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**Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering  
at HERA II (H1 results)**

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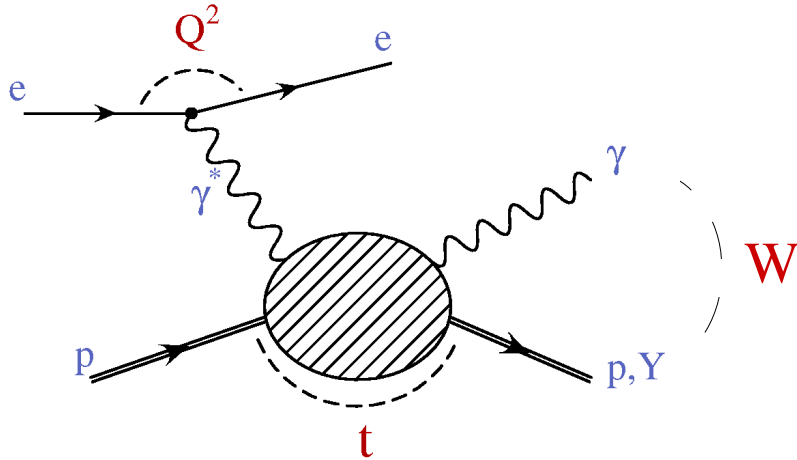
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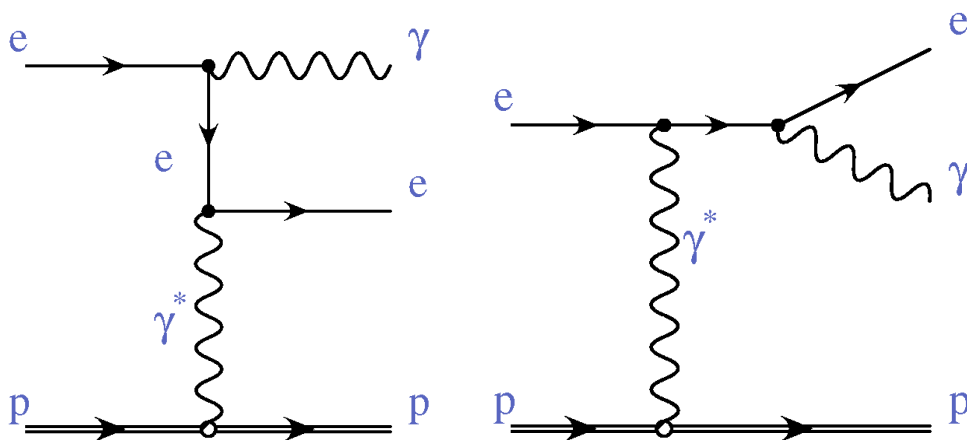


# Introduction



- $Q^2$ : virtuality at which the proton is probed
- $t$ : square of the 4-momentum transfer at the proton vertex
- $W$ : energy in the  $\gamma^*p$  center of mass system

Same final state as the BH process:

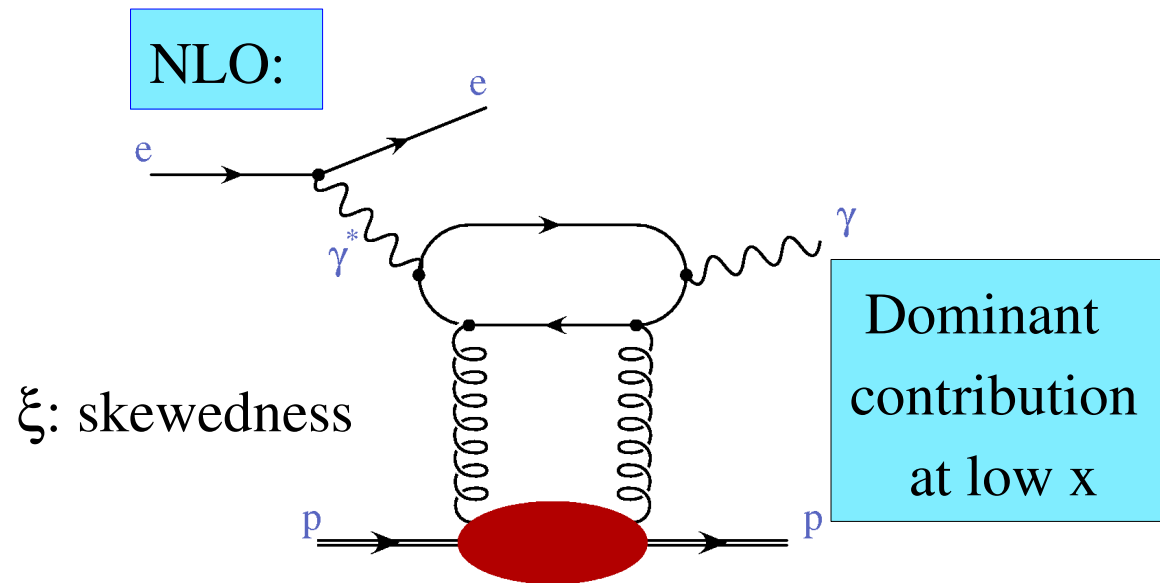
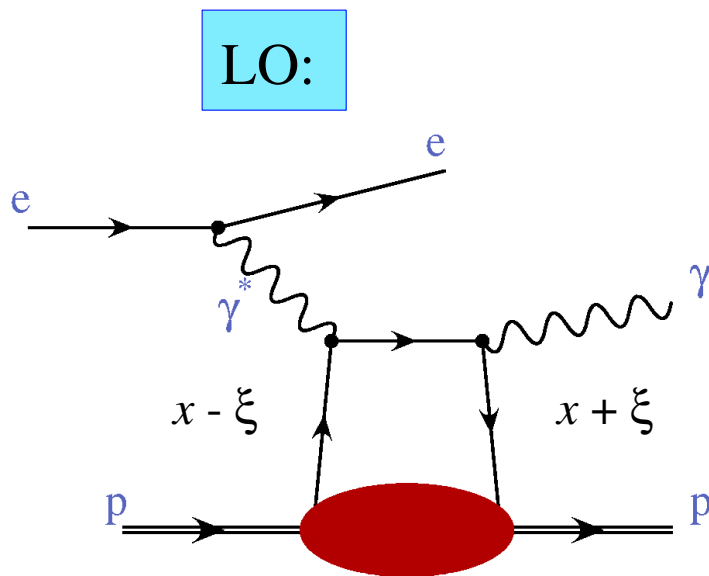


