

ProtoDUNE GEANT4 simulation

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Overview of the work

Implementation of a **GEANT4-based simulation** framework for the study of **background events** from meson decays to final-state neutrinos





T2 Target



- Simplified implementation of T2 target geometry (only Be plates, no Al cooling fins)
- Different Be **plates geometry** (5) + one "empty" configuration

Position	Material	Length (mm)	Height (mm)	Width (mm)		
0	Air/OUT	-	-	-		
1	Ве	500	2	160		
2	Ве	300	2	160		
3	Ве	180	2	160		
4	Ве	100	2	160		
5	Ве	40	2	160		
	5x plates, 40 mm inter-plate distance					

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TAX and shielding blocks



- Implementation of both TAX for H4 and H2 beam lines and enclosing Fe shield structures
- TAX block structures: (i) AI-Cu-Cu-Fe and (ii) Cu-Cu-Fe-Fe with hole within the individual blocks

Name	Beam	Taxmot	Reference	Y-position	Hole size	Insert position		position TA		TAX range	AX range Composition	Comments	
						Block1	Block2	Block3	Block4				
				143,5	dump					small		Negative range limits:	
			XTAX0210023	100	120 cm Be (Ø=12)					small	ALCH CH Fe	Small: +85	
			ATAA0210025	-20	60x40					medium	AFCu-Cu-re	Medium: -35	
				-140	48x40					large		Large: -142 mm	
	н2			142	dump					small		<12 mm holes have W inserts	
-	112			80	80 cm Be (Ø=12)					small			
53		2	XTAX0210025	20	Ø=4 (W insert)					small	Cu-Cu-Fe-Fe	Negative range limits:	
50		2	X1XX0210025	-60	Ø=12					medium		Small: +5	
04/				-140	80x40					large		Medium: -75	
9												Large: -142 mm	
5		3		142	dump					small	Al-Cu-Cu-Fe	Negative range limits:	
- Ke			XTAX0220023	60	160 cm Be (Ø=12)					small		Small: +45	
he			ATTAKOLLOOLS	-20	Ø=12					medium		Medium: -35	
3						-140	64x50					large	
12				143	dump					small		<10 mm holes have W inserts	
	H4	4 X		100	Ø=4.2 (W insert)					small			
			4 XTA	XTAX0220025	60	Ø=6.0 (W insert)					small		Negative range limits:
					20	Ø=5.0 (W insert)					medium	Cu-Cu-Fe-Fe	Small: +45
				-20	Ø=7.2 (W insert)					medium		Medium: -35	
				-60	Ø=16.0					large		Large: -142 mm	
				-140	64x50					large			

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Implementation details for MTN bending magnets

- Simplified implementation of MTN magnets without epoxy coil structure
- Uniform magnetic field within the magnet aperture (no fringe effects)
- Field value tunable depending on the wobbling configuration











Simulation geometry extension: implementation of the MBN and MTR(S) magnets

Simulation framework further expanded to test the different **wobbling configurations**, given magnetic deflection before and after the T2 target



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MAGNET	ANGLE (mrd)	BL/COIL (tm)	CURRENT (amps)
B1T	-6.81	-9.09	1,300
B2T	16.15	7.19	-787
B3T	-9.87	-6.59	1,140



Refining the primary interaction comparison between GEANT4 and Pythia8

Investigation of mesons production \rightarrow Fast simulation within the full GEANT4 geometry: event abortion after the first primary proton inelastic / hadronic elastic interaction within the T2 target (handled through the G4VUserSteppingAction), list of secondaries saved at this step (only primary track processed in the stack)



Light *I=0,1* mesons production

Normalised to accoun for the 70% proton nteraction rate in T2

/	GEANT4v11	Pythia8	Ratio] /
η	0.28	0.32	0.88	

Table 3: Light I = 0 mesons production from primary proton first interaction with GEANT4 in the reaction $p + \text{Be} \rightarrow \text{anything}$ and Pythia with $p + p \rightarrow \text{anything}$. The SoftQCD:all flag is used. The maximum uncertainty is $\sim \mathcal{O}(10\%)$.

/	GEANT4v11	Pythia8	Ratio
π^0	2.5	2.8	0.89
π^+	2.4	2.7	0.89
π^{-}	2.2	2.3	0.97

Table 1: Light I = 1 mesons production from primary proton first interaction with GEANT4 in the reaction $p + \text{Be} \rightarrow \text{anything}$ and Pythia with $p + p \rightarrow \text{anything}$. The SoftQCD:all flag is used. The maximum uncertainty is $\sim \mathcal{O}(10\%)$.





Strange mesons production

/	GEANT4v11	Pythia8	Ratio
K_L^0	0.18	0.20	0.90
$K_S^{\overline{0}}$	0.18	0.20	0.90
$K^{\widetilde{+}}$	0.21	0.25	0.84
K^-	0.16	0.18	0.89

Table 2: Strange mesons production from primary proton first interaction with GEANT4 in the reaction $p + \text{Be} \rightarrow \text{anything}$ and Pythia with $p + p \rightarrow \text{anything}$. The SoftQCD:all flag is used. The maximum uncertainty is $\sim \mathcal{O}(15\%)$.





Charmed and bottom mesons

/	GEANT4v11	Pythia8	Ratio
D^0	$6.6\cdot10^{-5}$	$6.3\cdot 10^{-4}$	0.10
D^+	$6.7\cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.3\cdot 10^{-4}$	0.20
D^-	$1.1\cdot 10^{-4}$	$4.0\cdot10^{-4}$	0.28
D_s^+	$1.1\cdot 10^{-5}$	$9.7\cdot 10^{-5}$	0.11
D_s^-	$1.3\cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.1\cdot 10^{-4}$	0.12

Table 4: Charmed mesons production from primary proton first interaction with GEANT4 in the reaction $p + \text{Be} \rightarrow \text{anything}$ and Pythia with $p + p \rightarrow \text{anything}$. The HardQCD:all flag is used.

/	GEANT4v11	Pythia8	Ratio
B^0	$5.0\cdot10^{-6}$	$1.4\cdot10^{-7}$	> 10
B^+	$6.2\cdot10^{-6}$		
B^-	$2.4\cdot10^{-6}$	to be si	mulated

Table 5: Bottom mesons production from primary proton first interaction with GEANT4 in the reaction $p + Be \rightarrow$ anything and Pythia with $p + p \rightarrow$ anything.

Discrepancies in charm and bottom mesons production rate! \rightarrow input from SHiP would be most welcome.

First look at mesons within the set-up

- Small sample (1e7 POT) of events generated to study the signature of mesons decaying to final-states with neutrinos within the geometry (fiducial volume from T2 to TAX) for wobbling configuration 133.

- Need to generate larger statistics and study to study also **neutral mesons** (not affected by the magnetic fields).



Summary and outlook

- Full geometry implemented for study of both (i) wobbling configuration and (ii) particle production and propagation within the set-up
- Good agreement between GEANT4 v11 and Pythia v8 in meson production, except for heavier D and B flavours
- On-going study of the **mesons distribution** after the **T2** target and **TAX** (provided Josu with small sample of events with decays containing **final-state neutrinos**)

