

High-energy and ultrahigh-energy neutrinos: a new window for astrophysics and particle physics

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Why do we study HE&UHE neutrinos

- Astrophysics (highlighted by astro2020): Origin of HE/UHE astrophysical neutrinos
 - Sources of HE/UHE cosmic rays (> 60-year problem)
 - Cosmic particle acceleration, propagation
 - Cosmic gamma ray sources, hadronic vs leptonic mechanism
 - Dense astrophysical environments
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 - Test BSM (ν portal to DM, new ν interactions, sterile ν , magnetic moment, etc.)

Why do we study HE&UHE neutrinos: astrophysics



Dense environment

Jet

Progenitor core

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Why do we study HE&UHE neutrinos: BSM

Why HE neutrinos special for BSM:

- High energy, inaccessible by lab v experiments
- Known direction
- Travel cosmic distance, small effects accumulates to big effects
- Extremely high column density (through Earth)



2203.08096, Ackermann,, <u>BZ</u> (Snowmass WP); 1907.08690 Argüelles et al. **Fermilab Theory Seminar** 6 Final state radiation from high and ultrahigh energy neutrino interactions

Lots of HE/UHE nu telescopes running or to build

HE neutrino telescopes (~100 GeV--100 PeV)

Detector	Size	Status
IceCube	1 km ³	Running for ~14 yrs
KM3NET	1 km ³	Running, constructing
Baikal-GVD	1 km ³	Running, constructing
P-ONE	multi-km ³	Proposed
IceCube-Gen2	7.9 km ³	Proposed
TRIDENT	7.5 km ³	Prototype
Etc		

Laboratory HE nu experiments (~10 GeV--5 TeV)

Detector	Size	Status
FASERv	Neutrino beam	Running
SND@LHC	Neutrino beam	Running
FASERv2	Neutrino beam	Proposed
AdvSND@LHC	Neutrino beam	Proposed
FLArE	Neutrino beam	Proposed

UHE neutrino telescopes (>~100 PeV)

Detector	Size	Status
ANITA		Finished
ARA		Running
ARIANNA		Running
RNO-G		Constructing
PUEO		Constructing
POEMMA		Prototype
GRAND		Prototype
IceCube-Gen2 radio		Proposed
BEACON		Prototype
Etc		

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Increasing statistics requires studies of HE/UHE nu interactions

- Neutrino interactions are the cornerstone of all kinds of neutrino-related measurements
 - Astrophysics: energy spectrum, flavor composition, arrival direction, etc.
 - Particle physics: mixing parameters; all BSM studies contingent on well-understood SM interactions
- Help us to find new event classes: useful for both astrophysics and particle physics studies
 - E.g., dimuons for high-energy neutrino detection (2110.02974 <u>BZ</u>, Beacom).
- Neutrino(-nucleus) interaction theory is interesting (and sometimes difficult):
 - Neutrino only has weak interactions, but neutrino interaction studies involves much more
 - Weak, electroweak
 - QED (e.g., final state ration, W-boson and trident production)
 - Strong interactions: QCD (parton distribution functions), nuclear model, resonance prod., etc.
 - (Also detection physics because you need to detect them.)

Overview of HE&UHE neutrino interactions

Deep inelastic scattering (DIS) dominates

(as good as ~1% precision)



Gandhi+ 96&97, Connolly+ 11, Cooper-Sarkar+ 11, Bertone+ 16, etc. Most recent: Xie, et al. 2303.13607

W-boson production (WBP) is subdominant



(Seckel 1997, Alikhanov 2015, <u>BZ</u>, Beacom, 1910.08090)

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Glashow resonance important for \bar{v}_e



Glashow 1960 IceCube 2021

Cross sections



(<u>BZ</u>, Beacom, 1910.10720)

Final state radiation (FSR)

More than half a century after the establishment of the quantum electrodynamics, it still has a radiative correction of as large as tens percent to be studied.

And it has also been completely overlooked by current experiments on HE and UHE neutrinos.

Final state radiation (FSR)



Effect on total xsec: small (~1%, c.f. KLN theorem).

Effects on the differential xsec: big, due to the kinematic logs. \rightarrow So, it affects observation if charged lepton and shower are separate.

