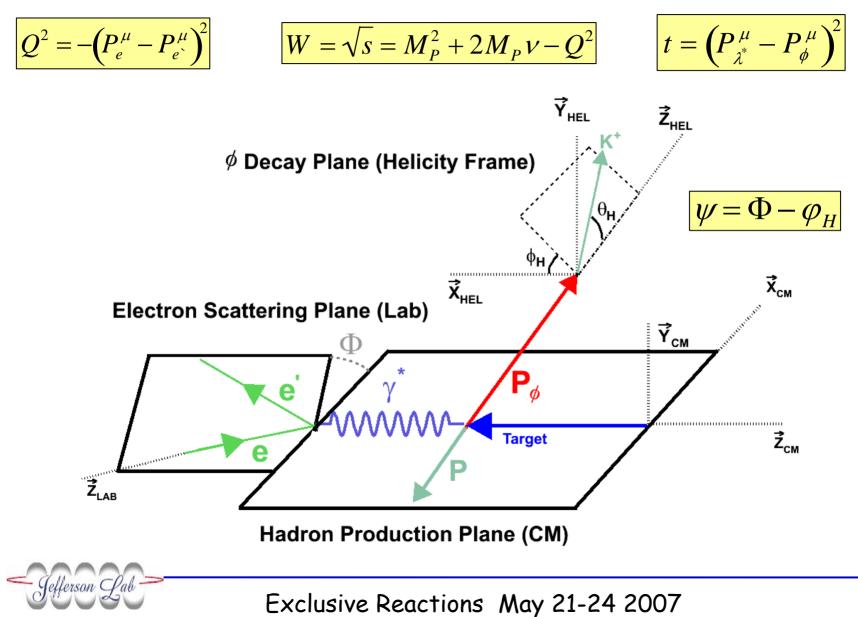
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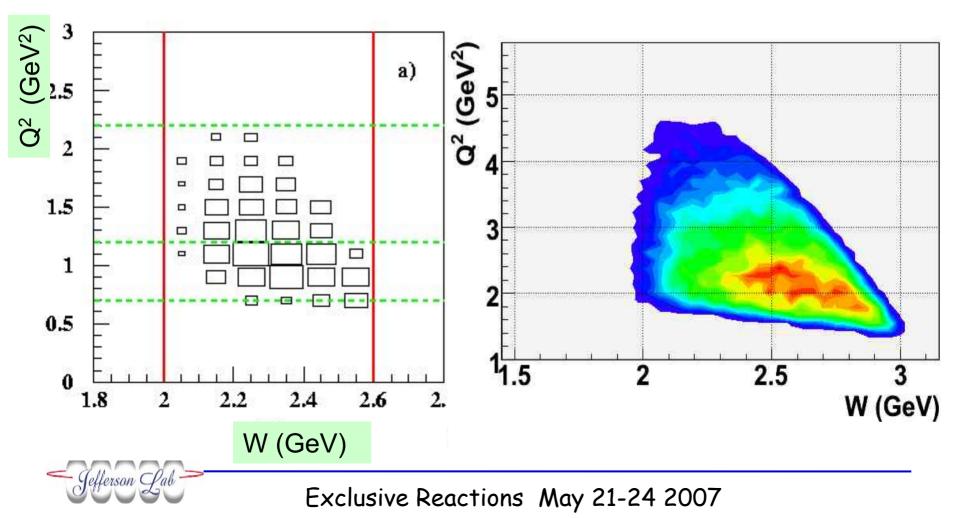


