

IDENTIFICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF MICHEL ELECTRONS IN PROTODUNE-SP



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MICHEL ELECTRONS

- Michel electrons are electrons from the decay of muons (0-50 MeV)
- Common channels (in ProtoDUNE):
 - $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_e \quad (80\%)$
 - $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e \, n \gamma \text{ (20\%)}$
- Analysis makes use of low energy shower reconstruction
 – useful for many DUNE analyses
- Analysis goals:
 - Select and reconstruct Michel electrons in ProtoDUNE
 - Obtain the Michel energy spectrum in data and MC
 - Derive the relation between true and reconstructed Michel energy spectrum





MOTIVATIONS

- DUNE goal is to measure CP-violation via v_e appearance ($v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_e$)
 - To measure $v_{\rm e}$ appearance we need to select electron showers in LAr TPC, and reconstruct their energy
- Show that ProtoDUNE can use the topological / calorimetric information provided by the TPC to identify a specific topology [Michel electrons]
- Reconstruct the energy of Michel electrons using energy calibration and produce Michel electron energy spectrum
- Ideal to study detector's response to electrons in the tens of MeV energy range
 - Useful for the search of low energy events e.g supernova





DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT

- Major US project to measure CP-violation
- Consists of two detectors
 - Near detector (ND) at Fermilab
 - Far detector (FD) at South Dakota
- Prototypes (called ProtoDUNE) of FD are created to check the technological and operational challenges





- Prototype for the first DUNE Far detector modules
- 1-kt "ProtoDUNE-SP" in charged test beam at CERN
- Test of component installation, commissioning, and performance for DUNE



PRINCIPLE OF LARTPC

- LArTPCs make 3D reconstruction possible
- Wire planes give 2D position information
- The third dimension is obtained by combining timing information (t_0) with drift velocity $(v_d) \rightarrow$ hence is called "**Time projection chamber**"







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KINEMATIC PLOTS BEFORE AND AFTER SELECTION

Candidate muon track length



Michel event selection purity ~ 96%



CHARGE TO ENERGY CALIBRATION

Performed energy calibrations to extract Michel electron energy spectrum

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^{n} rac{Q_{corr,i} W_{ion}}{C_{calib}}$$
 where $Q_{corr,i} = rac{Q_{reco,i} N F_x F_{yz}}{R}$

- Q_{reco,i} is the reconstructed measured charge deposited on a hit
- W_{ion} is the work function for ionizing an argon atom
- C_{calib} represents the calibration constant that converts ADC to MeV
- N normalizes the dQ/dx values to the dQ/dx at the anode plane
- F_x is the space charge correction
- F_{vz} is the dead wires correction factors
- R is recombination factor that accounts for recombination effects in the detector



TRUE MICHEL ENERGY

Calculated in three different ways

- True Michel true Energy: by extracting energy directly from GEANT for the true Michel
- True Michel reco hits true energy: by summing up the true energy of true Michel deposited on all reconstructed hits
- True Michel reco hits reco energy: by summing up the reconstructed energy of true Michel deposited on all reconstructed hits





MICHEL ENERGY RECONSTRUCTION

- Defined a cone at the end point of the parent muon
- All hits inside the cone are taken to be as candidate Michel hits









MICHEL RECONSTRUCTED AND TRUE ENERGY

- Reco Michel reco energy: by summing up the reconstructed energy of a reconstructed Michel
- Presented the 2D plots of reco versus true energies
- Presented energy resolution plots





MICHEL ENERGY DATA AND MC COMPARISON

- Simulation agrees very well with the data
- Michel electron energy accuracy
 - >98%





MISSING ENERGY DUE TO HIT RECONSTRUCTION THRESHOLD

hit reconstruction threshold ~ 100 keV/tick

- Using Michel-only MC
- Almost all missing energy is due to the hit reconstruction threshold.







UPDATED RECONSTRUCTED MICHEL ENERGY

- Compared energy resolution plots before and after the addition of the missing energy per event
- Energy resolution:
 - Before: δ(E)/E = 26% at 50
 MeV
 - After: δ(E)/E = 18% at 50
 MeV



SUMMARY

- Developed selection, reconstruction, and energy calibration tools for ProtoDUNE-SP
 - Achieved 95% event purity
 - Michel electron energy accuracy is >98%
- Understood the source of missing energy in the spectrum
 - Hit reconstruction threshold
- Paper in progress
 - Stay tuned!





BACKUP SLIDES



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