# Light simulation and Analysis

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# Motivation

• The LArTPC is characterized by the free drifted electrons signal and light emission

- The detection of scintillation light can provide the absolute time (T0) of events and internal triggering for non beam events
- Besides, light signals can improve position, time and energy resolution.
  Improve particle identification (PID) and improve background rejection by the proper fidualization of the detector.



# Overview

- Liquid argon scintillation
  - Mechanism
  - Composition and time response
  - Propagation
- Detection
  - Description of DUNE's photon detectors: X-Arapuca
- Simulation
  - How is the light simulation implemented
- Analysis
  - Where to find data real data and its structure

Disclaimer: many of these slides were possible from past slides, specially <u>this</u> presentation from Andrzej Szelc and thanks to Laura Paulucci for sending support material.

# Liquid argon scintillation

- Mechanism of light production
- Time components
- Scintillation yield
- Electric field
- Light propagation

### Mechanism

Ph. Rev. B 56 (1997), 6975



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### Time components





# Scintillation time and yield

Composition of fast/slow (singlet/triplet) depends on particle Linear Energy Ti

Muon/e⁻: 23 % (fast) and 77

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Alphas: 77 % (fast) and 23

1.2

1.0

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Relative scintillation yield 70 80 80 80

0.2

0.0

0.1

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 $10^{5}$ 

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Scintillation yield also depend on LET.

Muon/e⁻ ~ 0.8

Alphas ~ 0.7



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### Electric field (simplified model)

Phys. Rev. B 20, 3486





At 500 V/cm we have about 60% of light. For muons, this corresponds to 24,000 photons/MeV

(See backup for estimating number of photons)

# Light propagation

- Pure LAr is transparent to its own scintillation radiation
  - Attenuation is given by an exponential with decay length of ~20 m (3 ppm  $N_2$ )
- During propagation through LAr VUV photons may undergo elastic interactions on Ar atoms ⇒ Rayleigh scattering





# Detection

- Photon detection system (PDS) motivation
- X-Arapuca working principle

# Photon Detection system - PDS

Detecting 127 nm light is challenging. Besides, HD and VD requires that the photon detectors must have no more than 2 cm in thickness



# X-Arapuca - Working principle



 The device makes use of a dichroic filter in combination with two wavelength shifters (WLS)

A.A. Machado and E. Segreto 2016 JINST 11 C02004

## X-Arapuca - Working principle



 $PTP \rightarrow p$ -Terphenyl SiPM  $\rightarrow$  Silicon photomultiplier Charged particle liquid argon scintillation light 127 nm PTP 350 nm **Dichroic Filter** LAr SiPM 430 nm WLS plate LAr **Reflective surface** 

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# X-Arapuca - Working principle



# Photon Detection system - PDS

- The PDS is based on the X-Arapuca device
- A total of 2 x 80 Silicon Photomultipliers (SiPMs) per module
- 2x36 dichroic filters coated with pTP
- These devices are installed on the Cathode at -300 kV
  - Power supply and signal must be transmitted over non-conducting materials (not this talk)







# Simulation

- What about the simulation?
- It takes into account everything said up to here:
  - Emission spectrum
  - Time response
  - Scintillation yield
  - Propagation
  - Detection



# Simulation

- Different modes of simulation
  - Full optical simulation (extremely slow)
    - Requires definition of all optical properties
  - Fast optical simulation (faster, but less precise)
    - Still need to run full optical at least once
    - Majority of optical properties "burned in"
    - Semi-analytic and optical library
- Brief description of LArSoft output

# Full optical light simulation





Rayleigh scattering:  $<\lambda_{RS}> \approx 100$  cm

# Fast optical model: Optical Library



- Resolution depends on voxel sizes:
  - granularity effects at short distances
- Optical library size scales with detector size and number of photon detectors
  - Difficult to get working in DUNE

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#### From Andrzej Szelc presentation

