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# Prompt Photon Production in $\gamma p$ , $e p$ and hadronic collisions

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# Overview

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- Introduction
- Photoproduction of prompt photons (+jet)
- Prompt photons in DIS
- Diphoton production in hadronic collisions
- Photon (+jet) production in hadronic collisions (Tevatron, RHIC, LHC)
- Summary and outlook
- **not covered:** final states without photons (single-inclusive jet, dijets, mesons, quarkonia, . . . )

# Introduction

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- **Photons** are of major importance in particle physics
- "dual nature" :
  - pointlike particle described by QED
  - hadronic structure
    - ⇒ photon structure- and fragmentation functions
- ideal to study QCD (→ gluon pdfs ... )
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  discovery channel for light Higgs
- important in New Physics searches  
(e.g. decay of SUSY particles or excited states)
- ...

# Photoproduction of prompt photons

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high energy  $ep$  scattering at HERA dominated by photoproduction processes:

electron scattered at small angles  $\Rightarrow$  quasi-real photon interacts with proton

spectrum of quasi-real photons:

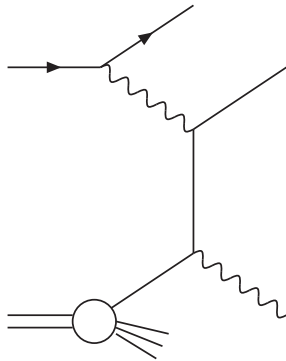
Weizsäcker-Williams approximation

$$f_{\gamma/e}(y) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{1 + (1-y)^2}{y} \text{Log} \frac{Q_{\text{max}}^2 (1-y)}{m_e^2 y^2} - \frac{2(1-y)}{y} \right\}$$

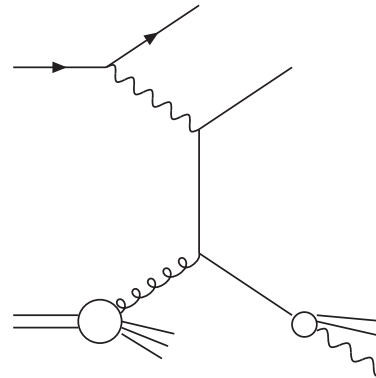
photoproduction:  $Q_{\text{max}}^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

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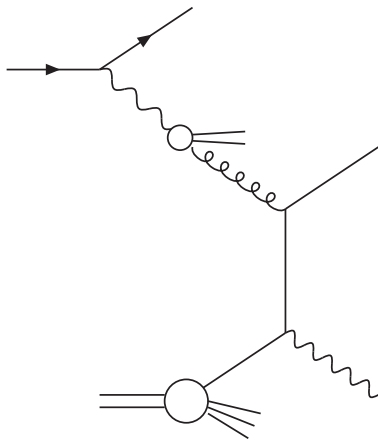
four categories of subprocesses:



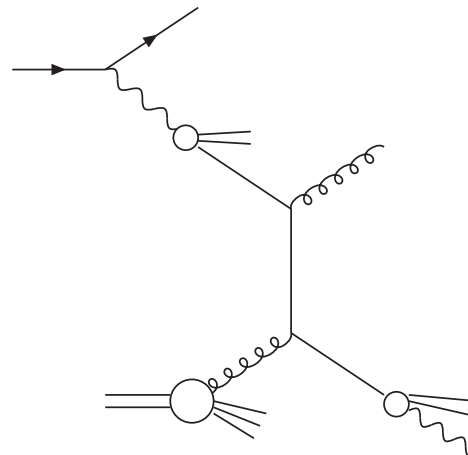
direct-direct



direct-fragmentation



resolved-direct



resolved-fragmentation

# collinear factorisation

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$$d\sigma^{AB \rightarrow \gamma j}(P_A, P_B, P_\gamma, P_j) =$$
$$\sum_{a,b,c} \int dx_a \int dx_b F_{a/A}(x_a, M) F_{b/B}(x_b, M)$$
$$\left\{ d\hat{\sigma}^{\text{dir}} + d\hat{\sigma}^{\text{frag}} \right\}$$

$$d\hat{\sigma}^{\text{dir}} = d\hat{\sigma}^{ab \rightarrow \gamma j}(x_a, x_b, P_\gamma, P_j, \mu, M, M_F)$$

$$d\hat{\sigma}^{\text{frag}} = \int dz D_{\gamma/c}(z, M_F)$$

$$d\hat{\sigma}^{ab \rightarrow c j}(x_a, x_b, P_\gamma/z, P_j, \mu, M, M_F)$$

$M/M_F$  initial/final state factorisation scales,  $\mu$  renormalisation scale

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# Photoproduction

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- **resolved** photon ( $a = \text{quark, gluon}$ ):

$$F_{a/e}(x, M) = \int dx^\gamma \int dy \delta(x^\gamma y - x) f_{\gamma/e}(y) F_{a/\gamma}(x^\gamma, M)$$

$F_{a/\gamma}(x^\gamma, M)$ : parton distributions in the photon

- **direct** photon ( $a = \gamma$ ):  $F_{a/e}(x, M) = f_{\gamma/e}(x)$ ,  $x^\gamma = 1$

possibility to "switch on/off" resolved photon by suppressing/enhancing large  $x^\gamma$

$$x_{obs}^\gamma = \frac{p_T^\gamma e^{-\eta^\gamma} + p_T^{jet} e^{-\eta^{jet}}}{2E\gamma}$$

# Photon isolation

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to single out prompt photon events from **background** of secondary photons produced by decays of  $\pi^0, \eta, \omega$  mesons:

**impose isolation cuts**

commonly used **isolation criterion**:

inside a cone around the photon

$$(\eta - \eta_\gamma)^2 + (\phi - \phi_\gamma)^2 \leq R_{exp}^2 : \quad E_T^{had} \leq E_{Tmax}$$

$E_{Tmax}, R_{exp}$  fixed by experiment

e.g.  $E_{Tmax} = \epsilon p_T^\gamma$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.1$ ,  $R_{exp} = 1$

isolation also reduces the fragmentation component

**correspondence between theo. and exp. isolation delicate**

(e.g. due to hadronic activity from underlying event in isolation cone)



# Theoretical (parton level) programs beyond LO

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photoproduction only !

- Baer, Ohnemus, Owens 1990 (NLL only)
- Aurenche, Chiappetta, Fontannaz, Guillet, Pilon 1992  
(inclusive only)
- Gordon, Storrow 1994 (inclusive only)
- Gordon, Vogelsang 1995 (isolated  $\gamma$  in collinear approximation)
- Gordon 1998 ( $\gamma$ +jet)  
(isolated  $\gamma$  in collinear approximation)
- Krawczyk, Zembrzuski 2001, 2003 ( $\gamma$  incl,  $\gamma$ +jet)  
(fragmentation not at NLO)
- Fontannaz, Guillet, GH 2001 ( $\gamma$  incl,  $\gamma$ +jet)  
**EPHOX**: partonic Monte Carlo program

# PHOX programs

## The PHOX Family

NLO Monte Carlo programs (**partonic** event generators) to calculate cross sections for the production of large- $p_T$  **photons, hadrons and jets**

[http://wwwlapp.in2p3.fr/lapth/PHOX\\_FAMILY/main.html](http://wwwlapp.in2p3.fr/lapth/PHOX_FAMILY/main.html)

P. Aurenche, T. Binoth, M. Fontannaz, J.Ph. Guillet, GH,  
E. Pilon, M. Werlen

### ● DIPHOX

$$h_1 h_2 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma + X, \quad h_1 h_2 \rightarrow \gamma h_3 + X, \quad h_1 h_2 \rightarrow h_3 h_4 + X$$

### ● JETPHOX

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### ● EPHOX

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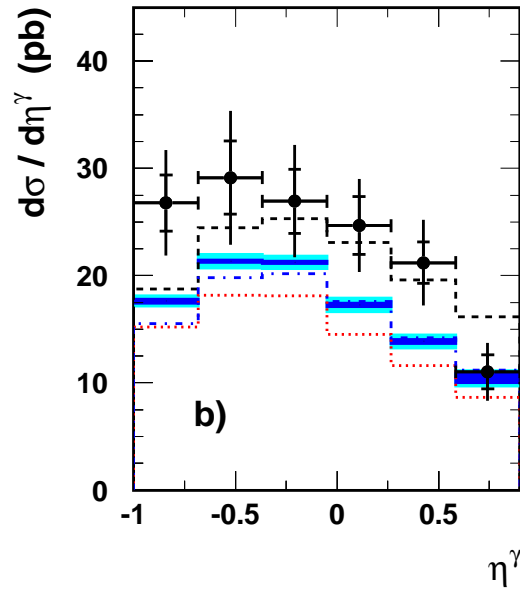
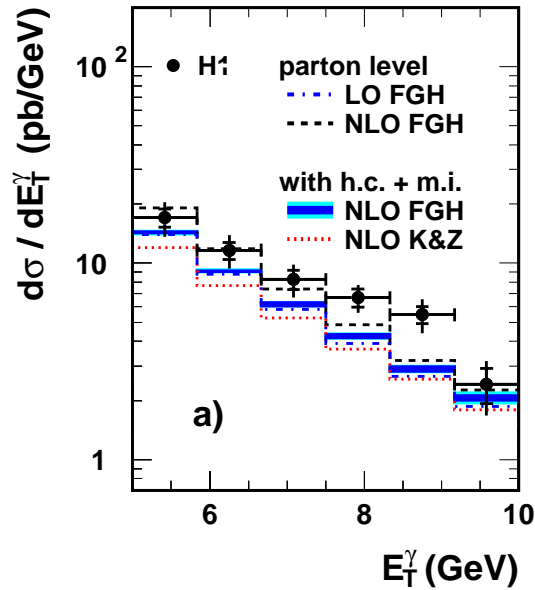
### ● TWINPHOX

$$\gamma \gamma \rightarrow \gamma \text{jet} + X, \quad \gamma \gamma \rightarrow \gamma + X$$