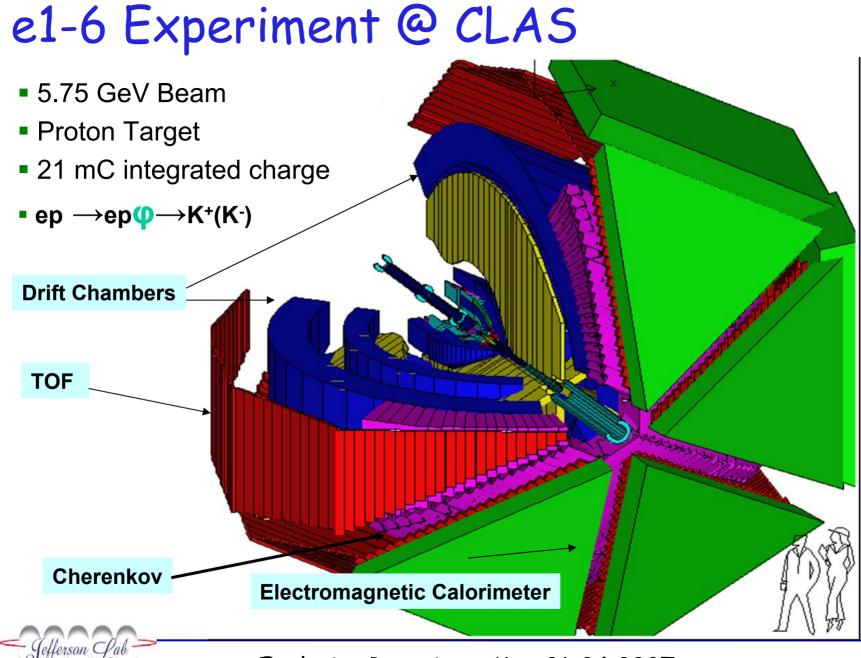
### **Kinematics**

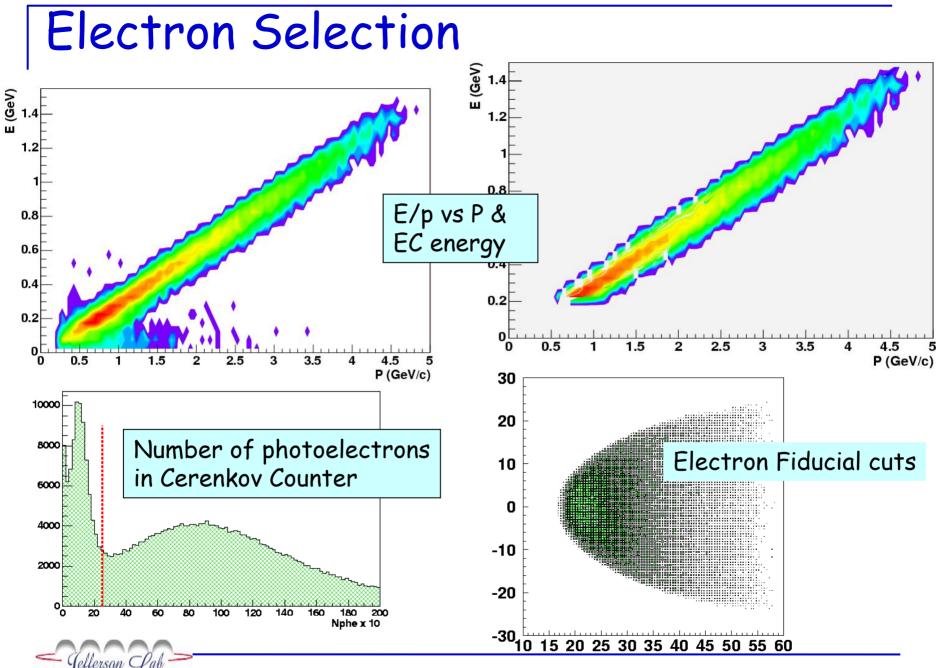


## Kinematic Coverage $ep \rightarrow ep \phi \rightarrow ep K^+(K^-)$

e1a/e1b: E = 4.2 GeV, Q<sup>2</sup>~ 0.7 - 2.2 GeV<sup>2</sup> e1-6a: E = 5.75 GeV Q<sup>2</sup> ~ 1.7 - 3.8 GeV<sup>2</sup>



