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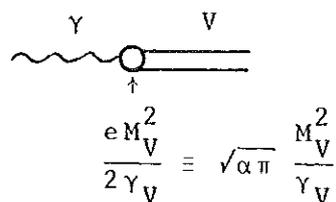
This lecture will cover three areas of photo- and electroproduction, for which new results have been obtained since the 1971 Cornell conference<sup>1</sup>. These are the  $\rho'$ , rho electroproduction and the  $Q^2$  dependence of the multiplicities and inclusive particle spectra.

## 1. A new vectorstate, the $\rho'$

In the framework of the vector dominance model (VDM) the photon, or equivalently the electromagnetic current,  $j_\mu(x)$ , when interacting with hadrons can be described by the fields of  $\rho, \omega$  and  $\phi$ <sup>2</sup>:

$$j_\mu(x) = -e \left\{ \frac{M_\rho^2}{2\gamma_\rho} \rho_\mu(x) + \frac{M_\omega^2}{2\gamma_\omega} \omega_\mu(x) + \frac{M_\phi^2}{2\gamma_\phi} \phi_\mu(x) \right\}$$

where  $M_V$  ( $V = \rho, \omega, \phi$ ) is the vector meson mass and  $\gamma_V$  measures the  $\gamma$ -V coupling strength:

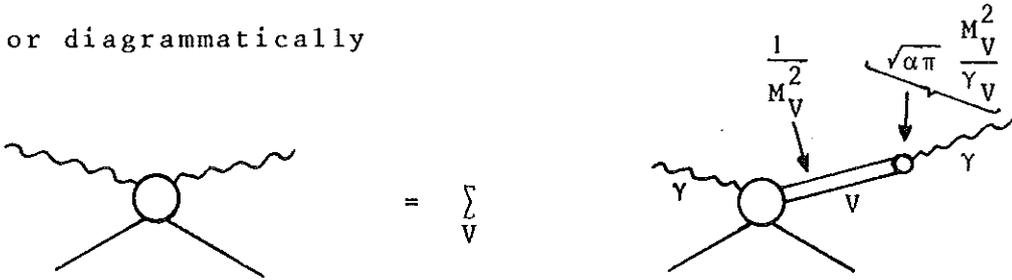


$$\frac{eM_V^2}{2\gamma_V} \equiv \sqrt{\alpha\pi} \frac{M_V^2}{\gamma_V}$$

This conjecture has greatly stimulated the study of photon hadron interactions and has proven to be a useful guide for understanding many of the phenomena observed. One of the possible applications of Eq(1) is to relate the Compton amplitude to transverse vector meson photoproduction:

$$T_{\gamma P \rightarrow \gamma P} = \sum_{V=\rho, \omega, \phi} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha\pi}}{\gamma_V} T_{\gamma P \rightarrow V P}^{\text{trans}} \quad (2)$$

or diagrammatically



Using the  $\gamma_V$  values determined at Orsay<sup>3</sup> and Novosibirsk<sup>4</sup> from  $e^+e^-$  annihilation,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow V$ , and the measured cross sections for  $\gamma p \rightarrow Vp$  it turned out, that  $\rho, \omega$  and  $\phi$  in Eq(2) contributed only ~70 % of the Compton amplitude<sup>5,6</sup>. Difficulties with VDM were also encountered in other areas such as the nucleon electromagnetic formfactor. One of the remedies proposed was the addition of further vector mesons which yet had to be discovered. Extensive searches for such mesons were unsuccessful until this year when at Frascati<sup>7</sup> in a study of  $e^+e^-$  annihilation and by a Berkeley-SLAC Collaboration<sup>8</sup> analyzing the reaction

$$\gamma p \rightarrow p 2\pi^+ 2\pi^- \quad (3)$$

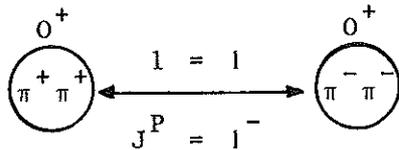
a  $4\pi$  vector state of mass ~1.5 GeV was discovered. Actually the first ones to observe a  $4\pi$  enhancement in reaction (3) in this mass region were Davier et al. in a streamer chamber experiment at SLAC<sup>9</sup>,

Fig. 1 shows the evidence from Frascati<sup>10</sup> for the so called  $\rho'$  in the  $2\pi^+2\pi^-$  system.

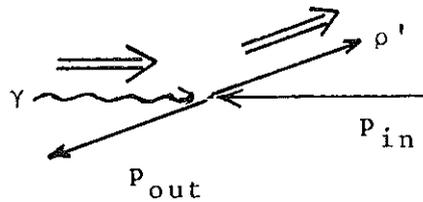
The data from the Berkeley-SLAC collaboration resulted from a 250 events/ $\mu\text{b}$  bubble chamber exposure. The photon beam was linearly polarized and had an energy of 9.3 GeV. Fig. 2 shows some of the mass distributions observed for reaction (3).

A distinct enhancement in the  $4\pi$  mass distribution near ~1.5 GeV is seen after the  $\Delta^{++}$  events (see Fig.2b) have been removed (shaded histogram in Fig.2a). The experiment established that the charged four-pion final state is reached via decay into  $\rho^0 + \sigma$ , where  $\sigma$  denotes a isospin zero s-wave  $\pi^+\pi^-$  system.

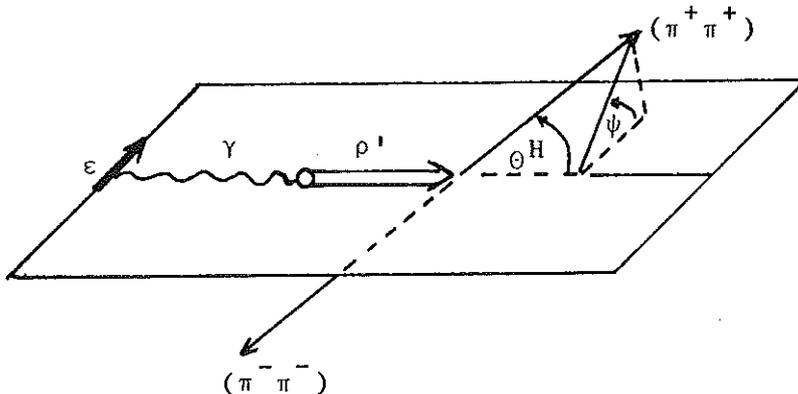
In the  $e^+e^-$  annihilation experiment spin and parity follow directly from the assumption of one-photon exchange, i.e.  $J^P_{\rho'} = 1^-$ . In the  $\gamma p$  experiment the  $J^P$  assignment was obtained from a study of the decay angular distribution of the  $\rho'$  with respect to the photon polarization vector  $\epsilon$ . In searching for an alignment of the  $\rho'$  with respect to  $\epsilon$  the trick was to group the four pions into  $(\pi^+\pi^+)$  and  $(\pi^-\pi^-)$ . The handwaving argument for such a grouping goes as follows. Because of Bose-statistics the possible states for these subsystems are  $J^P = 0^+, 2^+, 4^+ \dots$ . Suppose that  $J^P_{\rho'} = 1^-$  and both subsystems are in a  $0^+$  state. Then  $(\pi^+\pi^+)$  and  $(\pi^-\pi^-)$  will be in relative p-wave state:



