Measurement of isolated photons with and without accompanying jets at HERA
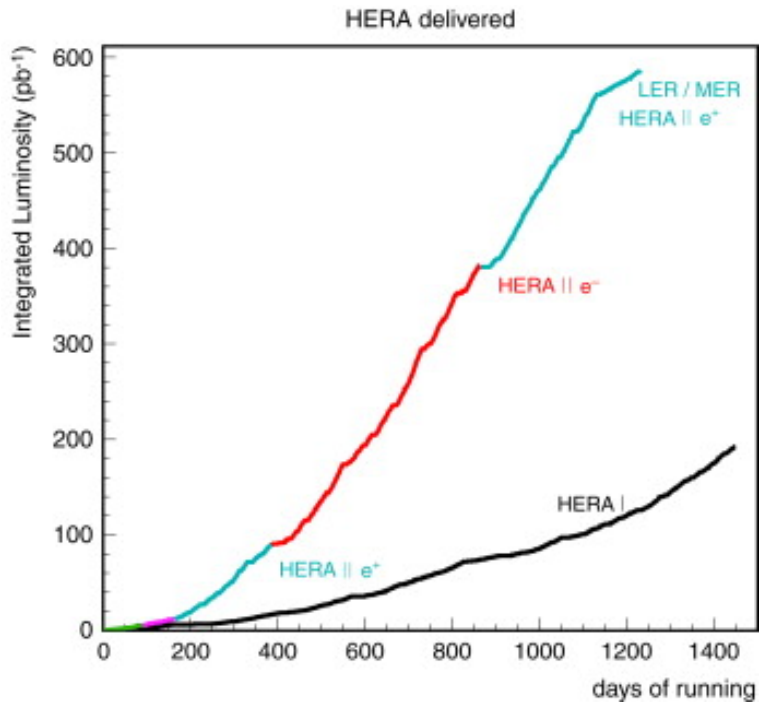
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HERA collider
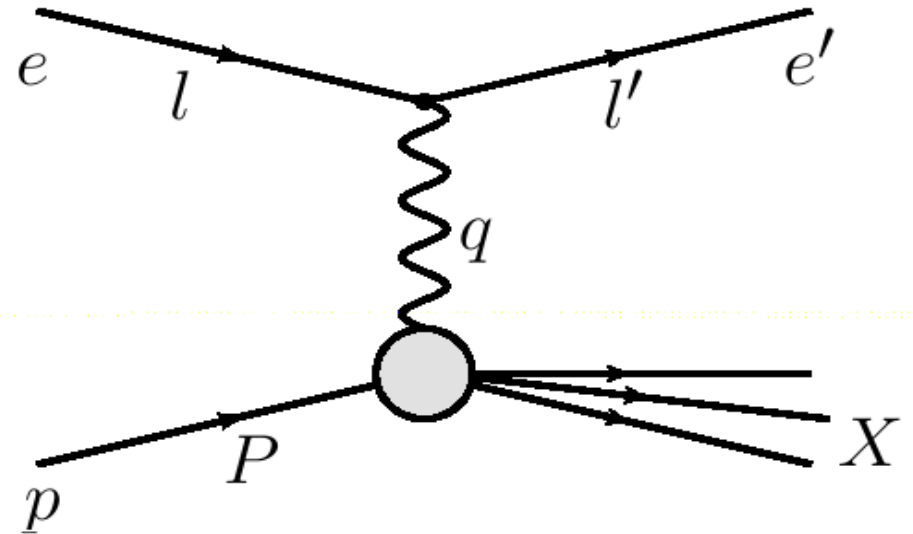
HERA delivered

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

- **Protons**: 920 GeV

$\sqrt{s} = 318$ GeV

Kinematics:

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(l-l')^2$$

$$y = \frac{P.q}{P.l}$$

$$x_{Bj} = \frac{Q^2}{2P.q}$$
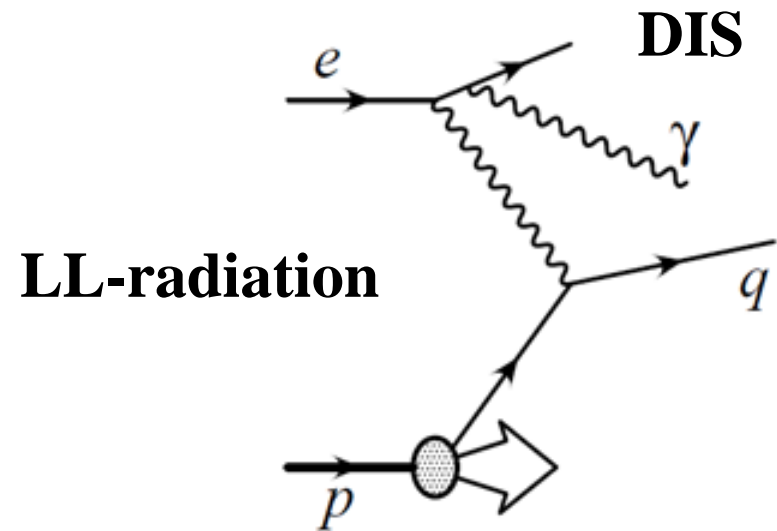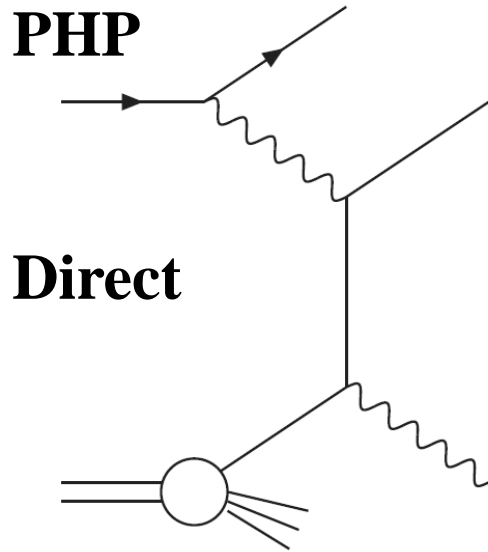
$$Q^2 = x_{Bj}ys$$

$Q^2 \leq 1$ GeV² : photoproduction (PHP)

$Q^2 \geq 1$ GeV² : DIS

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Isolated photons

PHP

DIS

Direct

LL-radiation

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 α^3

- Can be used to measure and constrain the parton densities of proton and photon

- Photoproduction (PHP): a quasi-real exchanged photon ($Q^2 \sim\sim 0$ GeV^2)

