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Charged Current Quasi-Elastic Scattering at MINERvA

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CCQE at MINERvA

Two papers with quasi-elastic results published since the last NuInt:

- L. Fields, J. Chvojka et al. (MINERvA Collaboration), Measurement of Muon Antineutrino Quasielastic Scattering on a Hydrocarbon Target at Ev~3.5 GeV, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 022501 (2013)
- G. A. Fiorentini, D. W. Schmitz, P. A. Rodrigues et al. (MINERvA Collaboration), Measurement of Muon Neutrino Quasielastic Scattering on a Hydrocarbon Target at Ev~3.5 GeV, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 022502 (2013)



- We report neutrino and antineutrino charged-current quasi-elastic cross-sections dσ/dQ² on CH scintillator and comparisons to theoretical models
- * Additional model comparisons are being shown here for the **first time**
- * Carrie McGivern's talk will explain about further quasi-elastic analyses we're working on right now
- * And please come and see the **poster** describing all of our quasi-elastic studies









The NuMI beam



- These studies use data from the low energy run with E_v ~3.5 GeV
- Our sample studies E_v from 1.5 to 10 GeV, spanning MiniBooNE's and NOMAD's ranges
- * See Debbie Harris's talk for more beam details

For the published analyses: Antineutrino: 1.01 x 10²⁰ POT Neutrino: 9.42x 10¹⁹ POT



Our Monte Carlo: GENIE 2.6.2

Interaction models	CCQE: axial form-factor	Dipole with axial mass 0.99 GeV							
	CCQE:Vector form-factors	BBBA05							
	CCQE: Pseudoscalar form- factors	PCAC/Goldberger-Treiman							
	Resonance and coherent	Rein-Seghal							
	DIS	GRV94/GRV98 with Bodek-Yang							
	DIS and QEL charm	Kovalenko, Sov.J.Nucl.Phys.52:934 (1990)							
Nuclear effects	Nuclear model	RFG, Fermi momentum=225MeV, Pauli blocking, Bodek-Ritchie tail							
	FSI modeling	INTRANUKE-hA (S. Dytman, AIP Conf Proc, 896, pp. 178-184 (2007))							
	Hadronization model	AGKY – transitions between KNO-based and JETSET <i>T. Yang, AIP Conf. Proc.</i> 967:269-275 (2007)							
	Formation zone	SKAT							

C. Andreopoulos, et al., NIM 288A, 614, 87 (2010)

CCQE signal definition

- Our signal is defined as an event in which the primary interaction is quasi-elastic (regardless of final-state particles)
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Event selection: tracks: v



- Muon track charge matched in MINOS as a μ⁺
- * No additional tracks from the vertex
- The ejected neutron may scatter, leaving an energy deposit, but it does not make a track from the vertex



Event selection: tracks: v



- Muon track charge matched in MINOS as a μ⁻
- * No requirement on the number of additional tracks from the vertex
- The ejected proton may make a track, as in the example
- An alternate study requires this proton track - see Carrie McGivern's talk



Event selection: isolated energy

 $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} + p \rightarrow \mu^{+} + n$

Antineutrino mode



- Energy deposits outside of the muon track, excluding cross-talk
- Neutron scattering may deposit energy
- Frequently, only the muon track is visible; no isolated deposits
- This cut makes little difference at low Q², but greatly improves purity at high Q²



Antineutrino - maximum 1 isolated



Neutrino - maximum 2 isolated deposits 9

Event selection: recoil energy



 30 g/cm^2 for neutrino mode Contains < 225 MeV protons Antineutrino mode exclude 10 g/cm² Contains < 120 MeV protons

- * Backgrounds typically contain pions, which will deposit energy in the detector
- * A cut is therefore made on the total calorimetrically-corrected recoil energy
- * The energy is summed over the region shown
- * The area around the vertex is excluded, as it is suspected that nuclear effects could lead to additional low-energy nucleons in this area, even in CCQE events

Event selection: recoil



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Summary of cuts

- The muon must be matched to a MINOS track
 - * μ^{-} for neutrino mode; μ^{+} for antineutrino mode
- The event vertex must be within the fiducial volume
 - within the central 110 planes of the scintillator tracking region
 - no closer than 22cm to any edge of the planes
- There must be no tracks apart from the muon (antineutrino mode)
- We limit the number of isolated energy showers
 - maximum 2 (neutrino) or 1 (antineutrino)
- * We make the Q²-dependent recoil energy cut
- We cut on reconstructed neutrino energy: 1.5<E_vQE<10GeV

$$E_{\nu}^{QE} = \frac{m_n^2 - (m_p - E_b)^2 - m_{\mu}^2 + 2(m_p - E_b)E_{\mu}}{2(m_p - E_b - E_{\mu} + p_{\mu}\cos\theta_{\mu})}$$

(Formula for antineutrino mode; for neutrino mode switch m_p and m_n . E_b is binding energy; this is 30 MeV for antineutrino mode, and 34 MeV for neutrino.)