The situation is now similar to  $\rho^0$  photoproduction with the  $\pi^+$  (from  $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ ) being replaced by the vector  $\vec{Q} = \vec{\pi}^+ + \vec{\pi}^+$ . From the results on  $\rho^0$  photoproduction<sup>11</sup> we expect the  $\rho'$  spin to be aligned along its direction of flight in the total cms, therefore,



with the definition of angles given below (for forward produced  $\rho'$ ) the vector  $\vec{Q}$  will lie preferentially in the plane of photon polarization (i.e.  $\psi = 0^\circ, 180^\circ$ ) and will show a  $\sin^2\theta$  distribution for the polar angle  $\theta$  in the  $\rho'$  rest system.



Figs. 3a,b show that such a behaviour - at least qualitatively - is indeed observed. In reality the angular momentum states of the  $(\pi^+\pi^+)$  and  $(\pi^-\pi^-)$  are more complicated (e.g. to form a  $\rho^0_\sigma$  state) than assumed above. A detailed analysis done by the authors of Ref. 8 showed that the  $J^P = 1^-$  assignment was strongly favored by the data.

It should be noted that neither the annihilation nor the photo-production experiment can decide on whether the  $\rho'$  is a resonance or a continuum. A possible way of distinction is to measure  $\gamma p \rightarrow p \rho' \rightarrow e^+e^-$  and to look for an interference with Bethe-Heitler  $e^+e^-$  pair production.

In Table I the observed properties of the  $\rho'$  are collected. Assuming that the  $\rho'$ -nucleon and  $\rho$  nucleon elastic cross sections are equal and that  $\sigma(\rho'N \rightarrow \rho N) \ll \sigma(\rho'N \rightarrow \rho'N)$ , one can deduce the  $\gamma_\rho$  coupling strength via VDM:

$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma_{\rho'} / \gamma_\rho)^2 &= \sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow \rho p) / \sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow \rho' p) \\ &= 6 \pm 2 \text{ at } 9.3 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

or  $\gamma_{\rho'}^2 / 4\pi = 3.9 \pm 1.3$

Here we have assumed that the  $\rho'$  decays only into  $\rho^0\sigma$ . The value for  $(\gamma_{\rho'} / \gamma_\rho)^2$  is in fair agreement with the annihilation result of  $\approx 4$ .

Finally, let us see to what extent the  $\rho'$  contribution improves the Compton sum rule. An evaluation of Eq(2) at  $E_\gamma = 9.3 \text{ GeV}$  using the input values listed in Table 2 and neglecting possible real parts leads to (in  $(\mu\text{b}/\text{GeV}^2)^{1/2}$ ):

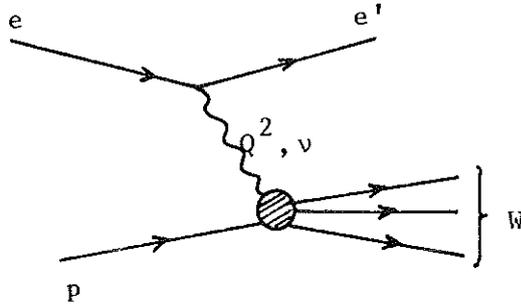
$$0.87 \pm 0.02 = (0.52 \pm 0.04) + (0.066 \pm 0.014) + (0.043 \pm 0.004) + (0.084 \pm 0.03) = 0.71 \pm 0.05$$

↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
$\gamma p \rightarrow \gamma p$	$\gamma p \rightarrow \rho^0 p$	$\gamma p \rightarrow \omega p$	$\gamma p \rightarrow \phi p$	$\gamma p \rightarrow \rho' p$

Still further vector mesons are needed to satisfy Eq(2).<sup>7</sup>

## II. Electroproduction

The electroproduction data will be discussed in terms of the standard variables:



$$e = (\vec{e}, E), \quad e' = (\vec{e}', E')$$

four momenta of the incoming and scattered electrons

$$\theta =$$

e' scattering angle in the Lab.system

$$p = (0, m_p)$$

target proton

$$-Q^2 = (e - e')^2 = -4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

mass squared of virtual photon

$$\nu = E - E'$$

Lab. energy of virtual photon

$$W^2 = (e - e' + p)^2 \\ = 2m_p \nu + m_p^2 - Q^2$$

mass squared of outgoing hadron system

For virtual photons ( $-Q^2 < 0$ ) the photon polarization vector has a transverse as well as a longitudinal component. In the notation of Hand<sup>14</sup> the differential cross section for electroproduction,  $d^2\sigma/dQ^2 dW$ , is expressed in terms of the cross sections  $\sigma_T$  and  $\sigma_L$ , for scattering of transverse and longitudinal photons:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2 dW} = \frac{\pi}{EE'} \frac{W}{m_p} \Gamma_T \{ \sigma_T(Q^2, W) + \epsilon \sigma_L(Q^2, W) \} \quad (4)$$

with the transverse flux,  $\Gamma_T$ , being defined as

$$\Gamma_T = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi^2} \frac{E'}{E} \frac{W^2 - m_p^2}{m_p Q^2} \frac{1}{1-\epsilon}$$

and  $\epsilon = [1 + 2(Q^2 + \nu^2) Q^{-2} \text{tg}^2 \frac{\theta}{2}]^{-1}$

Much of the experimental work at electron accelerators is now concentrated on the study of inelastic electron and muon scattering in an effort to understand the cross section observed in the deep inelastic region<sup>15,16</sup>. While the nucleon electromagnetic formfactors fall rapidly with  $Q^2$  ( $-Q^2 = \text{mass squared of the virtual photon}$ ) the total inelastic ep scattering cross section decreases only slowly with  $Q^2$  (see Fig.4) and appears to have a pointlike behaviour. This observation spurred experimenters to measure individual inelastic channels in order to see whether the observed  $Q^2$  behaviour is caused by specific final states. A number of measurements have been carried out at Cornell, DESY and NINA on pseudoscalar meson production, e.g.  $ep \rightarrow e\pi N$ ,  $e\pi\Delta$ ,  $eK\Lambda$  etc.<sup>19</sup>, most of which have been reviewed by Berkelman and by Toner<sup>20</sup>. I shall discuss new data on inclusive spectra and preliminary results from two experiments, one at DESY, one at SLAC, where all charged particles in the final state are observed. Since the latter two experiments use new types of techniques a short description of the experimental setup is given.

