



«FEASIBILITY STUDY OF DIRECT PHOTON PRODUCTION AT FAIR»

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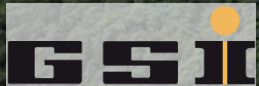
THE FAIR PROJECT

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**APPA - Atomic, Plasma Physics
and Applications**
ions, antiprotons



**CBM – Compressed Barionic
Matter**
relativistic nuclear collisions



**PANDA – Anti-Proton
ANnihilation at Darmstadt**
antiproton beams

**NUSTAR - Nuclear Structure,
Astrophysics and Reactions**
radioactive ion beams



Finland



France



Germany



India



Poland



Romania



Russia



Slovenia



Sweden



UK

ROADMAP EXPERIMENTS AND INTEGRATED PROJECT TIME SCHEDULE: FAIR BUILDINGS, ACCELERATORS & EXPERIMENTS

	Name	Duration	Start	Finish
0	Level 1 - FAIR Integrated Master Schedule	226,22 mons	08.08.2008	11.12.2025
1	FAIR Buildings	72,1 mons	08.06.2017	16.12.2022
2	▸ T110 SIS100	68,75 mons	08.06.2017	16.12.2022
11	▸ G004 Transfer Building/T104N Transfer SIS100/T112N Transfer	62,55 mons	29.11.2017	16.12.2022
20	▸ G017A Cryo Compressor Building	43,25 mons	27.06.2019	16.12.2022
29	▸ G017.1 Main Supply Building North	45,6 mons	23.04.2019	16.12.2022
36	▸ G014 CBM/T112S Transfertunnel SIS100-CBM	48,75 mons	24.01.2019	16.12.2022
45	▸ G004A Transfer Supply/T101 Transfer Line SIS18	30,4 mons	08.07.2020	16.12.2022
54	▸ G018 SFRS/T103N Transfer SFRS-Experimente/T113N Transfer	39 mons	24.10.2019	16.12.2022
64	▸ G020 p-linac	26,5 mons	26.10.2020	16.12.2022
73	▸ G017.2 Main Supply Building South/G006 SFRS HE-Cave/G	49,55 mons	17.12.2018	16.12.2022
88	▸ G007 CR/T106 Transfer CR-HESR	47,55 mons	27.02.2019	16.12.2022
97	▸ G009 HESR PANDA/T108 HESR	34,4 mons	18.03.2020	16.12.2022
107	▸ G021 Storage	21,65 mons	01.04.2021	16.12.2022
114	▸ G120 Supply Line	32,6 mons	07.05.2020	16.12.2022
120	SIS100	174,17 mons	17.10.2011	20.02.2025
121	▸ SIS 100 procurement phase	128,25 mons	17.10.2011	13.08.2021
126	▸ SIS 100 installation into tunnel, commissioning without beam phase	45,6 mons	31.12.2020	28.06.2024
132	▸ SIS100 commissioning with beam	8,42 mons	28.06.2024	20.02.2025
135	SuperFRS	143,92 mons	02.06.2014	12.06.2025
136	▸ SuperFRS procurement phase	114,45 mons	02.06.2014	09.03.2023
141	▸ SuperFRS installation into tunnel, commissioning without beam	30,4 mons	06.10.2021	02.02.2024
148	▸ SuperFRS commissioning with beam	17,67 mons	02.02.2024	12.06.2025
151	pLINAC	192,43 mons	06.01.2011	08.10.2025
152	▸ pLinac procurement phase	138,2 mons	06.01.2011	11.08.2021
157	▸ pLinac installation + commissioning with beam	15 mons	25.10.2021	16.12.2022
161	▸ pLinac installation after HBO, commissioning with beam	36,63 mons	19.12.2022	08.10.2025
162	p-bar separator	150,5 mons	05.09.2013	20.03.2025
163	▸ p-bar procurement phase	103,93 mons	05.09.2013	24.08.2021
168	▸ p-bar installation into tunnel, commissioning without beam phase	34,34 mons	24.08.2021	10.04.2024
174	▸ p-bar commissioning with beam	12,28 mons	10.04.2024	20.03.2025
177	Collector Ring	183,57 mons	24.08.2011	18.09.2025
178	▸ CR procurement phase	134,85 mons	24.08.2011	24.12.2021
183	▸ CR installation into tunnel, commissioning without beam	28,05 mons	16.06.2021	09.08.2023
188	▸ CR commissioning with beam	27,51 mons	09.08.2023	18.09.2025
191	HESR	218,02 mons	26.03.2009	11.12.2025
192	▸ HESR procurement phase	113,8 mons	26.03.2009	15.12.2017
197	▸ HESR installation into tunnel, commissioning without beam	20,1 mons	18.11.2021	02.06.2023
203	▸ HESR commissioning with beam	32,92 mons	02.06.2023	11.12.2025
206	HEBT	138,77 mons	02.01.2014	22.08.2024
207	▸ HEBT procurement phase	92,8 mons	02.01.2014	11.02.2021
224	▸ HEBT installation and commissioning without beam	45,52 mons	25.02.2021	22.08.2024
240	CBM	152,67 mons	08.07.2013	20.03.2025
241	▸ CBM procurement phase	130,25 mons	08.07.2013	30.06.2023
245	▸ CBM installation and commissioning without beam	33,55 mons	01.12.2021	26.06.2024
250	▸ CBM commissioning with beam	9,52 mons	26.06.2024	20.03.2025
253	APPA	199,07 mons	16.12.2009	20.03.2025
254	▸ APPA procurement phase	172,65 mons	16.12.2009	10.03.2023
259	▸ APPA installation into tunnel, commissioning without beam	36,6 mons	31.12.2020	20.10.2023
271	▸ APPA commissioning with beam	18,42 mons	20.10.2023	20.03.2025
274	NUSTAR	141,17 mons	15.09.2014	10.07.2025
275	▸ NUSTAR procurement phase	120 mons	15.09.2014	27.11.2023
278	▸ NUSTAR installation into cave or tunnel phase	38,85 mons	17.06.2021	07.06.2024
288	▸ NUSTAR commissioning with beam	14,17 mons	07.06.2024	10.07.2025
291	PANDA	226,22 mons	08.08.2008	11.12.2025
292	▸ PANDA procurement phase	173,1 mons	08.08.2008	15.11.2021
297	▸ PANDA installation and commissioning without beam	26,2 mons	19.10.2021	20.10.2023
303	▸ PANDA commissioning with beam	27,92 mons	20.10.2023	11.12.2025

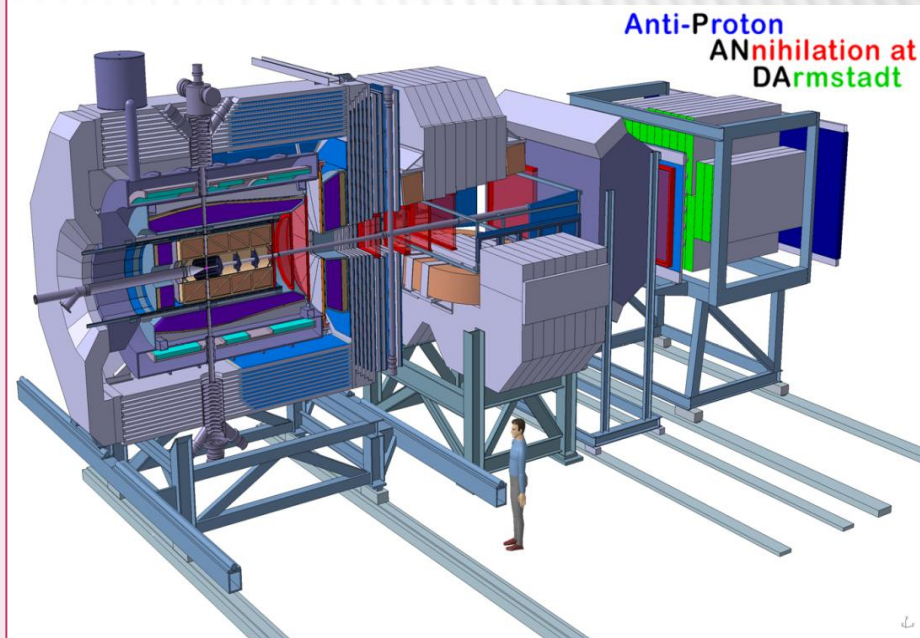
FAIR is in good shape for full completion by 2025.

