Photons Interacting with Pions at COMPASS

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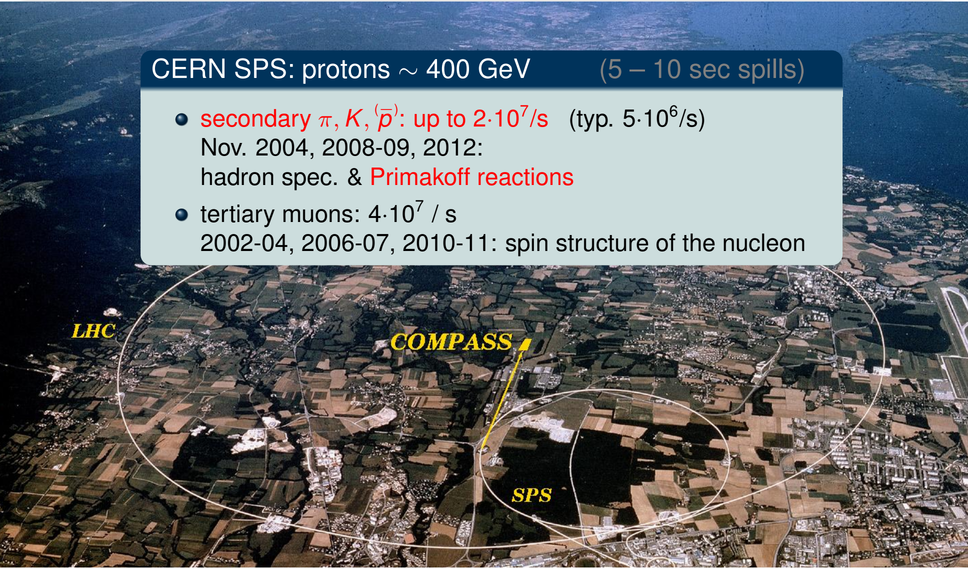
CERN SPS: protons $\sim$ 400 GeV (5 – 10 sec spills)

- secondary $\pi, K, \overset{(-)}{p}$: up to $2{\cdot}10^7$/s (typ. $5{\cdot}10^6$/s)
  Nov. 2004, 2008-09, 2012:
  hadron spec. & Primakoff reactions
- tertiary muons: $4{\cdot}10^7$ / s
  2002-04, 2006-07, 2010-11: spin structure of the nucleon



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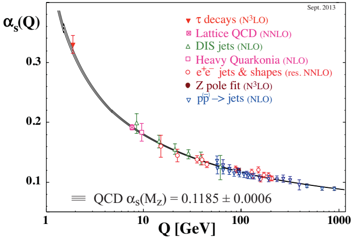

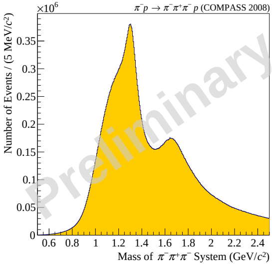

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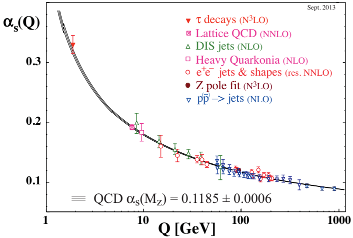

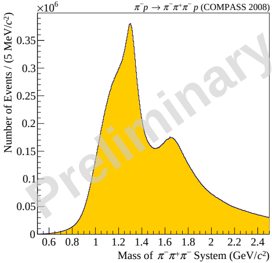

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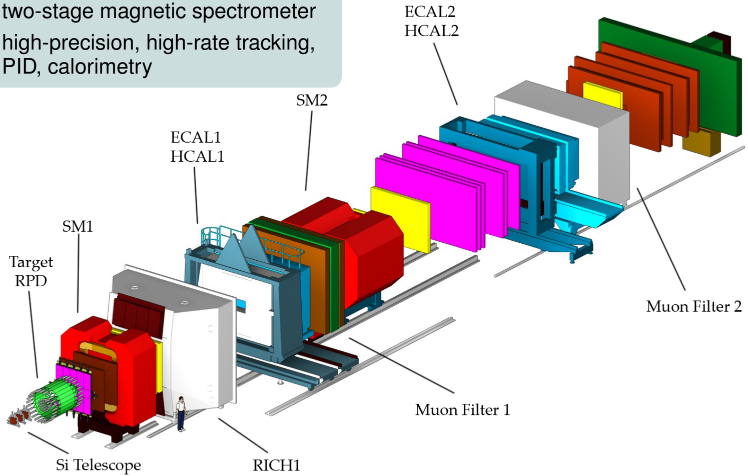

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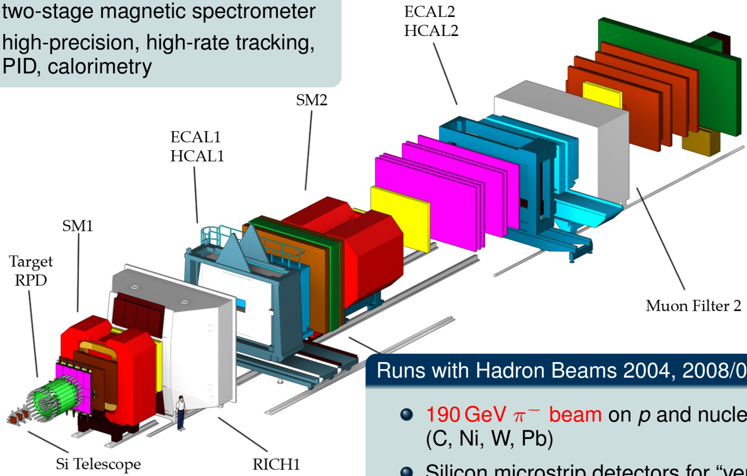
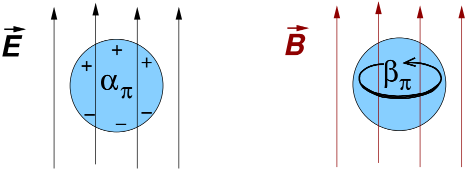


Runs with Hadron Beams 2004, 2008/09, 2012

- 190 GeV π^- beam on p and nuclear targets (C, Ni, W, Pb)
- Silicon microstrip detectors for “vertexing”
- recoil and (digital) ECAL triggers

Pion polarisability and ChPT



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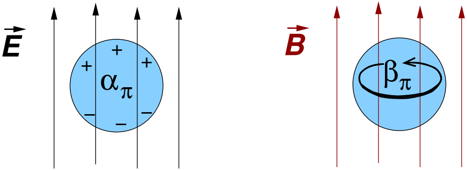

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latest publication on the pion polarisability

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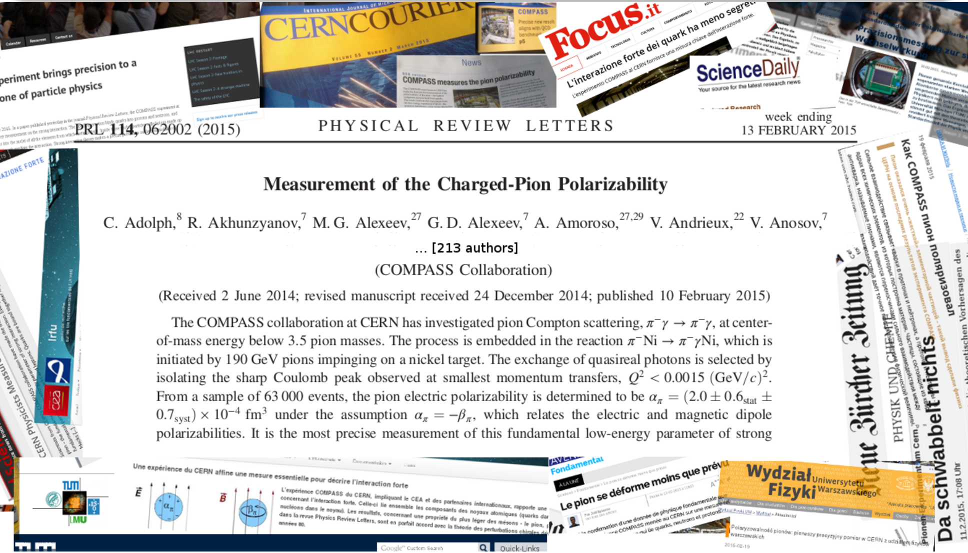

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Measurement of the Charged-Pion Polarizability

