

The GENIE *

Neutrino Monte Carlo Generator (a status update)

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Neutrino interactions: from theory to Monte Carlo simulations

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It has been a fantastic school !

Students worked hard. They learnt how to use the codes and analyse event samples and performed the first cross-generator (GENIE/NEUT/NUANCE/NuWRO/FLUKA) comparisons we have seen for years!

We had the chance to:

- get feedback from students
- exchange notes with other experts

Very instructive for all of us.

Jan, Danuta, Artur, Cezary, all

THANK YOU!





• GENIE – Overview (& a bit of history)

• Current production release (v2.4.2): Physics & capabilities

• Improvements in upcoming releases



A bit of history

GENIE evolved from *neugen* / Many models within GENIE have long history.

Neugen originates from the Soudan2 expt.

Soudan2: A proton decay experiment in the ~80's Back then: vA a background.





Heavily re-developed for MINOS analyses

Cross section model partially re-written / re-tuned.

Hadronic simulations almost completely re-written. <u>Many year*FTE effort!</u>



NuINT01 / 'Call to arms'

[early ~2000]

- Entering a precision era in neutrino physics:

Neutrino interaction uncertainties start to matter!

- Also, changes in software devel paradigm:

C++ expt. offline softw., Geant4, ROOT

Needed a Universal Neutrino MC

Many (~ 6+) major fortran generators in use. Developed by small groups / very experiment-specific. Mostly 'similar' but with no trivial / not understood differences.

For the longer term, the efforts of many will be required to produce a carefully-tested and universal model of neutrino interactions. In addi-

cal guidance and new experimental data will be vital. Still, with the success of NUINT'01 and the promise of renewed and expanded collaboration punctuated and reinforced by future NUINT workshops, it is not too optimistic to hope that within a relatively few years, members of the neuWeak Interactions (Springer, Berlin 2000).

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From D.Casper's NuINT01 conference proceedings





Generates Events for Neutrino Interaction Experiments

A Neutrino Monte Carlo Generator (and extensive toolkit)

Validity: from few MeV to many hundreds of GeV / handles all nuclear targets

Large scale effort: 110,000 lines of C++

Modularity / Flexibility / Extensibility: *Models can be swapped in/out. Models can be easily reconfigured. All done consistently.*

Licensed: To ensure <u>openness</u> and synergies between experiments

State of the art physics: *GENIE has lots of developers & support. Draws heavily from many people's expertise*

Full list of collaborators at http://collaboration.genie-mc.org



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Who is using GENIE now?

Primary clients are the current / near future medium energy experiments:

– T2K

- nd280
- SuperK
- ingrid
- MINOS
- NovA
- MINERvA
- ArgoNEUT
- MicroBooNE
- EU LAr R&D projects

After ~4 yrs of development (from scratch) now have a nearly universal neutrino physics MC (an important tool for physics exploitation for the next decade++)



GENIE already interfaced to most of these expts & used in physics MC prod.





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Physics in GENIE v2.4.*



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Neutrino Interaction Simulation `steps'



Note: A simplified picture





"Divide & conquer"





The GENIE cross section model



- RES: Rein-Sehgal / incoherent / 16 resonances up to W=2GeV
- Non-resonance background
- COH pi production: Rein-Sehgal / includes updated PCAC
- DIS: latest Bodek-Yang
 - Including parametrization of the longitudinal structure function FL
 - Including NuTeV parameterization of nuclear effects



Free-nucleon cross section → Nuclear cross sections





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Fermi Gas model in GENIE



Moving to a spectral function implementation

Option currently available in GENIE

Switch to a S/F momentum profile and use the average binding energy at each momenum





Moving to a spectral function implementation

Measurable effect to observable distributions



Moving to a spectral function implementation

This workshop has catalysed the process

- Enlightening talks by Omar Benhar during the school

- Analytical S/F's for C,O,Ca,Ar,Fe available by Artur Ankowski

- Figuring out how to do inclusive e- scattering in GENIE (for model validation)



More 'rare' processes included in GENIE >>>



Coherent pion production



Cross section computed as in Rein, Sehgal, hep-ph/0606185

Including the PCAC formula with the non-vanishing muon mass causing destructive interference between AV and PS amplitudes.



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ve- elastic

Fairly standard.

Cross sections implemented as in W.J.Marciano and Z.Parsa, J.Phys.G: Nucl.Part. Phys.29 (2003) 2629.

Radiative corrections currently neglected.



