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Overview of Neutrino Experiments

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Neutrino Experiments

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 - Pion production
 - Charged current inclusive
 - Deep inelastic



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Introduction

• From discovery of neutrino oscillation to an era of precision measurements

• Remaining questions: CP violation, mass ordering, anomalies: sterile neutrinos?

• To answer all of these questions we need to understand neutrino nucleus interaction physics



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• Neither the cross sections nor nuclear effects for neutrino interactions in the few GeV region are well know

• A reliable model of neutrino interactions on heavy nuclei at low energies is essential for precise neutrino oscillations experiment

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Neutrino Beam

- A beam of protons interact with a target and produce pions and kaons
- We use magnetic horns to focus the charged particles. These charge particles decay and produce the neutrino beam Expected neutrino flux



 $\begin{array}{c|c} \nu_{e} \\ \nu_{\mu} \\ \nu_{\mu} \\ \downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \nu_{\mu} \\ \nu_{\mu} \\ \downarrow = \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} \\ s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 1 \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} \\ s_{12} \\ -s_{12} \\ c_{12} \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{1} \\ \nu_{2} \\ \nu_{3} \\ \end{pmatrix} \\ P_{\alpha\beta} = \sin^{2}\left(2\theta\right)\sin^{2}\left(1.27\Delta m^{2} \left[eV^{2}\right]\frac{L\left[km\right]}{E\left[GeV\right]}\right) \\ \bullet & \operatorname{From}_{2}\operatorname{Reactor, plus}\operatorname{Solar}_{\Delta m_{31}^{2}} \simeq \Delta m_{32}^{2} \\ \simeq 2 \times 10^{-3} eV^{2} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{trad}} \begin{array}{c} \Delta m_{31}^{2} \simeq \Delta m_{32}^{2} \\ \Delta m_{31}^{2} \simeq \Delta m_{32}^{2} \\ \Delta m_{31}^{2} \simeq \Delta m_{32}^{2} \\ \end{array}$

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[†]PRD 83.052002(2011)

 $^{\dagger\dagger} \left| \Delta m_{32}^2 \right| = 2.32_{-0.08}^{+0.12} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \quad ^* \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) > 0.96(90\% \text{ C.L.}) \quad ^{\dagger\dagger} \text{PRL 106. 181801(2011)}$

• From neutrino reactor experiments, through the observation of electron antineutrino disappearance, θ_{13} is now best known mixing angle

	$sin^2 2\theta_{13}$	†††
DoubleChooz:	0.090 ± 0.030	arXiv:1406.7763
Dava Bay:	0.084 ± 0.005	Phys.Rev.Lett 115 (2015)11,111802
RENO:	0.088 ± 0.011	Phys.Rev. Lett 108 (2012)191802

- From accelerator experiments looking for either mass hierarchy or CP violation
 - ^{†v} T2K: Observed electron neutrino appearance signal at 7.3 σ

[†]VPhys. Rev. D 91, 072010

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 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{NOvA: Observed electron neutrino appearance signal at 3.3 σ for primary selector} \\ \mbox{and 5.5σ for secondary selector} \\ \mbox{Favor $\pi < \delta_{CP} < 2\pi$ normal mass ordering} \\ \end{array} \label{eq:selector} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{Vhttp://theory.fnal.gov/jetp/talks/20150806_nova_docdb.pdf} \\ \end{array}$

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Current Neutrino Program

- Covering only neutrinos made with accelerator at low GeV
- We have many neutrino experiments around the world
- Fermilab is planning a big program for neutrinos. The neutrino program contains a short baseline, long baseline and neutrino scattering experiments
- The short baseline program will study neutrino anomalies and sterile neutrinos
 - Several experiments: MiniBooNE, LAriaT, ICARUS, SBND, MicroBooNE
- The long baseline program is making precision measurements, muon neutrino appearance, muon neutrino disappearance, search for CPV and mass hierarchy
 - Oscillation experiments MINOS, NOvA, T2K, DUNE and HyperK
- Scattering experiment: MINERvA, MiniBooNE, ArgoNeuT, T2K, NOvA, MicroBooNE



