

High- t meson electroproduction. Experimental status and prospects

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Pseudoscalar mesons

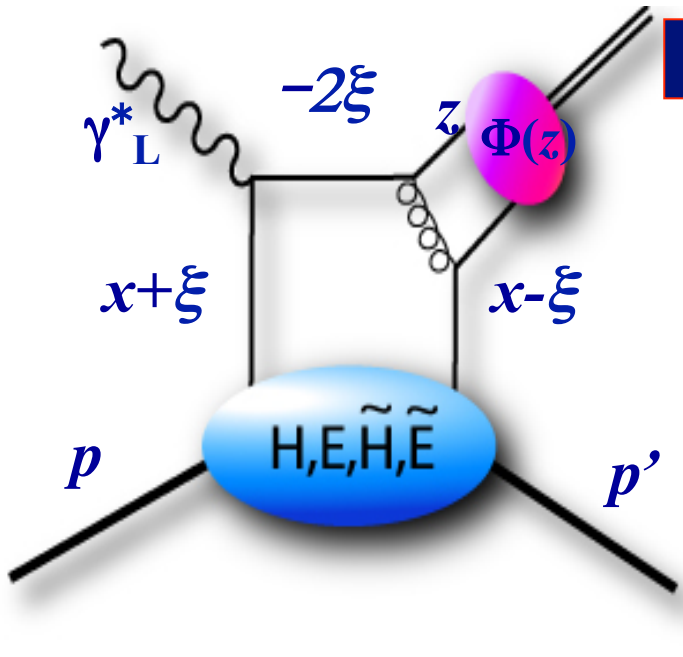
$$\begin{aligned} ep &\rightarrow en\pi^+ \\ ep &\rightarrow ep\pi^0, \quad \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \\ ep &\rightarrow ep\eta, \quad \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \end{aligned}$$

CLAS6: lots of data.
CLAS12: [Exp. # E12-06-108](#)

Vector mesons

$$\begin{aligned} ep &\rightarrow en\rho^+, \quad \rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0 \\ ep &\rightarrow ep\rho^0, \quad \rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^- \\ ep &\rightarrow ep\omega, \quad \omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 \\ ep &\rightarrow ep\phi, \quad \phi \rightarrow K^+K^- \end{aligned}$$

New proposal being prepared
for PAC 38

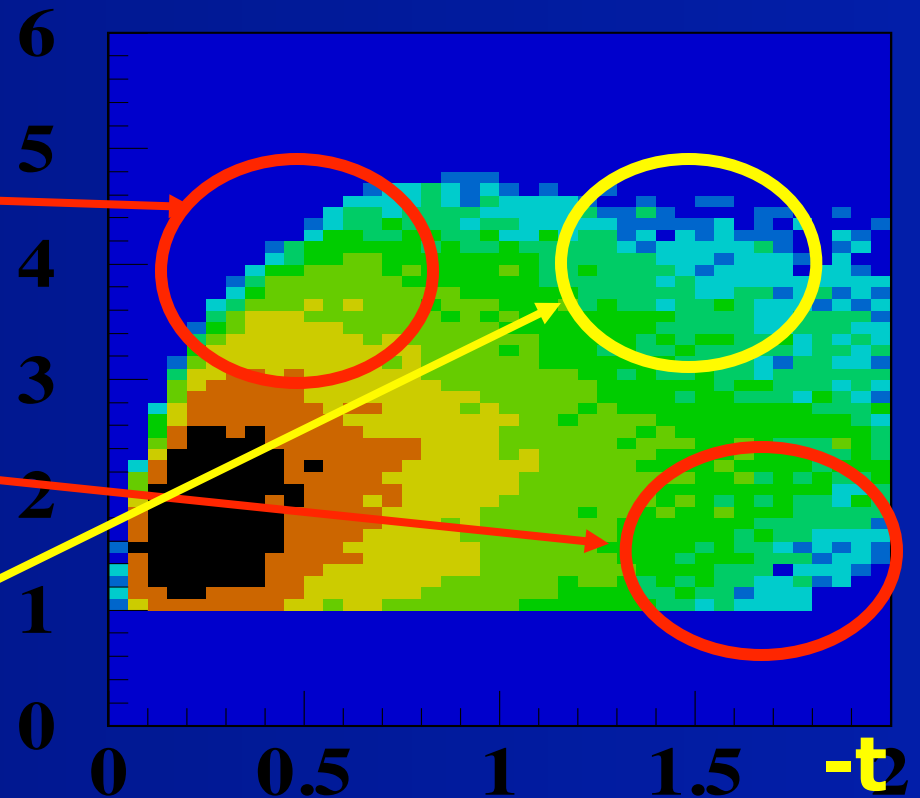


$\pi^0, \eta, \rho^0, \omega, \phi\dots$

Deeply Virtual Meson Electroproduction

- High Q^2 - Low $-t$
Complement DVCS experiment.
Unique access to **spin dependent GPDs**
- Low Q^2 - High $-t$
New form factors related to $1/x$ moments of GPDs
- High Q^2 - High $-t$
Region never accessed.

Q^2

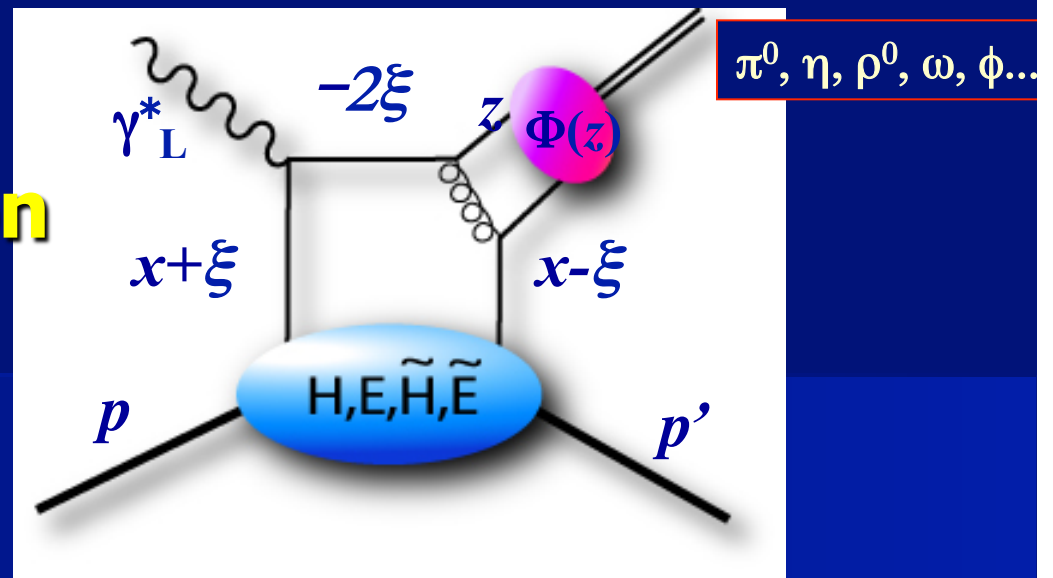


Kinematic regions in meson electroproduction

$W > 2 \text{ GeV}$ High Q^2 Low $-t$	Complement DVCS experiment. Unique access to spin dependent GPDs .
$W > 2 \text{ GeV}$ Low Q^2 High $-t$	New form factors related to $1/x$ moments of GPDs
$W > 2 \text{ GeV}$ High Q^2 High $-t$	Region never before accessed. Small initial configurations and small reaction size.
$W < 2 \text{ GeV}$ High Q^2 - High $-t$	Resonance form factors. Subject of proposal PR12-06-116

High Q^2 , Low t Region

Collins, Frankfurt, Strikman - 1997

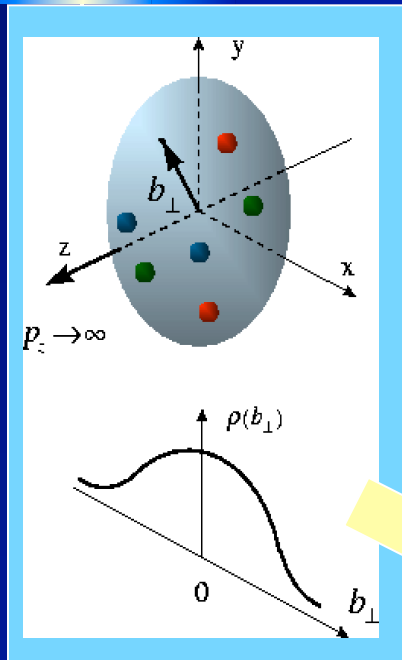


- Factorization theorem states that in the limit $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ exclusive electroproduction of mesons is described by hard rescattering amplitude, generalized parton distributions (GPDs), and the distribution amplitude $\Phi(z)$ of the outgoing meson.
- The prove applies only to the case when the virtual photon has **longitudinal polarization**
- $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ $\sigma_L \sim 1/Q^6$, $\sigma_T/\sigma_L \sim 1/Q^2$

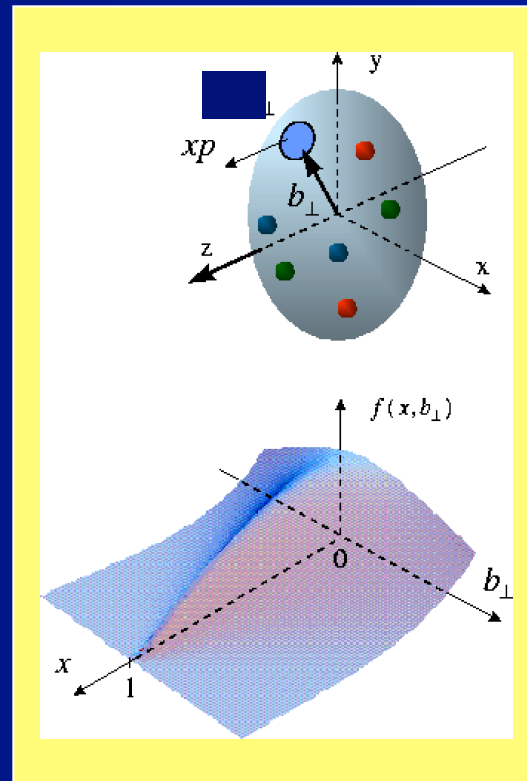
How are the proton's charge densities related to its quark momentum distribution?

D. Mueller, X. Ji, A. Radyushkin, ... 1994 - 1997

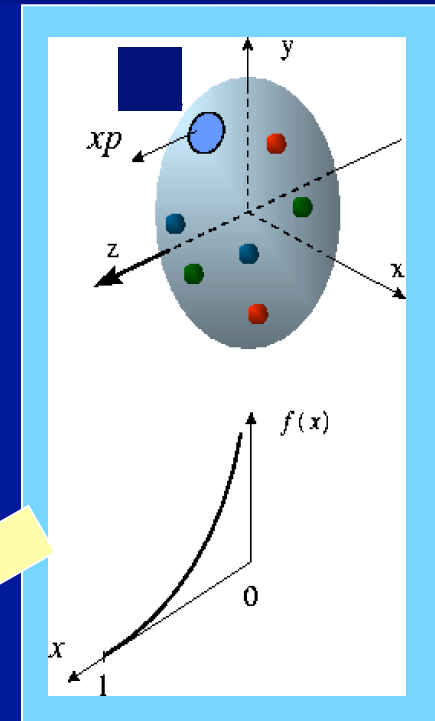
M. Burkardt, A. Belitsky... Interpretation in impact parameter space



Proton form factors,
transverse charge &
current densities



Correlated quark momentum
and helicity distributions in
transverse space - **GPDs**



Structure functions,
quark **longitudinal**
momentum & spin
distributions

GPDs

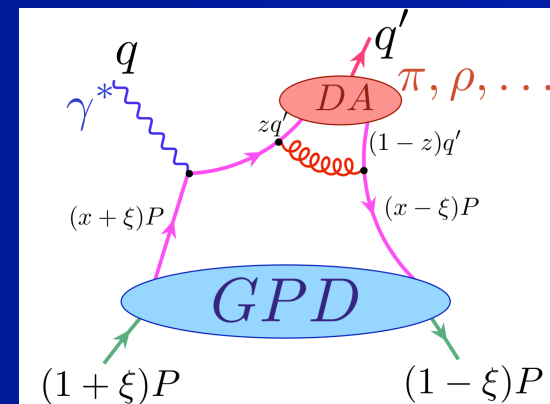
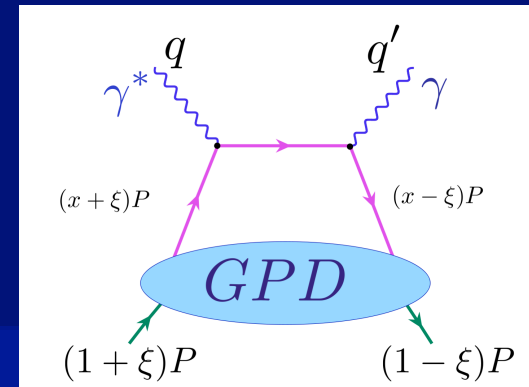
- GPD is Fourier Transform of matrix elements
- t -dependence of GPDs maps transverse position of quarks
- GPDs at zero skewedness ($\xi=0$) is the probability to find quark with momentum x and impact parameter b_x
- Generalize at $\xi \neq 0 \rightarrow$ Quantum femtography
- DGLAP region ($x > \xi$) – quark femtography
- ERBL region ($x < \xi$) – quark-antiquark femtography pair of the size $1/Q$

Deeply Virtual Meson production

$$ep \rightarrow ep\pi^0, \quad \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$ep \rightarrow ep\eta, \quad \eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$ep \rightarrow ep\rho^+, \quad \rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$$



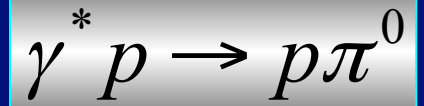
Meson	GPD flavor composition
π^+	$\Delta u - \Delta d$
π^0	$2\Delta u + \Delta d$
η	$2\Delta u - \Delta d$
ρ^0	$2u + d$
ρ^+	$u - d$
ω	$2u - d$

\tilde{H}, \tilde{E}

H, E

- DVCS is the cleanest way of accessing GPDs. However, it is difficult to perform a **flavor separation**.
- Vector and pseudoscalar meson production allows one to separate flavor and isolate the **helicity-dependent GPDs**.

