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Exclusive ρ^0 Meson Photoproduction with a Leading Neutron at HERA

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HERA as a '4P' facility

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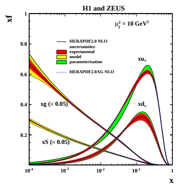
Proton – F_2, F_L, ...



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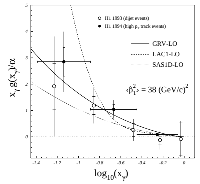

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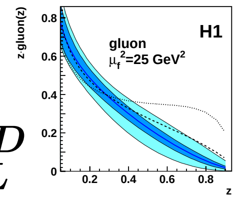

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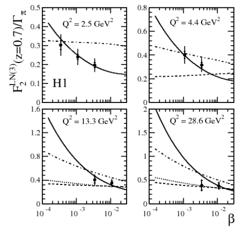

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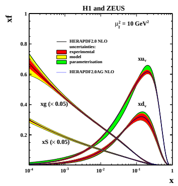

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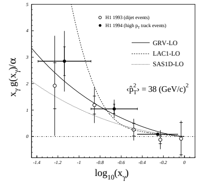

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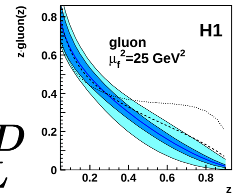

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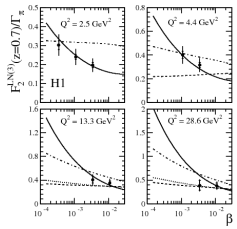
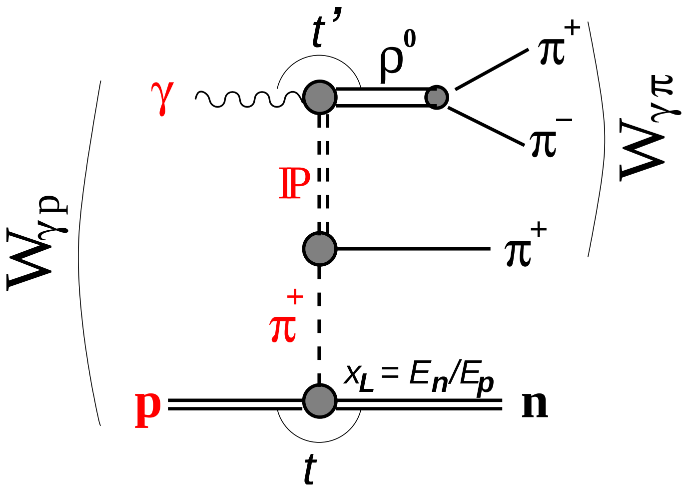


Pion – F_2^π

Here for the first time we investigate the reaction involving all these objects simultaneously:

$$\gamma + \mathbf{p} \longrightarrow \rho^0\,\pi^+\,\mathbf{n}$$

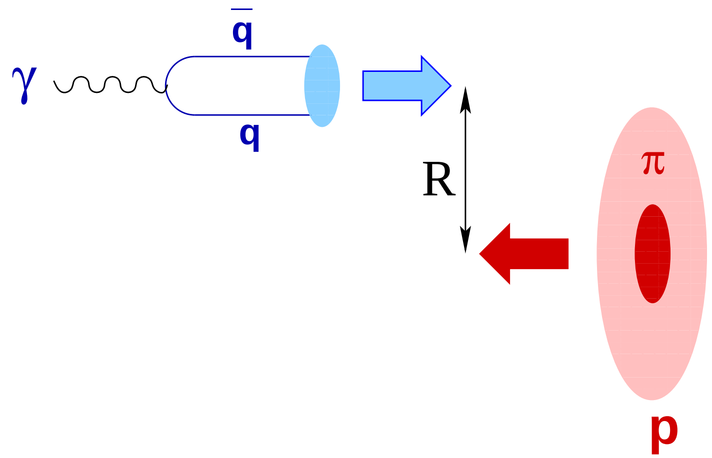


Introduction

- First observation of exclusive photoproduction on (virtual) pion
  - ▷ Unique for HERA (before that γ, π beams did exist, but no target)
  - ▷ Extends further (very powerful) VM field at HERA
  - ▷ Additional constraints to pion flux models
  - ▷ Information about absorption effects in leading baryon production at HERA

- Key observables:
  - ▷ $x_L = E_n/E_p$ (or $x_\pi = 1 - x_L$) distribution: $\sim f_{\pi/p}(x_L)$
  - ▷ W dependence: $\sim W^\delta$ – nature of exchange object(s)
  - ▷ t-slope of ρ^0 ($b \propto R^2$ in geometric picture)

- Main experimental difficulty:
  - ▷ Trigger (tagged γp – too large W to observe VM;
    untagged γp – too high rates/prescales)
  - ▷ Limited acceptance for forward π and N ($\eta_{\text{lab}} \geq 6$)



Reaction of interest and the analysis phase space

$$\gamma^* + \mathbf{p} \longrightarrow \rho^0 \pi^+ \mathbf{n}$$
$$\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$$

Photoproduction:	$Q^2 < 2$ GeV^2	$(\langle Q^2 \rangle = 0.04$ GeV$^2)$
Low p_t:	$\lvert t \rvert < 1$ GeV^2	$(\langle \lvert t \rvert \rangle = 0.20$ GeV$^2)$
Small mass:	$0.3 < m_{\pi\pi} < 1.5$ GeV	(m_{ρ^0})
π^+, π^- in CT:	$20 < W_{\gamma p} < 100$ GeV	$(\langle W_{\gamma p} \rangle = 45$ GeV$)$
Leading n:	$E_n > 120$ GeV;	$\theta_n < 0.75$ mrad

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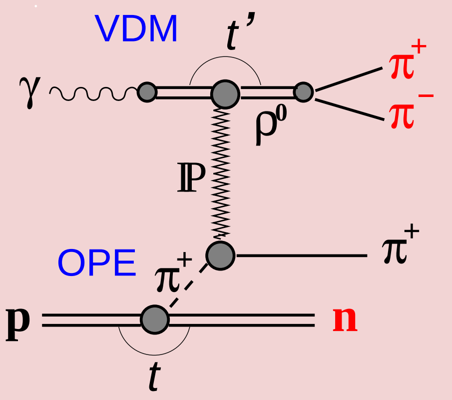
No hard scale present $\Rightarrow$ Regge framework is most appropriate

Drell-Hiida-Deck diagrams and diffractive background



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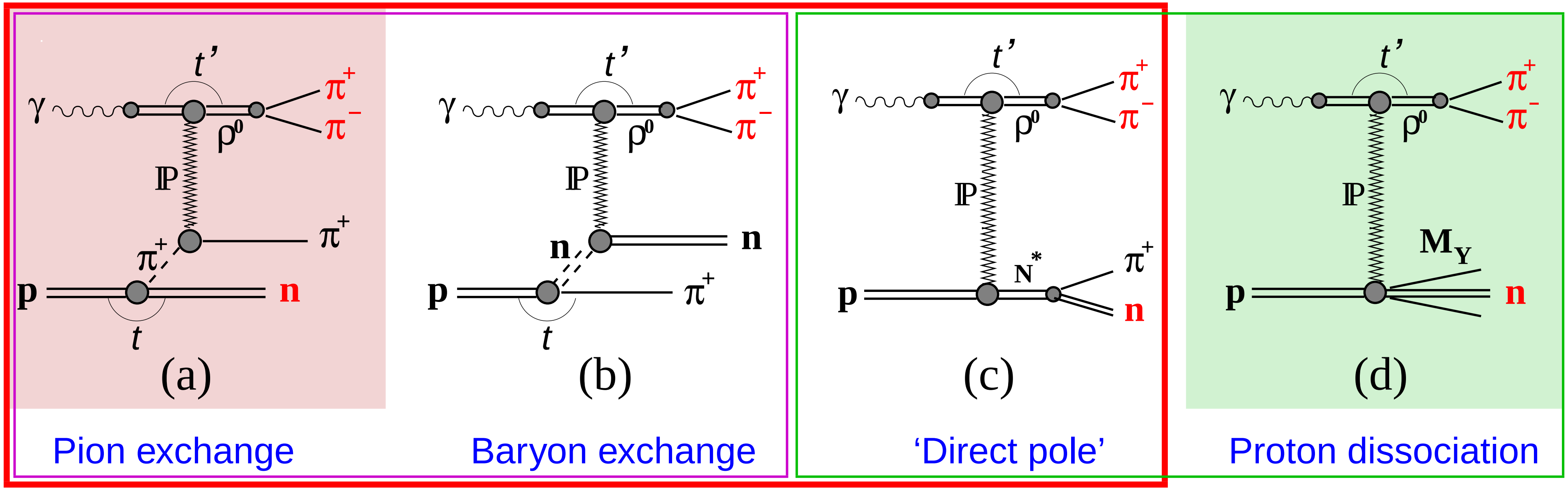
Drell-Hiida-Deck diagrams and diffractive background

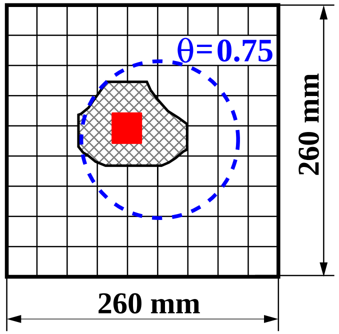


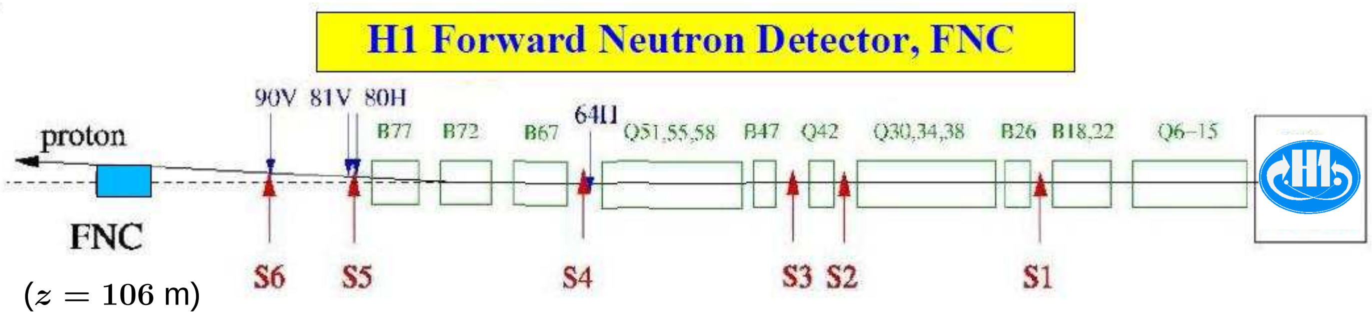
(Pompyt MC) (DiffVM MC)

