

DsTau: Study of tau neutrino production

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kink

neutral decay

primary vertex

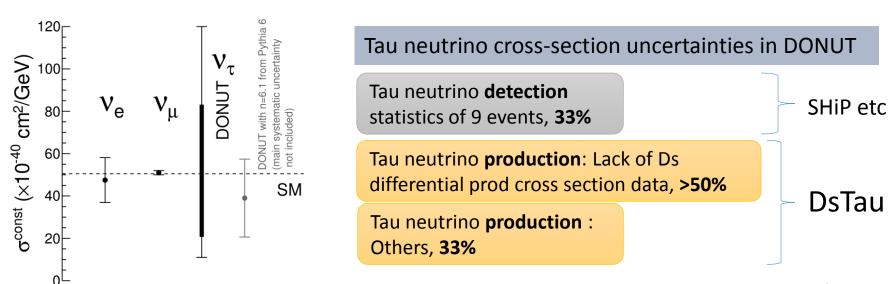
400 GeV proton

500 μm

Tau neutrinos & lepton universality test

- Tau neutrino is one of the least studied particles
 - Only a few measurements Direct v_{τ} beam: **DONUT** (DIS)

 Oscillated v_{τ} : **OPERA** (DIS), **Super-K** (QE), **IceCube** (DIS).
 - cross section error >50% (DIS) due to systematic uncertainty in ν_{τ} production
- Lepton Universality test in neutrino scattering
 - Hints of LU violation from B decays, $\bar{B} \to \tau \nu_{\tau} D^{(*)}$. New physics in tau sector?
 - A precise measurement of $\nu_{ au}$ cross-section would provide a unique and complementary information



Need to improve both $u_{ au}$ statistics and $u_{ au}$ production

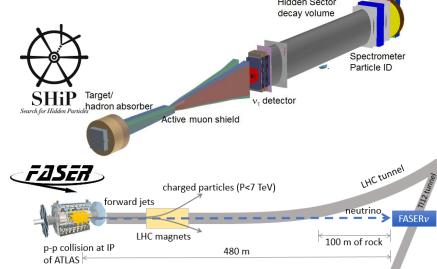
Future tau neutrino measurements

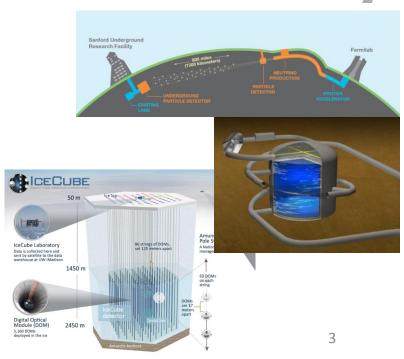
Opportunities to measure ν_{τ} cross section

- SHiP: high statistics v_{τ} measurement at the SPS beam dump facility
- FASER: high energy v_{τ} measurements at the LHC.

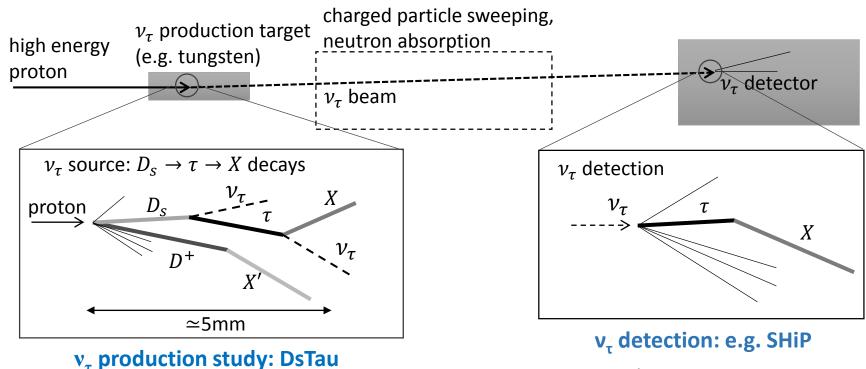
ν_{τ} cross section has influence to

- Long baseline neutrino oscillation experiments
 - DUNE, Hyper-K, SK
 - v_{τ} is background to v_{e} , due to $\tau \rightarrow e$
- IceCube
 - Astrophysical v_{τ} measurement





Concept of v_{τ} cross section measurement (accelerator based)



- No experimental data on the Ds differential cross section
- Large systematic uncertainty (~50%) in the v_{τ} flux prediction
- Statistical uncertainty 33% in DONUT
- Will be reduced to the 2% level in future experiments

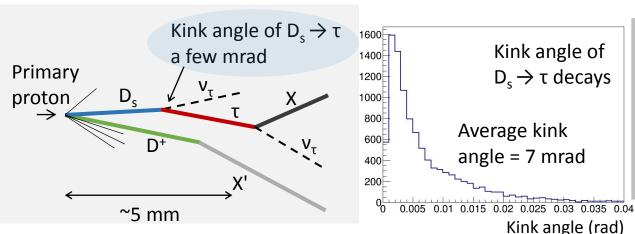
The DsTau project (SPSC-P-354)



- Goals: Study of v_{τ} production for future tau neutrino experiments.
 - First measurement of D_s double differential production cross section
 - To reduce uncertainty of ν_{τ} flux from >50% to 10%.
 - Fundamental input for future v_{τ} experiment: SHiP.
 - Byproduct: charm physics, intrinsic charm component in proton.

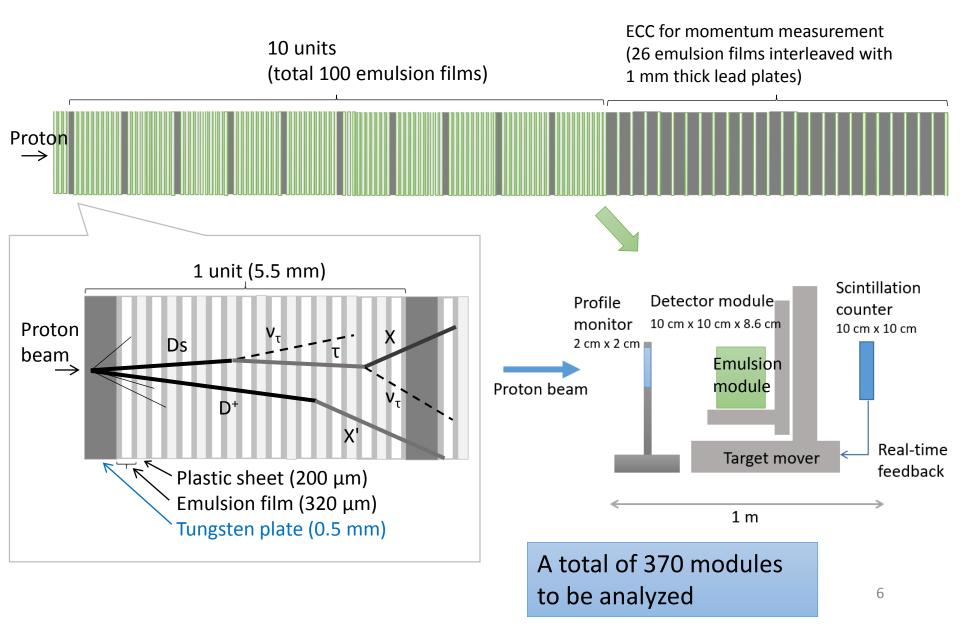
Principle of the experiment

- Detection of "double-kink + charm decay" topology within some mm.
- 4.6×10^9 protons, 2.3×10^8 proton interactions in tungsten, 10^5 charm pairs, $1000 D_S \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$ decays.



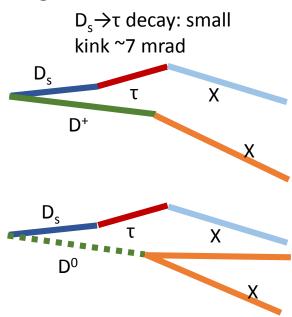
High angular resolution tracker $\sigma_{x} = 50 \text{ nm}$ $\sigma_{\theta} = 0.35 \text{ mrad}$ $\sigma_{\theta} = 0.35 \text{ mrad}$

Module structure for $D_s \to \tau \to X$ measurement



Signal and background

Signal

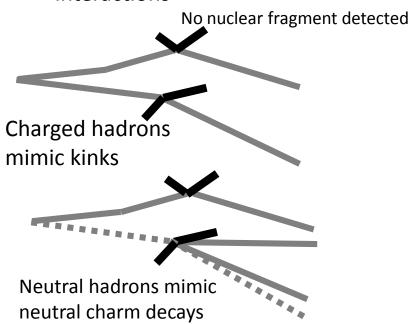


Detection efficiency = 20%, estimated with Pythia 8.