π^0 electroproduction Handbag predictions

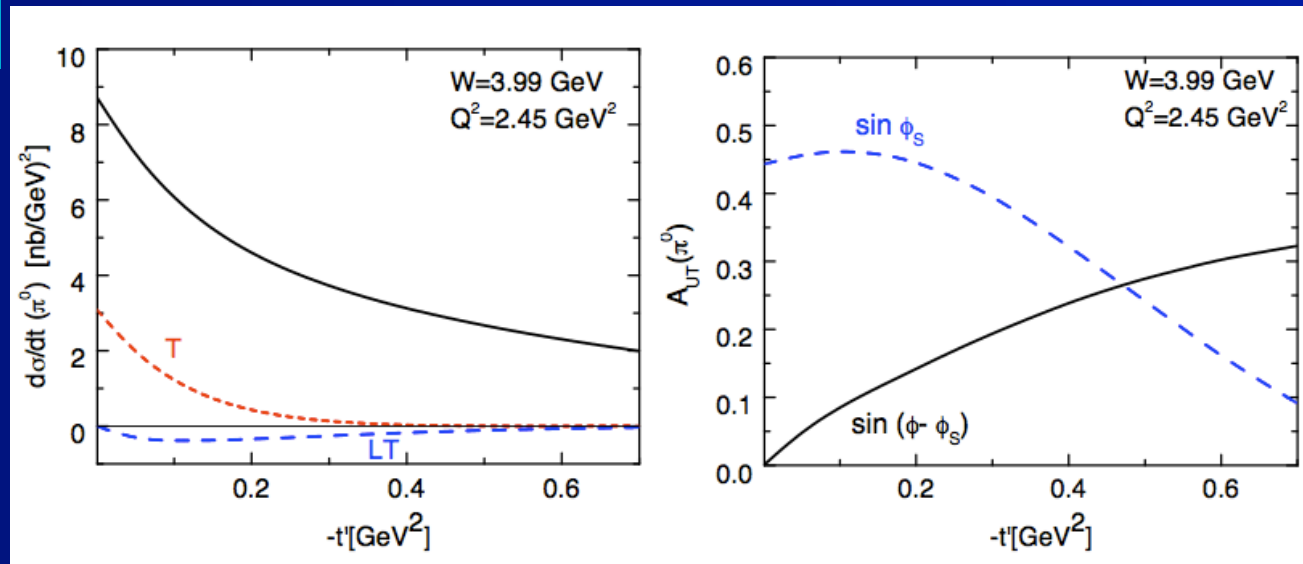


Kroll, Goloskokov, 2009.

$$\sigma_T + \epsilon \sigma_L$$

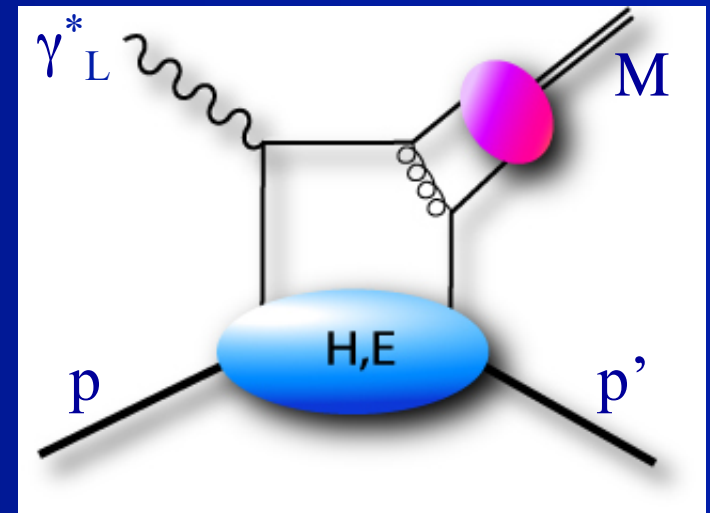
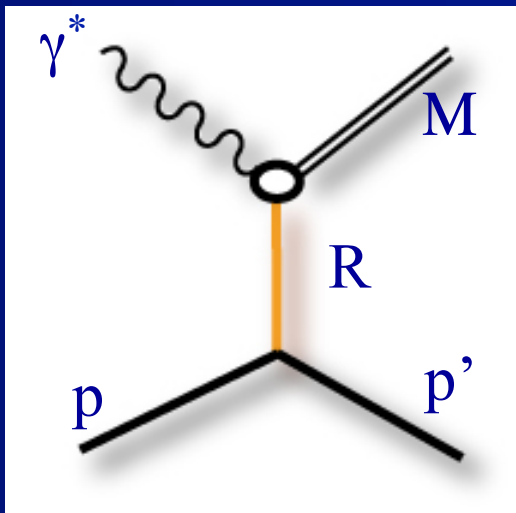
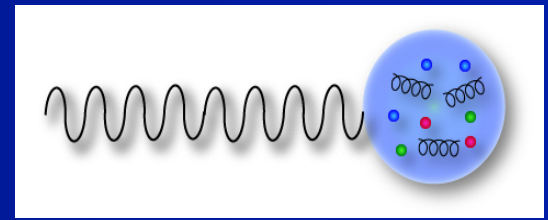
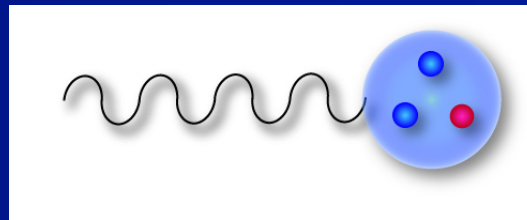
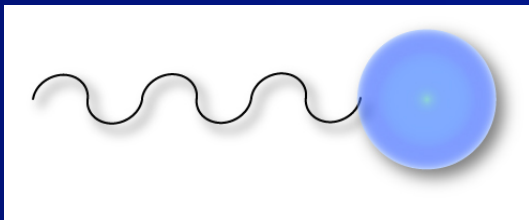
$$\sigma_T$$

$$\sigma_{LT}$$



Predictions for the cross section (left) and A_{UT} (right) for the π^0 electroproduction versus $-t$. The unseparated (σ_L, σ_T) cross section was calculated as well as σ_T and σ_{LT} . At $W=2.2$ GeV the cross section will be a factor of 10 larger. We can check it at Jlab.

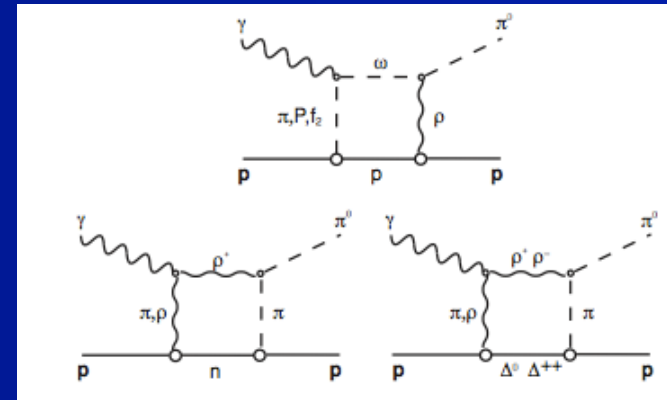
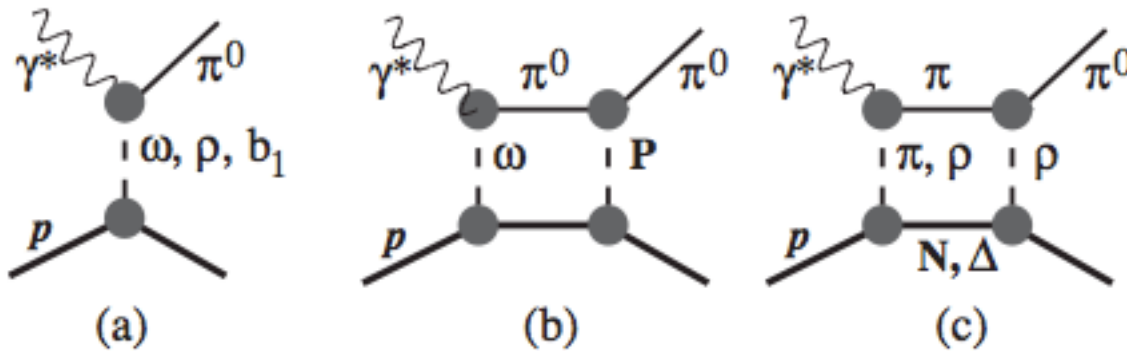
Transition from "hadronic" to the partonic degrees of freedom



$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow p \pi^0$$

Regge Model

J.M. Laget 2010



(a) Regge poles (vector and axial vector mesons)
 (b) and (c) pion cuts

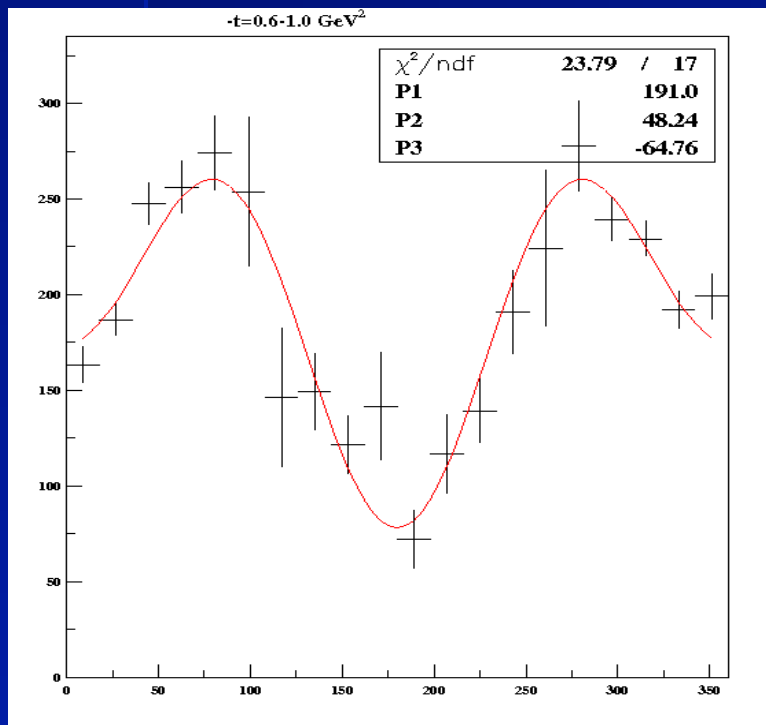
Vector meson cuts

Structure Functions

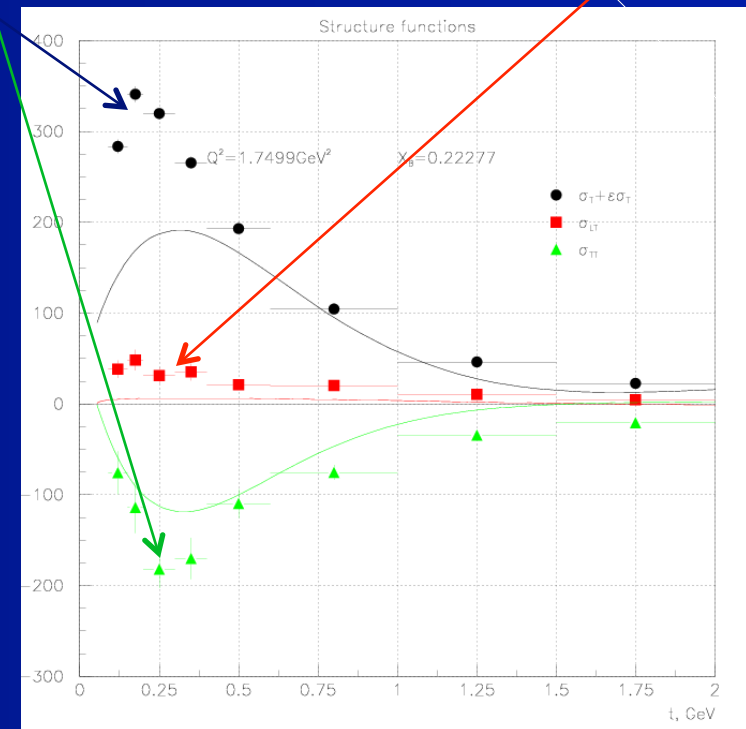
$\sigma_T + \epsilon \sigma_L$ σ_{TT} σ_{LT}