- BH is a purely QED process involving only proton elastic form factors  $\longrightarrow$  precise knowledge of this background  $\longrightarrow$  use it to study the detector response

- DVCS and BH processes interfere  $\longrightarrow$  interference term vanishes because of integration over the azimuthal angle

# QCD predictions

$Q^2 \gg 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $-t \ll Q^2$ : factorization of the DVCS process amplitude into a hard scattering at parton level, fully calculable in pQCD and a non-perturbative part describing the internal dynamics of the proton.



Emitted and absorbed partons carry different longitudinal momentum fractions

—> new formalism to describe the dynamics inside of the proton:

Generalized Parton Distributions:  $GPD = f(x, \xi, t; \mu^2)$

—> distribution of the partons in the transverse plane

correlation between longitudinal and transverse distributions

# QCD predictions

4 types of GPD:	proton helicity conserved	allow proton helicity flip
unpolarized	$H^{q,g}(x, \xi, t; \mu^2)$	$E^{q,g}(x, \xi, t; \mu^2)$
polarized	$\tilde{H}^{q,g}(x, \xi, t; \mu^2)$	$\tilde{E}^{q,g}(x, \xi, t; \mu^2)$

At low  $x$ : sensitivity to NLO processes and dominant contribution from  $H^g(x, \xi, t; \mu^2)$

## NLO leading twist (+ twist three) QCD predictions

by A. Freund and M. McDermott (Eur.Phys.J. C23 (2002) 651)

DGLAP region:  $|x| > \xi$

ERBL region:  $|x| < \xi$

quark singlet:  $H^q(x, \xi, t; \mu^2) = q(x; \mu^2) e^{-b|t|}$

gluon:  $H^g(x, \xi, t; \mu^2) = x g(x; \mu^2) e^{-b|t|}$

input: usual pdfs from MRST2001 and CTEQ6  
at a starting scale

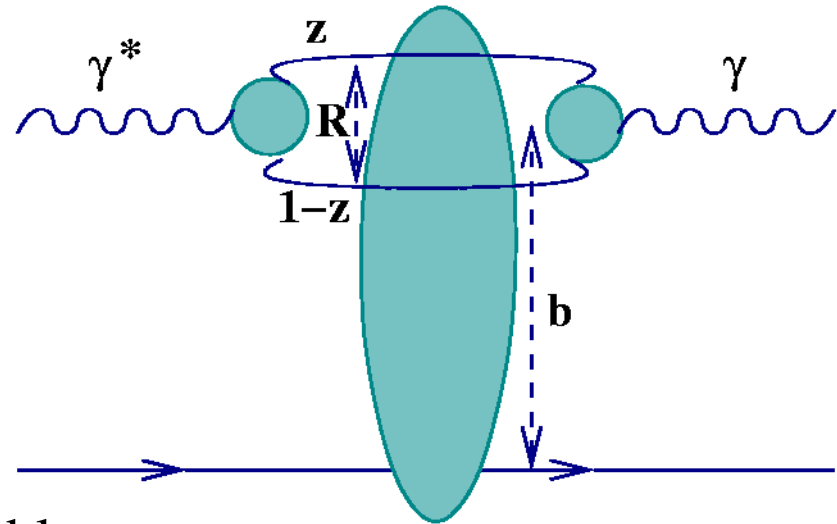
quark singlet and gluon  
distributions are parametrized  
by simple analytic functions

$Q^2$  and  $\xi$  dependence: generated dynamically by the evolution equations.

# Color Dipole Model

In proton rest frame, DVCS process can be seen as 3 subprocesses factorized in time:

1.  $\gamma^*$  fluctuates into a  $q\bar{q}$  pair
2. color dipole interacts with the proton
3.  $q\bar{q}$  pair annihilates in a real  $\gamma$



$$A = \int d^2R dz \Psi_{\gamma^*}^{in} \sigma_{\text{dipole}} \Psi_{\gamma}^{out}$$

$\Psi_{\gamma^*}^{in}$ ,  $\Psi_{\gamma}^{out}$ : photon wave function calculable

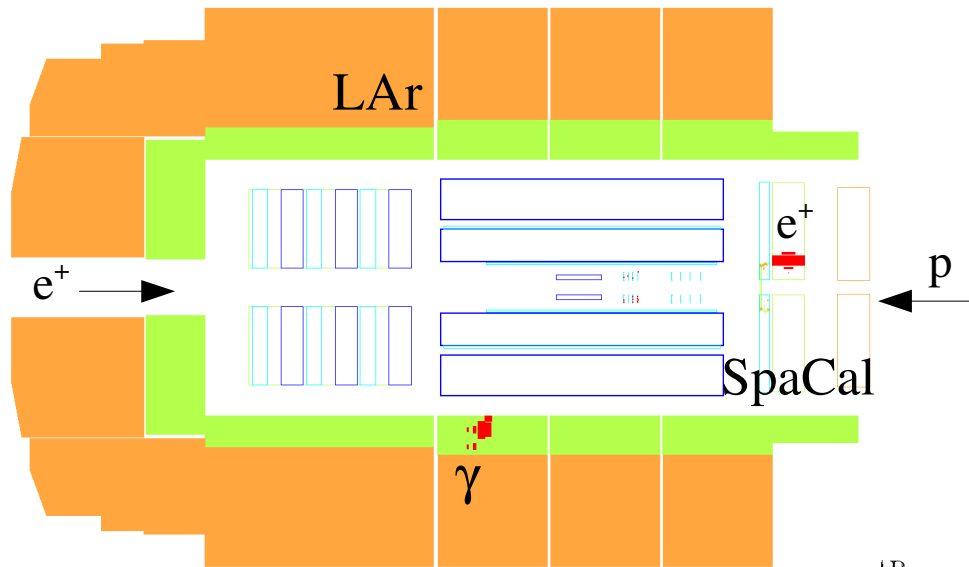
$\sigma_{\text{dipole}}$ : model dependent

