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Neutrino-Argon interaction measurements using the NuMI beam at ICARUS



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The ICARUS experiment





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- The first large LArTPC: 476 ton active mass
- 2 modules; 4 TPCs; 360 PMTs, surrounding CRTs





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* As measured from close to the target, observed neutrinos come from a wide range of angles

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Why NuMI?

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(Why are you measuring cross sections?) p.d.f. DUNE v_{μ} GENIE AR23_20i, DUNE flux 0.03 Total (CC) QE Res 0.02 DIS 0.01 0 3000 000 2000 4000 5000 E_v [MeV] **SBND** Simulation Muon Neutrinos CC Exclusive Channels Rate / 100 MeV 90'0 MeV CC 0n, 4.3M Events CC 1n[±], 0.9M Events CC $1\pi^0$, 0.5M Events CC multi-pion, 0.4M Events Event Rates for 10 × 10²⁰ POT in Active Volume (80m³) GENIE v3.0.6 G18_10a_02_11a Relative Event R BNB v 0.00 0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 Neutrino Energy [GeV]

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- Interactions in the Booster beam are limited in their phase space coverage for DUNE
- NuMI at ICARUS offers additional complementary phase space coverage
- Expect to make leading contributions for v_{μ} -Ar interactions at E_{ν} greater than ~2 GeV!

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/ 6×10²⁰ PoT

Approach to result longevity

(How do you expect your measurements to be used when DUNE and Hyper-K are running?)

- ICARUS results *must* be quantitatively useful when DUNE is building and tuning its interaction model for real data analysis
 - Sufficiently robust results for model benchmarking and parameter tuning in a decade or more time
- To achieve this, avoidance of model bias will be crucial. We are building a framework to allow:
 - Data driven background constraints
 - Provision of unregularised results
 - Multi-dimensional efficiency corrections
 - Tailored control samples to characterise detector response
- Plan for comprehensive data releases including:
 - Covariance matrices as well as the Universes/toys used to build them
 - Correlations between flux shape and measured cross section
- Possibility of joint/correlated measurements
 - Joint NuMI+BNB, joint ICARUS+SBND
 - Allows easier use of multiple data sets in future DUNE model tuning