

Monitoring neutrino beams with ENUBET A precision cross-section story





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- Neutrino experiments have moved from the statistics- to the systematics-dominated era
- Next generation experiments (DUNE, HyperK, *etc.*) aim to measure δ_{CP}





$N_e(E_{\nu}) = P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_e) \Phi(E_{\nu}) \sigma(E_{\nu}) \epsilon(E_{\nu})$

- Cross-section measurements convoluted with the neutrino flux
- Neutrino flux modelling limits this measurement with an uncertainty ~5-10%*
- Compounded neutrino-interaction uncertainties and detector effects



*Current best limit is 3.22% from MINERvA, arXiv:2209.05540.



- **ENUBET** (Enhanced NeUtrino BEams from Kaon tagging) aims to be the first **monitored** neutrino beam
 - Providing high precision cross-section measurements
- Conventional, narrow-band beam with an **instrumented** decay tunnel
- 'Intelligent' tunnel monitors leptons associated with neutrinos at the **single-particle** level
- Measures neutrino flux directly, bypassing other flux related systematics
 - Hadron production
 - Beamline geometry and focussing
 - Protons on target (PoT)

Initial proposal:

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





ERC Project

(2016-2022)

Aim: Measure positrons from K_{e3} decay (in tunnel) to determine the ν_e flux.

$$K^+ \to \pi^0 \ e^+ \ \nu_e$$

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CERN Neutrino Platform

(2019-Present)

Designated: NPo6/ENUBET

Aim: Extend measurement to anti-muons from $K_{\mu 2}$ (in tunnel) and $\pi_{\mu\nu}$ (in dump) decays to determine ν_{μ} flux.

Part of the Physics Beyond Colliders initiative.

$$K^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{+} \nu_{\mu}$$
$$\pi^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{+} \nu_{\mu}$$







6 Countries

17 Institutions



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ENUBET

Enhanced NeUtrino BEams from kaon Tagging









- 70 cm long, 3 cm radius graphite
- Tungsten foil downstream to suppress positrons

Dumps

- 2 dumps: proton and hadron
- Optimised to avoid backscattering flux in tunnel

Transfer Line

- 5% momentum bite centered at 8.5 GeV/c, optimised with TRANSPORT
- G4Beamline used for particle transport and interactions
- FLUKA used for irradiation studies
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Full G4 Simulation available: arXiv:2308.09402



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• Focussing quadrupoles (orange) • Bending dipoles (dark green) • 26.7 m in length





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- 40 m long
- 1 m wide
- At an angle of 14.8° to proton beam







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- Graphite core
- Iron middle layer
- Surrounded by borated concrete





- 4.5×10^{19} PoT/year at CERN SPS
- 500 t detector, 50 m from the tunnel
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2.5 1.5 0.5





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Shielding

- 30 cm borated polyethylene
- SiPMs placed outside to reduce neutron flux (factor of 18)







- GEANT4 detector simulation was validated with prototype tests @ CERN, 2016-2018
 - Pile-up effects are included (waveform treatment in progress)
- Event building and PID algorithms available
 - Developed between 2016 and 2020
 - e^+ and μ from K^+ selected by searching for energy clusters
 - PID completed with a MLP trained on discriminating variables: *E* deposition, topology, photon veto *etc*.



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- Measuring $\pi_{\mu 2}$ muons constrains low-energy ν_{μ}
- Low angle muons at out of tagger acceptance
 - Need muon stations post-hadron dump
- Detector constraints: muons rate (~2 MHz/cm²), radiation hardness (~ 10^{12} MeV- n_{eq} /cm²)



Upstream station is the 'hottest' and constrains detector technology.



































- Part of the decay tunnel was built and tested @ CERN in October 2022
 - The culmination of the ERC grant!
 - 1.65 m long, 3.5 ton, 90° coverage
 - 75 layers of: 1.5 cm iron, 7 mm scintillator
- Modular design to increase coverage easily















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Calibration runs with 10 GeV muons

- All channels covered with lots of statistics
- Allow good equalisation of channels

- Scans with different energies
- Performed for linearity and resolution studies

- Propose a short baseline neutrino beam experiment @ CERN after 2030 (parallel with HK and DUNE)
- Studies and discussions ongoing under Physics Beyond Colliders framework
- This could be done in the North Area exploiting existing detectors (ProtoDUNE)

CHEAPEST

Dedicated beamline extracted from North area to ProtoDUNE

Maximum use of existing facilities

Slow extraction easily implemented

Potential radiation issues

> Interference with other experiments

CLEANEST

Dedicated extraction line near the North area toward ProtoDUNE

Radiation issues somewhat easier

No interference with existing experiments Higher cost **O**

Slow extraction **O**

- both simulation and experimentally
 - Critical for next generation neutrino experiments

ERC project completed - demonstrated the technique.