- DIS processes: photons also radiated from incoming and outgoing leptons

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Isolated photons with and without jet requirement in photoproduction
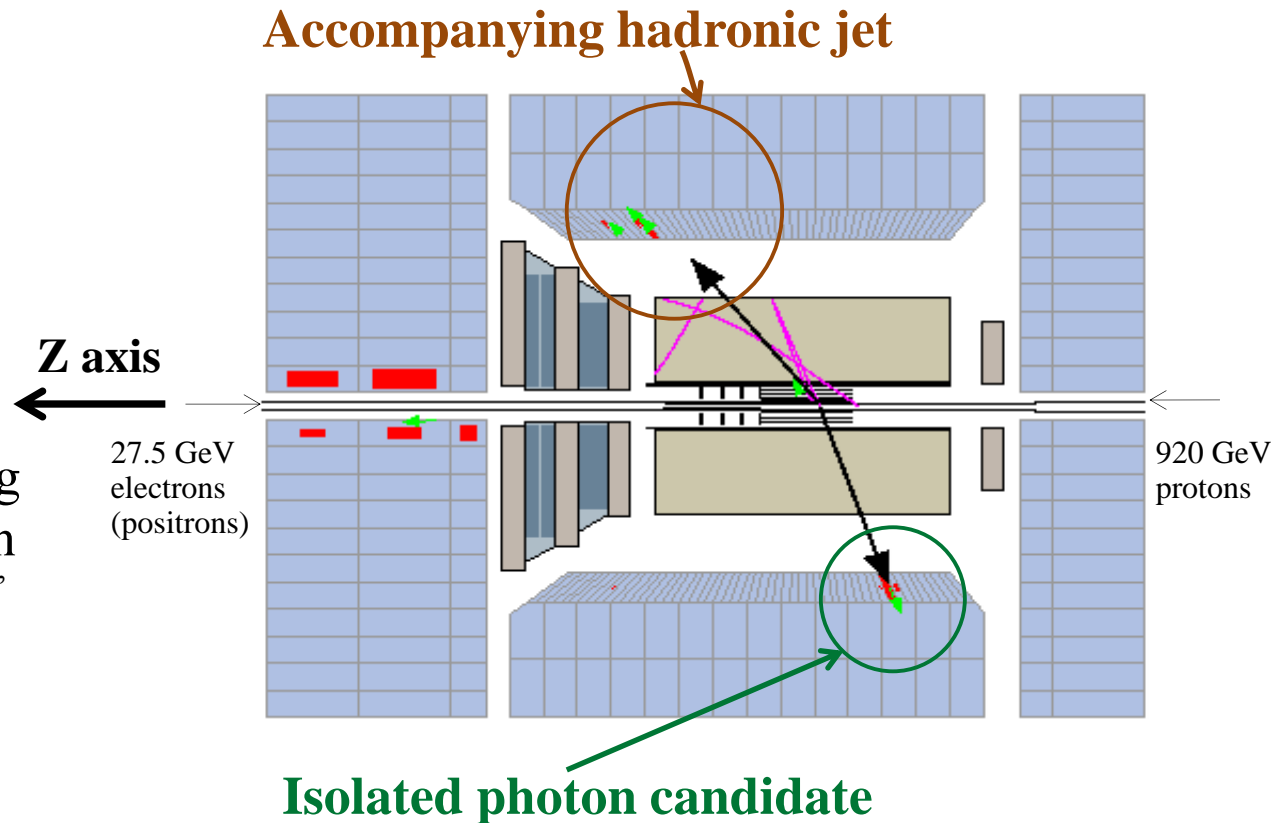
Data samples. Event selection

- ZEUS HERA II 2004-2007: 370 pb^{-1} positron and electron data

- Monte Carlo Signal: PYTHIA

- Monte Carlo Background: PYTHIA (photons from: $\pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma$, $\eta \to \gamma\gamma$, $\eta \to \pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$)

- **Photon:**

  - $Q^2 < 1$ GeV^2

  - $6 < E_T^\gamma < 15$ GeV

  - $-0.7 < \eta^\gamma < 0.9$

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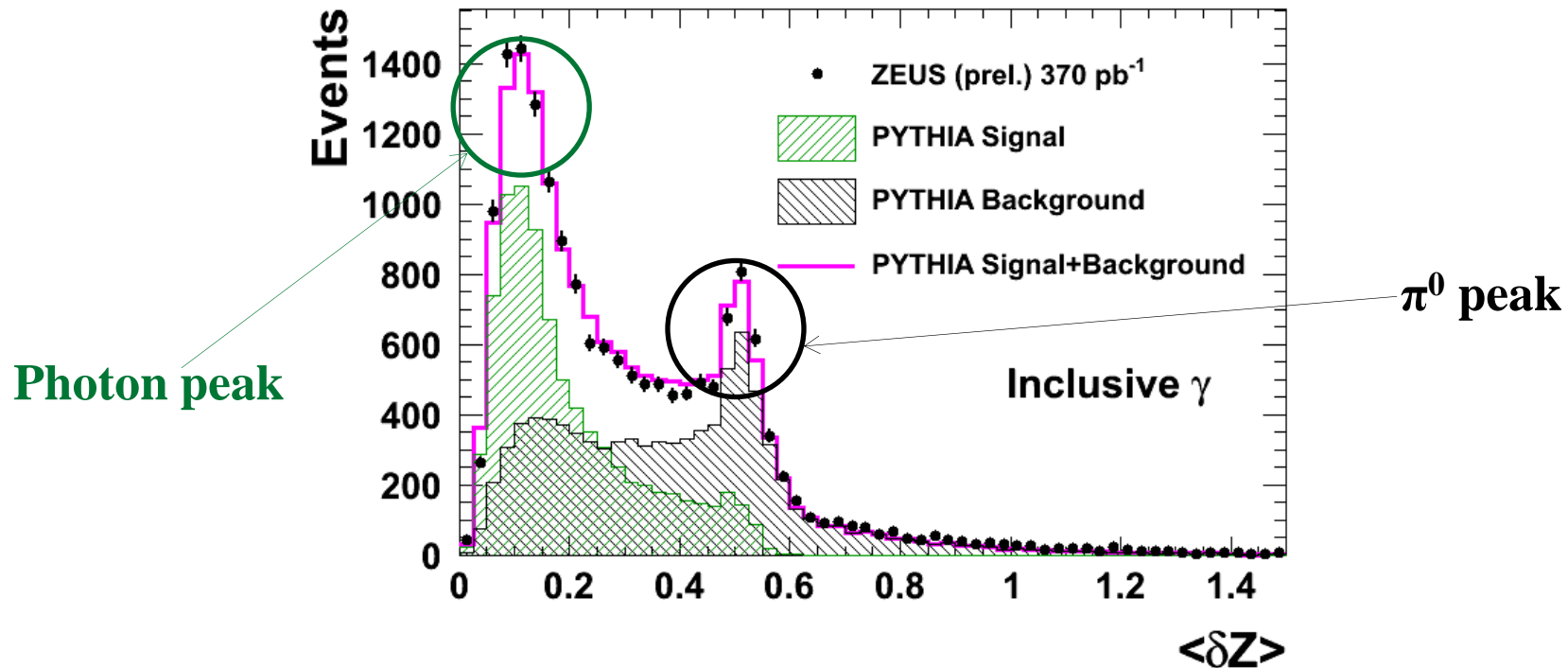
  - No tracks in cone 0.2 about γ

- **Accompanying jet:**

  - $4 < E_T^{\text{jet}} < 35$ GeV

  - $-1.5 < \eta^{\text{jet}} < 1.8$

Accompanying hadronic jet

Z axis

27.5 GeV electrons (positrons)

920 GeV protons
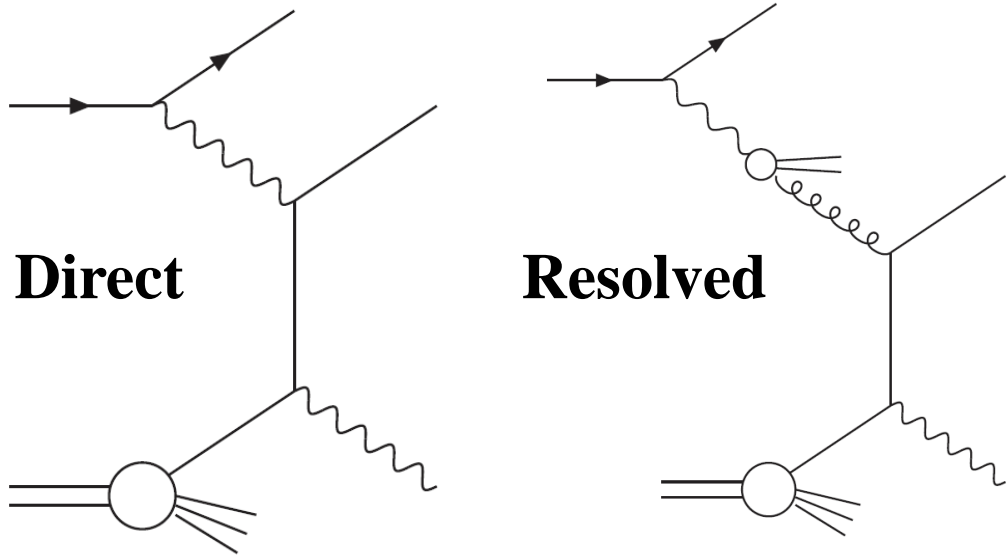
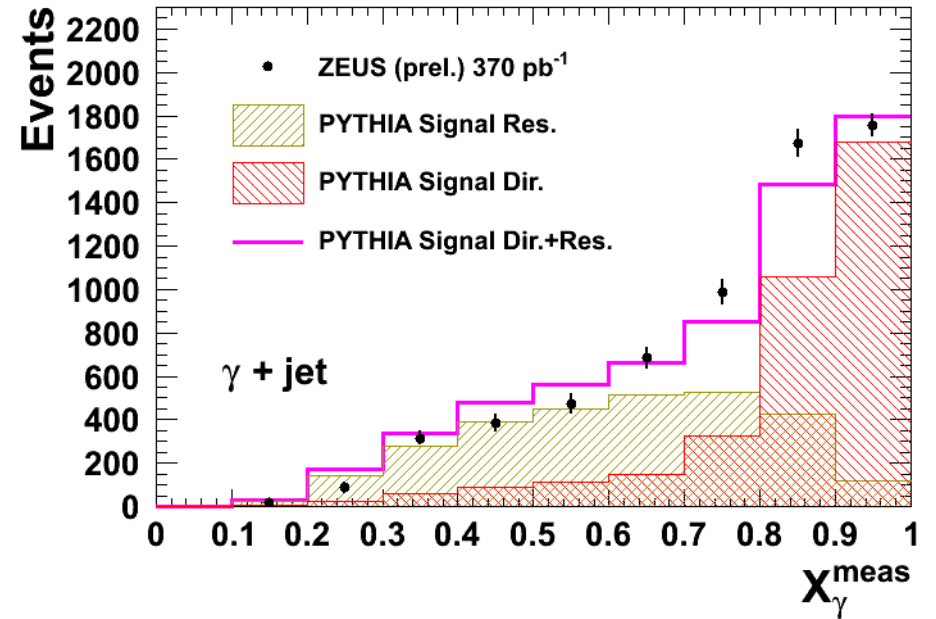**Isolated photon candidate**

