Nucleon structure studies via deeply virtual exclusive reactions at JLab (2)

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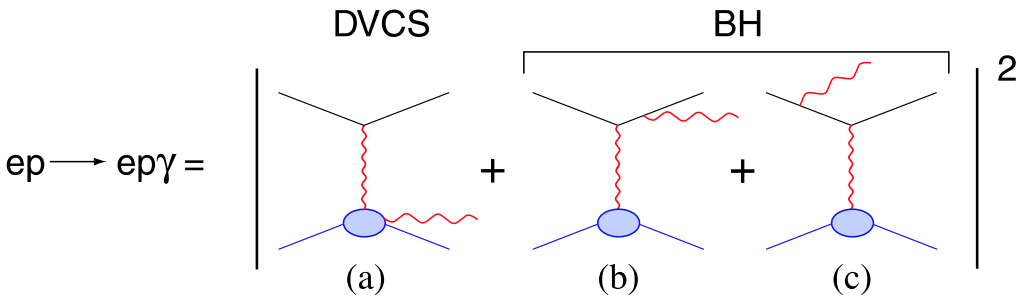
Outline

1. Psedoscalar meson production (π^0) :
   - Hall B : beam spin asymmetries
   - Hall A : π^0 preliminary cross sections
2. Upcoming 6 GeV experiments (2009–2010) in Hall A at JLab :
   - E07-007: DVCS/π^0 on the proton (Rosenbluth-like separation)
   - E08-025: DVCS/π^0 on the neutron/deuteron

DVCS experimentally: interference with Bethe-Heitler (BH)



At leading twist:

$$d^5\overrightarrow{\sigma} - d^5\overleftarrow{\sigma} = \Im m\left(T^{BH}\cdot T^{DVCS}\right)$$

$$d^5\overrightarrow{\sigma} + d^5\overleftarrow{\sigma} = |BH|^2 + \Re e\left(T^{BH}\cdot T^{DVCS}\right) + |DVCS|^2$$

$$\mathcal{T}^{DVCS} = \int_{-1}^{+1} dx \frac{H(x,\xi,t)}{x-\xi+i\epsilon} + \cdots =$$

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π^0 electroproduction ($ep \to ep\pi^0$)

At leading twist:

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\Gamma \sum_{h_N, h_{N'}} |\mathcal{M}^L(\lambda_M = 0, h'_N, h_N)|^2 \propto \frac{1}{Q^6} \qquad \sigma_T \propto \frac{1}{Q^8}$$

$$\mathcal{M}^L \propto \left[\int_0^1 dz \frac{\phi_\pi(z)}{z}\right] \int_{-1}^1 dx \left[\frac{1}{x-\xi} + \frac{1}{x+\xi}\right] \times \left\{\Gamma_1 \widetilde{H}_{\pi^0} + \Gamma_2 \widetilde{E}_{\pi^0}\right\}$$

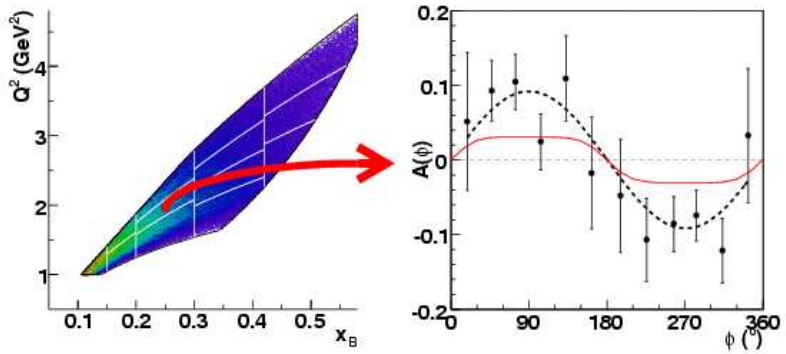
Different quark weights: flavor separation of GPDs

$$|\pi^0\rangle = \tfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\{|u\bar{u}\rangle - |d\bar{d}\rangle\} \qquad \widetilde{H}_{\pi^0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left\{\frac{2}{3}\widetilde{H}^u + \frac{1}{3}\widetilde{H}^d\right\}$$

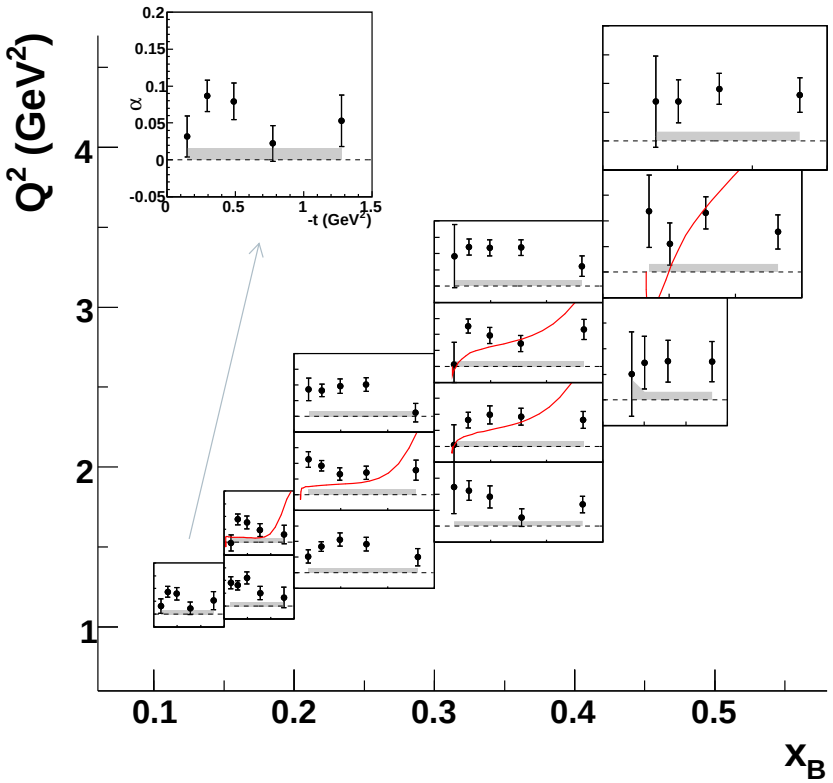
$$|p\rangle = |uud\rangle \qquad H_{DVCS} = \frac{4}{9}H^u + \frac{1}{9}H^d$$

