

# Tests of ChPT with COMPASS

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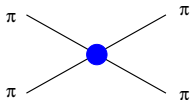




# Chiral Perturbation Theory vs. Experiment

- pion scattering lengths: 2-loop predictions

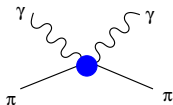
- $a_0^0 m_\pi = 0.220 \pm 0.005$  confirmed by E865 in  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$
- $(a_0^0 - a_0^2) m_\pi = 0.264 \pm 0.006$  confirmed by NA48 in  $0.268 \pm 0.010$   $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$



- pion polarisability: electric  $\alpha_\pi$ , magnetic  $\beta_\pi$

- contribution to Compton scattering
- ChPT prediction obtained by the relation to  $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \gamma$  [Gasser, Ivanov, Sainio, Nucl. Phys. B745, 2006]

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_\pi + \beta_\pi &= (0.2 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{fm}^3 \\ \alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi &= (5.7 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{fm}^3 \\ \alpha_\pi &= (2.9 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{fm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

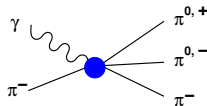


- ChPT prediction **contradicting** the experimental findings (prior to this analysis)

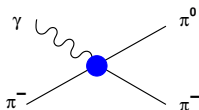


# More pion-photon reactions

- Pion scattering including a real photon
  - Leading-order prediction from ChPT  
 $\leftrightarrow$  pion scattering lengths
  - **chiral loop contribution**  
 theory prediction available, no measurement



- **Chiral anomaly  $F_{3\pi}$** 
  - established on 10% level
  - further development: inclusion of the  $\rho$  resonance  
 theoretical work by Kubis, Hoferichter, Sakkas  
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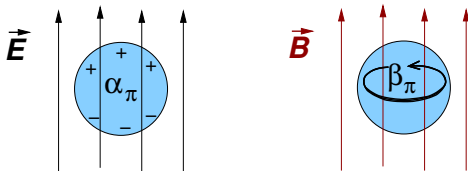




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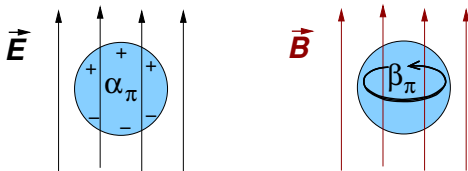
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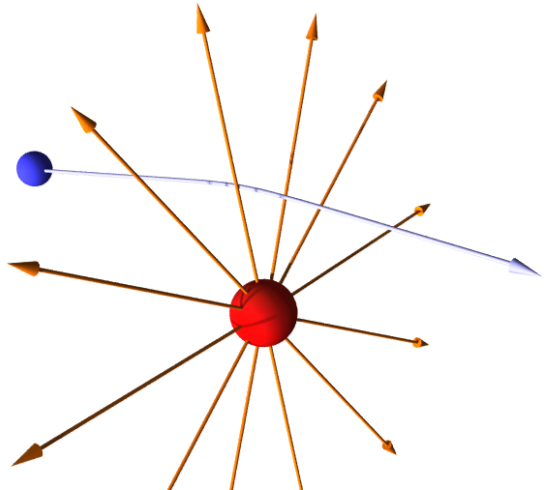
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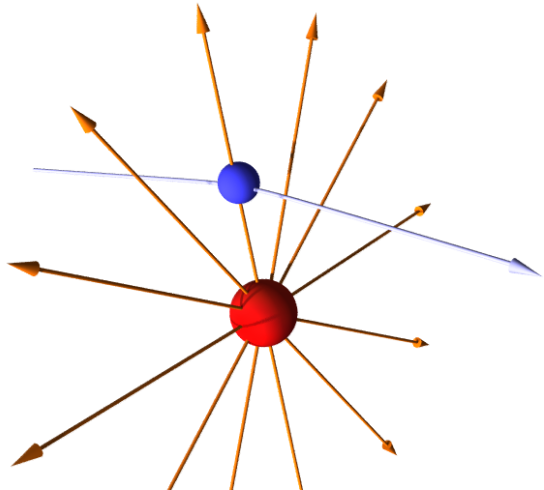




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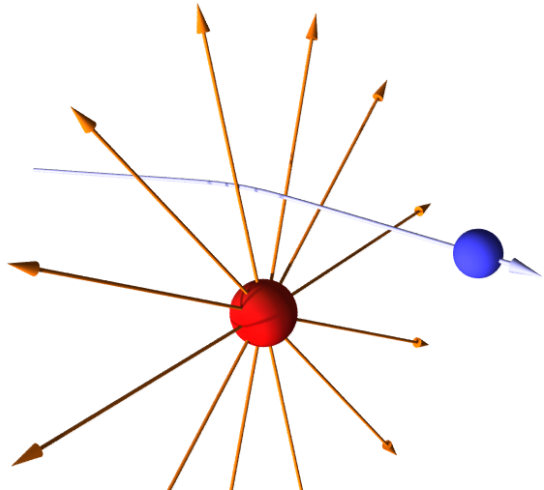




