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Update on: PID and Background Studies for GPD Measurements with Antiproton Scattering

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Introduction

Antiproton Scattering: Measure space like GPDs with PANDA as they are currently studied i.e. in hard exclusive electroproduction experiments @ JLAB

Physics content: spatial structure of the nucleon, pressure distributions, shear forces, ...

Experimental method: Lepton-pair production in hard exclusive hadronic collisions

$$A B \rightarrow A B l^+ l^-$$

→ Exclusive analogue of the Drell-Yan process

Theoretical Description

Lepton-pair production in hard exclusive hadron-hadron collisions

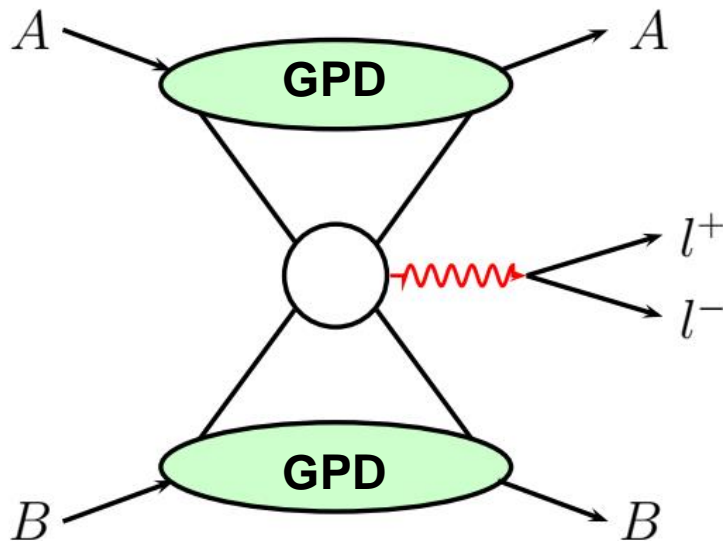
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Double handbag for exclusive lepton-pair production in hadron-hadron collisions

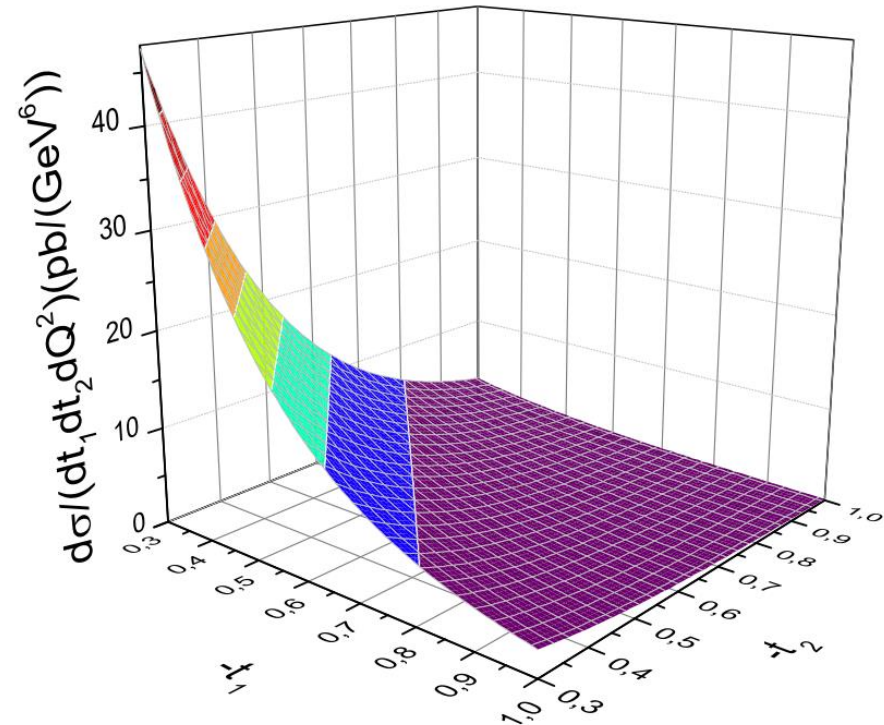
Observables

$$t_1 = (p_{\text{target}} - p'_p)^2$$

$$t_2 = (p_{\text{beam}} - p'_{\bar{p}})^2$$

$$Q^2 = p_{\gamma^*}^2 = (p_{e^+} + p_{e^-})^2$$

factorisation for: $\frac{t_i}{Q^2} \ll 1$



The $p\bar{p} \rightarrow p\bar{p}l^+l^-$ cross section in pb/GeV^6 versus t_1 and t_2
 $s = 30 \text{ GeV}^2$, $Q^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$

Feasibility Studies

→ PANDARoot simulations with a phase space event generator

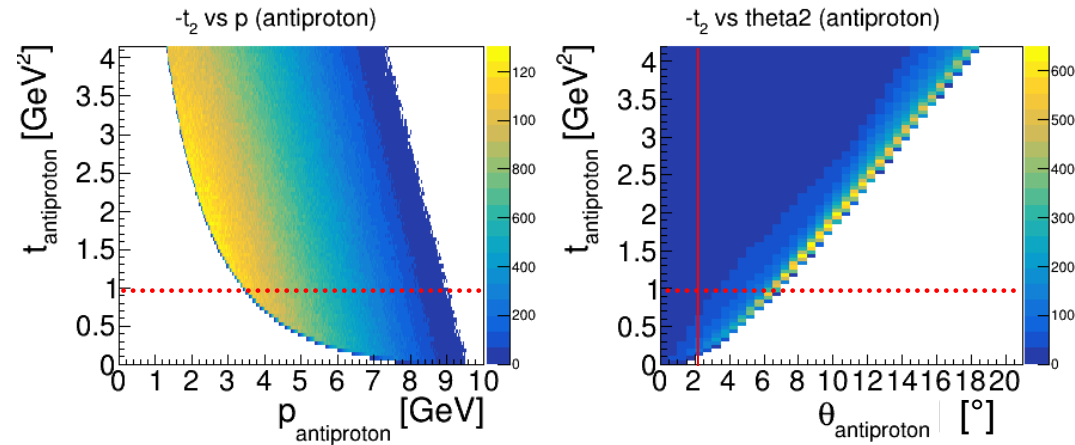
2 final states have been studied: $p\bar{p} \rightarrow p\bar{p}\gamma^* \rightarrow \begin{cases} p\bar{p}e^+e^- \\ p\bar{p}\mu^+\mu^- \end{cases}$

2 beam momenta have been studied: $s = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$ ($p \sim 9.7 \text{ GeV}/c$)
 $s = 30 \text{ GeV}^2$ ($p \sim 15 \text{ GeV}/c$)

→ Smaller beam momenta can not provide sufficiently high Q^2

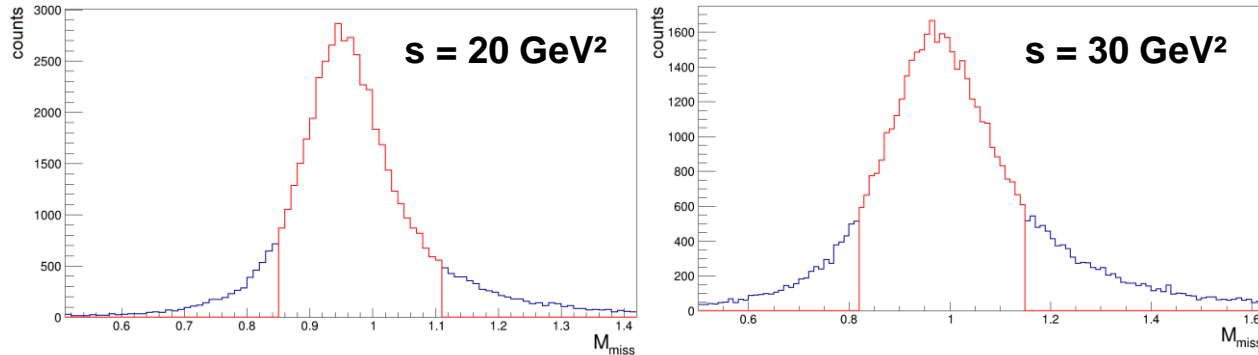
Generated Hadron Distributions vs $-t$

$s = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$



→ Detection of the antiproton is not required

→ Reconstruction via the missing antiproton mass



→ Results after Bremsstrahlungscorrection

Expected Background and PID Refinements

Main background channel: $p\bar{p} \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+\pi^-$

Signal: $p\bar{p} \rightarrow p\bar{p}\gamma^* \rightarrow \begin{cases} p\bar{p}e^+e^- \\ p\bar{p}\mu^+\mu^- \end{cases}$ A good lepton PID is essential!

