Neutrinos at CERN

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Other neutrino-related activities in Neutrino Platform, NA61, NA62, ENUBET are covered by the other talks

Physics motivations

- Studying high-energy neutrinos in unexplored energy regime
 - Use neutrinos from the LHC
 - High energy frontier of man-made neutrinos
 - Cross section measurements of different flavors at high energy
 - v_{τ} and v_{e} at the highest energy ever
 - Search for new physics effects

- Studying tau neutrinos
 - One of the least studied particles
 - Only a few measurements
 - Direct v_{τ} beam: DONuT
 - Oscillated: OPERA, Super-K, IceCube
 - Large uncertainty on the cross section
 - Precise study with high-statistics experiments at the **SPS**



Neutrino experiments discussed in this talk

- New experiment/projects at the LHC to study high-energy neutrinos in unexplored energy regime
 - FASER*v*: Technical proposal in Oct.
 2019. Approved by CERN in Dec
 2019. Preparing for data taking in
 LHC Run3 (2021-2024).
 - XSEN, SND@LHC:
 - XSEN Letter of Intent in Sep 2019.
 - SND@LHC Letter of Intent in Feb 2020. Aiming to take data from 2022.

- Fixed-target experiments at the SPS for high-statistics tau-neutrino studies
 - SHiP neutrino program for detecting ν_τ with high statistics: Technical proposal in Apr 2015 and Comprehensive Design Report in Dec 2019. Aiming to take data after LS3.
 - NA65/DsTau for studying ν_τ production and forward charm production: Approved by CERN in Jun 2019. Physics run from 2021.

Neutrino experiments at the LHC

- Exploit the LHC as a neutrino source
- There has been a longstanding interest in detecting them, e.g.,
 - A. De Rujula, R. Ruckl, Neutrino and muon physics in the collider mode of future accelerators (1984)
 - Klaus Winter, Detection of the tau neutrino at the LHC (1990)
 - F. Vannucci, Neutrino physics at LHC/SSC (1993)
 - A. De Rujula, E. Fernandez, J.J. Gomez-Cadenas, Neutrino fluxes at future hadron colliders (1993)
 - H. Park, The estimation of neutrino fluxes produced by proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV of the LHC (2011)
- Investigation of possible sites has been performed in recent years



FASER*v*



- FASER is a small and fast experiment to be installed in the LHC to take data in LHC Run3.
- FASER (new particle searches) approved by CERN in Mar. 2019.
 - Targeting light, weakly-coupled new particles at low p_T .
 - Funded by the Heising-Simons and Simons Foundations with support from CERN.
- FASER ν (neutrino measurements) approved by CERN in Dec. 2019.
 - Will perform first measurements of neutrinos from a collider and in unexplored energy regime.
 - The detector will be centered on the beam axis to maximizes fluxes of all neutrino flavors.
 - Funded by the Heising-Simons Foundation and grants from JSPS and the Mitsubishi Foundation.





In-situ measurements in 2018: Detector environment







Emulsion detectors were installed to investigate TI18 and TI12.

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• The measured charged particle flux was low and consistent with the FLUKA prediction.

	Normalized flux (fb/cm ²)			
TI18	$(2.6 \pm 0.7) \times 10^4$			
TI12	$(3.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^4$			

• The measurements also showed the radiation was low and not problematic.

Feasible to perform neutrino measurements!



2018 test run data: Towards first detection of neutrinos from the LHC



- A 30 kg emulsion detector was installed in TI18 during 2018 running and 12.5 fb⁻¹ data collected.
- Emulsion films were developed and scanned.
- Detected several neutral vertices (neutrinos or neutral hadrons).
- Working on the robust background estimate.

FASER ν detector will have better performance (longer detector with muon ID capability).

Detector for the LHC Run3 (2021-2024)

- **Emulsion/tungsten detector** and interface silicon tracker will be placed in front of the main FASER detector to be coupled with the **FASER magnetic spectrometer**.
- Allows to distinguish all flavor of neutrino interactions.
 - 1000 1-mm-thick tungsten plates, interleaved with emulsion films
 - $25x25 \text{ cm}^2$, 1.3 m long, 1.2 ton detector ($285X_0$)
 - Emulsion films will be replaced every 30-50 fb⁻¹ during scheduled LHC technical stops (3 times per year)
 - **Muon identification** by their track length in the detector $(10\lambda_{int})$
 - **Muon charge identification** with hybrid configuration \rightarrow distinguishing v_{μ} and \bar{v}_{μ}
 - **Neutrino energy** measurement with ANN by combining topological and kinematical variables ($\Delta E/E \sim 30\%$)



Neutrino event rate



- **FASER***v* will be centered on the LOS (in the FASER trench) to maximizes fluxes of all neutrino flavors.
- ~10000 CC interactions are expected in LHC Run3!



