

# Exclusive Pseudoscalar Meson Electroproduction

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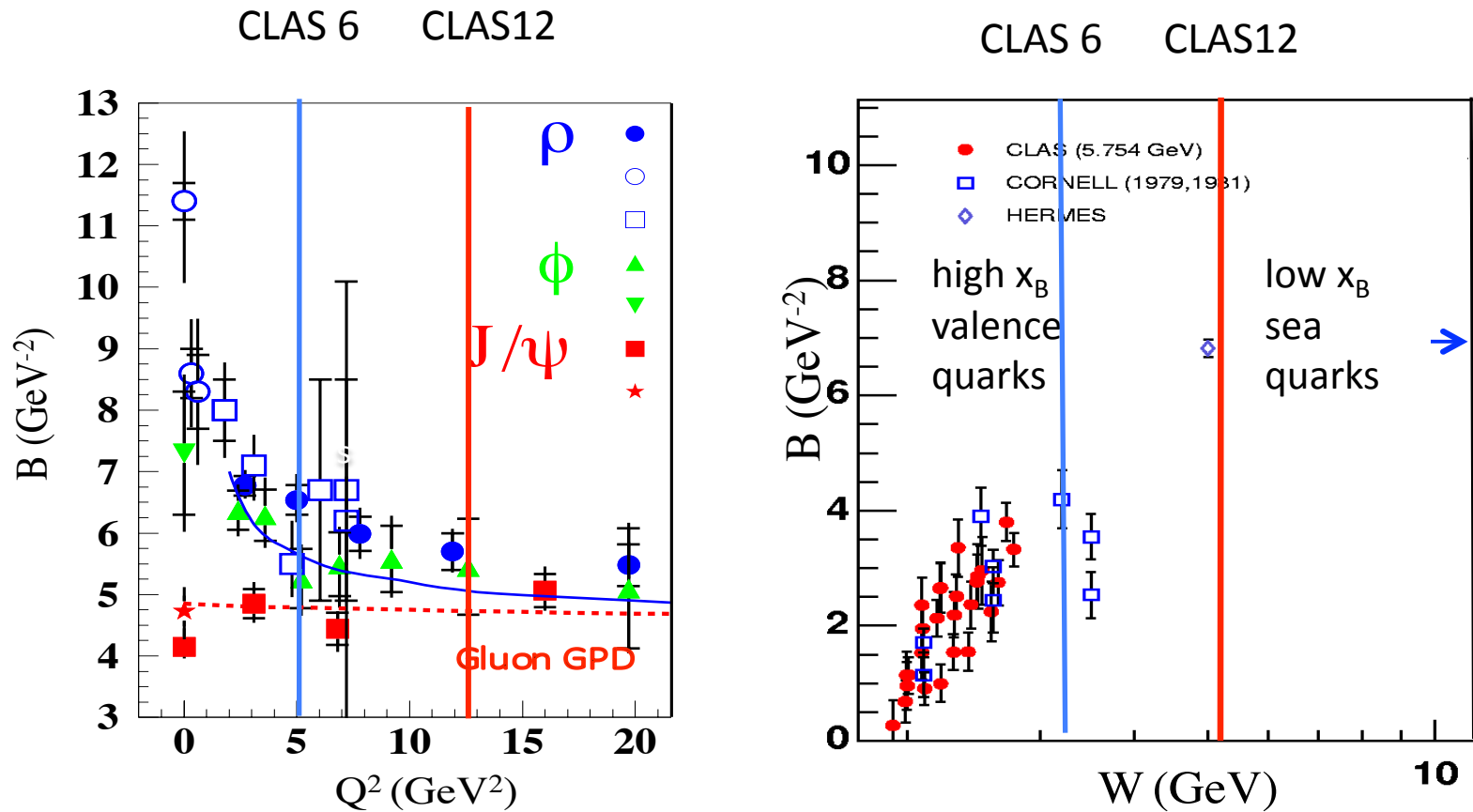
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The CLAS Collaboration

# The landscape

vector mesons

$t$ -slopes vs  $Q^2$  and  $W$



# Physics Motivation:

## General Goals:

Assess and constrain QCD based models of the nucleon by means of quark flavor selectivities and spin and parity properties of mesons.

Assess the applicability of factorization: GPD/hard kernel handbag mechanism.

## A specific goal:

Determine the role of non-leading terms in factorization  
Exploit the unique sensitivity to transversity GPDs

# Modus Operandi

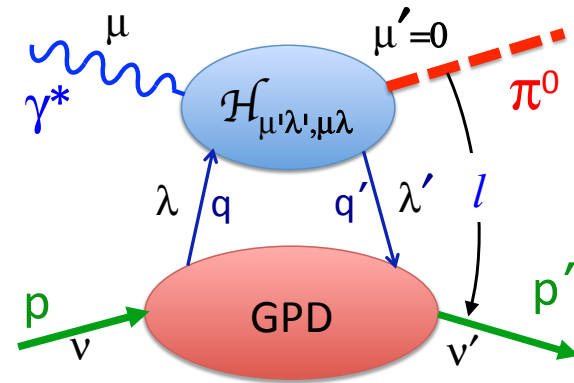
- Measure structure functions and asymmetries over as wide a kinematic range in  $Q^2, x_B, t$  as possible.
- Make continuous connection between low  $Q^2$  region where hadron based models are applicable to higher  $Q^2$  region where QCD based models appear to be applicable
- Guide the progress in theory with new data.

## Recap P. Krolls, S. Luiti

$$\sigma \sim |\mathcal{M}|^2$$

$$\mathcal{M} \in \langle F \rangle = \int dx \mathcal{H}_{\mu'\lambda'\mu\lambda} F \quad (F = \text{GPD})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu'\lambda'\mu\lambda} = \int d\mathbf{b} d\tau \hat{\Psi}(\tau, \mathbf{b}) \mathcal{F}_{\mu'\lambda'\mu\lambda} \alpha_S e^{-S(\tau, \mathbf{b}, Q^2)}$$



### Dominant GPDs

Longitudinal  $\sigma_L \sim |\mathcal{M}_L|^2 \sim \langle \tilde{H} \rangle, \langle \tilde{E} \rangle$

Transverse  $\sigma_T \sim |\mathcal{M}_T|^2 \sim \langle H_T \rangle, \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle$

Interference  $\sigma_{TT} \sim |\mathcal{M}_{TT}|^2 \sim \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle$

$\sigma_{LT} \sim |\mathcal{M}_{LT}|^2 \sim \langle H_T \rangle, \langle \tilde{E} \rangle$

$$\bar{E}_T = 2\tilde{H}_T + E_T$$

## The Exclusive $\pi$ and $\eta$ Program (so-far)

### CLAS6 Results:

$\pi^0$

$$\sigma_u = \sigma_T + \varepsilon\sigma_L, \sigma_{TT}, \sigma_{LT}$$

BSA  $A_{BP} \sim \sigma'_{LT}$

$\pi^+$

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$\eta$

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### CLAS12 Proposed:

$\pi^0$

$$\sigma_u = \sigma_T + \varepsilon\sigma_L, \sigma_{TT}, \sigma_{LT}$$

L/T  $\sigma_T, \sigma_L$

BSA  $A_{BP} \sim \sigma'_{LT}$

$\eta$

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L/T  $\sigma_T, \sigma_L$

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### CLAS12 Pending:

$\pi^+$

$$\sigma_u = \sigma_T + \varepsilon\sigma_L, \sigma_{TT}, \sigma_{LT}$$

BSA  $A_{BP} \sim \sigma'_{LT}$

$\eta, \pi^0, \pi^+$

Trans TSA, Long TSA

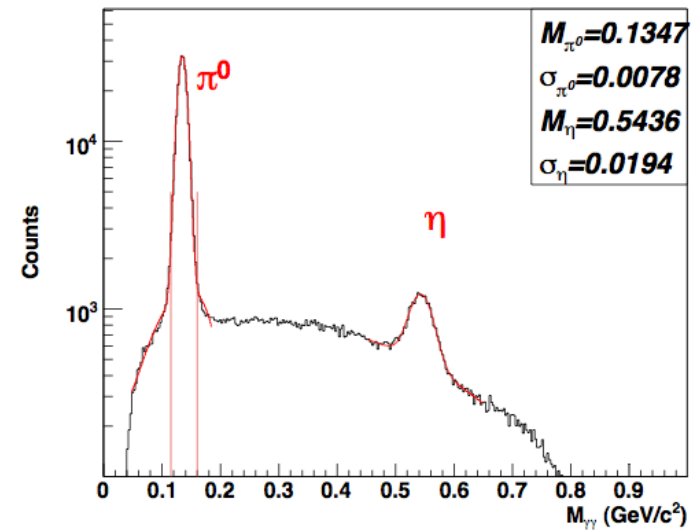
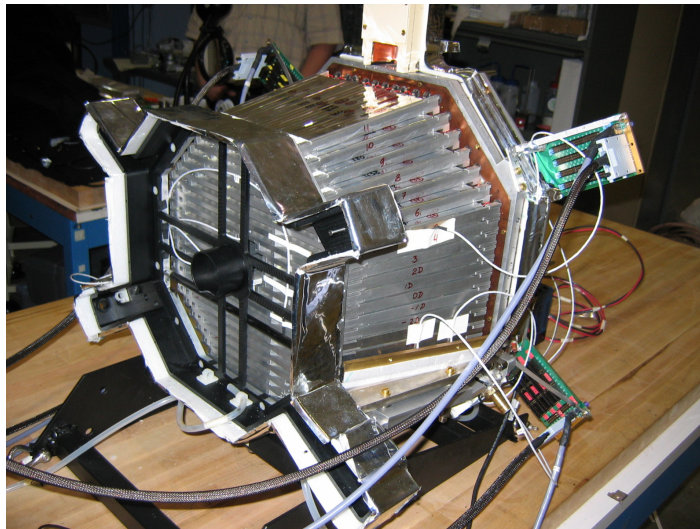
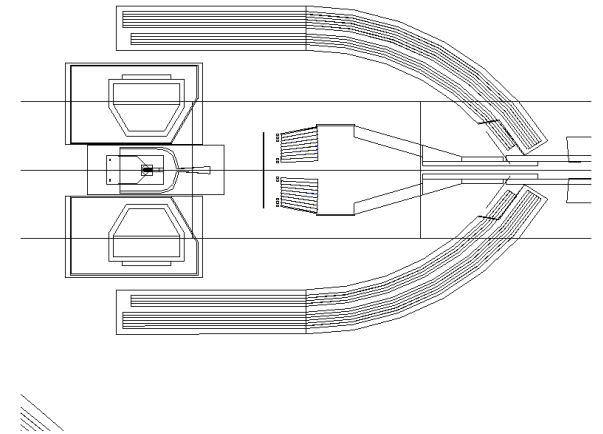
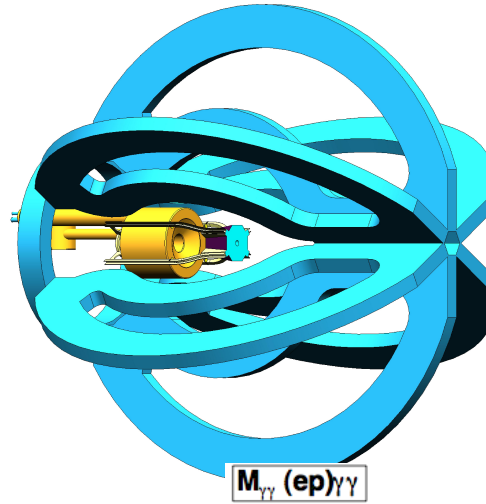
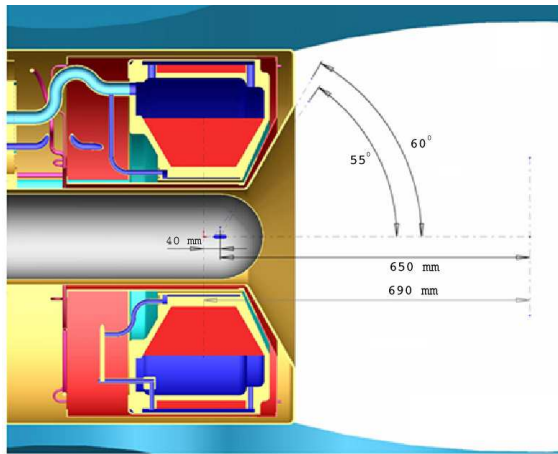
Hall A Data:  $\pi^0$   $\sigma_u = \sigma_T + \varepsilon\sigma_L, \sigma_{TT}, \sigma_{LT}$

Hermes Data:  $\pi^+$  Trans. Tgt. Asymm.