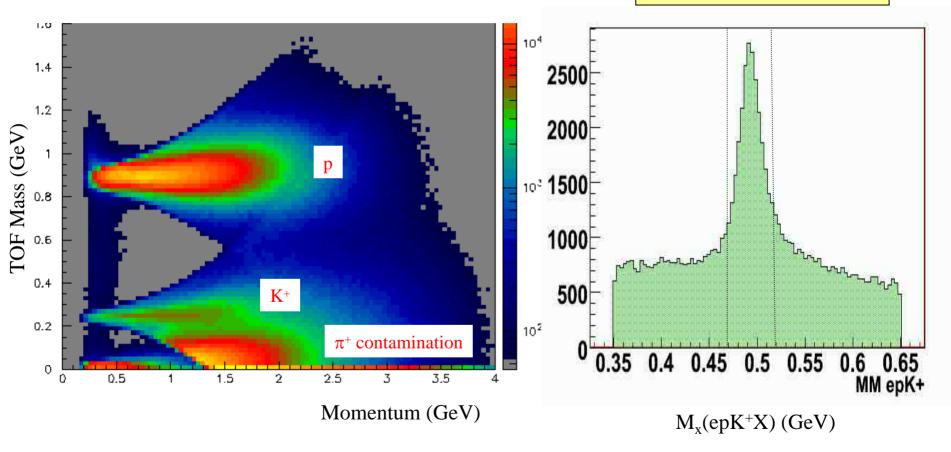


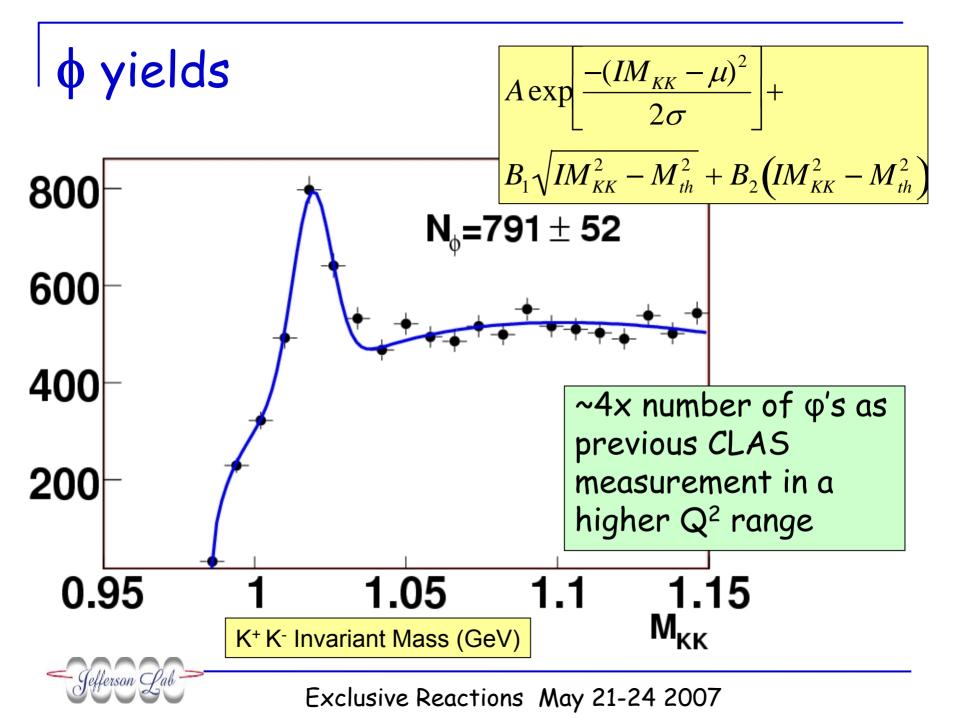


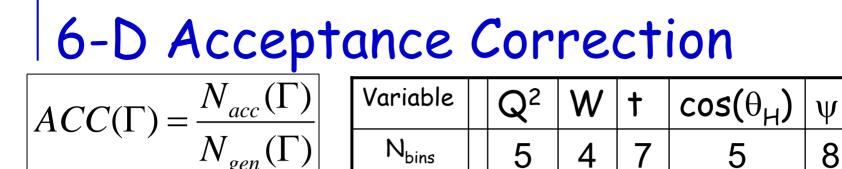
#### Hadron Identification

p and K<sup>+</sup> selection

#### K<sup>-</sup> from missing mass (2σ selection cut)





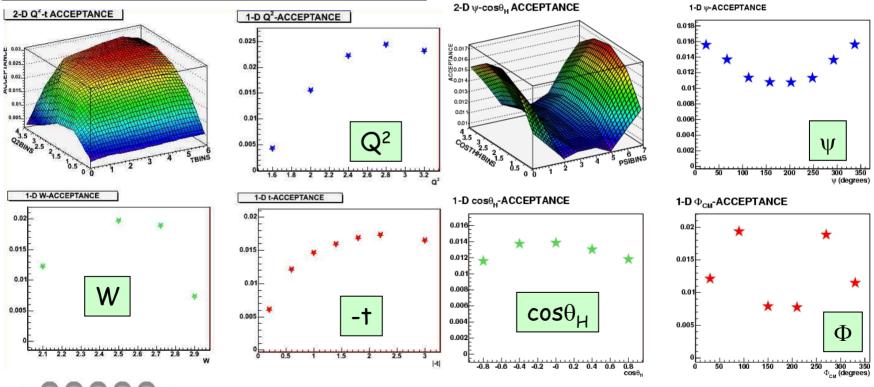