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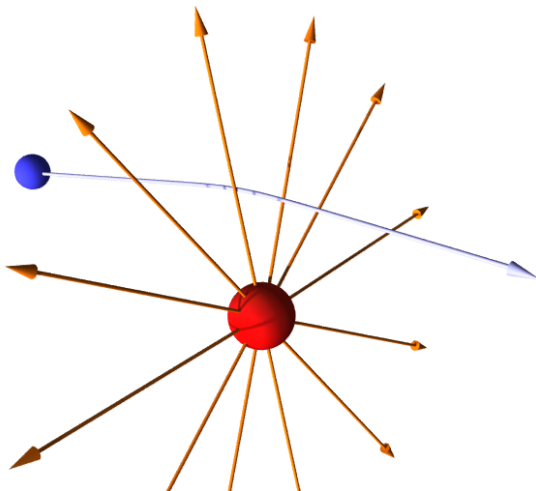




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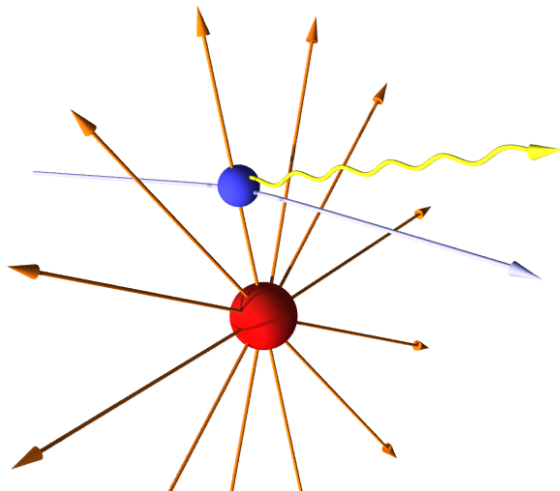




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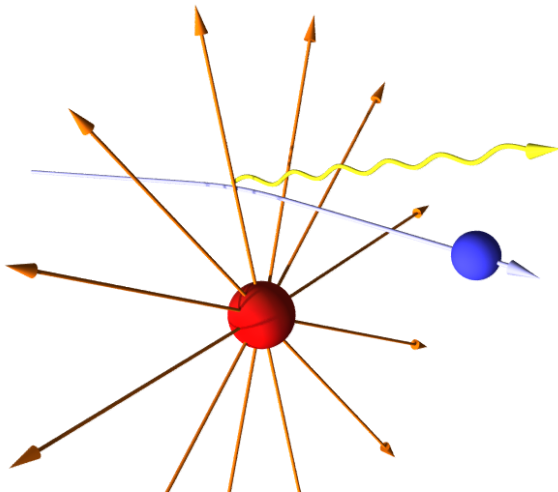




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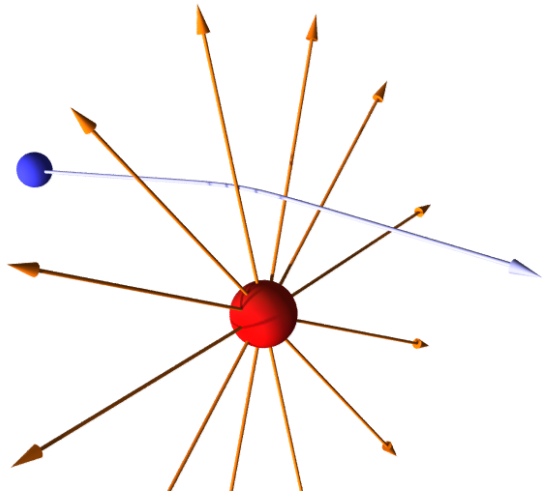




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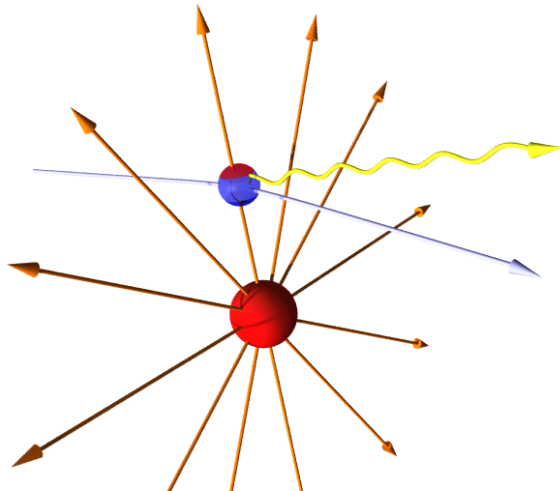




