# Overview of Measurements on Strange and Nuclear Systems at MAMI



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## Strangeness physics and developments in Mainz

### What is the topic of this talk?

open strangeness electro-production at MAMI

What progress was made in the data analysis since 2009?

- final (much improved) version of the tracking code
- near-final study of efficiencies and acceptances
- ongoing study of kaon identification

What hardware was improved since 2009?

- near-final completion of the fibre detector
- successful beam-test of the spectrometer's electron-arm
- final (much improved) design of the pre-target beam chicane What else was done?
- two background studies on coherent φ-meson electro-production on nuclear targets in the two-kaon decay channel and the dilepton decay channel
- a feasibility study on hypernuclear decay pion spectroscopy in a single-arm measurement

## Kaon electro-production

### A glimpse at the theory

task: finding right degrees-of-freedom, interactions and structures



- Saclay-Lyon A: no hadronic f. f., SU(3), crossing symmetry, nucleon (spin 1/2 and 3/2) and hyperon resonances [T. Mart, C. Bennhold, *Phys. Rev.* C 61 (2000) 012201(R)]
- Kaon-MAID: hadronic f. f., SU(3), no hyperon, only nucleon (spin 1/2 and 3/2) resonances [T. Mizutani *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. C* 58 (1998) 75]

all models: extended Born terms (p,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma$ , K), K\*(890), K<sub>1</sub>(1270)



### Kaos data from 2009 and 2010



From: [T. Mart and A. Sulaksono, Phys. Rev. C 74, 055203 (2006).]

Data points: [K. H. Glander *et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 19,* 251 (2004).

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### The importance of low momentum transfer



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### Kaon electro-production measurements



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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

 $< 10^{-4}$ 

## Installation of KAOS in 2007





## Tracking with two cathode-charge read-out MWPCs



20 mn

9 mm

9 mm

GND

GND

- implementation of MWPC, new frontend read-out and cluster analysis in early 2008
- trigger, DAQ, and cluster analysis now consolidated

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E-Field

x-cathode plane

anode plane

cathode plane

### **Cluster analysis**

Challenges:

• charge centroids often do not correspond to the trajectory position

correlation ←→ between induced charges

other continuous clusters
 often divide into individual
 peaks

Task: resolving multi-hit ambiguities important for beam currents above 1 µA

[P. Achenbach et al., Particle tracking with cathode-charge sampling in multi-wire proportional chambers, in preparation]







### Efficiency counter set-up





two 5 mm thick efficiency counters with minimum thickness were built and placed in front of MWPC L and M -- only top of the detectors were active

### **Extracted tracking efficiencies**

- intrinsic efficiency (L/M): any charge detected in the chamber,
- tracking efficiency: any track reconstructed from the charges,
- chamber efficiency (L/M): any track reconstructed to be in the valid acceptance region of the chamber

beam current	intrinsic (%)		tracking (%)			protons $(\%)$		pions $(\%)$	
Ι (μΑ)	$\mathbf{L}$	Μ	any track	$\mathbf{L}$	Μ	$\mathbf{L}$	Μ	$\mathbf{L}$	Μ
1	99.3	99.6	98.3	96.3	95.6	97.7	96.9	85.5	83.7
2	99.5	99.7	<b>98.2</b>	95.0	93.1	<b>96.6</b>	94.8	82.4	78.8
3	99.6	99.8	98.2	93.2	<b>90.3</b>	94.9	92.1	80.4	75.2
4	99.6	99.8	98.1	91.6	87.4	93.7	89.8	75.2	68.0

bad reconstruction example created by original analysis:



### Track efficiency as a function of quality



for the cross-section extraction kaon tracking efficiency for events passing the missing-mass cut are being deduced

## TOF walls "along" the focal plane



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### Paddle beam-test Aug. 2010



collaboration with Osamu Hashimoto, Satoshi 'Nue' Nakamura, and Satoshi Hirose

### Pion/proton suppression by *dE/dx*



#### cuts on time-of-flight and missing mass to find *dE/dx* band for kaons

### dE/dx cut efficiency



## Time-of-flight and coincidence time resolution



cuts on *dE/dx* and missing mass to find time-of-flight band for kaons

### Particle velocities in the 400-600 MeV/c range





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# $\Lambda$ - and $\Sigma$ -hyperons in a single kinematic setting



### $\Lambda$ and $\Sigma$ yield extraction



## **Cross-section determination**

- cross-section extraction performed by scaling based on K-Maid  $Y = L \times \int \left[ \Gamma(Q^2, W) \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\Omega_K^*} \right] A(d^5 V) R(d^5 V) dQ^2 dW d\phi_e d\Omega_K^*$ measurements measurements  $Y = L \times \left( \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\Omega_K^*} \right)_{CA} \times \int \left[ \Gamma(Q^2, W) \frac{\frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\Omega_K^*}}{(\frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\Omega_K^*})_{CA}^*} \right] A(d^5 V) R(d^5 V) dQ^2 dW d\phi_e d\Omega_K^*$ Kaon-Maid
- angular dependency is strong in this kinematic region
- cross-section given for 7 kaon centre-of-mass angular bins
- equivalent Monte Carlo yield determined for a cross-check of procedure

$$Y_{\rm MC} = L_{\rm H} \times \int \left[ \frac{d^5\sigma}{dQ^2 dW d\phi_e d\Omega_{\rm K}^*} \right] A(d^5V) R(d^5V) dQ^2 dW d\phi_e d\Omega_{\rm K}^*$$

 $^{\succ}$  Kaon-Maid + simulation + measured efficiencies and luminosity

### Phase space simulation



### Extracted kaon yields



Towards a zero-degree experiment at MAMI



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



### Final beam chicane design

- all pre-target components available
- installation work started last week
- former head of the MAMI accelerator took responsibility for beam transport and monitoring





### **Electron arm Detector Front-End**



## Read-out with position-sensitive photomultipliers





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



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## Detector production finished in 2010

18 432 fibres in 144 bundles with associated 144 bundle connectors, MaPMTs, front-end boards, etc...

