

$\pi \pm$, K[±] multiplicities and S(x)

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Semi-Inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering



DF(x,Q²): Parton Distribution Function – $q(x,Q^2)$, $\Delta q(x,Q^2)$, $\delta q(x,Q^2)$...

FF(z,Q^2): Fragmentation Function - D₁(z,Q^2), H₁[⊥](z,Q^2), ...



Multiplicities

Publication: A. Airapetian et al., Phys. Rev. D87 (2013) 074029

Thesis: S. J. Joosten, Dissertation, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champain, 2013, DESY-THESIS 2013-044

Website: www-hermes.desy.de/multiplicities



$$M^{h}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{Q}^{2},\mathbf{z},\mathbf{P}_{h\perp}) = \frac{N^{h}}{N^{\text{DIS}}} \sim \frac{\sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} q(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{Q}^{2},\mathbf{k}_{T}) D_{q}^{h}(\mathbf{z},\mathbf{Q}^{2},\mathbf{p}_{T})}{\sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} q(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{Q}^{2},\mathbf{k}_{T})}$$

- **3** 3D analysis (in x, z, $P_{h\perp}$ and Q^2 , z, $P_{h\perp}$)
- RICH unfolding
- Corrections for Trigger inefficiencies, charge-symmetric background contamination by exclusive vector mesons (optional)
- Multidimensional smearing-unfolding for radiative effects, limited acceptance, decay in flight, secondary hadronic interactions, detector smearing
 - Final results corrected to 4π Born



Exclusive Vector-Meson Contamination



- SIDIS π and K sample contaminated by decays of diffractive ρ and φ
- Corrections obtained from tuned PYTHIA MC
 - Results available both with and without this correction
- This presentation: with correction



Multiplicities projected vs z



Multiplicities reflect
• valence-quark content of p, n
p= (u,u,d), n = (d,d,u)

• favoured \Leftrightarrow unfavoured FF $u \rightarrow \pi^{+} (\overline{d}u) \Leftrightarrow u \rightarrow \pi^{-} (d\overline{u})$ $u \rightarrow K^{+} (\overline{s}u) \Leftrightarrow u \rightarrow K^{-} (s\overline{u})$

sea object





Almost no dependence on x



1D Comparison with LO predictions



CTEQ6L PDFs, JHEP 02 (2006) 032 Kretzer FFs, PRD 62 (2000 054001 HKS FFs, PRD 75 (2007) 094009 DSS FFs, PRG 75 (2007) 114010 Fair agreement with DSS FF (used prel. HERMES multiplicities) and data for positive hadrons

Substantial differences between all FFs and data for negative hadrons

Plenty of room for improvements especially in disfavored sector

E. Aschenauer



K/π vs z; Strangeness Suppression





Multiplicities vs x in slices of z



Some (small) dependence on x



K/ π vs x in slices of z





Multiplicities vs Q² in slices of z



Small Q² dependence

Rather good agreement with CTEQ6L + DSS



Multiplicities vs $P_{h\perp}$ in slices of z



- Access to quark intrinsic transverse momentum $k_{\rm T}$ and fragmentation $p_{\rm T}$
 - Gaussian ansatz:

$$P_{h\perp}^{2} = z^{2} \cdot k_{T}^{2} + \cdot p_{T}^{2}$$



Multiplicities vs $P_{h\perp}$ in slices of z



Average and width function of kinematics and hadron type
 Hint of broader distribution for K⁻,





Thesis S. Joosten, no official HERMES plot





 $P_{h\perp}$ vs x in slices of z



Slightly falling function of x



Reevaluation of the strange-quark distribution

Publication 1: A. Airapetian et al., Phys. Lett. B666 (2008) 446

Publication 2: soon



Impact of multidimensional approach



Published results were based on 1D-unfolded multiplicities with the requirement p_h > 2 GeV

Final 3D-unfolded multiplicities are rather different



Reevaluation of S(x)

Input:

L.O. Multiplicities for K+ and K- with deuteron target

 $d^{2}N_{D}^{DIS}/dxdQ^{2} = K(x,Q^{2})[5Q(x) + 2S(x)]$

where $Q(x) = u(x)+\overline{u}(x)+d(x)+d(x)$ and $S(x) = s(x) + \overline{s}(x)$

 $d^{2}N_{D}^{K_{\pm}}/dxdQ^{2} = K(x,Q^{2})[Q(x)D_{Q}^{K}(z)dz + S(x)D_{S}^{K}(z)dz]$

where $D_Q^{k}(z) = 4D_u^{k}(z)+D_d^{k}(z)$ and $D_s^{k}(z) = 2D_s^{k}(z)$

$$\frac{dN^{K\pm}}{dN^{DIS}} = \frac{Q(x)\int D_Q^K(z)dz + S(x)\int D_S^K(z)dz}{5Q(x) + 2S(x)}$$





0.1

0.6

Х

0.02





Comparison 2008-2013



- New result for xS(x) smaller in magnitude by factor of ≈ 0.6
 - Message doesn't change: S(x) much softer than assumed by current PDFs (mainly based on $vN \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-X$ see e.g., NOMAD, arXiv:13084750)







- High-statistics HERMES data set of charged pion and kaon multiplicities
 - Multidimensional analysis in x, z, Q², P_h

- These data are a basis for improved extractions of PDFs and FFs (in NLO)
- Reevaluation of S(x), based on these final multiplicities S(x) is softer than assumed by current PDFs.

Backups