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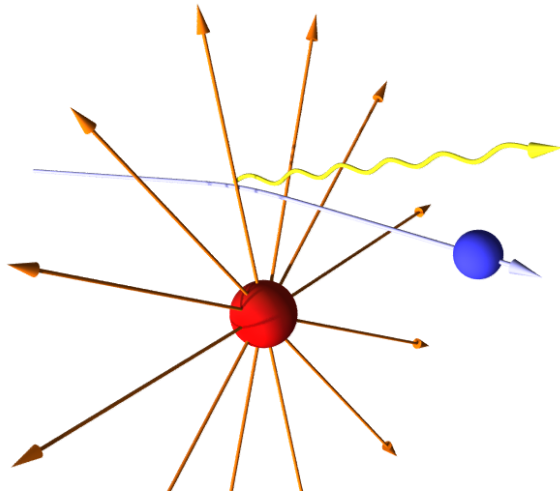




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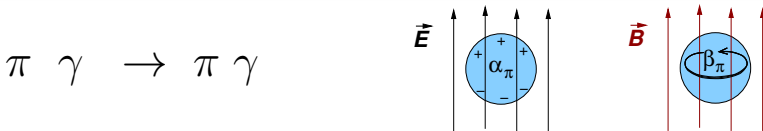
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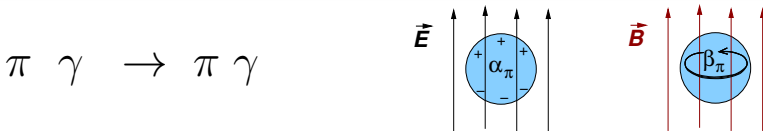
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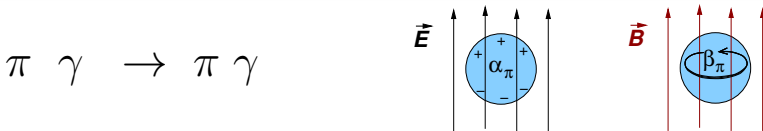
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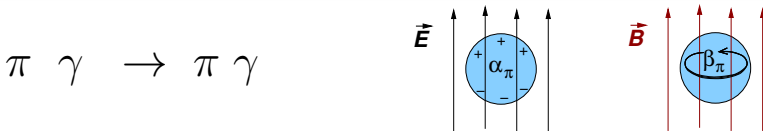
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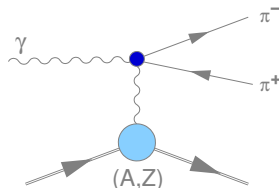
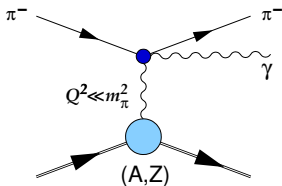
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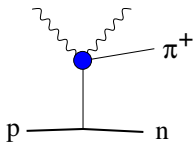
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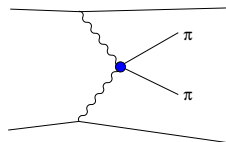
# Pion Compton scattering: embedding the process



Primakoff processes



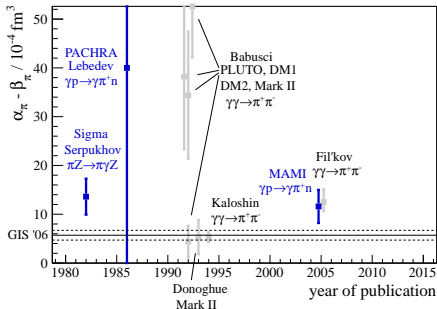
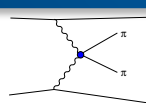
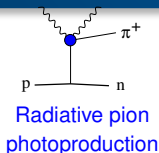
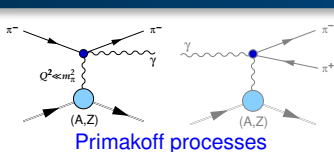
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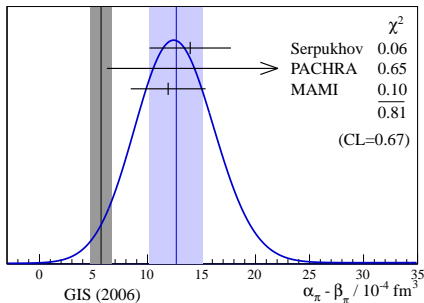
Photon-Photon fusion



