CERN Neutrino Platform and Neutrinos @ CERN/Europe

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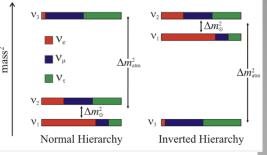
Workshop on Neutrinos@CERN

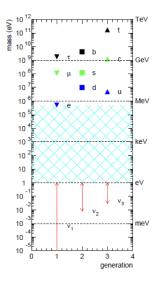
23–24 Jan 2025 CERN Europe/Zurich timezone Most information from this workshop (300 participants) https://indico.cern.ch/event/1460367/

Neutrinos

Since '98 we know neutrinos have mass

- What are the absolute neutrino masses and what is the mass ordering?
- Is there CP violation in neutrino sector? (matter-antimatter asymmetry)
- Are there > 3 neutrinos? Sterile neutrinos?
- **BSM** effects in neutrino interactions?
- Cosmological/Supernova neutrinos?
- Is the neutrino its own anti-particle? (THEIA?)
- => Will discuss here opportunities related to experiments with accelerator generated neutrinos





Accelerator Neutrino Experiments

A new era for neutrino oscillations

VINOX

Neutrino oscillations entered the precision era :

- huge statistics from neutrino atmospherics experiments
- neutrino from **reactors** become a benchmark to study nuclear physics

- **long-baseline experiments** enable the unique possibility to compare oscillation in controlled beams of neutrinos and antineutrinos separately

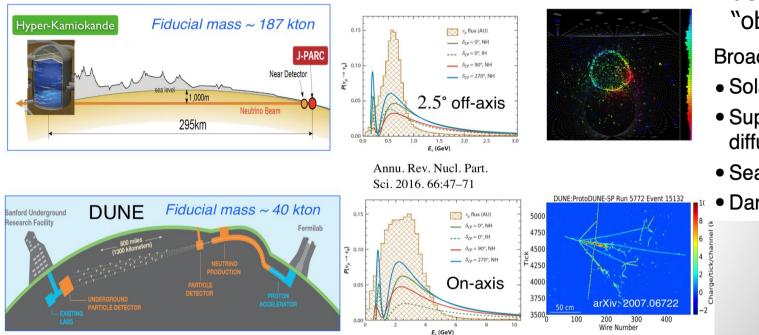
Next generation long baseline experiments will collect much larger statistics than present experiments, namely several 10Ks of events..



Next Major LBL Neutrino Experiments

Long-baseline experiments: T2HK and DUNE

- Towards the measurement of the CP violating phase and Mass Hierarchy
 - + Search for different $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ and $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e}$ oscillation probabilities



Note: These near and far detectors are "observatories"

Broad physics program:

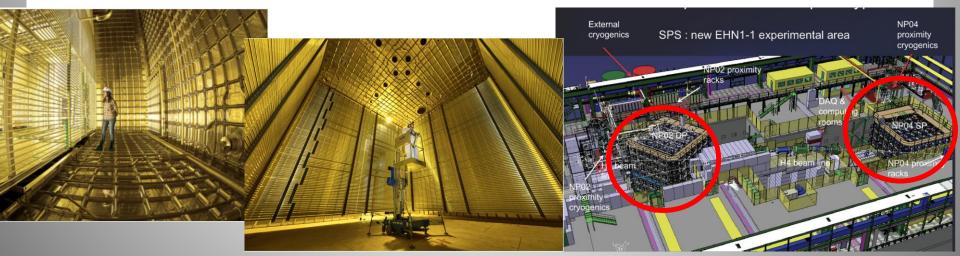
- Solar ν 's
- Supernova burst and diffuse background ν's
- Search for proton decay
- Dark matter search ...

Both Collaborations have a large European participation (40/50%) Expected Start-up: T2HK: End of 2027 DUNE End of 2029 (in 2031 with beam)

The Neutrino Platform @CERN

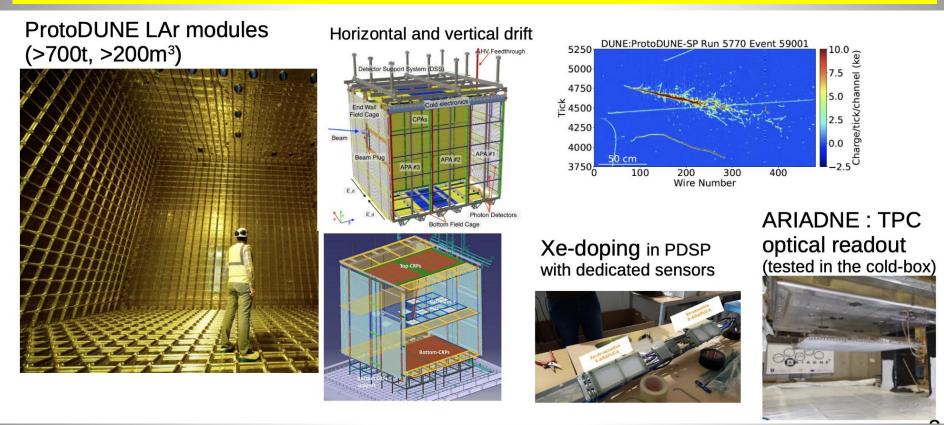
Support for neutrino experiments on accelerators

- Recommended by the ESPP strategy in 2013
- It includes the provision of a facility at CERN to allow the global community of neutrino experts to develop and prototype the next generation of neutrino detectors, and especially to act as a hub for European contributions & participation..
- 2015-now: ProtoDUNES for DUNE, BabyMind & ND280 activities for T2K, ICARUS & SND (SBN@FNAL) & ENUBET support...
- "Bringing neutrinos back @ CERN since 2001"...



ProtoDUNEs

The ProtoDUNEs are 4% size prototypes for the Far Detectors (FD) of DUNE The PDs are the largest projects on the Neutrino Platform so far.



- Past: horizontal drift prototype results in 2018. Vertical drift is a new concept
- Now: tests with final (?) configurations of HD and VD for FD1 and FD2
- Future: new technologies on the NP for future decisions on FD3 and FD4

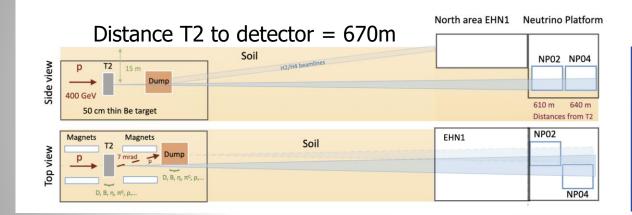
New: ProtoDUNEs for BSM Searches?

arXiv:2304.06765

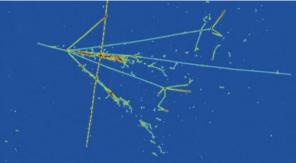
New Physics searches using ProtoDUNE and the CERN SPS accelerator

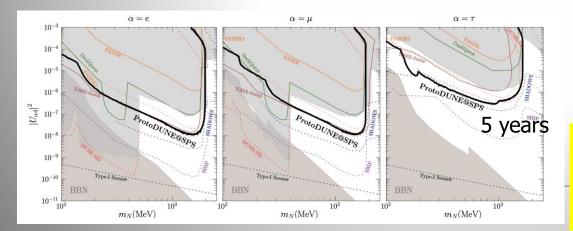
Pilar Coloma,^{1, *} Jacobo López-Pavón,^{2, †} Laura Molina-Bueno,^{2, ‡} and Salvador Urrea^{2, §}

Use the ProtoDUNE detectors (700t LArTPCs) to hunt for weakly interaction LLPs or light dark matter scattering? The 'beam' comes for free!!