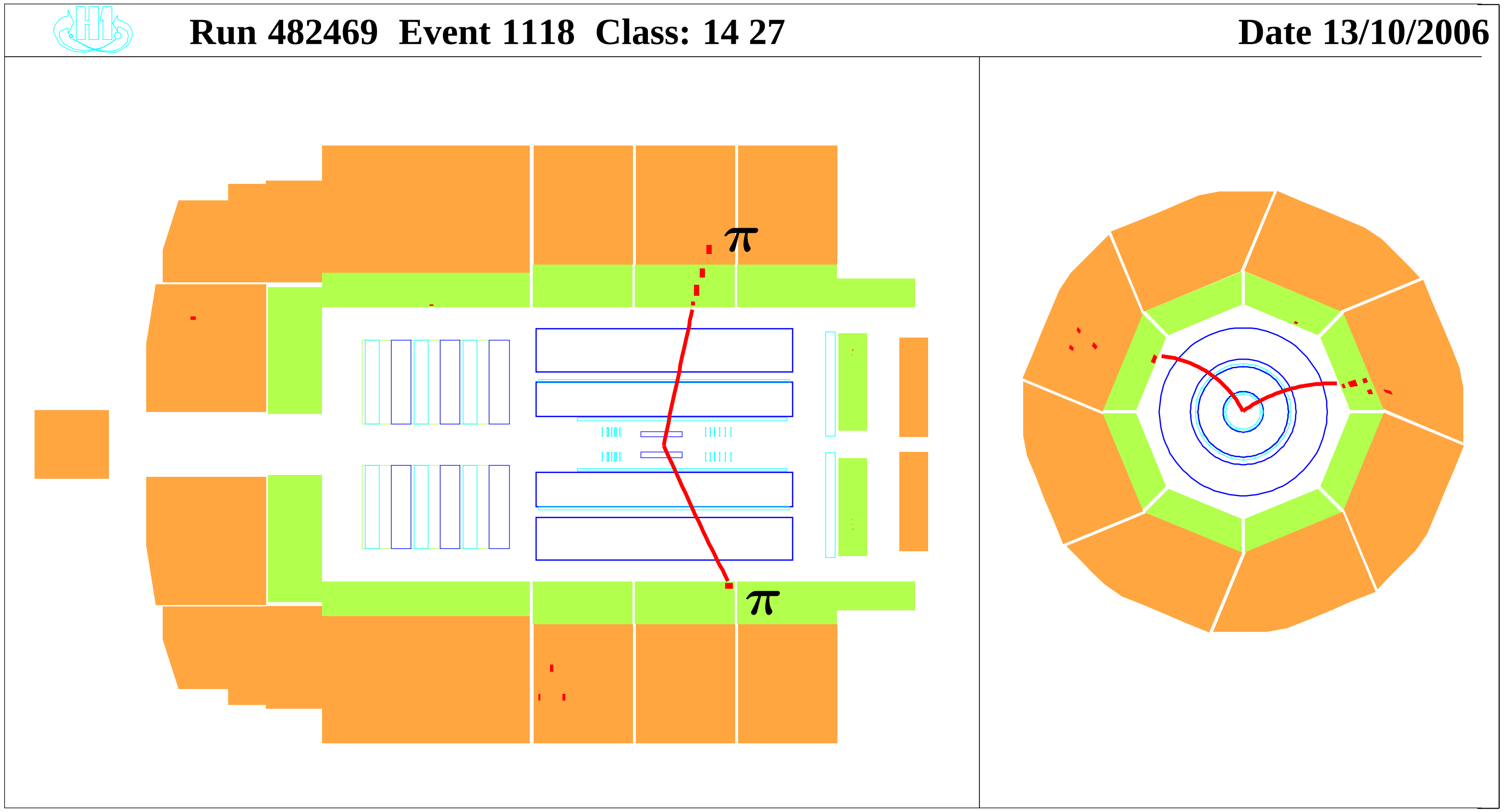
Properties *(S. Drell and K. Hiida (1961); R. Deck (1964); F. Hayot et al. (1977); A. Kaidalov (1979))*

- At large s and $t' \to 0$ $A_b \simeq -A_c$ and π-exchange dominates
- $\sigma(\gamma p \to \rho^0 n \pi^+) = |A_a + A_b + A_c|^2$ ⇒ Interference!
- At small $M_{n\pi^+}$ – prominent peak in t' (kinematics + interference)

Typical $\gamma p \rightarrow \rho^0 n \pi^+$ Event

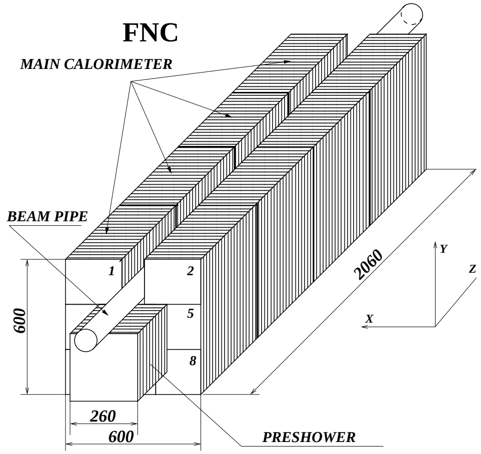






Key Experimental Ingredients

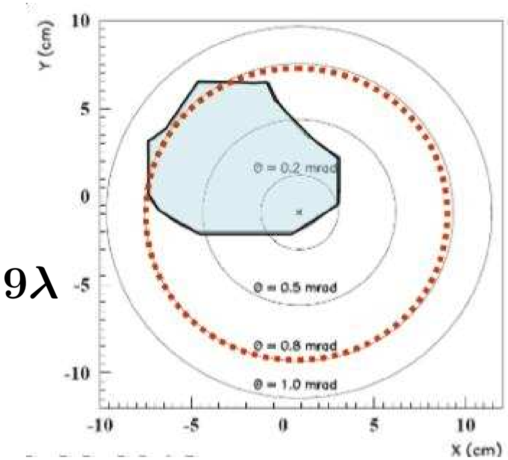
Improved H1 FNC (distinguish ($\langle P\rangle = 98\%$) and measure n and γ/π^0)



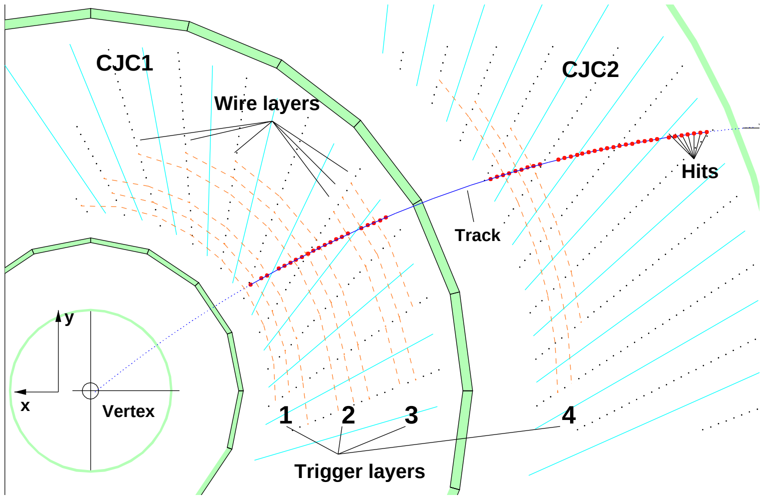
located at $z = 106$m from IP

$\langle A\rangle \simeq 30\%$ for $\theta < 0.8$ mrad

Preshower: $60X_0$, Main Calo: 8.9λ



Powerful fast track trigger (allows untagged soft γp to be collected)



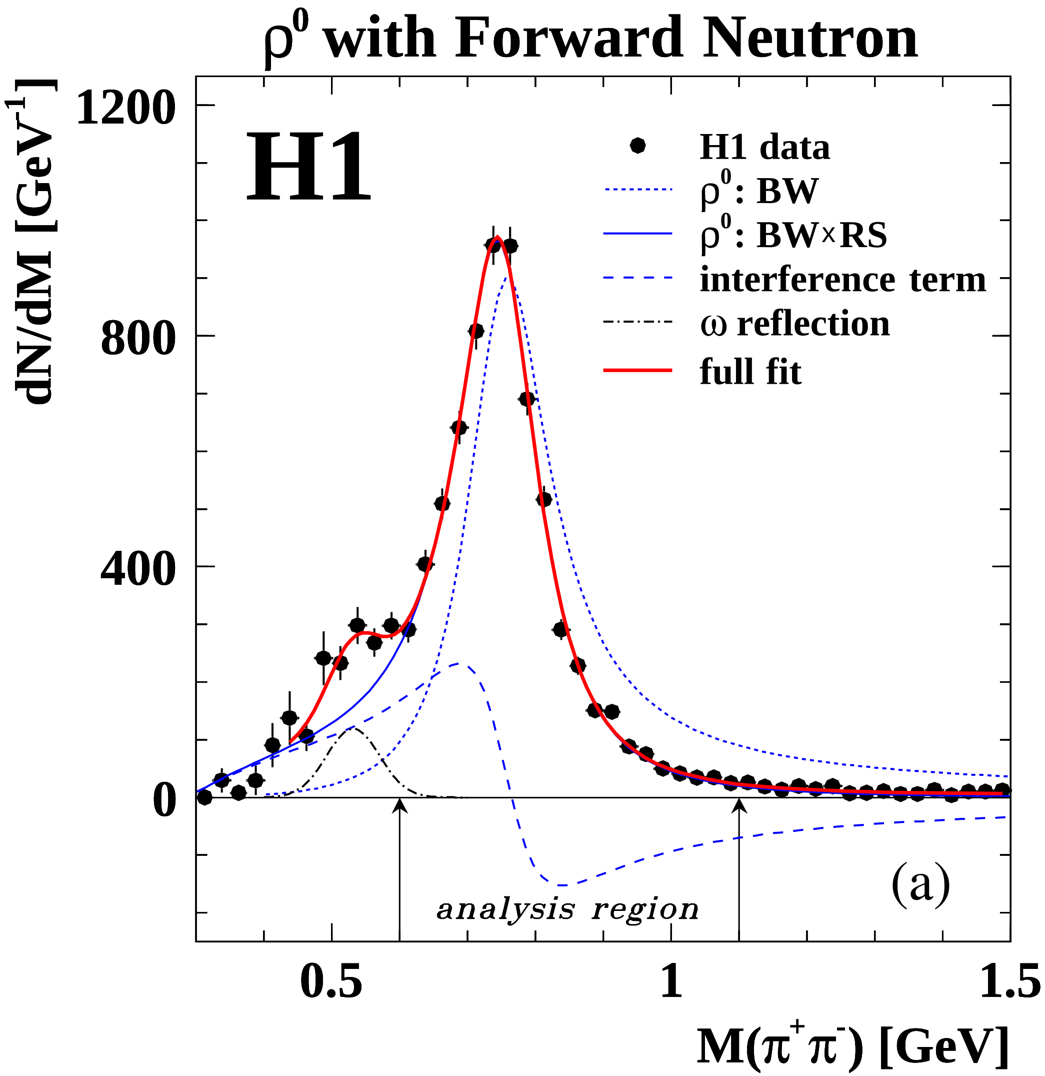
Data sample: $\mathcal{L} = 1.16$ pb^{-1}

~ 7000 events

Precision: $\delta_{\rm stat} = 2\%$

$\delta_{\rm sys} = 14\%$

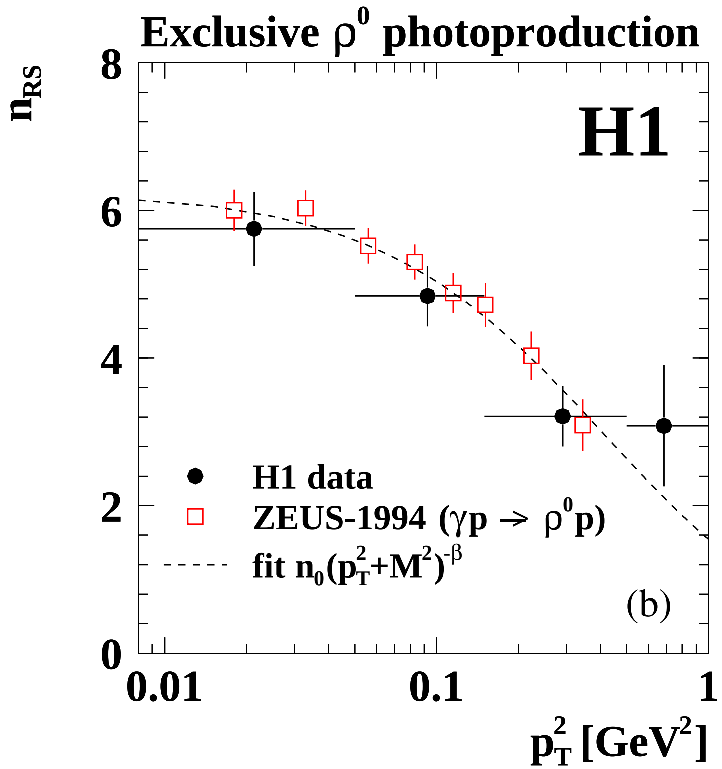
ρ-meson shape



$$\frac{dN(M_{\pi\pi})}{dM_{\pi\pi}} \propto BW_{\rho}(M_{\pi\pi}) \left(\frac{M_{\rho}}{M_{\pi\pi}}\right)^{n_{RS}}$$

$$M = 764 \pm 3 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 155 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$$



