

Prompt photon production in diffractive photoproduction at HERA as measured by ZEUS

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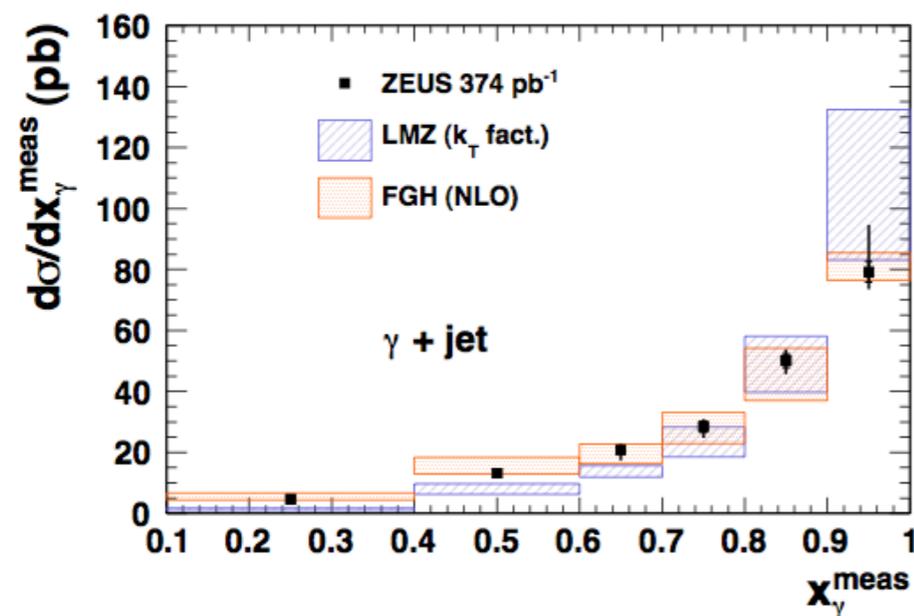
First measurement of isolated photons in diffractive photoproduction for ZEUS

- “clean processes”: prompt photons are free from fragmentation and hadronization corrections and sensitive to selected diagrams

Previous HERA analyses of similar processes:

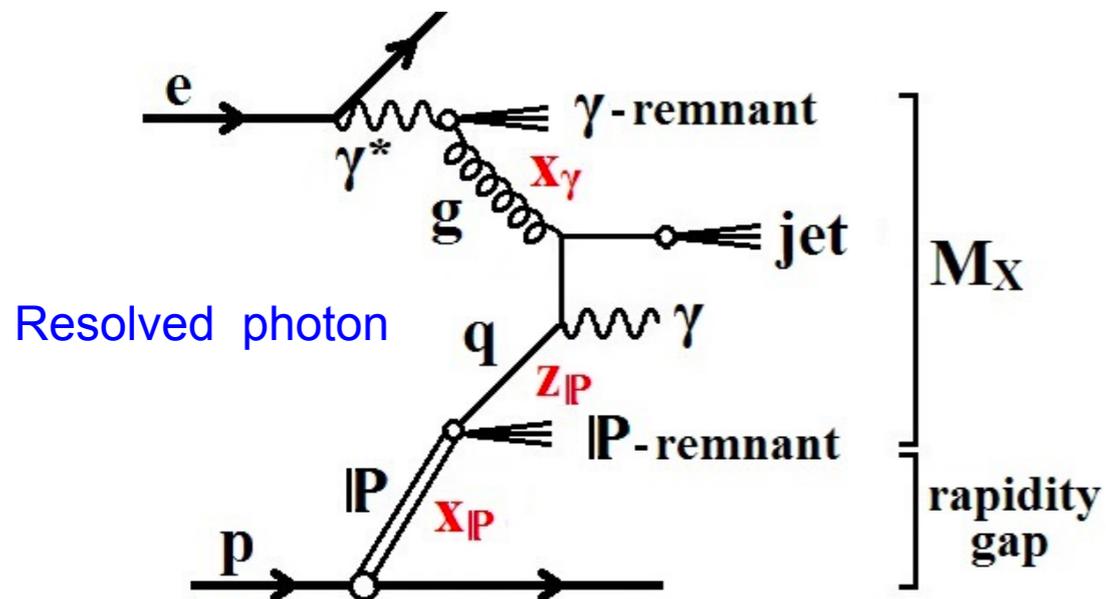
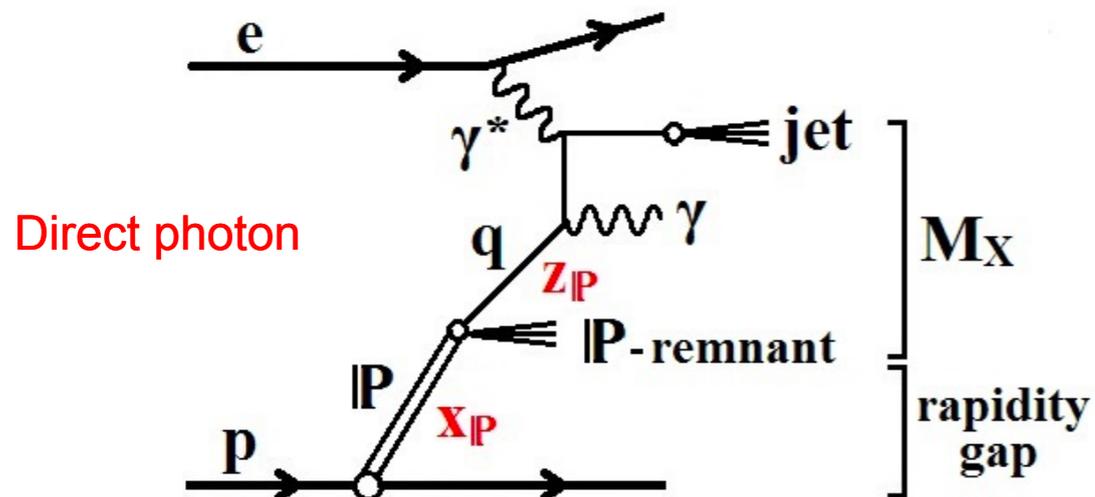
- H1 inclusive diffractive prompt photons in photoproduction: Phys. Lett. 672 (2009) 219
- Photoproduction of Isolated Photons, inclusively and with a Jet, ZEUS Phys. Lett. B 730 (2014) 293-301
- Diffractive photoproduced dijets: H1 Eur. Phys. J. 6 (1999), Eur. Phys. J 421 & 0 (2008) 15, ZEUS Eur. Phys. J 55 (2008) 171

Non diffractive γ **ZEUS**



A ZEUS analysis of isolated photons in DIS presented by Volodymyr Myronenko at this workshop

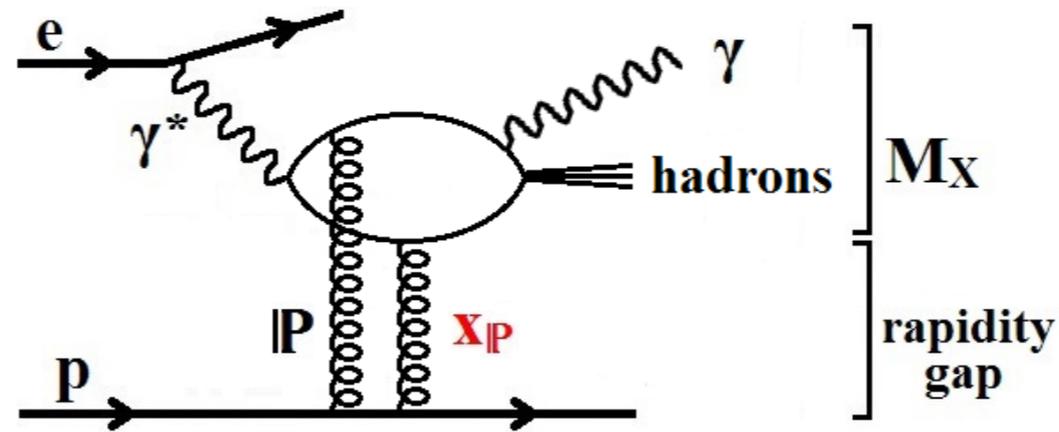
Kinematic – diffractive production of a prompt photon



- Prompt photons must couple to a charged particle line, so the quark content of the exchanged colourless object (the Pomeron IP) is tested
- x_γ = fraction of momentum of the incoming photon participating to the hard process. Direct photon if $x_\gamma = 1$, resolved photon if $x_\gamma < 1$
- x_{IP} = fraction of the proton energy taken by the colourless exchange < 0.03
- z_{IP} = fraction of the Pomeron energy participating to the hard interaction.

diffractive photoproduction of isolated photons - the “direct Pomeron”