GBW saturation model applied to DVCS with DGLAP evolution (BGBK)

by L. Favart and M.V.T. Machado  
 Eur.Phys.J C29, 365 (2003)

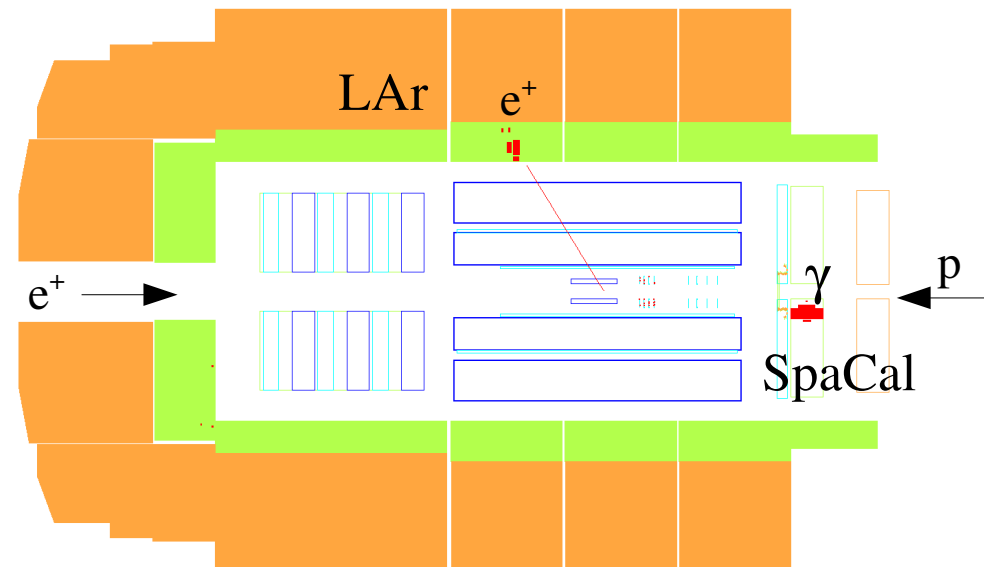
# Analysis strategy & events selection

DVCS enriched sample



Both DVCS and BH events  
contribute to this sample

BH control sample



Sample dominated by BH events

Particle in Spacal:  $E_1 > 15 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $153^\circ < \theta_1 < 175^\circ$

Particle in LAr:  $P_{T2} > 2 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $25^\circ < \theta_2 < 145^\circ$

Elastic selection: no other cluster with  $E > 0.5 \text{ GeV}$  in LAr  
fwd detectors used as veto

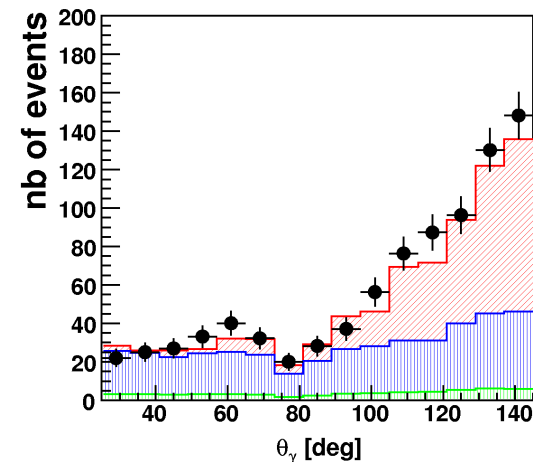
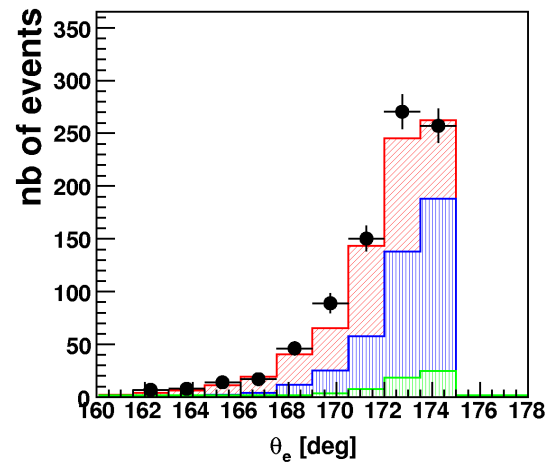
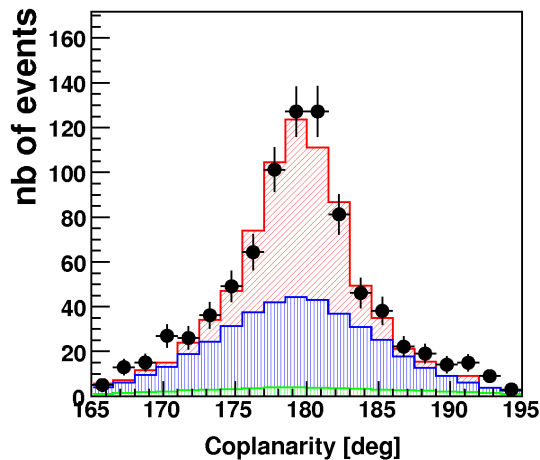
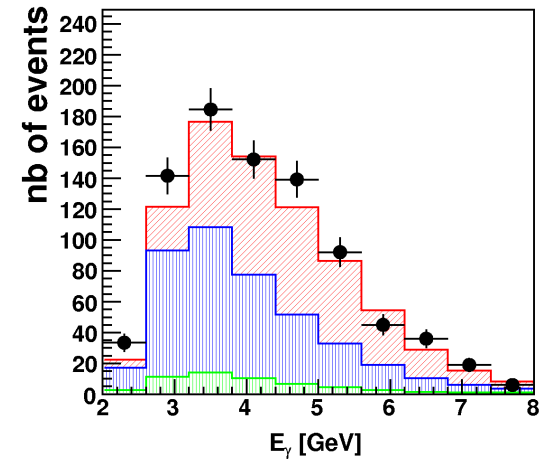
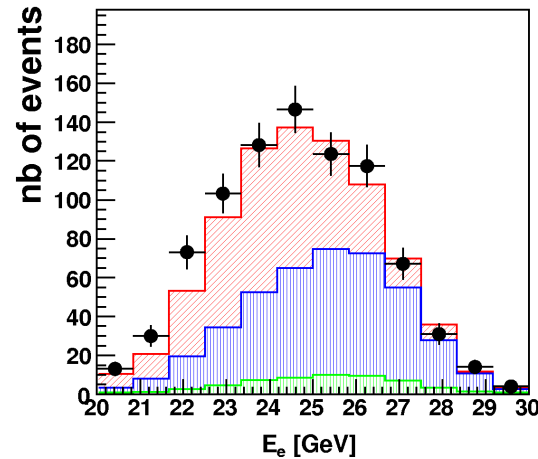
# Control Plots DVCS enriched sample

