

# The Pion Polarisability and More Low-Energy QCD from Primakoff Measurements at COMPASS

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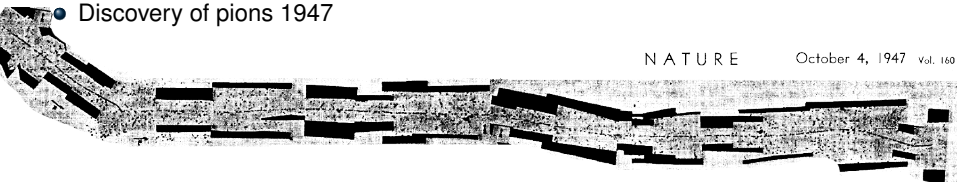
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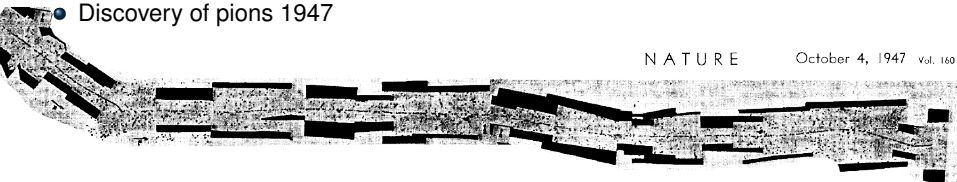


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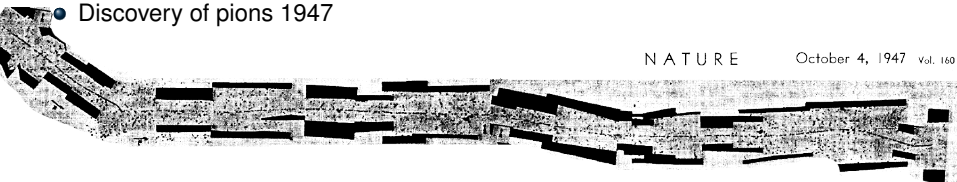
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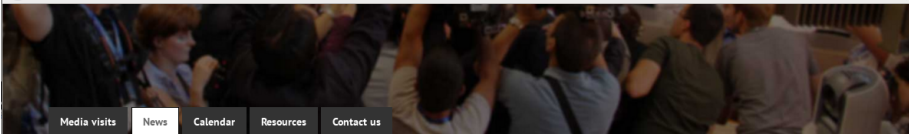
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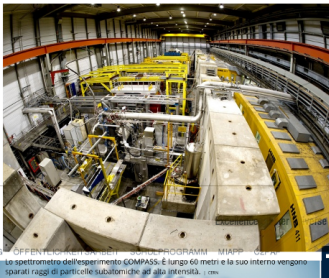
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## L'interazione forte dei quark ha meno segreti

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rtz. Wieder hat ein Experiment die theoretischen Vorhersagen des Standardmodells der Teilchenphysik bestätigt. Diesmal massen die Forschenden die Verformbarkeit sogenannter Pionen. Diese gibt Aufschluss darüber, wie stark die Bindungskraft zwischen den Elementarteilchen im Inneren von Atomkernen ist.

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CERN Physicists Measure Polarizability of Pion

COMPASS collaboration have made the most precise measurement ever of the polarizability of pions, a parameter of strong interaction. Everything we see in the Universe is made up of quarks and leptons. Quarks are bound together in groups of three to make up the building blocks of matter.

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Une expérience du CERN affine une mesure essentielle pour décrire l'interaction forte

L'expérience COMPASS du CERN, impliquant le CEA et des partenaires internationaux, apporte une nouvelle donnée dans le monde. Les résultats, concernant une propriété des noyaux atomiques, ont été publiés dans la revue Physics Review Letters, sont en partie accord avec la théorie des perturbations chirales et le modèle de Skyrme.

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Międzynarodowa współpraca COMPASS (Common Muon and Proton Apparatus for Structure and Spectroscopy, <http://www.compPASS.cern.ch>), w skład której wchodzi około 250 fizyków z 33 laboratoriów na całym świecie, ogłosiła niedawno wyniki swoich badań nad polaryzowalnością pionów – jakie do kilku lat prowadziły w Europejskim Laboratorium Fizyki Cząstek, CERN, w Genewie. Wyniki opublikowane w najbardziej prestiżowym czasopiśmie naukowym, The Physical Review Letters, wywoływały wielkie przebiegi. Wiele gazet europejskich zamieściło informacje poświęcone temu wydarzeniu. Mimo iż wciąż nie ustalono bowiem dotąd wykonania dokładnego pomiaru polaryzowalności pionów, istnienie nie

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## Как COMPASS пион поляризовал

Пион оказался очень «жесткой» элементарной частицей – такой вывод сделали физики ЦЕРН на основе последних результатов эксперимента COMPASS.

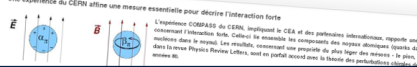
Сильное взаимодействие связывает кварки в протонах и нейтронах, а протоны и нейтроны – в ядрах всех химических элементов, из которых построена материя. Частицы, состоящие из кварков и антикварков, называемые пионами, являются переносчиками сильного взаимодействия между нуклонами. Взаимодействий дает точное предсказание для физической величины.



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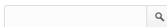
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Le spettrometro dell'esperimento COMPASS: È lungo 60 metri e la sua interno vengono sparati i raggi di particelle subatomiche ad alta intensità.





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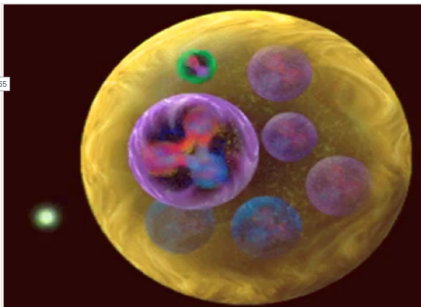
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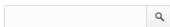
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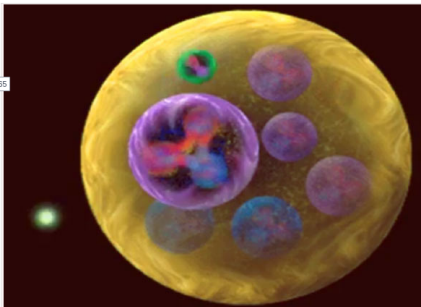
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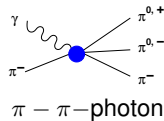
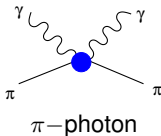
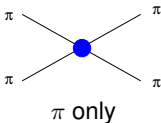
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complicated system of  
interacting quarks and gluons

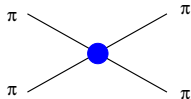
ChPT  
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effective degrees of freedom  
at low energy: mass, charge,  
spin, effective (self-)coupling





- 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  $0.268 \pm 0.010$   $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$



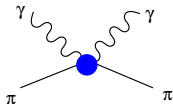
- pion polarisability: electric  $\alpha_\pi$ , magnetic  $\beta_\pi$ 
  - contribution to Compton scattering
  - ChPT prediction obtained by the relation to  $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \gamma$  [Gasser, Ivanov, Sainio, Nucl. Phys. B745, 2006]  
[PIBETA, M. Bychkov et al., PRL 103, 051802, 2009]

$$\alpha_\pi + \beta_\pi = (0.2 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{fm}^3$$

$$\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi = (5.7 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{fm}^3$$

$$\alpha_\pi = (2.9 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{fm}^3$$

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

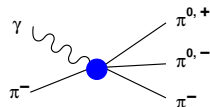




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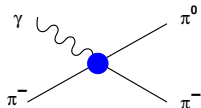
- Pion scattering including a real photon

- Leading-order prediction from ChPT  
 $\leftrightarrow$  pion scattering lengths  
 combined with photon coupling
- **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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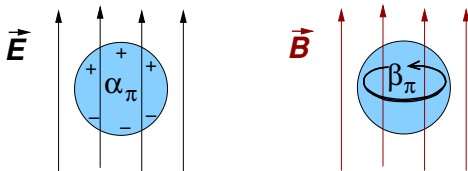




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polarisabilities  $\alpha_\pi, \beta_\pi$  [ $10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$ ]

ChPT (2-loop) prediction:  $\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi = 5.7 \pm 1.0$        $\alpha_\pi + \beta_\pi = 0.16 \pm 0.1$

experiments: 4 — 14      ( $\beta_\pi \approx -\alpha_\pi$  assumed)

