



Induction signal characterization in the vertical drift TPC for the DUNE project

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Neutrino oscillation

- There are three leptonic flavors v_e , v_μ , v_τ
- Neutrinos only interact by weak interaction → <u>Small cross section</u>
- Neutrino oscillation:
 - Assumes neutrino masses (SM predict massless for these ones)
 - > Flavor eigenstates (which couple W^{\pm}, Z^{0}) are different from mass eigenstates during their propagation
- Flavor states are a linear combination of mass states: $|v_{\alpha}|$

$$|\nu_{\alpha}\rangle = \sum_{i} U_{\alpha i}^{*} |\nu_{i}\rangle \quad \text{avec} \quad \begin{cases} \alpha = e, \mu, \tau \\ i = 1, 2, 3 \end{cases}$$

• **PMNS mixed matrix** (Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata):

$$U_{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_{23} & \sin \theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin \theta_{23} & \cos \theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{13} & 0 & \sin \theta_{13} e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & \cos \theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
Atmospheric
 $\nu_{\mu} \leftrightarrow \nu_{\tau}$
Reactor & accelerator
 $\nu_{\mu} \leftrightarrow \nu_{e}$
Solar
 $\nu_{e} \leftrightarrow \nu_{X}$



Neutrino oscillation

Probability of neutrino oscillations:

$$P(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}) \equiv P(E_{\nu}, L)$$



> Depends on 6 parameters: Δm_{31}^2 , Δm_{21}^2 , θ_{12} , θ_{23} , θ_{13} , δ_{CP}



 $\delta_{cP} = \pi/2$ > Unknown parameters:

- Sign of $\left|\Delta m_{31}^2\right| \rightarrow$ Mass ordering
- δ_{CP} value \rightarrow CP symmetry broken on lepton sector
- θ_{23} value and octant

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LArTPC

Liquid Argon:



> Time Projection Chamber:

- Segmented anodes used to collect charge signal
- $\tau_{drift} \gg \tau_{photon} \rightarrow$ light signal trigger detection
- Enables large volume
- High spatial resolution (few millimeters)
- > Separate v_e / v_μ events by track topology identification





Vertical drift design



Diagram by L. Zambelli

- > 2 volumes split by a cathode
 - Electric drift field: $|\vec{E}| = 0.5 \ kV/cm$
- X-ARAPUCA* for light detection on the cathode
- The new perforated anode technology
 - Stack of 2 perforated Printed Circuit Boards (PCB)
 - Etched copper electrode strips on each PCB face
 - A sub-centimeter spatial resolution
 - Module called Charge-Readout Planes (CRP) ~ 3x3 m
- DUNE Far detector at SURF:
 - 80 module CRPs for each top and bottom TPC
 - Half will be produced at Grenoble

The perforated anode technology

- Shield + 3 different charge readout layers:
 - Induction 1 strip orientation -30° wrt beam axis
 - Induction 2 strip orientation +30° wrt beam axis
 - Collection strip orientation 90° wrt beam axis





Signal formation study on anodes

Problematic:

- Use of new anode technology
- Important to know the deposited energy in the detector to measure the oscillation parameters
- Important to know to reconstruct the particle tracks from collected charge
- My work:
 - Understanding the waveforms based on energy, track angle and position
 - Understanding the charge lost in the anodes
 - Estimate the different systematics
 - Study of induced signal formation on the anode



CRP assembly at CERN

ANDGODSAID

 $i(t) = q \vec{E}_W \cdot \vec{v}_D$

AND THEN THERE WAS CHARGE SIGNAL

VACE EAVERS LIGHTYEAR

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Modeling signal formation

>Shockley-Ramo theorem:

$$i(t) = q \vec{E}_w \cdot \vec{v}_D$$



Electron velocity from mobility BNL fit

> Drift velocity:

3.5



3.0

Design of a simulation on Python



- Numerical simulation on Python
- Implement CRP geometry hexagonal pattern, strips, 2 Printed Circuit Boards, 4 equipotential planes





