GiBUU Theoretical Basis

Giessen Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck

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GiBUU in one picture



No factorization because final state of init is initial state of FSI

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- = The Giessen Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck Project
- Theory and Code for simulation of nuclear reactions
- 🗖 A+A (~ 1990)
- hadron+A (p+A, π+A) (~ 1995)
- 🗖 γ+Α (~ 1998)
- 🗖 e+A (~ 2000)
- v+A (~ 2005)
- energies: 10 MeV/A → 10-100 GeV/A
- degrees of freedom: Hadrons (Baryons, Mesons)
- propagation and collisions of particles in mean fields
- approx. Kadanoff-Baym and Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck equations solved

GiBUU: Neutrinos

Essential Properties:

- Theory is semiclassical, i.e. it forgets about quantum coherence and replaces wavefunctions by local plan waves
- 2. Consequence:
 - Semi-inclusive reactions such as (e,e'pX) A can be described, but not exclusive (e,e'p) A
 - There are no shell-effects anywhere, only ,average' nuclear properties → energy transfers ~> 50 MeV
 - 3. FSI do not remember the ,interactions before', except for kinematics



- **GiBUU** : **Quantum-Kinetic Theory and Event Generator** based on a BM solution of Kadanoff-Baym equations
- GiBUU propagates phase-space distributions, not particles
- Physics content and details of implementation in:
 Buss et al, Phys. Rept. 512 (2012) 1-124
- Code from gibuu.hepforge.org, latest version GiBUU 2019 Details in Gallmeister et al, Phys.Rev. C94 (2016) no.3, 035502
- A recent review of generators in general can be found in:
 U. Mosel, J. Phys. G, https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6471/ab3830

- Kadanoff-Baym (1962) start from eq. of motion for 1-particle Green's function which depends on all n-particle Green's functions
 - Approximations:
 - Truncate hierarchy of coupled Green's functions, i.e. neglect all explicit many-body Green's functions, absorb their effect into modeled selfenergies.
 - Gradient approximation: assume that densities vary slowly

(good for heavier nuclei, in practice A $>^{\sim}$ 12).

- One-particle density matrices depend smoothly on cm of coordinates, but may oscillate as function of difference
- →Introduce Wigner-transforms, i.e. perform Fourier analysis of difference of space-time coordinates in Green's function

$$G_{\alpha\beta}^{<}(x,p) = \int d^{4}\xi \,\mathrm{e}^{ip_{\mu}\xi^{\mu}}\left(\mathrm{i}\right) \left\langle \bar{\psi}_{\beta}(x+\xi/2)\psi_{\alpha}(x-\xi/2)\right\rangle$$

 G is the Fourier-Transform of the (scalar) one-body density matrix!

Trace over Dirac indices (i.e. spin averaging) gives a vector current density

 $F_V^{\mu}(x,p) = -\mathrm{i} \operatorname{tr} \left(G^{<}(x,p) \gamma^{\mu} \right)$

$$\begin{split} \partial_{\mu}F_{V}^{\mu}(x,p) &-\operatorname{tr}\left[\Re\Sigma^{\operatorname{ret}}(x,p),-\mathrm{i}G^{<}(x,p)\right]_{\mathrm{PB}} \\ &+\operatorname{tr}\left[\Re G^{\operatorname{ret}}(x,p),-\mathrm{i}\Sigma^{<}(x,p)\right]_{\mathrm{PB}}=C(x,p) \ . \end{split}$$

with

$$C(x,p) = tr \left[\Sigma^{<}(x,p) G^{>}(x,p) - \Sigma^{>}(x,p) G^{<}(s,p) \right]$$

$$F_V^\mu = (p^{*\mu}/E^*)F,$$

In a homogeneous medium one gets the KB equation:

 $\mathcal{D}F(x,p) + \operatorname{tr} \left[\Re G^{\operatorname{ret}}(x,p), -\mathrm{i}\Sigma^{<}(x,p) \right]_{\operatorname{PB}} = C(x,p)$