CLAS (Hall B) results

$$A = \frac{\overrightarrow{\sigma} - \overleftarrow{\sigma}}{\overrightarrow{\sigma} + \overleftarrow{\sigma}} = \frac{\alpha \sin\phi}{1 + \beta\cos\phi + \gamma\cos 2\phi}$$

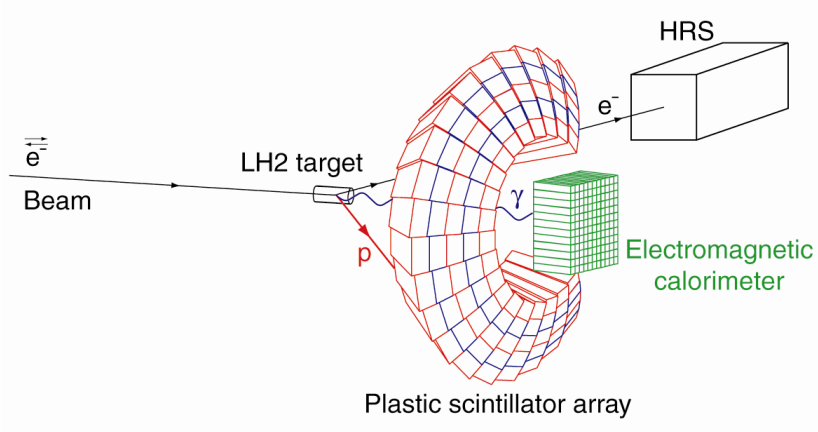


$$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}\sigma_{LT'}}{\sigma_T + \epsilon\sigma_L}$$

