

# How Neutrino Event Generator Works ? Ex : GENIE

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## Plan for the tutorials

- Gentle introduction to a complicated and highly technical field!
- Role of generators for experiments.
- Detailed information on neutrino-nucleus interaction is already discussed in the Prof Sajjad's lectures.
- See the parameters in the file "/opt/Gene.....config/CommonParam.xml" , discussed in the morning lectures( Sajjad).
- Today, we will try to understand more basic simulation and perform more realistic simulation.
- Uncertainties, model tuning and detector effect will be discussed tomorrow.

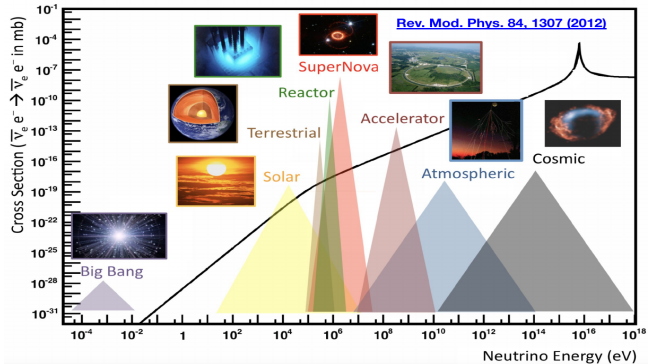
# Role of the neutrino event generators

- “Bridge” between theory and experiment: model predictions are made easily usable.
- Essential for a variety of tasks needed for experimental analyses.
- Cross section data informs further theory improvements.



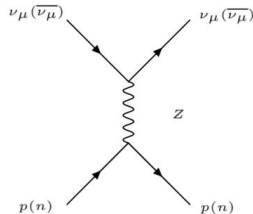
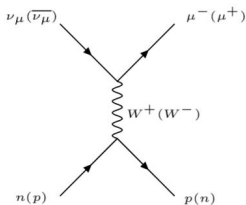
# Neutrino physics across energy scales:

- Many orders of magnitude in energy!
- Most of NuInt looks almost at 100 MeV to 10 GeV region.
- I'll also talk a tiny bit about 1 MeV to 10 GeV.

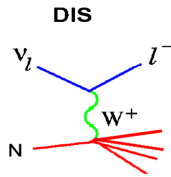
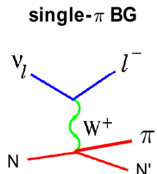
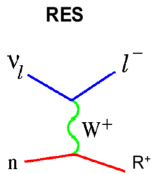
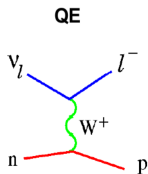


# Neutrino-Nucleus Interactions

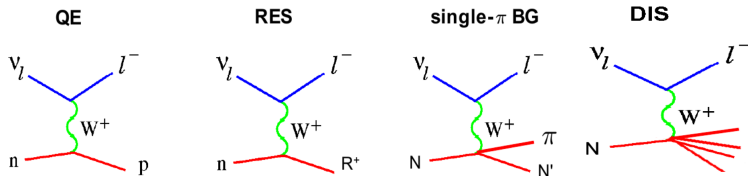
- A neutrino interacts via charged current and neutral current interactions.



- Various energy dependent neutrino interaction processes

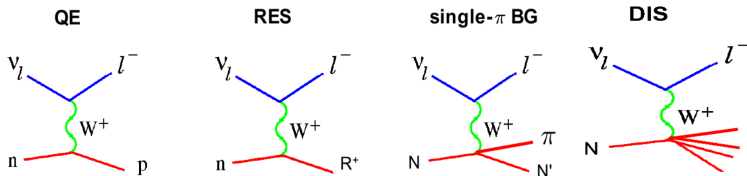


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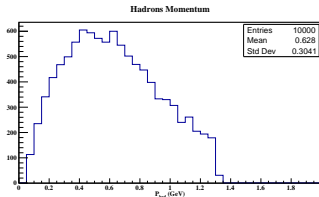
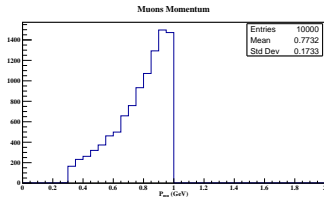