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Photon identification

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

$$\langle\,\delta Z\,\rangle = \frac{\sum_i E_i |Z_i - Z_{cluster}|}{w_{cell}\sum_i E_i}$$

Definition of direct/resolved mix

Direct

Resolved

X_γ^{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.
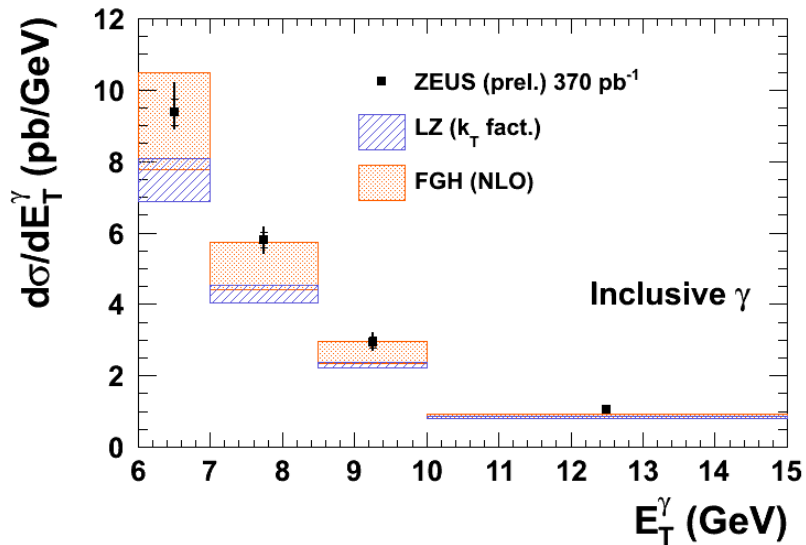
Theoretical predictions

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.
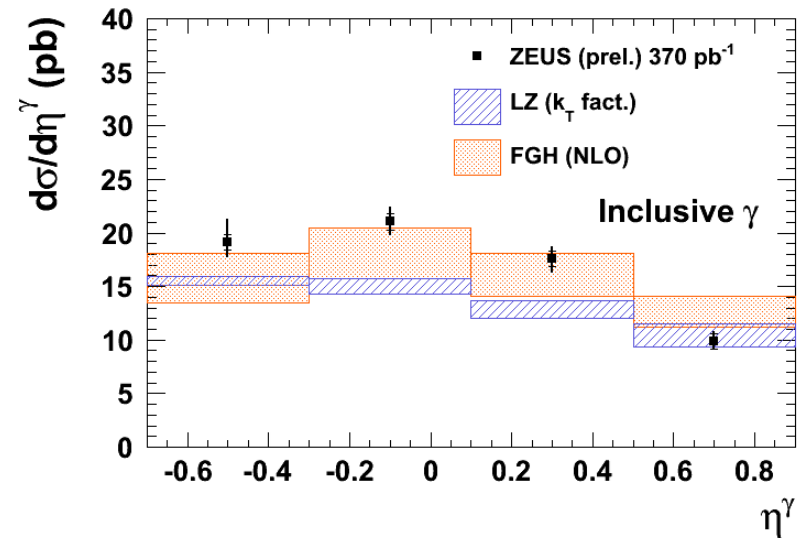
- Renormalisation scale gives an uncertainty.

- **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.
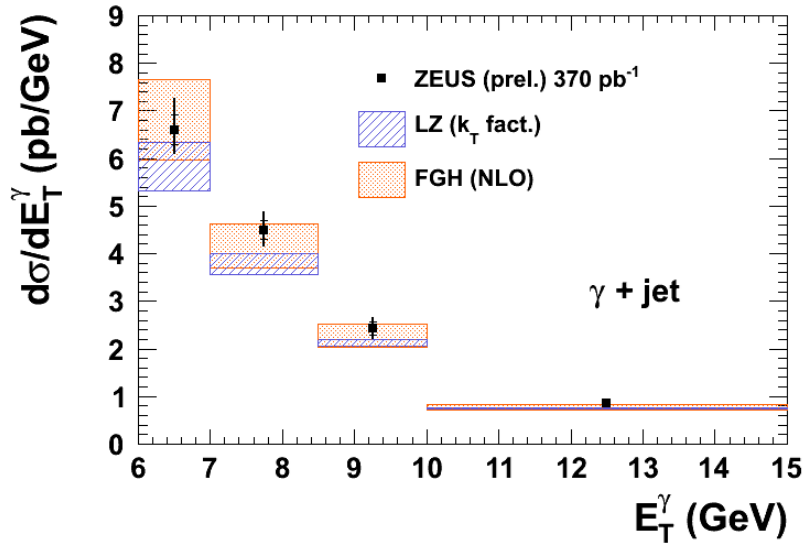
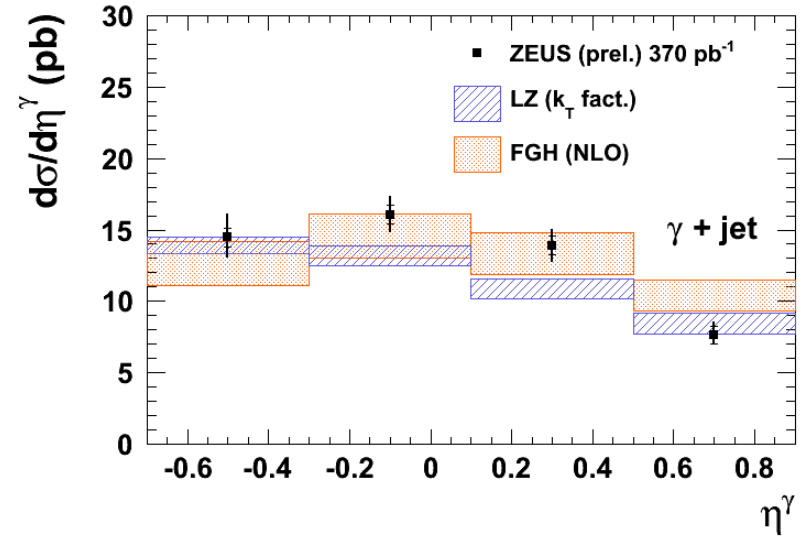# Inclusive photon cross sections