Signal probability 2.2x10⁻⁷ /proton

Signal in DsTau: 1000

 Main background: Hadron interactions of daughters of proton interactions



Background probability estimated by FLUKA.

$$P_{BG}^{charged}=1.3\pm0.4\times10^{-9}$$
/ proton $P_{BG}^{neutral}=2.7\pm0.8\times10^{-9}$ / proton

BG in DsTau: 18

DsTau load map

Test beam 2016

• Test of detector structure

Test beam 2017

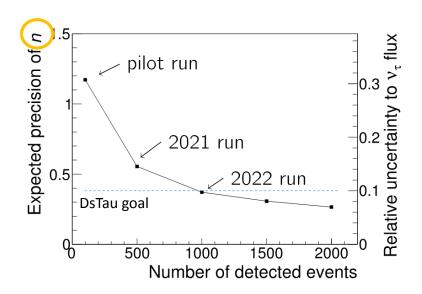
- Improved detector structure
- Refine exposure scheme

Pilot run 2018

- 1/10 of the full scale experiment
- 30 % uncertainty on ν_{τ} flux
- Revise the DONUT result
- Charm physics

Physics run 2021-2022

- Full scale experiment
- Aiming at collecting 1000 $D_S \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$ events
- 10 % uncertainty on $\nu_{ au}$ flux



We are here

Phenomenological formula

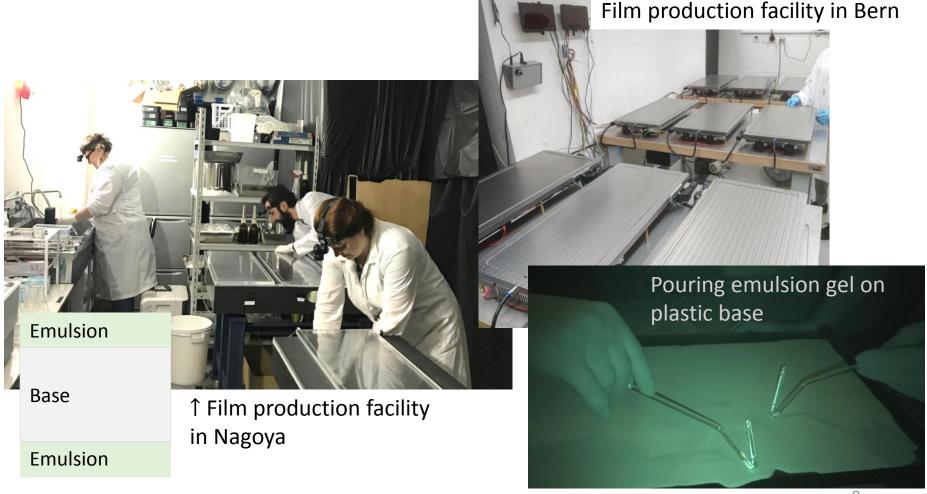
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_F dp_T^2} \propto (1-|x_F|)^n \exp(-bp_T^2)$$
longitudinal transverse dependence dependence

 x_F is Feynman x ($x_F = 2p^{CM}_Z/Vs$) and p_T is transverse momentum

Pilot run: emulsion film production

50 m² (4000 films) produced

Film production in Nagoya and Bern in June - August 2018



Detector assembling

• 30 modules (131 films/module, 235 components) prepared in total

Mechanical support to assemble modules



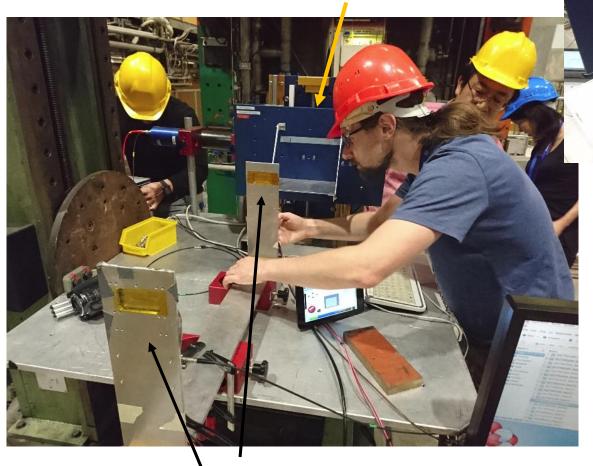






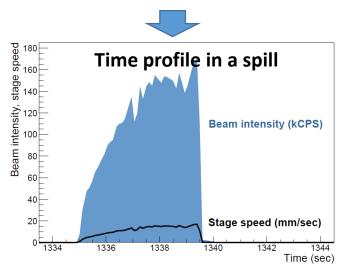
Installation

Target mover



Silicon pixel profile monitors

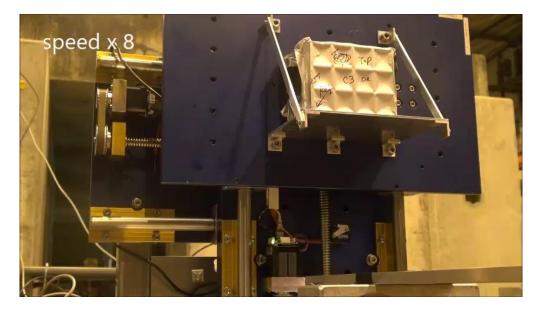
Scintillator for intensity driven control

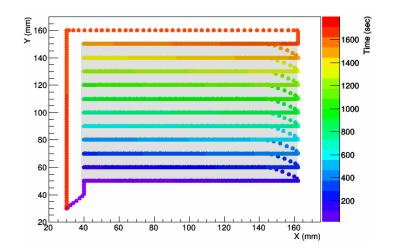


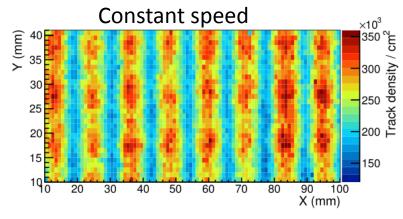
Exposure scheme

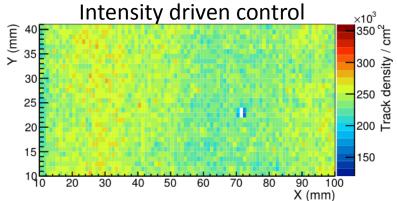
- Target mover (scanning on X)
 - 2016: moved at a constant speed during the spill
 - 2017, 2018: intensity driven control by scintillator counter (feedback each 0.2 sec)
- 10⁵ protons / cm²
- 0.5 1 hour per module

Scanning sequence of the target mover (video)









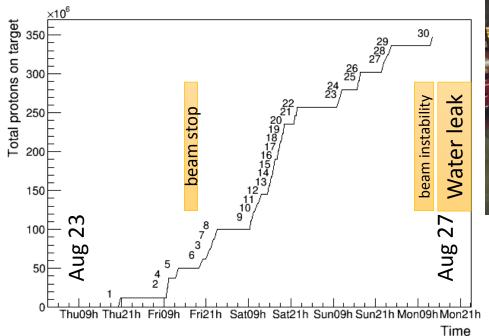
2018/1/23 CERN SPSC Jan 2018

Emulsion module exposure

30 modules were exposed

• $10^5 \ protons/cm^2 \rightarrow 1.25 \times 10^7/module$

c.a. 18 million proton interactions in tungsten

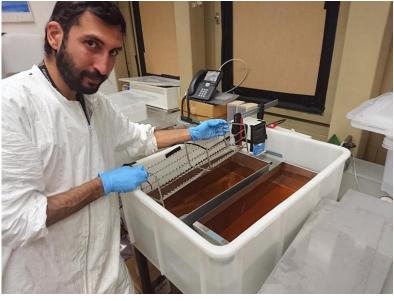




We progressed quicker than planned, thanks to two Flat-Top in a Super Cycle.

Development in Bern, 8/28-10/4





- Total 4000 films
 Tons of chemica
 - Tons of chemical were used.