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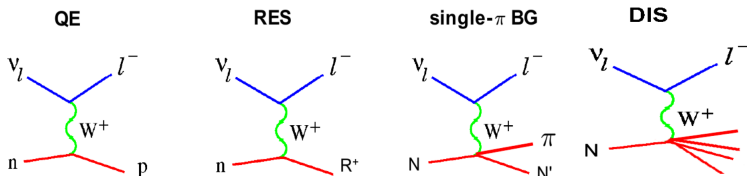
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## Questions..??( Example contnue ..)



- Is that will be same for anti-neutrino;  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ , 1 GeV neutrino beam for CCQE prcess ?
- Is there any other process at 1 GeV neutrino events, like : RES, MEC and DIS process ?
- Is it same for other nuclear targer material Ar, Ca, C, Fe, H ?
- What are the list of parameters that can affect this final states particles kinematics ?



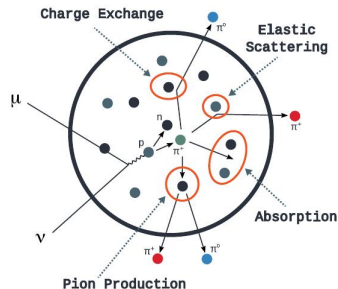
- **Initial State Interactions**

- Nuclear Binding
- Fermi motion
- Pauli blocking

- **Final State Interactions**

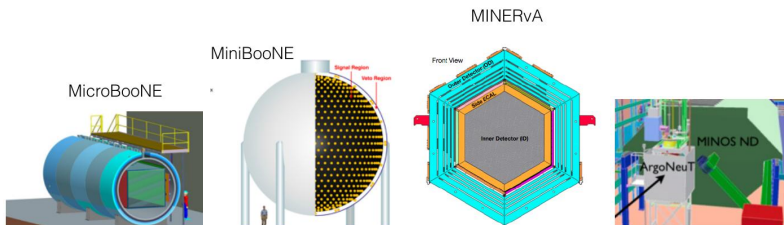
- absorption of outgoing particles
- rescattering, charge exchange
- production of new particles

- A model must include realistic description of nuclear effects including both ISI and FSI



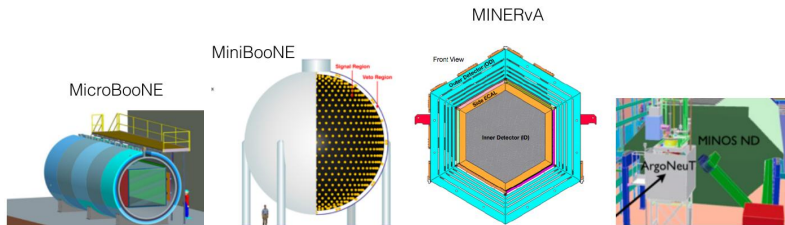
# Nuclei as Targets

- Neutrino experiments use heavy nuclear targets with high atomic mass numbers like Ar( $A=40$ ), C( $A=6$ ), Ca( $A=40$ ).
- Why they are using Heavy nuclear target ?



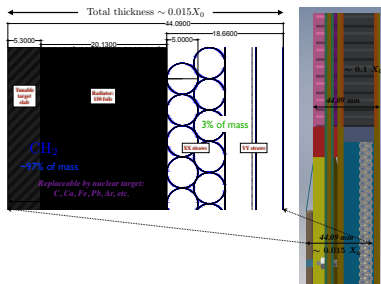
# Nuclei as Targets

- To increase neutrino interaction rates: experiments use heavy nuclear targets with high atomic mass numbers like Ar( $A=40$ ), C( $A=6$ ), Ca( $A=40$ ).
- Heavy nuclear targets gives a boost to the event statistics in turn reducing the statistical uncertainties but at the same gives rise to the systematic uncertainties which are ultimately required to be tuned.