 ν : 47% efficiency, 49% purity

Background subtraction



- Backgrounds include events such as
 - * Quasi-elastic-like resonant events, where the pion is absorbed
 - QE-like deep-inelastic scattering events
 - Other DIS or resonant events which are not removed by our cuts

Background subtraction: before



These plots show data for **antineutrinos, before** the background fit

We use data to estimate our backgrounds by performing a fraction fit of simulated signal and background recoil energy distributions from our Monte Carlo, in each of 4 Q² bins

Background subtraction: after



These plots show data for **antineutrinos, after** the background fit

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Background scales



The background scales are shown for both antineutrinos and neutrinos

Unfolding



Efficiency and acceptance



- The MINOS-match requirement limits acceptance at high muon angle
- See Carrie McGivern's talk for ways to address this

Cross-sections



 To get a final cross-section, we normalize by number of target nucleons, number of protons on target and integrated (anti)neutrino 1.5-10 GeV flux per proton on target

	Antineutrino	Neutrino
Protons on target	1.01 e20	9.42 e19
Integrated flux (1.5-10 GeV)	2.43 e-8 / cm^2/POT	2.91 e-8 / cm^2/POT
Target nucleons	1.91 e30 protons	1.65 e30 neutrons

Systematic uncertainties $(\bar{\nu})$



- Plot above shows absolute uncertainties
- Plot to right shows shape-only uncertainties
- * Flux dominates the absolute uncertainty
- Uncertainty in flux mostly affects normalization, not shape
- Statistical uncertainties dominate the shape distribution, and total uncertainty is reduced

Flux uncertainty

- ••• * Statistical uncertainty
 - Hadron interaction model uncertainty
 - Total uncertainty



Comparing cross-sections to models

We use two frameworks for modeling cross-sections:

GENIE, the Monte Carlo we use to estimate our acceptance C. Andreopoulos, et al., NIM 288A, 614, 87 (2010)

NuWro (see T. Golan's talk at NuInt14) K. M. Graczyk and J. T. Sobczyk, Eur. Phys. J. C31, 177 (2003)

And the following nuclear models:

- * Relativistic Fermi Gas (RFG) (GENIE and NuWro) R. Smith and E. Moniz, Nucl.Phys. B43, 605 (1972); A. Bodek, S. Avvakumov, R. Bradford, and H. S. Budd, J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 110, 082004 (2008) ; K. S. Kuzmin, V. V. Lyubushkin, and V. A. Naumov, Eur.Phys.J. C54, 517 (2008)
 - * Constant binding energy; Fermi-distributed momenta. p_F=225 MeV (GENIE), 221 MeV (NuWro)
- * Spectral functions (SF) (NuWro only) O. Benhar, A. Fabrocini, S. Fantoni, and I. Sick, Nucl. Phys. A579, 493 (1994)
 - * takes correlations into account when calculating initial-state momenta and removal energies
- Local Fermi Gas (LFG) (NuWro only)
 - * Fermi momentum and binding energy are a function of position in the nucleus
 - Pauli blocking is less restrictive than for RFG
- Random Phase Approximation (RPA) (NuWro only)
 - Models long-range correlations due to particle-hole excitations
 - RPA suppresses the cross-section at low Q²

New

models

Corrections for nuclear effects

- We can simulate interactions between initial-state nucleons by adding a correction term to our nuclear models
- On our plots, we indicate a cross-section modified in this way by using a dotted line in * the same color as the initial nuclear model that was modified
- We currently have two different simulations for these effects: *
 - The transverse enhancement model (TEM) parameterizes an enhancement seen in electron-nucleus scattering data, by modifying the magnetic form-factor. This is believed to be caused by nucleon-nucleon correlations. It is a correction to nuclear models without RPA. A. Bodek, H. Budd, and M. Christy, Eur. Phys. J. C71, 1726 (2011)
 - The Nieves model includes meson-exchange current diagrams. Some of these * diagrams correspond to nucleon-nucleon correlations. It is a correction to nuclear models with RPA. J. Nieves, I. Ruiz Simo and M. J. Vicente Vacas, Phys. Rev. C 83 (2011) 045501



Today's distributions

- * The plots I show today use NuWro version nuwro11p, a newer version that was used in our 2013 papers
- * We also use our latest MINERvA reconstruction code, including an improved flux measurement
 - * However, systematics have not been recalculated
 - * Instead , for these preliminary plots, we use the new central values, with the total uncertainty values as used in our 2013 papers
- * In all plots, the inner marker on the error bars represents statistical uncertainty, while the outer marker represents total uncertainty

