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# **NUISANCE-GENIE** Validation and Sample Additions

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# Objective

- The goal of the project came in two separate but related tasks
  - First, signal definitions in NUISANCE had to be validated
    - Also involved validating the functionality and validity of different versions of simulation software (GENIE)
  - Secondly, new samples were needed to be added into the NUISANCE framework to allow for future analysis with data and simulations (MC)
    - These samples were also added to validate papers in progress to be validated
  - Compare Different Models



### Neutrinos

- Neutral particles
  - Come in three "flavors"
  - We work with muon neutrinos (numu) and anti muon neutrinos (anti numu)
- Interact only via the weak force
  - Millions pass through us
  - ~1 light year of lead to interact
  - In order to get interactions in detectors, they need to be huge and have a high intensity beam





### MINERvA Detector

- Large detector that uses the NuMI beam
- Unique detector
  - Unconventional hexagonal shape
  - Utilizes five nuclei to obtain data
    - Iron
    - Lead
    - Carbon
    - Water
    - Helium



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### Interactions

- There are two categories in which an interaction can fall into
  - Charged current (CC)
    - The final state particles are charged and the flavor of neutrino can be determined
    - Fall in 1 of three categories
      - Quasi Elastic (QE)
      - Resonant Elastic (RES)
      - Deep Inelastic (DIS)
  - Neutral current (NC)
    - There are only neutral particles in the final state, no flavor can be determined







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### **Cross Sections**

- Measurement from detector that is proportional to the probability of the interaction occurring
  - Very small for neutrinos
- Differential cross section when related to a variable (angle)



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### Variables

- Disagreement with MC data
  - Work with variables to focus on certain parameters
  - Needs tuning



• Can be calculated from detector data or taken directly



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# GENIE

- Used by the majority of Neutrino experiments at Fermilab
- Flexible MC neutrino event generator
  - Different targets
  - Wide energy range
  - Different neutrino flavors
- ROOT based
  - Written with ~120,000 lines of C++
- Able to be modified for needs of future detectors
  - Higher energy range
  - New target
- In the process of being tuned to MINERvA data





# NUISANCE

- Comparison framework used for analysis
  - Read in data and MC data
  - Performs any cuts in signal definition
  - Makes any calculations needed for variables
- Able to read in MC data from different generators
  GENIE, NuWro, GIBUU...
- Very useful for model tuning
- New for use in Neutrino experiments at Fermilab, hence the validations





#### Validation



### Validation cont.



CCNpip Four momentum transfer, validating GENIE 2.8.4 and 2.12.6



#### Validation cont



# Signal Definitions

- Added these cuts to compare with measurements
  - Neutrinos
    - Muon and any # of nucleons of any momentum
    - No mesons
    - No heavy baryons
    - No gammas > 10MeV
  - Anti-Neutrinos
    - Same as Neutrinos
    - No protons about 120 MeV
- Later normalized per Carbon (NuInt Slides)







### Sample Additions cont.



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### Models

- Very different ways of predicting interaction events
- Ones used for this analysis
  - Default
    - Smith-Moniz QE, with Relativistic Fermi Gas (IS)
  - DefaultPlusMECWithNC
    - Includes empirical model for multiple nucleons (MiniBooNE)
  - DefaultPlusValenciaMEC
    - Theoretical 2p2h model (Valencia) Only for outgoing Muon
  - EffSFTEM
    - Replaces QE model with spectral function model (TEM)
  - ValenciaQEBergerSehgalCOHRES
    - Local Fermi Gas model (Best "theory" in GENIE)



#### Models cont.



Valencia seems to agree at low four momentum transfer, but tuning is needed to agree at the entire range

### Future Work

- More Sample Additions
  - Neutrino and Anti-Neutrino Ratio for CCinc
- Continue to validate more publications
  GENIE 2.8.4-GENIE 2.12.6
- More comparisons between models
- Tune the models
  - Direct continuation from my project



### Conclusion

- Plots were validated!
  - 2016 Article
  - 2017 Presentation
- Sample has been added!
  - Need to run tests to validate
- Models were compared
  - Will lead to tuning



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### Sample Additions cont.



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