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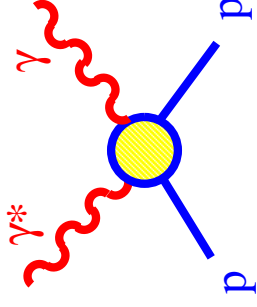
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# Virtual Compton Scattering : JLab Experiment E93-050

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Results of data analysis below Pion Threshold  
using the Low Energy Theorem



## The JLab VCS Experiment E93050 :

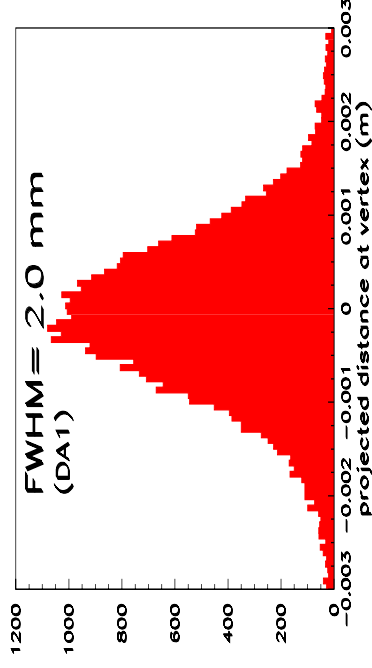
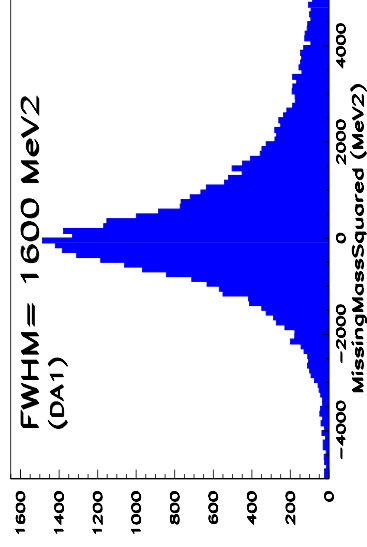
- Study  $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma$  in order to extract information on the **Generalized Polarizabilities of the proton**
- One of the commissioning experiments in Hall A (1998)
- two High Resolution Spectrometers to detect final  $e$  and  $p$   
 $\gamma$  not detected, but reconstructed as the missing particle
- Kinematic range :

DA1 dataset	RES. dataset	DA2 dataset
$< Q^2 \geq 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$	$< Q^2 \geq 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$	$< Q^2 \geq 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$
~ below $\pi$ threshold $W = \sqrt{s_{\gamma^*p}} \leq (m_N + m_\pi)$	resonance region $W = 1.2 \text{ to } 1.9 \text{ GeV}$	~ below $\pi$ threshold $W = \sqrt{s_{\gamma^*p}} \leq (m_N + m_\pi)$

## To extract Generalized Polarizabilities :

- need accurate measurement of **absolute cross sections**  $d^5\sigma(ep\gamma)$   
(effect of GPs is small below  $\pi$  threshold: 0-15 %)
- accurate **Monte-Carlo simulation** : (L. Van Hoorebeke, gent Univ.)
  - realistic input cross section
  - resolution and acceptance effects
  - radiative effects
- careful study of **cuts** (punchthrough protons)
- **optimized experimental resolution**

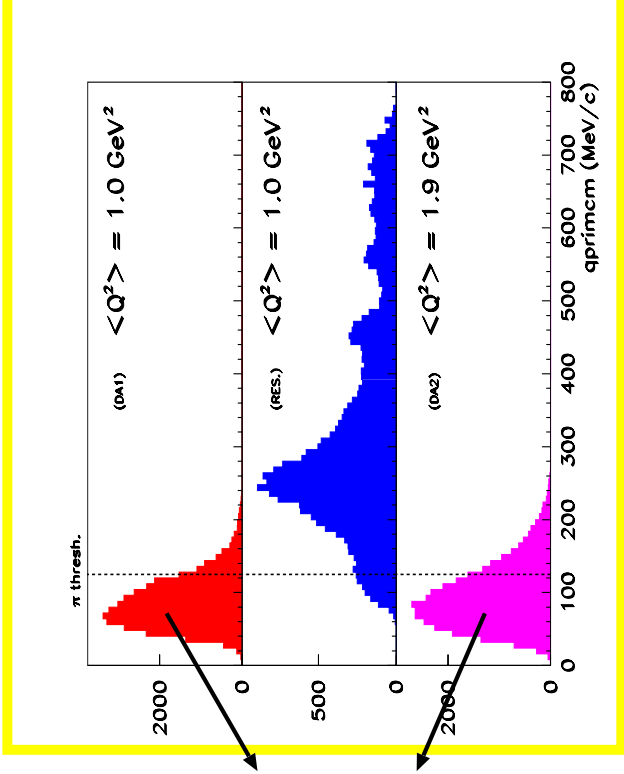
(example: Beam energy = nominal - 12 MeV)



## Datasets and Analysis methods

VCS Structure functions  
P11-Ptt/epsilon  
and P1t  
at a given Q2  
and epsilon

analysis based on the LET (P.Guichon et al.)



analysis based on DR Model (B.Pasquini et al.)

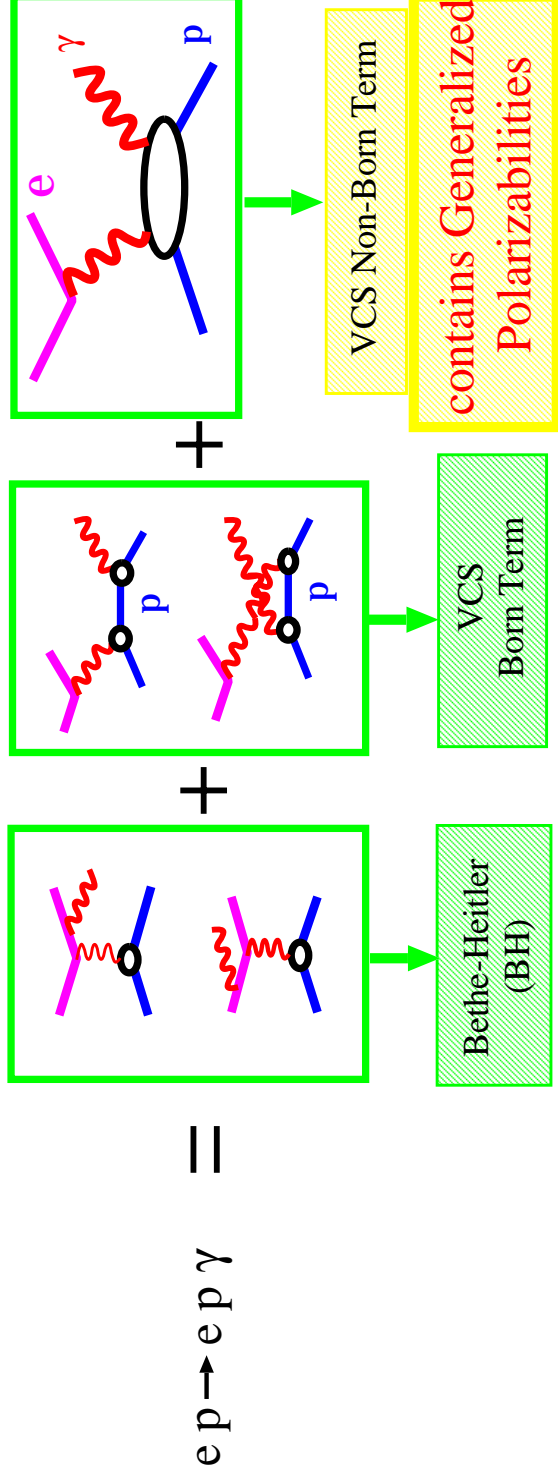
$\Lambda$   $\beta$  ,  $\Lambda$   $\alpha$  parameters