Fig. 5 shows the layout of the DESY streamer chamber experiment.<sup>18</sup> A 7.2 GeV electron beam strikes a liquid hydrogen target inside a streamer chamber. The chamber is placed in a magnet. A hodoscope of scintillation and shower counters tags the scattered electron. If a scattered electron has been detected a photograph of the chamber is taken. Fig. 6 shows a picture. The kinematically accepted region is  $0.3 < Q^2 < 2 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $W < 2.7 \text{ GeV}$ . It takes approximately  $5 \cdot 10^7$  incident electrons for one event and the data rate is 50-100 events/hour. So far results from 5100 events have been reported of which 2300 have 3 or more charged outgoing hadrons.

The SLAC  $\mu p$  bubble chamber experiment is shown in Fig. 7. A 16 GeV  $\mu^-$  beam ( $\sim 100 \mu$ 's per pulse) passes through the SLAC 40-inch hydrogen bubble chamber which is operated in a rapid cycling mode (10pps). The muon detector consists of an iron-scintillator sandwich plus spark chambers. One inelastic  $\mu$  event requires roughly  $6 \cdot 10^3$  expansions corresponding to  $\sim 6$  events/hour. Data are available from 2300 inelastic events in the region  $0.15 < Q^2 < 3 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $1.4 \leq W \leq 3.8 \text{ GeV}$ .

### 1. Electroproduction of $\rho^0$ mesons, $ep \rightarrow ep\rho^0$

There are many interesting aspects about  $\rho^0$  electroproduction:

a) VDM links this process to virtual Compton scattering,  $\gamma_{VP} \rightarrow \gamma_{VP}$  (see Eq(2)), and, through the optical theorem, to the total inelastic cross section; b) the  $\rho^0$  decay distribution gives us insight in the spin dependence of the production process and we can check whether  $\rho^0$  production with virtual photons conserves the s-channel cms helicity (SCHC) as well as in photoproduction; c) The ratio of the production cross sections  $\sigma_L$ ,  $\sigma_T$  by longitudinal and transverse photons has been predicted to increase rapidly with  $Q^2$ :<sup>22</sup>

$$\sigma_L(ep \rightarrow ep\rho^0) \approx \frac{Q^2}{m_\rho^2} \sigma_T(ep \rightarrow ep\rho^0)$$

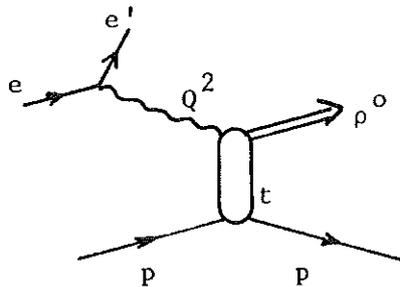
This has to be contrasted with the empirical fact  $\sigma_L/\sigma_T \lesssim 0.2$  for the total inelastic scattering<sup>15,17,23</sup>. d) It has been suggested that the hadronic interaction radius of the photon shrinks<sup>24</sup> as  $Q^2$  increases. As a consequence the momentum transfer distribution of electroproduced  $\rho^0$  mesons should become wider for larger  $Q^2$ .

Rho production leads to the final state  $ep\pi^+\pi^-$ . Fig. 8 shows the cross section for this reaction as a function of  $W$  in different  $Q^2$  intervals.<sup>18</sup> Qualitatively the same  $W$  dependence is observed as in photoproduction.<sup>25</sup> The  $Q^2$  dependence of the cross section for  $ep\pi^+\pi^-$  is approximately the same as that of



the total inelastic cross section (Fig. 9). Figs. 10-14 show the  $\pi^+p$  and  $\pi^+\pi^-$  mass distributions for different  $W$  intervals as measured in the DESY streamer chamber experiment<sup>18</sup> (Fig. 10-12), in the SLAC  $\mu p$  HBC experiment<sup>21</sup> (Fig. 13) and in an ep spark chamber experiment at SLAC<sup>26</sup> (Fig. 14). The low  $W$  region ( $W < 1.7$  GeV) is dominated by  $\Delta^{++}$  production, the region  $W > 2$  GeV by  $\rho^0$  production. Fig. 15 shows the  $(\rho + \omega)$  signal obtained in a missing mass experiment,  $ep \rightarrow ep + MM$ <sup>27</sup>. The  $Q^2$  dependence of the  $\rho^0$  cross section is shown in Fig. 16. For  $W > 2$  GeV the  $\rho^0$  cross section drops much faster with  $Q^2$  than does the total inelastic cross section (dashed-dotted curve). The ratio  $\sigma_{\rho}/\sigma_{tot}$  drops from  $16 \pm 0.5\%$  at  $Q^2 = 0$ <sup>11</sup> to  $4 \pm 2\%$  at  $Q^2 = 1.1$  GeV<sup>2</sup> (Ref. 18), see Table 3.

Approximately 30 % of this decrease is due to the  $t_{min}$  cutoff, where  $t$  is the four momentum transfer between incoming and outgoing proton



and very crudely  $|t|_{min} \approx \left( \frac{Q^2 + m_p^2}{2v} \right)^2$ . The effect of the  $t_{min}$  cutoff is indicated by the open circles which show  $\sigma_{\rho}$  multiplied by  $e^{A|t|_{min}}$  ( $A = 6 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  for  $Q^2 = 0$ ,  $A = 4 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  for  $Q^2 > 0$ ).

$t$ -dependence.

Sofar no experiment has determined the  $t$  dependence of the  $\rho$  cross section the way it should be done, namely by fitting the amount of  $\rho$  production in each  $t$  bin separately (mainly because of limited statistics). Instead, the  $t$  behaviour was obtained by taking all events in the  $\rho$  region.

Fig. 17 shows  $d\sigma/dt$  versus  $t$  for different  $Q^2$  intervals together with photoproduction data which were obtained in the same way. The  $t$  distributions flatten as  $Q^2$  increases. A similar trend is observed in the other experiments (see Fig.18). In Table 4 the results from exponential fits to the  $t$  distributions have been collected. Possible reasons for the decreasing slope of the  $t$  distribution with larger  $Q^2$  are

- more background under the  $\rho$  at higher  $t$  and  $Q^2$ ;
- large longitudinal  $\rho$  cross section with different  $t$  behaviour;
- large real part at large  $t$  and  $Q^2$ ;
- the photon shrinks.