# Pion polarisability: world data before COMPASS



world avg.:  $12.7 \pm 2.5$



GIS'06: ChPT prediction, Gasser, Ivanov, Sainio, NPB745 (2006), plots: T. Nagel, PhD  
 Fil'kov analysis objected by Pasquini, Drechsel, Scherer PRC81, 029802 (2010)



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

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

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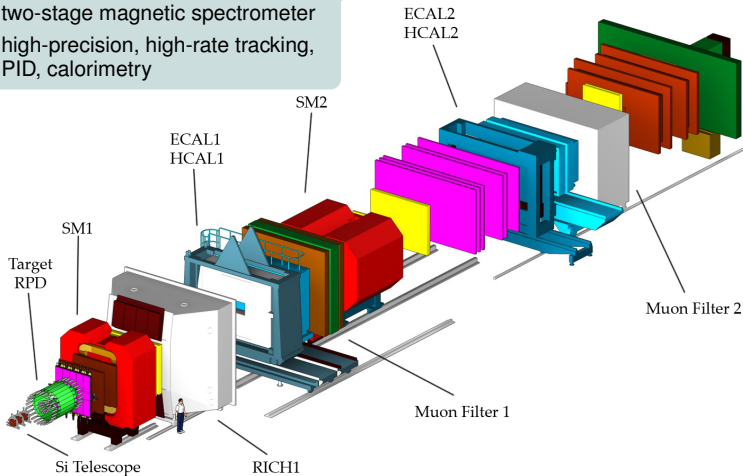
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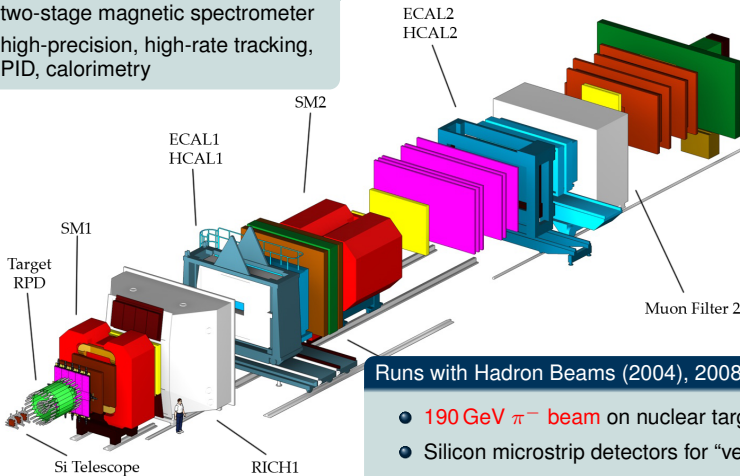
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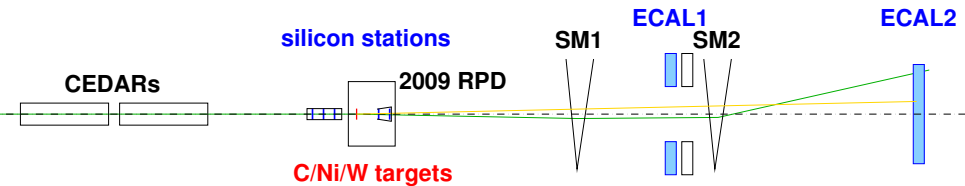
Runs with Hadron Beams (2004), 2008/09, 2012

- 190 GeV  $\pi^-$  beam on nuclear targets (Ni, W)
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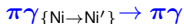
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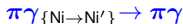
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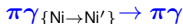
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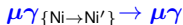
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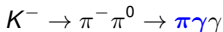
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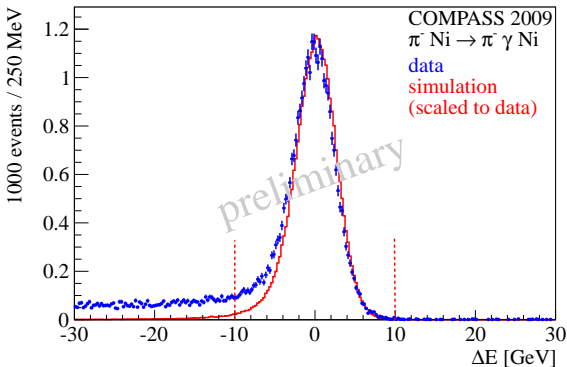
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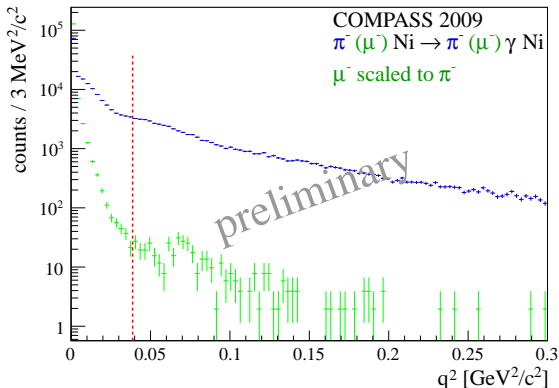
# Identifying the $\pi\gamma \rightarrow \pi\gamma$ reaction