- Given a dE/dx in a point (x, y, z) we want to predict the number of hits in our optical detector (x<sub>i</sub>, y<sub>i</sub>, z<sub>i</sub>)
- Isotropic scintillation emission makes the problem "almost" geometric

$$N_{\Omega} = e^{-\frac{d}{\lambda_{\rm abs}}} \times \Delta E \times S_{\gamma}(\mathcal{E}) \times \frac{\Omega}{4\pi}$$

 $\lambda_{abs}$  = LAr absorption

 $S_{\gamma}(\mathcal{E})$ = Scintillation Yield as function of electric field

 $\Delta E$  = Energy deposited



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- Implementation of Rayleigh scattering
  - Correction using Gean4 simulation
- Correction for detector size and geometry (not included here)

Gaisser–Hillas (GH) functions:

$$GH(d) = N_{\max} \left(\frac{d - d_0}{d_{\max} - d_0}\right)^{\frac{d_{\max} - d_0}{\Lambda}} e^{\frac{d_{\max} - d}{\Lambda}}$$

"where  $N_{max}$  is the maximum of the function located at a distance  $d_{max}$ , and  $d_0$  and  $\Lambda$  are parameters describing the width of the distribution"

$$N_{\gamma} = N_{\Omega} \times GH'(d, \theta, d_T)/cos(\theta)$$





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Example of the distribution of direct photons arrival times due to only transport effects

• Empirically described by a Landau and exponential for all emission points

$$t_t(x) = \underbrace{N_1 \frac{1}{\xi} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{\lambda s + s \log s} ds}_{Landau} + \underbrace{N_2 e^{\kappa x}}_{Exponential}$$

"where  $\lambda = x - \mu/\xi$ , with μ and ξ commonly referred as the landau most probable value and width parameters respectively, κ is the slope of the exponential and N1 and N2 are normalisation constants."





- The final time response of the detector will take into account:
  - Emission time
  - Propagation time
  - Wavelength shifter delay
  - Detector time



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# Larsoft output



**Courtesy of Laura Paulucci** 

#### Reconstruction

#### Hit finding:

searches for peaks on individual waveforms channel-by-channel, identifying the time and the total amount of PEs



# Larsoft output

#### Reconstruction of events



# Analysis

- Where you can find some actual data
- The structure of this data
- Some of the main analysis performed up to now

## Some actual data

- Since Dec. 2021 we have been collecting data with the coldbox.
  - Unfortunately, one need to understand the setup by asking / tracing back old slides as the configuration changed quite often there
  - Besides, there was no simulation implemented for the coldbox and, at this point, Module-0 will soon enough collect data to be analyzed.
    - However if anyone interest, please let me know :D
  - Nevertheless, the data of past coldbox runs can be found in lxplus: /eos/experiment/neutplatform/protodune/experiments/ColdBoxVD
  - I will quickly show how the data was collected and the main analysis up to now (if there is time hehe)

#### • Future data of Module-0

- Where? Don't know
- Format? Probably binary in similar way of what I am going to show now

### Some actual data

Data acquisition done with CAEN Digizer DT5730SB (2 Vpp 14 bits 250\* MS/s):

- Data stored at lxplus:

/eos/experiment/neutplatform/protodune/experiments/ColdBoxVD/

To access data, please, register in the np-comp e-group:

https://e-groups.cern.ch/e-groups/EgroupsSearchForm.do



# 20220615\_LED\_calibration\_cathode\_off



Run folder with brief description (README file available )



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#### X\_waveY

X are subruns with 10k events each Y is the channel number



#### Example:

wave0: xArapuca A4ch2 (light blue fiber)wave1: xArapuca A1ch1 (white fiber)wave2: miniArapuca A4ch1 (green fiber)wave3: miniArapuca A1ch2 (blue fiber)