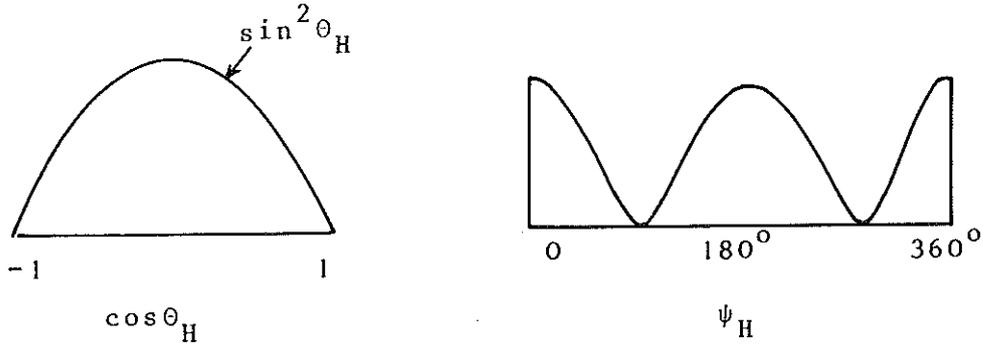
We ignore for a moment the first three points and try to see whether the observed slope values would fit into the picture of a shrinking photon. A suitable variable for studying the slope  $A_{\rho p}$  is the time  $\Delta\tau$  which the photon may spend as a rho meson. From the uncertainty principle we get  $\Delta\tau = (E_\rho - \nu)^{-1} \approx 2\nu/(Q^2 + m_\rho^2)$ . In Fig.19 the slope values have been plotted versus  $\Delta\tau$ . We expect for  $\Delta\tau = 0$ :  $A_{\rho p} \approx \frac{1}{4}A_{pp}$  where  $A_{pp}$  is the slope for elastic  $pp$  scattering, and for large  $\Delta\tau$ :  $A_{\rho p} \approx A_{\pi p}$ . The data do not contradict this conjecture.

#### Decay distribution

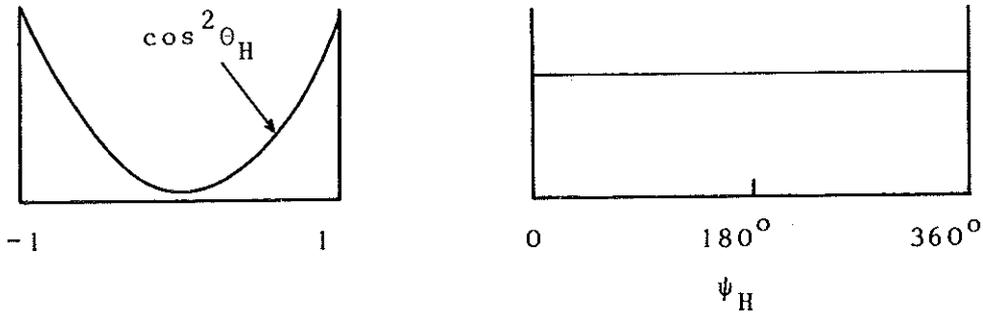
The decay distribution for  $\rho$  events has been analyzed in the helicity system. The decay angles  $\theta_H$  (polar angle) and  $\psi_H$  (polarization angle) are defined in Fig. 20 (for forward produced  $\rho$ 's). As a reminder Fig. 21 shows the distribution of  $\cos\theta_H$  and  $\psi$  for  $\rho^0$  mesons produced with linearly polarized photons<sup>11</sup>. An almost pure  $\sin^2\theta\cos^2\psi$  distribution due to s-channel helicity conservation (SCHC) is observed.

In electroproduction both transverse ( $\gamma_T$ ) and longitudinal ( $\gamma_L$ ) photons can contribute. The transverse photons are linearly polarized with the degree of polarization equal to  $\epsilon$ . The polarization vector is in the electron scattering plane. If only  $\gamma_L$  contributes and SCHC holds then again a  $\sin^2\theta\cos^2\psi$  distribution will be observed. ( $\epsilon$  is close to one in all of the experiments discussed here.) If the rhos are produced only by  $\gamma_L$  there will be no anisotropy around the  $\rho$  direction with respect to the electron scattering plane, i.e.  $W(\psi_H) \sim \text{const}$ . If SCHC holds then  $W(\cos\theta) \sim \cos^2\theta_H$ .

$\gamma_T + \text{SCHC}$ :



$\gamma_L + \text{SCHC}$ :



In general  $\rho$  production can have contributions from both,  $\gamma_T$  and  $\gamma_L$  and there may even be an interference between both.

Figs. 22 and 23 show the  $\cos\theta_H$  and  $\psi_H$  distributions for all events in the rho region. The  $\cos\theta_H$  distribution is flat indicating the production of both transverse and longitudinal  $\rho$ 's;  $W(\psi_H)$  has a strong  $\cos^2\psi$  component which can only come from production by  $\gamma_T$ . The density matrix elements in the helicity frame as obtained by Ref. 18 are listed in Table 5. Also shown are the values expected for SCHC and  $R_\rho = \sigma_L(\rho)/\sigma_T(\rho) = 0.6$ . The data are consistent with SCHC. If one assumes SCHC from the  $\cos\theta_H$  distribution one can deduce the value of  $R_\rho$ . The result is  $R_\rho = 0.6 \pm 0.2$ . Background corrections due to  $\Delta^{++}$  reflection may reduce the value of  $R_\rho$  somewhat.

## 2. $\omega$ -production

First results on muon produced  $\omega$  mesons,

$$\mu p \rightarrow \mu p \omega \rightarrow \mu p \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$$

have been obtained in the SLAC experiment and are shown in Fig. 24. For small  $Q^2$  a clear  $\omega$  signal is seen.

## 3. Multiplicities for charged hadron production.

The track chamber experiments at DESY and SLAC have measured the average number  $\langle n \rangle$  of charged hadrons produced as a function of  $Q^2$  and  $W$  (Fig. 25). For  $W \geq 2$  GeV a 10-20 % decrease of  $\langle n \rangle$  is observed between  $Q^2 = 0$  and  $\approx 1$  GeV<sup>2</sup>.

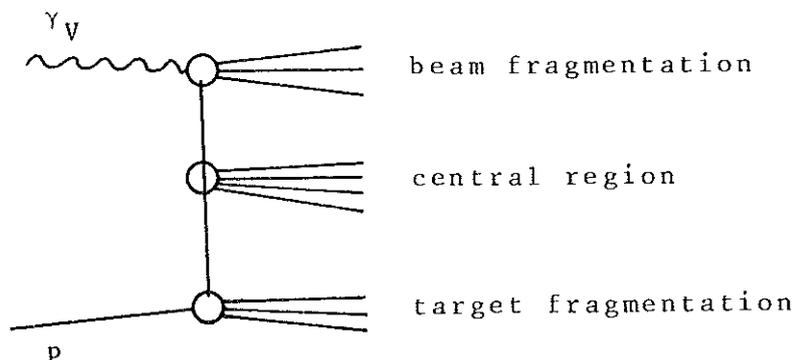
## 4. Inclusive particle spectra

Several experiments have been focused on the  $Q^2$  variation of inclusive  $\pi, k, p$  momentum and angular spectra. The results are usually presented in terms of the transverse momentum  $p_T$  and the Feynman variable  $x = p_{||}^*/p_{\max}^*$  where  $p_{||}^*$  and  $p_{\max}^*$  are the longitudinal and maximum possible momentum in the cms for the particle in question. All quantities refer to the process

$$\gamma_{\text{Virtual}} + p \rightarrow \text{hadrons.}$$

At high energies we expect to find three distinct  $x$  regions with qualitatively different behaviour:

- $x \approx -1$  particles from target fragmentation
- $x \approx +1$  particles from beam fragmentation
- $x \approx 0$  central region with particles coming - in terms of the multiperipheral model - from the middle rungs.



