

# Feasibility studies for the measurement of time-like electromagnetic form factors of the proton at PANDA-FAIR

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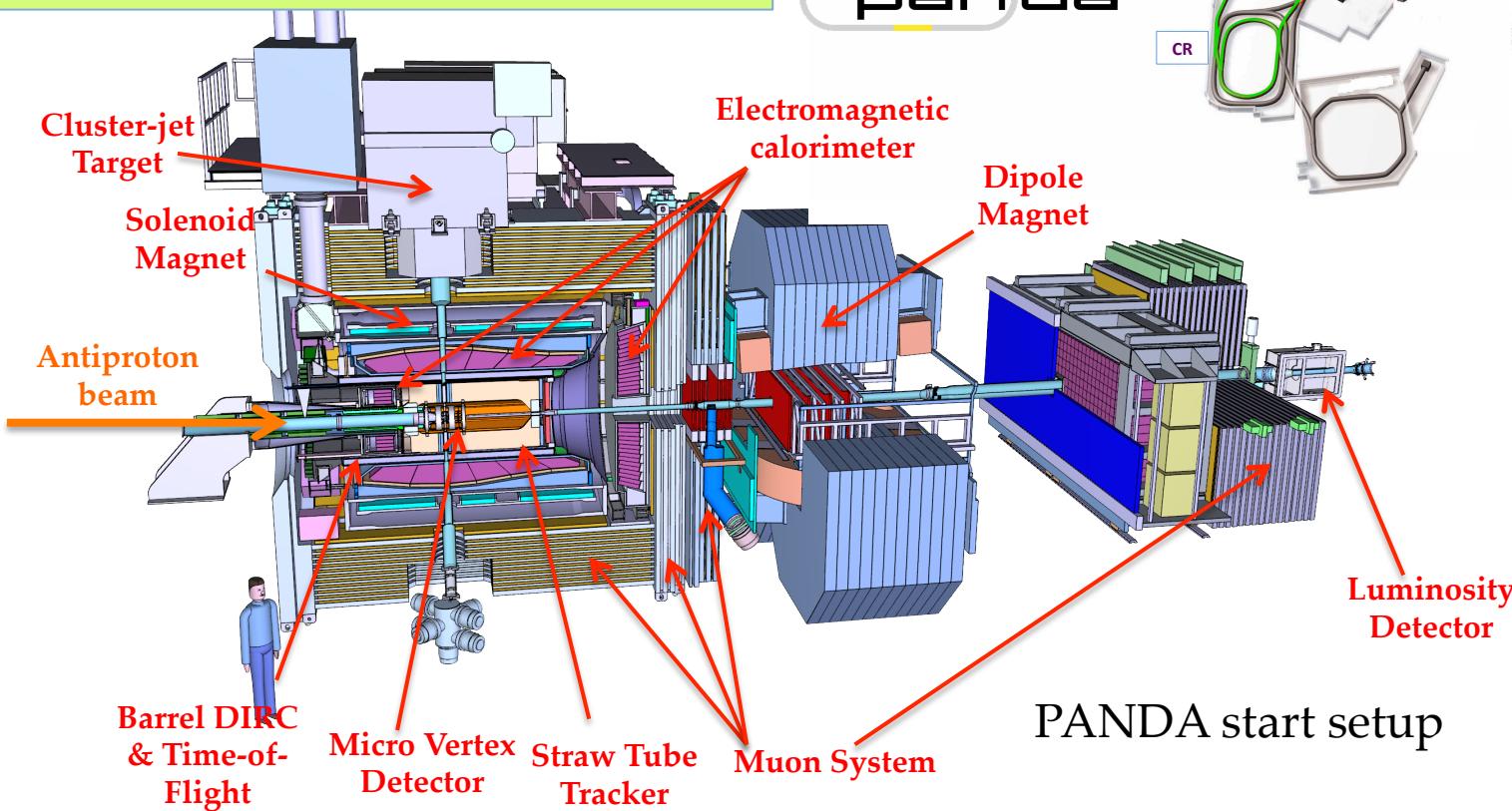
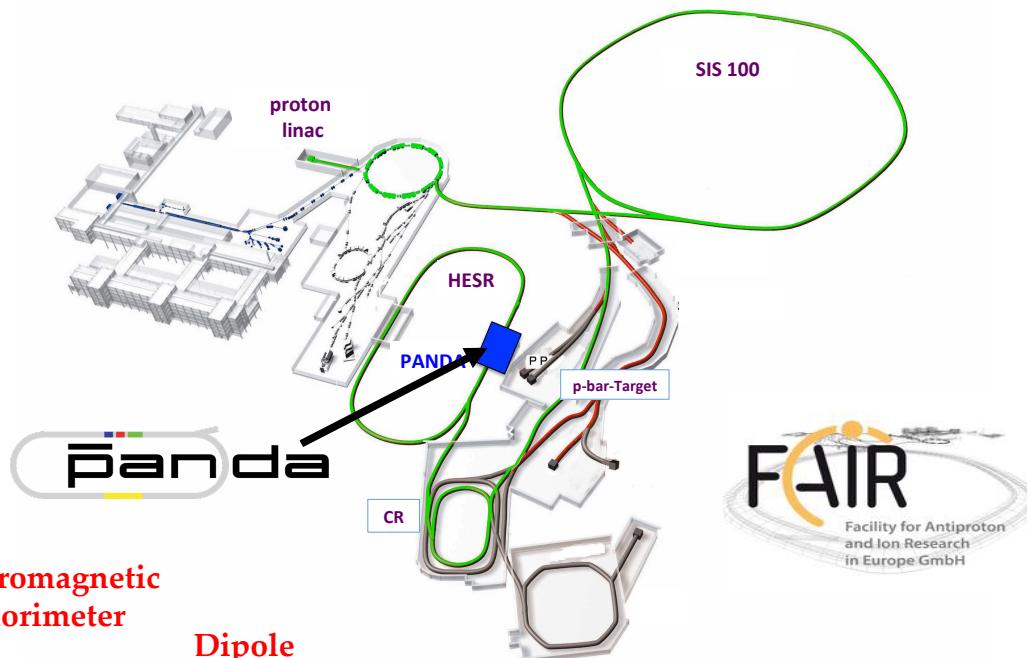
Baryon Form Factors: Where do we stand?  
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# PANDA @ High Energy Storage Ring (FAIR/Darmstadt)

## Antiproton production @ FAIR

- Proton Linac 70 MeV
- Accelerate proton in SIS 18 / 100
- Antiproton production on Cu target
- Collection in CR, Storage in HESR
- Antiproton beam momenta in the range of 1.5 GeV/c – 15 GeV/c
- High momentum resolution
- FAIR Start Version: Luminosity  $10^{31} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$



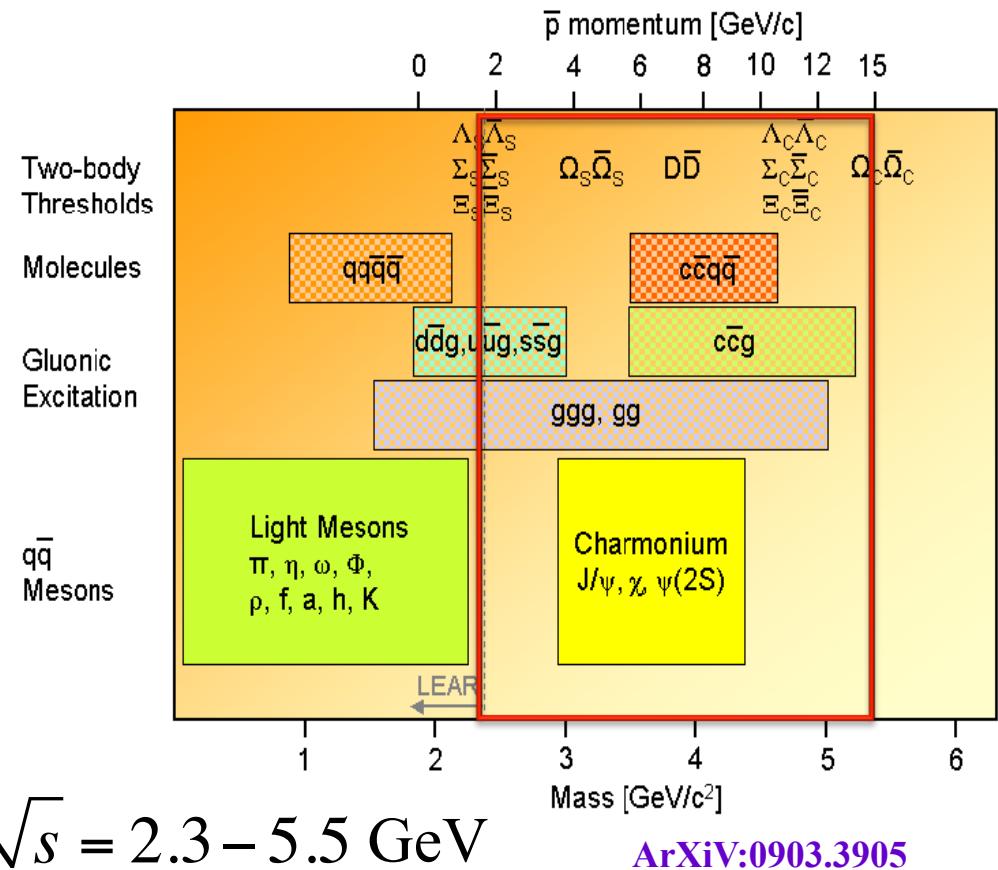
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More than 460 physicists from 75 institutions in 19 countries