Installation incl. commissioning of the experiments is planned during 2021-2024

GSI/FAIR Research Strategy towards 2025:

- R&D for and construction of the FAIR experiments
- FAIR phase 0 – intermediate research program bridging the construction phase from 2018 until commissioning of the FAIR accelerators and experiments.

- $\bar{p}p, \bar{p}A$ collisions $\bar{p} = 1.5 - 15 \text{ GeV}/c$,
(\sqrt{s} from 2.25 up to 5.46 GeV)
- p beam with unprecedented degree of monochromaticity $\delta p/p \leq 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$
- Luminosity up to $2 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Capability to detect events with high rate (up to $2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ interactions)
- Nearly 4π solid angle for large acceptance
- Tracking : $\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$ vertex resolution
- Different PID techniques:
 $\pi^\pm, K^\pm, e^\pm, \mu^\pm, \gamma$ identification
- Photon detection from 10 MeV to 10 GeV
- Efficient event selection & good momentum resolution



It will continue and extend the successful physics program performed in the past at facilities like LEAR at CERN and the antiproton accumulator ring at FNAL



Previous experiments

First pp $\rightarrow \gamma + X$ experiments were done at CERN :
at ISR (pp - collider, $E_{cm} = 31, 45, 53$ GeV):

- R412 experiment (Darriulat et. al., 1976);
- R107 (Amaldi et. al., 1978); ... and many others.

Also started at Fermilab and BNL:

- E557 (Baltrusaitis et. al. 1979, pBe, $E_{cm} = 19.4, 23.7$ GeV)
 - E629 (McLaughlin et. al. 1983, pC, $E_{cm} = 19.4$ GeV)
- ... and then continued in many other experiments at higher energies

Direct photon production (Dpp) has also been studied in **pion-proton, pion-nucleus, proton-nucleus** and in **heavy-ion collisions**, also at LEP and HERA



Motivation for studying Dpp in hadronic collisions

- ❖ Precision test of pQCD;
- ❖ Serves to calibrate jet energy;
- ❖ Dpp is complementary to DIS and Drell-Yan for studying the structure of hadrons;
- ❖ Dpp contributes significantly to the measurement of the gluon distributions in hadrons.

The energy region $1 < E_{\text{beam}} < 15$ GeV which can be covered by antiproton beam at the accelerator center FAIR (GSI, Darmstadt) is of interest for research because it is much less investigated as compared to those regions which were studied at the accelerators having more higher energies. Also the region of intermediate beam energy is important for searches of expected deviations from the perturbative QCD.



In addition the direct photon production in the relativistic heavy ions collisions has also played a very important role in finding out of a new form of matter by the experimental confirmation of the existence of a new phase of strongly interacting matter - quark-gluon plasma QGP. This kind of measurements of heavy ions collisions was started at CERN by WA80 and WA98 collaborations and now is under investigations at RHIC and at the LHC.



Our interests

Our Physical goal: To estimate the possibility of getting *the information about proton structure functions* $f(x, Q^2)$.

Main interest: To estimate the size of the x - Q^2 kinematical region in which the *structure functions can be measured.*



In $p\bar{b}ar + p \rightarrow \gamma + X$ process

(choosing $p\bar{b}ar$ beam direction as the z-axis)

the role of the transferred momentum Q

plays the **photon transverse momentum**, i.e. $p_T^\gamma = Q$

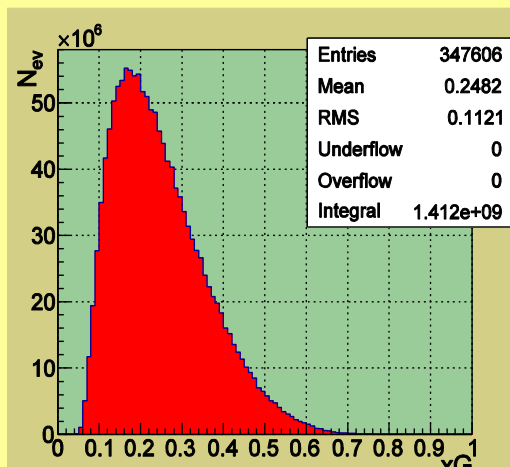
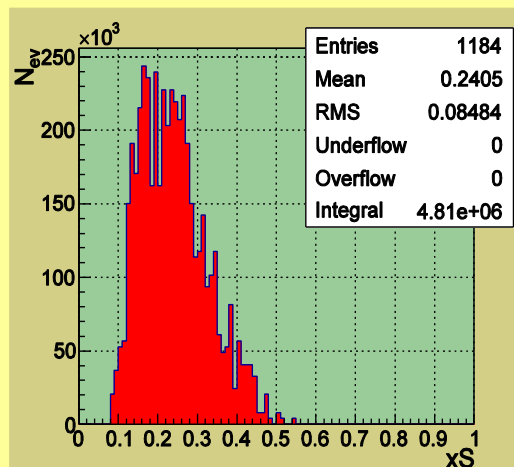
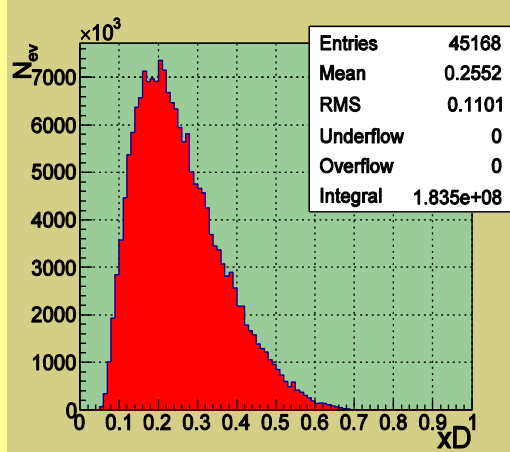
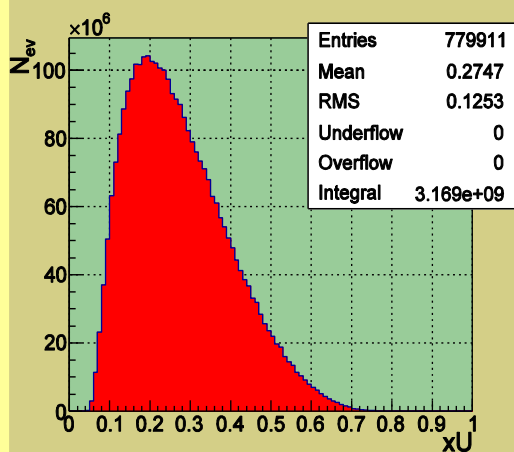
As it shall be shown below, at $E_{beam} = 15 \text{ GeV}$

we can expect $p_T^\gamma < 2.3 \text{ GeV}$, i.e.

$$Q^2 = (p_T^\gamma)^2 < 5.3 \text{ GeV}^2$$

This region is under study now at HERA and JLab .

