

Helium-4 Elastic Cross Section Acceptance Scale Factor

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“Empty” runs normalized to experimental cross section, without solid angle acceptance

$$\sigma_{unscaled} = \frac{d\sigma^{raw}}{d\Omega dE'} \Delta\Omega = \frac{ps_1 N}{\frac{Q_{tot}}{e} \rho(LT) \epsilon_{det}} \frac{1}{\Delta E' \Delta Z}$$

N is the yield, the number of scattered electrons

e is the electron charge

Quantities from MySQL: ps_1 is the prescale factor, Q_{tot} is the total charge, ρ is the number density of the electron beam, LT is the livetime, ϵ_{det} is the product of all detector efficiencies.

$\Delta\Omega$ is the solid angle acceptance. Toby cross section cut used:

$$-0.005 < \phi < 0.005 \quad | \quad -0.01 < \theta < 0.01$$

$\Delta E'$ is the energy acceptance: 1 MeV bins

ΔZ is the target length from Ryan's Tech Note #19

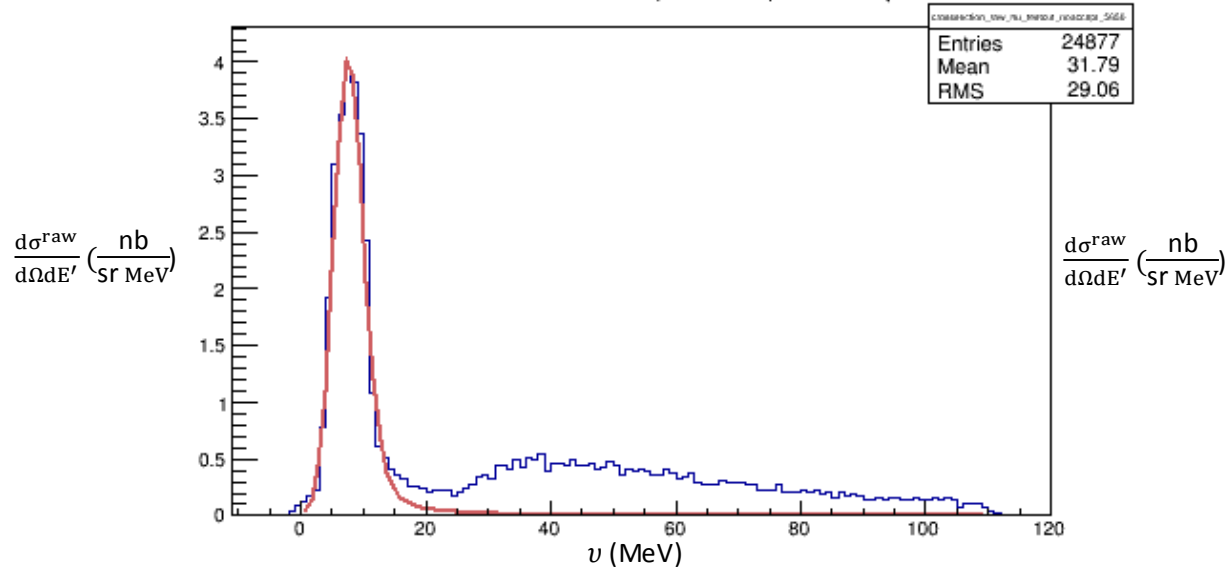
All runs are 2.2 GeV incident energy, 5 T magnetic field, Helium-4/ ‘Empty’ target

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2. “Radiation Thickness, Collisional Thickness, and Most Probable Collisional Energy Loss for E08-027”, 17, R. Zielinski, 2016

Elastic and quasielastic peaks fit, with fake bins to force QE fit to go to zero by 15 MeV

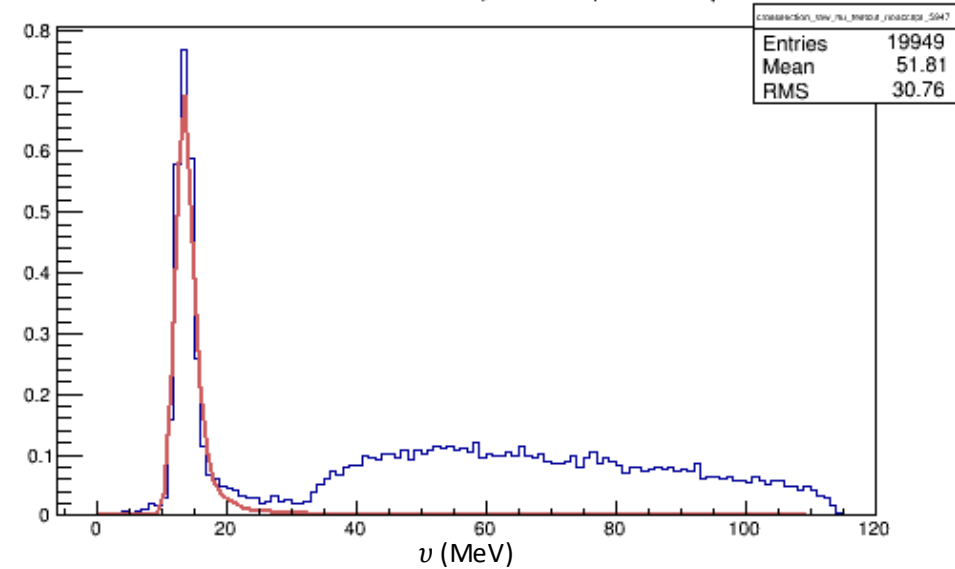
Run 5650 (Longitudinal)