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{i} G^<(x,p) &= +2f(x,p)\,\Im G^{\mathrm{ret}}(x,p)\\ \mathrm{i} G^>(x,p) &= -2(1-f(x,p))\,\Im G^{\mathrm{ret}}(x,p) \end{split}$$

This allows to introduce the Spectral Function A(x,p) = imaginary part of sp propagator

 $F(x,p) = 2\pi g f(x,p) A(x,p)$

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On-shell drift term Off-shell transport term Collision term

$$\mathcal{D}F(x,p) - \operatorname{tr}\left\{\Gamma f, \operatorname{Re}S^{\operatorname{ret}}(x,p)\right\}_{\operatorname{PB}} = C(x,p) \ .$$

$$\mathcal{D}F(x,p) = \left\{p_0 - H, F\right\}_{\operatorname{PB}} = \frac{\partial(p_0 - H)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} - \frac{\partial(p_0 - H)}{\partial p} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \quad \begin{array}{c} H \text{ contains} \\ \text{mean-field} \\ potentials \end{array}$$

$$\operatorname{Describes \ time-evolution \ of \ F(x,p)} = 2\pi g f(x,p) \mathcal{P}(x,p) \quad \begin{array}{c} \operatorname{Spectral \ function} \\ \end{array}$$

Phase space distribution

KB equations with BM offshell term Essential for any in-medium physics

One such equation for each kind of particle: neutrino, nucleon, resonance, meson, All coupled through mean field potential and collision term *C*

Collision term

Contains one-, two-, and three-body collisions $C = C_{1 \to X} + C_{2 \to X} + C_{3 \to X}$

- (1) resonance decays
- (2) two-body collisions
- elastic and inelastic
- . any number of particles in final state
- baryon-meson, baryon-baryon, meson-meson

(3) three-body collisions (relevant for pi absorption)

Iow energies: cross sections based on resonances

e.g. $\pi N \to N^*$, $NN \to NN^*$

high energies: string fragmentation

Approximations to get to ,Standard Generators: GENIE, NEUT, ..':

1. On-shell (quasiparticle) approximation

Comparison with Liouville equation identifies *f* as phase-space density!
 F ~ *f* A is *spectral phase space density*, has info on *x*,*p* and on off-shellness in A

More approximations:

1. Drop all potentials

$$\left(\partial_t + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{M} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}\right) f(x, \mathbf{p}) = C(x, \mathbf{p})$$

2. One-particle ansatz for $f(x,p) = \delta(x - x_i(t))\delta(p - p_i(t))$

➔ free particle motion on lhs,

on rhs (collision term) obtain mean free path, if density is frozen

➔ describe free motion with collisions after mean free path.

Summary:

On-shell transport, no potentials, mean free path approximation to fsi \rightarrow often used generators

GiBUU Ground State

- Start with empirical density distribution, use reasonable energy-density functional for nuclear matter→ calculate mean field potential, dependent on *r* and *p*
- Use density to obtain momentum distribution by local Thomas-Fermi model: k_F³(r) ~ ρ(r)
- Readjust k_F slightly to maintain constant Fermi energy
- Spectral Function: $\mathcal{P}_h(\mathbf{p}, E) = \int_{\text{nucleus}} d^3x F(\mathbf{x}, t = 0, \mathbf{p}, E)$

$$= g \int_{\text{nucleus}} d^3 x \,\Theta \left[p_{\text{F}}(\mathbf{x}) - |\mathbf{p}| \right] \Theta(E) \,\delta \left(E - m + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^{*2}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})} \right)$$

Semiclassical Spectral Function



No spiky behavior as in RFG because of spatial integration over r-dependent potential, No shell effects

P(MeV)

Alberico et al, Nucl.Phys. A634(1998) 233

Cross sections on the nucleus

- General procedure used for all single-particle cross sections (QE, pion production through resonances, DIS):
 - Calculate cross section for individual nucleons in their restframe, then Lorentz-boost into the Lab-system

QE scattering: Factorization???

