



# Neutrino-nucleon/nucleus interactions *in 1 GeV energy range*

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## Why we study neutrino interactions with nucleons and nuclei?

### Study fundamental neutrino properties

- ▶ oscillation parameters,  $CP$  violation phase, mass hierarchy problem etc.
- Goal: neutrino physics "a precision science"
- P5 report\*:  $3\sigma$  sensitivity for measuring  $CP$  violation effect requires a reduction of the systemic cross section for signal and background on the level 1% and 5% respectively.

\* S. Ritz, et al *Building for Discovery: Strategic Plan for U.S. Particle Physics in the Global Context*, HEPAP Subcommittee (2014).

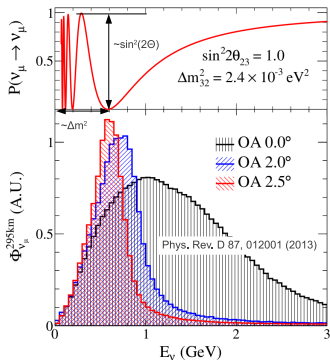
### Investigation of hadronic and nuclear structure within neutrino-nucleon/nuclei interactions

- ▶ axial hadronic structure, transition form factors, electroweak nucleon-resonance excitation
- ▶ structure of the nucleus, **correlations**

### Neutrino interactions in Wrocław (group of J. Sobczyk)

- ▶ investigation of interactions of 1 GeV neutrinos with nucleons and nuclei
- \* close collaboration with polish experimental neutrino groups and T2K and Minerva experiment  
<http://wng.ift.uni.wroc.pl>

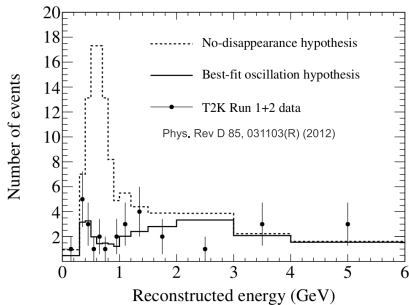
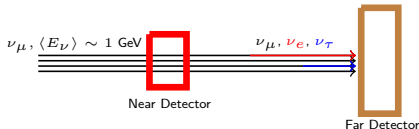
- ▶ A need for precise theoretical predictions of neutrino-nucleon/nuclei scattering cross sections
- ▶ Experiment Minerva, project NuStorm dedicated to measure  $\nu$  cross sections



- ▶ accelerator source of neutrinos  
 →  $E_\nu \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$  but neutrino energy not monochromatic: only energy spectrum known with some precision
- ▶ neutrinos weakly interact → heavy targets like water (oxygen), liquid argon etc...

## $\nu$ -A Interactions

T2K experiment, but also MINOS and others



energy spectrum reconstructed from QE events



- ▶ QuasiElastic (QE) scattering: only final charged lepton is visible
- ▶ but primary interaction would be inelastic  $\rightarrow$  important role of FSI (final state interaction)
- ▶ energy reconstruction based on Monte Carlo. What you put is what you get  $\rightarrow$  **dependency on theoretical lepton-nucleus interaction models.**
- ▶ imprecise knowledge of nuclear effects results in large systematic uncertainty for  $CP$  violation phase and mixing parameters Coloma and Huber, PRL 111, 221802 (2013)

### Monte Carlo Generator

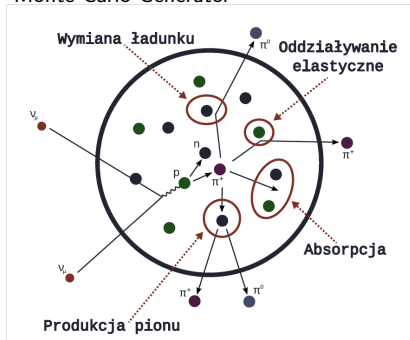


Fig. from Golan

- ▶ **Monte Carlo event generator: a bridge which connects experiment with theory**



## NuWro (Neutrino-Wrocław) Monte Carlo Generator

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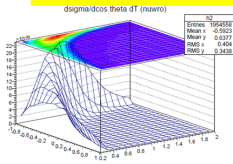
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- **T. Golan**
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- **J. Żmuda**
- **M. Tabiszewski**
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- All major neutrino-nucleus interaction channels (QEL, DIS, RES and COH)
- Covers  $\nu$  energies from MeV to TeV
- density profiles and binding energies for most of nuclei
- Local Fermi Gas and Spectral Function models of nucleus.
- Intra-Nuclear cascade with pion-nucleon and nucleon-nucleon scattering.
- scattering of **complex neutrino beams** on real **detector** geometries
- the detector geometry is read from a data file (NuWro can be used by many different experiments)
- The object oriented data analysis – compatible with root CERN frametool.