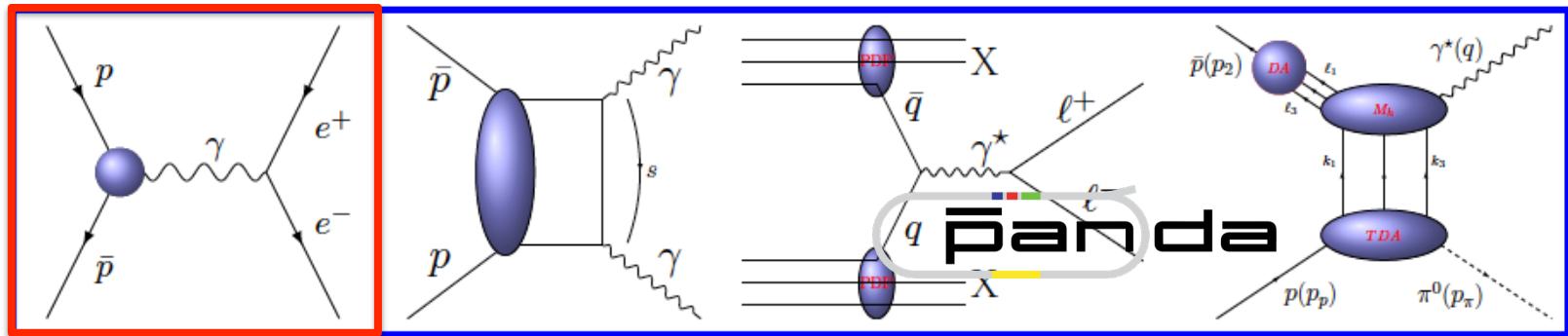
## PANDA Physics Program

- ❖ Hadron Spectroscopy
  - ❖ Charmonium
  - ❖ Light mesons
  - ❖ Gluonic excitations
  - ❖ Open charm
  - ❖ (Multi) strange baryons
- ❖ Nucleon structure
  - ❖ Hypernuclear physics
  - ❖ Hadrons in the nuclear medium



# Electromagnetic Processes at PANDA

PANDA will provide a large set of **electromagnetic processes**



- ❖ Electromagnetic Form Factors of the proton (FFs) in the time-like region
- ❖ Generalized Distribution Amplitudes (GDAs)
- ❖ Transverse Momentum Dependent Parton Distribution Functions (TMD-PDFs)
- ❖ Transition Distribution Amplitudes (TDAs)

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- Sachs Form Factors  $G_E$  &  $G_M$ :

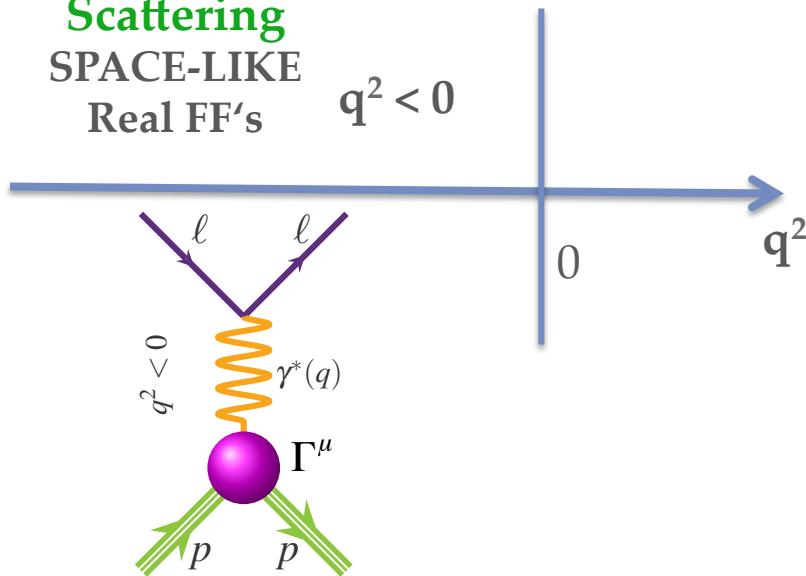
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Scattering  
SPACE-LIKE  
Real FF's

$$q^2 < 0$$



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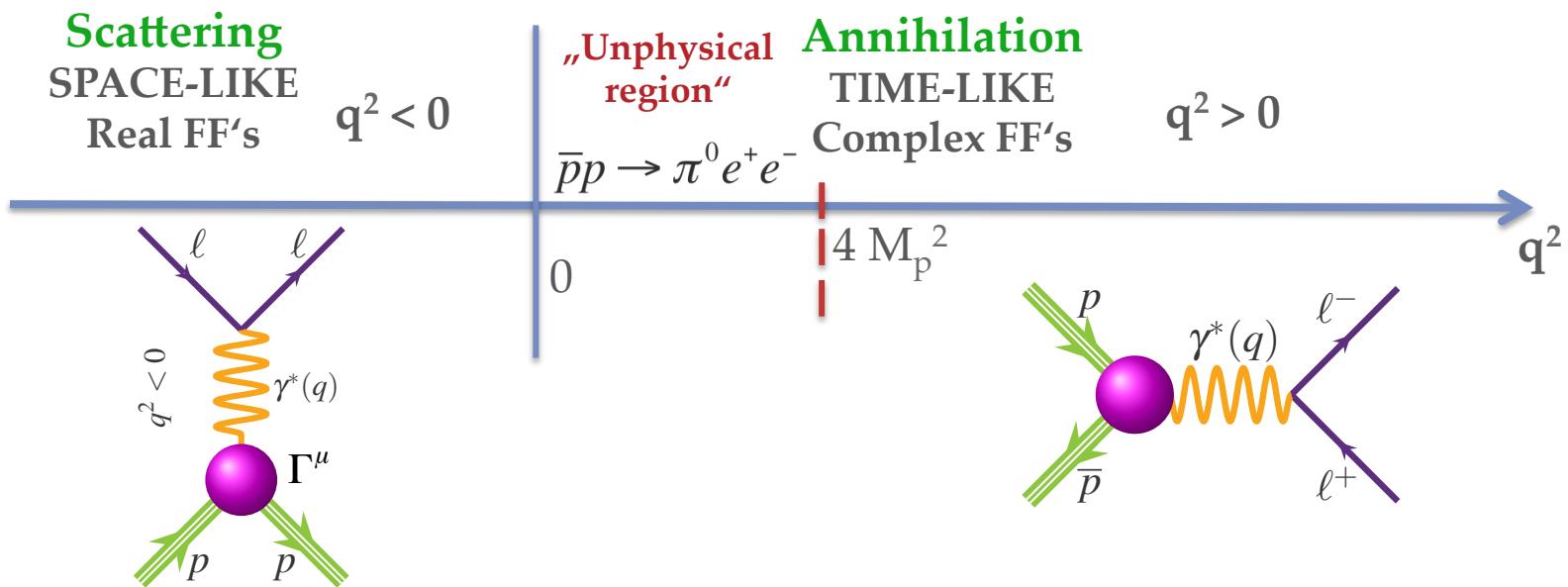
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**Scattering**  
**Time-like & Space-Like**  
**Form Factors** are connected via  
**Dispersion relations**

- Unified frame for the description of form factors over whole kinematical region
- Predictions for regions without experimental data

**Annihilation**  
**Asymptotic behavior of the Form Factors**

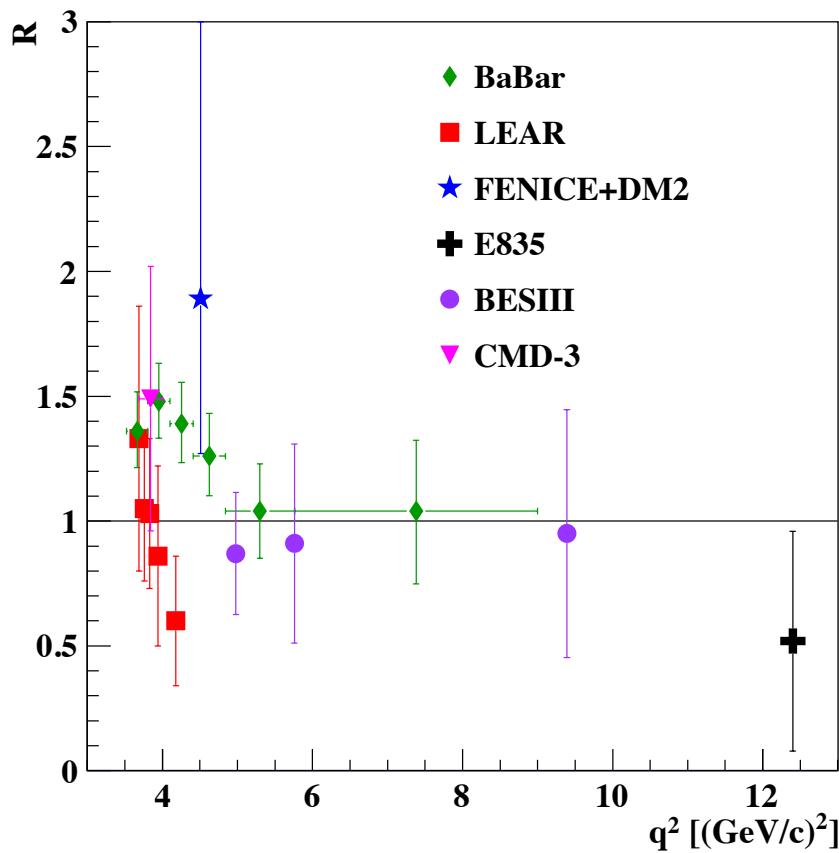
$$\lim_{q^2 \rightarrow -\infty} F_{1,2}^{SL}(q^2) = \lim_{q^2 \rightarrow +\infty} F_{1,2}^{TL}(q^2)$$