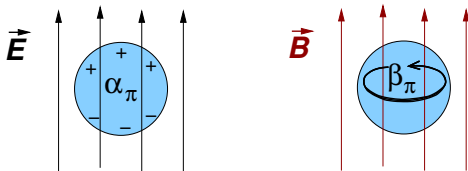




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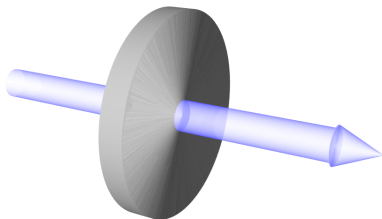
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# Principle of the COMPASS measurement

- steer high-energetic pion beam on a  $\sim 4\text{mm}$  nickel disk
- observe scattered pions in coincidence with produced hard photons
- link the measured cross-section to pion Compton scattering

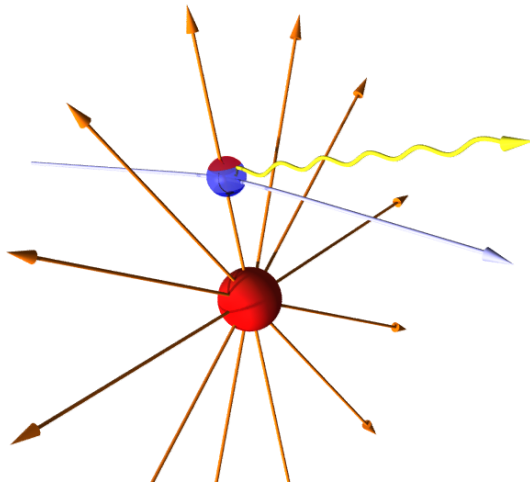




# Polarisability effect in Primakoff technique

## Primakoff measurement technique

- Charged pion traversing the nuclear **electric field**
  - typical field strength at  $r = 5R_{Ni}$ :  $E \sim 300 \text{ kV/fm}$
- **Bremsstrahlung emission**
  - particle scatters off **equivalent photons**
  - tiny momentum transfer  $Q^2 \approx 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$
  - pion/muon (quasi-)real Compton scattering
- Polarisability contribution
  - Compton cross-section typically diminished
  - expected charge separation  $\sim 10^{-5} \text{ fm} \cdot e$

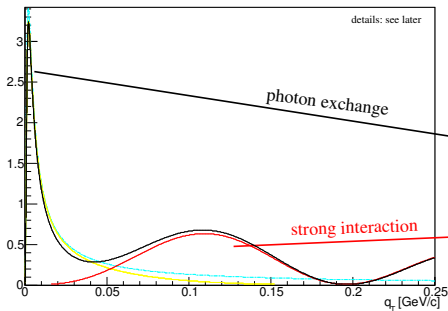




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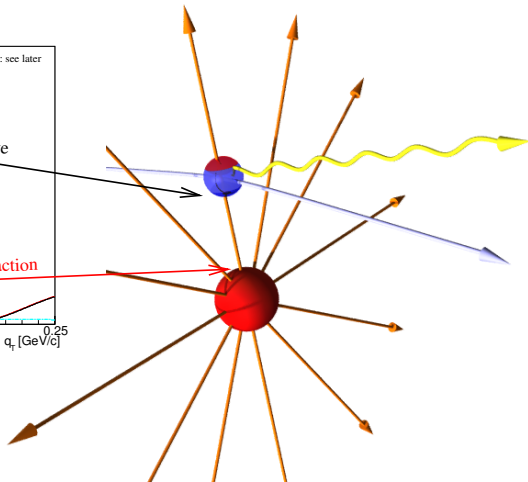
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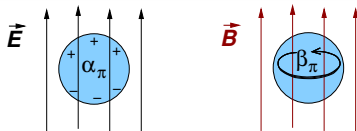
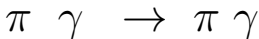
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# Pion Compton Scattering



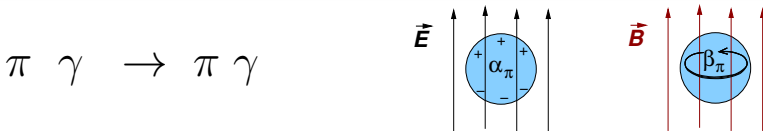
- Two kinematic variables, in CM: total energy  $\sqrt{s}$ , scattering angle  $\theta_{cm}$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\pi\gamma}}{d\Omega_{cm}} = \frac{\alpha^2 (s^2 z_+^2 + m_\pi^4 z_-^2)}{s (s z_+ + m_\pi^2 z_-)^2} - \frac{\alpha m_\pi^3 (s - m_\pi^2)^2}{4s^2 (s z_+ + m_\pi^2 z_-)} \cdot \mathcal{P}$$

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

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

- $\sigma_{tot}(s)$  rather insensitive to pion's low-energy structure
- Up to 20% effect on *backward* angular distributions of  $d\sigma/d\Omega_{cm}$



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$$\frac{d\sigma_{\pi\gamma}}{d\Omega_{cm}} = \frac{\alpha^2 (s^2 z_+^2 + m_\pi^4 z_-^2)}{s (s z_+ + m_\pi^2 z_-)^2} - \frac{\alpha m_\pi^3 (s - m_\pi^2)^2}{4s^2 (s z_+ + m_\pi^2 z_-)} \cdot \mathcal{P}$$

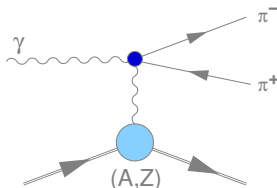
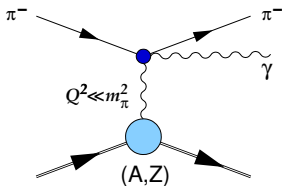
$$\mathcal{P} = z_-^2 (\alpha_\pi - \beta_\pi) + \frac{s^2}{m_\pi^4} z_+^2 (\alpha_\pi + \beta_\pi) - \frac{(s - m_\pi^2)^2}{24s} z_-^3 (\alpha_2 - \beta_2)$$

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

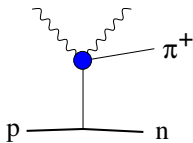
- $\sigma_{tot}(s)$  rather insensitive to pion's low-energy structure
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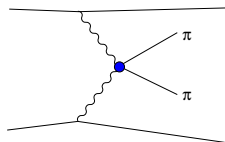
# Pion Compton scattering: embedding the process



Primakoff processes



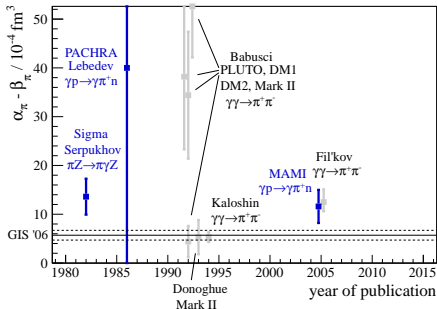
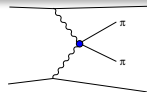
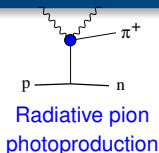
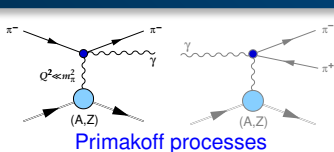
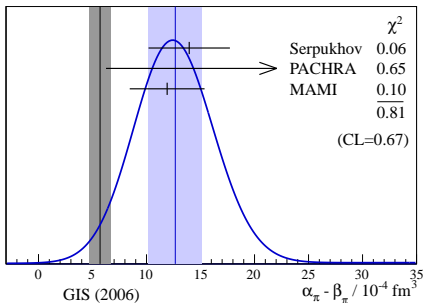
Radiative pion photoproduction



Photon-Photon fusion



# Pion polarisability: world data before COMPASS

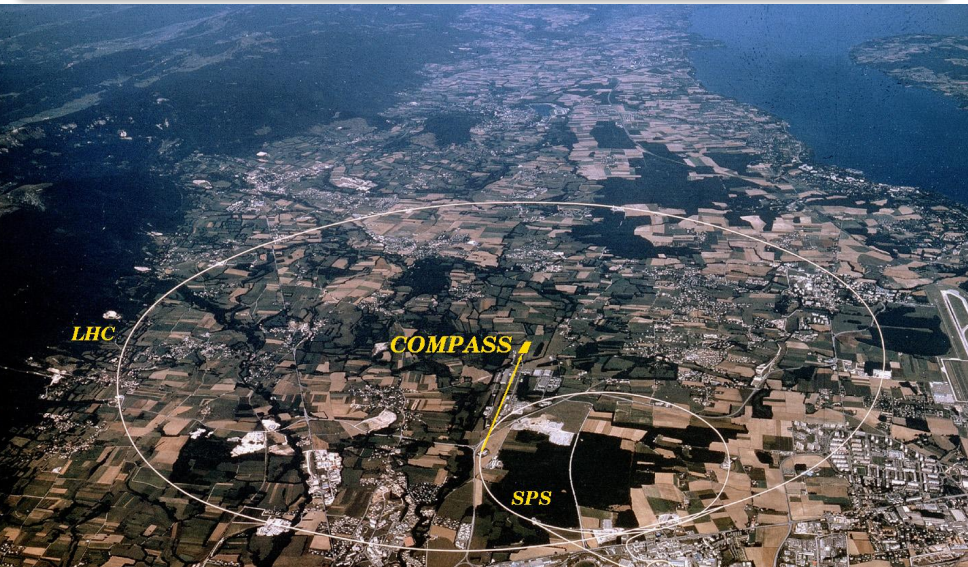
world avg.:  $12.7 \pm 2.5$ 

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





# Common Muon and Proton Apparatus for Structure and Spectroscopy





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

- secondary  $\pi, K, (\bar{p})$ : up to  $2 \cdot 10^7/s$  (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

