









Proton Time-Like Electromagnetic Form Factor Measurements at BESIII

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➤Summary

Beijing Electron Positron Collider



BESIII Detector



How to measure FFs at BESIII



BESIII data samples



Scan method



Scan: event selection

- Two scan data sets taken at BESIII in 2012 and 2015
- 2012 data: 12 energy points between 2.2324 and 3.671 GeV, total luminosity: 156.9 pb⁻¹
- 2015 data: 22 energy points between 2.0 and 3.08 GeV, total luminosity: 630 pb⁻¹
- Event selection:
 - 2 opositely charged tracks in MDC from vertex, identified as proton by PID system (ToF, dedx)
 - Back to back signature
 - Tof difference cut (veto cosmics)
 - EMC Information (E/P) to veto bhabha
 - Momentum window cut
- Negligible background





2015 scan data:



\sqrt{s} [GeV]	Lumi $[pb^{-1}]$
2	$10.074 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.067$
2.05	$3.343 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.027$
2.1	$12.167 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.085$
2.12655	$108.49 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.94$
2.15	$2.841 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.024$
2.175	$10.625 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.091$
2.2	$13.699 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.092$
2.2324	$11.856 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.087$
2.3094	$21.089 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.143$
2.3864	$22.549 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.176$
2.396	$66.869 \pm 0.017 \pm 0.475$
2.5	$1.098 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.009$
2.6444	$33.722 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.216$
2.6464	$34.003 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.282$
2.7	$1.034 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.007$
2.8	$1.008 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.007$
2.9	$105.253 \pm 0.025 \pm 0.905$
2.95	$15.942 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.143$
2.981	$16.071 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.095$
3	$15.881 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.110$
3.02	$17.290 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.123$
3.08	$126.185 \pm 0.029 \pm 0.921$

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Scan: background evaluation

- Main background: radiative Bhabha scattering due to high cross section
- No Background surviving from generated MC channels

Process	Size	Generator				
рĒ	2.5M	ConExc and PHOKHARA				
$par{p}\pi^+\pi^-$	1.5M	ConExc				
$q\bar{q}$	3.5~11M	ConExc				
e ⁺ e ⁻ 2~193M		Babayaga				
$\mu^+\mu^-$ 0.8 \sim 89.6M		Babayaga				
$\gamma\gamma$	1~4.3M	Babayaga				
$p\bar{p}\pi^0$ 0.65M		ConExc				
<i>K</i> ⁺ <i>K</i> ⁻ 0.5M		ConExc				
$p \bar{p} \pi^0 \pi^0$	0.5M	ConExc				
$\pi^+\pi^-$	0.5M	PHOKHARA				

- 2 dimensional sideband method shows ~1% background
- Same level for signal MC sample



Scan: cross section

• Extraction of cross section and effective form factor:

$$\sigma_{born} = \frac{N_{sel}}{L \cdot \varepsilon \cdot (1 + \delta)},$$

with ε : efficiency and $(1 + \delta)$: radiative correction factor obtained from MC simulations, L: Luminosity

$$G_{eff} = \sqrt{\frac{3q^2}{4\pi\alpha^2\beta C}} \cdot \frac{\sigma_{born}}{1+1/2\tau},$$

with
$$au = \frac{E_{cm}^2}{4M_p^2}$$

2012 Scan: cross section

• From 2012 scan data:



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- $\varepsilon \cdot (1+\delta) \sim 60\%$
- Uncertainty improved compared to previous experiments below 3.08 GeV: 6% - 18.9%

2015 Scan: cross section

- 2015 scan data: MC study with luminosity according to data
- Expected accuracy: between 0.5% (2.125 GeV) and 26% (2.8 GeV)
- BaBar: 9.4% 26.9%



Scan: extraction of R and G_M

• Differential cross section is given by:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta C}{4E_{cm}^2} \left(\left(1 + \cos^2 \theta_p\right) |G_M|^2 + \frac{1}{\tau} \left(\sin^2 \theta_p\right) |G_E|^2 \right)$$

with $\tau = \frac{E_{cm}^2}{4M_p^2}$, $\beta = \sqrt{1 - 1/\tau}$, $C = y/(1 - e^{-y})$ and $y = \frac{\pi \alpha}{\beta}$

