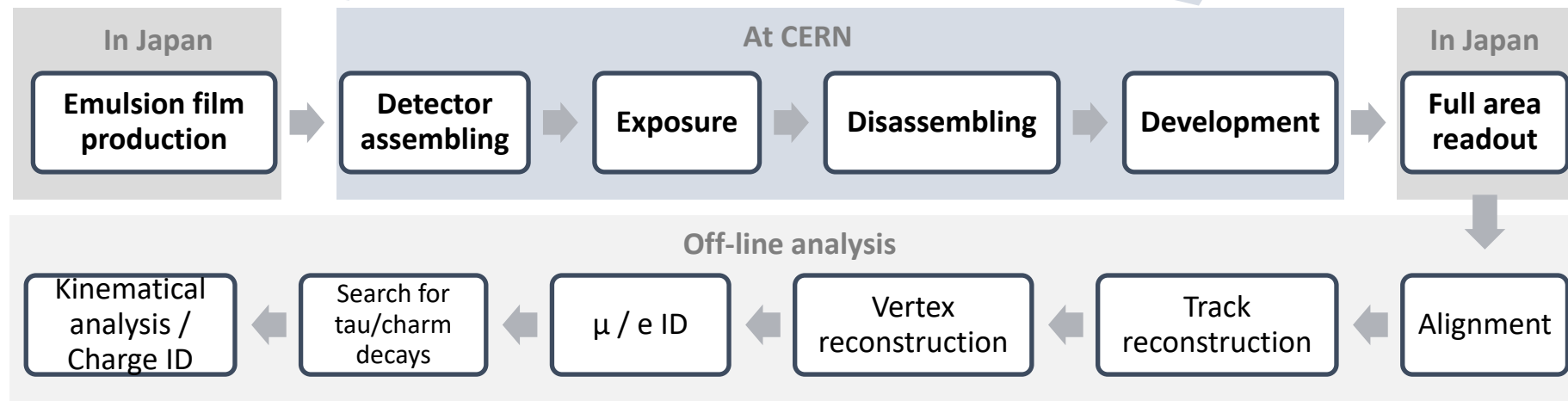
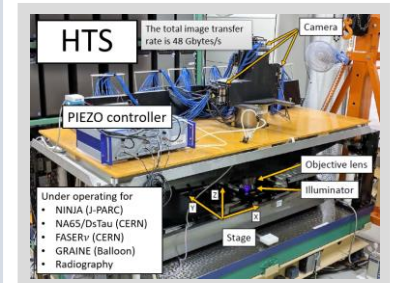
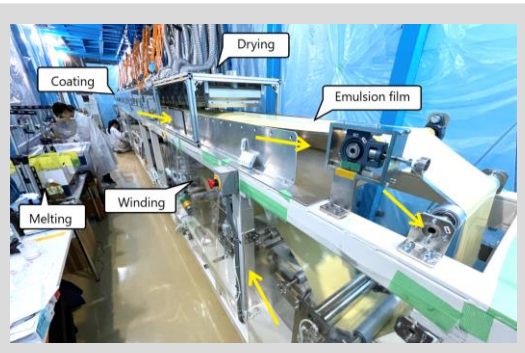
		Integrated luminosity per module (fb ⁻¹)	N ν int. expected
2022 1 st module	Mar 15 – Jul 26	0.5	~7
2022 2 nd module	Jul 26 – Sep 13	10.6	~530
2022 3 rd module	Sep 13 – Nov 29	(~30)	(~1500)