Another beam test in 2023 and another request likely in 2024.

PIMENT (ANR 2022-2024)

- Constrain the 2-body ν_{μ} flux
- Assessing PICOSEC performance in the dump

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• Monitored neutrino beams are a reality! Proof of concept is almost complete - demonstrated in

Physics Beyond Colliders (NP06)

- Starting to address the issue of implementation at CERN
- During LHC Run IV, in parallel with DUNE and Hyper-Kamiokande
- Assess the possibility of using ProtoDUNE as the neutrino detector
- Optimal location would exploit the SPS slow extraction

Thank you

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Supplementary

A cross-section facility to achieving a precision of <1% in ν_e and ν_μ fluxes

Reduce neutrino flux systematics

- Combine hadro-production and ν -e scattering data (5-10%)
- Monitored neutrino beams (0.5-1%)
- Muon storage ring, *e.g.* nuSTORM (<1%)

Low Z targets w/ same near and far detector

- Near detectors are good, but problems with deconvoluting flux and cross-section (and different phase space)
- New experiments with novel detectors and beam

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<u>Branca, A. et al., Symmetry 2021, 13, 1625</u>

Constrain E_{ν} w/o energy reconstruction

- Narrow band beams with movable detectors (a 'monochromatic' beam)
- Monitored neutrino beam with a 'narrow band off-axis' technique

Large statistics (double-differential x-secs)

- Not an issue for ν_{μ}
- $\mathcal{O}(10^4) \nu_{\rho}$ in conventional and monitored beams
- $\mathcal{O}(10^6)$ in all flavours in muon storage rings

Purpose of ENUBET - A narrow-band neutrino beam to measure:

- Neutrino cross-section and flavour composition at a 1% precision level
- Neutrino energy at 10% precision

From the European Strategy for Particle **Physics Deliberation:**

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.

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1.0 **8 z-layers 10** ϕ -sectors **400 channels**

2022 2023

+7 z-layers **25** ϕ -sectors each +875 channels

2.0

Parameter	Quantity	
	1.0	2.0
Scintillator tiles	1,360	4,335
WLS	1.5 km	4.8 km
Channels (SiPM)	400	1,275
Front-end boards	80	255
Interface boards	8	22
Read-out boards	8	22
CAEN Digitisers	45 ch	

- ENUBET cannot use the fast-extraction scheme used by most experiments
 - Pile-up and instrumentation saturation problems

Original design: Pulsed horn in "burst proton extraction" mode

- Pulse every 100 ms
- 10 ms pulse width

2020 design: A collection of dipoles and quadrupoles in a "static focusing" system"

- Continuous extraction over 2 secs
- Flux only 2 times smaller than with a horn
- Rate at tagger reduced by an order of magnitude

• Neutrino **flavour** easily identified

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- From corresponding charged lepton
- Neutrino **energy** determined more precisely
 - Constrained by kinematic reconstruction of decay

ENUBET could be a **time-tagged** neutrino beam by exploiting **time coincidences** of ν_{ρ} and e^+ .

- Used a full beamline simulation with PID algorithms
- Results support ENUBET becoming a tagged beam
 - If time resolution improved to 200 ps
 - ~ 2 smaller than current resolution

Perfect time resolution has an intrinsic 74 ps spread.

Efficiency smearing assuming resolution of ~200 ps.

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Efficiency: 75.6%, S/N: 3.8, with previous resolution.

- Extended maximum likelihood fit
- Build a signal+background model to fit lepton observables

Get a posteriori parameters (HP and beamline)

Reweight MC using a posteriori information

Re-weighted neutrino flux (post-fit)

Neutrino flux covariance matrix (post-fit)

- Hadro-production data from NA56/SPY experiment (reweight MC lepton templates)
- Hadro-production included as nuisance parameters

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