Cross sections with the ENUBET monitored neutrino beam

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What is ENUBET?

ENUBET aims at realizing the first monitored neutrino beam:

The production of associated leptons is monitored at single particle level in an instrumented decay region

- Instrumented decay region $K^+ \rightarrow e^+ v_e \pi^0 \rightarrow \text{(large angle)} e^+$ $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ v_\mu \pi^0 \text{ or } \rightarrow \mu^+ v_\mu \rightarrow \text{(large angle)} \mu^+$
- v_e and v_{μ} flux prediction from e^*/μ^* rates

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



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a collimated momentum-selected hadron beam → mainly decay products hit the tagger → manageable rates a "short", 40 m, tunnel (~all v_e from K, ~1% v_e from µ)

NB: it requires a specialized beam, not a "pluggable" technology for existing super-beams

* CENBG

ERC project 6/2016- 12/2022

Enhanced NeUtrino BEams from kaon Tagging ERC-CoG-2015, G.A. 681647, PI A. Longhin, Padova University, INFN

https://www.pd.infn.it/eng/enubet/

Since April 2019

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- CERN Neutrino Platform: NP06/ENUBET
- Physics Beyond Colliders

Present collaboration: 65 phys, 13 institutions

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Wish list for a new generation cross-section facility



A dedicated short baseline beam for a precision <1% in v_e and v_μ fluxes

Symmetry 13 (2021) 9, 1625

- Reduce the dominant systematics on flux empowering existing mitigations:
 - Combine hadro-production data + v-e scattering (5-10%). World record: arXiv:2209.05540 (3.3-4.7% !)
 - \rightarrow Monitored neutrino beam (this talk) 0.5-1 %
 - Muon storage ring (nuSTORM) <1%
- Constrain E_v without relying on the final state
 - Narrow band beams combined with movable detectors (rough approximation of a "monocromatic beam")
 - Monitored neutrino beam "Narrow band- off-axis technique" (this talk)
- Use the same target as far detectors (DUNE, Hyper-K) + low Z target (existing or new experiments)
 - near detectors do an excellent job but issues with flux × cross-section deconvolution
 - new experiments with existing or novel detectors and beam (following the success of exp like MINERvA)
- Large statistics (double differential cross sections)
 - Not an issue for v_{μ} . O(10⁴) v_{e} in conventional beams and monitored neutrino beams
 - O(10⁶) in all flavors using muon storage rings (nuSTORM)

The hadron beamline



Large bending angle of 14.8°: better collimation + less μ background and ν_e from early decays. ~1.5 × gain in signal. **Transfer Line**:

- optics optimization w/ TRANSPORT (5% momentum bite centered @ 8.5 GeV)
- G4Beamline for particle transport and interactions;
- FLUKA for irradiation studies, absorbers and rock volumes (see next \rightarrow);
- optimized graphite target 70 cm long with 3 cm radius (optimized geometry, materials);
- W foil downstream target to suppress positron background;
- W alloy absorber @ tagger entrance to suppress backgrounds; **Dumps**:
- Proton dump: three cylindrical layers (graphite core \rightarrow aluminum \rightarrow iron);
- Hadron dump: ~ proton dump to reduce backscattering flux in tunnel;

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Full facility also implemented in GEAN14 Easy control over all parameters; Access to the particles histories; assessment of the v flux systematics

The beamline in FLUKA

Detailed FLUKA simulation of the setup

Guided the design of the detector technology for the demonstrator

Good lifetime of instrumentation and focusing elements achieved.





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Optimization of the beamline



Systematic optimization campaign:

- increase the π/K input flux, decrease bckg
- fully in GEANT4 \rightarrow control all pars with external cards
- explore multi-D parameters space to maximize FOM.
- Genetic algorithm run on a cluster (Lyon IN2P3)

 \rightarrow next steps:

better FOM (include S/B shapes with improved execution speed) extend the parameter space (now 5 pars. in the downstream part) Updated results in Jan 2023.