P11, Ptt, P1t structure funct. at a given Q2

P11-Ptt/epsilon and P1t at a given Q2 and epsilon

**Formalism**

At the amplitude level:



At the cross section level, below pion Threshold:

$$d^5\sigma(ep\gamma) = d^5\sigma_{\text{(BH+Born)}} + (\text{PhaseSpace Factor}) \times ( [\dots] + O(q'_{cm}) )$$

$$[\dots] = v_1 [ P_{LL}(q_{cm}) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} P_{TT}(q_{cm}) ] + v_2 [ P_{LT}(q_{cm}) ]$$

**Low Energy Theorem:** P.Guichon et al., Nucl.Phys. A591 (1995) 606.

## Principle of extraction of GPs

- measure unpolarized cross sections  $d^5\sigma(ep \rightarrow e\pi\gamma)$  at fixed  $q_{cm}$  and fixed  $\epsilon$  below pion threshold in the widest possible range in  $(\theta_{\gamma\gamma CM}, \phi_{\gamma\gamma CM})$ .
- fit  $\Delta M = \frac{d^5\sigma_{measured} - d^5\sigma_{BetheHeitler+Born}}{PhaseSpaceFactor}$  as a linear function

of the two free parameters:

$$P_{LL} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}P_{TT} \text{ and } P_{LT}$$

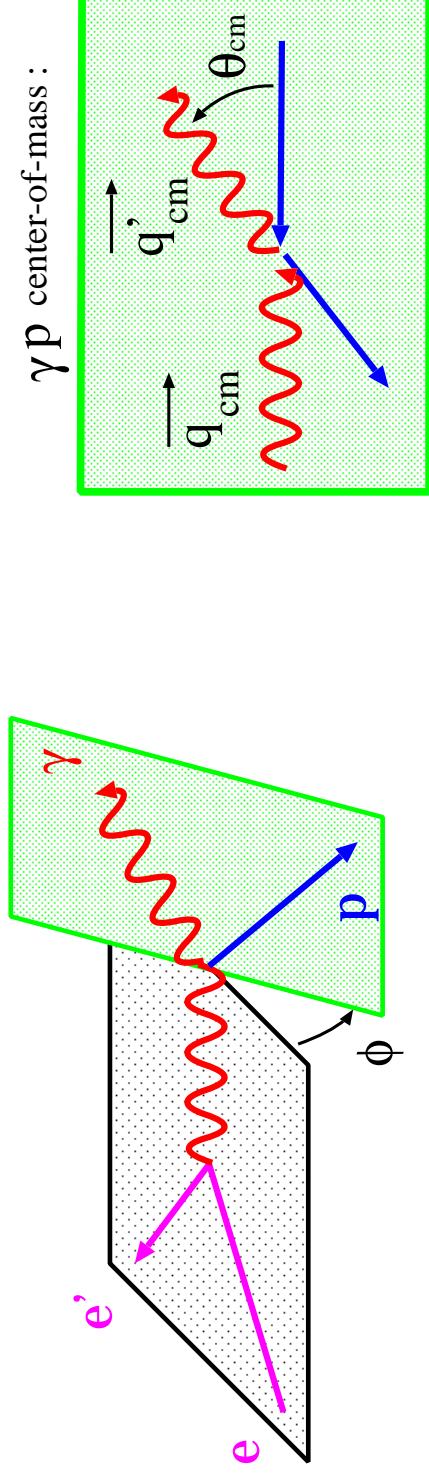
They are combinations of six independent Generalized Polarizabilities of the proton.

$$\begin{aligned} P_{LL} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}P_{TT} &= ( \dots ) \alpha_E(Q^2) + \text{spin GPs} \\ P_{LT} &= ( \dots ) \beta_M(Q^2) + \text{spin GPs} \end{aligned}$$

- Choice of proton EM F.F. entering the (BetheHeitler + Born)

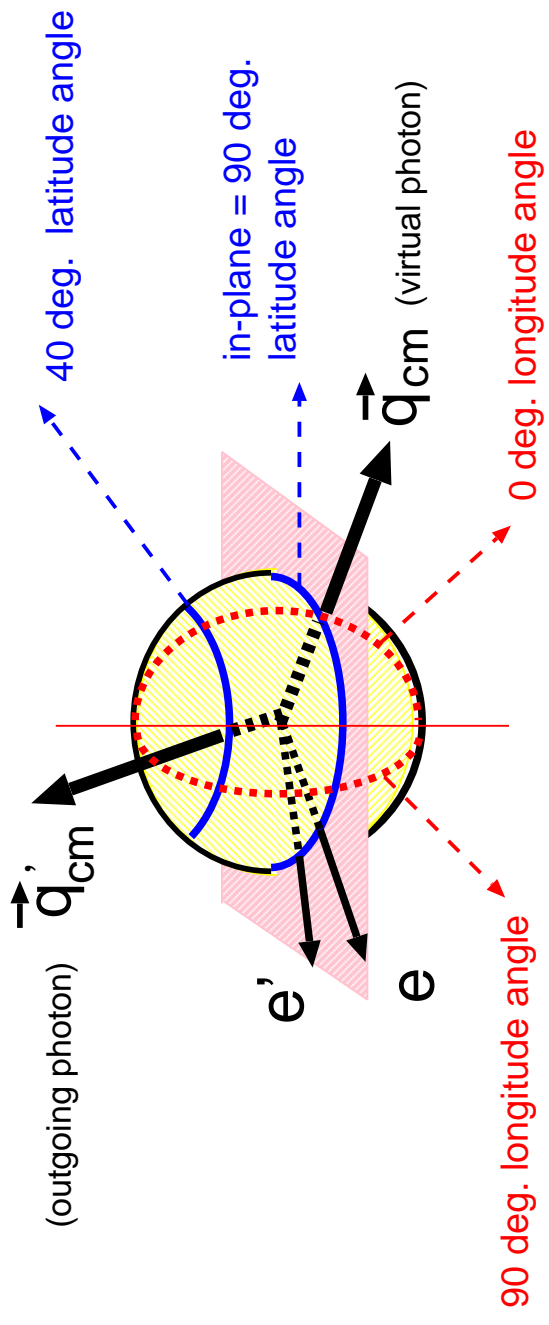
cross section: JLab measurements, E.Brash et al, hep-ex/0111038