First "neutrino" in NP04



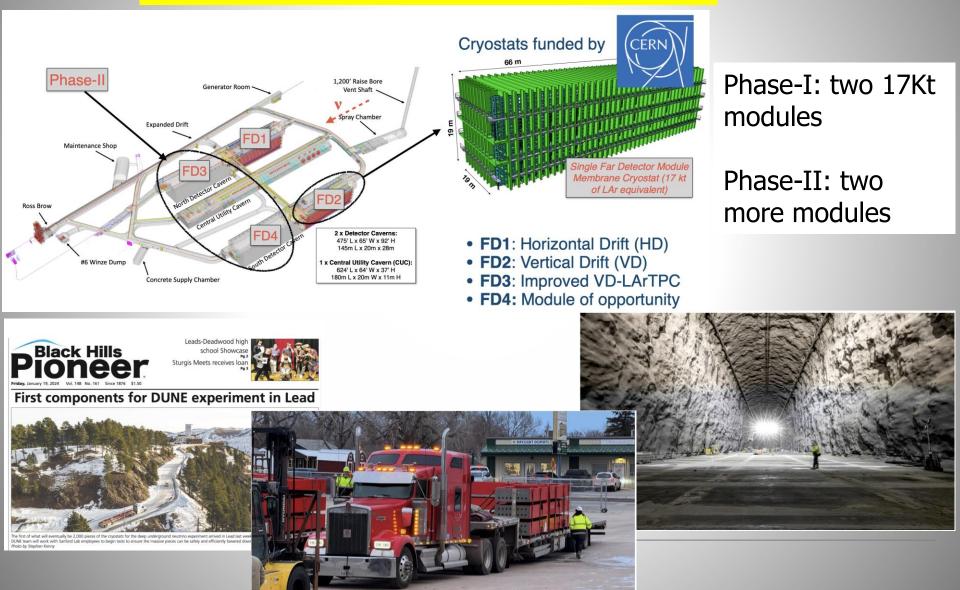


HNL Sensitivity: Competitive for masses above the Kaon threshold

Experimental feasibility study made during 2024 Demonstrator run in '25 & '26?

CERN & DUNE Far Detector

Two first cryostats are funded by CERN



T2K Related Activities

- CERN is a member of T2K and contributed to the ND280 near detector.
- Much of the assembly and testing of the new ND280 components from Europe was done @ CERN, before shipping to Tokai.





ToF prototype test beam, full assembly and test of final detector



2 TPCs : multiple testbeam prototypes, Micromegas production and characterization, metrology, full assembly and test of final detector

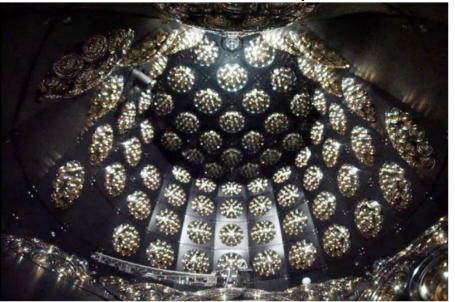
....Repeat this for ND280++?

T2HK @ CERN

- T2HK is a CERN recognized experiment.
- Electronics assembly & underwater tests set-up on the NP @ CERN
- Water Cherenkov test experiment in the East Hall @ CERN

HyperKamiokande multi-PMTs and electronics

Water Cherencov Test Experiment (4m d x 4m h) on test beam (T2HK 850m IWCD.



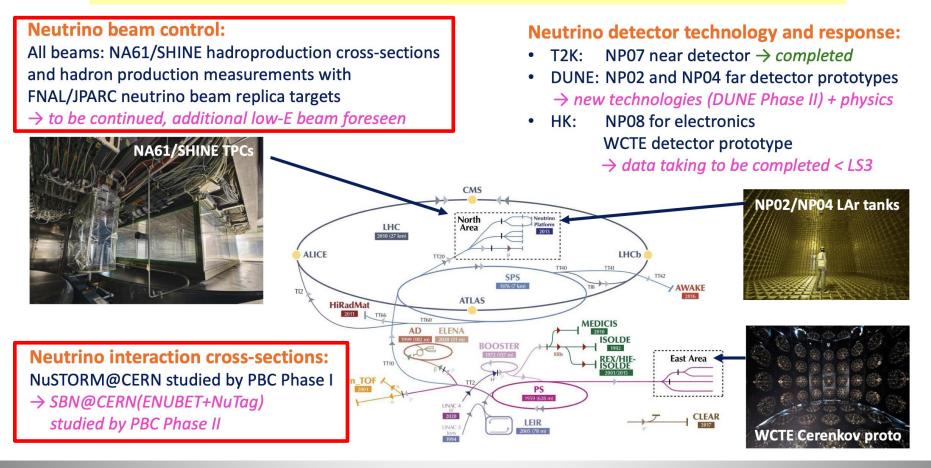


TDM#0

HK electronics (900 boxes, ~4500 cards) : integration, calibration, assembly and test underpressure and underwater

Auxiliary Experiments @ CERN

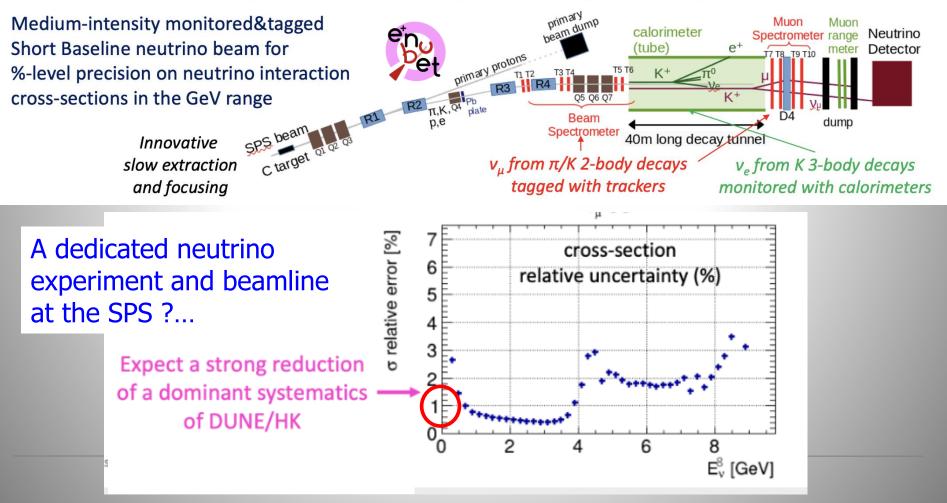
FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS TO EXTERNAL NEUTRINO PROJECTS



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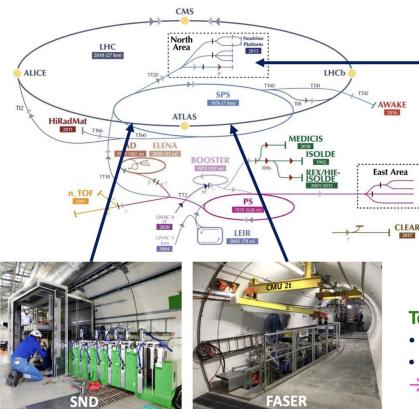
Next LBL experiments will have > O(10K) events -> large statistics Important to keep the systematics uncertainty O(1%) -> Proposal:

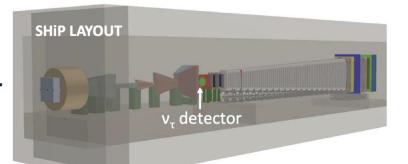
SBN@CERN: a new facility under study for DUNE/HK



CERN Neutrino Experiments

Neutrino physics experiments are back at CERN since 2022!!