DUNE Experiment

- DUNE will use a wideband beam peaked at 2.5-3.0 GeV
- Far detector will be a LArTPC detector and current design for near detector is a fine grained tracker with low density
- We need to understand the neutrino interactions well, especially if near and far detectors are made with different technologies
- Science program covers CPV in the leptonic sector, mass hierarchy, precision oscillation physics for the 3-flavor paradigm, nucleon decay and supernova burst
- How different levels of systematic uncertainties impact the CP violation in DUNE:
 - Oscillation experiments see differences between near detector data and MC simulation well above systematic errors assumed here
 - Systematic uncertainties are important for the CP violation measurement





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of global effort to understand the nature of the neutrino s of neutrino mixing parameters he neutrino mass hierarchy and CP-violation

no beam

ctor composed of heavy nuclei (C, H₂O, Fe, Ar) **FAR** away source



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Neutrino Nucleus Scattering



Jorge Morfin, INFO 2015



Neutrino Nucleus Scattering

• The events we observe on our detectors are convolutions of

$$Y_{c-like}(E_d) \quad \alpha \quad \phi_{\nu}(E' \ge E_d) \otimes \sigma(E' \ge E_d) \otimes Nuc(E' \ge E_d)$$

- The community models these last two terms in event generators:
 - Provide information on how signal and background events should appear in our detectors if the model is correct
 - Provide means for estimating systematic error on measurements
- Current Generator used by experimental community -each with their own models of the nuclear environment
 - GENIE ArgoNeut, MicroBooNE, MINOS, MINERvA, NOvA, T2K, DUNE
 - NEUT SuperKamiokande, K2K, SciBooNE, T2K
 - NuWro K2K, MINERvA
- GIBUU Nuclear Transport Model



Charged Current Quasi-elastic Scattering



Charged Current Quasi-Elastic Scattering (CCQE)

- Quasi-elastic is one of the simplest channel in neutrino scattering
- We use a free nucleon CCQE formalism:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ_{QE}^2} = \frac{M^2 G_F^2 \cos^2 \theta_C}{8\pi E_{\nu}^2} \{A(Q^2) \pm B(Q^2) \frac{s-u}{M^2} + C(Q^2) \frac{(s-u)^2}{M^4} \}$$

- where A, B and C depend on the form factor FI, F2 and the axial form factor F_A
- Most of the form factors are known, except the axial form factor F_A. This is parameterized as a dipole $F_A(Q^2) = \frac{F_A(0)}{(1 - \frac{q^2}{M^2})^2}$ A goal of neutrino experiments is to measure F_A
- Recent effort:

More details at talks from Martha Constantinou and Aaron Meyer

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- A new model-independent description of the axial mass form factor called Z-Expansion from Bhubanjyoti B., Richard H. and Gil P., Phys. Rev. D 84 073006
- New effort to to calculate the shape of F_A in lattice QCD, "The Nucleon Axial-Vector Form Factor at the Physical Point with the HISQ Ensembles", A. Bazavov et al. Fermilab Lattice and MILC collaborations
- We are looking forward to the contribution with lattice QCD

Quasi-Elastic Scattering

- Quasi-elastic gives the largest contributions for the signal in many oscillation experiment
- Early neutrino scattering experiments used bubble chambers filled with D2 with excellent quasi-elastic purity 97-99%
- Modern experiments use different targets, such as carbon, iron, oxygen, liquid argon.. etc
- We have more statistics, but with the heavy targets we have more nuclear effects
- In addition quasi-elastic purities are much lower, below 80%
- The QE selection varies from experiment to experiment, some experiments uses only the muon and other use the proton and muon

$$Q^2 = 2E_{\nu}(E_{\mu} - p_{\mu}cos\theta_{\mu}) - m_{\mu}^2$$

NOMAD **MINERvA** .. = 57.00 Gel Run 15049 Event 11514 $O^2 = 0.60 \, \text{GeV}^2$ $W^2 = 1.44 \text{ GeV}^2$ ž $t = 0.05 \, \text{GeV}$ Muon track: $P = 56.39 \text{ GeV}; \theta = 0.78^{\circ}$ Proton track: $P = 1.02 \text{ GeV}; \theta = 52.7$ 🛟 Fermilab $\bar{\nu}_e$ Minerba Betancourt/INT Workshop