Analysis region: $0.6 < M_{\pi^+\pi^-} < 1.1$ GeV extrapolated using BW to the full range: $0.28 < M_{\rho^0} < 1.5$ GeV

ρ-meson decay angle

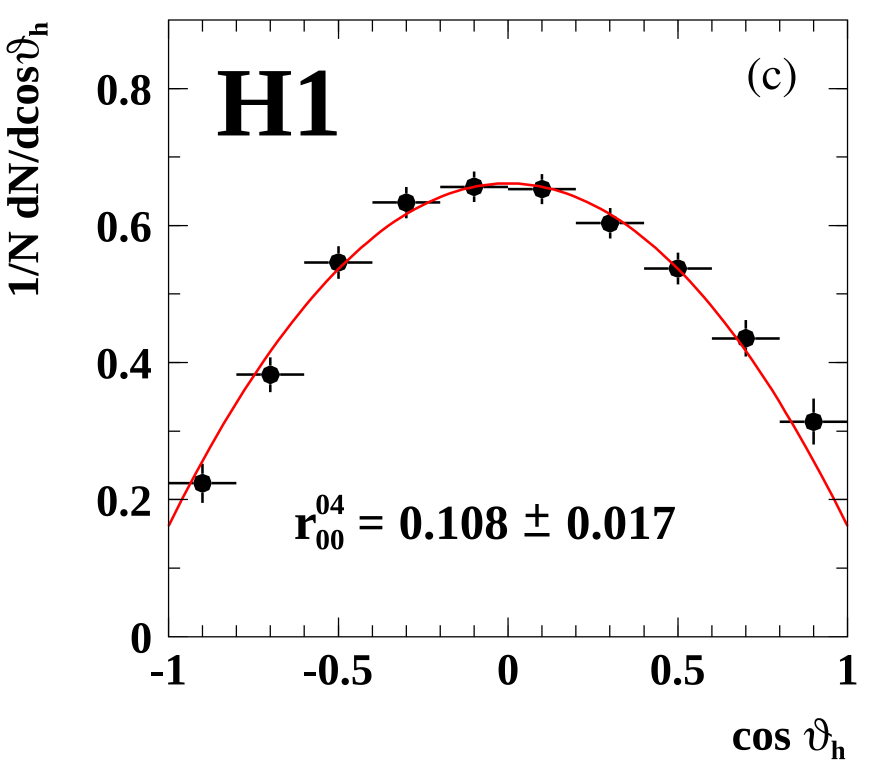
$$\int W(\theta_h, \phi_h, \Phi) \mathrm{d}\phi_h \mathrm{d}\Phi \propto$$

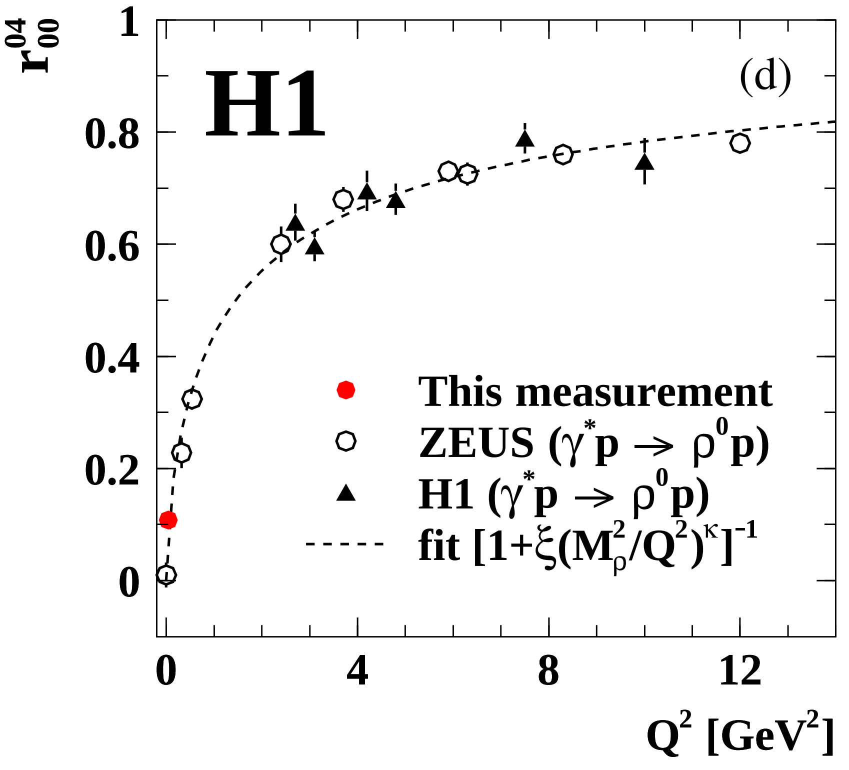
$$1 - r^{04}_{00} + (3r^{04}_{00} - 1)\cos^2\theta_h$$

Empirical fit: $$r^{04}_{00} = \frac{1}{1+\xi(M^2_\rho/Q^2)^\kappa}$$

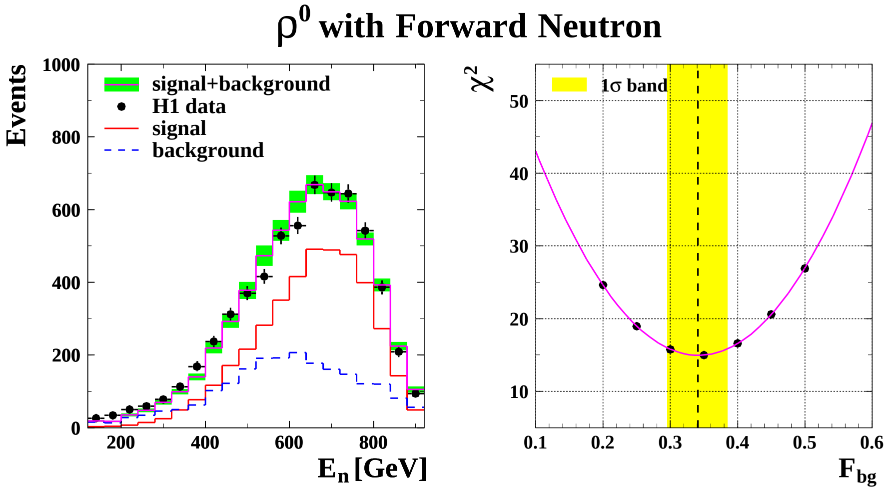
$$\xi = 1.85 \pm 0.10 \quad \kappa = 0.67 \pm 0.03$$

$(P(\chi^2) = 0.41)$





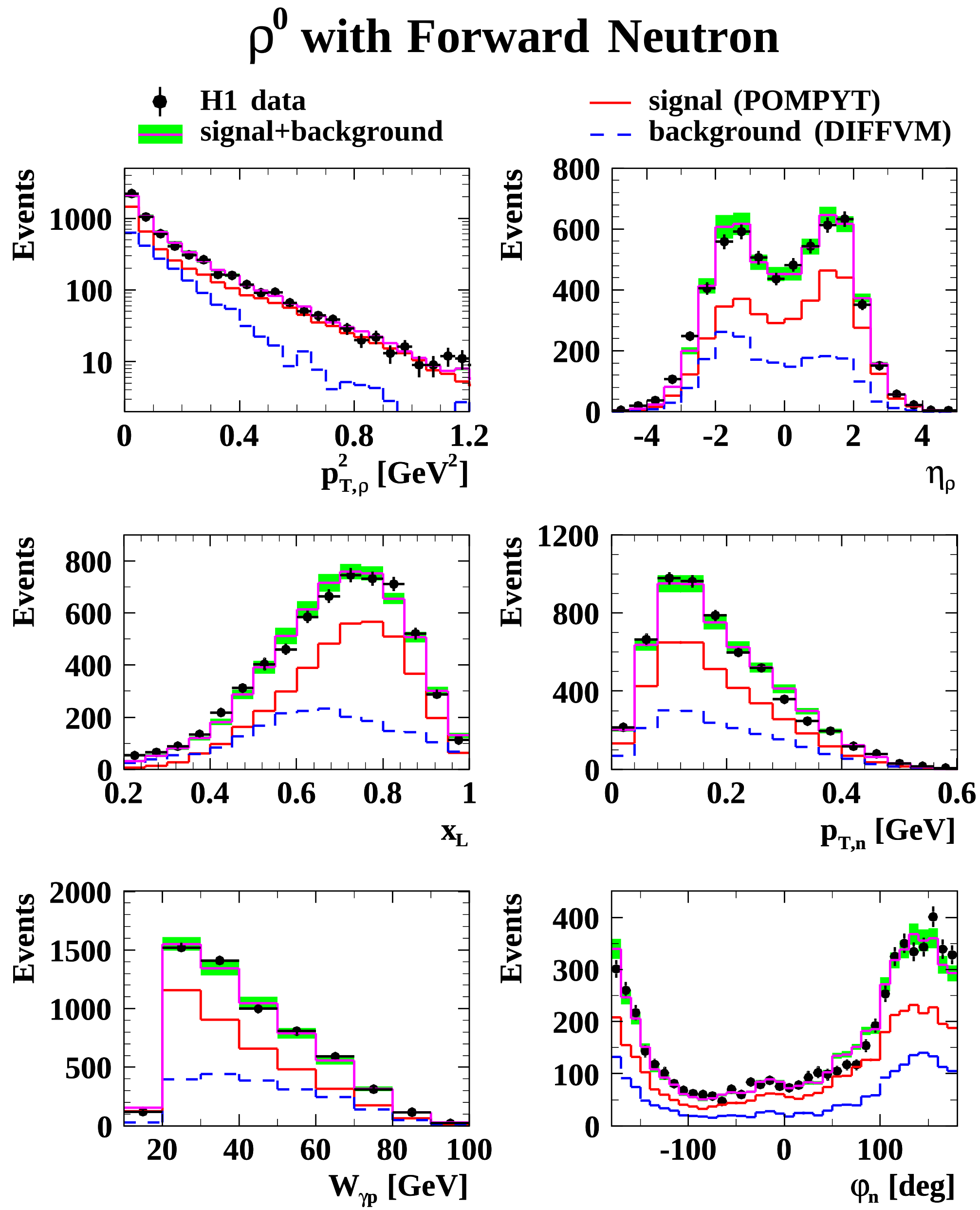
S/B decomposition and Control plots



E_n $B/(S+B)$

$$F_{bg} = 0.34 \pm 0.05$$

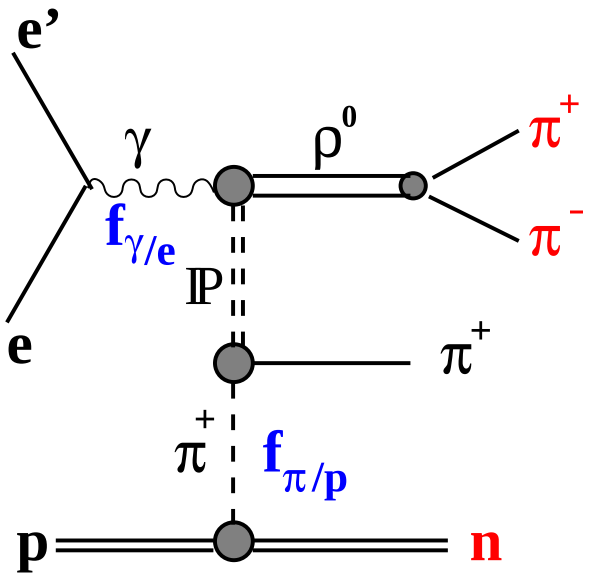
Data points are shown with statistical errors only; green band represents estimated background fraction uncertainty