$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow p \pi^0$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt d\phi}(Q^2, x, t, \phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \epsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \epsilon \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt} \cos 2\phi + \sqrt{2\epsilon(\epsilon+1)} \frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt} \cos \phi \right)$$



ϕ distribution



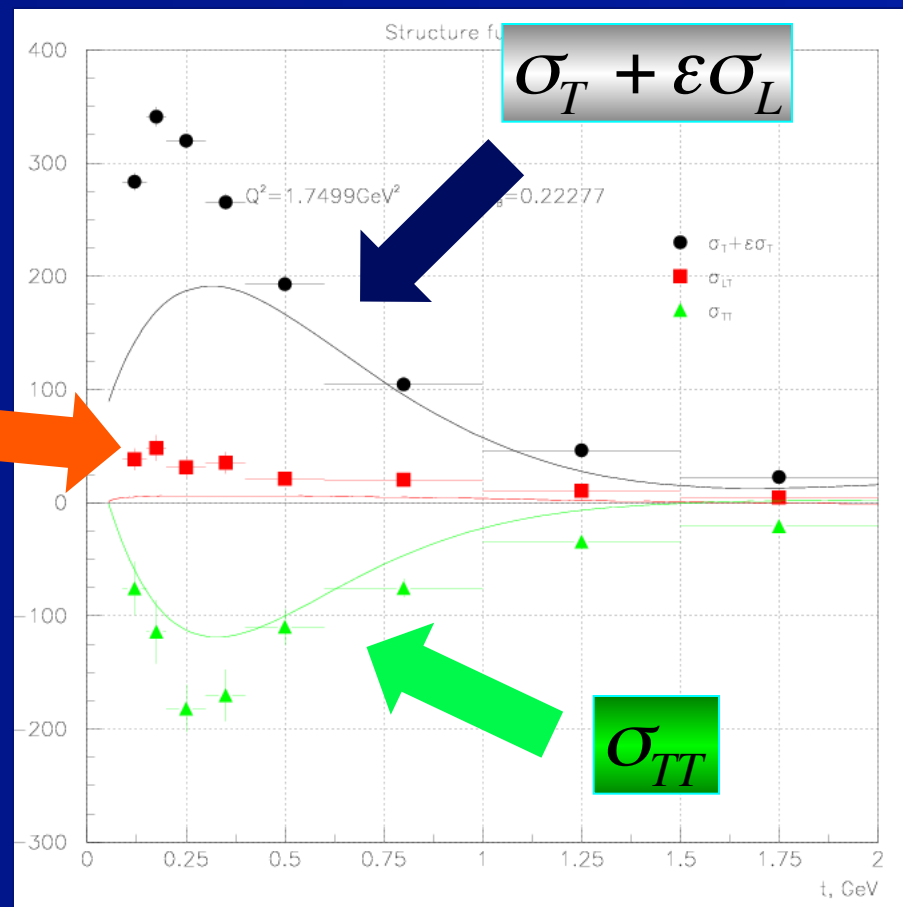
GM Laget Regge model

$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow p\pi^0$$

JML Regge predictions

$Q^2=1.75$
 $x_B=0.22$

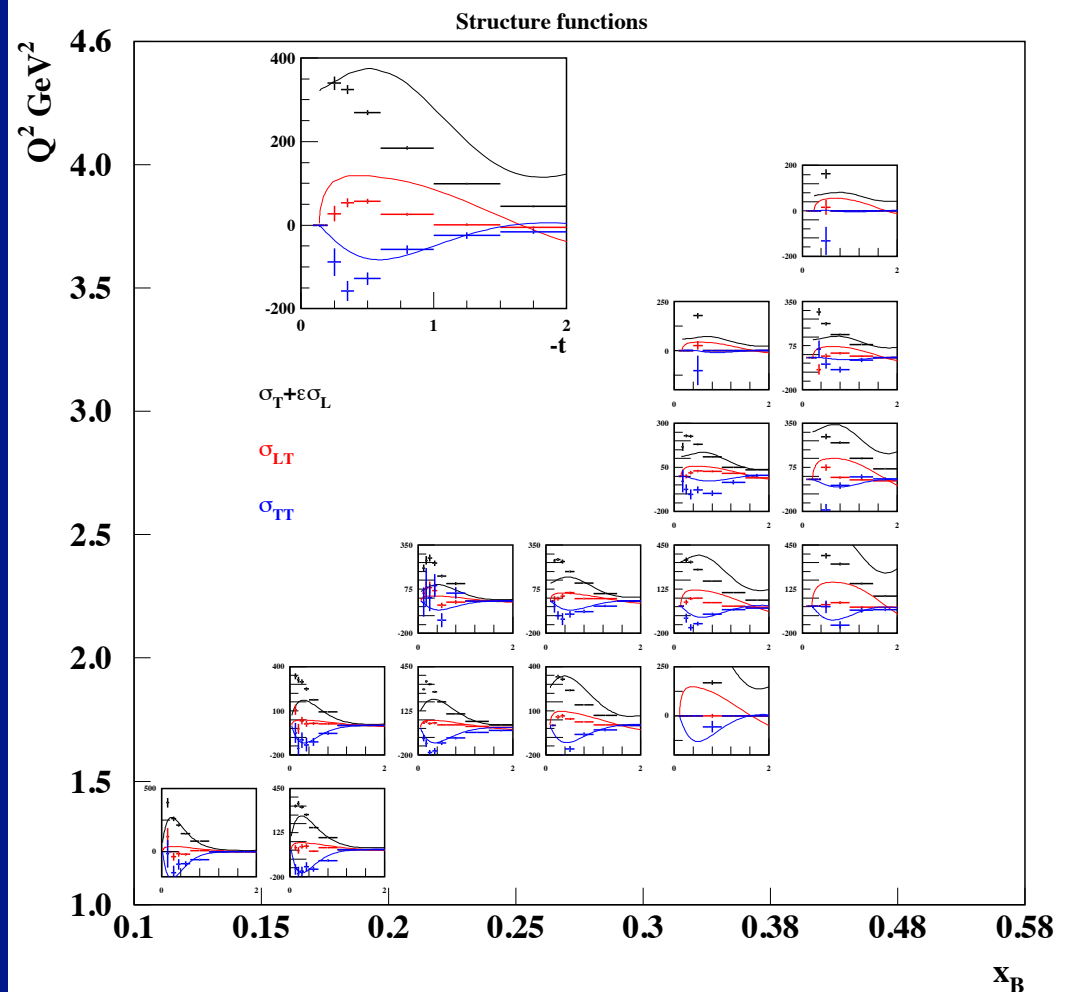
σ_{LT}



$-t, \text{ GeV}^2$

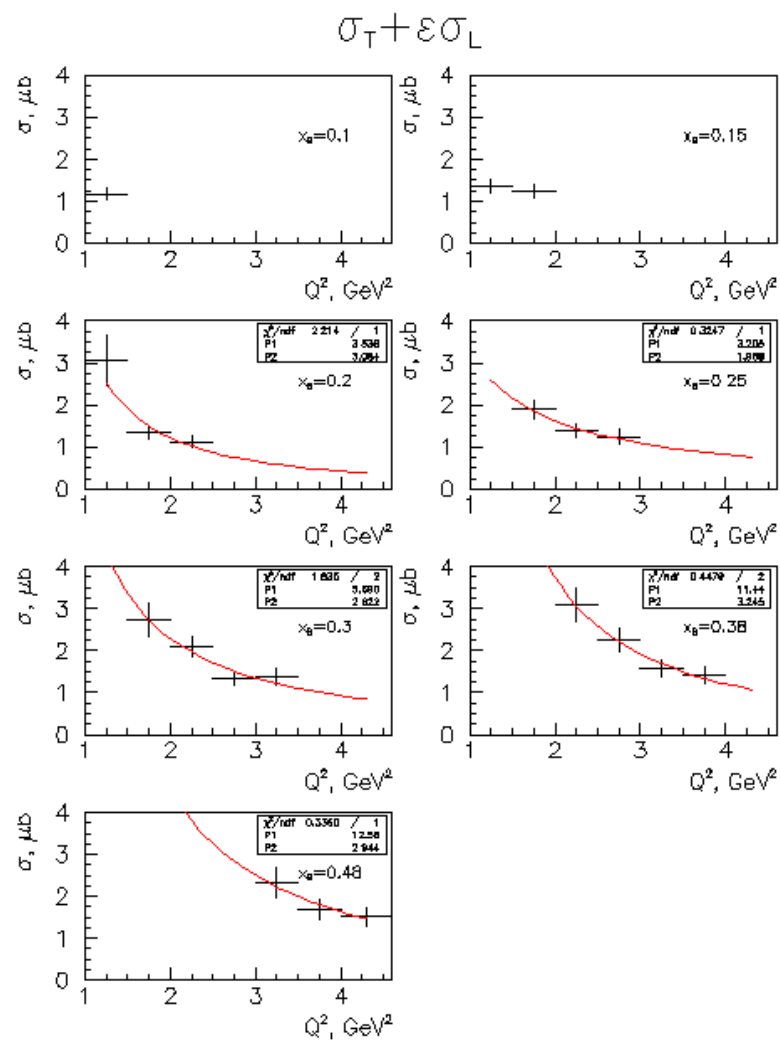
Comparison with J.M. Laget Regge model

- Extracted reduced cross sections were compared with predictions of J.M. Laget Regge Model



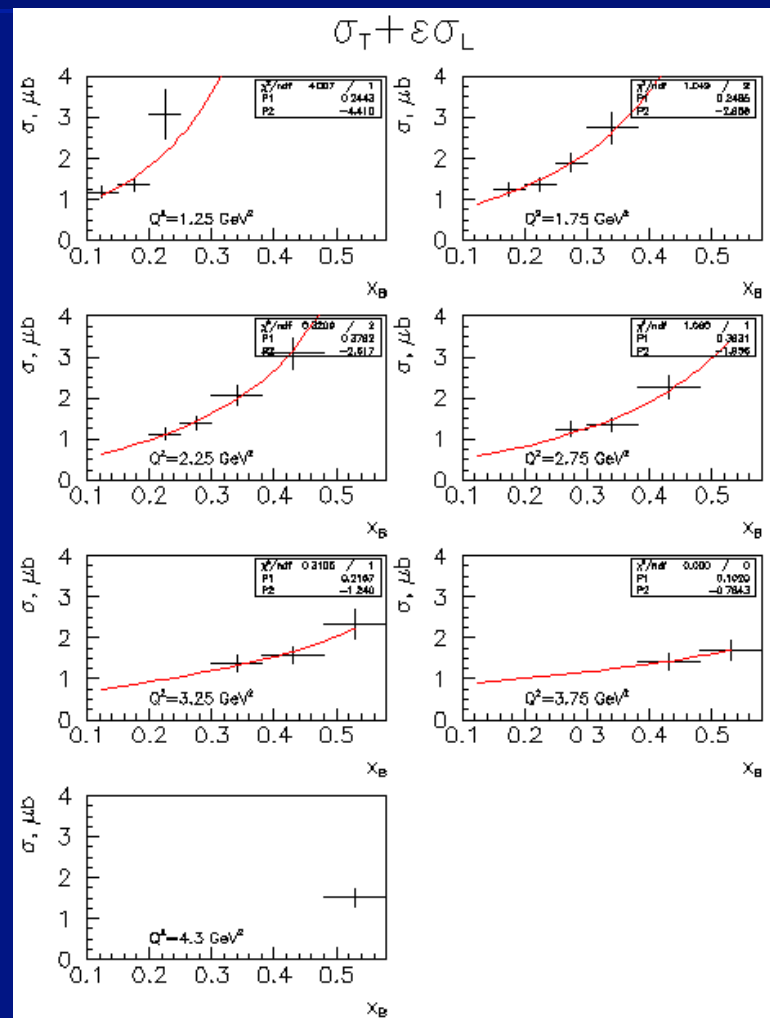
$$\gamma^* p \rightarrow p\pi^0$$

Q²-dependence



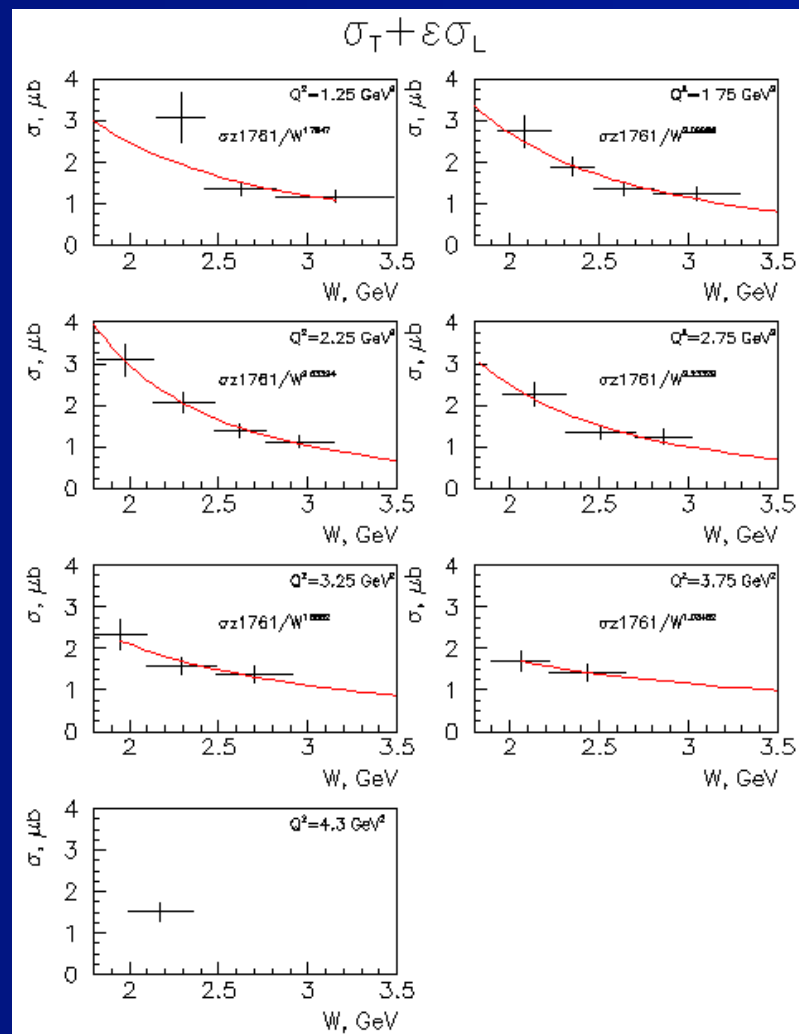
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x_B dependence

