Study of the systematics of the $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma)$ measurement B. Valeriani for the $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ group

- Our efforts have been concentred on the study of:
 - 1) Geometrical acceptance;
 - 2) Efficiencies;
 - 3) Background (e⁺ e⁻ γ , $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$, $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$);
 - 4) Machine background and reconstruction effects;
 - 5) Resolution effects and unfolding;
 - 6) Luminosity (see talk of A. Denig).
- The following studies have been performed on 134 pb⁻¹ from the 2001 statistics.

Acceptance studies

The geometrical acceptance corresponding to the cuts $40^{\circ} < \theta_{\pi} < 140^{\circ}, \theta_{\Sigma} < 15^{\circ} - \theta_{\Sigma} > 165^{\circ}$ must be evaluated using MC.

The polar angle distribution of π^+ and π^- and the θ_{Σ} distribution have been compared with the MC ones.

- Events have been selected by the AND of the Likelihood, in order to reject completely any contribution from Bhabha events.
- The expected contributions from $\mu\mu\gamma$ and $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ have been added to the MC distributions.
- A precise evaluation of the selection efficiency for data, necessary to get a more realistic MC-DATA comparison, is still going on.

DATA-MC comparisons



Acceptance studies

The dependence of the acceptance on the ρ - ω parameters used in the MC generation has also been studied.



No dependence has been observed.

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Trackmass efficiency and background studies

The trackmass variable is used to separate signal events from $\mu\mu\gamma$ and $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ events.

The trackmass cut efficiency has been so far evaluated using MC.

A cut on the trackmass is already applied at the level of the Event Classification to discriminate between charged radiative decays and $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ events.

In order to study the same efficiency using DATA, a subsample of events, not affected by the mentioned cut, has been selected.

Study of the backgrounds $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- \gamma$, $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$

A problem in the evaluation of the trackmass cut efficiency is represented by the background contamination.

On the other side the trackmass distribution can be used to evaluate the background contribution to the Q² spectrum of the signal.

The shape of the distribution for background events can be obtained using MC and fitted to data in order to extract the background contamination in a given Q² region.

DATA-MC comparison



DATA-MC comparison

For 8 different slices of Q², between 0.2 and 1 GeV², the experimental trackmass distribution has been compared with the one obtained using MC.



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Study of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$ background

Signal events are separated from radiative Bhabhas by a Likelihood function.

After the selection, a residual contamination of Bhabha events is expected.

This contamination will contribute to the Q² spectrum in particular at large Q² values, where the initial electron population is larger.



Expected trackmass distributions for signal and background

For each bin of Q², we find the shape of trackmass distribution for signal and background:

- SIGNAL: both tracks must be selected as pions by the Likelihood function
- **BACKGROUND**: both tracks must be selected as electron tracks



Study of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$ background



Study of the background $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- e^+e^-$

This process could represent a background for our analysis if electron and positron go along the beam pipe.



From MC (old MC generator from F. Anulli), we expect a background contribution at low Q² values.



Trackmass efficiency on $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$

The background is completely rejected by the trackmass cut.



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Additional background (?)

- After all corrections, we observe an asymmetry in the π^+ , π^- angular distribution.
- No such asymmetry is expected from MC. Possible additional background?
- We have investigated the following possibilities:
- Machine background
- Reconstruction problem
- FSR contribution
- Physics background contributions



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Machine background



Relaxing the cut on Z(vtx) we observe the bckg due to interactions on the beam pipe.

No such bckg is observed applying the standard analysis cut Z(vtx)<7cm.

We have also looked at the First Hit position, but no systematics effect has been observed

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Reconstruction effect?

In order to see whether the asymmetry is due to a reconstruction problem, some further checks have been done.

• A similar asymmetry can be observed in the polar angular distribution of the associated clusters:



• $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ events don't show the same problem:



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Reconstruction effects in the trackmass efficiency



Reconstruction effect?

The following correction has been applied to each momentum component of the π + and of the π - momenta in order to take into account the momentum dependence on the φ angle, already observed in other final states:



 $F(\phi, charge) = (-charge \times 0.5 \times cos\phi + 0.3)/(2 \times 497) + 1$

Effects from physics

- FSR: FSR is negligible with respect to ISR; to test if some FSR events are left we cut on prompt energy in EMC -> the asymmetry remains.
- Background from Bhabhas: to suppress Bhabhas we have applied the AND of the likelihood -> the asymmetry remains

CURRENT SITUATION: the effect is not understood, yet.

Unfolding procedure

The detector smearing has now been studied using MC:



Smearing matrix

•The smearing matrix is normalized to 1 (unitarity condition)

• Most of the population is on the diagonal (~70%) or in the adjacent bin: such a situation doesn't require sophisticated unfolding programs (RUN,GURU,..), but inverting the smearing matrix matrix is enough to obtain the unsmeared Q² spectrum.



Inversion of the smearing matrix



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Validity test of the method

- The method has been successfully applied to a MC sample of 1000000 events.
- From the reconstructed spectrum obtained at the end of the analysis chain, the unfolded distribution has been computed by inverting the Q² smearing matrix, correcting for efficiencies and boundary effects.
- This distribution has been compared with the generated MC Q² distribution.
- The correlation between bins has been computed and found to be of 10-20%.



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- The inversion procedure has not been applied to data, mostly because of the "asymmetry" problem
- Efficiencies and other kinds of background are under control
- Data and MC are in qualitative agreement, but before drawing quantitative conclusions the smearing process must be applied
- The unsmearing procedure has been tested on MC and it works, since the smearing matrix is almost diagonal
- Two persons have been assigned to the writing of the draft: A.D. and G.V.; we still plan to have the draft ready by Jan, 31.