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T2K strategy on crosssections: a personal view

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Overview

- What is T2K?
- Global strategy T2K:
 - Fits for oscillations.
 - Improving models for oscillations beyond oscillations
- Future:
 - N280 upgrade
 - Expectations
- Recap



T2K experiment







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Wall MRD

+ INGRID MUMON







T2K strategy

- Since the neutrino energy is not monochromatic:
 - we need to determine event by event the energy of the neutrino.
- This estimation is not perfect and the cross-section does not cancels out in the ratio.

$$\frac{N_{events}^{far}(E_{\nu})}{N_{events}(E_{\nu})} = \frac{\int \sigma(E_{\nu}')\Phi(E_{\nu}')P(E_{\nu}|E_{\nu}')P_{osc}(E_{\nu}')dE_{\nu}'}{\int \sigma(E_{\nu}')\Phi(E_{\nu}')P(E_{\nu}|E_{\nu}')dE_{\nu}'}$$

• The neutrino oscillations introduce differences in the flux spectrum and the ratio does not cancel the cross-sections.





Neutrino interaction model arXiv:2303.03222v2

- As an example on the model migration efforts the new model used in oscillations include:
- New spectral-function based nuclear model for charged-current quasi-elastic (CCQE) interactions;
 - introducing an additional and additional and additional and additional and additional and additional and a second and a se
 - uncertainty for the nucleo
- Nuclear cascade model fo. external data.







Model degrees of freedom

- This is one of the most delicate issues in the oscillation fits.
- Degrees of freedom should be such that:
 - has a physical motivation.
 - can be applied as reweights to the Monte-Carlo events:
 - not always obvious when the available phase space is not covered by nominal MC: bind energy, Pauli blocking, etc...
 - are adapted to the model in use.

T2K does not consider these modified models as true models, but as a way to parametrise the cross-section to adapt to experimental results.

Near detector data

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All are duplicated in FGD1 (pure CH) and FGD2 (CH+O)



Near detector data fits

- Fits are done in the usual $(p_{\mu}, \cos\theta_{\mu})$ variables.
 - other ones are some function of them (like $E_{reco} = f(p_{\mu}, \cos\theta_{\mu})$).
 - This could be useful to improve the binning of the data, but not used so far.
- The presence of protons in those samples can be seen as a 2 bin in proton momentum (< 450 MeV/c and > 450 MeV/c).
 - Proton information is not used in the fits (maybe in future with the incorporation of complex variables).



Latest published model (2020 model) contains:



+ 2p2h normalisation for neutrinos antineutrinos and Carbon/Oxygen

Flux +

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Requires a dedicated talk







N280 fit result

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Fit improvement



Improving models for oscillations beyond oscillation fits

- The oscillation methodology works better when the fitted model is the best.
- T2K carry out measurements to improve/constrain models.
- Several approaches:
 - 1. explore **inclusive distributions** for CC0π and CCNπ (point 3 and 4 should work better).
 - 2. explore measurements **at different off-axis** (combined modified neutrino spectrum results).
 - explore combinations of reactions: CC0π + CC1π to better control backgrounds.
 - 4. Compare Carbon vs Oxygen enriched samples.
 - 5. Explore very sensitive parameters: normally transverse variables.



Using detectors at different locations





- Same target CH.
- Different technology
- different flux







Using detectors at different locations

arXiv:2303.14228v1



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CC0π inclusive measurement

with protons and no protons in final state



Magnet



arXiv:2303.14228v1

Using detectors at different locations

on-axis



100

0.0 0.5 1.0

1.5 2.0

2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0

Reconstructed p. (GeV/c)

Sample I : µTPC

G 2500









off-axis





arXiv:2303.14228v1



Using detectors at different locations



The presence of the two v spectra reduces the degeneracies caused by the flux



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The cross-section can be compared directly with models and it is provided to the theory community

Model	ND280	INGRID	Joint
Nominal MC (NEUT)	136.34	18.21	158.71
NEUT LFG+Nieves	106.46	11.46	116.26
NEUT SF+Nieves $M_A = 1.03$	194.88	14.36	209.18
NEUT SF+Nieves $M_A = 1.21$	158.71	9.98	170.93
NuWro SF+Nieves	122.74	15.68	137.02
NuWro LFG+Nieves	125.88	12.75	141.04
NuWro LFG+SuSAv2	121.57	11.13	135.38
NuWro LFG+Martini	138.86	12.46	155.68
GENIE BRRFG+EmpMEC	141.40	12.80	156.05
GENIE LFG+Nieves	125.50	14.45	135.69

Difficult to extract more information:

- 1. model comparison —> input for decisions
- 2. fit "a la" ocillations



Carbon vs Oxygen

• This is one of the "issues" with T2K.

arXiv:2004.05434v2

Can we control the difference?