### Selected papers:

- Żmuda, Sobczyk Phys.Rev. C91 (2015) 4, 045501
- Golan, Graczyk, Juszczak, Sobczyk, Phys.Rev. C88 (2013) 024612
- Golan, Juszczak, Sobczyk, Phys. Rev. C86 (2012) 015505
- Juszczak, Sobczyk, Żmuda, Phys. Rev. C82 (2010) 045502
- Juszczak, Acta Phys.Polon. B40 (2009) 2507
- Juszczak, Nowak, Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl. 159 (2006) 211

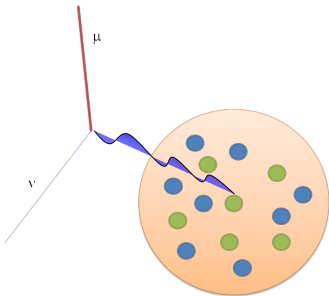


- NuWro is the first MC generator to
  - include such dynamical effects like spectral function and Meson Exchange Current.
  - has an online interface <http://nuwro.ift.uni.wroc.pl>
  - It is probably the fastest event generation, compared to other codes.





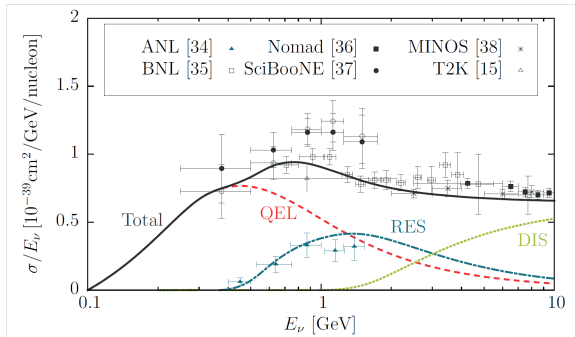
## Modelling interactions of "1 GeV" neutrinos with nucleons and nuclei



- ▶  $Q^2$  the relevant four-momentum transfer below  $1 \text{ GeV}^2$
- ▶ mesons ( $\pi$ s, ...) and hadrons ( $n$ ,  $p$ ,  $\Delta(1232)$ , ...) , but also nuclei (coherent  $\pi$  production) as effective degrees of freedom

### Impuls Approximation (IA):

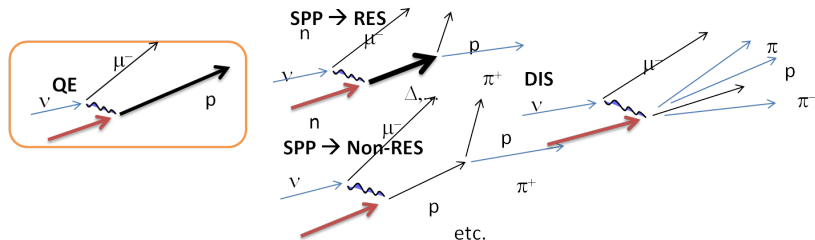
- ▶ it is assumed that the primary vertex of interaction is given by  $\nu$ -free nucleon vertex (with nucleon transition form factors)
- ▶ effectively neutrino interacts only with one single nucleon inside nucleus
- ▶ many body current (describing the interaction) is replaced by sum of one body currents
- ▶ the nucleus is treated as set of non-interacting nucleons
- ▶ works well for momentum transfer  $|\mathbf{q}| > 400 \text{ MeV}$