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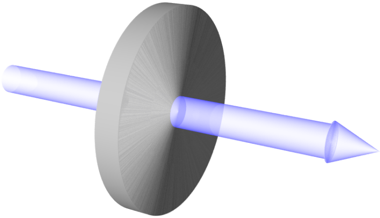
The COMPASS collaboration at CERN has investigated pion Compton scattering, $\pi^-\gamma \to \pi^-\gamma$, at center-of-mass energy below 3.5 pion masses. The process is embedded in the reaction $\pi^-\mathrm{Ni} \to \pi^-\gamma\mathrm{Ni}$, which is initiated by 190 GeV pions impinging on a nickel target. The exchange of quasireal photons is selected by isolating the sharp Coulomb peak observed at smallest momentum transfers, $Q^2 < 0.0015\ (\mathrm{GeV}/c)^2$. From a sample of 63 000 events, the pion electric polarizability is determined to be $\alpha_\pi = (2.0 \pm 0.6_{\mathrm{stat}} \pm 0.7_{\mathrm{syst}}) \times 10^{-4}\ \mathrm{fm}^3$ under the assumption $\alpha_\pi = -\beta_\pi$, which relates the electric and magnetic dipole polarizabilities. It is the most precise measurement of this fundamental low-energy parameter of strong

Principle of the COMPASS measurement

- high-energetic pion beam on 4mm nickel disk
- observe scattered pions in coincidence with produced hard photons
- study of cross-section shape



Polarisability effect in Primakoff technique

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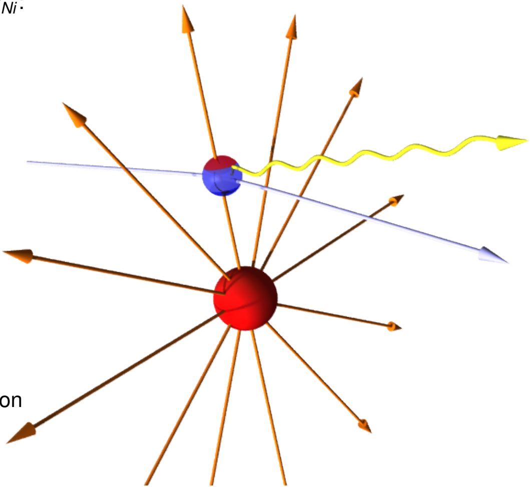
- Charged pions traverse the nuclear electric field
  - typical field strength at $d = 5R_{Ni}$: $E \approx 300\,\mathrm{kV/fm}$
- Bremsstrahlung process:
  - particles scatter off *equivalent photons*
  - tiny momentum transfer $Q^2 \approx 10^{-5}\,\mathrm{GeV}^2/c^2$
  - pion/muon (quasi-)real Compton scattering
- Polarisability contribution
  - Compton cross-section typically diminished
  - corresponding charge separation $\approx 10^{-5}\,\mathrm{fm} \cdot e$



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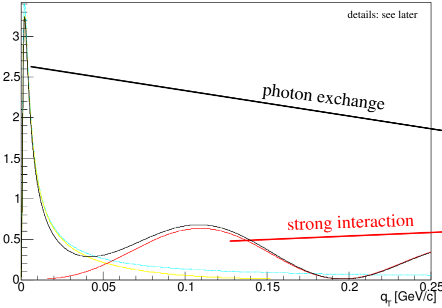

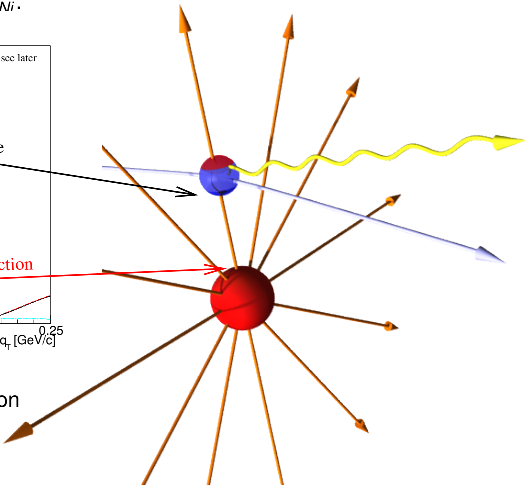

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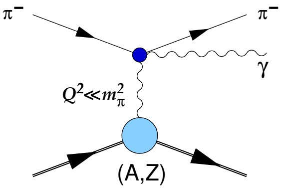
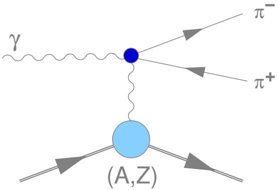
Pion Compton scattering: embedding the process





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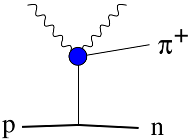

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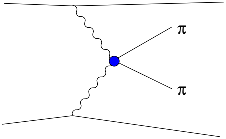

Photon-Photon fusion

Pion polarisability: world data before COMPASS

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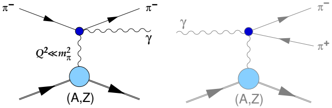

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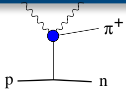

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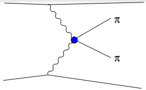

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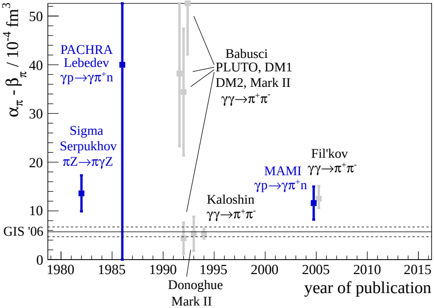

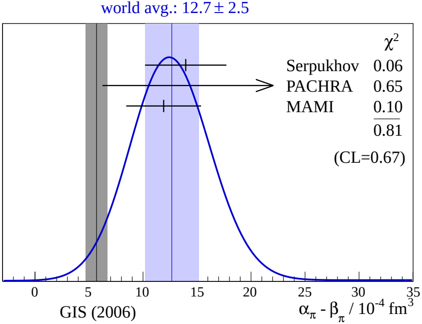

GIS'06: ChPT prediction, Gasser, Ivanov, Sainio, NPB745 (2006), plots: T. Nagel, PhD

Fil'kov analysis objected by Pasquini, Drechsel, Scherer PRC81, 029802 (2010)

Pion Compton Scattering

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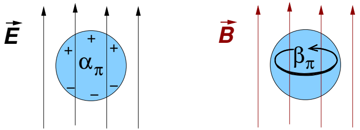

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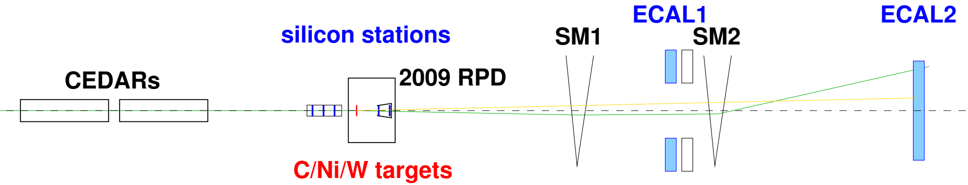

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Identifying the $\pi\gamma \to \pi\gamma$ reaction

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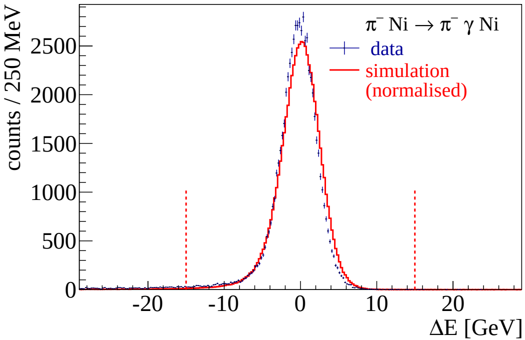

- Energy balance $\Delta E = E_\pi + E_\gamma - E_{\text{Beam}}$
- Exclusivity peak $\sigma \approx 2.6$ GeV (1.4%)
- $\sim$ 63.000 exclusive events ($x_\gamma > 0.4$) (Serpukhov $\sim$ 7000 for $x_\gamma > 0.5$)

Primakoff peak

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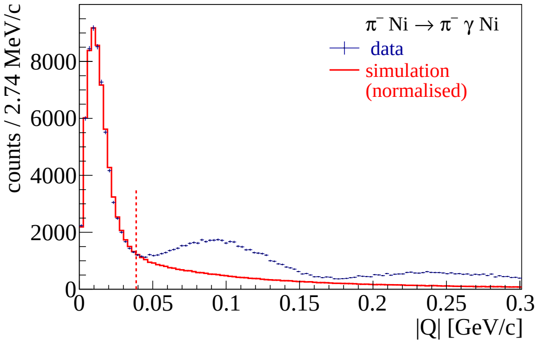

- $\Delta Q_T \approx 12$ MeV/c (190 GeV/c beam $\rightarrow$ requires few-μrad angular resolution)
- first diffractive minimum on Ni nucleus at $Q \approx 190$ MeV$/c$
- data a little more narrow than simulation $\rightarrow$ negative interference?