Leads to two parameter fit function to extract R and G_m:

$$\frac{dN}{\varepsilon(1+\delta)d\cos\theta_p} = \frac{L\hbar c\pi \alpha^2 \beta C}{2E_{cm}^2} |G_M|^2 \left((1+\cos^2\theta_p)\tau + (1-\cos^2\theta_p)\frac{1}{\tau}\frac{|G_E|^2}{|G_M|^2} \right)$$

normalisation P_1 $P_2 = R$

Method of moments

• Cross check of fit method: R and G_M from expectation value of $Cos(\theta_p)$:

$$<\cos^{2}\theta>=\frac{N_{1}}{N_{norm}}\int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}}\cos^{2}\theta\left\{\left[(1+\cos^{2}\theta)\right]|G_{M}|^{2}+\frac{4m_{p}^{2}}{s}\sin^{2}\theta|G_{E}|^{2}\right\}d\cos\theta$$

$$R=|\frac{G_{E}}{G_{M}}|=\sqrt{\frac{y_{4}-y_{2}<\cos^{2}\theta>}{\sqrt{1-y_{2}<\cos^{2}\theta>}}}\qquad G_{M}=\sqrt{\frac{N_{norm}}{N_{1}(y_{2}+\frac{1}{\tau}R^{2}y_{1})}}$$

with

$$N_{norm} = \int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}} \left\{ \left[(1 + \cos^2 \theta) \right] |G_M|^2 + \frac{4m_p^2}{s} \sin^2 \theta |G_E|^2 \right\} d\cos \theta$$
$$y_1 = \int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}} (1 - x^2) dx, \quad y_2 = \int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}} (1 + x^2) dx,$$
$$y_3 = \int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}} (x^2 - x^4) dx, \quad y_4 = \int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}} (x^2 + x^4) dx$$

2012 Scan: Form Factors

- 2012 data: ratio and G_M extracted at 2.232, 2.4 GeV and combined sample of 3.05, 3.06 and 3.08 GeV
- R consistent with Babar and R = 1
- $\frac{\delta R}{R} = 25\% 50\%$, comparable to BaBar
- Extraction of G_M in a wider q^2 range



2015 Scan: Form Factors

- Prospects for 2015 scan data
- Assuming R = 1 and the luminosity of the 2015 data:



 Uncertainty of ratio ~10% for most energy points, comparable to space like region for the first time



ISR analysis: tagged and untagged



ISR untagged: event selection

- 7 data sets between 3.773 and 4.6 GeV, total luminosity 7.41 fb⁻¹
- Selection of $p\bar{p}$ system:
 - MDC: two charged tracks from vertex
 - Identified as proton by PID (dedx and ToF)
 - E/p cut
- Identification of the undetected ISR photon based on distributions of:
 - Polar angle of missing momentum
 - Missing mass squared recoiling against the $p\bar{p}$ system



ISR untagged: background

- Estimated from MC samples: Most channels $(e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma, \mu^+\mu^-\gamma, \pi^+\pi^-\gamma, K\bar{K}\gamma \text{ and } e^+e^- \rightarrow \Lambda\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-p\bar{p})$ are suppressed
- Background from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mathcal{R} \ (\mathcal{R} \rightarrow p\bar{p}\gamma)$ suppressed to below 1%



$$N_{bkg}=rac{N_2-eta_{sig}N_1}{eta_{bkg}-eta_{sig}}$$
 , $eta=rac{N_2}{N_1}$ from MC

ISR untagged: signal efficiency

- Determined by MC, using phokhara event generator up to NNLO radiative corrections, for each interval of M_{ppbar}
- Integrated signal efficiency between 17.8% (3.773 GeV) and 12.6% (4.6 GeV)



ISR tagged: event selection

- Same selection for $p\bar{p}$ system as in untagged case
- Selection of ISR Photon: most energetic shower in EMC
- 4-constraints kinematic fit (4 momentum conservation) to select $p\bar{p}\gamma$ events
- Background suppression:
 - combine two showers to $\pi^0(\eta)$ candidate
 - 5C kinematic fit with $\pi^0(\eta)$ mass to remove $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^0$
- Most background channels suppressed, remaining $p\bar{p}\pi^0$ needs to be subtracted



ISR tagged: background subtraction Event / (20 MeV/c²) 000 000 002

- Dominant background $p\bar{p}\pi^0$: one photon from π^0 decay miss identified as ISR photon
- Estimated with phasespace $p\bar{p}\pi^0$ MC weighted by data:



Data

200

100

MC signal +background

Estimated background

ISR: Form Factor ratio

- Extracted from distribution of the helicity angle θ_p
- θ_p is defined as the angle between proton momentum in the $p\bar{p}$ rest frame and the momentum of the $p\bar{p}$ system in the e^+e^- rest frame

• Analytic for
$$e^+e^- \to p\bar{p}$$
:

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta_p} = \frac{L\hbar c\pi \alpha^2 \beta C}{2E_{cm}^2} |G_M|^2 \left((1 + \cos^2\theta_p)\tau + (1 - \cos^2\theta_p) \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{|G_E|^2}{|G_M|^2} \right)$$

• For ISR process, histograms \mathcal{H}_E and \mathcal{H}_M obtained from MC simulation with $G_E = 0$ and $G_M = 0$ are used:

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta_p} = A\left(\mathcal{H}_M\left(\cos\theta_p, M_{p\bar{p}}\right) + \left|\frac{G_E}{G_M}\right|^2 \mathcal{H}_E\left(\cos\theta_p, M_{p\bar{p}}\right)\right)$$

ISR: Form Factor ratio

- Angular distributions fitted after efficiency correction and background subtraction for each $cos(\theta)$ intervall
- Reduced fitting range leads to higher uncertainty in untagged case