**Charged Current (CC) processes:**

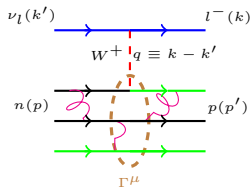
- ▶ **CCQE:**  
 $\nu_l + n \rightarrow l^- + p$
- ▶ **RES (SPP):**  
 $\nu_l + N \rightarrow l^- + N' + \pi$
- ▶ **DIS:**  $\nu_l + N \rightarrow l^- + N' + \pi + \dots$

Data vs. NuWro simulations: Fig. from Golan, PhD thesis (2014)





► **Charged Current Quasi Elastic**  
 $\nu$ -Nucleon interaction



$$\approx \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}(k') \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u(k) \underbrace{\bar{u}(p') \Gamma^\mu(\mathbf{q}) u(p)}_{\text{Hadronic}}$$

$$\nu_l + N \rightarrow \nu_l + N$$

$$\Gamma_N^\mu = \underbrace{\gamma^\mu F_1^V(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2M} F_2^V(q^2)}_{\text{Vector}} - \underbrace{\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 F_A(q^2) - \frac{q^\mu \gamma_5}{2M} F_P(q^2)}_{\text{Axial}}$$

- Vector form factors taken from elastic  $ep$  scattering (from Conserved Vector Current CVC)
- Partially Conserved Axial Current (PCAC)  $\rightarrow$

$$F_P = \frac{4M^2 F_A}{m_\pi^2 - q^2}$$





► dipole parametrization

$$F_A = \frac{g_A}{(1 - q^2/M_A^2)^2}$$

$g_A = 1.267$  from  $\beta$ -decay

►  $M_A$  obtained from analysis of  $\nu N$  scattering data

►  $\langle r_A^2 \rangle$  can be extracted from single pion electro-production data

$$\langle r_A^2 \rangle = \frac{6}{F_A(0)} \left. \frac{dF_A}{dq^2} \right|_{q^2=0} = \frac{12}{M_A^2}$$

### large $M_A$ mass puzzle

► Inconsistency between  $M_A$  from  $\nu - H$ ,  $-D$  and  $\nu - C$  scattering data (2007)?

→ Break down of impulse approximation? Let's go beyond the Fermi gas model

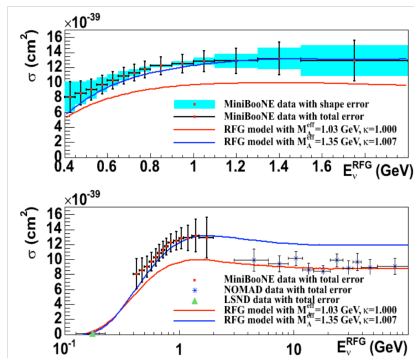
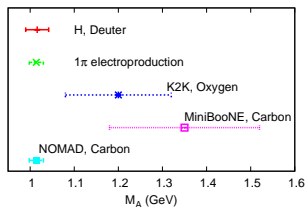


Fig. from Katori, Neutrino Division Seminar, Wrocław 11/30/2009



## Relativistic Fermi Gas (RFG) model

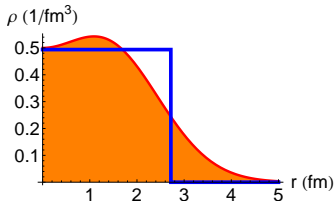
- ▶ system of non-interacting nucleons;
- ▶ the ground state  $|\Psi_0\rangle$  contains positive-energy baryon levels filled to some wave number  $k_F$  and no antiparticles i.e.

$$a_{\mathbf{p},s} |\Psi_0\rangle = 0, \quad |\mathbf{p}| > k_F,$$

$$a_{\mathbf{p},s}^\dagger |\Psi_0\rangle = 0, \quad |\mathbf{p}| < k_F,$$

$$b_{\mathbf{p},s} |\Psi_0\rangle = 0, \quad \text{dla } \forall \mathbf{p},$$

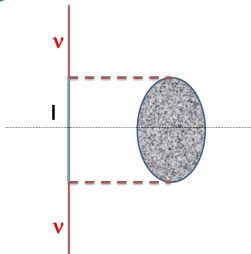
$$\text{baryon density } \rho_B = 2k_F^3/3\pi^2.$$



charge (proton) distribution inside Oxygen,  
 $\langle k_F \rangle = 199$  MeV

## Quantum Hadrodynamics, Walecka, Serot

- ▶ Relativistic many body theory
- ▶ Nucleons,  $\sigma$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\rho$  and  $\pi$  mesons,  $\Delta(1232)$
- ▶ Mean Field approximation,
- ▶ Hartree and Hartree-Fock approximations