- 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.
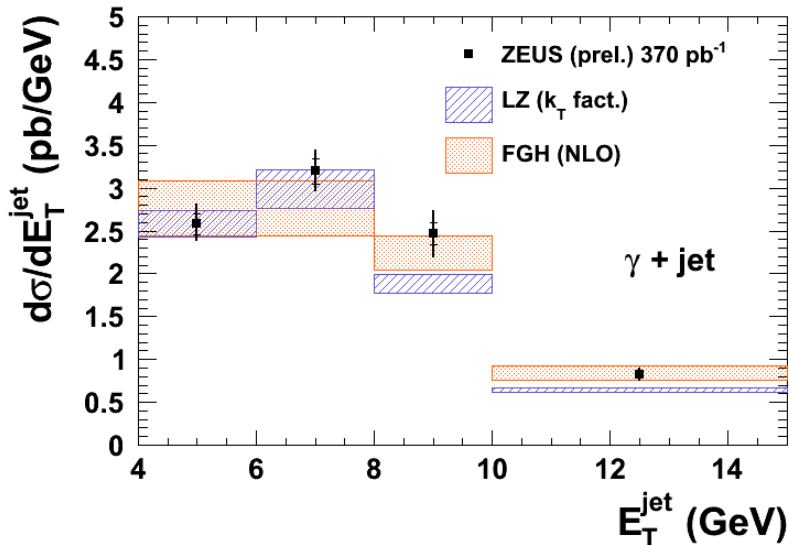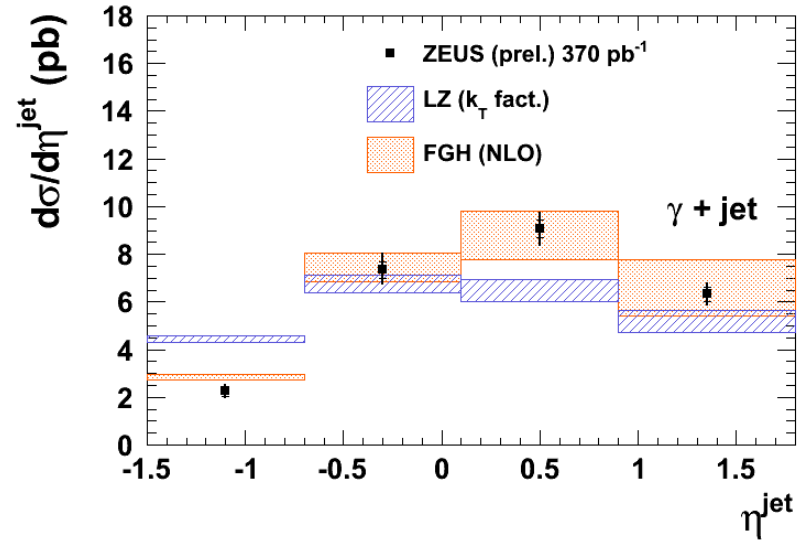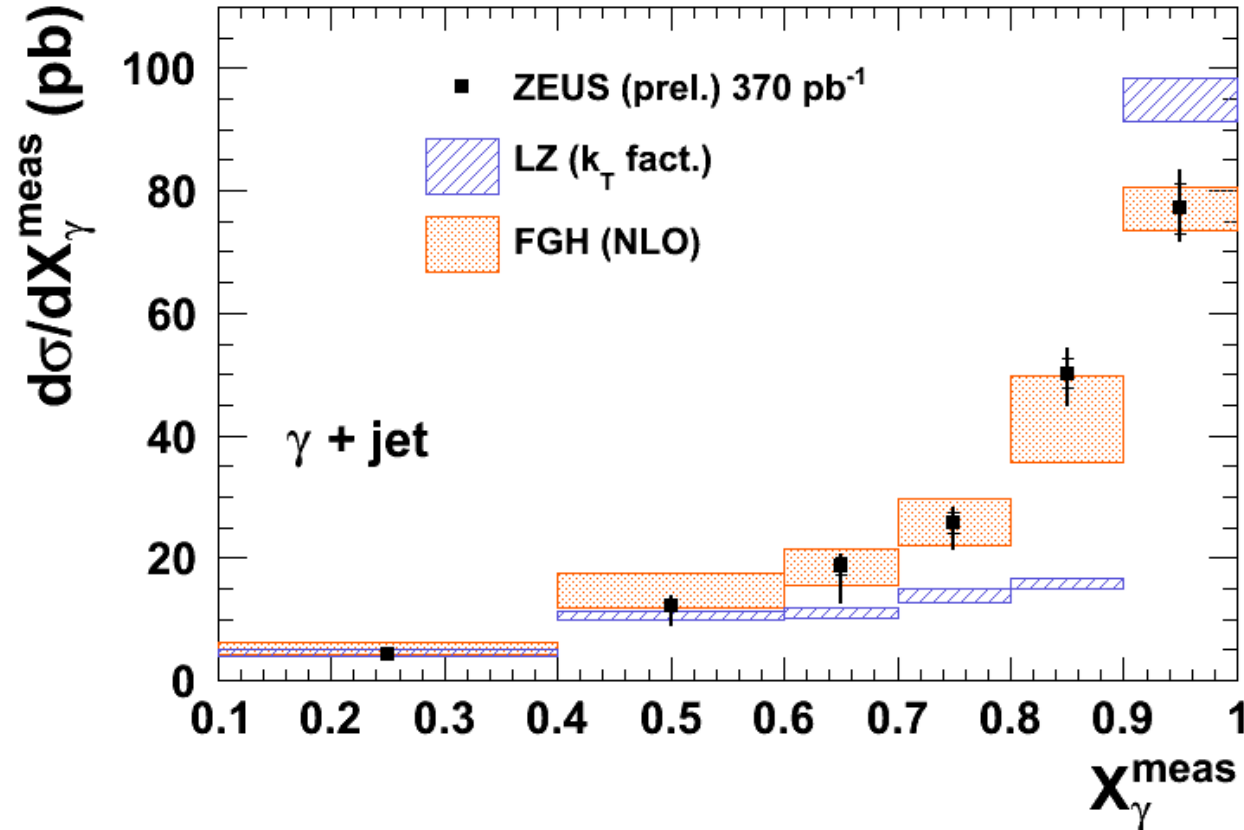
Cross sections for photon plus jet

- Within uncertainties FGH describes data better than LZ.

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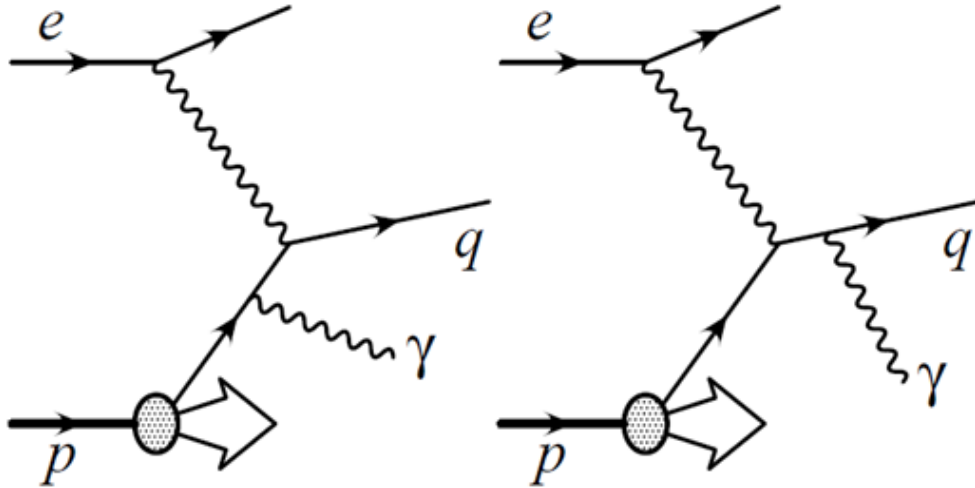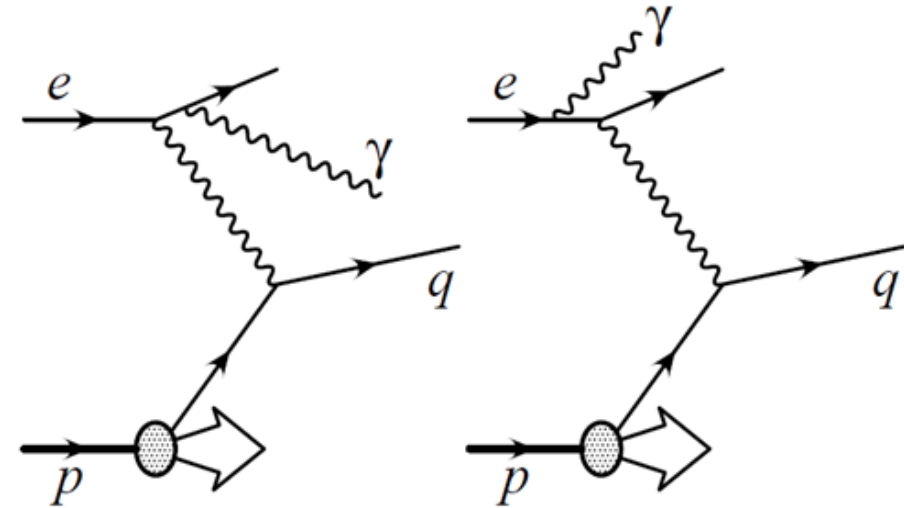## ZEUS