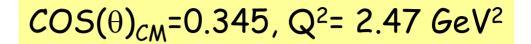
#### 33,600 bins, 10<sup>8</sup> events

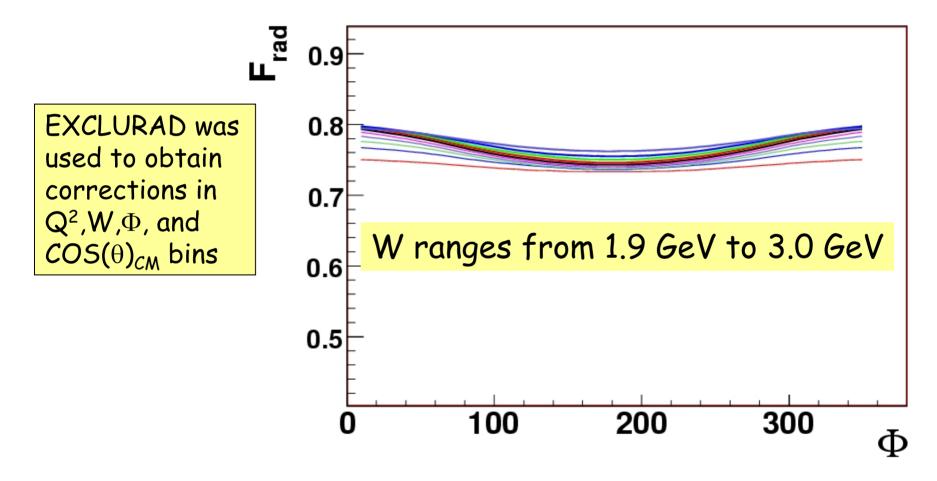
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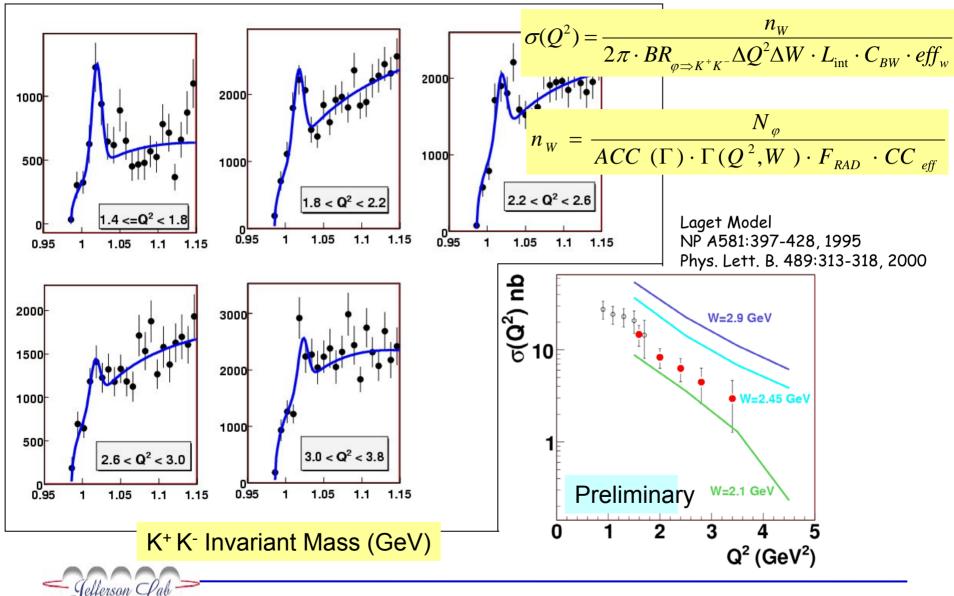