**VCS Kinematics**



$\gamma p$  center-of-mass :

In  $(\gamma p)$  center-of-mass: instead of CM angles, polar  $\theta_{\gamma CM}$  and azimuthal  $\phi_{\gamma CM}$ , we use longitude angle  $\theta_{INP}$  and latitude angle  $\theta_{OOP}$  :

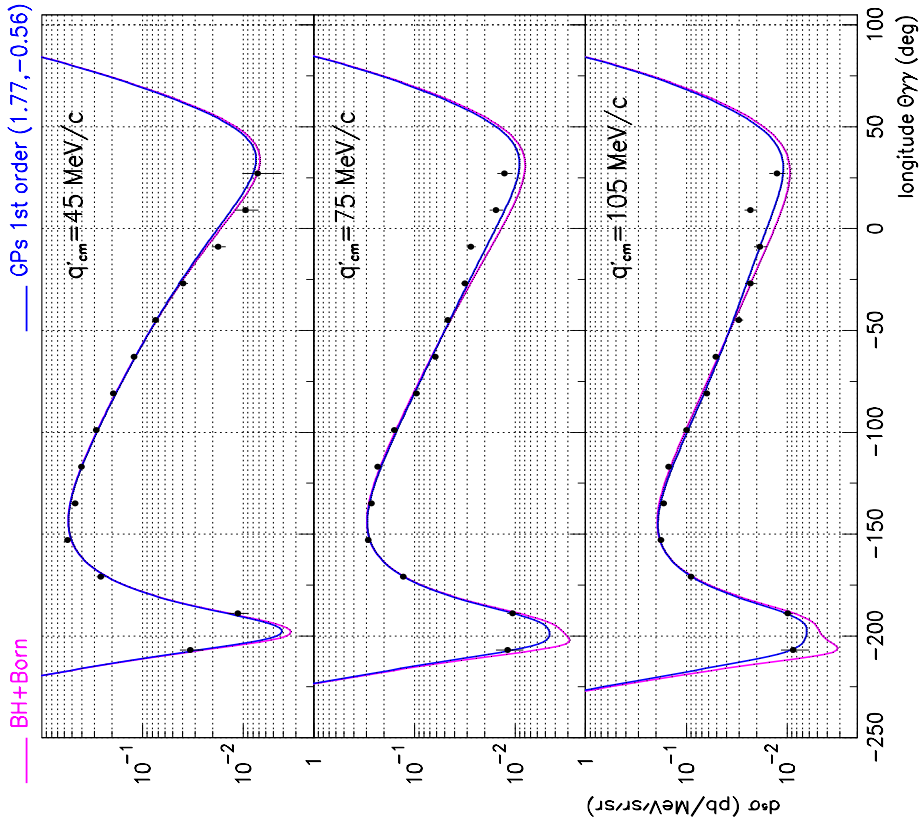




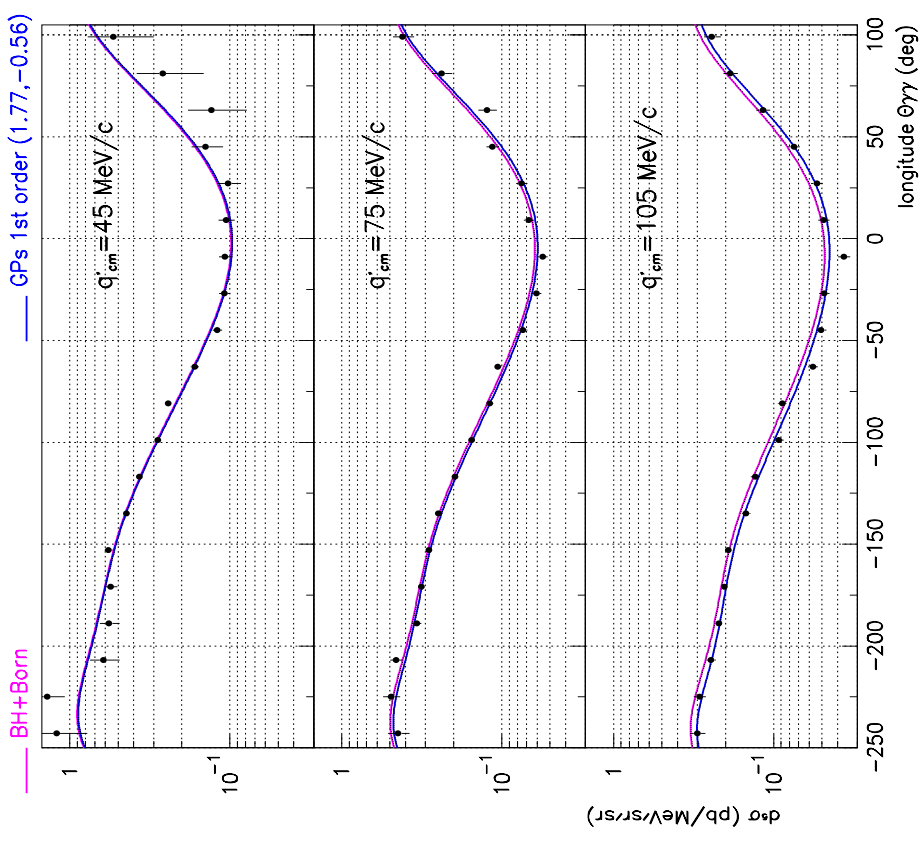
**$(ep \rightarrow e\gamma)$  Cross sections. Dataset at  $< Q^2 > = 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$**

$Q^2 = 0.923 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $q_{cm} = 1080 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.950$

