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Kaon electro-production

fi ve-fold differential cross section separates into virtual photon flux and virt. photoproduction cross section:



virtual photoproduction cross section is parameterised:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{v}}{\mathrm{d}\Omega_{\mathrm{K}}^{*}} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{T}}{\mathrm{d}\Omega_{\mathrm{K}}^{*}} + \epsilon_{L}\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{L}}{\mathrm{d}\Omega_{\mathrm{K}}^{*}} + \sqrt{2\epsilon_{L}(1+\epsilon)}\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{LT}}{\mathrm{d}\Omega_{\mathrm{K}}^{*}}\cos\phi + \epsilon\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{TT}}{\mathrm{d}\Omega_{\mathrm{K}}^{*}}\cos2\phi$$

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Kaon electro-production measurements



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Kaon production at forward angles

measurements with Kaos at MAMI in 2009 and 2010



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Kaon production at low Q²

measurements with Kaos at MAMI in 2009 and 2010



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Experimental aspects

Adaption of the spectrometer facility



1st order resolving power

1st order momentum resolution

max momentum and path length limit kaon survival probability < 15% in A/B/C

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2400

 $\sim 10^{-3}$

19000

 $< 10^{-4}$



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Particle detection and ID

Track reconstruction with two MWPCs



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TOF wall "along" the focal plane





Particle identification by dE/dx and TOF



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Coincidence time resolution



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Reaction ID



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Λ - and Σ -hyperons in a single kinematic setting



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Λ and Σ yield extraction

[Kaos at MAMI: preliminary analysis]



integrated luminosity extraction: 3000 femtobarn⁻¹ \rightarrow cross-section extraction expected end of 2009 Towards a zero-degree experiment at MAMI

Realisation of Kaos as a double spectrometer



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Status of the detector for the electron arm



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e.g. strong correlation between momenta/positions



- goal: suppression of background on trigger level
 requirements:
 - 1) correlation of > 60 \otimes 4000 channels
 - 2) tracking information (clustering)
 - 3) flexibility (different beams, magnet settings...)
 - \rightarrow programmable, fast trigger decision

First electron arm beam-test

beam-test of trigger system under high background rates @ $I = 0.1 \mu A$:



→ future applications at I ≥ 1 μ A scheduled.



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Installation of a beam chicane for a zero-degree operation of KAOS



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1a) The strangeness physics programme at MAMI is progressing with KAOS operational since Oct 2008

1b) a first physics campaign dedicated to low Q² kaon electro-production was run in June 2009

2a) the extension of the KAOS spectrometer towards a two-arm operation under zero degree is progressing

2b) first physics campaigns dedicated to hypernuclear physics are expected to come in 2010