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## **Short introduction**





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### 2003-2018(2022): OPERA experiment

- $\rightarrow$  Discovery of v<sub>t</sub> appearance (2015)
- Emulsion detector preparation
- Establishment of neutrino event analysis
- Hadron interaction study ightarrow BKG reduction of  $u_{ au}$
- Development of new analysis methods for emulsion detector

### 2015-Current : NINJA experiment (Spokesperson)

- → Neutrino interaction study at J-PARC
- Research proposal
- Building the collaboration
- Demonstration of the experimental concept
- Physics Run start (2019 $\sim$ )

## What is emulsion?



## **Emulsion film production**

### Nuclear emulsion film is made at Nagoya U.

Automatic emulsion coating system at Nagoya U.







## **Emulsion film data taking**





## Neutrino events in emulsion



### OPERA $v_{\tau}$ event



## Merits using emulsion detector

- Neutrino-water interactions  $\leftarrow$  same target as the large water Cherenkov detector
- Low background for  $v_e$  measurement  $\leftarrow$  clear verification of sterile neutrino



The nuclear emulsion has all the essential elements for low energy neutrino study.

## viking detector at ESSnuSB

### 1ton water emulsion detector



5-10°C for emulsion films.

### Low energy e/µ separation in water ECC GEANT4 Need to be confirmed experimentally



- Total apparatus mass include cooling shelter and detector racks is ~8 ton.

How about  $\pi/\mu$  separation?



In principle,  $\pi$  and  $\mu$  can be separated by using Range-dE/dx information. But need to be confirmed by MC and experiment.



Using thick emulsion sheets instead of iron plates,  $\pi$  and  $\mu$  is identified by image analysis at each stop point.

## v cross-section measurement

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GEANT4 (QGSP BERT physics list) (normalize : POT value & target mass)

## **Systematic uncertainties**



## To do

- 1. Detector simulation using GEANT4 to analyze PID.
- 2. Check MC PID works for neutrino interactions in ESSnuSB energy.
- 3. Full MC process of neutrino cross-section measurements.
- 4. Experimental verification of 1,2 and 3.
  - for 1, a test experiment by CERN?
  - for 2&3, a physics run in NINJA at J-PARC?







• The analysis of Detector Run using 60kg iron target was completed. In backward  $\pi$  production, significant discrepancy between data and simulation was found.

- The analysis of Physics Run using 75kg water target was going on.
- Second Physics Run using water target will be implemented this year.
- Large budget (1M€ for 5years:2023-2027) was obtained last month. So the discussion of new plan for next year and beyond is started.

## NINJA Results of Detector Run(1)





- 4.0 x 10<sup>19</sup> POT @ Detector run
- Target: 65kg iron  $\rightarrow v$ -iron int.
- Momentum, emission angle and multiplicity of  $\mu$ ,  $\pi$  and p are measured for 183 CC events.



# NINJA Results of Detector Run(2)

- 3.5 x 10<sup>20</sup> POT @ Detector run
- Target: 65kg iron  $\rightarrow \overline{\nu}$ -iron int.
- Momentum, emission angle and multiplicity of  $\mu$ ,  $\pi$  and p are measured for 770 CC events.



#### Inclusive Cross-section measurement





### The results agree well with the MC prediction

## **Results of Detector Run(2)'**

### Proton kinematics The results agree well with the MC prediction

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### Pion kinematics Data of charged pion production (backward) is larger than the MC prediction.



# NINJAD etected neutrino events in Physics Run

ECC – Emulsion Shifter – Scintillation Tracker – Baby MIND worked well and succeeded in  $\mu$  ID and measuring their charge.

Typical Neutrino CC event





- The event pictures (number of protons) in ECC and the µ charge measured by Baby MIND are consistent.
  - To finalized data set, we are checking the muon connections and analysis in ECC, event by event carefully.





## Snowmass2021 process at US

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### Welcome to Snow

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The Snowmass Community Plann COVID-19 pandemic, resumed ful Community Summer Study Works https://snowmass21.org/annou individual frontiers can be found the activity by signing up to the re menu if you haven't already done The Particle Physics Community F of Particles and Fields (DPF) of the provides an opportunity for the e

document a scientific vision for th partners. Snowmass will define th identify promising opportunities t Snowmass here S "How to Snow Prioritization Panel, will take the s

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### **SNOWMASS NEUTRINO FRONTIER:** NEUTRINO INTERACTION CROSS SECTIONS (NF06) TOPICAL GROUP REPORT

SUBMITTED TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE US COMMUNITY STUDY ON THE FUTURE OF PARTICLE PHYSICS (SNOWMASS 2021)

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## Future prospect : D<sub>2</sub>O

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There is a discussion to further understand v-nucleus interactions, the study of v-nucleon interactions is important.

Conceptual principle:

8p

8n

8p

8n

H<sub>2</sub>O

 $D_2O$ 

 $(v - D_2 0) - (v - H_2 0) \rightarrow (v - n)$ 

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Neutrino Scattering Measurements on Hydrogen and Deuterium: A Snowmass White Paper

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## Development of a bubble chamber is being considered in US.

In NINJA, by introducing a heavy water target, we are developing a method to study v-nucleon interactions by analyzing the subtraction between a heavy water events and a water events.

Actually, a heavy water ECC

was installed in T81.

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A v-heavy water interaction

(2021)



- Nuclear emulsion is 3D tracking detector with sub-micron spatial resolution. It allows us to analyze neutrino interactions on a variety of nucleus.
- We have been studying neutrino interactions around 1GeV through the NINJA experiment. It should be optimized to study neutrino interactions at even lower energies.
- In this talk, I have shown the items for consideration and the future direction of END emulsion detector (viking).
- Your comments or inputs is very welcome and we would like to discuss it!