C. Delogu, PhD thesis

- Signal: $\pi \& K$ @ tagger entrance
- Background: $e^* \& \pi$ hitting tunnel walls (excl. those from decays)

FOM dependence on opt. parameters



	signal		backgrounds	
	π⁺ /10³ POT	K⁺ /10³ POT	e ⁺ /K ⁺ 10 ⁻³	π⁺/Κ⁺ 10⁻³
Design	4.13	0.34	7	59
Optim.	5.27	0.44	2	35

Intermediate result: reduced backgrounds, but similar to signal shapes : 28% gain in flux \rightarrow 2.4 y for 10⁴ v_e^{CC} (500 t @ 50m)



Event pile-up 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 by "fitting" superimposing waveforms.

Energy spectrum layer 3 Time residuals laver 3 Time residuals laver 35000 G4 simulation -0.0115 ± 0.0006 0.2721 ± 0.0007 30000 Detected ES 10 Matching between true 25000 and reconstructed time 20000 10 (500 MS/s). 270 ps. 15000 10000 5000 Time [ns]

Peak finding efficiencies: Slow ~ 4.5 x 10¹³ POT in 2s Fast ~ horn ~ 10 x slow

Transfer line and extrac-	Hit rate per	detection effi-	
tion scheme	LCM	ciency	
TLR5 slow	1.1 MHz	97.4%	
TLR5 fast	$10.4 \mathrm{~MHz}$	89.7%	



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

Lepton reconstruction



GEANT4 simulation of the detector, validated by prototype tests at CERN in 2016-2018. Clustering of cells in space and time. Treat **pile-up** with waveform analysis. Multivariate analysis.





ν_e^{cc} spectra at detector

500t @ 50 m after the hadron dump @ 400 GeV \rightarrow 10⁴ v_e^{CC} with 9e19 POT

- v_{e} from K^{+/-} in the instrumented region
- $v_{\rm e}$ from K^{0+/-} in the proton/hadron dump
- \rightarrow reduce by tuning the dump geometry/location
- $v_{\rm e}$ from K^{+/-} in front of the tagger
- (after 1st bend/2nd bend) ~10% contamination \rightarrow accounted for with simulation (~geometrical).







Flux constraint from lepton rates \rightarrow systematics reduction





New! (March 22): for the first time we have managed to "put all the pieces together" and show the concept at work in a rigorous way

Flux constraint algorithm implementation

- build S+B model to fit lepton observables (2D in z and reco-energy)
- include hadro-production (HP) & transfer line (TL) systematics as nuisances



A. Branca et al, PoS NuFact2021 (2022), 030

Muon z

E_(bin 1)

E_(bin 2)

E (bin 3

1200

800

600

400

200

Used hadro-production data from NA56/SPY experiment to:

- reweight MC lepton templates and get their nominal distribution
- compute lepton templates variations ("envelopes") using multi-universe method ("toy exp")

Flux constraint results



Before constraint:

sys. budget from HP (NA56/SPY data): ~6%

After constraint (fit to lepton rates measured by the tagger): Down to ~1% !

Original idea with a statistical analysis run on full simulation data (beamline, detector, reco.)

Works for both v_e and v_u

TODO: include beamline, acceptance, detector, kinematics sys.

Fluxes decomposition: NBOA

"Narrow-band off-axis technique" (NBOA): bins in the radial distance from the center of the beam \rightarrow single-out well separated neutrino energy spectra \rightarrow strong prior for energy unfolding, independent from the reconstruction of interaction products in the neutrino detector. "Easy" rec. variable. A kind of "off-axis" but without having to move the detector (thanks to the small distance of the detector) !







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Forward region muons reconstruction

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





The most upstream (hottest) detector needs to cope with a muon rate of ~ 2 MHz/cm² and about 10^{12} 1 MeV-n_{eq}/cm².

Micromegas detectors employing Cherenkov radiators + thin drift gap ? Bonus: cutting-edge timing (O(10) ps).

→ PIMENT project ! →

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PIMENT and more...



Italian groups also involved in the WP6 of the freshly approved **ESSnuSB+**: Could the idea of ENUBET be exploited also at the ESS proton driver using pions monitoring ($E_{prot} = 2 \text{ GeV}$)?