→ Initial background studies focus on $s = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

→ 1.012 B two pion background events ($t_{1,2} < 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$) have been simulated

Cross section estimates for the main background channel:

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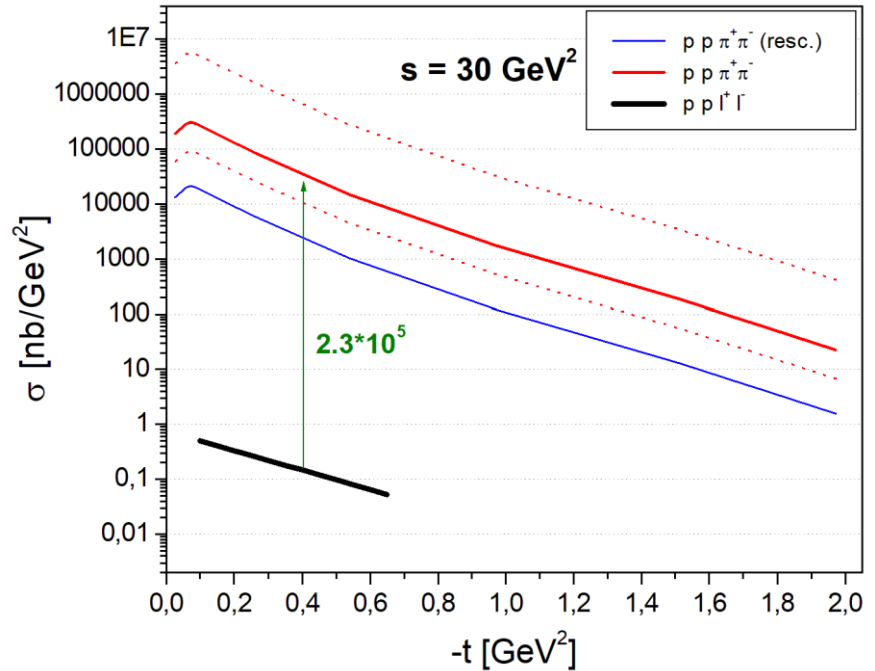
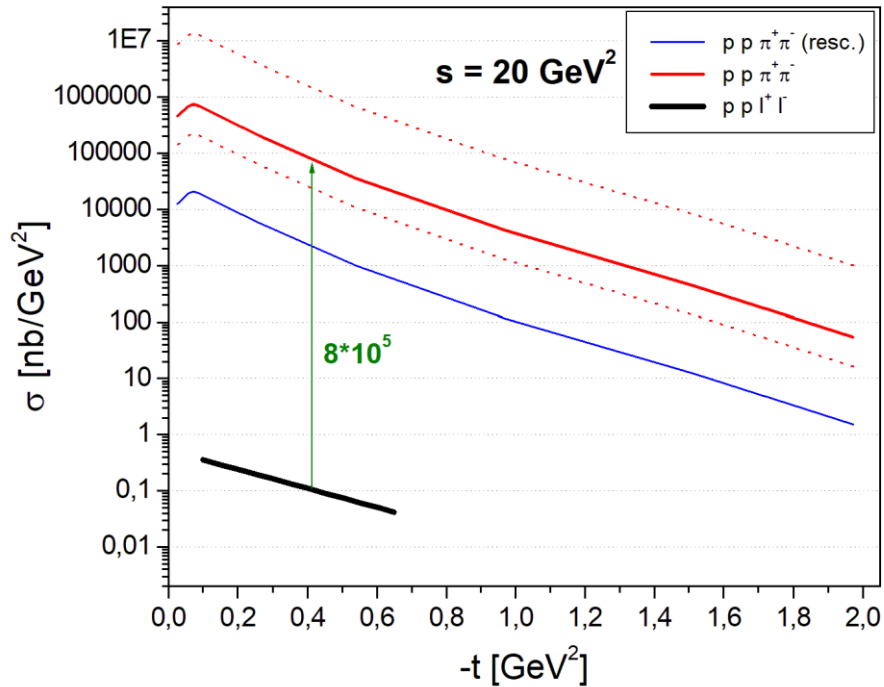
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Low-energy pion–pion scattering in the $pp \rightarrow pp\pi^+\pi^-$ and $p\bar{p} \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^+\pi^-$ reactions

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Background Cross Section (Updated)



- ➔ Lowest background at 30 GeV^2
- ➔ Signal cross sections have been integrated over the second t_i and over the full Q^2 (assumed $1/Q^2$ dep.)

PID Refinements and Background Suppression

- A suppression of the two pion background by $10^5 - 10^6$ is needed
- PID refinements are needed to reach this!

Two PID versions have been investigated:

- a) Cuts on the PID variables and additional detector variables
- b) A TMVA analysis including the PID and detector variables

PID Refinements and Background Suppression

Protons: 2 configurations were investigated for protons:

tight: $P_C > 0.99$ && $P_S > 0.05$

loose: $P_C > 0.99$

Electrons: $P_C > 0.99$ && $P_S > 0.19$

i. Calorimeter sampling fraction E/p

$E/p > 0.8$ + momentum dependent
3 sigma band cut

ii. Energy loss per path length dE/dx in the STT

momentum dependent 3 sigma band cut

iii. EMC E_1 $E_1 > 0.35$ GeV

iv. EMC lateral moment EMC lateral < 0.75

Electron / Positron PID (refinements)

→ Cuts are applied sequentially

electrons:

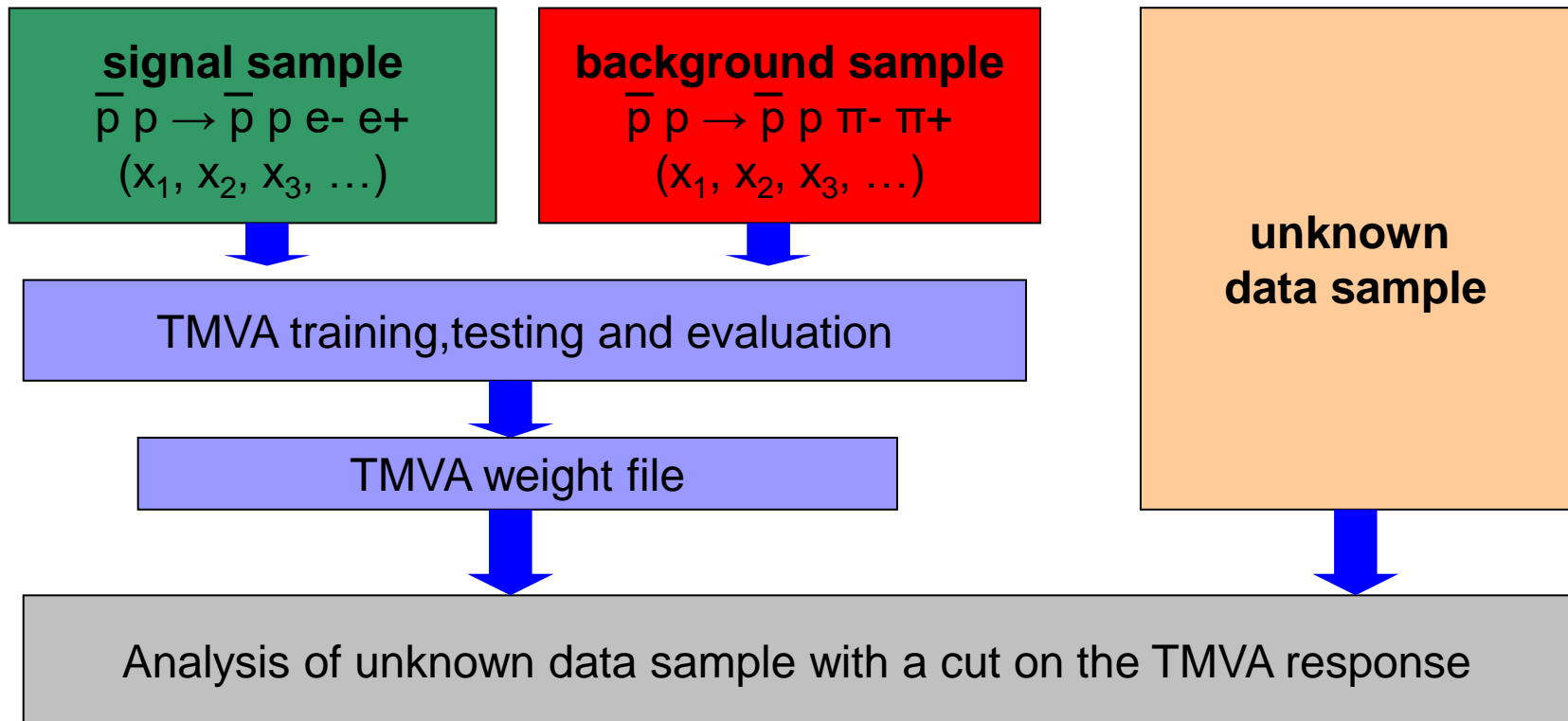
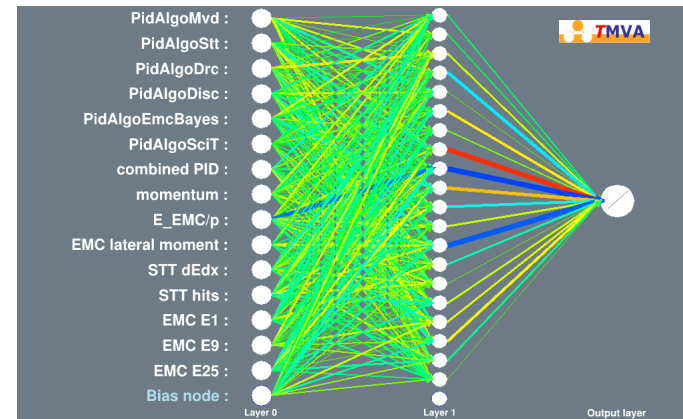
	signal eff.	BG eff.	S / BG
PID_C > 0.99	47,7	2,4750	20
PID_S > 0.19	32,5	0,5044	66
sampfrac E/p	28,6	0,1341	219
STT dE/dx	21,4	0,0477	460
EMC E1	17,6	0,0255	707
EMC lateral	15,3	0,0121	1293