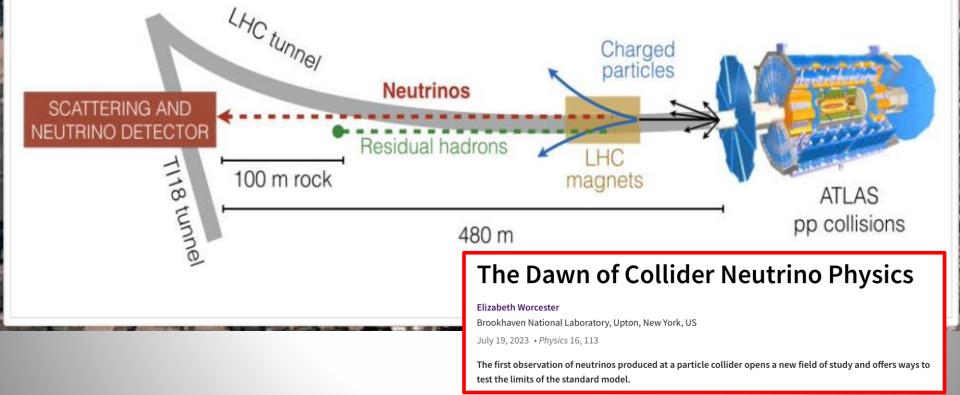
10-100 GeV neutrinos @SPS

- DsTau τ-neutrino production cross-section
 → data taking completed, final results to come
- SHiP high-statistics τ-neutrino measurements
 → final design and construction to come

TeV neutrinos @LHC:

- FASERv \rightarrow upgrades foreseen for run 4 at present location
- SND@LHC → upgrades foreseen for HL-LHC at present location
- → Forward Physics Facility studied by PBC Phase II
- NA65/DsTau experiment took their anticpated data sample in 2022-2023
- SND@LHC and FASER(ν) started in 2022. Will also take data in run 4
- SHiP approved as ν and feebly interacting particle search exp. at the SPS

Measuring Neutrino Interactions @ LHC SND@LHC and FASERv are 480m forward of the IPs and to study TeV-neutrinos 2501.10078



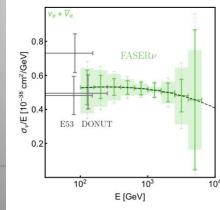
FASER was approved in 2019. FASERv (extension with emulsion) in 2020. SND@LHC was proposed in 2020 and approved in 2021. Both experiments take now data since the start of the Run 3 at the LHC.

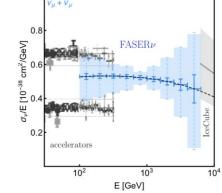
Neutrinos @ the LHC: SND@LHC & FASERv

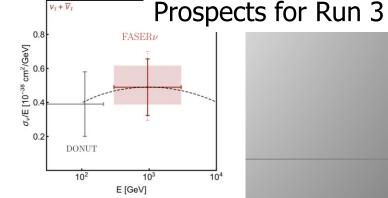
SND@LHC/FASERv are 480m forward and can study TeV-neutrinos with emulsion and tracking+muon/calo detectors



FASER(v)FASER_v will come **FASER** spectrometer with 0.55T magnets Calorimeter







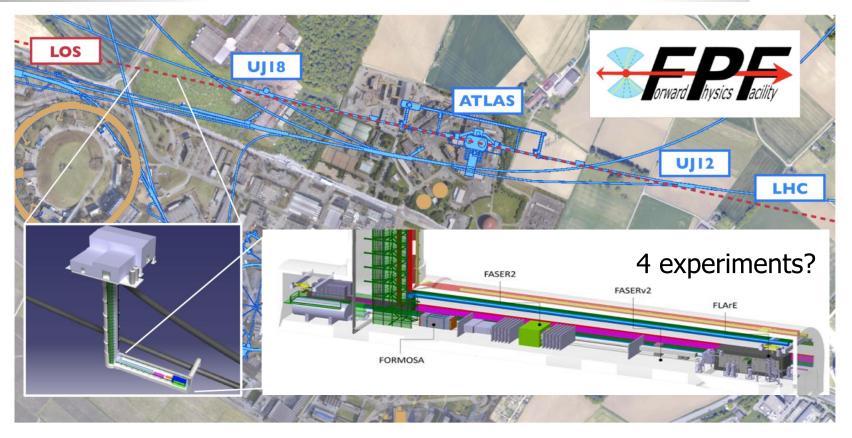
 $V_{\tau} + \overline{V}_{\tau}$

FASER = ForwArd Search ExpeRiment

The Forward Physics Facility

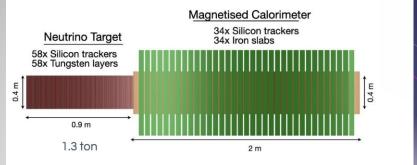
Origin: Letter of intent contributed to the Snowmass21 process. Based on the FASER experience and studies: propose to have a Forward Physics Facility (FPF) experimental hall with room to include large forward detectors for new physics searches (and QCD): FASER2, others

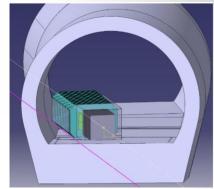
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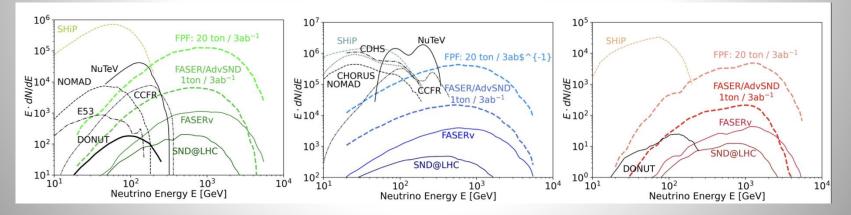
Future Neutrinos @ the LHC

SND@LHC will upgrade the detector in the tunnel for Run 4 and beyond





Neutrino rates in FASER and SND@LHC during the high luminosity LHC



Current LHC experiments will detect thousands of neutrinos The FPF experiments will detect millions of neutrinos.

Future Neutrinos @ the LHC

Physics with LHC neutrinos

Neutrino interactions

- Measure v interactions in unexplored ~TeV energy range.
- Large yield of v_{τ} will more than double existing data.
 - About 20 events observed by DONuT and OPERA.
- First observation of $\overline{v_{\tau}}$.