- Good description of full distribution by FGH.

Isolated photons plus jets in DIS

Isolated photons plus jets in DIS

QQ   **LL**

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$^{\text{"jet"}}$
- No tracks in cone 0.2 about γ

- **Electron:**
  - E$'_{\text{elec}} > 10$ GeV
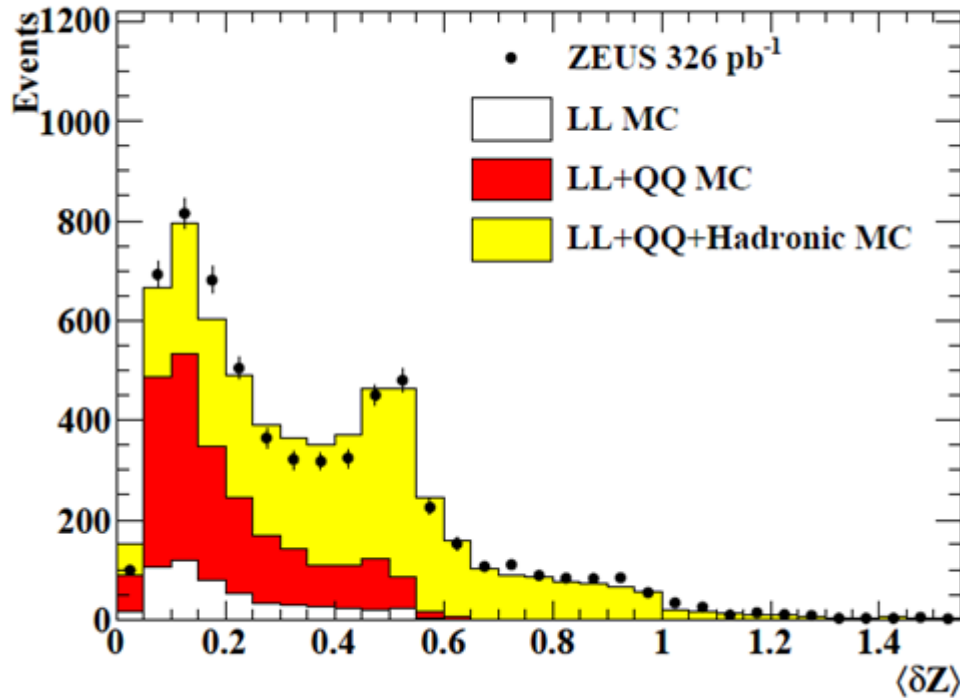 - $140 < \theta_{\text{elec}} < 180^{\circ}$

- **Photon:**
  - $10 < Q^2 < 350$ GeV^2
  - $4 < E_T^{\gamma} < 15$ GeV
  - $-0.7 < \eta^{\gamma} < 0.9$

- **Accompanying jet:**
  - E$_T^{\text{jet}} > 2.5$ GeV
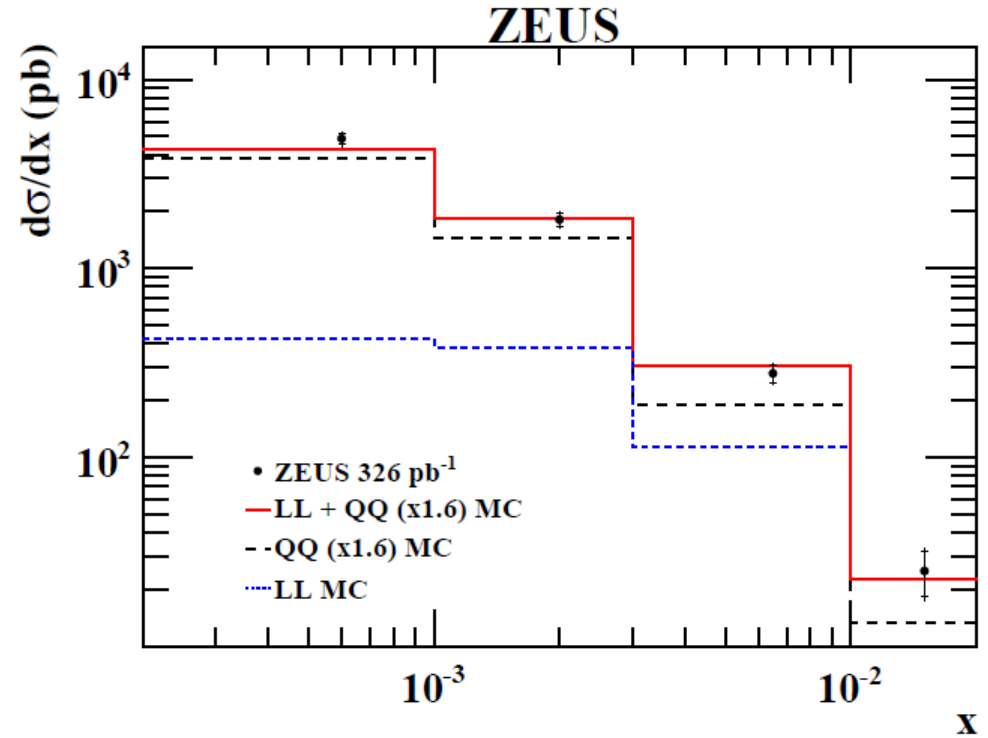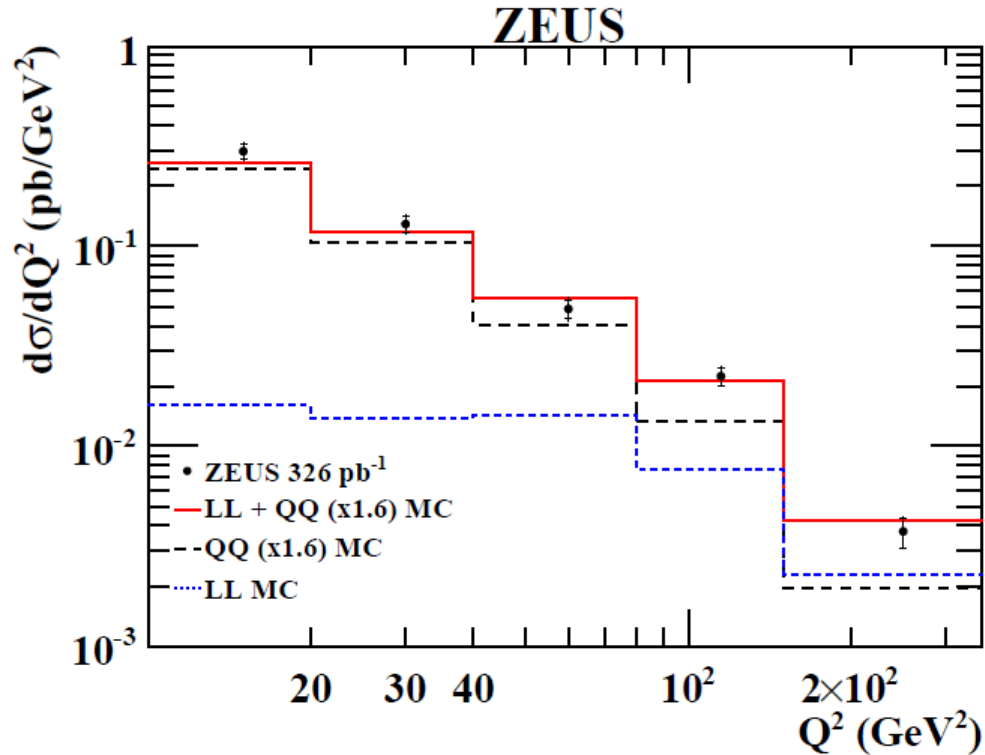 - $-1.5 < \eta^{\text{jet}} < 1.8$