- Energy balance  $\Delta E = E_\pi + E_\gamma - E_{\text{Beam}}$
- Exclusivity peak  $\sigma \approx 2.6 \text{ GeV}$
- $\sim 30.000$  exclusive events (Serpukhov  $\sim 7000$ )



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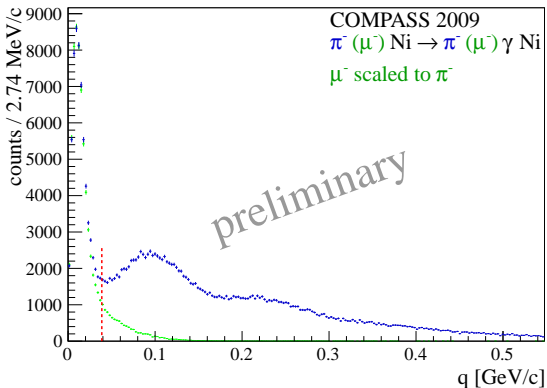


- $Q^2$ -spectrum: photon-exchange peak in first bin
- **muon control measurement:**  
pure electromagnetic interaction, no polarisability effect





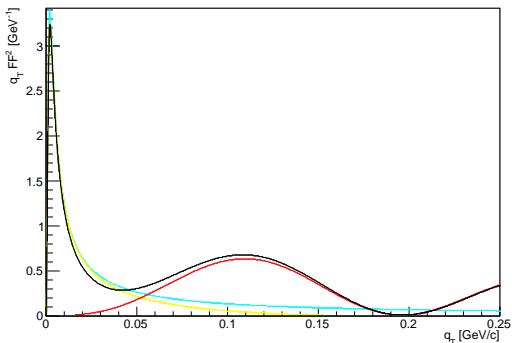
# Primakoff peak



- $\Delta Q_T \approx 12 \text{ MeV/c}$  (190 GeV/c beam  $\rightarrow$  requires few- $\mu\text{rad}$  angular resolution)
- first diffractive minimum on Ni nucleus at  $Q \approx 190 \text{ MeV/c}$



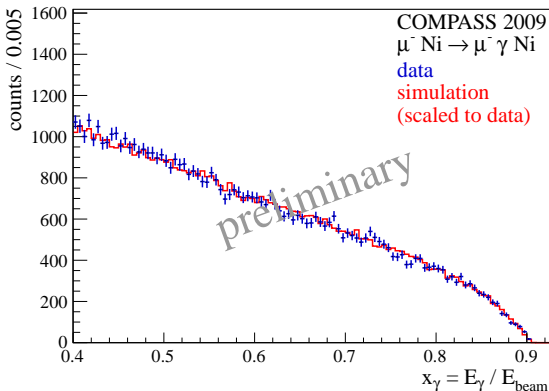
Photon density squared form factor



- Calculation following a 2009 paper of Göran Fäldt (Uppsala)
- Eikonal approximation: pions cross Coulomb and strong-interaction potentials

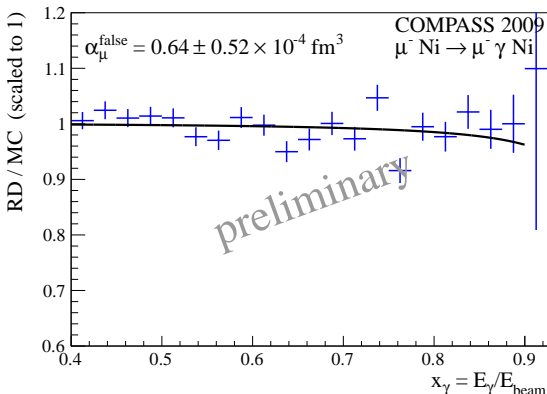


## On the way to polarisability: Photon energy spectrum





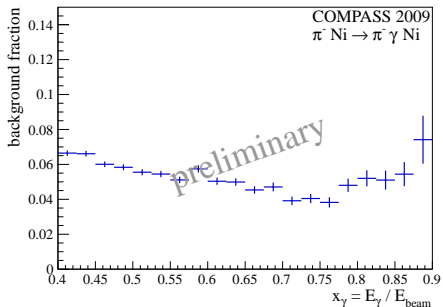
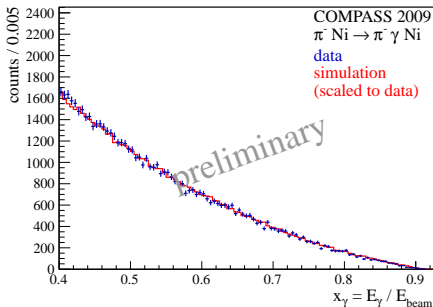
## Photon energy spectrum for the muon case: RD/MC ratio