Scintillators + WLS light readout handling

Pre-war scenario for scintillators = injection molding @Moskow: totally jeopardized \rightarrow commercial scintillator slabs + cutting/milling in Italy. Critical impact \rightarrow polishing, fibre gluing, tiles painting with personnel from the collaboration. "Titanic" effort concentrated in a few "hot" months.

Demonstrator construction at LNL-INFN labs

Assembly of the iron / scintillators/ BPE planes

Summer 2022 @ INFN-LNL

Fiber bundling with new "concentrators"

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bundling of the WLS fibers with 3D printed "fiber concentrators"+ in situ polishing

Readout electronics

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ENUBET takes off !!!

3 Oct 2022 @ building 157, CERN Meyrin PS East Hall T9 area

Movable platform "landing site" @ T9 test beam area.

ENUBET "landed" at the PS-T9 area

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The ENUBET demonstrator in numbers

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- Scintillator tiles: **1360**
- WLS: ~ **1.5 km**
- Channels (SiPM): 400
 - Hamamatsu 50 um cell
 - 240 SiPM 4x4 mm² (calo)
 - 160 SiPM 3x3 mm² (t₀)
- Fiber concentrators, FE boards: 80
- Interface boards (hirose conn.): 8
- Readout 64 ch boards (CAEN A5202): 8
- Commercial digitizers: 45 ch
- hor. movement ~1m
- tilt >200 mrad

Instrumented fraction can be extended (> x2) in the future with already available materials (with more time for an exposure next year, possibly with some customized electronics).

Data taking with the demonstrator

horizontal run with darkening cover

Beam spot at the detector upstream face after several runs illuminating different regions of the detector

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200 mrad tilt run

Efficiency maps

Data look good! Complete analysis in progress (test finished ~1 week ago).

Event displays

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Tracker layers ("t₀")

calorimeter layers

NB: channels not yet equalized with mips.

Steps towards a real experiment

• A successful R&D is not enough to propose a SBL neutrino beam at CERN in 2029 (Run 4 of LHC, in parallel with DUNE and Hyper-K).

We need:

- to create **consensus in the neutrino community**. \rightarrow Detail the physics case + detector requirements
- to be realistic as regards the site implementation. We need 5-9x10¹⁹ pot in 2-5 years and a location that can fit a suite of detectors, possibly including ProtoDUNEs.
- transform a generic interest into a real proposal by 2025

Framework:

- we are carrying on the beam optimization (pot reduction, energy measurement) and site-dependent study in the framework of Physics Beyond Collider at CERN
- we are detailing the physics case with **nuSTORM** because many items are in common
- ENUBET physicists are involved in both DUNE and Hyper-K and they are aware of the **needs of these** experiments and complementarity with the Near Detector measurements

Implementation scenarios

- The cheapest: dedicated beamline extracted from the North Area to the ProtoDUNEs
 - Maximum use of existing facilities
 - Slow extraction easily implemented
 - Strong interference with other experiments
 - Potential radiation issues
- The cleanest: a dedicated extraction line near the North area pointing to ProtoDUNE
 - No interference with experiments and existing facilities
 - radiation issues somewhat easier
 - Slow extraction
 - Higher cost
- The nuSTORM-like extraction line
 - Relatively cheap
 - Incompatible with ProtoDUNE in their current position
 - Potential issues with the slow extraction

Studies/discussions starting within Physics Beyond Colliders

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M. Antonello et al., CERN-SPSC-2012-010

Ahida et al., CERN-PBC-REPORT-2019-003, TT60 existing extr. line

Conclusions and outlook

- Monitored neutrino beam: all features needed for a new generation of cross-section experiments
- Not anymore just an "interesting idea": the proof-of-concept is nearly complete and NP06/ENUBET has proven it both by simulations and an experimental validation
- The final ENUBET results will appear in **journals (3-4 papers) in 2023**.
- We have started the process of **addressing the real implementation** at CERN and aim at a proposal in 2024-2025 to be in data taking for LHC Run IV (2029)
- This is **a major effort** that requires:
 - Careful assessment of physics performance
 - Assets and limitations for the use of ProtoDUNE (e.g. cosmic rejection in a slow extraction, kinematic reconstruction of final states, etc.)
 - Optimal location at CERN to exploit the SPS slow extraction, radioprotection constraints