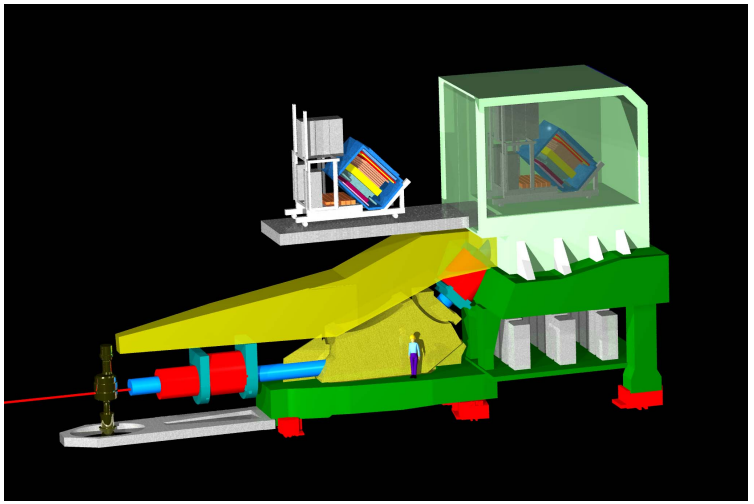


- Evidence for non-zero $\sigma_{LT'}$
- For GPDs we need σ_L

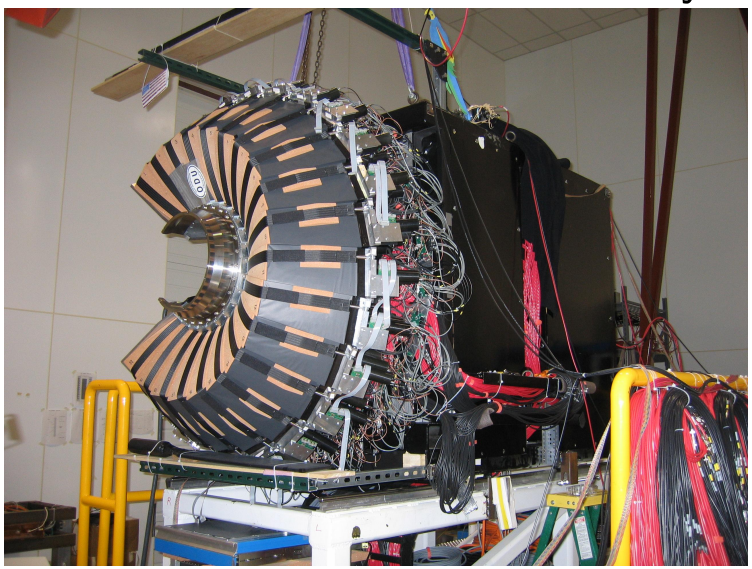
Hall A experimental setup



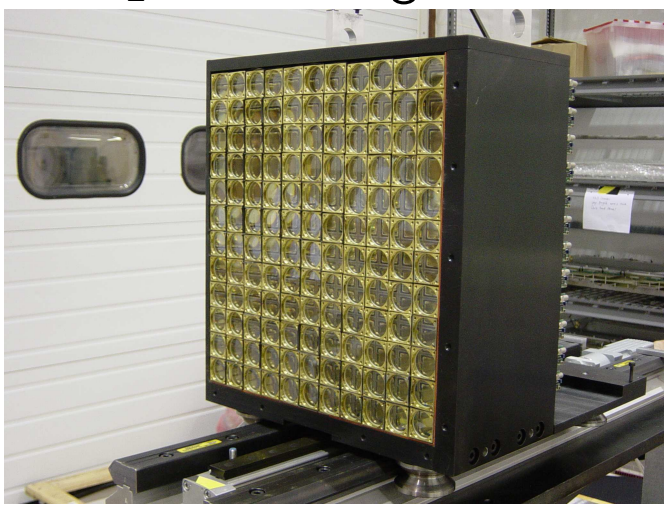
High Resolution Spectrometer



100-channel scintillator array

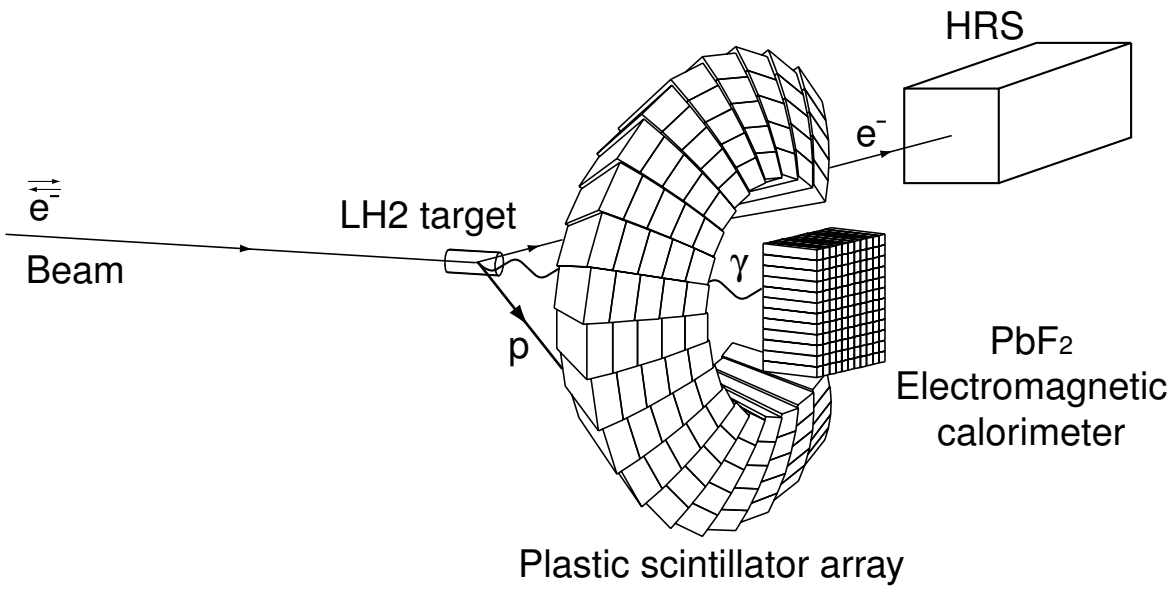


132-block PbF_2 electromagnetic calorimeter



π^0 cross-section measurements

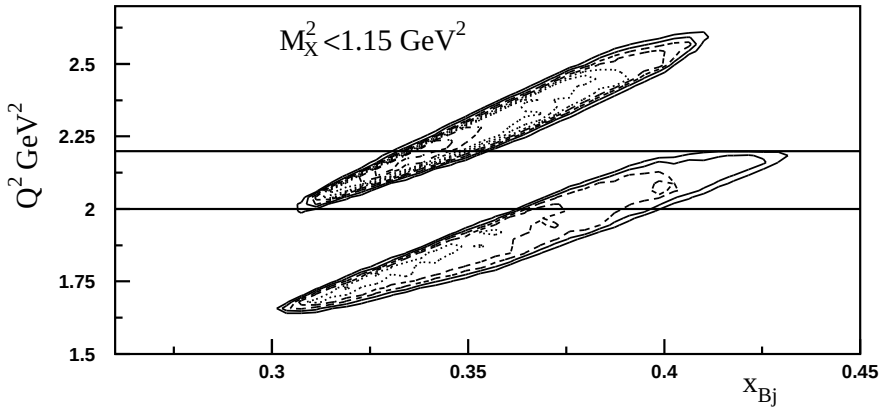
Data taken concurrently with E00-110 (Hall A – DVCS)

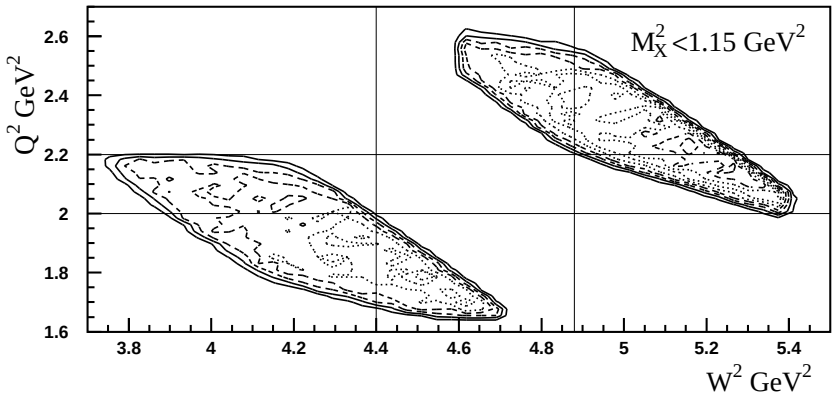


Event sample for π^0 analysis:

- Scattered electron e' in Left High Resolution Spectrometer (HRS)
- 2 photons $\gamma\ \gamma$ in electromagnetic calorimeter
- No recoil proton detection (missing mass and invariant mass cuts)

