

# Possibilities for future v beams at CERN







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# v beams and CERN

Courtesy: C. Touramanis – CERN Neutrino Strategy Workshop

### CERN is part of the history of neutrino beams and neutrino beams are part of CERN's discovery history





The 1<sup>st</sup> Neutrino Horn – Van den Meer, CERN, 1961 Discovery of neutral currents, Gargamelle, 1973

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### v beams at CERN - The present

#### **CERN Neutrinos to Grand Sasso, IT - CNGS**



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# v beams at CERN – The present

- CNGS is THE neutrino oscillation facility in Europe
- v<sub>r</sub> appearance optimized detectors: OPERA(1.2kt) ICARUS (0.6kt)



- Installation completed in **June 2006**
- In physics operation since 2007

| Proton beam parameters |   |  |  |  |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Energy                 | 400 GeV/c   |  |  |  |
| Cycle length           | <ul> <li>6 seconds</li> <li>2 extractions/cycle,<br/>50ms apart</li> </ul>    |  |  |  |
| Extraction             | <ul> <li>2.4 x 10<sup>13</sup> protons</li> <li>10.5 µs long pulse</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| Beam power             | • 500 kW  |  |  |  |

#### Approved program:

- $4.5 \times 10^{19}$  protons/year 5 year program
- ~3.5  $\times$  10  $^{11}$   $\nu_{\mu}/year$  at Grand Sasso
- ~3000 CC  $\nu_{\mu}$  interactions/kt/year at the experiment
- ~2÷3  $v_{\tau}$  interactions detected/year (OPERA)

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### CNGS - Conventional v beam

p + C  $\rightarrow$  (interactions)  $\rightarrow \pi^+$ , K<sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow$  (decay)  $\rightarrow \mu^+$  + v<sub>µ</sub>



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# **CNGS - Performance**

#### First $V_{\tau}$ event from OPERA



|                           | <b>Protons on Target</b> |  |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 2006 (commissioning)      | 0.09 ×1019               |  |  |
| 2007 (commissioning- HI)  | 0.08 × 10 <sup>19</sup>  |  |  |
| 2008 – physics run        | 1.79 × 10 <sup>19</sup>  |  |  |
| 2009 – physics run        | 3.58 × 10 <sup>19</sup>  |  |  |
| 2010 – physics run        | 4.04× 10 <sup>19</sup>   |  |  |
| Total                     | 9.41 × 10 <sup>19</sup>  |  |  |
| 2011 - physics run (221d) | 4.7 × 10 <sup>19</sup>   |  |  |

Courtesy: D. Autiero







The design and operation of a high-intensity, high-power (0.3-0.5MW of beam power) facility is always very challenging

Design:

- Choice of materials, facility layout, shielding, radiation environment
- Technical challenges during construction

#### • Operation :

- Possibility for early repairs must be included in the design
- Radiation effects on proximity electronics should be looked at
- The ventilation system is a key element that has a double challenge: temperature/humidity control, and management of radioactive air
- **H-3** creation (air, water) should not be forgotten !

#### □ Important lessons, in view of future facilities with (M)**MW** of beam power !

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# CNGS – Planning

The presently approved program will be completed by 2014-2015

assuming 4.7 × 10<sup>19</sup> pot/y for 2011, 2012



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# v beams at CERN - The Future

- predicting the future is an old story
   .... but with questionable efficiency !
- Strong participation of European Labs in accelerator v physics programs worldwide
  - T2K neutrino beam
  - International Design Study

for a Neutrino Factory (IDS-NF)

 CERN/Europe plays and can/should continue playing a leading role in the Neutrino Physics
 Courtesy: T. Haseg CERN Neutrino Str



Aegeus, King of Athens consulting the Delphic Oracle, Greek Vase, Altes Museum - Berlin, Ge



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# Accelerator v Physics in Europe (besides CNGS)

### EC funded design studies

- EUROnu Design Study for Super-beam, β-beam, ν-factory
- EUCARD Neu2012 (network activity) MICE (transnational access)
- LAGUNA Water Cherenkov, LArgon, Scintillator Detectors
   LAGUNA-LBNO(proposal) Detectors + beams from CERN

#### R&D Activities – prototypes

- MERIT@CERN high-power targetry experiment
- MICE@RAL muon ionization cooling experiment

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The BIG picture – ultimate facilities

Super beams, β-beams, Neutrino Factory

HP-SPL and new accelerators, MMW class facilities

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# **CNGS Upgrade Possibilities**