positrons:

	signal eff.	BG eff.	S / BG
PID_C > 0.99	50,3	2,8021	18
PID_S > 0.19	36,3	0,8441	43
sampfrac E/p	30,5	0,3906	78
STT dE/dx	22,0	0,0692	319
EMC E1	18,5	0,0393	471
EMC lateral	15,8	0,0179	883

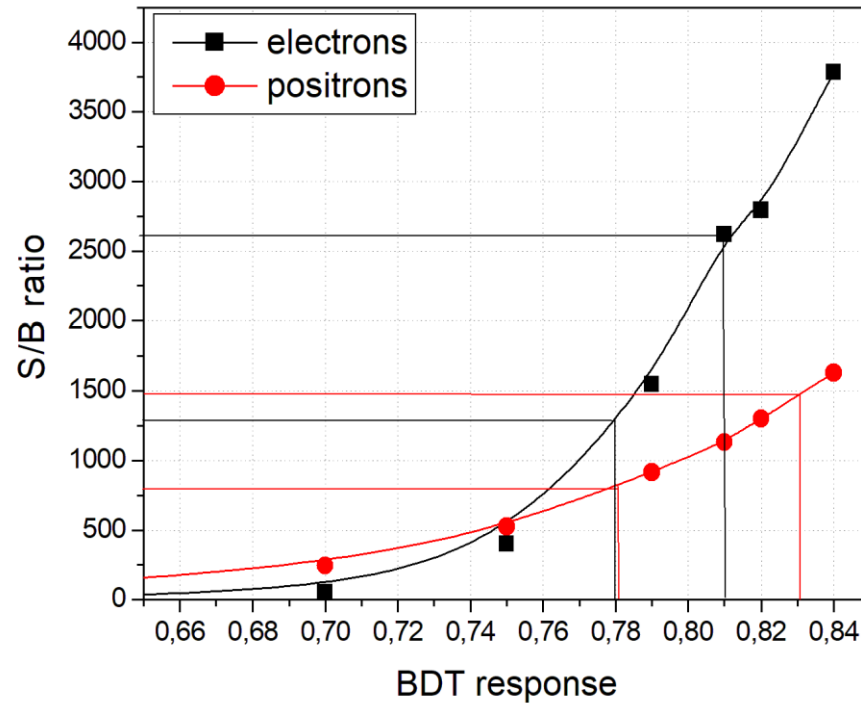
Electron / Positron PID (TMVA analysis)

→ Use machine learning to exploit correlations between the PID and detector variables



→ Best results obtained with a boosted decision tree (BDT)

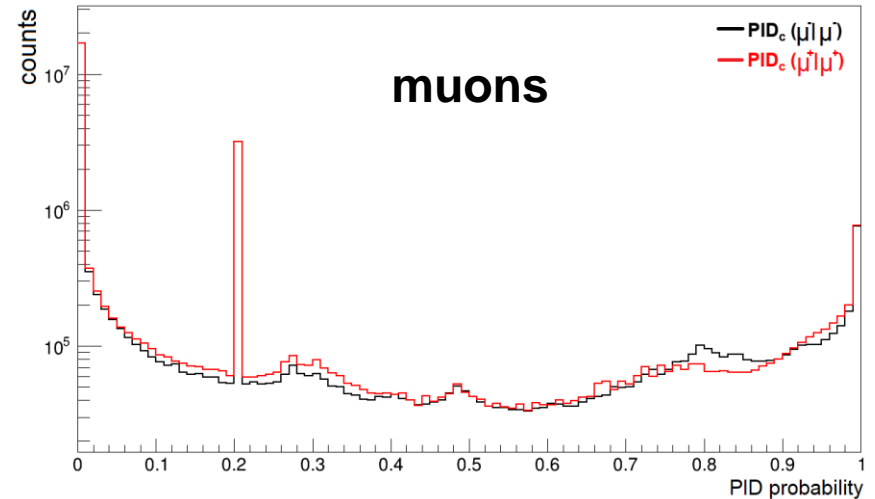
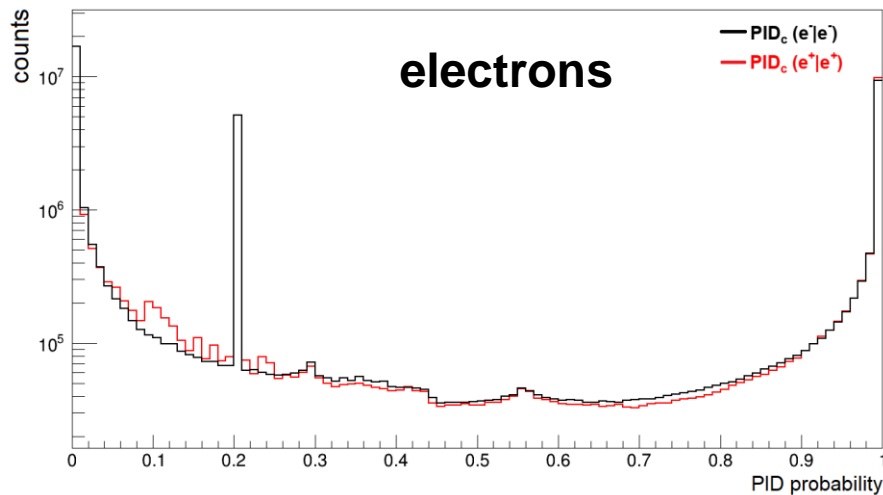
Electron / Positron PID (TMVA analysis)



	BDT ele / pos	signal eff	S/B ele / pos
very loose	> 0.70 / 0.70	~ 26 %	53 / 244
loose	> 0.75 / 0.75	~ 19 - 20 %	400 / 526
standard	> 0.78 / 0.78	~ 15 - 16 %	1100 / 850
very tight	> 0.81 / 0.83	~ 6.7 %	2620 / 1630

μ^- / μ^+ PID (classical PID)

combined PID probability



Applied cuts: $P_C > 0.99$ && $P_S > 0.19$

signal eff = 31% (μ^-) / 15% (μ^+)

S/B = 14 (μ^-) / 18 (μ^+)

compare electrons: S/B = 66 (e^-) / 43 (e^+)

μ^- / μ^+ PID (TMVA analysis)