Bjorken x distributions



From these quark distributions we see that at PANDA energy ($E_{\text{beam}}=15$ GeV) PYTHIA (with CTEQ3L parametrization) predicts that the Bjorken x - variable can cover the region

$$0.05 < x < 0.7$$

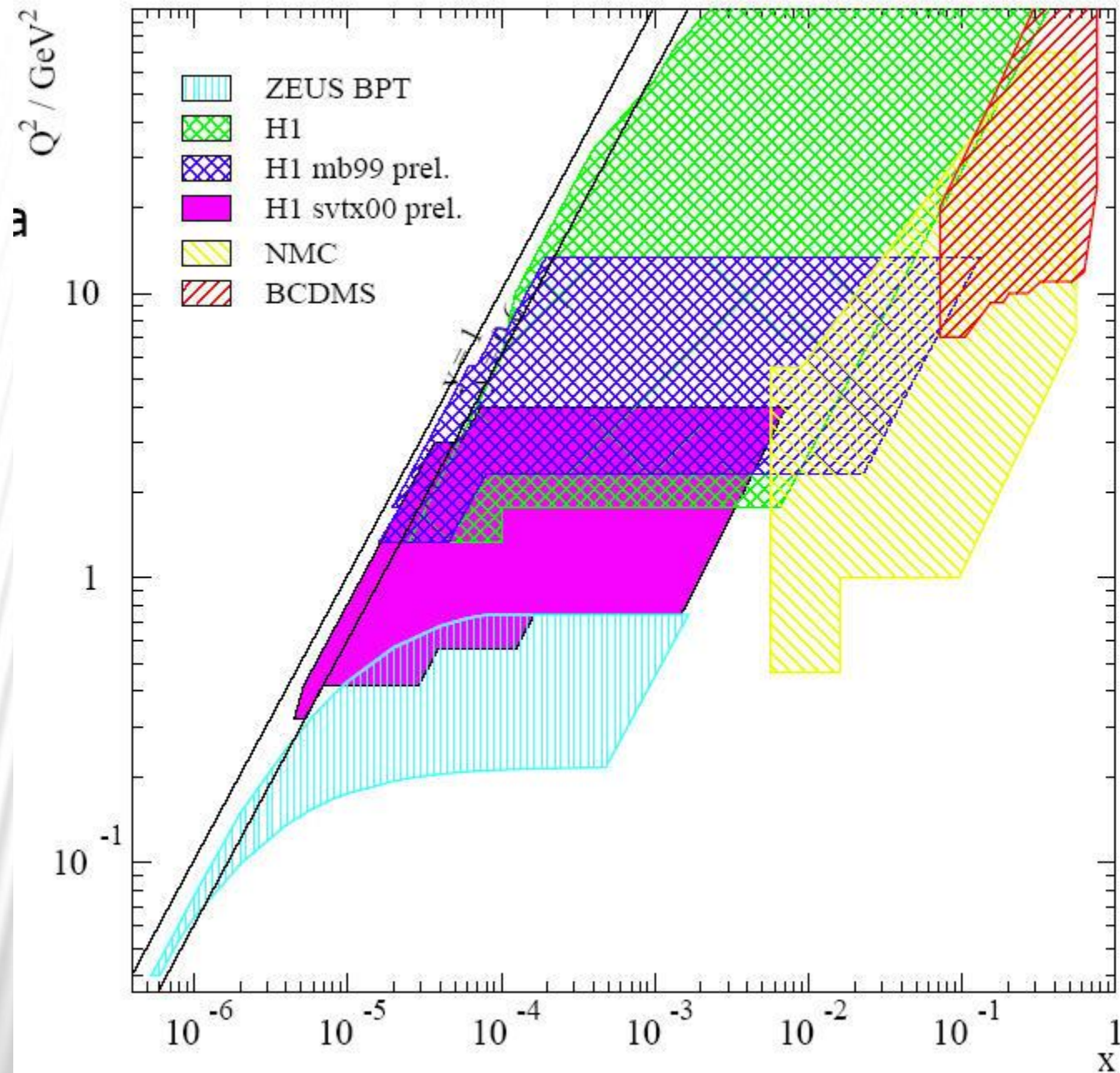
x - Q^2 plane

Regions covered by

Structure Function measurements

in **DIS** experiments

at low Q^2



Previous experiments



Nowadays
there are new
measurements

at low Q^2

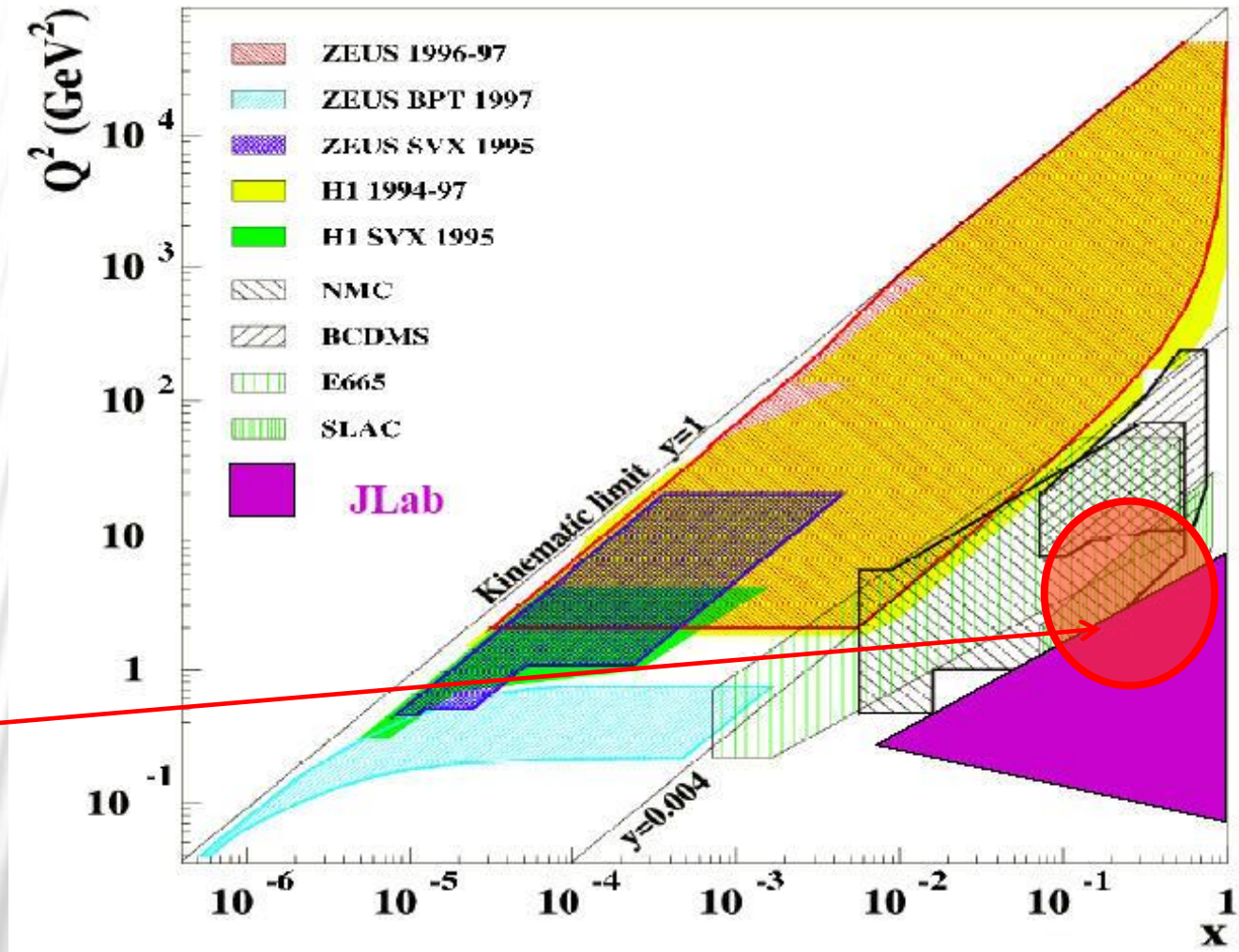
at JLab

$0.1 < Q^2 < 8.0 \text{ GeV}^2$

for PANDA

$0.05 < x < 0.7$

$1 < Q^2 < 5.3 \text{ GeV}^2$



Previous experiments



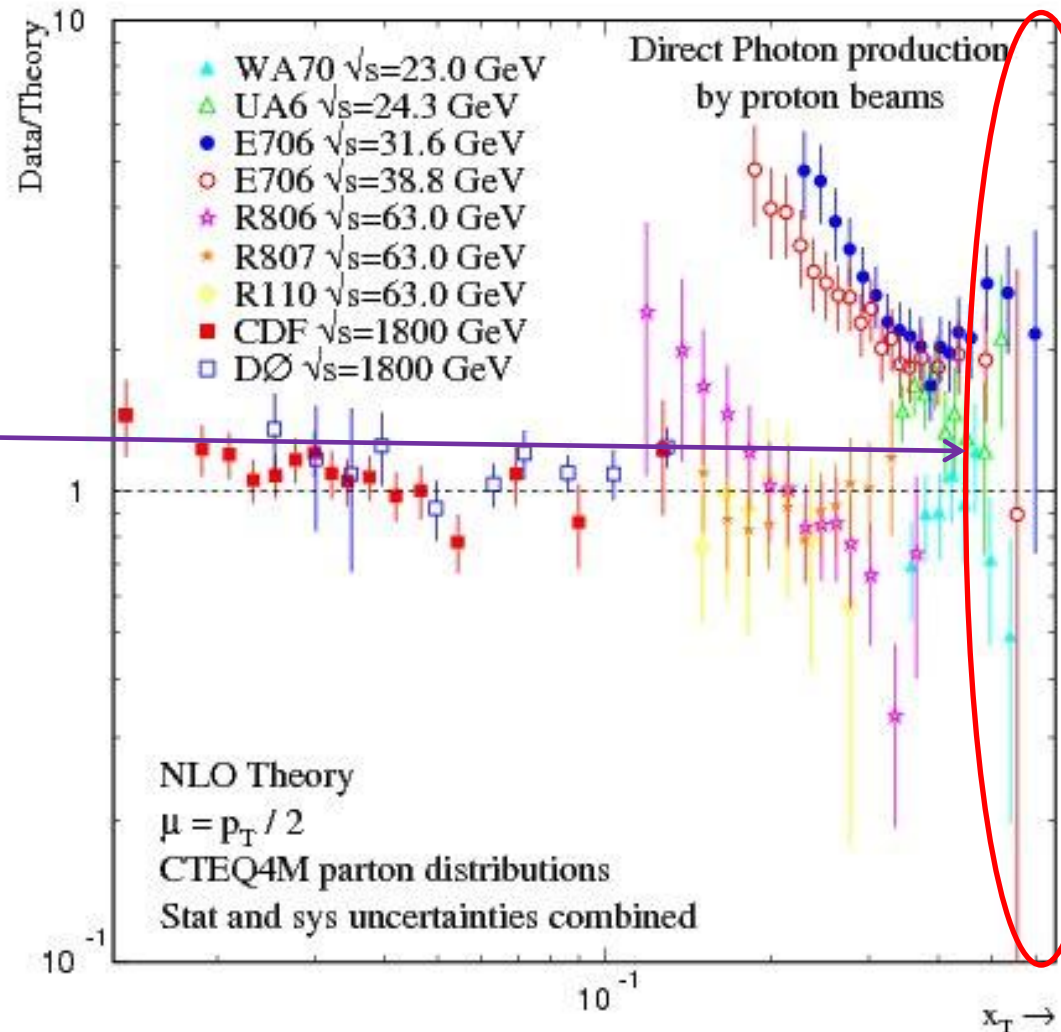
$$X_T = 2p_T / \sqrt{s}$$

for PANDA

$$0.39 < X_T < 0.85$$

(with account of further background restrictions)

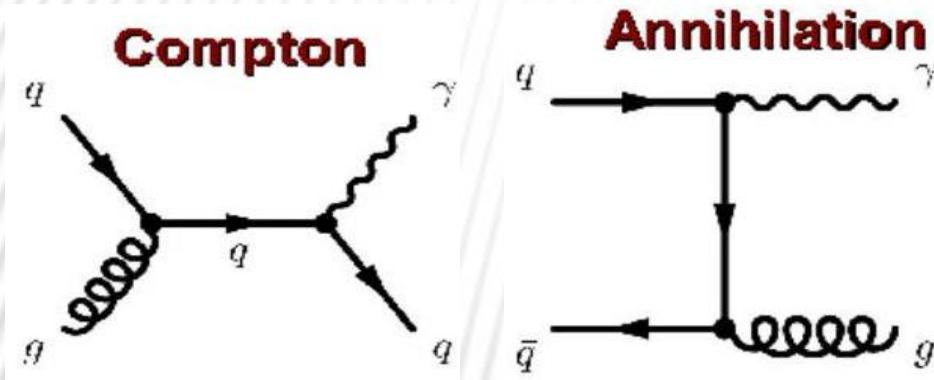
and possibly higher for the smaller E_{beam}
(and correspondingly \sqrt{s})



Direct photon production: definition