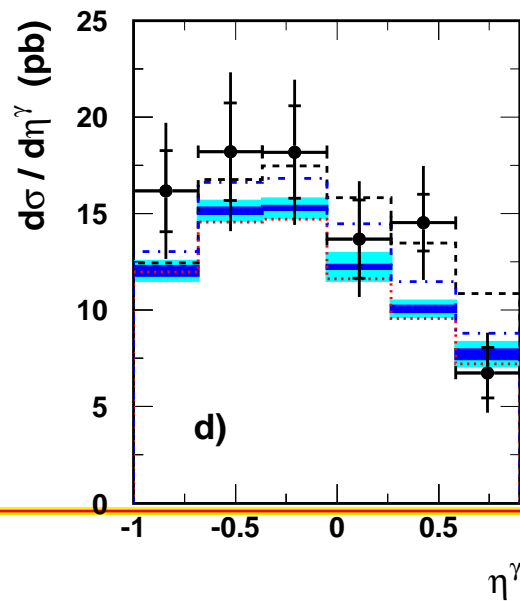
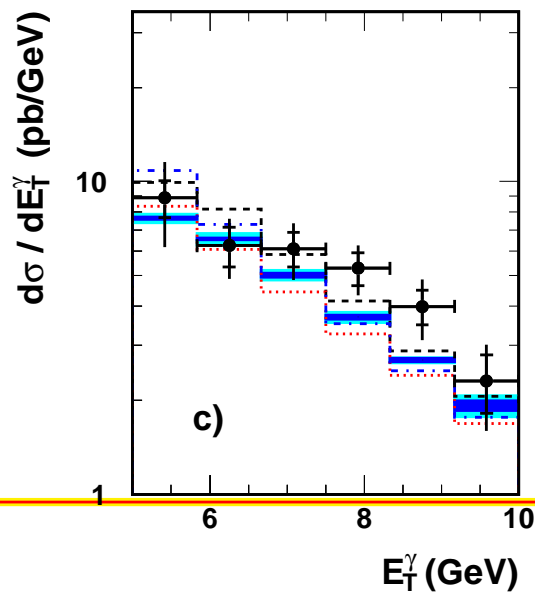
# Photoproduction of inclusive $\gamma$ and $\gamma + \text{jet}$ : H1

Inclusive prompt photon

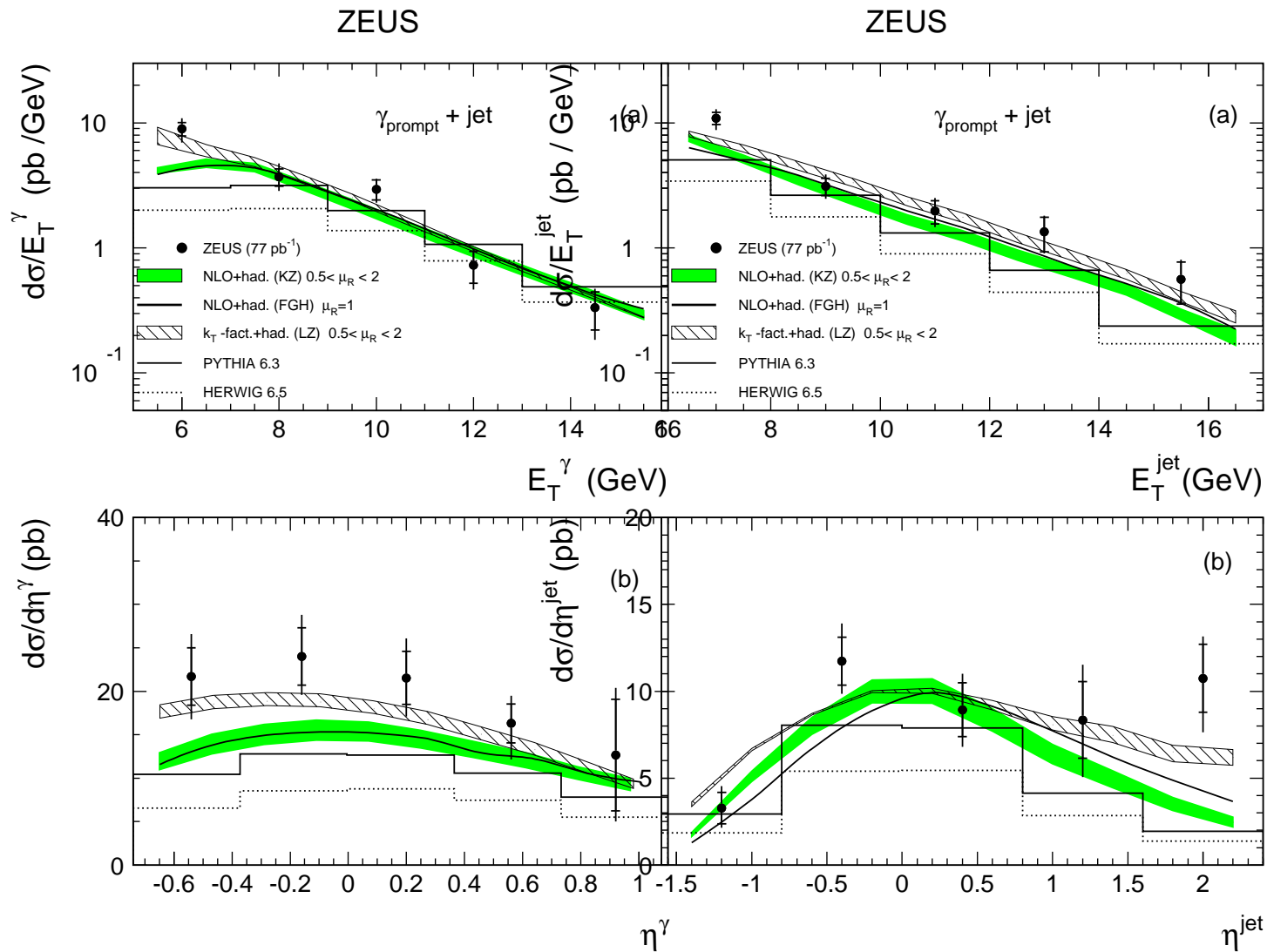


H1 (A. Aktas et al.) '05

Prompt photon + jet



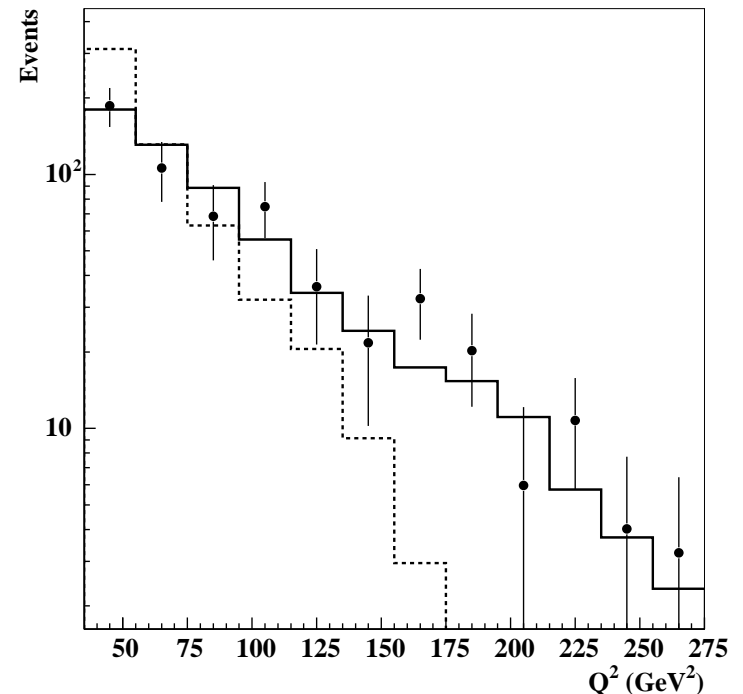
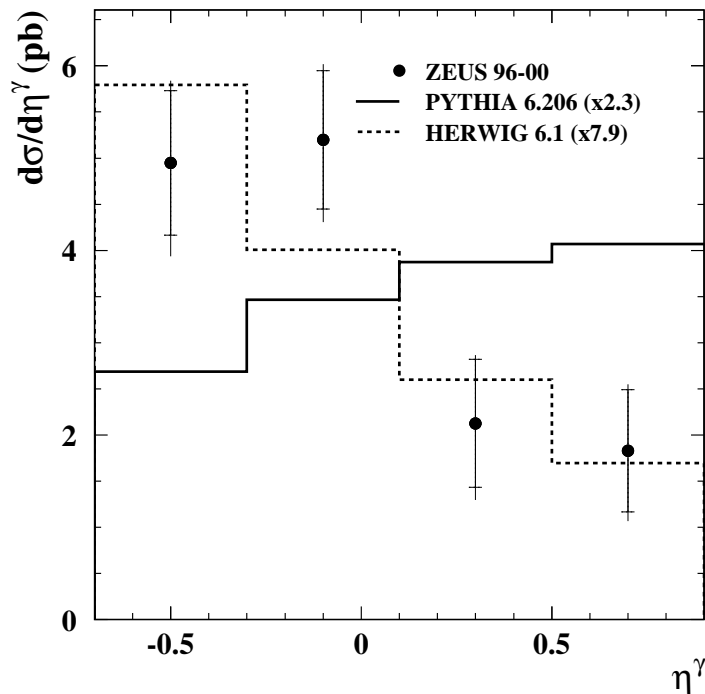
# Photoproduction of $\gamma + \text{jet}$ : ZEUS