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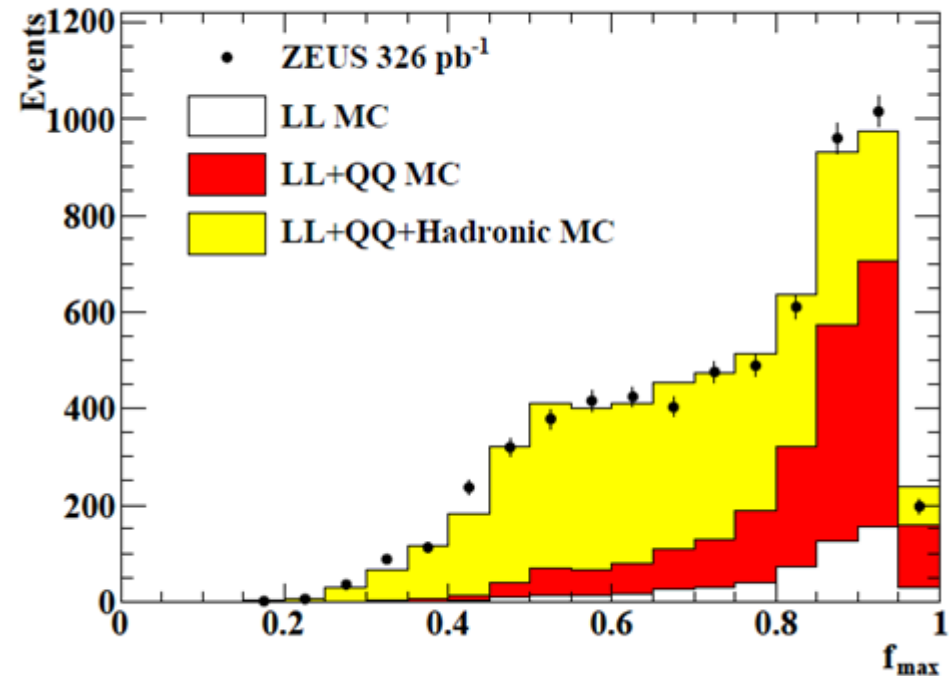
$\langle\delta Z\rangle$ = weighted mean width of the electromagnetic cluster in the Z direction

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

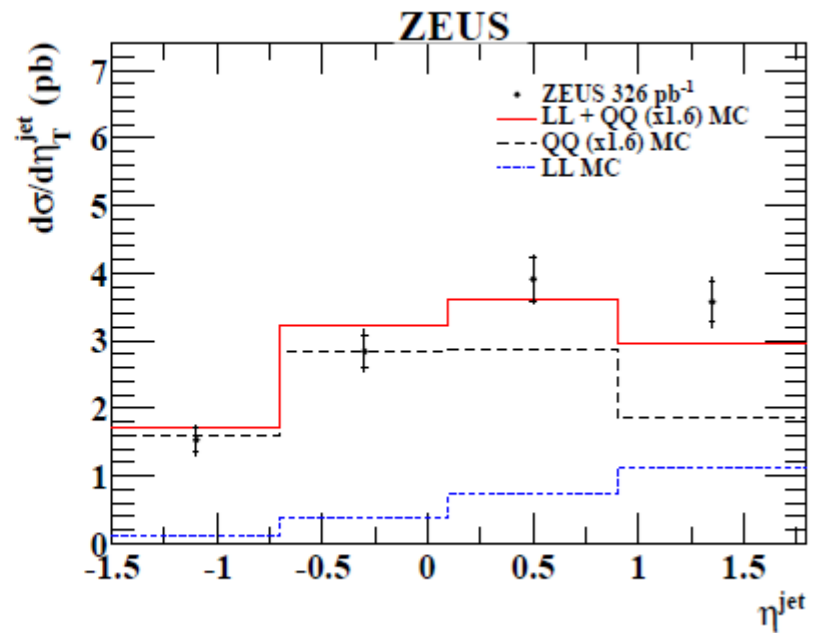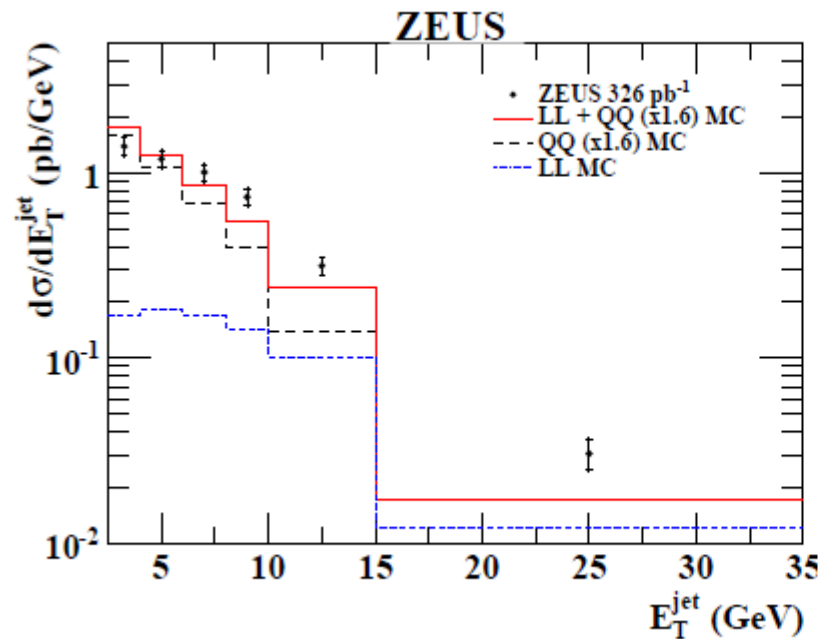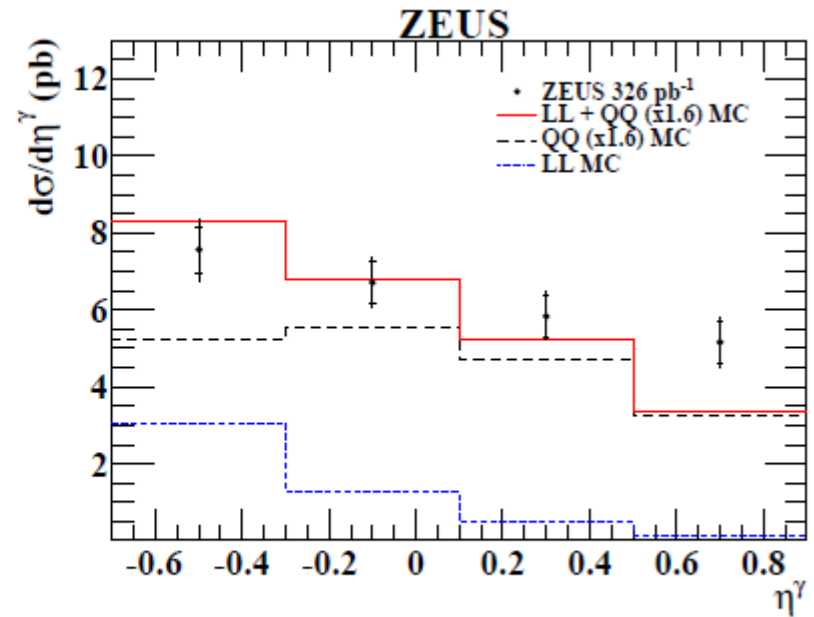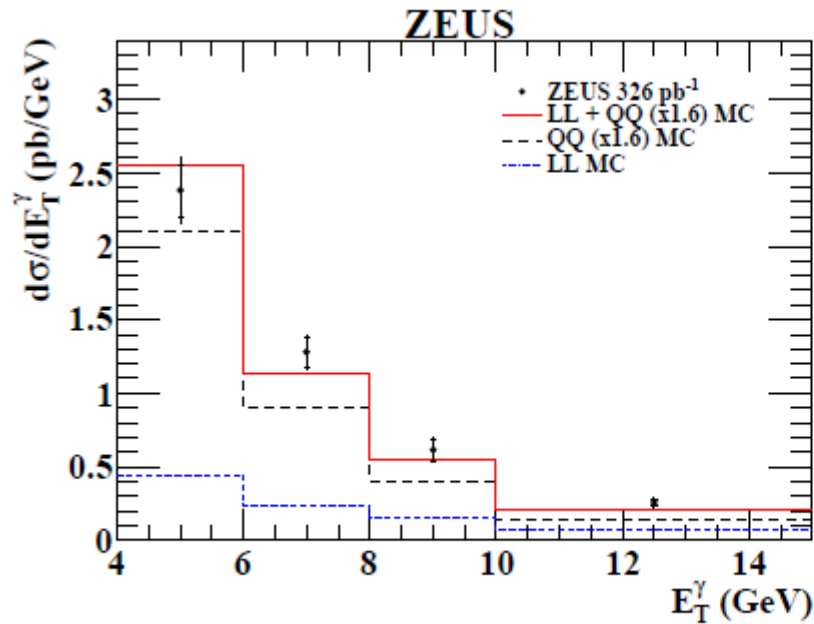Results were consistent with $\langle dZ\rangle$ method