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Field result

Weighting Potential



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 $\left| \vec{E} \right| \in \left[0.5 ; 4 \right]$ kV/cm

Design of a simulation on Python



Ionization electron generation

- Thermal electron
 - Trajectory follow drift field lines
- The electron trajectory is perfectly defined
- Runge Kunta like simulation $x_{i+1} = x_i + \frac{E_x^{interp}(x_i, y_i)}{|E(x_i, y_i)|} \times S$ $y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{E_y^{interp}(x_i, y_i)}{|E(x_i, y_i)|} \times S$ e^{-1}

Drift simulation 5 mm



Grid of the mesh used for the field calculation



Electron cloud simulation



Electron cloud simulation





- Border effect near to the collection electrode
- ➤ The field takes ∝ 1/r² dependancy which will induce a high frequency signal
- Electronic response will smooth the readout induced current

Prototype at CERN

ProtoDUNE Vertical Drift (VD):

- A prototype built at CERN to test the Vertical Drift technology at large scale.
- Data-taking should start in autumn 2024
- TPC size: 3.0 m (W) × 6.8 m (L) × 6.8 m (H) divided in two vertical drift volumes



2 Top CRP modules



Coldbox:

- Liquid argon chamber for testing CRPs with cosmic rays at CERN
- 20 cm drift



Since 2022

Use coldbox data to compare with simulation

2 Bottom CRP modules

- Vertical drift design at CERN
- Cryostat inside

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Data extraction

Event Display



An example of cosmic ray track from the Coldbox



- Bipolar signals induction view
- Muon events

Coldbox's data cuts

- Tracks with reconstructed angle $\theta > 60^{\circ}$
- φ in the cone with 45° from the strip readout
- Track lengths $> 20 \ cm$





- Data reconstruction with LARDON (software developed by L. Zambelli)
- Select horizontal track to compare with simulation

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Comparison data VS simulation

0.5

-0.5

0

20

120

ticks

Mean waveform \succ

0.5

-0.5

0

20

40

60

- Signals summation on each readout channel • \rightarrow To reduce the incoherent noice
- Mean signal calculation for each track ٠

Induction 1 mean waveform



\rightarrow Simulated waveforms in agreement with data

80

Aligned with the center

100

60

40

ticks

CRP transparency study

- Work on signal amplitude to explore the different causes of charge loss
- Using two PCB can lead to loss of total CRP transparency:



- Some electrons are collected by the induction 1 plane
- Collected charge decreases

- The simulation has shown a significative effect between two bias configurations used in the coldbox tests:
 - Config 1: $V_{id1} = -450 V$
 - Config 2: $V_{id1} = -360 V$



Dependency on the biais voltage used

$$T_{sim} = \frac{Q_{tot}(-360)}{Q_{tot}(-450)} = 14 \%$$

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CRP transparency study

- Coldbox's data with same configuration:
 - dE/dx measured for muons
 - Comparison of the energy reconstruction
- ➤ Result:
 - Increase of 6 % reconstructed energy for the "config -450 V"
 - A real effect but smaller than the simulation result
- Difference Simulation/Measurements need to be understood



Holes covering and loss charge

Focalization of drift field lines in the CRP hole





➤ Field line too focused for loss charge → Electron diffusion

Transverse electron diffusion

Transverse electron diffusion could cause a loss of charge in the CRP

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = D_L \frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial z^2} + D_T \left(\frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial y^2} \right)$$
 Fick's equation

- Gaussian spatial distribution of the electrons over time
- Average diffusion length given by:

$$\sigma_{L,T} = \sqrt{2D_{L,T}t}$$

Transverse diffusion coefficients measurement*:

$$D_T = 13.2 \ cm^2/s$$

> Maximal diffusion length for $\sim 7 m$ drift:

 $\sigma_T = 0.34 \ cm$ < strip length

* https://lar.bnl.gov/properties/trans.html

Electron loss on Induction 1 due to the diffusion



Transverse electron diffusion

Signal on all views Time: 0.10 µs



R&D TPC 50 L detector

- Data-taken on R&D TPC at CERN last summer
- Each run with a different voltage bias
- $\sim 32 \times 32 \ cm$ active area Cosmic + random trigger ٠





- 207 Bismuth sources
- Hexagonal active area
- Electron conversions around 1 MeV
- Range in liquid argon: $\approx 5 \text{ mm}$







But not enough cosmic ray event

Bi207 Reconstructed Spectra



- Useful to calibrate detector with peak at 1 MeV
- \succ Red is closer to the anode than blue
- > Not enough single hit events

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Near anode

175

150

125 100

75

50

25

0

10

5

1 cm -5

-10

X [cm]

5

10 15 60

40

- 20

G4 Simulation

Total deposited energy (e + photon),



Cut Geant4 E > 0.8 MeV



Summary

> Work done:

- Numerical simulation conception to understand the formation of induction signals of all views
- Coldbox's data extraction \rightarrow simulation is good agreement with this
- Get some data and start the analysis of 50 L R&D TPC
- Bizmuth 207 events simulation Geant4 with 50 L and source geometry

> What's next ?

- Extend the simulation in a bigger volume \rightarrow track angle studies and position in the TPC (boundary conditions)
- New run 50 L at soon with self-trigger for cosmic ray
- Keep working on the transverse electron diffusion and the impact on the loss charge
- Take part in the analyses of the ProtoDUNE VD at autumn 2024

Back up



Neutrino overview

- Chadwick (1914): Continous β spectra
- Pauli (1930) proposed a neutral fermion called « neutrino »
- There are three lepton flavors v_e , v_μ , v_τ
- Neutrino interact only by weak interaction ⇒ Only left-handed ⇒ Massless in Standard Model
- But neutrino need a mass to oscillate

$$m_{\nu e} < 1 \, ev$$

$$\sum m_{\nu} > 0.06 \, eV$$

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Mass ordering

• Sign of $\left|\Delta m_{31}^2\right| \rightarrow$ Mass ordering





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Matter effect

- Neutrino oscillations are modified by matter effect
- Add a effective potential to the Hamiltonian





Charged currents cross section



Electron life time

To reconstruct the charge, it is necessary to take into account impurities $(N_2, O_2, \text{ etc.})$: 300









Ionization electron generation

- Thermal electron
 - Trajectory follow drift field lines
- Runge Kunta like simulation

$$x_{S} = x_{0} + \frac{E_{x}^{interp}(x_{0}, y_{0})}{|E(x_{0}, y_{0})|} \times S$$

$$y_s = y_0 + \frac{E_y^{interp}(x_0, y_0)}{|E(x_0, y_0)|} \times S$$

Field interpolation

$$E_{\chi}^{interp} = E_{i-1} + \left(\frac{x_0}{step} - (i-1)\right) \times (E_i - E_{i-1})$$

Drift simulation 5 mm



Simulation of electron trajectories passing through a CRP's hole



Drift velocity: Walkowiak Fit

Walkowiak fit (1999): $v_D \equiv v_D(|\vec{E}|, T)$ $= (P_1(T - T_0) + 1) \left(P_3 |\vec{E}| \ln \left(1 + \frac{P_4}{\vec{E}} \right) + P_5 \vec{E}^{P_6} \right)$ $+ P_2(T - T_0)$

With P_1 , P_2 , P_3 , P_4 , P_5 and P_6 fit parameters

$$\begin{cases} P_1 = -0.01481 \pm 0.00095 \ K^{-1} \\ P_2 = 0.0075 \pm 0.0028 \ K^{-1} \\ P_3 = 0.141 \pm 0.023 \ \left(\frac{kV}{cm}\right)^{-1} \\ P_4 = 12.4 \pm 2.7 \ \left(\frac{kV}{cm}\right) \\ P_5 = 1.627 \pm 0.078 \ \left(\frac{kV}{cm}\right)^{-P_6} \\ P_6 = 0.317 \pm 0.021 \\ T_0 = 90.371 \ K \end{cases}$$