Expected number of CC interactions in FASER ν in Run3 (14 TeV LHC, 150 fb⁻¹)

	LOI	FLUKA	
$ u_e$, $ar{ u}_e$	814 , 456	2986 , 1261	
$ u_{\mu}$, $ar{ u}_{\mu}$	4452 , 1366	8437 , 2737	
$ u_{ au}$, $ar{ u}_{ au}$	15 , 7	110 , 55	

For the LOI, EPOS-LHC, QGSJET and SIBYLL (for light hadrons) and SIBYLL and Pythia8 (for heavy hadrons) were used. For the FLUKA simulation, DPMJET was used.

Thanks to F. Cerutti, M. Sabaté-Gilarte, A. Tsinganis, and the CERN STI group for the FLUKA simulation.

- The LOI estimates have been cross checked independently.
 - Differences in the simulations (generators, magnets) were identified.
 Updating the neutrino fluxes is in progress.

• Work in progress for quantifying and reducing these uncertainties.

- Creating a dedicated forward physics tune with Pythia8, using forward data.
- Including tuning uncertainties.



Neutrinos interacting with FASERv

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Difference of the generators

Other theoretical study: Poster ID 118, Neutrinos in the farforward region at the LHC (session #2)

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Prospects for 2021-2024



Cross section measurements at high energy

- Three flavors in an energy range where cross sections are unconstrained
- Additional physics studies Eur. Phys. J. C 80 (2020) 61, arXiv:1908.02310 10⁻²
 - Charm/beauty production channels in ν CC
 - Neutrino production via heavy meson decays \rightarrow Intrinsic charm and prompt neutrino study
 - Possibility to study sterile neutrino oscillations
 - Possibility to probe new physics models

Possibility of probing tau neutrino production from the decay of light gauge bosons, F. Kling, arXiv:2005.03594





Projected precision of FASERv measurement at 14-TeV LHC (150 fb⁻¹)

Emulsion detector technology



Thanks to H. Rokujo, M. Yoshimoto, T. Nakano

Detector production

- Upgrading the emulsion facility in Nagoya University
 - Large-scale gel production machine and film production system
- Targeted performance of the film production system: 12.5 m²/day
- Would be ready for mass production in July-August 2020



Fast readout of emulsion films

- Great progress in the readout speed
- ~100 times faster than OPERA

HTS paper: M. Yoshimoto, T. Nakano, R. Komatani, H. Kawahara, PTEP 10 (2017) 103H01.

	Start year	Field of view (mm ²)	Readout speed (cm²/h/layer)
S-UTS	2006	0.05	72
HTS-1	2015	25	4700
HTS-2	2021	50	25000



Civil engineering and infrastructure work

- TI12 area was cleaned up.
- Civil engineering work to allow FASER/FASERv installation finished on schedule, just before the CERN shutdown.
- Access over the LHC machine has been prepared.



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XSEN, SND@LHC proposals

- **XSEN** (X-Section of Energetic Neutrinos) investigated potential and feasibility of a neutrino experiment at the LHC focusing on high energy neutrinos in two η ranges: 4 < η < 5 (leptonic W decays) and 6.5 < η < 9.5 (c and b decays, mostly from D_s decays).
 - S. Buontempo et al., arXiv:1804.04413
 - N. Beni et al., J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 46 (2019) 115008
 - N. Beni et al., arXiv:2004.07828



- Proposed an experiment in TI18
 - The opposite site of FASER ν with respect to the ATLAS IP
 - XSEN LOI in Sep. 2019 (CERN-LHCC-2019-014 / LHCC-I-033)
 - **SND@LHC** LOI in Feb. 2020 (CERN-LHCC-2020-002 / LHCC-I-035)
 - Aiming to operate off axis (~30 cm from the LOS) to probe a different pseudorapidity range from FASER ν .

Thanks to G.M. Dallavalle, G. De Lellis



In the 3 sites tested near CMS, prohibitive levels of backgrounds were found.



SND@LHC

SND@LHC detector concept



Prospects

- SND@LHC LOI is to be evaluated in the LHCC.
- The infrastructure can be installed in 6 months from the approval.
- Aiming to start the first run in 2022.

Selection of τ lepton candidates

IP of the daughter track w.r.t. the neutrino vertex >10 μ m



Hadron energy reconstruction



Expected event rate by FLUKA with DPMJET

For 25 fb⁻¹ (total mass 380 kg)

For 150 fb⁻¹ (total mass 850 kg)

Off-axis (~30 cm from the LOS)

	CC interactions		
$ u_e$, $ar{ u}_e$	21 , 11		
$ u_{\mu}$, $ar{ u}_{\mu}$	62 , 27		
$ u_{ au}$, $ar{ u}_{ au}$	1,0		

	CC interactions			
$ u_e$, $ar{ u}_e$	332 , 174			
$ u_{\mu}$, $ar{ u}_{\mu}$	975 , 429			
$ u_{ au}$, $ar{ u}_{ au}$	18 , 7			

Thanks to F. Cerruti's group for the FLUKA simulation.