Hall C data:  $\pi^+$

Hall C Proposed:  $\pi^0, \pi^+$   $\sigma_T / \sigma_L$

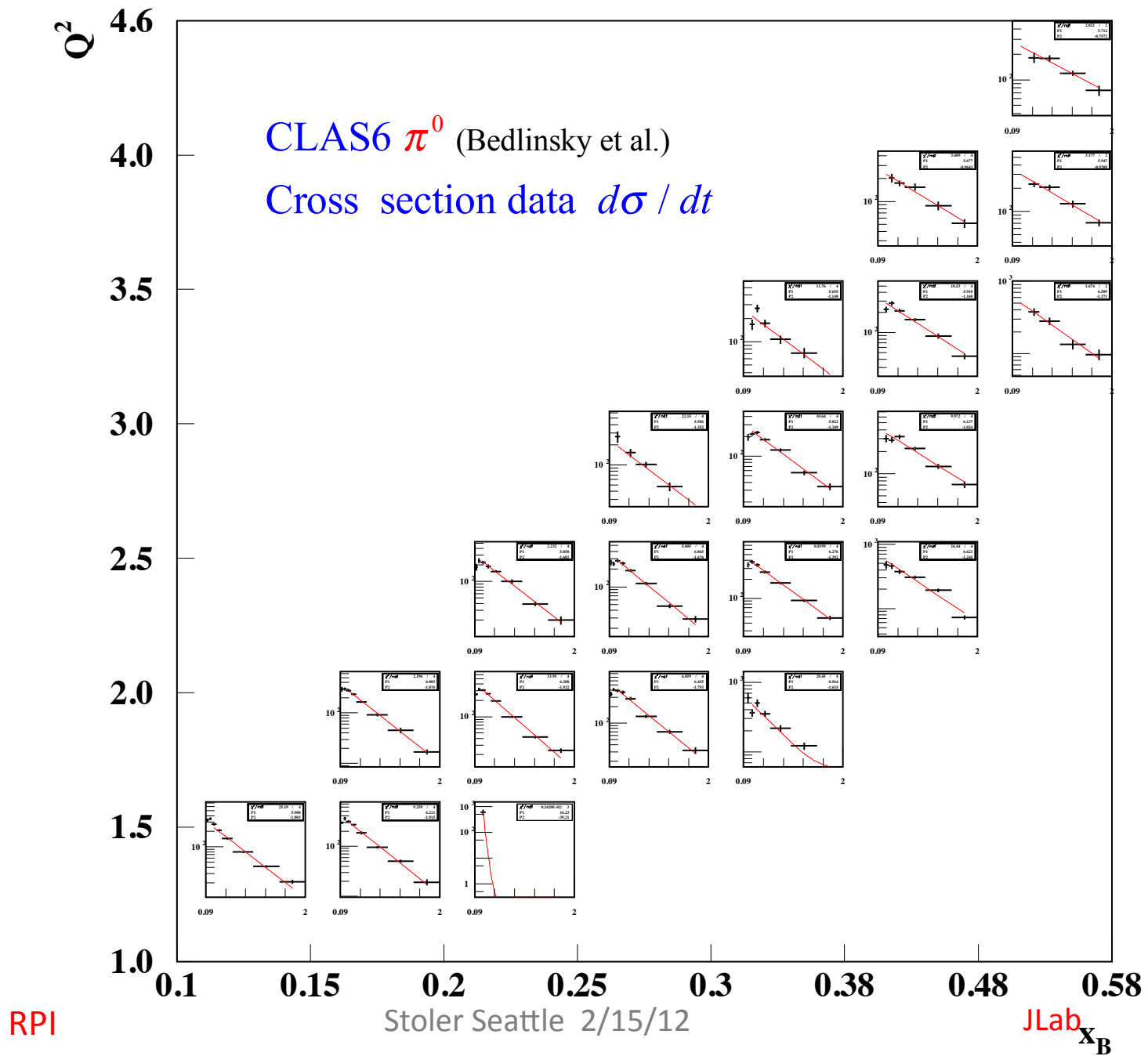
# CLAS 6 Experiments $\pi^0, \eta, \pi^+$ - structure functions and BSA



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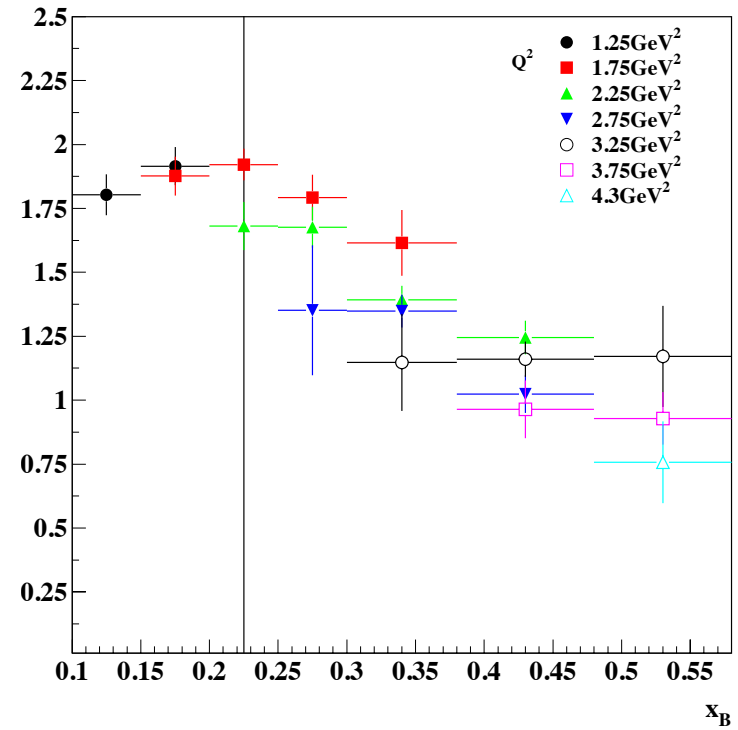
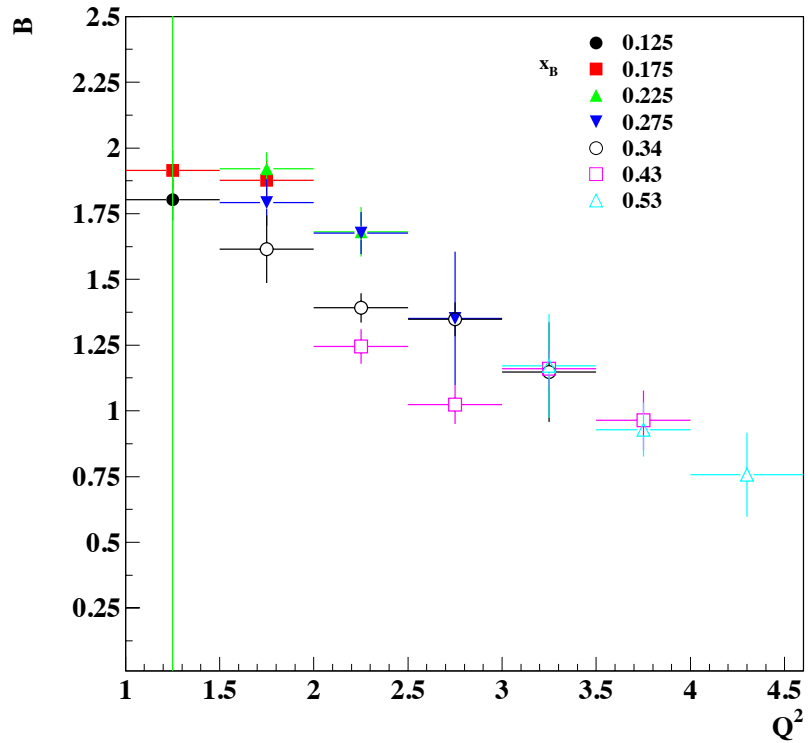
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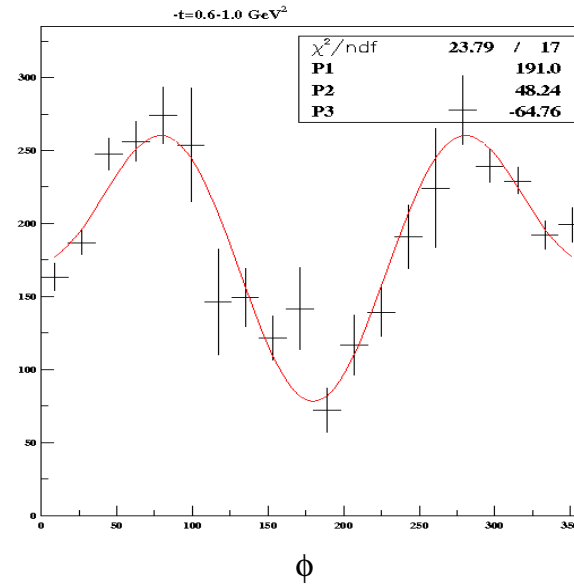
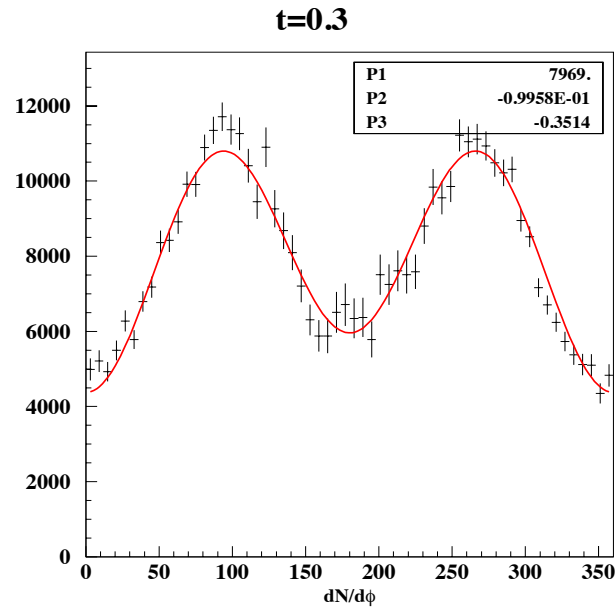