H1 data 2004

$L = 39.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$

- Data : 859
- MC : 800.739
- ▨ DVCSPdis: 56.390
- ▨ DVCSEla: 371.760
- ▨ Compton: 372.589

H1 Preliminary



MC Simulation: Milou generator for DVCS el. & inel. contributions  
(NLO QCD cross-section + radiative corrections)  
Compton20 for the BH el. & inel. contributions

# Cross Section Measurement

Kinematics range:  $6.5 < Q^2 < 80 \text{ GeV}^2$   
 $30 < W < 140 \text{ GeV}$   
 $|t| < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

extraction of the  $e p \rightarrow e p \gamma$  cross section:

bin by bin subtraction of the background  
(elastic and inelastic BH, inelastic DVCS)

correction for acceptance, efficiency and radiative corrections

extraction of the  $\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p$  cross section: photon flux factor

Main contributions to systematics uncertainties

Proton dissociation background subtraction: 8 to 14 %

Correction for the acceptance (  $t$  dependence): 2 to 6 % in the highest  $t$  bin

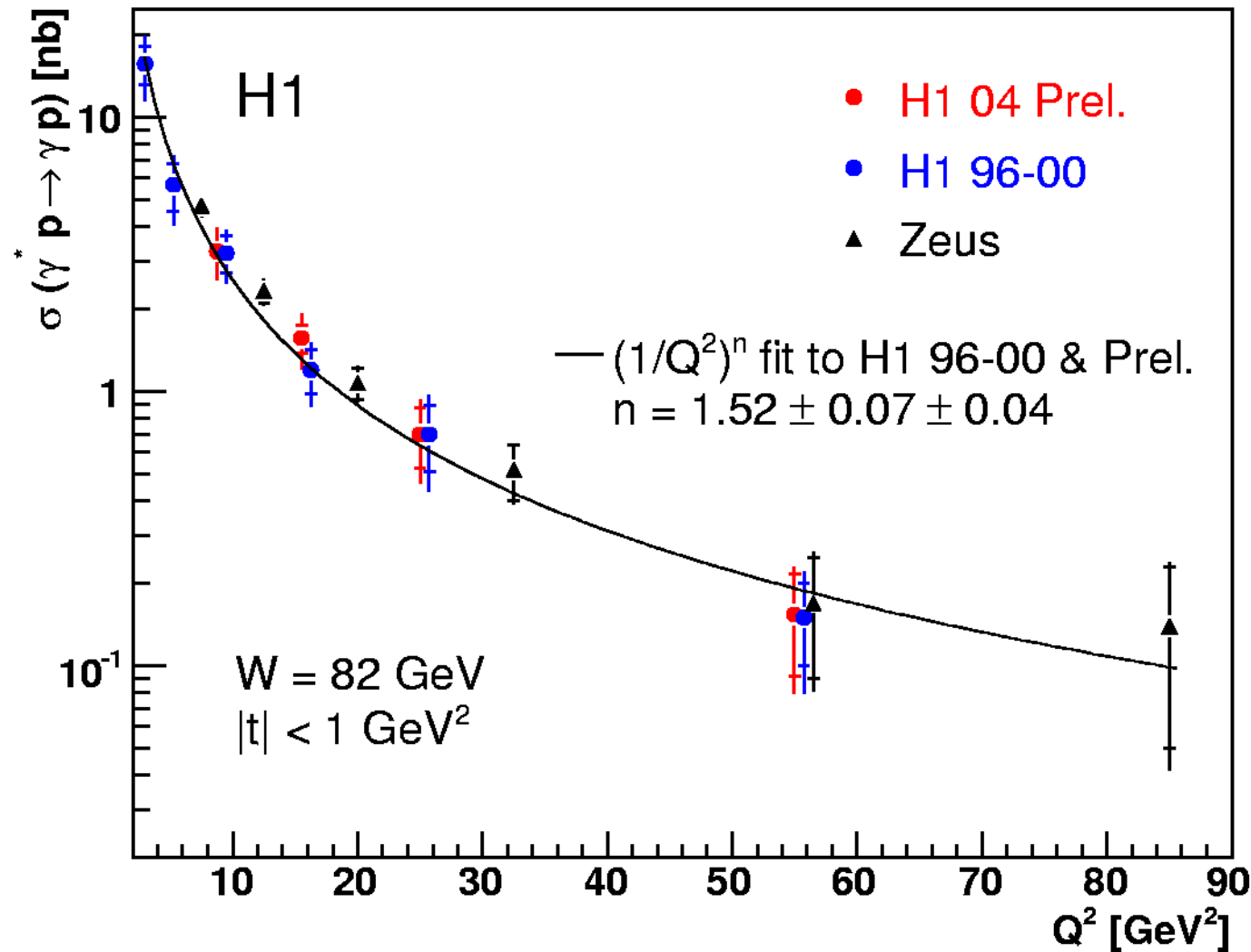
Bin center correction for the  $W$  and  $Q^2$  dependence: 3 to 6 %

