Two-photon experiments with detector MD1 at VEPP-4

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View on future of e+e- physics in 1970

In 1967-1970 experiments at VEPP-2 in Novosibirsk with the energy up to 2E=1.3 GeV have been performed. One of important results was observation of e+e- pairs in collisions of virtual photons. It was understood that such two-photon particle production (e+e- → e+e- X) will dominate at higher energies as soon as their cross sections increase while those of annihilation processes (e+e-→X) steeply decrease due to particle form factors (quarks were not discovered yet).

Due to this physics picture it was decided in our institute in 1972 to build a special detector (leader Alexei Onuchin) for studying two-photon physics. Initially, this detector was planned to work at VEPP-3 with 2E=4 GeV (was built in 1972 and equipped with another detector without magnetic field).

In 1974 SLAC (and BNL) have discovered J/Ψ, D-mesons, in 1975 τ-lepton, this was the revolution in particle physics. The VEPP-3 has lost a chance to make these discoveries (due to the absence of good positron injector). In this situation it was decided to speed up works on VEPP-4 (2E=12 GeV), and to move there the MD-1 experiment.
It should be universal detector with special features for detection of two-photon processes:

a) Detection of scattered electrons by sweeping them from the beam pipe by a transverse magnetic field (as soon as $E < E_0$).

b) Transverse magnetic field in the central detector in order to increase the detection efficiency for produced charged particles which travel mostly in forward direction due to unequal virtual photon energies).

c) two additional bending magnets from both sides of main detector for better detection of scattered electrons

One problem: Synchrotron radiation (SR) from “additional” magnet, which caused the increase of vacuum pipe diameter to 40 cm – worsening of detector performance!
VEPP-4+MD-1

Operated in 1981-1985 (stopped by fire)
2E=3-10.5 GeV, L(\(\Upsilon(1S)\)) \(\sim 3 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\), \[ \int L dt \approx 30 \text{ pb}^{-1} \]
(L one order lower than at DORIS or CESR)
The detector MD-1, main components

- muon chambers
- magnet yoke
- copper coil
- shower-range chambers
- gas Cherenkov counters
- scint. counters
- vacuum chamber
- coordinate chambers
Very advanced for that time detector, based on proportional chambers, 20000 readout channels, 0.5 millions of wires!

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Scattered electron tagging system (TS)  
(from both sides of the main detector)

Acceptance:  \[ 0.5 < \frac{E}{E_0} < 0.85 \]  (for \( \theta=0 \))

\[ \vartheta = 12 \div 100 \text{ mrad} \]  (for \( E \sim E_0 \))

Energy resolution:  \[ \sigma_E/E = 1.7\% \]
Efficiency of the scattered electron tagging system for detection at least 1 s.e. or both 2 s.e.

Index “a” for emission angle of scattered electrons $\theta_z > 0.5$ mrad (necessary for suppression of single bremsstrahlung electrons). In MD-1 this was done using coincidence with two sc. counter (behind the tagging system) separated vertically. For separation of two-gamma scattered electrons from bremsstrahlung electrons we also detected bremsstrahlung photons at $\theta = 0$. 

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Accuracy of determination of the two-photon invariant mass $W$ using energies of two scattered electrons

\[ \sigma_{W_{\gamma\gamma}} \sim 200 - 110 \text{ MeV} \]

for $W_{\gamma\gamma} = 1 - 4 \text{ GeV}$
Measurement of even one scattered electron (s) energy gives useful constraint for reconstruction of events.

For example:
1) in the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \eta$ with $\eta \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ one can determine $W_{\gamma \gamma}$ using only photons angles and the energy of one scattered electron:

$$M_{\gamma \gamma}^2 = 4(E_0 - E_i)^2 \cdot \frac{\theta_1}{2} \cdot \frac{\theta_2}{2}$$

The mass resolution for $\eta$ meson using this method was 3 times better than using information from our calorimeter.

2) in the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \eta'$ with $\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ one can reconstruct photon energy from requirement of zero transverse momentum of $\eta'$ $E_\gamma \approx P_{\perp} / \sin \theta_\gamma$ information on the scattered electron energy gave additional noticeable improvement.
Two-photon results

Measurement of the total $\gamma\gamma$ cross section

(2$E=7.7$-9.7 GeV, 19.7 pb$^{-1}$)

In order to select multihadronic events we required $\geq3$ particles in the central detector and both scattered electrons, 448 events were selected:

Fig. 5. Distribution of the selected events over invariant mass. Solid histogram – all selected events, dashed – background
M-C generator parameters were adjusted to get best coincidence of all distributions with the experiment.

Fig. 4. Detection efficiency in the central part of the detector versus invariant mass. Points – MC simulation, line – quadratic fit.
Result: $\gamma\gamma$ cross-section

**Fig. 7.** Total cross section of the reaction $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ hadrons versus invariant mass. Points – experimental data, vertical bars – statistical and systematic errors added in quadrature, horizontal – intervals of cross section averaging. Line – $240 + 270/W$. 
Comparison with other experiments

only MD-1 has determined mass directly using double tag

Fig. 8. Data of various experiments on the total cross section. Systematic errors are added in quadrature. PLUTO 1984 – single tag data [5], PLUTO 1986 – anti tag data [7], TPC/2γ 1985 – single tag data [6], TPC/2γ 1990 – single tag data [8], MD-1 1991 – this experiment. Line − 240 + 270/W
Other two-photon results

\( \gamma \gamma \rightarrow \eta, \, \eta', \, a_2 \) were reconstructed using information about at least 1 s.e. (1990)

\[
\Gamma_{\gamma \gamma}(a_2) = 1.26 \pm 0.26 \pm 0.18 \text{ keV}, \\
\Gamma_{\gamma \gamma}(\eta') = 4.6 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.6 \text{ keV}, \\
\Gamma_{\gamma \gamma}(\eta) = 0.51 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.05 \text{ keV}.
\]
\( \gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-, \pi^+\pi^- \ (f_2) \)

(without tagging scattered electrons)

e^+e^- \quad \mu^+\mu^- + \pi^+\pi^- \ (f_2) 

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**Fig. 5.** The invariant mass spectrum of pairs after electron suppression

**Fig. 6.** Acoplanarity angle distribution after imposing cuts and electron suppression
\[ \Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(f_2) = 3.1 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.35 \text{ keV} \] (1992)
The talk was about two-photon physics at MD-1, however even most of results from MD-1 are connected with the study $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons and measurement of $\Upsilon$-mesons properties, especially precise measurement of $\Upsilon(1S,2S,3S)$ masses using the method of resonance depolarization (invented at Budker INP).
Fig. 4.3. Observed hadronic cross section in the $\Upsilon(2S)$ energy region.

Fig. 4.4. Observed hadronic cross section in the $\Upsilon(3S)$ energy region.
Celebration of Upsilon meson detection with MD-1 and VEPP-4
30 April 1982
35 years passed, best by now!
Future $2\gamma$ studies, detector KEDR at VEPP-4M

Following MD-1, almost the same experimental group have developed and constructed the electron tagging system with 2 times higher double tag. efficiency and 10 times better mass resolution! The experiment KEDR is running now at VEPP-4M on the place of MD-1, so let us wait for results on $\gamma\gamma$ physics! (in 2-3 years)
Conclusion

- The experiment MD-1, which was developed for study of two-photon physics and multihadronic events, has produced many interesting experimental results on $2\gamma$ physics (not only).
- MD-1 has been a wonderful school for physicists and has stimulated many new ideas on the study of two-photon physics.