Kinematics





Small lever arm, but very high accuracy

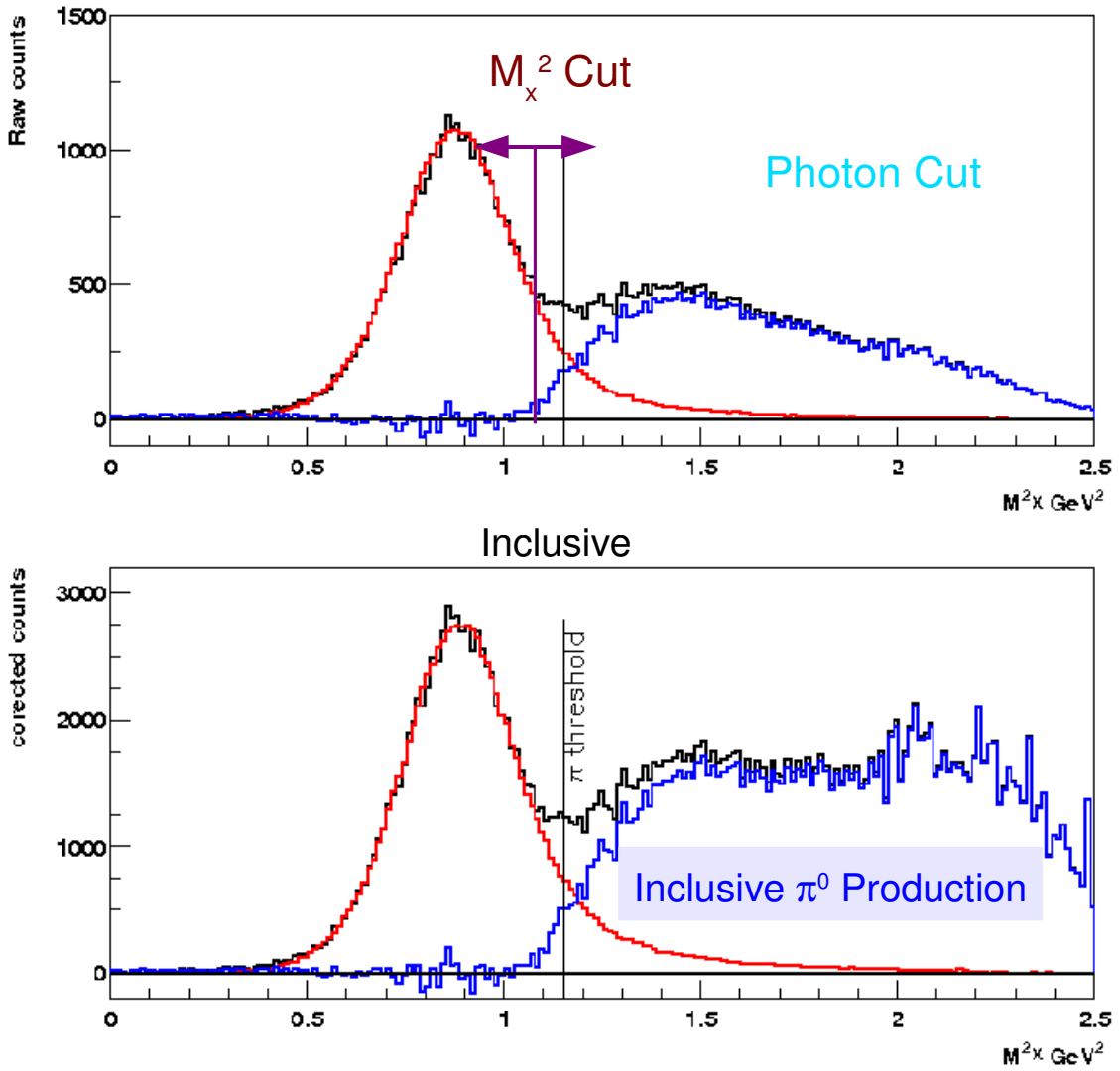
Azimuthal dependence of the cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = 2\pi\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dtd\phi_\pi}\right) =$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dt} + \epsilon\frac{d\sigma_L}{dt} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}\frac{d\sigma_{LT}}{dt}\cos\phi + \epsilon\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{dt}\cos 2\phi + h\sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}\frac{d\sigma_{LT'}}{dt}\sin\phi$$

- $\phi-$dependence allow separation of 4 different cross section
- Rosenbluth technique needed for L/T separation

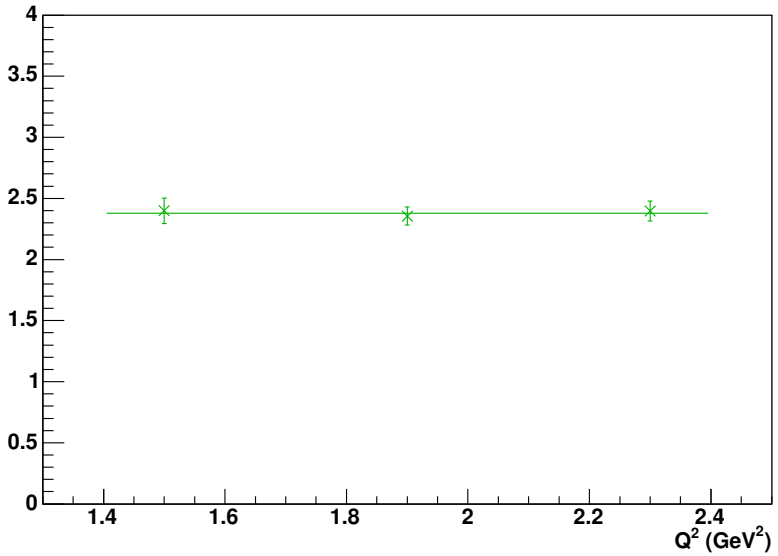
Missing mass squared: $ep \rightarrow e\gamma X$

