# Precision Measurements of the Deuterium to Hydrogen F<sub>2</sub> Structure Function Ratio at Large x



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- JLab12 GeV Commissioning Experiment in Hall C
- Data taken in Spring 2018
- Single Arm (Inclusive) measurement
- Scattered e- detected in spectrometers
- Hydrogen and Deuterium Liquid Targets



71% of total data

were taken by SHMS

We will extract H,D(e,e') cross sections.

positron data			
Angle	Momentum(GeV/c)		
21	2.7		
29	2.0, 2.7		
39	1.3, 1.8		

#### Hall C Spectrometers





#### **Cross Section Extraction: Data Yields**

Number of scattered particles form the tracks in drift chambers and pass through all the PID (cerenkov and calorimeter) cuts





#### **Cross Section Extraction: Particle identification**



- E/p > 0.7
- NPE > 2.0



F2 Update for Winter Hall C Collaboration Meeting

#### **Cross Section Extraction: Pion Contamination**

•Pions that pass the electron cuts need to be removed from yields

•The  $\pi/e$  ratio was calculated for each spectrometer angle and parameterized as a function of E'

•Analysis was done for each target (LH2, LD2, C12, AL)

• For large angle/ small E' this can be very large (~10 % effect)



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#### **Target Density Correction**



- Luminosity Runs were used to determine the density correction
- Experiment ran at an average beam current of 50 uA
- Target density uncertainty in D/ H ratio ~1.1%



#### **Cross Section Extraction: Monte Carlo Ratio Method**

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right)_{exp} = \frac{Y_{Data}}{Y_{MC}} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right)_{model}$$



1) MC (weighted with radiative cxsec) and corrected data yields are binned in delta

2) Take ratio of data and MC

3) Multiply each bin by model (not radiated) to get cross section



#### **Cross Section Extraction: Monte Carlo Ratio Method**





- In the ratio, F<sub>2</sub><sup>D</sup>/F<sub>2</sub><sup>p</sup>, many of the systematic errors are reduced
- Target density error: 1.1%
- Livetime errors approach 1% at the highest rate kinematics
- "Kinematic" error includes contributions from the  $\delta E_{scat.}$ ,  $\delta E_{beam}$ , and  $\delta \theta_{central}$

Error	Pt. to Pt (%)	Correlated (%)
Statistical	0.6 - 5.6(2.9)	
Charge	0.1 - 0.6	
Target Density	0.0-0.2	1.1
Livetime		0.0 - 1.0
Model Dependence		0.0 - 2.6(1.2)
Charge Sym. Background		0.0 - 1.4
Acceptance		0.0 - 0.6(0.3)
Kinematic		0.0-0.4
Radiative Corrections		0.5 - 0.7(0.6)
Pion Contamination		0.1 - 0.3
Cerenkov Efficiency		0.1
Total	0.6 - 5.7(2.9)	1.3 - 2.9(2.1)

TABLE I. Error budget for the cross section ratio  $\sigma_D/\sigma_H$ . The error after a cut of  $W^2 > 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  is shown in parenthesis, this is a typical cut applied to eliminate the resonance region while performing PDF fits.







### **Results**

- Excellent agreement between SHMS and HMS
- "F1F221" model does not include this work
- 2-3% discrepency exists between the Hall A and Hall C results



### Results





- Impact studies from the CJ collaboration demonstrate the constraining power of this data on PDF fits
- The central value of the largly unconstrained d/u PDFs at large x shifted (top)
- The relative errors in the d/u PDF was reduced significantly across a wide range in x



### **Impact Studies**

# JAM Impact Study

- D/H ratio was provided to Jefferson Lab Angular Momentum Collaboration (JAM) to incorporate into their global QCD analysis of PDFs
- New F2 data significantly improves the uncertainty of higher twist corrections to F2

$$F_2(x,Q^2) = F_2^{\text{LT}}(x,Q^2) \left(1 + rac{C_{ ext{HT}}(x)}{Q^2}\right)$$



Courtesy of Chris Cocuzza, W. Melnitchouk, and N. Gonzalez



Precision Measurements of the Deuterium to Hydrogen Structure Function Ratios

Summary/Outlook

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- Deuteron to proton ratios complete
  - Dataset is available for inclusion in PDF fits, models, etc
  - First publication ready for PRL submission
- Future work
  - $\theta_C = 59^\circ$  ratios from HMS. Analysis ongoing
  - Absolute deuteron and proton cross section.
    - Quark-Hadron duality Averaging
    - Compute non single moments
    - Improve resonance/DIS
      modeling

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