→ Include also the variables of the muon system

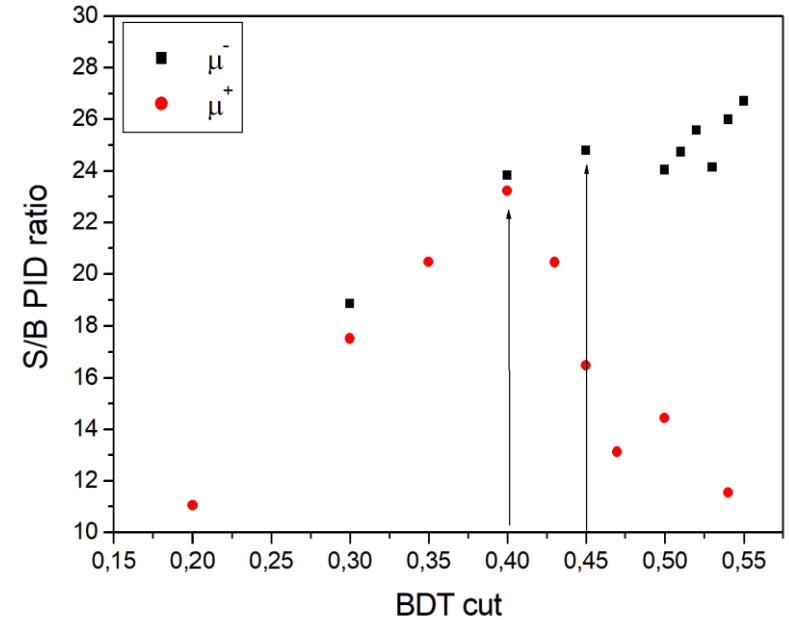
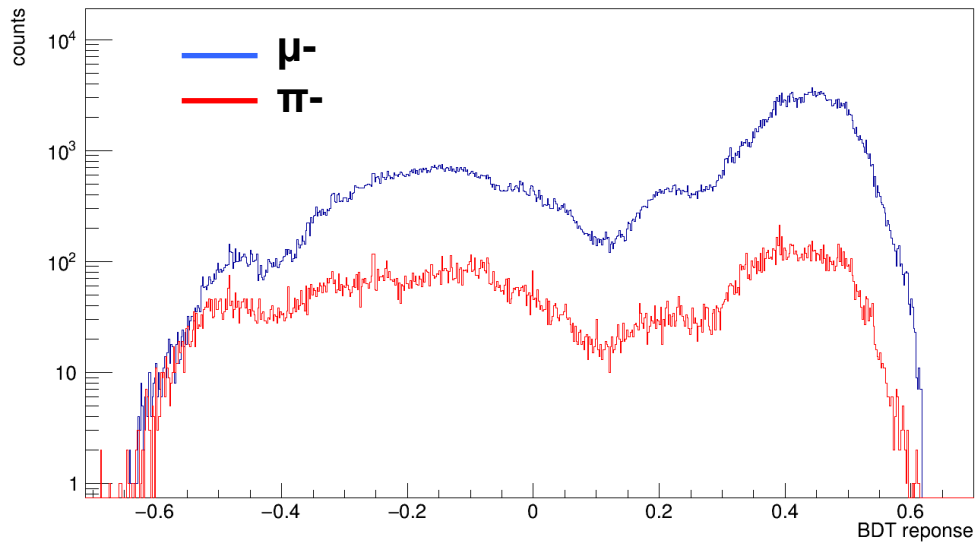
→ Following the $\mu^+\mu^-$ form factor analysis note

- **Path length inside iron absorber of the MS.** The length of the reconstructed trajectories is calculated inside the absorber and detection layers based on the spatial hit information, denoted as "iron thickness".
- **Number of fired layers** in the MS.
- **Initial momentum at MS layer zero:** p_{MS} .
- **Normalized path length of the tracklet** inside the MS to p_{MS} .
- **Identification probability** for being a muon based on MS observables: $P(\mu)$.

+ Calorimeter and STT variables as for electrons

μ^- / μ^+ PID

BDT response for μ^- and π^-



	BDT μ^- / μ^+	signal eff	S/B μ^- / μ^+
cut on PID variables		30% / 15 %	14 / 18
optimal TMVA setting	> 0.45 / > 0.4	10.6% / 9.8 %	25 / 23

no additional improvement possible

μ^- / μ^+ PID

Why is it not possible to improve the particle ID with a TMVA analysis?

- MS Module 1: MS Barrel
- MS Module 2: MS Forward Endcap plus Muon Filter
- MS Module -1: Hybrid Tracking (Combining Endcap plus Barrel for common track reconstruction)

MS Module	Iron threshold	p_{min}	p_{max}
1	40 cm	0.2 GeV/c	0.8 GeV/c
-1	60 cm	0.4 GeV/c	1.1 GeV/c
2	60 cm	0.4 GeV/c	1.1 GeV/c

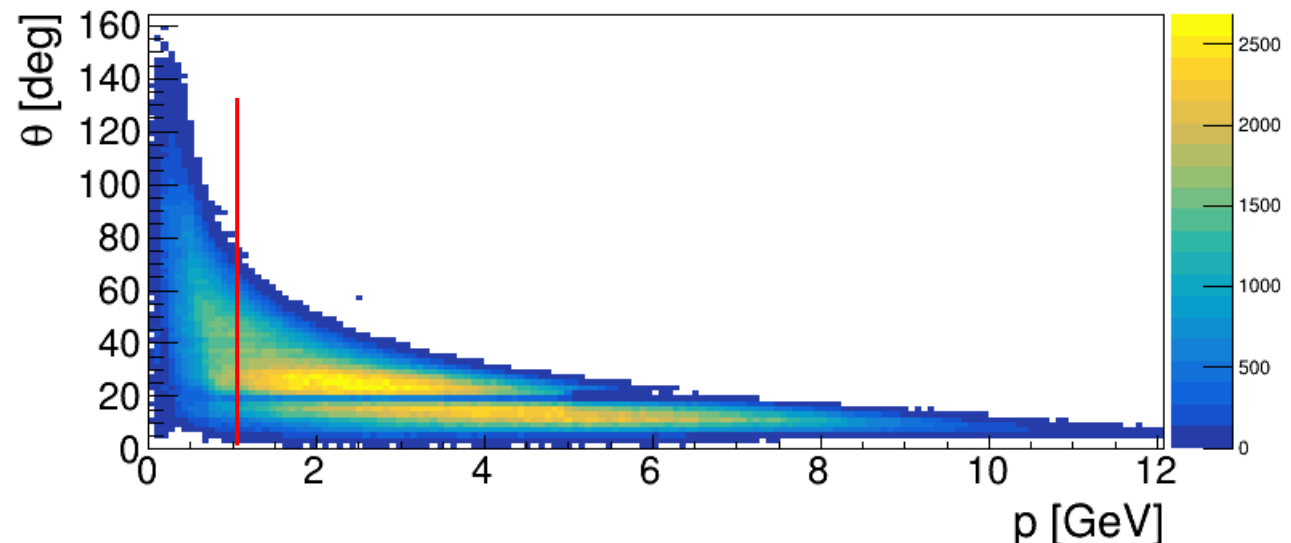
Form factor studies:

Antiprotons up to 3.3 GeV/c

This study: 10 – 15 GeV/c

**expected muon
distribution:**

$$s = 30 \text{ GeV}^2$$



Expected S/B ratio for the $\mu^- \mu^+$ sample

→ The PID studies so far were made for all electrons and pions of the sample

Now: - Select exclusive events with a cut on the missing antiproton mass

- Select the events of interest with a cut on Q^2 , t_1 and t_2

→ The expected S/B ratio is weighted with the expected cross section ratio of $8 \cdot 10^5$

	classical PID				optimized TMVA cuts		
	signal acc.	backgr. acc.	expected S/B		signal acc.	backgr. acc.	expected S/B
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,0095	0,00011	1,23 E-05		0,016	2,17 E-05	0,00010
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ - $t < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,012	0,00012	1,40 E-05		0,015	1,23 E-05	0,00017
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ - $t < 0.7 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,011	0,00013	1,17 E-05		0,013	7,91 E-06	0,00024

→ Muon PID is not sufficient to control the background

→ Muons are mainly above the threshold of the muon detector

→ **The study will focus on electrons in a first step!**

Effect of the improved PID on the final $e^- e^+$ sample

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classical PID refinements

standard TMVA cuts

	signal acc.	backgr. acc.	expected S/B		signal acc.	backgr. acc.	expected S/B
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,035	$< 1.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$	> 29		0,018	$< 1.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$	> 15.3
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ $-t_{1,2} < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,0036	$< 4.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	> 1.1		0,0021	$< 4.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	> 0.66

loose TMVA cuts

2-3 times larger wrong PID rate than classical cuts

	signal acc.	backgr. acc.	expected S/B
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,039	$1.67 \cdot 10^{-9}$	~ 29
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ $-t < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,0044	$< 4.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	> 1.4

→ If „>“ is stated, the given background acceptances and S/B ratios are only limits, no single event of the generated BG sample (1 B events) was reconstructed!