- HERA: collisions of electron at 27.5 GeV against protons of 920 GeV

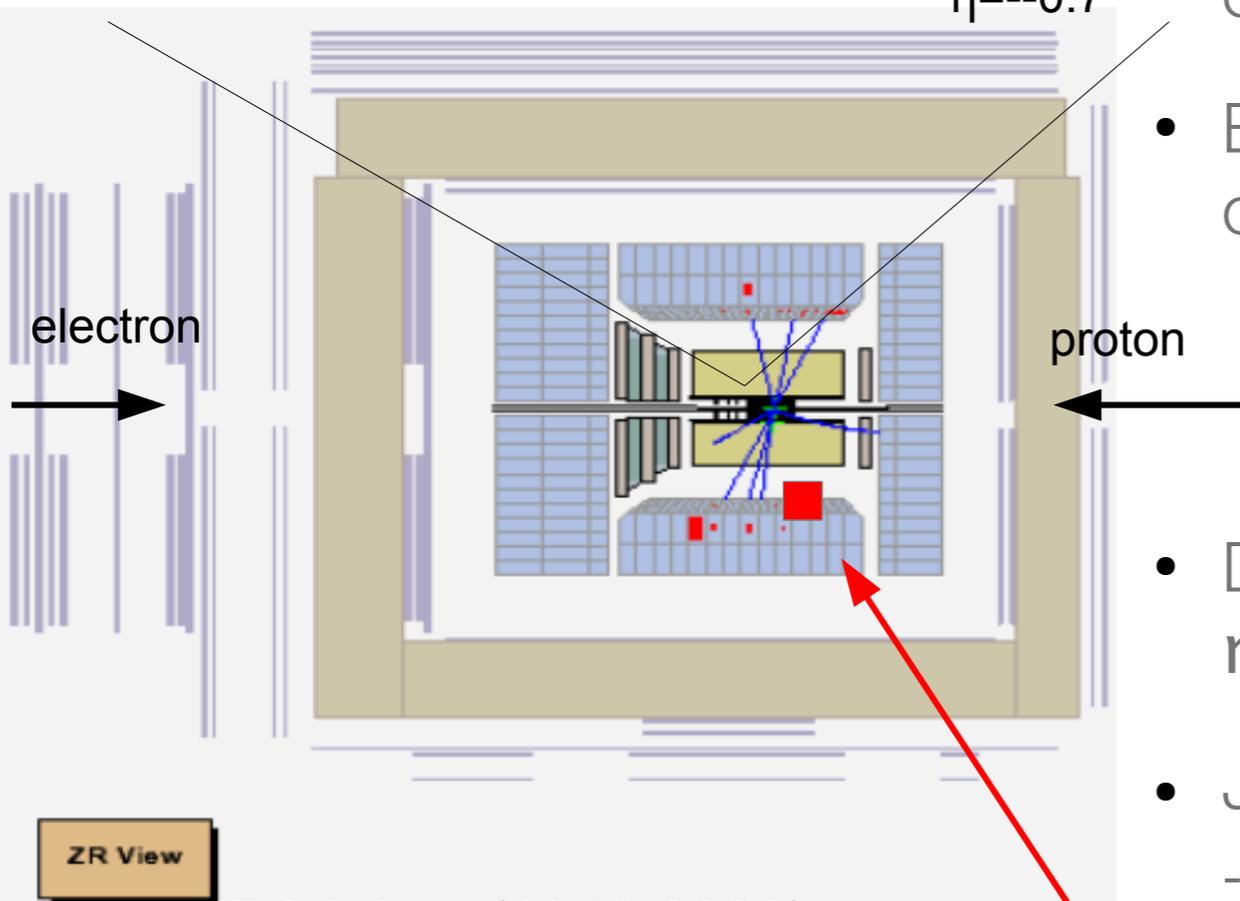


- A diagram of a **hard interaction of a direct photon with a direct colourless object** producing a prompt photon and a jet, $z_{|P} \sim 1$
- Testing colourless exchange
- Test of QCD factorization both at photon and Pomeron vertices
- Comparison with perturbative QCD calculations is possible

Selection: diffractive photoproduction of isolated photons

$\eta = -0.9$

$\eta = -0.7$



- Photoproduction: No scattered electron observed $0.2 < y_{JB} < 0.7$, usual cut
- Events triggered by energy released in calorimeter
- Diffraction: No energy in the forward region, $\eta_{\max}^{\text{EFO}} < 2.5$
- Jets are reconstructed with k_T algorithm $-1.5 < \eta^{\text{jet}} < 1.8$, $E_t^{\text{jet}} > 4 \text{ GeV}$
- Photons identified in Barrel ElectroMagnetic Calorimeter, finely segmented in the Z direction

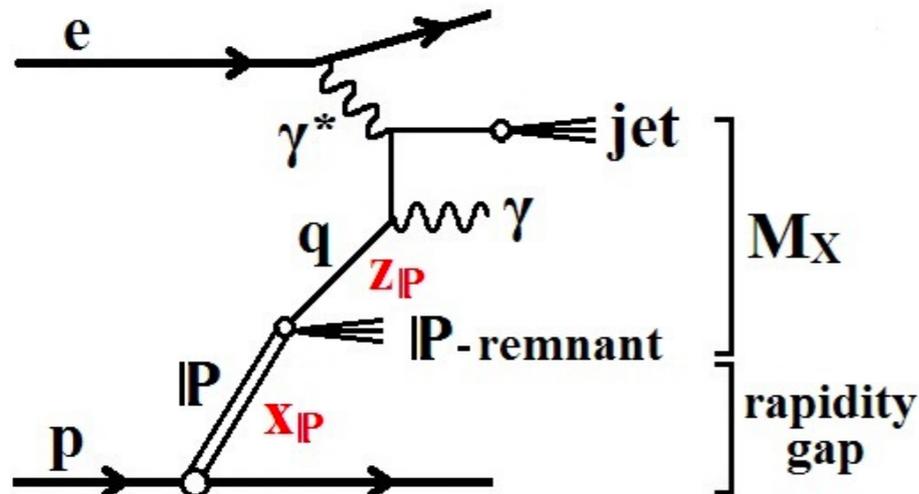
HERA I data (1998-2000): a forward plug calorimeter allowed the rejection of proton dissociative processes

HERA II data (2004-2007): forward calorimeter replaced by a magnet, => additional background scattered within the detector,

making challenging the measurement of diffractive cross sections

$$E_t^\gamma > 5 \text{ GeV}, -0.7 < \eta < 0.9, \text{ "isolated" }, E_T^\gamma > 0.9 E_T^{\text{jet}}$$

Reconstruction of kinematic variables

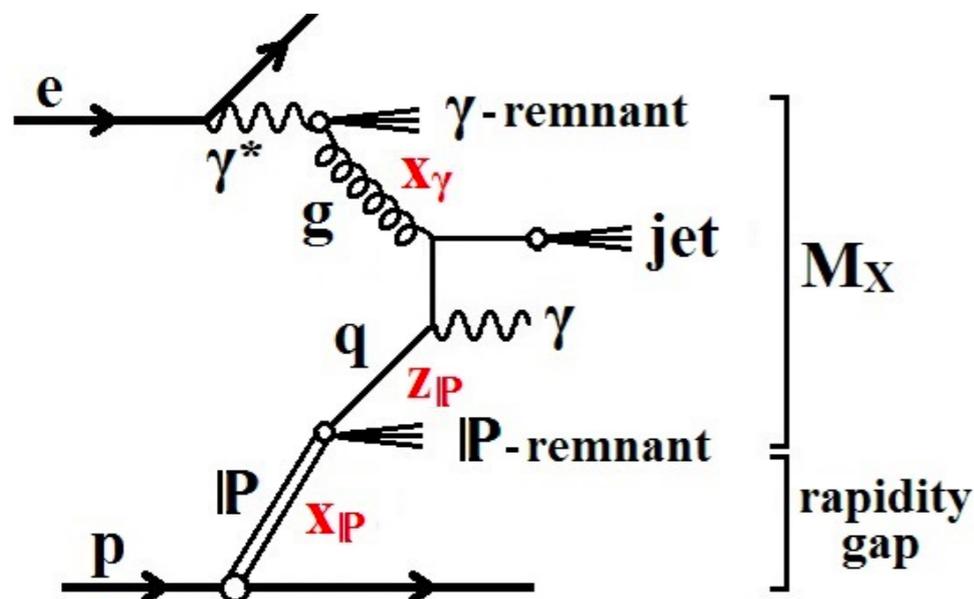


- x_γ = fraction of momentum of the incoming photon participating to the hard process. Direct photon if $x_\gamma = 1$

$$x_\gamma^{\text{meas}} = \frac{E^\gamma + E^{\text{jet}} - p_Z^\gamma - p_Z^{\text{jet}}}{E^{\text{all}} - p_Z^{\text{all}}},$$

