

Optimisation of the hadronic collector for the $ESS\nu SB+$ neutrino superbeam

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Standard Model

Best explanation for particle interactions.

Neutrinos:

- Three flavors
- Neutral massless lepton
- Only interact via weak interaction

Does not explain their mass and oscillations



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Neutrino oscillations

- Oscillate when they propagate
- Each flavour is a combination of three mass states

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mathsf{e}} \\ \nu_{\mu} \\ \nu_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{1} \\ \nu_{2} \\ \nu_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

The PMNS (Pontecorvo Maki Nakata Sakata) matrix U:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{cp}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{cp}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

With $c_{ij} = cos(\theta_{ij})$, $s_{ij} = sin(\theta_{ij})$ and $\delta_{CP} = CP$ phase

Neutrino oscillations

The oscillation probability between two flavors α and β is given by:

$$P(
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u_{eta}) = |\langle
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Located at Lund, Sweden.

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ESS : European Spallation source, generate neutron beam thanks to a 5 MW proton beam at 2 GeV to be upgraded to 2.5 GeV for neutrino projects.

ESS ν **SB**: Measure of the δ_{cp} phase with precision below 8°.

ESS ν **SB**+ : Measure cross section and study steril neutrinos.



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Neutrinos production :

- ESS Proton beam : 2.5 GeV at 5 MW beam power
- **Target** : Cylinder with a base of 3 cm diameter and a length of 78 cm filled with Titanium sphere 3mm radius and helium for cooling (1.25 MW received).
- Hadronic collector : A toroidal magnetic field is created by applying a current of 352kA through a horn : $B(r, \theta, z) = \frac{B_0}{r}$
- Extraction system and decay ring : Magnetic dipoles, vertical and horizontal focusing quadrupole.



Figure: Target (left) Magnetic horn (center) Pion Extraction System (right)

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Pions Extraction system:



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Goal : Maximize or minimize a multiparameter fonction using natural selection principle.



Horn simulation

Monte Carlo simulation based on Geant 4 in which the horn parameterized into 9 parameters:



horn parameter = $[L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4, L_5, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4]$

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The reference that we use is the horn optimized for ESS ν SB :

L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	R1	R2	R3	R4
766	697	519	670	10.8	30	273	558	412.5



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First result of genetic algorithm with the amount of pions in the opening as a fitness parameter:

L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	R1	R2	R3	R4
780	20	20	20	20	30	20	631	20



- No more horn shape but a toroidal shape.
- More pions but a bigger dispersion in theta





The mean of the distribution in theta: Old horn : 0.11 rad ; 632 MeV New horn : 0.13 rad ; 654 MeV

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Parameters are scanned in the range [100,900] mm by fixing the other.



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Shape factor:

L2	L3	L4	L5	R2	R3	R4
$\alpha * L_{2_{ref}}$	$\alpha * L_{3_{ref}}$	$\alpha * L_{4_{ref}}$	$\alpha * L_{5_{ref}}$	$\alpha * R_{2_{ref}}$	$\alpha * R_{3_{ref}}$	$\alpha * R_{4_{ref}}$



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We rerun the genetic algorithm but the amount of pions in the opening with a momentum between 630 MeV et 770 Mev as a fitness parameter and we have this result:

L2	L3	L4	L5	R2	R3	R4
678.92	631.15	52.79	20	209.96	442.33	21.73



With the old horn we have 16.1% of the total number of pions with momentum between 630 MeV and 770 MeV. With the new horn we have 18.5%



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The theta distribution for pions momentum between [630,770] MeV has a RMS of **0.06 rad** compare to **0.1 rad** for the old one. The mean is **0.06 rad** compare to **0.1 rad**.

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Because the experiment is still in developpement, we need to know how the horn will work with some variation.



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A genetic algorithm has been implemented which gave an improvement in terms of efficiency and angular dispersion for the horn. The new horn is close to the ref. horn.

Improvement:

- Study the pions prodution in the target to increase the number of interesting pions.
- Determine electrical parameter
- apply genetic algorithm with 2 fitness parameter, number of pions and theta using pareto front or pareto strength.
- Simulate the extraction system (part or full system).

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- Δm^2_{23} : Juno
- δ_{cp} : Dune

 $\textit{ESS}\nu\textit{SB}$ cp :



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$$ind_1 = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6) \xrightarrow{mutation} (a_1, a_2, a_3 + \delta, a_4, a_5, a_6)$$

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