LHC

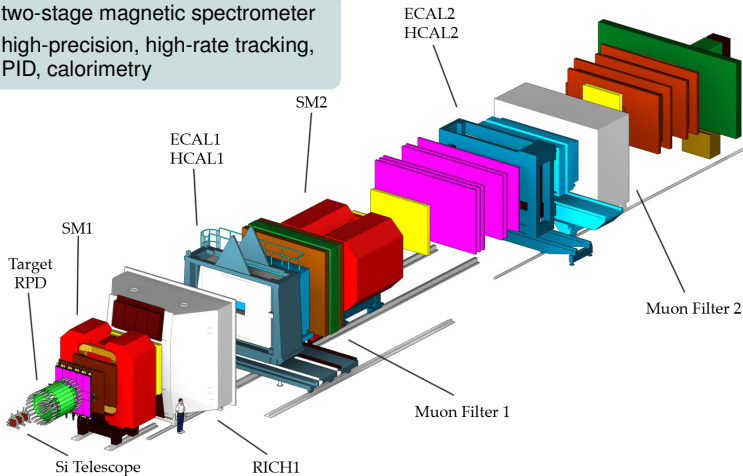
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SPS



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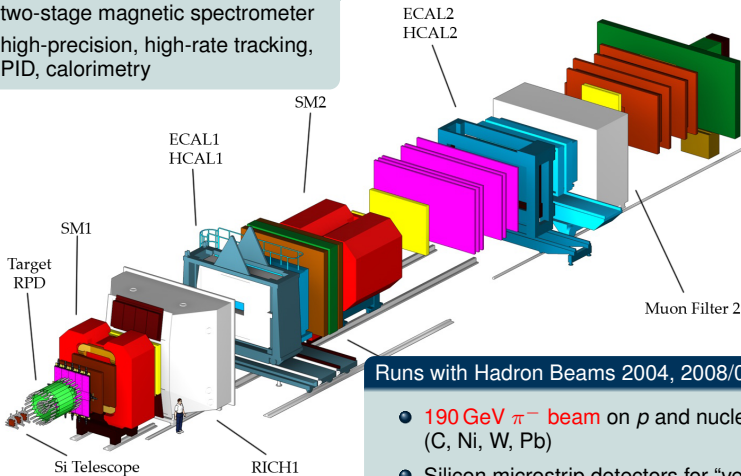
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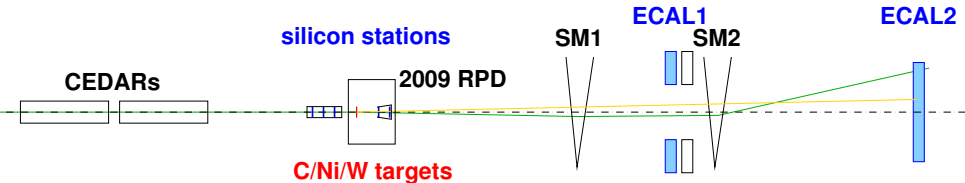


Runs with Hadron Beams 2004, 2008/09, 2012

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

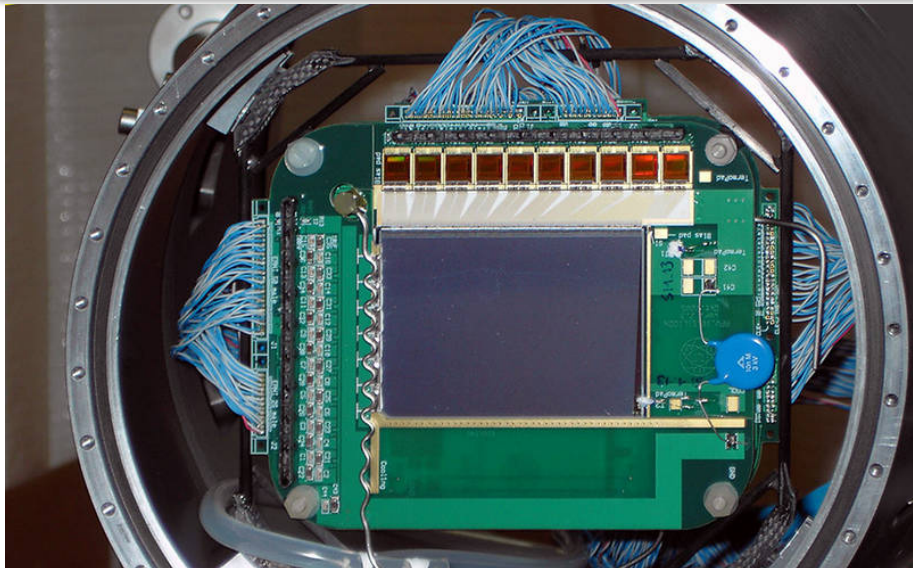


# Principle of the measurement



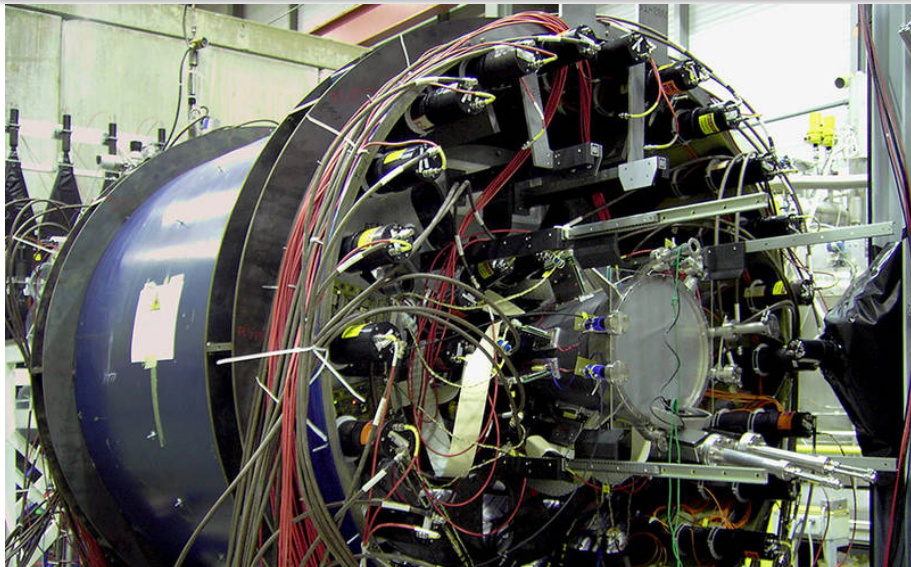


# Silicon detector module, two-sided $\sigma_{x,y} \sim 5\mu\text{m}$





# Silicon cryostat in the recoil detector





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- Identify exclusive reactions



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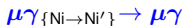
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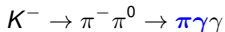
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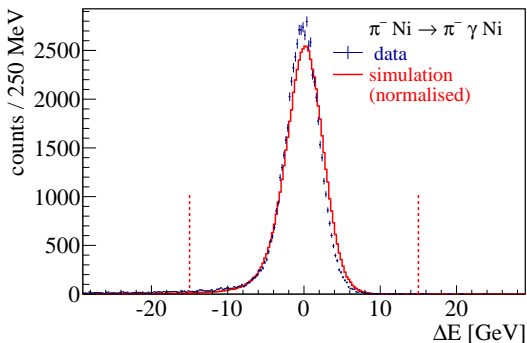
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# Identifying the $\pi\gamma \rightarrow \pi\gamma$ reaction

Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 062002 (2015)