- $x_{|P}$ = fraction of the proton energy taken by the colourless exchange

$$x_{|P} = (E^{\text{all}} + p_Z^{\text{all}}) / 2E_p$$

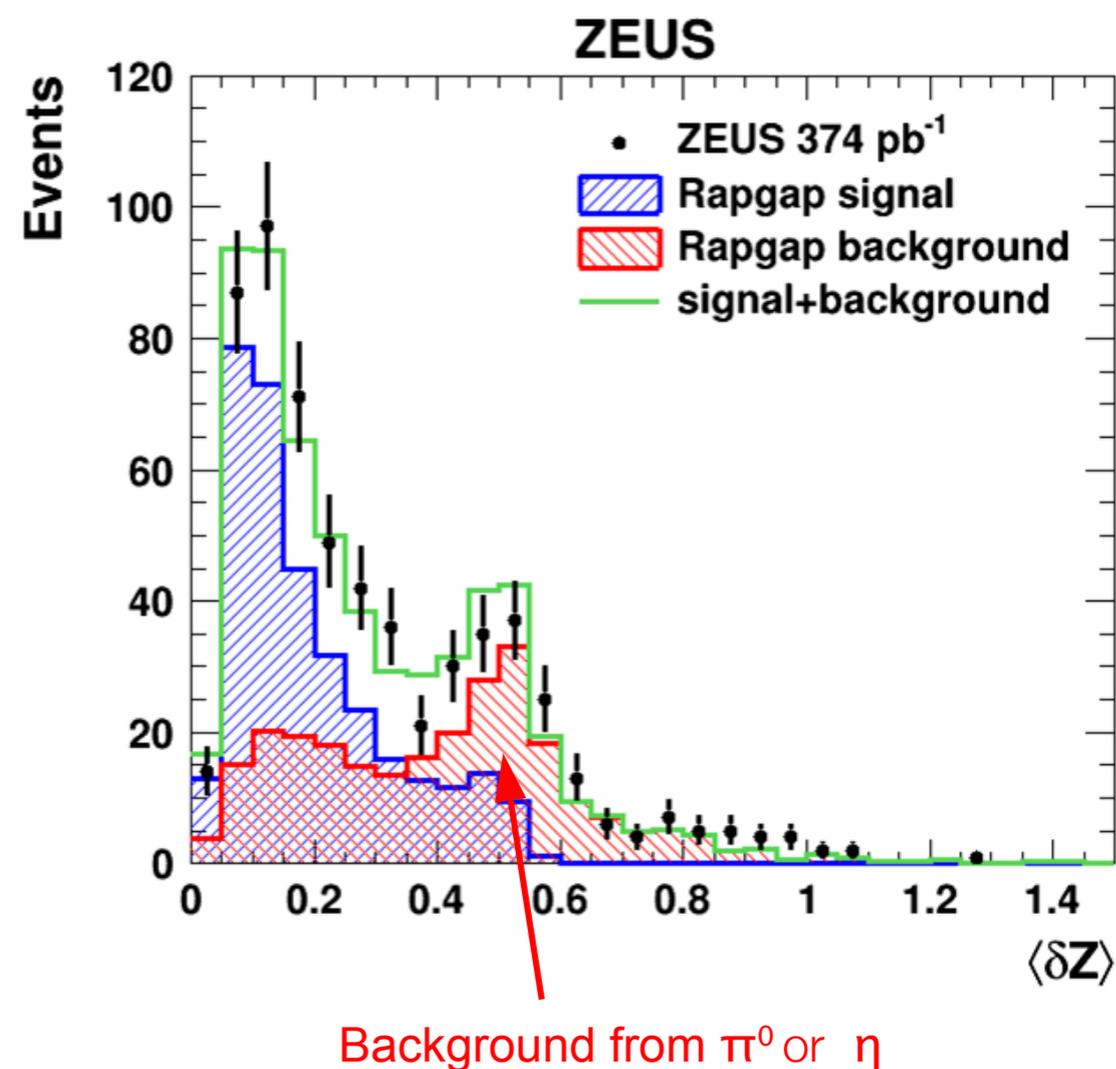
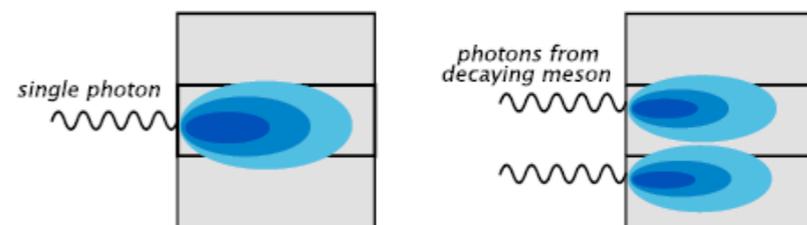


- $z_{|P}$ = fraction of the Pomeron energy participating to the hard interaction. Direct Pomeron if $z_{|P} \sim 1$

$$z_{|P}^{\text{meas}} = \frac{E^\gamma + E^{\text{jet}} + p_Z^\gamma + p_Z^{\text{jet}}}{E^{\text{all}} + p_Z^{\text{all}}}$$

Background: photons from decays of neutral mesons are subtracted

- Large background from photons from π^0 or $\eta + \text{multi } \pi^0$
- The δZ distribution of the EM calorimeter cells in the barrel detector allows to separate photons from π^0
- For each measured quantities, for each bin, the background from photons from π^0 or $\eta + \text{multi } \pi^0$ is fitted and subtracted statistically
- Large background from neutral mesons reduced



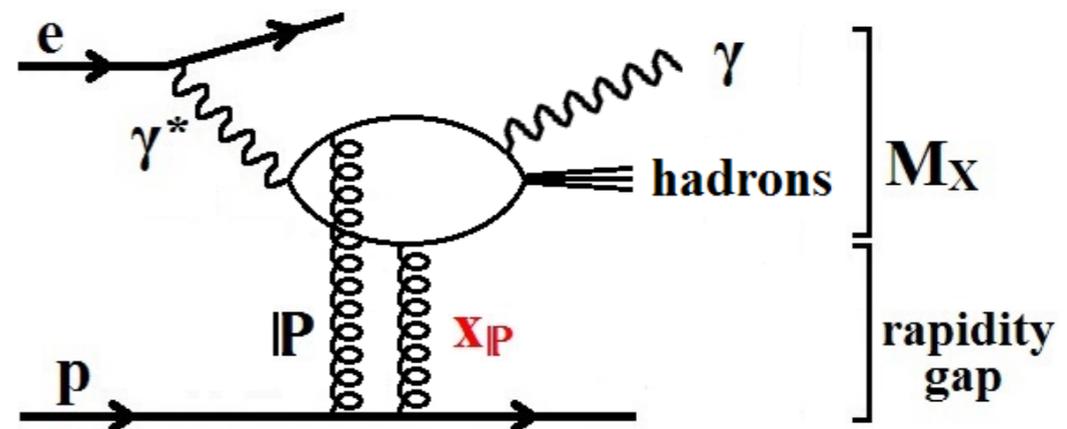
Cross section definition

- Integrated luminosity 456 pb^{-1} (82 in HERA I + 374 in HERA II)
- Photoproduction: $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$; $0.2 < y < 0.7$, no electron
- Diffraction: $\eta_{\text{max}} < 2.5$ of Energy Flow Objects and $x_{\text{IP}} < 0.03$
- Photons: $5 < E_{\text{T}}^{\gamma} < 15 \text{ GeV}$, $-0.7 < \eta^{\gamma} < 0.9$, “isolated”, $E_{\gamma} > 0.9 E_{\text{jet}}$
- Cross sections measured with or without asking for an additional jet with $4 < E_{\text{T}}^{\text{jet}} < 35 \text{ GeV}$, $-1.5 < \eta^{\text{jet}} < 1.8$
- Additional background from Bethe-Heitler process and Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering removed asking at least 5 energy-flow objects
- Cross section evaluated using normalisation from the HERA I sample, where p-dissociation contribution reasonably known