Effect of the improved PID on the final $e^- e^+$ sample

→ So far protons were selected with a cut on $PID_S > 0.05$ and $PID_C > 0.99$

→ Now only $PID_C > 0.99$ is used

loose TMVA cuts

2-3 times larger wrong PID rate than classical cuts

	signal acc.	backgr. acc.	expected S/B		signal acc.	backgr. acc.	expected S/B
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,096	$\sim 1.66 \cdot 10^{-9}$	~ 71		0,086	$\sim 3.3 \cdot 10^{-9}$	~ 32.2
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ $-t_{1,2} < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,0098	$< 4.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	> 3.04		0,008	$< 4.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	> 2.5

classical PID refinements

very loose TMVA cuts

3.5 times larger wrong PID rate than classical cuts

	signal acc.	backgr. acc.	expected S/B
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,16	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$	13.3
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ $-t < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$	0,016	$\sim 4.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$	> 4.5

→ Releasing the proton cut increases the acceptance by a factor > 2

→ S/B ratio improves slightly

→ A cut on $PID_C > 0.99$ only is sufficient for protons

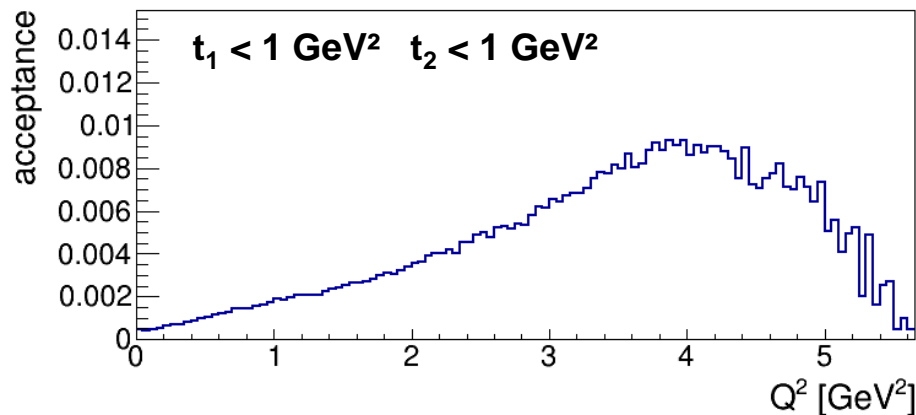
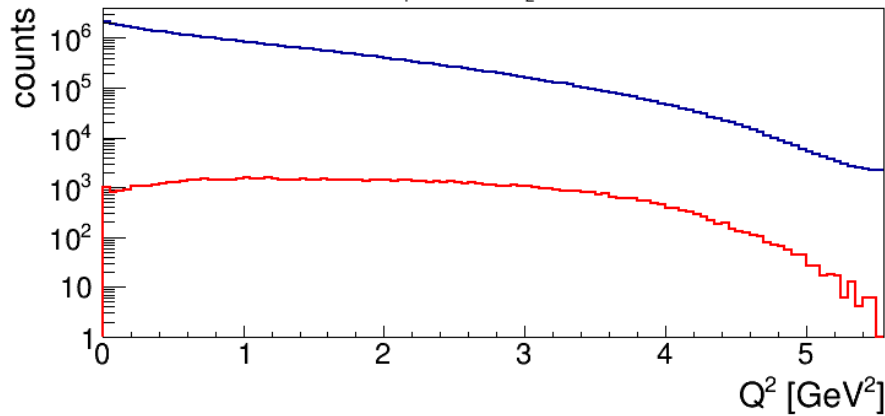
Effect of the PID cuts on the Q^2 acceptance

$p \bar{p} e^- e^+$

$s = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

classical PID refinements

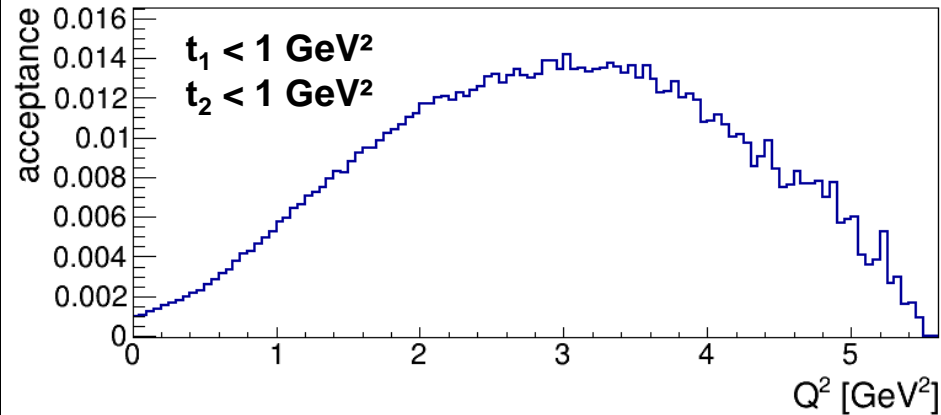
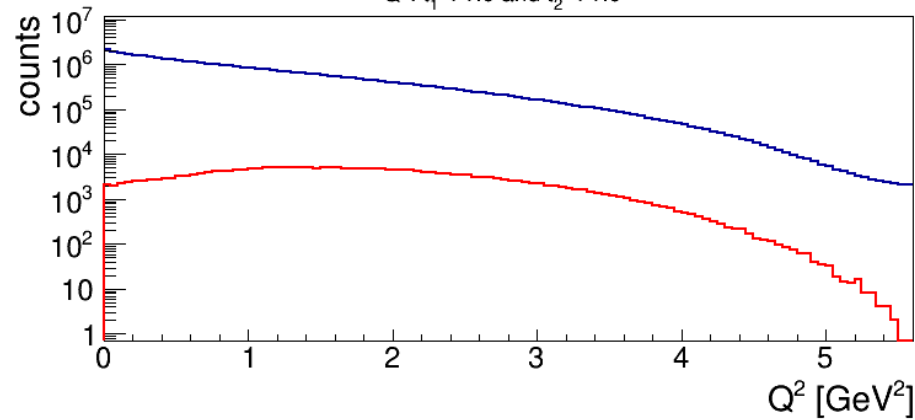
$Q^2: t_1 < 1.0$ and $t_2 < 1.0$