Primakoff peak: muon data

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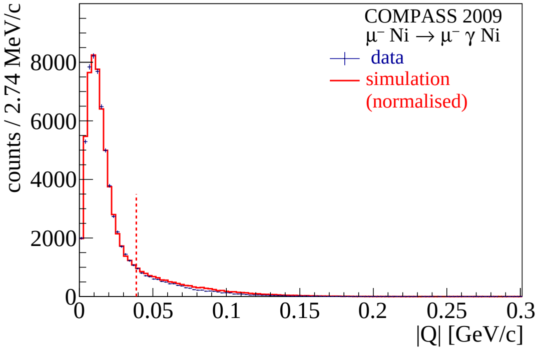

- muon control measurement: pure electromagnetic interaction
- e.m. nuclear effects well understood

Principle of the measurement

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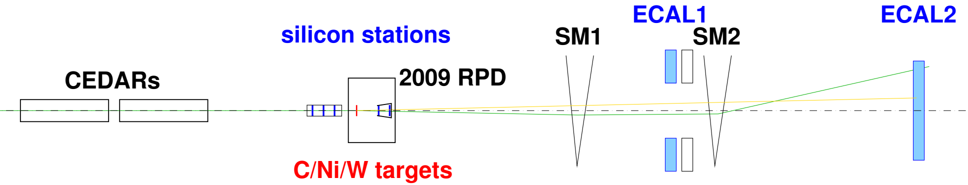

ECAL2: 3000 cells of different types

ECAL2: the quest for precision

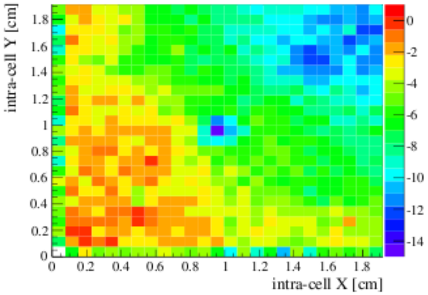

Figure 3.5: Profile of energy deviations shown for 1/4 of a shashlik block and for muon data photons within the range 133 GeV $< E_\gamma <$ 152 GeV .

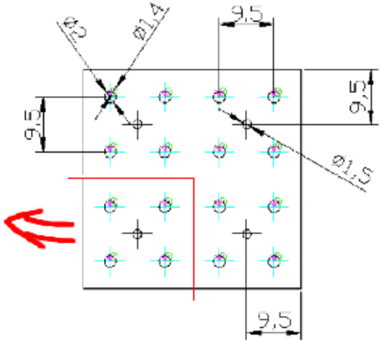

Figure 3.6: Technical drawing of a full shashlik cell to be compared with the figure to the left.

from: Th. Nagel, PhD thesis TUM 2012

Photon energy spectra for muon and pion beam

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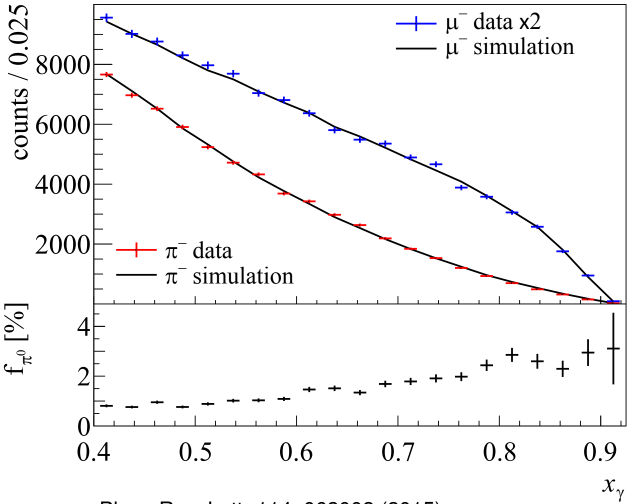

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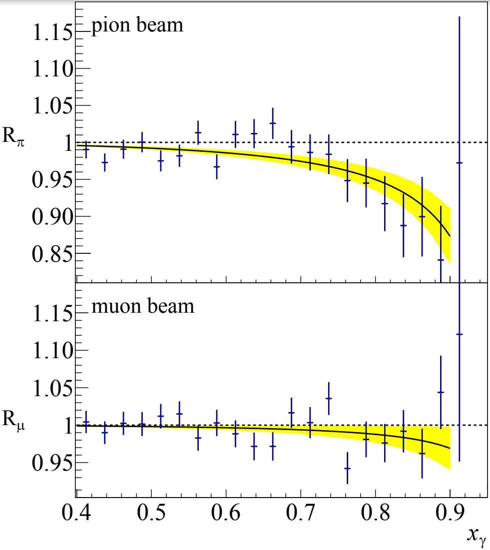
Pion polarisability: COMPASS result



$$\boldsymbol{\alpha_\pi} = (\ 2.0 \pm 0.6_{\text{stat}}\ ) \times 10^{-4}\,\text{fm}^3$$

(assuming $\alpha_\pi = -\beta_\pi$)

"false polarisability" from muon data:

$$(\ 0.5 \pm 0.5_{\text{stat}}\ ) \times 10^{-4}\,\text{fm}^3$$

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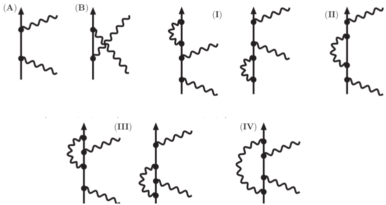
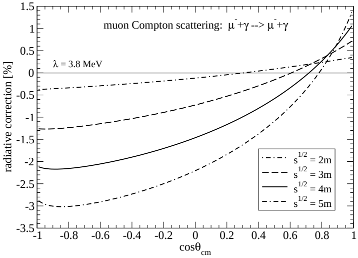
Radiative corrections (Compton scattering part)





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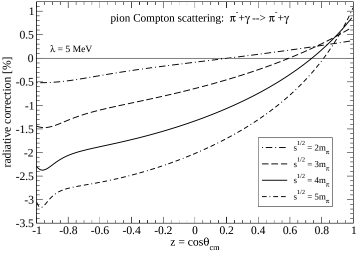

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COMPASS result for the pion polarisability:

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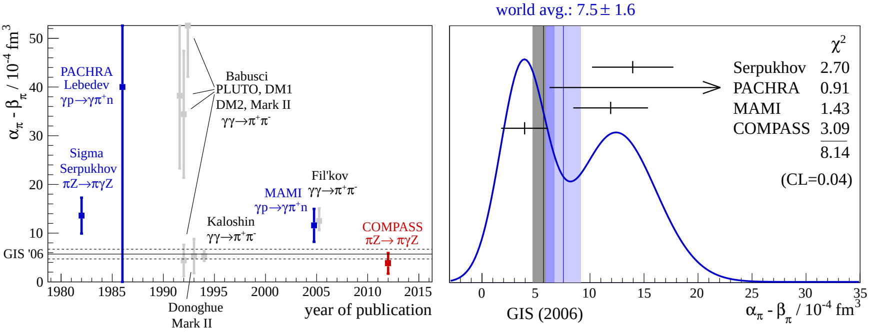


- The new COMPASS result is in significant tension with the earlier measurements of the pion polarisability
- The expectation from ChPT is confirmed within the uncertainties

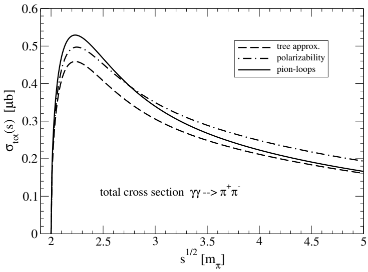
Photon-photon fusion process $\gamma\gamma \to \pi^+\pi^-$

- Planned measurements at ALICE and JLab

$$\sigma_{tot}(s) = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{\hat{s}^3 m_\pi^2}\Big\{\left[4+\hat{s}+\hat{s}|C(\hat{s})|^2\right]\sqrt{\hat{s}(\hat{s}-4)}$$

$$+8\left[2-\hat{s}+\hat{s}\,\mathrm{Re}\,C(\hat{s})\right]\ln\frac{\sqrt{\hat{s}}+\sqrt{\hat{s}-4}}{2}\Big\},$$

$$C(\hat{s}) = -\beta_\pi\frac{m_\pi^3}{2\alpha}\hat{s} - \frac{m_\pi^2}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2}\left\{\frac{\hat{s}}{2}+2\left[\ln\frac{\sqrt{\hat{s}}+\sqrt{\hat{s}-4}}{2}-\frac{i\pi}{2}\right]^2\right\}$$



