

# Further studies of Isolated photon production in Deep Inelastic Scattering at HERA

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### The ZEUS Detector at HERA



#### Protons: 920 GeV

Electron/Positrons: 27.5 GeV

#### Data

- HERA II period (2004-2007)
- Integrated luminosity: 326 pb<sup>-1</sup>



# **Deep inelastic scattering**

Kinematics:

→  $Q^2 = -q^2$  – virtuality 4-momentum transfer

→  $y = \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot k}$  – inelasticity measure fraction of the lepton energy lost in the interaction

→  $x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q}$  – Bjorken scaling variable. QPM: momentum fraction carried by the incoming parton

DIS:

- $\rightarrow Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
- $\rightarrow$  electron found



#### Neutral current



 $Q^2 = sxy$  $\sqrt{s} = 318 \,\text{GeV}$ 

### **Prompt photons**



Photons which are produced promptly in the collision
before quarks and gluons form hadrons



prompt photons are emitted from a quark as part of hard process

LL - photons



photon is radiated from an incoming or outgoing lepton

#### **Motivation**



- A study of the dynamics of prompt photon emission can be used to probe different theoretical models such as the k<sub>T</sub>-factorisation model and pQCD approaches
- It is interesting to know whether dynamics changes with virtuality scale
- A study of prompt photons can give a check of the proton's parton distribution functions
- Photons are a possible background to new physics processes: their production should be well understood
- Complements previous ZEUS publication of prompt photons in DIS *Physics Letters B 715 (2012) 88–97*

#### **Event selection**

Prompt photon selection  $\rightarrow$  4 <  $E_T^{\gamma}$  < 15 GeV  $\rightarrow -0.7 < \eta_{\gamma} < 0.9 - \text{in BCAL}$  $\begin{array}{c} \text{in the second second$ Ζ Jet selection  $\rightarrow E_T^{jet} > 2.5 \ GeV$  $\rightarrow$  -1.5 <  $\eta_{jet}$  < 1.8  $\rightarrow$  Jet with  $E_{Tmax}^{jet}$ Some Kinematics:  $\rightarrow 10 < Q_{el}^2 < 350 \ GeV^2$  $\rightarrow E_{e,corr} > 10 \ GeV$ →  $140^{o} < \theta_{el} < 180^{o}$  $\rightarrow$  35 < E -  $p_z$  < 65, GeV



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$$\begin{array}{ll} \bullet x_{\gamma} = \frac{\sum_{jet,\gamma} (E - p_z)}{2y_{JB}E_e} & \bullet \Delta \eta = \eta_{jet} - \eta_{\gamma} \\ \bullet x_p = \frac{\sum_{jet,\gamma} (E + p_z)}{2E_p} & \bullet \Delta \varphi = \varphi_{jet} - \varphi_{\gamma} \\ \bullet \Delta \varphi_{e,\gamma} = \varphi_e - \varphi_{\gamma} \\ \bullet \Delta \eta_{e,\gamma} = \eta_e - \eta_{\gamma} \end{array}$$

# **Signal extraction**



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# **Summary of uncertainties**



- Typical statistical uncertainty is **13%** 
  - $\Delta Acc \text{acceptance uncertainty, ~3-4\% effect}$
- Typical systematic uncertainty is 10%
  - Dominated by the energy scale
- Fit of fraction of QQ in data
  - $\Delta a$  uncertainty of fit parameter, ~1% effect
- $\Delta \mathcal{L} 2\%$ , but not included in the following plots

#### **Cross Sections**



For a given observable Y, the production cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dY} = \frac{N(\gamma_{QQ})}{A_{QQ} \cdot \mathcal{L} \cdot \Delta Y} + \frac{d\sigma_{LL}^{MC}}{dY}$$

 $N(\gamma_{QQ})$  - number of QQ photons extracted from the fit,  $\Delta Y$  - bin width,