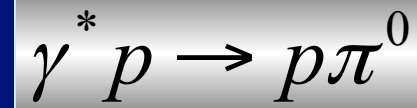


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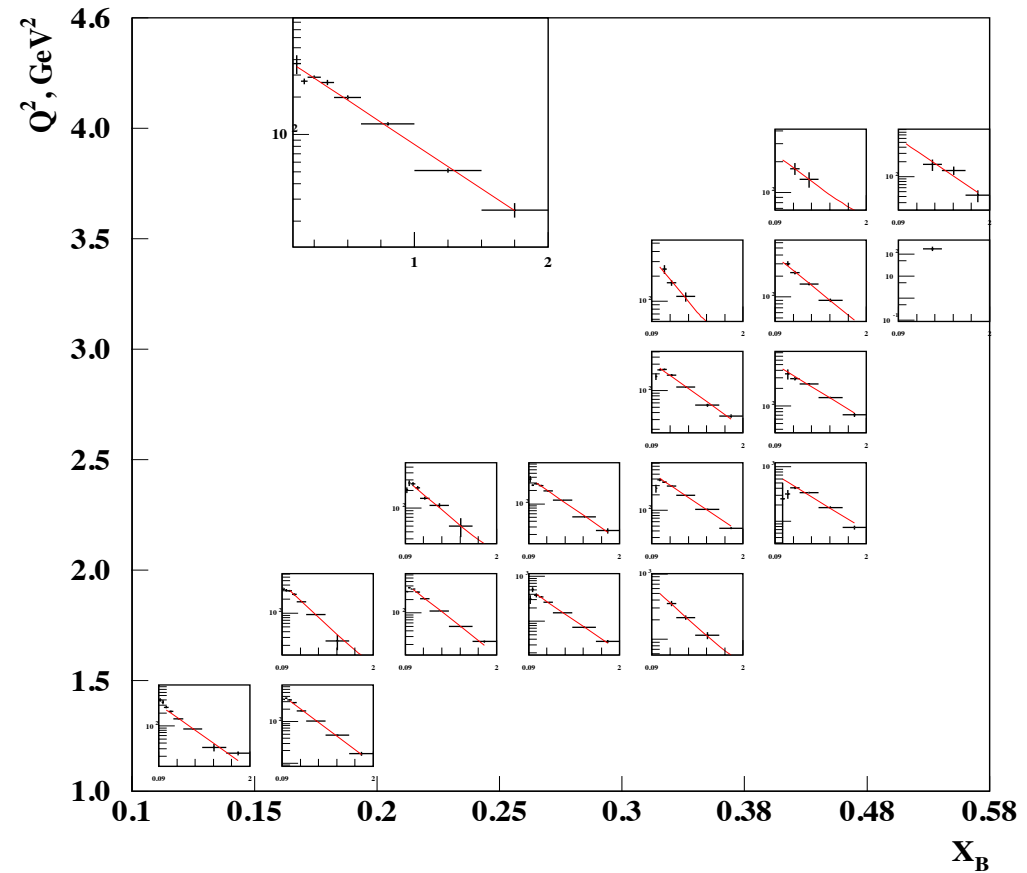
W-dependence

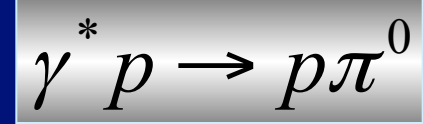


t - distribution



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \propto e^{B(x_B, Q^2)t}$$





t-Slope Parameter as a Function of x_B and Q^2

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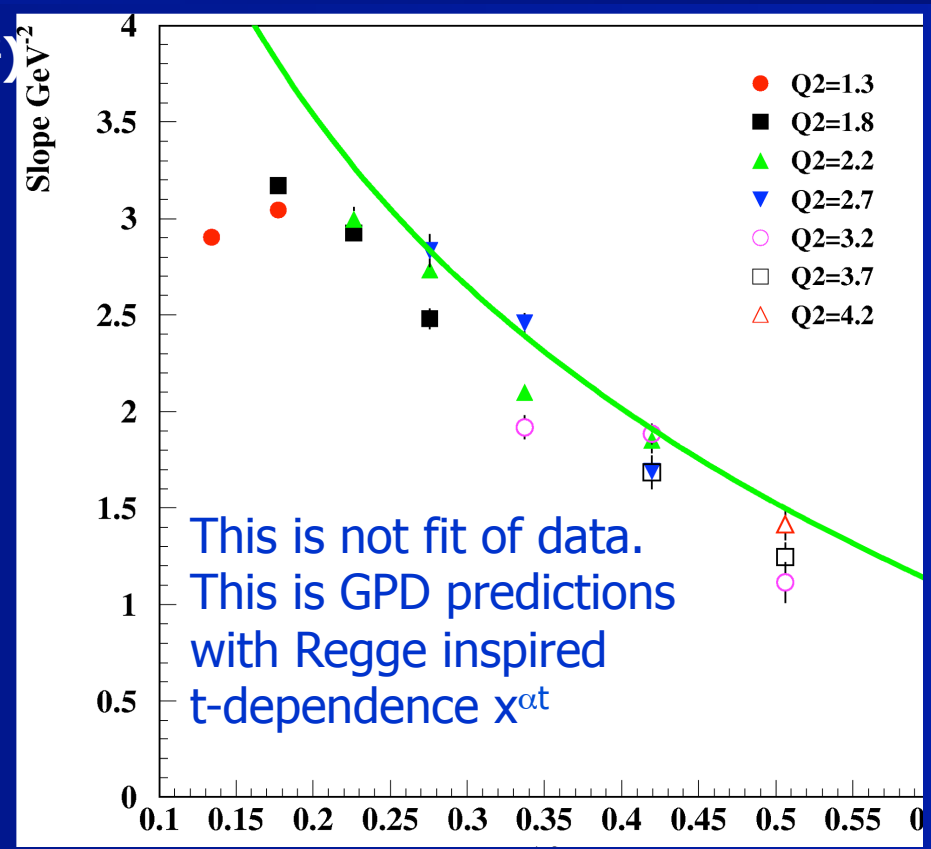
$B(x_B, Q^2)$

$$f^q(x, t) \propto x^{\alpha_q(t)} \propto x^{\alpha't}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \propto [x^{\alpha't}]^2 = e^{2\alpha'\ln(1/x)t}$$

$$B(x) = 2\alpha'\ln(1/x)$$

$$\alpha' = 1.1$$



This is not fit of data.
This is GPD predictions
with Regge inspired
 t -dependence $x^{\alpha't}$

- $B(x_B, Q^2)$ is almost independent of Q^2
- $B(x_B)$ is decreasing with increasing x_B

x_B

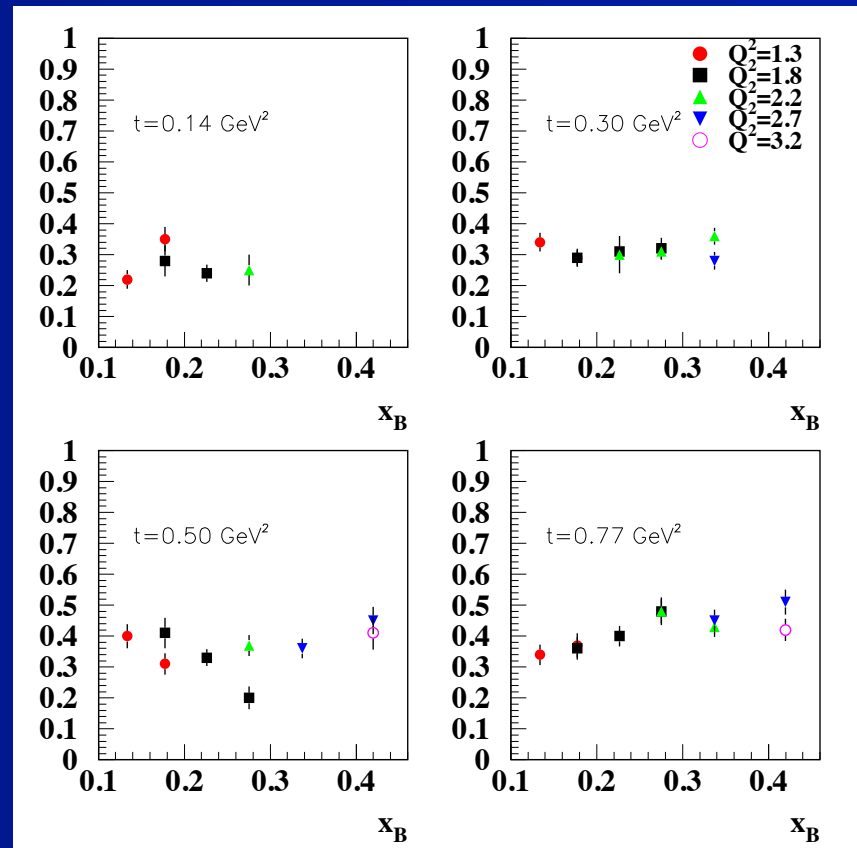
η/π^0 Ratio

$$\frac{\sigma(ep \rightarrow ep\eta)}{\sigma(ep \rightarrow ep\pi^0)}$$

Preliminary data on the ratio η/π^0 as a function of x_B for different bins in t .

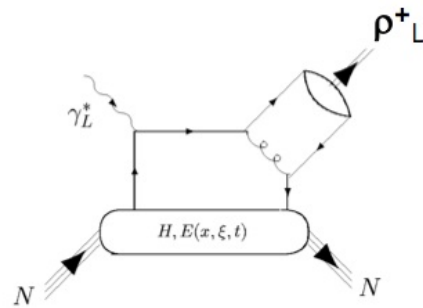
The dependence on the x_B and Q^2 is very weak.

Probably we have small positive slope. The ratio in the photoproduction is near 0.2-0.3 (very close to what we have at our smallest Q^2).