## **Radiative Corrections**

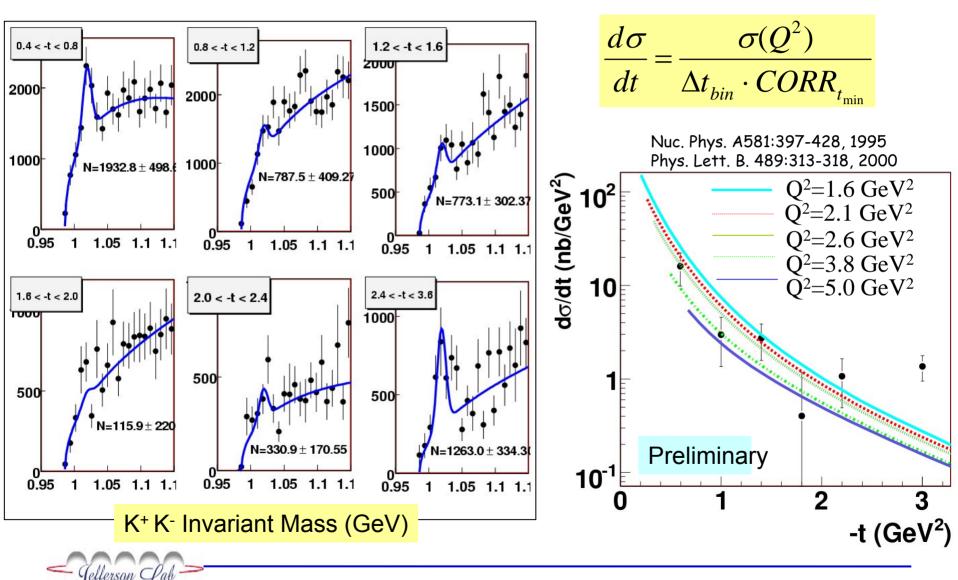




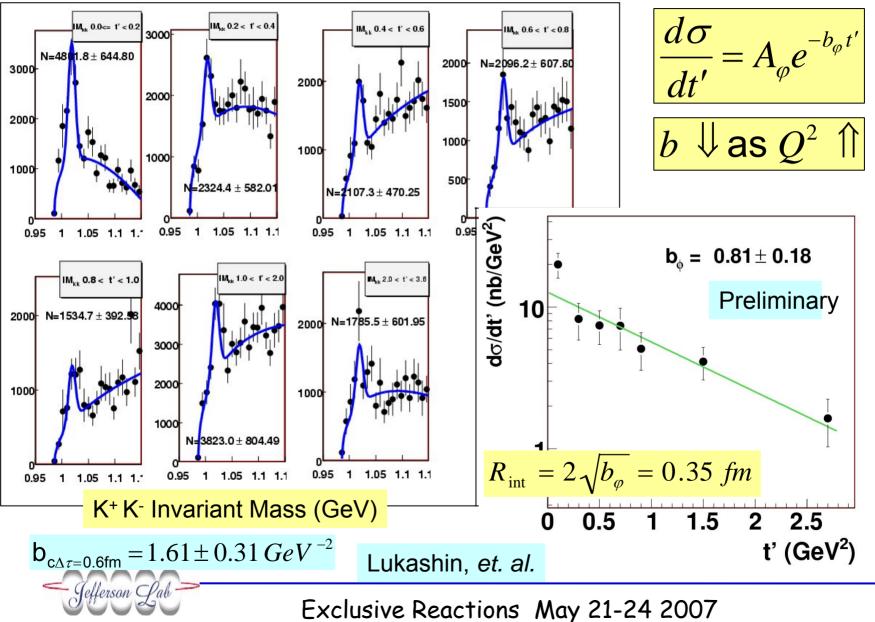
#### Total Cross Sections $\sigma(Q^2)$



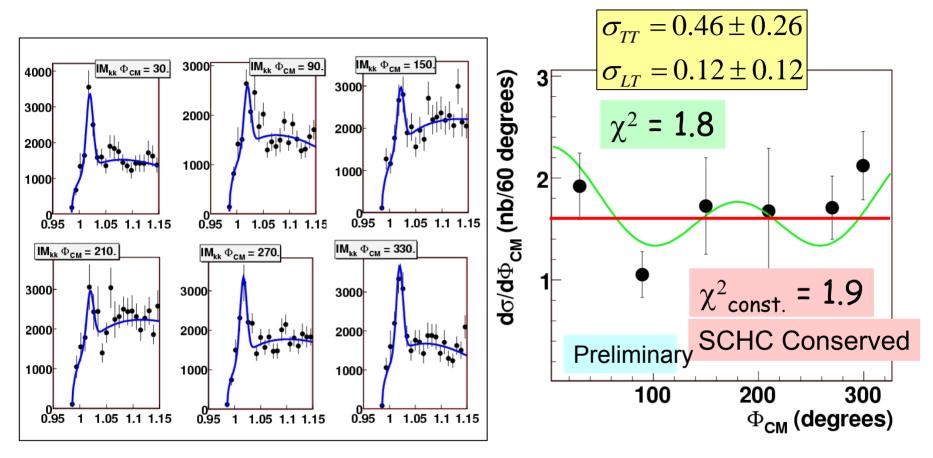
## Differential Cross Section in t



#### Differential Cross Section in t'

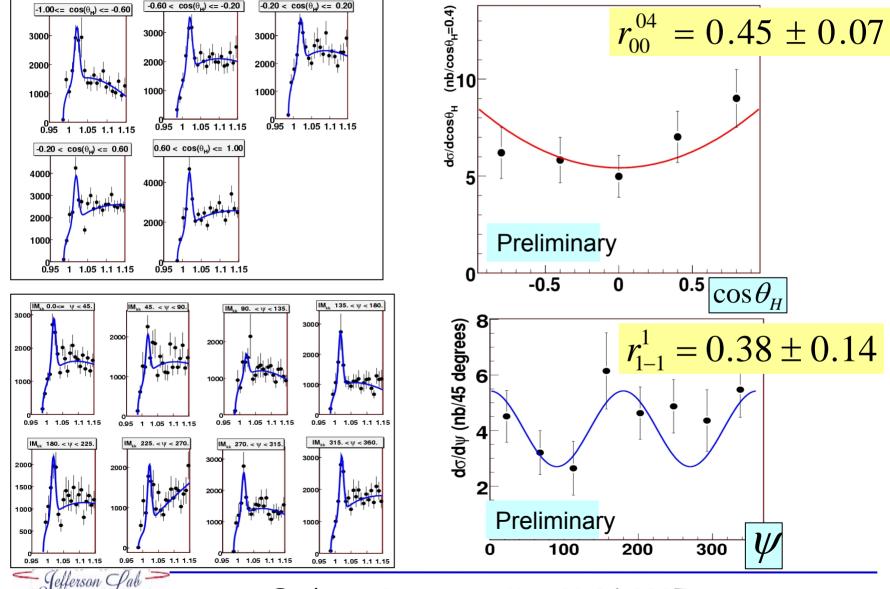


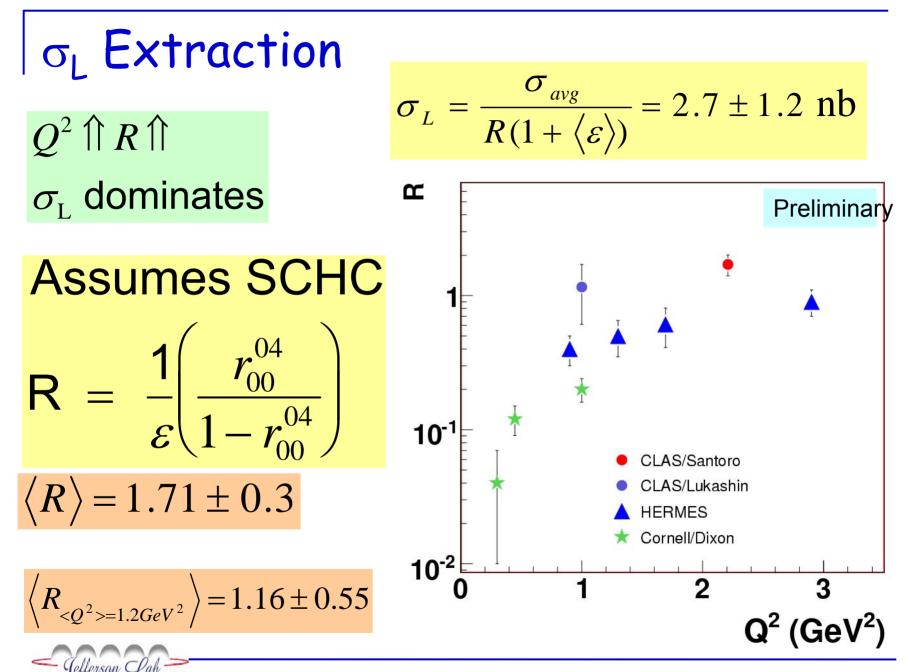