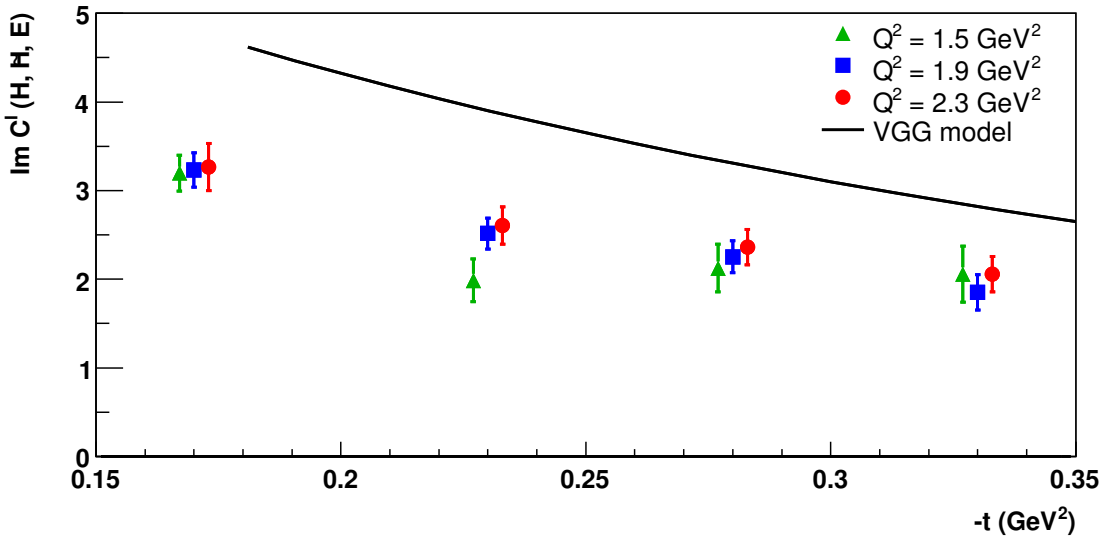


Further DVCS experiments

What we learned in E00-110:

- DVCS helicity-dependent cross section as a function of Q^2:
  - Strong indications factorization
  - First linear combination of GPDs along the kinematic line $x = \pm\xi$





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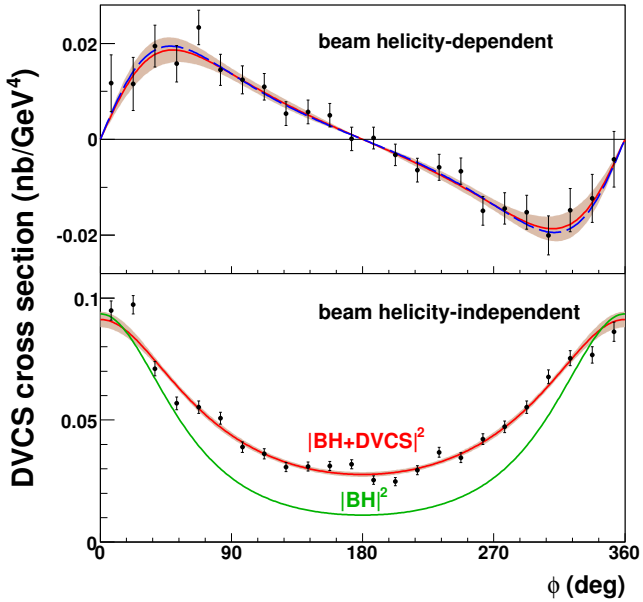
- DVCS helicity-independent cross section at one Q^2 point *only*:
  - BH only a small part of the total cross section
    $\Rightarrow$ both BH-DVCS interference and DVCS^2 are significant
    $\Rightarrow$ Need to separate these two contributions to extract a clean measurement of GPDs integrals



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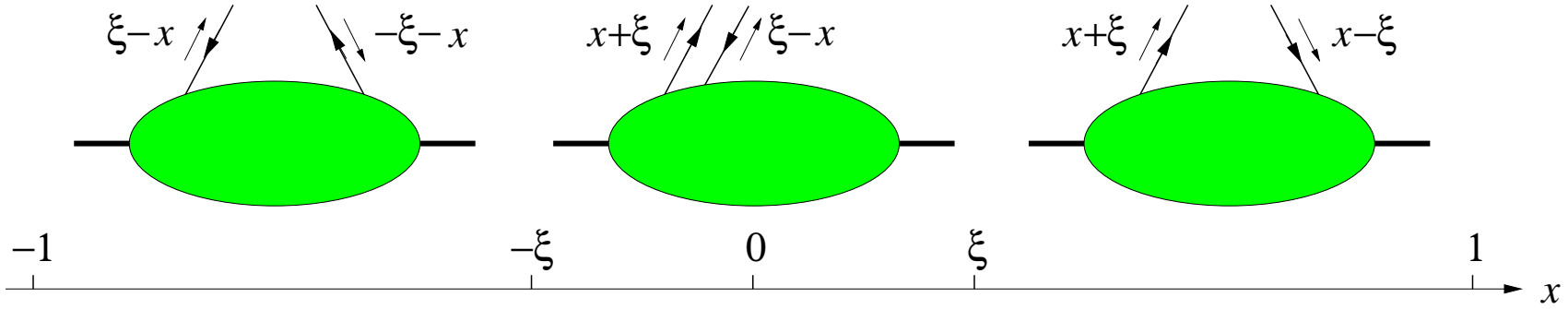
- Q^2−dependence of the helicity-independent cross section: stringent test of factorization

GPDs in the x domain

Emission and reabsorption of antiquarks

Creation of a quark-antiquark pair

Emission and reabsorption of a quark



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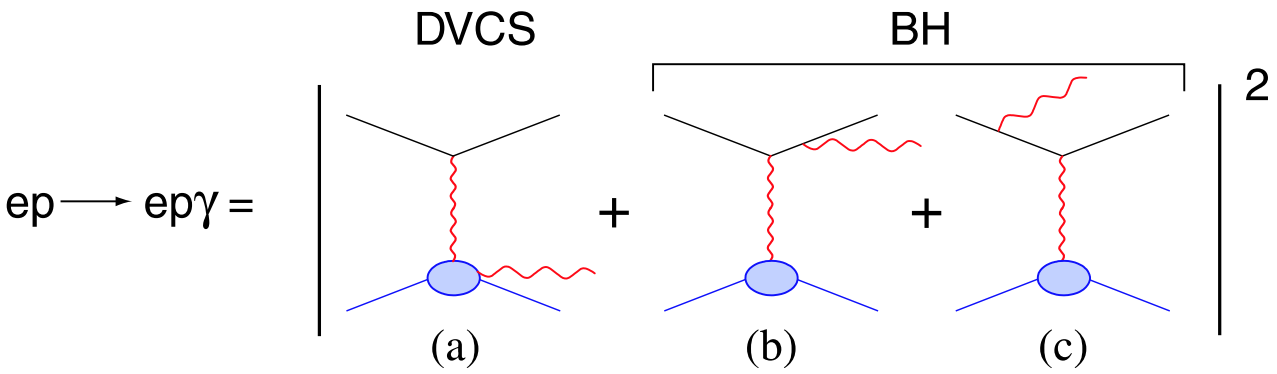
The helicity-independent cross section samples a wide variety of parton configurations