➤ Phys. Lett. B 504, 291 (2001)

**Threshold value ( $q^2 = 4M_p^2$ )**

$$G_E(4M_p^2) = G_M(4M_p^2) \rightarrow R = \frac{|G_E(4M_p^2)|}{|G_M(4M_p^2)|} = 1$$

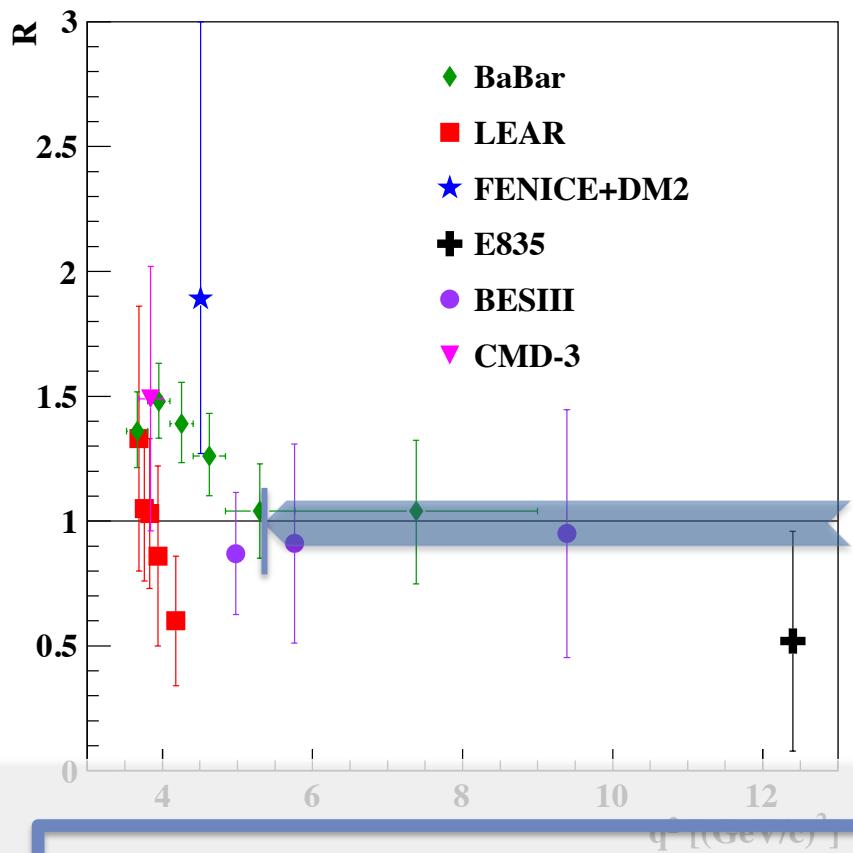
# World data on the time-like proton form factor ratio

$$R = |G_E| / |G_M|$$


BaBar: Phys. Rev. D88 072009  
 LEAR: Nucl.Phys.J., B411:3-32. 1994  
 BESIII: arXiv:1504.02680. 2015  
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PANDA: Measurement over wide range of  $5.1 \leq q^2 \leq 30.0$  [ $(\text{GeV}/c)^2$ ]  
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**Test of theoretical models & predictions!**

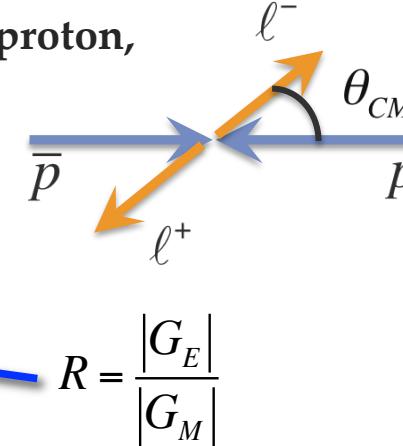
# Time-like electromagnetic proton form factors @ PANDA: The goals

- › Differential cross section<sup>1</sup> of signal reaction  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \quad \ell = \mu, e$

→ Access to the time-like, electromagnetic form factors of the proton,  
 $|G_E|$  and  $|G_M|$ :

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_{CM}} \propto \frac{\beta_\ell}{\beta_{\bar{p}}} \cdot \frac{|G_M|^2}{s} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{4m_\ell^2}{s} + \beta_\ell^2 \cos^2 \theta_{CM} \right) + \frac{R^2}{\tau} \left( 1 - \beta_\ell^2 \cos^2 \theta_{CM} \right) \right]$$

$R = \frac{|G_E|}{|G_M|}$



- › High luminosity: **Measurement of signal angular distribution**
  - › **Separate determination** of  $|G_E|$ ,  $|G_M|$  over a **large kinematical region in the time-like domain**
  - › High precision measurement of the **ratio**  $R = |G_E| / |G_M|$  at PANDA as well as the **proton effective form factor**  $|F_p|^2 \propto \sigma_{tot}$

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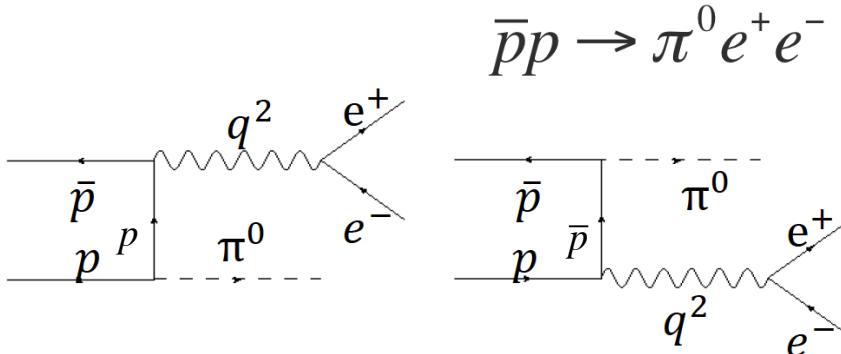
- Form factor measurements different final states:  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \quad \ell = \mu, e$ 
  - First time measurement with muons in final state
  - Study of radiative corrections
  - Consistency check of proton form factor data
  - Test of lepton universality
- Possibility to access the relative phase of proton time-like form factors:  
 $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$  in the Born approximation:
  - Unpolarized cross section -> access to  $|G_E|$  &  $|G_M|$
  - Polarization observables -> access to relative phase  $G_E G_M^*$ :

Single spin polarization observable  $\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_0 A_{l,y} \propto \sin 2\Theta \text{Im} \left( G_M G_E^* \right)$

- A. Z. Dubnickova, S. Dubnicka & M.P. Rekalo Nuovo Cim. A109 (1996) 241-256
- Development of a transverse polarized target for PANDA in Mainz

# Time-like electromagnetic proton form factors @ PANDA: The goals

- Access the **unphysical region, where no data exist so far**



- M. P. Rekalo, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 1 (1965) 760
- C. Adamuscin, E.A. Kuraev, E. Tomasi-Gustafsson and F.E. Maas, Phys. Rev. C 75, 045205 (2007)
- Feasibility studies by  
J. Boucher, M. C. Mora-Espi; PhD thesis
- J. Guttmann, M. Vanderhaeghen, Phys.Lett. B 719, 136 (2013)

- Measurement of time-like proton form factors up to  $s \approx 30 \text{ GeV}^2$  @ PANDA

- Study the asymptotic behavior of the form factors

- Strong hadronic background, mainly

$$\frac{\sigma(\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\sigma(\bar{p}p \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)} \propto [10^5 - 10^6]$$



- E.W. Singh et al.: EPJA52, 325 (2016)

**Background rejection factor  $10^{-8}$  needed**

-> expected signal pollution < 1%



**Feasibility studies needed  
for all signal channels!**

# Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors for PANDA

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- (\ell = e, \mu)$$

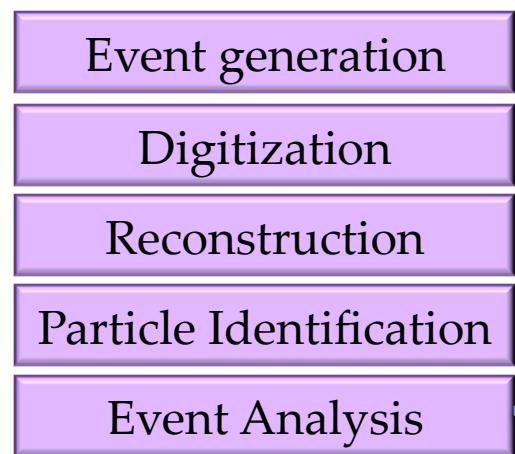
Study of the statistical and total uncertainty on  
 $R$ ,  $|G_E|$  &  $|G_M|$ ,  $|F_p|$  and  $\sigma$

# Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

## Monte Carlo Simulation Studies



Standard chain  
Simulation & Analysis  
with PANDARoot:



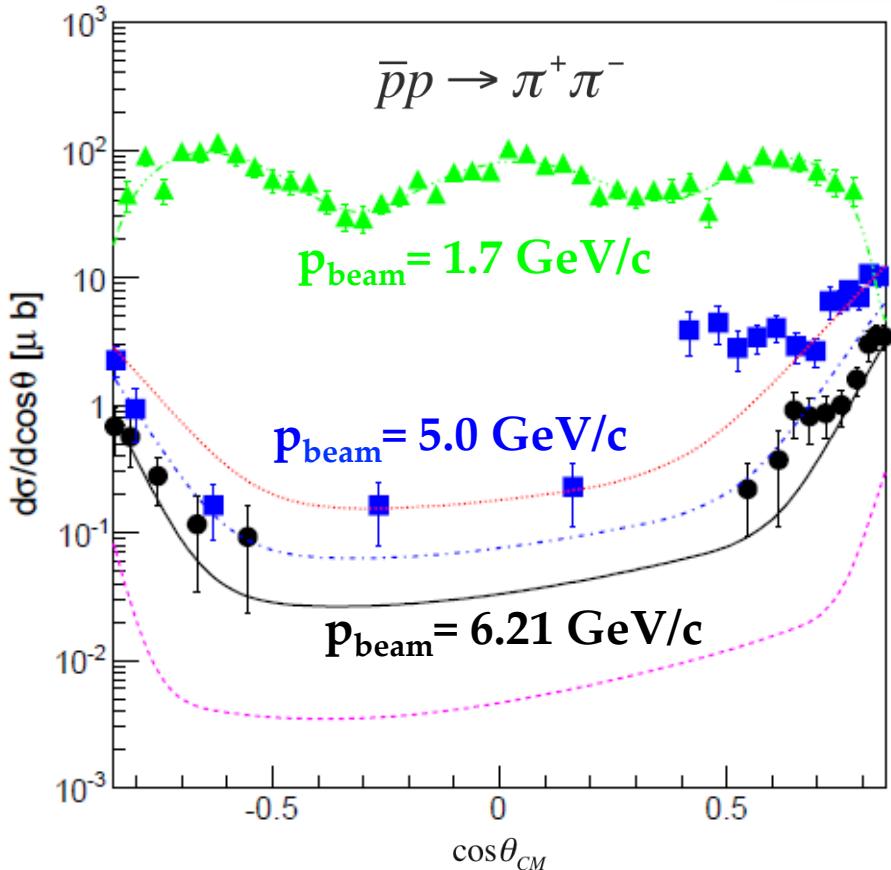
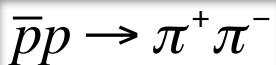
### Event selection:

- **Preselection:** One positive and one negative particle per event
- **Cuts on kinematical variables:** Production angles (back-to-back in center-of-mass system), & Invariant Mass.
- **Signal/Background separation** based on:
  - For  $e^+e^-$ : Different subdetector information like Electromagnetic Calorimeter, Straw Tube Tracker etc. contribute to particle identification
  - For  $\mu^+\mu^-$ : **Boosted Decision Trees** + cuts.  
**Detector information MAINLY from Muon Range System**

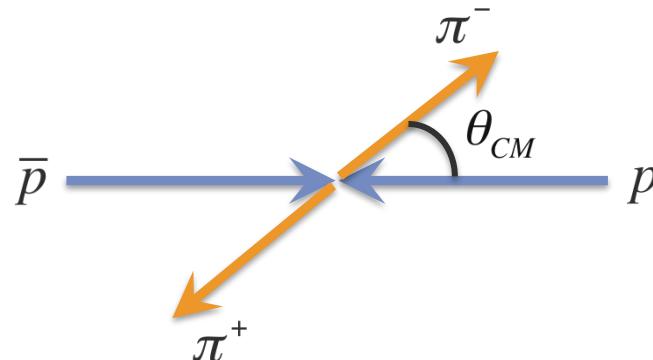
$p_{\text{beam}}$ [GeV/c]	1.5	1.7	2.5	3.3	6.4
$s$ [GeV <sup>2</sup> ]	5.1	5.4	6.8	8.2	13.9

# Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

## Monte-Carlo Simulation studies



- New event generator developed by Mainz group (M. Zambrana et al.)
- Based on two different parametrizations



$$\frac{\sigma(\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\sigma(\bar{p}p \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)} \propto [10^5 - 10^6]$$

Data are from

- Eisenhandler et. al. NP B96 (1975)
- A. Eide et. al., NP B60(1973)
- T. Buran et. al., NPB 116(1976)
- C. White et. al., PRD 49(1994)

- J. Van de Wiele and S. Ong: EPJA46, 291-298 (2010)
- M. Sudol et al.: EPJA44, 373 (2010)
- E.W. Singh et al.: EPJA52, 325 (2016)

# A) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA for

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

- Study of **precision** for  $|G_E|$  &  $|G_M|$ , the form factor ratio R & effective form factor
- Study of the **systematic effects** : generator model, fluctuations and fit function
- **Method I:** event generator based on physical cross section & expected events are simulated
- **Method II:**  $10^6$  events + flat Phase Space (PHSP) event generator + weighting

# A) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

## Signal efficiency & Background rejection



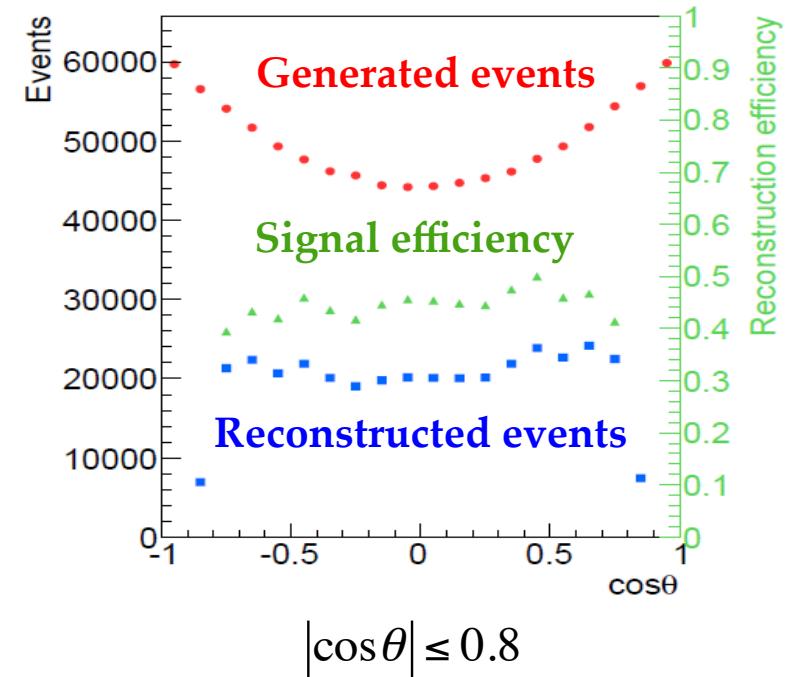
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- Zichichi cross section<sup>1</sup> + PHOTOS
- Assuming  $R = |G_E|/|G_M| = 1$
- $s [\text{GeV}^2]$ : 5.4, 8.2, 13.9
- $L = 2 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Additional samples for signal efficiency determination **~10<sup>6</sup> events**
- Total signal efficiencies between 39% and 51%

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

- New event generator @  $s = 5.4, 8.2,$  and  $13.9 [\text{GeV}^2]$
- **10<sup>8</sup> events at each energy point**
- Background rejection  $\sim 10^{-8}$   
Signal pollution < 1%



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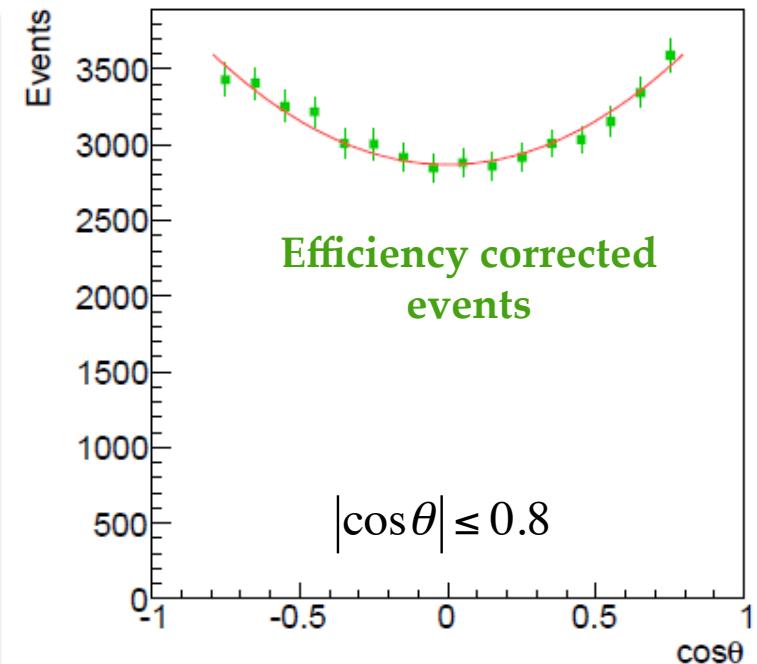


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Extraction of FF's &  $R \pm \Delta R$   
from efficiency corrected  
signal distribution

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# A) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