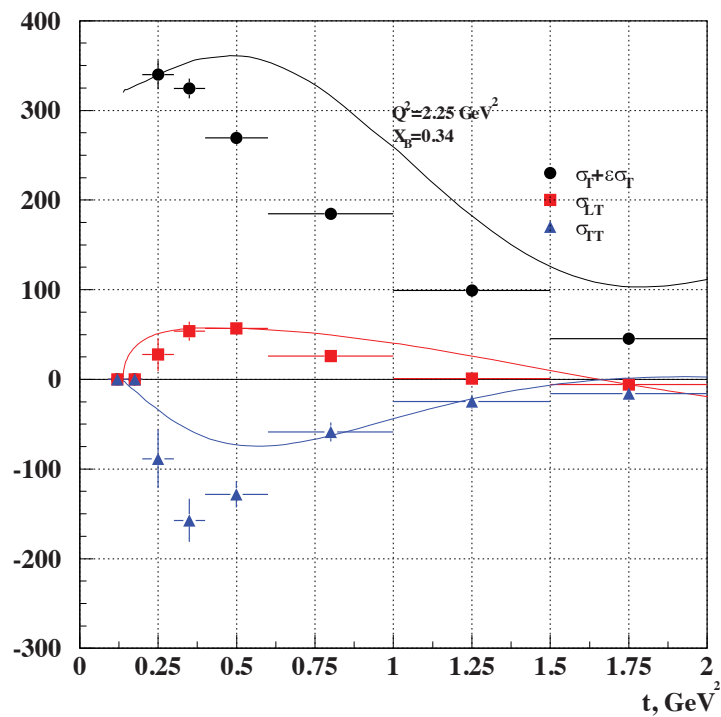
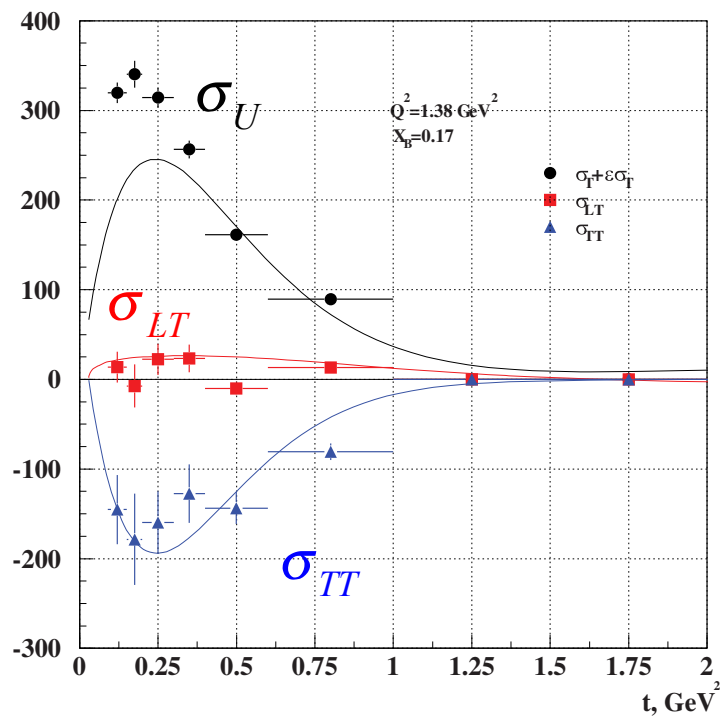
# $t$ - slope parameter $B$ vs. $Q^2$ and $x_B$



$\text{Cos}\phi$  dependence  $\rightarrow \sigma_T + \epsilon\sigma_L, \sigma_{TT}, \sigma_{LT}$

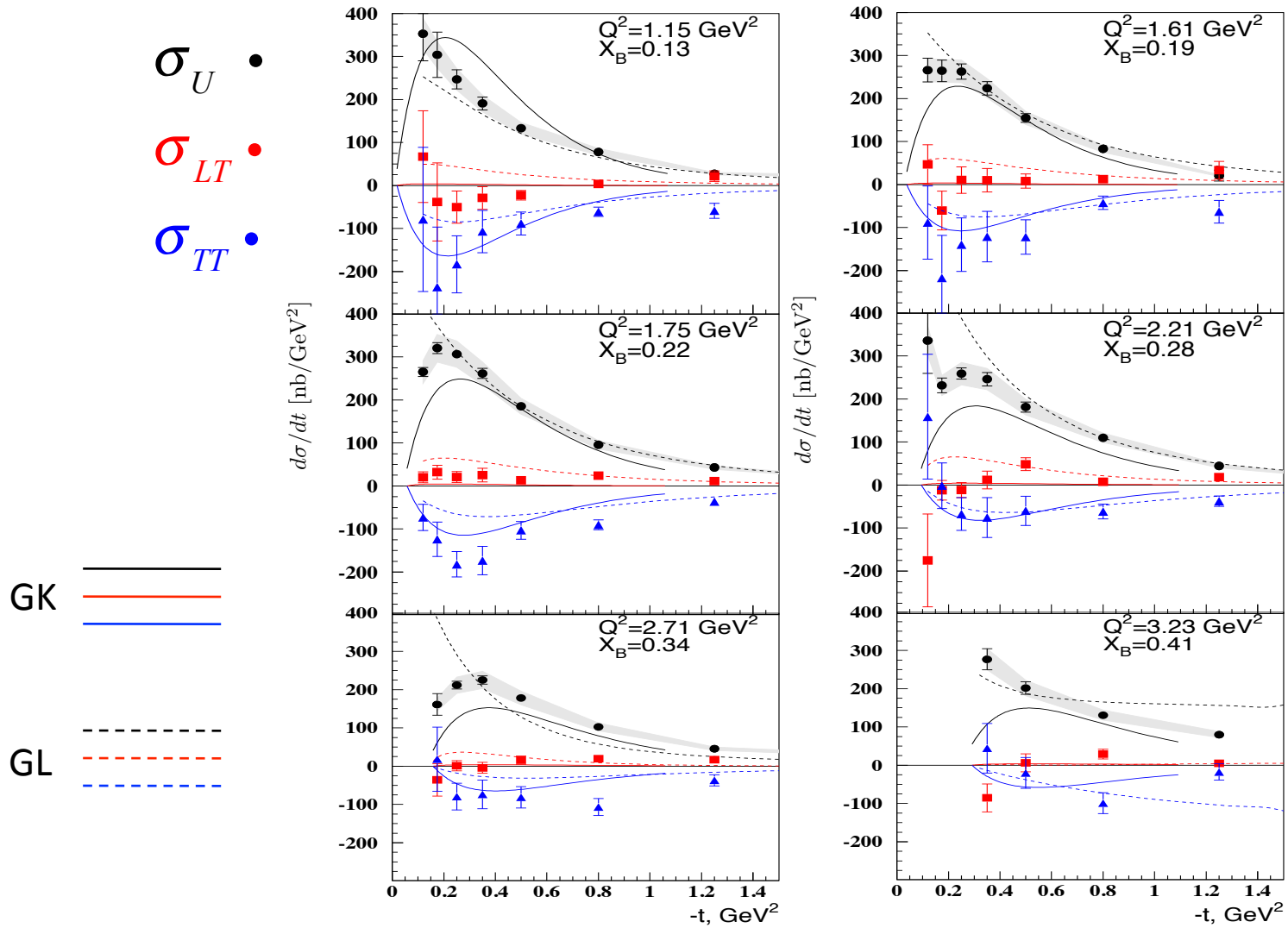


# Structure Functions



Curves: JM Laget, Regge

# Structure Functions

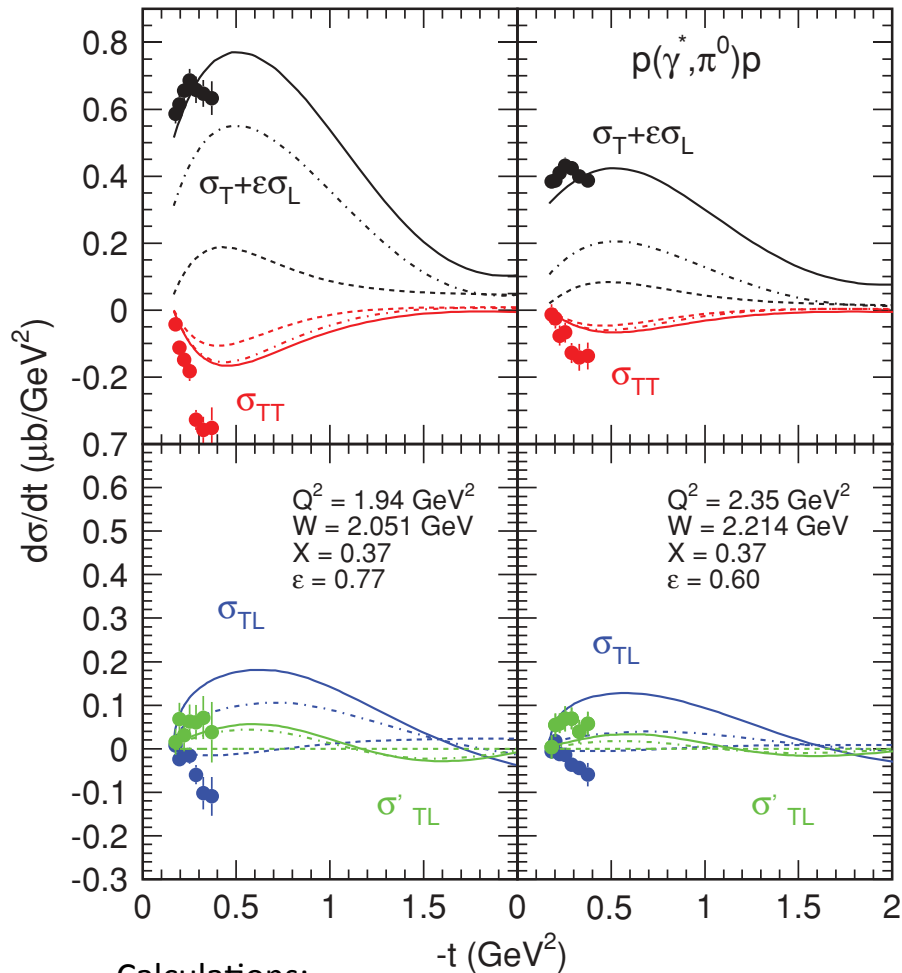


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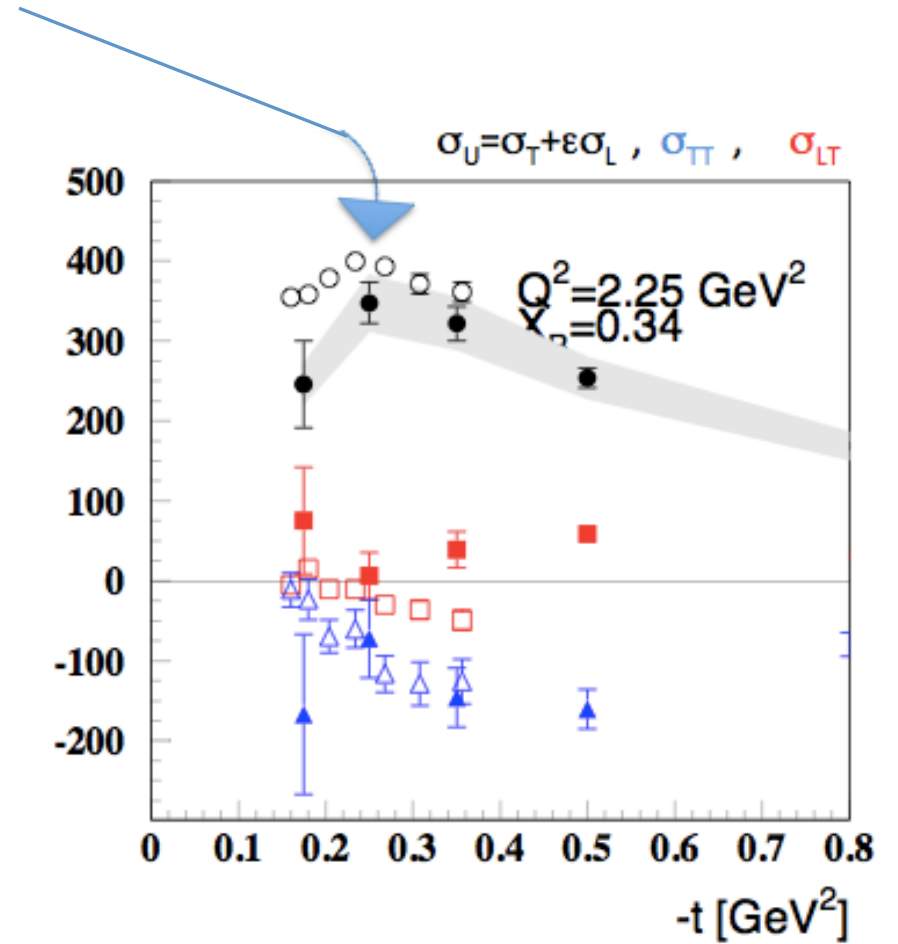
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Hall A experiment.  
E. Fuchey et al. P. R. (2011)