E07-007 (Hall A)



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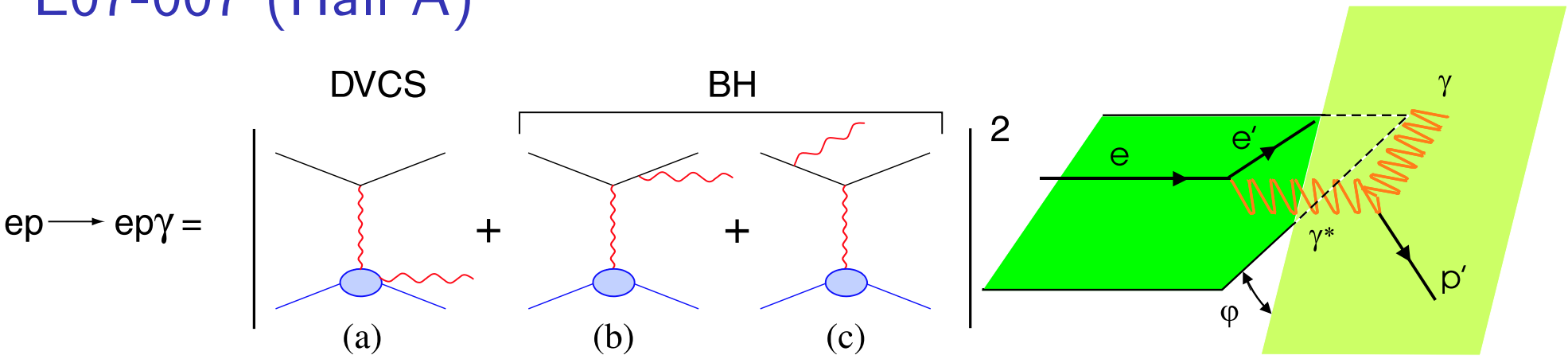

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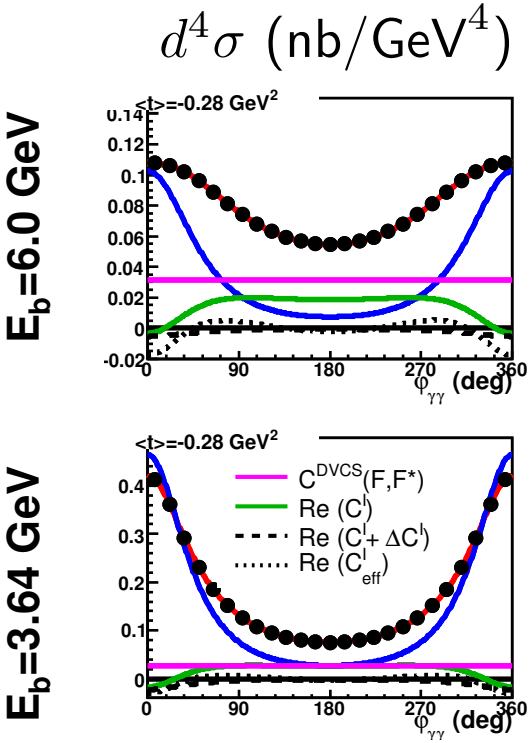
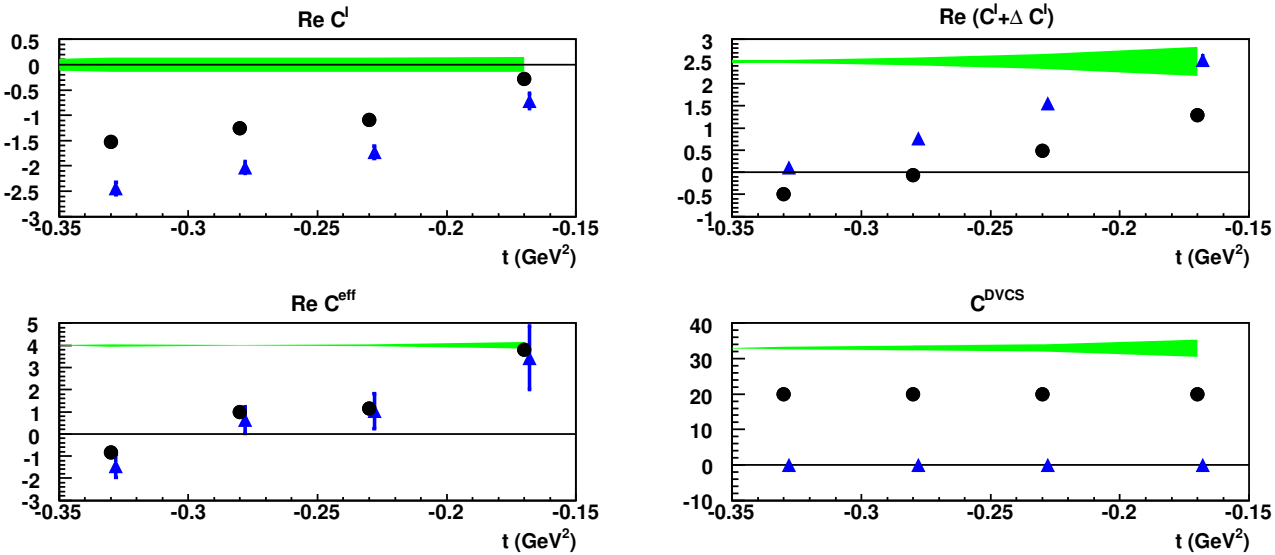
E07-007: Rosenbluth-like DVCS^2–$\mathcal{I}$ separation

- Scaling test on the real part of the DVCS amplitude
- Clean separation of BH-DVCS intereference term from pure DVCS^2
- Rosenbluth separation of σ_L/σ_T for $ep \to ep\pi^0$