The $p\bar{p} + p \rightarrow \text{gamma} + X$ process (different to DIS scattering) is mainly defined by **LO QCD** diagrams:

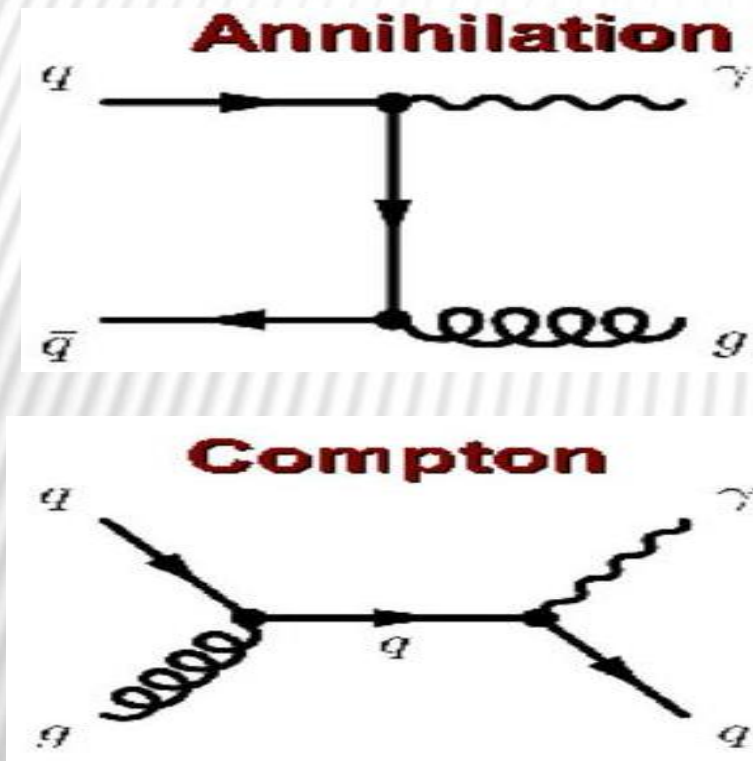


The “**QCD Compton**” diagram contribution makes **the cross section of $p\bar{p} + p \rightarrow \text{gamma} + X$** process to be sensitive to the gluon distribution $g(x, Q^2)$.

The hadrons are build of quarks which are interconnected by gluons. None of them can be detected as the final states of hadron-hadron or lepton-hadron collisions due to the so called "partons confinement". Nowadays, the physics deals mainly with the structure functions which model the distributions of partons in hadrons.

The information about such structure functions is extracted from the experimentally measured cross sections (defined as the ratio of the Number of events to the beam Luminosity, i.e. N_{ev} / Lum) by fitting the parameters of different models of structure functions to the cross sections data.