QCD

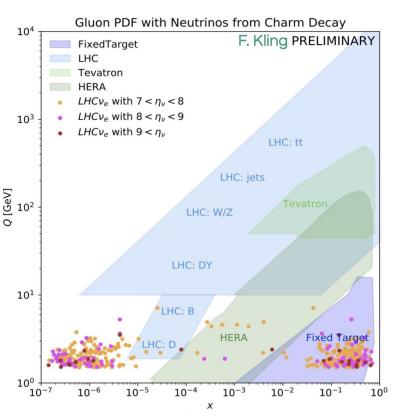
- Decays of **charm** hadrons contribute significantly to the neutrino flux.
 - \Rightarrow Measure forward charm production with neutrinos.
 - \Rightarrow Constrain gluon PDF at very small x.

Flavour

• Detection of all three types of neutrinos allows for tests of lepton flavour universality.

Beyond the Standard Model

• Search for **new**, feebly interacting, **particles decaying** within the detector or **scattering** off the target.



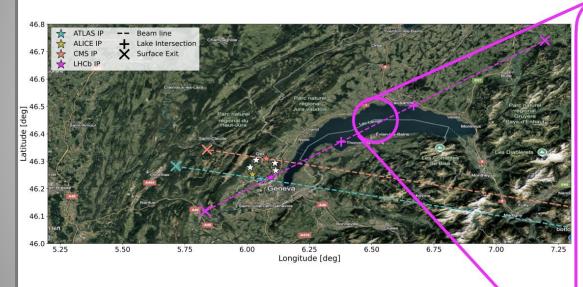
The forwards measurements will have implications for astroparticle physics/cosmic rays, FCC-pp cross sections...

Neutrinos @ CERN: Lake Geneva

Recently: Instead of digging a new underground area, let the LHC neutrinos surface!....And catch them with a detector, e.g. in Lake Geneva... 2501.08278

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UNDINE: UNDerwater Integrated Neutrino Experiment



 University
 Chips Collab. 2024

PVC Buoyancy tubes

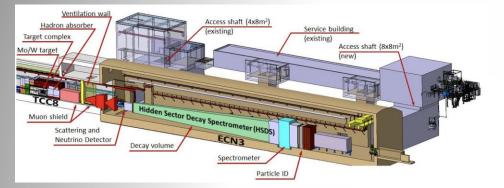
Steel frame

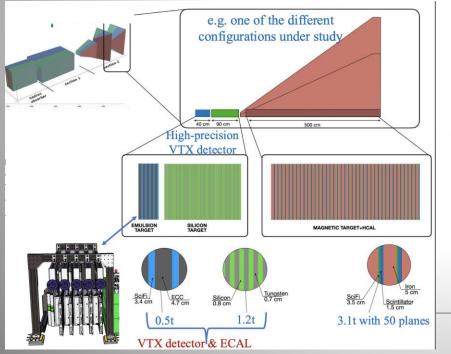
- A suite of CHIPS-style water Cherenkov detectors deployed in a modular fashion
- Benchmark lake detector: 5 CHIPS modules (~30 kT)

Event samples with O(10⁶) interactions possible

SHIP: A Future Experiment at the SPS

SHiP is an experiment for the new beam dump facility for the CERN North Hall. SHiP foreseen to take data as of ~2032/33 for 15 years





SHiP: Search for Hidden Particles SHIP includes a neutrino detector

Planned: 4x10¹⁹ POT/year

The SHiP Scattering and Neutrino Detector SND has a similar structure as SND@LHC

Physics Targets: tau neutrino physics, charm physics, measure F_4 and F_5 structure functions...

O(10⁶/10⁷/10⁵) $\nu_{\rm e}/\nu_{\mu}/\nu_{\tau}$ interactions

Future Opportunities in Europe

- DUNE technology developments e.g. optical or pixel readout LAr & near detector for phase II, water based liquid scintilator...
- Physics searches with the ProtoDUNEs during run 4?
- T2HK: near detector ND280++ & Water Cherenkov Detector studies
- NA61: low energy run/more targets proposed
- SBN@CERN: New GeV tagged neutrino exp.? (...maybe aim to KM3NET?)
- TeV Neutrinos at the LHC: Upgrades, the FPF(?), surface TeV neutrinos
- Neutrinos in SHiP at the SPS
- More new ideas?





SUMMARY

The CERN Neutrino Platform is playing an important role for the international/european neutrino community... and should continue to do so!

- Suggestion was made for a formal "neutrino center @ CERN" for better experiment/theory interaction.
- Support from the community during the ESPPU for the NP will be essential for longer term continuity!
- Other further future opportunities not discussed here.
 - nuSTORM, part of a muon collider demonstrator?
 - Neutrino beams from the European Spalation Source?

Neutrino Physics is a very vibrant field & Neutrinos are back @ CERN!

BACKUP

FPF Projects

CERN NP experiments / projects

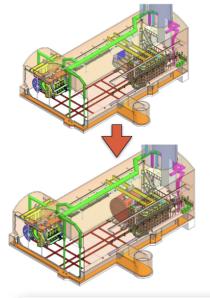
8 Experiments approved by the SPS Committee and by the Research Board:

- NP01: ICARUS for the US/FNAL SBN (completed 2017), SBND
 LAr TPC developments for LBNF/DUNE
- NP02: demonstrator/engineering prototype initially for a double phase TPC now Vertical Drift (ongoing)
- NP03: PLAFOND, a generic detector R&D framework for accelerator-based neutrino experiments (ongoing)
- NP04: ProtoDUNE for single phase (Horizontal Drift) engineering prototype (ongoing)
- NP05: Baby Mind, a muon spectrometer for the WAGASCI experiment at T2K (delivered 2017)
- NP06: Enhanced Neutrino Beam via kaon tagging (ENUBET)
- NP07: Contributions to the T2K Near Detector
- NP08: Procurement, assembly and testing of electronics components for the Hyper-K experiment LBNF/DUNE: FD1,2 cryostats; Cryo; Compliance Office; HV; TDAQ; Andes; Electronics.
 Darkside-20k cryostat (DM experiment at INFN LNGS)

DUNE Phase I & II

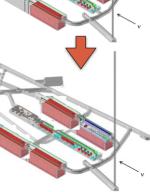
DUNE to built in two phases

Near Detector (ND)



Phase I • FD: 2 x 17 kt LArTPC modules • ND: ND-LAr+TMS (with PRISM) + SAND • Beam: 1.2 MW beam line (PIP-II) Phase II • FD: 2 additional modules (total: 4 x 17 kt LAr-equivalent) • MCND: ND-LAr+ND-GAr (with PRISM) + SAND

• Beam: > 2 MW beam line (ACE Upgrades)



Far Detector (FD)

The LBNF facilities at the near and far sites support Phase II beam and detectors from the start (part of Phase-I scope) simplifying Phase-II implementation

LArTPC: Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber ND-LAr: Liquid argon-based ND TMS: Temporary Muon Spectrometer SAND: System for on-axis ND MCND: More Capable ND ND-GAr: Gaseous argon-based ND PRISM: movable ND capability for off-axis beam measurements PIP-II: Proton Improvement Plan-II ACE: Accelerator Complex Evolution at Fermilab

*Non-argon options currently under consideration for Phase-II near and far detectors not listed

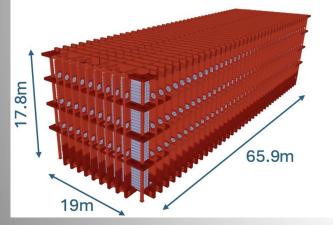
Parameter	Phase I	Phase II	Impact
FD mass	2 FD modules (20 kt fidu-	4 FD modules (40 kt fidu-	FD statistics
	cial)	cial LAr equivalent)	
Beam power	1.2 MW	Up to 2.3 MW	FD statistics
ND configuration	ND-LAr+TMS, SAND	ND-LAr, ND-GAr, SAND	Systematics