Monte Carlo simulation

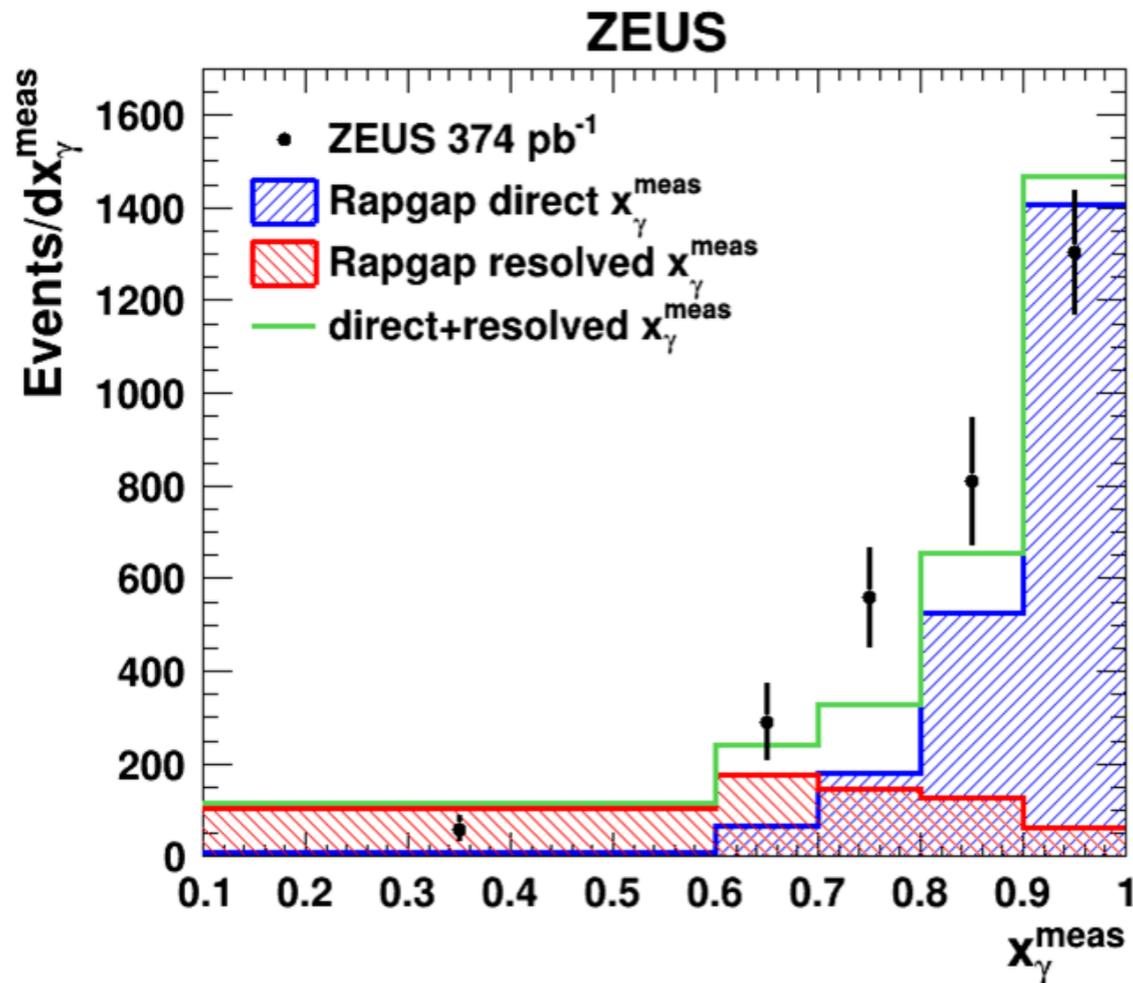
- RAPGAP generators used: H.Jung Comp. Phys. Comm. 86 (1995) 147
- Based on leading order parton-level QCD matrix elements
- Some higher order modeled by initial and final state leading-log parton showers
- Fragmentation from PYTHIA Lund model
- Resolved pomeron model: diffractive parton densities used are the H1 2006 DPDF fit B, extracted in DIS diffractive scattering, for $z_{\text{IP}} < 0.9$!!
- Resolved photons: pdf SASGAM-2D used

- RAPGAp has no direct Pomeron contribution



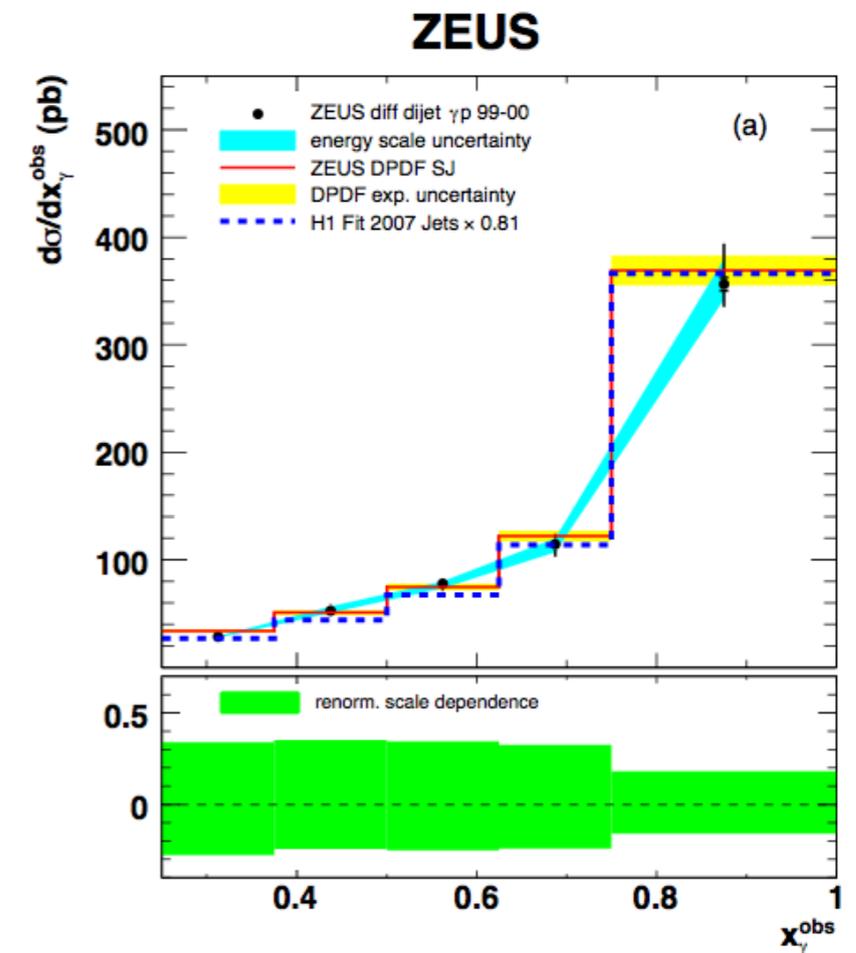
Photon vertex: direct and resolved contribution

- MC generates separately direct and resolved photon processes, and need to be re-weighted to the x_γ distribution of the data
- x_γ distribution is compatible with a mixture 70% direct photon process + 30% resolved photon



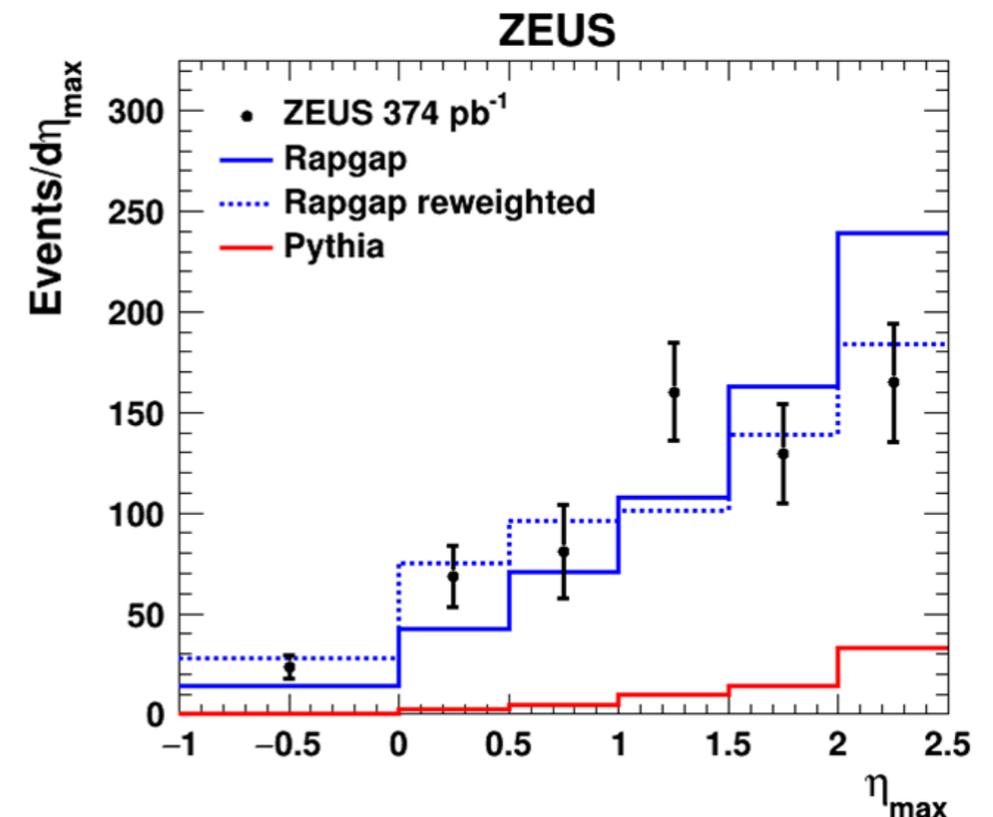
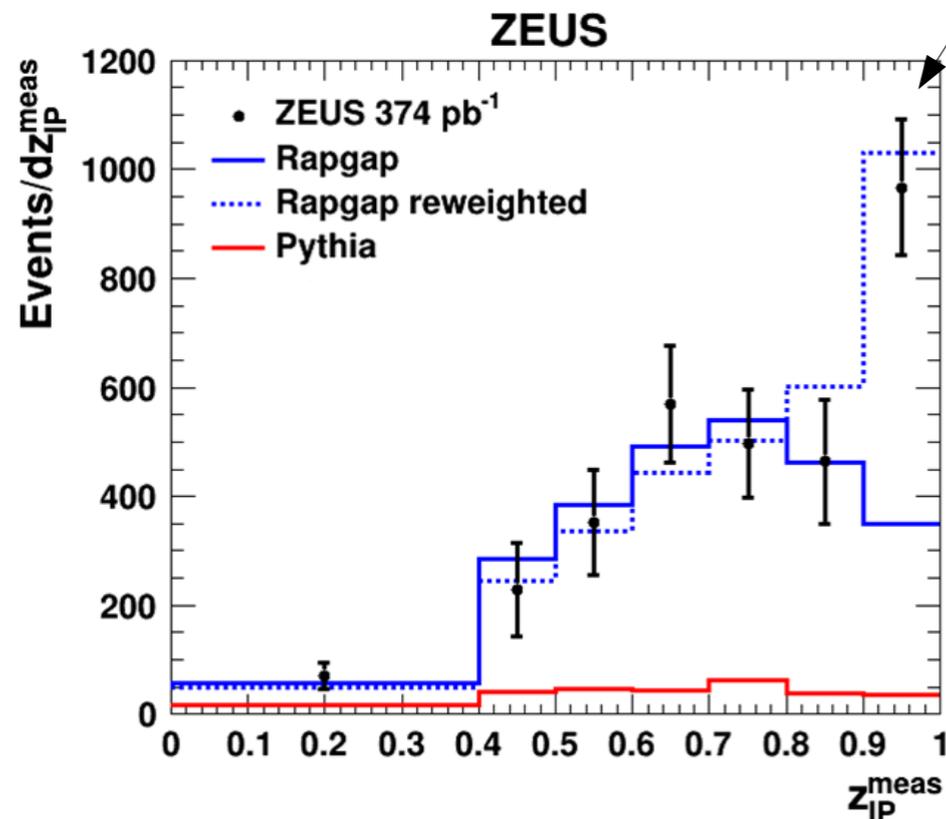
x_γ for diffractive photoproduction of 2-jets

