Points for Today

- Bad runs in Q2=2.1, W=2.95
- Update on xsect iteration script
- 2024 Winter Hall C Draft 1

Preliminary look at KaonLT Cross Sections January 18th, 2023

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Hard-Soft Factorization

- Hard-soft factorization is prerequisite for three-dimensional hadron structure studies
- This can be tested experimentally by measuring the L-T separated cross sections
- The K⁺ electroproduction cross section has a Q² dependence at fixed x and -t
 - Provides important insight into hard-soft factorization for systems including strangeness
 - Factorization of σ_1 scales to leading order Q⁻⁶
 - In that regime expect σ_{T} to go as Q⁻⁸ and consequently $\sigma_{L} >> \sigma_{T}$
 - Important because partons are "frozen" transversely in the reference frame of pQCD (i.e. infinite momentum frame)



L-T Separated K⁺ Data for Verifying Reaction Mechanism

- Jlab 6 GeV K⁺ data demonstrated the technique of measuring the Q² dependence of L-T separated cross sections at fixed x/t to test QCD Factorization
 - \circ Consistent with expected scaling of $\sigma_{\rm L}$ to leading order Q^-6 but with relatively large uncertainties
- Separated cross sections over a large range in Q² are essential for:
 - Testing hard-soft factorization and understanding dynamical effects in both Q² and -t kinematics
 - Interpreting non-perturbative QCD contributions in experimentally accessible kinematics
- Hall C at JLab 12 GeV provides the facilities for such measurements

Results from JLab 6 GeV data



M. Carmignotto et al., PhysRevC 97(2018)025204

Review E12-09-011 (KaonLT) Goals

- Q² dependence will allow studying the scaling behavior of the separated cross sections
 - First cross section data for Q² scaling tests (x=0.25, 0.4) with kaons
 - Highest Q² (Q²=5.5 GeV²) for L-T separated kaon electroproduction cross section
 - First separated kaon cross section measurement above W=2.2 GeV
- $p(e,e'K^+)\Lambda,\Sigma^0$ t-dependence allows for detailed studies of the reaction mechanism
 - Contributes to understanding of the non-pole QCD contributions, which should reduce the model dependence
 - Bonus: if warranted by data, extract the kaon form factor from Λ data

Overview Hall C at 12 GeV





KaonLT Experimental Details

- Hall C: k_e=3.8, 4.9, 6.4, 8.5, 10.6 GeV
- SHMS for kaon detection :
 - angles, 6 30 deg
 - o momenta, 2.7 6.8 GeV/c
- HMS for electron detection :
 - angles, 10.7 31.7 deg
 - o momenta, 0.86 5.1 GeV/c
- Particle identification:
 - Dedicated Aerogel Cherenkov detector for kaon/proton separation
 - Four refractive indices to cover the dynamic range required by experiments

THE CATHOLIC

• Heavy gas Cherenkov detector for kaon/pion separation



n	π _{thr} (GeV/c)	K _{thr} (GeV/c)	P _{thr} (GeV/c)
1.030	0.57	2.00	3.80
1.020	0.67	2.46	4.67
1.015	0.81	2.84	5.40
1.011	0.94	3.32	6.31

KaonLT - Data Collected

 The p(e, e'K⁺)Λ,Σ⁰ experiment ran in Hall C at Jefferson Lab over the fall 2018 and spring 2019.