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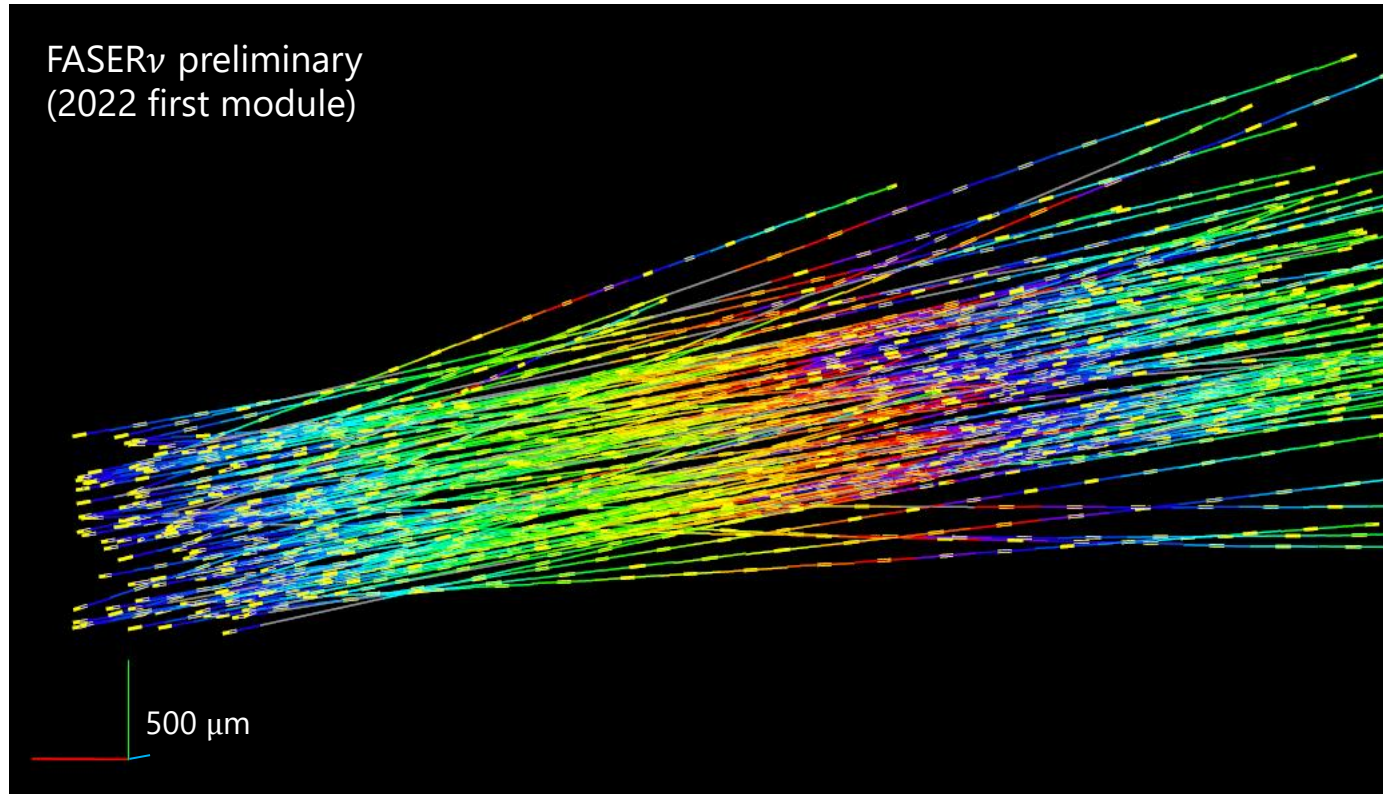
FASER ν workflow (similar for FASER ν 2)

