Comparison of GiBUU calculations with MiniBooNE pion production data

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GiBUU describes several reactions in resonance and high energy regions, is extensively checked against experimental data for $\pi A$, $\gamma A$, $e^- A$, $\nu A$

Aim: many reactions with one microscopic model

Open source code: http://gibuu.physik.uni-giessen.de/GuBUU
Primary interactions

El-m couplings are known for 13 or 19 PDG 3* and 4*

Input:
parametrization of the elementary xsec
Vector form factors:

- related to el-m for factors, those to helicity amplitudes
- helicity amplitudes are from MAID parameterization

(MAID, Drechsel EPJA 34: Mainz state-of-the-art unitary isobar model for pion photo- and electroproduction on the nucleon; based on >70000 data points; it provides the resonance helicity amplitudes, from which el-m transition form factors are derived;)

Inclusive electron scattering on carbon

Discrepancy is probably due to many-body: 50% in the dip region 10% at Delta peak
**Input: Resonances**

**Axial form factors**
- dipole ansatz (modified dipole for Delta), related via PCAC
- using neutrino data when possible
- Delta fitted to $p\pi^+$ data (ANL or BNL)

Graczyk et al PRD80, Hernandez et al PRD81: ANL and BNL are compatible within errors and flux uncertainties. Joint fit of the data.

GiBUU: consider **ANL as lower bound** and **BNL as upper bound**
Input: 1-pion background

Phenomenological ansatz

Vector part fitted to MAID results

Nonvector part = “axial + vector-axial interference” is supposed to have the same functional form and then fitted to ANL/BNL data

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\sigma_{p^+ n} (10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2)
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\nu n \rightarrow \mu^- n \pi^+
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\[
\sigma_{p^+ p} (10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2)
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\[
\nu n \rightarrow \mu^- p \pi^0
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1-pion bgr + higher RES + DIS
Influence of FSI

Photoproduction of neutral pions
Krusche et al EPJA22 (2004)
rechecked with the current version of GiBUU

Competing processes for Delta:
\[ \Delta N \rightarrow NN, \Delta NN \rightarrow NNN \]
\[ \Delta \rightarrow \pi N \]

Competing processes for pion:
\[ \pi N \rightarrow R, \omega N, \phi N, \Sigma K, \Lambda K \]
\[ \pi^0 n \leftrightarrow \pi^- p, \pi^0 p \leftrightarrow \pi^+ n \]
Delta is collision broadened according to Oset-Salsedo (OS) model and thus contains some many-body effects.

Broadening of the Delta bring the curves down to the data.

Exponential time-development of Delta disappearance

\[
\frac{dN}{dt} = e^{-\Gamma_{\text{free}} t - \Gamma_{\text{collisional}} t}
\]
Medium modif. for neutrino reactions:

All further results are with Oset modification of the Delta

Oset/Salsedo modification:

- Delta production: $-5-8\%$
- 1-pion production: $-15-20\%$
- 0-pion production: $+20\%$

due to increased $\Delta N \rightarrow NN$
MiniBooNE: origin of 1-pion events

- Delta production and decay
- 1-pion background events

- QE events; outgoing proton rescattered $N N \rightarrow N \Delta \rightarrow N N \pi$
- charge exchange pion rescattering $\pi^+ n \rightarrow \pi^0 p$
Muon kinetic energy and angle

The shape of the distributions is hardly sensitive to the FSI

The only effect of FSI on muon observables:

- remove events in which the initially produced pion (or Delta) was later on reabsorbed
- bring in events in which the pion was produced only during FSI
! Compare to previously reported results!

**Experiment**

Charged pion data were averaged over the whole neutrino flux.

Neutral pion data were averaged over the flux from 0.5 to 2 GeV (which constitutes 68% of the whole flux) (which brings in some model dependence via energy reconstruction).

**Theory**

All our previously published/reported results for neutral pions were averaged over the whole flux, therefore they are too low.

In the present talk all results are normalized as in experiment.

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Muon angle distributions

Experimental point at 0.9-1 is lower than the previous one.

Physical effect?

The range $\cos \theta = 0.9 - 1$ corresponds to $\theta = 0^\circ - 25.8^\circ$.

Finer binning is needed.

Compare $\cos \theta = 0 - 0.1$ corresponds to $\theta = 84.3^\circ - 90^\circ$. 
$Q^2$ has to be reconstructed! Dependence on energy reconstruction
**Pion distributions**

FSI clearly change the shape of the distribution (similar to el-m)
Predictions for $\pi^-$

Created nearly only during FSI

Good test for pion dynamics

Significantly less forward peaked than $1\pi^+$ and $1\pi^0$

20 times lower than $1\pi^+$ but should be visible in MiniBooNE
Theory/data discrepancy?

Using 10% flux uncertainty

Many-body mechanism for pion production?

For QE-like scattering $\nu NN \rightarrow \mu NN$ relevant above dip region

Similarly $\nu NN \rightarrow \mu N\Delta$ should be relevant 300 MeV higher.

A theoretical challenge to separate them from successive scattering in a transport description
Conclusions

- All processes (QE, Delta, highRES, 1-pi bgr, DIS) contribute
- Strong dependence of theoretical results on elementary xsec
- Dependence of theoretical results on medium Delta properties
- New measurements on elementary targets (H,D) needed
- If BNL data describe the elementary xsec correctly, many-body effects could amount to 10-20% at most
- If ANL data describe the elementary xsec correctly, many-body effects could amount up to 40%