Answering Questions in Neutrino Physics

The Neutrino sector might hint to physics beyond the Standard Model

Neutrino oscillate from one flavour to another Imposing many questions:

What are the neutrino masses?

Are the neutrinos their own anti particles?

Is CP symmetry violated?

β Decay Experiments

 v_e

 ν_{μ}

 v_{τ}

θνββ Decay

Oscillation Experiments

What is their mass ordering?

Are there more than the 3 light neutrinos?

Introduction to Neutrino Oscillations

Oscillation experiments aim to answer the CP nature and the mass ordering of neutrinos as well as search for new physics





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Introduction to Neutrino Oscillations





Long Baseline 1300 km, active mass ~70 kton Sensitivity to: θ 23, θ 13, δ CP, Mass ordering





LAr Time Projection Chamber Active mass : 85 tons Triggered by PMTs, 3 wire planes with 3 mm spacing impeccable spatial resolution, calorimetric measurement





Incoming Energy Reconstruction



Cherenkov detectors:

Assuming QE interaction

Using lepton only

$$E_{QE} = \frac{2M\epsilon + 2ME_l - m_l^2}{2(M - E_l + |k_l|\cos\theta_l)}$$



Tracking detectors: Calorimetric sum Using All detected particles

$$E_{\text{cal}} = E_l + E_p^{\text{kin}} + \epsilon$$
[1p0 π]

 ϵ is the nucleon separation energy ~ 20 MeV

Lepton-Nucleus Interaction Modelling



E_{ν} Reco Requires Interaction Modeling



Lepton-Nucleus Interaction Modelling

Neutrino event generators simulating vA interaction



Using semi-classical / empirical / phenomenological based model All with many free parameters

Factorisation of

- Initial state
- Each interaction mechanism separately
- Final State Interactions

The challenge - next generation high precision



EV Electrons for Neutrinos

Using electron scattering data to reduce neutrino oscillation systematic uncertainties

- Test neutrino energy reconstruction
- Constrain lepton-nucleus interaction models

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eav Why electrons?

Electrons and Neutrinos have:

- Identical initial nuclear state
- Same Final State Interactions
- Similar interactions vector vs. vector + axial

Useful to constrain model uncertainties



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Similar eA and vA Cross sections

Test on $1p0\pi$ event selection



Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 113003

Electron were weighted by $1/Q^4$

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Inclusive v data and Generators



Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 131801 (2019)

Inclusive e data and generators



CLAS A(e,e'p) Data E2a

First test of neutrino energy reconstruction with exclusive data!

Targets: ⁴He, ¹²C, ⁵⁶Fe

T2 (H_2O) , (CH), D(Ar)

Energies:

1.1, 2.2, 4.4 GeV

 v_{μ} flux (arb.)

Detection thresholds: 300 MeV/c for p150 MeV/c for $P_{\pi^{+/-}}$ 500 MeV/c for P_{π^0} Comparable to those in



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$\overrightarrow{\mathcal{C4V}}$ 1p0 π Event Selection

Focus on Quasi Elastic events:

1 proton above 300 MeV/c

no additional hadrons above detection threshold:

150 MeV/c for $P_{\pi^{+/-}}$

500 MeV/c for P_{π^0}





Inclusive Energy Reconstruction







³¹ Nature **599**, 565 (2021)



³² Nature **599**, 565 (2021)



³³ Nature **599**, 565 (2021)

Focusing on different reaction mechanisms Standard Transverse Variables



Sensitive to hit nucleon momentum δα_T Sensitive to Final State Interactions

δp_T

-p^µ

δα_т

p^p_T

Transverse missing momentum



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p_T sensitivity to interaction mechanisms



Transverse Kinematic Variables - δα_T





MC vs. (e,e'p) Transverse Variables

Low $\alpha T < 45$

QE enhanced region

High $135 < \alpha T < 180$

Non QE contributions





Similarities between e and v

Small $\delta \alpha_T$

Large $\delta \alpha_T$





Cav Looking forward to new results

Working on:

Multi differential analysis

Pion production

Two nucleon final state

All nuclei and energies





New Data from @LAS12

Acceptance down to 5° Q² > 0.04 GeV² x10 luminosity $[10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}]$ Keep low threshold, better neutron coverage Targets: ²D, ⁴He, ¹²C, ¹⁶O, ⁴⁰Ar, ⁴⁰Ca (1,) 2, 4, 6 GeV (relevant for DUNE)

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Next step RG-M @LAS12





Joshua Barrow

Complementary efforts

Collaborations	Kinematics	Targets	Scattering	Publications
E12-14-012 (JLab)	$E_e = 2.222 \mathrm{GeV}$	Ar, Ti	(e, e')	Phys. Rev. C 99 , 054608 Phys.Rev.D 105 112002
(Data collected: 2017)	$ heta_e=$ 15.5, 17.5,	Al, C	(e, e'p)	
	20.0, 21.5			5
Jefferson Lab	$ heta_p=$ -39.0, -44.0,			
	-44.5, -47.0			
	-50.0			
e4nu/CLAS (JLab)	$E_e =$ 1, 2, 4, 6 GeV	H, D, He,	(e, e')	
(Data collected: 1999, 2022)	$ heta_e > 5$	C, Ar, ⁴⁰ Ca,	e,p,n,π,γ	Nature 599 , 565
		⁴⁸ Ca, Fe, Sn	in the final state	Phys.Rev.D 103 113003
Jefferson Lab				
A1 (MAMI)	$E_e=$ 1.6 GeV	H, D, He	(e,e')	
(Data collected:2020)		C, O, Al	2 additional	
(More data planned)		Ca, Ar, Xe	charged particles	
LDMX (SLAC)	$E_e = 4.0 \mathrm{GeV}$		(e,e')	
(Planned)	$ heta_e <$ 40		e,p,n,π	
JLAU			in the final state	
eALBA	$E_e=$ 500 MeV	C, CH	(e,e')	
(Planned) ALBA	- few GeV	Be, Ca		

Adaptation from Proceedings of the US Community Snowmass2021 arXiv:2203.06853v1 [hep-ex]

e4nu and DUNE



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Summary

vA interaction uncertainties limit oscillation parameters extraction

First use of semi-exclusive eA data to explore vA uncertainties

- Energy reconstruction
- Comparison to event generators



Electron scattering data will help is helping

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Thank you for your attention

Background Subtraction

Different interaction lead to multi-hadron final states

Gaps can make them loop like QE-like events with outgoing $1\mu 1p$



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Data Driven Background Subtraction

- Using measured (e,e'p π) events
- Rotate p, π around **q**
- Determine event acceptance
- Subtract (e,e'p π) contribution



Radiative effects

A first implementation of the radiative corrections to GENIE to account for the following processes:







Simplistic implementation based on Mo & Tsai for ep interactions

Adding radiative effects to GENIE

