

Proton and kaon timelike form factors from Babar

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$p\bar{p}$ quantum numbers



$$J^{PC} = 1^{--}, J = L+S,$$

 $P=(-1)^{L+1}=-1, L=0,2,$
 $C=(-1)^{L+S}=-1, S=1,$

S, D – waves,

two form factors e.g. G_E , G_M



C for protons : $C=y/(1-e^{-y}), y=\pi\alpha/\beta, \alpha=1/137, \beta=v/c$

Function C (Coulomb factor) is significant at ~ 1 MeV above threshold

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Expectations for the nucleon form factors

-- $|G_E|=|G_M|$ at threshold, S-wave only -- σ -> const at threshold, C ~ 1/v

-- proton polarization ~
$$\phi$$
(G_E-G_M)

perturbative QCD constrains the FF asymptotic behavior

$$q^2 \rightarrow -\infty \implies G_{E,M} \rightarrow \frac{\text{constant}}{q^4 \ln \left(\frac{q^2}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}\right)^2}$$

pQCD + analyticity

$$G^2 \rightarrow \pm \infty \quad \blacksquare \quad \Rightarrow \quad G_{E,M}(q^2) = G_{E,M}(-q^2)$$

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Reactions to study e.m. TL form factors





Two latest BABAR works: 1 - PhysRevD.87.092005(2013), m < 4 GeV - LA ISR 2 - PhysRevD.88.072009(2013), m =3 - 6 GeV - SA ISR

PEP-II e+e- collider, Babar detector



e+e→hadrons in ISR



ISR – Initial State Radiation or Radiative Return $\frac{d\sigma(s,x)}{dxd(\cos\theta)} = H(s,x,\theta) \cdot \sigma_0(s(1-x))$ ons H- radiation function $H(s,x,\theta) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi x} \left(\frac{2-2x+x^2}{\sin^2\theta} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right), \ x = \frac{2E_{\gamma}}{\sqrt{s}}$ $L_{ISR} \sim 0.3\% L_0,$ with $L_0 \sim 0.5 \text{ ab}^{-1} \longrightarrow L_{ISR} \sim 1.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}!$

Advantages of ISR

- 1. Full energy range from $2m_{\pi}$ up to \sqrt{s} is available
- 2. Detection efficiency is independent on the reaction mechanism
- 3. No large radiative corrections

Large/small angles kinematic in ISR



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$e^+e^- \to p\overline{p}$ analysis, SA ISR kinematics

$$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Main selection} \\ \mbox{criteria, SA case} \end{array} & 1 - two \ tracks: p, \bar{p} \\ 2 - M^2_{miss} < 1 \ GeV/c^2 \\ 3 - P_{trans.} < 0.15 \ GeV/c \\ 4 - P_p < 5 \ GeV/c \end{array}$$

Backgrounds
1-Two photon
$$-e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-p\overline{p}$$
, ~ 3%
2-ISR with $\pi^0: e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma p\overline{p}\pi^0$, ~ 5%



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$e^+e^- \rightarrow p\overline{p}$ LA ISR kinematics



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

Cos θ distribution and $|G_E/G_M|$ ratio (Babar)



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$e^+e^- \rightarrow p\overline{p}$ SA ISR kinematics



Babar results are in agreement with previous data at E<4 GeV, And have a tendency to approach spacelike FF at E>4 GeV



Comparison of baryons form factors



Proton: PhysRevD.87.092005(2013) - Babar Neutron :PhysRevD. 90, 112007 (2014) - SND Λ, Σ : PhysRevD. 76, 092006 (2007) - Babar pQCD : Z.Ph. C42 569 (1989) – Chernyak,Zhitn.



The charged kaon form factor

Two BABAR works : 1 - Phys.Rev.D88 032013 (2013) - $E < 5 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ LA ISR 2 - Preliminary - $E < 7.5 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ - SA ISR

The charged kaon form factor



The history of kaon TL form factor above ϕ (1020)



e⁺e⁻ -> K⁺K⁻ analysis, SA ISR

Main selection criteria $1-\text{two tracks}: K^+, K^ 2-M^2_{\text{miss}} < 1 \text{GeV} / c^2$ $3-P_{\text{trans.}} < 0.15 \text{ GeV} / c$ $4-P_K < 5 \text{ GeV} / c$

Background 1-Two photon $-e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- K^+K^-, \sim 3\%$ 2-ISR with $\pi^0: e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma K^+K^- \pi^0, \sim 5\%$ 3-ISRmisID $: e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \mu^+\mu^-, \sim 5\%$

Systematics ~ 3%

e*e* -> K*K* cross section



Kaon form factor , LA ISR



Kaon form factor, SA ISR, Babar preliminary



The kaon form factor with SA ISR technique agrees with LA ISR data and more precise. At $E > 5 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ the tendency to approach to the QCD limit is seen.

Conclusions on the proton timelike form factor (FF)

- 1. Using the ISR method in Babar the proton FF has been measured from the threshold up to 6 GeV
- 2. Near the threshold the proton FF is close to the pointlike value 1.
- 3. The e⁺e⁻ >pp cross section is nearly constant from the threshold up to 2.2 GeV.
- 4. A resonance structure in proton FF is seen in the region
 2-3 GeV
- 5. Beginning from q=5 GeV the proton FF reveals the tendency to approach to the QCD prediction $F(q^2)=F(-q^2)$.

Conclusions on the charged kaon timelike form factor (FF)

- 1.Using the ISR method in Babar the charged kaon FF has been measured from the threshold up to 7 GeV
- 2. Below 2 GeV in the kaon FF the resonance structure is seen.
- 3. At E<4 GeV the kaon FF is ~ 4 times higher than the QCD limit
- 4. At E>5 GeV the kaon FF approaches to the QCD limit

Thank you for attention