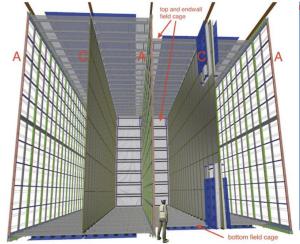
ProtoDUNEs

One detector principle, two realizations: HD, DV

First 2 modules, each one holds 17 kt Argon total :

- Horizontal (charge) Drift
- Vertical (charge) Drift





HD Anode Plane Assemblies : wire chamber technology

Drift length 350 cm -> ~ 180 KV 9800 m³ = 13.2 ktons active LAr Top CRPs Cathode Photon detectors Bottom CRPs

VD Charge Readout Planes : perforated PCB technology

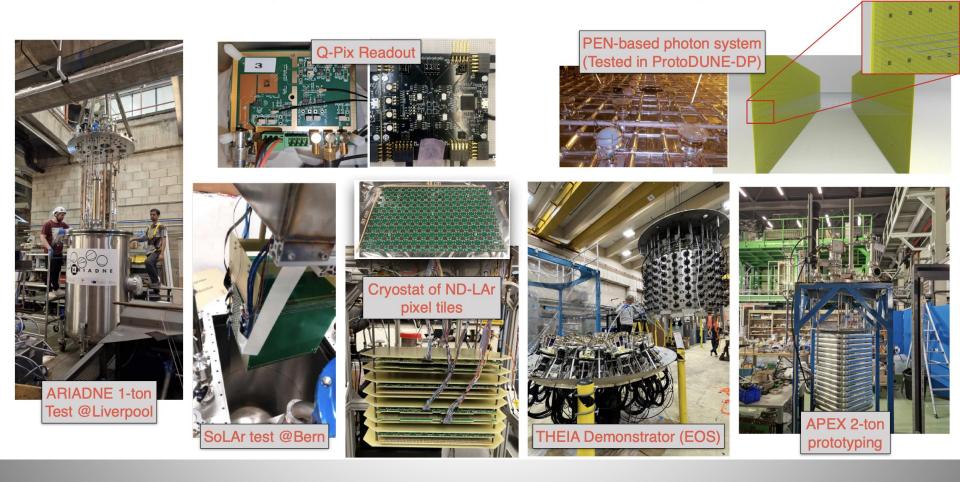
Drift length ~ 640 cm -> ~ 300 KV 10180 m³ = 14.2 ktons active LAr

Photon detectors on the cathode at 300 KV

Construction and operation of 4% size prototypes of the large forward detectors fo DUNE. CERN also committed to build two FD cryostats

DUNE Detetor Technology Studies

Active prototyping underway across all technologies



DUNE Perspectives

Oscillation Physics with DUNE

DUNE (Phase I+II) will enable

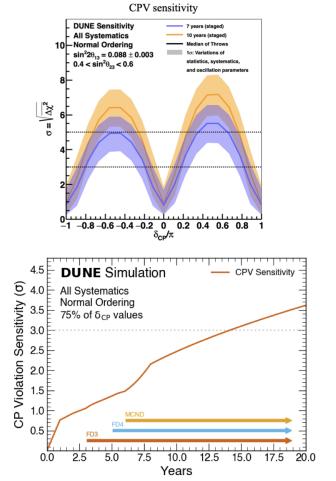
- high precision measurements of all 4 parameters governing long-baseline oscillations (Δm²₃₂, θ₁₃, θ₂₃, and δ_{CP})
- Establish CP violation at high significance over a broad range of possible values of δ_{CP} , and test the 3-flavour paradigm as a way to search for and constrain vBSM

Impact of Phase II:

- Far Detectors 3/4 will increase fiducial mass by a factor of two.
- ACE-MIRT increases beam intensity right away, and throughout the DUNE programme.

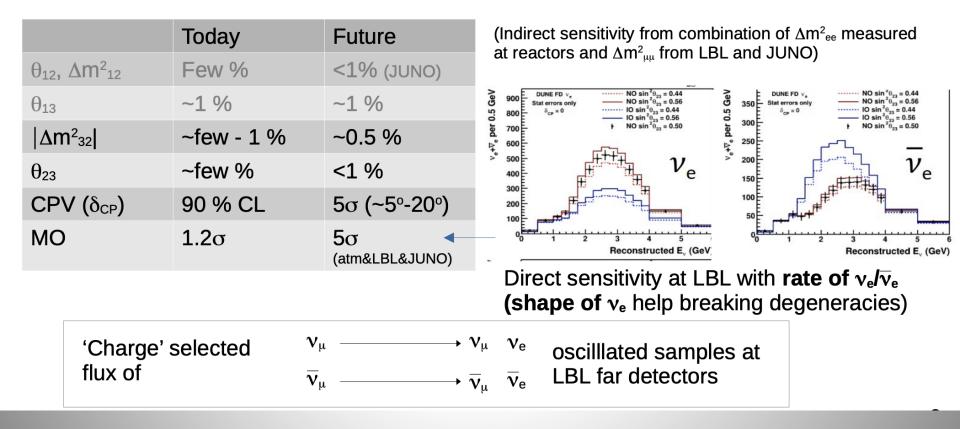
Both will enable much faster resolution to mass ordering and much faster significance to maximal CPV

MCND provides important systematic constraints to match the ~1% precision goal.



Oscillation Parameter Measurements

Neutrino oscillations (at LBL)

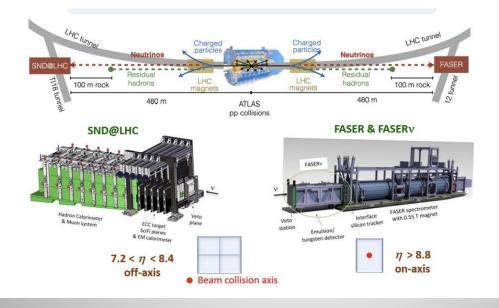


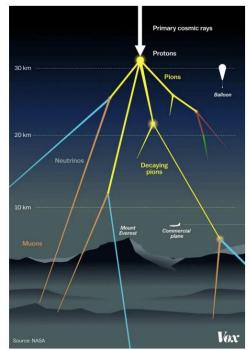
FPF & Cosmic Rays

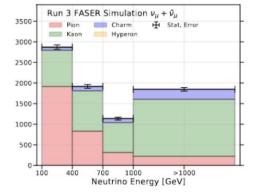
Atm flux modeling : fwd detectors at LHC

Need good control of very forward and high energy hadron production to model properly the atmospheric flux (eg, muon puzzle)