Cross sections definitions

$$\sigma_{\gamma p} = \frac{\sigma_{ep}}{\Phi_\gamma}$$

$$\Phi_\gamma = \int f_{\gamma/e}(y, Q^2)\mathrm{d}y\mathrm{d}Q^2$$



$$\sigma_{\gamma\pi} = \frac{\sigma_{\gamma p}}{\Gamma_\pi}$$

$$\Gamma_\pi = \int f_{\pi/p}(x_L, t)\mathrm{d}x_L\mathrm{d}t$$

VMD: $$f_{\gamma/e}(y, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi Q^2 y}\left\{\left[1 + (1-y)^2 - 2(1-y)\left(\frac{Q^2_{\min}}{Q^2} - \frac{Q^2}{M_\rho^2}\right)\right]\frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{Q^2}{M_\rho^2}\right)^2}\right\}$$

OPE: $$f_{\pi/p}(x_L, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\frac{g^2_{p\pi N}}{4\pi}(1-x_L)\frac{-t}{(m_\pi^2 - t)^2}\exp[-R^2_{\pi n}\frac{m_\pi^2 - t}{1 - x_L}]$$

Total cross sections

γp

$$\sigma_{\gamma \mathrm{p}} = \frac{\sigma_{ep}}{\int f_{\gamma/e}(y,Q^2)\mathrm{d}y\mathrm{d}Q^2} = \frac{N_{\mathrm{data}} - N_{\mathrm{bgr}}}{\mathcal{L}(A\cdot\epsilon)\mathcal{F}}\cdot C_\rho$$

Where

- N_{bgr} – diffractive dissociation bgr from MC
- $\mathcal{L}$ – integrated luminosity
- $A\cdot\epsilon$ – correction for detector acceptance and efficiency
- $\mathcal{F}$ – photon flux integrated over kinematic domain $20 < W < 100$ GeV, $Q^2 < 2$ GeV^2
- C_ρ – numerical factor accounting for extrapolation to full ρ^0 mass range

For the range $0.35 < x_L < 0.95$ and averaged over $20 < W_{\gamma \mathrm{p}} < 100$ GeV

$$\boxed{\sigma(\gamma\mathrm{p}\to\rho^0\mathrm{n}(\pi^+)) = (310\pm 6_{\mathrm{stat}}\pm 45_{\mathrm{sys}})\ \mathrm{nb}}$$ for $\theta_n < 0.75$ mrad

$$\boxed{\sigma(\gamma\mathrm{p}\to\rho^0\mathrm{n}(\pi^+)) = (130\pm 3_{\mathrm{stat}}\pm 19_{\mathrm{sys}})\ \mathrm{nb}}$$ for $p_{T,n} < 0.2$ GeV

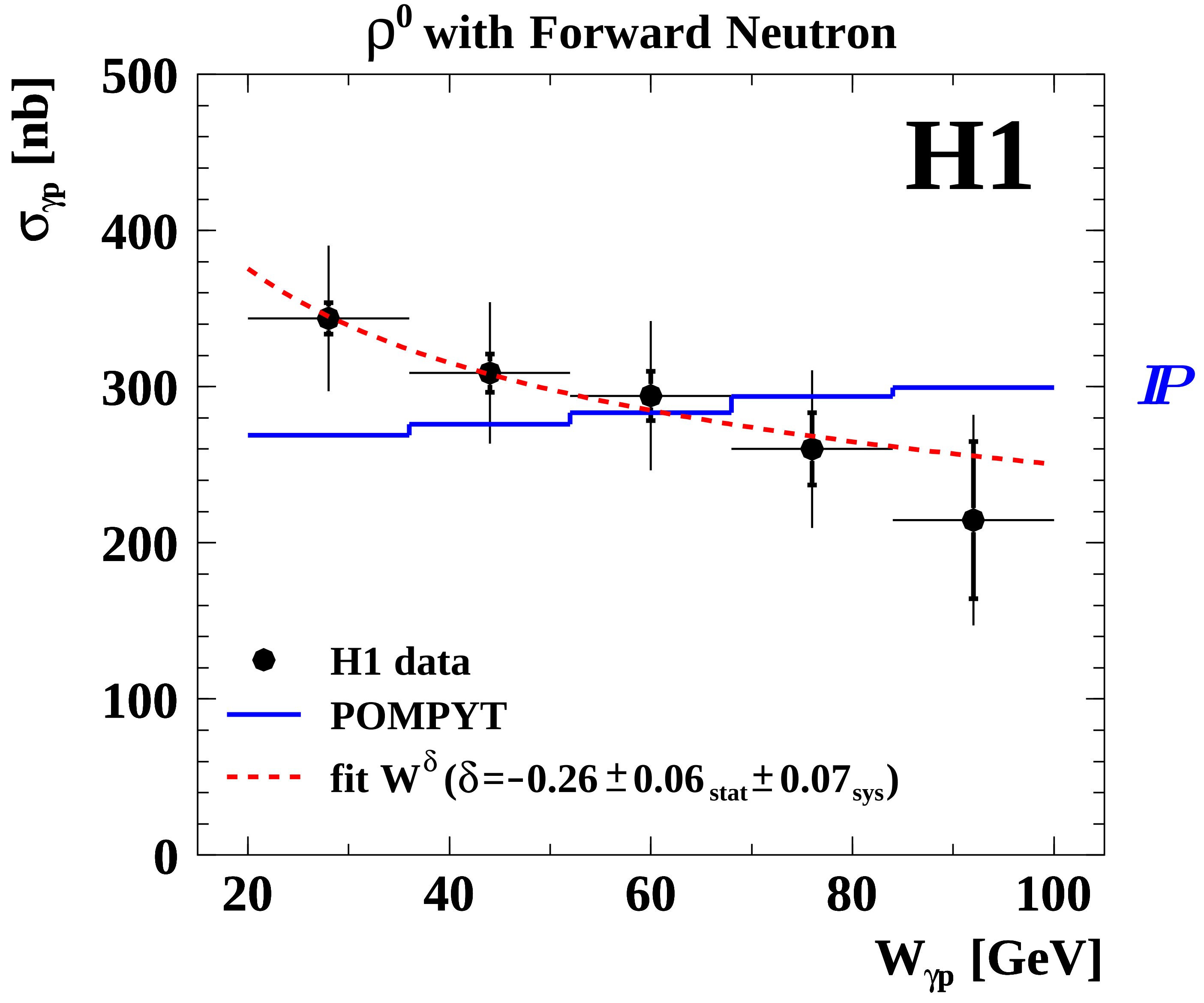
$\gamma\pi$

$$\sigma_{\gamma\pi}(\langle W_{\gamma\pi}\rangle) = \frac{\sigma_{\gamma\mathrm{p}}}{\int f_{\pi^+/p}(x_L,t)dx_L dt},$$

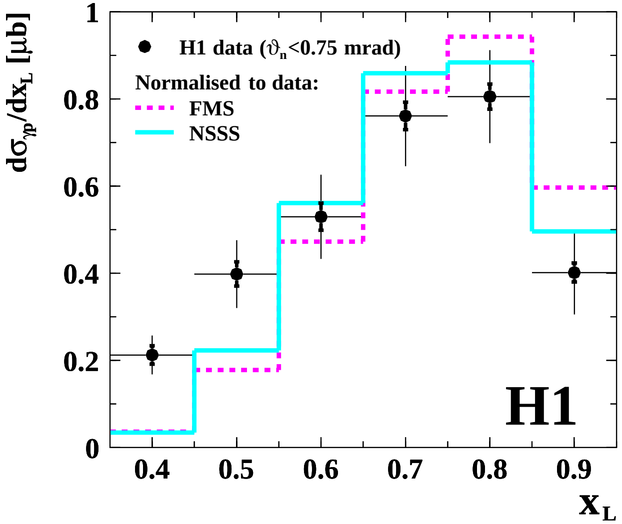
and for $\langle W_{\gamma\pi}\rangle = 24$ GeV

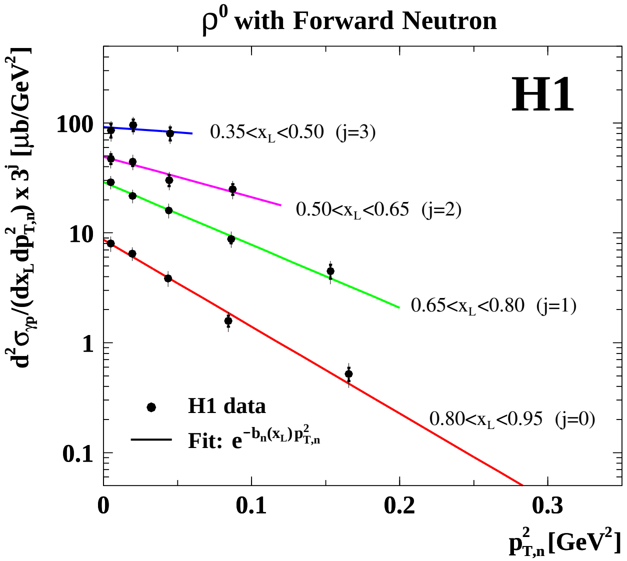
$$\boxed{\sigma_{\mathrm{el}}(\gamma\pi^+\to\rho^0\pi^+) = (2.33\pm 0.34(\mathrm{exp})^{+0.47}_{-0.40}(\mathrm{model}))\ \mu\mathrm{b}}$$

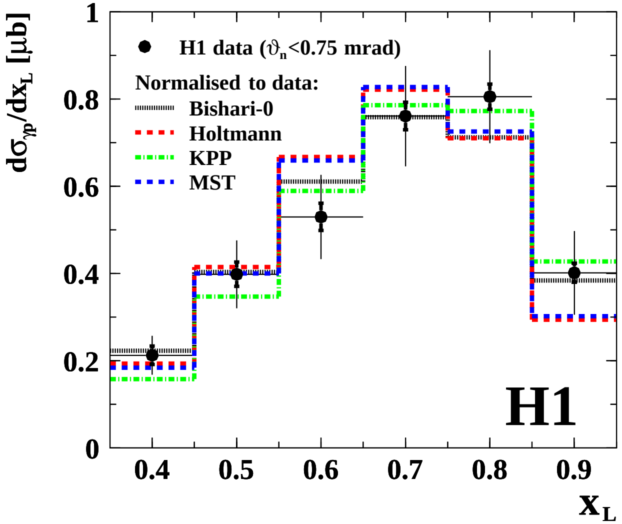
Energy dependence of the cross section $\sigma_{\gamma p \rightarrow \rho^0 n \pi^+}$

