

Outline

- Introduction from the oscillation analysis perspective
- Common analysis methods
- Sermon on model independent measurements
- Personal perspectives on alternate analysis ideas:
 - 1. Alternate approach to the issue of unfolding
 - 2. Providing maximal information
 - 3. Generator-free MC?
 - 4. Making best use of complex data
- Conclusion

What does OA need?

- •Predictions:
 - Event rates
 - •final state particle kinematics
- Need to accurately calculate inferred (physics) variables from our observed variables
 - •For oscillations, need to E_{ν} •different ways to do this
 - •All methods need good xsecs!
 - all beams are relatively wideband
 - •all detectors are relatively poor at neutron detection
- Need to accurately predict background contamination
- Need to understand neutrino-nucleus crosssections precisely
- Need good models



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Xsecs and Oscillations

- Cross section models used by experiments do not describe observations by: K2K, MiniBooNE, SciBooNE, Argoneut, MINERvA, T2K, ...
 - Leads to inflation of systematic uncertainties
- Model dependence often injected into data analysis
 - Inferred variables
 - •Energy, Q² reconstruction
 - Background subtraction
- Using discrepant models will always give such uncertainties.

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•Need to use better models!

Systematic uncertainties reported by the world's most sensitive v_e appearance experiments vs. time

Experiment	xsec err (%)	total err (%)
MiniBooNE (2007)	12.3	17.6
T2K (2012)	7.5	10.3
T2K (2016)	4%	6%

How are we improving the errors? Using better models! How are we improving models? Tuning with better data!

Analysis Methods

Method 1: template fit

Compare data to MC, within context of a model, using templates.

$$\sigma_{i} = f_{i} < \sigma^{pred} >_{i} = \frac{f_{i} N_{i}^{pred} P_{i}}{\epsilon_{i} T \Phi_{i}} \xrightarrow{\text{finalisation factor}}{F_{i} = \text{normalisation factor}} \xrightarrow{f_{i} = \text{predicted \# of end}}{F_{i} = \text{predicted \# of end}} \xrightarrow{f_{i} = \text{predicted \# of end}}{F_{i} = \text{purity}} \xrightarrow{f_{i} = \text{efficiency}}{T_{i} = \text{number of nuclear}}$$

Other variants are used, for example the T2K off-axis CCQE and on-axis E_v analysis

events targets Φ_i = neutrino flux per bin

the later of the end the later



Method 1: template fit

Fit for values of f_i that minimise some GoF parameter (χ^2 , likelihood), and use MC to infer the measured value of cross section.

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{j,k} (N_{j}^{obs} - f_{j}N_{j}^{pred})(V^{sys} + V^{stat})_{jk}^{-1}(N_{k}^{obs} - f_{k}N_{k}^{pred})$$

Uncertainties: estimated with fake data studies by repeating the template fit with MC variants.



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<u>Advantage</u>: This method is especially useful for measuring cross sections as functions of inferred variables, like the input variable E_{ν} or internal variable Q², and for parameter tuning.

Drawback: This method is susceptible to model bias. If your MC model differs from nature in some important way, you can easily infer the wrong answer!



Method 2: Matrix unfolding

Frue bin

 Calculate cross section directly from number of events

$$\hat{N}_i = \frac{\sum_j U_{ij} (N_j^{obs} - B_j)}{\epsilon_i}$$

- 1. Apply BG/purity correction
- 2. Unfold to correct detector smearing
 - Different methods available
- 3. Apply efficiency correction
- 4. Normalise with neutrino flux and number of nuclear targets to get cross section

Result is flux averaged differential cross section



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 Φ_{ν} = total integrated neutrino flux

 $\Delta x_i = bin width$

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Method 2: Matrix unfolding

$$V_{kl} = \frac{1}{N_{var}} \sum_{s}^{N_{var}} (\sigma_k^s - \sigma_k^{nom}) (\sigma_l^s - \sigma_l^{nom})$$

- Use MC variants to create covariance matrix
- •Neutrino flux is (usually) just a normalisation error
 - •We do, of course, propagate the full shape covariance
- Very useful to separate out the flux error
- Potential for reducing model dependence with this method
 - But, issues with unsmearing...



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What does model dependence mean?