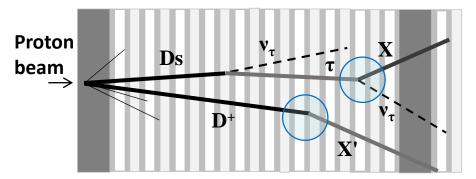
← Developed films



Analysis scheme for double-kink search

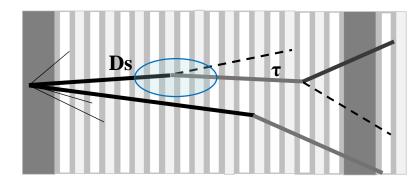
Step 1

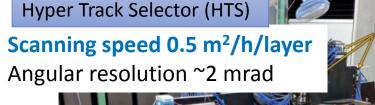
- Full area scanning by the fast scanning system
- Select decays with $\Delta\theta > 20$ mrad

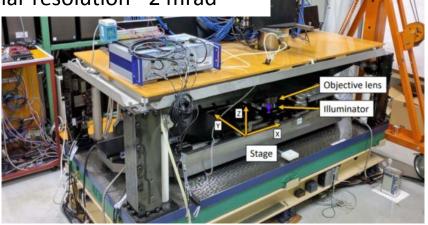




 Precision measurement to detect Ds -> τ decay (a few mrad)

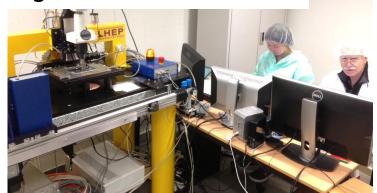






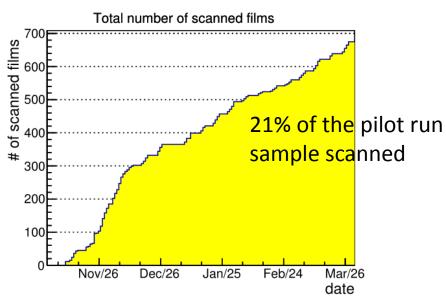
Nano-precision systems

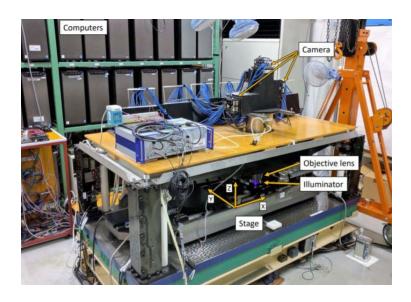
Angular resolution ~0.3 mrad



Status of fast readout by HTS

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 - 675 out of 3150 films
- Bare scanning speed = 6 min / film
 - ≈10 TB image data/films





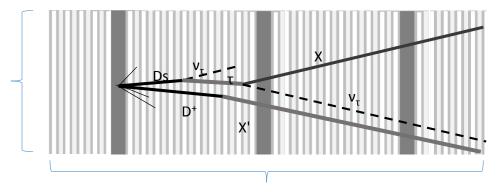
- Prospect: Complete fast readout by the end of 2019
 - An increase of scanning speed (x2) will be implemented.

Reconstruction performance (1): alignment

Processing in sub-volumes

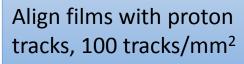
1.5 cm x 1.5 cm

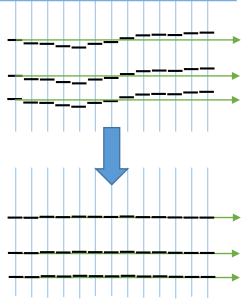
- e.g. 1.5 cm x 1.5 cm x 30 films
- Alignment with proton beam tracks
 - Alignment accuracy better than $0.4 \mu m$



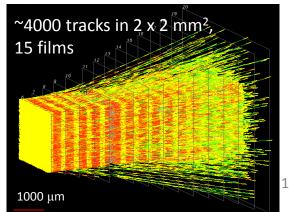
30 films
(two tungsten plates to reject low momentum daughter candidates)

Reconstructed tracks



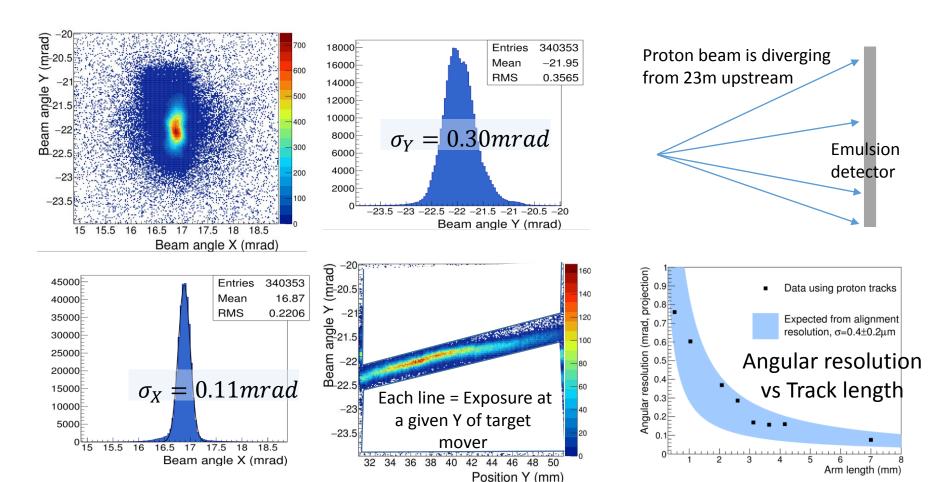


Residual of track segments to fitted line (RMS) \approx **0.4** μm



Reconstruction performance (2): Proton beam angle structure

- Proton beam tracks were checked in detail
 - Tracks reconstructed in 20 emulsion films, thickness of 1.1 cm

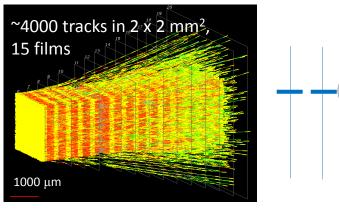


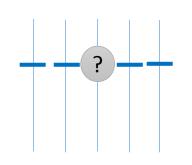
Reconstruction performance (3) Efficiency, track density

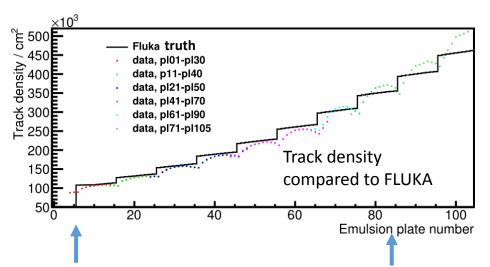
Check of data in the full depth of decay module.

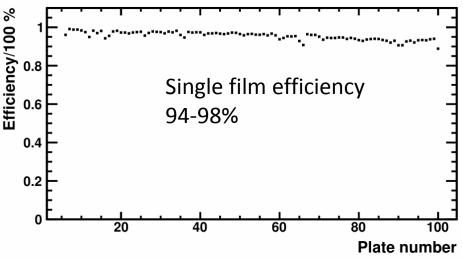
Single film efficiency OK.

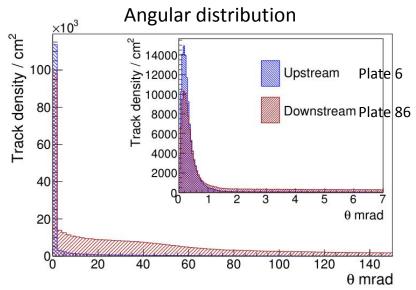
Track density evolution matches with FLUKA.





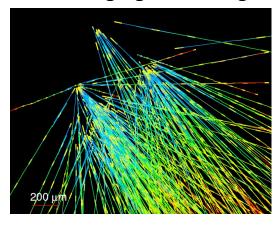




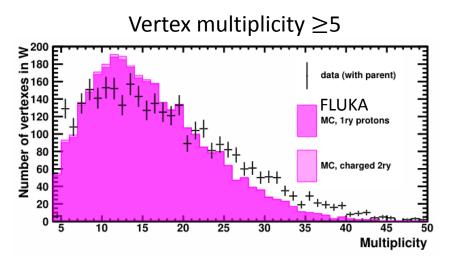


Reconstruction performance (4): Vertexing

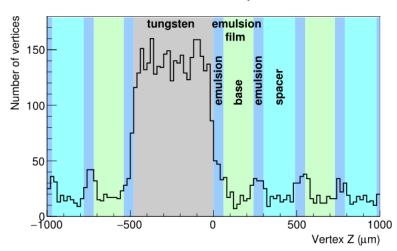
Tracks emerging from tungsten target



Vertex density 500/cm²



Reconstructed vertex position in



Fine detector structure is observed by reconstructed vertices.

We are performing step by step comparison between data/FLUKA

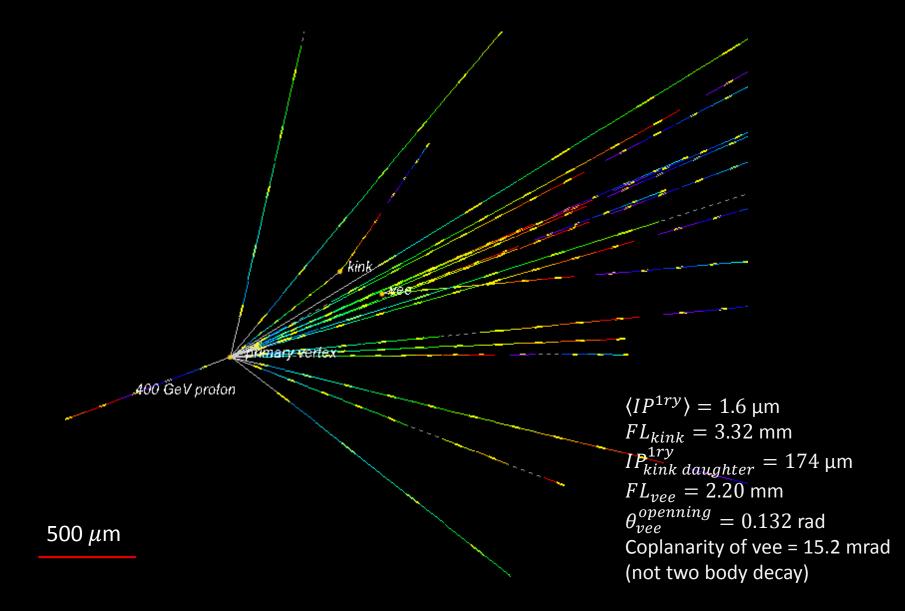
Reconstruction performance (5): Decay search

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- Double charm event search
 - "A charged 1 prong decay && another charged or neutral decays".