Statistical & total relative uncertainty on  $R$ ,  $|G_E|$  and  $|G_M|$



## Results

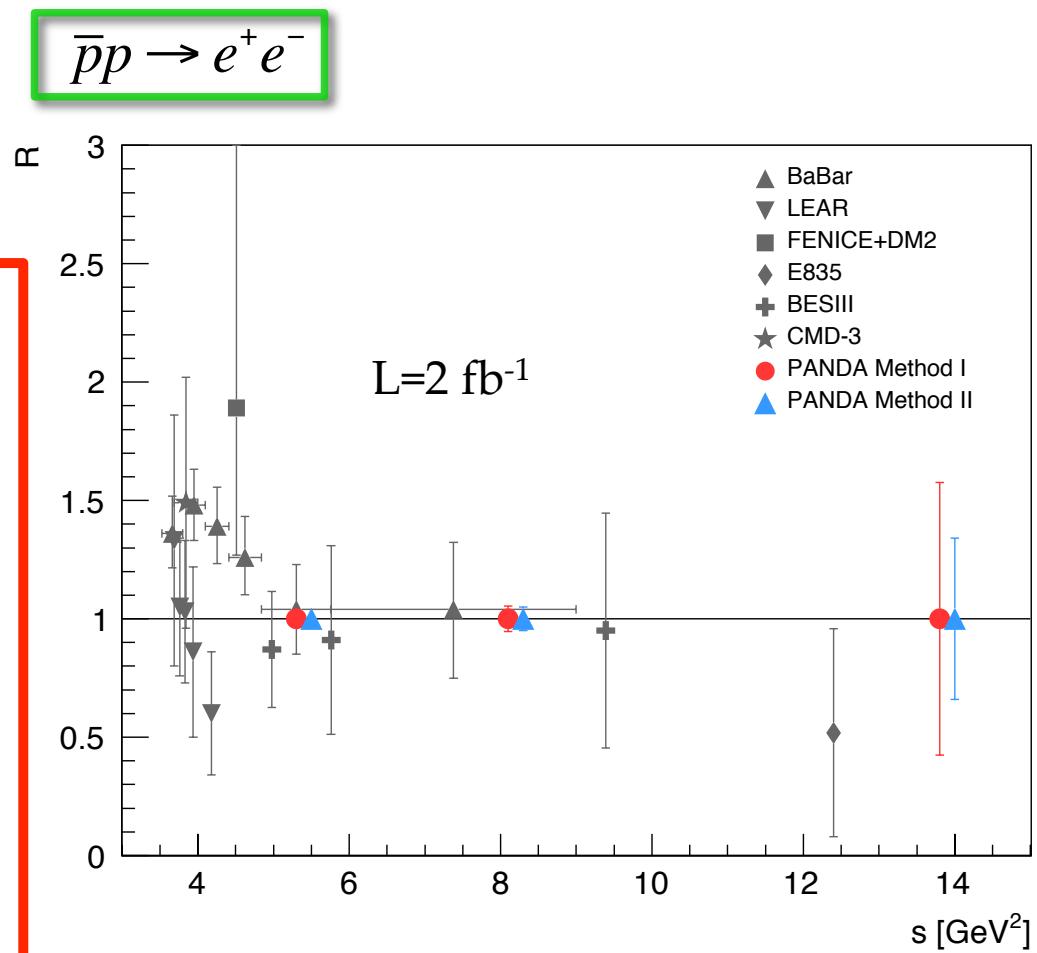
### Statistical relative uncertainty (MI)

- ❖  $\Delta|G_E|/|G_E| : 0.9\% - 48\%$
- ❖  $\Delta|G_M|/|G_M| : 0.4\% - 9.4\%$
- ❖  $\Delta R/R : 1.3\% - 56\%$
- ❖  $\Delta|F_p|/|F_p| : 0.3\% - 6.0\%$

- Systematic uncertainties:  
Luminosity measurement &  
Background contamination.

### Total relative uncertainty (MI)

- ❖  $\Delta|G_E|/|G_E| : 2.2\% - 48\%$
- ❖  $\Delta|G_M|/|G_M| : 3.5\% - 9.7\%$
- ❖  $\Delta R/R : 3.3\% - 57\%$



Time-like electromagnetic proton form factors can be measured with high precision @ PANDA using the electron channel

## B) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA for

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

Study of the statistical and total relative  
uncertainty on R,  
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# B) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

## Signal efficiency

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Analysis : Boosted Decision Trees & Cuts

$|\cos\theta| \leq 0.8$

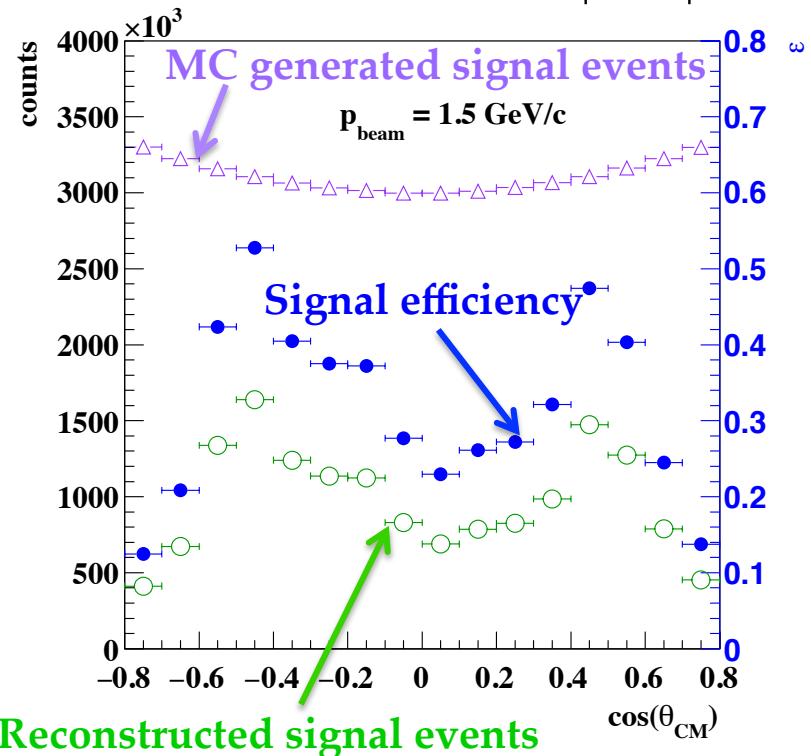
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Total signal efficiency between 24% and 35%

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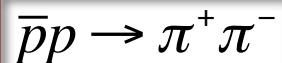


Reconstructed signal events

- Background rejection factor  $\sim 10^{-5} - 10^{-6}$
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# B) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

## Study effects of background subtraction



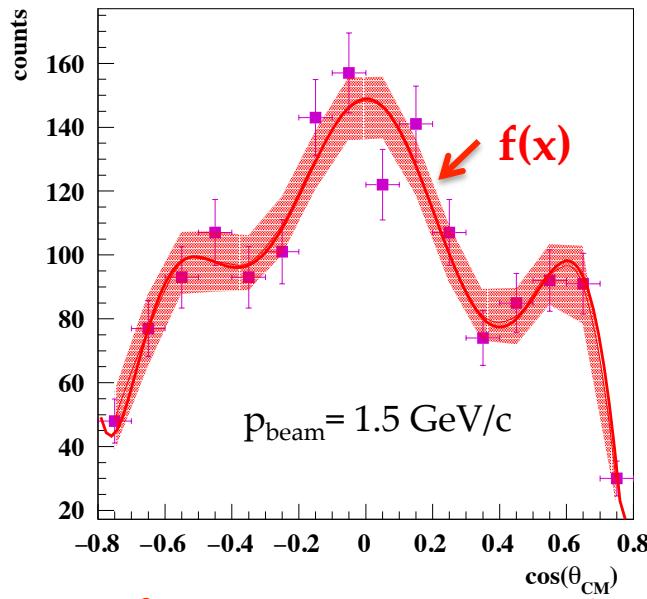
How to obtain the background contamination?

L=2 fb<sup>-1</sup>

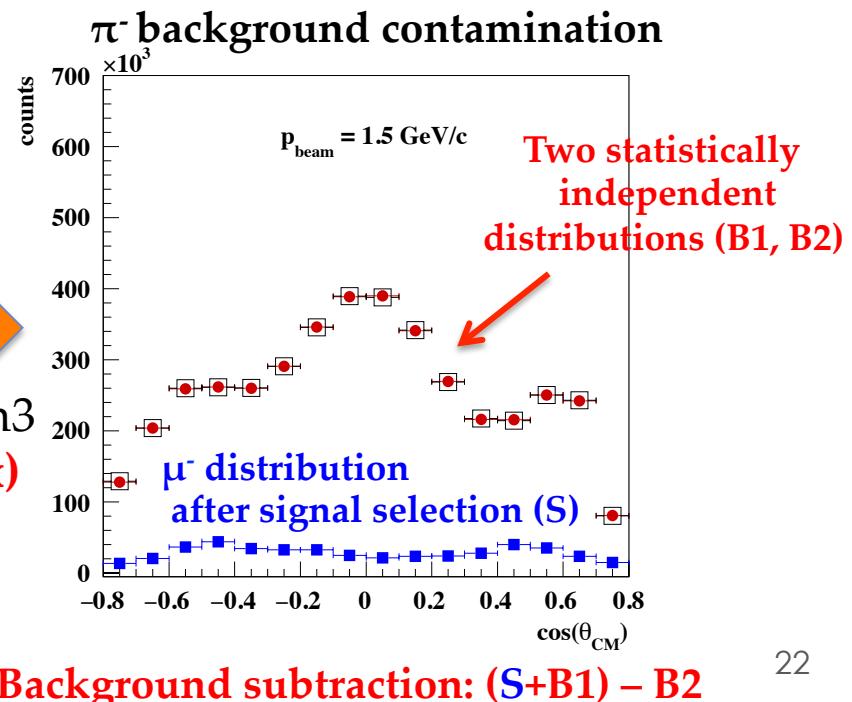
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- Expected signal/background ratio: between 1:4 and 1:9 at  $q^2 = 5.1$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>
- Background subtraction removes pion background contamination