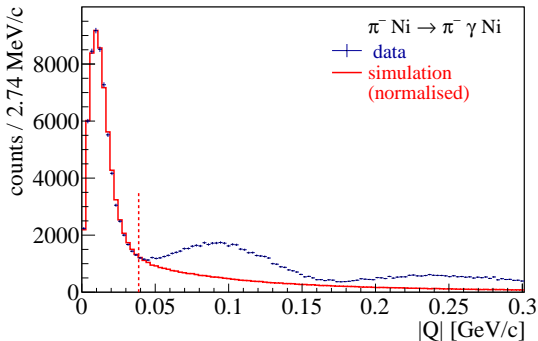


- Energy balance  $\Delta E = E_\pi + E_\gamma - E_{\text{Beam}}$
- Exclusivity peak  $\sigma \approx 2.6 \text{ GeV}$  (1.4%)
- $\sim 63.000$  exclusive events ( $x_\gamma > 0.4$ ) (Serpukhov  $\sim 7000$  for  $x_\gamma > 0.5$ )



# Primakoff peak

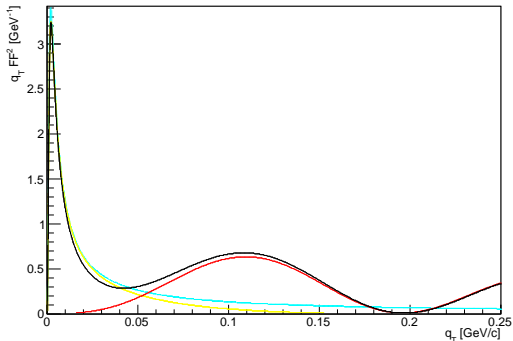
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- $\Delta Q_T \approx 12 \text{ MeV}/c$  (190 GeV/c beam  $\rightarrow$  requires few- $\mu\text{rad}$  angular resolution)
- first diffractive minimum on Ni nucleus at  $Q \approx 190 \text{ MeV}/c$
- data a little more narrow than simulation  $\rightarrow$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



Photon density squared form factor

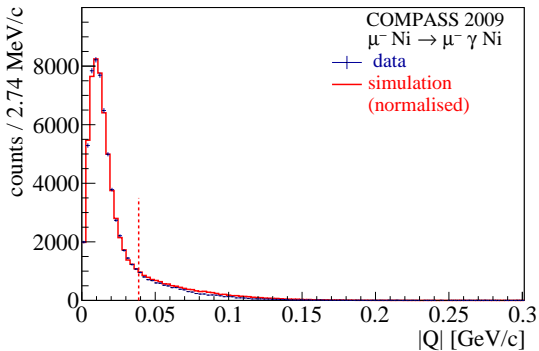


- calculation following G. Fäldt (Phys. Rev. C79, 014607)
- eikonal approximation: pions traverse Coulomb and strong-interaction potentials



# Primakoff peak: muon data

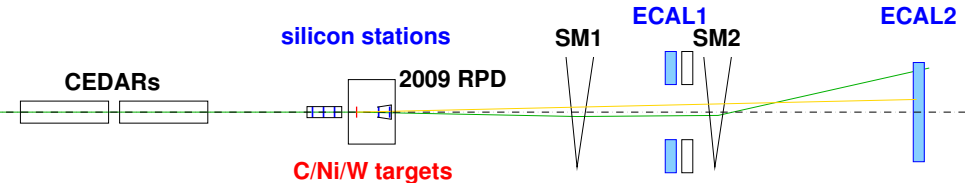
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- **muon control measurement:** pure electromagnetic interaction



# Principle of the measurement





## ECAL2: 3000 cells of different types



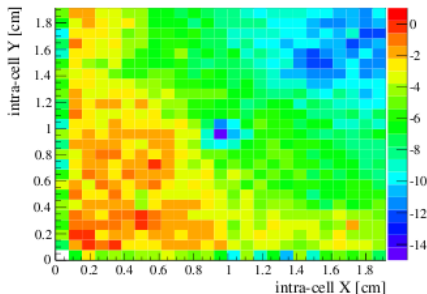


Figure 3.5: Profile of energy deviations shown for 1/4 of a shashlik block and for muon data photons within the range  $133 \text{ GeV} < E_\gamma < 152 \text{ GeV}$ .

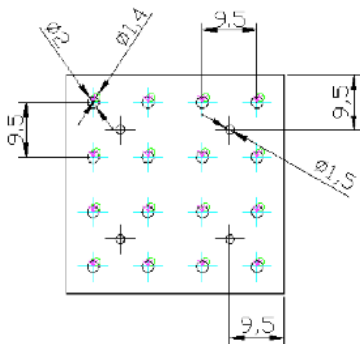


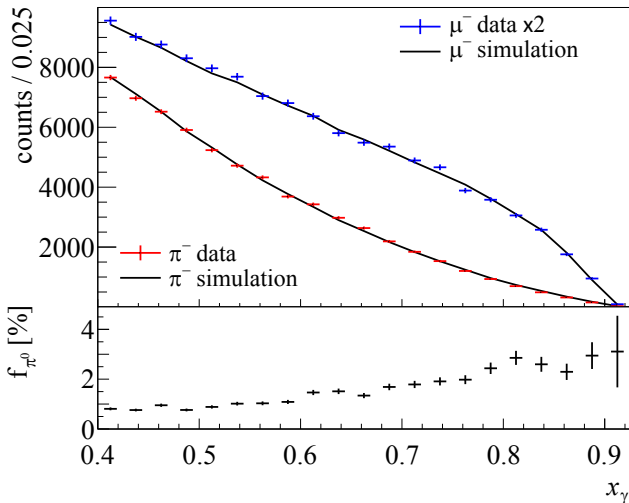
Figure 3.6: Technical drawing of a full shashlik cell to be compared with the figure to the left.

from: Th. Nagel, PhD thesis TUM 2012





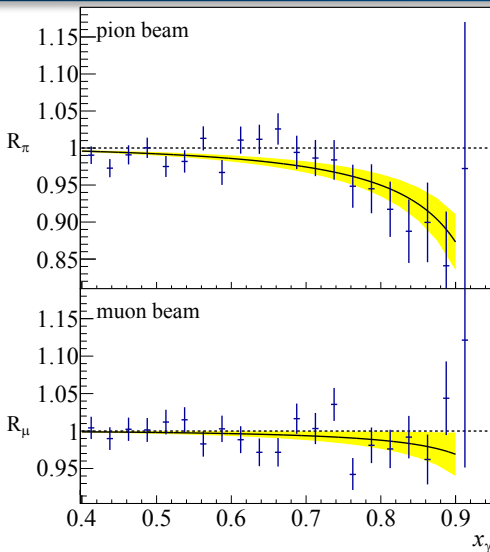
# Photon energy spectra for muon and pion beam



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# Pion polarisability: COMPASS result



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

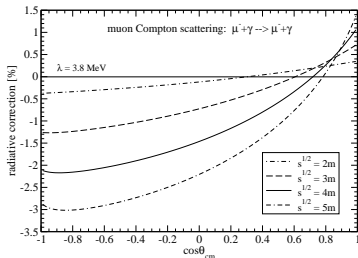
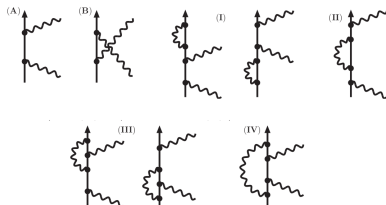
“false polarisability” from muon data:

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

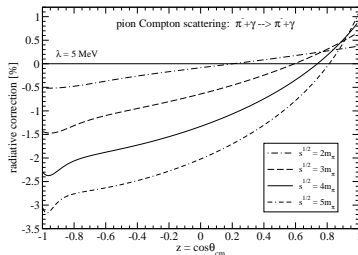
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# Radiative corrections (Compton scattering part)



Nucl.Phys. A837 (2010)



Eur.Phys.J. A39 (2009) 71



source of systematic uncertainty	estimated magnitude	
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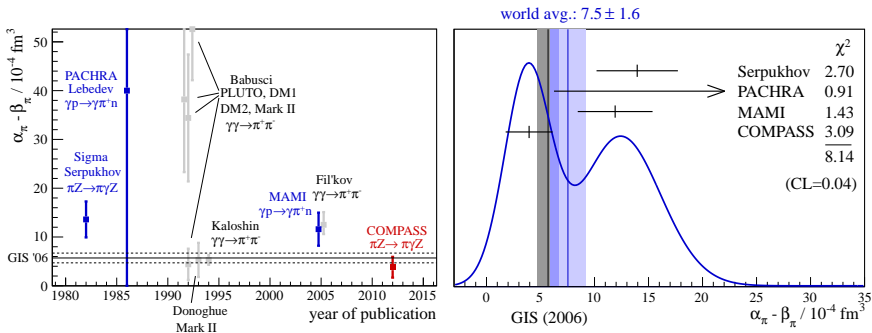


