

Test Beam results of the Hadronic Calorimeter of the SND@LHC experiment







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Designed to perform measurements with high-energy neutrinos (100 GeV to a few TeV) produced at the LHC in the region $7.2 < \eta < 8.4$.















SND Detector

*** VETO** system:

* 3 layers of Plastic Scintillating to tag incoming muons

* Neutrino Target & Vertex Detector ~830kg

*5 Walls of 4 units of Emulsion Cloud chambers (ECC)

*Each ECC is 60 emulsion film interleaved with 1m W.

*****Tracker and ECAL

*Scintillating Fibres (SciFI) between each wall

*40x40cm² planes, alternating X and Y

*Staggered 250um polystyrene fibres readout by a SiPM array. ***Hadronic Calorimeter:**

*5 Upstream Layers (**US**):

*Sampling of 20cm Fe + 1cm thickness Scint. Bars

*Dual readout of Scint. Bars with 8 SiPM

* Horizontal bars of 6cm x 1cm x 81cm

***Muon System:**

* 3 Downstream Layers (**DS**):

* Horizontal and Vertical Scintillating bars

* Bars of 1cm x 1cm x 80 cm







Test Beam 2023

All energetic νN collisions produce hadronic showers

- * Understand the share between ECAL and HCAL
- * Energy response, Shower profile, signal linearity, detectors effects...

Setup

- * SPS H8 Beam line Hadrons {100,140,180, 240, 300} GeV
- * Different λ_{int} on **target** {0.5,1,1.5} 4 SciFi planes

Bean

Walls

- * Total of 7.5 λ_{int} for a shower containment of 95% at 300 GeV
- * 4 SciFi layers (x and y planes)
- * 5 Planes of US and 1 DS plane
- * Same DAQ as SND@LHC







Readout and DAQ

SciFi

- 4 13x13cm² SciFi stations
- * 512 SiPM channels available per X and Y to readout a 250um fibre

US layers (HCAL)

- 10 bars per layer, with 8 SiPM readout * per side.
- * 6 Large SiPM and 2 Small SiPM per side
- * MIP response with 60 p.e. (sum of 6 channels)











DAQ

- * Readout through TOFPET2.
- * Time and charge are calibrated using test pulse.
- * Working on TriggerLess mode
- * All signals exceeding threshold are readout by the FE electronics and clustered in time to form events

US Layers







Sampling on MIPs

US QDC distribution









HCAL Efficiency

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Extrapolated tracks with good quality ($\chi^2/NDF < 20$) from SciFI-DS to US planes, with hits >10 SiPM (out of 12)













US1 bar central bar - 300 GeV pion 3 Walls





- SiPM channels working under same gain as the experiment.
- TOFPET QDC range max at 180?, saturation observed at 140 QDC units.
 - Large SiPM not saturated (S14160-6050HS have 14k pixels)
- Electronic saturation a 1k Photons agreement on Laser measurement and MC

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plane_20_5_1 77.39 معيدانا 42.77 Std Dev 140 QDC max

plane_20_5_2 small SiPM n_v/n_{pixels} 0.15 0.20 0.10 0.25 0.30













Shower Profile

- * **Longitudinal** shower profile for pions on Fe; expected maximum between 1.6 λ and 1.9 λ for 100-300 GeV range -> SciFi3 - SciFi 4/US1
- * Observable: Average signal per event per detector plane.

Preliminary Results - 3 Walls example



* Maximum well reproduced.

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* Large difference of #ch between US and SciFi. Saturation on first layers of US.









MC vs Data - longitudinal shower profile



3Walls -300 GeV

- * Detector length capable of 95% shower containment, tail not observable.
- * Problem of proportionality on US, maybe US saturation (data) and digitation (MC).









Shower in SciFi vs US

Selection

Shower Origin tag: *

- Most upstream **SciFi layer with >36 hits** *
- * Time Cut: **0.1 Clock Cycle for SciFi**
- **US: 3 Clock Cycle** difference wrt SciFi shower (1.5ns)

Distributions

Sum up all QDC: *

- From shower origin from SciFi *
- All US planes















$$E_{shower} = kS + \alpha U$$

- It depends on the shower origins and beam energy.









Energy Resolution

E Resolution of US at different shower origins











Energy SciFi vs US









Summary & Prospects

Results, progress, missing items, open points

- * Successful Test Beam with large statistics collected
- * Sampling per MIP seems to agree with what observed on SND@LHC detector.
- * Clear observation of **Saturation on US** channels on hadronic showers * Possible to explore the <u>use of small SiPM</u>
- * MC: Understand **US digitation** for proper **shower profile**
- * Data: Use small SiPM to provide accurate shower profile.
- *** Good Proportionality of SciFi** response to particle energy
- * Energy share between ECAL and HCAL presented
- * Preliminary energy calibration process gives good resolution of 14% for 300 GeV π

Ultimate goal: Make a full validation of MC and apply calibrations factors to HCAL of SND@LHC













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 e, μ, τ Identification



Isolated track in 1cm bar









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Veto & Muon system

Veto system