## LEPTON PLANE



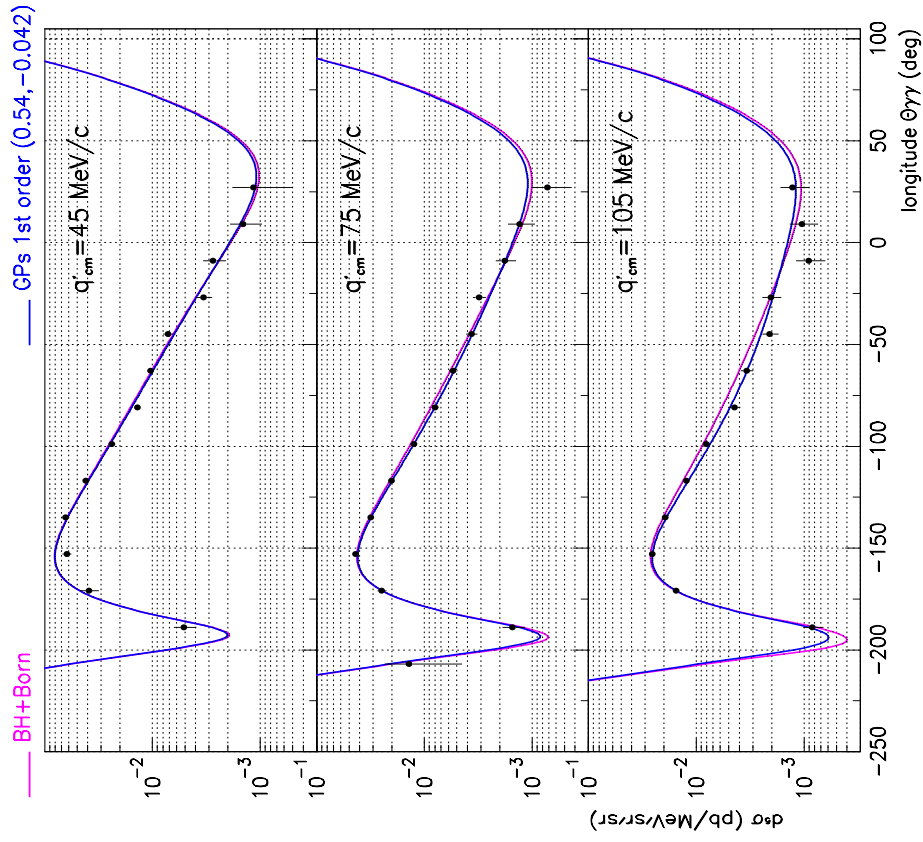
## 40° OUT-OF-PLANE



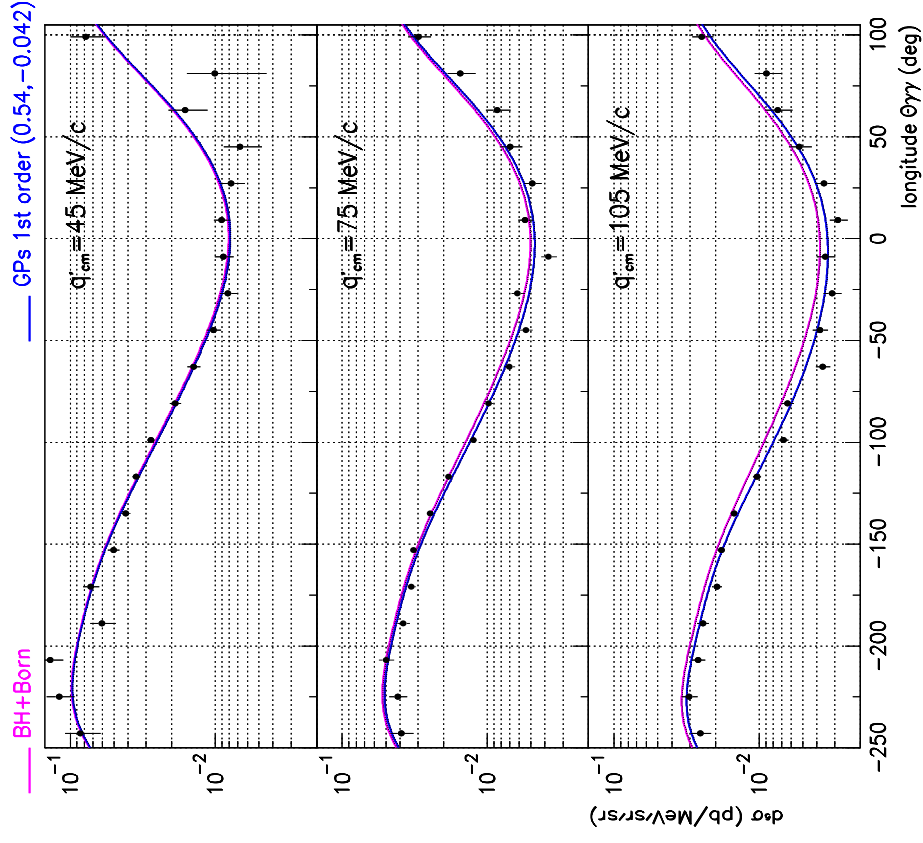
$(ep \rightarrow e\gamma)$  Cross sections. Dataset at  $\langle Q^2 \rangle = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$Q^2 = 1.76 \text{ GeV}^2, q_{cm} = 1625 \text{ MeV}, \epsilon = 0.879$$

## LEPTON PLANE



## 40° OUT-OF-PLANE



- To obtain **absolute cross sections**, exp. rates are corrected for:

- luminosity (beam charge + target density)
- inefficiencies and dead times (acquisition, electronics, scintillators, ...)
- radiative effects not in the Monte-Carlo (constant part)
- ...

→ **global uncertainty** =  $\pm 2-3 \%$

- **How to test the absolute normalization:**

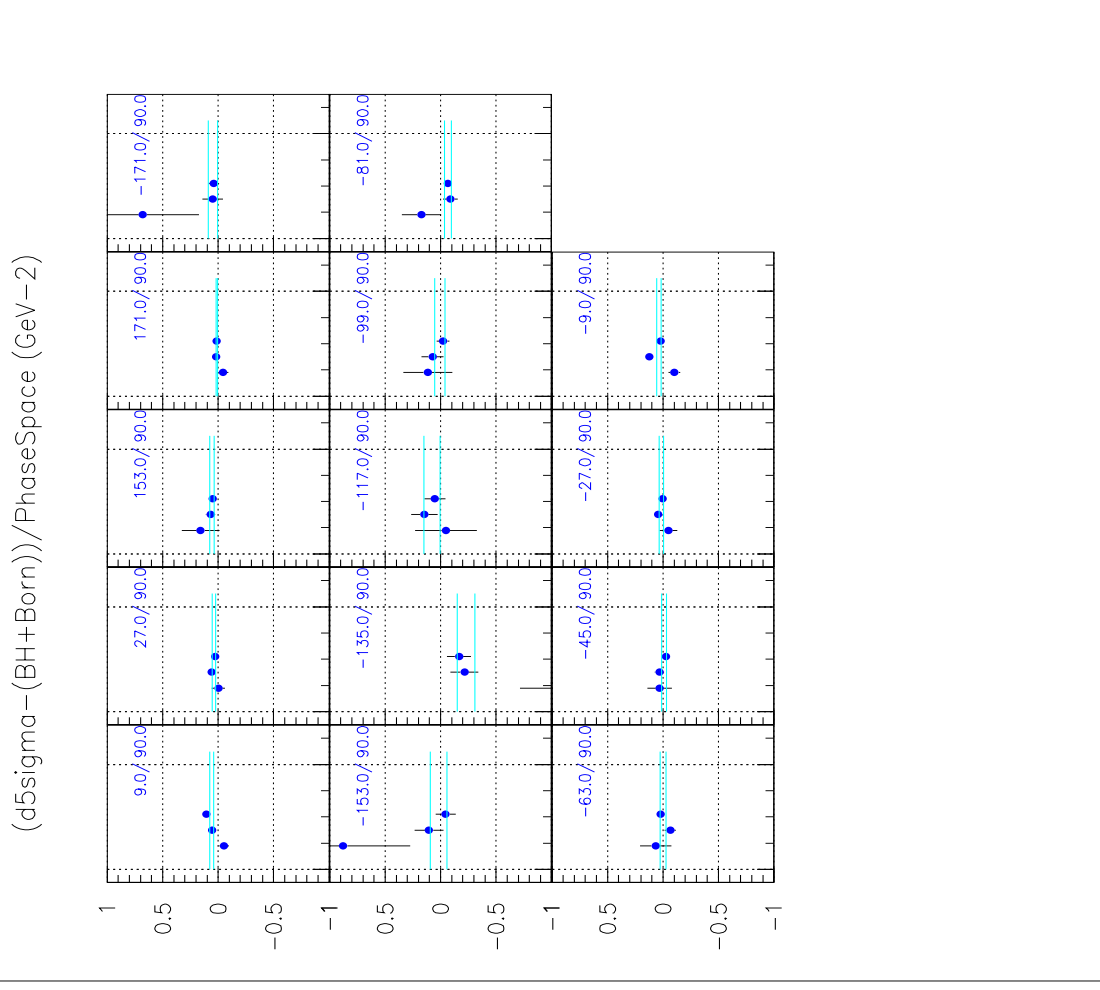
at the lowest value of  $q'_{cm}$  we compare ( $d^5\sigma_{EXP} \times F$ ) with (BetheHeitler + Born + GPs 1st order), where the GP effect is the smallest ( $\sim 2 \%$ ).  $\Rightarrow F$  given by a  $\chi^2$  minimization.