Vector Mesons Quark and Gluon GPDs

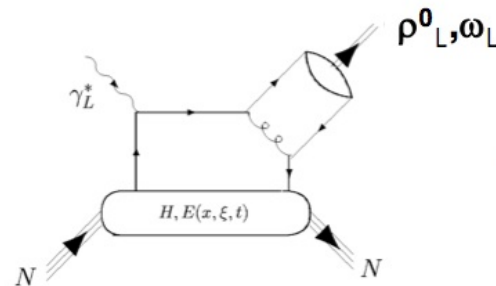
$\gamma^* p \rightarrow n \rho^+$



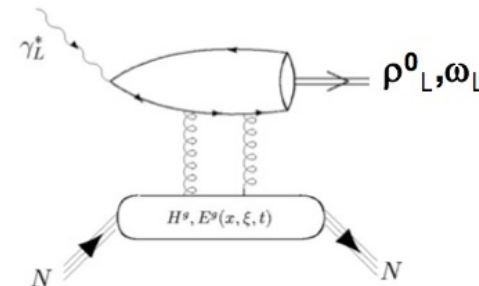
ρ^0	$e_u H^u - e_d H^d$ $e_u E^u - e_d E^d$
ω	$e_u H^u + e_d H^d$ $e_u E^u + e_d E^d$
ρ^+	$H^u - H^d$ $E^u - E^d$

$\gamma^* p \rightarrow p \rho^0$

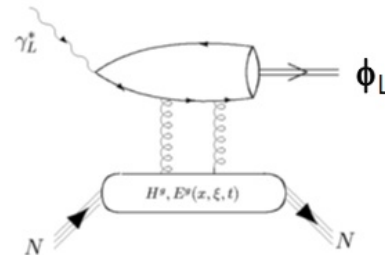
$\gamma^* p \rightarrow p \omega$



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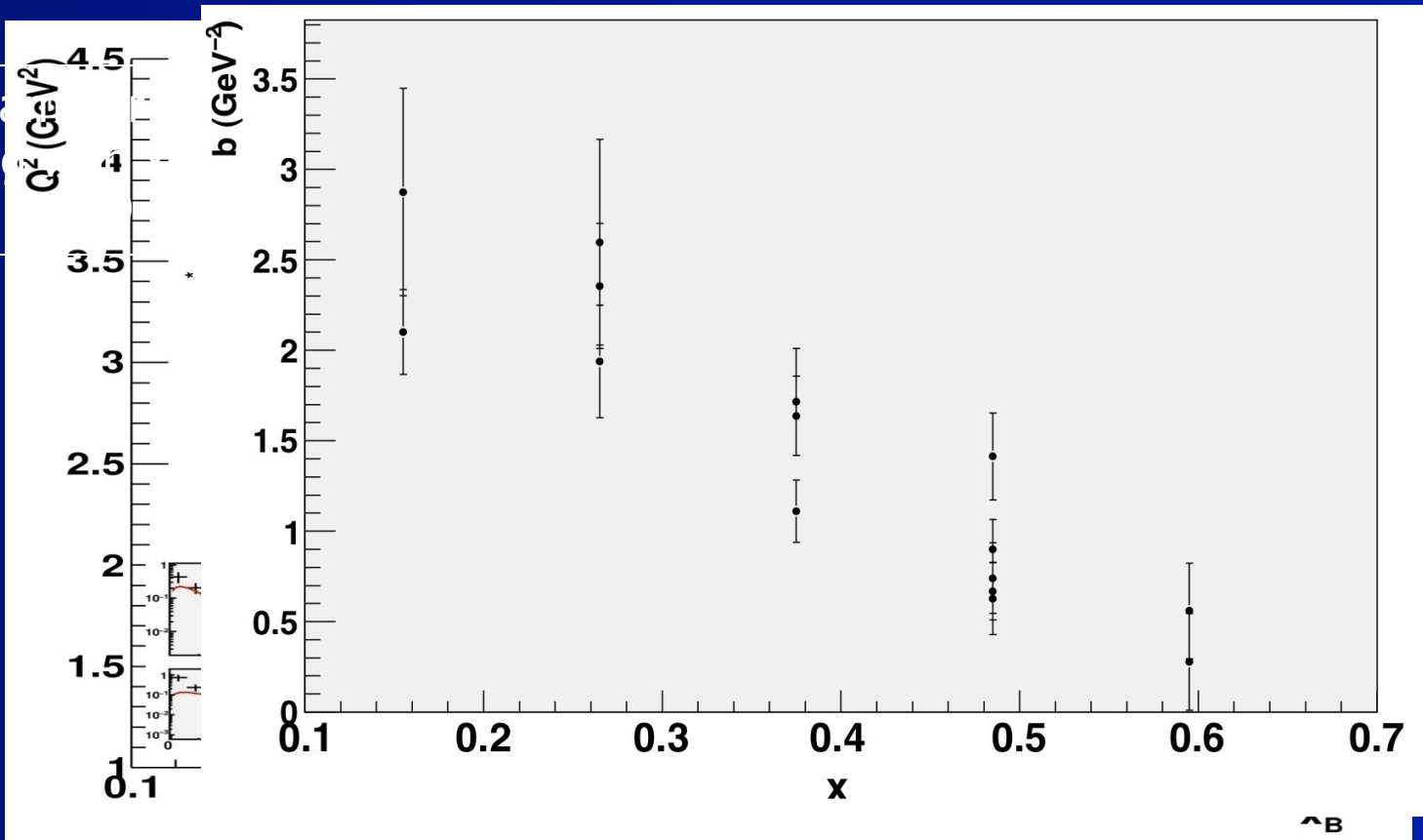


$\gamma^* p \rightarrow p \phi$

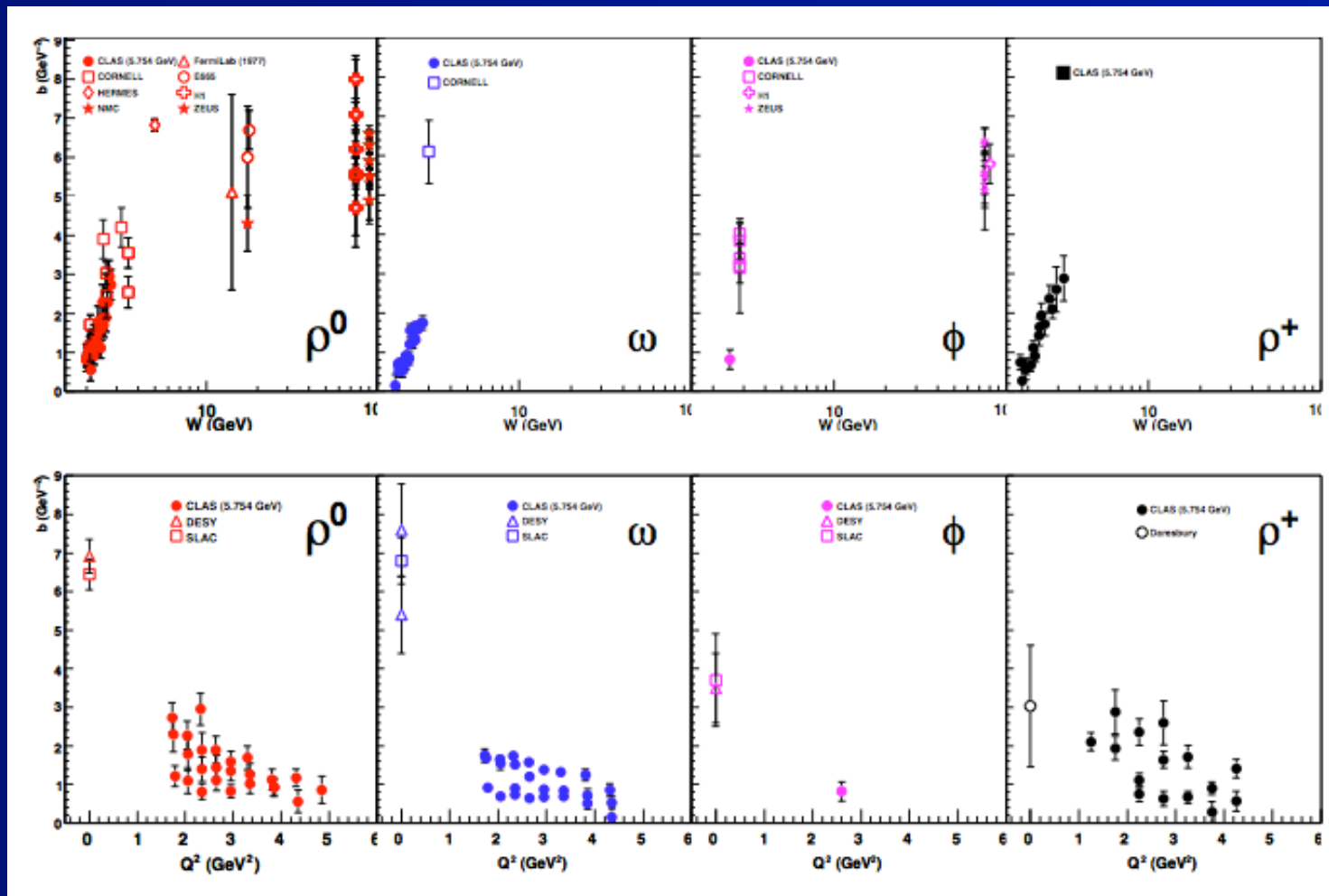


$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow en\rho^+) \propto \sqrt{-t} e^{bt}$$

Slope parameter
decreasing
similar to



Vector mesons b-slope parameter

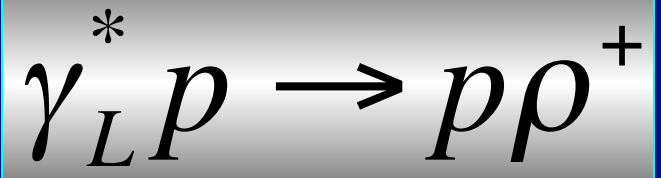


W

Q 2

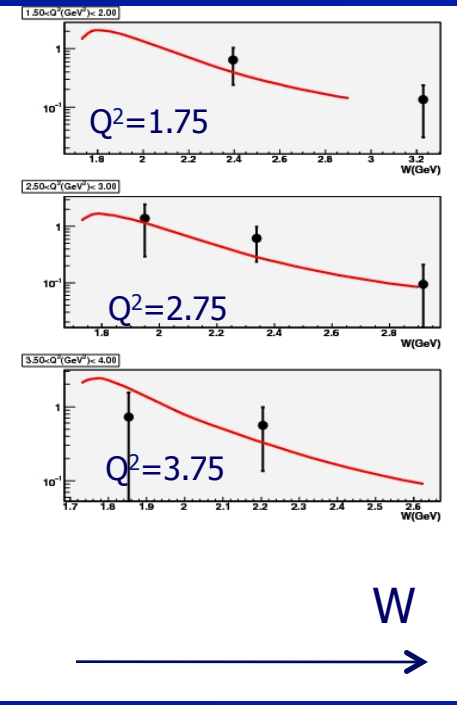
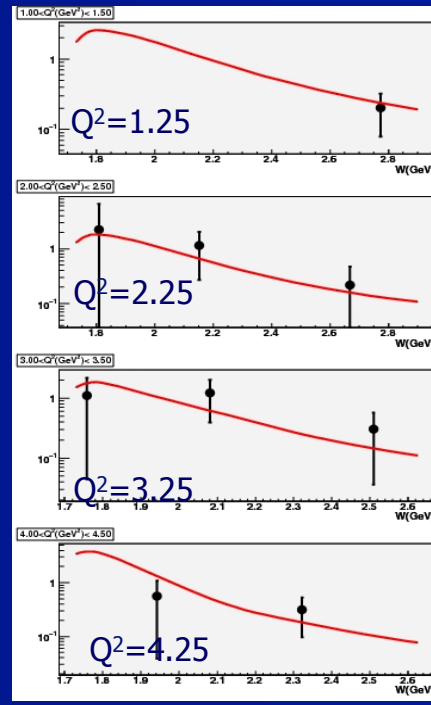
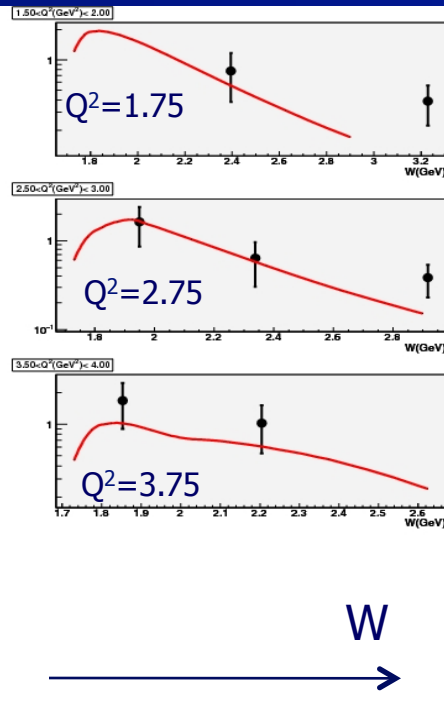
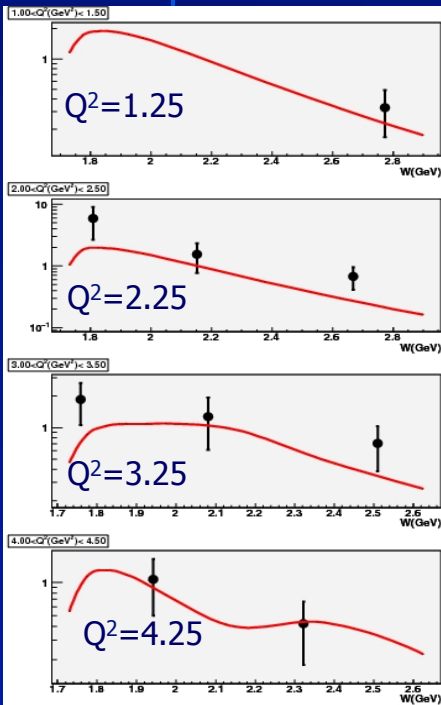
σ_L σ_T separation