### QE scattering

- ▶  $\nu_l + A[N, Z] \rightarrow$   
 $l^- + (A-1)[N-1, Z] + p$
- ▶  $\nu$ -RFG scattering, 1p-1h excitation

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega_{k'} dE_l} = -\frac{G^2 \cos^2 \theta_c |\mathbf{q}|}{64\rho_B \pi^3 E} \text{Im}(L_{\mu\nu} \Pi^{\mu\nu}).$$

$$\rho_B = k_F^3/3\pi^2 - \text{Baryon density}$$

$$i\Pi_{RFG}^{\mu\nu}(q) = \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle \Psi_0 | T(\mathcal{J}^{\mu\dagger}(x) \mathcal{J}^\nu(0)) | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

$$= \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr}(G(p+q) \Gamma^\mu(q) G(p) \Gamma^\nu(-q))$$

$$G(p) = (\gamma^\mu p_\mu + M) \left( \frac{1}{p^2 - M^2 + i\epsilon} + \frac{i\pi}{E_p} \delta(p_0 - E_p) \theta(k_F - |\mathbf{p}|) \right)$$

Notice that  $J_\mu \sim a^\dagger(p)a(p)$ .

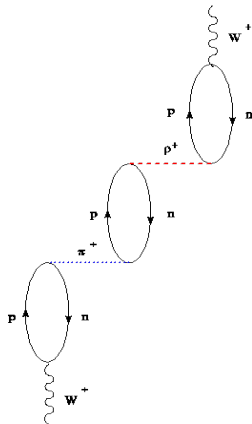
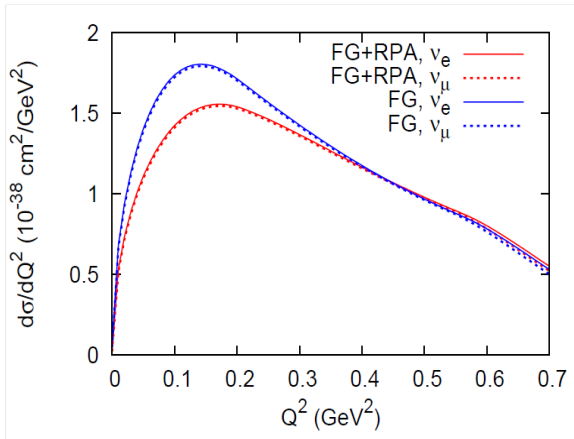
### Long range correlations

IA breaks down below  $|\mathbf{q}| < 400$  MeV. We need to enrich description by correlations e.g. collective excitations  $\rightarrow$  RPA.



$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \Pi_{FG}^{\mu\nu} + \Delta\Pi_{RPA}^{\mu\nu},$$

- ▶ Ring Random Phase approximation: collective excitations → renormalization of different components of hadronic tensor, see e.g. Graczyk, Sobczyk, EPJ C31, 177 (2003); Graczyk, NPA748, 313 (2005).

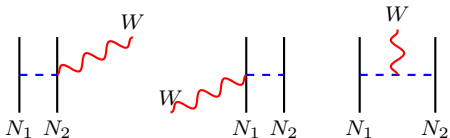
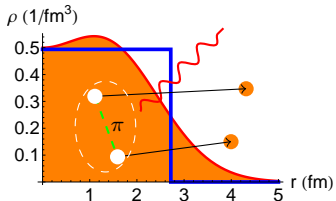


But inclusion RPA do not allow to resolve axial mass problem! Let's go beyond one body current approximation



### Meson Exchange Currents: Two-body current contribution:

- ▶ Neutrino interacts at once with two correlated nucleons

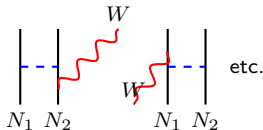
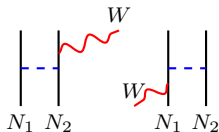


