



Simulating neutrino beam

Using external data to improve the neutrino beam simulation at the NOvA and DUNE experiments Using one experiment to make experimenting on two other experiments better - Sorry!

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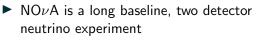
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- Uses the most powerful artificial neutrino beam in the world
- Neutrino properties too complicated to be drawn directly from data
- Needs simulation as close to the real world as possible

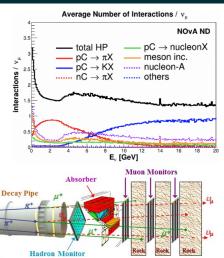
Protons Targe

Protons hit target

Target Station

 π^+ produced

Horns



magnetic horn to focus π^*

 π^* decay to $\mu^*\nu$ in long evacuated pipe

left-over hadrons shower in hadron absorber

rock shield ranges out μ^*

v beam travels through earth to experiment

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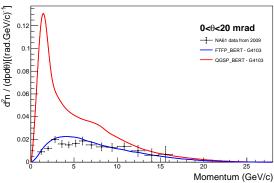


Correcting the simulation



- NOvA and DUNE use the Geant4 Monte Carlo simulation (different physics lists)
- Low energy interactions described by the Bertini internuclear cascade (BERT)
- Different string models for high energy interactions
 - quark gluon string model (QGSP) - DUNE
 - FRITIOF string excitation and fragmentation model (FTFP) - NOvA

- Experiments NA49 and MIPP currently used
- New data from NA61/SHINE experiment



 $p+C \rightarrow K^++X @ 31GeV/c$

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Thank you for your attention!