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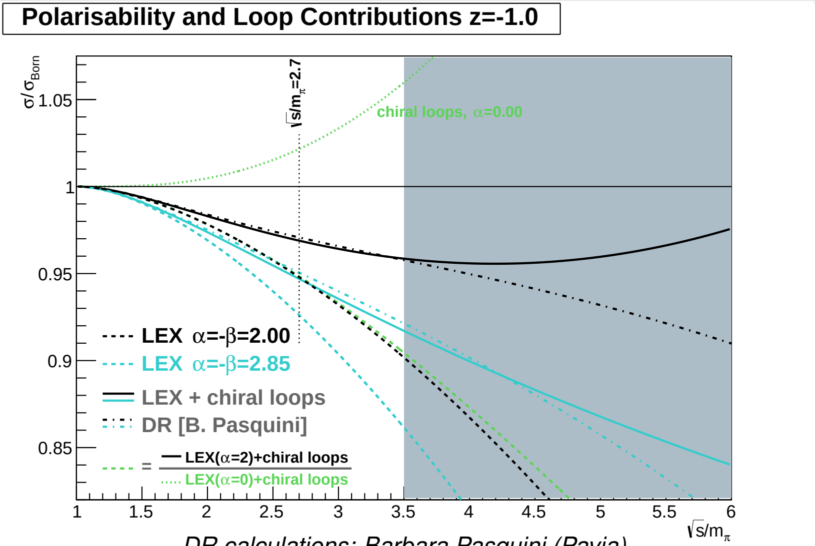
limited sensitivity to the polarisability contribution

Dispersion relations and ChPT



DR calculations: Barbara Pasquini (Pavia)

Pion polarisability on the lattice

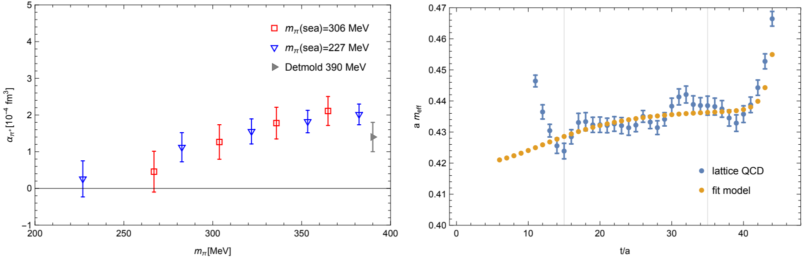


FIGURE 3. Left: electric polarizability for the charged pions as a function of the valence quark mass. The data for $m_\pi = 390\,\mathrm{MeV}$ is taken from [5]. Right: effective mass for a charged pion correlator together with the scalar particle correlator determined from the fit. The fitting range is indicated by the vertical bars.

Alexandru *et al.*, Pion electric polarizability from lattice QCD, arXiv:1501.06516

Primakoff reactions accessible at COMPASS

Access to $\pi + \gamma$ reactions via the Primakoff effect:

At smallest momentum transfers to the nucleus, high-energetic particles scatter predominantly off the electromagnetic field quanta ($\sim Z^2$)

$$\pi^- + \gamma \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^- + \gamma \\ \pi^- + \pi^0 \;/\; \eta \\ \pi^- + \pi^0 + \pi^0 \\ \pi^- + \pi^- + \pi^+ \qquad \Longleftarrow \\ \pi^- + \pi^- + \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^+ \\ \pi^- + \ldots \end{cases}$$

analogously: Kaon-induced reactions $K^- + \gamma \rightarrow \cdots$

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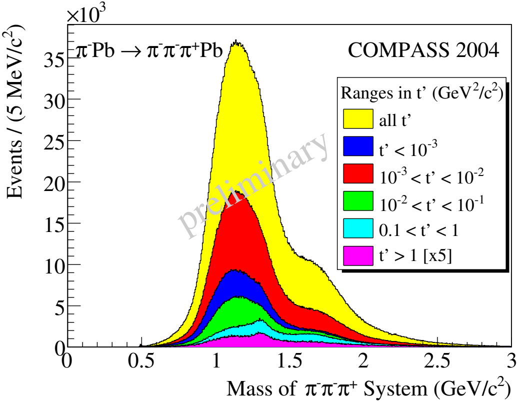
$$\pi^- \text{ Pb} \rightarrow \text{Pb } \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+$$



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Chiral dynamics in $\pi\gamma \to 3\pi$

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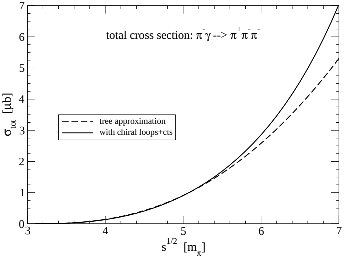

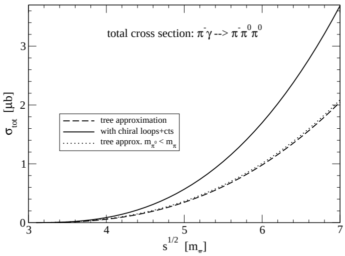

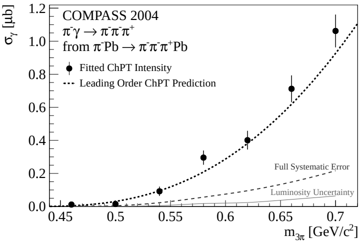

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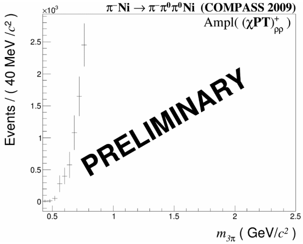

normalization: analysis ongoing

Radiative Coupling of $a_2(1320)$ and $\pi_2(1670)$

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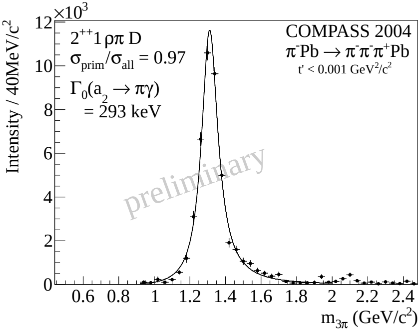

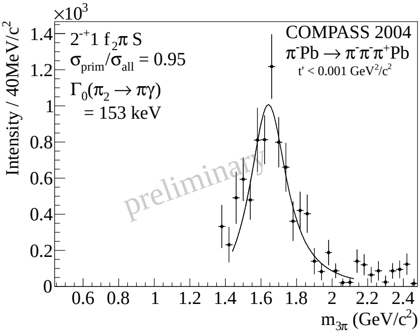

$\Gamma_0(a_2(1320) \to \pi\gamma)$ *M2* $\Gamma_0(\pi_2(1670) \to \pi\gamma)$ *E2*

$\Leftrightarrow$ meson w.f.'s: $\Gamma_{i\to f} \propto |\langle\Psi_f|\, e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}}\,\hat{\epsilon}\cdot\vec{p}\,|\Psi_i\rangle|^2$, VMD

- normalization via beam kaon decays
- large Coulomb correction

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Summary and Outlook

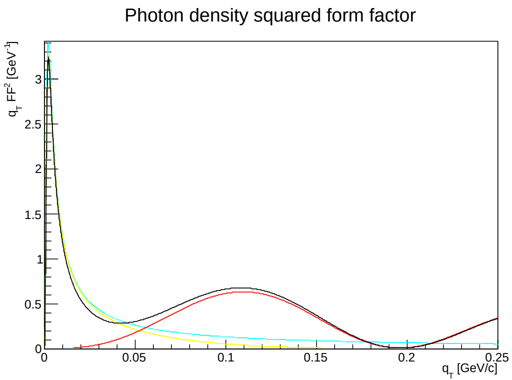
- Measurement of the pion polarisability at COMPASS
  - Via the Primakoff reaction, COMPASS has determined

$$\boxed{\alpha_\pi \;=\; (\,2.0 \;\pm\; 0.6_{\rm stat} \;\pm\; 0.7_{\rm syst}\,) \;\times 10^{-4}\,\mathrm{fm}^3} \quad \text{assuming } \alpha_\pi + \beta_\pi = 0$$

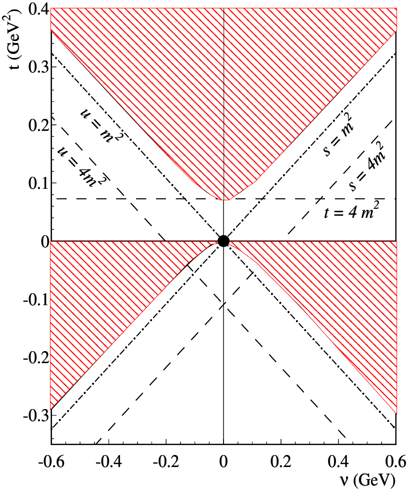
  - most direct access to the $\pi\gamma \to \pi\gamma$ process
  - Most precise experimental determination
  - Systematic control: $\mu\gamma \to \mu\gamma$, $K^- \to \pi^-\pi^0$
- COMPASS measures more aspectes of chiral dynamics in $\pi^-\gamma \to \pi^-\pi^0$ and $\pi\gamma \to \pi\pi\pi$ reactions
- High-statistics run 2012
  - separate determination of α_π and β_π
  - $s-$dependent quadrupole polarisabilities
  - First measurement of the kaon polarisability

Thank you for your attention!