#### X\_waveY

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6 Digitizer: CAEN DT5730SB \\		
5 Sample rate: 250 MSamples/s (4 ns step) (unless specified) \\		
4 Samples: 5000 (20 us total) unless specified \\		
3 Digitizer: 2 Vpp 14 Bits (0.122 mV/ADC) \\		
<pre>2 DC offset: 10% \\</pre>		
1 Pretrigger: 50% or 30% \\		
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1 Each binary file has 10,000 events (unless specified). The data	are	
save with 6 headers and <u>nsamples</u> of data. 4 bytes per header and	2	
bytes per sample. Please, refer to the <u>wavedump</u> manual. \\		
4   CAEN ADC   Device		
5   Ch0   miniArapuca 37V Argon2x2		
6   Ch1   miniArapuca 37V Argon4		
9   Ch4   XArapuca V4 Ch1		
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### Data is saved as binary (faster and lighter).

1 waveform consist of 6 headers and **n** samples

The HEADER is so composed (for all digitizer families except the 742 one):

- **4 bytes** <header0> Event Size (i.e. header + samples) 5000 samples, this number will be:
- 4 bytes <header1> Board ID
- 4 bytes <header2> Pattern (meaningful only for VME boards)
- 4 bytes <header3> Channel
- 4 bytes <header4> Event Counter
- 4 bytes <header5> Trigger Time Tag

N \* 2 bytes <N samples>

Let me know if you need an example code to read the data with Root.

Headers = 24 bytes

Total = 10024 bytes

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+ samples =  $5000^{2}$ 

# Main analysis up to now

**Single photo-electron (SPE)**: uses low intensity LED flashed of light to detect one or more photons. Which results in what we call `SPE spectrum`





## Main analysis up to now

**Linearity and dynamic range:** uses LED to check linear behaviour of detector/electronics over the entire dynamic range of the device.



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# Main analysis up to now

**Overall pulse shape:** undershoot, overshoot, rise and fall time characterization of signals with LED and Cosmic (self-trigger data) data



# If there is still time...

• Interesting past analysis with ProtoDUNE-SP



- Recover light that would be lost to nitrogen contamination
- Increase the wavelength of the photons:
  - Easier to detect
  - Higher Rayleigh scattering
- Possibly increase PID capability

# If there is still time...



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Interesting past analysis with ProtoDUNE-SP



# **Thanks :D**

• Estimating number of photons:

Number of ionized atoms is proportional to the energy deposited ( $E_0$ ) by the particle divided by the average energy expected per ion pair ( $W_1 = 23.6 \pm 0.3 \text{ eV}$ ):

$$N_i = E_0 / W_l$$

Assuming that all ionized and excited molecules will produce photons, we have:

$$N_{ph} = N_i + N_{ex} = N_i \cdot (1 + N_{ex}/N_i) = E_0/W_l \cdot (1 + N_{ex}/N_i)$$

And so:

$$N_{ph} = \frac{E_0}{W_{ph}^{\min}}$$
 with  $W_{ph}^{\min} = \frac{W_l}{1 + N_{ex}/N_i} = 19.5 \pm 1.0 \text{ eV}$ 

So the maximum number of photons produced by MeV is simple  $1 \text{MeV} / 19.5 \sim 50 \times 10^3$  photons/MeV If you consider 0.8 factor for muons and 0.6 factor for Electric field, wth have the usual  $24 \times 10^3$  photons/MeV

- Noble gas: electropositive and dielectric (low electron absorbance and high voltage allowed)
- High density
- High radiation length (allows good discrimination between electrons and photons and make it easier to retrieve neutrino vertex)
- Abundant in nature

https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.02967

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	Water	He	Ne	Ar	Kr	Хе
Boiling point [K] @ 1 atm	373	4.2	27.1	87.3	120	165
Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	1	0.125	1.2	1.4	2.4	3.0
Radiation length [cm]	36.1	755.2	24	14	4.9	2.8
Scintillation $[\gamma/\text{keV}]$	-	19	30	40	25	42
Scintillation $\lambda$ [nm]	-	80	78	128	150	175
dE/dx [MeV/cm]	1.9	0.24	1.4	2.1	3.0	3.8
Abundance (Earth atm) [ppm]	$25 \times 10^{3}$	5.2	18.2	9300	1.1	0.09
Electron mobility [cm <sup>2</sup> /V·s]	-	< 0.3	< 0.01	~500	$\sim \! 1800$	~2200