QEL charm production

S.G.Kovalenko, Sov.J.Nucl.Phys.52:934 (1990) re-scaled to NOMAD limit



 $\nu + n \rightarrow l^- + \Lambda_c^+(2285)$ $\nu + n \rightarrow l^- + \Sigma_c^+(2455)$ $\nu + p \rightarrow l^{-} + \Sigma_{c}^{++}(2455)$



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DIS charm production





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Hadronic simulations in GENIE



Hadronization modelling





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Hadronization modelling

predict hadron shower particle content & particle 4-momenta

• Standard tools of the trade (*PYTHIA/JETSET, HERWIG*) don't work at the low hadronic invarant masses which are of interest to us

•Important to get that right

•Determines shower shapes & particle content

•Eg, electromagnetic (pi0) fraction of the shower -> nue backgrounds

•Eg, CC/NC shower shapes -> CC/NC PIDs

•Used to decompose inclusive vN->IX to exclusive contributions

•Eg, Contribution of 1 pi DIS channels in RES/DIS transition region



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The GENIE hadronization model

At low hadronic invariant masses:

- severe kinematical constraints limit dynamics
- effective model using KNO scaling and data-driven modelling of average multiplicities, forward/backward asymmetries, pT-dep. Etc...

At high hadronic invariant masses:

- rich dynamics
- using JETSET model
- tuned energy cutoff, pT, ssbar suppression (as in NUX)
- not really relevant at t2k energies



Andreopoulos-Gallagher-Keyahias-Yang

Minos kinematical coverage at PH2LE beam (spans a large area of kinematical phase space space - t2k much more limited)



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Simple arguments (charge conservation, quark model) to derive particle spectrum





At the hadronic CM, **the nucleon direction be should be correlated with the diquark direction** (opposite to the direction of the momentum transfer q)







Fig. 11: K_F normalised distributions for protons (v) WA24 data) and lambda's (VA21 data, Bossetti et al, Nucl. Phys. B194, 1 (1982)].

Cooper, Neutrino 82, proceedings





Figure 5. Pion x_F vs p_T^2 , in the hadronic CM, for a (p, π^0, π^+) system decayed with invariant mass W = 1.6 GeV, where, for convenience, the p4_{meson `remnants'} =
p4_{X} p4_{nucleon from target fragments}

Meson 4-momenta:

Boosting to the remnant hadronic system CM and performing a phase space decay.

A pT-limited decay to match experimental pion PT distribution.



The GENIE hadronization model – Data/MC comparisons

Model does very good job against a diverse host of data

examples:



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example:



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Neutral / charged pion correlation



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The GENIE hadronization model – Data/MC comparisons



For more data/mc comparisons see GENIE-PUB/2007/002 and T.Yang's talk/proceedings at NuINT07

The model and its shortcomings are very well understood. Improvements for low multiplicity (n=2) hadronic systems under way

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Hadronization in nuclei: Formation zone

Hadron momentum

$$fzone = \frac{P \times ct_0 \times m}{m^2 + K \times P_T^2}$$

Transverse hadron momentum

In v2.4.: K=0, ct0 = 0.342 fm*

SKAT parameterization:

No intranuclear rescattering within formation zone

(SKAT) model dependence



Intranuclear hadron transport





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The GENIE hadron transport modelling

Transport primary (and secondary, tertiary, ...) hadrons out of the hit nucleus. Allow hadron interactions in the nuclear matter. Predict particle spectrum & particle 4-momenta "outside" the hit nucleus



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Intranuclear rescattering



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Severe effect on observed topologies

		Topology before									
Topology after	$0\pi X$	$\pi^0 X$	$\pi^+ X$	$\pi^- X$	$\pi^0\pi^+X$	$\pi^0\pi^-X$	$\pi^+\pi^-X$	$2\pi^0 X$	$2\pi^+X$	$2\pi^-X$	$\geq 3\pi X$
$0\pi X$	6053177	291116	520783	72611	9949	1843	6236	3037	2073	195	2390
$\pi^0 X$	26265	902112	87831	11465	42229	7916	1746	23933	616	49	10371
$\pi^+ X$	42820	26243	1655899	481	41826	157	24599	483	16408	0	12490
$\pi^- X$	4502	24564	15	243424	700	7874	24536	435	0	1253	6633
$\pi^0\pi^+X$	9948	21378	28679	5758	194323	594	5082	2770	2877	24	41100
$\pi^0\pi^-X$	0	44	2	1	93	35773	3630	1690	0	198	17552
$\pi^+\pi^-X$	16804	183	146	1846	3058	584	108396	38	0	3	40218
$2\pi^0 X$	0	0	0	0	6002	1171	113	54246	52	0	21323
$2\pi^+X$	1225	128	9496	19	3533	1	298	24	37812	0	18160
$2\pi^-X$	0	0	0	13	0	584	0	20	0	2833	2891
$\geq 3\pi X$	5352	6480	11459	2221	13563	2661	8282	4133	2416	126	566980
Total	6160093	1272248	2314310	337839	315276	59158	182918	90809	62254	4681	740108