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Interactions in single tungsten plate

A double charm candidate, kink + vee



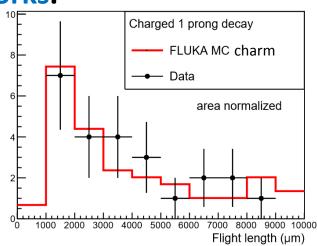
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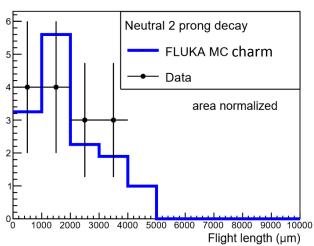
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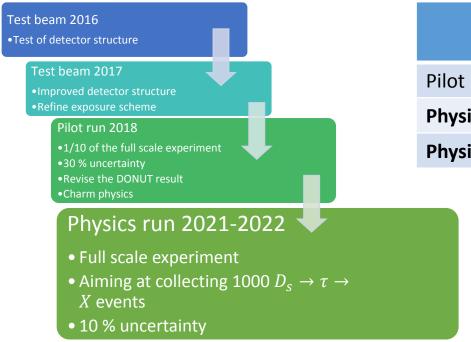
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Flight length distribution shows that our charm analysis chain works.



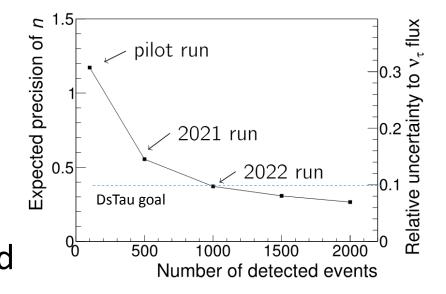


Plan for physics runs in 2021, 2022



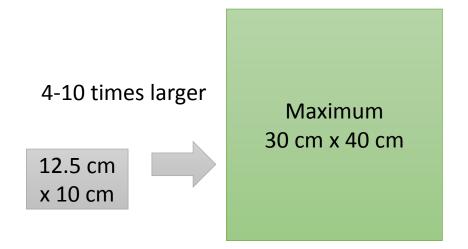
	# of modules	emulsion films (m²)
Pilot run 2018	30	49
Physics run 2021	150	246
Physics run 2022	190	312

- 2 weeks each
- The exposure speed achieved in the pilot run is quick enough



Emulsion film production

- Gel/Film production in Nagoya University
- Large scale gel production facility is budgeted and under construction.
- Change in film size under discussion to minimize the scanning effort
 - Faster readout with less film exchange
 - No impact to physics performance

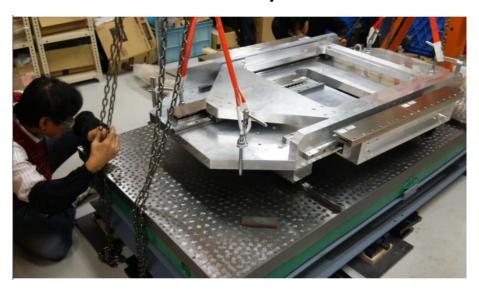


High precision piston for emulsion gel production



New scanning system under construction

- HTS II
 - 2.5 m²/hour, 5 times faster than HTS
 - Will be ready in 2020.



- Large FOV 5x5 mm²
- Tilted optics FOV
- GPU based processing
- Linear motor and counter weight

 Readout time necessary for each physics run will be less than 1 year (incl. the detector optimizations)

Summary

- DsTau studies tau neutrino production in 400 GeV proton beam dump, for future tau neutrino measurements.
- 2018 was devoted to the pilot run and the establishment of analysis chain.
 - Pilot run in 2018 was successfully performed with **1/10 scale** of the total. Many thanks to beam physicists.
 - 21% of films were scanned, to be completed in 2019
 - Data analysis is ongoing (data/MC, double charm)
 - Charm analysis in a statistical way
 - Young and motivated people are joining to DsTau!
- A paper summarizing test beams is being submitted.
- Preparing for physics run in 2021/2022
 - Detector optimization & faster readout to ensure a delivery of timely results

Thank you for your attention!



Collaboration

The DsTau team in the pilot run in 2018



Japan:
Aichi University of Education
Kobe University
Kyushu University
Nagoya University



Romania: Institute of Space Science Russia:

JINR-Joint Institute for Nuclear Research



University of Bern



METU-Middle East Technical University



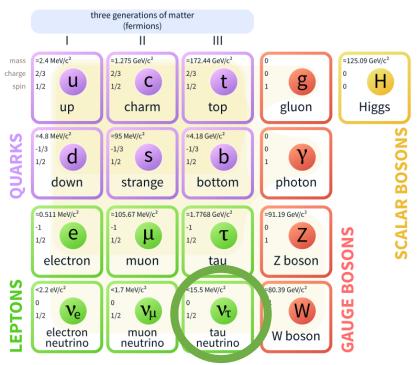




Tau neutrino

3rd generation of lepton

Standard Model of Elementary Particles



Predicted after discovery of tau in 1975

Consolidated by LEP, $N_{\nu} = 3$, in 80s

First direct observation in 2001

The last observed fermion

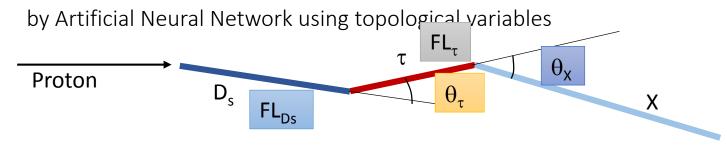
Neutrino oscillations $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$ appearance in 2015

Recently, "Flavor anomalies" in B decays $\bar{B} \to \tau \nu_{\tau} D^{(*)}$

Processing speed

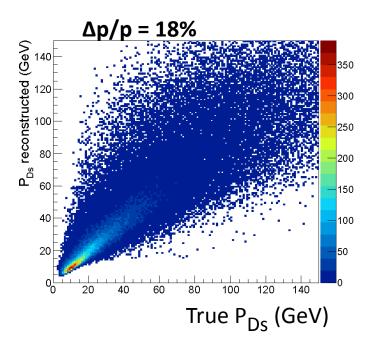
- Limitation = processing speed
 - Fine-alignment process is most time consuming.
 - Decay search next.
- GPU based alignment calculation was tested
 - ≃50 times speed up was achieved with 1 GPU.
 - The implementation of a GPU to the DsTau processing server will be done in this week.
- Distributed computing for decay search to be implemented in next months.

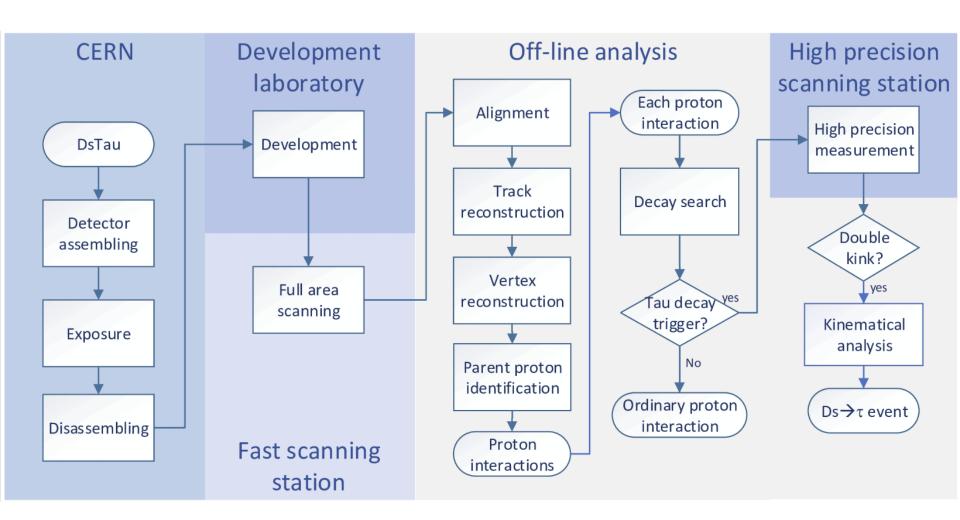
New method for Ds momentum reconstruction