SCHC S-channel helicity conservation

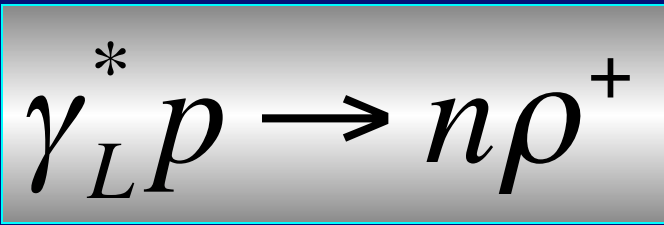


σ_L

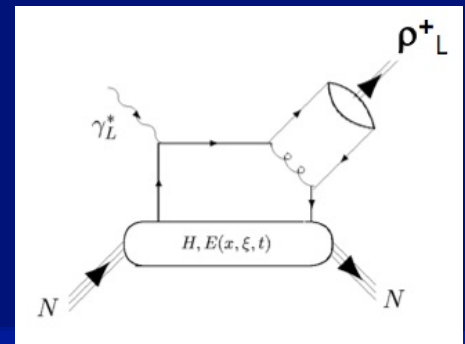
σ_T



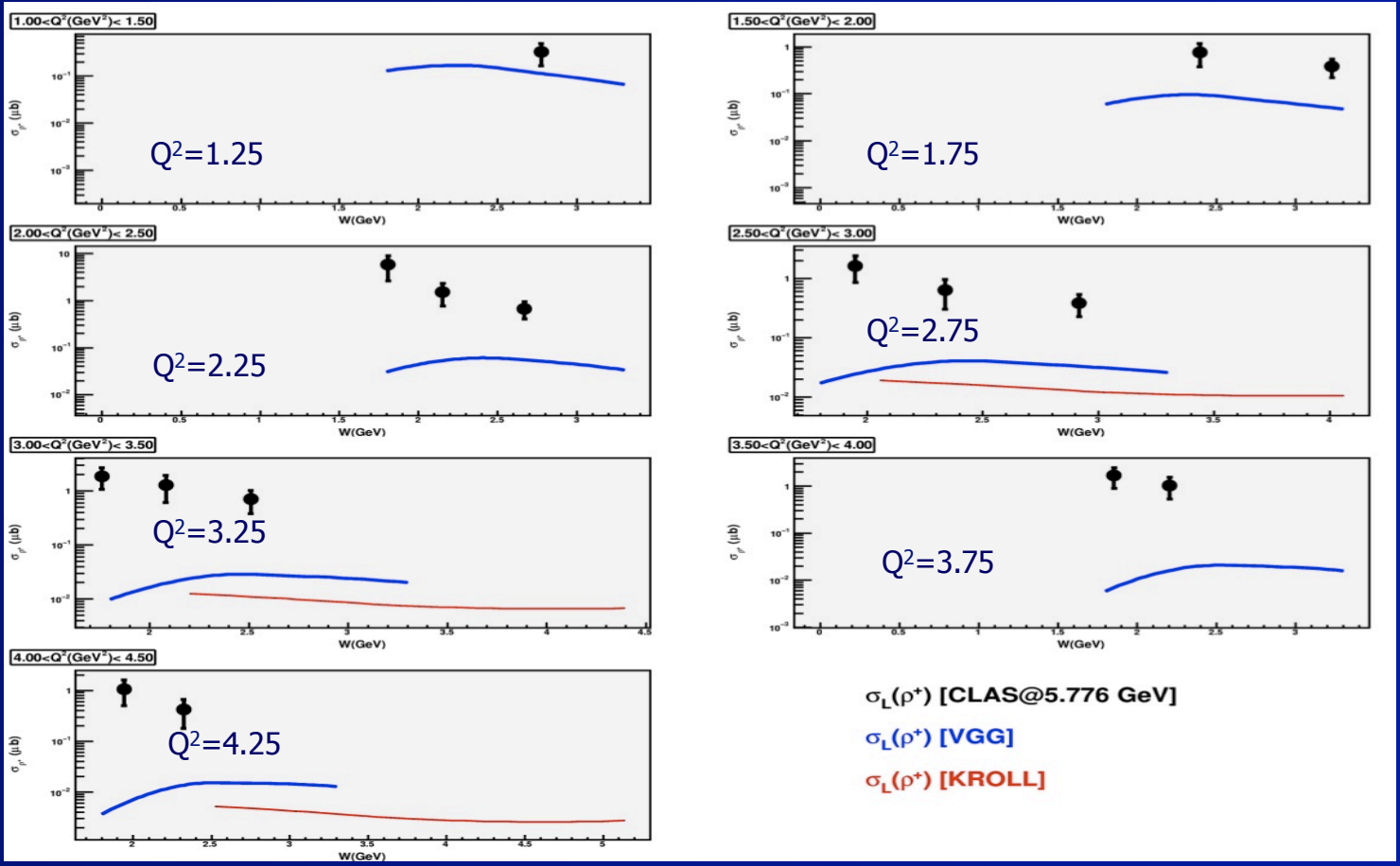
Red lines (Regge model) :Laget, Phys. Rev. D 65, 074022 (2002)



CLAS data

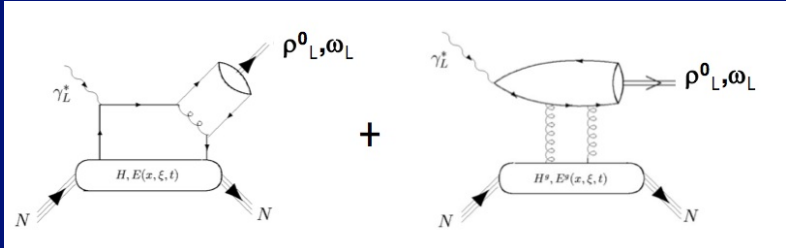


Q_L



GPD fails to describe data by more than order of magnitude

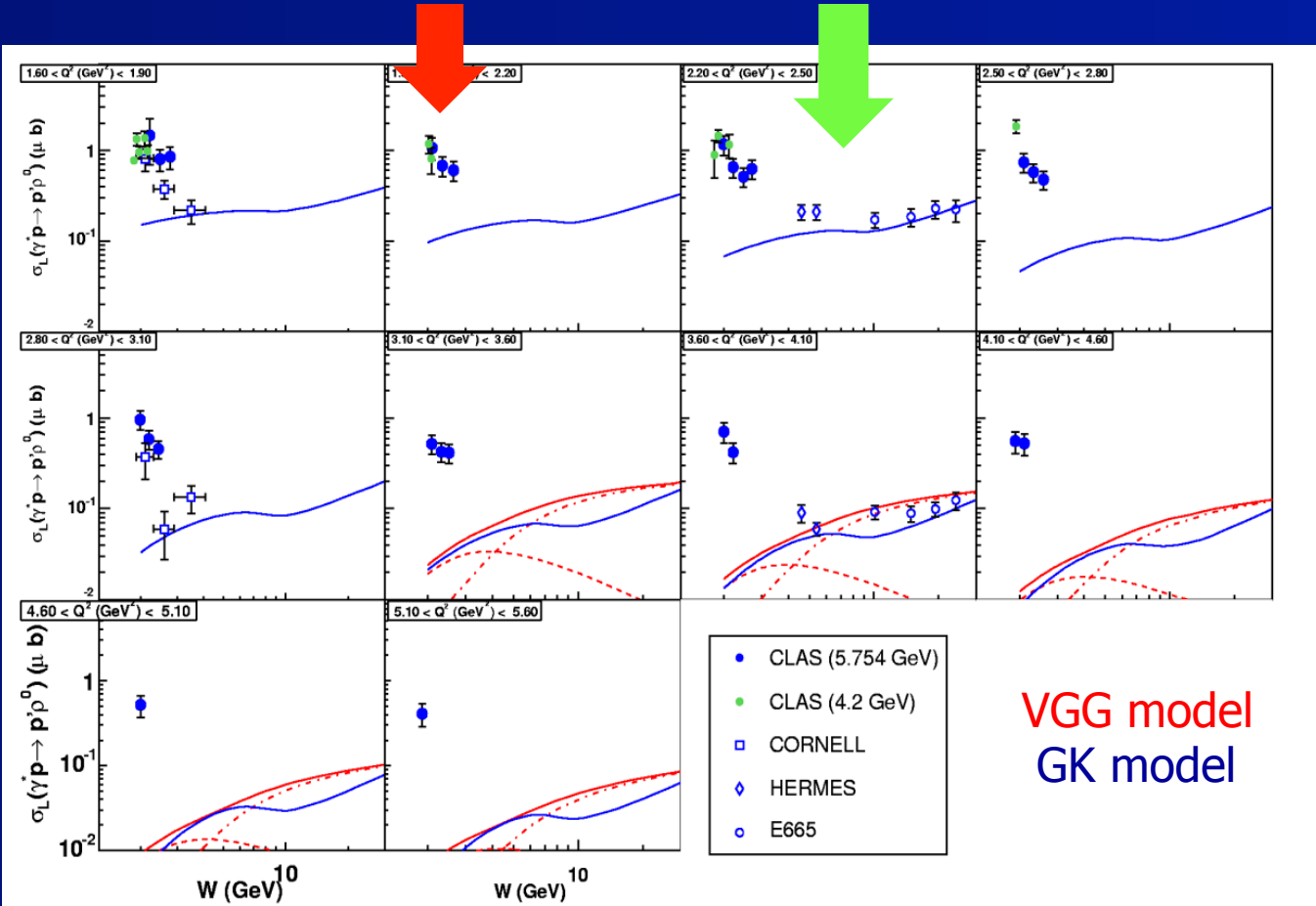
$$\gamma_L^* p \rightarrow p \rho^0$$



Fails to describe data $W < 5$ GeV

Describes well for $W > 5$ GeV

σ_L

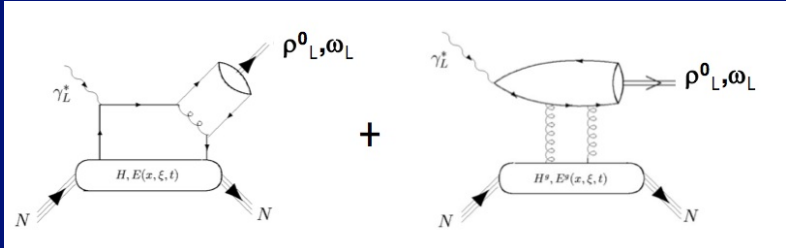


- CLAS (5.754 GeV)
- CLAS (4.2 GeV)
- CORNELL
- ◇ HERMES
- E665

VGG model
GK model

W

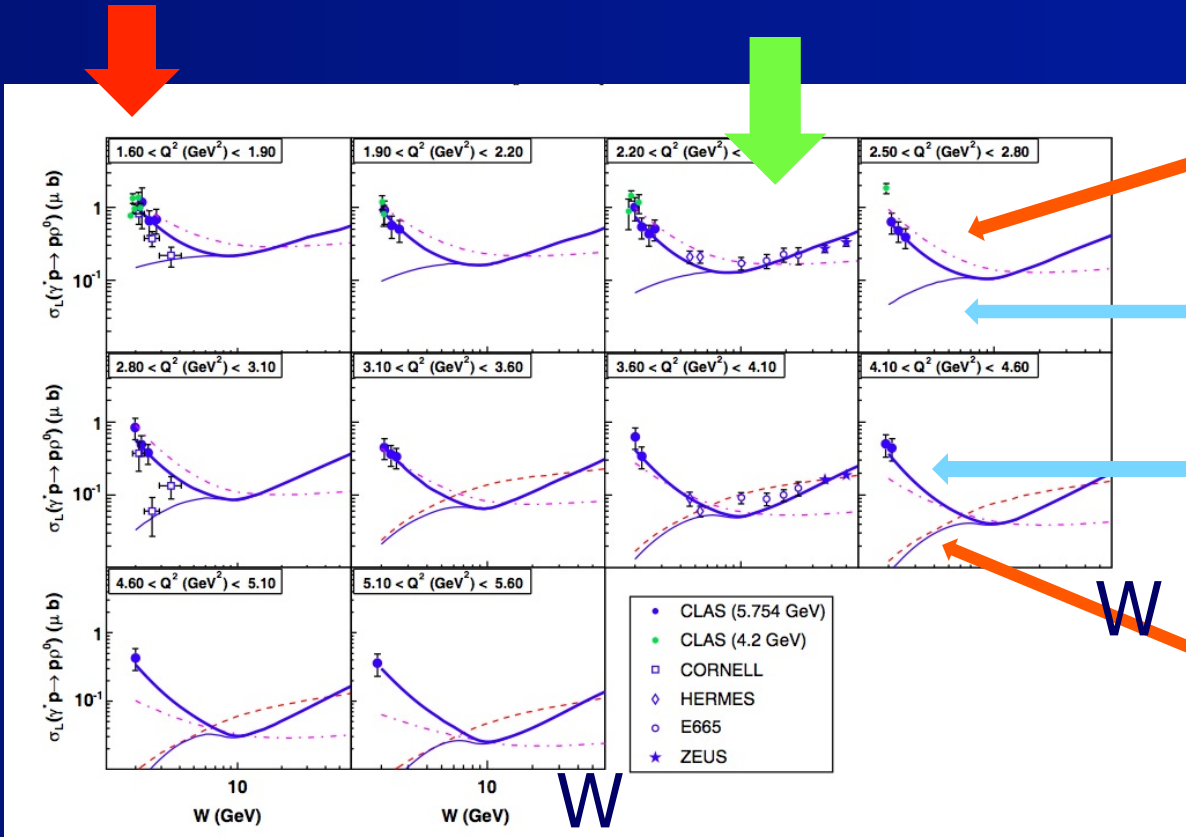
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Regge model

VGG model

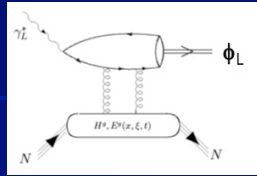
VGG with D-term

GK model

W

- Popular GK and VGG models can not provide the right W -dependence of the cross-section
- This does not mean that we can't access GPD in vector meson electroproduction
- For example, adding the so called generalized D-term (M.Guidal) together with standard VGG model successfully describes data

