# Exclusive single photon production in muon-proton scattering at COMPASS



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Frontiers and Careers in Photonuclear Physics







- Classical Quark Parton Model (QPM)
  - $\rightarrow$  Distribution of longitudinal momentum of quarks in the nucleon (PDFs)
- Consider transvers extension of the nucleon
  - ⇒ Generalized Parton Distribution functions (GPDs)
  - $\rightarrow$  Provide information of the transvers position of the quark in the nucleon
- Properties of GPDs can be investigated by processes where **only a single photon is produced** 
  - $\rightarrow$  Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)
- In 2012 a first test measurement of the DVCS was performed at COMPASS (analysed and published)
- In 2016/17 a long term measurement was performed

# $\Rightarrow$ Determine the DVCS cross section

# Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS) at COMPASS



**DVCS** process:

$$\mu + \mathbf{p} 
ightarrow \mu' + \mathbf{p}' + \gamma$$

 $\rightarrow$  Process with same final state: Bethe-Heitler (Bremsstrahlung)

Cross section for exclusive photon production:

$$\sigma(\mu p \to \mu' p \gamma) = \sigma_{DVCS} + \sigma_{BH} + \sigma_{Int.}$$

### Kinematic dependencies:

- $Q^2$ : 4-momentum of virtual photon
- $\nu$  : Energy of virtual photon
- t : Momentum transfer to proton
- ${\circ}~\phi~$  : Angle between plane of virtual photon and plane of real photon



# COMPASS spectrometer setup (2016/17)

### Two staged forward spectrometer SM1 + SM2

- Liquid hydrogen target (2.5m, Ø4cm)
- Proton recoil detector (CAMERA)
- ECAL0, ECAL1 and ECAL2 (Photon detection)
- Muon trigger system ( $\mu$ ID)
  - $\sim$  300 tracking detector planes



Muon acceptance range:  $Q^2 < 100 (\text{GeV/c})^2$ 

$$x_{Bj} > 10^{-5}$$

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- $\bullet~{\rm Energy}~{\rm loss}$  in outer ring VS  $\beta$
- Clean signal of protons

# The road to the DVCS cross section



# How to determine the target position?

...reconstruct the target position from data.

Muon beam also interacts with target container



### Target container:

- Kapton foil
- 2.5m long, 4 cm diameter
- X-Y projection of vertex distribution along the full target
  - Beam profile (diameter 2 cm)
  - Not centered in coordinate system of spectrometer
- $\bullet\,$  For data analysis only vertices inside target volume  $\rightarrow\,$  define radial cut





# Some more fitting...



# Target position (2016)

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### Idea:

Use a true random trigger to measure reconstructed muon flux

### • True Random trigger

- Na<sup>22</sup> ( $\beta^+$  source) between two PMTs
- e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> annihilation
- $2\gamma$  measured in coincidence
  - $\Rightarrow$  Trigger signal
- Signal send to experimental area and fed into trigger logic
- Flux:

 $\mathrm{Flux}_{\mathrm{RT}}[1/s] = rac{\# \mathrm{~of~RT~beam~tracks}}{\# \mathrm{~RT~attempts\cdot RT~time~gate}}$ 

- $\rightarrow$  Data selection to determine number of beam tracks
- $\bullet$  Luminosity  ${\cal L}$

 $\mathcal{L}=\# ~\mathrm{of~target~protons}\cdot Flux$ 



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### Checks:

- Find parameters which indicate the performance
- Compare parameter of a spill to the parameter of previous and later spills
  - $\rightarrow$  Reject if too few spills show similar behaviour
- e.g. Reconstructed tracks per vertex, trigger and spill



# The road to the DVCS cross section



# Selection of exclusive single photon events

### Select incoming muon

 $\rightarrow$  Use same selection as for muon flux

### Search scattered muon

- Vertex with only one outgoing charged track (same charge as inc. muon)
- Sufficient momentum transfer to proton

### Get real photons

- Check for a single photon
- Energy beyond a threshold in eiter one of the ECALs

### • Get recoil proton canditates

- TOF measurement
- Identify proton candidates
- $\rightarrow$  Improve event selection by adding "exclusivity cuts"

### Cuts:

### Incoming $\mu$ :

- Track would pass full target length
- 140 GeV/c<  $p < \!\!180$  GeV/c

### Scattered $\mu$ :

• 
$$Q^2 > 1 \; ({\rm GeV/c})^2$$

• 0.05 GeV/c< y <0.95 GeV/c

### Real photon:

- ECAL0 thr. = 4 GeV
- ECAL1 thr. = 5 GeV
- $\,\circ\,$  ECAL2 thr. = 10 GeV

### Proton candidates:

•  $\beta > 0.1$ 

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### Status



- Determination of  $\pi^0$  background
  - $\, \circ \,$  Photons produced by decay of  $\pi^0$  can be missidentified as exclusive photons
  - MC simulation needed to estimate contribution
- MC quality checks (compare reconstructed MC and real data)
  - Kinematic distributions
  - Detector responses (Efficiencies)
- Produce a sufficient amount of MC data both for LEPTO and HEPGEN to determine the background
  - LEPTO and HEPGEN for the semi-inclusive and exclusive part of  $\pi^0$  contribution
- Acceptance  $a(Q^2, \nu, |t|)$

For each bin:

$$a = \frac{N_{reconstructed}}{N_{generated}}$$

$$N_{generated}: \text{ \# generated events passing cut for flux}$$

$$N_{reconstructed}: \text{ \# reconstructed events passing entire}$$
set of cuts for single-photon production

# Thank you for your attention.