<u>Measurement</u> of neutrino scattering on hydrocarbon at 6 GeV with low momentum transfer using MINERvA

MINER_vA Experiment

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Outline



Why a cross-section measurement? The neutrino source **MINERvA** Detector Neutrino cross-section **Analysis Definition Event Selection** New model prediction **Cross-section extraction** Uncertainties Conclusions





Why a cross-section measurement?



neutrino.physics.iastate.edu/project/dun





Oscillation experiments:

 $N_{\beta}(E_{\text{reco}},L) \propto \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_{\alpha}(E) \times P_{(\alpha \to \beta)}(E,L) \times \sigma_{i}(E) \times \text{nuclear effects } \times f_{\sigma_{i}}(E,E_{\text{reco}})dE$

Neutrino oscillation $\rightarrow M_{\nu} \neq 0 \rightarrow$ Beyond the Standard Model.



Why a cross-section measurement?



eutrino.physics.iastate.edu/project/dui

Evolving into a precision era.



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Neutrino source







MINERvA was a dedicated cross-section experiment built by a fine-grained scintillator tracker surrounded by an electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL) and a hadronic calorimeter (HCAL).



Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A 743 (2014) 130 and test beam Nucl.Instrum.Meth.A 789 (2015) 28

MINERVA (Main Injector Neutrino ExpeRiment to study ν -A) - Detector



MINERvA Detector



Carbon (88.51%), Hydrogen (8.18%),

Oxygen (2.5%), Titanium (0.47%), Chlorine (0.2%), Aluminum (0.07%), Silicon (0.07%).





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MINERvA range of energy (Medium Energy), there are several processes for the free nucleon. Today's results are mostly QE and Resonant interactions (inclusive analysis).





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(1) Free nucleon interaction. (2) Interaction inside of the nucleus. (3) Nuclear effects in the neutrino-nucleus interaction. (4) Final State Interactions (FSI).

Neutrino cross-section





For instance Fermi Gas:

- * Fermi motion.
- * Binding energy.
- * Pauli Blocking.

(1) Free nucleon interaction. (2) Interaction inside of the nucleus.





The NEUT neutrino interaction simulation program library. Hayato, Y., Pickering, L. Eur. Phys. J. Spec. Top. 230, 4469–4481 (2021)

(2) Interaction inside of the nucleus.



Random Phase Approximation (**RPA**)

- In the nucleus, the nucleons are highly correlated with the long-range correlations.
- In the nuclear medium, the weak interaction changes due to the presence of strongly interacting **nucleons**

Electroweak couplings free nucleons \neq bound nucleons.

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Multi Nucleon Effects







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Multi Nucleon Effects "2p2h"









"Dip region" between QE and RES

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- **Higher statistics ~45 times.**
- More regions of momentum transfer.
- New flux constrains.
- More models studied



Kinematic Definition



 q_3 : Three momentum transfer

 q_0 : Energy transfer

Given the E_{μ} , θ_{μ} and E_{had} : 5 $E_{\nu} = E_{\mu} + q_0$ 3 $Q^{2} = 2E_{\nu}(E_{\mu} - p_{\mu}\cos\theta_{\mu}) - M_{\mu}^{2}$ 2 $\vdash q_0^2$ $q_3 =$ 1.2







Kinematic Definition



$$q_3 = \sqrt{Q^2 + q_0^2}$$
$$E_{\text{avail}} = \sum T_p + \sum T_{\pi^{\pm}}$$

From the calorimetric reconstruction, we start with the detected energy (hadronic visible energy), discounting the neutrons, we define the E_{avail} .





Inclusive charge current at low three-momentum transfer

- 1. The events should be charged current (CC)
- 2. The muon scattering angle $\theta_{\mu} < 20^{\circ}$
- 3. The muon momentum should be

$$1.5 < p_{p}$$



Analysis Definition

 $v_{\mu} < 20.0 \,\,{\rm GeV}$



Previous Results (comparison)



Neutrino/Antineutrino Low Energy

MINERvA Simulation:

GENIE 2.12.6

QE RPA

Valencia 2p2h

non-resonant pion suppression

Flux correction (ppfx + NuE constraint)

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(MnvTune v1):

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2p2h tune fit (on top of Valencia 2p2h)

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R. Gran, W&C * Fit was done in neutrinos and applied to antineutrinos.