Initial state and final state interactions do not factorize



Factorization often invoked by theories, but not valid: Same potential U for final state of initial interaction and initial state of final interactions

Potentials in QE scattering

A momentum-dependent potential shifts the position of the QE peak

20 0 -20 -40 -40 -60 -80 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 T[GeV]

Experimental pA potential

Theories without nucleon potentials in the final state work only for reactions with energy transfers ~ 0.25 – 0.3 GeV applies to Nieves, Martini, ...GENIE, NEUT, NuWro, SF

Theories for 2p2h interactions:

- 1. Nieves model, neglects exchange terms, uses local TF as groundstate
- 2. Martini model, approximates interactions, uses local TF as groundstate
- 3. Ruiz Simo, Megias model: treatment of Delta–propagator is problematic: no consistent theory for electrons and neutrinos
- 4. All of these model the MEC with the Delta resonance only, good for MicroBooNE, T2K energies, but not for DUNE
- 5. All of these give only inclusive cross sections. Need fully exclusive cross sections for energy reconstruction.

GiBUU uses a phenomenological model:

2p2h: Electron induced

2p2h, assume purely transverse

electrons

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma^{2p2h}}{\mathrm{d}\Omega \mathrm{d}E'} = \frac{8\alpha^2}{Q^4} E'^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \left(\frac{Q^2}{2\mathbf{q}^2} + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right) W_1^e(Q^2, \omega)$$
$$W_1^e = G_M^2 \frac{\omega^2}{\mathbf{q}^2} R_T^e \qquad \mathbf{R} = \text{reduced transverse response}$$

W₁ determined from data in a wide kinematical range: 0 < W < 3.2 GeV, 0.2 < Q² < 5 GeV² (Bosted, Christy)

We have no good theory to describe these data \rightarrow use a phenomenological model, based on this experimental analysis.

Structure Function W₁ (Bosted/Christy)



Parametrized in wide kinematical range for electrons: 0 < W < 3.2 GeV, 0.2 < Q² < 5 GeV² Problem at Q² = 0 As an empirical fit it contains implicitly: src, MEC, nucleon correlations, not just MEC

2p2h: Electron induced



2p2h: Neutrino induced

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma^{2p2h}}{\mathrm{d}\Omega \mathrm{d}E'} = \frac{G^2}{2\pi^2} E'^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \left[2W_1^{\nu} \left(\frac{Q^2}{2\mathbf{q}^2} + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \mp W_3^{\nu} \frac{E + E'}{M} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

Purely transverse, insensitive to gauge transfo problems

Walecka, O'Connell, Donnelly, Walecka (1972); connects electron response with neutrino response: invariance

$$W_1^{\nu} = \left(G_M^2 \frac{\omega^2}{\mathbf{q}^2} + G_A^2\right) R_T^e \, 2(\mathcal{T}+1)$$

T = isospin of target nucleus

Now assume:

- longitudinal current negligable in W₃
- Neutrinos populate isobaric analogues of electron-excitations

$$W_3^{\nu} = 2G_A G_M R_T^e 2(\mathcal{T}+1)$$

Same expressions used by Ericsson, Delorme (1985), Martini et al (2009 - ..)

One structure function determines electrons, neutrinos and antineutrinos

Propagation of 2p2h events

So far, only inclusive X-sections, but for event generation need the 2 outgoing nucleons from initial neutrino-2p2h interaction

- Choose initial nucleons with random momenta inside the Fermi sea, but at same location (short range assumption)
- Choose isospin according to simple combinatorics (no special weight for pn vs nn ..)
- Go to cm-system of 2 nucleons after absorption of momentum transfer q:

 $P_{cm} = p_1 + p_2 + q = 0$

- In that cm system populate final nucleon states according to phase space (somewhat complicated because potential is momentum-dependent!)
- Propagate these two nucleons as usual, with all fsi (potential and collisions)

MiniBooNE 0pion = QE + 2p2h

neutrinos

antineutrinos



No flux correction!