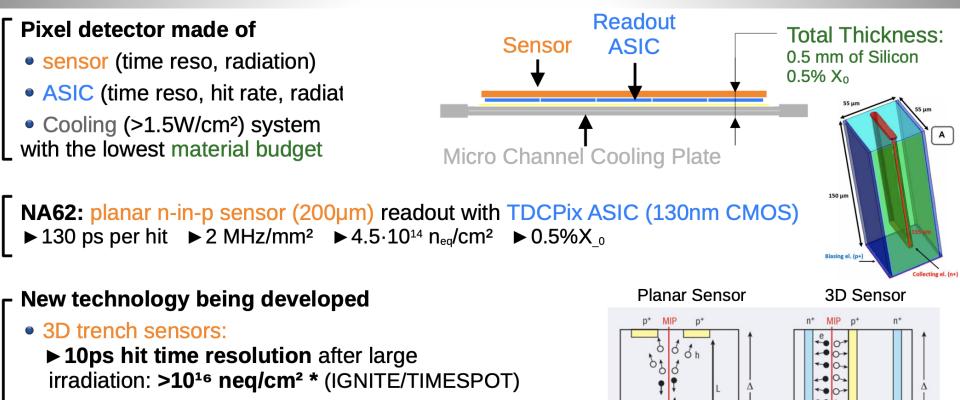
Can be measured at a new regime in LHC forward regions : FASER and SND







Neutrino Beam Tagging



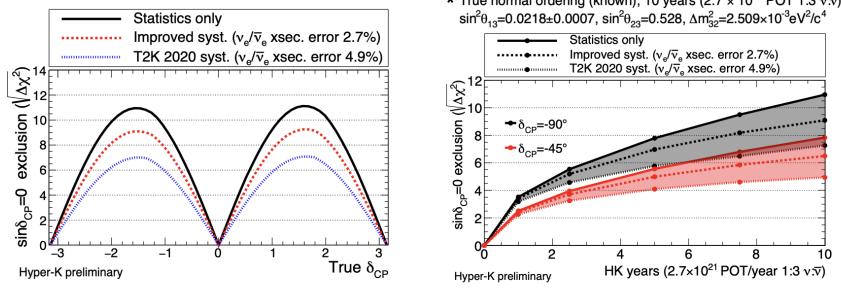
 Readout ASIC is being developed using 28nm CMOS (IGNITE, PICOPIX)

* Borgato et al. Frontiers in Physics, 2023, 11

T2HK Measurements

Long-baseline ν oscillations

- Sensitive to the CP violation phase by measuring $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e})$ vs $P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e})$
- With known MO \rightarrow 5 σ sensitivity for 62% of true δ CP values in 10 years
- If NO and δCP=-π/2 → exclude CP conservation in 3-5 years depending on systematics
 * True normal ordering (known), 10 years (2.7 × 10²² POT 1:3 v:v)



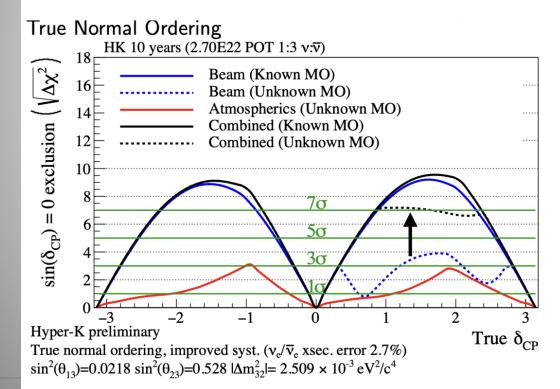
- Resolution to $\delta_{CP}=20^{\circ}$ if $\delta_{CP}=-\pi/2$, and 6° if $\delta_{CP}=0$
- With known MO:

✓ Precise measurements of Δm_{32}^2 (0.35% error) and $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ (2.47% error) ✓ Can determine octant if true $\sin^2\theta_{23} < 0.45$ or true $\sin^2\theta_{23} > 0.57$

T2HK Measurements

Oscillations w/ accelerator and atmospheric ν

- Atmospheric ν 's allow to solve the degeneracy between δ_{CP} , MO and octant
- Ability to reject the CP conserving hypothesis independently from the true MO



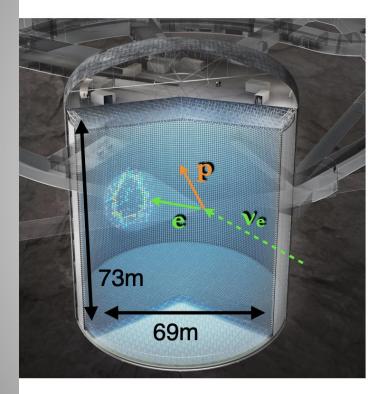
	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	Atmospheric neutrino	Atm + Beam
Mass ordering	0.40 0.60	2.2σ - 4.9σ -	→ 3.8 σ → 6.2 σ
θ_{23}	0.45	2.2 σ -	$\rightarrow 6.2 \sigma$
octant	0.55	1.6 σ -	→ 3.6 σ

10 years with 1.3MW, normal mass ordering is assumed

4-6 σ determination of MO and octant on the value of sin² θ_{23} after 10 years of data taking

T2HK

The water-Cherenkov Far Detector



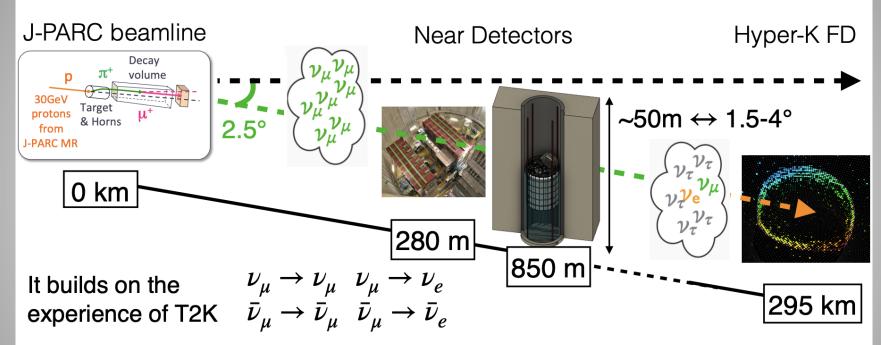


- Building the largest ever human-made cavern
- •188.4 kton fiducial volume (~8.4 x Super-K)



T2HK

Long-baseline ν oscillations



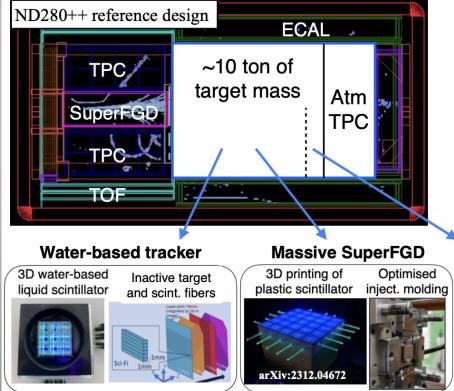
- Upgraded beamline \rightarrow x2.5 higher from 0.5 (as of 2019) to 1.3 MW
- ND280 as magnetised near detector (plans to be taken over by Hyper-K)
- A new Intermediate Water Cherenkov Detector (IWCD)
- Water Cherenkov far detector: 188.4 kton fiducial volume (~8.4 x Super-K)

 \rightarrow Measure the CP violating phase from $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e})$ vs $P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e})$

ND280++

ND280++ for the Hyper-K high-statistic phase

A possible final upgrade of ND280 for the high-statistics phase (after 2030) \rightarrow improve sensitivity to non-maximal CP violation and atmospheric parameters



Developing the conceptual design of a new high-performance tracker:
large mass for σ_{ν_e/ν_e}, ν-water,
low-energy protons, neutron energy
✓ Replace old tracker (2010)
✓ Several ongoing R&D: water, scintillator, atm/high-p TPC