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Quasi-Elastic Scattering Measurement from Deuterium Experiments These experiments measured the axial mass M_A, pretty good agreement **The** sen the experiments $-\mathrm{metaGay} \models 1.05 \pm 0.16 GeV$ $M_A = 1.00 \pm 0.05 GeV$ $M_A = 1.07 \pm 0.06 GeV$ 225 160-200 EVENTS / 225 Ma = 1.05 GeV 200-120 EVENTS/0.06 (GeV/c)² 175-EVENTS 150· events/(0.05 GeV²/c²) 80 125 100-40 75-50- Q^2 (GeV²) $\mu_n) = (1 + Q)$ 25-2.4 3.0 Q^2 (GeV²) 0-0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 M_A^2) Baker, PRD 23, 2499 (1981) Miller, PRD 26(65/37) (1982) Kitagaki, PRD 28, 436 (1983) $M_A = (1.026 \pm 0.021) GeV/c^2$

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Quasi-Elastic Scattering (CCQE)

- Some examples of modern experiments:
 - NOMAD experiment uses carbon as a target and a tracker detector with high energy experiment <E>=24GeV, both ' vµ ' µ⁻
 Signal definition: quasi-elastic є
 MiniBooNE uses carbon as a t <E>=0.8GeV, analysis used vµ CC Signal definition: events with n

Data is compared against a prediction based on Relativistic Fermi^P Gas Model RES



Quasi-Elastic Scattering Models

• Different models for CCQE



- Inclusion of the multinucleon emission channel (np-nh) gives better agreement with MiniBooNE data without increasing the axial mass
- Theorists have made a lot effort these past years to improve the models



- Analyses using the muon information use a quasi-elastic signal definition and the purity is 49% for neutrinos, while the analysis using the proton information uses cc quasi-elastic like and the purity is ~65%
- Data prefers a model with nucleon-nucleon correlations for the muon analyses



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Data from LArTPC ArgoNeut

- First liquid argon experiment in a low (I-I0 GeV) energy neutrino beam. Prototype experiment with 240 Kg of active volume
- Proton energy threshold 21 MeV kinetic energy
- Beautiful technology that allows to learn about features of neutrino interactions that have not been possible to explore with existing experiments
 Inclusive muon neutrino charge
- Published inclusive muon neutrino charged current
- differential cross tection as a function mereture vertice of the studied a data sample of (muon+2p) and found 19 events with two proton
 - From which four events has back to back protons pairs

First time these events are observed



Inclusive muon neutrino charged current differential cross section



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Charged Current Quasi-Elastic Scattering from T2K

- T2K measured the CCQE with the INGRID detector. This detector uses a fully active tracking detector and located on-axis from the neutrino beam peak at 1.5 GeV
- Both one and two track events are measured, purity for one track events is 76% and purity for two track events is 85%



Phys. Rev. D 91,112002

Results agree with the predictions of neutrino interaction models



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Pion Production



Charged Pion Production

- Next important channel for neutrino oscillation and increasing the W toward the QCD limit
- Most experiments use the Rein-Sehgal model for $\,
 u N \,$ resonance production
 - More recent models by M. Athar, Salamanca-Valencia, M. Pascos
- Experimentalist's dilemma: Whichever model you use, it will be poorly constrained by u N data



• All the generator are tuned to bubble chamber deuterium data



Recent reanalysis of deuterium data finds



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Comparison of neutrino π^{\pm} Models with Data from



NEUT and NuWro normalization agree the best with data GIBBU, GENIE normalization disfavored

arXiv:1406.6415

$$E_{\nu} = E_{\mu} + E_{H}$$

$$Q^{2} = 2E_{\nu}(E_{\mu} - p_{\mu}\cos(\theta_{\mu\nu})) - m_{\mu}^{2}$$

$$W_{exp}^{2} = -Q^{2} + m_{p}^{2} + 2m_{p}E_{H}$$

GENIE (with FSI), NEUT, and NuWro predict the shape well. Except for Athar, data is unable to distinguish different FSI model