#### **Limitations:**

- key elements of the secondary beam line: target, horns, beam windows
- layout and RP considerations, SPS RF and beam extraction system

#### $\Box \quad CNGS upgrade \Leftrightarrow SPS upgrade:$

- Possibilities will be studied within the LHC Injector Upgrade project (LIU) and followed in LAGUNA-LBNO
  - **750kW** may be reachable, going beyond would require substantial consolidation of the facility

| Int. per PS batch                    | # PS<br>batches        | Int. per SPS<br>cycle    | 200 days, 100%<br>efficiency, no<br>sharing | 200 days, 55%<br>efficiency, no<br>sharing | 200 days, 55%<br>efficiency, 60%<br>CNGS sharing |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|--|
|                                      |                        | [prot./6s cycle]         | [pot/year]                                  | [pot/year]                                 | [pot/year]                                       |
| 2.4×10 <sup>13</sup> - Nominal CNGS  | 2                      | 4.8×10 <sup>13</sup>     | 1.38×10 <sup>20</sup>                       | 7.6×10 <sup>19</sup>                       | 4.56×10 <sup>19</sup>                            |
| 3.5×10 <sup>13</sup> - Ultimate CNGS | 2                      | 7.0×10 <sup>13</sup>     | 2.02×10 <sup>20</sup>                       | 1.11×10 <sup>20</sup>                      | 6.65×10 <sup>19</sup>                            |
| <b>750kW</b> design limit for t      | ypothesis for<br>tions | M.Meddahi, E.Schaposnico | va - CERN-AB-2007-013 PAF                   |  |  |

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# Future CNGS experiments?

### **MODULAR proposal** APJ 29 (2008) 174

#### New 10km off-axis experiment

- 20kt(4×5kt) LArgon-TPC based on the ICARUS-T600 technology (× 2.66 scale-up)
- MODULAr/CNGS (400 GeV, 1.2 10<sup>20</sup> pot/yr) ~
   NOvA/NUMI (120 GeV, 6.5 10<sup>20</sup> pot/yr)



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# From conventional to super v-beams

### A staged approach to intensity





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# Conventional v-beams from CERN

Courtesy: A. Rubbia, LAGUNA

### CERN-Frejus (130km) & CERN-Pyhasalmi(2300km): Very short/very long baseline combination for unique physics opportunities in Europe



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# CERN v-beam to Pyhasalmi - CN2PY



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# **CN2PY - Technical challenges**

- CN2PY will profit from the CNGS experience but can't be just a "copy"
- Key issues to address:
  - Target station design: 0.75 2 MW
    - investigate the option for a future upgrade to MMW use as target station for a NeutrinoFactory
  - Optimized target/horn secondary beam optics for low energy neutrinos
  - SPS extraction system for high-intensity beams using the existing extraction channel (TI2) for LHC
  - Decay tube and near detector with 10-deg slope
- Enhance synergies and collaboration with teams working on neutrino beam lines in Japan and US

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# The BIG picture - Ultimate Facilities

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#### Precision measurements

- Mass hierarchy
- CP-violation
- $\bullet$   $\theta_{13}$  if only limits until then
- Understand and measure the v-mixing parameters
- Understand the differences between the quark and lepton sectors
- Physics beyond the SM?
- Possible options:



• **Option-II** : LBL from SPS (power-beam) followed by Neutrino Factory

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# CERN v-sbeam to Frejus - CN2FR





~300 MeV  $v_{\mu}$  beam to far detector

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### Technical challenges:

### Target design

• impact of the 4MW beam

#### Horn design

 high current, mechanical constraints due to physics requirements, radiation, high-current (heating), pulsing

### **Solution:**

- 4 × 1 MW = 4 MW !!!!
- four target/horn assemblies mounted together in a mechanical structure





- Unique facility for CERN:
  - Reuse of CERN existing accelerators and infrastructure  $\Rightarrow$  cost reduction
  - Known technologies
  - Ion Production: ISOL technique, ion production ring, molten salt loop
- Synergies with Super beam to Frejus for enhanced physics reach

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Design Study

Talk from E.Wildner







Courtesy: EUROnu & IDS-NF





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# Ultimate facilities – Technical challenges

- Design and operate MMW facilities is not trivial
- Key issues where present R&D effort is concentrated:
  - Production :