We look forward to your suggestions for a design fulfilling the needs of the ν and nuclear physicists to have such an experiment up and running in // with DUNE/HK

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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

CERN-TE-ABT-BTP, BE-OP-SPS

Velotti, Pari, Kain, Goddard

Narrow band off axis

F. Acerbi et al., CERN-SPSC-2018-034

Precise determination of E_{ν} : no need to rely on final state particles from ν_{μ}^{CC} interaction

8-25% E_{ν} resolution from π in the DUNE energy range

30% E_{ν} resolution from π in HyperK energy range (DUNE optimized TL w/ 8.5 GeV beam):

 ongoing R&D: Multi-Momentum Beamline (4.5, 6 and 8.5 GeV) => HyperK & DUNE optimized;

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BSM

Sterile neutrinos: some results already available

L.A. Delgadillo, P. Huber, PRD 103 (2021) 035018

Instrumented proton and hadron dump:

P. S. Bhupal Dev, Doojin Kim, K. Sinha, Yongchao Zhang, Phys. Rev. D 104, 035037 [ALP] J. Spitz, Phys. Rev. D 89 (2014) 073007 [KDAR]

Work ongoing for studies of **Dark Sector** and **non-standard neutrino interactions** to assess potential of SBL versus Near detectors:

- Pros: energy control of the incoming flux.
 Outstanding precision on flux and flavor
- Cons: limited statistics

ENUBET-nuSTORM synergies

270 m

nuSTORM can be seen (simplistically) as an "ENUBET without a hadron dump" where pions and muons are channeled into a ring. Large room for smart ideas to match the requirements of the two experiments

ENUBET: prototypes at the CERN-PS

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

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

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

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

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vSTORM: v_u Relative Event Rates at a 5m×5m Plane, 50m Beyond End of Production Straight

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 $1 < E_{\mu} < 6 \text{ GeV}^{VSTORM Simulation Preliminary}$

ν. from 1GeV±15% μ

ν, from 2GeV±15% μ

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E^{CC} (GeV)

ENUBET multi-momentum transferline

 A parallel study ongoing for the hadron beamline 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 by changing the magnetic fields only.

v_e from 8.5 GeV/c secondaries
(current baseline)

Accelerator based neutrino beams

v_µ/GeV/cm²/pot at 100 km

Pion based neutrino beams have a **~60 y long history.** Lots of physics done at different energies.

Enormous **increase in intensity** \rightarrow a leap in technology and complexity

More "**brute force**" than conceptual innovations. Still OK in the era of "statistical errors-dominance" and "large θ_{13} " but ...

New future challenges (δ_{CP} , searches) require timely **changes** or at least **"adjustments"** in this strategy.

Precision for the Hyper-K/DUNE era

Improving the knowledge of (electron) neutrino and anti-neutrino cross sections in the GeV region strengthens significantly the physics reach of next generation Super-beams in construction

F. Di Lodovico, Neutrino Telescopes 2021

ENUBET and nuSTORM

(see also the **European Strategy** Physics Briefbook, arXiv:1910.11775) 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.

Full simuation with true-level electrons

Based on GEANT4. Estimates the spread due to the non collinearity of products (no contribution from experimental smearing of time measurements)

Ke3 selection based on the G4/G4TAG shared data structure

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The concept of monitored neutrino beams

Conventional "meson-based" beam brought to a new standard \rightarrow use a **narrow band beam** and shift the **monitoring at the level of decays** by instrumenting the decay tunnel (tag high-angle leptons)

Again an **ancillary facility** providing **physics input** to the long-baseline program

"By-pass" hadro-production, protons on target, beam-line efficiency uncertainties

Lateral Compact Module 3×3×10 cm³ – 4.3 X₀