- ND is "mostly" Carbon target
- Far detector is mostly Hydrogen.

• The cross-section prediction in Oxygen from Carbon has systematic uncertainties.





- We can perform the measurement in the C+O detector and subtract the C measurement.
- Subtraction is inefficient statistically:

7 xy + 6 water modules 192x2 bars/layer

 δ^2

$$\sigma_O = \sigma_{C+O} - \sigma_C$$
$$\sigma_O = \delta^2 \sigma_{C+O} + \delta^2 \sigma_C$$





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Extract the Carbon and Oxygen cross-sections per nucleon & model comparison

Generator	result	Total χ^2 (shape only)	χ^2 w/o last $\cos\theta_{\mu}$ bin	only O χ^2	only C χ^2	O/C ratio χ^2
1		(ndof = 58)	(ndof = 50)	(ndof = 29)	(ndof = 29)	(ndof = 29)
NEUT 5.4.1 LFG	reg.	44.8 (58.6)	17.9 (21.1)	26.0 (34.5)	15.2 (20.1)	30.8
	unreg.	44.4 (62.3)	17.3(22.5)	26.4(39.1)	14.0 (19.4)	30.6
NEUT $5.4.0$ SF	reg.	111.0 (156.8)	45.3 (69.0)	50.0 (77.6)	40.1(58.3)	31.7
	unreg.	116.8 (166.7)	45.1 (70.1)	53.7(86.5)	38.6(56.2)	32.2
NuWro 18.2 LFG	reg.	64.7 (83.7)	21.0 (30.5)	31.9 (45.0)	23.5(31.5)	33.1
1.1.1.1.1	unreg.	66.8 (88.7)	21.1(32.1)	32.9(49.9)	22.6 (30.6)	33.5
NuWro 18.2 SF	reg.	114.5 (180.1)	50.2(80.9)	50.1 (86.1)	44.8 (70.3)	34.2
 	unreg.	119.2 (189.0)	48.7 (80.9)	52.7(94.8)	42.6 (67.4)	33.9
Genie 3 LFG hN	reg.	48.9 (58.5)	22.3 (24.6)	24.9(32.1)	18.4(22.3)	33.5
	unreg.	46.6 (60.0)	20.1(23.8)	24.7(35.6)	16.3(20.4)	34.0
Genie 3 LFG hA	reg.	55.4 (62.0)	22.9 (25.5)	27.8 (34.3)	19.8(22.3)	32.3
 ZeV - Ref. 	unreg.	52.9 (62.0)	21.0(24.5)	27.7 (37.0)	17.7 (20.4)	32.6
Genie 3 SuSAv2	reg.	103.5 (105.4)	39.0 (44.7)	50.6(57.3)	35.8(36.8)	29.8
1 N. W.	unreg.	110.3 (111.3)	40.3(45.6)	55.4(62.8)	35.1(35.5)	30.1
RMF (1p1h)	reg.	90.6 (97.5)	48.2 (60.5)	31.4 (37.8)	43.9(51.3)	31.3
+ SuSAv2 (2p2h)	unreg.	95.8 (102.2)	49.3(60.7)	34.0 (42.1)	41.9 (48.1)	30.7
GiBUU	reg.	112.7 (117.0)	47.2 (50.6)	46.8 (58.0)	46.6 (46.1)	39.3
	unreg.	107.5 (112.2)	41.7 (46.8)	43.5 (56.0)	41.0 (41.2)	37.0



Neutrino vs antineutrinos

- Exploit magnet in ND280.
- Several advantages:
 - Neutrino is a bck on antineutrino sample —> better control.
 - Same detector —> common detector error treatment.
 - Neutrinos in FHC have different flux than in RHC (reduction of degeneracy).

