Feasibility studies of proton time-like electromagnetic form factors with the PANDA detector

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Nucleon structure: form factors measurement



Challenge: background

Background channel: $\bar{p}p ightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

• Main background source to e^+e^- production

 $rac{\sigma(ar{p}p
ightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\sigma(ar{p}p
ightarrow e^+e^-)} \sim 10^6$ \Rightarrow need suppression factor $\sim 10^8$



Expected number of events for $ar{p}p ightarrow e^+e^-$

| p _{beam} [GeV/c] | $s[GeV/c]^2$ | $N_{G_E/G_M=0}$ | $N_{G_E/G_M=1}$ |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1.7 | 5.4 | $8.0\cdot 10^5$ | $1.1\cdot 10^6$ |
| 2.78 | 7.27 | $1.2 \cdot 10^5$ | $1.4 \cdot 10^5$ |
| 3.3 | 8.21 | $5.3 \cdot 10^{4}$ | $6.4 \cdot 10^{4}$ |
| 4.9 | 11.0 | $7.4 \cdot 10^{3}$ | $9.1 \cdot 10^{3}$ |
| 5.9 | 12.9 | $2.7 \cdot 10^{3}$ | $3.2 \cdot 10^{3}$ |
| 6.4 | 13.8 | $1.7 \cdot 10^{3}$ | $2 \cdot 10^3$ |
| 7.9 | 16.7 | 517 | 580 |

for integrated luminosity $L = 2fb^{-1}$

E. Tomasi-Gustafsson and M. P. Rekalo, Phys. Lett. B 504, (2001) 291.

Efficiency and suppression studies with PANDAroot

| Number of events simulated | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| | $ar{p} p ightarrow e^+ e^-$ | $ar{p} ho 	o \pi^+\pi^-$ | | | |
| p _{beam} [GeV/c] | $G_E/G_M = 0, 1, 3$ | | | | |
| 1.7 | 10 ⁶ | 10 ⁸ | | | |
| 2.78 | 10 ⁶ | - | | | |
| 3.3 | 10 ⁶ | 10 ⁸ | | | |
| 4.9 | 10 ⁶ | - | | | |
| 5.9 | 10 ⁶ | - | | | |
| 6.4 | 10 ⁶ | soon | | | |
| 7.9 | 10 ⁶ | - | | | |

Simulation was performed **@HIMSTER** cluster of **Helmholtz-Institut** Mainz

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Monte-Carlo $cos(\theta_{CM})$ at $p_{beam} = 1.7[GeV/c]$



event generator developed by M. Zambrana in Mainz http://panda-wiki.gsi.de/cgi-bin/view/PANDAMainz/EventGenerators (PANDA report)

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Selection criteria

▶
$$PID: p(e^{-/+}) > 99.9\%$$

- ► EMC
- ► STT
- DRC
- DISC

Selection criteria

- 1 positive 1 negative event
- ► *E*/*p* > 0.8
- MDT no hits
- $dE/dx_{STT} > 5.8$
- ► N_{crystals} > 5
- ► *S* ± 20%
- ▶ $178^{\circ} < \theta^+ + \theta^- < 182^{\circ}$
- ▶ $178^{\circ} < \phi^+ \phi^- < 182^{\circ}$
- |Vertex(x, y)| < 3mm

E/p vs p for $p_{beam} = 3.3[GeV/c]$

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

 $ar{p}p
ightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$





Selection criteria

STT dE/dx for $p_{beam} = 3.3[GeV/c]$

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

$$ar{p}p
ightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$$





EMC cluster size for $p_{beam} = 3.3[GeV/c]$



Red all events Blue intermediate stage Green after all cuts

Total energy of reconstructed pairs (4-momentum) for $p_{beam} = 3.3[GeV/c]$



Selection criteria

 $\theta^+ + \theta^-$ for $p_{beam} = 3.3[GeV/c]$



*after applying probability cut

Selection criteria

$$\phi^+ - \phi^-$$
 for $p_{beam} = 3.3 [GeV/c]$



*after applying probability cut

Vertex distribution for $p_{beam} = 3.3[GeV/c]$

 $ar{p}p
ightarrow e^+e^-$

$$ar{p}p
ightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$$



Signal (e^+e^-) reconstruction efficiency and background $(\pi^+\pi^-)$ suppression

| | | $\pi^{+}\pi^{-}(10^{8})$ | | |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|------|
| $p_{beam}[GeV/c]$ | G | | | |
| 1.7 | 32.0% | 33.6% | 36.6% | 0.0% |
| 2.78 | 28.4% | 29.6% | 32.9% | |
| 3.3 | 26.8% | 27.8% | 31.1% | 0.0% |
| 4.9 | 21.5% | 22.5% | 25.8% | |
| 5.9 | 18.5% | 19.3% | 22.6% | |
| 6.4 | 17.0% | 17.9% | 20.9% | |
| 7.9 | 12.8% | 13.4% | 15.8% | |

 \Rightarrow with a CL = 95% the upper limit of the rejection factor $R = 0.7 * 10^{-8}$

G_E and G_M extraction

- 1. Efficiency correction
 - Sample with expected number of events
 - Independent sample for the efficiency correction
- 2. Angular distribution fit
- 3. Extraction of G_E and G_M from the fit function

Zichichi cross section

Fit function for G_E and G_M extraction

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = C[|G_M|^2(1+\cos^2\theta) + \frac{|G_E|^2}{\tau}(1-\cos^2\theta)]$$
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = C|G_M|^2[(1+\cos^2\theta) + \frac{|R|^2}{\tau}(1-\cos^2\theta)]$$

A. Zichichi et. al., Nuovo Cimento XXIV, 170 (1962) Input into the fit tunction:

$$|G_M| = \frac{22.5}{(1+q^2/0.71)^2(1+q^2/3.6)}$$

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G_E and G_M extraction $p_{beam} = 1.7[GeV/c]$

$$G_E/G_M=0$$

 $G_E/G_M = 1$



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G_E and G_M extraction $p_{beam} = 2.78[GeV/c]$

$$G_E/G_M=0$$

 $G_E/G_M = 1$



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G_E and G_M extraction $p_{beam} = 3.3[GeV/c]$

$$G_E/G_M=0$$

 $G_E/G_M = 1$



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G_E and G_M extraction $p_{beam} = 4.9[GeV/c]$







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G_E and G_M extraction $p_{beam} = 5.9[GeV/c]$







• $\pi^+\pi^-$ cross section scaled by the rejection factor

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G_E and G_M extraction $p_{beam} = 6.4[GeV/c]$







• $\pi^+\pi^-$ cross section scaled by the rejection factor

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G_E and G_M extraction $p_{beam} = 7.9[GeV/c]$

$$G_E/G_M=0$$





• $\pi^+\pi^-$ cross section scaled by the rejection factor

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Values of G_E and G_M extracted from the fit for $G_E/G_{Minit} = 0$



(left side)line - model prediction for G_M , dots - G_M from the fit, line - model prediction for G_E , dots - G_E from the fit, (right side)dots - ratio from the fit

Values of G_E and G_M extracted from the fit for $G_E/G_{Minit} = 1$



(left side)line - model prediction for G_M , dots - G_M from the fit, line - model prediction for G_E , dots - G_E from the fit, (right side)dots - ratio from the fit

Conclusions

- Statistical errors are expected to be of the order of few percent
- ▶ Signal efficiency sufficient for the extraction of G_E and G_M
- \blacktriangleright Background suppression factor of 10^8 achieved (background pollution <1%)