E (GeV)	Q² (GeV²)	W (GeV)	x	ε _{high} /ε _{low}	Δε	Study Type
10.6/8.2	5.5	3.02	0.40	0.53/0.18	0.35	scaling
10.6/8.2	4.4	2.74	0.40	0.72/0.48	0.24	scaling
10.6/6.2	3.0	2.32	0.40	0.88/0.57	0.31	both
10.6/8.2	3.0	3.14	0.25	0.67/0.39	0.28	scaling
10.6/6.2	2.115	2.95	0.21	0.79/0.25	0.54	both
4.9/3.8	0.5	2.40	0.09	0.70/0.45	0.25	FF

Notable Challenges of Commissioning Experiment

• SHMS Heavy Gas Cerenkov Hole

- Improperly aligned mirrors resulted in a hole at the center of the HGCer.
- HGLOG (<u>2/28/2019</u>), ???
- Tracking
 - Tracking algorithm was initially insufficient for the high precision hadron tracking required
 - Commissioning meeting (<u>1/4/2021</u>, <u>5/18/2021</u>)

• Luminosity Analysis

- EDTM calculation is made complex when prescaling is involved
- Hall C Quarterly Meeting I (<u>10/20/2022</u>)

• HCANA vs SIMC calculations

- Discrepancies in the calculations used in HCANA vs those used SIMC resulted in differing distribution for high level physics variables
- Hall C Quarterly Meeting III (<u>4/27/2023</u>)
- <u>KaonLT Weekly Meetings</u>

KaonLT Analysis Phases

Calibrations



 $Q^2 = 5.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, W = 3.02 GeV



Uncertainy Considerations

- This is perhaps the most important step in the entire analysis.
- These studies are so critical because of a $1/\Delta\epsilon$ amplification and possibly small $R=\sigma_L/\sigma_T$ in the systematic uncertainty of the σ_L

$$\frac{\Delta \sigma_L}{\sigma_L} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2} \frac{\Delta \sigma}{\sigma} \sqrt{(1/R + \epsilon_1)^2 + (1/R + \epsilon_2)^2}$$

- Careful analysis will allow the required precision cross section measurements for extracting form factors.
- Two main tools: luminosity scans and elastic analysis

Statis	stical	System	atic
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Source	pt-to-pt	t-correlated	scale
Acceptance	0.4	0.4	1.0
PID		0.4	0.5
Coincidence Blocking		0.2	
Tracking efficiency	0.1	0.1	1.5
Charge		0.2	0.5
Target thickness		0.2	0.8
Kinematics	0.4	1.0	
Kaon Absorption		0.5	0.5
Kaon Decay		1.0	3.0
Radiative Corrections	0.1	0.4	2.0
Monte Carlo Model	0.2	1.0	0.5
Total	0.6	2.0	4.2

Altered from KaonLT Proposal, PAC 34

Luminosity and Elastics

- Final Luminosity Results (Carbon, LH2)
- Final Offset Results (<u>v3</u>)

Carbon is flat (m0=1.688e-05±4.305e-04) LH2 has a slope of ~8%+/-2% (m0=-7.899e-04±1.829e-04)



Final KaonLT Offsets

E: 3834.9 | 4932.0 | 6190.3 | 8208.8 | 10585.4 MeV dE: -0.3000 | -0.7000 | -0.2000 | +0.5000 | +0.5000

All energies...

dthe 1.0000 dthp 1.1000 dphe 2.5100 dphp -0.1100 dpe -1.0000 dpp -2.0000

All offsets are in units... 0.1% for momenta/energy, 1 mrad for angles





Comparison to Model (1)

- Initially starting with model from Fpi-2, which were at nearly constant W.
- Since we have more than one W setting for fixed Q² (i.e. Q²=3.0), simple adjustments are being implemented.
 - W dependence on tav

$$2\pi \frac{d^2 \sigma}{dt d\phi} = \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(\varepsilon+1)} \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \cos \phi + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \cos 2\phi$$

$$\sigma_L = (a + b \cdot \log(Q^2)) \cdot \exp\left((c + d \cdot \log(Q^2)) \cdot |t|\right)$$
$$\sigma_T = e + f \cdot \log(Q^2) + (g + h \cdot \log(Q^2)) \cdot \frac{|t| - tav}{tav}$$

$$\sigma_{LT} = \left(i \cdot \exp\left(j \cdot |t|\right) + \frac{k}{|t|}\right) \cdot \sin(\theta_{\rm cm})$$

$$\sigma_{TT} = l \cdot Q^2 \cdot \exp\left(-Q^2\right) \cdot \frac{|t|}{(|t| + m_{K+}^2)^2} \cdot \sin^2(\theta_{\rm cm})$$

Comparison to Model (2)

This slide is ongoing...