- •Distinguish between σ model and detector model
 - Any MC-derived quantity is, of course, model-dependent
- Restricting corrections

 (unsmearing, BGs, efficiencies)
 to detector MC quantities—not
 cross section processes—is
 probably the best we can do
- This is why we should publish final state particle cross sections, in addition to process measurements, etc.





- Interaction models are useful:
 - Relate final state particles to neutrino energy, estimate systematic errors.
 - Cannot do neutrino oscillation analysis without a model!
 - However, error cancellation only works if the model matches Nature!
- Ulrich Mosel's observation, NuInt11:
 - Theorist's paradigm: "A good generator MC does not have to fit the data, provided its model is correct"
 - Experimentalist's paradigm: "A good generator MC does not have to be correct, provided it fits the data"

Can we do it differently?

Insanity is repeating the same mistakes and expecting different results.

- What do we really want to do with a cross section measurement?
 - Let's provide enough info for later analysts to cleanly use data with a new model.
 - We are creating crucibles for proving models with precise data.



" I would do some things differently if I had a chance to do it all over again. '

What do we (experimenters) do?

(A recap of the earlier section of this talk...)

- To get better models, experimenters need theorists to use our data effectively
 - It's in our best interest to make that as easy and effective as possible
- Typically, our goal is to produce cross section measurements
 - We use the detector MC to model the efficiency and smearing,
 - We then correct those effects with unfolding matrices and efficiency functions



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Best way to present data?

- We could alternatively provide theorists with the tools to analyze our data the way that we do
 - We don't use tools like NUISANCE for internal data fits!
 - Usually: numbers of events in bins of p_{μ} , θ_{μ}
 - It would not be productive to just dump detector MC code in a theorist's home directory!
 - But we could provide efficiency functions (including smearing) with systematics and our measured data
 - The efficiency function could be applied to inclusive simulated data samples, allowing theorists to perform analysis the way we do
 - Obviously need to provide neutrino fluxes, too, but we already do that.

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(maybe not so) Crazy idea 1

- Internal data analysts use uncorrected data to perform parameters fits.
 - We use detector MC to naturally handle efficiencies and smearing,
 - by comparing smeared MC samples after cuts to data after cuts.
 - We use MC samples/reweighting techniques to adjust MC until it matches data.
- Why not publish uncorrected data along with appropriate smearing and efficiency functions?
 - "Should unfolded histograms be used to test hypotheses?" by Cousins, May, Sun. <u>arXiv:1607.07038</u> [physics.data-an]



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Didn't we just hear this?



- If this sounds familiar, it's because Lukas is already doing it.
- You can too!
 - Be a pioneer like Lukas!

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(maybe not so) Crazy idea 2

- Apply efficiency/smearing corrections to individual events.
- Publish an ntuple of events: reconstructed final state particles.
 - Each event comes with a cross-section weight derived with POT numbers, flux & detector MC.
 - Allows one to make a plot giving cross sections instead of number of events.
- Gives unprecedented knowledge to future analysers since it would allow analysis of <u>new variables</u>



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NASA releases data to the public

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(fairly) Crazy idea 3

Generator-free analysis

- Can we do an xsec analysis without using a generator at all?
- In principle, can generate events flat in all phase space
 - "particle blizzard"* for efficiencies and purities
- Still need to turn flat phase space into a model for PID, systematic studies, etc.
- This job is usually done by the generator, but can a completely data-driven method be developed?

* This needs a good name. "Particle bomb" is not a good choice.

Global PID algorithm – Need for Priors



- · We consider 4 hypotheses for particle id
 - Electron, pion, kaon, and proton (denoted by H)
 - Initially we do not distinguish by charge since none of the pid measurements (dE/dx, ToF, Ckov, RICH; denoted by x) depend on the charge of the particle.
- We employ the maximum likelihood technique to determine the spectra of each particle type in data. However, the likelihood that a measurement is that of (e.g.) a pion or kaon depends not only on the individual measurement but also on the total number of pions and kaons in the sample.



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Bayes' theorem – Global PID formalism

• The joint probability P(H,x) can be written as $(H = e,\pi,K,p; x = dE/dx, ToF, r_{BICH},...)$

P(H, x) = P(x|H)P(H)

where P(H) is the probability of a particular hypothesis. This is what we are trying to determine. These equations are for a given momentum. We have suppressed the momentum dependence for simplicity.