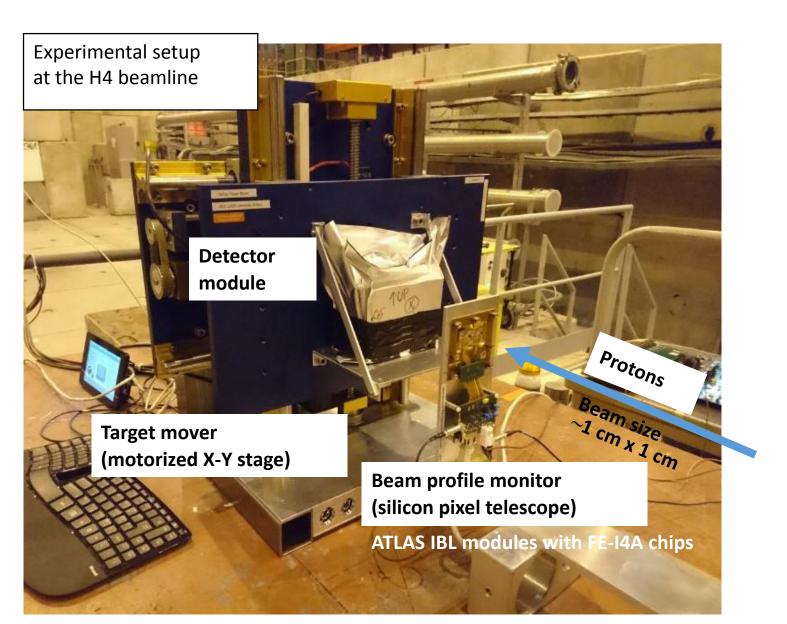
FL: flight length

- Difficult to measure Ds momentum directly due to short lifetime
- → Ds momentum reconstruction by topological variables
- A Neural Network with 4 variables was trained with MC events
- Momentum resolution for $\tau \rightarrow 1$ prong decays $\Delta p/p = 18\%$



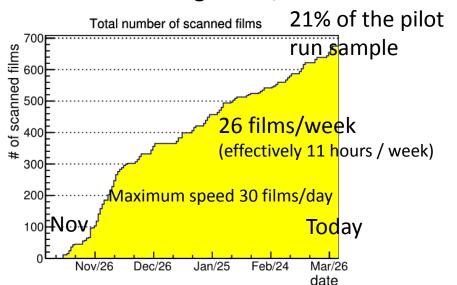


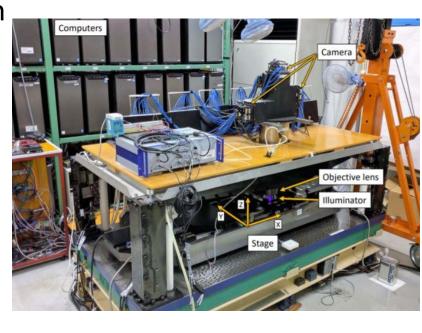
Detector setup



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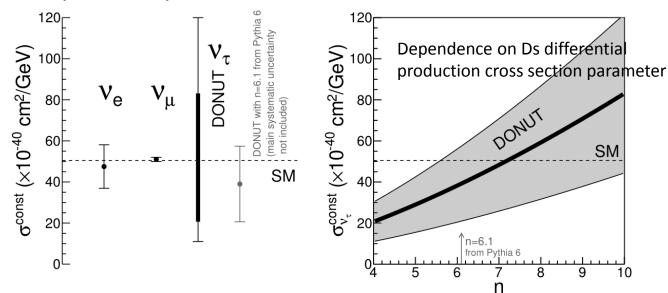


- Limitation = machine time of HTS, 11 hours / week
 - average speed 26 films/week
- Prospect: Complete readout by the end of 2019
 - Scanning speed → 70 films / week

Tau neutrinos

- One of the least studied particles
 - Few measurements Direct $v_{ au}$ beam: DONUT (DIS)

 Oscillated $v_{ au}$: OPERA (DIS), Super-K (QE)
 - cross section error >50% (DIS) due to systematic uncertainty in $\nu_{ au}$ production
- Lepton Universality test in neutrino scattering
 - Hints of LUV from B decays
 - More semi-leptonic decay into τv_{τ} than μv_{μ}
 - New physics in tau sector?
 - A precise measurement of $\nu_{ au}$ cross-section would provide a unique and complementary information



Experiment Proposal

Status of the DsTau project

- Letter of Intent, Feb. 2016
 - Beam tests in Nov. 2016, May 2017
- Proposal (SPSC-P-354), Aug. 2017
- Presentation at the 128th Meeting of the SPSC (open session):
- Reviewed during the SPSC meeting, Jan.
 2018
- → "The 2018 run has been approved and the Committee recommends that the beam time requested for 2021 will be granted."

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Study of tau-neutrino production at the CERN SPS

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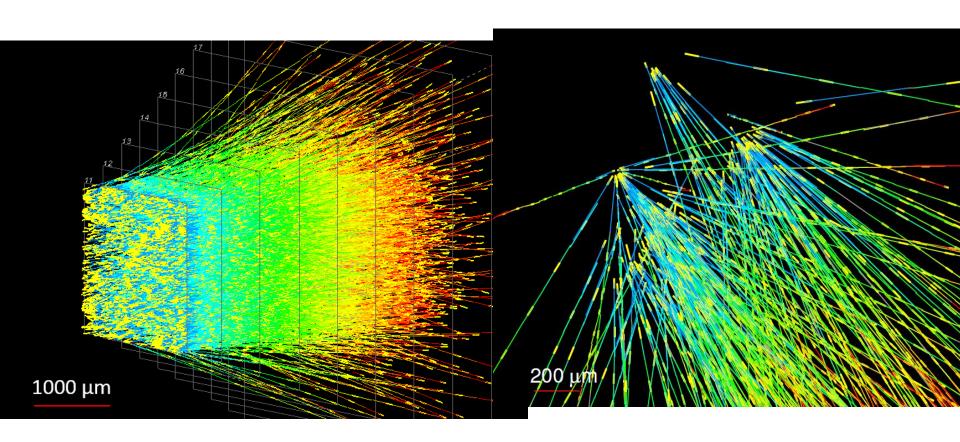
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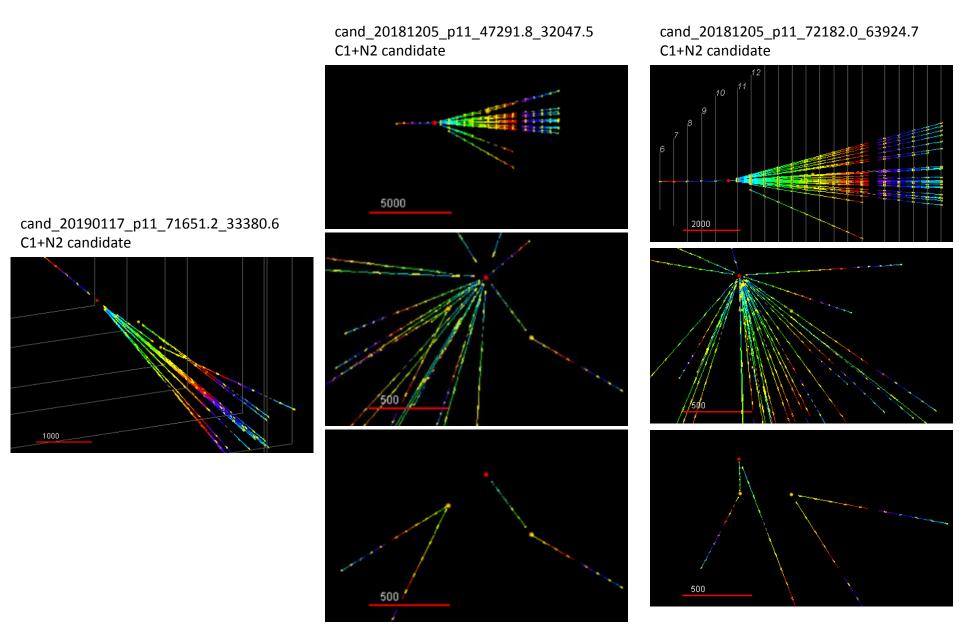
A piece of data