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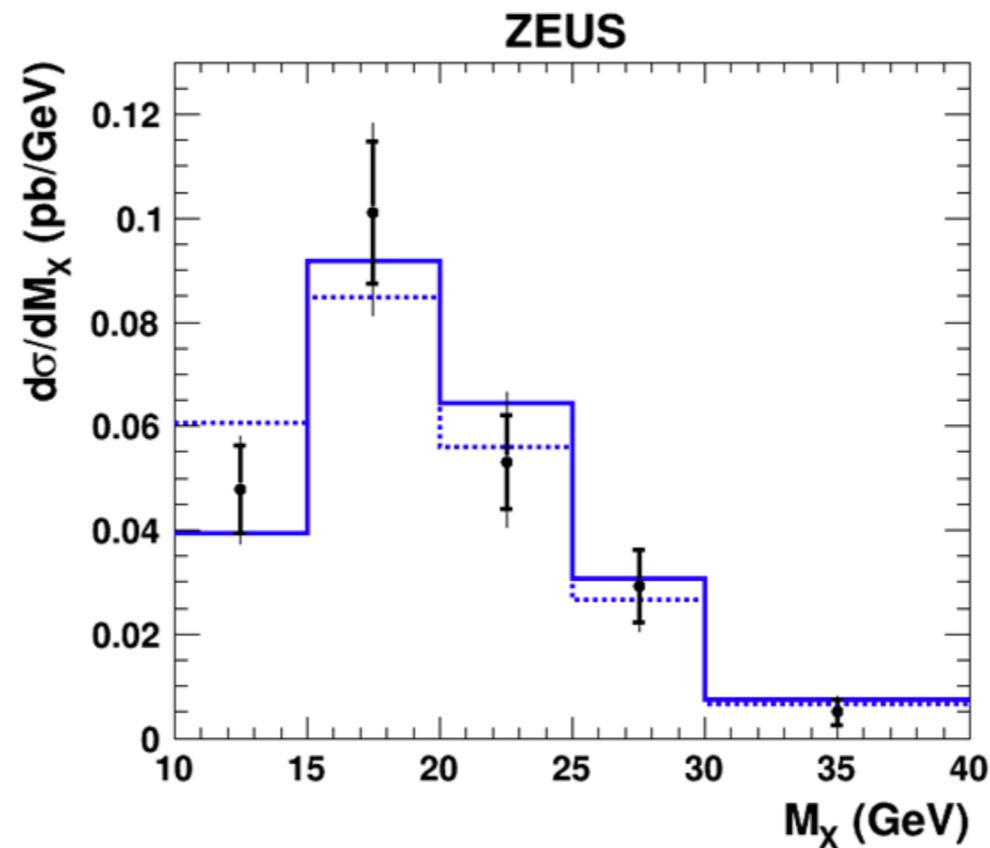
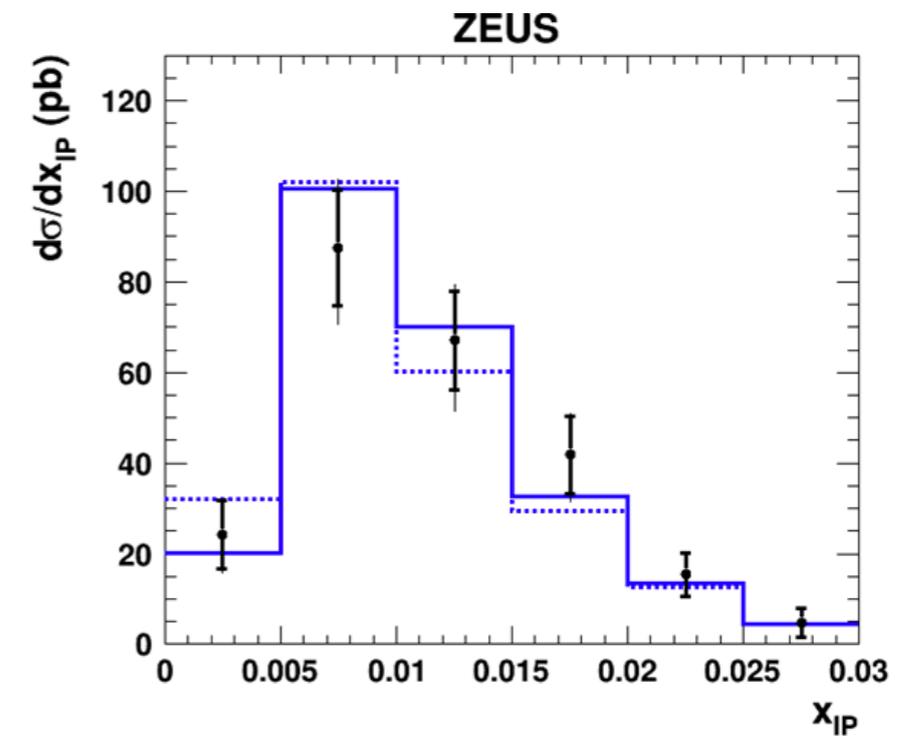
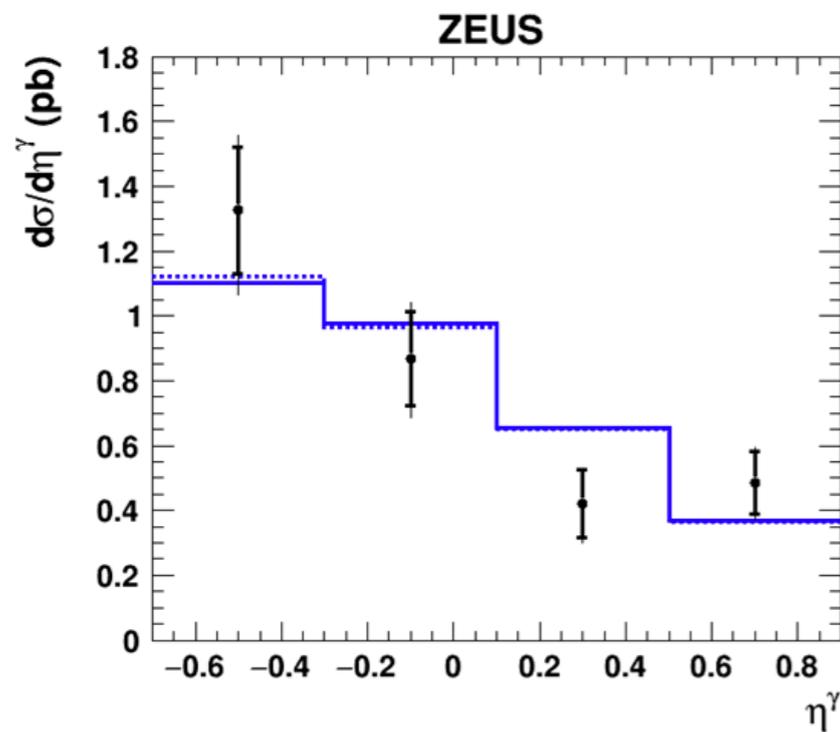
Evidence for direct Pomeron interaction