ZEUS (S. Chekanov et al.) '07

# Prompt photons in DIS

- recent **ZEUS** data [Chekanov et al. '04](#)
- **$\gamma$ +jet**: fair agreement with NLO theory [Gehrmann-De Ridder, Kramer, Spiesberger 2000](#)
- **inclusive  $\gamma$** : disagreement with PYTHIA 6.206 ( $\eta^\gamma$  distribution) and HERWIG 6.1 (too soft  $Q^2$  distribution) both in normalisation and shape



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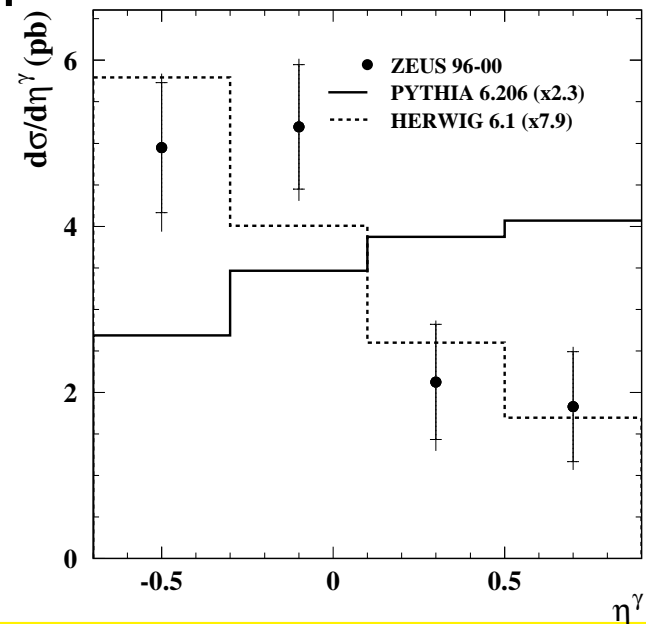
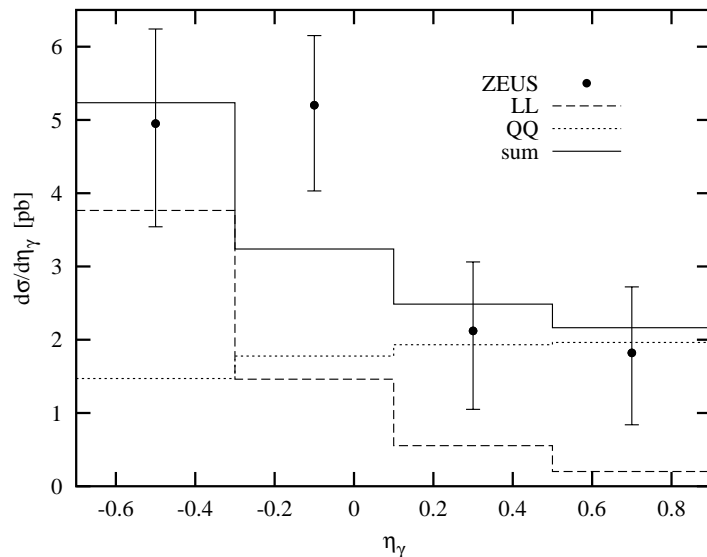
partonic subprocess (LO):  $q + l \rightarrow \gamma + q + l$

photon radiation: off quarks (QQ), off leptons (LL) or interference (QL) (small)

result of partonic calculation: (large angle rad. + frag. photons)

A. Gehrmann-De Ridder, T. Gehrmann, E. Poulsen 2006

- QQ and LL each contribute  $\sim 50\%$ , shapes quite different
- QQ shape PYTHIA-like, LL shape HERWIG-like



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# Prompt photon production in hadronic collisions

- background to  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and New Physics
- access to gluon pdfs (LO:  $qg \rightarrow q\gamma$ )
- free from systematic errors related to jet identification/calibration
- lower  $p_T$  range accessible
- ...

# Diphoton production in hadronic collisions

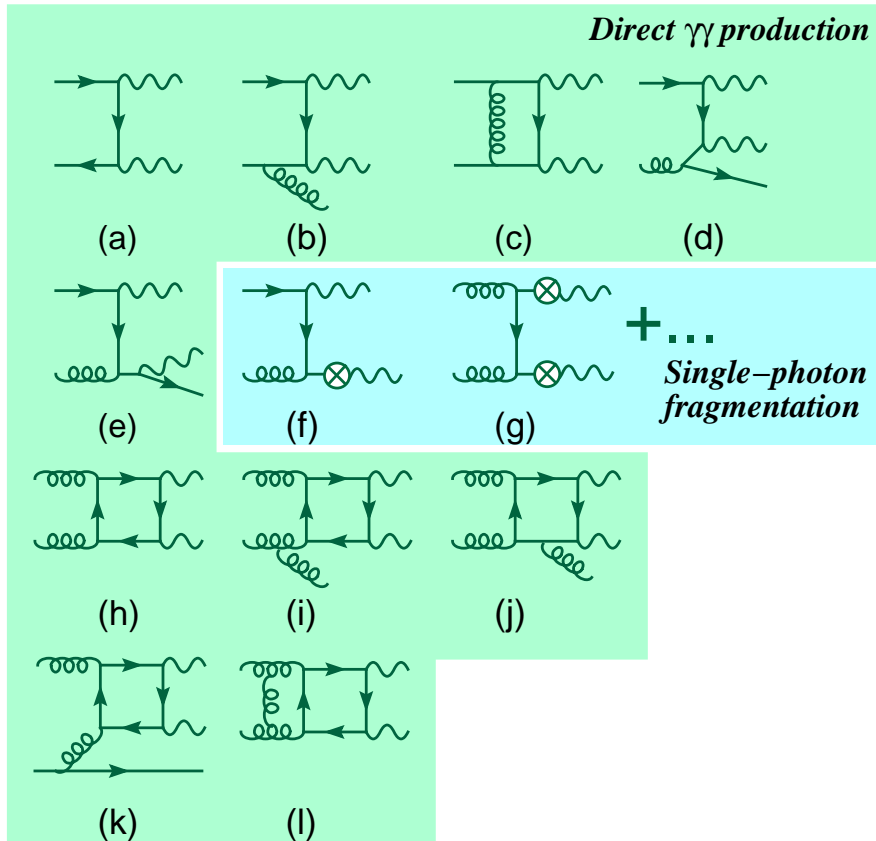
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available codes:

- **DIPHOX** Binoth, Fontannaz, Guillet, Pilon, Werlen 2000
  - inclusion of **fragmentation** components fully at **NLO**
- **RESBOS** Balazs, Berger, Mrenna, Nadolsky, Schmidt, Yuan 1998, 2000  
**update 2007:** Balazs, Berger, Nadolsky, Yuan
  - NNLL resummation of initial-state singularities at small  $q_T$
  - inclusion of NLO  $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  diagrams Bern, Dixon, Schmidt 02
  - approximation for fragmentation contributions