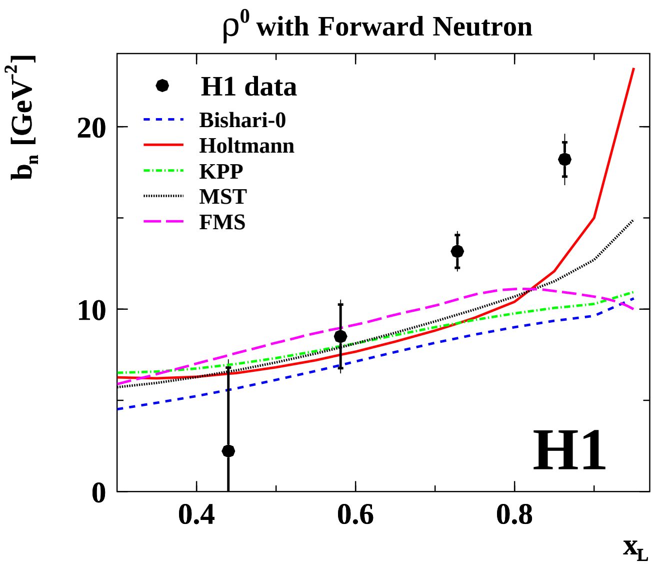


Constraining pion flux



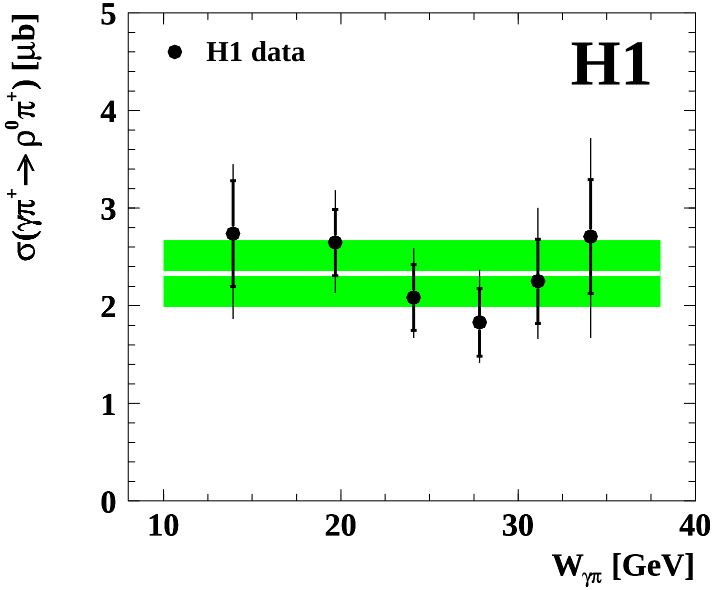


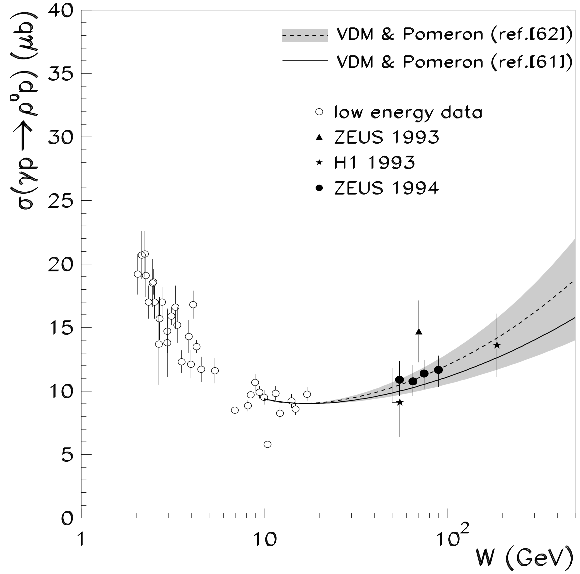




Estimate of absorption corrections

$\gamma\pi$





γp

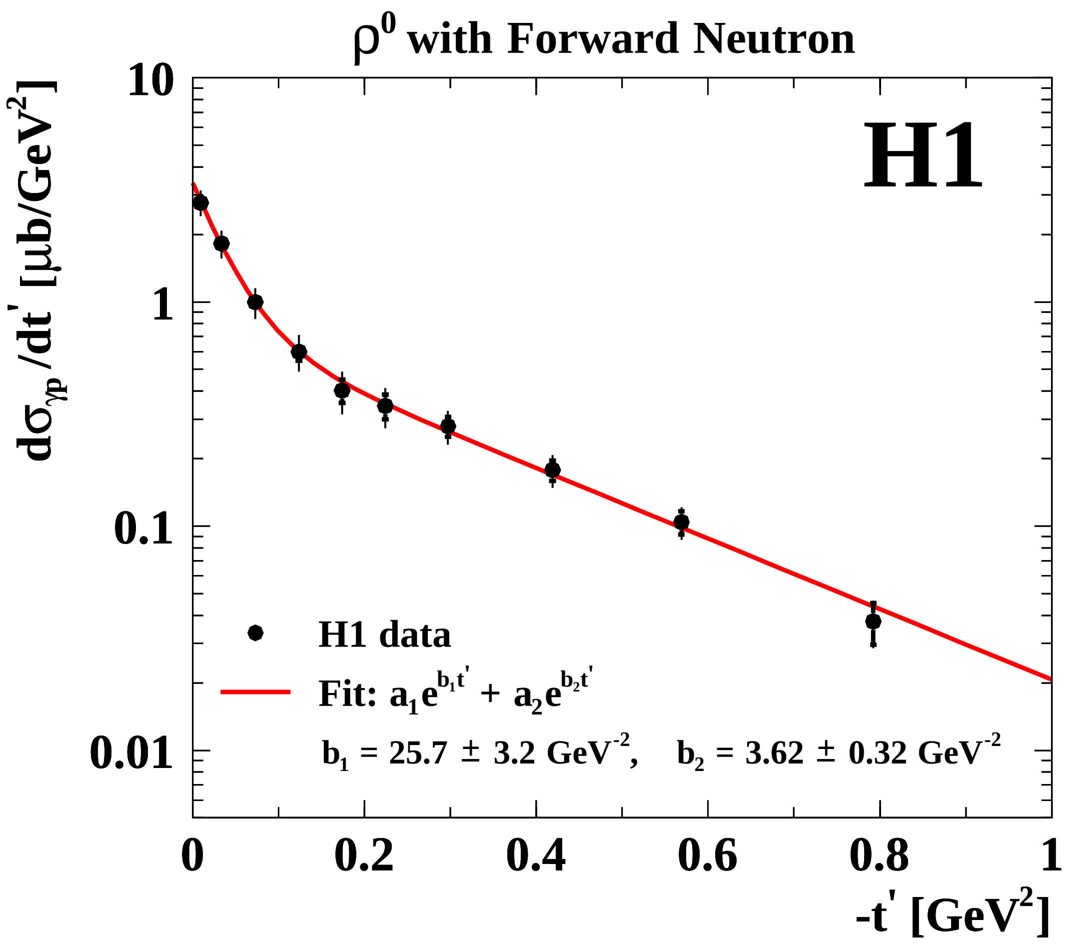
$$r_{\rm el} = \frac{\sigma_{\gamma\pi\to\rho^0\pi}}{\sigma_{\gamma p\to\rho^0 p}} = \begin{cases} 0.25 \pm 0.06 & \text{(exp.extracted)} \\ 0.57 \pm 0.03 & \text{(theo.expected)} \end{cases} \Rightarrow K_{\rm abs} = 0.44 \pm 0.11$$

Optical Theorem: $\frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt}\mid_{t=0} = b_{\rm el}\sigma_{\rm el} \propto \sigma^2_{\rm tot}$ $\Rightarrow$ $r_{\rm el} = (\frac{b_{\gamma p}}{b_{\gamma\pi}}) \cdot (\sigma^{\gamma\pi}_{\rm tot}/\sigma^{\gamma p}_{\rm tot})^2$

Eikonal approach: $b = \langle R^2 \rangle; \quad b_{12} = b_1 + b_2$

World data: $(b_{pp} \simeq 11.7, \ \ b_{\pi^+ p} \simeq 9.6, \ \ b_{\gamma p} \simeq 9.75)$ GeV^{-2}

Differential cross section in p_t^2



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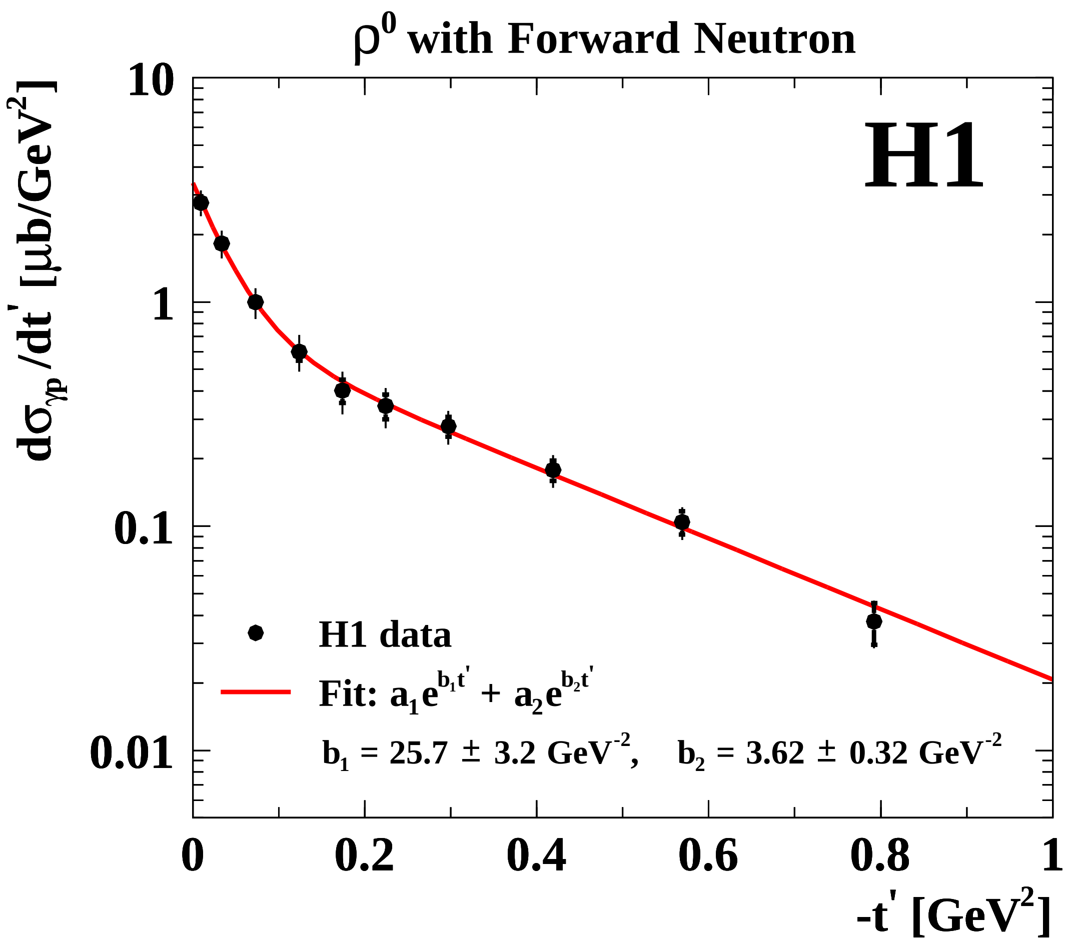