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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

Theoretical predictions

Comparison made to predictions by

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

- LO (α^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 $eq^* \rightarrow e\gamma q$

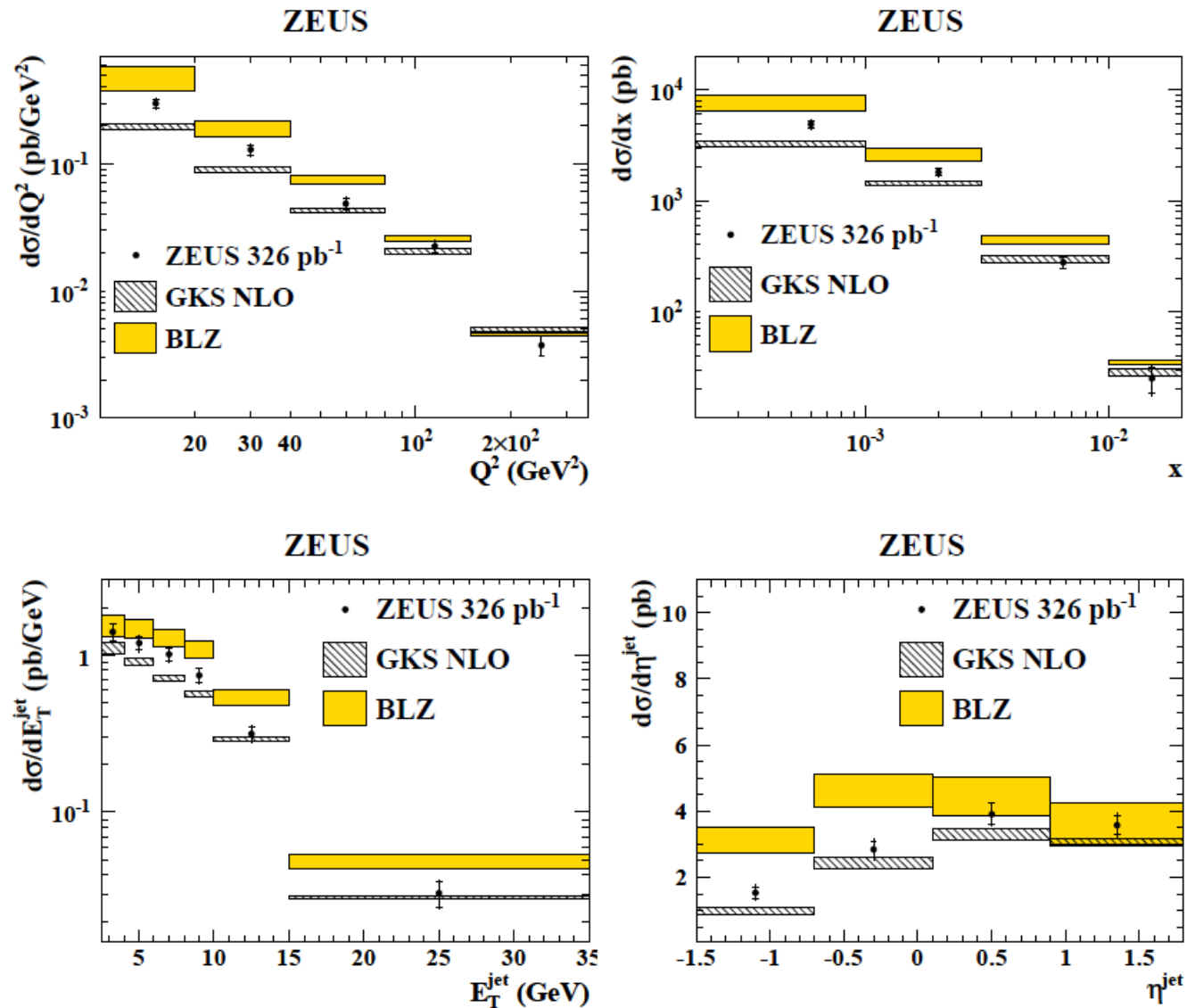- unintegrated proton parton densities are used