All analyses give  $F$  in the range: 0.995 to 1.015 (i.e. agreement with  $BH+Born$  to better than  $\pm 2 \%$ ).

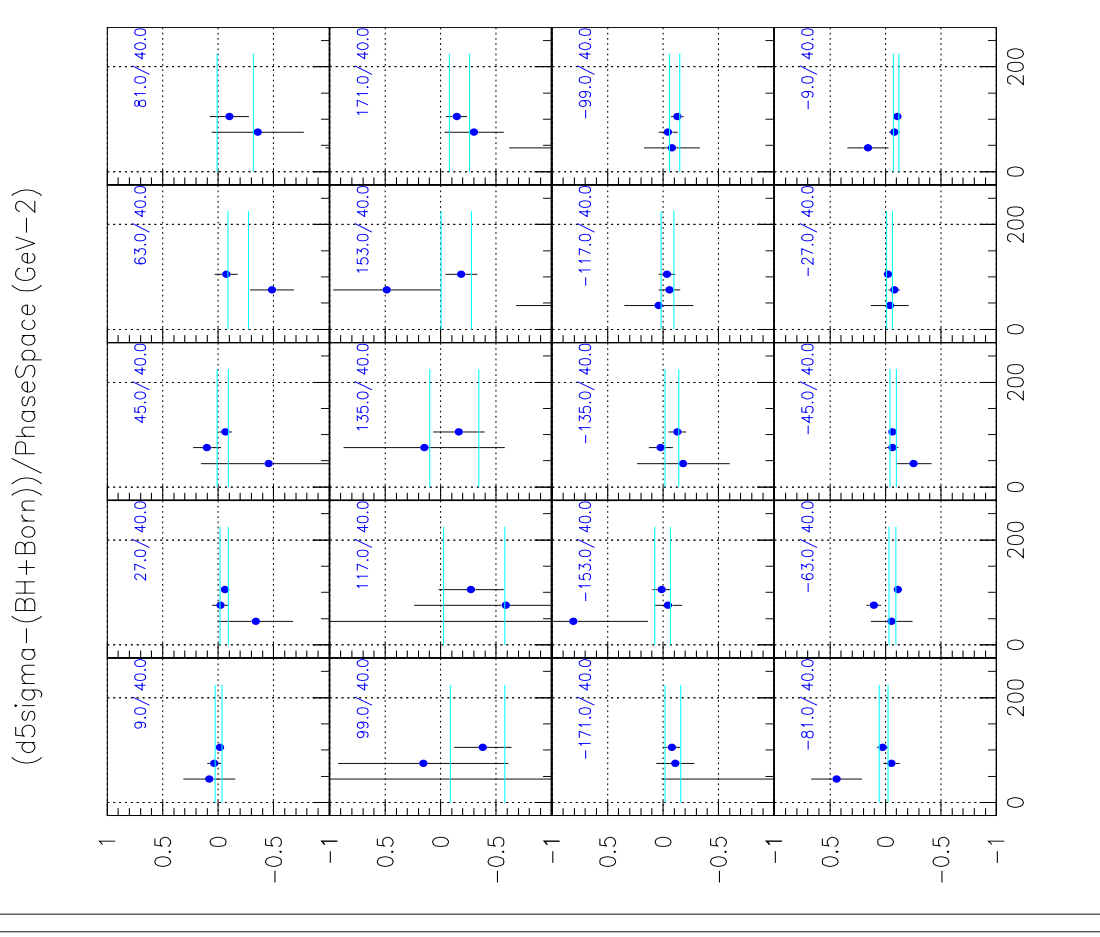
- we **renormalize**  $d^5\sigma_{EXP}$  by  $F$ .
- the  **$\sim 2-3 \%$**  syst.error due to absolute normalization can also be seen as the uncertainty on the (BH+Born) cross section, due to the knowledge of proton EM Form factors ( $\sim 1-1.5 \%$  in the Brash parametrization).

$q'_{cm}$  - dependence. Dataset at  $\langle Q^2 \rangle = 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$

