A preliminary investigation into determining $CC0\pi$ cross-section sensitivities in SBND

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Abstract

Random stuff

1. Introduction

Neutrino physics is at the core of current high energy research. The standard model of particle physics explains many elements of the physical nature of our universe, though we now know that it does not cover everything. If neutrinos were to be described by the standard model they would be massless, but this was proved not to be the case when the Super-Kamiokande experiment observed neutrino flavour oscillations find reference. Neutrino research provided the first confirmation of the existence of physics beyond the standard model.

To date, neutrino experiments have

- Amazing things to date
- Amazing things in the future

1.1. Neutrino interactions

Due to the elusive nature of the neutrino, directly observing them in a detector isn't possible. It is therefore necessary to infer their existence from particles produced when they interact. Since this process relies upon the reconstruction capabilities of the experiment, purpose-built detectors have been constructed to maximise the efficiency of neutrino reconstruction.

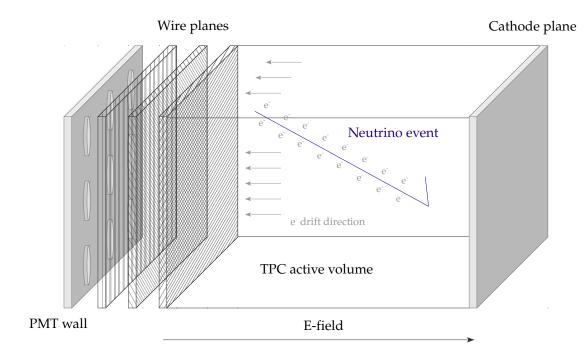
1.2. GENIE

GENIE is the world leading neutrino interaction generator.

1.3. Cross-sections

- Why?
 - Simulation
 - GENIE
- Historical
- Current knowledge
- Needs for future
 - LArTPCs
 - Statistics

Process		No. Events
$ u_{\mu} $ Events		
CC 0 π	$ u_{\mu}N ightarrow \mu + Np$	3,551,830
CC 1 π^{\pm}	$ u_{\mu}N ightarrow \mu + nucleons + 1\pi^{\pm}$	1,161,610
$\mathrm{CC} \geq 2\pi^\pm$	$ u_{\mu}N ightarrow \mu + nucleons + \geq 2\pi^{\pm}$	97,929
$CC \ge 1\pi^0$	$ u_{\mu}N ightarrow \mu + nucleons + \geq 1\pi^{0}$	497,963
NC 0 π	$ u_{\mu}N ightarrow nucleons$	1,371,070
NC 1 π^{\pm}	$ u_{\mu}N ightarrow nucleons + 1\pi^{\pm}$	260,924
$\mathrm{NC} \geq 2\pi^{\pm}$	$ u_{\mu}N ightarrow nucleons + \geq 2\pi^{\pm}$	31,940
$NC \ge 1\pi^0$	$ u_{\mu}N ightarrow nucleons + \geq 1\pi^{0}$	358,443
Total $\nu_{\mu} \& \nu_{e}$ events		7,251,948



1.4. SBND

- LArTPC general functionality
- LArTPC resolution benefits
- \bullet Comparison with other detector materials
 - Example event display?
- SBND specifics

- Dimensions
- Beamline
- Flux
- Statistics
- \bullet Cross-section precision capabilites
- 1.5. GENIE-Professor global fits

- 2. Neutrino Interaction Phenomenology in the few-GeV Energy Range
- 2.1. Dominant topologies
- 2.2. Golden channel
- 2.3. Signal
- 2.4. Potential backgrounds
- 2.5. Maybe some results here?

3. Theory and Recent Measurements of CC0 π Cross-Section

3.1. Cross-sections

Inc. equations

- 3.2. Method
- 3.3. Unfolding
- 3.4. Results

Plots and cross-section values

- 4. A Global Fit of $CC0\pi$ Data
- 4.1. Experiments involved
- 4.2. Process
- 4.3. Results

- 5. Prospects for a CC0 π Measurement at SBND and Sensitivity Esimates
- 5.1. SBND sensitivity
- 5.2. Future

6. Discussion

References