acc = 0.2 – 1.0 %

very loose TMVA cut

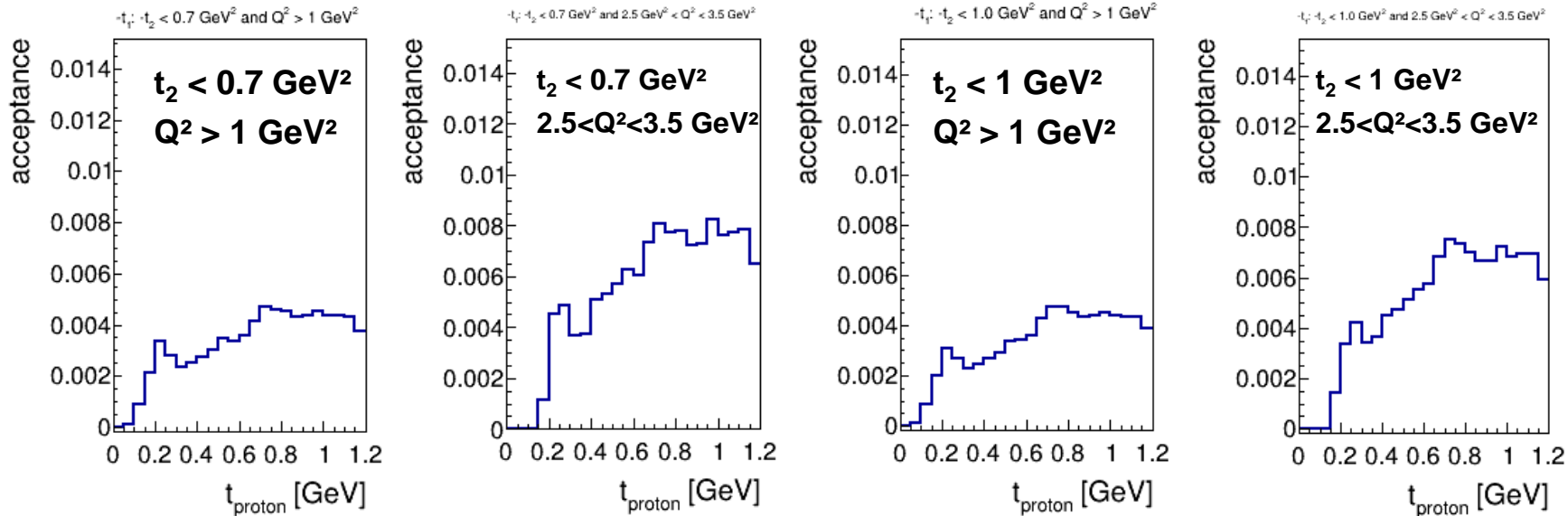
$Q^2: t_1 < 1.0$ and $t_2 < 1.0$



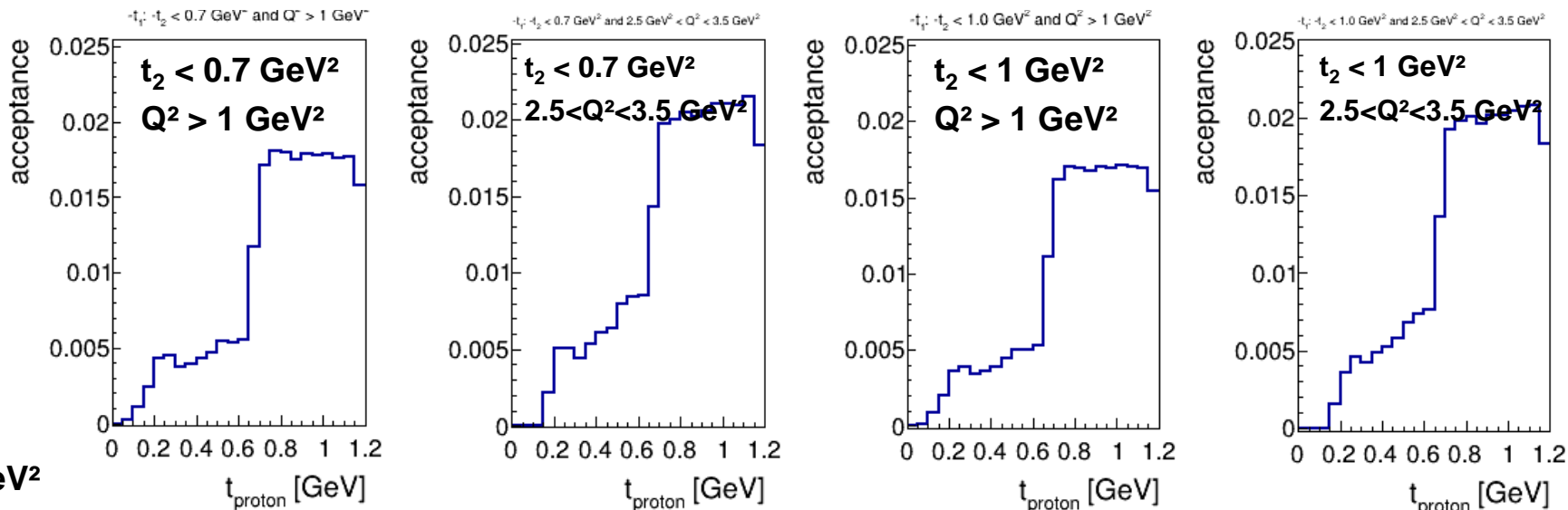
acc = 0.6 – 1.4 %

Effect of the PID cuts on the t_1 acceptance

classical PID
refinements



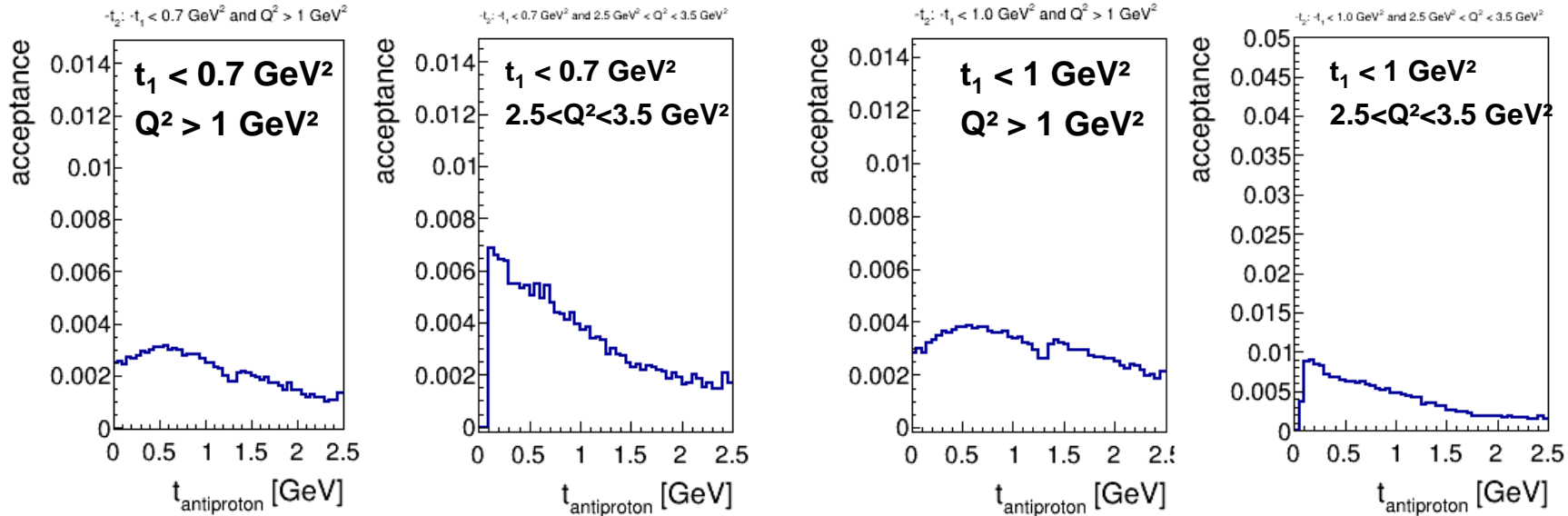
very loose
TMVA cut



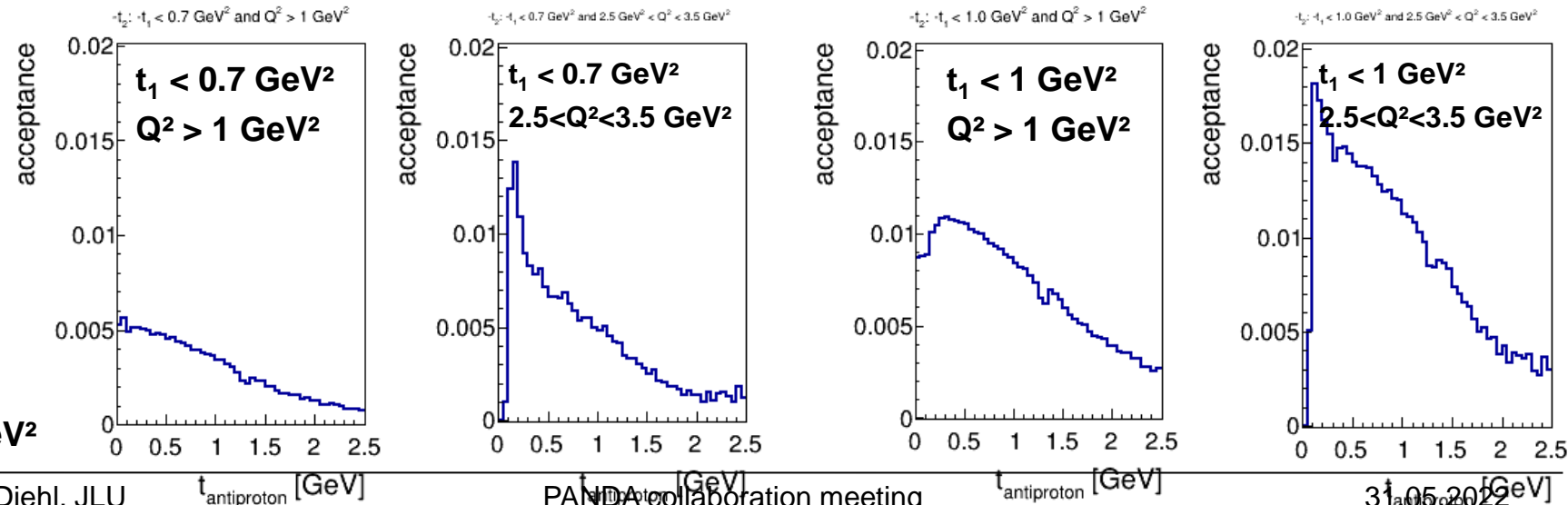
$s = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