Tracks 1 mm x 1 mm

Tracks emerging from tungsten target

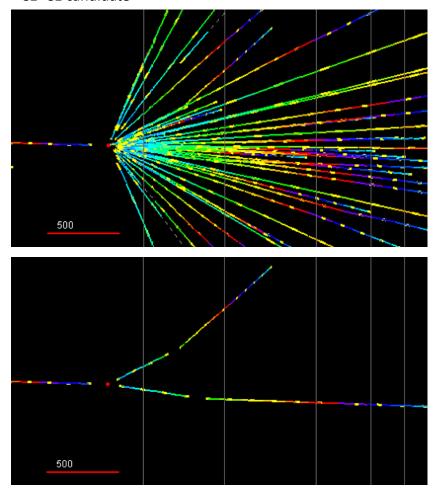


Event displays

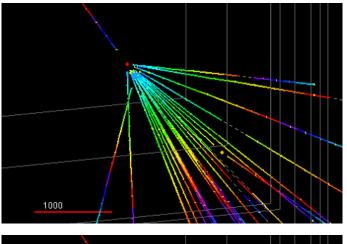


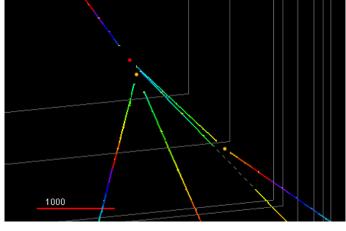
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cand_20190117_p11_61598.3_47632.7 C1+C1 candidate



cand_20190117_p11_61427.6_56633.2 C1+N2 candidate

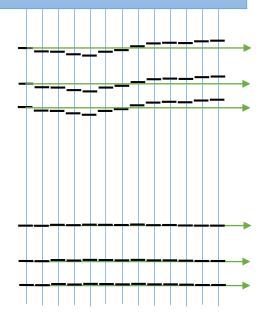




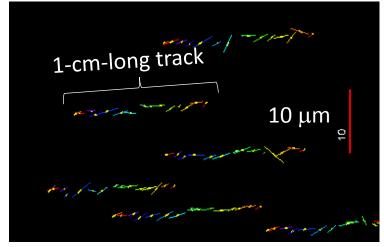
Alignment of between emulsion films

- "Proton tracks run straight!"
 - scattering of 400 GeV proton is negligible
- Align films to minimize the displacement from the beam proton
- Position residual of track segments to a linear fit is < 0.4 μ m, depending on processing area size

Align films with proton tracks

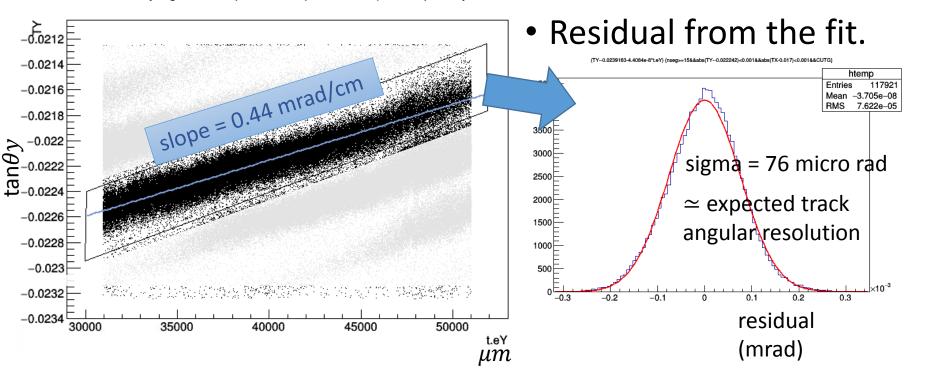


Correct segment position



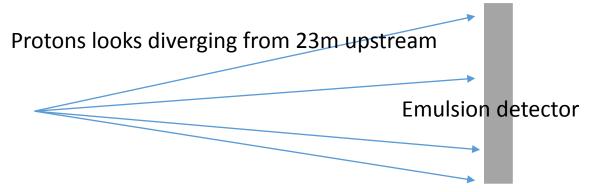
Close look in the TY

TY:t.eY {nseg>=15&&abs(TY--0.022242)<0.001&&abs(TX-0.017)<0.001}



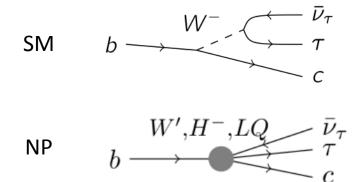
The "right-shoulder up" feature is consistent with a "diverging beam".

1/(0.44mrad/cm) = 23m.



New physics effect?

- There might be additional forces for between leptons and quarks, breaking Lepton Universality
- Several theoretical models.
 - Commonly discussed:
 W', H⁻ and LQ
- Intensively discussed in collider environment
- How about neutrino scattering?
 - New particles might affect tau neutrino cross-sections



$$u_{\tau} (\bar{\nu}_{\tau}) \xrightarrow{W', H^{-}, LQ} \tau^{-} (\tau^{+})$$
 $d/s (u/c) \xrightarrow{C} c (b)$

Emulsion detector

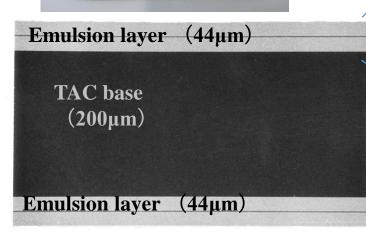
A minimal detector:

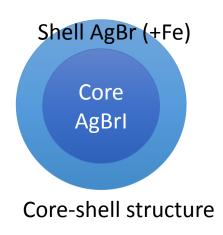
Silverbromide (AgBr) Cristal

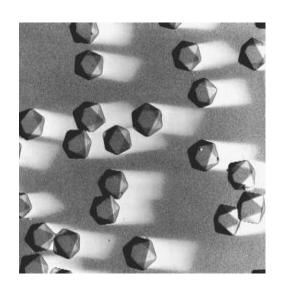
- diameter = 200 nm
- core-shell structure
- detection eff. = 0.16/crystal
- noise rate = 0.5×10^{-4} /crystal
- volume occupancy = 30%

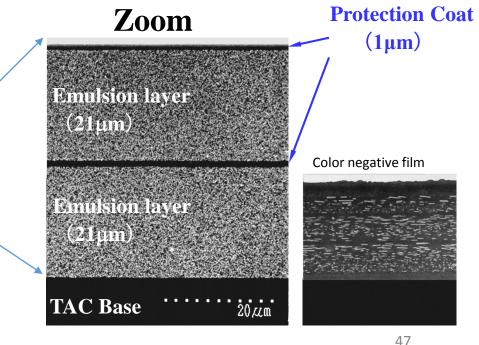
10¹⁴ crystals in a film







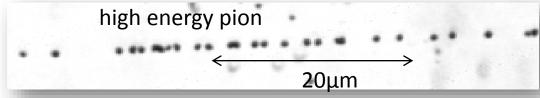


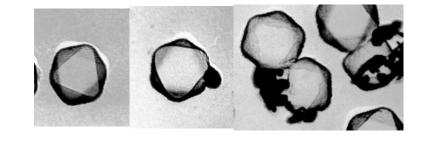


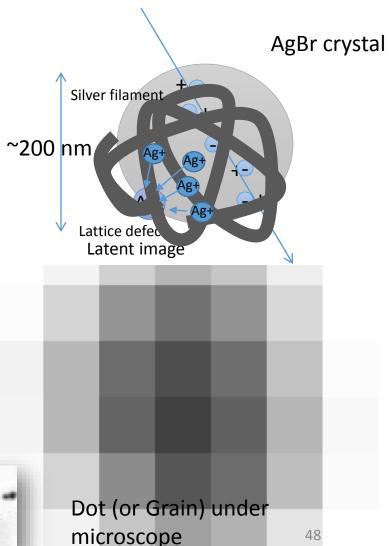
Nucl. Instrum. Methods A 556 80 (2006)

Detection principle of emulsions

- 1. Ionization by a particle
 - band gap of 2.5 eV
- 2. Electrons trapped in a lattice defect on the surface of crystal
 - Attract interstitial silver ions
 - Making a "latent image" = Ag_n
 - n>=4, developable
- 3. Amplification of signal chemically
 - Development → silver filaments
 - Gain $10^7 10^8$
- 4. Resolve crystal
- 5. Ready to observe under optical microscopes