- FASER ν : 3 modules per year
- FASER ν 2: 1 module per year

Successful operation in 2022
in the refurbished CERN emulsion facility



FASER ν data from the 2022 first module

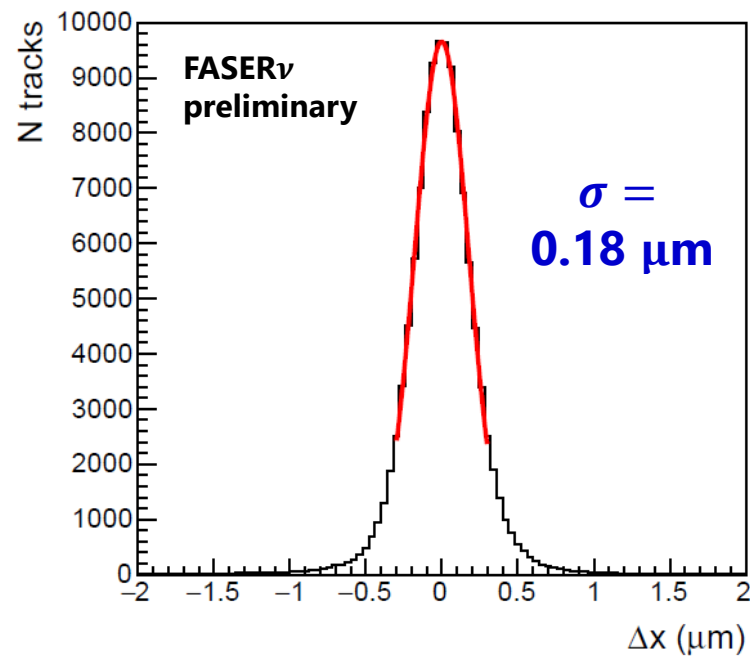


Reconstructed tracks (above ~ 1 GeV) in $1 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ mm} \times 20$ emulsion films, which collected 0.5 fb^{-1} of data.

Track density:
 $1.2 \times 10^4 \text{ tracks/cm}^2/\text{fb}^{-1}$
(within 10 mrad from the angular peak)

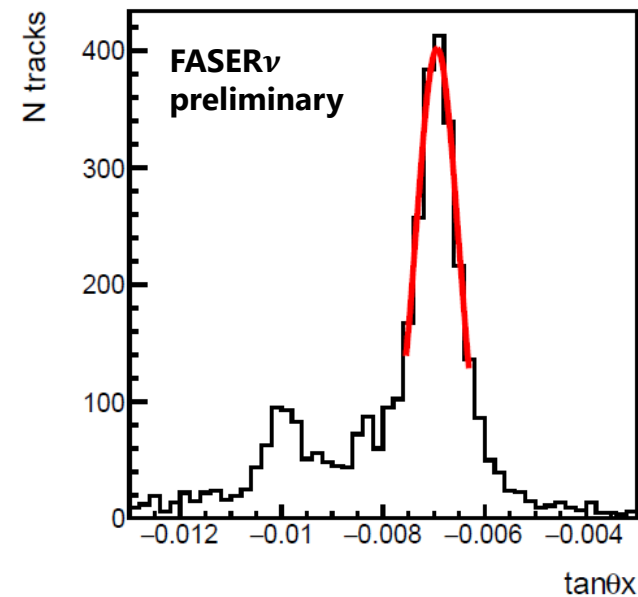
FASER ν data from the 2022 first module

Position deviation between the track hits and the straight-line fits to reconstructed tracks



for the case dedicated alignment is applied to 10 emulsion films

Angular distributions



$\sigma \sim 0.4 \text{ mrad}$

The angular spreads of the peaks are mainly due to the multiple Coulomb scattering through 100 m of rock.

The angular resolution is $\sim 0.1 \text{ mrad}$ (using 1 cm thick).

FASER ν /FASER ν 2 energy reconstruction

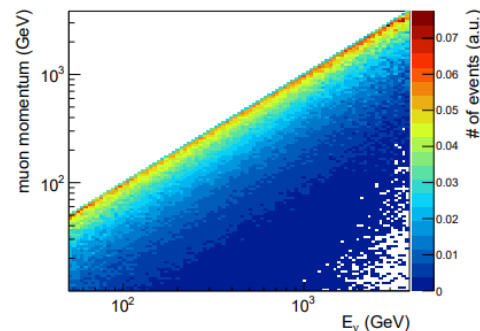
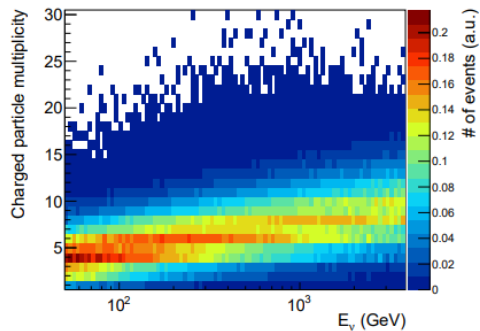
- Neutrino energy will be reconstructed by combining topological and kinematical variables