Calculations:  
J. M. Laget, Phys. Lett. B **695**, 199 (2011)



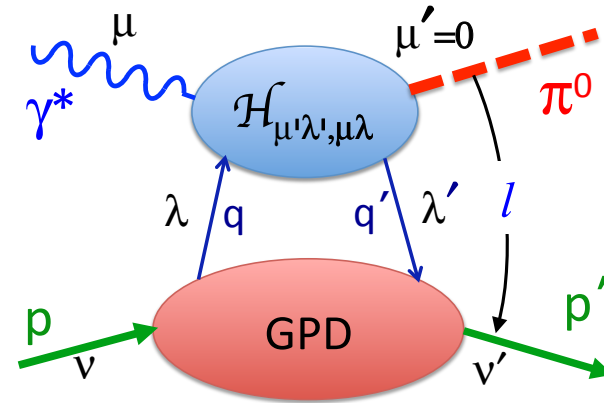
## Transverse Amplitudes

Nucleon helicity **non-flip**.

$$M_{0^{++}}^U = \sqrt{\pi\alpha_e \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{Q^4} \frac{t'}{8m^2}} \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle_3 \quad l=1$$

Nucleon helicity **flip**.

$$M_{0^{-++}}^U = \sqrt{(1-\xi^2) \frac{\pi\alpha_e}{2} \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{Q^4}} \langle H_T \rangle_3 \quad l=0$$



$$\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \left| M_{0^{++}}^U \right|^2 = \frac{4\pi\alpha_e}{8\kappa} \frac{\mu_\pi^2}{Q^4} \frac{t'}{8m^2} \left| \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle_3 \right|^2$$

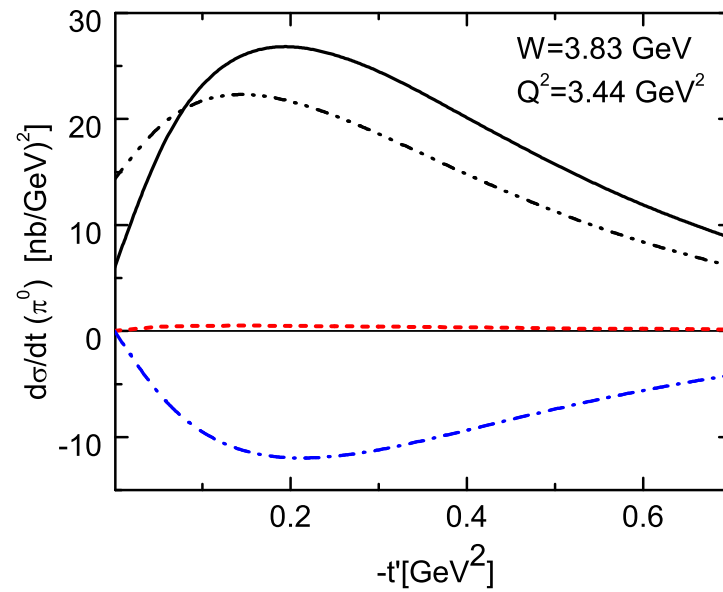
$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \left| M_{0^{-++}}^U \right|^2 - \frac{1}{\kappa} \left| M_{0^{++}}^U \right|^2 = \frac{4\pi\alpha_e}{2\kappa} \frac{\mu_\pi}{Q^4} \left[ (1-\xi^2) \left| \langle H_T \rangle_3 \right|^2 - \frac{t'}{8m^2} \left| \langle \bar{E}_T \rangle_3 \right|^2 \right]$$

$l=0$   $l=1$

# G-K Increase

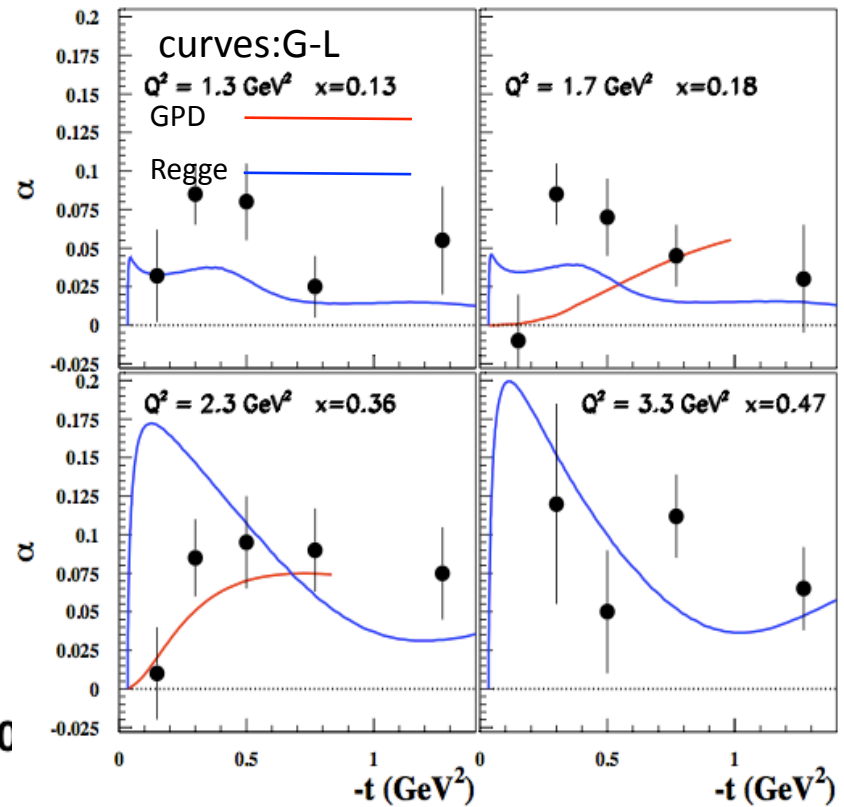
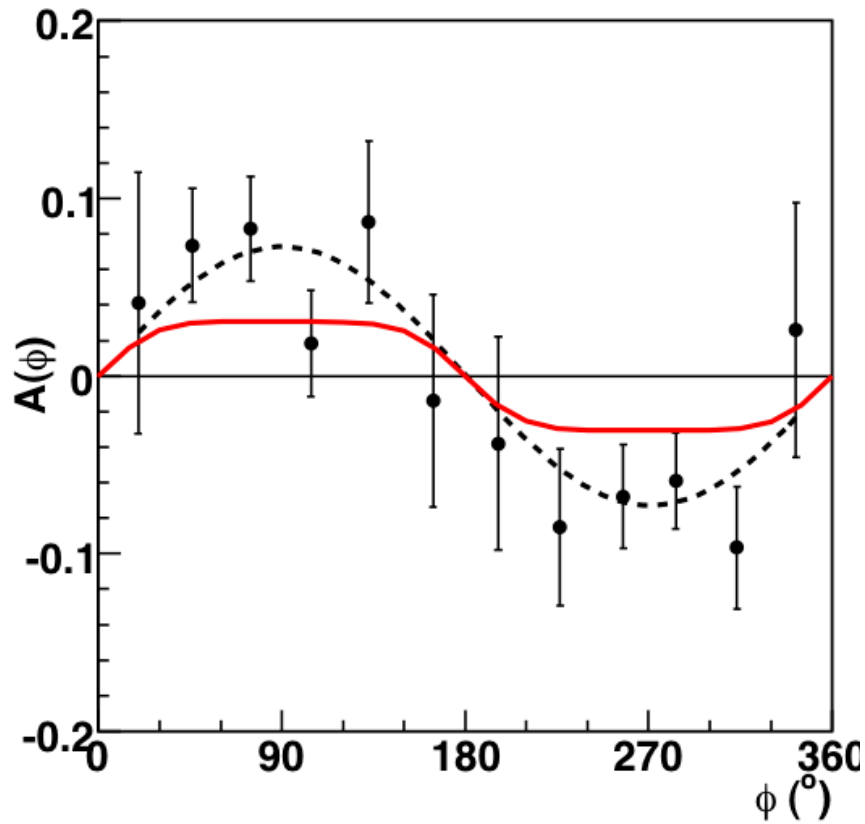
G-K: Increase  $H_T$  by  $\sim 10\%$

Dereade  $\bar{E}_T$  by  $\sim 10\%$



# $\pi^0$ Beam Spin Asymmetry

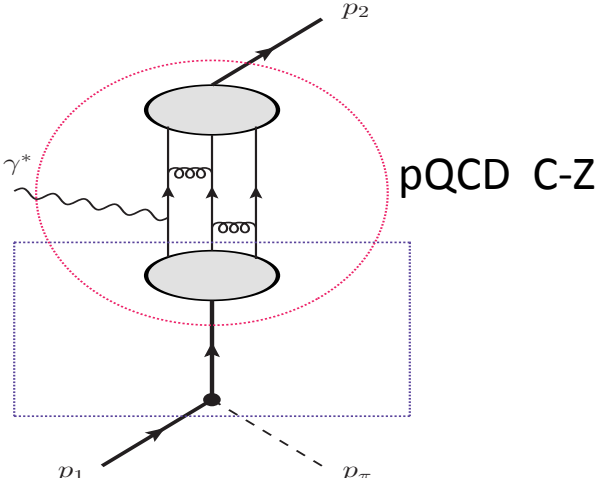
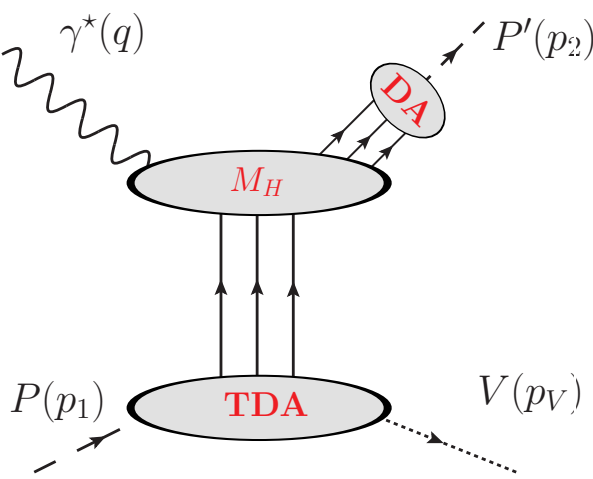
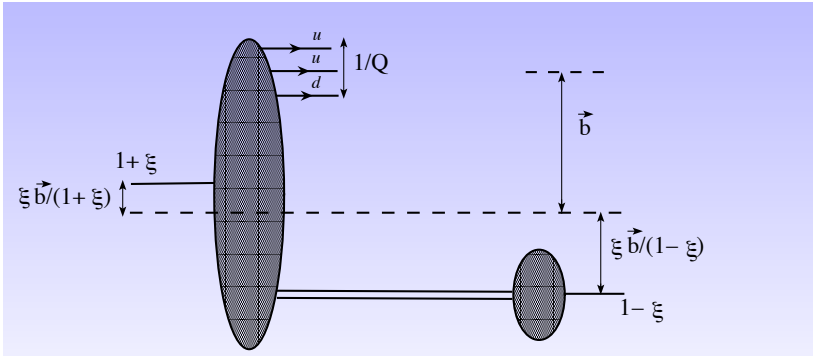
CLAS6 data (di Masi et al)