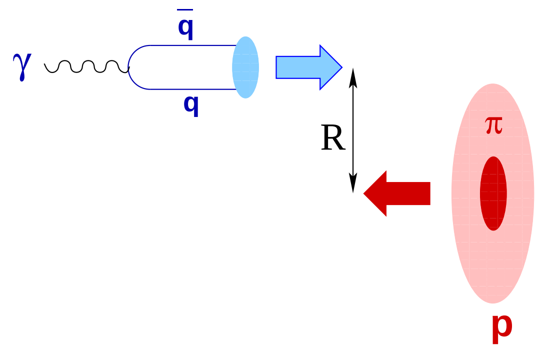

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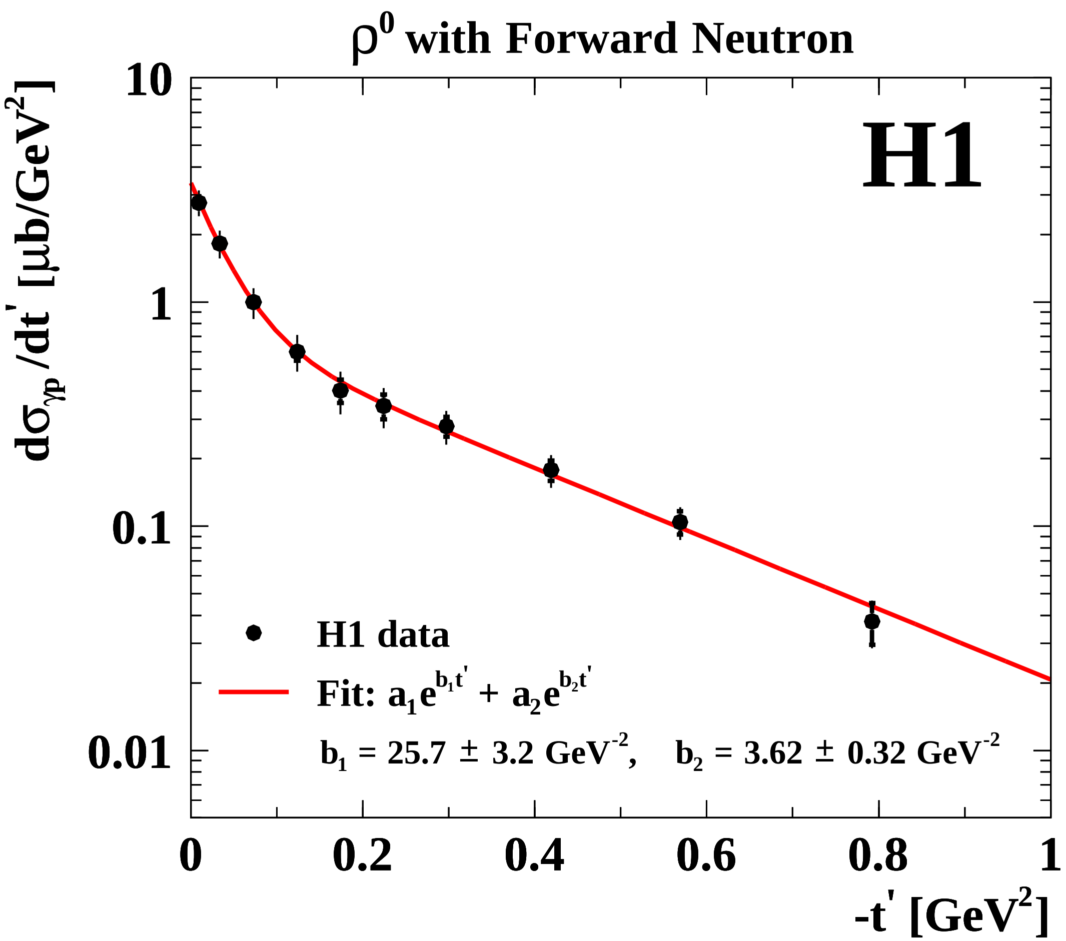

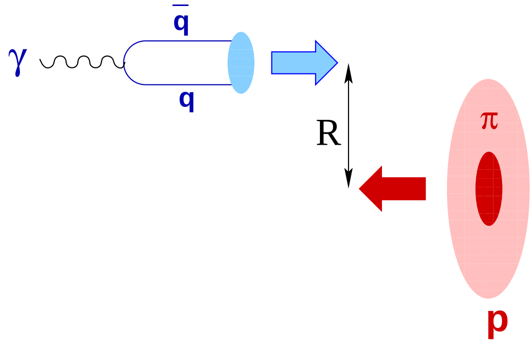

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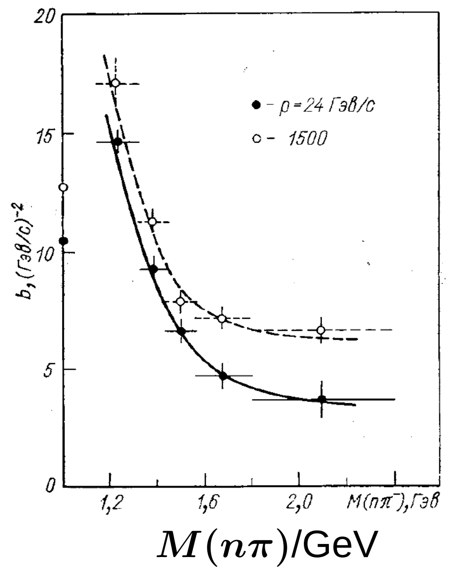

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DPP explanation: low mass $\pi^+ n$ state $\rightarrow$ large slope, high masses $\rightarrow$ less steep slope

Summary

- Photoproduction cross section for exclusive ρ^0 production associated with leading neutron is measured for the first time at HERA.

- Differential cross sections for the reaction $\gamma \mathrm{p} \rightarrow \rho^0 \mathrm{n} \pi^+$ exhibit features typical for exclusive double peripheral process.

- Elastic photon-pion cross section, $\sigma(\gamma\pi^+ \rightarrow \rho^0\pi^+)$, is extracted in the OPE approximation.

- The estimated cross section ratio $r_{\mathrm{el}} = \sigma_{\mathrm{el}}^{\gamma\pi}/\sigma_{\mathrm{el}}^{\gamma p} = 0.25 \pm 0.06$, suggests large absorption corrections, of $\sim 60\%$, suppressing the rate of the studied reaction $\gamma p \rightarrow \rho^0 n \pi^+$.

Backup Slides

Model calculation for $pn \to p(\pi^- n)$ at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ GeV

V.A. Tsarev and N.P. Zotov, Sov. J. Part. and Nuclei (1978)

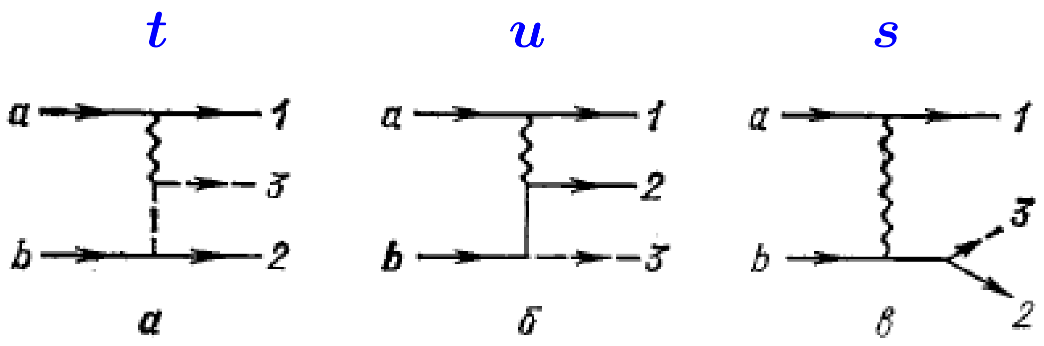


Рис. 17. Диаграммы ДХД для процесса $b + a \to 2 + 3 + 1$:
a — t (π)-диаграмма; $б$ — u-диаграмма; $в$ — s-диаграмма

Если в амплитудах A_u и A_s пренебречь спиновыми факторами, то из (17) и (19) получим

$$A_u \approx (u - m^2)^{-1} \exp[(b_N/2)(u - m^2)];$$
$$A_s \approx -(m^2 - s_2)^{-1} \exp[(b_N/2)(m^2 - s_2)].$$

Поскольку из (13)

$$u - m^2 = m^2 - s_2 - (t_1 - \mu^2) + t,$$

то при малых t_1 и t $A_u + A_s \approx 0$ [5—7, 30, 31]. При учете спина

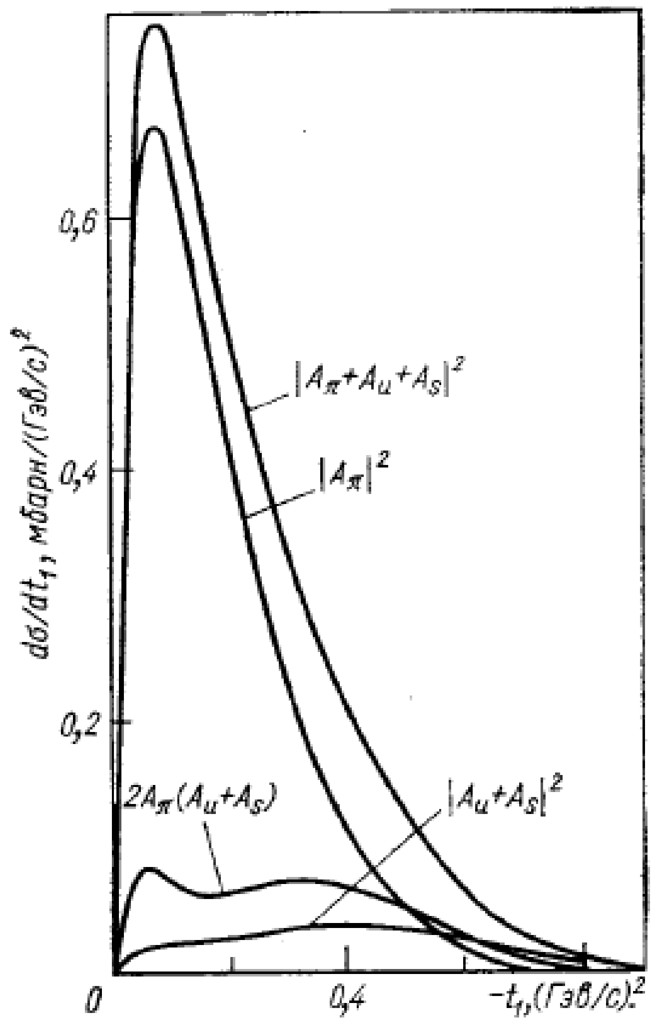
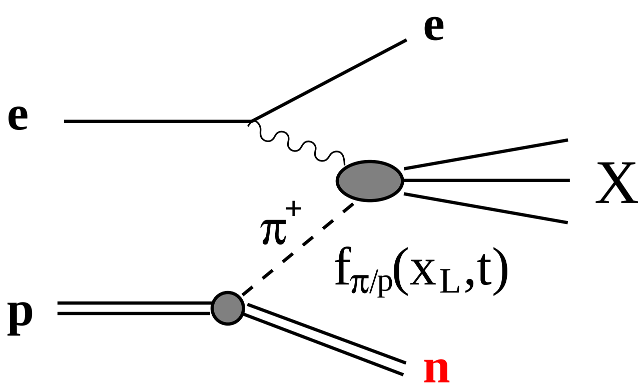


Рис. 21. Вклады π-, u- и s-диаграмм ДХД в $d\sigma/dt_1$ [37]