XY SciFi target



Many of us are involved in CERN DRD 1&4, 3DET R&D collaboration (hosted by CERN)

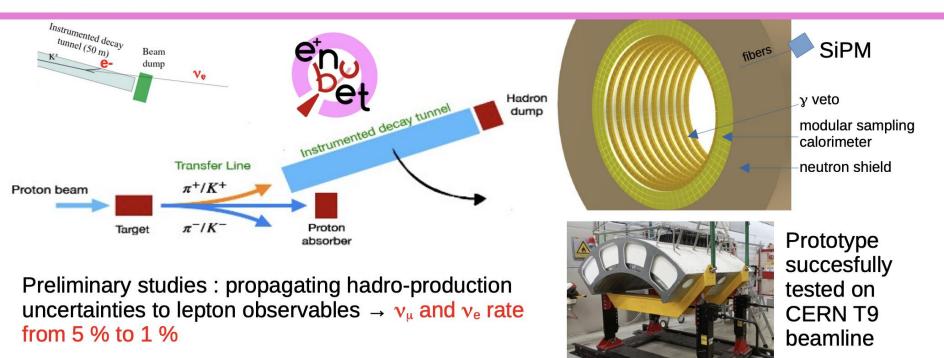
ND280++ is a great opportunity for new institutes to join a starting project

ENUBET: Monitored Beam

Monitored beam : R&D @ CERN

Measure the leptons in the decay tunnel

Need slow extraction (for a reasonable rate) \rightarrow transfer line (instead of pulsed horns) + fast detectors (and radiation hard)



nuSTORM

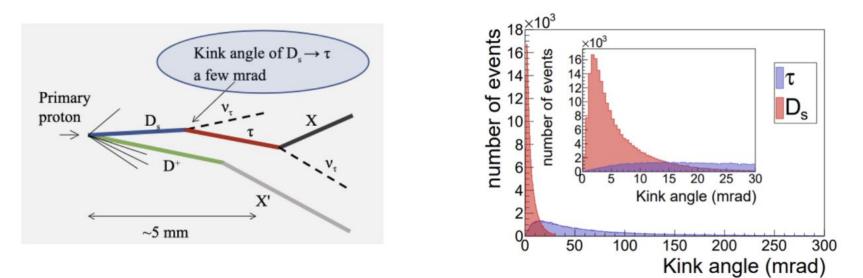
v from STORed Muons (nuSTORM) **FODO** lattice Fixed Field Alternating gradient (FFA) lattice J. Pasternak, J.B.Lagrange Minimise dispersion Improve acceptance of muon 32 31 30 40 - 30 - 31 - 326 30 50 55 60 65 - 60 - 50 - 55 20 30 10 **Production Straight** 15 [ш] 0 Return leturr 0 - 10 Arc Arc × - 15 **Return Straight** - 20 - 30 - 30 - 100 - 50 50 100 0 401 80 90 100110120130140 y [m]

- 1st v beam facility based on a stored muon beam
- □ Highest ever stored-muon beam power
- \Box v flux deduced by μ beam monitoring

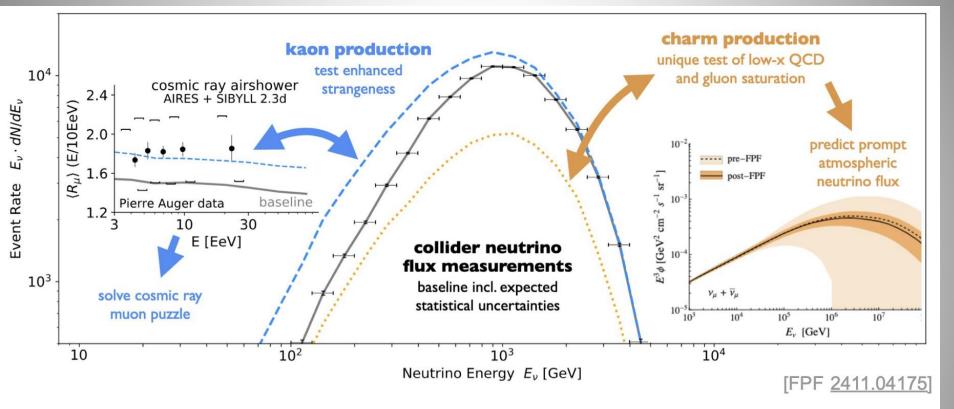
- \Box Production Straight (example w/ π^+ injection)
 - ♦ ν_{μ} flux from $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_{\mu}$ ("pion flash")
 - $v_e + \bar{v}_\mu$ flux from $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ v_e \bar{v}_\mu$
 - * Maximise μ capture efficiency
- Arcs and Return Straight
 - μ momentum tunable between 1 and 6 GeV/c,
 spread ±16%

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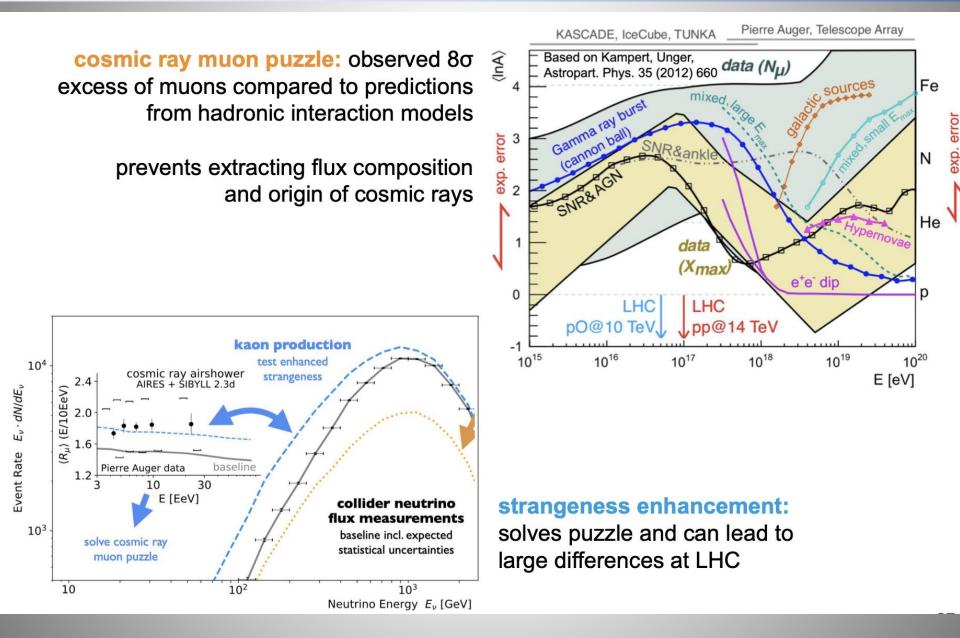
- The main source of tau neutrinos is decay of D_s mesons to tau neutrino and tau lepton.
- Detect double kink topology of D_s → ν_ττ → X & partner charm decay topology within a few mm.
- Technical challenge to a few mrad kink angle of $D_s \rightarrow \nu_{\tau} \tau$ decays.