Raw Cross Section vs. Nu (test cuts) no acceptance



Run 5947 (Transverse)

Raw Cross Section vs. Nu (test cuts) no acceptance



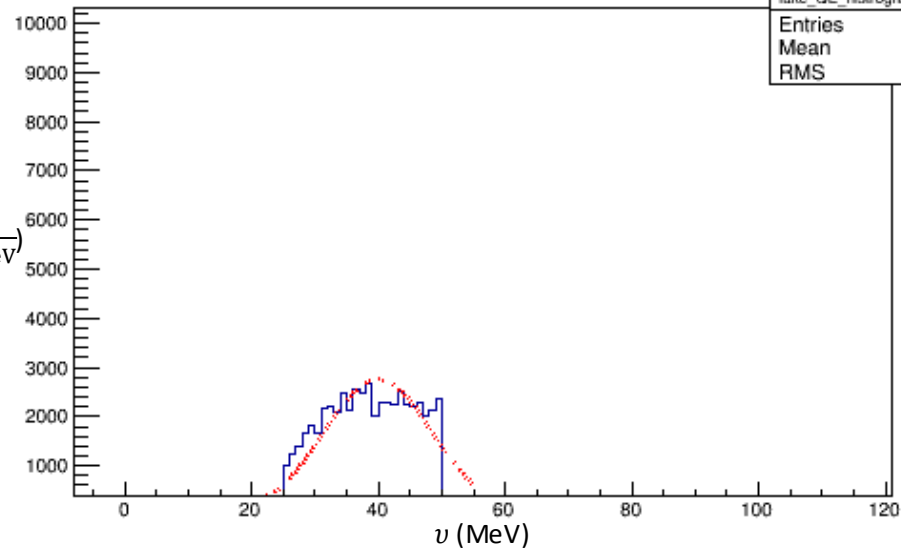
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Run 5650 (Longitudinal)

Raw Cross Section vs. Nu (test cuts)

fake_QE_histogram_5650	
Entries	4875
Mean	38.42
RMS	6.754

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{raw}}}{d\Omega dE'} \left(\frac{\text{nb}}{\text{sr MeV}} \right)$$

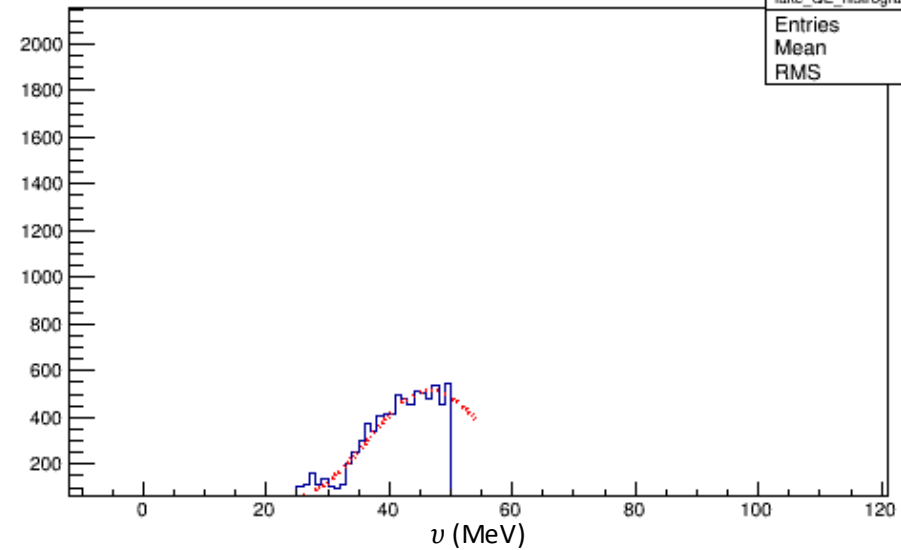


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Run 5947 (Transverse)

Raw Cross Section vs. Nu (test cuts)

fake_QE_histogram_5947	
Entries	3357
Mean	40.92
RMS	6.213



Elastic peak integrated and radiative corrections applied, compared to Rosenbluth cross section for elastic scattering.

Mo and Tsai method used. Formula is lengthy, see image.