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COMPASS result for the pion polarisability:

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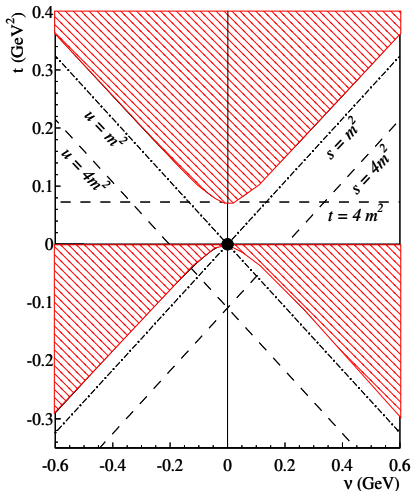
with  $\alpha_\pi = -\beta_\pi$  assumed



- 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



# About crossing



- ▶ **red hatched:**  
physical regions  
 $\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow \pi + \pi$   
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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),  
 $\theta = 180^\circ$  (backward)  
 $u = m_\pi^2$ ,  $s = m_\pi^2$ , ...

from: D. Drechsel, talk at IWHSS 2011 Paris

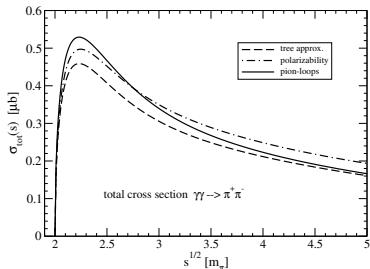


# Photon-photon fusion process $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$

## Planned measurements at ALICE and JLab

$$\sigma_{tot}(s) = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{\hat{s}^3 m_\pi^2} \left\{ [4 + \hat{s} + \hat{s} |C(\hat{s})|^2] \sqrt{\hat{s}(\hat{s} - 4)} + 8[2 - \hat{s} + \hat{s} \operatorname{Re} C(\hat{s})] \ln \frac{\sqrt{\hat{s}} + \sqrt{\hat{s} - 4}}{2} \right\},$$

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

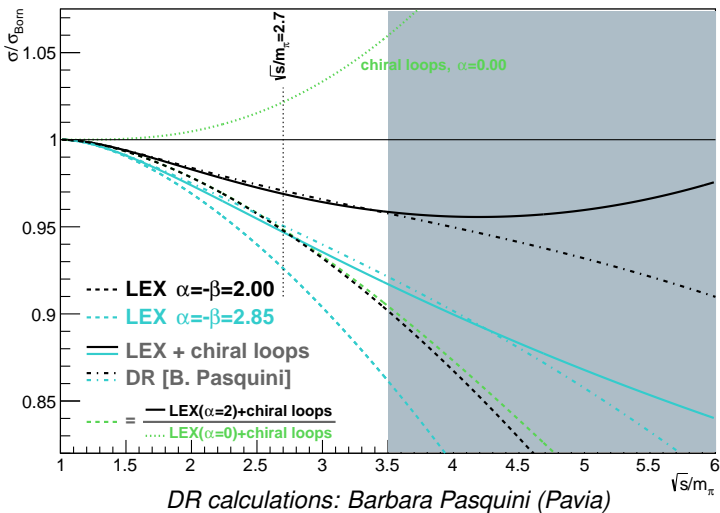


courtesy Norbert Kaiser (TUM)



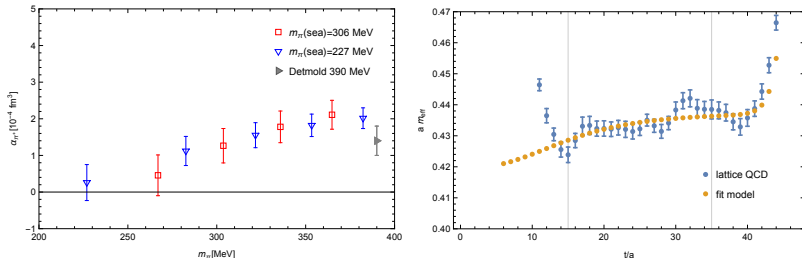


## Polarisability and Loop Contributions $z=-1.0$





# Pion polarisability on the lattice

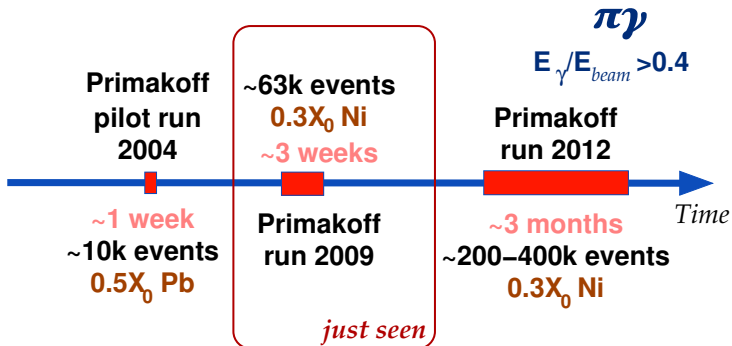


**FIGURE 3.** Left: electric polarisability for the charged pions as a function of the valence quark mass. The data for  $m_\pi = 390 \text{ MeV}$  is taken from [5]. Right: effective mass for a charged pion correlator together with the scalar particle correlator determined from the fit. The fitting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

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



# Pion polarisability measurements at COMPASS





# Primakoff reactions accessible at COMPASS

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

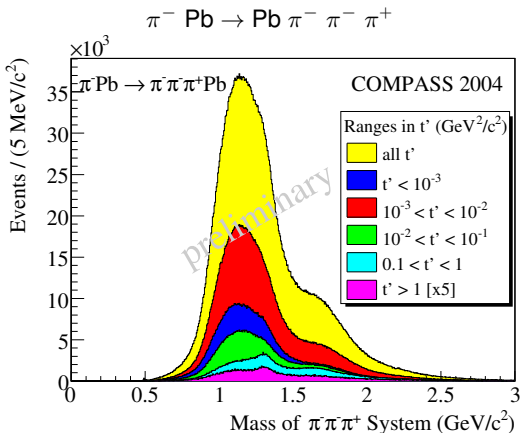
*At smallest momentum transfers* to the nucleus, high-energetic particles scatter predominantly off the **electromagnetic field** quanta ( $\sim Z^2$ )

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

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



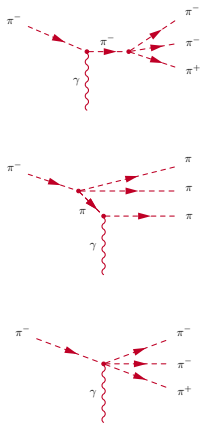
## 2004 Primakoff results



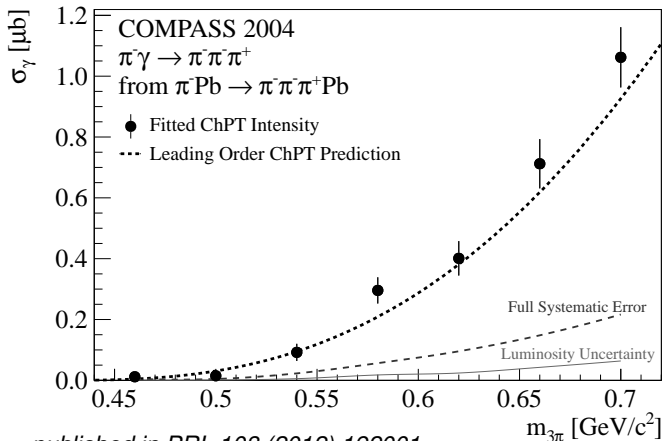
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# First Measurement of $\pi\gamma \rightarrow 3\pi$ Absolute Cross-Section



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



published in *PRL* 108 (2012) 192001



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

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- 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



Thanks for your attention!