Cross-section model comparisons



- It's hard to distinguish between the different curves, especially at high Q² where the cross-section is small
- * A **ratio plot** will make it easier to see the differences

Preliminary



Rate model comparisons $(\bar{\nu})$



- Here, we have taken a ratio to our GENIE Monte Carlo distribution, to make it easier to differentiate between models
- Due to flux uncertainty, a shapeonly fit may be still more valuable



Antineutrino: shape-only ratio (RFG)



Data appears to favor TEM, suggesting initial-state nucleon-nucleon correlations

Antineutrino: shape-only ratio (LFG)



Again, the TEM model appears promising, as does RPA. However, we must also consider **correlations between bins** when evaluating the models

χ^2 for fits to antineutrino data

Prelin	ninary		
	Model	Rate χ ² /d.o.f (8 degrees of freedom)	Shape χ²/d.o.f (7 degrees of freedom)
	GENIE RFG M _A =0.99	2.2	2.44
	NuWro RFG M _A =0.99	1.19	1.37
	NuWro RFG M _A =1.35	1.98	1.27
	NuWro RFG M _A =0.99 + TEM	0.667	0.447
	NuWro SF M _A =0.99	1.89	2.61
	NuWro LFG M _A =0.99	3.61	3.97
	NuWro LFG + RPA M _A =0.99	0.771	0.953
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	NuWr	While this line does not appear	to be a good	2.61		
	NuWr	match to data, negative correlation bins mean its y^2 is much lower t	ons between	3.97		
	NuWr	appear. This is to do with the sha	0.953			
	NuWr	relative to the data, rather than	its absolute	1.09		
	NuWro	$LFG + RPA + Nieves M_A=0.99$	7.06	4.63		

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Rate model comparisons (v)



Preliminary



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 Again, a shape-only comparison with models would avoid misleading results due to flux uncertainty

Preliminary



Neutrino: shape-only ratio (RFG)



Neutrino: shape-only ratio (LFG)



Again, the TEM model appears promising, but the χ^2 will be able to tell us about how the models compare when we take correlations into account

χ^2 for fits to neutrino data

Prelin	ninary Model	Rate χ²/d.o.f (8 degrees of freedom)	Shape χ²/d.o.f (7 degrees of freedom)
	GENIE RFG M _A =0.99	1.86	2.06
	NuWro RFG M _A =0.99	1.47	1.66
	NuWro RFG M _A =1.35	3.38	1.99
	NuWro RFG M _A =0.99 + TEM	2.92	2.26
	NuWro SF M _A =0.99	2.64	3.43
	NuWro LFG M _A =0.99	4.77	5.3
	NuWro LFG + RPA M _A =0.99	1.73	1.83
	NuWro LFG + TEM M _A =0.99	3.53	2.75
	NuWro LFG + RPA + Nieves M _A =0.99	5.49	4.1

χ^2 for $\bar{\nu}$ and ν rates, combined

Prolin	ninary		
		Model	Combined rate χ²/d.o.f (16 degrees of freedom)
	GENIE I	RFG M _A =0.99	2.04
	NuWro	RFG M _A =0.99	1.53
	NuWro	RFG $M_A=1.35$	3.14
	NuWro	$RFG M_A = 0.99 + TEM$	1.92
	NuWro	SF M _A =0.99	2.22
	NuWro	LFG M _A =0.99	3.88
	NuWro	LFG + RPA $M_A=0.99$	1.93
	NuWro	LFG + TEM $M_A=0.99$	2.59
	NuWro	LFG + RPA + Nieves M _A =0.99	5.79

Comments on model fits

- Correlations between bins can have a dramatic effect on χ² values, and cannot be ignored when determining goodness of fit
- * **Shape-only** comparisons help reduce flux uncertainty, but have much more significant bin-bin correlations
- * Antineutrino mode, in particular, hints at possible nuclear effects including **nucleon-nucleon correlations**
- Our nuclear models are complex and involve the convolution of several elements (initial state momentum distributions, correlation models etc).
 - * Our results are due to the combined effect of the elements used in each model
 - * We do not yet have enough information to draw a conclusion about whether the specific models can reproduce our data

Energy around the vertex



R. Subedi et al.2008 Science 320 1476

- Transverse enhancement parameterizes a model with correlated pairs of nucleons
- If a neutrino interacts with a paired nucleon, its partner may also be ejected



- Recall that we neglected an area around the vertex when we counted the total recoil energy
- * We now compare the non-track energy deposited within that region to our Monte Carlo, to look for evidence of **additional nucleons**
- Our "vertex region" would contain nucleons with an energy up to 225 MeV (neutrino mode) or 120 MeV (antineutrino mode)