- Measured z_{IP} not described by RAPGAP MC
- Data show excess of “direct Pomeron” processes
- Non-diffractive contribution (red histogram) is flat in z_{IP}
- RAPGAP reweighted for $z_{\text{IP}} > 0.9$, re-weighting improves description of η_{max} distribution



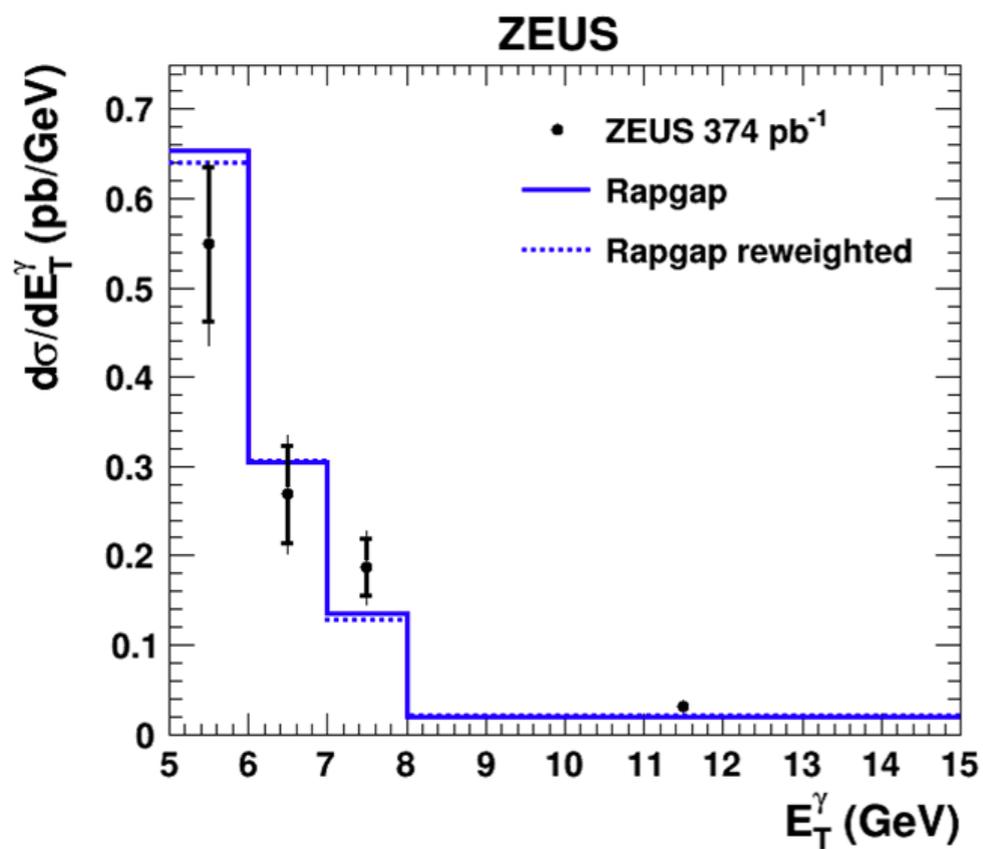
Diffractive isolated photoproduction: η_γ , x_{IP} , M_x

- Data distribution well described in general by RAPGAP MC, not sensitive to z_{IP} reweighting

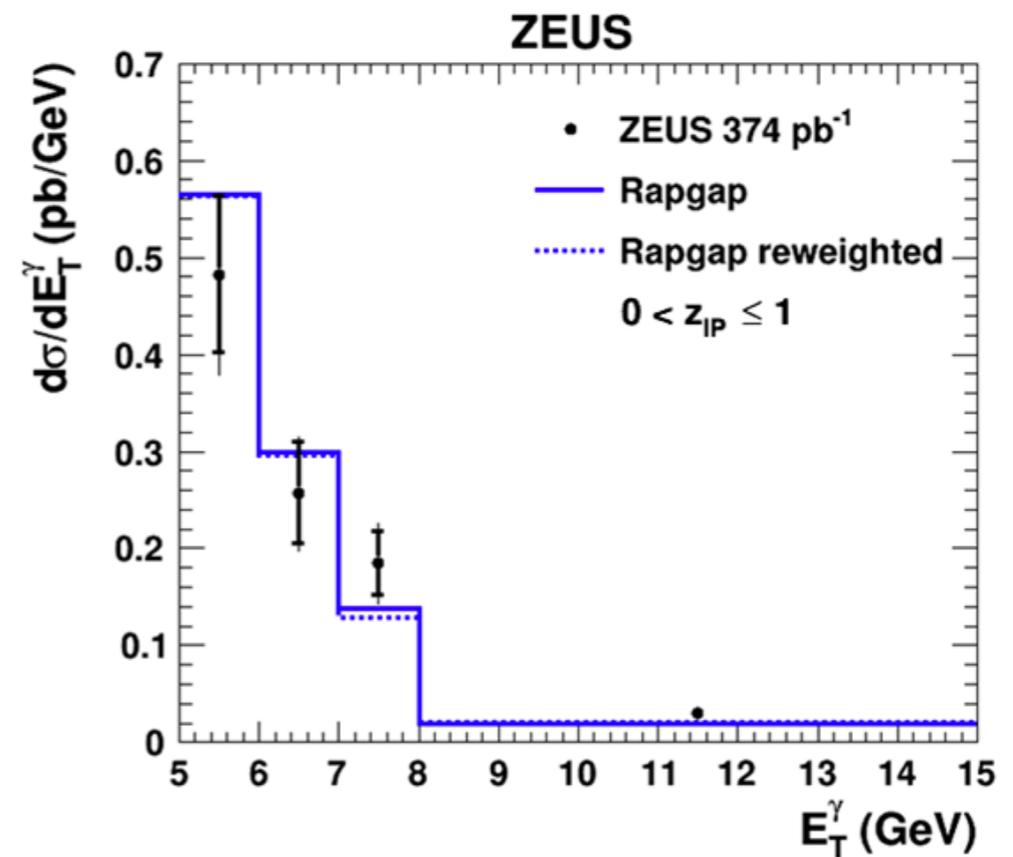


Inclusive photon and photon + jet; E_T^γ

- Most of the events have isolated photon + jet
- Cross section measured both for inclusive prompt photon and photon + jet
- In both samples, distributions are well described by RAPGAP