# Hydrogen Target

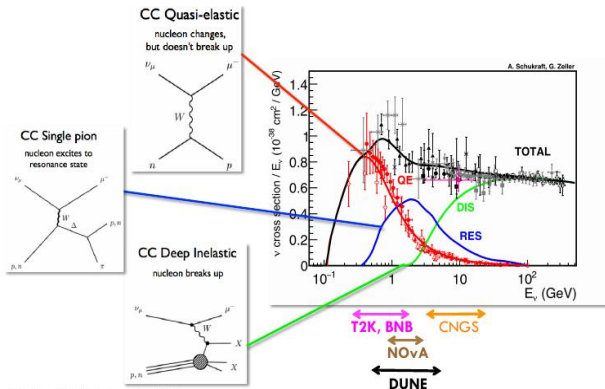
- Control sample free from nuclear effects to calibrate (anti)neutrino energy scale.
- Direct constraints on nuclear effects required to reduce systematics from nuclear targets.
- Straw Tube Tracker designed for a control of  $\nu$  - target(s), proposed to build at ND hall.
- Separation from excellent vertex, angular and timing resolutions<sup>1</sup>.
- Thin targets replaceable during data taking  $\text{CH}_2$ , C, Ca, Fe, Pb, etc.



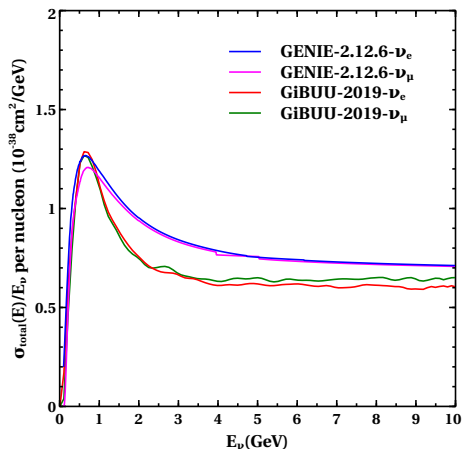
<sup>7</sup>R. Petti (South Carolina), ( ▶ NDNN(nustec2021) )

# Uncertainties in the $\nu$ -nucleus cross-section:

- poor knowledge of neutrino flux
- Neutrino experiments measure a convolution of energy dependent neutrino flux  $\otimes$  energy dependent cross-section  $\otimes$  energy dependent nuclear effects.
- Interacting neutrino energy is evaluated based on kinematics of particles in the final state, taking into account detector acceptance.

