Prompt Photons in DIS

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Motivation

- First measurement of Prompt Photons in DIS at H1.
- We can extend the phasespace of the former measurement at HERA by far - 10x higher total cross section expectation (compared to ZEUS' 04 hep-ex/0402019).
- Brand new LO(α³) QED calculation is out for the (also inclusive!) prompt photon production in DIS (Gehrmann et al., hep-ph/0601073 and hepph/0604030).
- For prompt photons in DIS there is no uncertainty of the photon pdf.
- Dedicated measurement of the prompt photon production in DIS can give access to the quark-to-photon fragmentation function.
- Understanding of prompt photon production is essential for new physics searches at LHC. In H → γγ channel the QCD induced background with two photons in the final state needs to be well controlled.



Prompt γ-Production in DIS in Leading Order



Electron (FSR and ISR)

Prompt Photon in the H1-Detector



Background: Multi-Photon Clusters



Schematic Cluster representations

Background

Hadrons that decay into multiple Photons: π^0 , η , η' , ρ , ω , K^0 , etc. (neutral mesons) Multi-Photon Cluster: Decay photons form a common cluster (usual at high energies).

Multi-Photon Clusters:

- Iess compact
- transversly wider
- more asymmetric
- shower earlier
- ...



Signal / Background Separation

Example: Transverse Radius of Cluster!



Cluster-Variables used for Separation

of Photons from Neutral Mesons:

Discriminating Cluster Variables



Extraction of Photons: Method

- Variables are combined in a Likelihood-Method (naïve Bayes).
- The probability density functions are defined using high statistics Single Particle Samples only!

Signal: Single Particle Photons Background: combined Single Particle Mesons (10 types).



Phasespace

Integrated Luminosity = 70.6 pb⁻¹ (HERA I)



Predictions

Prompt Photon Generators

Pythia and Herwig

Matrixelement: $\gamma + q \longrightarrow \gamma + q$

- Flux of incoming photons is approximated in the DIS-mode.
- Radiation off the electron is not included (only radiative corrections = 2nd photon)

Rapgap

Inclusive and radiative NC DIS-MC

 Electron-Radiation in these events is taken as an approximation of the prompt photon contribution off the electron line.

Calculation Matrixelement: $e + q \rightarrow e + q + \gamma$ Full Matrix Element (LO) Brand new calculation in LO(α^3) by Gehrmann et al. for the prompt photon cross section at HERA. \Rightarrow hep-ph/0601073 \Rightarrow hep-ph/0604030 2006

→ Includes quark-to-photon fragmentation.





Cross Sections and Calculation

LL **Photon from Electron** =

QQ **Photon from Quark** =



Entire η-Range

Cross Sections and Calculation in Eta-Bins



Cross Sections and Generators

Pythia/Herwig scaled in order to match total cross section:

- Pythia scaled by 2.3
- Herwig scaled by 2.6

Rapgap (rad.) = Photons from Electron Pythia/Herwig = Photons from Quark







Summary

New H1-Results on inclusive prompt photon production in DIS have been presented!

- The measured cross sections are well described by a new LO(α³) QED calculation (Gehrmann et al., hep-ph/0601073 and hep-ph/0604030) – It is the first calculation for the **inclusive** prompt photon production in DIS!
- The data is also nicely described in shape by the PYTHIA Event generator plus radiation off the electron line as modelled by RAPGAP, though the absolute scale is too low.
- Compared to the previous measurement (ZEUS '04, hep-ex/0402019) the phasespace is significantly extended (about 10x higher total cross section expectation).



Much better understanding of the inclusive prompt photon production in DIS now.

Outlook:

- Statistics will be increased by including HERA II Data
- Quark-to-photon fragmentation function