Backup



- calculation following G. Fäldt (Phys. Rev. C79, 014607)
- eikonal approximation: pions traverse Coulomb and strong-interaction potentials



from: D. Drechsel, talk at IWHSS 2011 Paris

- red hatched: physical regions
  $\gamma + \gamma \to \pi + \pi$
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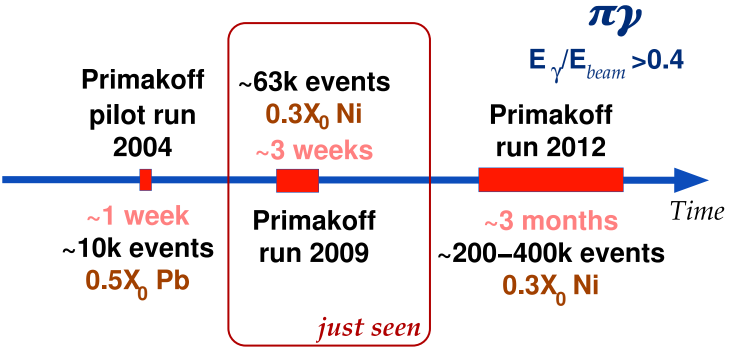
- two-pion thresholds at $s = 4m_\pi^2$, $u = 4m_\pi^2$, $t = 4m_\pi^2$
- DR integration paths
  $t = 0$ (forward),
  $\theta = 180°$ (backward)
  $u = m_\pi^2$, $s = m_\pi^2$, ...

Pion polarisability measurements at COMPASS

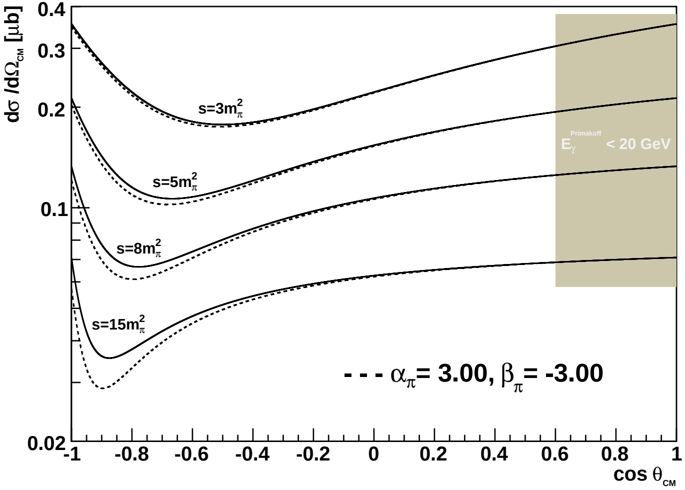


$$\mathcal{P} = z_-^2(\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi) + \frac{s^2}{m_\pi^4} z_+^2(\alpha_\pi + \beta_\pi) - \frac{(s - m_\pi^2)^2}{24s} z_-^3(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)$$

$$z_\pm = 1 \pm \cos\theta_{cm}$$

Polarisability effect (LO ChPT values)

loop effects not shown



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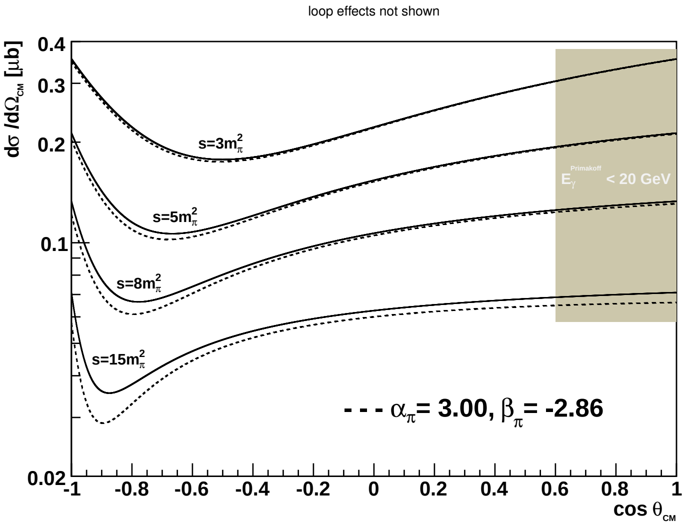
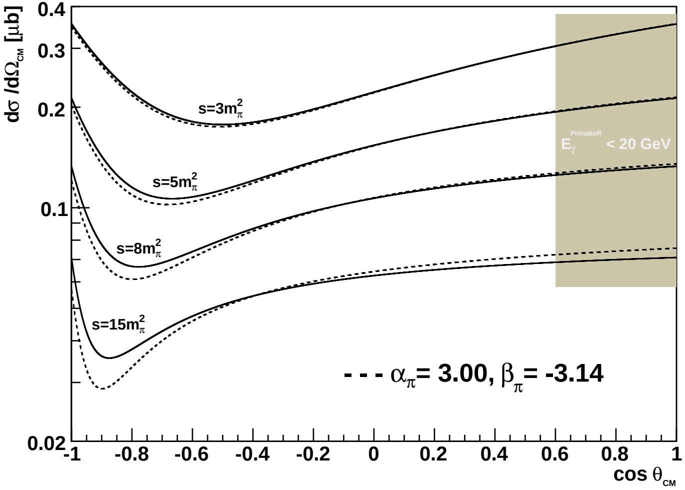


Polarisability effect with “wrong-sign” $\alpha_\pi + \beta_\pi < 0$

loop effects not shown



Polarisability effect (Serpukhov values)

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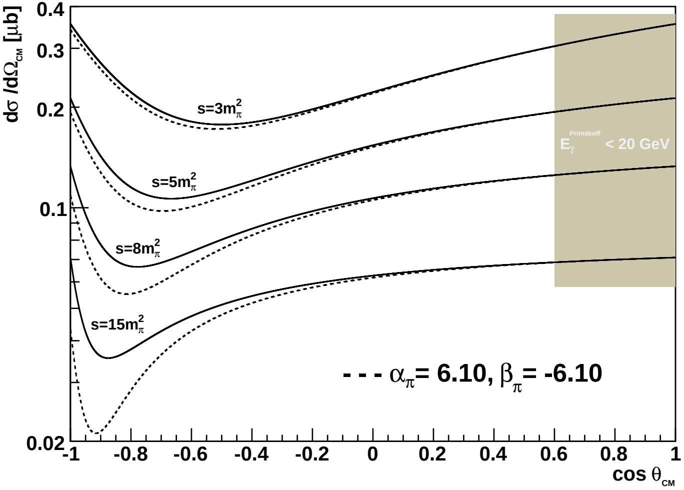


- Radiative π^+ production on the proton:

$$\gamma\,\pi^{*} \longrightarrow \pi\,\gamma \qquad [\text{via } \gamma\, p \rightarrow n\, \pi^+\, \gamma]$$

Mainz (2005) measurement: $\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi = 11.6 \pm 1.5 \pm 3.0 \pm 0.5$

"± 0.5": model error *only within the used ansatz*,

full systematics not under control

- Primakoff Compton reaction:

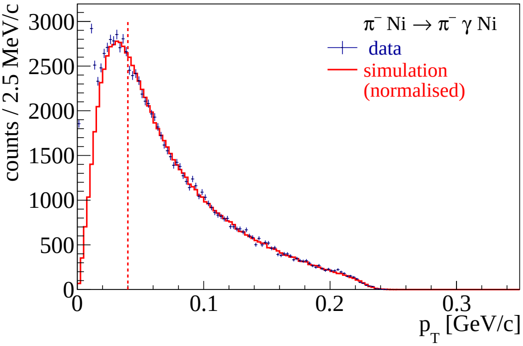
$$\gamma^{*}\,\pi \longrightarrow \pi\,\gamma \qquad [\text{via } \pi\, Z \rightarrow Z\, \pi\, \gamma]$$