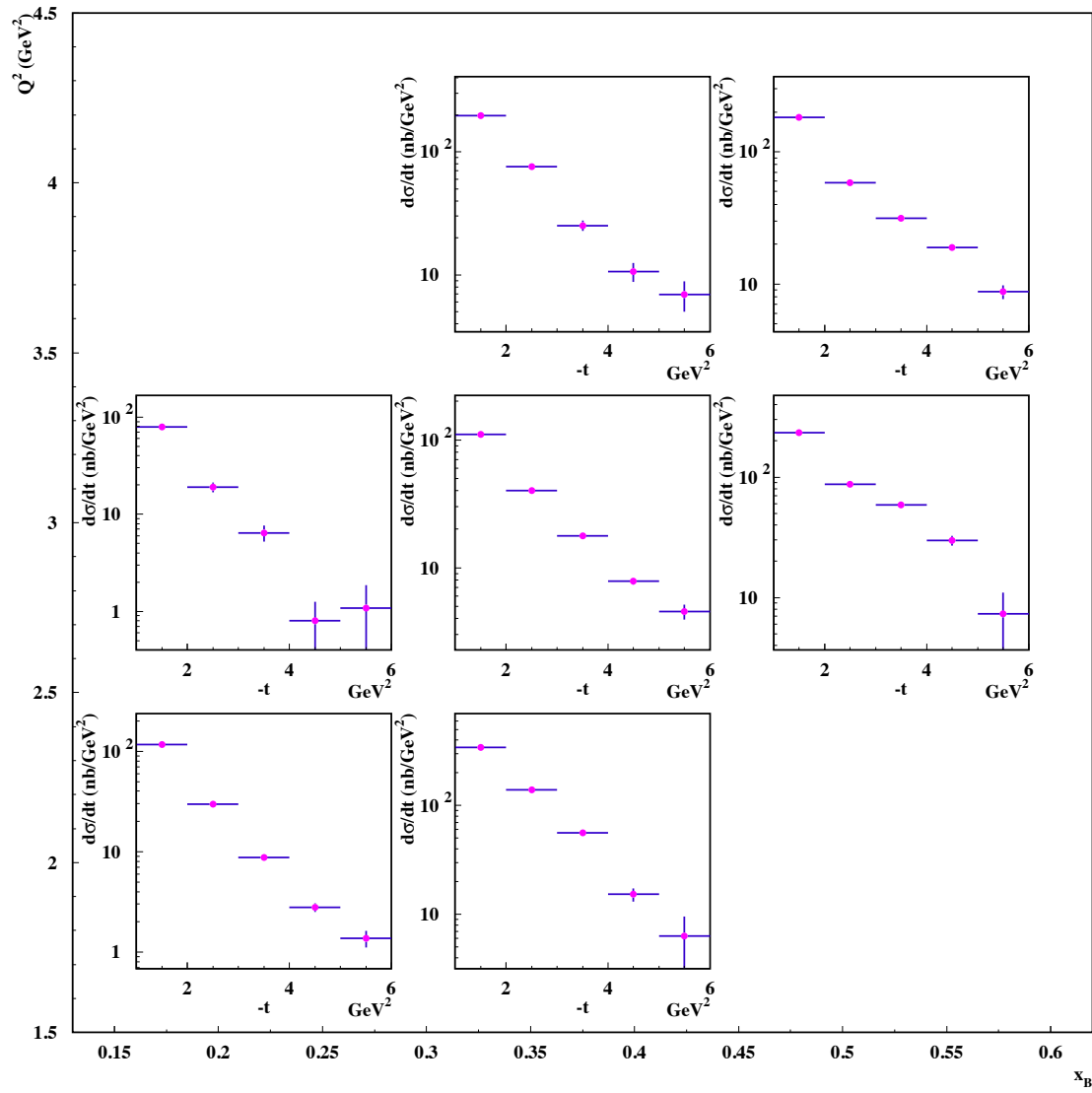
# Backward $\pi$ electroproduction - TDAs

J.P. Lansberg, B. Pire and L. Szymanowski



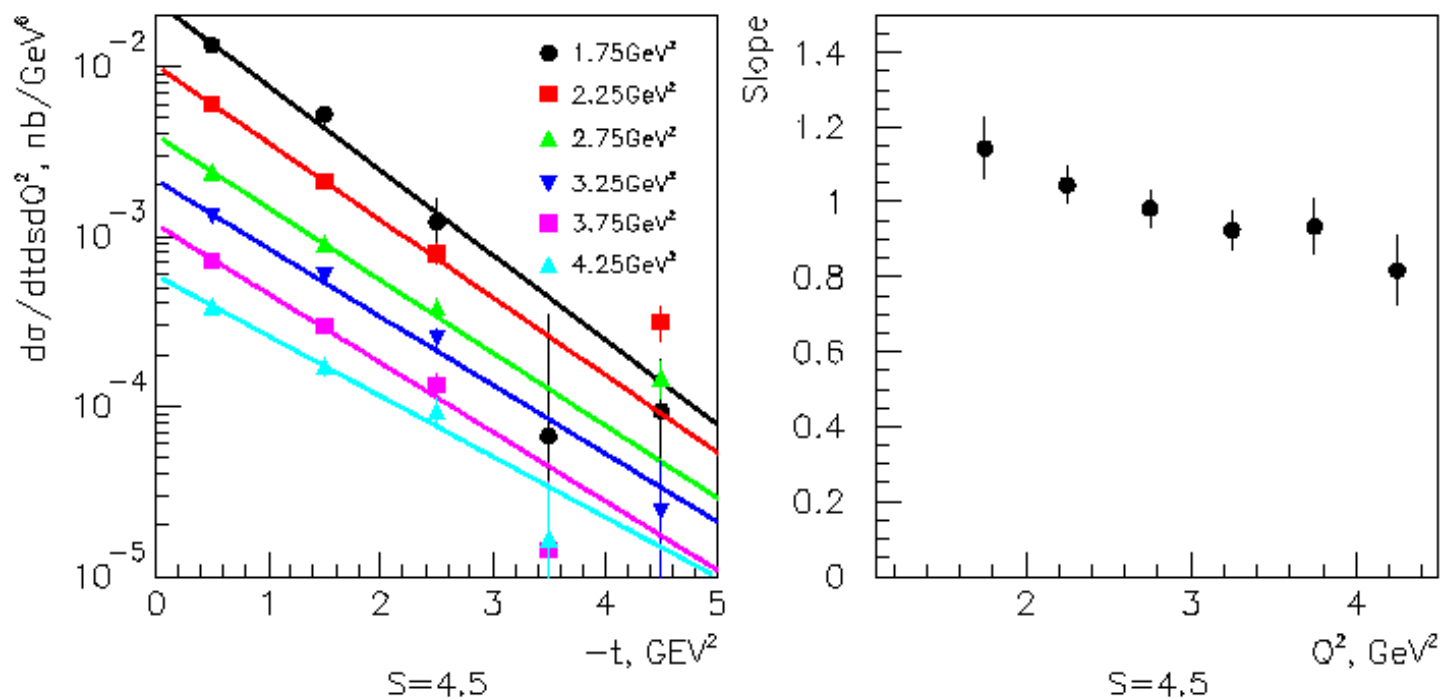
# CLAS $\pi^0$ data under analysis

$-t_{\max} \sim 6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$



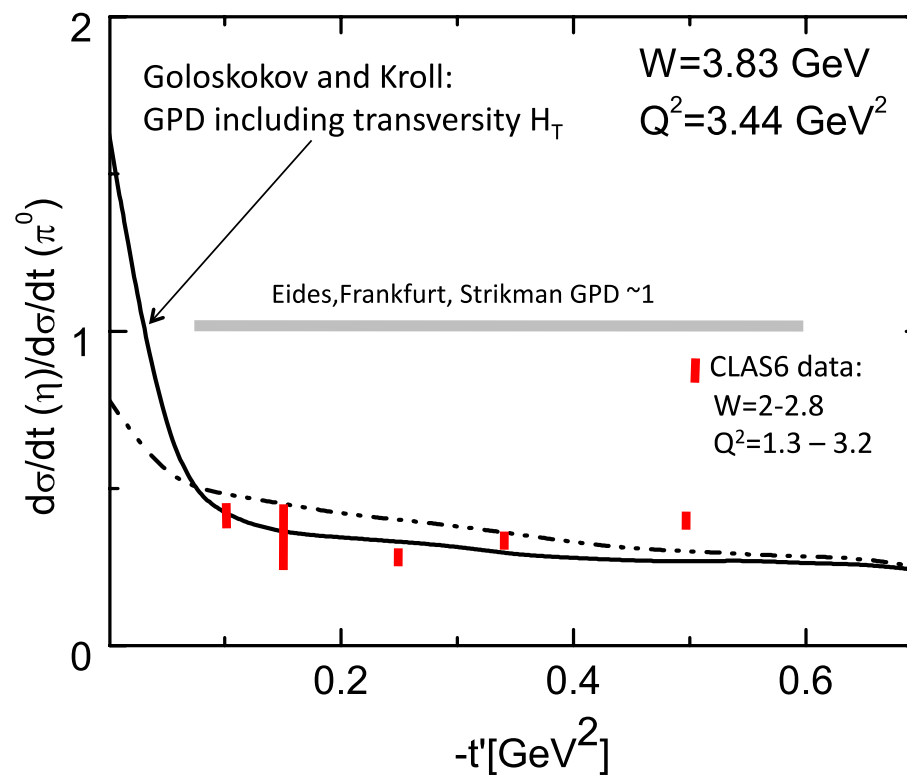
# $\eta$ electroproduction – CLAS6

$t$  slopes



# $\eta$ electroproduction – CLAS6

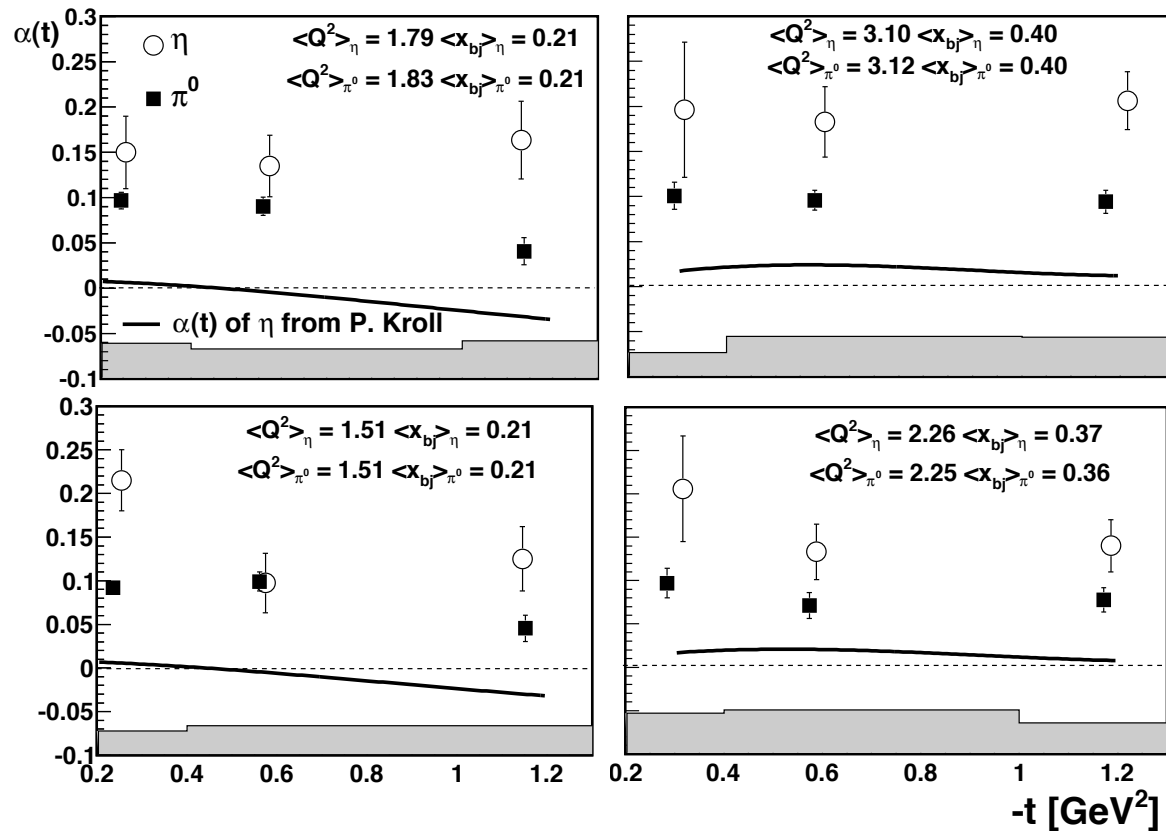
Ratio  $\eta/\pi^0$



# $\eta$ and $\pi^0$ Beam Spin Asymmetry

$\eta$  (B. Zhao et al.)

