



# Measurement of isolated photons with and without accompanying jets at HERA

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### **HERA collider**



- Electrons / Positrons : 27.5 GeV
- **Protons**: 920 GeV

 $\sqrt{s} = 318 \text{ GeV}$ 



Kinematics:  $Q^{2} = -q^{2} = -(l - l')^{2}$   $y = \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot l}$   $x_{Bj} = \frac{Q^{2}}{2P \cdot q}$   $Q^{2} = x_{Bi} ys$ 

 $Q^{2} \leq 1 \text{ GeV}^{2} : photoproduction (PHP)$  $Q^{2} \geq 1 \text{ GeV}^{2} : DIS$ 

# **Isolated photons**



Prompt photon: one that emerges directly from a pQCD process. It is useful to reduce fragmentation component by isolation requirement.

- A useful tool to test QCD model to order  $\alpha^3$
- Can be used to measure and constrain the parton densities of proton and photon
- Photoproduction (PHP): a quasi-real exchanged photon ( $Q^2 \sim 0 \text{ GeV}^2$ )
- DIS processes: photons also radiated from incoming and outgoing leptons

# Isolated photons with and without jet requirement in photoproduction

# **Data samples. Event selection**

- ZEUS HERA II 2004-2007: 370 pb<sup>-1</sup> positron and electron data
- Monte Carlo Signal: PYTHIA
- Monte Carlo Background: PYTHIA (photons from:  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$ )
- **Photon:**  $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  $\cdot \quad 6 < E_T^{\gamma} < 15 \text{ GeV}$ Z axis  $-0.7 \le \eta^{\gamma} \le 0.9$ 111 920 GeV 27.5 GeV Isolation: In any "jet" containing electrons protons (positrons) the photon candidate, the photon must contain at least 0.9 of E"jet" No tracks in cone 0.2 about  $\gamma$ **Isolated photon candidate** Accompanying jet:

Accompanying hadronic jet

- $\cdot \quad 4 < E_T^{\ jet} < 35 \ GeV$
- $\cdot \quad -1.5 \leq \eta^{jet} < 1.8$



The photon signal is distinguished from the background using the  $\langle \delta Z \rangle$  = the energy weighted mean width of the electromagnetic cluster in the Z direction

$$<\delta Z>=\frac{\sum_{i}E_{i}|Z_{i}-Z_{cluster}|}{w_{cell}\sum_{i}E_{i}}$$

#### **Definition of direct/resolved mix**



 $X_{\gamma}^{\text{meas}}$  = fraction of the incoming photon energy given to the final state photon and jet to lowest-order approximation

$$X_{\gamma}^{meas} = \frac{E^{\gamma} + E^{jet} - p_Z^{\gamma} - p_Z^{jet}}{E^{all} - p_Z^{all}}$$

Each measured cross-section point has a <dZ> fit.

# **Theoretical predictions**

Comparison is made to predictions by

- M. Fontannaz, J.-P. Guillet, G. Heinrich (FGH)
- LO and NLO and the box diagram term calculated explicitly.
- Fragmentation processes calculated in terms of a fragmentation function.
- Renormalisation scale gives an uncertainty.
- A. V. Lipatov, N. P. Zotov (LZ)
- the  $k_T$  factorisation method.
- use of unintegrated proton and photon parton densities at LO.
- Uncertainties come from renormalisation and factorisation scales varied by factors 0.5 and 2 simultaneously.



- Main source of data systematics is due to photon and jet energy scale uncertainties.
- LZ tends to underestimate data.
- Within errors there is a good description of data by FGH.

# Cross sections for photon plus jet zeus zeus



• Within uncertainties FGH describes data better than LZ.

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• Good description of full distribution by FGH.

# **Isolated photons plus jets in DIS**

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Isolated photons from:

- QQ-radiation (incoming or outgoing quark)
- LL-radiation (ISR, FSR)

Photons + jets expected to be more sensitive to the underlying partonic process, compared to inclusive photons (P.L.B 687 (2010) 16-25)

# **Data samples. Event selection**

• ZEUS HERA II integrated luminosity  $\approx 330 \ pb^{-1}$ 

Monte Carlo:

- PYTHIA for QQ processes
- ARIADNE for LL processes and for background (neutral mesons from jets)

Photon isolation:

- In any "jet" containing the photon candidate, the photon must contain at least 0.9 of  $E^{"jet"}$
- No tracks in cone 0.2 about  $\gamma$

. Electro	on: •	Photon:	•	Accompanying jet:
• E' <sub>elec</sub> >	> 10 GeV .	$10 < Q^2 < 350 \ GeV^2$	•	$E_T^{jet} > 2.5 \text{ GeV}$
• 140 < 6	$\theta_{\rm elec} < 180^{\rm o}$ .	$4 < E_T^{\gamma} < 15 \ GeV$	•	$-1.5 < \eta^{jet} < 1.8$
	•	$-0.7 < \eta^{\gamma} < 0.9$		

### **Photon identification**



 $\langle \delta Z \rangle$  = weighted mean width of the electromagnetic cluster in the Z direction

Cross-check from  $f_{max}$  = fraction of photon-candidate shower contained in electromagnetic calorimeter cell with largest signal.

Results were consistent with <dZ> method

### **Cross sections for DIS photon plus jet**



Compare data with PYTHIA and ARIADNE

• Good agreement between MC model and experimental data.

#### **Cross sections for DIS photon plus jet**



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# **Theoretical predictions**

Comparison made to predictions by

#### - A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, G. Kramer and H. Spiesberger (GKS):

- LO ( $\alpha^3$ ) and NLO ( $\alpha^3 \alpha_s$ ) approach
- Contributions come from radiation of a photon from quark line (QQ), lepton line (LL) and interference term LQ.

- S. P. Baranov, A. V. Lipatov, N. P. Zotov (BLZ):
- $k_T$ -factorisation QCD approach
- based on off-shell partonic amplitude  $eq^* \rightarrow e\gamma q$
- unintegrated proton parton densities are used

#### **Cross sections for DIS photon plus jet**



Theoretical uncertainties due to factorisation and renormalisation scales, varied by factor 2 up and down

GKS predictions systematically underestimate data and BLZ overestimate them

#### **Cross sections for DIS photon plus jet**



In most bins GKS predictions underestimate and BLZ overestimate data.

## Summary

• Isolated photons have been measured by ZEUS at HERA, with and without a jet requirement.

Photoproduction:

• Within errors, the NLO predictions of FGH describe well the experimental data.

• A reasonable description is also provided by the  $k_T$  factorisation model of Lipatov and Zotov.

#### DIS:

• Predictions give a fair description of the data but systematically overestimate (for  $k_T$  factorisation approach) or underestimate (for fixed order NLO calculations) them.

- Results indicate the desirability of further QCD calculations.
- Hopefully, results can be utilised to constrain PDF.

# **Backup slides**

# **Isolated photons in photoproduction**



(a) direct, in which the entire incoming photon interacts,(c) resolved, in which a parton from the photon interacts.Higher order pQCD processes occur and also "fragmentation" processes (b, d).

# Isolated photons in photoproduction ZEUS ZEUS



Comparison with FGH and LZ plotted separately.

To compare with FGH first two bins in experimental data are combined.