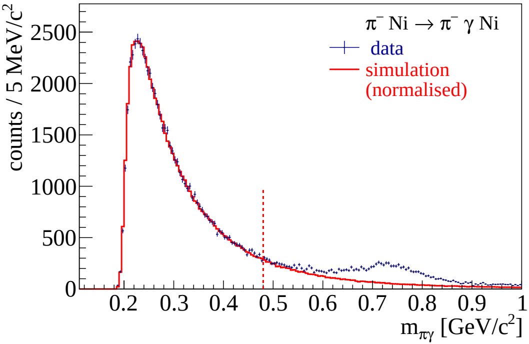
tiny extrapolation $\gamma^* \rightarrow \gamma \;\; \mathcal{O}(10^{-3} m_\pi^2)$

fully under theoretical control

[N. Kaiser, J.F., Nucl. Phys. A 812 (2008) 186]

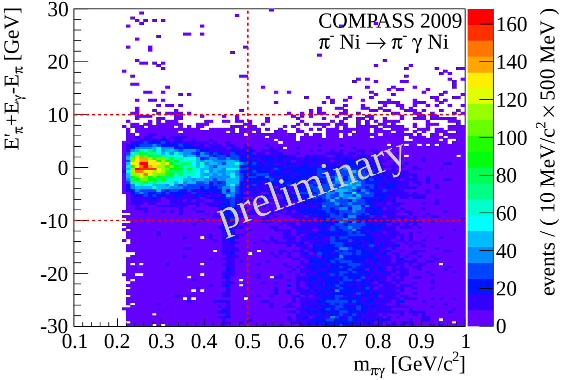
Minimum transverse momentum of the charged particle





- ρ contribution from $\pi\gamma \to \pi\pi^0$

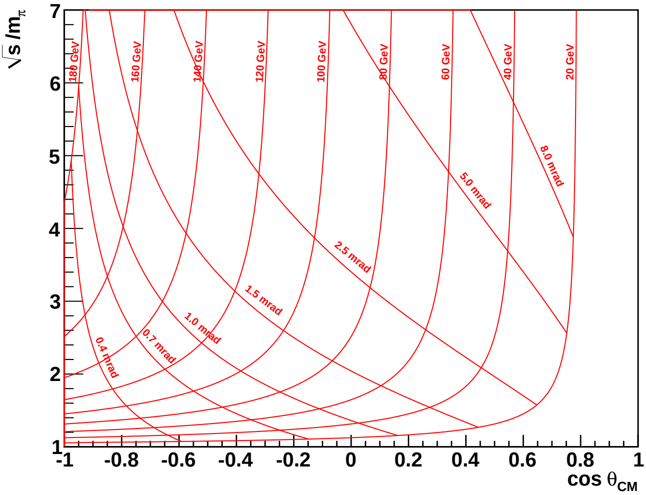
Exclusivity vs. $\sqrt{s}$



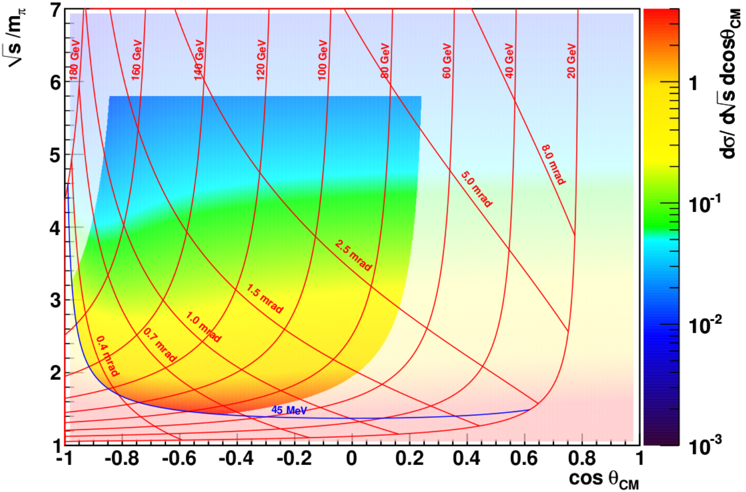
- ρ contribution from $\pi\gamma \to \pi\pi^0$

Mandelstam $\{s,t\} \leftrightarrow$ Laboratory $\{E_\gamma, \theta_\gamma\}$

for $\pi\gamma \to \pi\gamma$



Cross section



$\gamma\gamma \to \pi\pi$ and the pion polarisability

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M.R. Pennington in the 2nd DAΦNE Physics Handbook,
"What we learn by measuring $\gamma\gamma \to \pi\pi$ at DAΦNE":

> All this means that the only way to measure the pion polarisabilities is in the Compton scattering process near threshold and not in $\gamma\gamma \to \pi\pi$. Though the low energy $\gamma\gamma \to \pi\pi$ scattering is seemingly close to the Compton threshold (...) and so the *extrapolation* not very far, the dominance of the pion pole (...) means that the energy scale for this continuation is m_π. Thus the polarisabilities cannot be determined accurately from $\gamma\gamma$ experiments in a model-independent way and must be measured in the Compton scattering region.

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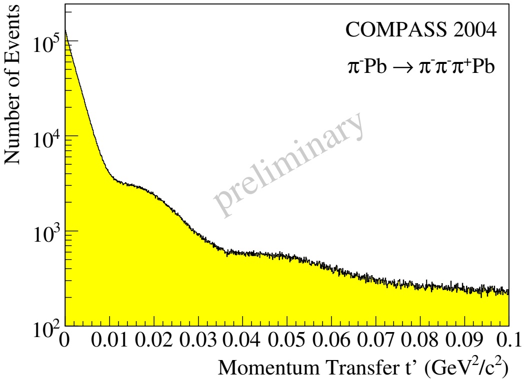
$$\pi^- \; \text{Pb} \rightarrow \text{Pb} \; \pi^- \; \pi^- \; \pi^+$$



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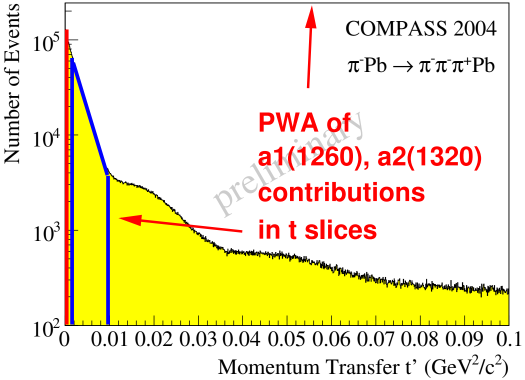
$\pi^- \, \mathrm{Pb} \to \mathrm{Pb} \, \pi^- \, \pi^- \, \pi^+$



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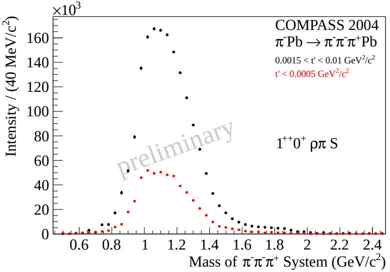
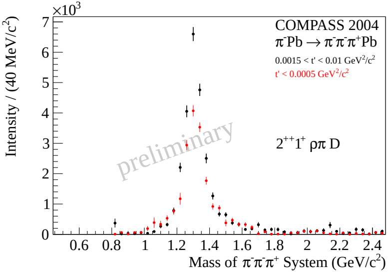
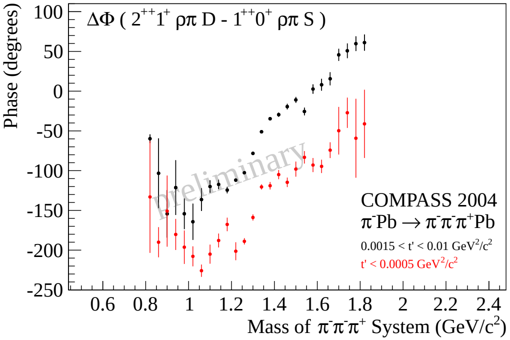
PWA: a_1, a_2 and $\Delta\Phi$ in separated t' regions