## LEPTON PLANE



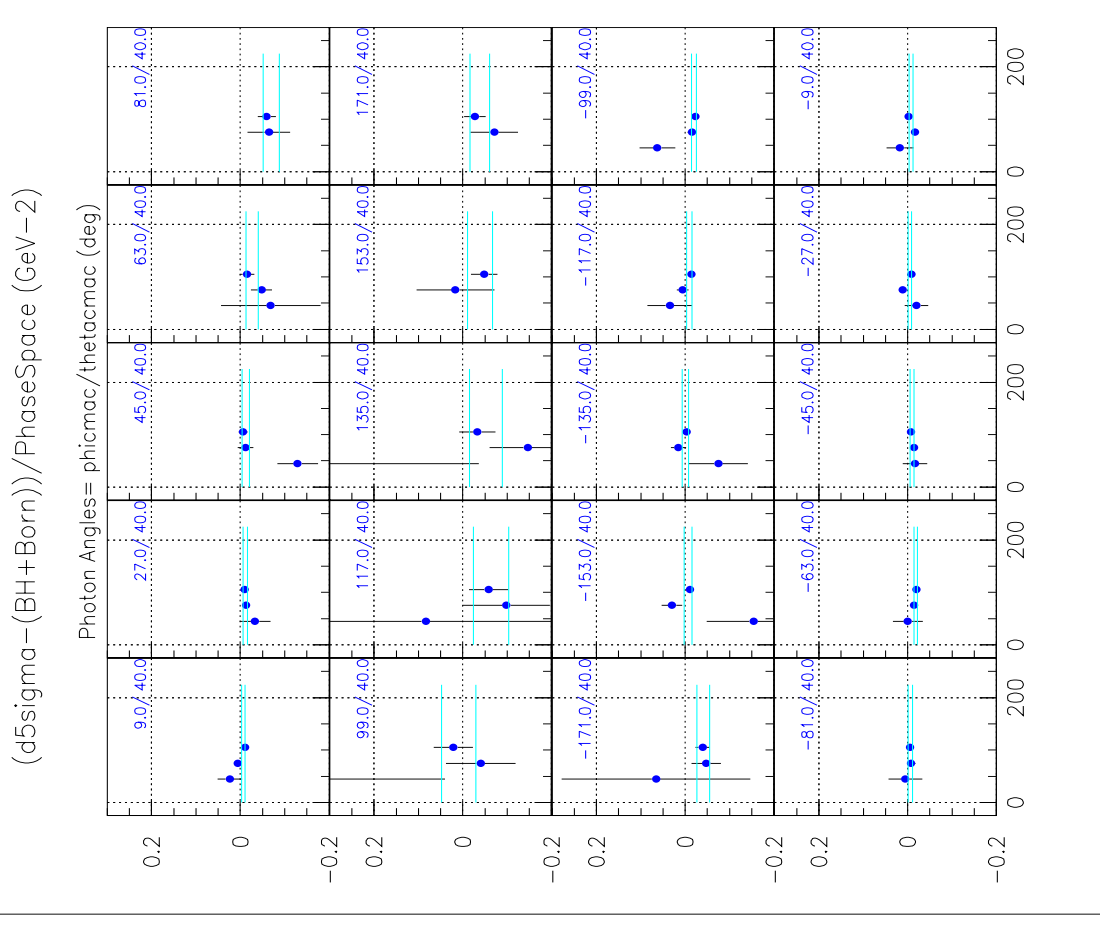
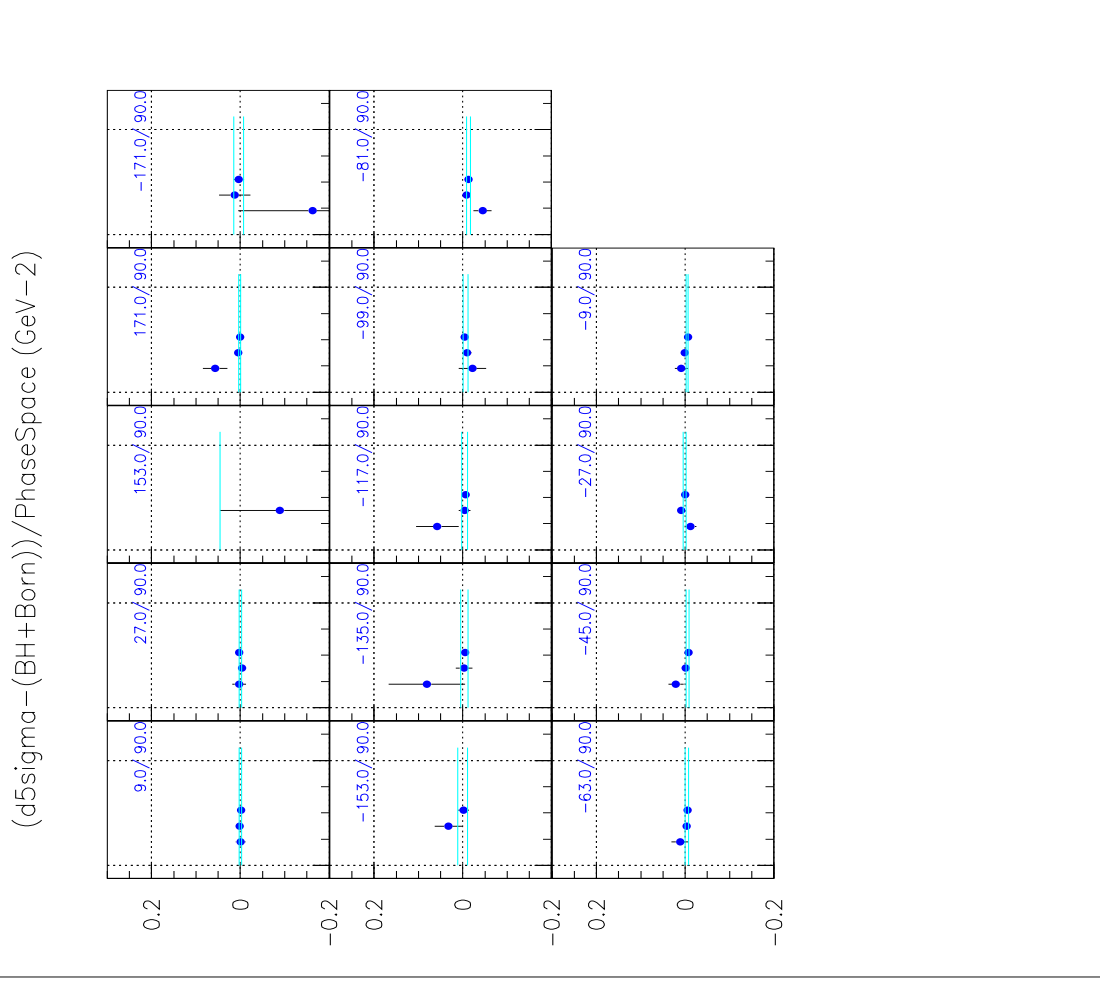
## 40° OUT-OF-PLANE



$q'_{cm}$  - dependence. Dataset at  $< Q^2 > = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$

