Status of DsTau data taking and analysis



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DsTau: Physics motivations

• Tau neutrino is the least known particle of the Standard Model.

 $\circ v_{\tau}$ beam : DONuT

 \circ oscillated ν_{τ} : OPERA, Super-K, IceCube

 $\circ v_{\tau}$ cross section error >50% (DIS) due to systematic uncertainty in v_{τ} production (DONuT)

• Measurement of v_{τ} production

- Reduce uncertainty of v_{τ} flux from >50% to 10% <
- Fundamental input for future v_{τ} experiments: SHiP, DUNE, Hyper-K



DsTau: Physics motivations

First Measurement of Ds differential cross section

Forward charm physics

- Large theoretical uncertainity for forward charm production.
 - \circ Intrinsic charm content of proton can effect v_{τ} flux drastically, by enhancing charm production in forward direction, v_{τ} flux may change by a factor of 10
- > Neutrino experiments need data on the forward charm prduction



DsTau: Unique signature



• 4.6×10^9 protons, 2.3×10^8 proton interactions in target (tungsten & molybdenum),

• ~10⁵ charm pairs & ~10³ $D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$ decays can be detected.

Emulsion detectors



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Concept of $D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$ detection



Change of structure for momentum measurement



- Original structure had more material \rightarrow too high track density in ECC
 - Dedicated scanning is required
- Reduce material, but sufficient performance
- Making data taking procedure simple

	Original: lead emulsion ECC	New: additional tungsten units	
Structure	25 1mm lead, 26 emulsion plates	3 0.5mm tungsten, 25 emulsion	
		plates	
Momentum	20 - 40% (upstream ev.)	15 - 40% (upstream ev.)	
resolution	20 - $40%$ (downstream ev.)	35 - 45% (downstream ev.)	
Weight	15.0 kg	2.4 kg	

Emulsion readout

1. High speed scanning of full area to select $\tau \rightarrow X + partner-charm$ decays ($\Delta \theta \sim 100 \text{ mrad}$)

Angular resolution ~2 mrad





Scanning speed of 9000 cm²/h (22 m²/day)

- 2. Precision measurement to detect
- $D_s \rightarrow \tau$ decay (a few mrad)

Angular resolution ~0.3 mrad





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Data reconstruction

 The automatic scanning systems read out the track information accumulated in the emulsion film during the exposure, digitize it and transfer to the computers for the pattern recognition and tracking/vertexing.



Data processing

- Film to film alignment and track reconstruction procedures require powerful processing servers with CPU/GPU and high memory (~128-256~GB of RAM) and disk space (~10~TB for each data module) resources.
- Distributed data processing is being done gradually. Up to now, 25 out of 30 modules in 2018 run have been fully processed (track reconstruction).



 Batch system of the CERN computing center is also going to be used to process the 2021 physics run data.

Reconstructed double vertex



Kink

- \circ IP of daughter 291.6 μm
- o FL 2536.6 μm
- o kink angle 118 mrad

Vee

 \circ IP of daughters 20.9, 109.7 μm

primary

- $\circ\,$ FL 554.5 μm
- Opening angle 242 mrad

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200 µm

400 GeV proton

Study of Proton interaction with tungsten

- Proton interaction vertices location by fine alignment on the material boundaries.
- Secondary tracks multiplicity distribution by each detector components.
- The results will be summarized into a paper soon.



Study of Proton interaction with tungsten

- General distribution agrees with the FLUKA prediction.
- A deficit of forward angle (<20 mrad or η >4.6) is observed.
- Comparisons between other generators are ongoing.



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DsTau 2021 run

- Originally, It was planned to use $>200 \text{ m}^2$ emulsion but due to Covid19, the emulsion production is slowed down in Japan. The number of detector modules is reduced to 110 m^2 ($\simeq 2200 \text{ films}$) Updates
 - Films size was changed from 12.5 cm x 10 cm \rightarrow 25 cm x 20 cm



DsTau 2021 run

• New target mover



- XDWC for beam profile monitor
- Scintillator(s) to feedback beam intensity in real-time

• Development facility, a full renovation by CERN is underway



DsTau 2021 run

- 17 modules were exposed
 12 tungsten and 5 molybdenum targets
 → about 30% of total (including 2018 run)
- All films were developed & scanning started



track density uniformity



Plan for 2022, 2023 runs

- Emulsion film production
 - \rightarrow Limited amount of emulsion, ~100 m²
 - Shortened beam time (1 week) was requested

	Plan 2021	Updated plan 2022
Pilot run	50 m^2	$50 \text{ m}^2 \text{ (1w)}$
2021 run	100 m^2	$110 \text{ m}^2 \text{ (2w)}$
2022 run	450 m^2	$110 \text{ m}^2 \text{ (1w)}$
2023 run	0 m^2	$330 \text{ m}^2 \text{ (3w)}$

- Need of an additional data taking in 2023 for 3 weeks
- 2022 run is scheduled between 12–19 October @ H4



- DsTau 2021 data taking campaign was successfully finished
 - \circ 30% of planned exposure was done
- Emulsion data readout, reconstruction and analysis are going on smoothly.
- The first physics results will be published soon.
- 2022 run is rescaled due to COVID19
 Data taking extended one year.

Momentum reconstruction

- Momentum measurement is important to discriminate charm decays from background.
- Algorithm has been implemented and tested
- Systematic application still needs a reorganization of data access over different data sets and alignment between them → Work in progress



High precision measurement of track angles

- Intrinsic resolution of each grain = 50 nm
- Two grains on top and bottom of 200 mm base $\rightarrow 0.35$ mrad
- Discrimination of 2 mrad at 4σ level
- A new system with piezo-based Z axis under development
- Angular measurement reproducibility of 0.15 mrad was achieved





Signal / Background

Signal: a double kink + a charmed particle



Main background: hadron interactions



• Signal rate: 2.2x10⁻⁷/proton int

 $\begin{array}{l} P_{BG}^{charged} = 1.3 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{/ proton} \\ P_{BG}^{neutral} = 2.7 \pm 0.8 \times 10^{-9} \text{/ proton} \end{array}$

D_s momentum reconstruction

- Difficult to measure D_s momentum directly due to short lifetime
- Reconstruct the momentum using Artificial Neural Network (ANN) with 4 variables



Efficiency of D_s detection



Selection Criteria	Efficiency (%)
(1) Flight length of $D_s \ge 2$ emulsion layers	77
(2) Flight length of $\tau \ge 2$ layers & $\Delta \theta(D_s \rightarrow \tau) \ge 2$ mrad	43
(3) Flight length of $D_s < 5$ mm & flight length of $\tau < 5$ mm	31
(4) $\Delta \theta(\tau) \ge 15 \text{mrad}$	28
(5) Pair charm: 0.1 mm < flight length < 5 mm (charged decays with $\Delta \theta$ > 15 mrad or neutral decays)	20

Data Analysis: Pilot Run (2018)

Search for double charm events in pilot data

- Emulsion readout was completed & data reconstruction is going on.
- 3.4253301 x 10⁷ injected protons (2% of Pilot run) were analyzed
- 2.72120 x 10⁵ proton interactions (1.47236 x 10⁵ tungsten int) detected
- 159(115 tungsten int) events with charm pair



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\mathbf{v}_{τ} cross section measurement by oscillated neutrinos