● E07-007 ▬ Systematic uncertainty

▲ E00-110: assuming DVCS^2=0

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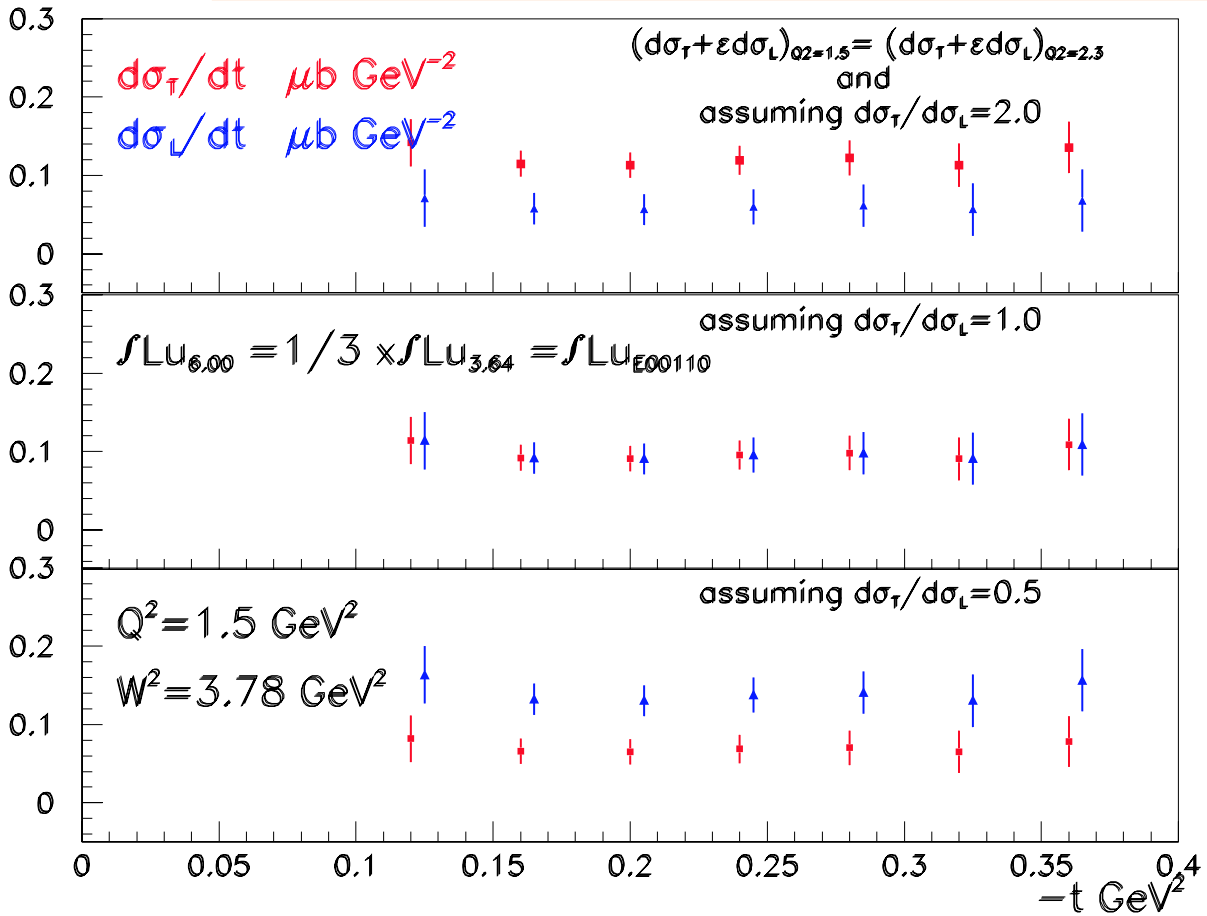
E07-007: σ_L Rosenbluth separation ($Q^2 = 1.5$ GeV^2)