2p2h fit in Low Energy Neutrino Result



The fit is a 2D Gaussian in the true variable (q_3, q_0) applied to 2p2h events only.

The 2p2h events involve initial-states nn or np pairs.

The systematic uncertainty takes the extreme cases reweighing nn pair, np and QE







- Data
 - MC:
- Total
- -QE
- Delta
- —2p2h
- Other

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- GENIE 2.12.6
- 2p2h tune fit (LE) (on top of Valencia 2p2h)
- non-resonant pion suppression
- QE RPA
 - <u>Coherent suppression (LE)</u>
- Best flux with ppfx + Nu+e constraint

Data sample: 3,390,718 selected events. 74,749 events (Low energy)







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non-resonant pion suppression QE RPA **Coherent suppression (LE)** Best flux with ppfx + Nu+e constraint

Differences from the LE base model: We have more bins of q_3 .

Estimating the flux, the ME result uses the $12\% \nu + e$ scattering adjustment, compared to 8% in LE.

The 3.6% muon energy scale correction is applied to the ME data.





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Overall changes are 10% to 20% in some regions of the sample.





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Even with with the tune we still have discrepancies between data and Monte Carlo



Event Selection - Medium Energy - $0.3 < q_3$ GeV < 0.6



Which component needs to be improved to have a better data-MC agreement?

Quasi-elastic region







from the initial momentum of the struck nucleon.

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Several theoretical approaches describe a tail to this distribution at higher energy transfer that will populate the dip region.

One way to enhance the QE events in the dip region is to explicitly enhance events where the struck nucleon had unusually high momentum.





Study on Quasi-elastic Region

Bodek-Ritchie Tail Enhancement



Enhancement (24%) to the initial nucleon momentum from 221 to 500 MeV

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The MC is MnvTune-v1.2 2p2h: Valencia 2p2h + 2p2h tune

We used an empirical tune. Is there another 2p2h model on the market?

2p2h region





Study on **2p2h Region**

SuSAv2 2p2h uses the RFG as a nuclear model, and it is fully relativistic.

Has new terms like the axial MEC operator and five nuclear response functions.

Valencia and SuSAv2 2p2h:

SuSAv2 2p2h: Real part of the Delta propagator in the 2p2h pion-exchange diagrams (avoid double counting).

Valencia: Partial real and Imaginary and rho resonances.



SuSAv2 enhances the dip region Valencia 2p2h tend to enhance the Delta Region

For the reweighing, the Valencia 2p2h was extended up to 2 GeV





Bodek-Ritchie Tail Enhancement with SuSAv2 2p2h



Both combinations to the dip region almost reach the MINERvA 2p2h tune making a good candidate to use as new central value.





Bodek-Ritchie Tail Enhancement with SuSAv2 2p2h



The improvement is better in high q3 regions (0.6 to 1.2 GeV)



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Which component needs to be improved to have a better data-MC agreement? **Resonant region** 3rd way to add event on the dip region **Resonant removal Energy** (inspired by QE removal energy) 1.2 cm²/sr MeV) E. J. Moniz Ca^{40} : $|\vec{q}| = 500 \text{ MeV}$ Phys. Rev. 184, 1154 – Publish $\theta = 90^{\circ}$ 1.0 II 0.8 d²σ/dΩ₂d€₂ (10⁻³² 0.6 0.4 0.2 100 200 300 500 400 0 ELECTRON ENERGY LOSS $\omega(MeV)$




Event Selection - Resonant region



* M. Kabirnezhad, Phys. Rev. D 97, 013002 (2018)

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Models/tunes to the resonant region at reconstructed level



Models/tunes to the resonant region at reconstructed level



Comparison along all the q3 regions shows a better agreement with RE. At high Eavail, the low statics makes large data points.





Defining new central value: MnvTune-v3





Double differential cross-section

Reconstructed distribution

Background distribution

 $=\frac{\sum U_{ij\alpha\beta} \left(N_{\text{data, }ij} - N_{\text{data, }ij}^{\text{bkgd}}\right)}{A_{\alpha\beta} (\Phi T) (\Delta E_{\text{avail}} \Delta q_3)}$

Normalization factor (POT, Flux integral, bin width)











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Cross-section measurement (Uncertainties)







We explore outside of the tune with the new central values (the combination of removal energy, SuSAv2, and Bodek-Ritchie tail enhancement) with more theoretically motivated modifications.

Resolving differences between data and models remains a significant challenge.