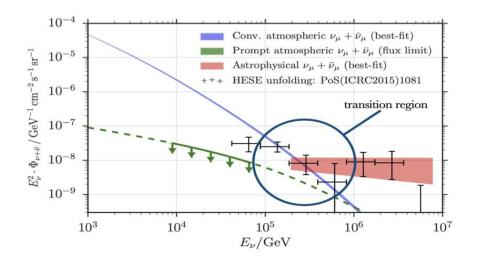


 Observing the decay topology of D_s into τ requires sub-micron spatial resolution and sub-mrad three-dimensional angular resolution.



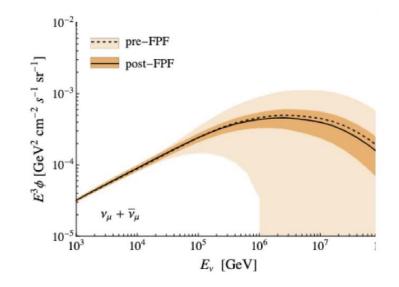
cosmic ray muon puzzle: observed 8σ excess of muons compared to predictions from hadronic interaction models forward charm production at the LHC constraints on prompt atmospheric neutrino flux at IceCube





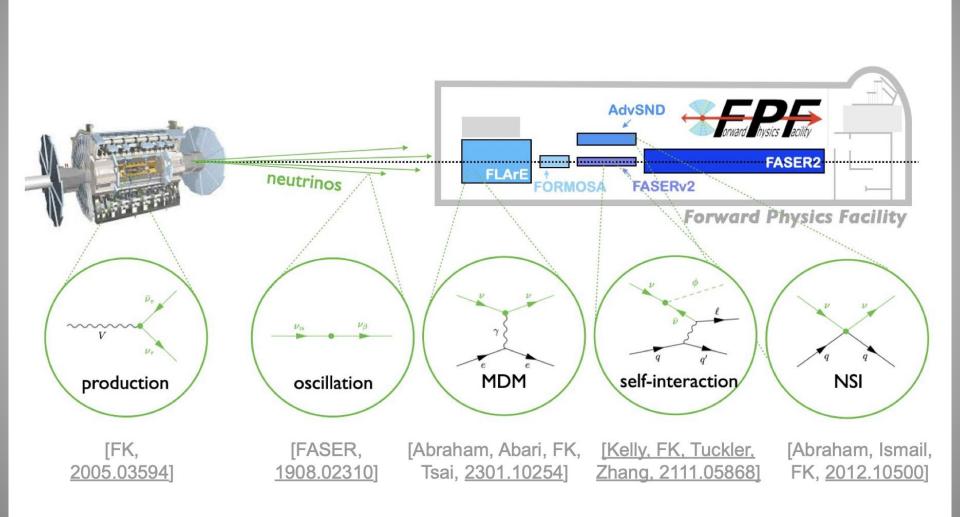
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(currently very poorly constrained/understood)

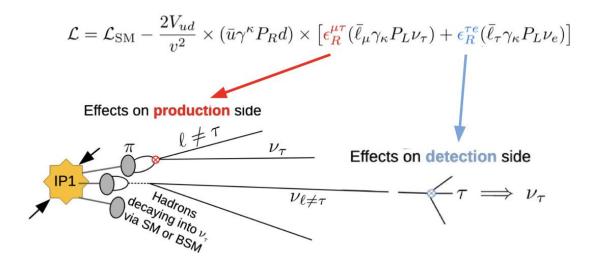


FPF data will improve flux predictions!

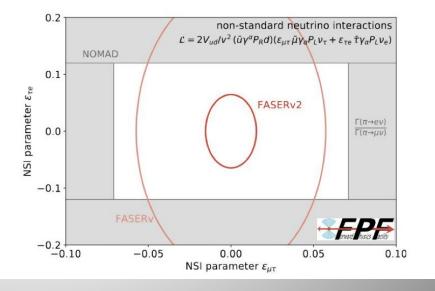
[Reno, Jeong, FPF 2411.04175]

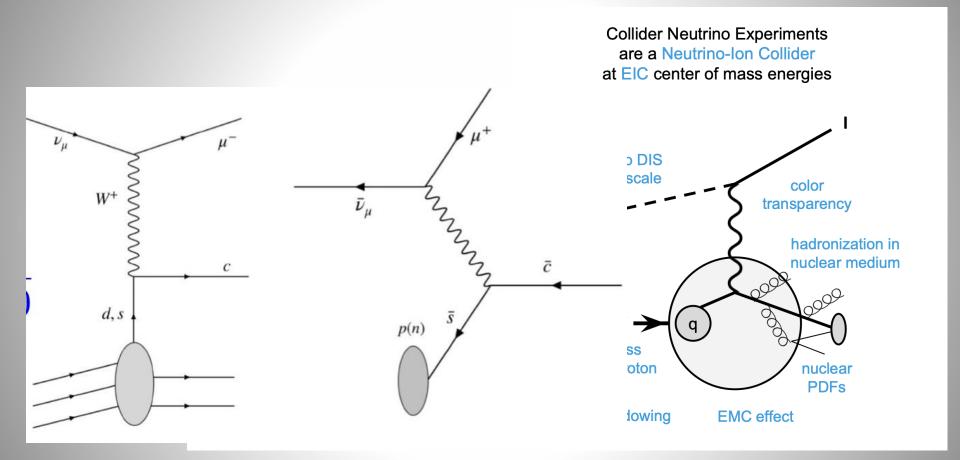


Non Standard Interactions associated can modify tau neutrino flux [Falkowski et al, 2105.12136]

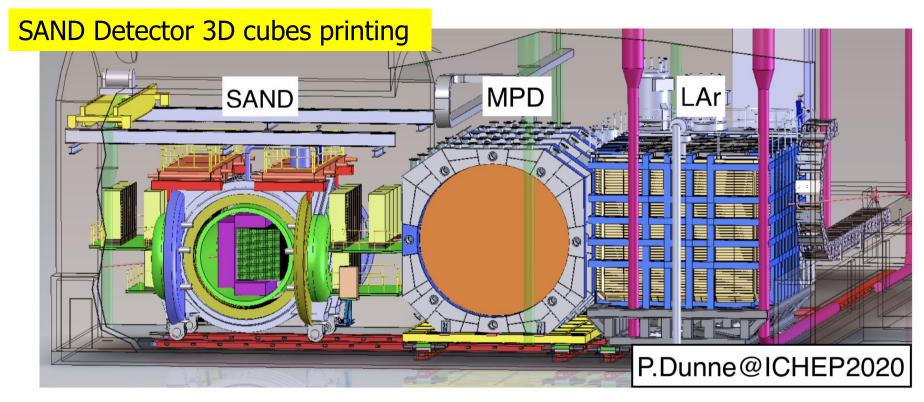


Can be probed at FPF! [FK, Mäkelä, Trojanowski, 2309.10417]





The DUNE Near Detector



- Three main near detector complexes:
 - + System for on-Axis Neutrino Detection (SAND)
 - + HpTPC+ECAL (ND-GAR)
 - + Liquid Argon (ND-LAr)
- Complementarity necessary to achieve:
 - + Detection of ν interactions in argon nucleus, Low-momentum threshold for protons, Neutron detection, Beam monitor, ν flux estimation

Detector	Target (Fid. mass t)	# ν _μ CC (X10 ⁶)
LAr	Ar (50)	80
HPgTPC	Ar (1)	1.5
SAND	CH (8)	12

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A Multi-detector program will address the unexplained anomalies which together could be hinting at new physics (steriles?) m2 (eV

 $(m_{4})^{2}$