With this picture in mind we expect e.g. the pion distribution in the target region to be independent of the nature of the beam particle. Applied to electroproduction, at large energies the pion distribution for  $x < 0$  should not depend on  $Q^2$ . Note, however, that the present experiments have been done at comparatively low energies, where the different regions overlap. For this reason the results may not be as clear cut.

a)  $\pi^\pm$  spectra, general characteristics

In Fig. 26 the  $\pi^\pm$  transverse momentum distributions in the photon fragmentation are shown for photo- and electroproduction as measured at DESY.<sup>29,30</sup> The quantity  $f$  shown is the invariant cross section,

$$f \equiv E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} .$$

We see that the average slope of the  $p_T^2$  distributions decreases significantly with increasing  $Q^2$ .

No  $Q^2$  dependence of the  $p_T$  distribution for  $x \approx 0$  (i.e. central region) has been observed in a Cornell experiment<sup>31</sup> (see Fig.27).

In Fig. 28 the  $\pi^-$  distribution integrated over  $p_T$  is given for different  $Q^2$  intervals<sup>18</sup> and compared with photoproduction<sup>29</sup>. While there is no change for  $x < 0.2$  the  $\pi^-$  yield drops by a factor of 2-4 for large  $x$ . The dashed curves show the  $\pi^-$  yield for  $Q^2 = 0$  after  $\rho^0$  events ( $\gamma p \rightarrow \rho^0 p$ ) have been removed. At  $Q^2 = 0$  most of the  $\pi^-$  at large  $x$  are seen to come from  $\rho^0$  production. The dashed curves seem to follow closely the electroproduction points. Since, as we saw above, the fraction of  $\rho^0$  production drops rapidly with  $Q^2$ , the reduction in  $\pi^-$  yield can largely be understood in terms of the diminishing  $\rho^0$  cross section.

b)  $\pi^\pm$  spectra at  $p_T \approx 0$

The  $\pi^-$  and  $\pi^+$  yields in the forward direction measured at DESY for photo-<sup>32</sup> and electroproduction ( $Q^2 = 1.16 \text{ GeV}^2$ ) <sup>33</sup> are compared in Figs. 29, 30.

A considerable drop in  $\pi^\pm$  yield is observed for  $x \geq 0.2$ . Furthermore, while the  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  yields are roughly equal at  $Q^2 = 0$  the  $\pi^+$  are more abundant by a factor of  $\sim 2$  for  $x > 0.4$  and  $Q^2 = 1.16 \text{ GeV}^2$ . The dashed curves in Figs. 29, 30 show the  $\pi^\pm$  yields at  $Q^2 = 0$  after removal of the  $\rho^0$  contribution<sup>34</sup>. Again, part of the observed  $Q^2$  variation can be ascribed to the  $\rho^0$ . Another clue comes from the mass spectrum of the "missing" particle system opposite to  $\pi^\pm$ ,

$$\gamma_{VP} \rightarrow \pi^\pm + MM$$

which is shown in Fig. 31 for  $Q^2 = 1.16 \text{ GeV}^2$  (Ref. 33). Low missing masses correspond to large values of  $x$ . The electro-produced  $\pi^+$  at large  $x$  are seen to come mainly from two-body channels, such as

$$\gamma_{VP} \rightarrow \pi^+ n, \pi^+ \Delta^0, \pi^+ N^*(1520)$$

The only channel of this kind accessible to  $\pi^-$  production is  $\gamma_{VP} \rightarrow \pi^- \Delta^{++}$ . The main features of the  $Q^2$  dependence observed for  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  production can hence be understood as a consequence of the reduction in  $\rho^0$  production and of the increasing importance of the two-body reactions  $\gamma_{VP} \rightarrow \pi^\pm$  Baryon.

The  $Q^2$  dependence of the  $\pi^-$  and  $\pi^+$  yield is shown in Fig.32. The  $\pi^+/\pi^-$  ratio increases with  $Q^2$ . A similar increase of positive hadron yield over negative hadron yield has been observed in a SLAC experiment (Ref.26).

c)  $K^+$  spectra

A comparison of the  $K^+$  yield in the forward direction at  $Q^2 = 0$  (Ref.32) and  $1.16 \text{ GeV}^2$  (Ref.33) is given in Fig.33. A striking

increase in the relative number of  $K^+$  mesons by a factor of  $\sim 2.5$  from  $Q^2 = 0$  to  $1.16 \text{ GeV}^2$  is observed. At  $Q^2 = 1.16 \text{ GeV}^2$  the  $K^-$  yield for  $p_T \approx 0$  and Lab. momenta near  $2 \text{ GeV}$  is approximately equal to that for  $\pi^-$ , while at  $Q^2 = 0$  the  $\pi^-$  are more copious by a factor of 10-15. The distribution of the missing mass to  $K^+$ ,  $\gamma_{VP} \rightarrow K^+ + MM$ , suggests (Fig.34, from Ref.33) that most of the  $K^+$  at  $Q^2 = 1.16 \text{ GeV}^2$  and large  $x$  come from two-body processes such as  $\gamma_{VP} \rightarrow K^+(\frac{\Lambda}{\Sigma})$ ,  $K^+ Y_{1385}^*$  etc.

The observed increase in  $K^+$  yield appears to be in line with a prediction by K. Wilson<sup>35</sup>; however, the fact that the  $K^+$  stem mostly from two-body reactions seems to indicate that the production process is different from the mechanism Wilson has considered.

#### d) Proton spectra

The yield of backward going protons ( $x < 0$ ) is displayed in Fig. 35. The peak at  $x \approx -0.8$  and  $Q^2 = 0$  stems from  $\rho^0$  and  $\omega$  production ( $\gamma p \rightarrow p\rho, p\omega$ ) and disappears with increasing  $Q^2$ .

There is considerable interest in the forward proton ( $p_T \approx 0$ ) production at large  $Q^2$ . In the parton model of Drell, Levy and Yan<sup>36</sup> one expects the virtual photon at large  $Q^2$  to knock out spin 1/2 partons thus leading e.g. to an excess of forward going protons. In Fig. 36 two DESY measurements at the same  $W$ ,  $p_T$  but  $Q^2 = 0$  and  $Q^2 = 1.16 \text{ GeV}^2$  are compared. The electroproduction points in the large  $x$  region are lower by 20-30 % and the predicted increase in the number of fast forward going protons is not observed.