We report a new high statistical 2D measurement of inclusive charge current muon neutrino cross-section with carbon in ME and low momentum transfer.











Backup

















Results!

MC/generators	χ^2	χ^2/NI	
MNVTUNE3	1100.8	25	
MNVTUNE1.2	963.2	21.	
NuWro SF	9981.8	226.	
NuWro LFG	16363.8	371.	
GENIE3 (G18_10a_02)	14148.9	321.	













The double differential cross-section are compared with other generator:



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Event Selection

Neutrino Low Energy



Neutrino Medium Energy





Formalism describes the charged lepton scattering.

Scaling variable:

-Does not depend on momentum transfer (scaling of the first kind).

(scaling of the second kind).

$$\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi_F}} \frac{\lambda - \tau}{\sqrt{(1 + \lambda)\tau + \kappa}\sqrt{\tau(1 + \tau)}}$$

SuSA

- SuSA (Super Scaling Approximation)

- -Independent of Fermi Momentum (k_F)

$$\lambda - au$$





PUCP MINERvA Experiments

Creating neutrinos:











PUCP MINERvA Experiments



We have to take into an account the uncertainties





 v_{μ} Focusing Uncertainties 16 Fractional Shifts Horn 1 Position Horn Current Proton Beam Spot Size –– POT Counting Proton Beam Position 0.02 -0.02 Target Position — Horn 2 Position Horn Water Layer -0.0410 15 20 25 Neutrino Energy (GeV)

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EXAMPLE PUCP MINERvA Experiments









Event reconstruction:



Analysis definition



Module Number





Introduction







Figure 3.3: Big picture of neutrino production. Figure taken from [167].

















Figure 4.9: Basic working principle of photo-multiplier tube (PMT).





















Figure 6.47: Quasi-elastic RPA weight, figure taken from [227].



Model	$0.0 < q_3 < 0.2$	$0.2 < q_3 < 0.3$	$0.3 < q_3 < 0.4$	$0.4 < q_3 < 0.6$	$0.6 < q_3 < 0.9$	$0.9 < q_3 < 1.2$	total q_3
MnvTune-v3	392.055	348.078	1143.55	2150.36	2139.16	4831.46	11004.7
MnvTune-v1.2	55.197	1276.2	2398.66	7111.61	16091.7	12580.2	39513.6
RES Removal En.	138.873	1244.33	1588.71	2213.51	4047.33	4534.58	13767.3
SuSA 2p2h	344.72	2914.46	6405.35	14673.6	16161.3	10755.1	51254.6
SuSA 2p2h + B-R t.	392.573	1011.05	3340.57	8301.42	11645.4	10988.3	35679.3
Pauli B. $+$ B-S.	166.02	2099.61	2943.02	5545.34	14061.8	12635	37450.8
MK model	46.8538	1014.62	2226.67	5977.98	9325.34	7041.15	25632.6
Low $Q^2\pi$ Supp	248.074	3129.47	5531.65	11324.6	15413	4548.34	40195.1
RPA to RES	122.432	1727.42	2724.15	7083.15	17545.2	12373.6	41575.9
Bodek-Ritchie T.	888.343	248.365	1036.13	4867.08	12489.2	12093.5	31622.7









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Figure 7.16: Number of iterations vs χ^2 of "truth fake data" and unfolded distribution. Left, reconstructed MC unfolded with 1 σ RPA variantion. Right, reconstructed mc unfolded with one of the low recoil fit uncertainties. Thrown with 100 Poisson random variations.






















$$\chi^2_{ij_{\text{model}}} = (x_{i,\text{measured}} - x_{i,\text{expecte}})$$



$(x_{ij}) \times V_{ij}^{-1} \times (x_{j,\text{measured}} - x_{j,\text{expected}_{\text{model}}})$





Figure 7.29: Fractional detector uncertainty.

























 π and ρ exchanges. The effective interaction V for the particle-hole, can be [233],

 $V = c_0 \{ f_0(\rho) + f_0'(\rho)\vec{\tau}_1\vec{\tau}_2 + g_0(\rho)\vec{\tau}_1\vec{\tau}_2 + g_0(\rho)\vec{$



$$\{\phi, \sigma_1, \sigma_2\} + \vec{\tau}_1 \vec{\tau}_2 \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \sigma_1^i \sigma_2^j V_{ij}^{\sigma\tau}(q)$$
 (D.11)