σ_L **with statistical accuracy** $\ll \sigma_T + \epsilon\sigma_L$

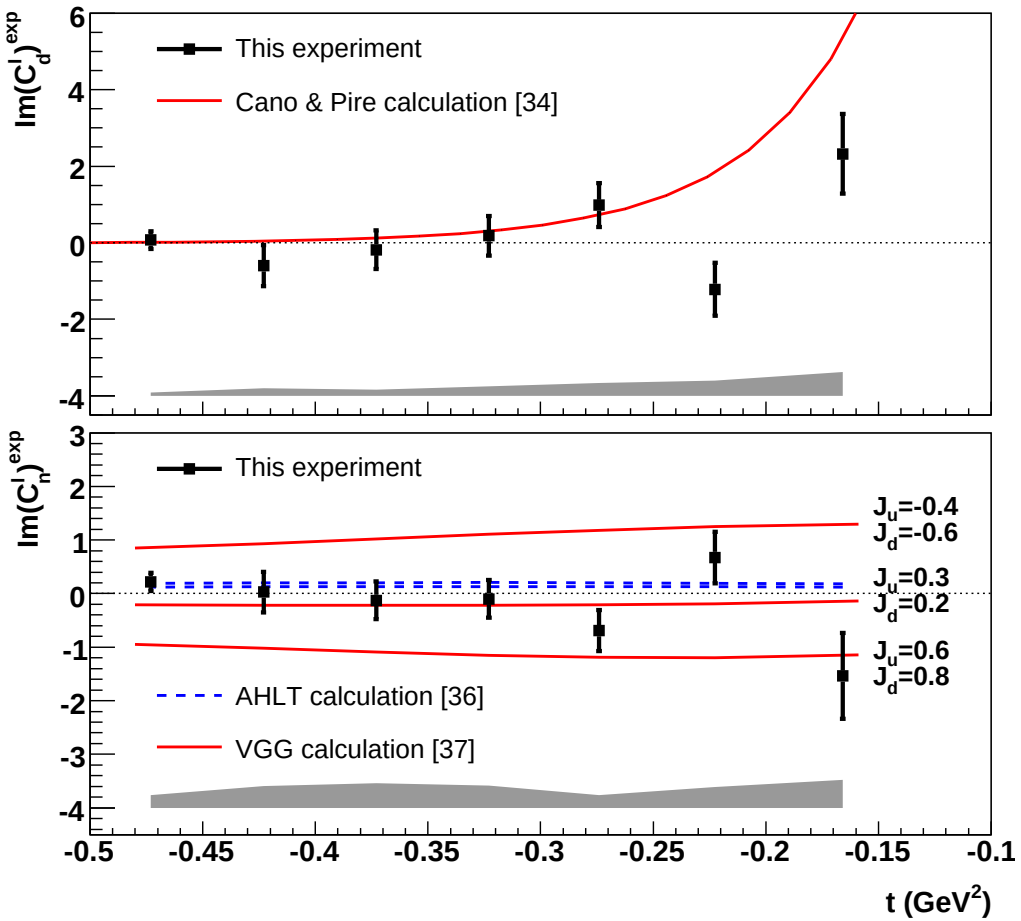


$$\frac{\sigma_T}{\sigma_L} = 2.0$$

$$\frac{\sigma_T}{\sigma_L} = 1.0$$

$$\frac{\sigma_T}{\sigma_L} = 0.5$$

Previous results (E03-106): constraints on the $\Im m$ part



- Different flavor sensitivity (proton & neutron)
- Uncertainties will be reduced by upcoming measurements

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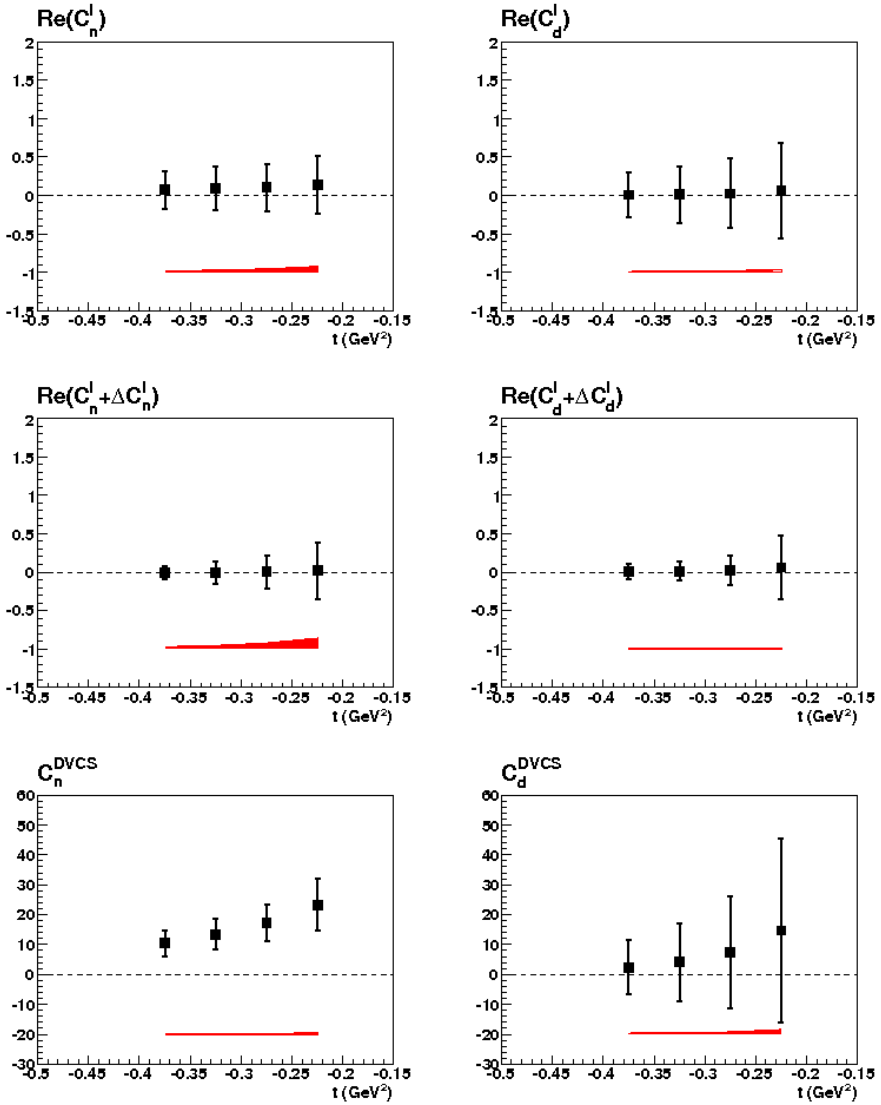
DVCS/π^0 Rosenbluth separation on the neutron/deuteron



E08-025 experiment:

- Unpolarized cross section
- Rosenbluth separation

Recently approved to run simultaneously with E07-007

Upgrades (from E00-110/E03r-106)

1. Expanded PbF_2 calorimeter: $11\times12+\underline{76}$ blocks.
   - Higher acceptance for π^0 measurements/subtraction.
   - Increased $t-$acceptance: $\Delta(t_{min}-t)=1\,\text{GeV}^2$.
2. Electronics:
   - ARS system (as E00-110) + Upgraded calorimeter trigger (2 thresholds to increase $ep\rightarrow ep\pi^0$ statistics).
   - FPGA & VME upgrades to increase livetime & bandwidth.
3. No proton detection: calorimeter can handle $4\times$ E00-110 rate
4. Flared beam pipe to minimize secondary background in calorimeter.
   (Background dominated by Møller and $\pi^0\rightarrow\gamma\gamma$ from target)

Summary

- π^0 electroproduction:
  - L/T separation needed (upcoming experiment at 6 GeV)
  - Some hints of non-negligeable T components at moderate Q^2
- DVCS:
  - Some indications of scaling at moderate Q^2:
    - Upcoming experiment will provide stronger tests
  - Both interference BH-DVCS and DVCS^2 are important:
    - Absolute cross section measurements needed
    - New experiment will separate all contributions
- Parallel DVCS/π^0 program with a deuterium target (n/d)