 $\mathcal{L}$  - total integrated luminosity,

 $\frac{d\sigma_{LL}^{MC}}{dY}$  - cross section for LL photons

 $A_{QQ}$  - ratio of the number of events reconstructed to those generated in a given bin



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# Two Q<sup>2</sup> kinematical regions on full statistics



- Cross sections for two separate kinematic regions: 10 < Q<sup>2</sup> <30 GeV<sup>2</sup> and 30 < Q<sup>2</sup> < 350 GeV<sup>2</sup> were also calculated
- Q<sup>2</sup> = 30 GeV<sup>2</sup> was chosen to divide available data sample into 2 with similar numbers of events



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## **Comparison with theory**



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#### Aurenche, Fontannaz and Guillet : LAPTH-005/17 LPT-Orsay 16-88 Baranov, Lipatov and Zotov: PRD81, 094034 (2010)

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### Conclusion



- Experimental differential cross sections have been obtained for  $x_{\gamma}, x_{p}, \Delta \eta, \Delta \varphi, \Delta \eta_{e,\gamma}, \Delta \varphi_{e,\gamma}$  correlated observables
- Pythia describes the shape of the data reasonably well in both Q<sup>2</sup> ranges separately when rescaled by a factor 1.6, as in the previous ZEUS DIS publication
- AFG (NLO) calculations show an overall good agreement to the data
- k<sub>t</sub>-factorisation (BLZ) predictions show a fair agreement with the data with the exception of  $x_{\gamma}$  and Δη
  - → However  $x_{\gamma}$  and  $\Delta \eta$  variables sensitive to the gluon radiation are reasonably well described by Pythia



### **Appendix**

## **Systematics uncertainties**



- Before applying cuts for the event selection the values of such variables as:
  - $\rightarrow E_{\gamma}$  energy of the photon varied by  $\pm 2\%$  (~6% effect)
  - →  $E_{jet}$  energy of the jet varied by  $\pm 1.5\%$  for  $E_{jet} > 10$  GeV,  $\pm 2.5\%$  for  $6 < E_{jet} < 10$  GeV,  $\pm 4\%$  for  $E_{jet} < 6$  GeV (7% effect)

 $\rightarrow$  E<sub>e</sub>- energy of the electron varied by  $\pm 2\%$  (~1% effect)

- The dependence on the modelling of hadronic background by Ariadne was investigated by changing the upper fit limit in range [0.6, 1.0] (~5% effect)
- Uncerrtainty on the acceptance due to Pythia model is taking as half of the change attributable to the reweighting (~1% effect)

#### **Hadronization corrections**





#### **Acceptance**



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#### **Theoretical models**



- Baranov, Lipatov and Zotov (BLZ) : Rev. D 81 (2010) 094034
  - → approach is based on the calculation of the CS using the convolution of the off-shell matrix element and unintegrated quark-distribution (therefore the kt-factorisation).
  - → In the kt-factorization theory some part of final state jets can originate not only from hard subprocess, but also from the parton evolution cascade in initial state.
  - → To determine the 4-momenta of these jets (in particular, their rapidities) model approximation was used
  - Lambda\_QCD = 200 MeV, number of flavours Nf = 4, scale muR<sup>2</sup> = muF<sup>2</sup> = Q<sup>2</sup>; MSTW'2008 pdfs as an input for the KMR partons

Aurenche, Fontannaz and Guillet (AFG) : Rev. D 81 (2010) 094034 – NLO theory with conventional PDFs

→ Predictions are available as CS with pt cut betwen pT\_cut in center-ofmass frame 2.5 GeV/c and .5 GeV/c

#### **Previous study**





The previous ZEUS DIS publication measured x,  $Q^2$ ,  $E_T^{\gamma}$ ,  $\eta_{\gamma}$ ,  $E_T^{jet}$  and  $\eta_{jet}$ . (*Physics Letters B 715 (2012) 88–97*)

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# Study of photon-jet and photon-electron variables





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