Vertex energy - extra protons



- Modeling an additional proton 25±9% of the time gave the best fit to the data
- Final state protons suggests initial state proton-neutron correlations
- This would explain why no such effect was seen for antineutrino mode; we would expect low-energy neutrons, to which we have low sensitivity

- * A harder neutrino-mode energy spectrum is seen in data than Monte Carlo
- * It is not seen in antineutrino mode
- We simulated extra protons with kinetic energies up to 225 MeV to see how this would change the Monte Carlo distribution



Summary

- MINERνA has measured differential cross-sections dσ/dQ² for both neutrino and antineutrino quasi-elastic scattering from scintillator
- * The data suggest a **transverse enhancement model**, which parameterizes nucleon-nucleon correlations, may be a good fit
- * We saw evidence of additional **low-energy protons** around the vertex in neutrino-mode interactions, around 25% of the time.
- * This suggests proton-neutron correlations.
- * We are keen to work with theorists to compare our data with models as they are developed
- * Several further studies are underway: see Carrie McGivern's talk

Thank you!

Backup slides

Event selection: recoil

QE

Not QE



Background subtraction: before



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- Plots show fits for neutrinos

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MINOS-match requirement



* MINOS-match requirement limits angular acceptance



Purity



Unfolding - neutrino mode



Migration matrices for unfolding



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Reco Bins

Systematics (neutrino)



- Hadron interaction model uncertainty is greater in neutrino mode
- This refers to GENIE's modeling of finalstate interactions
- Remember our signal is true CCQE as defined by primary interaction, but all we can identify in our data is QE-like

- Flux uncertainty
- Statistical uncertainty
 - Hadron interaction model uncertainty
 - * Total uncertainty



Vertex resolution < 5mm



Q^2_{QE} resolution ~ $Q^2_{QE}/4$





Angular resolution: x-z plane, $\bar{\nu}$



µ = -0.419

RMS: 0.437

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True - Reconstructed Muon X-Z Angle (degrees True - Reconstructed Muon X-Z Angle (degrees) True - Reconstructed Muon X-Z Angle (degrees)

1 - 4°,

>4°

Angular resolution: x-z plane, ν



RMS: 0.741

 0.74°

-2

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0.8

0.6

0.3



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Angular resolution: y-z plane, $\bar{\nu}$



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Angular resolution: y-z plane, ν







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 $\theta_{\mu,y} < 1^{\circ},$

1 - 4°,

 $>4^{\circ}$

Note: the beam is

in the y-z plane,

slightly

misaligned

from the z axis

Muon energy resolution, $\bar{\nu}$



Muon energy resolution, ν



χ^2 for fits to published $\bar{\nu}$ data

NuWro model	RFG	RFG +TEM	RFG	SF
M _A (GeV)	0.99	0.99	1.35	0.99
Rate $\chi^2/d.o.f$	2.64	1.06	2.9	2.14
Shape χ²/ d.o.f	2.9	0.66	1.73	2.99

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Rate $\chi^2/d.o.f$	3.5	2.4	3.7	2.8
Shape χ²/ d.o.f	4.1	1.7	2.1	3.8

Correlation matrix - absolute

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Q^{2}_{QE} bin (ν)	7	0.20	0.15	0.16	0.23	0.32	0.45	0.30	0.21	0.41	0.46	0.46	0.48	0.60	0.76	1.00	0.89	_	0.8
	6	0.33	0.30	0.31	0.37	0.42	0.51	0.34	0.27	0.69	0.73	0.75	0.79	0.86	1.00	0.76	0.74		
	5	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.38	0.19	0.13	0.83	0.88	0.93	0.95	1.00	0.86	0.60	0.51		0.6
	4	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.42	0.37	0.29	0.10	0.05	0.87	0.92	0.94	1.00	0.95	0.79	0.48	0.39	_	0.4
	3	0.44	0.44	0.45	0.41	0.37	0.27	0.08	0.04	0.88	0.91	1.00	0.94	0.93	0.75	0.46	0.36		
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	7	0.36	0.34	0.35	0.43	0.54	0.64	1.00	0.75	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.19	0.34	0.30	0.34	_	-0.2
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	4	0.90	0.90	0.94	1.00	0.93	0.82	0.43	0.41	0.38	0.39	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.37	0.23	0.18	_	-0.6
	3	0.91	0.91	1.00	0.94	0.88	0.73	0.35	0.32	0.42	0.42	0.45	0.44	0.41	0.31	0.16	0.10		0.0
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Correlation matrices: shape-only



- The strong positive and negative correlations between bins can lead to surprisingly low χ²/NDF when data is compared to models that at first glance seem poor fits
- * Conversely, a model that appears to be a good fit can have a poor χ^2/NDF

- * Red indicates positive correlation
- Blue indicates negative correlation