An ANN algorithm was built with **topological variables**

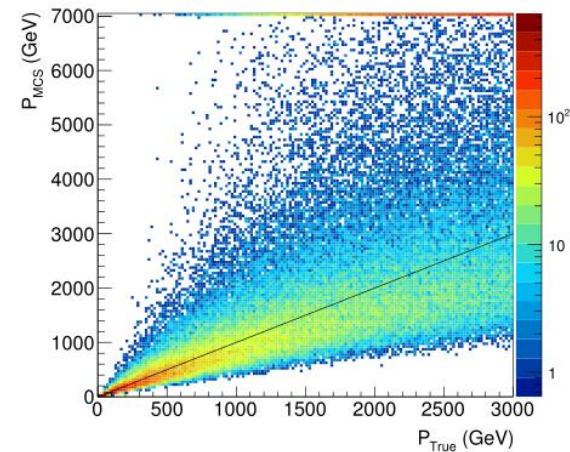
- # of charged tracks $\rightarrow E_h$
- # of γ showers $\rightarrow E_h$
- inverse of lepton angle $\rightarrow E_l$
- sum of inverse of hadron track angles $\rightarrow E_h$
- inverse of median of all track angles $\rightarrow E_h, E_l$

kinematical info (smeared)

- lepton momentum $\rightarrow E_l$
- sum of charged hadron momenta $\rightarrow E_h$
- sum of energy of γ showers $\rightarrow E_h$

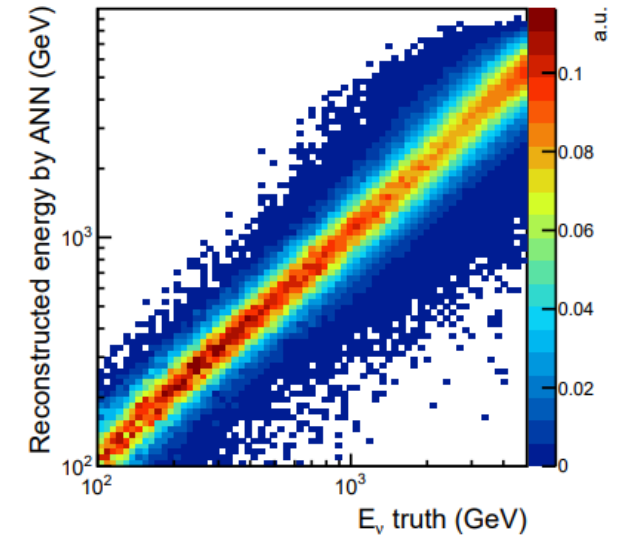


Momentum resolution
(using MCS in the emulsion detector)



Resolution of p_μ will be better using the **FASER2** spectrometer (\rightarrow to be studied)

$$E_\nu - E_{ANN}$$



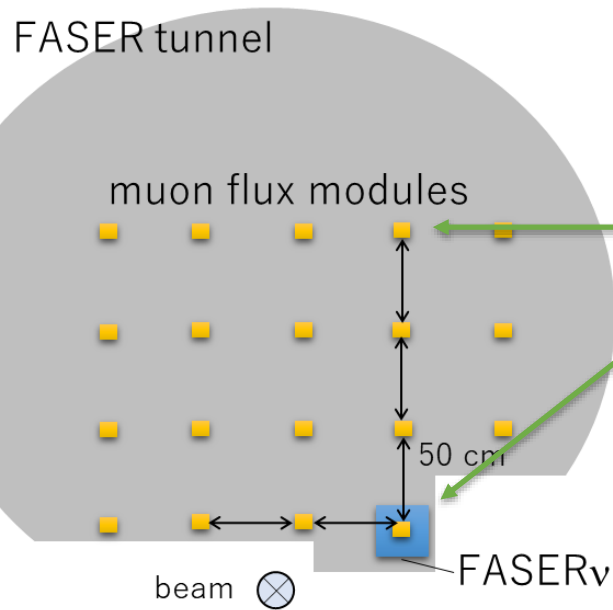
$$\frac{\Delta E_\nu}{E_\nu} \sim 30\%$$