By Bayes' theorem

$$P(H, x) = P(H|x)P(x)$$

• This leads to

- $P(H|x) = \frac{P(x|H)P(H)}{\sum_{H} P(x|H)P(H)}$
- We determine P(H) iteratively. Assume that all hypotheses are equally likely initially, i.e. P(H) = ¹/₄ since there are 4 hypotheses (e/π/K/p). For each track, we then determine the posterior probability P(H|x) which is used to weight the track for each hypothesis.

 $\sum_{H} P(H|x) = 1$ preserves unitarity

- The resulting P(H) is used for the next iteration, till convergence.
- The aim is not to determine whether each particle is definitely one type or the other but to determine the maximum likelihood momentum functions for each hypothesis. Each particle enters all hypotheses plots with its appropriate hypothesis dependent weight.
- We treat MC and data as two separate experiments, each with slightly different behavior. We test the algorithm on the MC, since we know the answer. (Movie)

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(maybe not so) Crazy idea 4

- What's the best way to use all the information?
- High dimensionality presents challenges
- Example: to nail down 2p2h interactions, we'd like to measure p,θ of 1µ, 1µ1p, and 1µ2p events.
 - that's up to 6 variables, with fewer events in the higher multiplicity samples
 - binning those samples will remove lots of information
 - Why publish event-by-event if you just have to bin the data later?

Let's enjoy un-binned analysis methods!

(maybe not so) Crazy idea 4

M. Williams, "How good are your fits?" <u>arXiv:1006.3019v2 [hep-ex]</u>

- There are many ways to calculate goodness-of-fit parameters in un-binned analyses
- An interesting class is point to point dissimilarity methods
 - based on measuring the absolute distance between the points in two sample distributions
 - similar to electrostatic energy calculation
- Let x^d be your data and x^{mc} be your MC, then an interesting GOF test statistic is:

$$T = \frac{1}{n_d^2} \sum_{i,j>i}^{n_d} \psi(|\vec{x}_i^d - \vec{x}_j^d|) - \frac{1}{n_d n_{mc}} \sum_{i,j}^{n_d, n_{mc}} \psi(|\vec{x}_i^d - \vec{x}_j^{mc}|)$$

(Can experiment with different forms of Ψ)



This is your multidimensional data



Calculate T for your data and MC points



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What to take away...

If you are already working on a cross-section analysis...

- I do not want to imply what you are doing is wrong!
- Don't stop your work—keep going, write a paper, implement your data release in NUISANCE!
- If you want to fit Q²_{QE} data for M_A (or to measure F_A), then go for it!
 - But let's do the model independent stuff too!
- If you are looking to start an analysis now, why not try one of these crazy ideas?

Summary

- Measuring cross sections is a tricky business
- We've been discussing these analysis issues for a while now...
- It's time for us to learn our own lessons!
 - Having used external data sets to constrain cross section models, we've learned a lot about what not to do
- The world has lots of good data analysis ideas
 - Let's try some!

"Human progress has always been driven by a sense of adventure and unconventional thinking."

–Andre Geim, 2010 Nobel Prize for Physics

Thank you for your attention!

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Best way to publish data?

- Measured quantities vs inferred quantities:
 - How to interpret unfolded data? Generator dependencies?
- Can we provide the tools to allow theorists to fit our data in the same way we do?
- Other fields publish data in different (and creative) ways—maybe we should consider some of these.

Show the whole story

- All neutrino data samples are rife with backgrounds.
 - MiniBooNE: CCQE \Leftrightarrow CC1 $\pi^+ \Leftrightarrow$ CC1 $\pi^0 \rightarrow$? NC1 π^0
 - but really: $\mu,\mu+p \leftrightarrow \mu+\pi^+ \leftrightarrow \mu+\pi^0 \rightarrow ? \pi^0$
- Knowing what we do (e.g. about 2p2h from e-A experiments), we cannot have confidence in one sample without seeing all the others.
 - We've already learned that seeing each of them isn't enough!
- For example, to extract M_A from neutrino data:
 - Requires nuclear model & background predictions match Nature.
 - Predicated on assumption that F_A is a dipole.

Full disclosure: <u>I've unfolded before</u>, but why repeat my mistakes?



Full full disclosure: I inverted the matrix—no feaux-Bayesian mumbo jumbo

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