Photons from other parts of the diagram: not important



Photon from W boson: suppressed by W mass

Photon from quarks:

- 1) hard to distinguish from the hadronic cascade
- 2) $E\gamma$ small as quark energy << lepton energy

Multi-photon emission: higher order, small

A rough estimate using Sudakov form factor

Collinear log Soft log
$$F_S(s, E_{\min}) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{s}{m_\ell^2}\right) \log\left(\frac{E_\ell^2}{E_{\min}^2}\right)\right]$$

 $1-F_S$ gives the probability of radiating any photons above threshold E_{min}

For v_{μ} CCDIS ($\ell = \mu$), if we take $E_{\nu} = 10$ TeV, and $E_{min} = 0.1E_{\mu}$, we get $1 - F_S = 10\%$.

 \rightarrow So FSR is important.

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Calculation, leading log approximation

DIS cross section

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma_{\nu,\overline{\nu}}^{(0)}}{\mathrm{d}x \mathrm{d}y} = \frac{G_F M E_\nu}{\pi (1 + Q^2 / M_W^2)^2} \\ \times \left[y^2 F_1 + (1 - y) F_2 \pm x y (1 - y/2) F_3 \right]$$

from Xie et al. 2303.13607, CTEQ collaboration

Collinear log

Splitting function

$$P_{\ell \to \ell \gamma}(z) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{s}{m_{\ell}^2}\right) \left[\frac{(1+z^2)}{[1-z]_+} + \frac{3}{2}\delta(1-z)\right],$$
(6)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{(1)}}{\mathrm{d}E_{\ell}} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}y \int \mathrm{d}z \, \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{(0)}}{\mathrm{d}y} \delta(E_{\ell} - (1-y)zE_{\nu}) \\ \times \log\left(\frac{s}{m_{\ell}^2}\right) \left[\frac{1+z^2}{[1-z]_+} + \frac{3}{2}\delta(1-z)\right] \,.$$
(7)

(Plestid, <u>BZ</u>, 2303.08984)

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FSR impacts the energies of the final states from HE/UHE interactions



Correction increases with energy, up to 25%(!)

Correction on $v\mu > v\tau$, cuz m_ $\mu < m_{\tau}$

Correction on shower > charged lepton

Correction on shower further enhanced by 10—20% due to light yields from EM shower > hadronic shower

Difference between nu and nubar

(Plestid, <u>BZ</u>, 2303.08984)

Photon takes energy from the charged lepton to the shower

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FSR impacts on the inelasticity measurements

Theoretical definition:

$$y_{\rm QCD} \equiv \frac{E_X}{E_\nu} = \frac{E_\nu - E_\ell}{E_\nu}$$



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FSR impacts on the inelasticity measurements

Experimental definition:



1311.5238 IceCube coll. Science



$$y_{\rm exp} \equiv \frac{E_{\rm shower}}{E_{\rm track} + E_{\rm shower}} = y_{\rm QCD} + \frac{E_{\gamma}}{E_{\nu}}$$

$$\Delta y_{\rm avg} \equiv \left\langle y_{\rm exp} \right\rangle - \left\langle y_{\rm QCD} \right\rangle = \left\langle E_{\gamma} \right\rangle / E_{\nu}$$

Photon takes energy from the charged lepton to the shower, increasing <y>

FSR impacts on the inelasticity measurements: average y

$$y_{\text{exp}} \equiv \frac{E_{\text{shower}}}{E_{\text{track}} + E_{\text{shower}}} = y_{\text{QCD}} + \frac{E_{\gamma}}{E_{\nu}}$$
$$\Delta y_{\text{avg}} \equiv \langle y_{\text{exp}} \rangle - \langle y_{\text{QCD}} \rangle = \langle E_{\gamma} \rangle / E_{\nu}$$

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FSR impacts on the inelasticity measurements: differential



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FSR impacts HE nu observations: nu/nubar flux ratio



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FSR affects largest and smallest y bins the most, where experimental effects are also the largest

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Fig 8 of 1808.07629 IceCube Coll.

Our estimates give ~5% shift in the nu/nubar flux measurement due to FSR

FSR impacts HE nu observations: nu mixing parameters & charm production

Neutrino mixing

Inelasticity measurements help to separate nu and nubar, which helps with measuring neutrino mass hierarchy and CP violation. The sensitivity can be increased by $\simeq 30\%$. (1303.0758, 1312.0457, 2402.13308) Charm production

Neutrino DIS with charm production has a larger inelasticity than those without.

And FSR will affect these measurements through its affect on the inelasticity

FSR impacts HE nu observations: throughgoing muons & v_{τ} double bang

Throughgoing muons



$u_{ au}$ induced double bang





Not including FSR underestimates the parent neutrino energy

FSR 1) distort the energy balance the two bangs 2) reduce the detectability of the double bang signature.