Effect of the PID cuts on the t_2 acceptance

classical PID
refinements



very loose
TMVA cut



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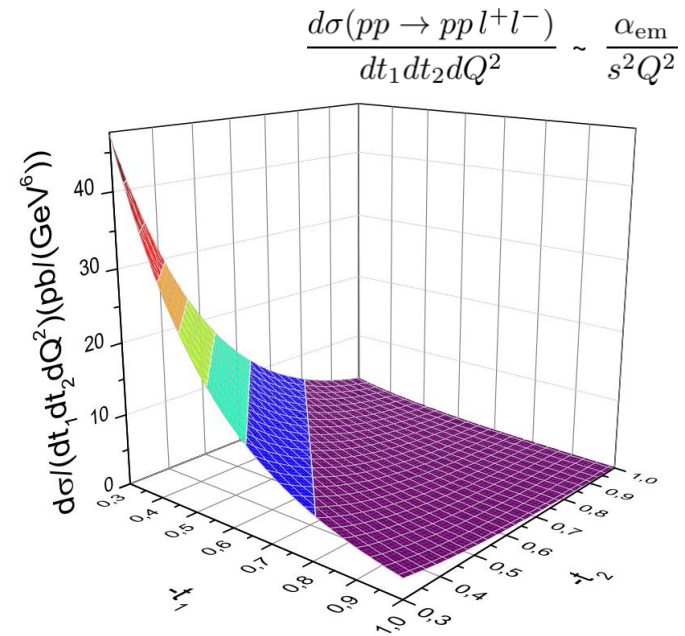
Effect of the PID on the count rates and uncertainties

- Differential cross section available for $s = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$, 20 GeV^2 and 30 GeV^2
@ $Q^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$

- Scaling is expected to follow $1/Q^2$
- Fix a Q^2 bin: $2.5 \text{ GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

- Set the bin size in $-t$:
i. e. $\Delta t_1 = \Delta t_2 = 0.05 \text{ GeV}^2$ or 0.1 GeV^2

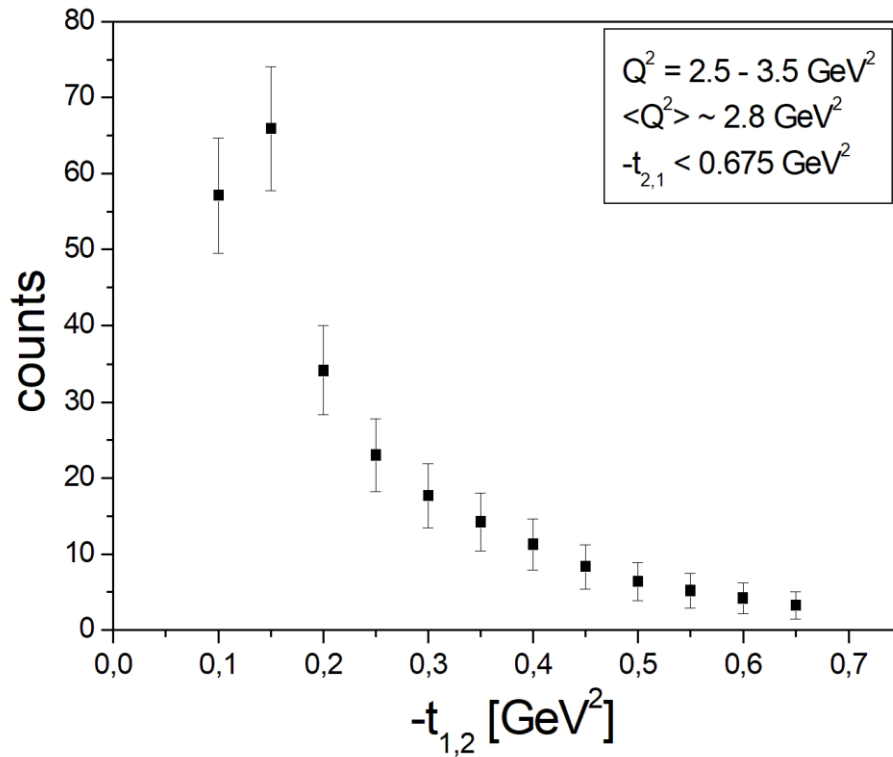
- $L = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 1/2 \text{ year}$ at the design luminosity
- $L = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 2.5 \text{ years}$ at the design luminosity
- Acceptance based on MC simulations



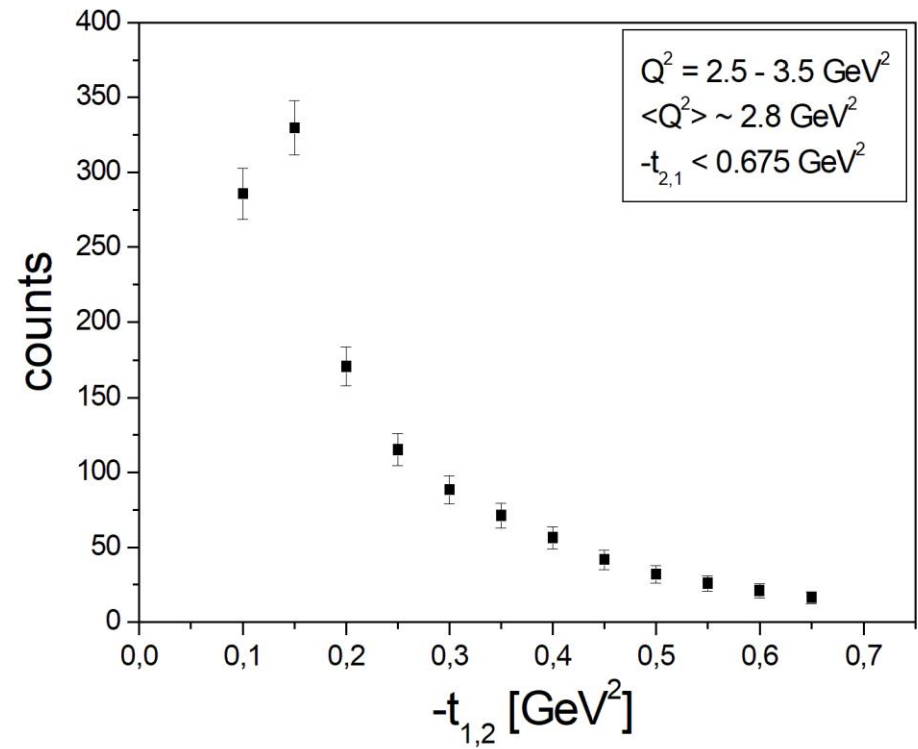
Rate estimate for $s = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow p\bar{p}e^+e^-$$