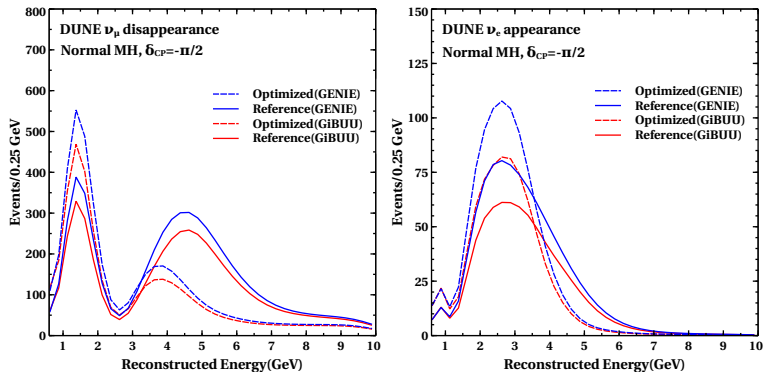


## $\nu$ -Ar cross-sections : GENIE and GiBUU



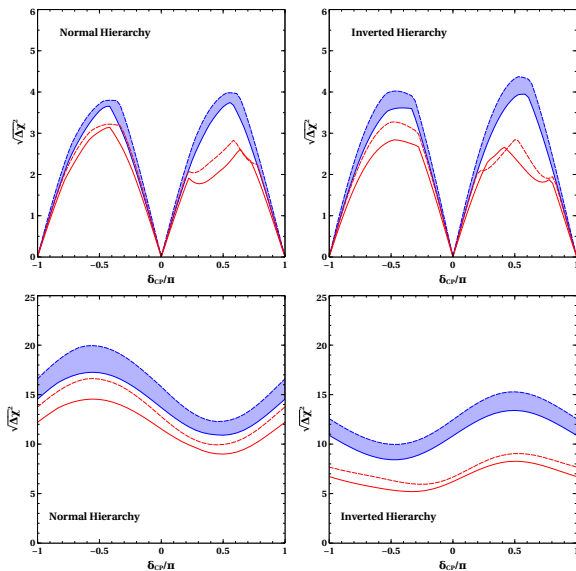
- We have considered the QE, RES from  $\Delta$  resonant decay and contribution from higher resonances, 2p2h/MEC and DIS interaction processes.

$$Event = \sigma \times \phi(E) \times N_T \times t$$



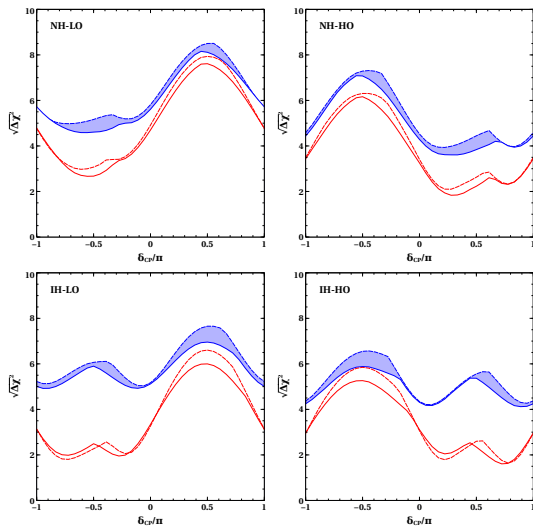
- $\nu_\mu$  disappearance and  $\nu_e$  appearance event distributions as a function of reconstructed neutrino energy for both reference and optimized beamline designs in the energy regime 1-10 GeV.

# CP and Mass Hierarchy Sensitivity





# Octant sensitivity(NH/IH)



## Energy Reconstruction: Calorimetric technique

- Applying the calorimetric approach i.e. summing up all the outgoing particles,  $E_{\nu}^{Calor}$  (reconstructed neutrino energy), can be calculated as-

$$E_{\nu}^{Calor} = E_{lep} + \sum_i T_i^{nuc} + \epsilon_{nuc} + \sum_m E_m \quad (1)$$

- where  $E_{lep}$  is the outgoing final state charged lepton's energy,  $T_i^{nuc}$  is the kinetic energies of the outgoing nucleons(i.e. the protons and/or neutrons), their corresponding separation energies represented as  $\epsilon_{nuc}$  and total energy of any other particle produced represented as  $E_m$ .
- We can also write Equation(1) as-  $E_{\nu}^{Calor} = E_{lep} + E_{had}$ , where,

$$E_{had} = \sum_i T_i^{nuc} + \epsilon_{nuc} + \sum_m E_m \quad (2)$$

## Energy Reconstruction: Kinematics technique

- For incoming neutrino with an energy  $< 1$  GeV, CCQE interaction is the dominant interaction mode.
- The two-body kinematics of this interaction offers a simplified calculation of neutrino energy by using the kinematics of the outgoing lepton only i.e. the angle and energy of the outgoing muon.