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The GENIE hadron transport modelling

Currently have 2 alternative models (using different techniques) -

Development of both is led by Steve Dytman





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Stepping primary hadrons within the target nucleus





- Hadrons stepped by 0.05 fm at a time
- Hadrons traced till they reach r_max = N * R_nucl = N * R0 * A^(1/3) (R0 = 1.4, N = 3.0) so as to include the effects of the tails (Fe56: R_nucl=5.36fm, r_max=16.07fm)
- The nuclear density distribution is `stretched' by n times the de Broglie wavelength of the tracked particle (n=1 for nucleons, n=0.5 for pions).



INTRANUKE/hA considers 5 types of 'hadron fates' (some may include many channels)





Fractions taken mostly from data

Final state hadron 4-momenta generated using built-in expt distributions and phase space decays.



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Nuclear excitations



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INTRANUKE/hA Data/MC comparisons

Much effort went into validation – utilising experience from non-neutrino probes, mainly hadron+A reactions

Lot of effort in tuning mean free path & including the elastic contrib – difficult to model in context of INC



MC experiments': throw hadrons into nuclei, 'measure cross sections' and compare with data.



GENIE models – A summary

Cross section model

- QEL: Llewellyn-Smith with any of Sachs/BBA03/BBA05 elastic f/f
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- Many other more rare channels: DIS & QEL charm / ve- elastic / inv.mu-decay/...

Nuclear model

- Fermi Gas model
- Including high momentum tail due to N-N correlations modelled from eN data
- "Standard" FG prescription for off-shell kinematics...

Transition region cross section modelling

- Non resonance background modelled from DIS & AGKY hadronization
- Tuned to the world exclusive multi-pion cross section data

Neutrino-induced primary hadronic shower modelling

- AGKY
- Effective KNO-based hadronization at low-W
- Switching gradually to PYTHIA/JETSET at high-W
- SKAT-type formation zone parametrization

Intranuclear hadron transport

- INTRANUKE/hA model
- Anchored to a set of hadron+Fe56
- Scaled to all nuclei

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Fairly standard at all v MCs

Careful implementation as MINOS spans a huge kinematical region (E ~ <1 to >100 GeV)

Unique to GENIE



GENIE includes an extensive toolkit

Facilitate experiments in

- Propagating vA uncertainties in physics measurements
- Generate realistic MC for complex experimental situations



Event Reweighting >>>





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Handling complex event generation cases

Using off-the-shelf components

Event generation: A complicated convolution of things:



Improvements in upcoming releases

Much faster geometry navigation code.

Support for event generation in user-defined `fiducial volume' not necessarily corresponding to any actual geometry volume.

Including specialised drivers for NuMI beam-line experiments (as we already did for the JPARC expts)



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Further physics improvements In upcoming releases >>>

Many important changes are in the pipeline



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Near future improvements

New intranuclear cascade

See Steve's talks during the school

New hN model successful in describing a broad set of features.

Some issues to resolve.

Development ~80% done.

hN can feed-back to the faster & reweightable hA model





Updated nuclear model

Full spectral function implementation – using de Forest kinematic prescription Using C,O,Ca,Ar,Fe S/F parameterizations by Artur Ankowski



New reaction channels



Near future improvements cont'd

Adding coherent diffractive scattering in v2.6.0

Adding coherent elastic scattering in v2.8.0



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Near future improvements cont'd Short and long range correlations





- 18% np
- 1% nn
- 1% pp







Near future improvements cont'd

Some changes to the B/Y structure funcions & R/S form factors. **Global cross section model retuning**.

Improvements at AGKY strange particle production

Improvements at AGKY fwd/bwd asymmetry

Improvements at angular distributions of resonance decays

...



Summary

Heavily validated and robust comprehensive MC generator

Nearly universal!

Provides high quality simulations for T2K, MINOS, MINERvA, NOvA

Roadmap to v3.0.0

Advancing simulations beyond current level (S/F nuclear model, state-of-the art hadronization & cascade models, comprehensive list of simulated processes, short/long range correlations, ...)

For: Final MINOS analyses, first T2K analyses, first MINERvA analyses, ...