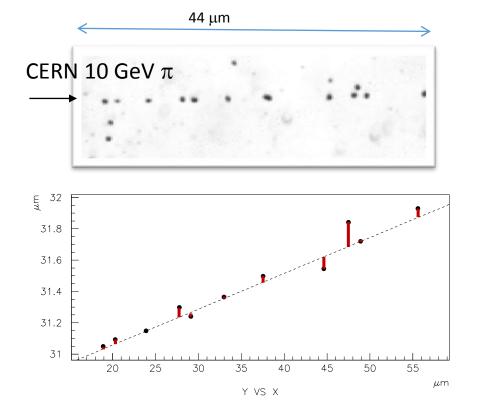


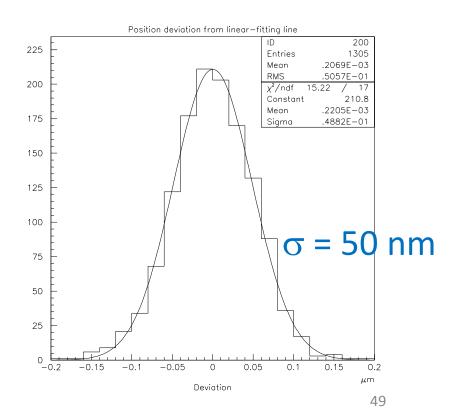




Intrinsic resolution of emulsion detector

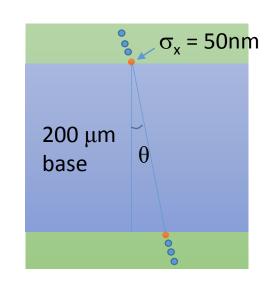
- Precision measurement of hits (5nm)
- Deviation of grains from a fit line
- Resolution was found to be 50 nm
 - 0.35 mrad angular resolution

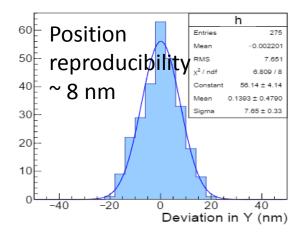


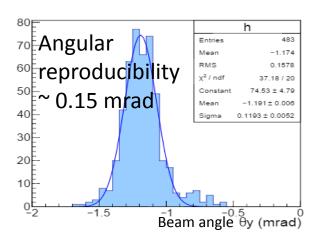


High precision measurement of track angles

- Intrinsic resolution of each grain = 50 nm
 - Two grains on top and bottom of 200 μ m base \rightarrow 0.35 mrad
 - Discrimination of 2 mrad at 4σ level
- A high precision system with a Piezo-based Z axis developmented







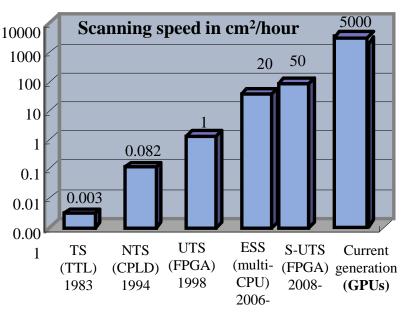
Piezo objective scanner



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Evolution of automated scanning system

Development of scanning system started in 1970s.





100 times faster than OPERA

Bern scanning station (2008-)

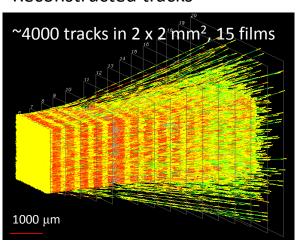


Emulsion detectors are no more an analog detector, but a digital detector.

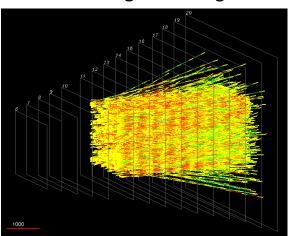
Reconstruction of proton interactions

- Microscope data taking
 - Pixel size = 0.3 μm x 0.3 μm x 2 μm
- Data size
 - ~10 TB image data / film (125 cm²)
 - ~50 PB will be processed in the 2018 pilot run (50 m²)
 - 10 GB / film after compression to be stored
- Track density
 - OPERA: 100 tracks/cm2 in wide angular space (θ <500 rad)
 - DsTau: 100,000 tracks/cm2 in small angular space (θ <10 mrad)

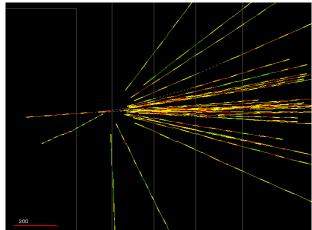
Reconstructed tracks



Tracks starting after tungsten



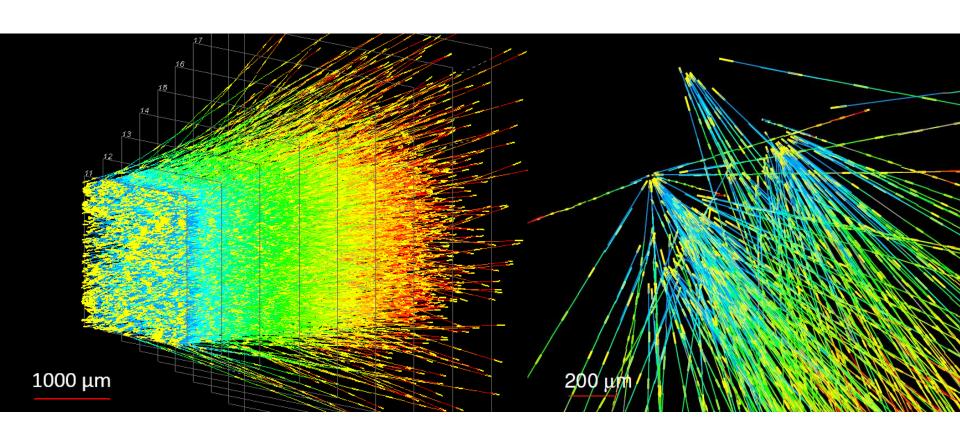
Vertex reconstruction



A piece of data

Tracks 1 mm x 1 mm

Tracks emerging from tungsten target



Charm production cross section results

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_F dp_T^2} \propto (1 - \left| x_F \right|)^n \exp(-bp_T^2)$$

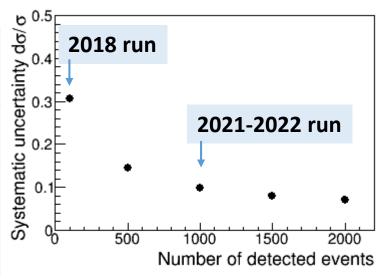
Experiment	Beam type / energy (GeV)	σ(D _s) (μb/nucl)	σ(D±) (μb/nucl)	σ(Dº) (μb/nucl)	σ(Λ _c) (μb/nucl)	x_F and p_T dependence: n and b (GeV/c) ⁻²
HERA-B	p/920	18.5 ± 7.6 (~11 events)	20.2 ± 3.7	48.7 ± 8.1	-	$n(D^0, D^+) = 7.5 \pm 3.2$
E653	p/800	-	38 ± 17	38 ± 13		$n(D^0, D^+) = 6.9^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$ $b(D^0, D^+) = 0.84^{+0.10}_{-0.08}$
E743 (LEBC-MPS)	p/800	-	26 ± 8	22 ± 11		$n(D) = 8.6 \pm 2.0$ $b(D) = 0.8 \pm 0.2$
E781 (SELEX)	Σ ⁻ (sdd) / 600					~350 D _s ⁻ events, ~130 D _s ⁺ events (x _F > 0.15) $n(D_s^-) = 4.1 \pm 0.3$ (leading effect) $n(D_s^+) = 7.4 \pm 1.0$
NA27	p / 400		12 ± 2	18 ± 3		
NA16	p/360		5 ± 2	10 ± 6		
WA92	π/350	1.3 ± 0.4		8 ± 1		
E769	p / 250	1.6 ± 0.8	3 ± 1	6 ± 2		320 \pm 26 events (D $^{\pm}$, D 0 , D $_{s}^{\pm}$) n(D $^{\pm}$, D 0 , D $_{s}^{\pm}$) = 6.1 \pm 0.7 b(D $^{\pm}$, D 0 , D $_{s}^{\pm}$) = 1.08 \pm 0.09
E769	π [±] / 250	2.1 ± 0.4		9 ± 1		1665 \pm 54 events (D $^{\pm}$, D 0 , D $_{s}^{\pm}$) n(D $^{\pm}$, D 0 , D $_{s}^{\pm}$) = 4.03 \pm 0.18 b(D $^{\pm}$, D 0 , D $_{s}^{\pm}$) = 1.08 \pm 0.05
NA32	π/230	1.5 ± 0.5		7 ± 1		

(Results from LHCb at \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 or 13 TeV are not included since the energies differ too much)

No experimental result effectively constraining the D_s differential cross section at the desired level or consequently the v_{τ} production

Expected performance

Run	Beam time	Emulsion surface	Systematic uncertainty for the cross section measurement
2018 pilot run	1 week	48 m ² (30 modules)	30% → Re-evaluation of the DONUT result
2021 physics run	2 weeks	545 m ² (338 modules)	10% → Input for future measurement
2022 physics run	2 weeks		