The contributions of both diagrams to the total cross section



Cross Sections

Total: $\sigma = 2.34 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mb}$

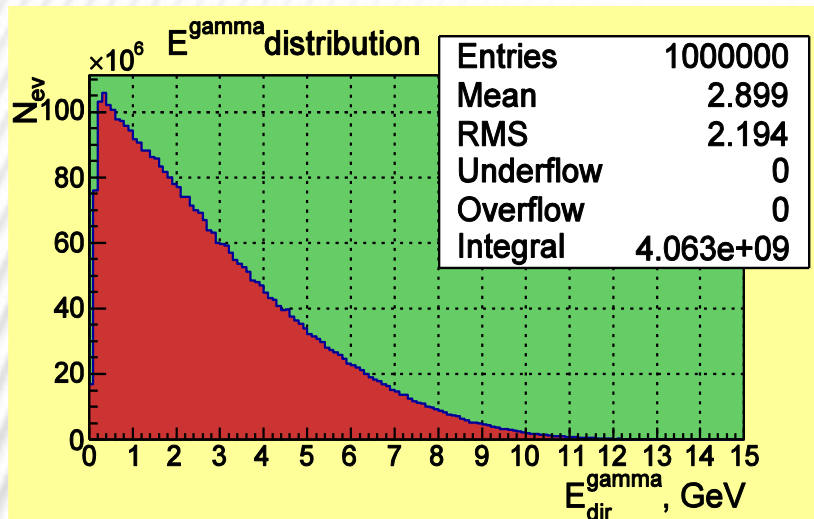
$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow \text{gluon} + \gamma$ (65%)
 $\sigma = 1.53 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ mb}$

$\text{gluon} + q \rightarrow q + \gamma$ (35%)
 $\sigma = 8.18 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mb}$

$\text{gluon} + \text{gluon} \rightarrow \text{gluon} + \gamma$
(0.09%)
 $\sigma = 2.3 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ mb}$

At the maximum luminosity one can expect up to 4×10^9 signal events per year.

Signal photons distributions

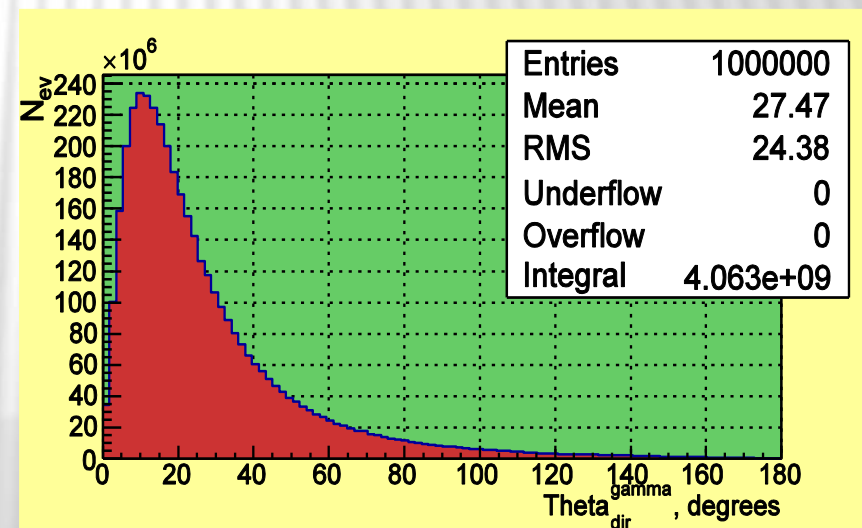
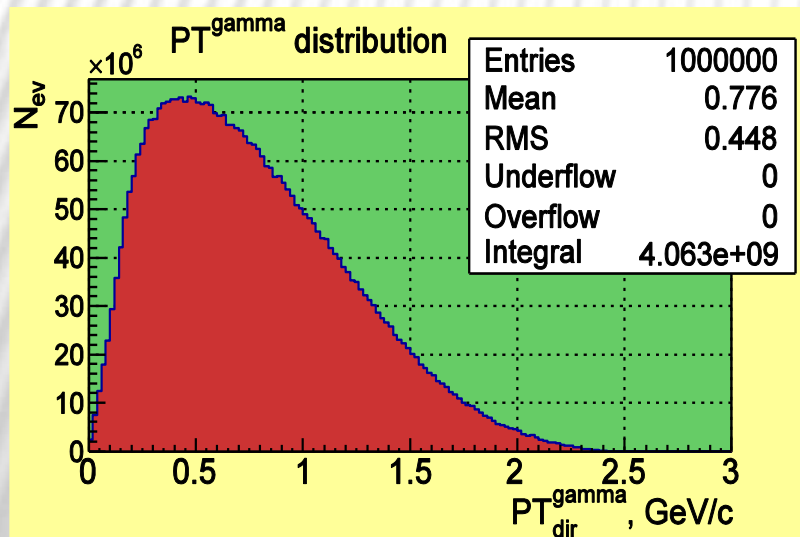


$$0 \leq E_{\gamma} \leq 10 \text{ GeV}, \quad \langle E_{\gamma} \rangle = 2.9 \text{ GeV}$$

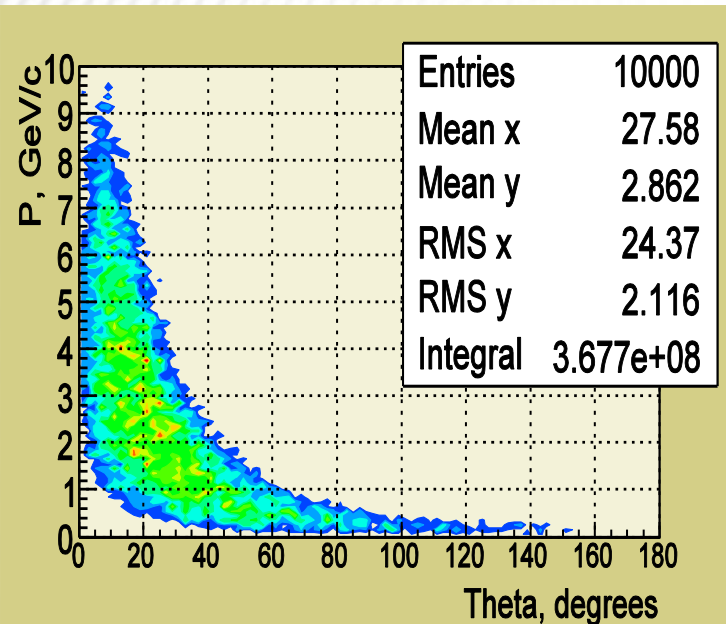
$$0 \leq PT_{\gamma} \leq 2.3 \text{ GeV}, \quad \langle PT_{\gamma} \rangle = 0.77 \text{ GeV}$$

$$0 \leq \Theta_{\gamma} \leq 180^{\circ}, \quad \langle \Theta_{\gamma} \rangle = 27.5^{\circ}$$

some $\Theta_{\gamma} > 90^{\circ}$



Correlation distributions of polar angle θ and momentum P



The Figure shows the projection of 3-D correlation distribution of the number of the signal photons over their full momentum P and polar angle θ .