$p \to n\pi^+$ vertex, pion flux and OPE validity

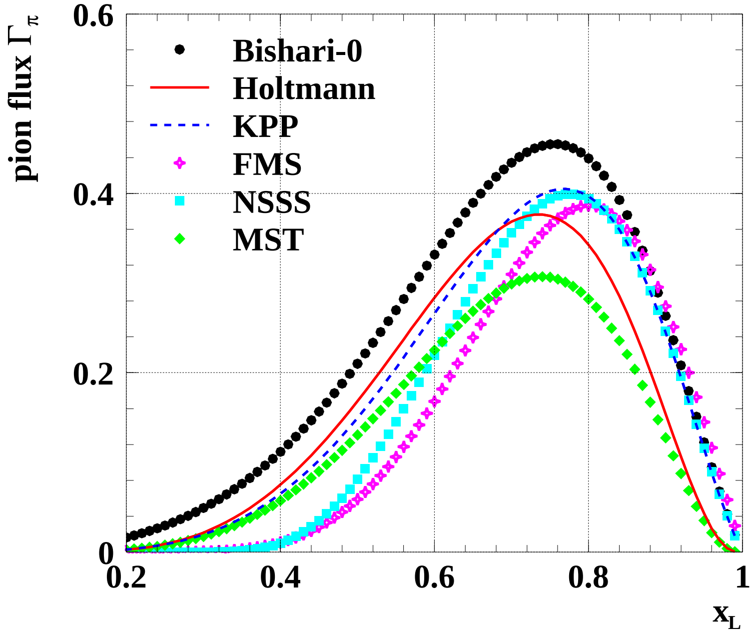


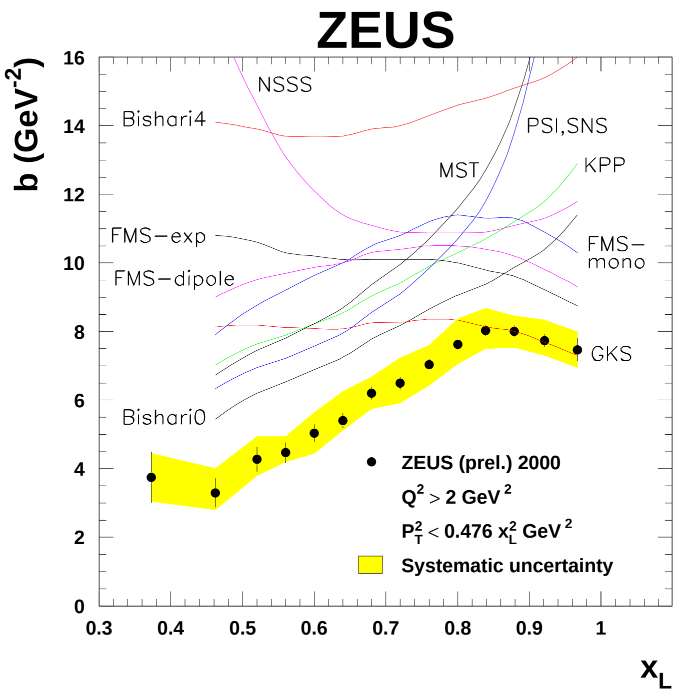
$\frac{f_{\rho/p}}{f_{\pi/p}} \simeq (m_\pi^2 + |t|)^2/(M_\rho^2 + |t|)^2 \simeq 1/(\frac{M_\rho^2}{|t|} + 1)^2$

LN in DIS: F_2^π, access to the g/π

But:
- other exchanges (ρ, a_2) - ? (⇒ low t)
- factorisation (rescattering/abs.corr.) - ?
- pion flux models (too many on the market)

$$f_{\pi/p}(x_L, t) \propto (1 - x_L)\frac{-t}{(m_\pi^2 - t)^2}F^2(t, x_L)$$





⇒ Any new experimental information on the pion flux is important!

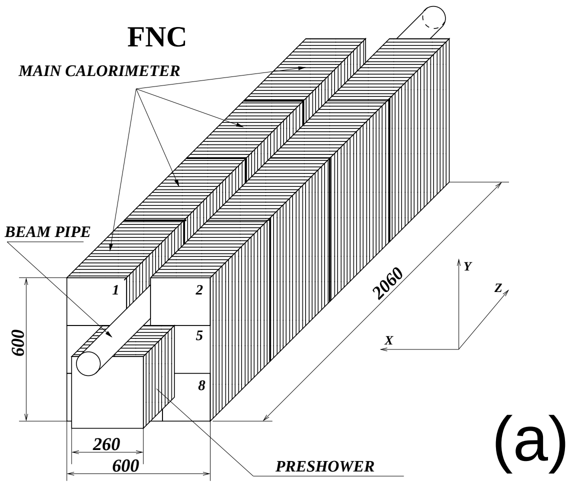
Event selection and the Analysis phase space

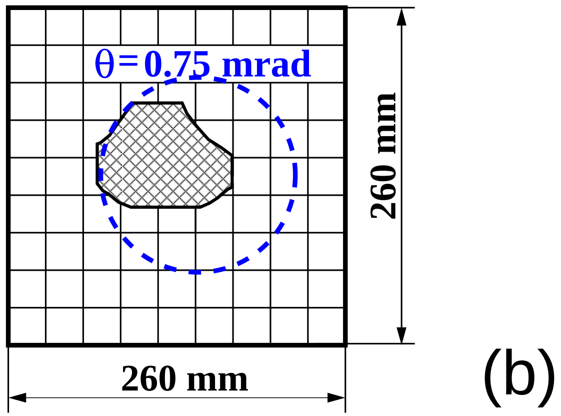
Event selection $(2006-2007e^+p)$	Analysis PS	Measurement PS
Triger s14 **PHP** No e' in the detector	$Q^2 < 2$ GeV^2	(VDM flux: $\sigma_{ep} \to \sigma_{\gamma p}$) $Q^2 = 0$ GeV^2
ρ^0 2 tracks, net charge $= 0$ $p_t > 0.2$ GeV, $20^o < \theta < 160^o$ from $\|z_{\rm vx}\| < 30$ cm $0.3 < M_{\pi\pi} < 1.5$ GeV	$20 < W_{\gamma p} < 100$ GeV $p_{t,\rho} < 1.0$ GeV $0.6 < M_{\pi\pi} < 1.1$ GeV	$20 < W_{\gamma p} < 100$ GeV $p_{t,\rho} < 1.0$ GeV $2m_\pi < M_\rho < M_\rho + 5\Gamma_\rho$
n $E_n > 120$ GeV $\theta_n < 0.75$ mrad $x_{FNC} < 2.5$cm, $y_{FNC} < 7.5$cm	$x_L > 0.2$ $\theta_n < 0.75$ mrad	$0.35 < x_L < 0.95$ $p_{t,n} < 0.69 \cdot x_L$ GeV
$\sim$ 7000 events	$\sim$ 6100 events	$\sim$ 5770 events
$\sigma_{\gamma\pi}$ (OPE dominated range) OPE1 OPE2	$p_{t,n} < 0.2$ GeV ($\sim$ 3500 events) $p_{t,n} < 0.2$ GeV, $0.65 < x_L < 0.95$ ($\sim$ 2200 events)	

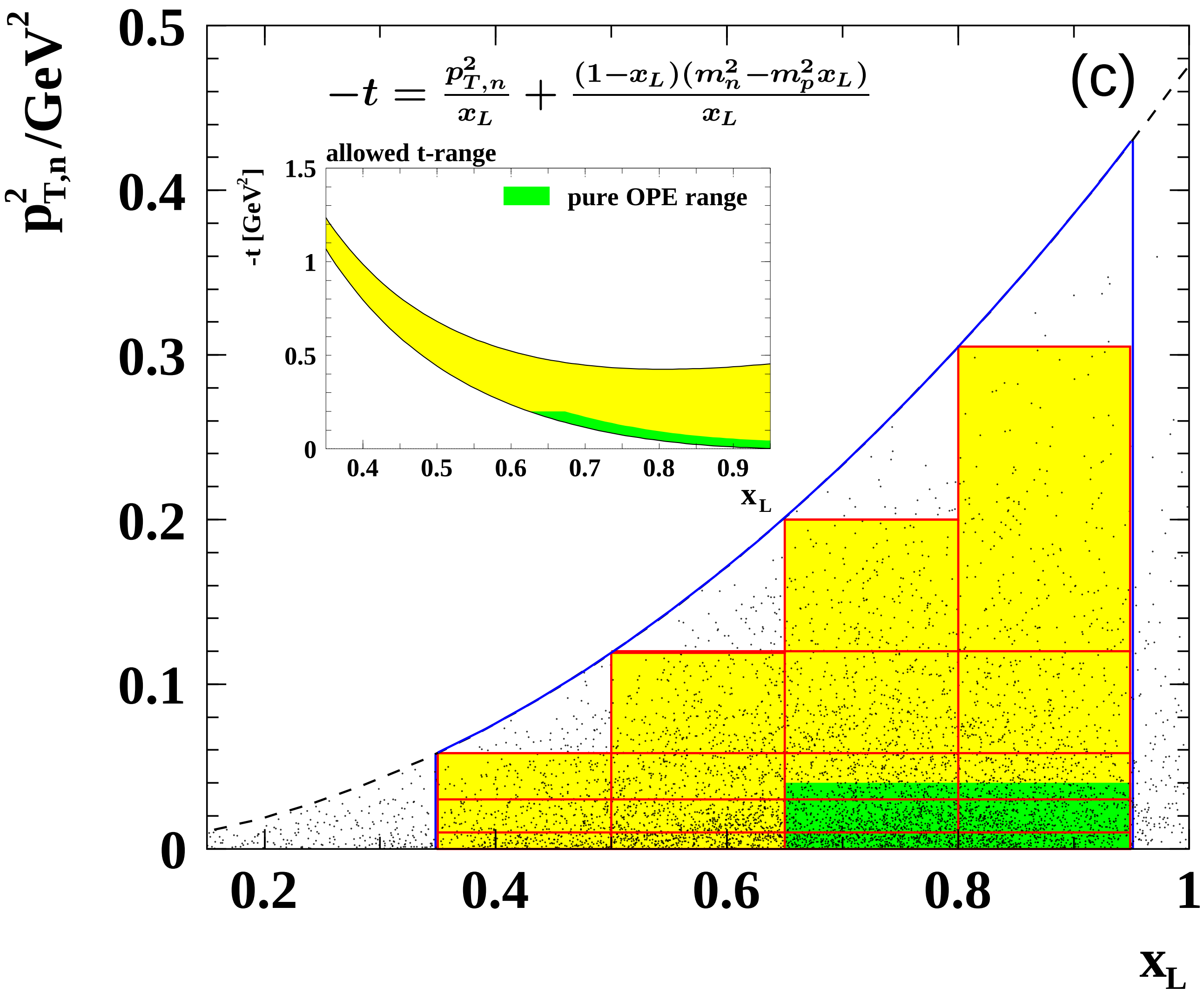
$\mathcal{L} = 1.16$ pb^{-1}

$\delta_{\rm stat} = 2.0\% \oplus \delta_{\rm sys} = 13.9\% \oplus \delta_{\rm norm} = 4.4\% \Rightarrow \delta_{\rm tot} = 14.7\%$