$L = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



$L = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



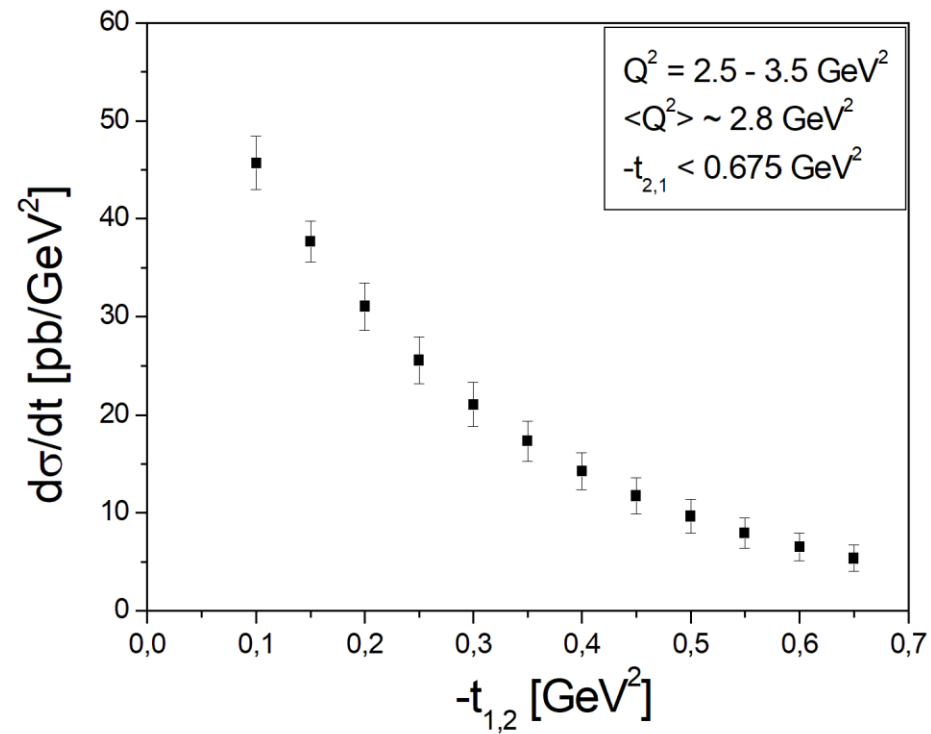
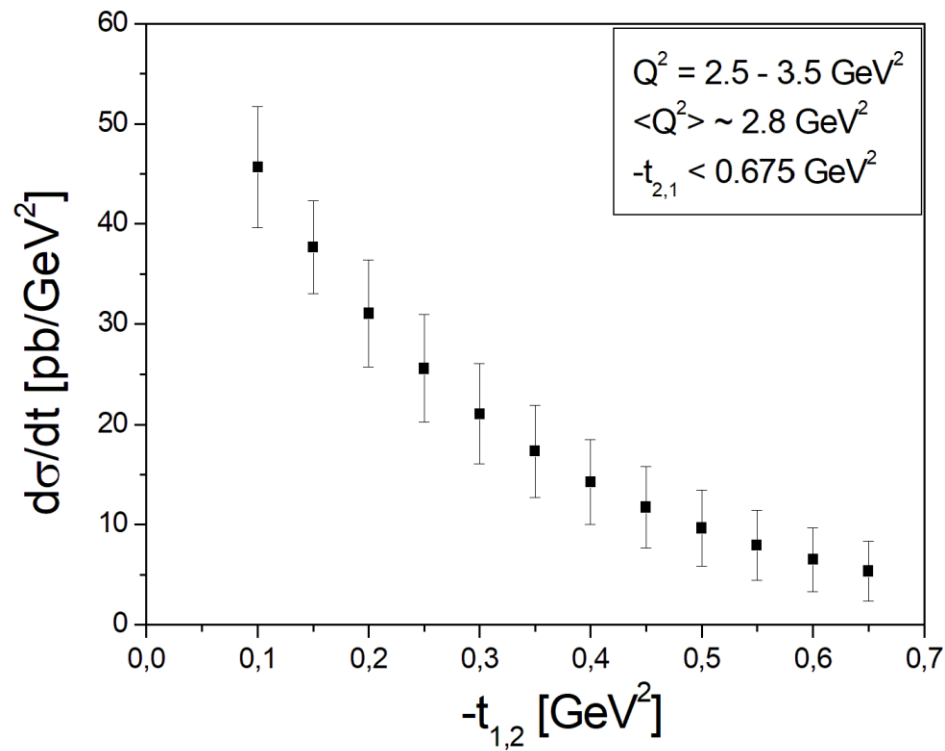
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2 \rightarrow \sim \text{counts} * 4$

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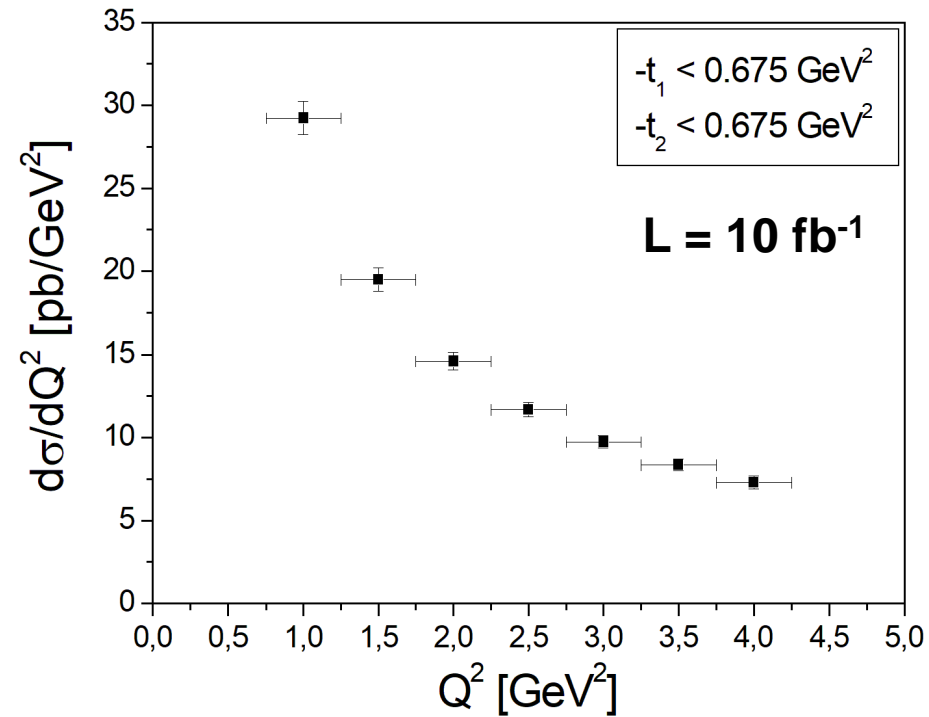
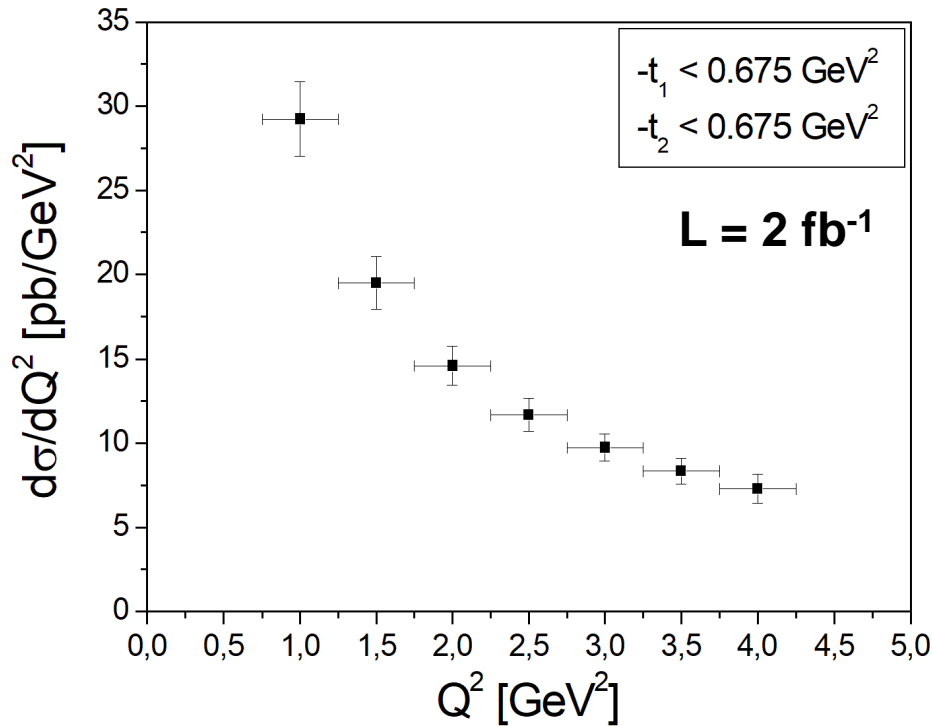
$L = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$L = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Q^2 dependence at $s = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow p\bar{p}e^+e^-$$



Summary and Outlook

- ➔ Center of mass energies between $s = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $s = 30 \text{ GeV}^2$ provide suitable kinematics to measure the reaction
- ➔ PID refinements with classical cuts and a TMVA analysis have been investigated for electrons and muons
- ➔ For e^- / e^+ a good pion suppression can be achieved even with a relatively loose TMVA cut
- ➔ For μ^- / μ^+ probably the energies are too high for a reliable ID
→ e^- / e^+ topology will be used as a first stage.
- ➔ Production of a large scale background MC sample for $s = 30 \text{ GeV}^2$ ($> 1 \text{ B}$ events) was completed last week
→ Analysis is in progress
→ For electrons similar results as for $s = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$ are expected