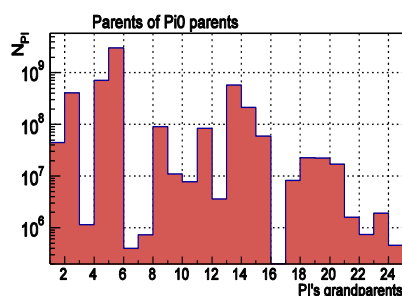
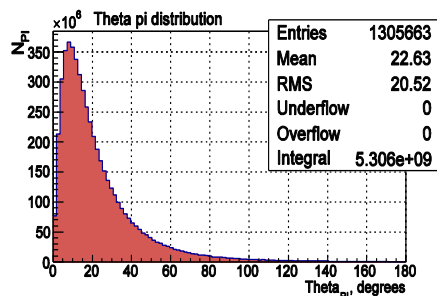
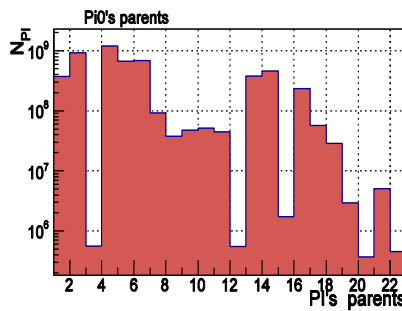
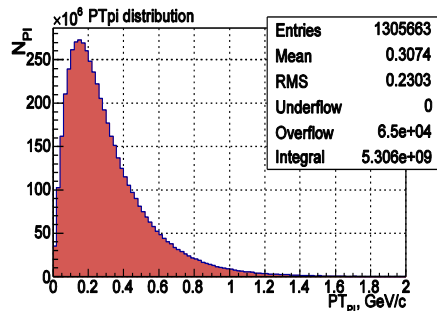
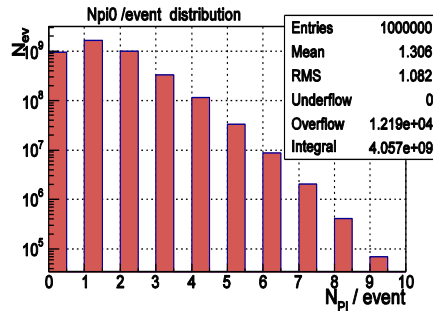
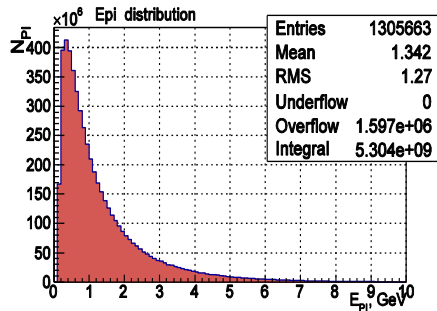
The maximum of the distribution of the number of events belongs to the region of $0.1 < P < 4 \text{ GeV/c}$ over the full momentum and $10^\circ < \theta < 40^\circ$ over the polar angle.

All the presented kinematical distributions over different variables show the number of produced at beam energy $E_{\text{beam}} = 15 \text{ GeV}$ events per year (supposing the full year of operation with the highest luminosity $2 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

Neutral pions distributions in signal events



Pi0 - distribution histograms



$$0 \leq E_{\gamma} \leq 6 \text{ GeV}, \quad \langle E_{\gamma} \rangle = 1.3 \text{ GeV}$$

$$0 \leq PT_{\gamma} \leq 1.3 \text{ GeV}, \quad \langle PT_{\gamma} \rangle = 0.3 \text{ GeV}$$

$$0 \leq \Theta_{\gamma} \leq 180^{\circ}, \quad \langle \Theta_{\gamma} \rangle = 22.6^{\circ}$$

some $\Theta_{\gamma} > 90^{\circ}$

Up to 9 (and more) neutral pions in signal event.

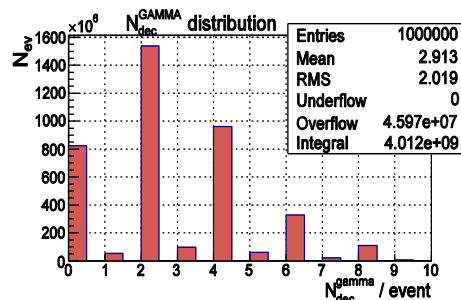
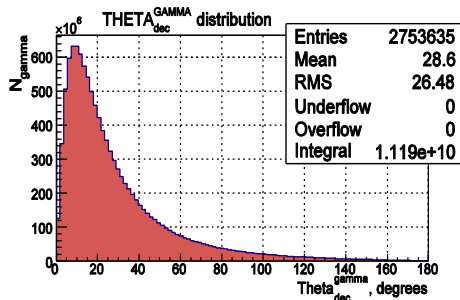
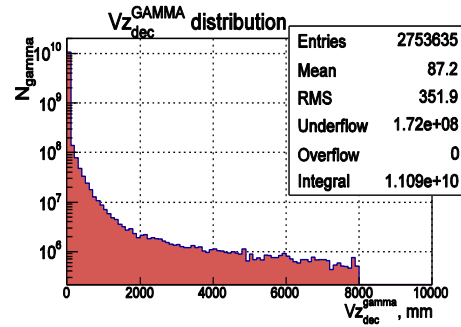
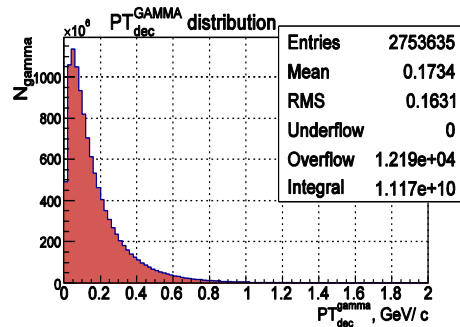
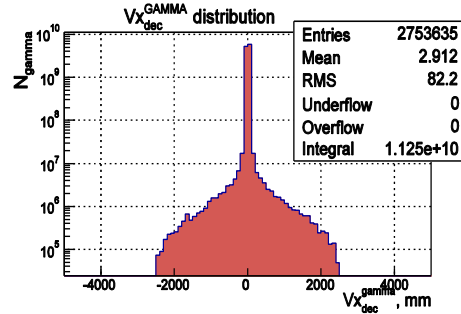
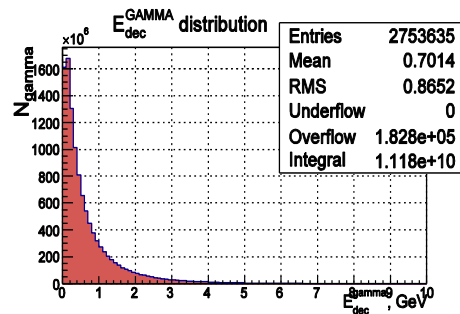
Distribution of N_{π^0} /event well explains distributions of N_{γ} /event (with $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2 \gamma$).

The most probable parents of π^0 are $\eta, \rho^+, \text{ strings and } \Delta^0$

Fake photons in signal events distributions



Background Photons in signal events



$$0 \leq E_{\gamma} \leq 3.5 \text{ GeV}, \quad \langle E_{\gamma} \rangle = 0.7 \text{ GeV}$$

$$0 \leq PT_{\gamma} \leq 1 \text{ GeV}, \quad \langle PT_{\gamma} \rangle = 0.17 \text{ GeV}$$

$$0 \leq \Theta_{\gamma} \leq 180^{\circ}, \quad \langle \Theta_{\gamma} \rangle = 28.6^{\circ}$$

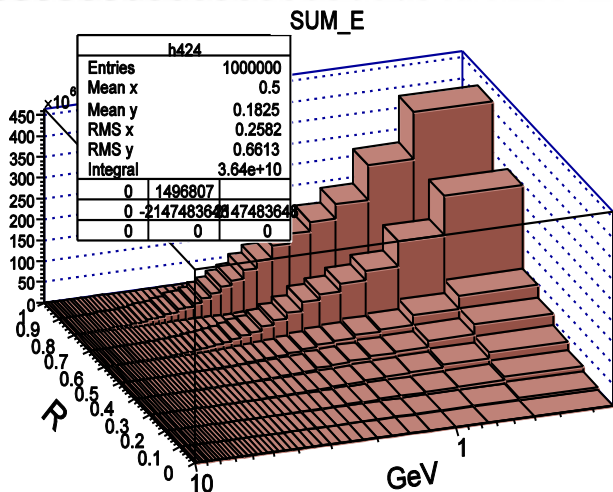
some $\Theta_{\gamma} > 90^{\circ}$

V_x, V_y, V_z distributions (in log scale) show **mostly zero value**

Up to **10** background photons in a signal event (in some few events up to 14)