### Differential Cross Section in $\Phi$



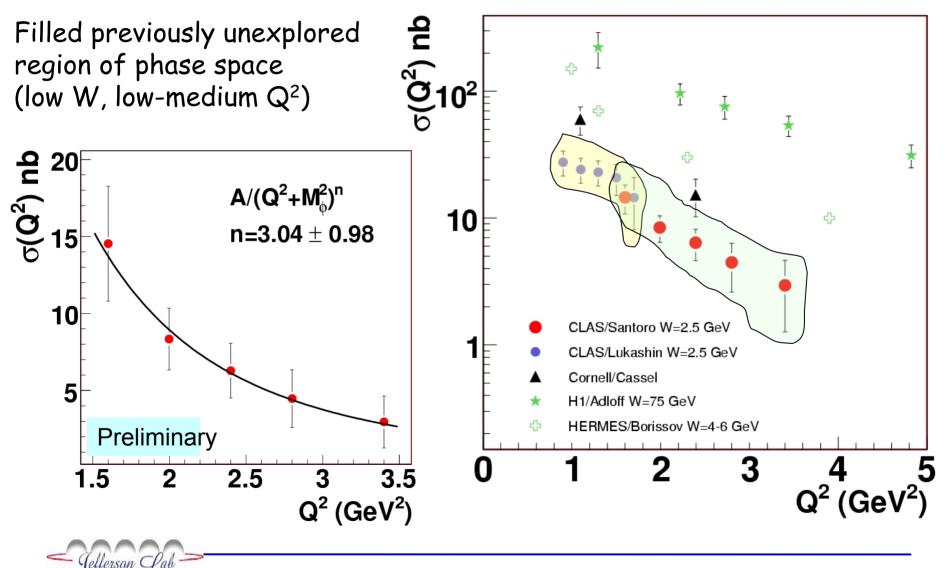
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \sigma + \varepsilon \cos 2\Phi \sigma_{TT} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon (1+\varepsilon)} \cos \Phi \sigma_{LT} \right)$$

#### Angular Distributions





# Comparison to World Data



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- Kinematic Range
  - $1.6 \le Q^2 \le 3.8$ ,  $0.0 \le t' \le -3.6$ ,  $2.0 \le W \le 3.0$
- $\sigma(Q^2) \sim 1/(Q^2 + M_{\phi}^2)^{3 \pm 1}$
- $\blacksquare \Phi$  angular distribution consistent with SCHC
  - = R=1.71  $\pm$  0.30 ,  $\sigma_L$  = 2.9  $\pm$  0.8 nb integrated over  $Q^2$
- t' distribution slope  $b_{\phi}=0.81 \pm 0.18 \text{ GeV}^2$ 
  - Interaction probes sizes ~ 1/3 fm.
- Theoretical input welcome.