# Diphoton production in hadronic collisions



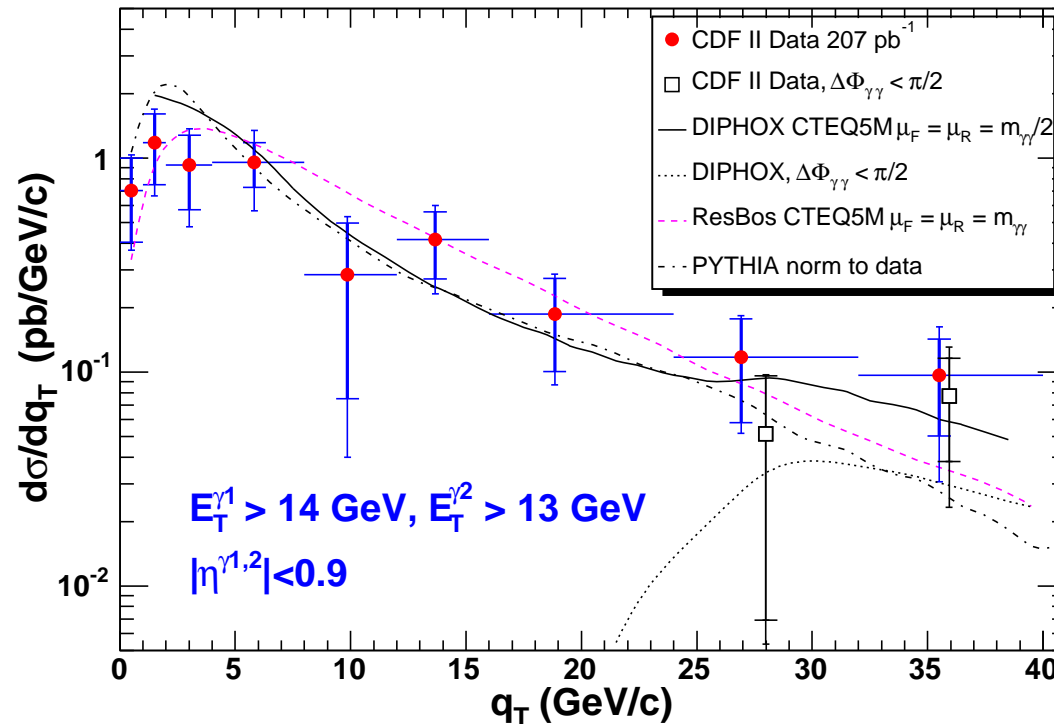
(f),(g): absent in **RESBOS**

(i),(j),(k),(l): absent in **DIPHOX**

# $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at CDF, $q_T$ distribution

CDF 05

— DIPHOX  
 ..... PYTHIA  
 - - - RESBOS



isolation cuts:  $E_{T,\max}^{had} = 1 \text{ GeV}, R = 0.4$

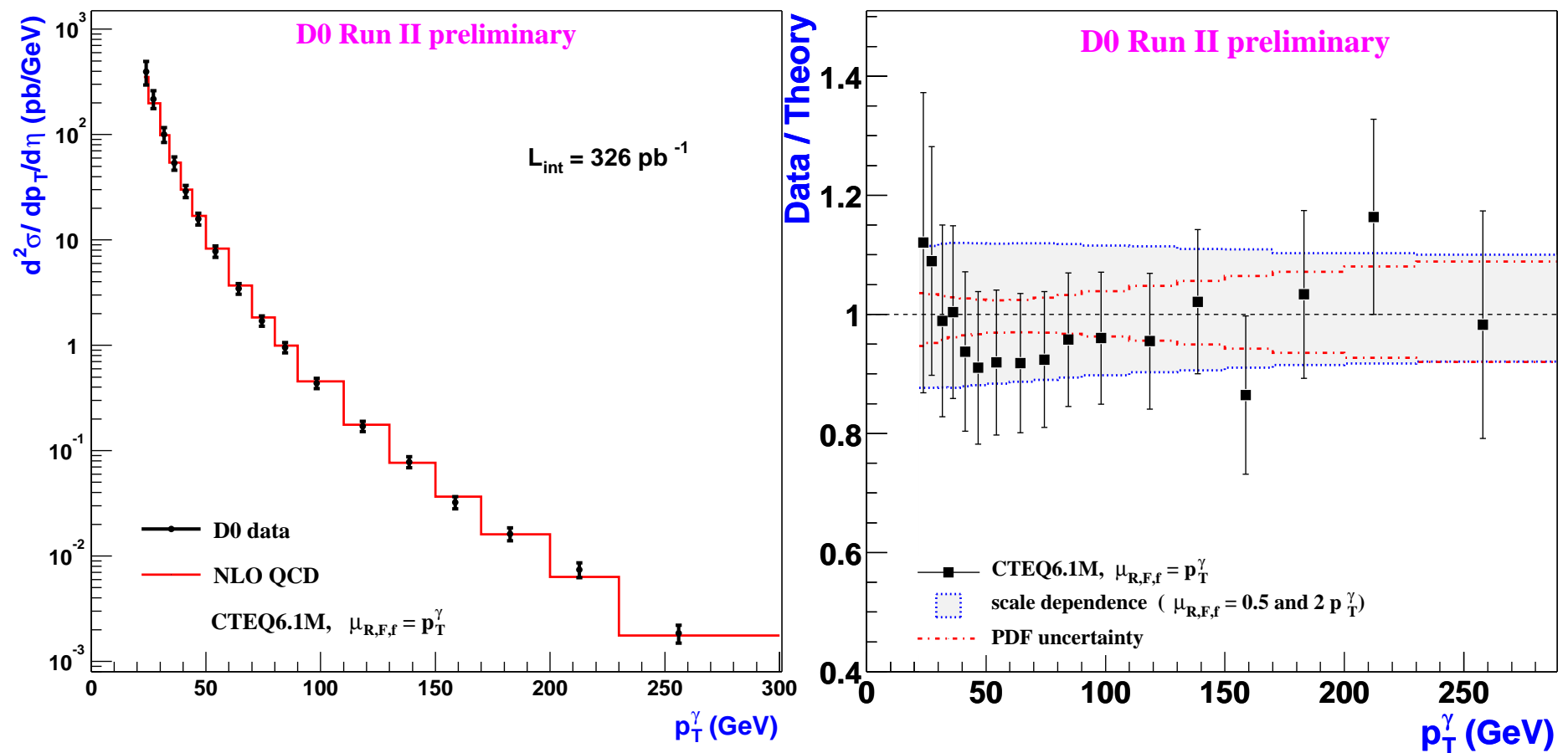
anti-collinearity cuts:  $(\eta_{\gamma 1} - \eta_{\gamma 2})^2 + (\Delta\phi_{\gamma\gamma})^2 \geq R_{\min}^2, R_{\min} = 0.3$

**bump interpretation:**

interplay between collinear enhancement of NLO

fragmentation component and anti-collinearity cut

# Inclusive prompt photon production: Tevatron



$$23 \text{ GeV} \leq p_T^\gamma \leq 300 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\eta^\gamma| < 0.9$$

widest  $p_T^\gamma$  range ever!

# Prompt photon + jet production: D0

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measurement of  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet} + X$  for

$$30 \text{ GeV} \leq p_T^\gamma \leq 300 \text{ GeV} \quad (|\eta^\gamma| < 1, p_T^{\text{jet}} > 15 \text{ GeV})$$

$gq \rightarrow q\gamma$  dominates in wide kinematical range

division into 4 regions: ( $0 < \eta^\gamma < 1$ )

1.  $0 < \eta^{\text{jet}} < 0.8$
2.  $-0.8 < \eta^{\text{jet}} < 0$
3.  $1.5 < \eta^{\text{jet}} < 2.5$
4.  $-2.5 < \eta^{\text{jet}} < -1.5$

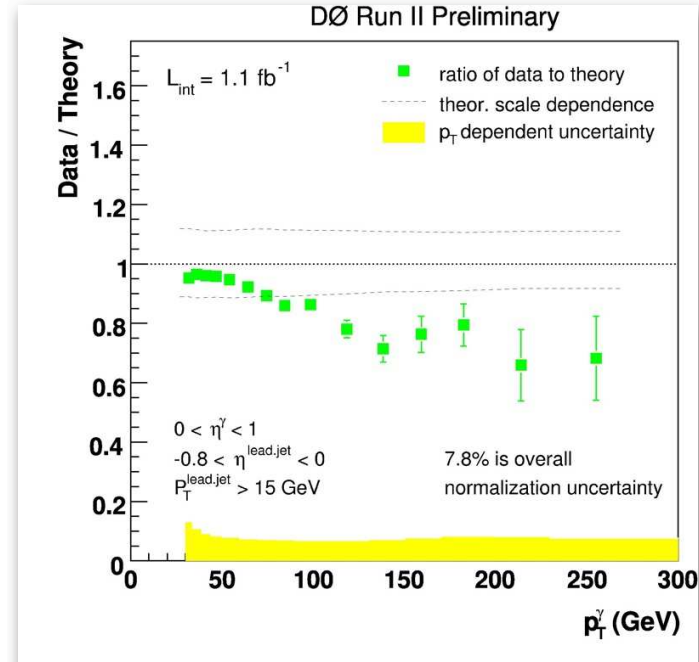
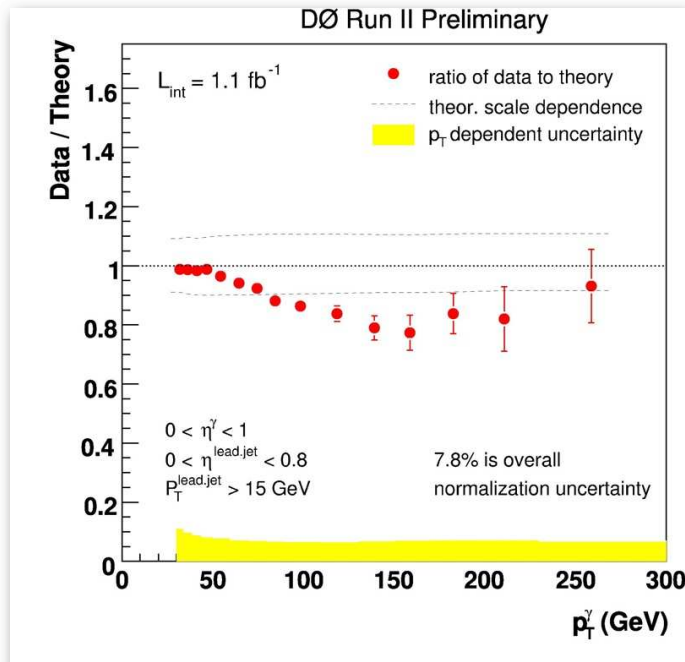
regions 3 & 4:  $x_{1/2} \gg x_{2/1}$

$$x_{1/2} \sim \frac{p_T^\gamma e^{\pm\eta^\gamma} + p_T^{\text{jet}} e^{\pm\eta^{\text{jet}}}}{\sqrt{s}}$$