3 samples: neutrino in FHC & RHC antineutrino in RHC









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neutrino vs antineutrinos





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- The problem with the previous calculations is that give us an idea of which model (and physics inputs) to use but little (indirectly) on the validity of the detailed model inputs.
- We need to explore variables that allow us to singularise some of the physics inputs: binding energy, nuclear rescattering, fermi model, ...

 Transverse kinematic imbalance reduces the contribution of the (unknown) neutrino energy enhancing nuclear effects and sensitivity to the details.







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- enhancing nuclear effects.
- also, the different observables have different dependencies with the model inputs.



(a) $\delta p_{TT} = p_{TT}^{\pi} + p_{TT}^{\mathrm{p}}$.

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Normally these variables are very sensitive to physics in models but require an exclusive lepton-hadron model implementation in our event generators

arXiv:1802.05078v3





TKI

2D kinematical measurements: hadron vs lepton



Figure 15. T2K CC0 π 1p $|\Delta \vec{p}|$ distribution. The panels correspond to different muon kinematic bins. From left to right and up to down: $-1 < \cos \theta_{\mu} < -0.6$, $-0.6 < \cos \theta_{\mu} < 0$ with $|\vec{p}_{\mu}| < 250$ MeV, $-0.6 < \cos \theta_{\mu} < 0$ with $|\vec{p}_{\mu}| > 250$ MeV, $0 < \cos \theta_{\mu} < 1$ with $|\vec{p}_{\mu}| < 250$ MeV, $0 < \cos \theta_{\mu} < 0$ with $|\vec{p}_{\mu}| < 250$ MeV, $0 < \cos \theta_{\mu} < 1$ with $|\vec{p}_{\mu}| < 250$ MeV, $0 < \cos \theta_{\mu} < 1$ with $|\vec{p}_{\mu}| < 250$ MeV, $0.8 < \cos \theta_{\mu} < 1$ with 250 MeV $< |\vec{p}_{\mu}| < 750$ MeV and $0.8 < \cos \theta_{\mu} < 1$ with $|\vec{p}_{\mu}| > 750$ MeV. Data taken from Ref. [21].





 This method can be also applied to CC1p1π samples

statistics is low but it shows its strength

 Also it allows to isolate Hydrogen contributions.



also anti-neutrino CCQE using neutrons "a la" Minerva.

Nucleon 0.2



Basic vs elaborated observables

Basic observables (p_{μ} , $\cos \theta_{\mu}$)

- simple deconvolution of detector effects is possible.
- little (self)influence of the reference model in the final cross-section.
- We can "confidently" provide crosssections to be compared with models:
 - acceptance correction is provided and can be applied to models.
- There are still some remaining model effects: proton detectability, background rejection, ...
- But, it is less sensitive to subtle model effects.

Complex observables (TKI):

- simple deconvolution of detector effects is difficult, more than one particle involved.
 - (self)influence of the reference model in the final cross-section difficult to define.
- Cross-sections to be compared with models are difficult.
 - acceptance correction is depends on the reference model (biased)
- The best solution in this case is to compare with a model in our event generators.
- It is more sensitive to model details.



What's next

- I think there is plenty to explore.
 - Not all potential observables have been explored.
 - statistics is still low for more than 2 dimensional analyses.
 - Advanced models have been incorporated which will allow us to understand & control systematics to a better level.
- But, we now the detector we had has some limitations:
 - high angle (large Q²) lepton detector acceptance.
 - low momentum proton threshold for optimal TKI exploration.
 - Gamma/electron separation.
 - Vertex activity control (very low energy hadronic debris)
 - No neutron detection capabilities.
 - limited Michel Electron
 - External background (wrong sign background).

In 2018 T2K decided to upgrade the near detector.

Construction is almost finished, first data by the end of the year.



The ND280 upgrade



- sFGD: quasi-3D imaging.
 - Improved target tracking.
 - Improved proton detection threshold.
 - Neutron detection capabilities & kinematics reconstruction in final state
- High Angle TPC's:
 - Improved high angle acceptance:
- Time of Flight
 - Reduction of background from magnet interactions.