Reconstructed tracks in $200\ \mu\text{m} \times 200\ \mu\text{m} \times 8$ emulsion films from the muon modules

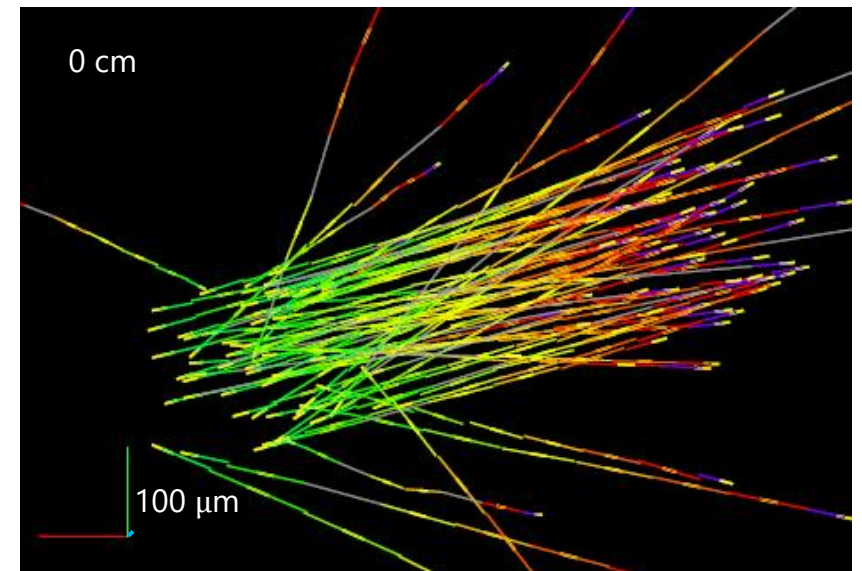
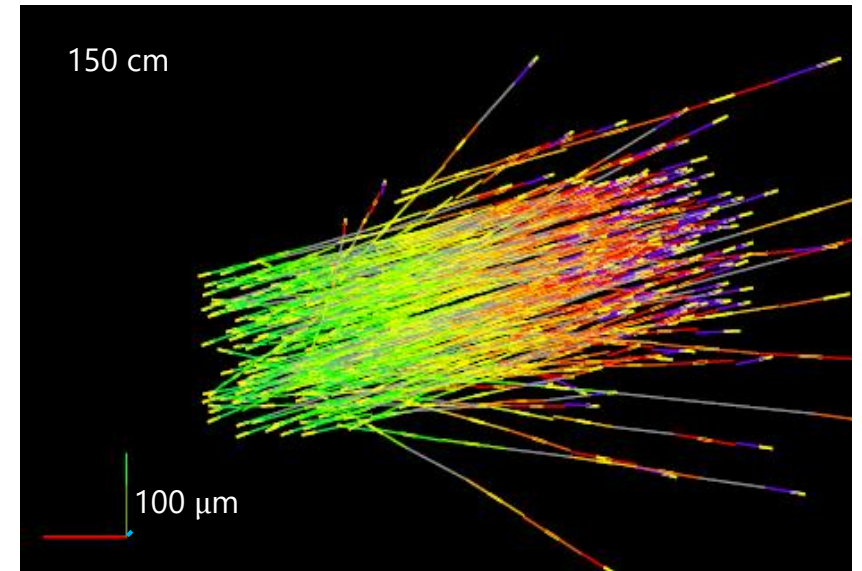
FASER ν muon measurements

In order to validate the FLUKA/BDSIM simulations of the muon background, 19 small emulsion detectors were installed in July 2022 in the region ~ 2 m from the LOS to measure the muon flux. They were extracted in September 2022, collecting $10.6\ \text{fb}^{-1}$.