- Compare Q2=2.115 to model
- Then compare Q2=5.5 to model
 - Higher Q2 already shows some deviation of the model, likely due to higher t range.
- More Q2 settings, well see how I progress



Unsep Cross section

This slide is ongoing...

• If things work out this week, some rough, 0th iteration, unsep cross sections

Outlook and Conclusion

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Studies of the L-T Separated Kaon Electroproduction

Cross Section from 5-11 GeV

December 15, 2008



Thank You for Your Time!



Meson Form Factors

- π⁺ and K⁺ form factors are of special interest in hadron structure studies
- Clearest case for studying transition from non-perturbative to perturbative regions
- π^+ form factor has data covering a wide rang of Q² (up to 8.5 GeV²)
 - Fπ1/Fπ2: 2006, 2008
 - PionLT: E12-09-011 which covers KaonLT data plus Summer 2019
 - PionLT: E12-19-006 ran Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Summer 2022 and Fall 2022
- Meanwhile, the K⁺ form factor data is very limited...



L-T Separated K⁺ Data for Form Factor

- Jlab 6 GeV data showed the K⁺ form factor differs from hard QCD calculation
 - Evaluated with asymptotic valence-quark Distribution Amplitude (DA), but large uncertainties
- 12 GeV K⁺ form factor extraction data require:
 - Measurements over a range of -t, which allow for interpretation of kaon pole contribution

Results from JLab 6 GeV data



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• Hall C magnetic spectrometers can provide the facilities for this measurement

Extract the Kaon Electroproduction Cross Section

E=10.6 GeV

Q²=0.5, W=2.40, x=0.09, ε_{low}=0.45



expected

- SIMC, including a model of the experimental setup, is used to simulate a variety of effects.
- A model for the kaon electroproduction cross section is developed, including a χ^2 minimization to achieve the best agreement between data and SIMC.
- This is achieved by iterating the model input cross section.
- The experimental cross section can then be extracted as long as the model input cross section properly describes the dependence on all kinematic variables.

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Example polynomial showing expected kinematic dependency
$$\frac{d\sigma_{i}}{dt} = A_{i} \cdot e^{B_{i}|t-t_{c}|} \cdot \frac{1.0}{(1.0+C_{i}Q^{2})/(1.0+C_{i}Q^{2})}$$

L-T Separation



- σ_1 is isolated using the Rosenbluth separation technique
- Measure the cross section at two beam energies and fixed W, Q², -t



Form Factor Extraction

- The product of the kaon form factor is related to σ_L through the probability of the virtual photon interacting with a kaon
- If σ_L shows an exponential fall off with t this is a sign of the point-like behavior warranting the form factor extraction
- The extraction of the kaon form factor is done by fitting the longitudinal cross section calculated by the VGL Regge model to the experimental data.



T. Horn's Thesis

• The model is evaluated for different values of Λ^2_{K+}

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$$\sigma_L \approx \frac{-tQ^2}{(t-m_K^2)^2} g_{KNN}^2(t) F_K^2(Q^2, t) \longrightarrow F_K(Q^2, t) = (1+Q^2/\Lambda_K^2)^{-1} \longrightarrow \frac{\chi^2}{\text{dof}} = \frac{1}{\text{dof}} \sum_{\text{t bins}} \frac{(\sigma_L^{VGL} - \sigma_L^{exp})^2}{\Delta \sigma_L^2}$$

M. Vanderhaeghen, M. Guidal, and J.-M. Laget, Phys. Rev. C 57, 1454