- all work done by 'HiWi' and doctorate students
- quality control after each production stage:
- $\rightarrow$  fibre bundle rejection,
- $\rightarrow$  cable rejection,
- $\rightarrow$  connector rejection

for more on detector production, quality control, test-stands for PMT alignment  $\rightarrow$  see talk by Anselm Esser

### **Detector calibration and characterisation**



several months of preparation work for gain calibration and final control of all detector modules details → see talk by Anselm Esser • collimated <sup>90</sup>Sr source

- short fibre with PMT as trigger
- automatic course of action:
- computer controlled carriage moves along detector
- data-taking for precise positioning
- data taking for fibre bundle calibration



## Beam-tests 24–29 August 2010



~ 120 fibre detectors in two planes placed in high radiation environment beam energy: 510 MeV beam intensity: 0.1–100  $\mu$ A spectrometer angle: 37.5° targets: CH<sub>2</sub> and <sup>12</sup>C





7 front-end CPUs ~ 4 000 detector signals ~ 40 trigger modules with FPGA programming ~ 6 kHz data-taking rate in each ROB PC

### Fibre detector as electron arm spectrometer



## **Further studies**

## Concept for a study of $\phi$ vector mesons

Invariant mass distributions of  $\varphi$  vector mesons inside and outside the nuclear medium via K<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>-</sup> pair spectroscopy at  $\rho_N \cong \rho_0$  and T=0

modification studied by two decay channels:

di-lepton: difficulty in the treatment of the background

*KK*: distortion by the *KN* and *KN* interactions



 $r(A=60) \approx 4 \text{ fm}$ 

Meson	Mass (MeV/c²)	Г (MeV/c²)	Cτ (fm)	Main decay	e⁺e⁻ BR
ρ	768	152	1.3	$\pi^+ \pi^-$	4.4 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
ω	782	8.43	23.4	$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	7.2 x 10⁻⁵
ф	1019	4.43	44.4	K+ K⁻	3.1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>

## **Experimental set-up at MAMI**



Trajectory length: SpekB: 12.03 m SpekC: 8.53 m Kaos: 5.50 m

Solid angle: SpekB: 5.6 msr SpekC: 28 msr Kaos : 11 msr new demands on spectrometer set-up: SpekB at 90°; SpekC at -20°; Kaos at 35°



### Count rate estimate

Kaon survival:

$$P = \exp(-L/(c\tau_K\beta\gamma))$$

$$P(Kaos) = 0.11$$

$$P(SpekC) = 0.04$$

$$P(KK) = 4.4 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$Y_{\phi} = N_{e}\rho L_{target} \frac{N_{a}}{A} \Delta \sigma(\Omega, t)$$
$$Y_{\phi} \simeq 600 \times \Delta \sigma(\Omega, t) \ [1/\text{nb}]$$

	SpekB at -15°	SpekC at $-20^\circ$
$\mathrm{N_{gen}^{\phi}}$	$2.4 \times 10^7$	$2.0  imes 10^7$
$N_{coin}^{KK}$	54	282
${ m N}_{ m coin}^{KK}/{ m N}_{ m gen}^{\phi}$	$23/10^{7}$	$127/10^{7}$
KK-survival probability	0.002	0.004
$Br(\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)$	0.49	0.49
wt	0.3	0.3
$\eta_{ m eff}$	0.5	0.5
$K^+K^-$ coincidence rate	$0.6/\mathrm{hour}$	$7/\mathrm{hour}$

#### set-up:

SpekA at -51.3°, negative polarity, central momentum= 646 MeV/c SpekB at +52.8°, positive polarity, central momentum= 646 MeV/c 25  $\mu$ A electron beam of 1508 MeV on 45 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> <sup>12</sup>C target

data:

27 runs x 30 min.:	13.5 h	
coincidence rate:	2 Hz	
coincident events:	86 827	
missing mass events:	33 487	
coincidences in 1.6 ns:	889	
random coincidences:	330	
positron ID (Cherenkov)	: 35	

## Time-line 2010 onwards

Time	Activities at MAMI
August 2010	In-beam tests of electron arm detectors and sophisticated FPGA trigger system at
	very forward angles (8-10 degrees to the beam-line); measurements of background
	rates; implementation of different trigger options for background suppression; in-
	beam test of a prototype scintillator paddle
September –	Installation work for the pre-target beam chicane: primary dipole (DCI I), positioning
November 2010	plates, mountings, vacuum chambers, beam pipes, secondary dipole (DCI II), pre-
	target steering system, beam position monitors, exit beam-line
Winter 2010/11	Possibility for in-beam tests of new scintillator wall elements
	Elementary kaon electroproduction measurements with the Kaos spectrometer at
	zero degree using the commissioned beam chicane?
Spring 2011	Commissioning of a new scintillator wall?
	First decay pion spectroscopy experiment using the new scintillator wall in the Kaos
	spectrometer as kaon tagger and SpekA for pion detection?
Summer 2011	First hypernuclear spectroscopy experiment using the Kaos spectrometer at zero
	degree and the electron arm detector for small angle electron tagging?

# Thank you!