## LEPTON PLANE

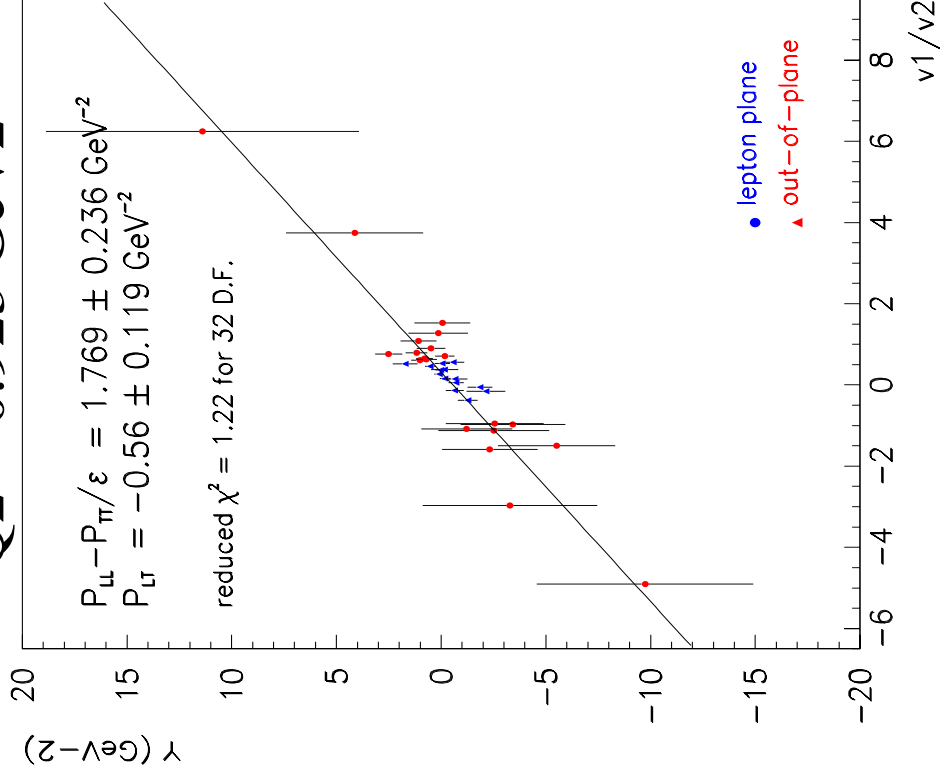
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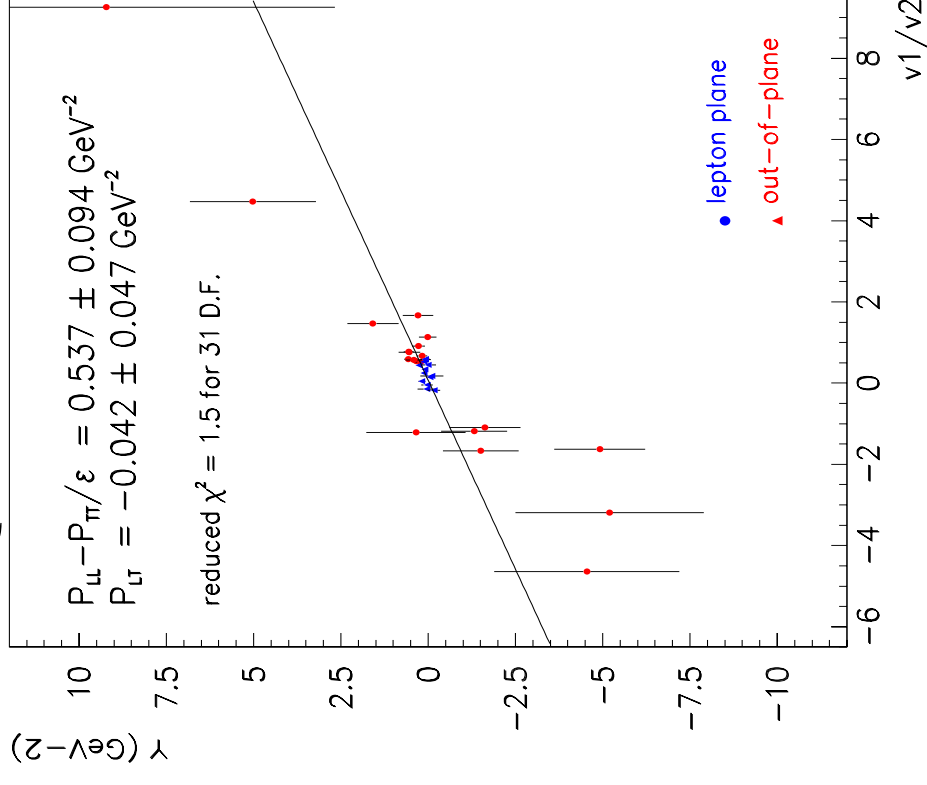
## Polarizability fit

**in ordinate :**  $Y = (d\sigma_{EXP} - d\sigma_{BHB}) / \text{PhaseSpaceFactor} / v_2 = P_{LT} + \frac{v_1}{v_2}(P_{LL} - P_{TT}/\epsilon)$

**Q2 = 0.923 GeV2**

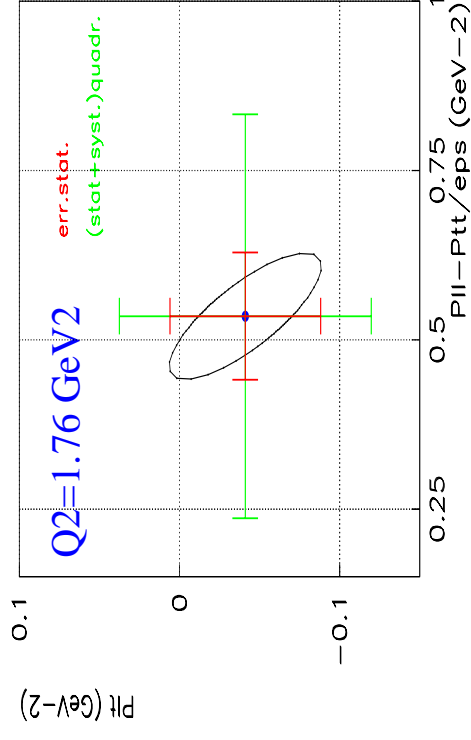
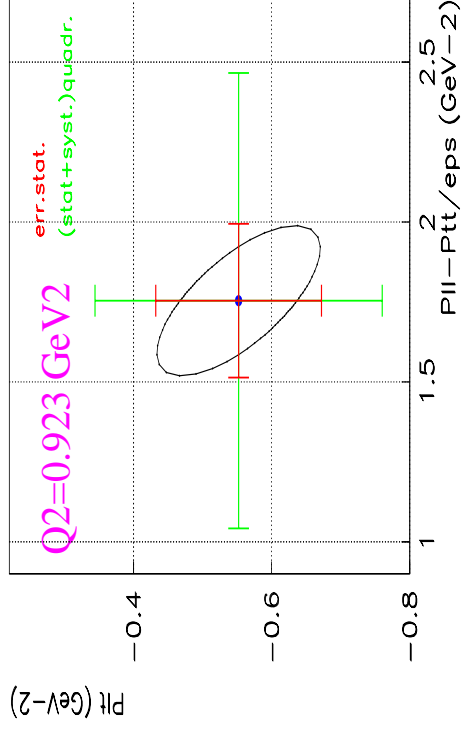