	https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.02967
Mean energy loss (mip)	$\langle dE_{\rm mip}/dx \rangle = 1.519 {\rm MeV}/({\rm g/cm^2})^{[13]}$
Average energy for pair production ( $e^-$ , $Ar^+$ )	$W_l = 23.6 \pm 0.3$ <sup>[45, 46]</sup>
Excited to ionized atoms ratio	$N_{ex}/N_i = 0.21$ <sup>[45, 48, 49]</sup>
$\gamma$ emission spectrum	$\langle \lambda_{\rm scint} \rangle = 127  {\rm nm};  \sigma_{\rm scint} \approx 3  {\rm nm}^{ [57]}$
Decay time consntats	$\tau_S$ ~ 6 ns; $\tau_T$ ~ 1600 ns <sup>[37, 57]</sup>
Relative intensity	$A_S/A_T = 0.3$ for electrons and muons
	= 1.3 for alpha particles
	= 3.0 for neutrons <sup>[37, 59, 60]</sup>
Average energy for $\gamma$ production	$W_{ph}^{\min} = 19.5 \pm 1.0 \text{ eV}^{[45, 48, 49]}$
Light Yield [ $\epsilon = 0 \text{ V/cm}$ ] (ideal)	$Y_{ph}^{\text{ideal}} = 5.1 \times 10^4  \gamma/\text{MeV}$
$[\epsilon = 0 \text{ V/cm}] \text{ (mip)}$	$Y_{nh}^{mip} = 4.1 \times 10^4 \gamma / MeV$
$[\epsilon = 500 \text{ V/cm}] \text{ (mip)}$	$Y_{ph}^{\text{mip}} = 2.4 \times 10^4  \gamma/\text{MeV}^{[5, 48]}$
Rayleigh scattering length ( $\lambda_{scint} = 127 \text{ nm}$ )	$99.1 \pm 2.3 \text{ cm}^{[64]}$
Absorption length (for $N_2$ concentration < 5 ppm)	$L_A > 20 \text{ m}^{[65]}$
Refractive index	$n_{\rm LAr} = 1.38$ <sup>[62]</sup>





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800 900 Q # photons

800 900 Q # photons



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1gp	rod_muminus_0.1-5.0GeV_isotropic_dune10ktvd_1x8x14_gen_g4_detsim_reco.root
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-1	MetaData;1
	FileIndex;1
-1	Parentage;1
	EventHistory;1
	PEvents;1
	EventAuxiliary
	art::TriggerResults_TriggerResults_Reco.
	simb::MCTruths_generator_SinglesGen.
	recob::OpHits_ophit10ppm_Reco.
	sim::SimChannels_tpcrawdecoder_simpleSC_detsim.
	sim::OpDetBacktrackerRecords_PDFastSimArExternalG4.
	sim::SimEnergyDeposits_IonAndScintExternalG4.
	sim::OpDetBacktrackerRecords_PDFastSimXeExternalG4.
	art::RNGsnapshots_msdetsim.
	recob::Wires_wclsdatanfsp_wiener_Reco.
	sim::SimPhotonsLites_PDFastSimArG4.
	art::RNGsnapshots_msG4.
	raw::OpDetWaveforms_opdigi10ppm_detsim.
	art::RNGsnapshots_msSinglesGen.
	recob::OpFlashs_opflash10ppm_Reco.
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	sim::OpDetBacktrackerRecords_PDFastSimArG4.
	sim::SimEnergyDeposits_largeant_LArG4DetectorServicevolExternalActive_G4
	sim::OpDetDivRecs_sipmAr10ppm_detsim.
	simb::MCParticles_largeantG4.
	sim::SimEnergyDeposits_largeant_LArG4DetectorServicevoITPCActive_G4.
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