### Two body current:



$$J_{\alpha}^{2p2h} \sim a^{\dagger}(p'_{1})a^{\dagger}(p'_{2})a(p_{1})a(p_{2})$$

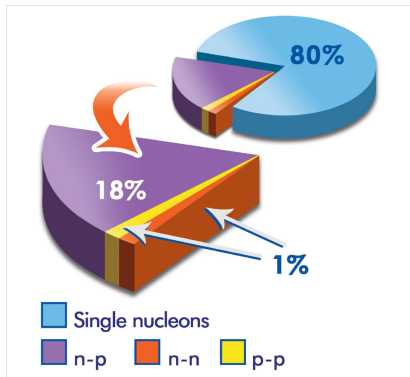
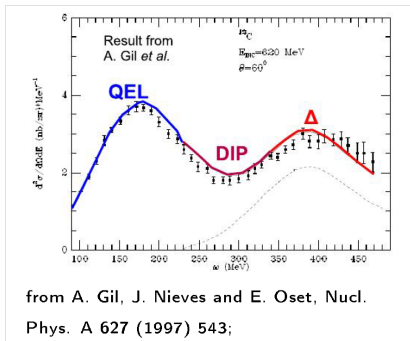
- ▶ annihilates (removes from the Fermi sea, producing a hole) two nucleons with momentum  $p_1$  and  $p_2$
- ▶ creates (above the Fermi level) two nucleons with momentum  $p'_{1}$  and  $p'_{2}$
- ▶ **transferred energy and momentum are shared between two nucleons**





### Correlations in electron scattering

- ▶ the problem studied over 40 years
- ▶ in electron experiments one knows exactly energy and momentum transfer
- ▶ QE and  $\Delta(1232)$  peak regions can be studied independently
- ▶ MEC has relatively large contribution in DIP region



electron scattering: CLAS experiment, Science 320 1476 (2008)

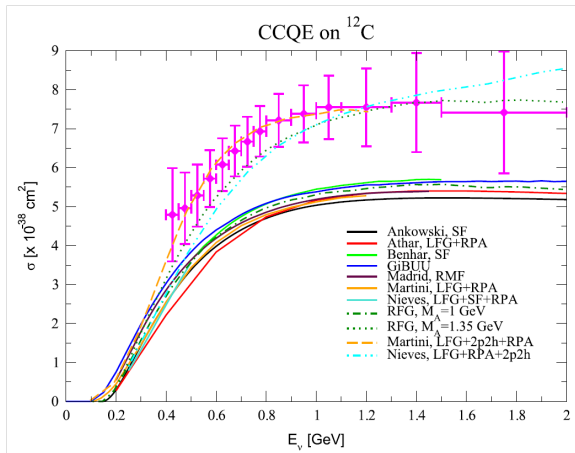


Fig. from Alvarez-Ruso, Hayato, Nieves, New Journal of Physics **16**, 075015 (2014)

- ▶ Martini et al.: inclusion 2p2h in the analysis of MiniBooNE data resolves partially the problem of large axial mass!

$$M_A \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$$



## Correlations in neutrino scattering, theoretical models:

- ▶ M. Martini et al.
- ▶ Valencia group (J. Nieves et al.) a consistent theoretical scheme describing CCQE,  $1\pi$  production and two body current contributions
- ▶ superscaling approach (Donnelly et al.)
- ▶ transverse enhancement (A. Bodek et al.) based on electron scattering data
- ▶ state of art many body theory computations (J. Carlson, R. Schiavilla, A. Lovato et al) provides a clear theoretical picture, constrained to light nuclei and difficult to translate into direct observable.

Experimental investigations: Miner $\nu$ a,  
ArgoNeuT,... and others

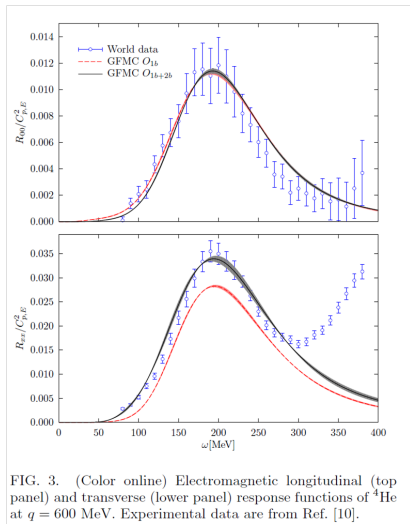


FIG. 3. (Color online) Electromagnetic longitudinal (top panel) and transverse (lower panel) response functions of  $^4\text{He}$  at  $q = 600$  MeV. Experimental data are from Ref. [10].