ISR: systematic uncertainty of ratio

Tagged:

- Background:
 - Generate 890 random Bkg.
 distributions based on $p\bar{p}\pi^0$ data
 - Extract R for each distribution
 - Difference of mean to nominal result as error
- 4C Fit: change cut on χ^2_{4c} from 50 to 45 and 60
- Bins: change number of bins from 10 to 8 and 15

$M_{P\overline{P}}[GeV/c^2]$	Bkg.	4C Fit	Bins	total
1.877-1.950	2.0%	2.0%	6.1%	6.7%
1.950-2.025	1.6%	2.0%	3.7%	4.5%
2.025-2.100	2.1%	2.8%	2.3%	4.2%
2.100-2.200	1.3%	7.6%	9.0%	11.9%
2.200-2.400	1.0%	8.0%	13.1%	15.6%
2.400-3.000	6.0%	3.8%	7.7%	10.5%

- Untagged:
- Background: difference of R with and without subtraction
- Varying fitting range to [-0.5,0.5] or [-0.7,0.7]
- θ_{miss} , M_{miss}^2 : reducing selection windows by 20%

$M_{P\overline{P}}[GeV/c^2]$	Bkg.	Fitrange	$ heta_{miss}$	M_{miss}^2	total
2.0-2.3	3%	2%	4%	5%	7%
2.3-2.6	2%	1%	4%	2%	5%
2.6-3.0	16%	1%	4%	2%	16%

ISR: Form Factor ratio

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untagged:

$M_{P\overline{P}}[GeV/c^2]$	Fit range	R
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2.3-2.6	[-0.8,0.8]	$0.98{\pm}0.24$
2.6-3.0	[-0.8,0.8]	1.21 ± 0.40

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ISR: cross section and eff. FF

• Cross section of $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ calculated for each invariant mass intervall i by:

$$\sigma_i = \frac{N_i}{\varepsilon_i (1+\delta)_i L_i}$$

with:

- N_i : number of events after selection and bkg. Subtraction
- ε_i : efficiency obtained from phokhara signal MC, including NNLO radiative corrections, FSR and VP
- $(1 + \delta)_i$: radiative correction factor
- L_i : differential Luminosity $L_i = \sum_k \int W(s_k, x_{ik}) L_k dx_{ik}$, $W(s_k, x_{ik})$: radiator function
- Eff. FF derived from cross section, assuming $G_E = G_M$:

$$|G_{eff}|^2 = \frac{3q^2\sigma_{p\bar{p}}}{4\pi\alpha^2 C\left(1 + \frac{2M_p^2}{q^2}\right)}$$

ISR: systematic uncertainty of cross section

lagged:										
Trk. PID E/P Lum. Bkg 4C fit Total							Total			
2.0	%	2.0%		1.0%	1.0% 0.4%-6.0%		0.5%-23.6%		3.3%-24.0%	
Untagged:										
Trk.	PID	E/P	Lum.	Bkg.	$ heta_{miss}$	M_{miss}^2	Rad. Func.	FSR	model	Total
2.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.5%-8.2%	6%	5%	0.5%	1%	3%-8%	5.3%-18.2%

- Systematic uncertainties from tracking efficiency (2%) and E/p requirement (1%) from published analysis PRD 91(2015) 112004
- Uncertainty from Luminosity measurement: 1%
- PID uncertainty (2%) studied through $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}\pi^0$
- Same methods for background uncertainties as for the ratio
- Tagged: uncertainty from 4C kinematic fit for each invariant mass bin
- Untagged:
- uncertainty from θ_{miss} and M_{miss}^2 : same as for cross section
- Uncertainty from radiator function and calculation of FSR assumed to be 0.5% and 1%, respectively
- Model uncertainty estimated by varying R within ist statistical uncertainty

ISR: cross section and eff. FF

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ISR: effective FF structure

- Effective form factor as a function of the 3-momentum (P) of the relative motion of the two protons
- The oscillations can be extracted from the effective form factor as F^{osc}=|Geff|-F⁰ (F⁰ describes the regular behavior of the form factor over the long range of the ppbar invariant mass)

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 Oscillations seen in eff. FF by BaBar reproduced by both ISR tagged and untagged

Summary and Prospects

- BESIII provides an excellent opportunity to study nucleon form factors, using both scan and ISR technique
- Scan data of 2012 has been analysed to extract proton form factors:
 - Good agreement in eff. FF and cross section with previous measurements, increased precision by ~30%
 - $|G_M|$ and $R = |G_E/G_M|$ extracted for 3 energy points, in agreement with Babar and R=1
- Preliminary results from ISR tagged and untagged analysis for Proton FFs:
 - Cross section, eff. FF and R extracted, in agreement with Babar
 - Oszillations seen by BaBar in eff. FF confirmed by both tagged and untagged analysis
- Prospects: 2015 scan data to will significantly improve the precision of proton FFs

Thank You!