## First Rosenbluth separation on $\pi^0$ at Jefferson Laboratory-Hall A

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Although being a higher-twist contribution, the transverse response was assumed to be responsible of the large  $\pi^0$  electroproduction cross sections measured by the Hall A and CLAS collaboration. However no Rosenbluth separation has been performed yet to verify this assumption.

We will present new results of  $\pi^0$  electroproduction cross sections in the valence region ( $\mathbf{x}_{Bj}$ =0.36) at three Q<sup>2</sup>-values (1.5, 1.75 and 2 GeV<sup>2</sup>).

Unlike the previous data sets, each kinematical setting was run with two beam energies. It allows to perform, for the first time, the separation of the longitudinal and transverse contributions.