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Neutron tagging is a promising experimental technique for separating between signal and background in a wide variety of astroparticle measurement. The Accelerator Neutrino Neutron Interaction Experiment (AN-NIE) located along the Booster Neutrino Beam at Fermilab has a goal of measuring the final state neutron multiplicity from charged current neutrino-nucleus interactions within the gadolinium-loaded water. Currently, ANNIE is running in Phase-I and it will be upgraded to Phase-II in the summer of 2017, by installing Large Area Picosecond Photodetectors (LAPPDs) in the detector. LAPPDs are a novel photodetector technology with single photoelectron time resolutions less than 100 picoseconds, and spatial imaging capabilities to within a single centimeter. They will play a crucial role to separate events of charged-current quasi-elastic (CCQE) interactions and inelastic multi-track charged current interactions. In this talk, we discuss the current status and future plans of the experiment.

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