T2K 0pion = QE + 2p2h + stuck pions



Pion Production



DUNE flux on Ar40 QE= true QE + 2p2h pions= resonances + DIS

➔ Pions are dominant!

must be under quantitative control

Elementary Cross section

Pion production in resonance region (W ~< 2 GeV) has resonance and background amplitudes

$$\sigma \propto |A_R + A_{BG}|^2 = |A_R|^2 + |A_{BG}|^2 + interference$$

We obtain both from MAID2007 analysis for W < 2 GeV of electron- and photon-induced pion production on the nucleon → Electron cross section on *nucleon* is correct by construction

$\sigma \propto = |A_R|^2 + BGterms$

We propagate the resonances, but not the BG terms; the BG terms can be < 0!

Pion production on the nucleon

Transition currents to resonances:

Vertex factor
$$\Gamma^{\alpha\mu} = (V^{\alpha\mu} - A^{\alpha\mu}) \gamma^5$$
Hadron tensor $H^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\not p + M \right) \Gamma^{\alpha\mu} \Lambda_{\alpha\beta} \Gamma^{\beta\nu} \right]$

Contract lepton tensor with hadron tensor gives the resonance production cross section:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma^{\mathrm{med}}}{\mathrm{d}\omega\mathrm{d}\Omega'} = \frac{|\mathbf{k}'|}{32\pi^2} \frac{\mathcal{P}^{\mathrm{med}}(p')}{[(k\cdot p)^2 - m_\ell^2 M^2]^{1/2}} |\mathcal{M}_R|^2$$

Formalism on Nucleon

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{d}\sigma(\nu p \to \ell^- p \pi^+) &= \sum_{\substack{I=3/2\\ \mathrm{resonances}}} b_i \, \mathrm{d}\sigma_{R_i^{++}}, \\ \mathrm{d}\sigma(\nu n \to \ell^- n \pi^+) &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\substack{I=3/2\\ \mathrm{resonances}}} b_i \, \mathrm{d}\sigma_{R_i^+} + \frac{2}{3} \sum_{\substack{I=1/2\\ \mathrm{resonances}}} b_i \, \mathrm{d}\sigma_{R_i^+}, \\ \mathrm{d}\sigma(\nu n \to \ell^- p \pi^0) &= \frac{2}{3} \sum_{\substack{I=3/2\\ \mathrm{resonances}}} b_i \, \mathrm{d}\sigma_{R_i^+} + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\substack{I=1/2\\ \mathrm{resonances}}} b_i \, \mathrm{d}\sigma_{R_i^+}, \end{split}$$

branching ratios $b_i = \Gamma_{\pi N} / \Gamma_{tot}$

In the vector sector data are described because we use MAID07 analysis Higher excitations with W > 2 are handled by DIS processes through PYTHIA

BG parameters:

- for electrons from MAID analysis
- for neutrinos are obtained by fit to nucleon data

Elementary Cross Sections



Formalism on Nucleus

Integrate the nucleon cross sections over the Fermi-sea of bound nucleons

$$d\sigma^{A} = \int \frac{d^{3}p}{(2\pi)^{3}} dE P_{h}(p, E) d\sigma^{N} P_{PB}$$

Hole spectral function

Pauli blocking

Resonances and nucleons sit in potential, Delta potential is weaker than nucleon potential (~ 2/3)

Final State Interactions of Pions

• Two-body pi absorption through $\pi + N \rightarrow \Delta, \Delta + N \rightarrow NN$