Lovato et al. arXiv:1501.01981

**Transverse enhancement!**





## $1\pi$ production (SPP)

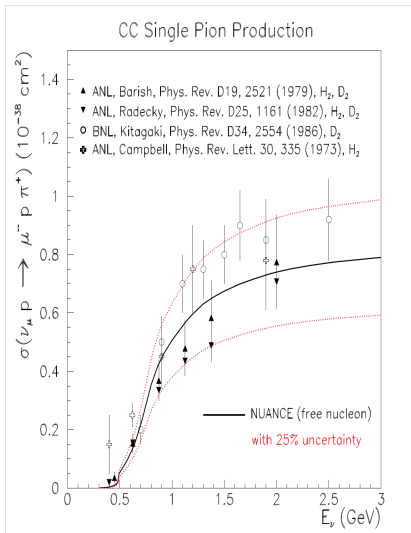
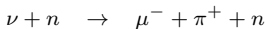
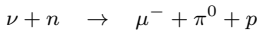
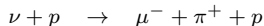
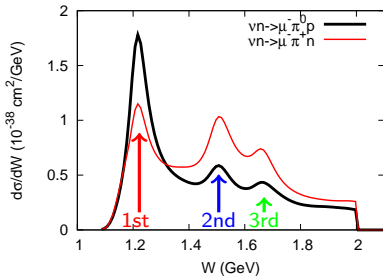


Fig. from Wascko, NuInt05



- ▶ **theoretical (phenomenological) models vs. data**
  - ▶ ANL and BNL  $\nu$ -Deuteron scattering data
  - ▶ ANL and BNL total and differential cross sections consistent for SPP in  $\nu p$ , Graczyk et al. 2009, Hernandez et al. 2010, Wilkinson et al. 2015
- ▶  **$\sim 1$  GeV neutrinos dominant contribution from**  
 $N \rightarrow \Delta(1232) \rightarrow \pi N'$ 
  - \*  $\Delta(1232)$  first excited state of the nucleon, 3/2 spin, 3/2 isospin,...
- ▶ investigation of axial structure of the  $\Delta(1232)$  resonance



Data analysis → MC (Nuance, Neut, Genie  
but not NuWro) → Rein-Seghal model

- ▶ relativistic quark model for neutrino production of resonances
- ▶ effective nonresonant contribution
- ▶ only two form factors, 18 resonances ( $W < 2$  GeV)
- ▶ improvements: Graczyk, Sobczyk, PRD77 (2008)

053001, PRD77 (2008) 053003, see also V. Naumov et al.

**But this model should be replaced by more consistent description!**

Other theoretical approaches:

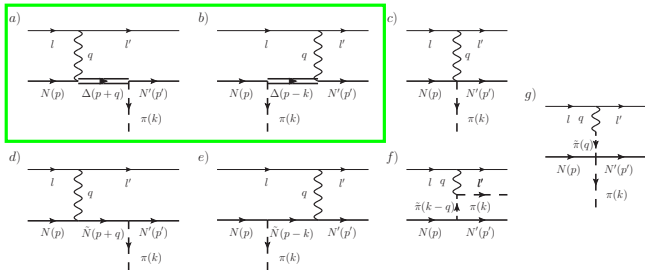
- ▶ Sato-Lee model: dynamical model i.e. Hamiltonian of  $\Delta N$  coupling obtained with constituent quark model,  $T$ -matrix obtained by solving Lippmann-Schwinger equation in coupled channels.
- ▶ Isobar models: Giessen group, NuWro, Serot and Zhang, Fogli and Narduli, etc.
- ▶ ChiFT: IFIC group, Barbero and Mariano, ...