The main source are π^0 and (in 1-2 order of magnitude lower) η , η' , ω and Σ^0

Gamma isolation criteria



The plots show the distributions over **summed energy** of charged stable particles in the cones of radius

$$R = \sqrt{\eta^2 + \phi^2}$$

respect to direction of the

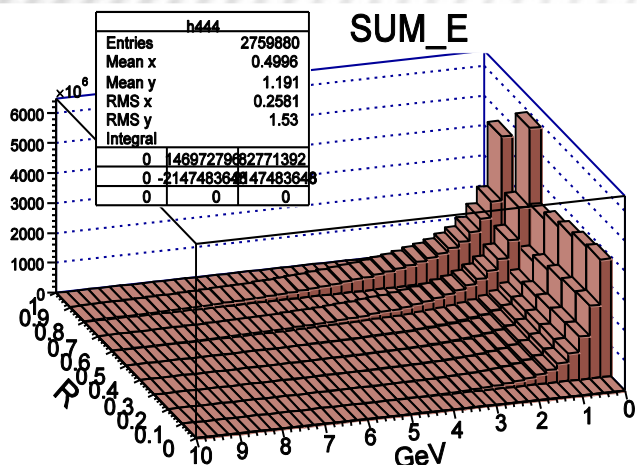
upper plot → **direct photon**

bottom plot → **fake photon**

Isolation criteria **E** (of charged particles) **< 0.25 GeV**

in the **cone of radius** $R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2} = 0.2$

allows to kill **67%** of fake photons with loss of **1.2%** of signal events



(here $\Delta\phi = \phi_1 - \phi_2$ is the difference between the azimuth angles of the photon and the charged particle, $\Delta\eta = \eta_1 - \eta_2$ is the difference of the pseudorapidities of the photon and the charged particles).



- ✘ The second cut $PT_\gamma \geq 0.2$ GeV allows to reduce the background to 1.3 % thus achieving the ratio $S/B = 73.9$ by the additional loss of 6.5% signal events.
- ✘ The second cut $PT_\gamma \geq 0.25$ GeV allows to kill completely the background (fake photons) in signal events.

The additional study in Pandaroot framework (full GEANT simulation) is needed.

Background processes



Process

Cross sections, mb

➤ 95	Low-pT scattering	$3.368 * 10^1$
➤ 92	Single diffractive (XB)	1.719
➤ 93	Single diffractive (AX)	1.719
➤ 94	Double diffractive	$2.479 * 10^{-1}$
➤ 28	$f + g \rightarrow f + g$	$1.670 * 10^{-2}$
➤ 11	$f + f' \rightarrow f + f'$ (QCD)	$8.756 * 10^{-3}$
➤ 68	$g + g \rightarrow g + g$	$4.887 * 10^{-3}$
➤ 12	$f + fbar \rightarrow f' + fbar$	$1.111 * 10^{-3}$
➤ 13	$f + fbar \rightarrow g + g$	$1.074 * 10^{-3}$
➤ 53	$g + g \rightarrow f + fbar$	$1.296 * 10^{-4}$

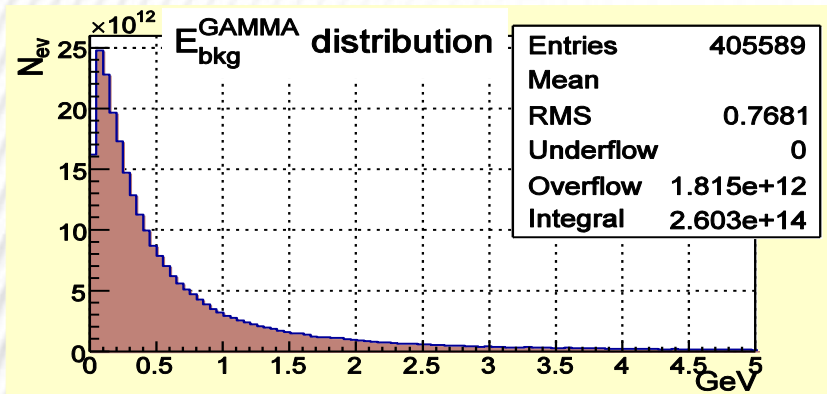
Signal processes - total cross section is 5 order less than the cross section of “minimum-bias” processes

➤ 14	$f + fbar \rightarrow g + \gamma$	$1.533 * 10^{-3}$
➤ 29	$f + g \rightarrow f + \gamma$	$8.181 * 10^{-4}$
➤ 115	$g + g \rightarrow g + \gamma$	$2.280 * 10^{-7}$

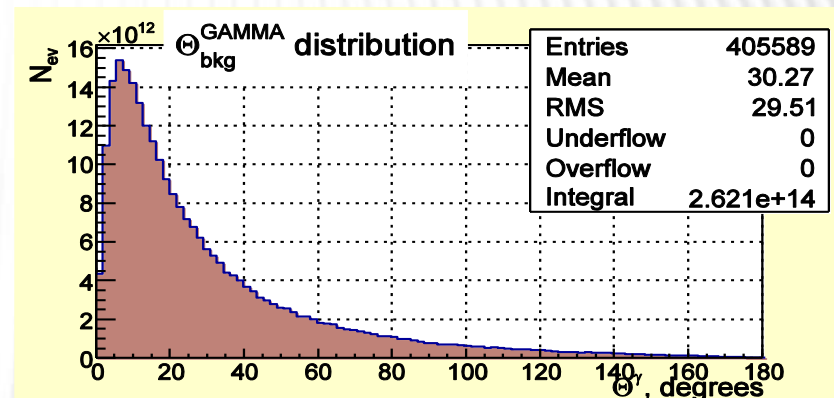
According to predictions of MC generator PYTHIA6.4 the total cross section at the energy of antiproton beam $E_{\text{beam}} = 15$ GeV for the processes of the prompt photons is 2.35×10^{-3} mb. At the same time the total cross section for the background processes is 37.4 mb.

Thus the initial ratio of the signal to background is $S/B = 6.283 \times 10^{-5}$ and one signal event corresponds to about 16000 background ones.

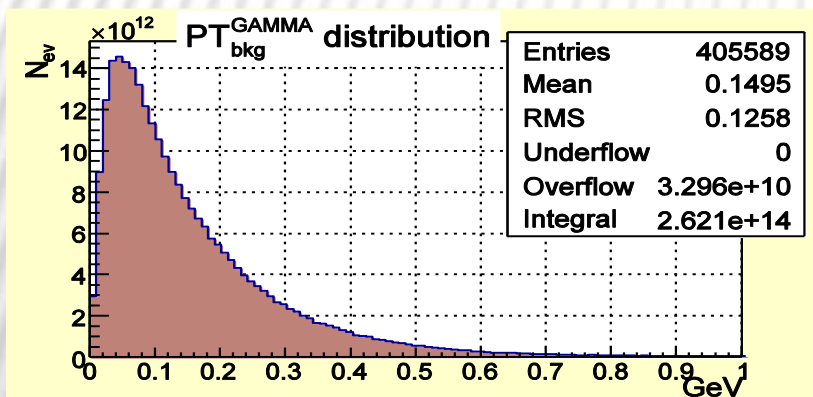
Background photons distributions



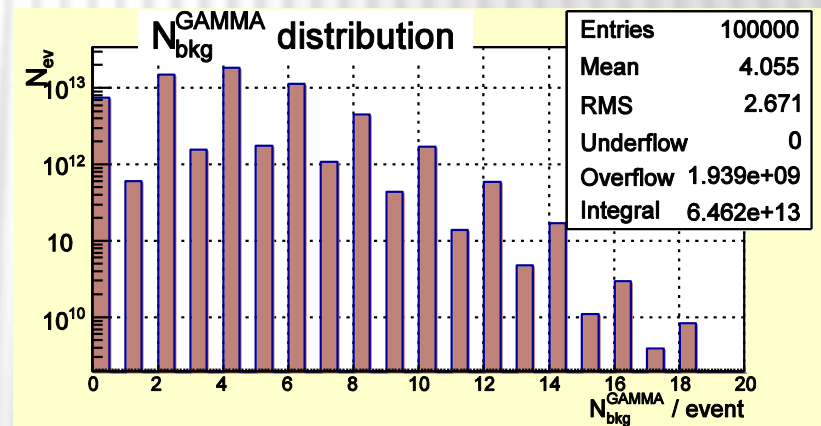
$0 \leq E_{\gamma} \leq 4 \text{ GeV}$, $\langle E_{\gamma} \rangle = 0.64 \text{ GeV}$