- muon data well compatible with expectation from simulation
- systematic uncertainty from sources common to pions and muons  $\approx 0.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$

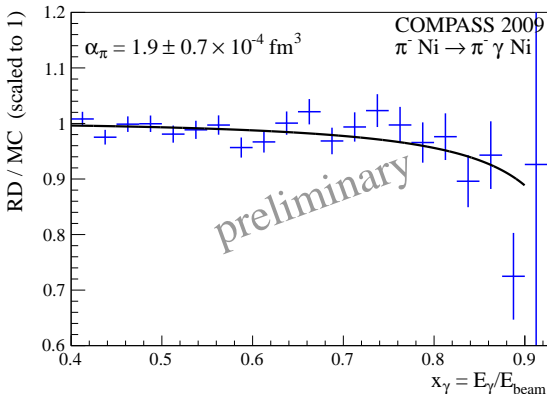


# Photon energy spectrum for pions





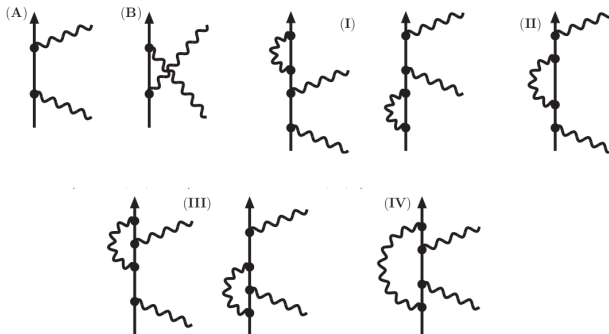
## Pion polarisability – preliminary COMPASS result





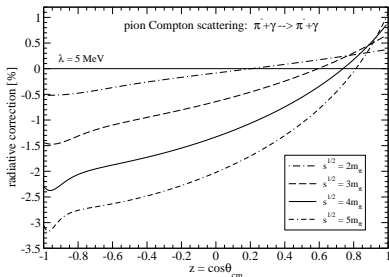
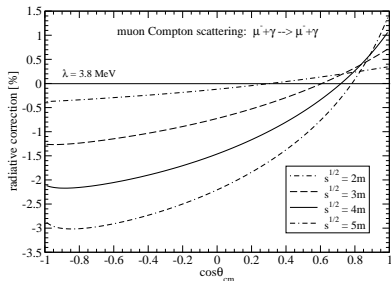
# Radiative corrections

- Vacuum polarization correction
- electron screening & nucleus form factor correction
- Coulomb (multi-photon exchange) correction
- Compton corrections, Feynman diagrams for the muon case:





# Radiative corrections



muon case (review): [Norbert Kaiser \(TUM\)](#) *Radiative corrections to real and virtual muon Compton scattering revisited*, *Nucl.Phys. A837 (2010) 87*

pion case: [Norbert Kaiser, JMF \(TUM\)](#) *Radiative corrections to pion Compton scattering*, *Nucl.Phys. A812(2008)186*, *Radiative corrections to pion-nucleus bremsstrahlung*, *Eur.Phys.J. A39(2009)71*





source of systematic uncertainty	estimated magnitude CL = 68% [ $10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$ ]
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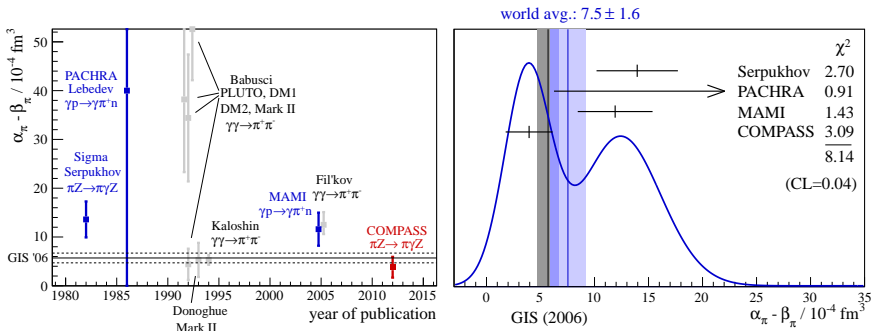
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COMPASS preliminary:

$$\alpha_\pi = (1.9 \pm 0.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.8_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$$



# Pion polarisability: world data including COMPASS



- 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



## Nov. 2004

- recorded statistics (eff. 3 days) competitive to the Serpukhov measurement
- explorative measurement, proving feasibility