$$E_{rec}^{\nu} = \frac{2(M - E_b)E_{\mu} - (E_b^2 - 2ME_b + m_{\mu}^2 + \Delta M^2)}{2(M - E_b - E_{\mu} + |\vec{p}_{\mu}| \cos \theta_{\mu})} \quad (3)$$

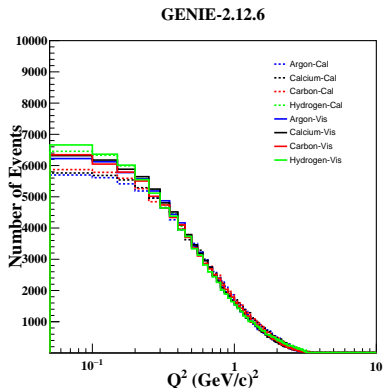
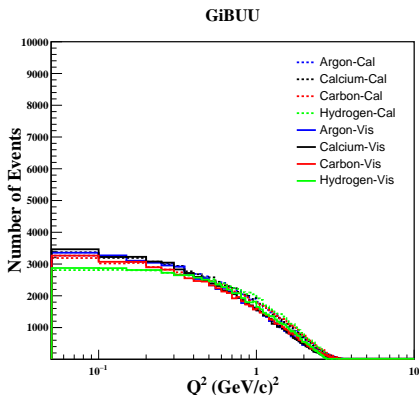
- Here  $E_{\mu}$ ,  $m_{\mu}$ ,  $p_{\mu}$  is the energy, mass and momentum of the outgoing muon and  $\theta_{\mu}$  is the angle between the direction of outgoing muon and incoming neutrino.  $M$  is the mass and  $E_b$  is the binding energy of the struck neutron.
- $\Delta M^2 = M_n^2 - M_p^2$ .

## $Q^2$ Estimation

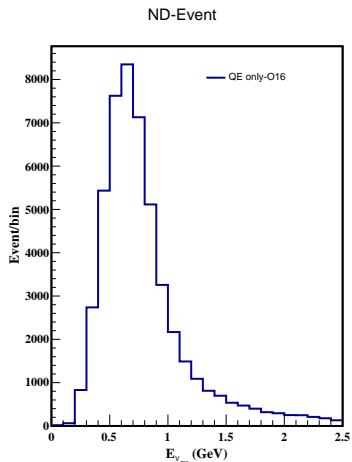
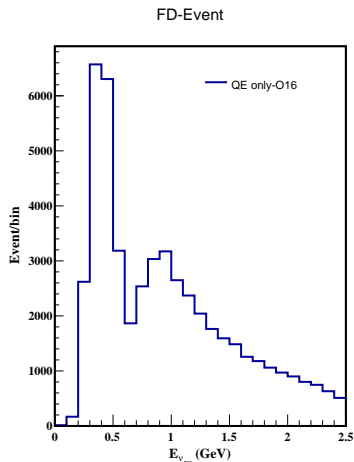
- $Q^2$  is calculated as-

$$Q^2 = 2E_{rec}^\nu(E_\mu - p_\mu \cos\theta_\mu) - M_\mu^2 \quad (4)$$

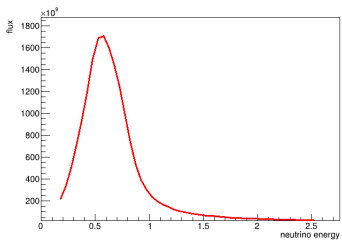
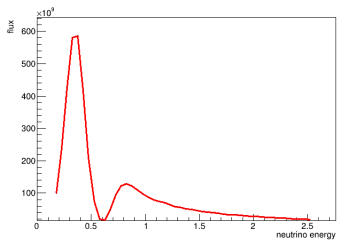
where  $M_\mu$ ,  $p_\mu$ ,  $E_\mu$  and  $\theta_\mu$  are the mass, momentum, energy and angle of the outgoing muon.