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- Super-Beam: secondary beam elements : target
- Neutrino Factory: Front-end system : target
- **β-beam** : ion production
- Beam handling :
  - **Super-Beam**: horns
  - Neutrino Factory: capture, cooling channel, RF & absorbers Beam dump, fast acceleration
  - β-beam : collective effects, ion losses & radiation
- **Beam delivery** :
  - Super-Beam: decay tunnel dump
  - Neutrino Factory: storage ring slopes, beam monitoring
  - β-beam : decay ring
  - □ ... and v-beam monitoring & near detector

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# High-Power targetry





#### Key results #2

- Disruption threshold: >4×10<sup>12</sup>
   protons@14 GeV, 10T field
  - 115kJ pulse containment demonstrated
    - 8 MW capability demonstrated

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#### The MERIT Experiment @ CERN PS

High-Power **Liquid Hg-jet** experiment, proofof-principle of a target system for a v-Factory or µ-collider

#### Key results #1

- Hg-jet disruption mitigated by magnetic field
  - 20 m/s jet operation allows up to 70Hz operation with beam
  - Hg-jet beam impact 16×10<sup>12</sup> p, 5T field, 14 GeV/c



Hg-jet is restored at the end

# PS – Short Baseline v-beam

□ A search for anomalous neutrino  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$  oscillations at the CERN PS with LAr-TPC detectors



- Beam line originally operated in early 80's for PS169, PS181, PS180(BEBC) experiments
- □ PS beam possibilities (180, 85% efficiency) :
  - 6.13 10<sup>19</sup> ÷ 2.02 10<sup>20</sup> from zero to max impact to PS users

|                    | Old neutrin                  | no facility                | New neutrino facility |                      |                             |  |
|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                    | PS dedicated<br>Feb-Mar 1983 | P5 parallel<br>1983 - 1984 | PS<br>dedicated       | PS<br>parasitic      | PS<br>ultimate <sup>2</sup> |  |
| Proton Momentum    | 19.2 GeV/c                   | 19.2 GeV/c                 | 20 GeV/c              | 20 GeV/c             | 26 GeV/c                    |  |
| Protons/pulse      | 1.25×10 <sup>33</sup>        | 1.2x10 <sup>13</sup>       | 3x10 <sup>13</sup>    | 2.6x10 <sup>13</sup> | 4x10 <sup>13</sup>          |  |
| Max. rep. rate     | 1.2 s                        | 14.4 s                     | 1.2 s                 | 1.2 s                | 1.2                         |  |
| Beam energy        | 38 kJ                        | 38 kJ                      | 96 kJ                 | 84 kJ                | 166 kJ                      |  |
| Average beam power | 32 kW                        | 2.5 kW                     | 80 kW                 | 70 W                 | 140 kW                      |  |

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# From design studies to projects

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### The European strategy for particle physics

4. In order to be in the position to push the energy and luminosity frontier even further it is vital to strengthen the advanced accelerator R&D programme; *a coordinated programme should be intensified, to develop the CLIC technology and high performance magnets for future accelerators, and to play a significant role in the study and development of a high-intensity neutrino facility.* 



6. Studies of the scientific case for future neutrino facilities and the R&D into associated technologies are required to be in a position to define the optimal neutrino programme based on the information available in around 2012; *Council will play an active role in promoting a coordinated European participation in a global neutrino programme.* 

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# CERN - towards the energy frontier

- LHC is the new world's high-energy machine
- The first year of operation was just completed with excellent performance for protons and ions





#### Begun probing physics at the TeV scale!!

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# v beams at CERN - what future ?

### The opportunity ...

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New results are expected soon to justify the physics case of a future v-program in // or as a post-LHC project

LHC : is physics beyond the SM?

- CNGS: #  $v_{\tau}$  events to expectations?
- **T2K**:  $\theta_{13}$  measurement/new limits
- Reactor experiments
   Θ<sub>12</sub>, θ<sub>13</sub> measurement/new limits

#### ... and of course any unexpected physics !!!

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# v beams at CERN - what future ?

- ... and the challenge
- Future v-facilities will require:
  - Innovative ideas and new technologies to be developed
  - Collaboration and coordination for accelerator and detector R&D at a global scale
  - Define a prioritized roadmap of facilities to make v-physics a valid option for the field and CERN
  - Support from a large and focused community to propose the v-physics as an interesting physics program for CERN/Europe in // to LHC and its upgrades

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### NuFACT-11 @ CERN / Univ. Geneva 1-6 August 2011

### International Neutrino Summer School Geneva 18–30 July 2011



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