FASER ν preliminary (before efficiency correction)



	track density ($/\text{cm}^2/\text{fb}^{-1}$) (within 10 mrad from the peak)
height 150 cm	3.6×10^4
height 0 cm	0.9×10^4
FASER ν 1st module	1.2×10^4



FASER_v2 main components

- **Emulsion films**
 - The amount of emulsion films per year: 40×40 cm²×3300 films or 20×40 cm²×6600 films (total ~550 m²)
 - → See the following talk by Hiroki Rokujo.
- **Tungsten target**
 - 3300 2-mm-thick tungsten plates, 40×40 cm², purity>99.95%
 - Preliminary cost estimate from a Chinese company (thanks to Zhen and Tomohiro for contacting the company)
 - 560 USD / plate
 - We will purchase sample plates and start testing them.
- **Emulsion readout system**
 - We are considering how to make a new scanning system like the HTS dedicated to FASER_v2.
- **Interface tracker and charge ID**
 - → See the following talk by Yosuke Takubo.

FASER ν 2 cost estimate

~6M CHF (Run 4)
 ~9M CHF (after Run 4)

year	main components	cost (CHF)
before 2031	before year-1 tungsten (2-mm thick, 40×40 cm ²) 3300 plates +10%	~2M
	emulsion readout system "HTS"	~1.7M
	expert of the readout system	~0.5M
	interface detectors	~0.1M?
	support structure (& installation)	~0.2M?
	cooling system	~0.1M?
	2031	year-1 emulsion (40×40 cm ²) 3300 films
	chemicals for development	~0.05M (per year)
	personnel for scanning	~0.05M (per year)
2032	year-2 ...	~1.1M (if the experiment provides no shift)
...	year-3 ...	~1.1M
	year-4 ...	~1.1M
	year-5 ...	~1.1M
	year-6 ...	~1.1M
	year-7 ...	~1.1M
	year-8 ...	~1.1M
	year-9 ...	~1.1M
	year-10 ...	~1.1M

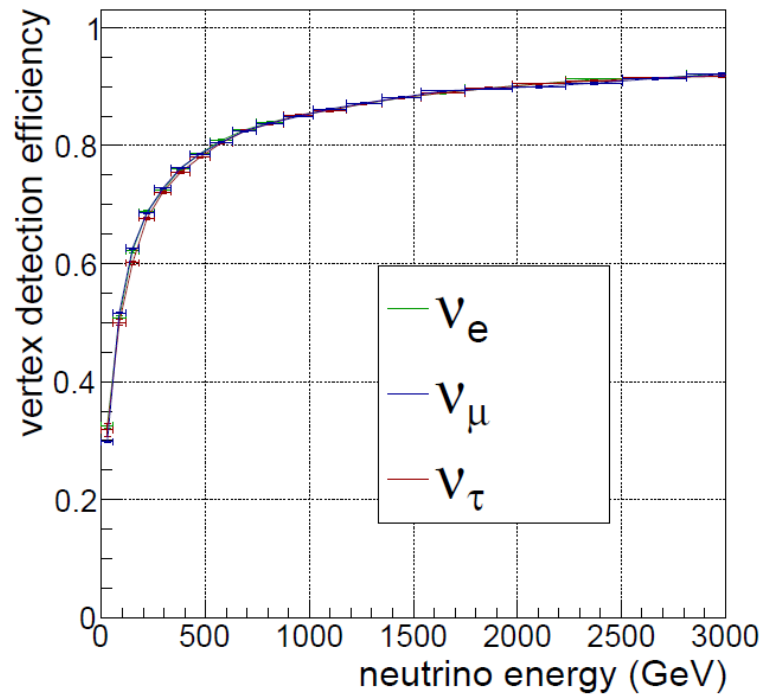
Summary

- FASER ν
 - It is taking data in Run 3, and the emulsion films were successfully replaced twice. Emulsion development of the 1st and 2nd modules was also successfully performed, and the emulsion readout has started.
 - The data from the first module shows excellent performance. Further analysis of the first and second modules is in progress toward the first physics results.
- FASER ν 2
 - Work is in progress to decide the detector design and each component of the experiment.
 - The Initial cost estimate has been shown.
 - ~6M CHF (Run 4)
 - ~9M CHF (after Run 4)
 - The next speakers will discuss more details on the emulsion detector and the interface detector.