Phase $a_2 - a_1$ in detail: t' dependence

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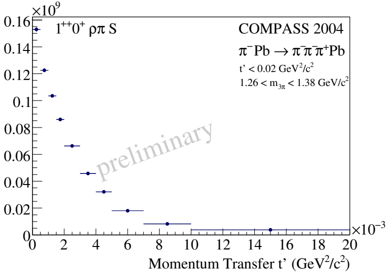
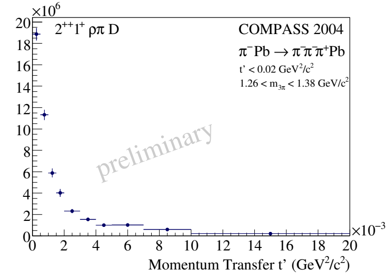
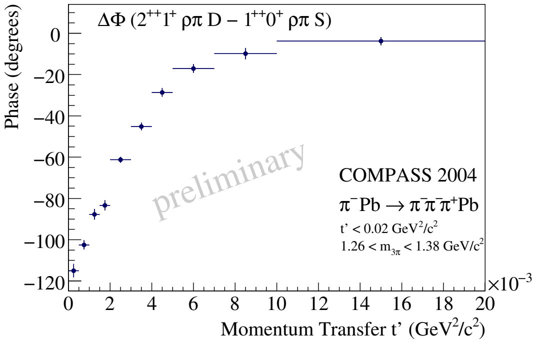
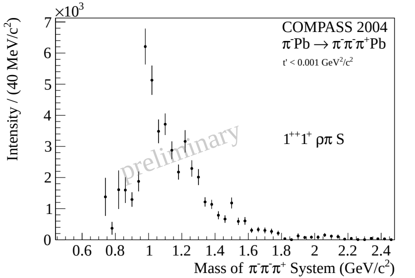


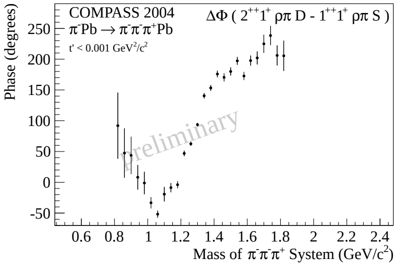


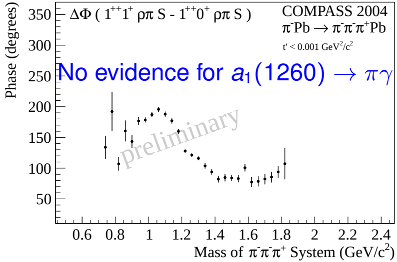


- transition of $\pi\gamma$ to $\pi I\!P \to a_2$ production
- work in progress
- interference can be used to map details of resonances and production mechanisms

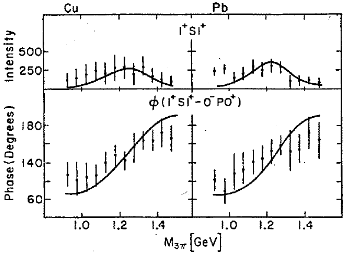
Primakoff production of a1(1260) vs. E272 result







No evidence for $a_1(1260) \to \pi\gamma$



M. Zielinski et al, Phys. Rev. Lett 52 (1984) 1195

BACKUP: Partial Wave Analysis Formalism

- Mass-independent PWA (narrow mass bins):

$$\sigma_{\text{indep}}(\tau, m, t') = \sum_{\epsilon=\pm1} \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \left| \sum_i T_{ir}^{\epsilon} f_i^{\epsilon}(t') \psi_i^{\epsilon}(\tau, m) \Big/ \sqrt{\int |f_i^{\epsilon}(t')|^2 \mathrm{d}t'} \sqrt{\int |\psi_i^{\epsilon}(\tau', m)|^2 \mathrm{d}\tau'} \right|^2$$

  - Production strenght assumed constant in single bins
  - Decay amplitudes $\psi_i^{\epsilon}(\tau, m)$, with t' dependence $f_i^{\epsilon}(t')$
  - Production amplitudes T_{ir}^{ϵ} $\rightarrow$ Extended log-likelihood fit
  - Acceptance corrections included
- Spin-density matrix: $\rho_{ij}^{\epsilon} = \sum_r T_{ir}^{\epsilon} T_{jr}^{\epsilon *}$

$\rightarrow$ Physical parameters:

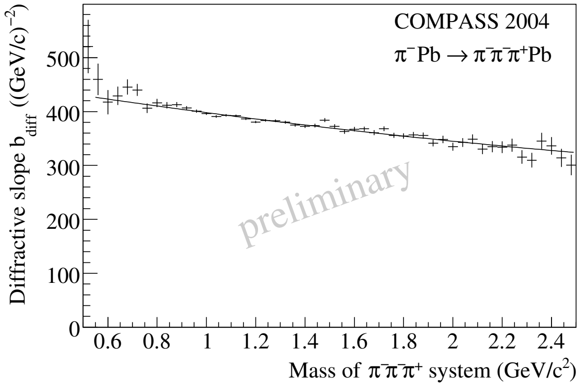
$$\mathrm{Intens}_i^{\epsilon} = \rho_{ii}^{\epsilon},$$

relative phase Φ_{ij}^{e}

$$\mathrm{Coh}\ _{i,j}^{\epsilon} = \sqrt{(\ \mathrm{Re}\ \rho_{ij}^{\epsilon})^2 + (\ \mathrm{Im}\ \rho_{ij}^{\epsilon})^2} \Big/ \sqrt{\rho_{ii}^{\epsilon} \rho_{jj}^{\epsilon}}$$

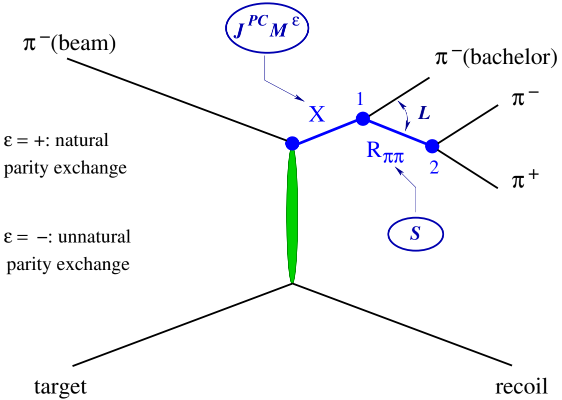
- Mass-dependent χ^2-fit (not presented here):
  - X parameterized by Breit-Wigner (BW) functions
  - Background can be added

Mass dependence of the diffractive slope



Partial Wave Analysis Formalism

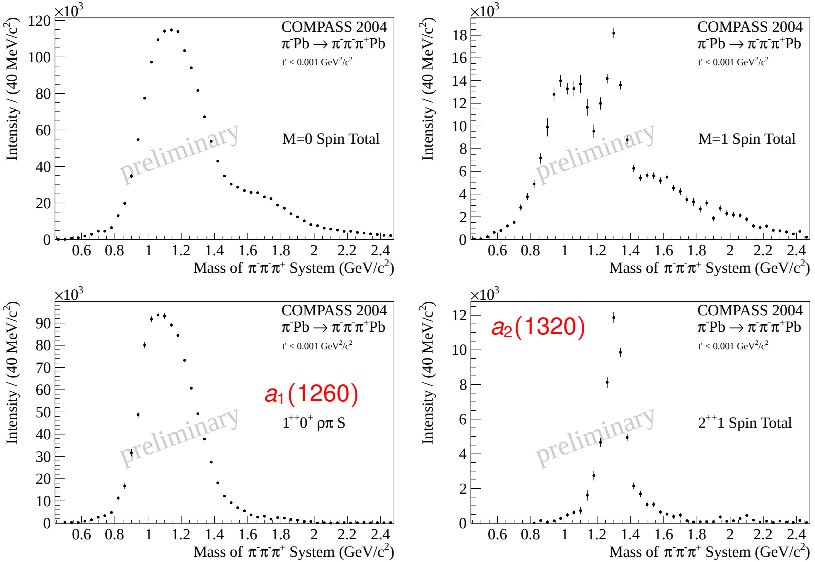
Isobar Model



- Isobar model: Intermediate 2-particle decays
- Partial wave in reflectivity basis: $J^{PC}M^{\epsilon}[isobar]L$

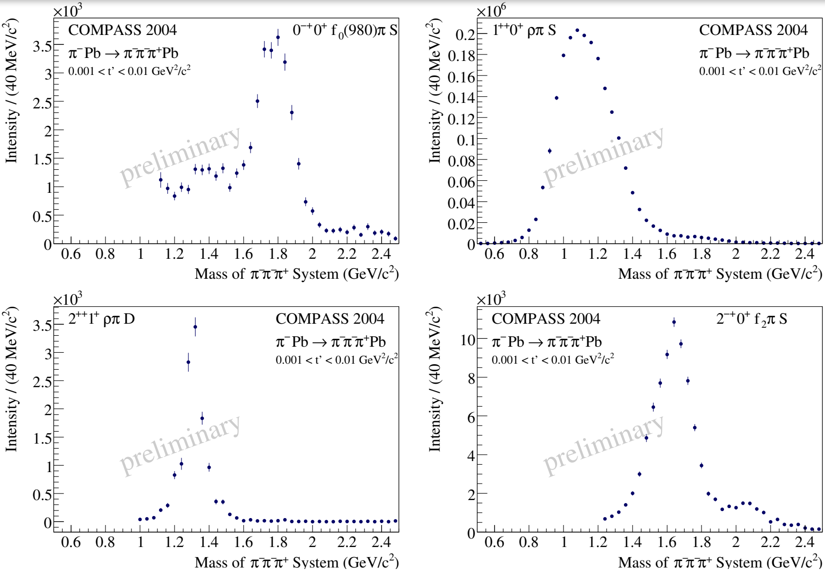
- Mass-independent PWA (40 MeV/c^2 mass bins): 38 waves
  Fit of angular dependence of partial waves, interferences
- Mass-dependent χ^2-fit (Not presented here)