Cross sections for DIS photon plus jet
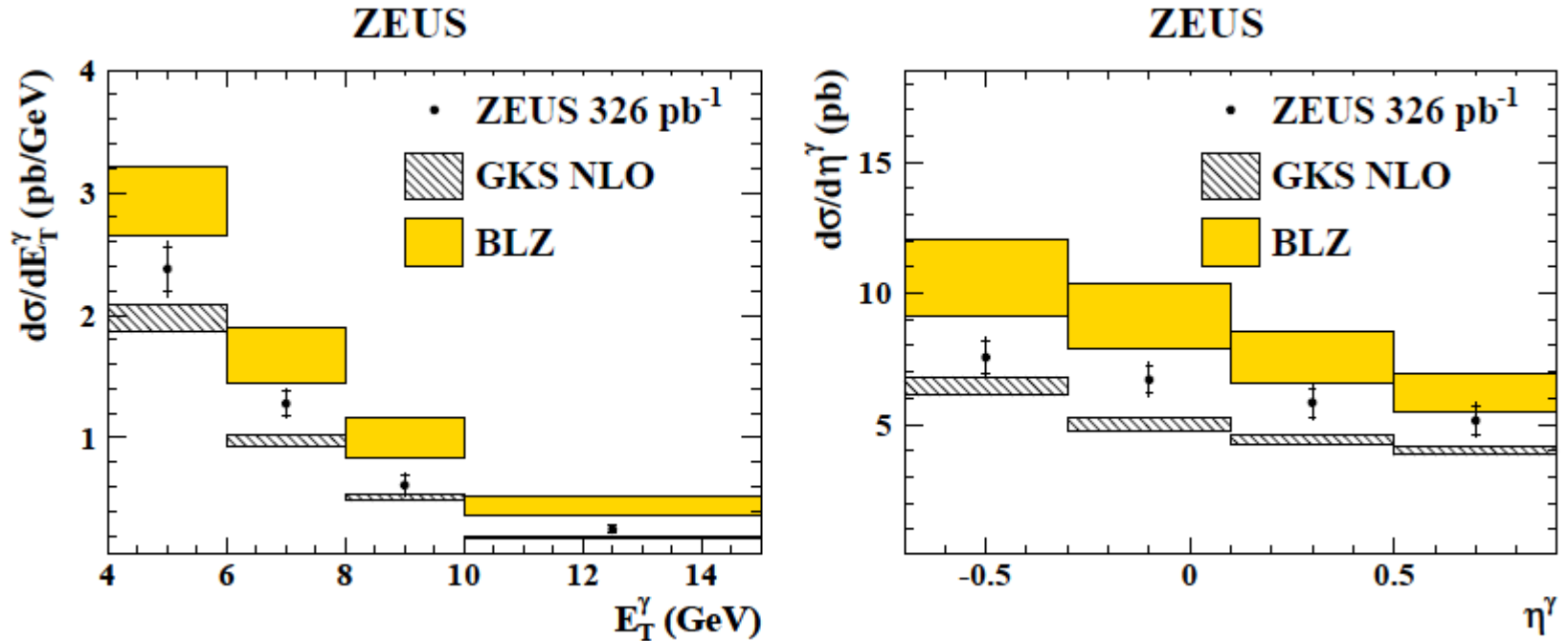
Theoretical uncertainties due to factorisation and renormalisation scales, varied by factor 2 up and down

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.
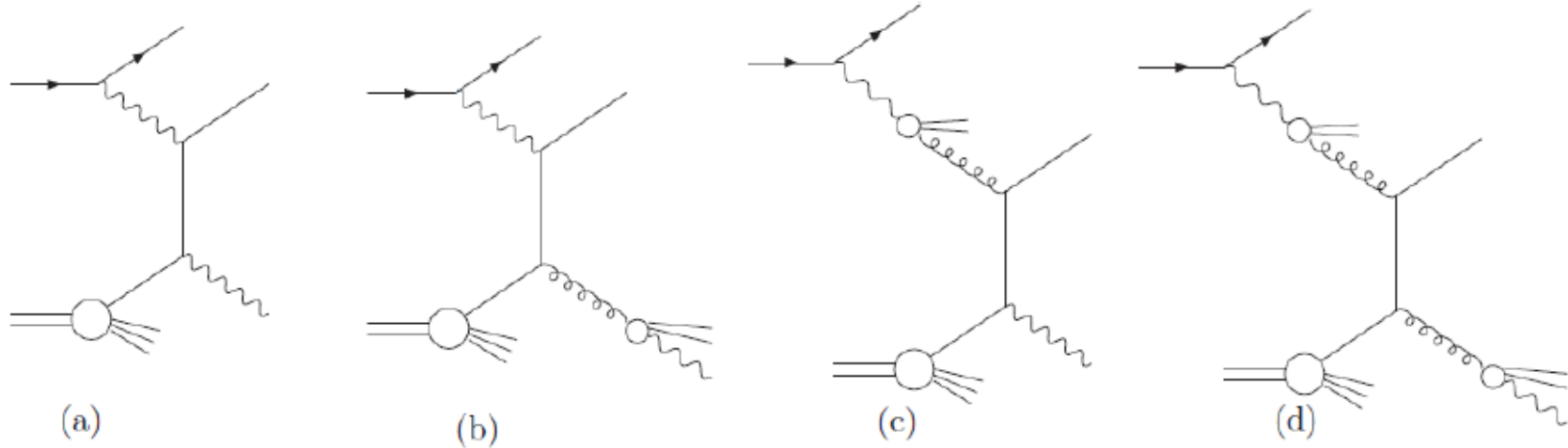
Photoproduction:

- 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.

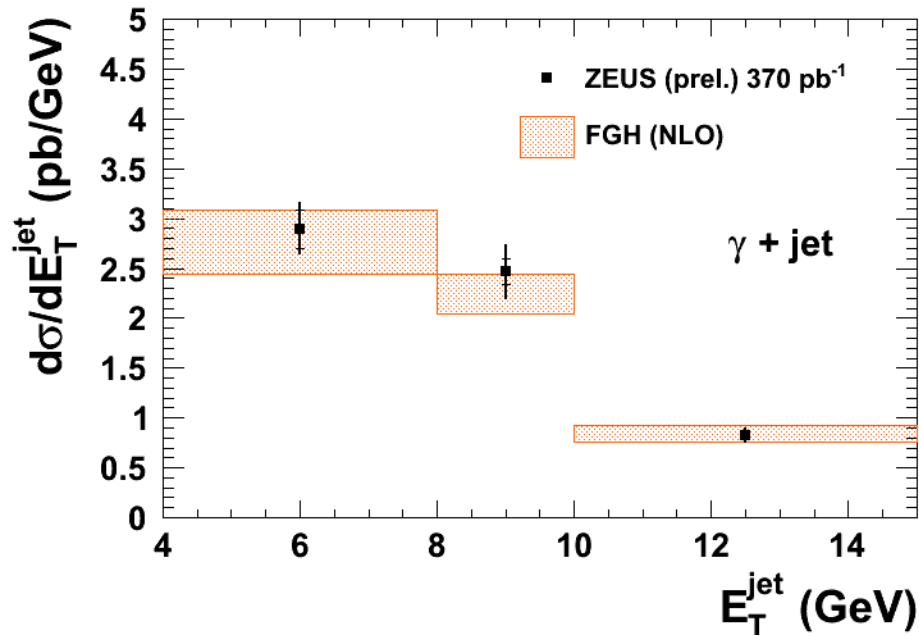- Hopefully, results can be utilised to constrain PDF.

Backup slides

Isolated photons in photoproduction
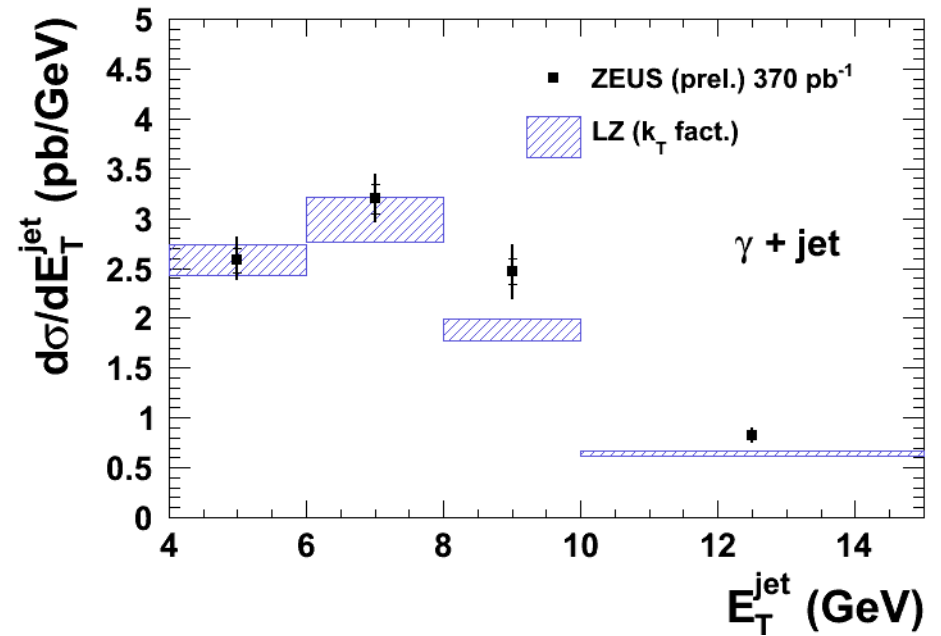

(a)   (b)   (c)   (d)

(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

Comparison with FGH and LZ plotted separately.
To compare with FGH first two bins in experimental data are combined.