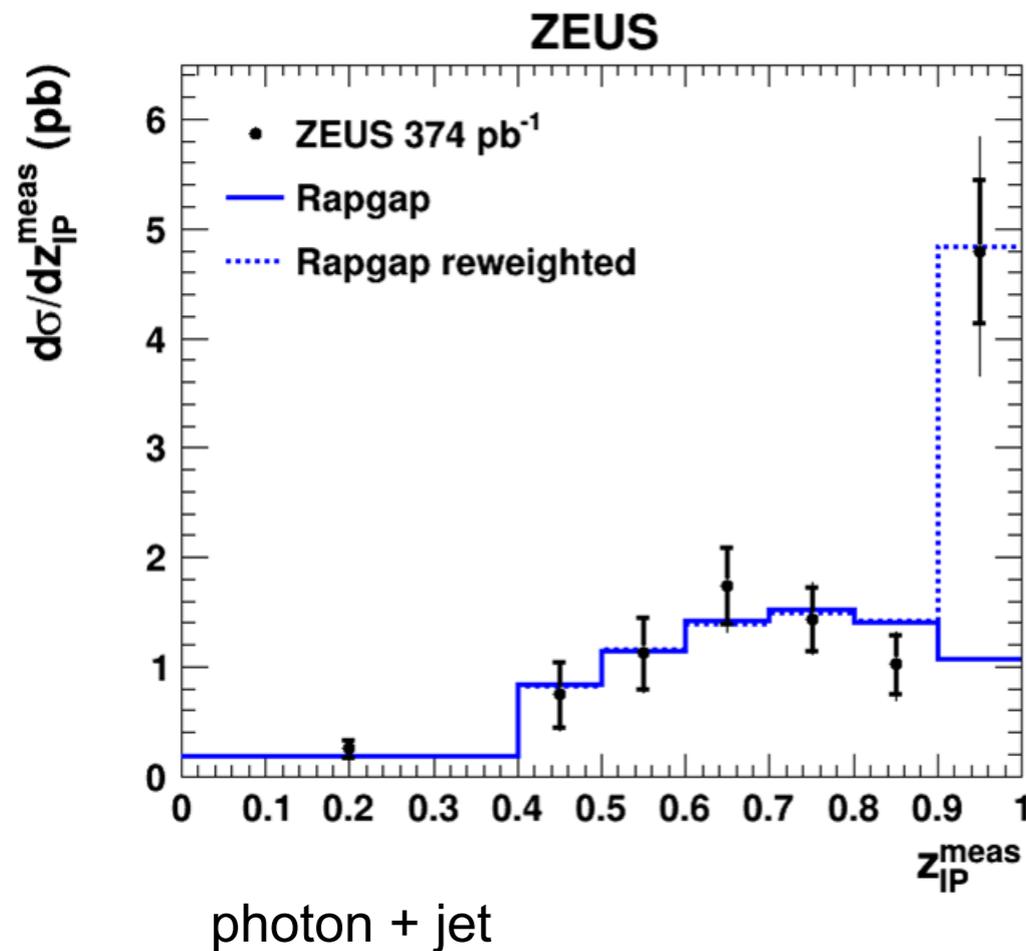


Inclusive photon



photon + jet

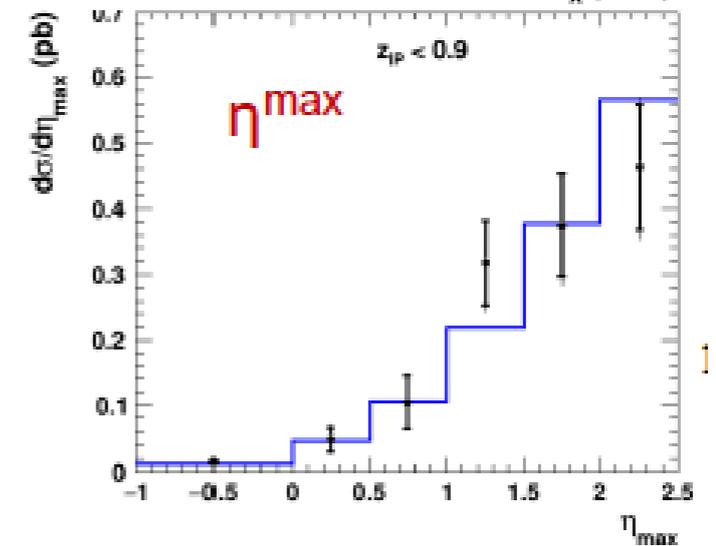
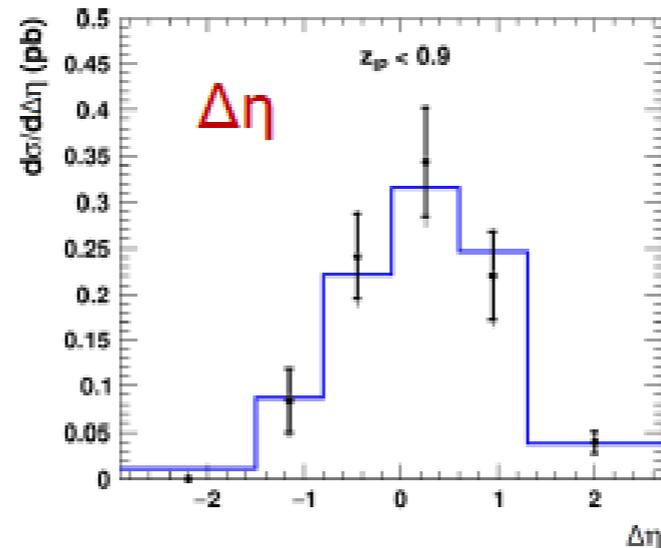
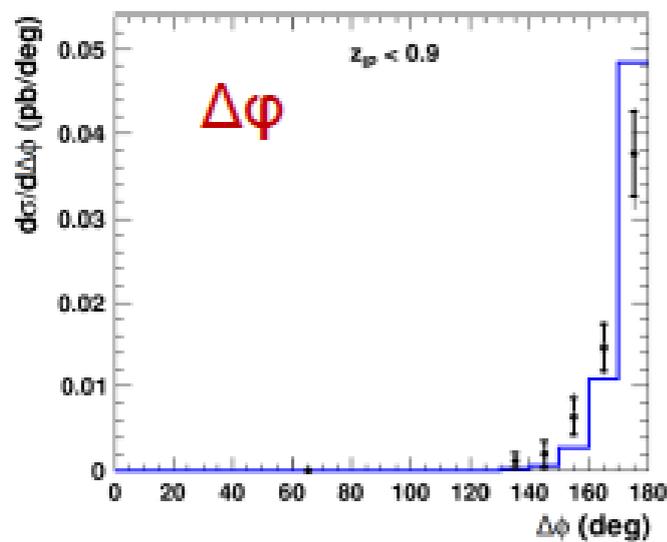
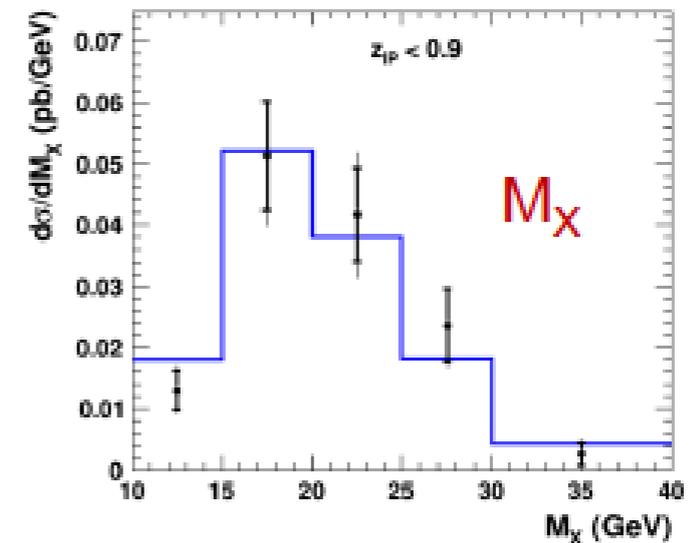
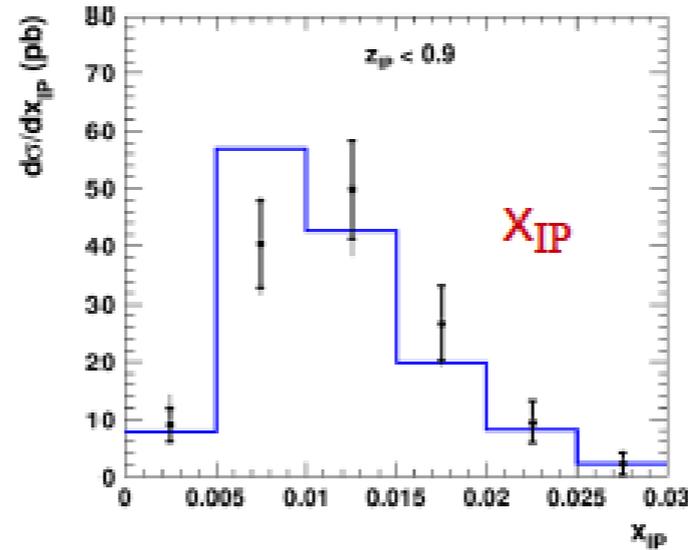
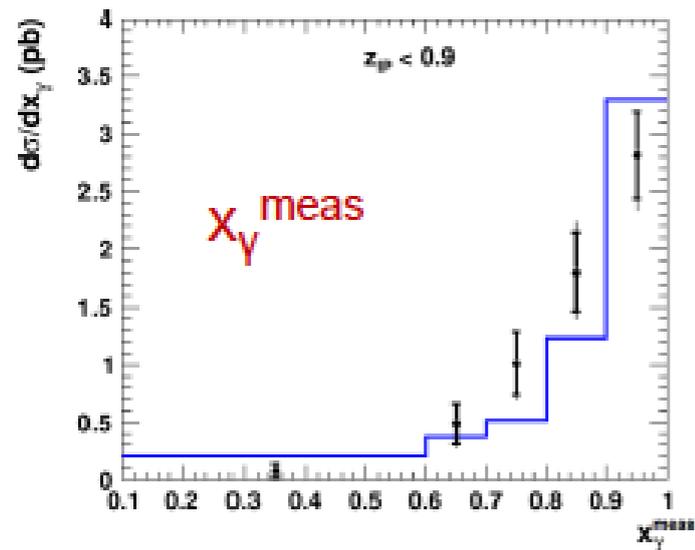
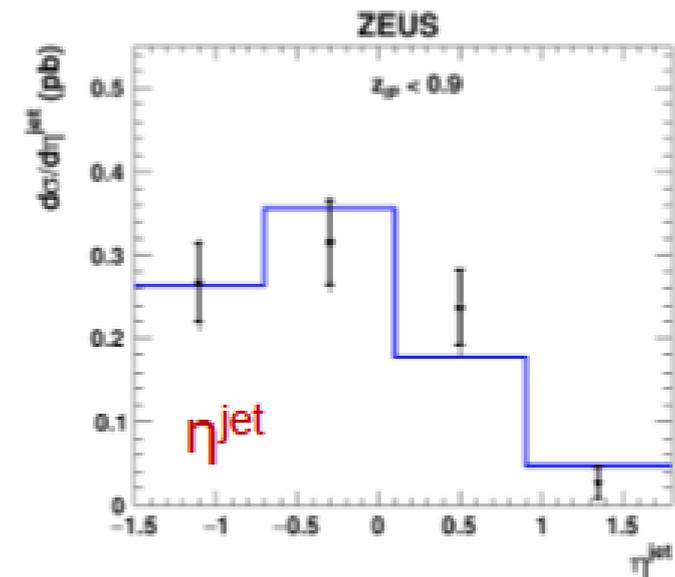
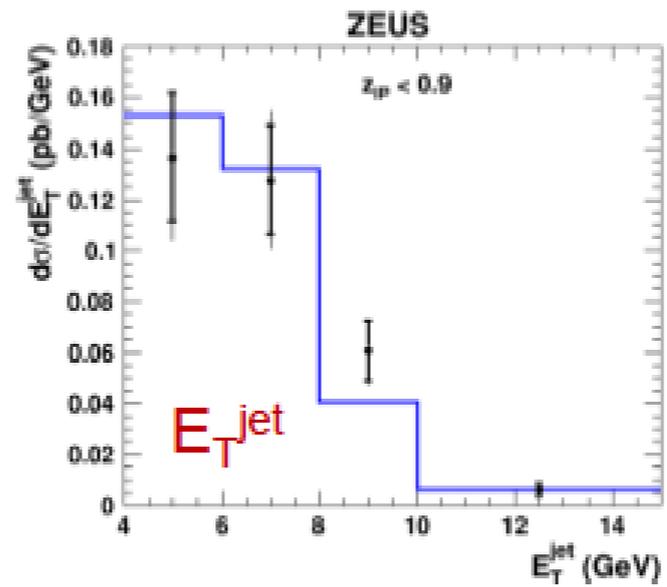
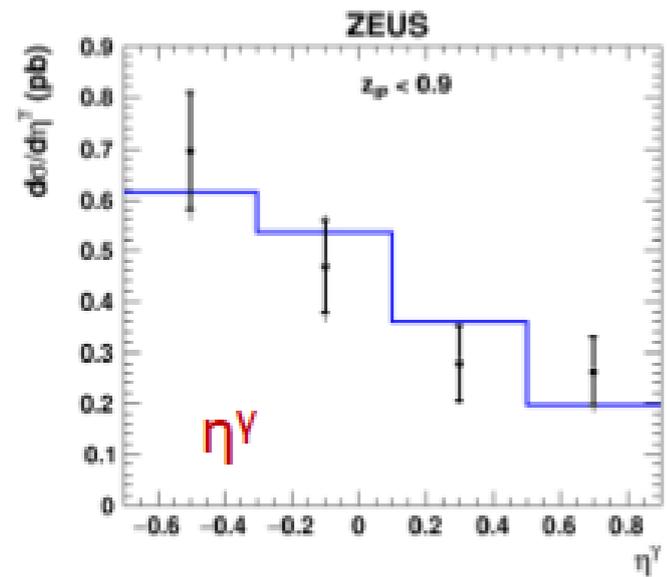
Cross sections