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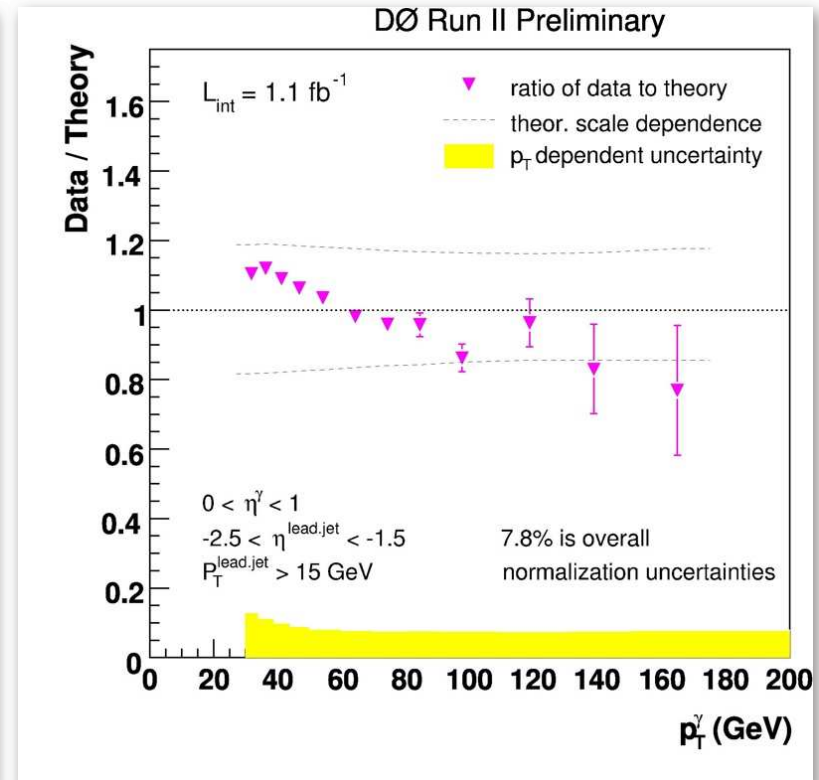
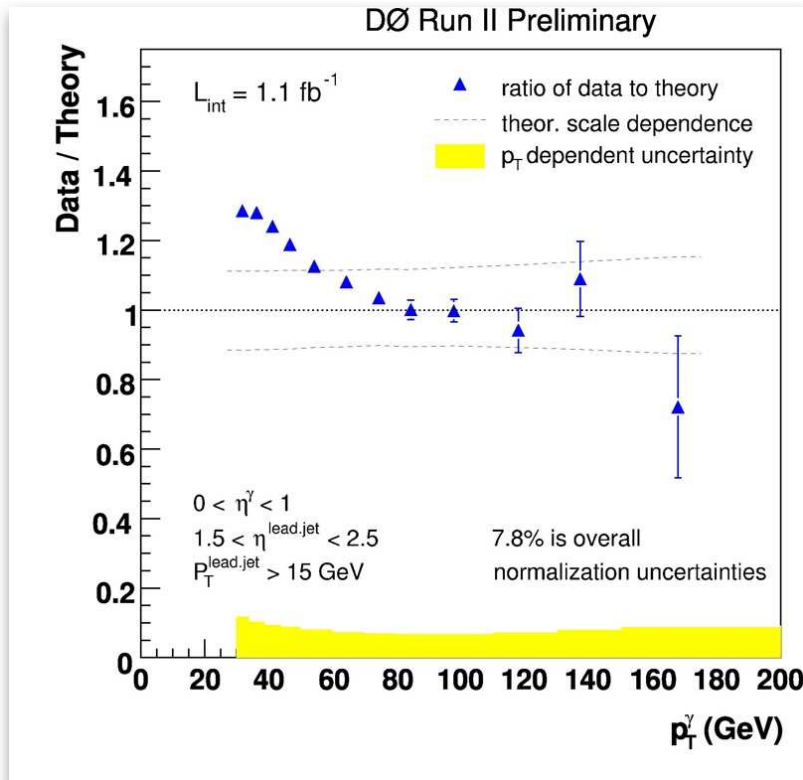


- shown here only statistical and correlated uncertainties
- the cross sections show deviation from the theory predictions for  $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$  for these two regions where jets are located in the central rapidity region
- shape of the data-to-theory above has the same structures as observed earlier in UA2, CDF, and D0 RunII (erratum is to be released soon) in inclusive photon measurements

# Prompt photon + jet production: D0



## Comparison with theory



- deviation is also seen for  $p_T < 50 \text{ GeV}$  for Region 3
- same shape, although within error bands in Region 4

# Prompt photon production at RHIC (PHENIX)

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RHIC pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$  :

- cover **intermediate energy range** between fixed target and Tevatron collider energies
- use different **isolation** method  $\Rightarrow$  study systematics
- possibility to measure photon-hadron **azimuthal correlations**  
exp: J. Jin (PHENIX), May '07  
theo: Pietrycki, Szczurek, June '07 + this conference
- baseline to study direct photons in relativistic heavy ion collisions

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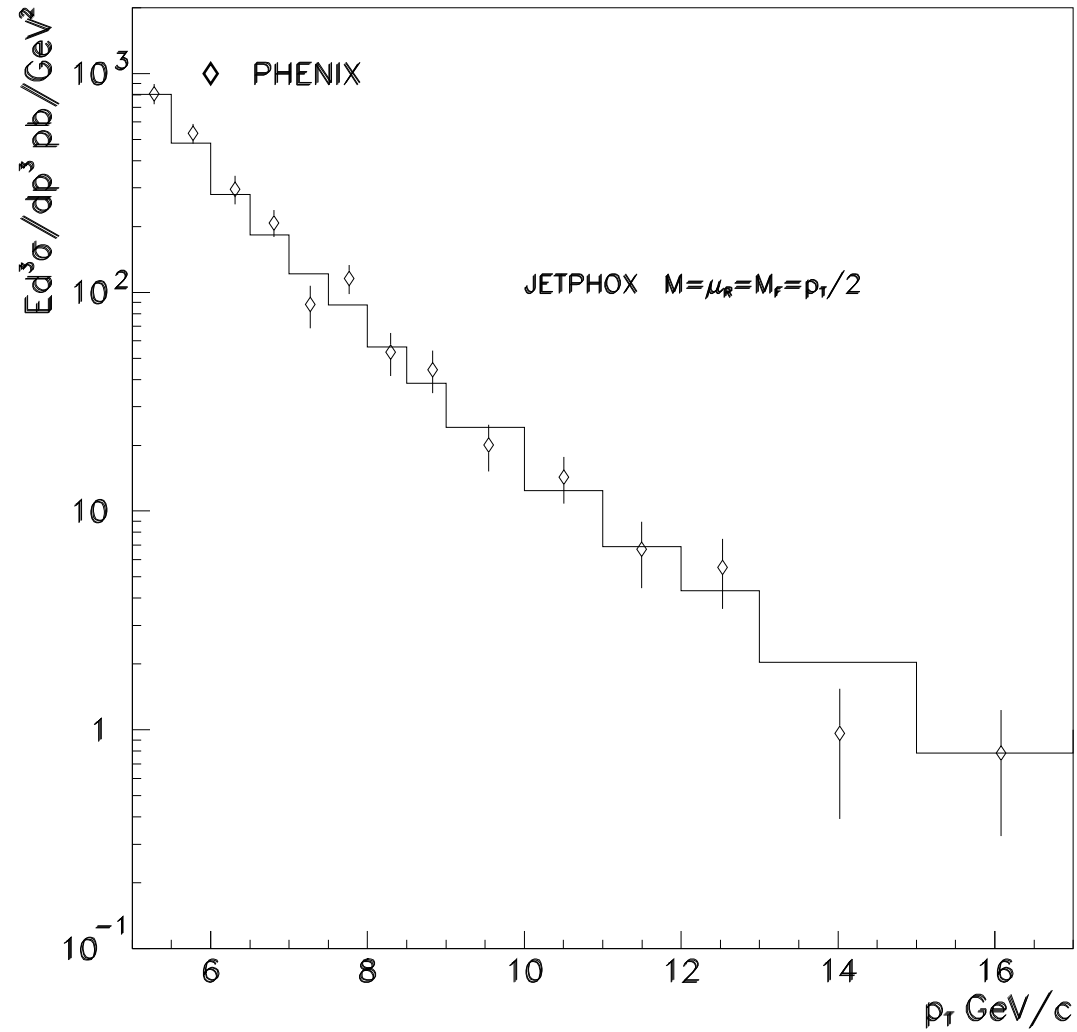
heavy ion collisions:

photons emitted at different stages:

- in initial state, well described by NLO pQCD
- in the hot, dense medium (mostly thermal emission)
- interaction of photons from jet fragmentation with dense matter
- in the final hadron-gas phase



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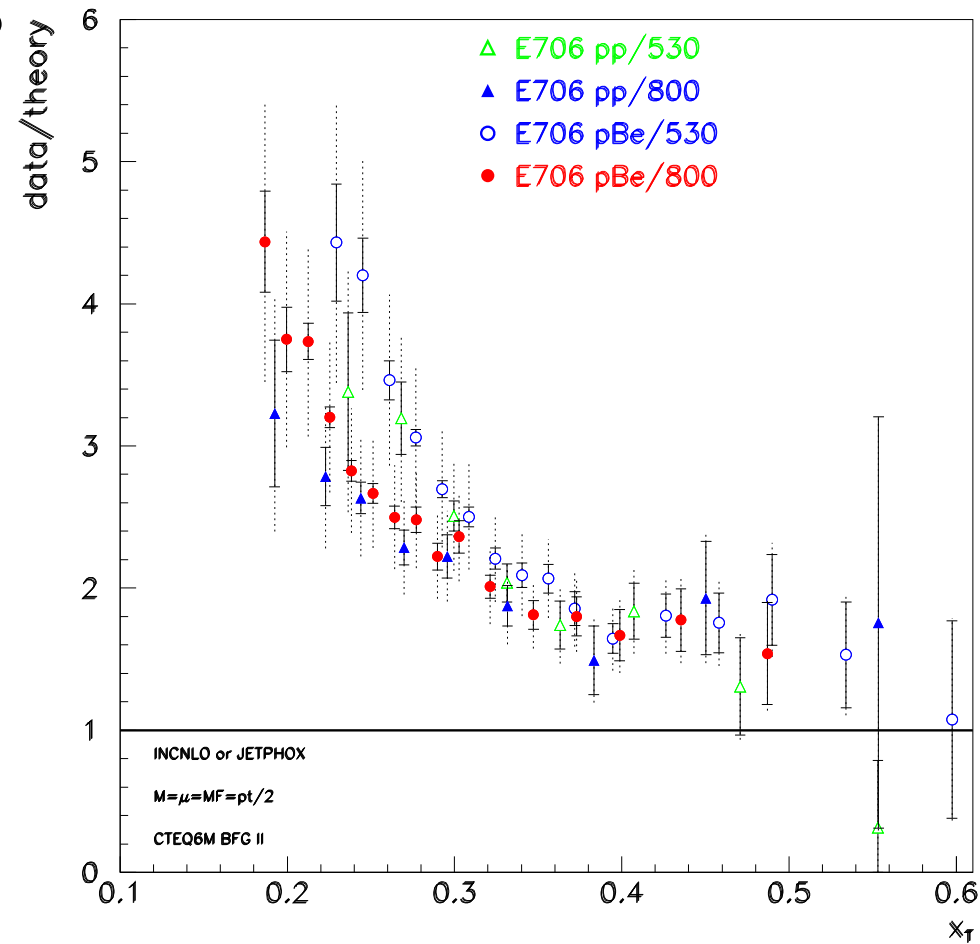
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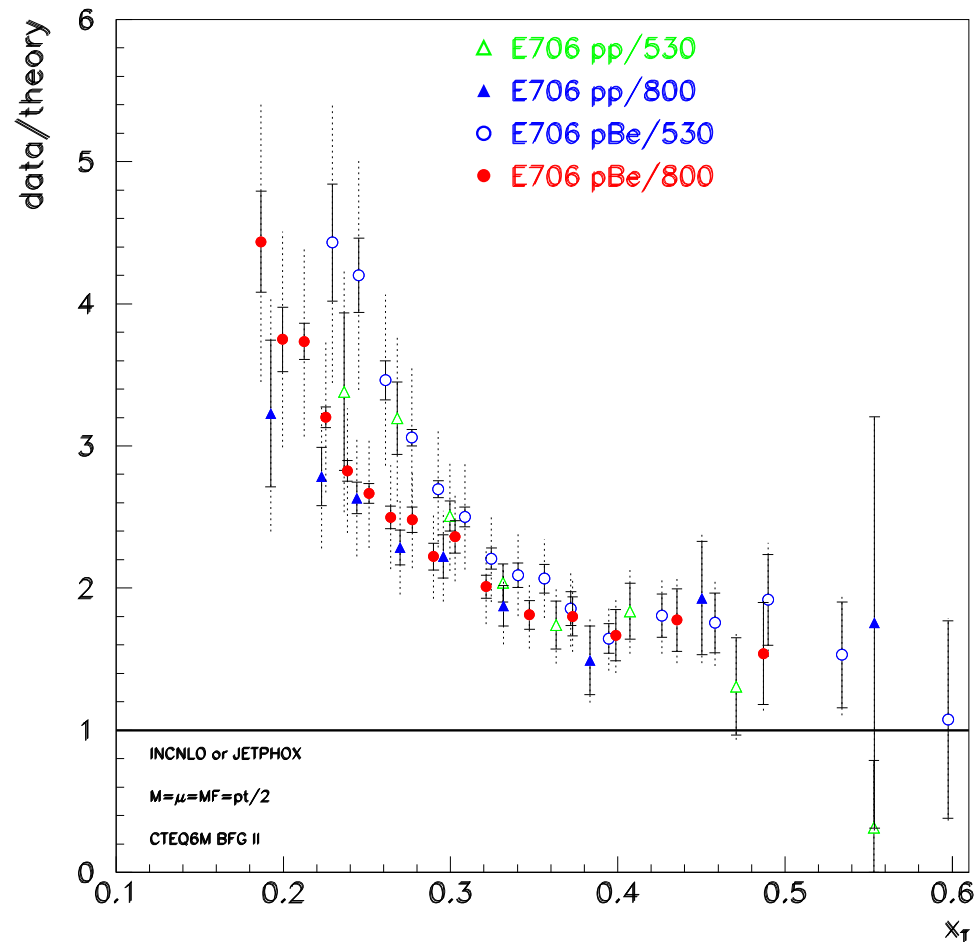
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- large effects from multiple soft gluon emission, necessity for large "intrinsic  $k_T$ " to account for these plus non-perturbative effects ?



# Prompt photons in hadronic collisions

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theory efforts: **resummation** for  $x_T = 2p_T/\sqrt{s} \rightarrow 1$ :

Laenen, Oderda, Sterman '98

Catani, Mangano, Nason, Oleari, Vogelsang '99

Kidonakis, Owens 2000

Sterman, Vogelsang 2001

De Florian, Vogelsang 2005 (frag)

effect of resummation extends down to  $x_T \gtrsim 10^{-1} \Rightarrow$  covers fixed target range

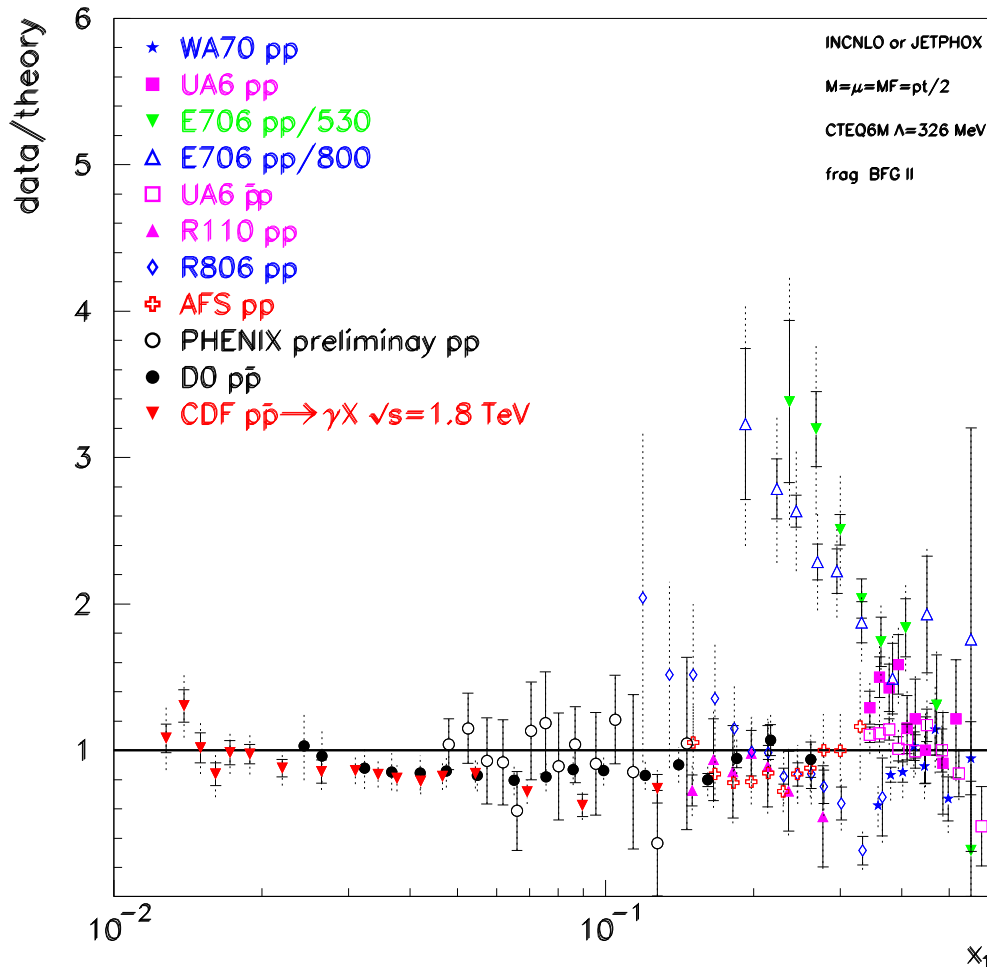
joint resummation of **threshold** and **recoil** effects  
(multiple soft-gluon emission): Sterman, Vogelsang 2005