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UHE nu observations: two basic kinds of detectors

In-ice radio detectors (all flavors; could distinguish flavors)



1912.00987 ARA collaboration

E.g., ARA, IceCube-Gen2 radio, PUEO, etc.

Air shower detectors (main for $v\tau$)



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E.g., GRAND, POEMMA, etc.

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FSR impacts UHE nu observations: in-ice radio detectors

For CCDIS, FSR enhances the overall detectable (shower) energy by as much as $\simeq 20\%$ and lowers the energy thresholds.



 $\nu\tau$ CC, big, up to $\simeq 20\%$

 $\nu\mu$ CC, mild

ve CC, negligible

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FSR impacts UHE nu observations: in-ice radio detectors



FSR impacts UHE nu observations: in-ice radio detectors

FSR reduces the flavor measurements A way to measure electron neutrinos (using LPM effect)



Background could be from muon/tau neutrino CC interactions.

2402.02432 Coleman et al.

Without FSR, the paper estimates that bkgd rate is ~0%.

With FSR, we estimate that bkgd rate is ~30% of signal rate

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FSR impacts UHE nu observations: air shower detectors for $\nu\tau$



(Plestid, <u>BZ</u>, 2303.08984)



Earth emergent tau ~5% effect

 $\nu\tau$ regeneration

~N*5% effect

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FSR impacts on the neutrino flux measurement

Any bias on the total detectable energy due to FSR in the previous slides will be amplified when measuring the neutrino flux normalization due to the steeply falling spectrum

 $(1 - \delta_E)^{-\Gamma} \simeq 1 - \Gamma^* \delta_E$

For example, $\Gamma=3, \delta_E=5\%$, the bias is 15% $\Gamma=3, \delta_E=20\%$ (UHE $v\tau$ CCDIS), the bias is 60%

FSR impacts HE nu detection in collider/accelerator neutrinos

Example: measuring parton distribution function (PDF) using data of FASERv (running) and future FASERv2

FASERv (running) will have $\sim 2 \times 10^{4}$ neutrino CCDIS events FASERv2 (proposed) will have $\sim 10^{6}$. Enough data to perform PDF(x, Q²) measurements

Without FSR:
$$x_{(0)} = \frac{Q_{(0)}^2}{2m_N E_X}; \quad Q_{(0)}^2 = 4E_{\nu}E_{\ell}\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta_{\ell}}{2}\right)$$

Vith FSR:
$$\frac{\Delta Q^2}{Q_{(0)}^2} \simeq -\frac{E_{\gamma}}{E_{\ell}}$$
A few percent but large statistics $\frac{\Delta x}{x_{(0)}} \simeq -\frac{E_{\gamma}}{E_X} - \frac{E_{\gamma}}{E_{\ell}}$ ~10%

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Search for HE neutrino emission from choked-jet supernova using IceCube 10 yrs of public data

Searches for the sources of high-energy neutrinosTXS 0506+056 (Blazar)NGC 1068 (Seyfert II galaxy)Tidal disrupt events



Association with ~300 TeV neutrino 3.0σ (global) 1807.08816 Science, IceCube

Neutrino flare ~2015 3.5σ (global); 1807.08794 Science, IceCube

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2.9σ (global) 1910.08488 PRL, IceCube

4.2σ (global) 2211.09972 Science, IceCube

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AT2019dsg (2005.05340), AT2019fdr (2111.09390),

AT2019aalc (2111.09391)

possibly associated with HE neutrinos found in multimessenger follow-ups

Vast majority of HE astrophysical neutrinos remain unexplained



1903.04334 Ackermann et al

2211.09972 IceCube

We must find the dominant sources of the all-sky diffuse HE astrophysical neutrinos

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Transients: gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) (<1%)



Long gamma-ray burst



1702.06868 IceCube

5-year IceCube data and 1172 GRBs GRBs contribute < 1% of HE nu

Short GRBs could also produce HE neutrinos

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Transients: choked-jet supernovae as source of HE neutrinos



1512.08513 Senno, Murase, Meszaros

Choked-jet SN: new analysis considerations Data SN sample Likelihood method

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Spatial PDF: 2D gaussian

Temporal PDF

1D gaussian of T Center: 13 days before SN max σ_T = 4 days

Remove the 19*2 double-counted events due to a misreconstruction error (found by 2110.02974 BZ, Beacom).



Energy pdf



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Found 19 dimuon candidates in IceCube public data

- Ten years of public IceCube data (1,134,450 muon events; 2008--2018)
- Data obtained after multiple strong cuts optimized for point-source search, not dimuon search.