Neutrinos at the SPS





Tau-neutrino measurements with high statistics

- Need to study both the production and detection for a precise measurement of the v_{τ} cross section



No data for D_s differential cross sections for 400 GeV p beam. Large systematic uncertainty in the v_{τ} flux prediction (~50%).

NA65/DsTau, SHiP-charm

reduced to few % level in future experiments.



Number of v_{τ} interactions

120000

100000

in the SHiP neutrino detector

-b = 1.0 - b = 0.8 - b = 0.6

NA65/DsTau experiment

DsTau Collaboration, JHEP 01 (2020) 033. doi:10.1007/JHEP01(2020)033

Physics goals

- Measurement of v_{τ} production
 - Measurement of *D_s* differential production cross section
 - Reduction of systematic uncertainty in the cross section measurement
 - Important input for future v_{τ} experiment: e.g. SHiP neutrino program

• Forward charm production

- Source of prompt neutrinos
- Large experimental and theoretical uncertainties
- Could be a key input for high-energy neutrino measurements





Pilot run data and prospects

Setup at the CERN SPS H4 beamline







Pilot run analysis

- Full area of ~3000 emulsion films (~40 m²) scanned by the HTS-1.
- 400 GeV proton interactions and charm production being studied (aiming to study forward charm production).

Physics run in 2021-2022

- Beam characteristics being studied.
- Both molybdenum and tungsten will be used as target materials.
- **2.5x10⁸ proton interactions and** ~4x10⁵ charm events are expected in the physics run. ~1000 $D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow$ *X* events will be detected for the measurement of D_s differential production cross section.

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500 µm

SHiP

A fixed target experiment proposal at the SPS

- Looking for new physics in intensity frontier
 - Technical Proposal in Apr. 2015, arXiv:1504.04956
 - Comprehensive Design Study Report in Dec. 2019

• The SHiP facility

- CERN-based Beam Dump Facility (BDF)
- Slow extraction (1 sec)
- High intensity proton beam, 400 GeV/c
 - 4x10¹³ protons per spill, 2x10²⁰ pot / 5 years



SHiP

Thanks to G. De Lellis, M. Komatsu

HNL searches will be covered by the next talk



Neutrinos at SHiP





Scattering and Neutrino Detector (SND)



Experimental requirements

- Reconstruct v interactions \rightarrow Emulsion Cloud Chamber (ECC) technique + Target Tracker (TT)
- Tag ν flavor \rightarrow ECC technique + μ ID system
- Tag ν and anti- $\nu \rightarrow$ Magnetized target

SND magnetized target

- ECC brick: 57 emulsion films interleaved with lead plates, total target mass: ~8 tons
- Followed by compact emulsion spectrometer, 1.2 T horizontal field
- SciFi target tracker
 - Provide time stamp and link muon track information from the target to the magnetic spectrometer

Muon ID system

- Iron absorbers, RPC as tracking detectors
- Sensitive area of ~2×4 m²



Neutrino physics prospects @BDF (1)

• Huge neutrino flux



Expected CC DIS interactions for 2x10²⁰ pot

	$\langle E \rangle$	CC DIS
	[GeV]	interactions
N_{ν_e}	59	$1.1 imes 10^6$
$N_{\nu_{\mu}}$	42	$2.7 imes 10^6$
$N_{\nu_{\tau}}$	52	$3.2 imes 10^4$
$N_{\overline{\nu}_e}$	46	$2.6 imes 10^5$
$N_{\overline{\nu}_{\mu}}$	36	$6.0 imes 10^5$
$N_{\overline{\nu}_{\tau}}$	70	$2.1 imes 10^4$

- Measuring v_{τ} and \overline{v}_{τ} cross sections
 - Expectations in 5 years run
 - ~10000 signal events are expected to be detected

Expected number of ν_τ and $\bar\nu_\tau$ signal events

Decay channel	$\nu_{ au}$	$\overline{ u}_{ au}$
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	1200	1000
$\tau \to h$	4000	3000
$\tau \to 3h$	1000	700
Total	6200	4700



Neutrino physics prospects @BDF (2)