#### Conclusions

1. There is compelling for a new vectorstate, the  $\rho'$ , with mass near  $1.5 \text{ GeV}$  and  $0.4 - 0.6 \text{ GeV}$  width. The inclusion of the  $\rho'$  in the VDM-sum rule relating Compton scattering and photoproduction of vector mesons reduces the existing discrepancy from 30 % to 20 % in the amplitude; still further vector mesons are needed to obtain agreement.

2. The relative contribution of the rho electroproduction to the total inelastic cross section decreases at  $W \approx 2.3$  GeV from  $16 \pm 0.5$  % at  $Q^2 = 0$  to  $4 \pm 2$  % at  $Q^2 = 1.2$  GeV<sup>2</sup>. Part of this decrease is due to the  $t_{\min}$  cut-off.
3. The  $t$  distribution for events in the  $\rho$  region becomes flatter with increasing  $Q^2$ .
4. A substantial fraction of electroproduced rho mesons are longitudinally aligned. The density matrix for events in the  $\rho$  region is consistent with SCHC.
5. A 10-20 % decrease in the average number of charged hadrons is observed between  $Q^2 = 0$  and 1 GeV<sup>2</sup>.
6. No  $Q^2$  variation was found for the  $\pi^-$  spectrum for  $x < 0$ .
7. The  $p_T^2$  distributions for  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  in the photon fragmentation region ( $x > 0.4$ ) become wider with increasing  $Q^2$ .
8. The  $\pi^+/\pi^-$  ratio in the forward direction increases with  $Q^2$ .
9. The main features of the  $Q^2$  dependence observed for  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  spectra can be understood in terms of two body channels, namely  $\rho^0$  production and  $\gamma_{VP} \rightarrow \pi^+n, \pi^+\Delta^0, \pi^+N^*(1520)$ .
10. The  $K^+$  yield in the forward direction increases with  $Q^2$  due to the reactions  $\gamma_{VP} \rightarrow K^+(\Lambda), K^+Y^*(1385)$ .
11. No excess of fast forward going protons has been observed in electroproduction contrary to a parton model prediction.

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Table 1 Properties of the  $\rho'$  (Ref. 11)

a) from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow$  pions

$$J_{\rho'}^P = 1^-, I^G = 1^+$$

$$M_{\rho'} \cong 1.6 \text{ GeV}^* \quad \Gamma_{\rho'} \cong 0.3 - 0.4 \text{ GeV}^*$$

$$\frac{\rho' \rightarrow 2\pi^+ 2\pi^-}{\rho' \rightarrow \text{all}} \cong 0.5 - 0.7$$

$$(\gamma_{\rho'} / \gamma_{\rho})^2 \cong 4$$

b) from photoproduction at  $E_{\gamma} = 9.3 \text{ GeV}$  (Ref. 8)

$$J_{\rho'}^P = 1^-, I^G = 1^+$$

$$M_{\rho'} = 1.43 \pm 0.05 \text{ GeV} \quad \Gamma_{\rho'} = 0.65 \pm 0.1 \text{ GeV}^{**}$$

observed decay mode:  $\rho' \rightarrow \rho^0 \sigma \rightarrow 2\pi^+ 2\pi^-$

$$\frac{\rho' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-}{\rho' \rightarrow \rho^0 \pi^+ \pi^-} < 0.2 ; \quad \frac{\rho' \rightarrow K^+ K^-}{\rho' \rightarrow \rho^0 \pi^+ \pi^-} < 0.04 \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.})$$

$$\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow p \rho' \xrightarrow{\rho' \rightarrow \rho^0 \sigma})^{***} = 2.4 \pm 0.6 \text{ } \mu\text{b}$$

$$d\sigma/dt(\gamma p \rightarrow p \rho' \rightarrow \rho^0 \sigma) \cong (15 \pm 4) (\mu\text{b}/\text{GeV}^2) e^{(5.6 \pm 0.3)t}$$

$$(\gamma_{\rho'} / \gamma_{\rho})^2 \cong 6 \pm 2 \quad \text{if } \rho' \text{ decays only into } \rho^0 \sigma.$$

\* numbers are from an eyeball fit (Ref. 10).

\*\* numbers come from Maximumlikelihood fit; are sensitive to energy dependence of  $\Gamma_{\rho'}$ , (Ref. 8).

\*\*\* corrected by factor  $\frac{3}{2}$  for decay  $\rho^0 \sigma \rightarrow \rho^0 \pi^0 \pi^0$ .

Table 2 Input values for the Compton sum rule (Eq(2)).

	$V = \rho$	$\omega$	$\phi$	$\rho'$
$\gamma_V^2/4\pi$	$0.64 \pm 0.05^{3)}$	$4.8 \pm 0.5^{3)}$	$2.8 \pm 0.2^{3)}$	$3.9 \pm 1.3$
$d\sigma^0/dt(\gamma p \rightarrow Vp)$ ( $\mu\text{b}/\text{GeV}^2$ )	$100 \pm 15^6)$	$11.2 \pm 2.1^{12)}$	$2.85 \pm 0.2^{13)}$	$15 \pm 5$

Table 3 Reaction  $ep \rightarrow ep\rho^0$ :

Ratio of  $\rho^0$  to total cross section at  $2 < W < 2.7$  GeV.  
Data taken from Ref. 11 ( $Q^2 = 0$ ) and Ref. 18.

$Q^2$ ( $\text{GeV}^2$ )	$\sigma_\rho/\sigma_{\text{tot}}$
0	$16 \pm 0.5 \%$
0.4	$9 \pm 2 \%$
0.65	$7 \pm 2 \%$
1.1	$4 \pm 2 \%$

Table 4 Exponential Fit,  $d\sigma/dt = d\sigma^0/dt \exp(At)$  to  $\rho^0$ -  
electroproduction, taking all events in the  $\rho$  region

Experiment	W (GeV)	$Q^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	t-Range (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$d\sigma^0/dt$ ( $\mu\text{b}/\text{GeV}^2$ )	A (GeV <sup>-2</sup> )
SBT <sup>11</sup> $\gamma p \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$	2.48	0	<1.0	148±6.7	6.2±0.2
DESY-STC <sup>18</sup> $ep \rightarrow ep\pi^+\pi^-$	2-2.7	0.3 -0.5	<1.0	32±11	4.1±1.0
		0.5 -0.8	<1.0	15±6.5	3.2±1.0
SLAC-HBC <sup>21</sup> $\mu p \rightarrow \mu p\pi^+\pi^-$	2-4	0.15-0.5	0.05-0.6		7.2±2.1
		0.5 -2	0.05-0.6		5.1±1.2
Cornell <sup>27</sup> $ep \rightarrow epMM$	~3	0.6	<0.8		4.3
		1.1	<0.8		2.9

Table 5  $\rho$ -density matrix elements in the helicity system from events of the reaction  $ep \rightarrow ep\pi^+\pi^-$  in the  $\rho$  region ( $0.65 < M_{\pi^+\pi^-} < 0.84$  GeV). (From Ref. 18).