• We analyze the data by looking for muon pairs arriving close in time and direction

List of the 19 dimuon candidates we found

MJD1 [day]	MJD2 (= MJD1)	$E_{\mu 1}$ [TeV]	$E_{\mu 2}$	RA1 [deg]	RA2	Dec1	Dec2	AngErr1	AngErr2	AngDis	DisErr
56068.26557772	56068.26557772	1.23	1.05	25.065	25.860	18.168	18.466	0.38	1.85	0.81	1.89
56115.78056499	56115.78056499	2.29	0.65	296.835	296.891	41.777	46.922	3.10	0.41	5.15	3.13
56235.14756523	56235.14756523	2.19	2.19	179.781	185.182	20.271	28.274	2.50	1.57	9.39	2.95
56582.68675378	56582.68675378	2.29	1.35	120.687	121.892	26.630	24.994	1.47	0.78	1.96	1.66
56653.19502448	56653.19502448	3.31	1.48	48.106	47.781	30.840	30.100	0.75	1.19	0.79	1.41
56784.87114671	56784.87114671	1.35	0.35	126.690	126.357	69.524	70.871	1.97	2.83	1.35	3.45
56813.78701082	56813.78701082	0.91	0.83	184.136	181.708	31.627	31.957	3.01	0.83	2.09	3.12
56895.78341718	56895.78341718	1.91	0.79	295.288	303.817	14.387	16.670	1.94	1.61	8.53	2.52
56932.15214130	56932.15214130	1.70	0.98	175.546	173.549	36.710	35.972	1.17	0.86	1.77	1.45
56940.02405671	56940.02405671	5.13	3.72	1.404	0.541	11.716	9.353	3.13	2.38	2.51	3.93
57214.99298310	57214.99298310	1.51	0.83	13.089	14.760	39.101	39.034	3.50	0.85	1.30	3.60
57376.46221142	57376.46221142	1.66	1.55	326.795	328.022	17.543	15.199	2.11	1.15	2.62	2.40
57461.19606500	57461.19606500	1.35	1.10	308.771	307.274	31.268	30.077	1.08	1.37	1.75	1.74
57499.81363094	57499.81363094	5.89	1.70	199.430	201.527	16.454	15.029	2.55	1.30	2.47	2.86
57560.74070687	57560.74070687	1.74	0.79	219.566	219.023	12.582	13.008	1.62	0.74	0.68	1.78
57650.26270928	57650.26270928	6.17	2.40	256.189	255.088	19.588	20.293	2.03	0.77	1.25	2.17
57661.79317519	57661.79317519	1.45	0.91	24.276	21.095	23.145	24.317	1.72	2.22	3.14	2.81
58003.09416087	58003.09416087	2.29	1.23	349.095	345.586	21.328	19.554	2.17	1.30	3.74	2.53
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(BZ, Beacom, 2110.02974)

Agree with our prediction that matches the cuts of the dataset



Angular distribution



(<u>BZ,</u> Beacom, 2110.02974)

19 dimuon candidates turned out to be misreconstruction error

- After our paper out, IceCube collaboration did a visual inspection to these candidates, and found that they are not real dimuons.
- They are, instead, due to an internal reconstruction error that identifies some single muons crossing the dust layer as two separate muons.

Inside IceCube detector



Digression: A bit more about dimuons...

Our predicted number of dimuons, in an ideal situation

	Sta	rting	Throughgoing			
	DIS	WBP	DIS	WBP		
IceCube, 10 yrs	37	0.3	85	6.0		
IceCube-Gen2, 10 yrs	370	5.8	231	22		

(Note IceCube has run for > 10 years)

Dimuons have important physical uses. For example:

- 1) measure strange quark PDF at higher Q^2 .
- 2) Make the first detection of W-boson production using showerless starting dimuons.

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Corrected data on GitHub:

https://github.com/beizhouphys/IceCube_data_2008--2018_double_counting_corrected

((Or just google "[my name] github") and has been used by, e.g., 2401.06571, 2404.06539

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Choked-jet SN: new analysis considerations Data SN sample Likelihood analysis

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Spatial PDF: Kent distribution (a generalized

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2D gaussian)

Temporal PDF

Gaussian time window $\sigma_T = 4$ days Center: 13 days before SN max

Energy pdf



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Choked-jet SN models

Two classes of models

1. Power-law 1706.02175 Senno, Murase, Mészáros

2. More realistic model (first time) astro-ph/0607104 Murase et al. 1306.2274 Murase & loka

Universal parameters \mathcal{E}_{CR} : isotropic equivalent cosmic ray energy injection f_{jet} : fraction of type Ib/c SNe that have jet pointing towards us