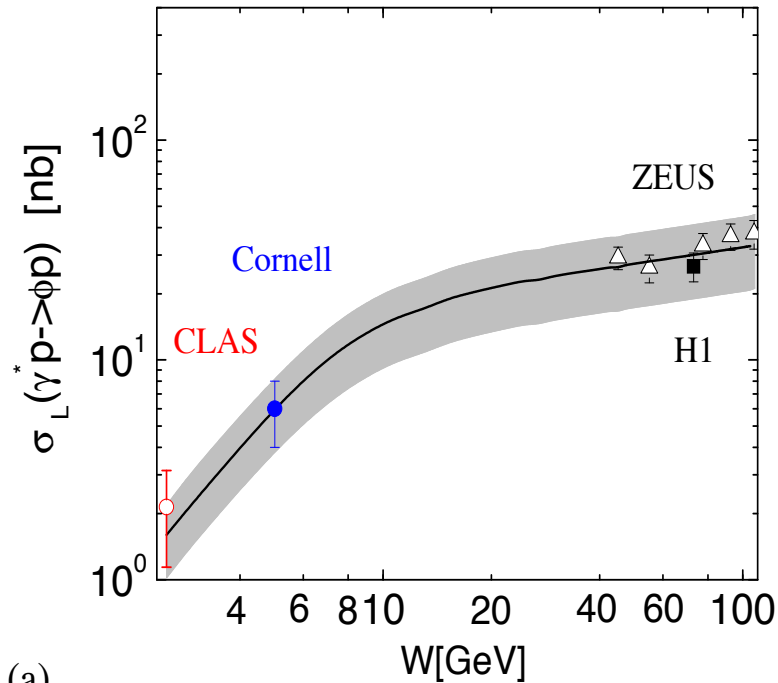
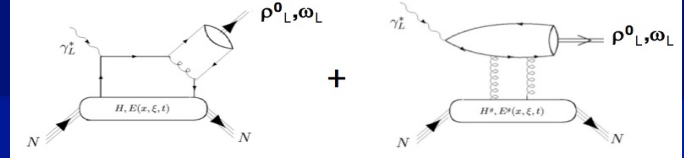
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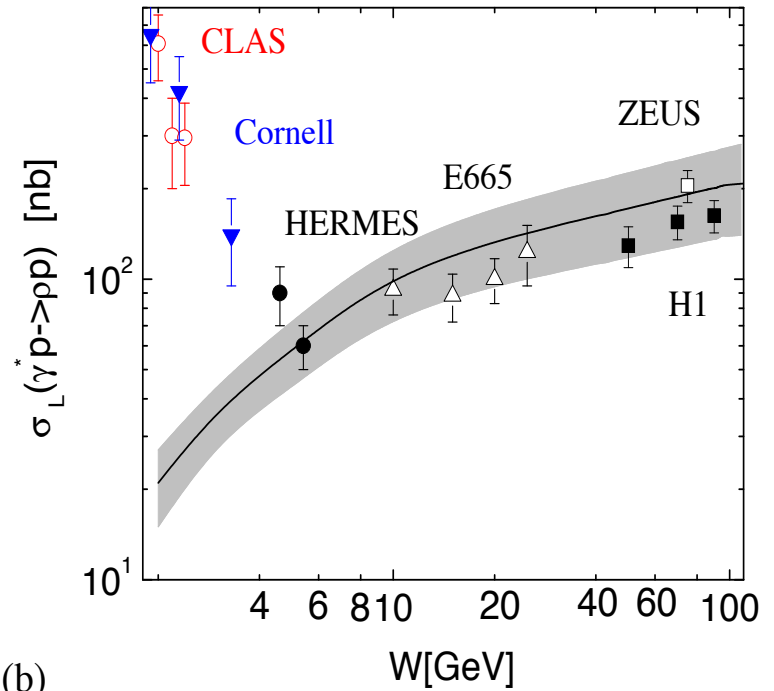
Compare ϕ and ρ^0

S. V. Goloskokov and P. Kroll

$$\gamma_L^* p \rightarrow p \rho^0$$



(a)



(b)

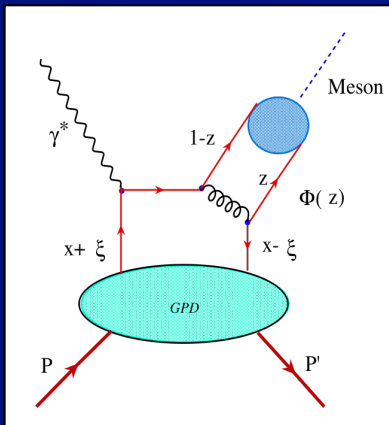
- ϕ mesons - gluon GPD are dominant
- ρ^0 and ω - sea quarks and/or gluons dominant.
- GPD approach describes well data for $W > 5$ GeV

Large angle (high $-t$), relatively small Q^2

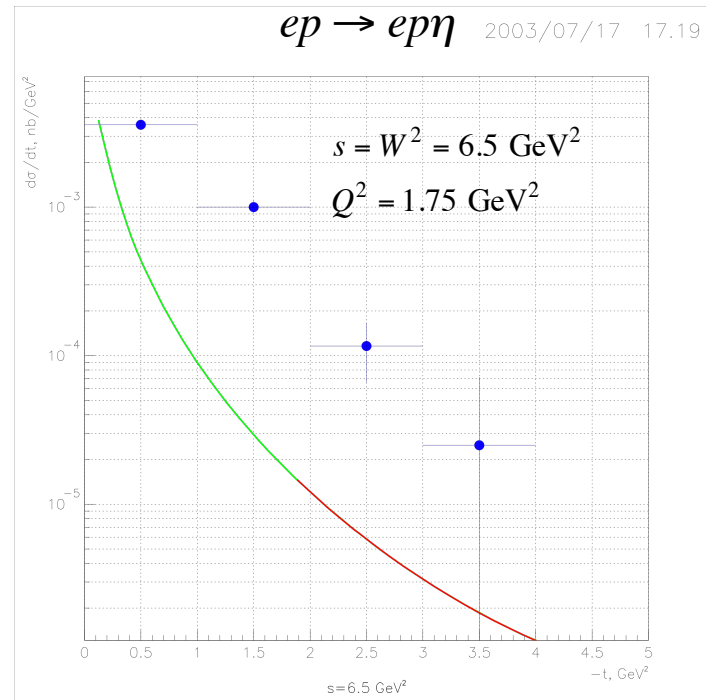
(Analog to WACS where handbag works very well)

$$\frac{d\sigma_L^M}{dt} \propto \int_0^1 d\tau \phi(\tau) R(t, \tau) \quad R(t) \rightarrow R_V^M R_V^{Mg} R_A^M R_V^M$$

$$R_V^M(t) = \int_{-1}^1 \sum_q \frac{dx}{x} H^q(x, t) \quad R_T^M(t) = \int_{-1}^1 \sum_q \frac{dx}{x} E^q(x, t) \quad R_A^M(t) = \int_{-1}^1 \sum_q \frac{dx}{x} \tilde{H}^q(x, t)$$



CLAS data: Kubarovsky
GPD model: Huang and Kroll



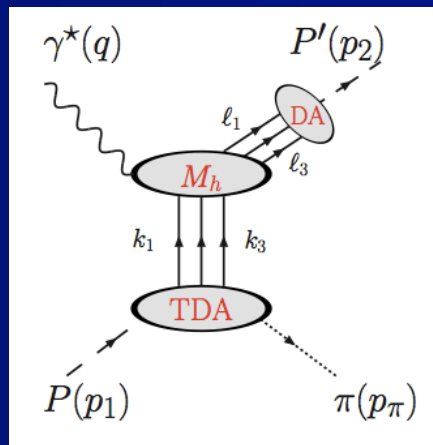
High- t , Large Q^2

From GPDs to TDAs

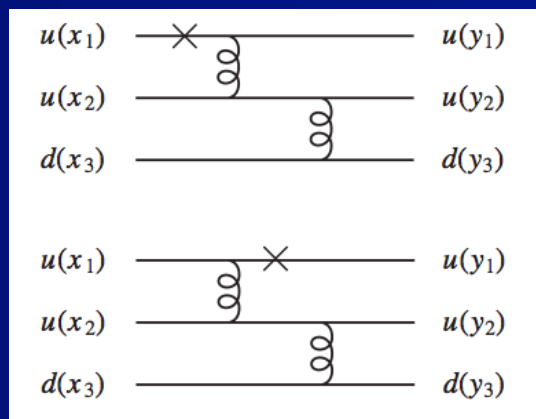
- GPDs are not the adequate tool for describing **backward** hard electroproduction
- Basic difference forward vs backward is the exchange of $q\bar{q}$ vs qqq

TDA: Transition distribution amplitudes

Lansberg, Pire, Szymanowski



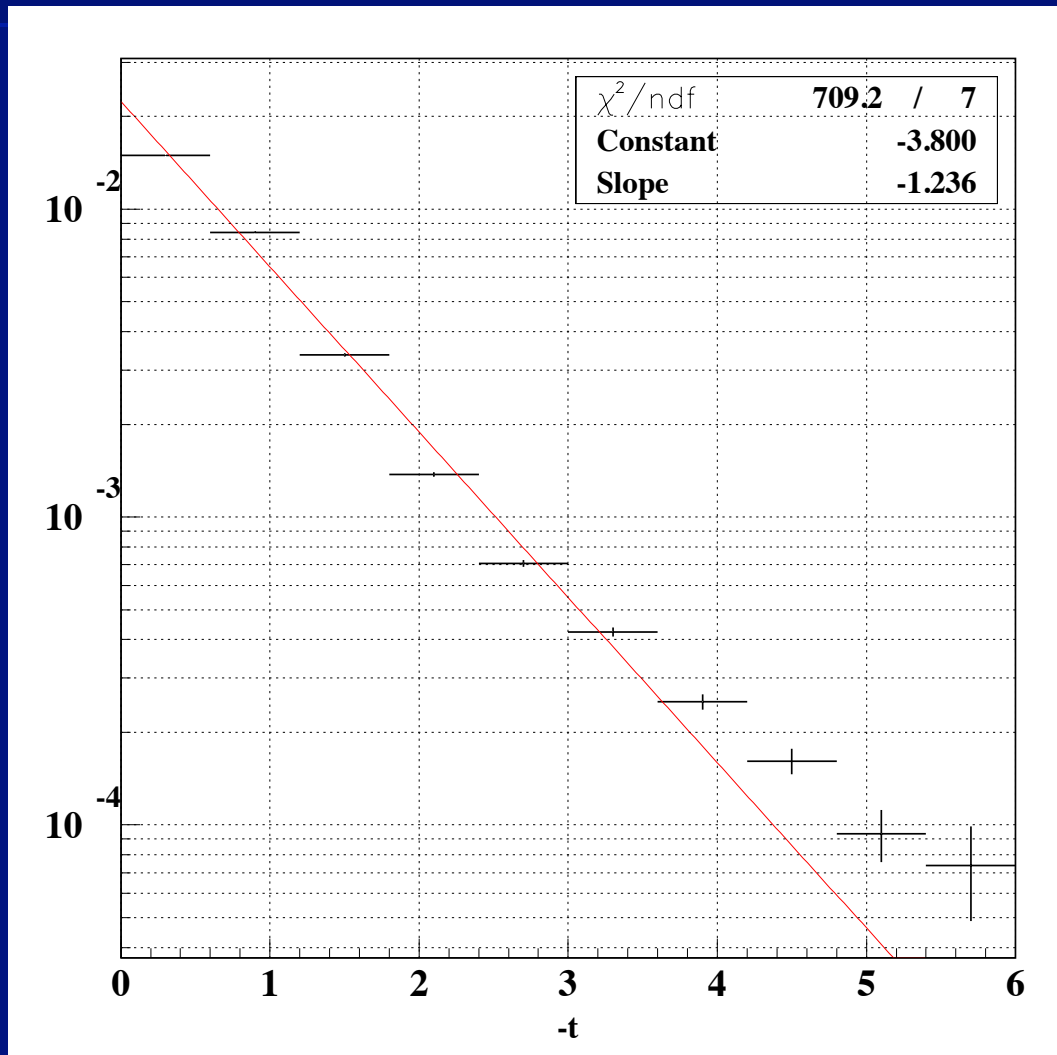
- In backward meson electroproduction there is factorization of a non-perturbative part describing a baryon to meson transition and perturbative part $\gamma^*qqq \rightarrow qqq$ transition
- TDAs provide information on Fock state of the proton with small b_T for quark triplet or how to find a meson in a proton.
- As for GPDs, the t dependence of TDAs maps the transverse position b_T of quarks



t - distribution

$$ep \rightarrow ep\pi^0$$

$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
 $W > 2 \text{ GeV}$
 $x_B > 0.1$