**Q2 = 1.76 GeV2**



### Error bars and results

	$P_{LL} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} P_{TT} \text{ (GeV}^{-2}\text{)}$	$P_{LT} \text{ (GeV}^{-2}\text{)}$
<b>SYST.ERR.</b>	$Q^2 = 0.923 \text{ GeV}^2$	$Q^2 = 0.923 \text{ GeV}^2$
nor. ( $\pm 3\%$ )	+0.505 -0.506	+0.047 -0.047
$E_0$ ( $\pm 2 \text{ MeV}$ )	+0.391 -0.354	+0.132 -0.024
$\theta_{hrs}$ ( $\pm 0.5 \text{ mr}$ )	+0.283 -0.167	+0.185 -0.094
sym. + ( $\quad$ ) <sup>2</sup>	$\pm 0.667$	$\pm 0.167$
<b>RESULT</b>	$+1.77 \pm 0.24 \text{ (stat)}$ $\pm 0.67 \text{ (syst)}$	$-0.56 \pm 0.12 \text{ (stat)}$ $\pm 0.17 \text{ (syst)}$
	$Q^2 = 1.76 \text{ GeV}^2$	$Q^2 = 1.76 \text{ GeV}^2$
	+0.142 -0.142	+0.004 -0.004
	+0.139 -0.074	+0.017 -0.005
	+0.159 -0.283	+0.090 -0.033 -0.283
	$\pm 0.283$	$\pm 0.063$
	$+0.537 \pm 0.094 \text{ (stat)}$ $\pm 0.283 \text{ (syst)}$	$-0.042 \pm 0.047 \text{ (stat)}$ $\pm 0.063 \text{ (syst)}$



## VCS Structure Functions (LEX Results). 1

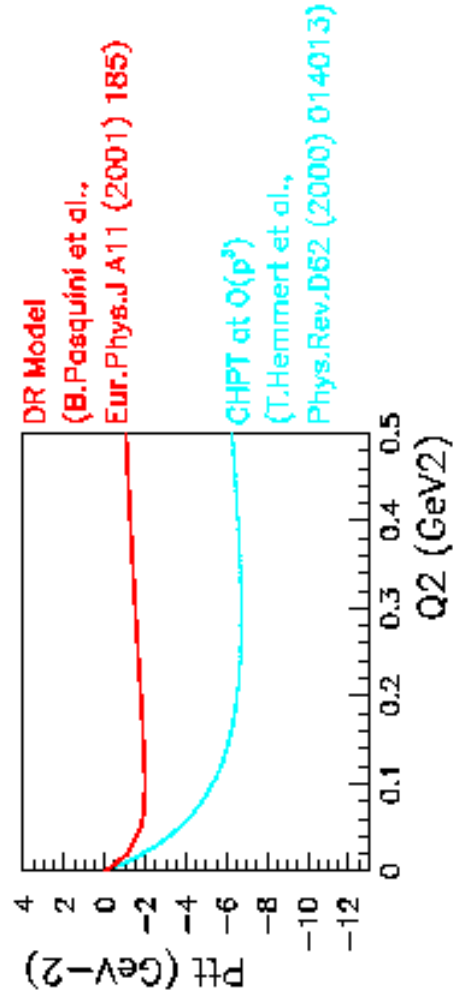
EXPT	$Q^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$\epsilon$	$P_{LL} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}P_{TT}$ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )	$P_{LT}$ (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )
TAPS (Mainz)	0		$81.3 \pm 2.00 \pm 3.36$	$-5.38 \pm 1.34 \pm 1.90$
VCS (Mainz)	0.33	0.62	$23.7 \pm 2.2 \pm 4.3$	$-5.0 \pm 0.8 \pm 1.8$
VCS (JLab) (E93050)	0.92	0.95	$1.77 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.67$	$-0.56 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.17$
VCS (JLab) (E93050)	1.76	0.88	$0.54 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.28$	$-0.042 \pm 0.047 \pm 0.63$

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different  $\epsilon$  !

add  $P_{TT}/\epsilon$  from a model  
(see below) & plot  $P_{LL}(Q^2)$

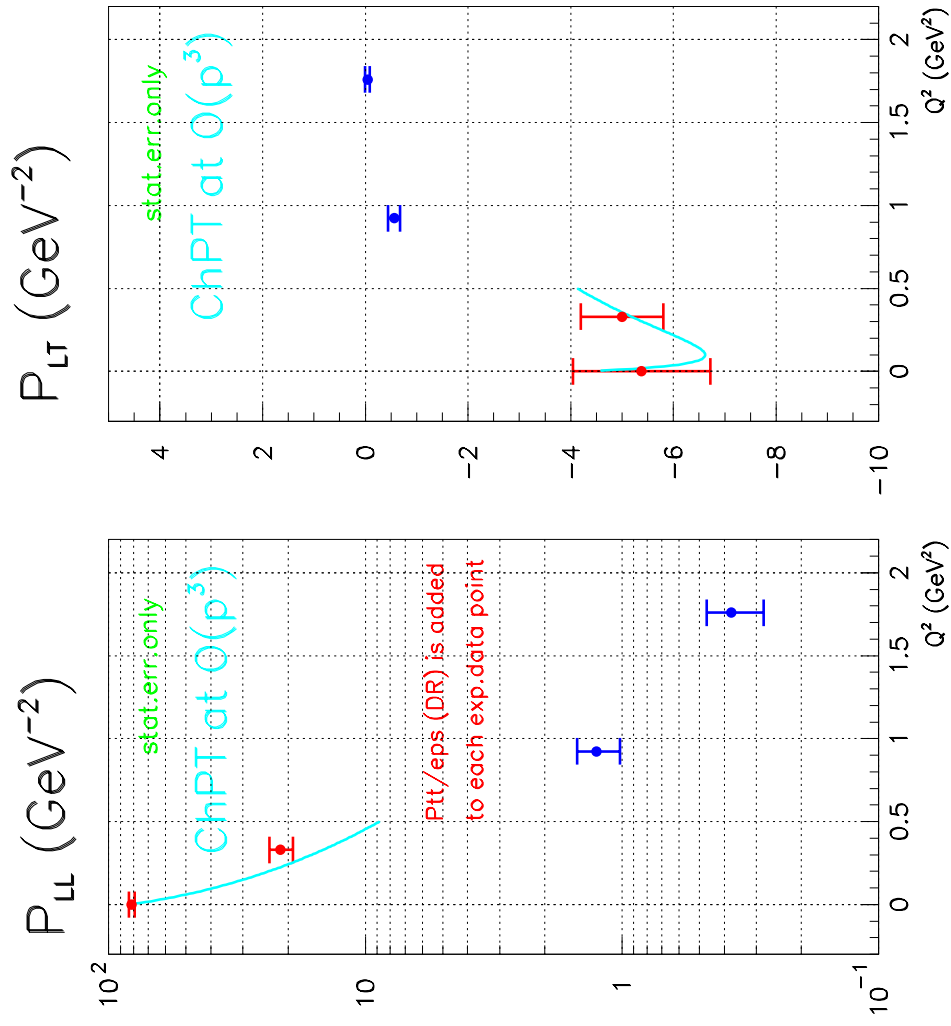
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plot  $P_{LT}(Q^2)$





## VCS Structure Functions (LEX Results). 2



proton EM Form factors = parametrization of Brash et al.

exp. point at  $Q^2=0.00$  / (RCS) V.Olmos de Leon et al., Eur.Phys.J.A10 (2001) 207

exp. point at  $Q^2=0.33$  / VCS (Mami) J.Roche et al, Phys.Rev.Lett.85 (2000) 798

exp. point at  $Q^2=0.92$  and  $1.76$  / VCS JLab E93050 LEX analysis