$0 \leq \Theta_{\gamma} \leq 180^{\circ}$, $\langle \Theta_{\gamma} \rangle = 30.3^{\circ}$



$0 \leq PT_{\gamma} \leq 0.7 \text{ GeV}$, $\langle PT_{\gamma} \rangle = 0.15 \text{ GeV}$



Up to **18** bkg photons per event



Cut

Rejected events

1. *Events without photons* **11.2 %**
2. *Isolation criteria for the photon with the largest energy in event* **83.7 %**
 E (of charged particles) > 0.25 GeV in the $R=0.2$
3. *$PT < 0.25$ GeV of the photon with the largest energy* **4.9 %**

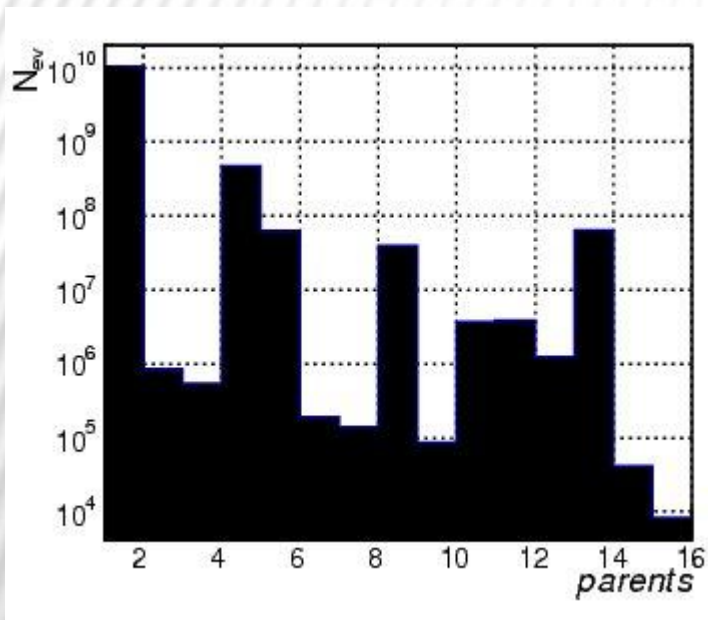
The rest of background events is < 0.2 %

The rest of the background can be rejected by calculation of the invariant masses of mesons, which can produce background photons.

Additional background elimination



Their (mesons) proportion distribution (for the signal events) according to Lund fragmentation model implemented in PYTHIA:



Pions give 1.5 order higher contamination comparing to the other mesons

Bin number	Name of γ 's parent particle
1	π^0
2	ρ^0
3	ρ^+
4	η
5	ω
6	K^{*0}
7	K^{*+}
8	η'
9	ϕ
10	Δ^0
11	Δ^+
12	Λ^0
13	Σ^0
14	Σ^+
15	Ξ^0

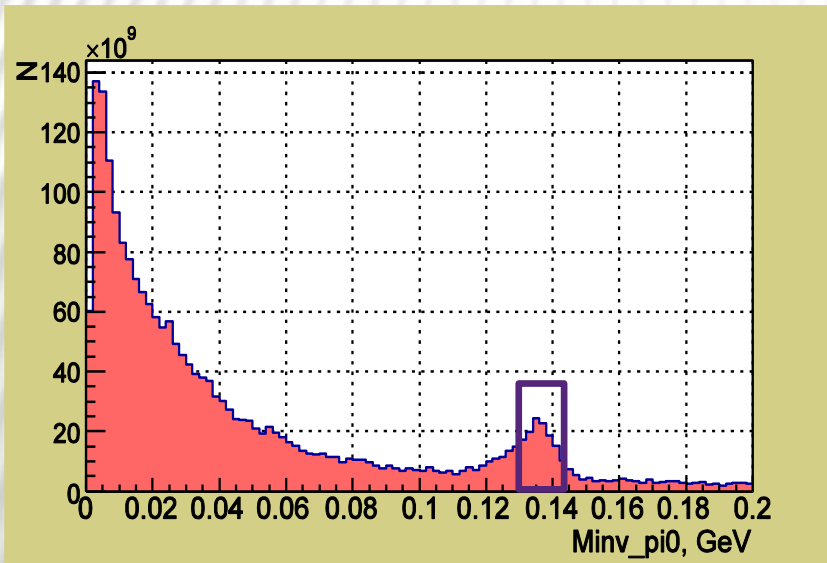
The similar picture is expected for the gamma`s parents in the background events

Background elimination



98.8% $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
1.2% $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$

Distribution of 2γ invariant mass, where the 1st γ is the one with the highest P in event.



Supposing $0.130 \text{ GeV} < \pi^0 \text{ mass} < 0.145 \text{ GeV}$, the number of background events, where the most energetic γ originates from π^0 decay is about 45% (without any other cuts). Thus S/B improves by a factor of 1.8.

Namely, the final results are:

Table . Selection by the transverse momentum PT_{gamma} together with the *isolation criterion* $E_{\text{sum}} < 0.25 \text{ GeV}$ in the cone with the radius $R=0.5$

Criterion	Signal to background ratio S/B
$PT_{\text{gamma}} > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$	3.45×10^{-3}
$PT_{\text{gamma}} > 1.0 \text{ GeV}$	1.75×10^{-1}
$PT_{\text{gamma}} > 1.4 \text{ GeV}$	0.69

Analogous study can be done for the other kind of meson decays



Conclusion.

The simulation with PYTHIA6.4 (used as the first approximation) has shown that at PANDA energy $P_{\text{beam}} = 15 \text{ GeV}$

1. We can separate the most part of fake and background photons contribution, which comes from decays of pions and other neutral mesons.
2. PANDA can make the measurement of proton structure functions in the regions of

$$0 < Q^2 = (P_T^\gamma)^2 < 5.3 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad 0.05 < x < 0.7$$

3. This measurement can have the advantage as it is very sensitive to gluon distribution.

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

The proton-antiproton cross section ($\sigma \equiv \sigma^{p\bar{p}}$)

in quark-parton model is expressed as follows:

$$\sigma = \int \int \int dx_1 dx_2 dt \hat{\sigma} f_1(x_1, Q^2) f_2(x_2, Q^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dt}$$

Here $f(x, Q^2)$ are the **structure functions**, $d\hat{\sigma}/dt$ is

the $2 \rightarrow 2$ **parton level** ($p_1 + p_2 = p_3 + p_4$) **cross section** ;

$\hat{t} \equiv (p_3 - p_1)^2 = -Q^2$ is the square of transferred momentum,

$x_{1,2}$ is the energy fraction carried by a quark in a proton.

In our case, $d\hat{\sigma} \equiv d\sigma^{gq \rightarrow \gamma q}$, (or $\equiv d\sigma^{q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma g}$) and $Q^2 = (p_T^\gamma)^2$