Search for $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

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Introduction

- $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ is P and CP violating process
- The Br prediction in SM ~10⁻²⁷ → proceed only via the CP-violating in weak interaction [Phys. Scripta T99, 23 (2002)]
- Any observation of larger branching ratio would indicate a new source of CP violation in the strong interaction
- The best limit $\text{Br}(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) < 1.3 \times 10^{-5} @ 90\%$ C.L. by KLOE with Lint ~ 350 pb⁻¹ (efficiency is 16.6%)
- A recent limit BR($\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$)<1.6×10⁻⁵ @ 90% CL from the LHCb



Data Sets

- 30300-41902 (all 2004/2005 data, $L_{int} \sim 1.7 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
 - drc stream
 - version 26
- MC sample: (2004)
 - mrc stream (all_phys, allrad, pho5mmg, ppgphok5)
 - radiative bhabha (eeg100)
 - private MC: $\phi \rightarrow \gamma \eta$, $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

Event selection

- Charged tracks
 - one vertex with two opposite charged tracks
 - Rv<8 cm, |Zv|<10 cm
 - the two tracks are required to be at large angle $45 < \theta_t < 135^\circ$
- Neutral clusters
 - one prompt photon in time: $|Tcl-Rcl/c| \le \min(5\sigma_t(Ecl), 2ns)$
 - polar angle in (45,135°) to suppress background from $\gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$ (ISR)
 - $-250 \le E\gamma \le 470 \text{ MeV}$



The angle Ω between the direction of the $\pi^+\pi^-$ missing momentum and the direction of the prompt photon is required to be less than 0.06 rad



Time of flight

• Particle identification by the time of flight is used to reject the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$

$$\delta t(m_X) = t_{cl} - \frac{L}{c\beta(m_X)}$$

-0.2<Tof(p)<0.7 && 0.3<Tof(e) <1.2 && Tof(e)>Tof(p)



Track mass distribution



• The track mass (M_{trk}) is mass value that satisfies the equation:

$$|\vec{p_{\phi}} - \vec{p_1} - \vec{p_2}| = E_{\phi} - \sqrt{p_1^2 + T_M^2} - \sqrt{p_2^2 + T_M^2}$$

• 129<M_{trk}<149 MeV is required to reject the $\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$ background ^{23/09/18}

$M(\pi\pi)$ distribution



The remain backgrounds are mainly from $\gamma\pi\pi$ and $\rho\pi$ (allphys)

Preliminary upper limit



- Lint~1.7 fb⁻¹
- After all the cuts, efficiency ~ $(13.7\pm0.05)\%$
- Fit with 3rd polynomial function + MC signal shape
- N^{UL}=57.6 at 90% C.L. \rightarrow BR=6.3×10⁻⁶ @90% C.L.

Summary and plans...

- The procedure is established and preliminary upper limit with 2004/2005 data is obtained
- Systematic uncertainties study is ongoing
 - alternative fits will be performed
 - fitting (fitting range, background shape, signal shape)
 - efficiency (M_{Trk} cut, TOF cut)
 - associated with tracks and photon \rightarrow momentum-dependent correction
- A first test of KLOE-2 data is ongoing

Thank you!!!