$q^2$ [GeV/c] <sup>2</sup>	$N_{\text{phys}}(\mu^+\mu^-)$	$N_{\text{phys}}(\pi^+\pi^-)$
5.1	$1.28 \times 10^6$	$2.65 \times 10^{11}$
5.4	$8.30 \times 10^5$	$2.02 \times 10^{11}$
6.8	$1.78 \times 10^5$	$4.52 \times 10^{10}$
8.2	$4.97 \times 10^4$	$5.93 \times 10^9$

Residual  $\pi^-$  counts after signal selection



TRandom3  
using  $f(x)$



## B) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

Statistical relative uncertainty on R,  $|G_E|$  &  $|G_M|$

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Analysis : Extraction of  $|G_{E,M}|$  and R

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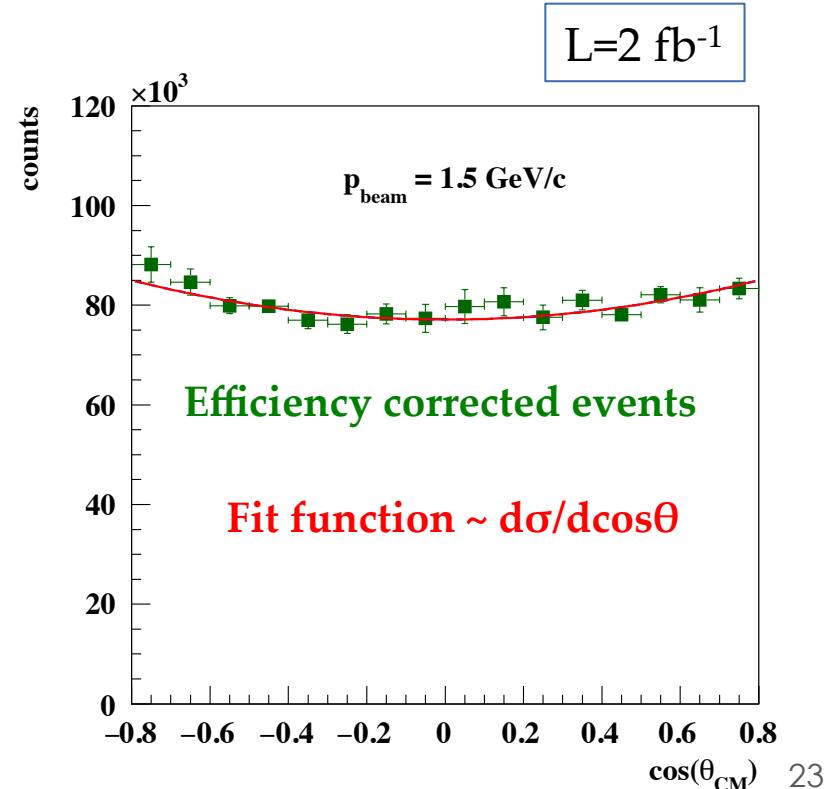
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## Statistical & total relative uncertainty

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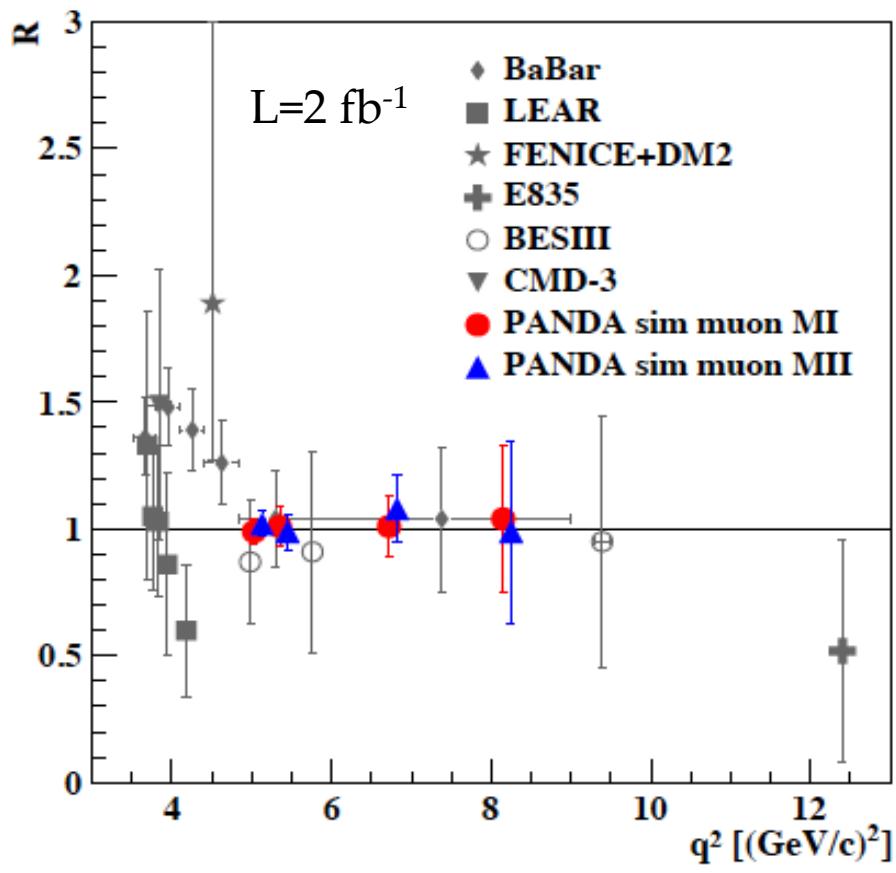
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- ❖  $\Delta|F_p|/|F_p| :$  0.33% - 0.99%
- ❖  $\Delta\sigma/\sigma :$  0.65% - 2.72%

**Method I** uses different (unrealistic) shape of the pion background contamination  $\rightarrow$  check influence of shape

**Method II** uses more realistic shape of pion background contamination than Method I



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- ❖  $\Delta R/R :$  5.0% - 37%

### Systematical uncertainties

- ❖ Luminosity measurement ~ 4% relative systematical uncertainty  
-> contributes with 2% relative uncertainty to  $|G_{E,M}|$
  
- ❖ Choice of cuts
  
- ❖ Choice of histogram bin width

Time-like electromagnetic proton form factors can be measured with high precision @ PANDA using the muon channel

# B) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

## Other relevant background channels



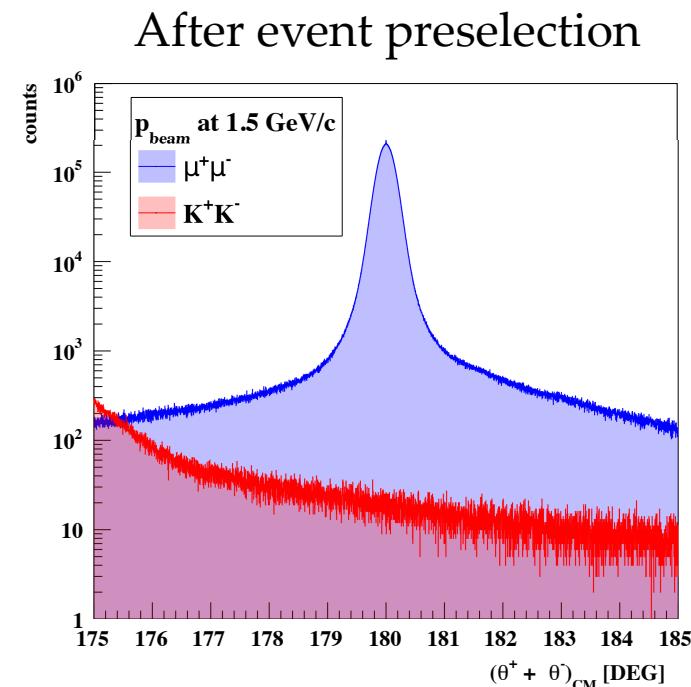
### Estimation of rejection factors for other relevant background channels

Monte-Carlo simulation with PHSP & Analysis at  $q^2 = 5.1 \text{ GeV}^2 \text{ & } 8.2 \text{ GeV}^2$  for

- ❖  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$
- ❖  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow K^+ K^- \text{ & } \bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi^0 K^+ K^-$
- ❖  $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$

Calculation of expected statistics  
and rejection factor

Estimation of upper limit @ CL 95% : **sufficient suppression achieved -> signal pollution < 1%**



New investigations on **light meson (charged and neutral) channels** can be found in