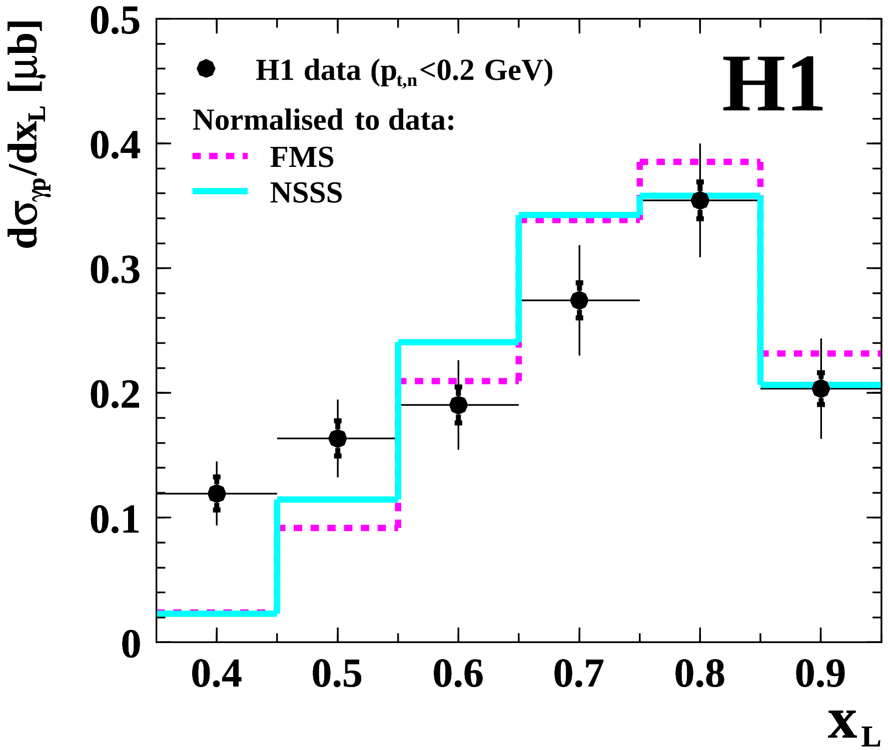
FNC Acceptance sketch

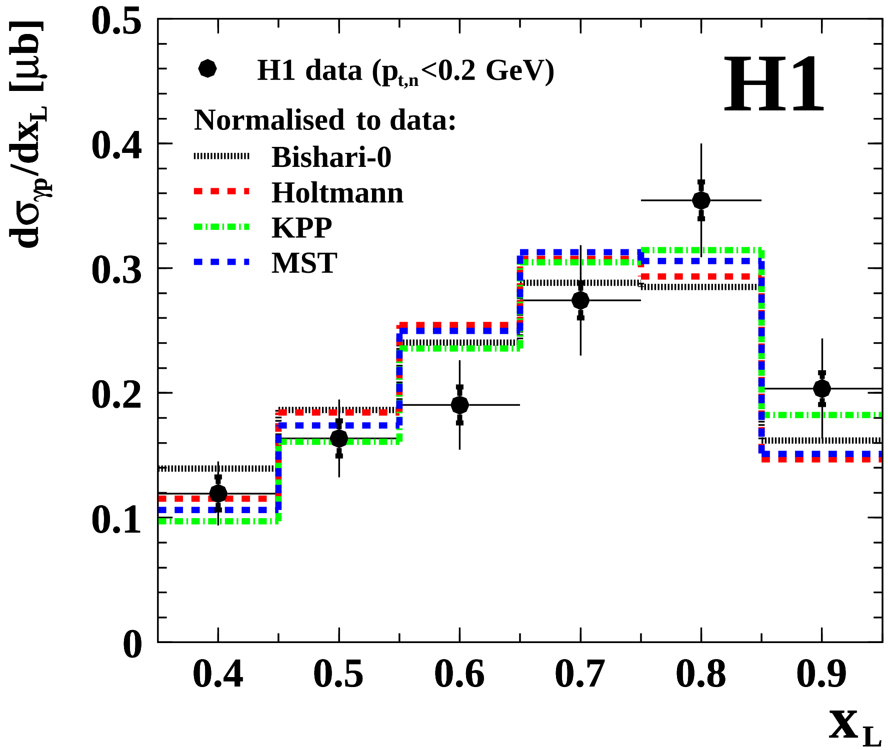






Differential cross section $\mathrm{d}\sigma_{\gamma p}/\mathrm{d}x_L$





For OPE safe range $p_{T,n} < 0.2$ GeV

Estimating the value of K_{abs}

- Optical Theorem (plus exponential t dependence):

$$d\sigma_{el}/dt\;|_{t=0} = b_{\rm el}\sigma_{\rm el} \propto \sigma^2_{\rm tot}; \;\; \Rightarrow \;\; \sigma_{\rm el} \propto \sigma^2_{\rm tot}/b_{\rm el}$$

- Relations between elastic slopes ($b \propto \langle R^2 \rangle;\;\; b_{ij} = b_i + b_j$):

$$r_b \equiv \frac{b_{12}}{b_{13}} = \frac{b_1 + b_2}{b_1 + b_3} = \frac{b_1 + b_2}{(b_1 + b_2) + (b_2 + b_3) - 2b_2} = \frac{b_{12}}{b_{12} + b_{23} - b_{22}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{b_{22} - b_{23}}{b_{12}}}$$

- Data at $\sqrt{s} \simeq 24$ GeV (for $\gamma p \to \rho^0 p$ an interpolated value of $b_{\gamma p}$ is given):

$$b_{pp} = (11.7 \pm 0.2)\;{\rm GeV}^{-2};\;\; b_{\pi^+ p} = (9.6 \pm 0.25)\;{\rm GeV}^{-2};\;\; b_{\gamma p} = (9.75 \pm 0.50)\;{\rm GeV}^{-2}$$

- Ratio r_{el} ($1 = \gamma,\; 2 = p,\; 3 = \pi^+$):

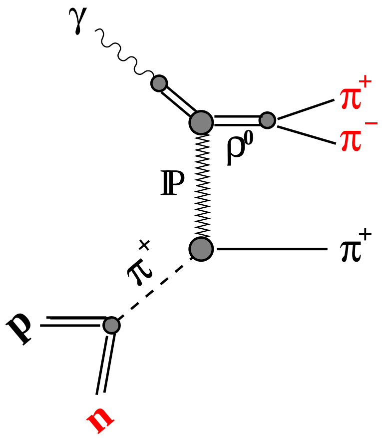
$$r_{el} = \left(\frac{b_{\gamma p}}{b_{\gamma \pi}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma^{\gamma \pi}_{\rm tot}}{\sigma^{\gamma p}_{\rm tot}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{1 - (2.1/9.75)}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = (0.57 \pm 0.03)$$

- Absorption factor:

$$K_{abs} = \frac{r_{el}(\text{measured})}{r_{el}(\text{estimated})} = \frac{0.25 \pm 0.06}{0.57 \pm 0.03} = 0.44 \pm 0.11$$

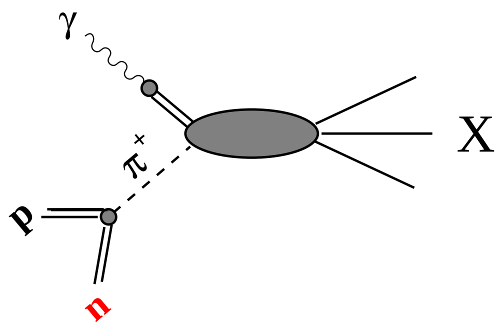
Cross sections ratio

H1 (2015)



$\sigma_{el}^{\gamma\pi}$ (W=24 GeV)

ZEUS (2002)



$\sigma_{tot}^{\gamma\pi}$ (W=107 GeV)

$\sigma_{\rm el}^{\gamma\pi}/\sigma_{\rm el}^{\gamma p} = 0.25 \pm 0.06$	Exp.result	$\sigma_{\rm tot}^{\gamma\pi}/\sigma_{\rm tot}^{\gamma p} = 0.32 \pm 0.03$
OT+eikonal approach+data: $r_{\rm el} \simeq 0.57$	Theory	AQM: $r_{\rm tot} \simeq 2/3$

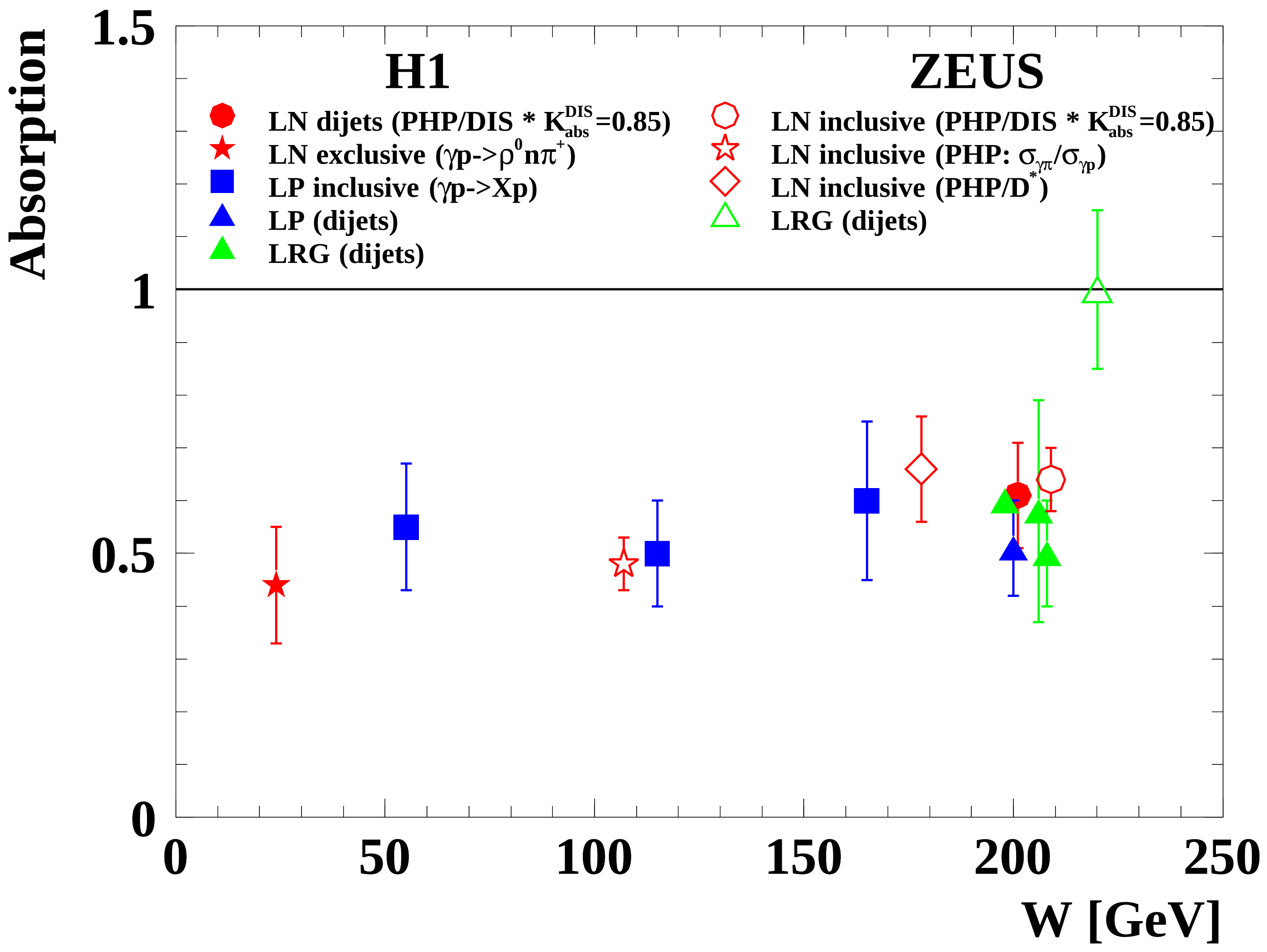
Large absorption effects!

Optical Theorem: $\frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} = b_{\rm el}\sigma_{\rm el} \propto \sigma_{\rm tot}^2$ ⇒ $r_{\rm el} = \left(\frac{b_{\gamma p}}{b_{\gamma\pi}}\right) \cdot (\sigma_{\rm tot}^{\gamma\pi}/\sigma_{\rm tot}^{\gamma p})^2$

Eikonal approach: $b = \langle R^2 \rangle; \quad b_{12} = b_1 + b_2$

World data: $(b_{pp} \simeq 11.7, \ \ b_{\pi^+ p} \simeq 9.6, \ \ b_{\gamma p} \simeq 9.75)$ GeV^{-2}

Absorptive factors, K_{abs}, in different PHP reactions



Unofficial private summary!