W<1.4 GeV Analyses

- No models describe all data sets well
 - MiniBooNE <E>=0.8 GeV: best theory models (GIBUU) strongly disagree in shape
 - MINERvA <E>=3.5 GeV: Event generator has shape but not magnitude



arXiv:1406.6415



Multi pi zone (W<1.8 GeV) at MINERvA

- Neutrino pion and antineutrino pi0 analyses for W<1.8 GeV
- Using the lepton information, these measurements are sensitive to nuclear structure



http://minerva-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/RetrieveFile?docid=11203&filename=JTES_20150626.pdf&version=4

- In charged pion both GENIE and NEUT over estimate the cross section
- In neutral pions GENIE and NEUT agree better with data than NuWro, expect in the first bin
- The Q² spectrum provides the most detail and no single model describes both the charged and neutral distributions
- Experimental data pointing to the need of improved nuclear models



Charged Current 1 π from T2K

- Results from T2K in the water target
 - Two track events in fiducial volume
- Main background are carbon and charged current non-Ipi interactions



Charged Current Inclusive and Deep Inelastic Scattering (Ratios of scattering off nuclear targets)





- Measured in μ /e A not in νA
- Neutrino event generator relies on measurements from charged leptons



$\mu/e - Ca Ratio$

Shadowing and Anti-shadowing:

Depletion of cross section at low x, presumably compensated by enhancement from $x \sim 0.1$ -0.3. Shadowing is well understood experimentally and theoretically **EMC effect:** no universally accepted cause(though many theories). What is known is that it is strong function of local nuclear density

Fermi motion: Each quark is allowed to have a maximum momentum of x=A, so increasing A increases maximum allowable x



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Neutrino Deep Inelastic Scattering off Iron from NuTeV

- The NuTeV experiment collected data using high purity neutrino and antineutrino with energies 30-500 GeV at Fermilab
- NuTeV used a calorimeter detector made of Iron and liquid scintillator
- Structure functions for iron are determined from fits to linear combinations of neutrino and antineutrino differential cross sections x=0.015(x40)

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dxdy}^{\nu} + \frac{d^2\sigma}{dxdy}^{\overline{\nu}} = \frac{G_F^2 M E}{\pi} \Big[2\Big(1 - y - \frac{Mxy}{2E} + \frac{y^2}{2} \frac{1 + 4M^2 x^2/Q^2}{1 + R_L}\Big) F_2 + y\Big(1 - \frac{y}{2}\Big) \Delta x F_3 \Big].$$

- At moderate x, NuTeV results agrees with CCFR data
- There is some disagreement for x>0.40



Neutrino Deep Inelastic Scattering on Lead from CHORUS

- The CHORUS experiment collected data using lead as target, high purity neutrino and antineutrino with energies 10-200 GeV
- Extract the neutrino lead structure functions
- The data for F_2 favors the CCFR data over the CDHSW data
- CHORUS measured the xF3 and reported the measurements agrees with CCFR and CDHSW



Comparison of the IA and νA Nuclear Correction Factors

- An analysis from nCTEQ collaboration tries to fit for nuclear effects by comparing NuTeV structure functions on iron to predicted "n+p" structure functions and comparing to predictions from charged lepton effects
- Result show different behavior as a function of x, particularly in the shadowing region
- Low Q^2 and low x neutrino data cause tension with the shadowing observed in charged lepton data



Transition Region between RES and DIS

- Bodek and Yang have introduced a refined model which is used by many of the neutrino event generator
- The model has been developed for both neutrino and electron nucleon inelastic scattering cross sections using leading order parton distribution function

Bodek and Yang's model compared to charged lepton F2 experimental data (SLAC, BCDMS and NMC)



Dashed lines are from parton distributions obtained with a global fit (GRV98) and solid red lines are Bodek and Yang's fit

 $\bullet\,$ The model describes the inelastic electron and muon F_2 data in proton and deuteron targets