$\Delta\theta_e, \Delta\theta_\gamma$  (1/3mrad): 4 to 6 %

uncertainty on the energy scale: 2 to 5 %



# Q<sup>2</sup> dependence



Good agreement between H1 results

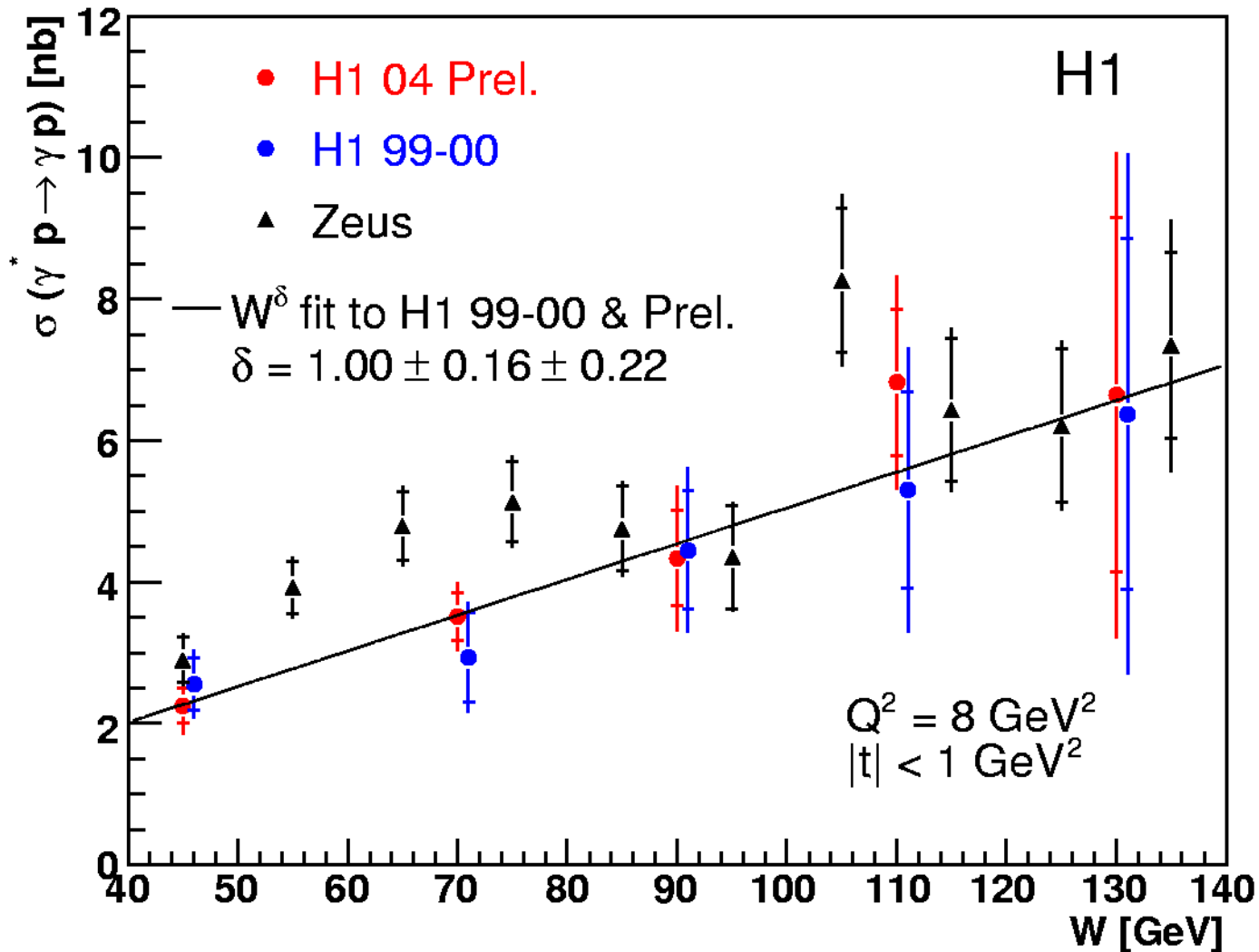
Combined fit to the H1 96-00 and H1 04 Prel. data using the parametrization:

$$\sigma(Q^2) = A \cdot (1/Q^2)^n$$

statistical error on n parameter decreased

# W dependence

$\delta$  value indicates presence of a hard scale

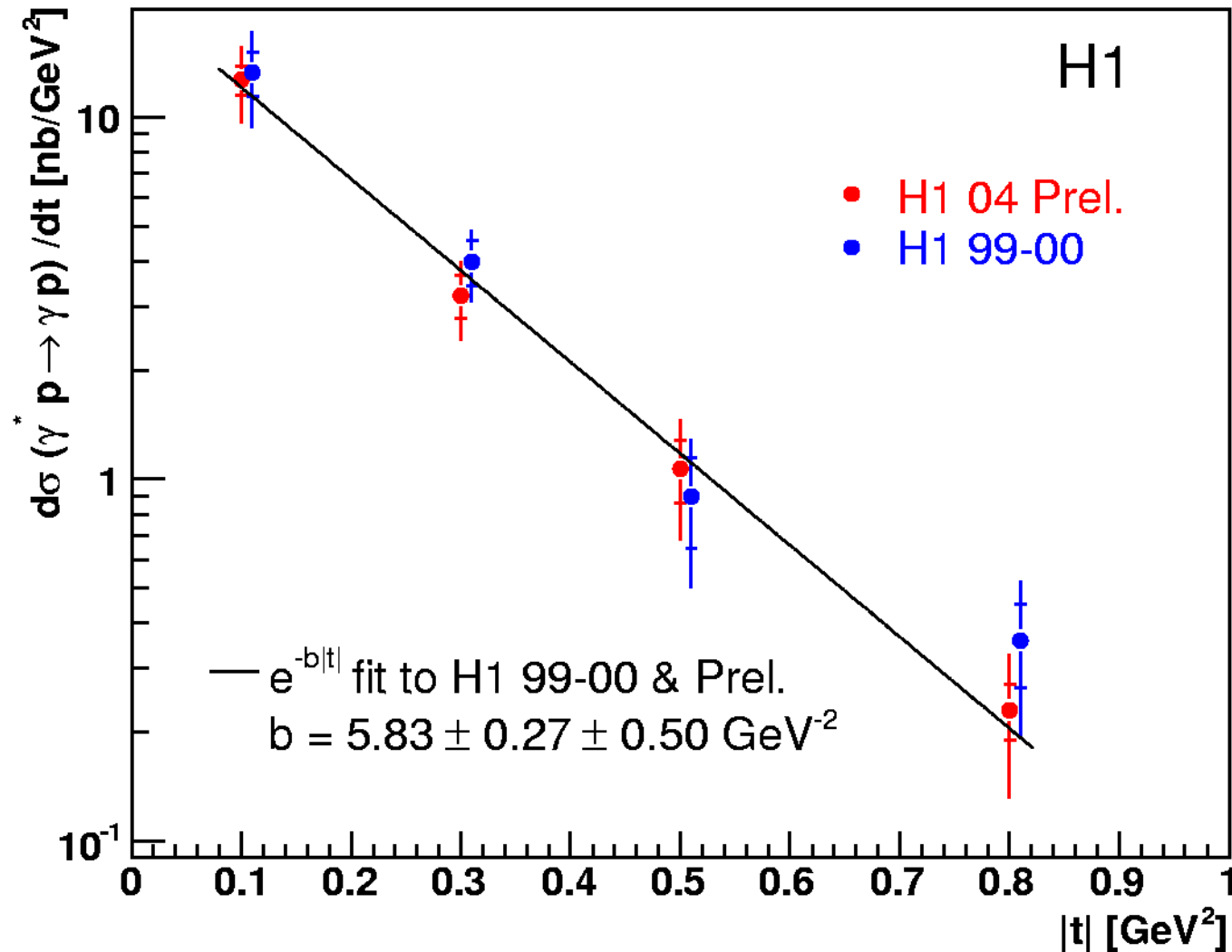


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# t dependence

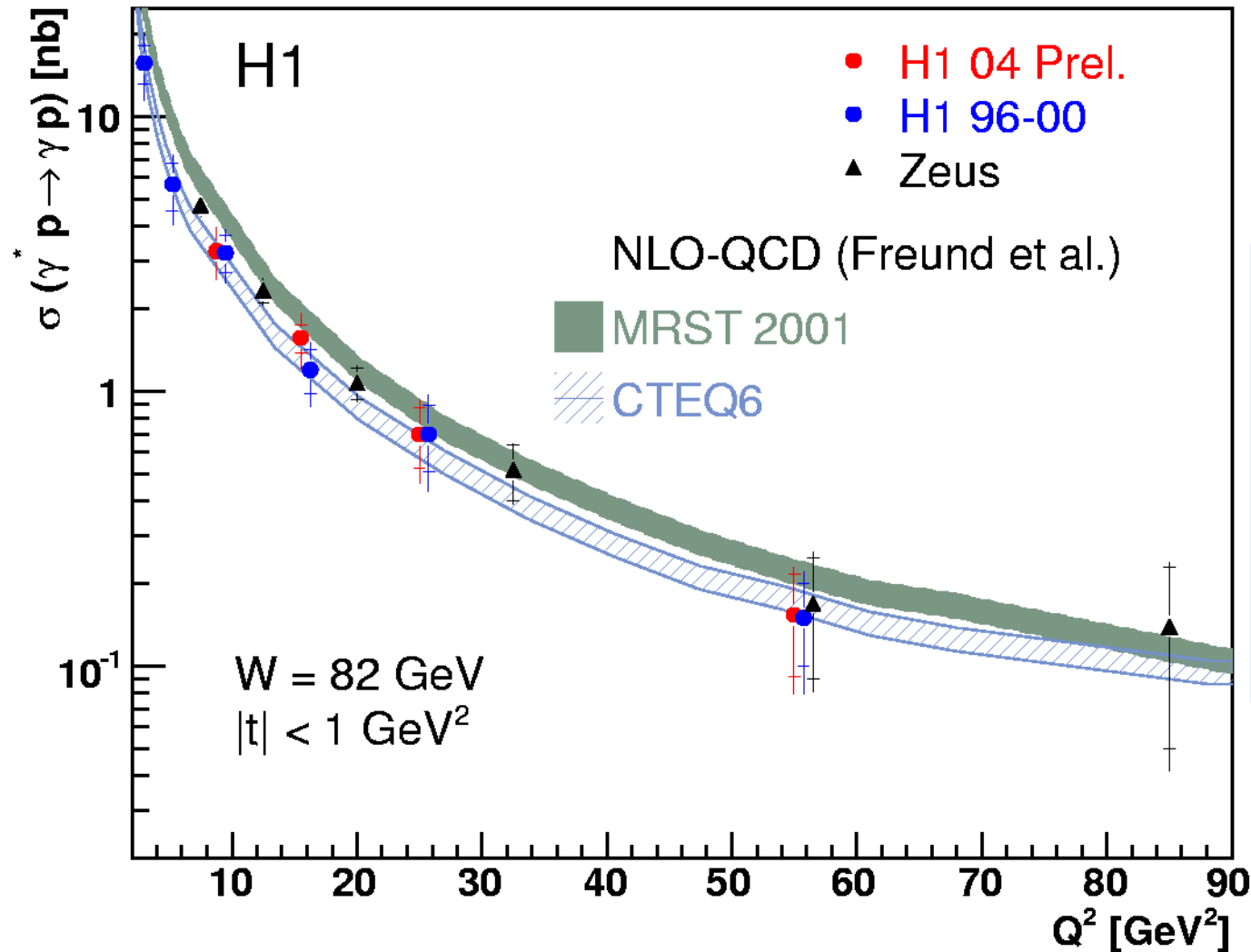


Combined fit to the H1 99-00 and H1 04 Prel. data using the parametrization:

$$d\sigma/dt(t) = d\sigma/dt|_{t=0} e^{-b|t|}$$

statistical error on t slope b decreased

# $Q^2$ dependence: NLO predictions

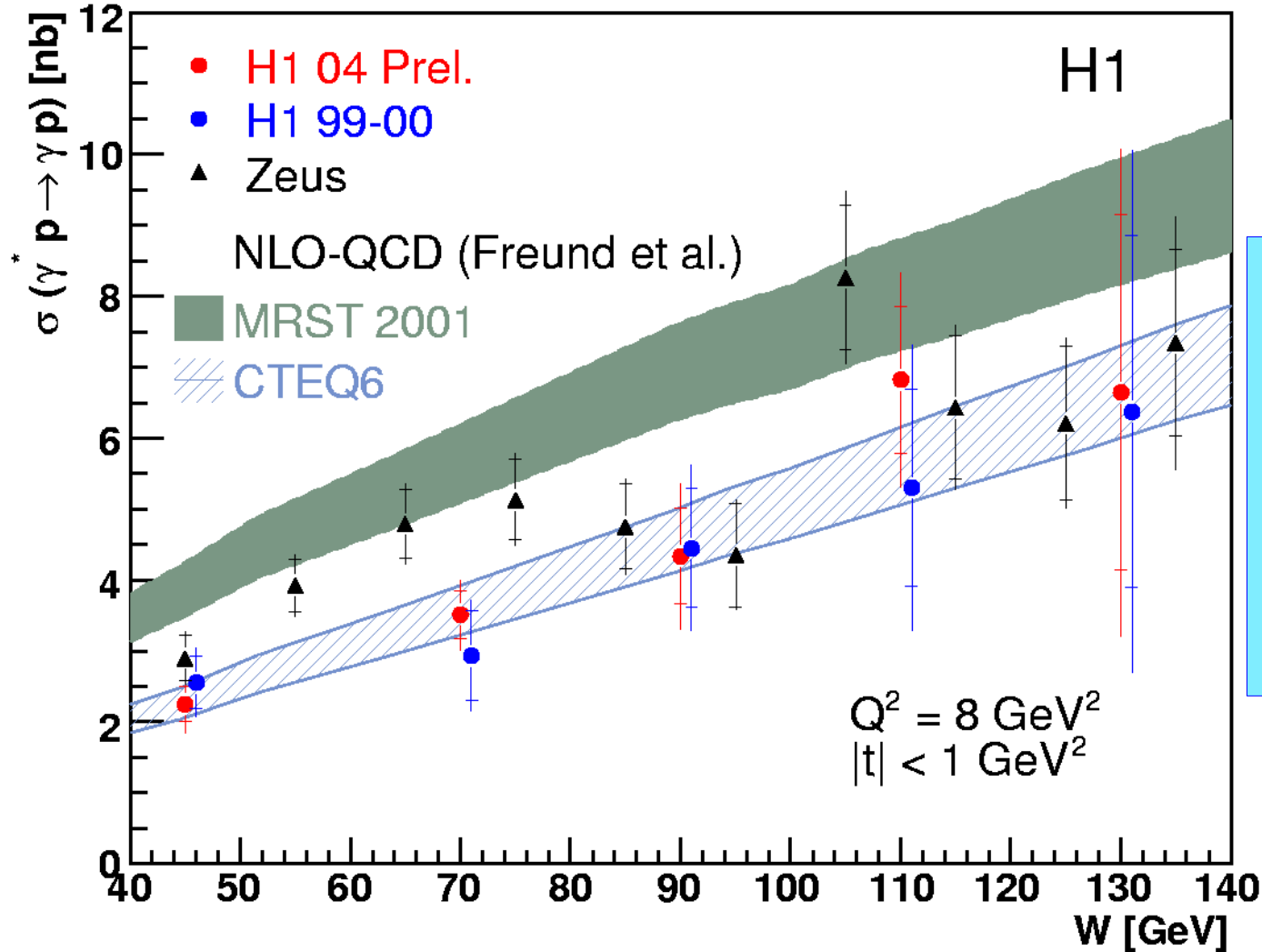


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Band width includes experimental error on  $b$ :  $5.26 < b < 6.40$   
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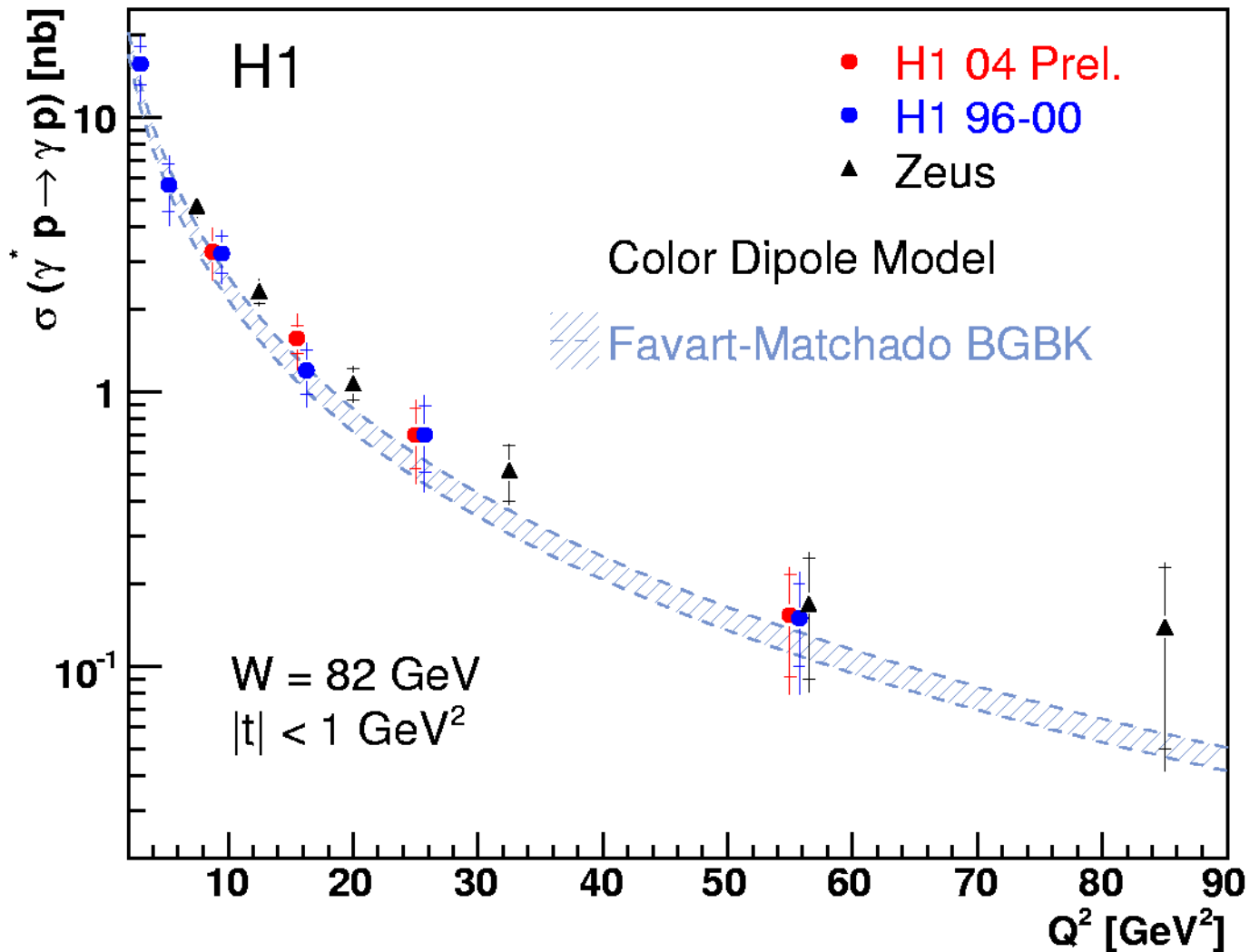