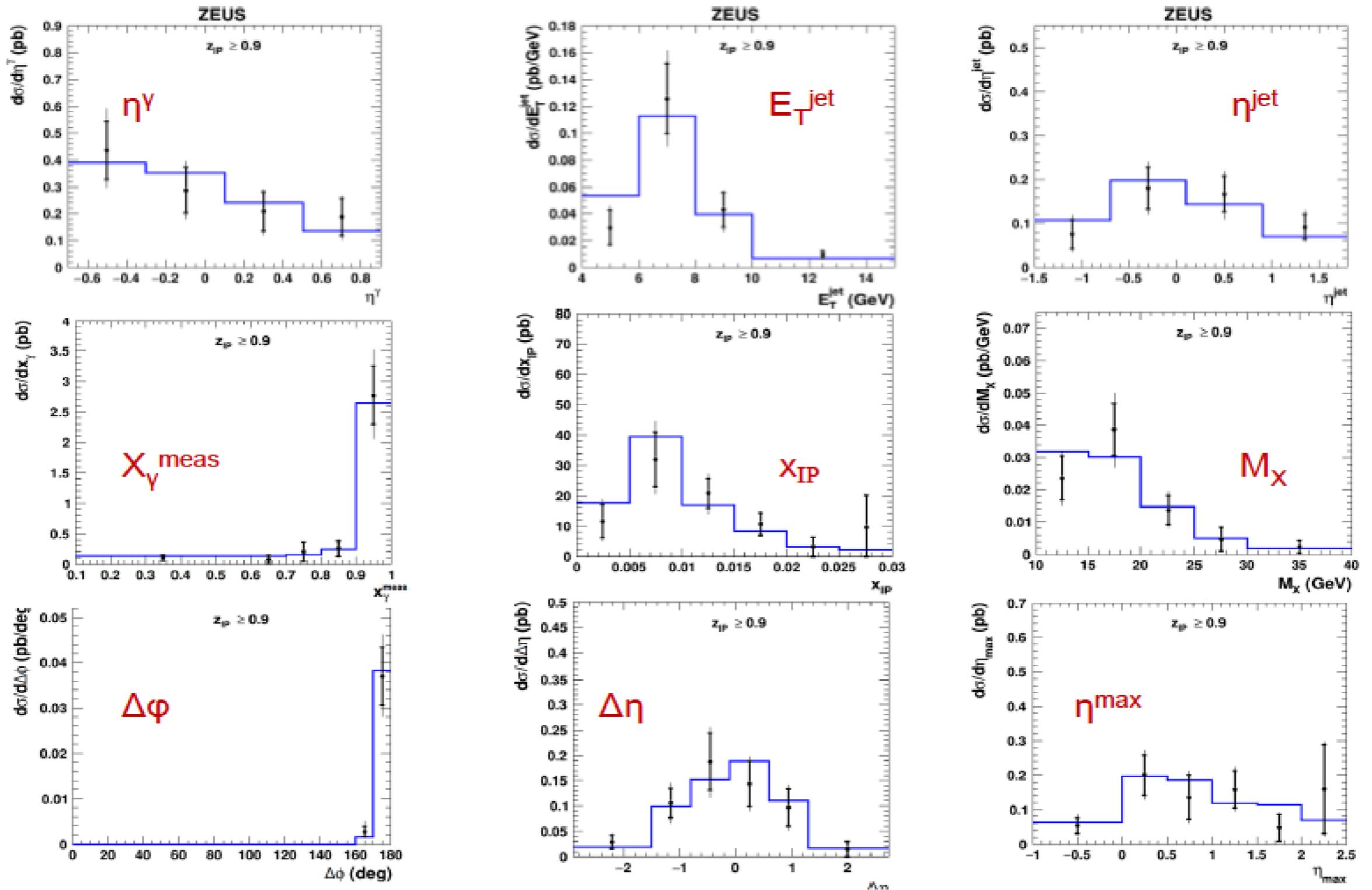
Cross section evaluated for
inclusive
Photon and photon + jet samples
As a function of many kinematic
variables

- Cross section is $1.21 \mp 0.19^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$ pb for inclusive photon and $1.10 \mp 0.19^{+0.09}_{-0.13}$ pb for photon + jet
- Cross section for $z_{IP} < 0.9$ is $0.68 \mp 14^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$ pb, including proton dissociation ($\sim 16\%$)
- Cross section estimated by RAPGAP is 0.68 pb, but without proton dissociation contribution

Cross sections for $z_{\text{IP}} < 0.9$, “resolved Pomeron region”



Cross sections for $z_{\text{IP}} > 0.9$, “direct Pomeron” region



Summary

- ZEUS measured isolated (“prompt”) photons in diffractive photoproduction, for the first time
- Most of the detected photons are with an accompanying jet
- Cross sections measured in a diffractive region defined for η_{\max} and x_{IP}
- The variable $z_{\text{IP}}^{\text{meas}}$ shows a peak at high values that implies:
 - i. evidence for a direct-Pomeron process dominantly in the direct photon channel
 - ii. the presence of processes not currently implemented in the MC RAPGAP
- The cross sections of the different kinematic variables in photoproduction are well described in shape by MC RAPGAP, which implement a common set of diffractive PDFs (measured in diffractive DIS events)