## Nov. 2009

- as shown, publication in preparation

## 2012

- COMPASS-II proposal for a high-statistics Primakoff run
- increase statistics by a factor  $> 10$ , uncertainty on  $\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi$ :  $\pm 0.8$  (ChPT: 5.7)
- First measurement of polarisability **sum**  $\alpha_\pi + \beta_\pi$   
expected uncertainty  $\pm 0.025$  (ChPT: 0.16)



# Primakoff reactions accessible at COMPASS

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

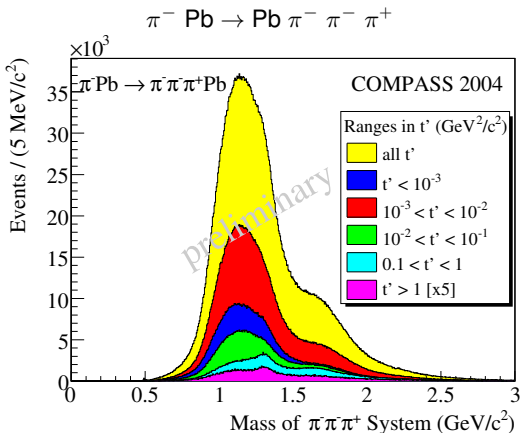
*At smallest momentum transfers* to the nucleus, high-energetic particles scatter predominantly off the **electromagnetic field** quanta ( $\sim Z^2$ )

$$\pi^- + \gamma \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi^- + \gamma \\ \pi^- + \pi^0 / \eta \\ \pi^- + \pi^0 + \pi^0 \\ \pi^- + \pi^- + \pi^+ \quad \leftarrow \\ \pi^- + \pi^- + \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^+ \\ \pi^- + \dots \end{array} \right.$$

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



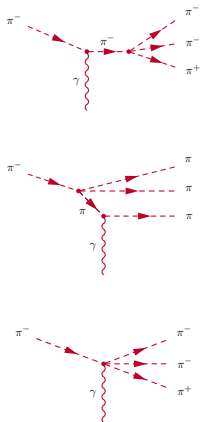
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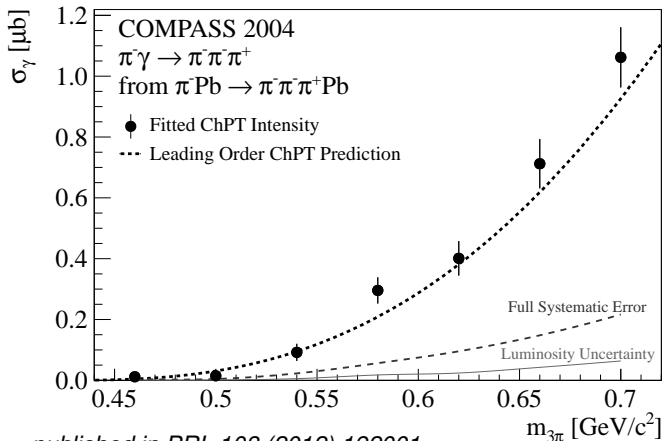
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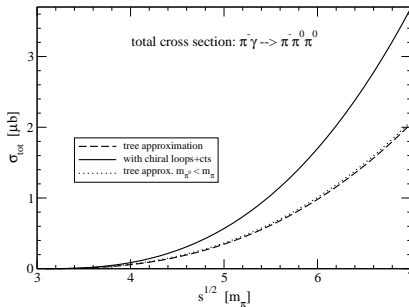
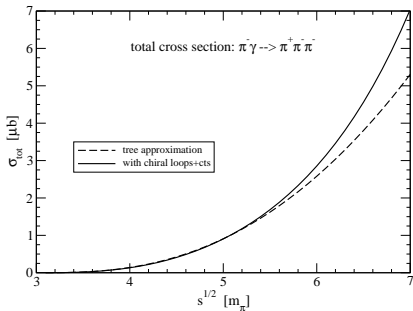
# First Measurement of $\pi\gamma \rightarrow 3\pi$ Absolute Cross-Section



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

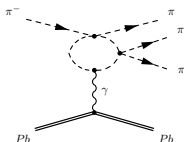
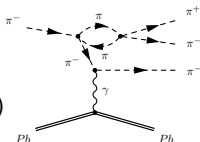


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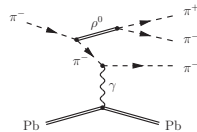


Chiral loops, e.g.