W. Walkowiak. Drift velocity of free electrons in liquid argon 1999

Drift velocity: Icarus fit

- ICARUS detector using TPC technologie (2004)
- P5 Polynomial fit:

 $v_D(E, T = 89 K)$ = $a + bE + cE^2 + dE^3 + eE^4 + fE^5$

• Fit valid only: T = 89 K



ICARUS Collaboration, Analysis of the liquid argon purity in the ICARUS T600 TPC, 2004

Drift velocity: Brookhaven fit

- Global data fit scaled at T = 89 K٠
- $\begin{cases} a_0 = 551.6\\ a_1 = 7158.3\\ a_2 = 4440.43\\ a_3 = 4.29 \end{cases}$ Drift velocity: $\overrightarrow{v_D} = \mu(|\vec{E}|, T) \vec{E}$ Avec: $a_4 = 43.63$ $a_5 = 0.2053$ $\mu = \frac{a_0 + a_1 E + a_2 E^{3/2} + a_3 E^{5/2}}{1 + (a_1/a_0)E + a_4 E^2 + a_5 E^3} \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^{-3/2}$



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Principle of LArTPC detection

Charged particle



Argon is chemically inert and dense

> LArTPC:

- Charged particles ionize (79 %) and excite (21 %) argon atoms.
- Scintillation light coming from argon de-excitation ($\lambda = 128 nm$)
- Electrons of ionization drift to the anodes thanks to an electric field

- Segmented anode used to collect charge signal
- $\tau_{drift} \gg \tau_{photon} \rightarrow$ light signal trigger detection

Track and energy reconstruction



- > Main γ rays:
 - $\approx 570 \ keV$
 - $\approx 1 MeV$
 - $\approx 1.7 MeV$
- More complicated:
 - Conversion
 - Electron $\approx 1 MeV$



Electron range in liquid argon

• γ attentuation length > 10 cm

 γ attenuation length in liquid argon

- Conversion electron range $\approx 1 \ cm$
- Need to find Bi207 events from 50 L data
 - Electron range very short
 - Looking for only one signal from strips on all induction views → called a single hits



Why use TPC ?

Very important to discriminate muon and electron

- ➤ At GeV-scale (1 10 GeV) neutrino interaction are dominated by quasi-elastic scattering processes
- Charged current interaction gives a charged lepton in the final state used to tag the neutrino flavour

$$\begin{cases} v_l + n \rightarrow l \rightarrow p \\ \overline{v_l} + p \rightarrow l + n \end{cases}$$

- > Separate v_e / v_μ events by track topology studies
- > DUNE need to measure the v_e / v_μ rate



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Modeling signal formation

General case – Shockley-Ramo theorem



 If electrodes get a fixed potential and the velocity of the charge particle is know, then the induced current i(t) on any electride k is given by:

$$i_k(t) = q \vec{E}_w \cdot \vec{v}_D$$

➢ Weighting Field $\overrightarrow{E_w}$ is virtual field that would exist in the case where the charge is removed, the reading strip equal 1 V and all others fixed to 0 V





as a function of the **electron's mobility** in the medium.

 $\begin{cases} \overrightarrow{E_w}: \text{ geometry factor} \\ \overrightarrow{v_D}: \text{ physics factor} \end{cases}$

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Modeling signal formation

The simplest case of charge signal generation



> Mirror effect to the partial charge induced δQ between the detector and the conductor



• Partial charge conservation $\delta Q_{conductor} + \delta Q_{detector} = Q$

The charge q is neutralized by its "mirror charge" when it is near the surface of another conductor



Need simulation for complex geometry