Beamtest characterization of the ENUBET Demonstrator

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Neutrino physics

- Despite their abundance, their characteristics are not so well known
- They interact only by weak interaction
- Measurements of neutrino interaction event rates have some systematics:
 - > the **neutrino flux**
 - > the interaction cross section
 - > the detector efficiency

 \rightarrow Need to reduce the systematics from 10 % to ~ 1 %







The ENUBET project (ERC-Consolidator Grant 2015)

- Design a pure and controlled source of v_e
- Monitor the neutrino flux directly inside the decay region
- \star Detect the large-angle leptons generated in the decay: $K^+_{e3} o e^+ \, \pi^0 \,
 u_e$





The ENUBET Demonstrator

- Largest prototype of the ENUBET collaboration
- Composed of **75** alternated arches of iron and plastic scintillators spanning 45°:
 - > 2022 version \rightarrow **400 channels** readout by 400 SiPMs
 - > 2023 version \rightarrow **1200 channels** readout by 1200 SiPMs





The ENUBET detector: particle discrimination

Study of the energy deposit and event topology \rightarrow Particle discrimination



 $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_{\star}$

 $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$

 $K^+ \to e^+ \pi^0 \nu_e$

 $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0 \nu_\mu$

 $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$

Background

Background

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Signal

Signal

63.56(11)

5.58(2)

5.07(4)

3.35(3)

1.76(2)

called K_{e3}^+

called $K_{\mu3}^+$

- Scintillating tiles
- $\textbf{ * Hit tiles} \rightarrow \textbf{ energy deposited by particles}$
- Hit t_0 tiles \rightarrow photon veto tiles

The ENUBET beamtests @ CERN PS

In 2022 and 2023, two beamtests have been done at the CERN PS **T9 extracted beamline**. Goals:

- Verify the feasibility and basic performance of the design
- Measure the linearity and energy resolution of the largest prototype of the collaboration, the Demonstrator
- Study the **crosstalk** of the scintillator planes
- Preliminary Particle IDentification (PID) test



Equalization of the channels

- The scintillating tiles of the Demonstrator are readout by SiPMs:
 - ➤ Calorimetric tiles are 2/3 of the total
 - > t_0 veto tiles are 1/3 of the total
- Selecting MIP events with a trajectory falling in the fiducial cut
- The COG was estimated with the efficiency map
 of each tile
- Fit the MIP peak and equalize the channels:

$$PH_{equ} = \frac{PH - baseline}{peak - baseline}$$



Calibration and linearity

After the equalization, it is possible to sum the responses of the channels and measure the **energy deposited** by the incoming particles

 \rightarrow Find the correspondence between the PH (measured in arbitrary unit) and energy (in GeV) deposited by the incoming particles



Energy resolution (2022 & 2023)

$$R=rac{\sigma_E}{E}=rac{s}{\sqrt{E}}\oplus c$$

- E: calibrated energy in GeV
- o_E: standard deviation of the energy fit
- ✤ s: stochastic term
- c: constant term

Energy resolution: $\sigma(E)/E = s/\sqrt{E} \oplus c$



→ Linearity and energy resolution values compatible with the ones from previous prototypes

Crosstalk analysis (2022 & 2023)

- Crosstalk studied only for the first layer of the Demonstrator
- \clubsuit WLS fibers have to cross the upper tiles \rightarrow some light could be lost



Readout fibers

Transit fibers

Selected MIP events using Cherenkov detectors:

- Muons
- Electrons and pions with a $PH_{equ} \sim 1 MIP$



For each tile (R, Φ) of the first layer, the crosstalk has been computed as the ratio between the signal in neighbouring tiles and the signal in reference tile (R₀, Φ_0):

$$ratio\left(R,\phi
ight)=rac{PH_{equ}\left(R,\phi
ight)}{PH_{equ}\left(R_{0},\phi_{0}
ight)}$$



 \rightarrow Crosstalk < 5% for all the tiles in the first layer for both the years

Preliminary Particle IDentification test (2022)

Aim: discriminate electrons from other particles

For each event, two parameters were evaluated:

- Total number of tiles over threshold · ·
- Deposited energy in the Demonstrator







True values obtained from the Cherenkov detectors:

- * Signal in both detectors
- * Only signal in the first detector \rightarrow **muons**
- No signal in both detectors *
- \rightarrow electrons

 - \rightarrow hadrons



Accuracy \rightarrow fraction of events correctly classified: (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)

- ~ 78 % in classifying electrons
- ~ 76 % in classifying muons and hadrons

Precision \rightarrow fraction of events correctly predicted: TP / (TP + FP)

- ~ 73 % in classifying electrons
- ~ 87 % in classifying muons and hadrons

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

- TP is true positive
- TN is true negative
- FP is false positive
- FN is false negative 14

Conclusions

The preliminary results of the 2022 and 2023 beamtests of the ENUBET collaboration showed:

- ✓ The basic performance of the Demonstrator
- ✓ Linearity and energy resolution values in agreement with previous smaller prototypes
- Crosstalk < 5 % for all the tiles of the first layer, which validate the outward readout scheme of the scintillating light
- ✔ Good preliminary results in PID (2022)

Next steps:

- □ Improve the PID algorithm
- Analyze the 2024 beamtest data
- Verify the results with the simulations (Toolkit GEANT4)
- Publication of the 2022 and 2023 beamtest results
- Study of feasibility to implement the experiment at CERN



Thanks for your attention!



The ENUBET detector: detection principle

Plastic scintillator tiles interleaved with radiator material (Fe):

- An EM shower is produced in the iron layers
- Charged products crossing the scintillator tiles cause scintillation (UV)
- Scintillation light exit in the outward direction in **WLS fibers**
- Light readout by SiPMs \rightarrow signal proportional to the number of incoming photons



The experimental setup (2022 & 2023)





Trackers:

- 2 single side microstrip detectors each
- Strip pitch: 242 µm
- Active area: 9.5 x 9.5 cm²
- Spatial resolution: 30 µm

Demonstrator



Efficiency map

Ratio of the number of **detected particles** over the number of **particles that hit** the tile



Efficiency map 2023



Shashlik configuration

Shashlik Tower







Construction













SiPMs information

Calorimetric tiles readout by Hamamatsu S14160-4050HS SiPMs:

- Active area $4 \times 4 \text{ mm}^2$
- Pixel pitch: 50 µm

t_o tiles readout by Hamamatsu S14160-3050HS SiPMs:

- Active area: 3 × 3 mm²
- Pixel pitch: 50 µm



CERN



Demonstrator 2023





Linearity & Energy resolution \rightarrow Simulation



Energy resolution: $\sigma(E)/E = s/\sqrt{E} \oplus c$

Deposited energy with tilted Demonstrator



PRELIMINARY RESULTS



Accuracy and precision

- Accuracy: degree of closeness of the measured quantity to its true value, defined as: (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)
- Precision: how close the measurements are to each other, defined as:

TP / (TP + FP)

Where:

- TP is true positive
- TN is true negative
- FP is false positive
- FN is false negative