(N. Kaiser,  
NPA848 (2010) 198)



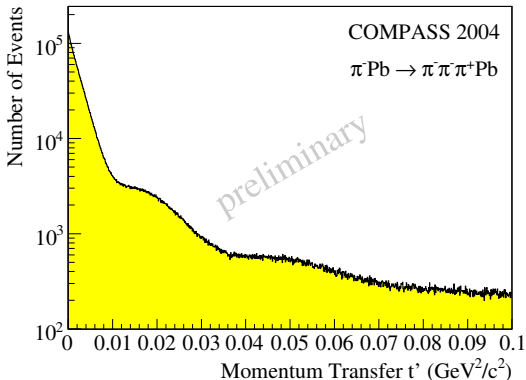
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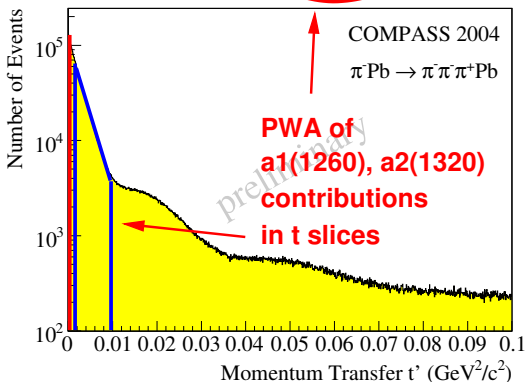
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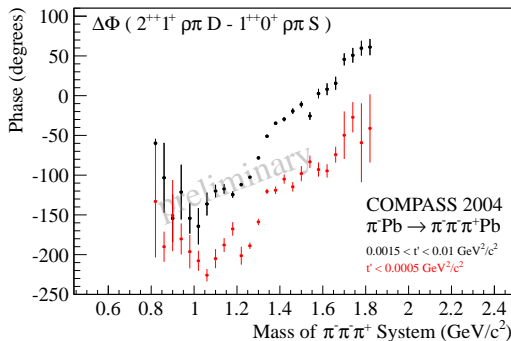
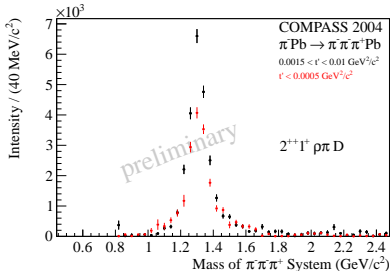
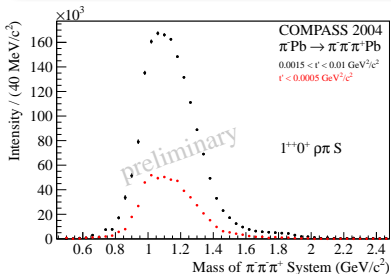
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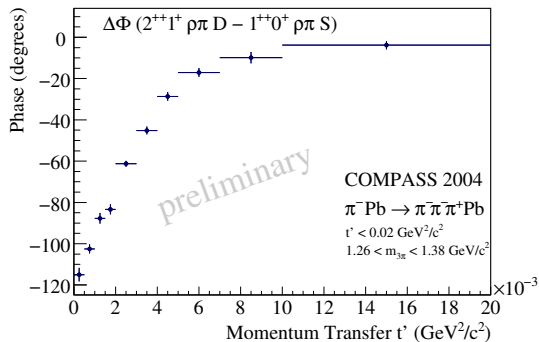
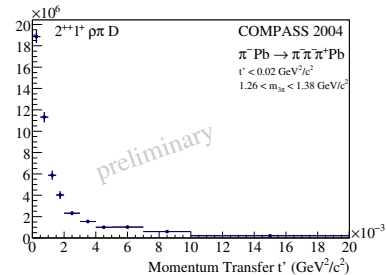
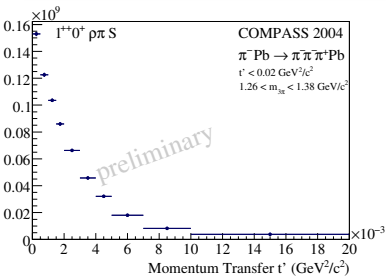


# PWA: $a_1$ , $a_2$ and $\Delta\Phi$ in separated $t'$ regions





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



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



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

$$\alpha_\pi = ( 1.9 \pm 0.7_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.8_{\text{syst}} ) \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3 \quad \text{assuming } \alpha_\pi + \beta_\pi = 0$$

- Most precise experimental determination
  - Systematic control:  $\mu\gamma \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ ,  $K^- \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0$
- **Chiral dynamics** in  $\pi^- \gamma \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0$  and  $\pi\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$  reactions
  - Charged-channel  $\pi\gamma \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^- \pi^+$  tree-level ChPT prediction confirmed,
  - Neutral-channel  $\pi\gamma \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \pi^0$  analysis ongoing
  - Resonance properties, radiative couplings
- High-statistics run 2012
  - separate determination of  $\alpha_\pi$  and  $\beta_\pi$
  - $s$ -dependent quadrupole polarisabilities
  - First measurement of the kaon polarisability