$\pi^0$  (R. Di Masi et al.)



# $\eta$ electroproduction

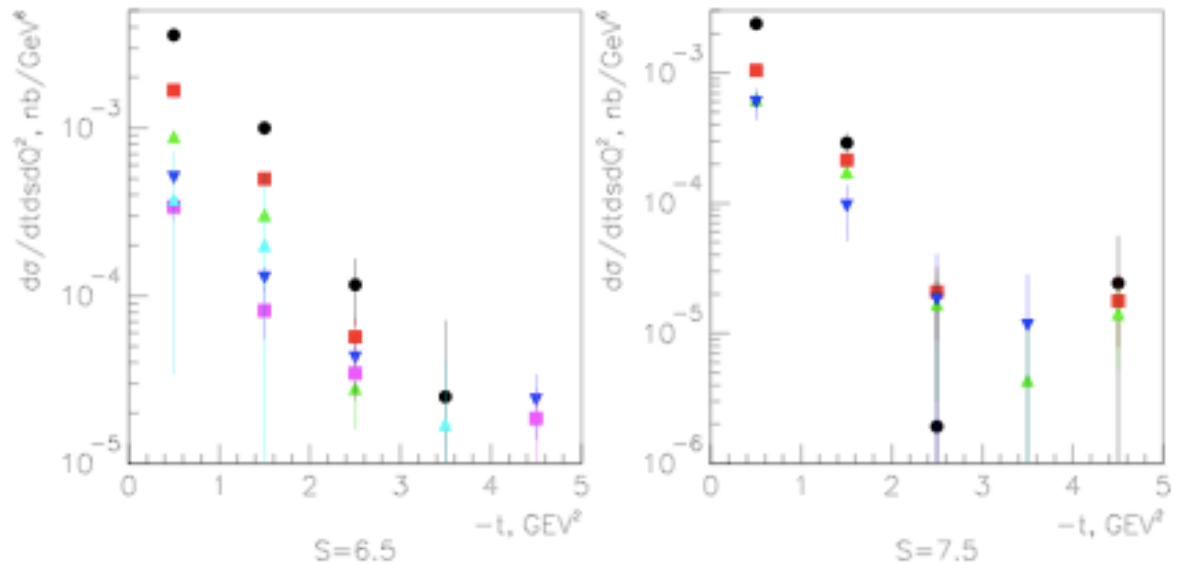
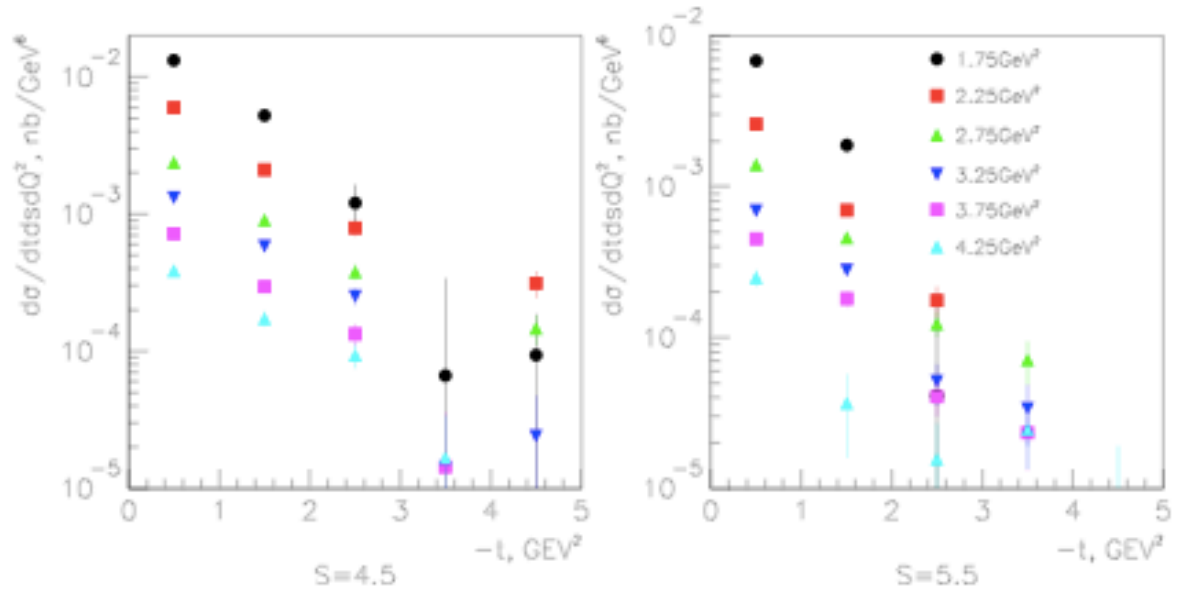
CLAS 6 preliminary (analysis in progress)

$$ep \rightarrow ep\eta$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt ds dQ^2}$$

- a.  $s = W^2 = 4.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- b.  $s = W^2 = 5.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- c.  $s = W^2 = 6.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- d.  $s = W^2 = 7.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$  decreases with increasing  $W$  (decreasing  $x_B$ )



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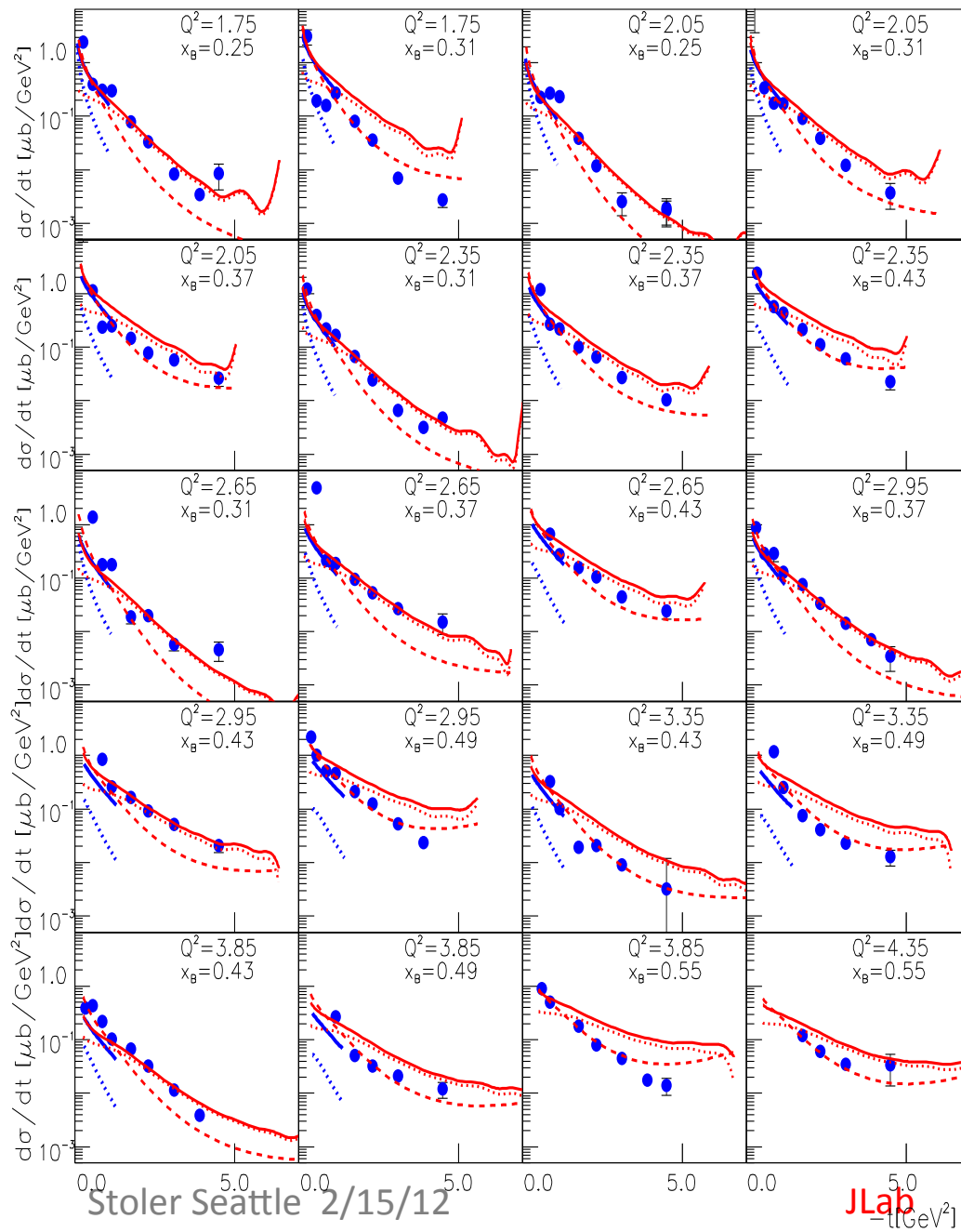
$$ep \rightarrow ep\pi^+$$

K. Park et al. (CLAS)

J. M. Laget, Regge



S.V. Goloskokov, P. Kroll

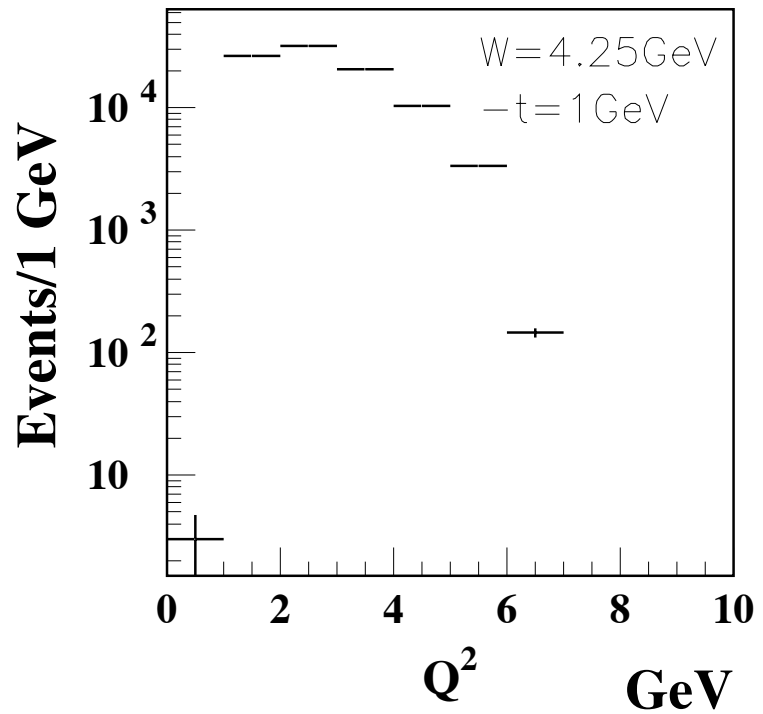
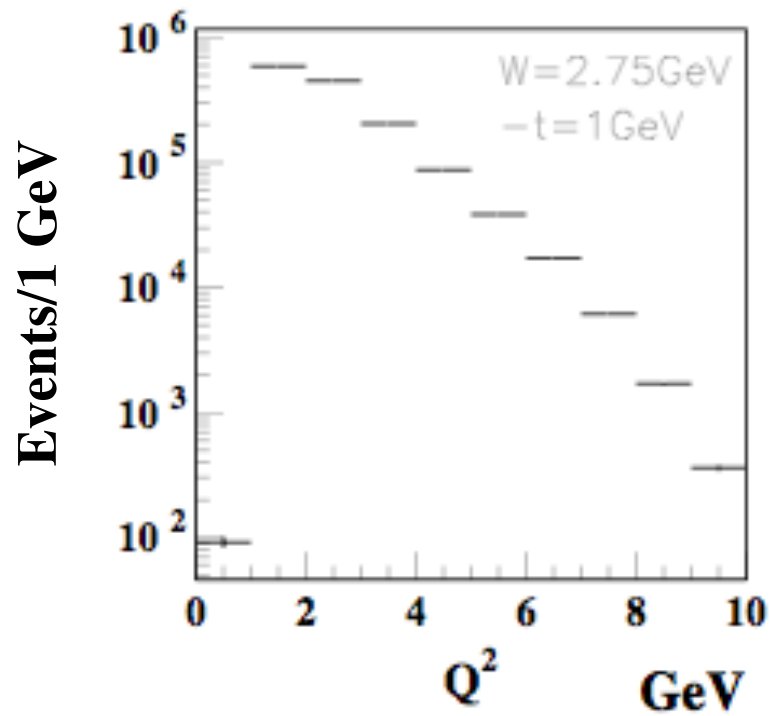