**result:**

- scale dependence considerably reduced
- recoil effects in inclusive  $\gamma$  production relatively small
- agreement with almost all prompt photon data

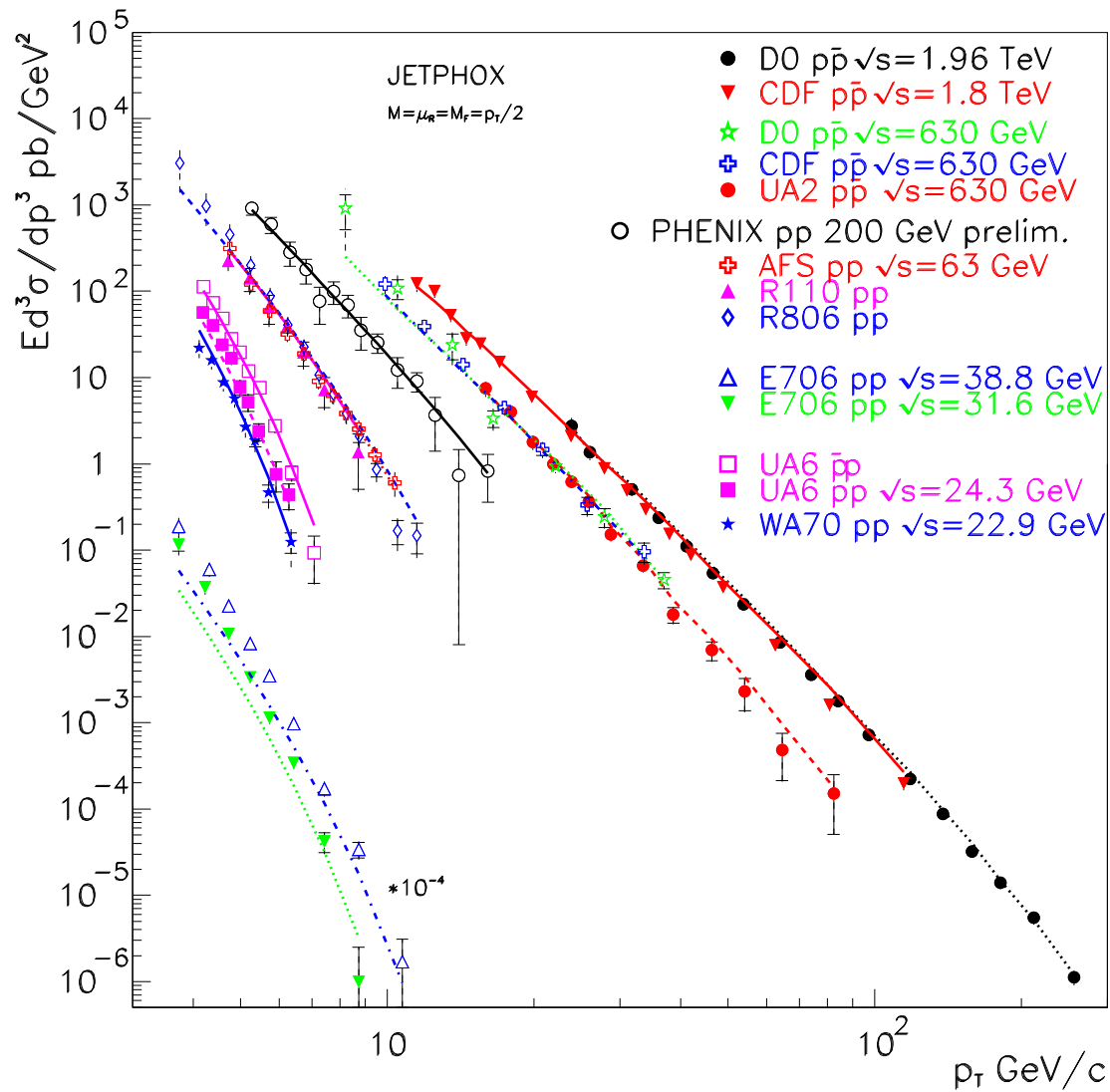
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data/theory from fixed target to collider energies



Aurenche, Fontannaz,  
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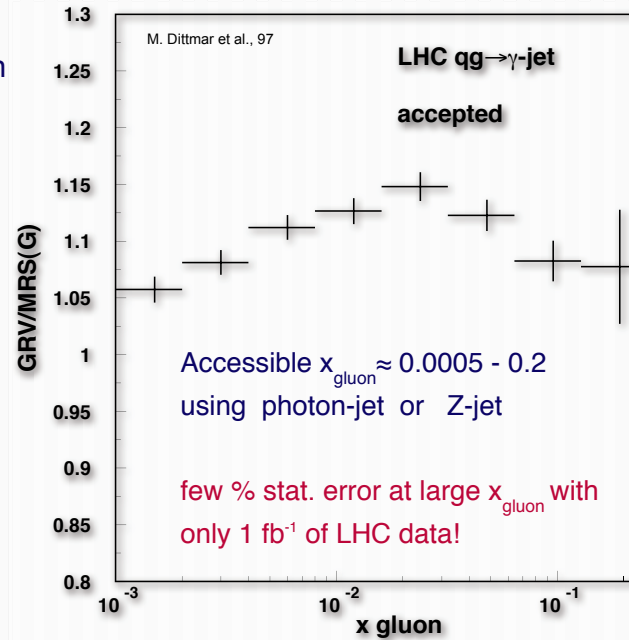
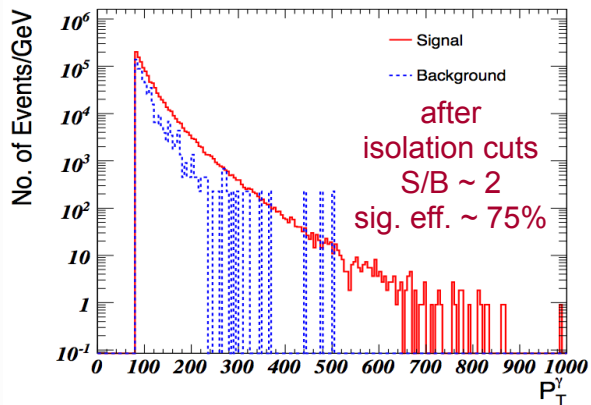
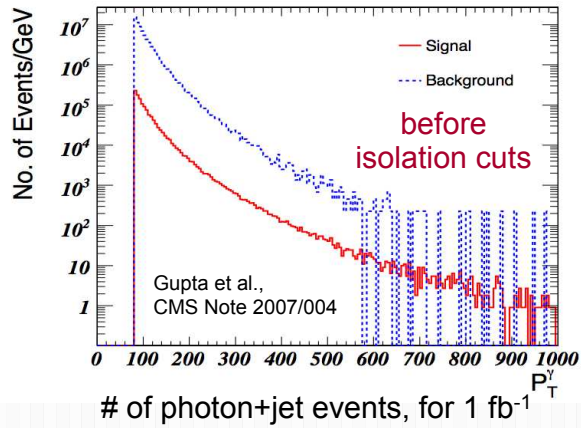
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# Photon plus jet production: LHC

## Prompt Photon Production

- it's all about isolation
- reduce background by combination of isolation requirements using Tracker, ECAL and HCAL

