Simulating Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering in SNOwGLoBES v. 1.3

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Overview of presentation

- 1. Goals of SNOwGLoBES development project
- 2. What has been accomplished
 - a. Additional channel and cross-section files for Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering (CEvNS) interactions
 - b. Generation of CEvNS smearing matrices
 - c. Implementation of liquid xenon detector type
- 3. Liquid argon and liquid xenon detector responses to Livermore flux
- 4. Remaining action items



Purpose of update to SNOwGLoBES v. 1.3

SNOwGLoBES: Supernova Neutrino Observatories with General Long Baseline Experiment Simulator

Benefits of SNOwGLoBES:

- Fast
- Requires limited processing power (runs locally)
- Standard in supernova neutrino detection field
- Free of sensitive information

We now have detectors sensitive enough to exploit CEvNS as a SN neutrino detection mechanism, many of which are SNEWS2.0 collaboration member experiments.

Problem: CEvNS support was not built into SNOwGLoBES v. 1.2.



SNOwGLoBES Data Flow





Channel and Cross-sections files added for CEvNS





Files added to support CEvNS - continued

Channel files

- Listing of interaction types for a given detector instructs SNOwGLoBES which interactions to simulate
- All channel files written and finalized for CEvNS interactions in Ar, Xe, and Ge

Cross-sections files

- Required to calculate interaction rates
- Written for CEvNS interactions in natural-abundance Ar, Xe, and Ge
- If the user wishes to alter the abundance fraction, a script to generate CEvNS cross-sections files with specified abundance is available in v. 1.3



Changes to support CEvNS in v. 1.3 - continued





Missing from SNOwGLoBES v. 1.2 - CEvNS smearing matrices

- Smearing matrix: Used by SNOwGLoBES to convert incident neutrino energy to energy deposited in the detector, subject to a user-selected detector resolution function
- Smearing matrices are generated via the script create_smearing_matrix.py, which allows the user to select:
 - Incident neutrino and detected energy ranges, number of bins
 - Interaction type
 - Detector material
 - Detector resolution function
- Generating CEvNS smearing matrices with create_smearing_matrix.py required a different method, and new supporting code on the back end
 - 8 months of development time



New to v. 1.3 - Smearing matrix calculations handled by DukeCEvNS

DukeCEvNS is a program also written by Kate Scholberg (to whom we owe many thanks). We integrated DukeCEvNS with SNOwGLoBES to handle the smearing matrix calculations.

Benefits:

- CEvNS form factors are built into DukeCEvNS
 - Helm, Klein-Nystrand, and Horowitz (numerical) form factors available
- Handles isotope mixtures/relative abundances

New module written for DukeCEvNS - cevns_recoil_response.cc

- Based on user inputs, constructs an unsmeared "response file"
- create_smearing_matrix.py can access and apply the required detector resolution function to this file, then format it for use in simulations



cevns_recoil_response.cc - why store response matrices?

energy(#coh_helm_Xe_nue_smear)<

@energy =

{0,199,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.07275580708258128,0.2726818233019602,0.33294919799002115,0.31038 {0,199,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.002404402853817414,0.11133250633799846,0.18895923491153432,0 {0,199,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,5.8211112828807667e-05,0.05618090149250651,0.097166328 {0,199,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0029568012150806024,0.05248547332853606,0.080076

Example smearing matrix for electron neutrinos interacting with a natural-abundance xenon detector. First few rows and columns shown - full matrix is 200 x 1600 elements.

 CEvNS smearing matrices are large - generating a new matrix from scratch is computationally expensive
 Building a brand new matrix just to change the detector resolution function is undesirable

How CEvNS smearing matrices are built:

User interacts with:

create_smearing_matrix.py

- Runs interactively or via JSON file
- User selects: detector material, form factor, energy ranges, number of energy bins
- Also select: detector resolution function

create_smearing_matrix.py searches for an extant response file matching the user parameters

File is NOT found:

create_smearing_matrix.py directs
cevns_recoil_response.cc to build
response file

New response file read in to create_smearing_matrix.py, detector resolution function & formatting applied

File is found:

create_smearing_matrix.py reads in response file, applies detector resolution function & formats



Final smearing matrix is saved in /smear/ directory where SNOwGLoBES can access it

Changes to driving file - supernova.pl

- Supernova.pl can now run two versions of SNOwGLoBES.
 - Custom energy range and bin numbers
 - Default binning (v. 1.2)
- The custom binning version was needed to set finer binning parameters for the CEvNS interactions.
- The run version can be set by the user through a terminal input.
 - This can be changed to better accommodate for SNEWPY's needs.





New to v. 1.3 - visualization tools

- Plotter.ipynb is a Jupyter notebook that contains plotting methods for the following:
 - Smearing matrix heat map examples for charged-current interactions in Ar40 at left
 - Fluxes
 - Outfiles
 - Cross sections
- This notebook uses Matplotlib and Seaborn libraries for plotting, and the Pandas library for organizing the data.





Example flux available in SNOwGLoBES - Livermore flux

Livermore "flux" is a simulated CCSN neutrino spectrum

- Actually a fluence flux integrated over time of neutrino burst
- Neutrinos per cm² per energy bin arriving at Earth from a CCSN 10 kpc away

1e12 neutrinos in all six flavors

Incident neutrino energies from 0 to 100 MeV





Liquid Argon Detector response to Livermore flux - DarkSide-20k



Interaction rate - events as a function of incident neutrino energy

Smeared rate - events as a function of energy deposited in detector

CEvNS interaction channels only. No smearing is applied to this simulation, and we have assumed 100% detection efficiency.





Liquid Argon Detector response to Livermore flux - DarkSide-20k

SNOwGLoBES v. 1.3 maintains functionality of all channels in v. 1.2

In simulation at left:

- No smearing applied
- Assumed 100% detection efficiency
- Q = 10 MeV for CC interactions (arbitrarily chosen)
- Total gamma-ray energy = 15 MeV for NC interactions (arbitrarily chosen)



Liquid Xenon Detector response to Livermore flux - LUX-ZEPLIN



Same simulations are available for LXe detectors

- Interaction rate events as a function of incident neutrino energy
- Smeared rate events as a function of energy deposited in detector
 - CEvNS interaction channels only. No smearing is applied to this simulation, and we have assumed 100% detection efficiency.





Completed:

- 1. SNOwGLoBES v. 1.3 is capable of simulating CEvNS interactions in liquid noble element detectors.
- 2. A new script is available for CEvNS cross-section file generation allowing the user to alter their detector abundance.
- 3. The user can now choose energy ranges and binning for all detector types.
- 4. Significant quality of life improvements have been made more visualization tools available, commenting of code more extensive

Remaining pre-release tasks:

- 1. Prepare a v. 1.3 user manual
- 2. Verify v. 1.3 changes are compatible with other SNEWS2.0 tools (SNEWPY)



Any Questions?



Supplemental slides - more about SNOwGLoBES code structure



SNOwGLoBES Data Flow