## Problems

- ▶ with reproduction of old  $\nu D$  data and recent experimental measurements of Minerva and MiniBooNE
- ▶ imprecise knowledge of axial resonance form factors
- ▶ with consistent inclusion of heavier resonances and more inelastic contribution



## Hernandez et al. latter Lalakulich et al. Wrocław group



$$\langle \Delta(p' = p + q) | \mathcal{J}_\mu^{CC} | N(p) \rangle = \bar{\Psi}^\lambda(p') \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^{CC} u(p), \quad \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^{CC} = \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^V + \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^A.$$

$$\Gamma_\mu^{V,\lambda} = \left[ g_\mu^\lambda \left( \frac{C_3^V}{M} \gamma_\nu + \frac{C_4^V}{M^2} p'_\nu + \frac{C_5^V}{M^2} p_\nu \right) q^\nu - q^\lambda \left( \frac{C_3^V}{M} \gamma_\mu + \frac{C_4^V}{M^2} p'_\mu + \frac{C_5^V}{M^2} p_\mu \right) \right] \gamma_5,$$

vector form factors are obtained from electroproduction:

$$\Gamma_\mu^{A,\lambda} = g_\mu^\lambda \left( \gamma_\nu \frac{C_3^A}{M} + \frac{C_4^A}{M^2} p'_\nu \right) q^\nu - q^\lambda \left( \frac{C_3^A}{M} \gamma_\mu + \frac{C_4^A}{M^2} p'_\mu \right) + g_\mu^\lambda C_5^A + \frac{q^\lambda q_\mu}{M^2} C_6^A$$

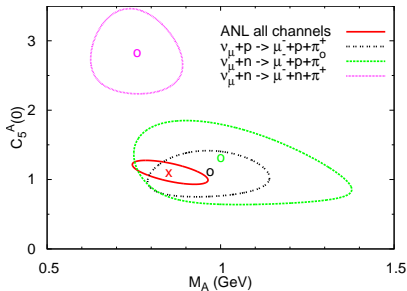
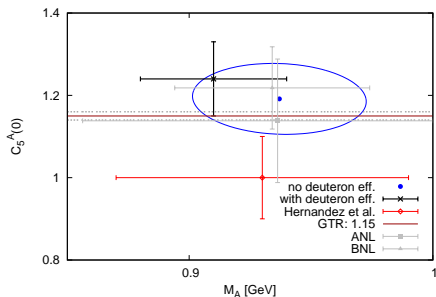
axial form factors are obtained from neutrino production but one needs to reduce # independent form factor to  $C_5^A$  (it is model dependent procedure)



$$C_5^A(Q^2) = \frac{C_5^A(0)}{(1 + Q^2/M_A^2)^2}$$

$C_5^A(0) \approx 1.15$  related with strong  $g_{\pi N \Delta}$  coupling constant (PCAC and Goldberger-Treiman off diagonal Relation – GTR)

- ▶ full model with non-resonant contribution  $C_5^A \approx 1.0!$ !in disagreement with GTR value! → lack of unitarity of the model (Hernandez et al. (2010))
- ▶ inconsistency between different channels of ANL data! (Graczyk et al. 2014, but also U. Mosel et al. 2011) – nonresonant background not properly described? or/and the problems with FSI effects? J.J. Wu et al.



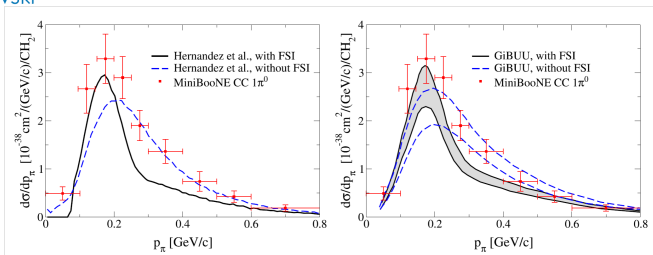
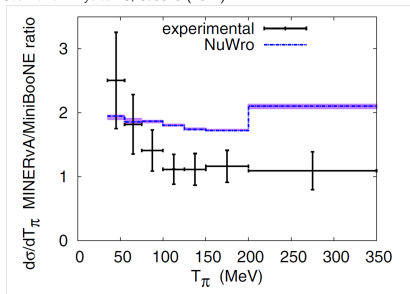