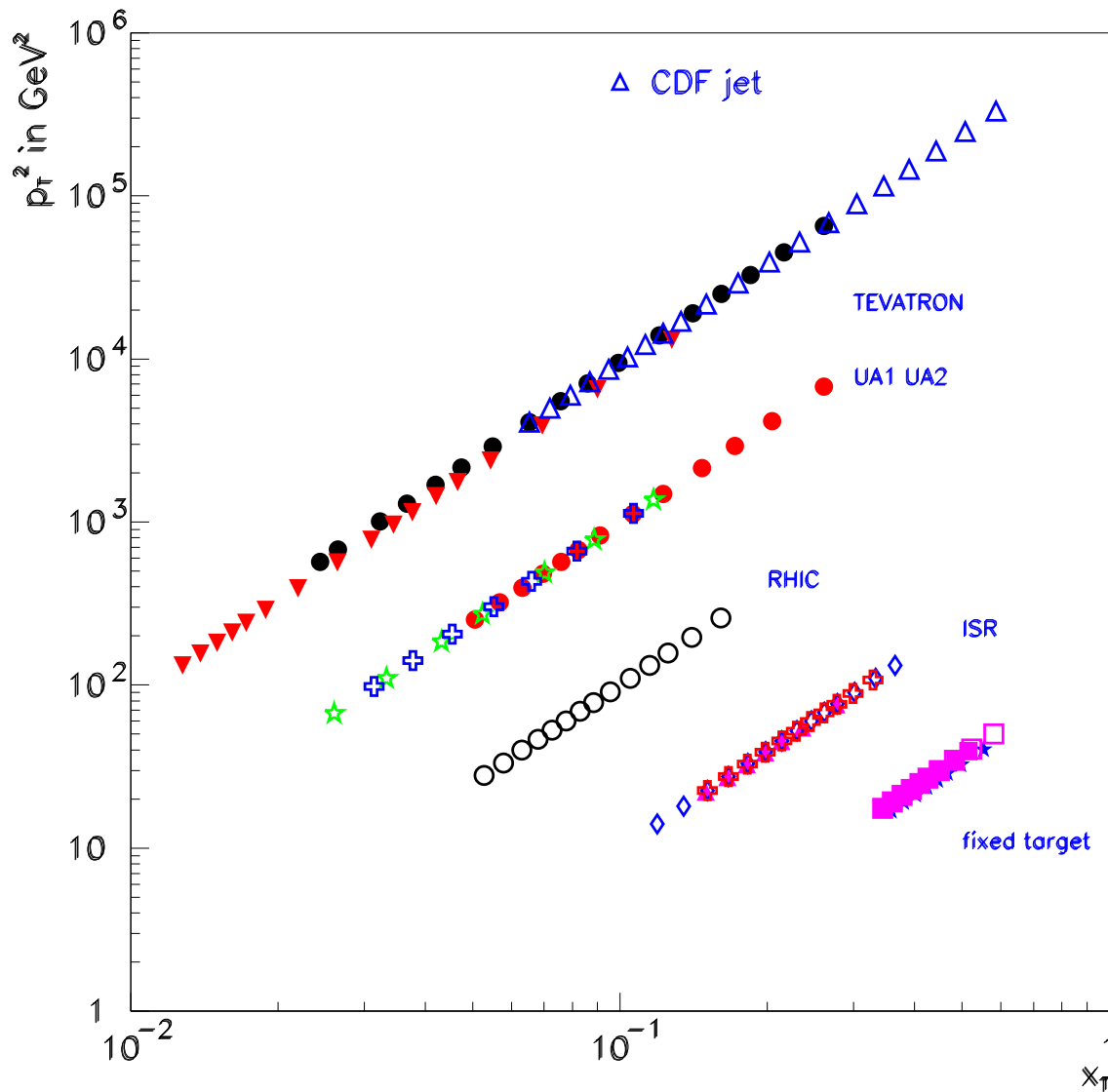


- constrain gluon pdf
- energy scale well controlled by photon
- other issues there: interplay real radiation - fragmentation
- Z+jet : smaller rate, best possible prediction needed

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# kinematical range covered by photon/jet data



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- photons will play a **crucial role** at the **LHC** and the **ILC** (resp. **PLC**, hopefully !)

# additional slides

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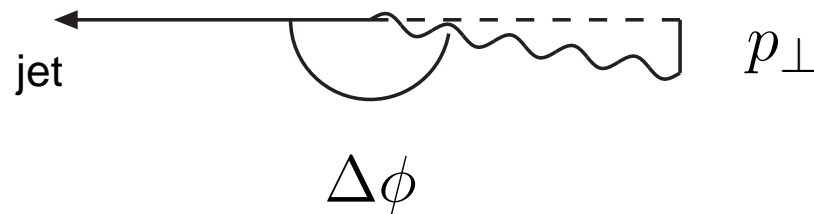
# EPHOX compared to ZEUS data

study of **intrinsic**  $\langle k_T \rangle$  (parton transverse momenta in proton)

$\langle k_T \rangle$  - sensitive observables:

$p_\perp$  photon momentum component  $\perp$  to jet direction

$\Delta\phi$  azimuthal acollinearity between photon and jet



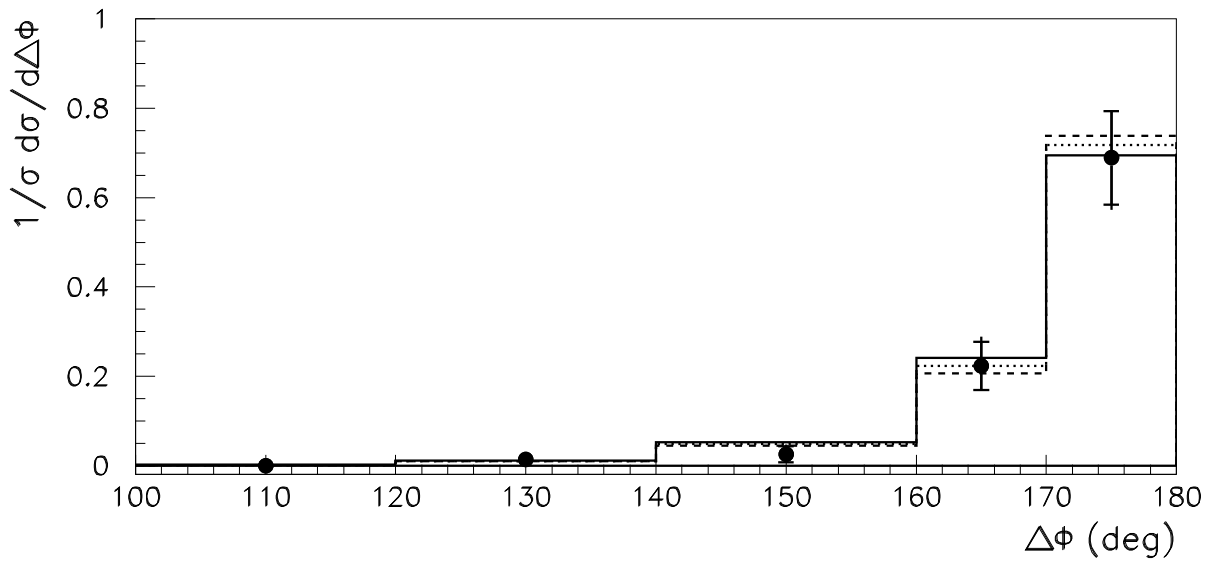
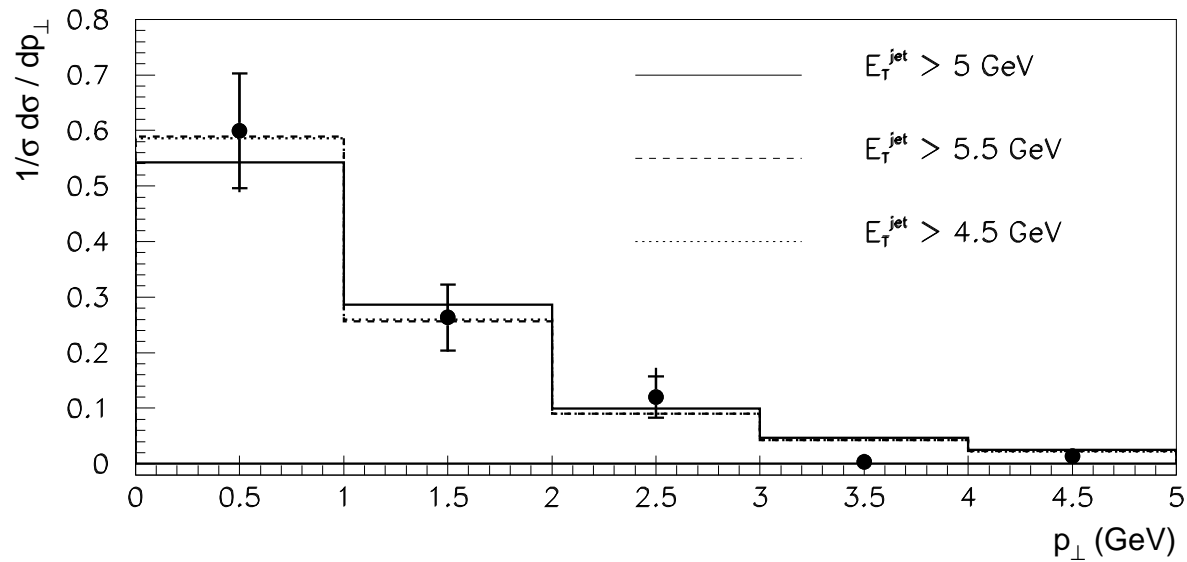
**ZEUS:**

to suppress contributions to  $\langle k_T \rangle$  from **resolved photon**:  $x_\gamma^{obs} > 0.9$

normalized cross sections to minimize calibration uncertainties



# ZEUS data vs Ephox



NLO describes data w  
without extra  $\langle k_T \rangle$

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observable  $x^p, x^\gamma$

$$x_{obs}^p = \frac{p_T e^\eta + p_T^{jet} e^{\eta^{jet}}}{2E^p}$$

$$x_{obs}^\gamma = \frac{p_T e^{-\eta} + p_T^{jet} e^{-\eta^{jet}}}{2E^\gamma}$$

$$x_{LL}^{p,\gamma} = \frac{p_T (e^{\pm\eta} + e^{\pm\eta^{jet}})}{2E^{p,\gamma}}$$