Major intensities in m(3π)-bins (acceptance corrected)



PWA of data with low t'

Intensity of selected waves: $0^{-+}0^{+} f_0(980)\pi S$, $1^{++}0^{+}\rho\pi S$, $2^{++}1^{+}\rho\pi D$, $2^{-+}0^{+} f_2(1270)\pi S$



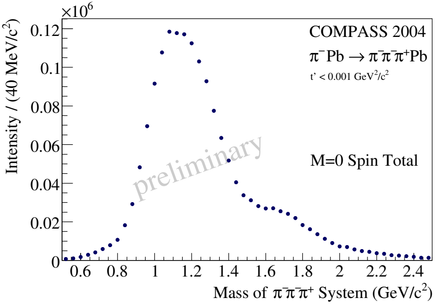
"Spin Totals": Sum of all contributions for given M (i.e. z-projection of J)

t'-dependent amplitudes:

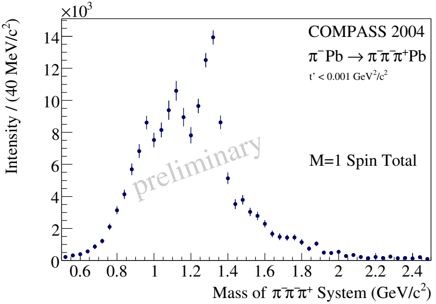
Primakoff production: M=1: $\sigma(t') \propto e^{-b_{\mathrm{Prim}} t'} \rightarrow$ arises at $t' \approx 0$ (resoluted shape!)

Diffractive production: M=0: $\sigma(t') \propto e^{-b_{\mathrm{diff}}(m) t'}$

M=1: $\sigma(t') \propto t' e^{-b_{\mathrm{diff}}(m) t'} \rightarrow$ vanishes for $t' \approx 0$



M=0



M=1

Theory: Phase a_2(strong+Coulomb)-a_1(strong)

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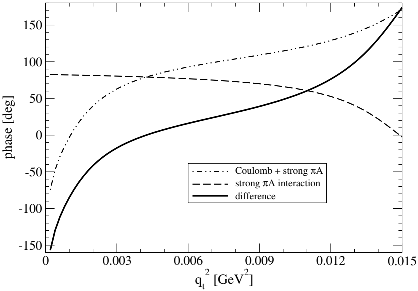
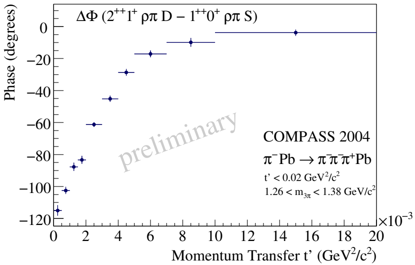




Glauber modell

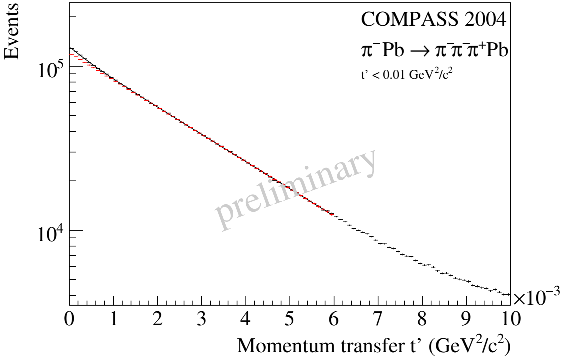
G. Fäldt and U. Tengblad, Phys. Rev. C79, 014607 (2009)

Plot: N. Kaiser (TU München)

⇒ indicates confirmation of interference Coulomb-interaction - strong interaction
⇒ detailed studies of the nature of resonances

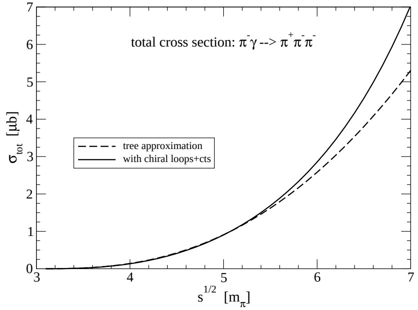
Primakoff: $\sigma(t') \propto e^{-b_{\mathrm{Prim}} t'}$, $\quad b_{\mathrm{Prim}} \approx 2000\,(\mathrm{GeV}/c)^{-2}$ (mainly resolution)

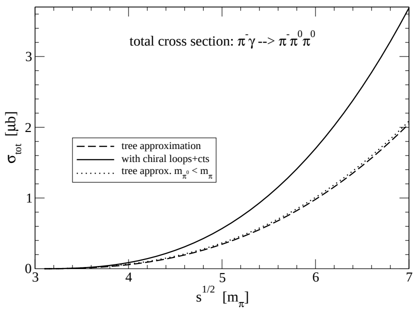
Diffractive: $\sigma(t') \propto e^{-b_{\mathrm{diff}} t'}$, $\quad b_{\mathrm{diff}} \approx 400\,(\mathrm{GeV}/c)^{-2}$ for lead target



(Mass) spectrum of this Primakoff contribution?

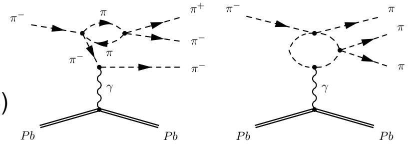
$\Rightarrow$ Statistical subtraction of diffractive background (for bins of $m_{3\pi}$)





Chiral loops, e.g.

(N. Kaiser, NPA848 (2010) 198)



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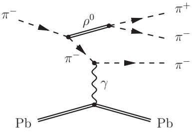
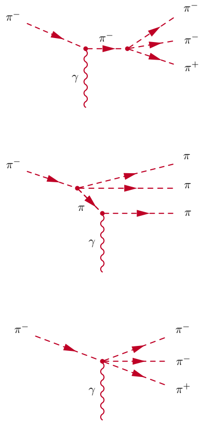
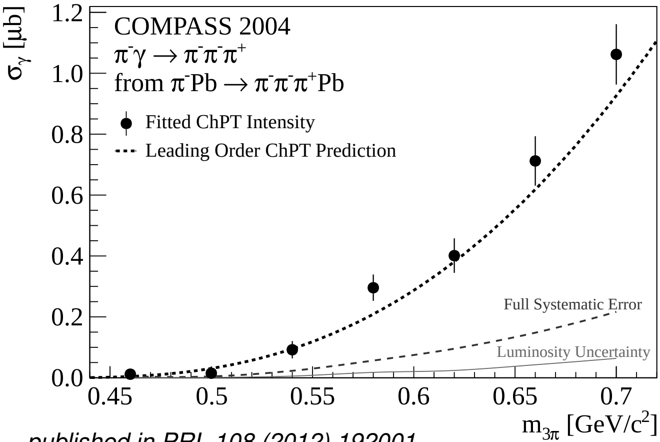


First Measurement of $\pi\gamma \to 3\pi$ Absolute Cross-Section



Measured absolute cross-section of $\pi^-\gamma \to \pi^-\pi^-\pi^+$



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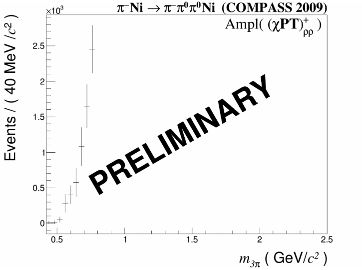
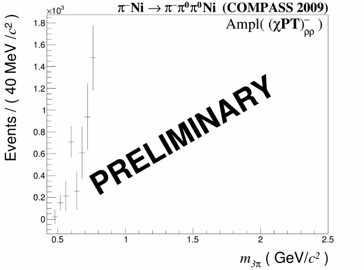
Partial Wave Analysis

Isobaric Model – Chiral Wave





Partial Wave Analysis

Chiral Model - Amplitudes