

NuWro Monte Carlo Generator of Neutrino Interactions

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Neutrino oscillation experiments

- Oscillations: neutrino "flavor" state- quantum mixture of "mass" eigenstates
- Lepton flavour appearance or disappearance in the flux -energy-dependent interferometry
- Neutrino accelerator oscillation experiments (T2K, NOvA, MINERvA, LBNE...):
- 1. Measurement of Standard Model parameters (some completely unknown): neutrino mixing angles Θ_{ij} (PMNS matrix), squared mass differences Δm^2_{ij} , neutrino mass hierarchy, leptonic CP violation
- 2. Beyond Standard Model physics: oscillation to "sterile" neutrinos?
- Challenging measurement: wide-band beam and interaction on nuclear target







Purpose of MC simulations

- Monte Carlo: statistical description and tool to understand your experiment with all its systematic and statistical errors.
- Lots of input and dependencies:

theoretical models, experimental data, engineering knowledge etc.





Purpose of MC simulations

• Shortly: how to put it all together and get from here:



To the Physical Review Letters result:

phase $\delta_{\rm CP}$. In this neutrino oscillation scenario, assuming $|\Delta m_{32}^2| = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$, $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5$, $\delta_{\rm CP} = 0$, and $\Delta m_{32}^2 > 0$ ($\Delta m_{32}^2 < 0$), a best-fit value of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.140^{+0.038}_{-0.032}$ ($0.170^{+0.045}_{-0.037}$) is obtained.

"Bridge between theory and experiment"



Neutrino interaction generator

 Typical MC generator in neutrino physics: beam profile, detector, target nucleus interaction vertex and process (dynamics), final state interactions (FSI) (e.g. GENIE, NEUT, <u>NuWro</u>)





NuWro

- The project started 2005 at the Wrocław University; an important encouragment from Danuta Kiełczewska from Warsaw
- First (natural) name: Wrocław Neutrino Generator: WroNG → changed from marketing reasons... (Jan T. Sobczyk, Jaroslaw A. Nowak, Krzysztof M. Graczyk "WroNG - Wroclaw Neutrino Generator of events for single pion production" Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 139 (2005) 266)



- Main authors: Jan Sobczyk, Tomasz Golan, Krzysztof Graczyk, Cezary Juszczak, Jarosław Nowak, Jakub Żmuda.
- Collaboration with NCBJ Warsaw on the current T2K data analysis
- Code written in C++ language.



NuWro

- NuWro- not an official MC of any experiment. Laboratory for new developments.
- ArgoNeut and MINERvA
 - comparisons to our MC!
- Intensive cross-tests
 GENIE vs. NuWro by
 MINERvA (testing GENIE)
- Relatively new components
 (introduced or developed recently also in GENIE and NEUT):



- 1) Meson exchange currents (two-nucleon currents): first generator ever!
- 2) Random phase approximation (matter polarization on top of RFG)
- 3) Spectral function (nucleon self-energy plus nuclear shell information)
- 4) Electron interaction simulation: currently developed!

http://borg.ift.uni.wroc.pl/nuwro/

Repository, documentation, NuWro on-line



Nuclear target puzzle



- Initial I and final I' leptons, 4-momentum transfer q
- Strongly bound structure of strongly bound structures
- Multiple effective approximations from many-body quantum mechanics to quark jet fragmentation, nonperturbative nuclear effects.
- Problem of "stitching" it all together



Physical channels in NuWro





(Quasi)elastic process



- CCQE / NCE interaction: interaction with one single nucleon inside the nucleus, no resonance excitation and no extra particles created in the vertex
- NuWro: local or global Fermi gas models plus RPA corrections or spectral function



Spectral Function

 Spectral Function: replacement of usual (local) Fermi distribution for quasielastic event by a probability distribution of removing nucleon with momentum *p* leaving the residual nucleus with excitation energy *E*. Extra integral in cross section:



- Works of Omar Benhar's group
- In NuWro: implementation based on A. Ankowski PhD thesis by C. Juszczak





Random Phase (Ring) Approximation



 Nuclear matter nonperturbative polarization effect. Algebraic solution of Dyson equation (by K. Graczyk – relativistic Ring Approximation, implemented by C. Juszczak)



Meson Exchange Currents

• MEC search in neutrino interactions in T2K and ArgoNeuT!





- In NuWro: Transverse Enhancement (effective) and Valencia (microscopic) model.
- All models → inclusive muon double-differential cross sections, no information about nucleon kinematics- effective phase-space algorithm by J. Sobczyk
- Valencia model → numerical nightmare (7-D integrals): implementation with nuclear response function tables (J. Żmuda)



MEC cross section

• Sample double-differential (w.r.t. muon energy and cosine of muon angle) Valencia model cross sections for 1 GeV v_{μ} scattering off ¹²C.





RES process



- Pion production through $\Delta(1232)$ excitation plus effective nonresonant background extrapolated from PYTHIA to invariant masses between 1.4 and 1.6 GeV
- Delta selfenergy from E. Oset Nucl. Phys. A 468, 631 (1987) in approximate way.
- New experimental results puzzle: MiniBooNE to MINERvA data ratio?



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COH process



- Coherent pion production through t-channel exchange, nucleus left in the ground state.
 - Both Rein-Sehgal (Nucl. Phys. B 223 (1983)) and Berger-Sehgal (Phys. Rev. D 79, 053003 (2009)) models available. Comparison to MINERvA data (Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 261802 (2014)). Work-in-progress, "hot" topic.





DIS process



 PYTHIA/LUND algorithm fine-tuned to hadron multiplicity data by J. Nowak in his Ph. D. Thesis (picture source). Everything above the Delta region (quark-hadron duality, heavier resonances "washed out" by nucleon motion)





Final State Interactions

All particles start inside nucleus. A lot can happen on their way out:



FSI: either quantum transport equations or intranuclear cascade (NuWro).



Intranuclear cascade





Intranuclear cascade

Importance of Formation Zone for DIS (minimal distance traveled by particles

before any interaction may occur):

(T. Golan, C. Juszczak and J.T. Sobczyk, Phys. Rev. C86 (2012) 015505)



FIG. 7. Average number of backwards going pions as a function of Q^2 in the NOMAD experiment.



Electron scattering

- Current work-in-progress
- Already included: quasielastic and single pion production
- The latter with Delta selfenergy and microscopic model for nonresonant background





Summary

- NuWro is a versatile MC tool ready to use to neutrino experiment analysis.
- A lot of physical models needed to describe interaction on nuclear targets: from nonrelativistic quantum mechanics to QCD (lack of unified approach to cover them all!).
- Inspiration to other MC developers (e.g. MEC in NEUT and GENIE, Berger-Sehgal)
- Kinematical region for energy transfers between ~100 MeV to ~1 TeV scale covered for neutrinos or from quasielastic to DIS processes.
- Still a lot of room for improvements, developments in lepton-nucleus interaction and high energy nuclear physics (see e.g. NuInt workshops)
- C++ code is being constantly maintained, developed and optimized.
- Very fast algorithm (1 M event event sample can be generated even on laptop machines).



Thank you for your attention!

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