Fig. from Alvarez-Ruso, Hayato, Nieves, New Journal of Physics **16**, 075015 (2014)

## $\nu$ -Carbon scattering

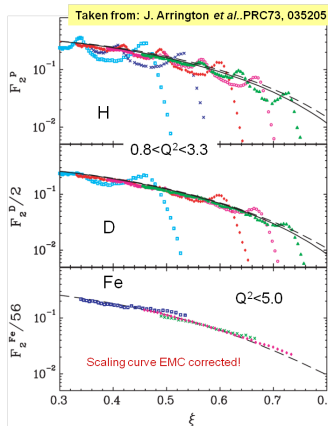
- ▶ MiniBooNE puzzle
- ▶ **final state interaction, propagation of  $\Delta(1232)$  in nuclear medium ...**
- ▶ data are better described by the model without FSI effects? Mosel et al. Hernandez et al.
- ▶ tension between Minerva and MiniBooNE measurements Sobczyk, Żmuda PRC91 (2015), 045501





### SPP and more inelastic channels for $W > 1.4$ GeV?

- ▶ include resonances from 2nd and 3d regions → # of unknown axial form factors increases! Problems with nonresonant contribution...
- ▶ Quark-hadron duality → Bloom-Gilman duality in  $eN$ ,  $eA$  scattering ( PRL25 (1970) 1140, th. De Rujula et al., Ann. Phys. 103, (1976) 315, )  
→ RESonance region data (i) oscillate around the scaling curve; (ii) are on average equivalent to the scaling curve (iii) “slide” along the deep inelastic curve with increasing  $Q^2$ .
- ▶ Fermi motion smears the resonance structure → duality even better!
- ▶ RES structure function → DIS structure function inelastic  $\nu A$  cross sections (idea of A. Bodek), used in NuWro
- ▶ BG duality for isoscalar target in  $\nu N$  Graczyk, Juszczak, Sobczyk A781 (2007) 227, Lalakulich, Melnitchouk, Paschos, PRC75 (2007) 015202

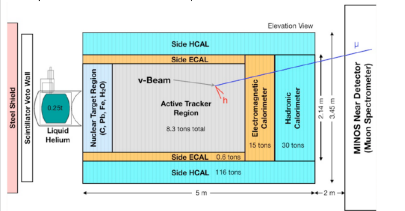


## Summary

- ▶ Neutrino interactions with nucleons/nuclei are intensively studied experimentally and theoretically.
- ▶ New neutrino results stimulates electron scattering community.
- ▶ **All theoretical models discussed in this talk are implemented in NuWro Monte Carlo generator, which is currently used in analysis of experiments: Minerνa, T2K.**

### $\nu$ interactions in Minerνa:

A unique role of the MINERνa experiment



- a dedicated experiment to study  $\nu$  interaction cross sections and to understand better nuclear effects

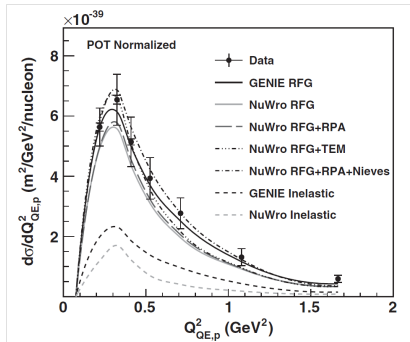


Fig. from Minerva experiment, Phys.Rev. D91 (2015) 7, 071301.



- ▶ Neutrino cross section models must be confronted with electron scattering data, eWro electron Monte Carlo generator

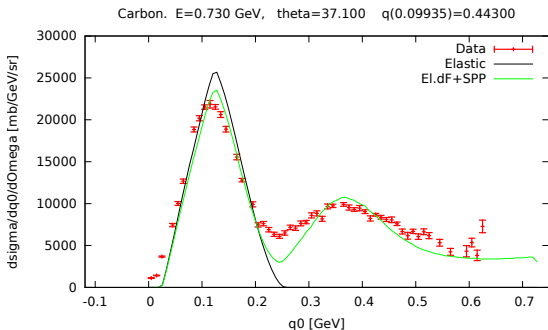


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