	$2 < W < 2.7$ GeV $Q^2 = 0.60$ GeV <sup>2</sup>	Prediction from SCHC with R = 0.6
$r_{00}^{04}$	$0.35 \pm 0.07$	0.35
Re $r_{10}^{04}$	$0.08 \pm 0.05$	0
$r_{1-1}^{04}$	$-0.09 \pm 0.07$	0
$r_{00}^1$	$-0.04 \pm 0.11$	0
$r_{11}^1$	$-0.08 \pm 0.07$	0
Re $r_{10}^1$	$-0.03 \pm 0.07$	0
$r_{1-1}^1$	$0.26 \pm 0.10$	0.32
Im $r_{10}^2$	$-0.04 \pm 0.07$	0
Im $r_{1-1}^2$	$-0.27 \pm 0.11$	-0.32
$r_{00}^5$	$-0.05 \pm 0.06$	0
$r_{11}^5$	$-0.02 \pm 0.04$	0
Re $r_{10}^5$	$0.00 \pm 0.04$	$0.18 \cos\delta^*$
$r_{1-1}^5$	$0.10 \pm 0.06$	0
Im $r_{10}^6$	$-0.02 \pm 0.04$	$-0.18 \cos\delta^*$
Im $r_{1-1}^6$	$0.04 \pm 0.05$	0

\*  $\delta$  = phase between production by longitudinal and transverse photons

## Figure Captions

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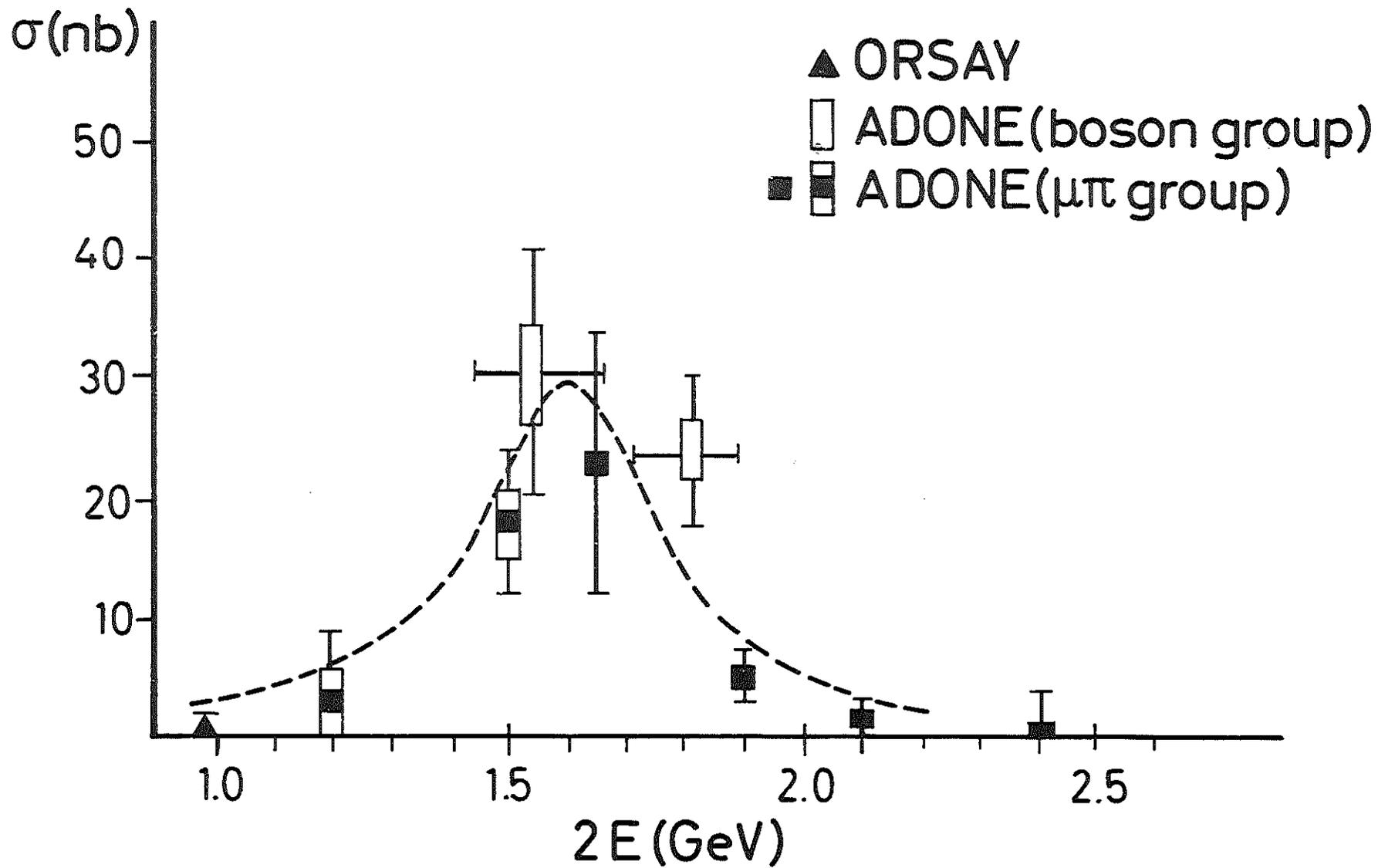
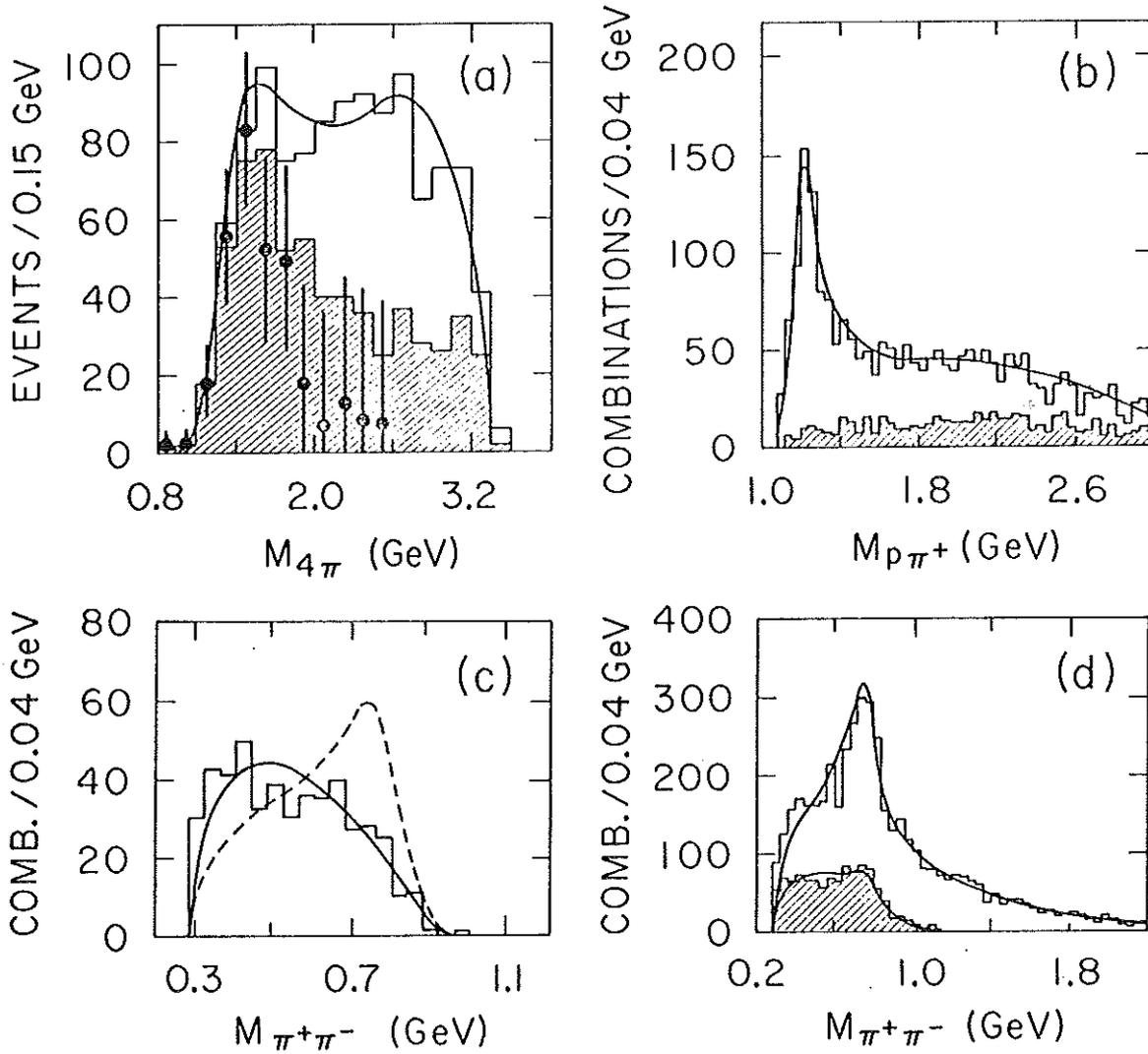