# Event distribution for CCQE : Assignment-1

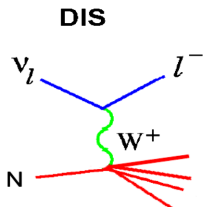
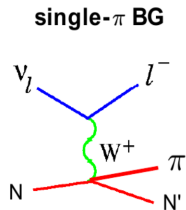
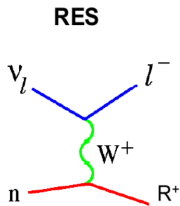
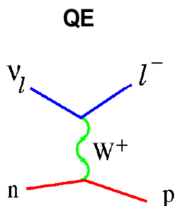


## T2K Flux used : Assignment-1



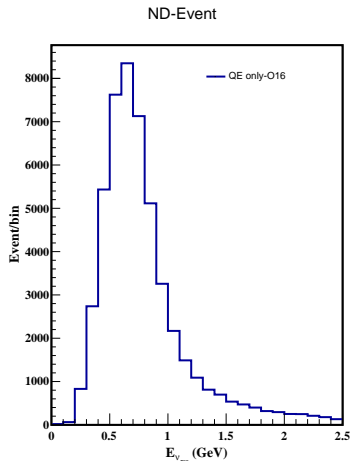
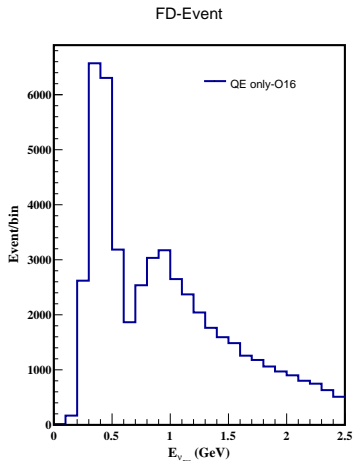
## Assignment-2:

- Generate the 10000 event using argon target for 3 GeV neutrino energy and count the number of interaction process RES, QE and DIS.



## Event distribution for CC : Assignment-3

- Repeat the simulation for liquid argon target (1000180400) and includes all the CC process ( QE, RES, DIS, COH, MEC...).
- See the list of process defined for your simulation in the file  
"/opt/Gene...../config/EventGeneratorListAssembler.xml".





- Model tuning , parameters setting and the detector effect will be discuss tomorrow.
- Use the real detector geometry for realistic simulation, also neede for your Geant4 simulation.
- Define your own flux spectrum: Ex : Dark-matter flux, Supernova-flux, Solar-Neutrino flux and some new physics flux?

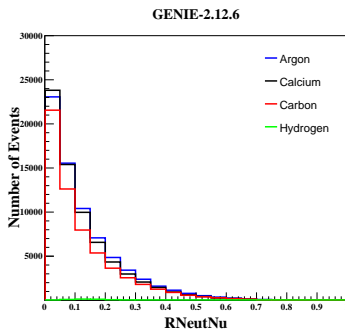
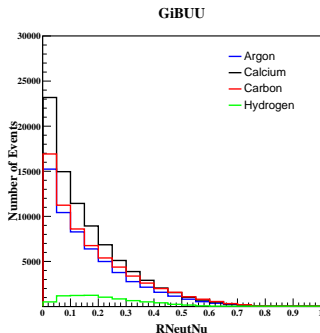
# Missing Hadrons Analysis

- **RNeutNu** = KE-Neutron/EnuTrue

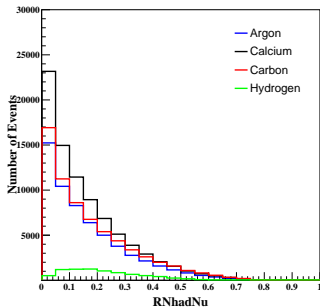
This ratio defines the fraction of kinetic energy of neutrons with respect to the true neutrino energy.

- **RNHadNu** = KE-NeutralHadrons/EnuTrue

This ratio defines kinetic energy of neutral hadrons with respect to the true neutrino energy.



**GiBUU**



**GENIE-2.12.6**