All quantities defined well in paper with the exception of “ ΔE ”

ΔE defined in separate Tsai paper as length of Landau tail on elastic peak, but there is some guesswork in the cut-off.

$$\sigma_{Rosenbluth} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{Mott} \times \left\{ \frac{G_E^2(Q^2) + \tau G_M^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^2(Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right\}$$

Helium form factors taken from McCarthy, Sick, and Whitney, where $G_E = 2F_{ch}$

Our scale factor will be:

$$S = \frac{\sigma_{Rosenbluth}}{\sigma_{unscaled}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta = \frac{-\alpha}{\pi} & \left(\frac{2}{9} - \frac{1}{8} \ln \left(\frac{-q^2}{m^2} \right) + \left(\ln \frac{-q^2}{m^2} - 1 + 2Z \ln \eta \right) \left(2 \ln \frac{E_1}{\Delta E} - 3 \ln \eta \right) - \Phi \left(\frac{E_3 - E_1}{E_3} \right) - Z^2 \ln \frac{E_4}{M} \right. \\ & + Z^2 \ln \frac{M}{\eta \Delta E} \left(\frac{1}{\beta_4} \ln \frac{1 + \beta_4}{1 - \beta_4} - 2 \right) + \frac{Z^2}{\beta_4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \beta_4}{1 - \beta_4} \ln \frac{E_4 + M}{2M} - \Phi \left[- \left(\frac{E_4 - M}{E_4 + M} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1 + \beta_4}{1 - \beta_4} \right)^{1/2} \right] \right\} \\ & + Z \left[\Phi \left(- \frac{M - E_3}{E_1} \right) - \Phi \left(\frac{M(M - E_3)}{2E_3 E_4 - M E_1} \right) + \Phi \left(\frac{2E_3(M - E_3)}{2E_3 E_4 - M E_1} \right) + \ln \left| \frac{2E_3 E_4 - M E_1}{E_1(M - 2E_3)} \right| \ln \left(\frac{M}{2E_3} \right) \right] \\ & - Z \left[\Phi \left(- \frac{E_4 - E_3}{E_3} \right) - \Phi \left(\frac{M(E_4 - E_3)}{2E_1 E_4 - M E_3} \right) + \Phi \left(\frac{2E_1(E_4 - E_3)}{2E_1 E_4 - M E_3} \right) + \ln \left| \frac{2E_1 E_4 - M E_3}{E_3(M - 2E_1)} \right| \ln \left(\frac{M}{2E_1} \right) \right] \\ & - Z \left[\Phi \left(- \frac{M - E_1}{E_1} \right) - \Phi \left(\frac{M - E_1}{E_1} \right) + \Phi \left(\frac{2(M - E_1)}{M} \right) + \ln \left| \frac{M}{2E_1 - M} \right| \ln \left(\frac{M}{2E_1} \right) \right] \\ & + Z \left[\Phi \left(- \frac{M - E_3}{E_3} \right) - \Phi \left(\frac{M - E_3}{E_3} \right) + \Phi \left(\frac{2(M - E_3)}{M} \right) + \ln \left| \frac{M}{2E_3 - M} \right| \ln \left(\frac{M}{2E_3} \right) \right] \\ & \left. - \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left(-\Phi \left(\frac{E_1 - E_3}{E_1} \right) + \frac{Z^2}{\beta_4} \left\{ \Phi \left[\left(\frac{E_4 - M}{E_4 + M} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1 - \beta_4}{1 + \beta_4} \right)^{1/2} \right] - \Phi \left[\left(\frac{E_4 - M}{E_4 + M} \right)^{1/2} \right] + \Phi \left[- \left(\frac{E_4 - M}{E_4 + M} \right)^{1/2} \right] \right\} \right) \right]. \quad (II.6) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_t = - & \{ [b_w t_{iw} + \frac{1}{2} bT] \ln (E_1 / \eta^2 \Delta E) \\ & + [b_w t_{fw} + \frac{1}{2} bT] \ln (E_3 / \Delta E) \}; \quad (II.9) \end{aligned}$$

$$d\sigma/d\Omega |_{meas} = d\sigma/d\Omega |_{Rosenbluth} \exp (\delta + \delta_t),$$

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3. “Spin Structure of 3He and the Neutron at Low Q²; A Measurement of the Extended GDH Integral and the Burkhardt-Cottingham Sum Rule”, K. Slifer, 2004
4. “Electromagnetic Structure of the Helium Isotopes”, J. McCarthy, I. Sick, R. Whitney, *Phys. Rev. C* 1396:15, 1977

Results

Quantity	Systematic Error in S	
Scattering Angle	13.8% (Longitudinal)	17.9% (Transverse)
Mo & Tsai ΔE	4%	
Fit Upper Bound	3.6%	
MSW Form Factors	4.5%	
Incident Charge	1%	
Detector Efficiencies	1%	
Total in Quadrature	15.5% (Longitudinal)	19.3% (Transverse)



Obtained by varying quantity over an appropriate range



By taking average of data uncertainties that yield MSW fit



From MySQL / Ryan

Longitudinal
 $S = 4759.26 \text{ Sr}^{-1} \pm 15.5\%$

Transverse
 $S = 6173.17 \text{ Sr}^{-1} \pm 19.3\%$

Scale factor can hopefully be used in place of acceptance for cross sections

$$\sigma_{unscaled} \cdot S = \sigma_{accept}$$

This will hopefully give a smaller systematic error to the other cross sections

Cross section still sensitive to ΔE even with QE Fit forced to zero at a higher Q^2

Error dominated by 2% uncertainty in scattering angle

χ^2 for MSW fit is 0.7, error in fit not known or accounted for.