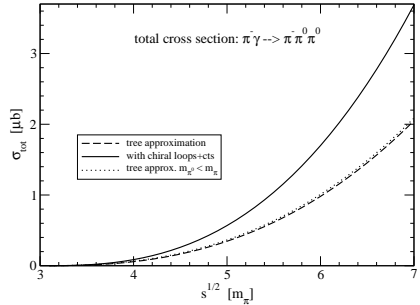
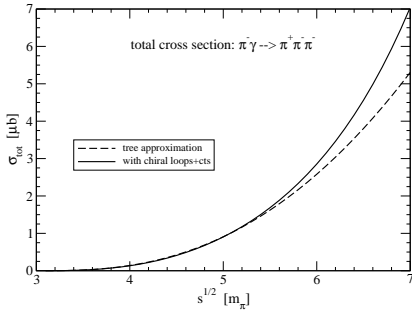


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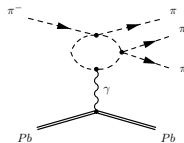
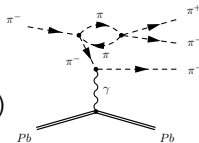




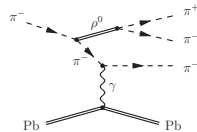


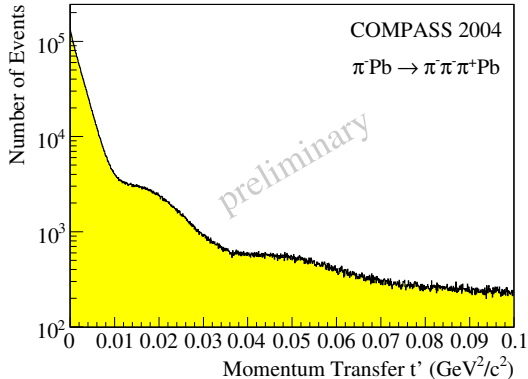
Chiral loops, e.g.

(N. Kaiser, NPA848 (2010) 198)

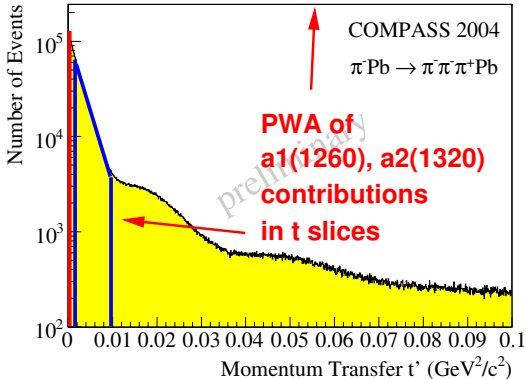


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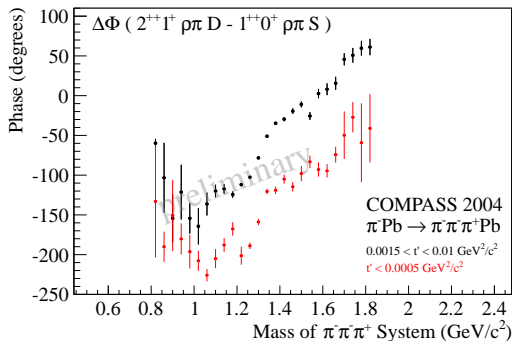
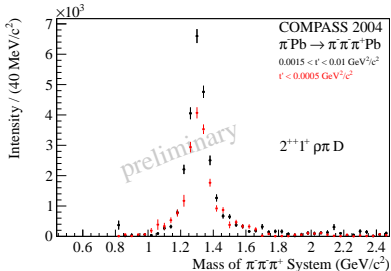
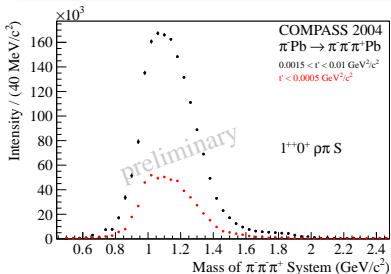
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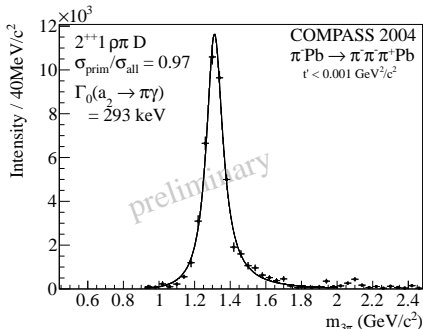


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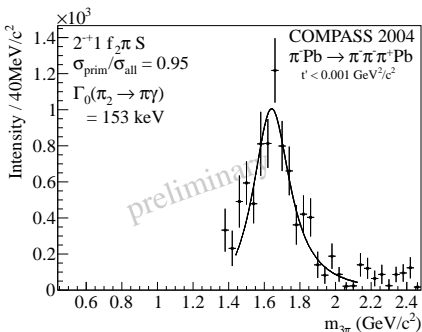


# PWA: $a_1$ , $a_2$ and $\Delta\Phi$ in separated $t'$ regions





$\Gamma_0(a_2(1320) \rightarrow \pi\gamma)$  M2

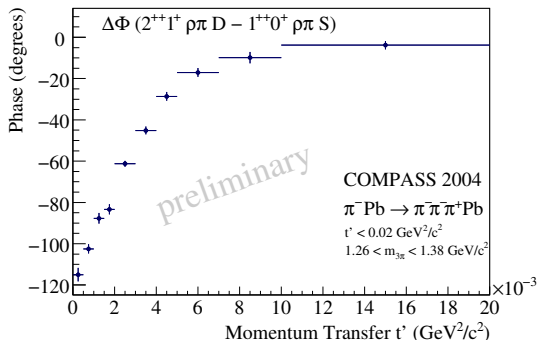
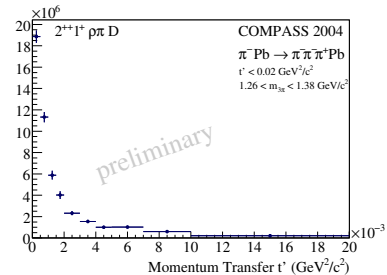
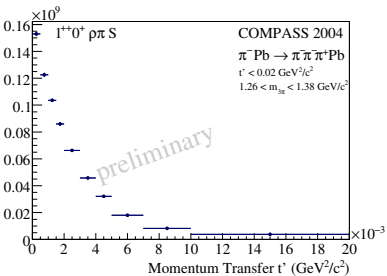


$\Gamma_0(\pi_2(1670) \rightarrow \pi\gamma)$  E2

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

- normalization via beam kaon decays
- large Coulomb correction

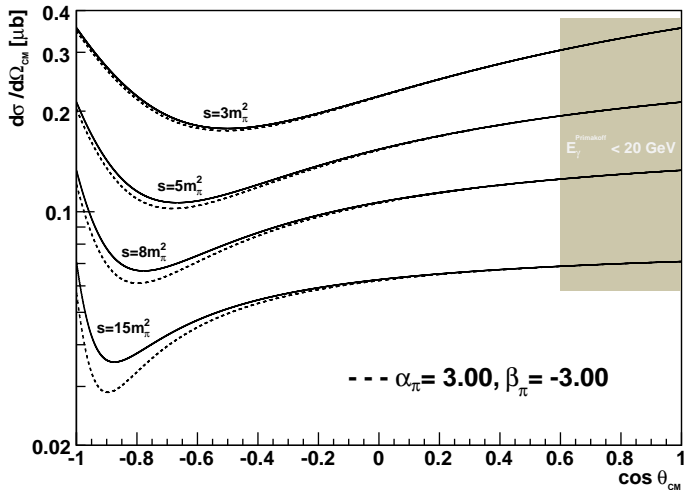
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- transition of  $\pi\gamma$  to  $\pi IP \rightarrow a_2$  production
- work in progress
- interference can be used to map details of resonances and production mechanisms



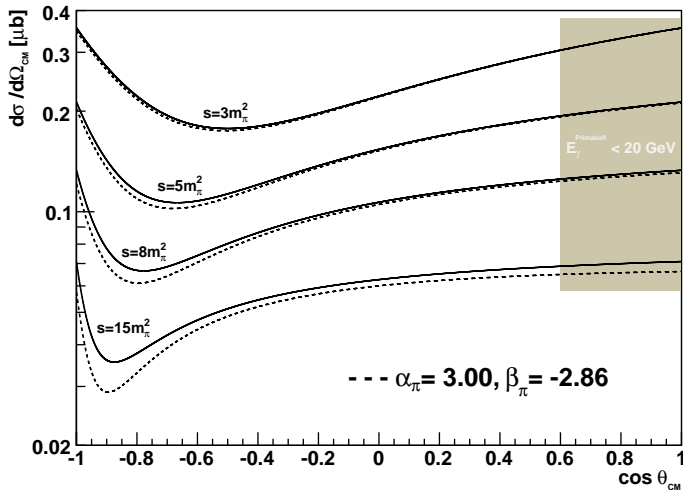
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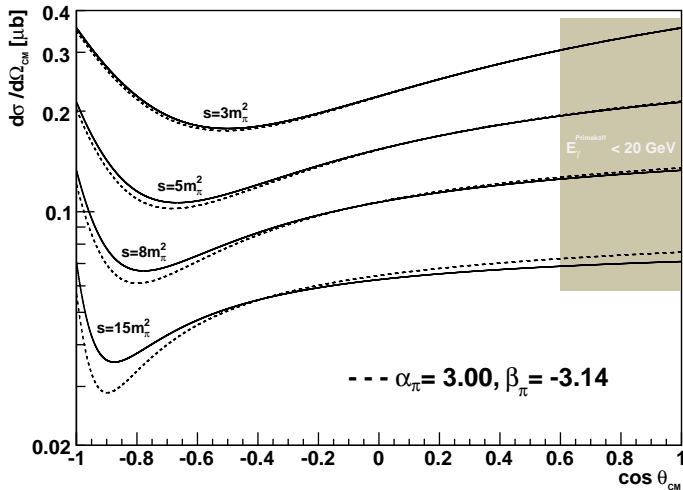