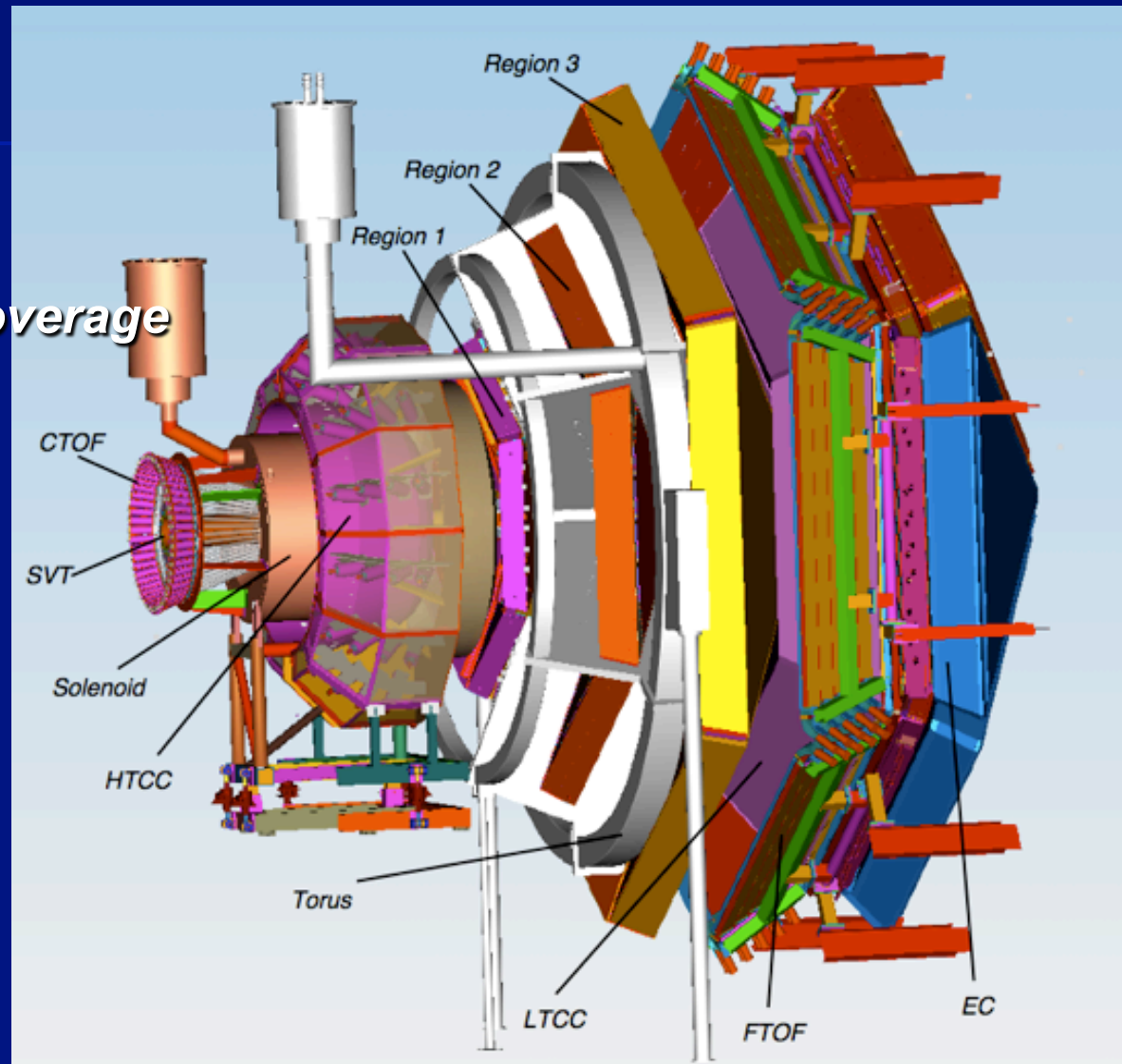


GeV^2

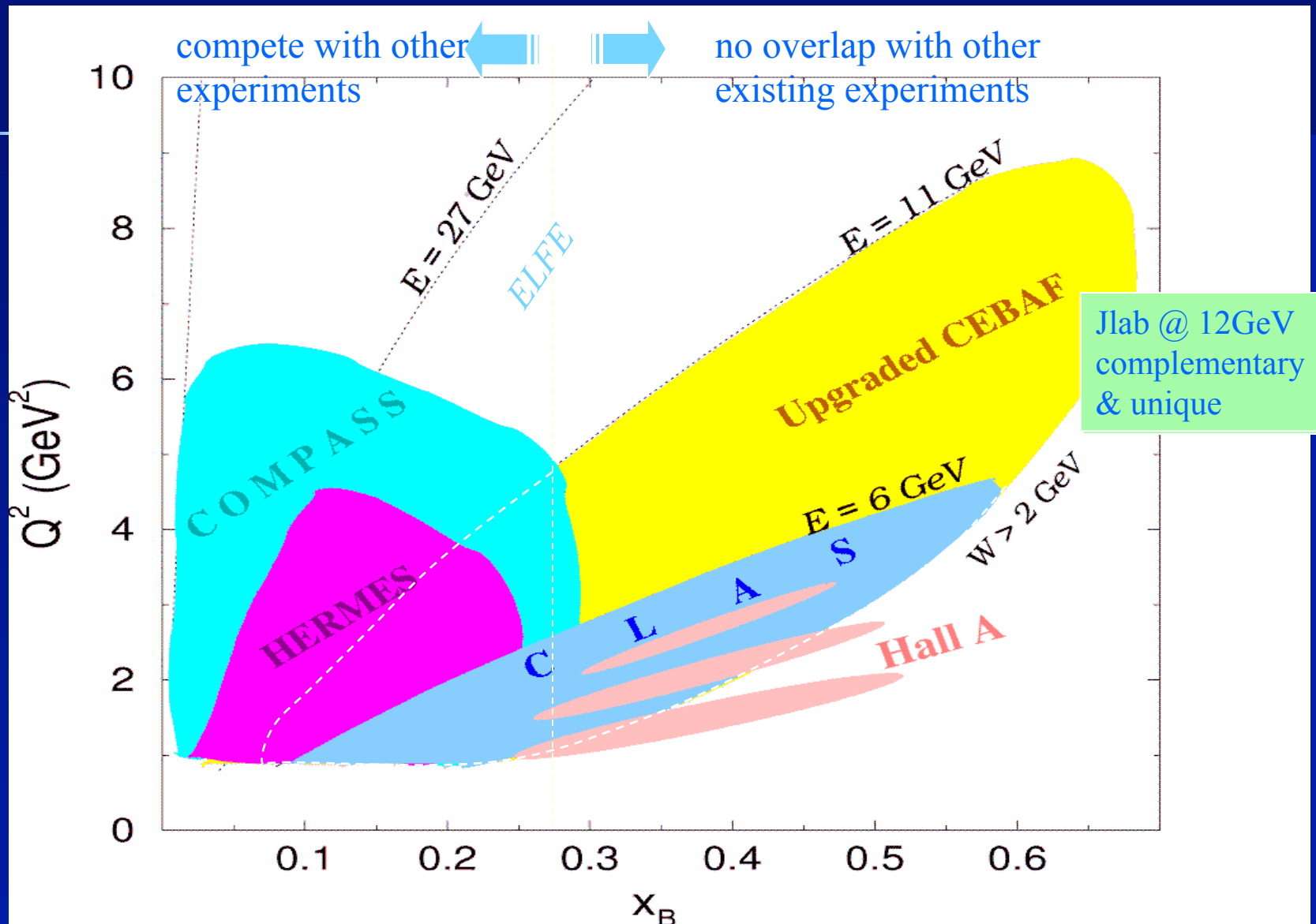
JLab 12 GeV Upgrade

CLAS12

- High luminosity
- Large acceptance
- Wide kinematic coverage
- High precision

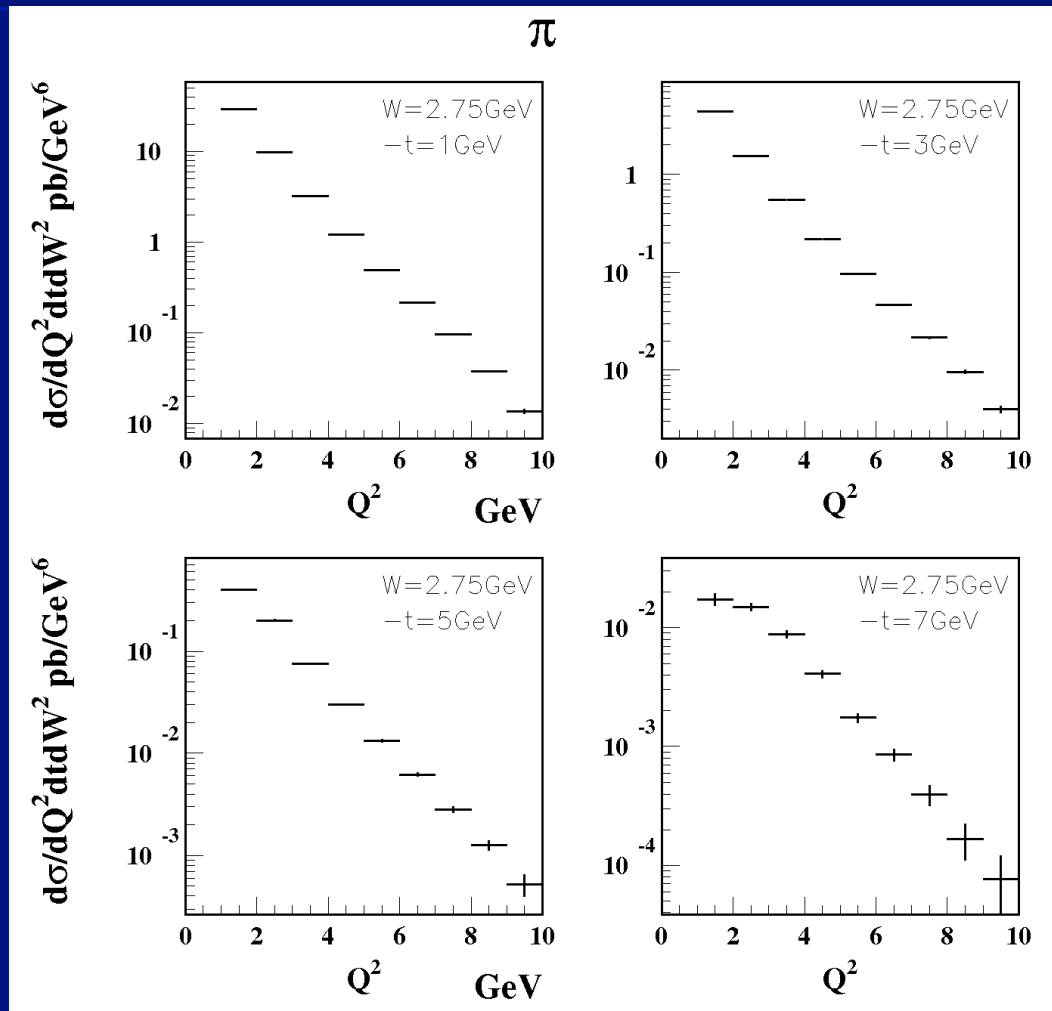


Kinematics coverage for deeply exclusive experiments



Projected measured cross sections.

$$ep \rightarrow ep\pi^0$$



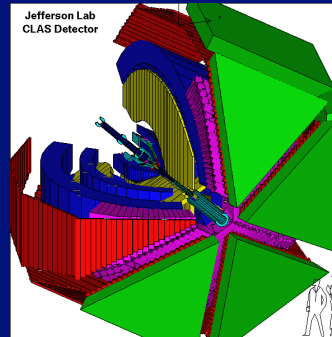
New PAC38 Proposal (2011)

Deep Virtual Exclusive **Vector Meson** Electroproduction

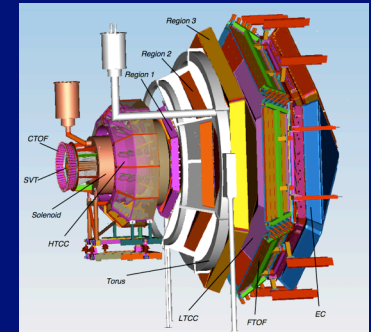
$$\begin{array}{ll} ep \rightarrow en\phi, & \phi \rightarrow K^+ K^- \\ ep \rightarrow ep\rho^0, & \rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \\ ep \rightarrow ep\omega, & \omega \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \\ ep \rightarrow en\rho^+, & \rho^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \end{array}$$

- Kinematics:
 - Q^2 from 3 – 10 GeV²
 - $-t$ from .5 to 10 GeV²
 - W from 2-4 GeV²
- Run simultaneously with DVCS
- Simulations for $\phi, \rho^0, \rho^+, \omega$ are beginning.
- Isolating K's over entire kinematic range.

Summary



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- Deeply Virtual Meson Production has the potential to probe the nucleon structure at the parton level, as described by Generalized Parton distributions (GPDs).
- The most extensive set of π^0 , η , ρ^+ , ρ^0 , ω , and f electroproduction to date has been obtained with the CLAS spectrometer.
- The approach to the hard regime can be studied experimentally using model-independent tests which probe qualitative features like t -slope as function of Q^2 and x_B
- CLAS12 program of pseudoscalar and vector electroproduction will provide unique information about the:
 - transition between soft long-range phenomena and hard short range.
 - quark momentum and spin distributions of the nucleons.
 - gluon and quark GPDs