- Phys. Rev., 2017, C95 (4), pp.045202
- Phys. Rev. C 96 025204

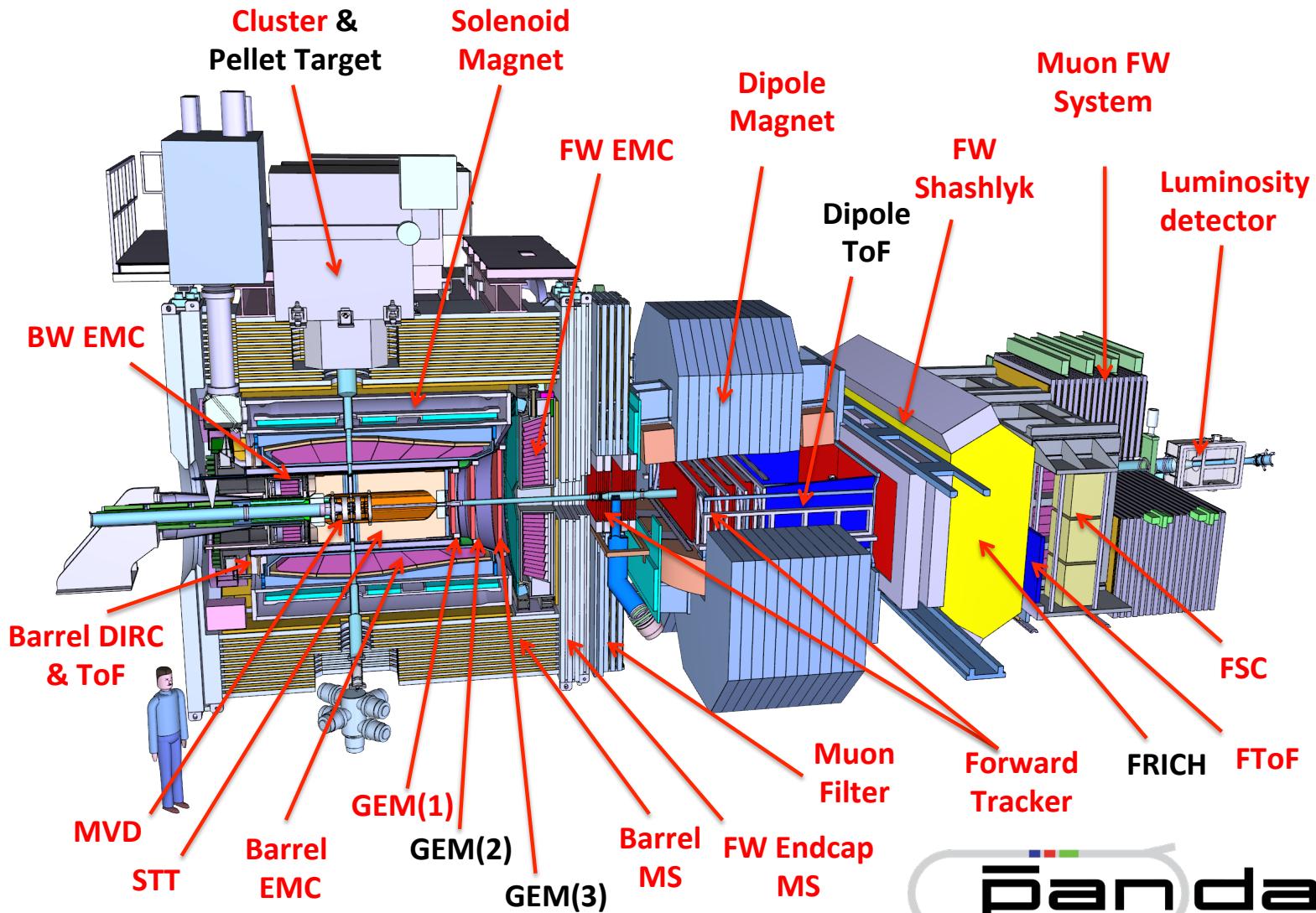
## C) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors for PANDA PHASE-1

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- (\ell = e, \mu)$$

Study of the statistical uncertainty on R,  
 $|G_E|$  &  $|G_M|$

# The PANDA detector (**start**/full setup)

PANDA Phase-1: first data taking phase with reduced luminosity and **reduced detector setup**



# Proton form factor measurements at PANDA-PHASE1

## Relative statistical (total) uncertainty

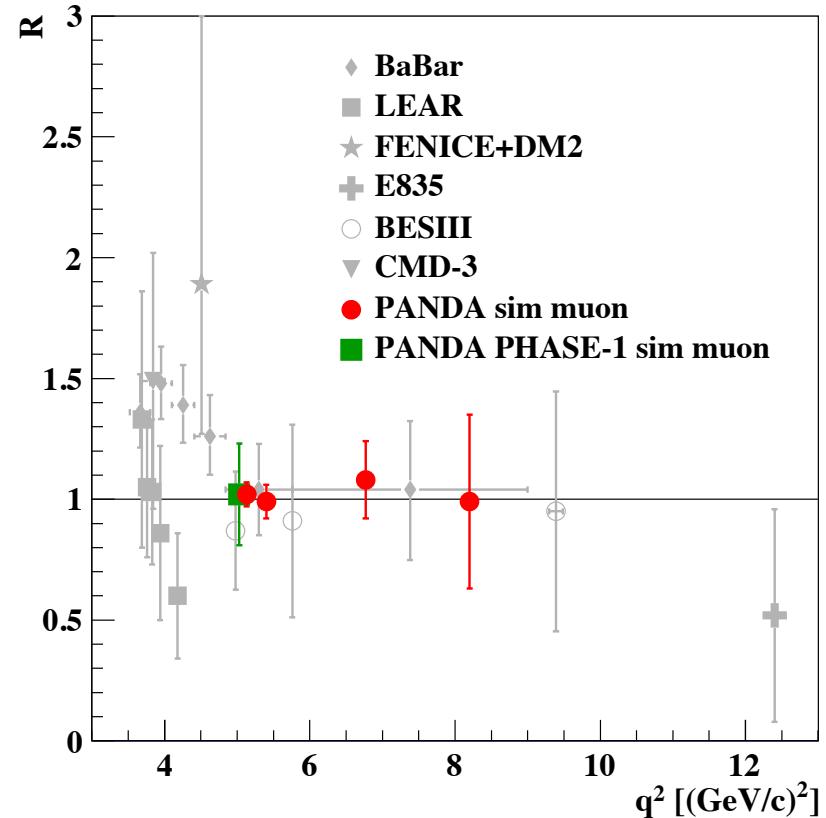
$L = 0.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  Results

Statistical (total) relative uncertainty

$p_{\text{beam}} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

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# Summary & Outlook

- Measurements of the proton form factors in the TL region over a large kinematical region using electron and muon channels:

$$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- (\ell = e, \mu)$$

- Feasibility studies show that the TL proton form factors will be measured @ PANDA with high precision for both signal channels
- For PANDA-Phase-1 (reduced luminosity), the measurement is also possible with both channels
- Publication for electron channel 2016: [E.W. Singh et al.: EPJA52, 325 \(2016\)](#)
- Publication for muon channel in preparation
- Development of an event generator including **next-to leading order** QED radiative corrections is in progress
- Measurement of proton FFs in the unphysical region:
  - Feasibility studies with PANDARoot are needed
- Possibility to access the relative phase of proton TL FFs
  - Polarization observables give access to  $G_E G_M^*$
  - Development of a transverse polarized proton target for PANDA in Mainz