• Three-body pi absorption:

$$\Gamma_{N_A N_B \pi \to N_a N_b} = \Gamma_{N_A N_B \pi \to N_a N_b}^{\rm BG} + \Gamma_{N_A N_B \pi \to N_a N_b}^{\rm resonance \ contribution}$$

$$\Gamma^{\rm BG}_{N_A N_B \pi \to N_a N_b} \sim \sigma^{\rm BG}_{N N \to N N \pi}$$

$$\Gamma^{\rm resonance\ contribution}_{N_A N_B \pi \to N_a N_b} \sim \sigma^{\rm resonance\ contribution}_{N N \to N N \pi}$$

Pion Production and Absorption

In resonance (N*) region time reversal invariance requires

 $N^* \rightarrow \pi + N$ Pion production $\pi + N \rightarrow N^*$ Pion absorption



- Generators GENIE, NEUT, NuWro all violate this basic principle:
 - pion production usually taken from Rein-Sehgal (38yrs old!, outdated)
 - Pion absorption taken from Valencia model
 - Not verified with electron data

These generators contain artificial degrees of freedom and tuning parameters • $\gamma A \rightarrow \pi^0$ TAPS data





Lalakulich et al, AIP Conf.Proc. 1663 (2015) 040004

Test with eA

• π^+ JLAB data



Exp: B. Clasie et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 242502 (2007).

GiBUU: Kaskulov et al, Phys.Rev. C79 (2009) 015207

T2K ND280 pions on water



Data: T2K ND280 Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) 012010

CC charged pions



W < 1.4 GeV

W < 1.8 GeV, multiple pions

DIS in GiBUU

- 1. Calculate total DIS cross section from pQCD, using standard pdfs
- 2. Obtain mass- and energy-distribution of final state particles from string-fragmentation (PYTHIA)

(Lund) String-fragmentation (Pythia)

idea:

hard qq scattering (pQCD) creates a color flux tube ('string') which then fragments into hadrons (via qq pair production)

- high energy: 10 GeV...
- "Lund string model" implementation: Pythia (Jetset)
- only low-lying resonances
- phenomenological fragmentation function (when and how does a string break?)
- parameters fitted to data (different 'tunes', e.g. to HERMES data, available)



DIS in GiBUU



Final State Interactions

- Neutrinos ,illuminate' the whole nucleus: final state particles can be produced anywhere in the nuclear volume. Need mean free path at different densities and momenta
- Generators (GENIE, ...) replace this by tuning hadron + A

cross sections \rightarrow incorrect geometry, insensitive to pathlengths in medium

- Hadron absorption cross sections, e.g. π + A → X do not test the needed pion mean free path in nuclei, but just the overall absorption rate
- Ideal test: (γ,A) and (e,A) reactions both illuminate also whole nucleus

Propagation of Hadrons

- Hadrons are propagated within their self-energies, i.e. potentials (nucleons always, mesons optional)
- Because of potentials nucleon trajectories are not straight lines, as in MC, but have to be time-integrated
- → increases computing time, but no need to introduce tunable fudge factors such as a binding energy: nucleons become unbound when they leave the nucleus

Test for inverse Reaction: timelike photon production



Dilepton spectrum in the HADES experiment

Summary

GiBUU's essential properties:

- Consistency between different reaction channels (QE, pion production, ...): same groundstate, no redundant, unphysical degrees of freedom
- 2. Bound groundstate, no need for binding energy corrections
- 3. Produces not only inclusive X-sections (such as Scaling, Spectral Function, GFMC methods), but full event final state files, 4-vectors for all particles
- 4. Time-evolution of the reaction is based on transport theory, as in QGP generators

GiBUU Practical Points

- The code can be downloaded from gibuu.heforge.org
- The code is documented by robodoc: generates documentation on homepage
- The code generates event files with four-vectors of all outgoing particles. This info can be used to put in detector acceptances,
- The code also produces many semi-inclusive differential cross sections. These are calculated without any cuts etc
- Running time: ~ 1-2 hours for inclusive X-sections without time-development, ~ 1 day for fully exclusive events