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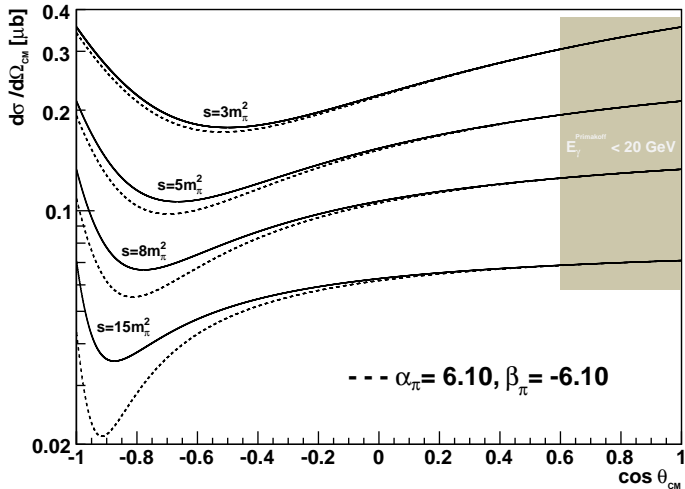


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- Radiative  $\pi^+$  production on the proton:

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

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

“ $\pm 0.5$ ”: model error *only within the used ansatz*,

*full systematics not under control*

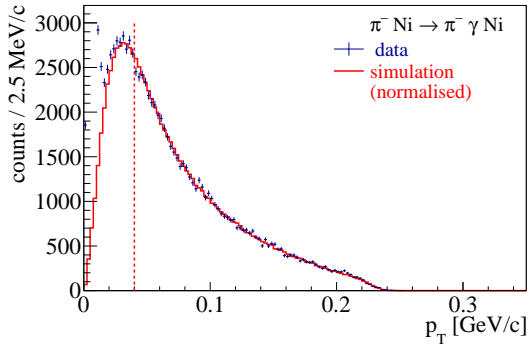
- Primakoff Compton reaction:

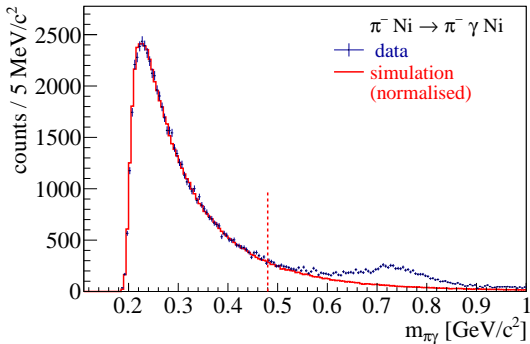
$$\gamma^* \pi \longrightarrow \pi \gamma \quad [\text{via } \pi Z \rightarrow Z \pi \gamma]$$

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

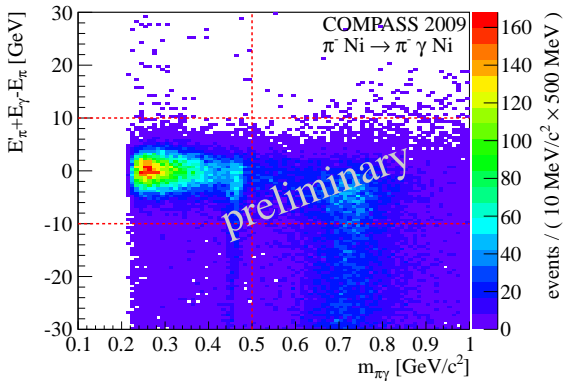
*fully under theoretical control*

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





- $\rho$  contribution from  $\pi\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi^0$

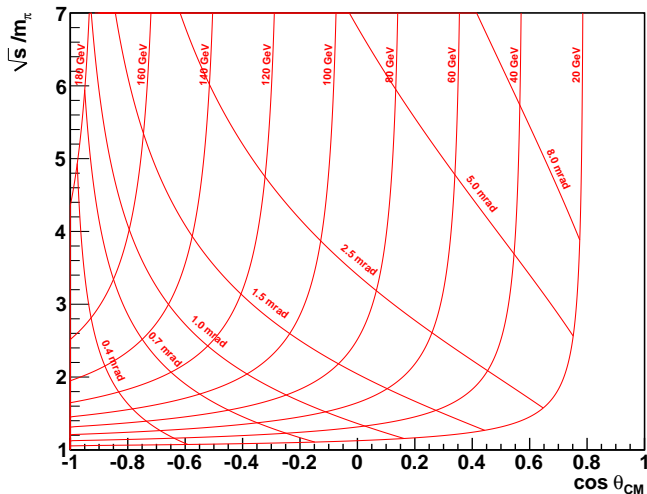


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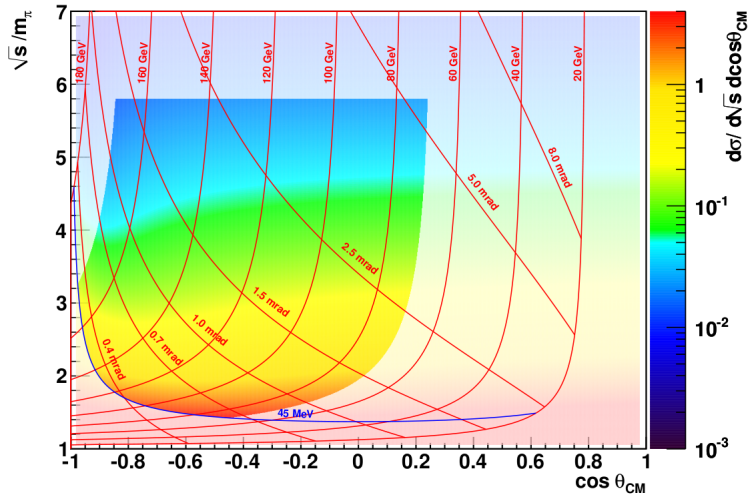


# Mandelstam $\{s, t\} \leftrightarrow$ Laboratory $\{E_\gamma, \theta_\gamma\}$

for  $\pi\gamma \rightarrow \pi\gamma$



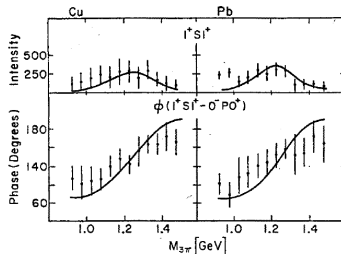
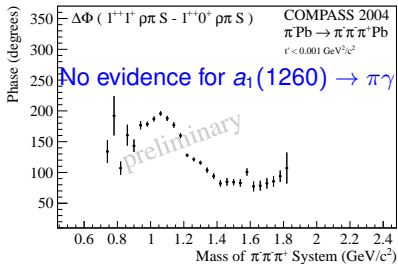
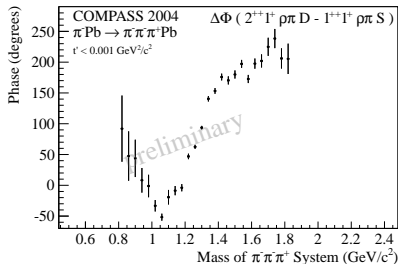
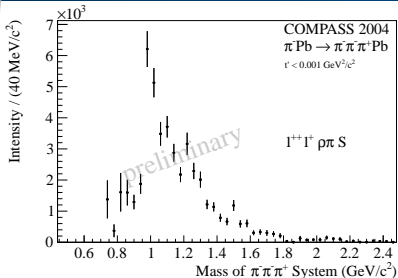






M.R. Pennington in the 2<sup>nd</sup> DAΦNE Physics Handbook,  
“What we learn by measuring  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$  at DAΦNE”:

All this means that the only way to measure the pion polarisabilities is in the Compton scattering process near threshold and not in  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ . Though the low energy  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi$  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  $m_\pi$ . 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.