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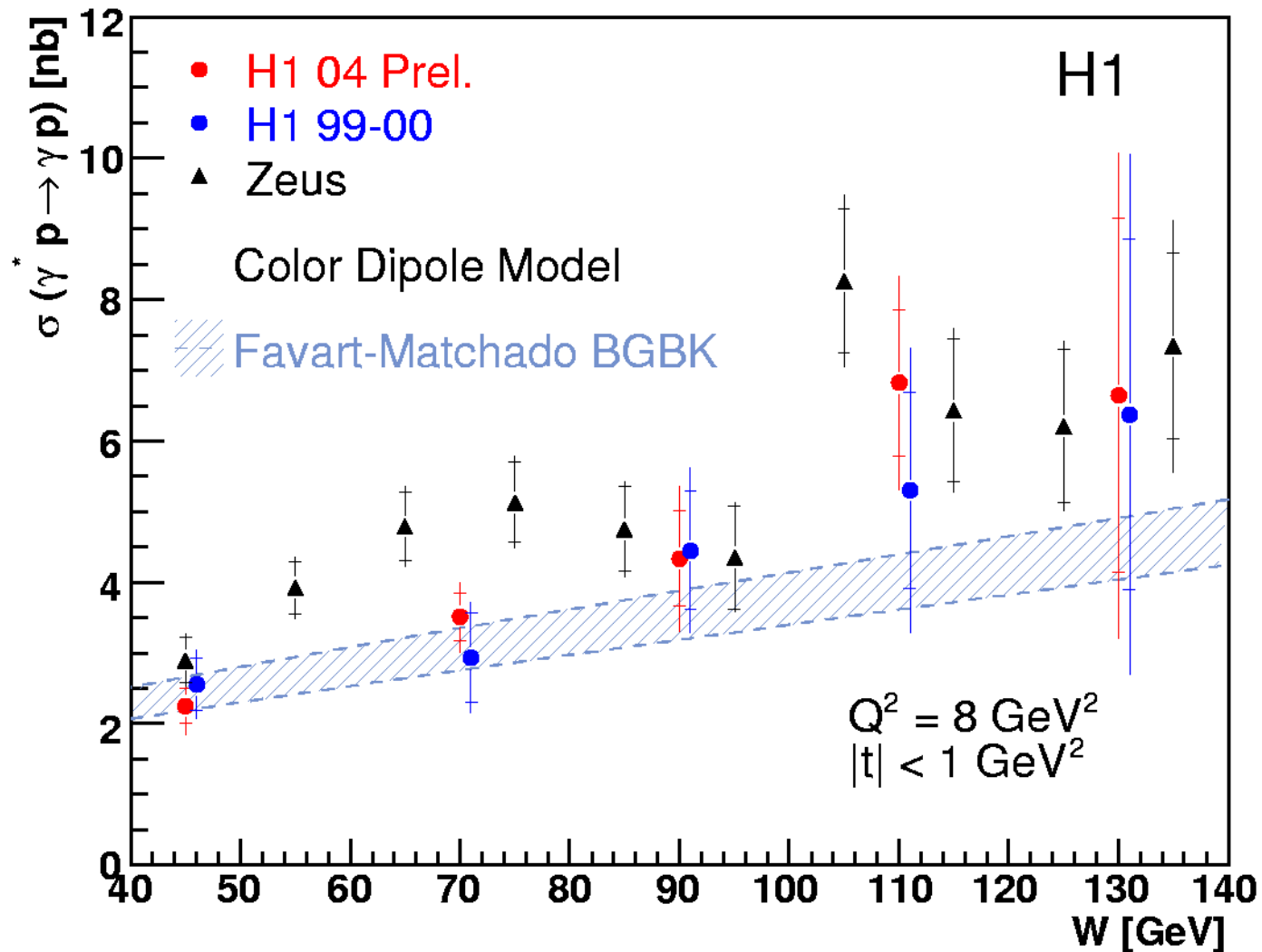
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# Conclusions and outlook

First HERAII measurement of DVCS cross sections

Preliminary results are in agreement with previous H1 results,  
QCD predictions and dipole model

Statistical errors on  $n$ ,  $b$  and  $\delta$  slopes have decreased