2210.03088 Chang, BZ, Murase, Kamionkowski

Choked-jet SNe: could still explain most/all of IceCube observation





 \simeq 40 times stronger than previous work 1706.02175 Senno, Murase, Mészáros 1809.09610 Esmaili, Murase

2210.03088 Chang, BZ, Murase, Kamionkowski (See also 2303.03316 by IceCube collaboration for a different scenario, f_jet≃1)

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Improving the precision of WBP calculation using 2nd generation photon PDF

W-boson production xsec (on oxygen): inelastic component dominates



Inelastic component:

- Largest cross section
- Sets the threshold (FASERv, FASERv2)
- Largest uncertainty, especially near threshold



(<u>BZ</u>, Beacom, 1910.08090)

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Inelastic component relies on the photon PDF



Increasing precision in collider physics and others requires:

- NNLO in QCD
- NLO in electroweak → photon PDF (and QED correction to the DGLAP equation)

How different photon PDFs affects WBP precision

First generation photon PDFs

NNPDF2.3_qed: Model-indep parameterization of photon pdf + LHC Drell-Yan data

MRST2004qed: Collinear photon emission from valence quark at low scale + DGLAP evolution to high scale

CT14qed: Similar to MRST, but further constrained by ZEUS ep \rightarrow ey + X, which is important





How different photon PDFs affect WBP precision

Second generation photon PDFs

LUXqed formalism (game changer): (1607.04266 Manohar et al. PRL) Proton photon PDFs written into proton structure functions \rightarrow percent level precision

MSHT20qed, first neutron photon PDF using the LUXqed formalism

CT18qed, better calculation, especially the error estimation at large x (smaller Ev).

The 2nd generation photon PDF increase WBP precision to percent level

(Xie, <u>BZ</u>, Hobbs CTEQ-TEA Coll., 2305.10497) Bei Zhou (Fermilab) Fermilab Theory Seminar





WBP: most precise calculation so far, using 2nd generation photon PDF



WBP xsec uncertainty



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The cross section data with uncertainties can be found on the GitHub webpage

https://github.com/beizhouphys/neutrino-W-bosonand-trident-production (Or just google "bei zhou github")

W-boson production vs. Glashow resonance

	Glashow resonance	W-boson production
Process	$\bar{\nu}_e + e^- \to W^-$	$\nu_l + A \rightarrow l^- + W^+ + A'$ $\bar{\nu}_l + A \rightarrow l^+ + W^- + A'$
Neutrino energy	$E_{\nu} \simeq 6.3 \ \mathrm{PeV}$	E_{v} > ~10 TeV
First predicted by	Sheldon L. Glashow	T. D. Lee & C. N. Yang
First predicted in	1960 (Phys. Rev.)	1960 (PRL)
First "Detected" in	March 2021, IceCube (2.3o; Nature)	

WBP could produce ~10 times more W bosons than Glashow resonance in IceCube

(<u>BZ</u>, Beacom, 1910.10720)

Summary

HE/UHE neutrino interactions

- Cornerstone for all physics measurements
- FSR (affects final state energy by up to 25%):
 - HE nu: inelasticity, nu/nubar flux ratio, neutrino mixing, charm prod., throughgoing muons, double bang
 - UHE nu: overall detectable energy, energy threshold, flavor measurements, earth emergent tau, nutau regeneration
- WBP: most precise calc using 2nd generation photon PDF

Choked jet SNe searches

- A very natural scenario to be studied
- Using IceCube 10 yr data but removing the double counting found in our dimuon work
- First time using realistic spectrum
- cjSN will soon be verified or excluded as the dominant HE nu source

Thanks for your attention!

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Deep inelastic scattering: CSMS2011(HERAPDF1.5@NLO) vs CT18NNLO



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Total neutrino-nucleus (Oxygen) cross section



W-boson production: First comprehensive calculation

Tridents: First calculation at TeV—PeV

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Subdominant interactions: W-boson production





Three kinematic regimes



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A bit more about FASERnu, tridents discovery (not about FSR)





Previous experiments: CHARM-II and CCFR (1990s) only had significance of ~3σ.

FASERnu2, proposed, High-Luminosity LHC era. Preliminary results: Tridents signal ($\mu \mu$): $\simeq 40$ Background: $\simeq 4(+3-1)$ Significance: $\simeq 10(+2.5-3)\sigma$

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