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



- **Mass-independent PWA** (narrow mass bins):

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

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

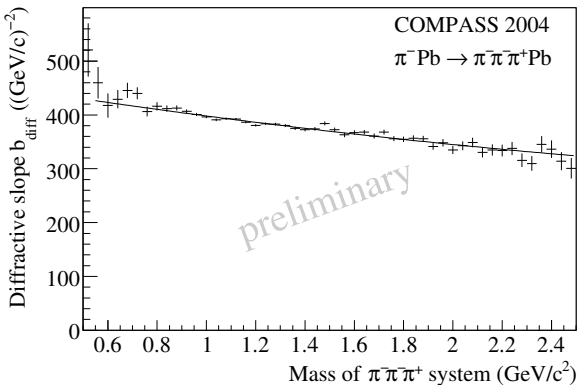
$\rightarrow$  Physical parameters:

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

relative phase  $\Phi_{ij}^e$

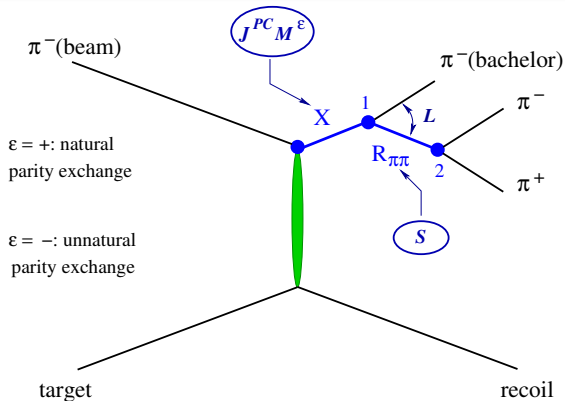
$$\text{Coh}_{i,j}^\epsilon = \sqrt{(\text{Re } \rho_{ij}^\epsilon)^2 + (\text{Im } \rho_{ij}^\epsilon)^2} / \sqrt{\rho_{ii}^\epsilon \rho_{jj}^\epsilon}$$

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





## Isobar Model



$\epsilon = +$ : natural  
parity exchange

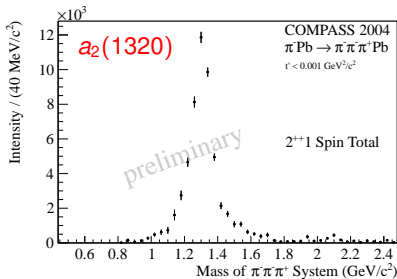
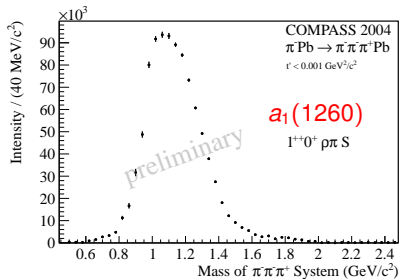
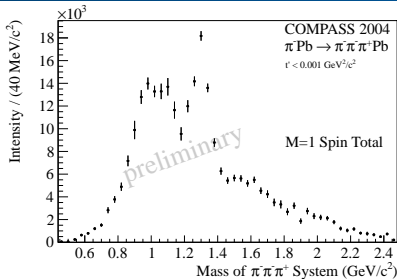
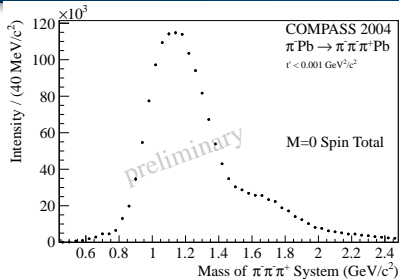
$\epsilon = -$ : unnatural  
parity exchange

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

- **Mass-independent** PWA ( $40 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  mass bins): **38 waves**  
Fit of angular dependence of partial waves, interferences
- **Mass-dependent**  $\chi^2$ -fit (Not presented here)



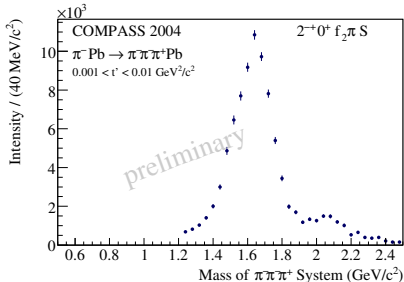
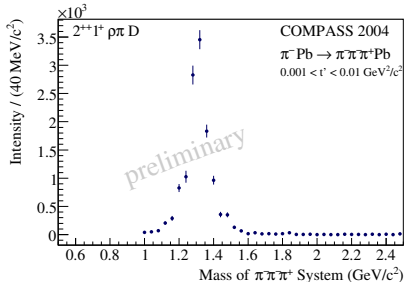
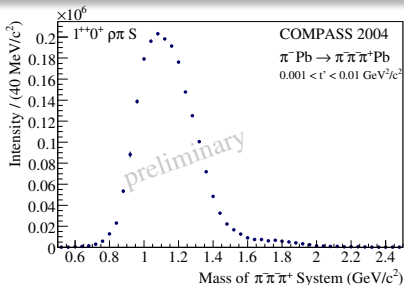
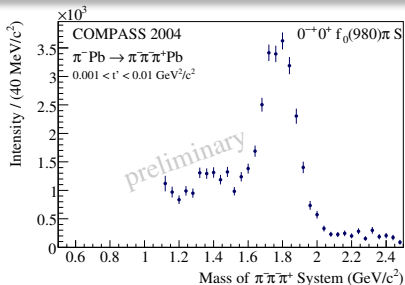
# Major intensities in $m(3\pi)$ -bins (acceptance corrected)





# PWA of data with low $t'$

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







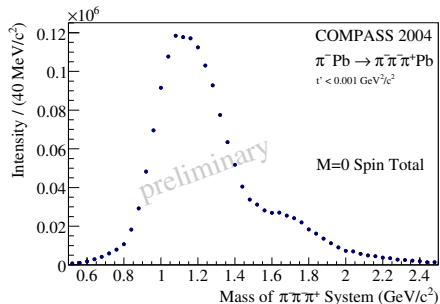
“Spin Totals”: Sum of all contributions for given M (i.e. z-projection of J)

$t'$ -dependent amplitudes:

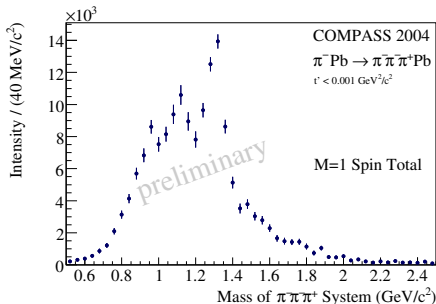
Primakoff production:  $M=1: \sigma(t') \propto e^{-b_{\text{Prim}}t'} \rightarrow$  arises at  $t' \approx 0$  (resolved shape!)

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

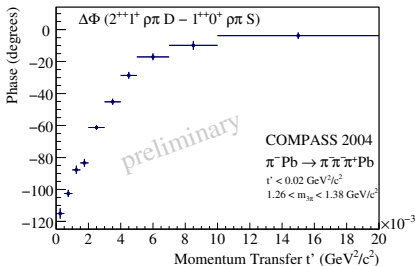
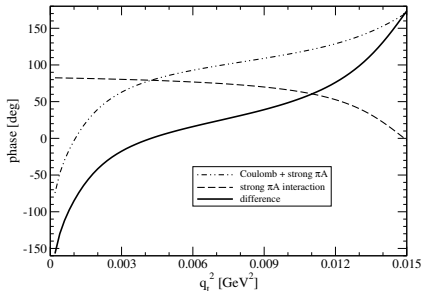
$M=1: \sigma(t') \propto t' e^{-b_{\text{diff}}(m)t'} \rightarrow$  vanishes for  $t' \approx 0$



M=0



M=1



## Glauber modell

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

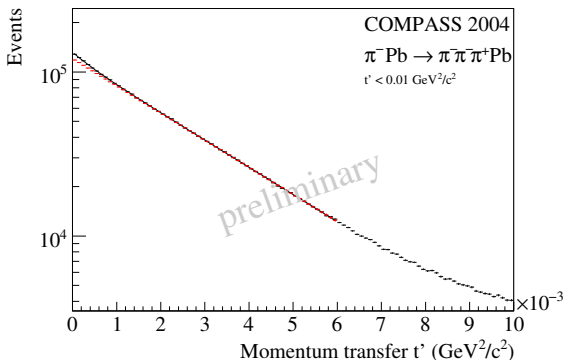
Plot: N. Kaiser (TU München)

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



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

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



(Mass) spectrum of this Primakoff contribution?

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