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# Simulations for CLAS12



# Simulation for $\pi^0$ production with CLAS12



MC simulate  $\pi^0$

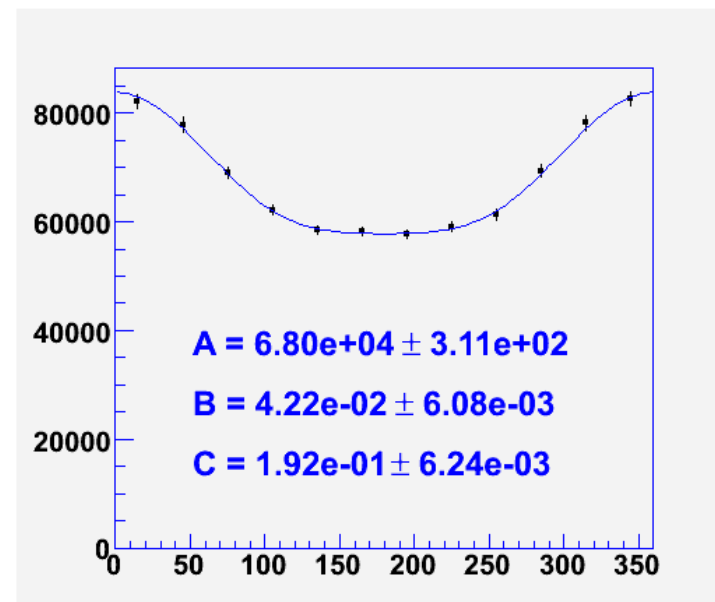
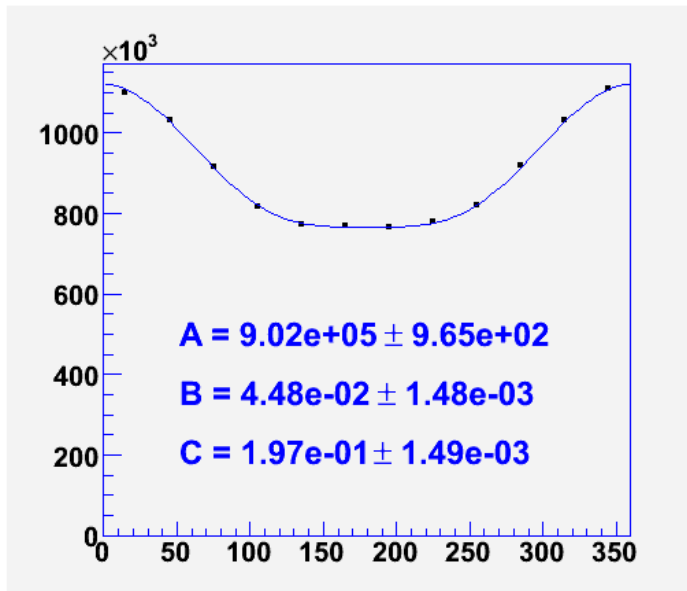
$$\sigma = A(1 + B\cos 2\phi + C\cos \phi)$$

$$B = 0.05, C = 0.2$$

$$-t = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$$

$$Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$$

$$Q^2 = 8 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$$

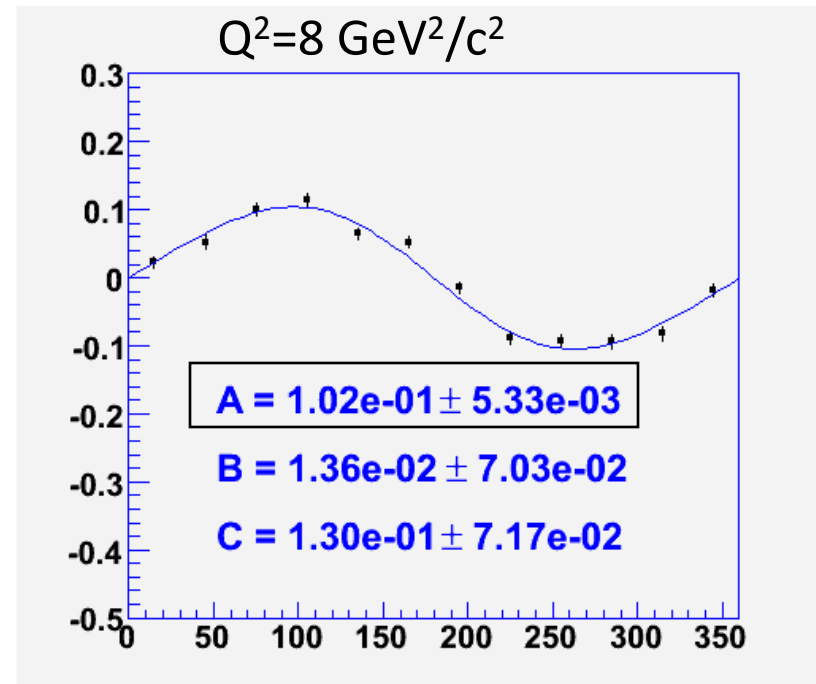
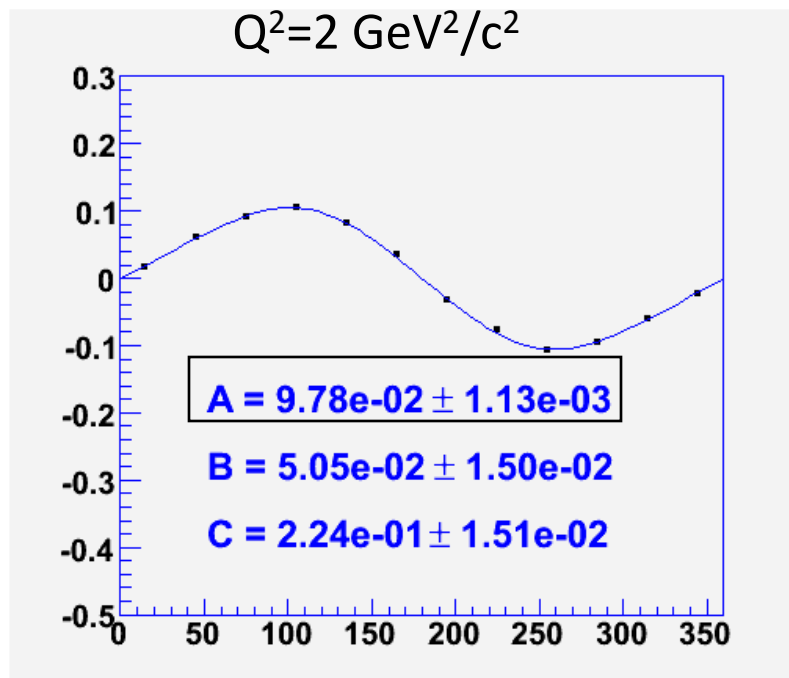


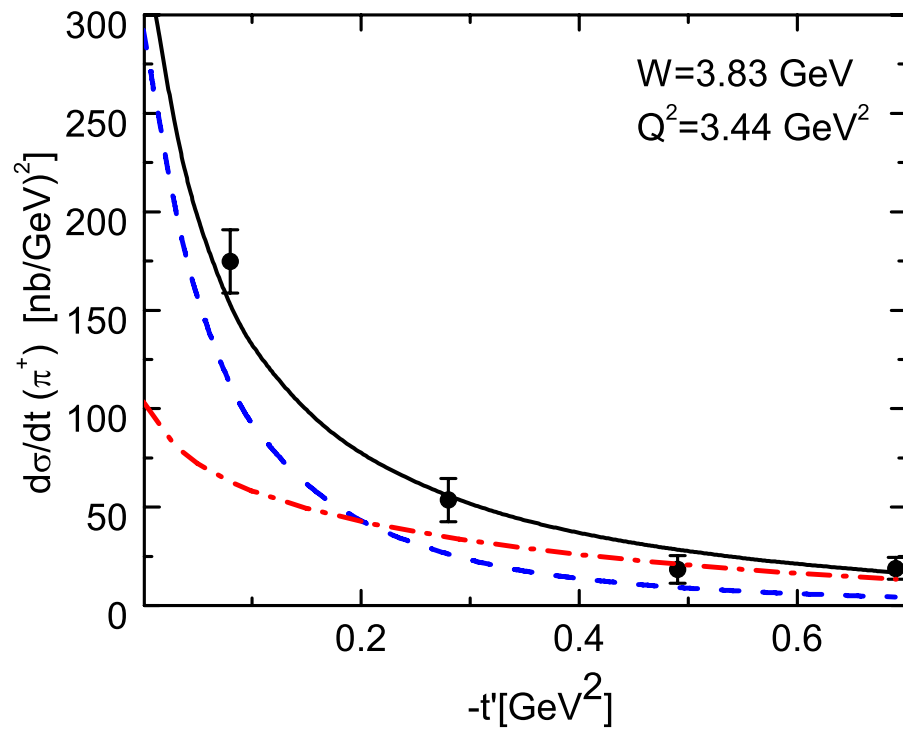
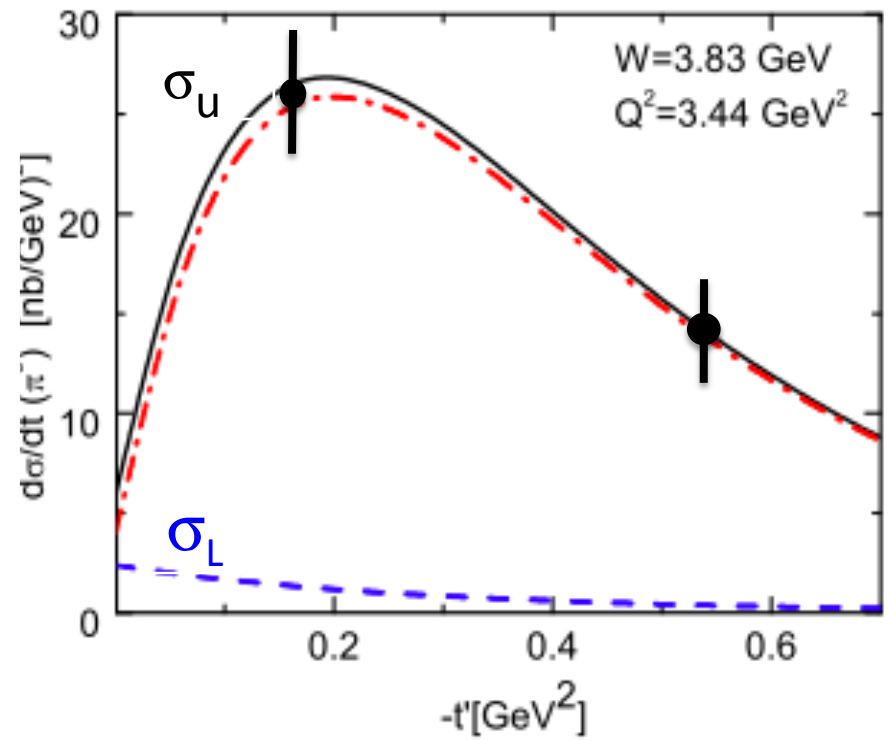
**$B, C \sim 10\%$**