First evaluation of F₄ and F₅

Not accessible with other neutrinos

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma^{\nu(p)}}{dx \, dy} = \frac{G_{\rm F}^2 M E_{\nu}}{\pi (1 + Q^2 / M_W^2)^2} \left(\left(y^2 x + \frac{m_{\tau}^2 y}{2E_{\nu} M} \right) F_1 + \left[\left(1 - \frac{m_{\tau}^2}{4E_{\nu}^2} \right) - \left(1 + \frac{M x}{2E_{\nu}} \right) y \right] F_2 \\ \pm \left[xy \left(1 - \frac{y}{2} \right) - \frac{m_{\tau}^2 y}{4E_{\nu} M} \right] F_3 + \frac{m_{\tau}^2 (m_{\tau}^2 + Q^2)}{4E_{\nu}^2 M^2 x} F_4 - \frac{m_{\tau}^2}{E_{\nu} M} F_5 \right).$$



S. Alekhin et al., Rep. Prog. Phys. 79 (2016) 124201

- v induced charm production studies
 - Understanding the strange quark nucleon content.
 - Anti-charm production in charged current anti-neutrino interactions selects anti-strange quark in the nucleon.





The reduction of the uncertainty is significant in the ranges 0.03–0.3 for s^+ (and 0.08–0.3 for s^-).

SHiP-charm project



- SHiP-charm project aims at measuring the charm differential production cross section in the SHiP target, including cascade production with the 400 GeV/c proton beam
- An optimization run was performed in July 2018 at the H4 beam line of the SPS
 - Proton target: emulsion-lead brick
 - 1.5x10⁶ pot integrated
 - A double-charm candidate event was detected
- **Another run** with larger statistics is planned after LS2
 - 5x10⁷ pot will be integrated
 - ~1000 fully reconstructed charm events are expected

Planned hybrid system, combining the emulsion technique with a spectrometer to provide the charge and momentum measurement of charmed hadron decay daughters and the muon identification





Double charm decay topology



EVENT TOPOLOGY:

Primary vertex multiplicity: 31 Secondary vertices detected: 2

Decay vertex #1:

- VO-like topology
- Number of prongs: 2
- Impact parameters to primary vtx: 594µm, 253 µm
- Flight length: 2.1 mm

Decay vertex #2:

kink-like topology
Number of prongs: 1

- Kink angle: 31 mrad
- Flight length: 12.7 mm

Summary

- New experiments at the LHC will study high-energy neutrinos in unexplored energy regime (~TeV).
 - FASER_v: Will measure neutrinos from a collider for the first time. ~10000 CC interactions (distinguishing the flavors) are expected in 2021-2024.
 - XSEN, SND@LHC: Aiming to measure ~2000 CC interactions (distinguishing the flavors) in 2022-2024.
- Fixed-target experiments at the SPS offers a unique opportunity for highstatistics tau-neutrino studies.
 - **SHiP neutrino program**: Aiming to detect ~10000 v_{τ} and \bar{v}_{τ} CC interactions after LS3.
 - **NA65/DsTau**: Will study v_{τ} production / forward charm production in 2021-2022.

Backup slides



The FASER detector

Technical proposal: FASER,

CERN-LHCC-2018-036 ; LHCC-P-013





Particle momentum measurement by multiple Coulomb scattering (MCS)

- Sub-micron precision alignment using muon tracks
 - Our experience = $0.4 \ \mu m$ (in the DsTau experiment)
- This allow to measure particle momenta by MCS, even above 1 TeV.





Neutrino 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 $\rightarrow E_h$







DsTau

Charmed particle differential production cross section results

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

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

Experiment	Beam type / energy (GeV)	σ(D _s) (μb/nucl)	σ(D [±]) (μb/nucl)	σ(D ⁰) (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	<i>p</i> / 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)	<i>p /</i> 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	<i>p</i> / 400		12 ± 2	18 ± 3		
NA16	<i>p</i> / 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		$320 \pm 26 \text{ events } (D^{\pm}, D^{0}, D_{s}^{\pm})$ $n(D^{\pm}, D^{0}, D_{s}^{\pm}) = 6.1 \pm 0.7$ $b(D^{\pm}, D^{0}, D_{s}^{\pm}) = 1.08 \pm 0.09$
E769	π [±] / 250	2.1 ± 0.4		9 ± 1		1665 ± 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.



Angular resolution

Align films with proton tracks (100 tracks/mm²)





Angular resolution vs track length



Residual of track segments to fitted line (RMS) \simeq $0.4~\mu m$



D_s momentum reconstruction by Artificial Neural Network using topological variables



- Difficult to measure *D_s* momentum directly due to short lifetime
- $\rightarrow D_s$ momentum reconstruction by topological variables
- A Neural Network with 4 variables was trained with MC events
- Momentum resolution $\Delta p/p = 20\%$



Expected precision of D_s differential cross-section measurement