Deep Inelastic Scattering from MINERvA

- MINERvA produced deep inelastic ratios from nuclear targets to study x dependent nuclear effects using the low energy data that has restricted DIS statistics
- We have a x range from the low x shadowing region through the EMC region
- The simulation used in the analysis assumes the same x-dependent nuclear effects for C, Fe and Pb based on charged lepton scattering



http://minerva-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/RetrieveFile?docid=11041&filename=MousseauJTEP.pdf&version=1

- The data suggest additional nuclear shadowing in the lowest x bin (0<x<0.1) than predicted in lead, it is at a value of x and Q2 where shadowing is not normally found in charged lepton nucleus scattering
- In the EMC region (0.3 < x < 0.75), we see good agreement between data and simulation

Structure Function Extraction at MINERvA

• MINERvA is collecting data using a higher energy beam. This data set will be used to extract the nuclear structure functions for neutrinos



12E20 POT Exposure

• We expect better than 10% accuracy for structure function extraction



New Construction and Upgrades from MINERvA

- Strong program aim to understand neutrino scattering in LArTPC: CAPTAIN + MINERvA
 - The proposal is to place the CAPTAIN LArTPC in front of MINERvA detector
 - High statistics measurements of neutrino interactions on argon in the medium energy range (high statistic for deep inelastic interactions)
 - Unique results that will help to constrain models before DUNE
 - CAPTAIN-MINERvA can measure cross section ratios for example argon to carbon
 - Study how processes vary on different nuclei
 - More precise test of the models can be performed with ratios due to cancelation of large systematic uncertainties such as neutrino flux
- MINERvA is collecting more data with the medium energy beam from NOvA and aim to extract structure functions and measure partonic nuclear effects using antineutrino data



Future Experiments

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- Study neutrino anomalies and sterile neutrinos
 - Two classes of anomalies pointing at additional physics beyond the standard model in



MicroBooNE Experiment

• 170 ton LAr TPC in the Fermilab



- physics goals:
 - address MiniBooNE low energy excess
 - make 1st low energy neutrino cross section measurements on argon
 - <u>R&D goals</u>:
 - argon fill without evacuation
 - cold front-end electronics
 - long drift (2.5m)
 - near surface operation
 - event reconstruction

•Booster Neutrino Beamline MicroBooNE is an important step in the development of large scale LAr TPCs for future short and long baseline v physics

•Status:

•detector was purged, cooled, and filled with liquid argon this past summer

- on Aug 6, 2015: MicroBooNE saw first tracks!
- continuing to develop analysis tools to be ready for first physics analyses
- $\ensuremath{^\circ}$ neutrino data-taking will begin when beam returns on Oct 5^{th}
- \bullet MicroBooNE will make the first $\sigma_{\!_{\rm V}}$ measurements in ^{40}Ar at low energy

($E_v \sim 1$ GeV). These analyses will benefit from the well-known BNB flux •Statistics is huge, for 6 months: CC inclusive 26226, CC 0pi 16757



Summary

- Neutrino experiments have been making an excellent progress
 - Cross section experiments are producing accurate cross section measurements
 - Neutrino oscillation experiments have started to make precision measurements and search for CPV and mass hierarchy
- We need more theoretical contributions, have made progress with understanding neutrino scattering data, but still we have huge disagreement with models
 - Axial form factor for quasi-elastic
 - Better nuclear models for quasi-elastic and pion production scattering
 - We need a better understanding of the A dependence for CC inclusive scattering and deep inelastic
- In addition, contributions from QCD will be important for higher energy neutrinos, for example IceCube experiment
- For the coming years we will have high neutrino data statistics to test new models and test contributions from QCD





Systematic Uncertainties

Electron Neutrino Appearance Uncertainty from NOvA



$$FD(\nu_e) = \Phi \times \sigma \times \epsilon \times \epsilon$$

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uncertainties	v_{μ} disap.	v _e app
v flux+xsec(before) afterND constraint	(21.7%) ±2.7%	(26.0%) ±3.2%
v unconstrained xsec	±5.0%	±4.7%
Far detector	±4.0%	±2.7%
Total	(23.5%) ±7.7%	(26.8%) ±6.8%