# Single Spin Beam Asymmetry

$$\mathcal{A} = A \sin\phi / (1 + B \cos 2\phi + C \cos\phi)$$

$$-t = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2 \quad x_B = 0.5$$

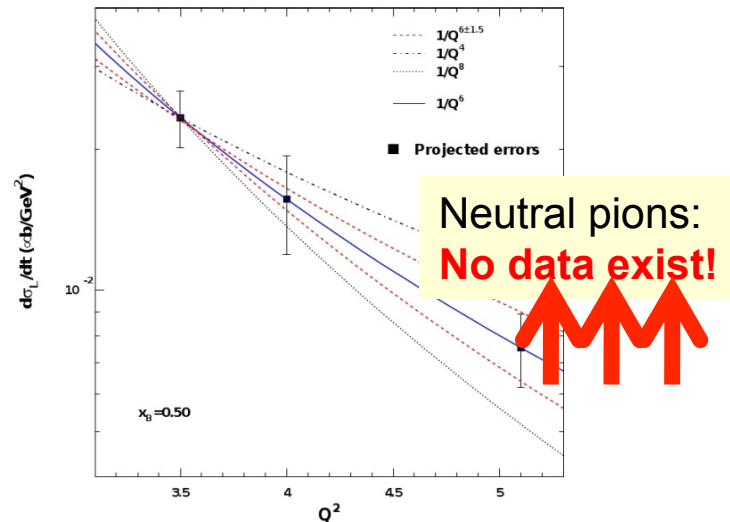
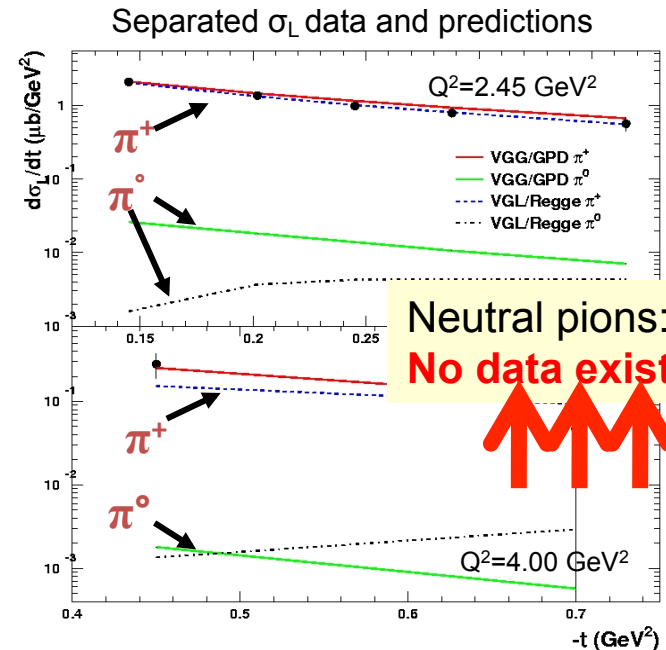


$\pi^+$  $\pi^0$ 

Note difference in  $Q^2$  and vertical scale

# PR12-11-102: Map $\sigma_L$ and $\sigma_T$ in $\pi^0$ production

- GPD studies with pions require understanding relative contributions of  $\sigma_L$  and  $\sigma_T$ 
  - In the limit where GPDs can be studied,  $\sigma_L \sim Q^{-6}$ ,  $\sigma_T \sim Q^{-8}$
- Is the relative contribution of  $\sigma_L$  in  $\pi^0$  production significant?
  - 12 GeV: Opportunity to compare to separated  $\sigma_L$  and  $\sigma_T$  in  $\pi^+$  production (E12-07-105)
  - Constrain the size of non-pole contributions
    - If smaller than anticipated may extract  $F_\pi$  to higher  $Q^2$

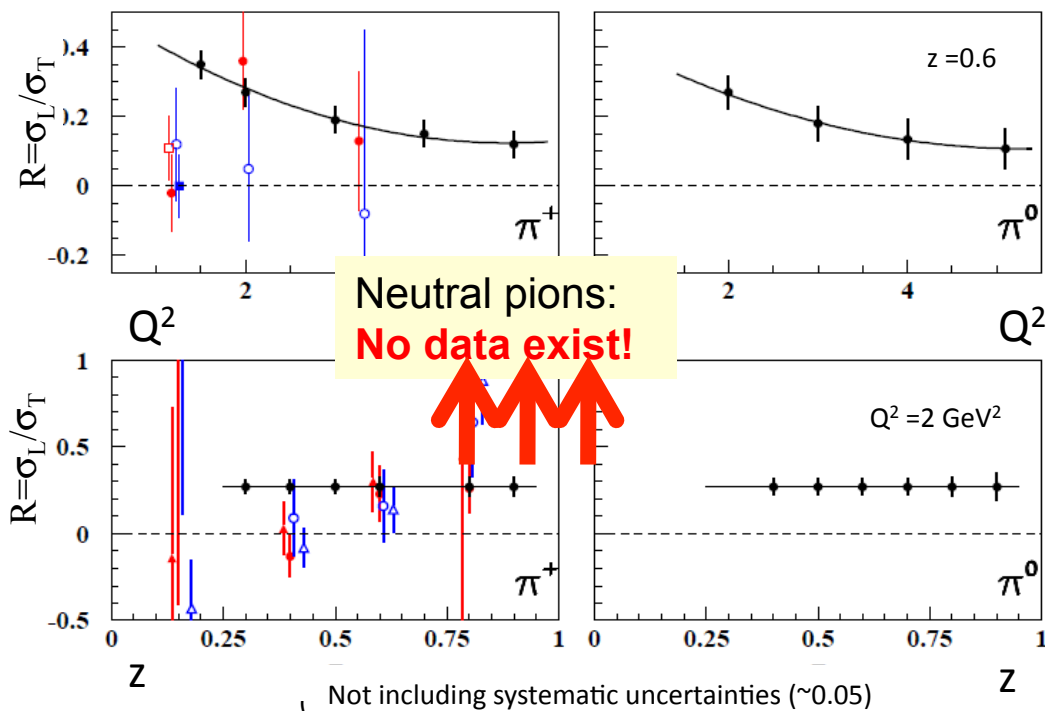


PR12-11-102: Separated  $\sigma_L$ ,  $\sigma_T$  for studies of scaling in neutral systems and relative importance of pole and non-pole contributions

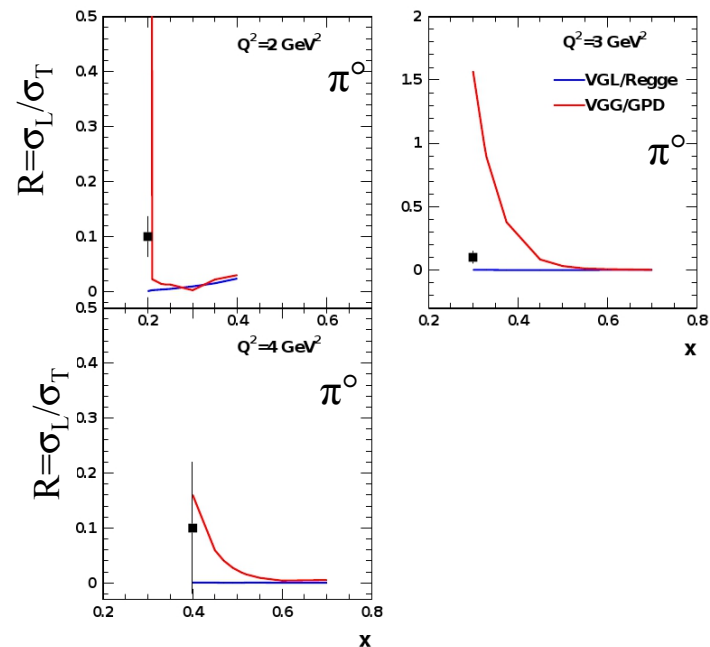
# PR12-11-102: z-dependence of $R=\sigma_L/\sigma_T$

- Need to know z- and  $Q^2$ - dependencies of  $R=\sigma_L/\sigma_T$  for  $\pi^0$  in addition to  $\pi^+, \pi^-$  for proper analysis of TMD measurements and corresponding angular asymmetries

SIDIS,  $z < 1$ , projected data



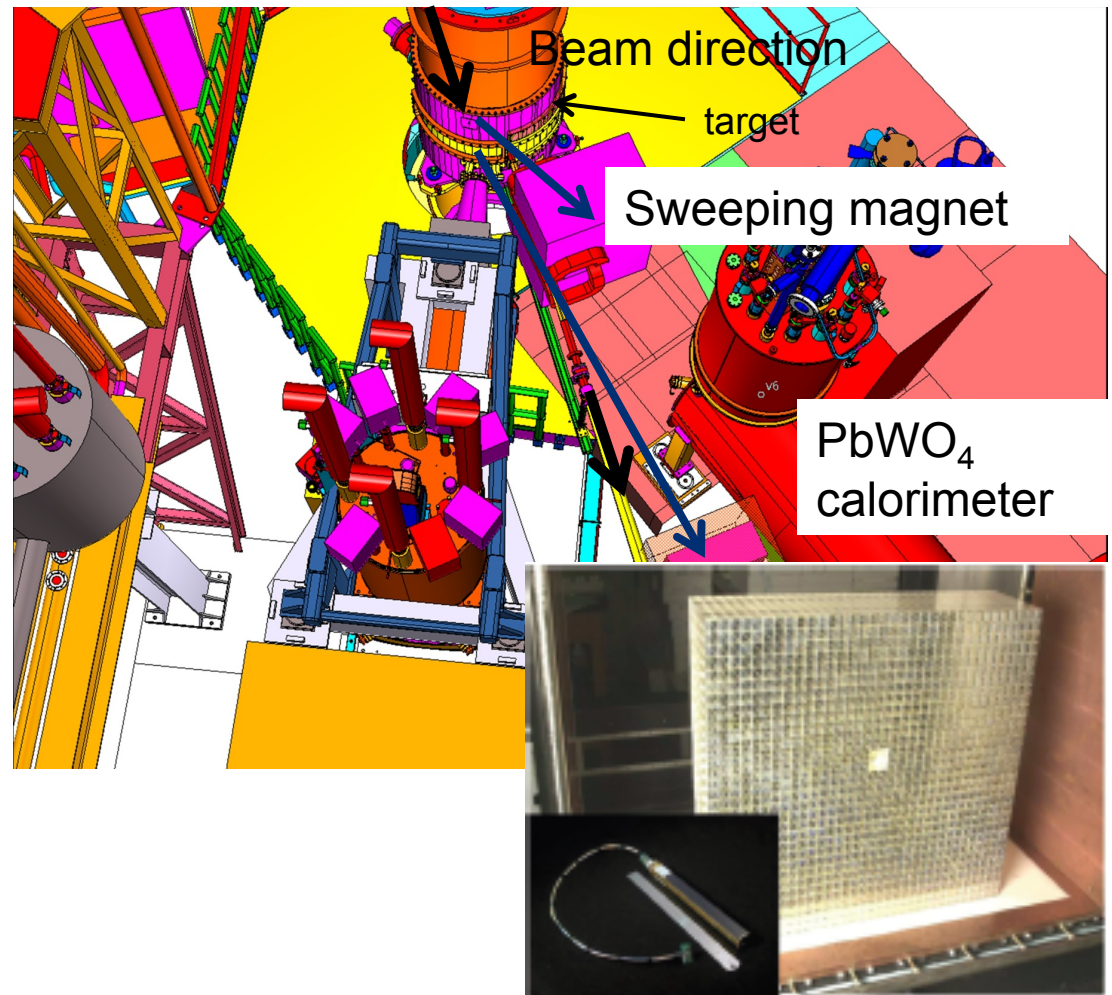
DES,  $z \sim 1$ , projected data



PR12-11-102: precision  $R=\sigma_L/\sigma_T$  data in transition from semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering to exclusive scattering

# PR12-11-102: $\pi^0$ L/T facility in Hall C

- New  $\text{PbWO}_4$  calorimeter facility provides  $\pi^0$  detection in Hall C
  - Initially for PR12-11-102
- Also provides opportunities to extend separations program for DVCS
  - PR12-11-102 provides initial separation for DVCS
  - Extensions to a broader kinematic range anticipated



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