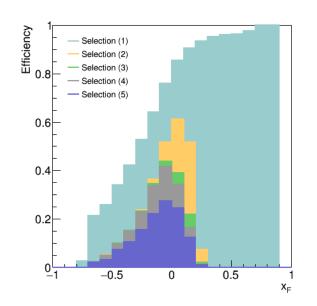


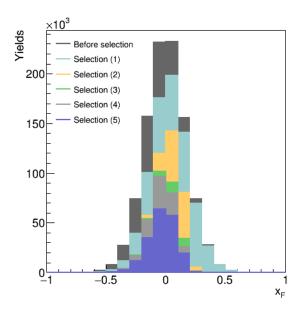
Uncertainties in the cross section measurement		DONuT	Systematic uncertainty after DsTau outcome	Future v_{τ} measurement with DsTau outcome
	$v_{ au}$ statistics	0.33		0.02
	D_s differential cross section (x_F dependence)	>0.50	0.10	0.10
	Charm production cross section	0.17		
	Decay branching ratio ($D_s \rightarrow \tau$)	0.23 (0.04 at present)	0.05	0.05
	Target atomic mass effects	0.14		

Aiming at ~10% precision to look for new physics effects in v_{τ} -nucleon CC interactions

Efficiency of $D_s \to \tau \to X$ detection

Selection	Total efficiency (%)
(1) Flight length of D _s ≥ 2 emulsion layers	77
(2) Flight length of $\tau \ge 2$ layers & $\Delta\theta(D_s \rightarrow \tau) \ge 2$ mrad	43
(3) Flight length of D_s < 5 mm & flight length of τ < 5 mm	31
(4) Δθ $(τ)$ ≥ 15mrad	28
(5) Pair charm: 0.1 mm < flight length < 5 mm (charged decays with $\Delta\theta$ > 15 mrad or neutral decays)	20



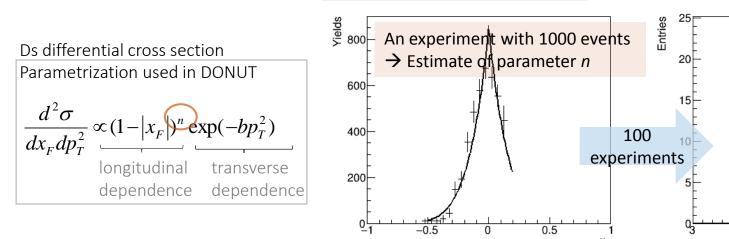


Estimation of parameter *n* for DONUT re-evaluation

Reconstructed x_F

(corrected by the efficiency)

For future measurement,



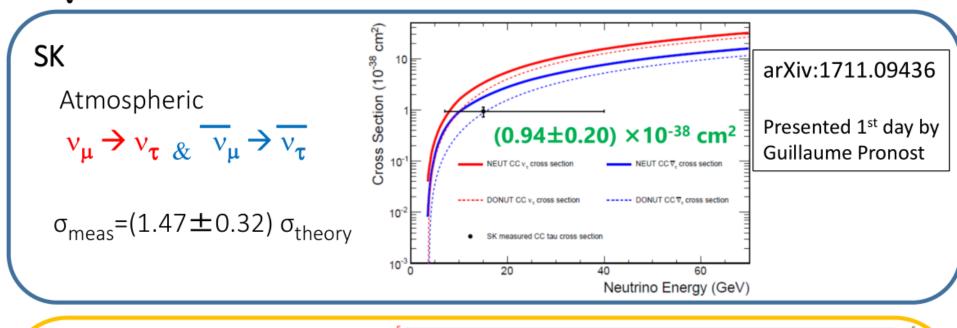
Estimated parameter *n*

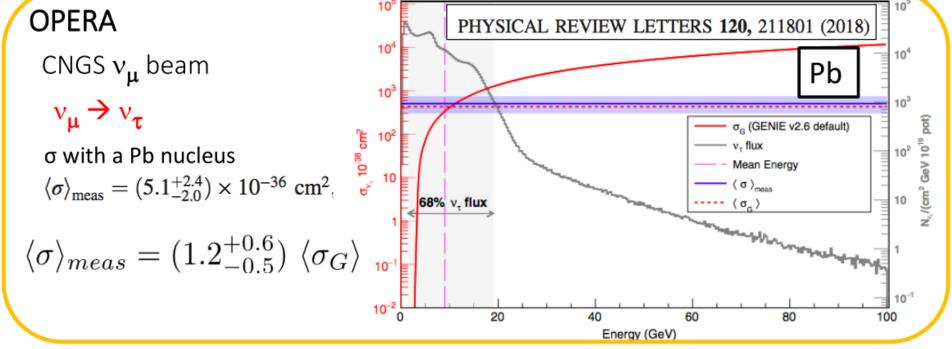
Unfolding of the reconstruction xF distribution to be applied (method will be investigated)

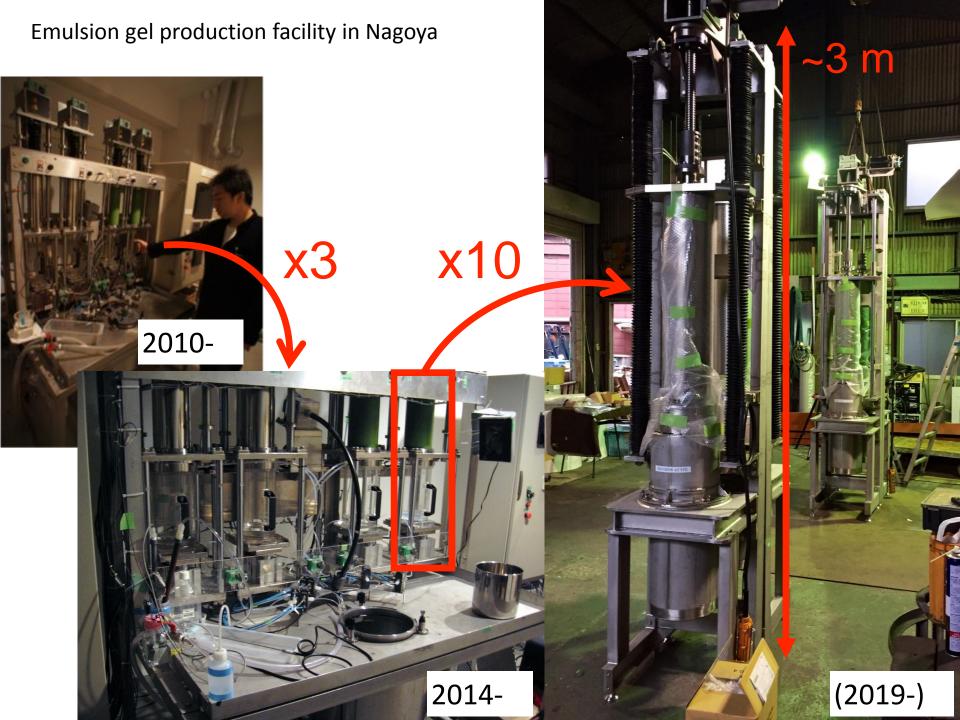
a more appropriate parametrization will be used

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v_{τ} cross section measurement by oscillated neutrinos



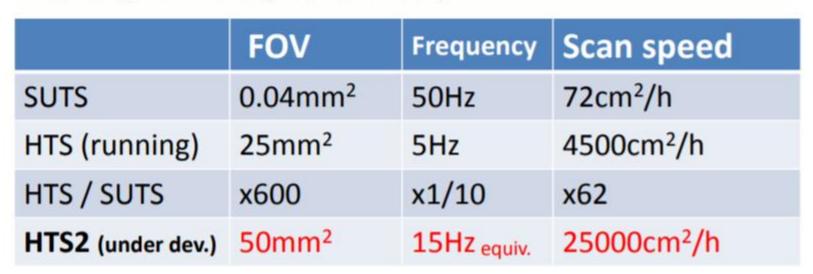


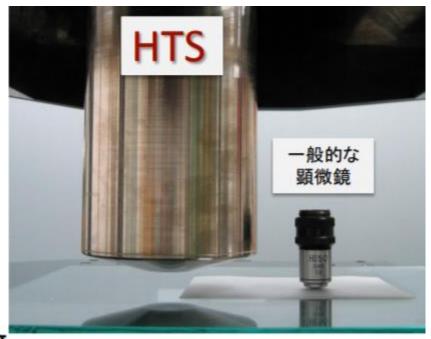


HTS concept

- Very large field of view 5 x 5 mm² (x600 cf. SUTS)
- Quick stage using the linear motors (good transfer characteristic) and counter stage.
- GPGPU based image processing

<100ms @tan $\theta<1.6$ (Geforece GTX680)





Continuous image capturing

Objective

- Length of view 5mm vs Emulsion 60μm → 12mrad=0.7°
- Image segmented into 18 per length of a side (5mm)
- Capture 18 frames per 5mm stage (emulsion) travel