# Backup slides

# B) Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

## Statistical & total relative uncertainty



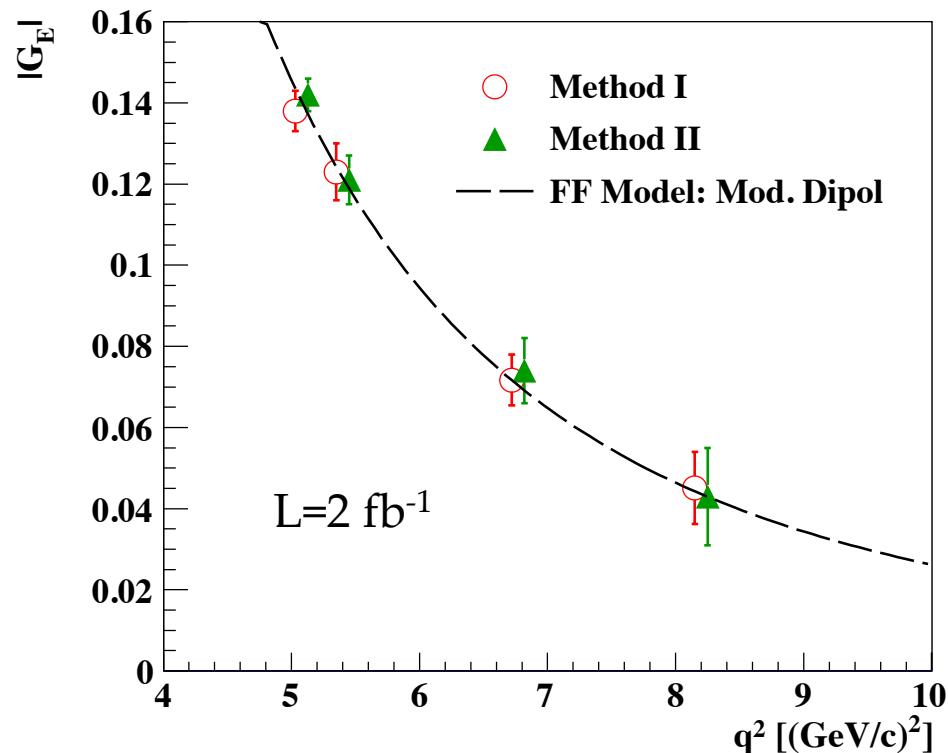
### Results

#### Statistical relative uncertainty (MII)

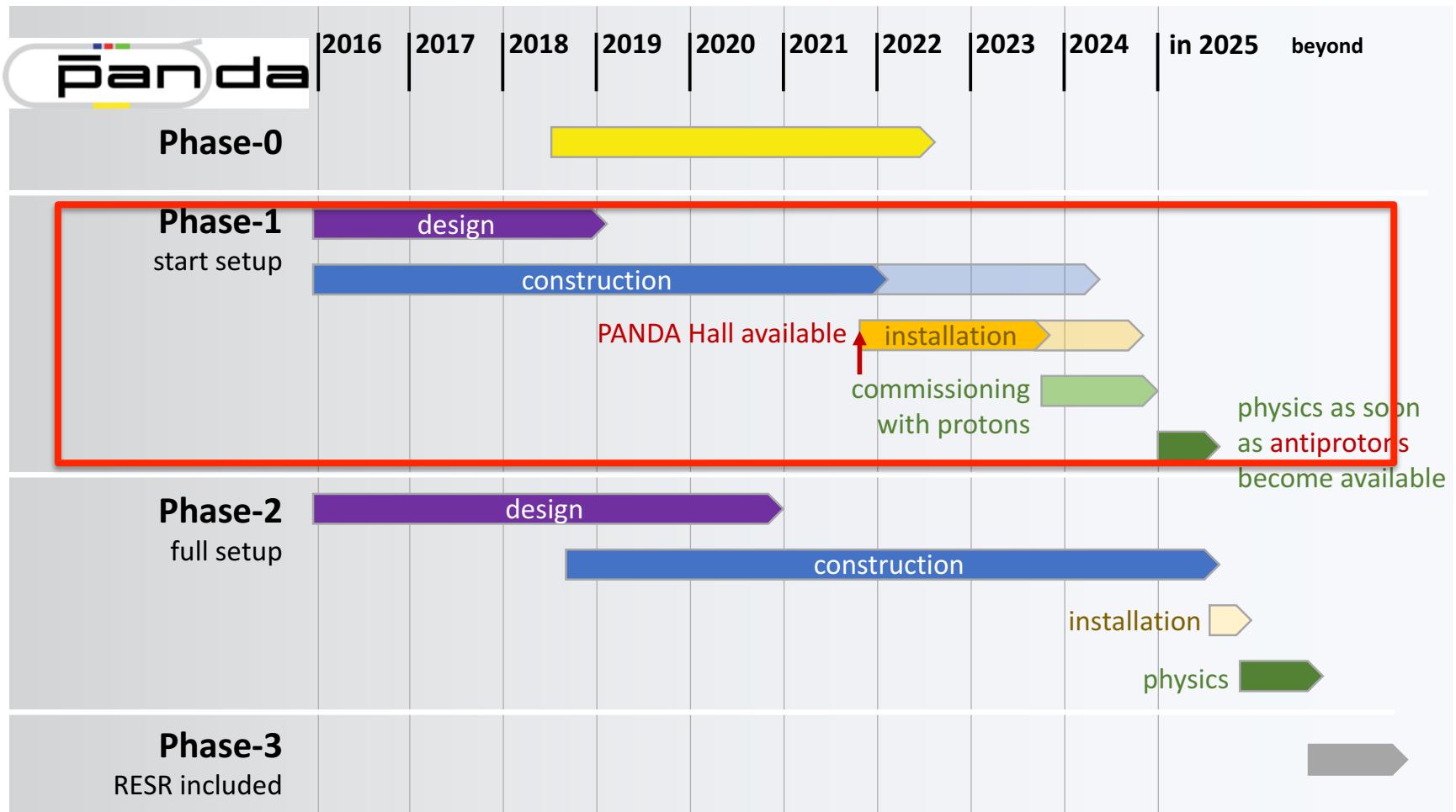
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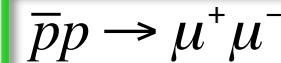
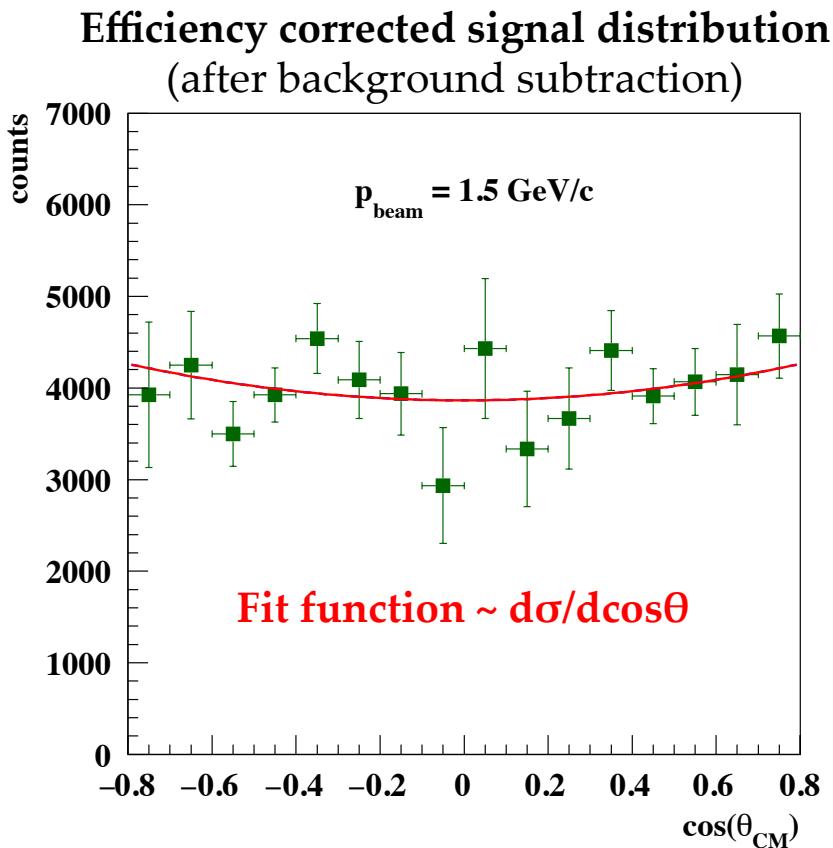
# PANDA: Phases of data taking



# Proton form factor measurements at PANDA-PHASE1

## Relative statistical uncertainty

$L = 0.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



### Results

#### Statistical (total) relative uncertainty

$p_{\text{beam}} = 1.5 \text{ GeV/c}$

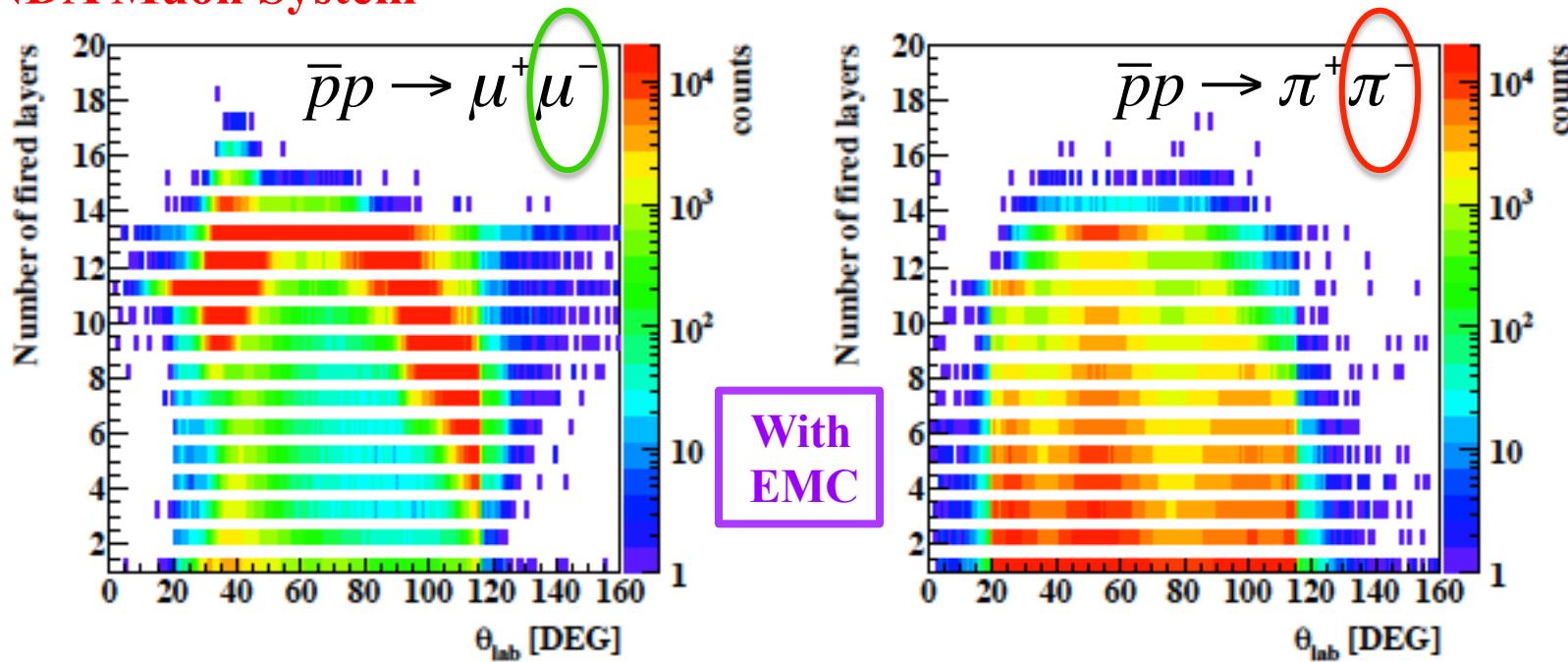
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# Proton form factor measurements at PANDA-Phase1

## Importance of the EMC



### PANDA Muon System

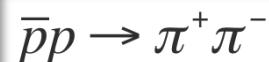


**EMC material in front of Muon System -> most of pions are stopped inside the first layers of the Muon System -> EMC material acts as muon filter**

$p_{\text{beam}} = 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$	Total signal efficiency	Total background efficiency	S/B ratio	$\Delta R/R$ (stat.)
With EMC	32 %	$1.2 * 10^{-5}$	1/8	20%
Without EMC	36 %	$1.7 * 10^{-4}$	1/100	60%

# Feasibility studies: time-like proton form factors @ PANDA

## Background studies



- New event generator developed by Mainz working group (M. Zambrana et al.)