High angle acceptance



The ND280 upgrade







Finner quasi-3D tracker:

Old detector we needed $3 \times + 3 \text{ y planes} = 6$ New detector we need $3 \times \text{ y planes} = 3$





The ND280 upgrade



With ~150 ps time resolution we can determine if the particle was produced outside the detector (background) or inside (signal)





Efficiency

0.9

0.8E

0.7

0.6

0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2 0.1 00

200

400

What can T2K do with the new detector?

arXiv:2108.11779v2 protons muons neutrons 14.2⁰⁰⁰ 600 1200 1400 800 1000 True momentum (MeV/c)



New detector has: low proton threshold detection (200 MeV/c) and high efficiency (~ 95%)

Momentum resolution is also excellent (< 10%)

TKI variables will profit from both improvements significantly



What can T2K do with the new detector

TKI variables & energy reconstruction $(E_{\mu}+E_{p})$ arXiv:2108.11779v2



New variables can be explored









But also neutrons

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Quasi-3D sFGD geometry facilitates the neutron tagging and kinematic reconstruction through time of flight.











T2K and HK

- The near detector will be transferred together with all the experience to HK.
 - this will increase the amount of neutrinos available and open the possibility to explore for example > 2 dimensional cross-sections.
- HK-ND280 is already starting to think about possible improvements of the ND:
 - reduced proton threshold.
 - increase statistics.
 - improve Oxygen vs Carbon
 - improve electron neutrino measurements.



Remarks

- T2K approach to cross-section is multidirectional with a mixture of theoretical and experimental approaches.
- Clear distinction between cross-section for oscillations and cross-section measurements.
 - They have two different time impacts on the oscillations.
- Exploring both the off-axis configuration and the capabilities of the detector.
- We pay attention to the "validity" of our results trying to avoid biases from our model assumptions.
- T2K is improving the experimental setup to improve their control on the crosssections.
- Probably not the last, Hyper-K will need an additional upgrade to constrain even further the cross-section uncertainties.
- The strong relation between theory and experiment inside T2K is critical to the success of this program: active theory-T2K relations, model implementation in MC's,



Stay tuned

Plenty of new exciting results expected from T2K during next years.

Support slides

SFGD



All ND data samples pre-

FHC is v-mode RHC is \overline{v} -mode



Pre-fit

Post-fit



All ND data samples pre- and post-fit

CCOth CH&O CC1π CH&O FHC Events/(100 MeV/c) Events/(100 MeV/c) T Data CCQE CC 2p2h CC Res 17 350 CC Othe 500 NC mod 250 400 200 300 150 200 100 100 50 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 800 600 600 \mathbf{p}_{μ} (MeV/c) \mathbf{p}_{μ} (MeV/c) (f) FGD2 FHC ν_{μ} Other (e) FGD2 FHC ν_{μ} 1 π FGD2 v_{μ} CC1 π FGD2 v_{μ} CCOther Events/(100 MeV/c) Events/(100 MeV/c) CCOE 400 CC 2p2h CC 2p2h CC Res 1: 350 CC Coh 12 CC Coh 1: CC Other 500 300 250 400 200 300 150 200 100 100

1400 1600 1800 2000

p_u (MeV/c)

50

200

400

600

800

1000

(f) FGD2 FHC ν_{μ} Other

1200

Pre-fit



0

200

400

600

800

1000 1200

(e) FGD2 FHC ν_{μ} 1 π

45

1400 1600 1800 2000

 \mathbf{p}_{μ} (MeV/c)

T2K

FHC is v-mode

RHC is $\bar{\nu}$ -mode

All ND data samples pre- and post-fit

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1600 1800 2000

 \mathbf{p}_{μ} (MeV/c)

Pre-fit

Post-fit

0

200

400

600

800

1000 1200

(a) FGD1 RHC $\bar{\nu_{\mu}} 0\pi$

46

2000

 \mathbf{p}_{μ} (MeV/c)

500

1000

(b) FGD1 RHC $\bar{\nu_{\mu}} \ 1\pi$

1500

2500

T2K

FHC is v-mode

RHC is \bar{v} -mode

All ND data samples <u>tzk</u> pre- and post-fit



FHC is v-mode

RHC is v-mode

All ND data samples TZK pre- and post-fit



(e) FGD2 RHC $\bar{\nu_{\mu}} 1\pi$

48

(f) FGD2 RHC $\bar{\nu_{\mu}}$ Other

All ND data samples TZ pre- and post-fit

FHC is v-mode RHC is \bar{v} -mode



All ND data samples pre- and post-fit

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