Backup

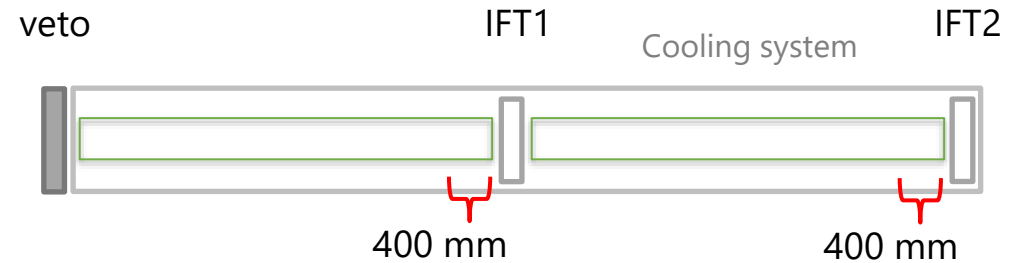
ν detection and acceptance

- **Vertex detection efficiency** after requiring at least 5 charged particles
 - Using charged tracks and γ rays with $p > 0.3$ GeV and $\tan\theta < 1$ (relative to the neutrino direction)
 - \rightarrow may change to $p > 1$ GeV and $\tan\theta < 0.5$

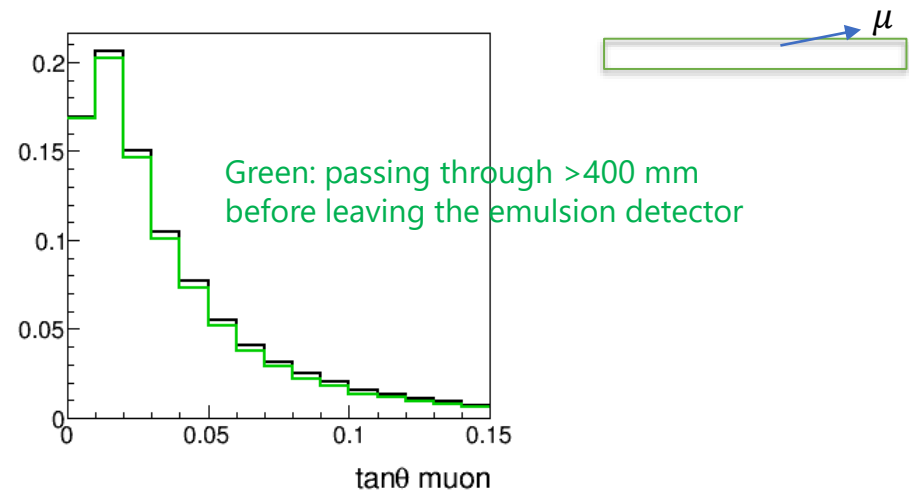


- **Additional inefficiencies for ν_μ**

1. 400 mm tungsten from the most downstream layer would be used for μ ID (400 mm/3300 mm = 12%).



2. In addition, $\sim 5.4\%$ of μ^- ($\sim 3.5\%$ of μ^+) will go side out before passing through enough material for the muon ID.



Detection of tau decays

- Special resolution of hits in the emulsion
 - 0.5 μm (measured in the FASER ν pilot run data)
- \rightarrow Angular resolution with the arm length of 10 mm
 $= 0.5 \times \sqrt{2} / 10000 = \sim 0.1 \text{ mrad}$
- To detect a kink,
 - tau should cross at least one emulsion layer,
 - kink angle should be larger than four times the angular resolution and more than 0.5 mrad
 - \rightarrow reasonable efficiency for τ decays (75% for 1-prong decays)