Fig. 1

# SLAC - LBL - TUFTS

$$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- p$$

$$E_\gamma = 9.3 \text{ GeV}$$



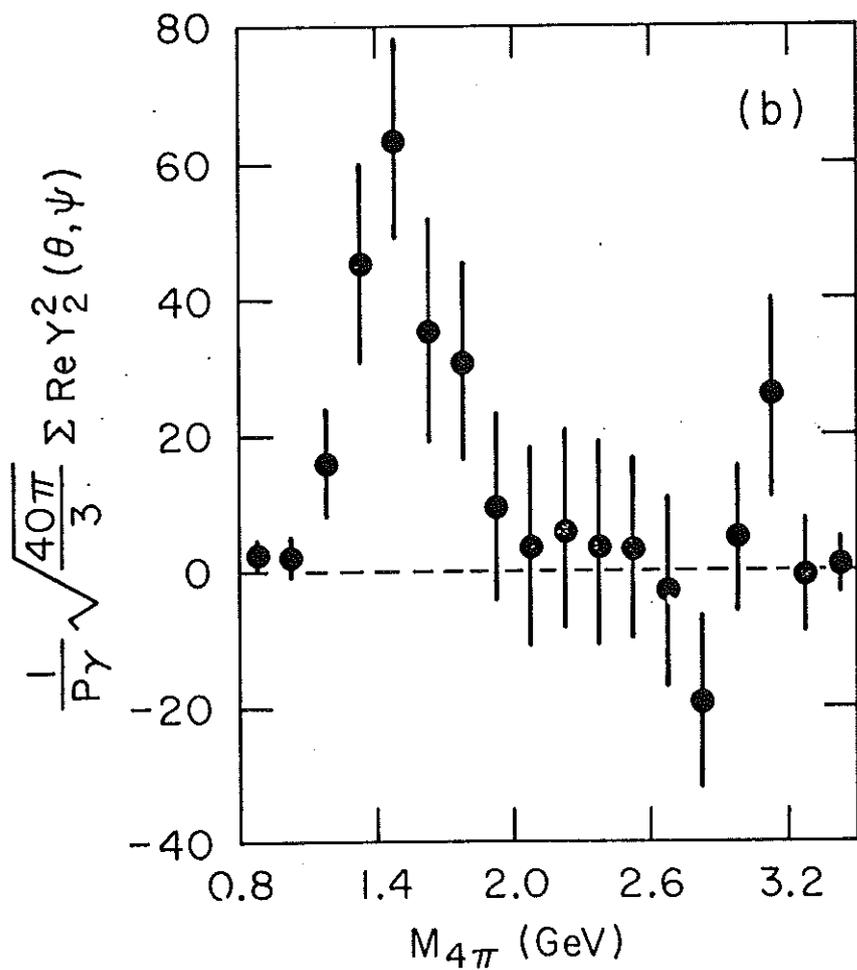
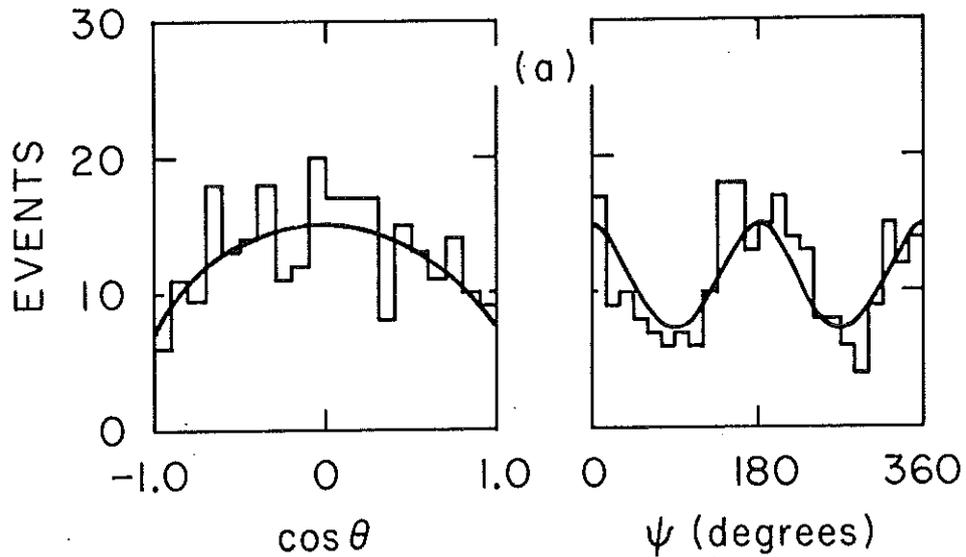
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Fig. 2

# SLAC-LBL-TUFTS

$$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^- p$$

$$E_\gamma = 9.3 \text{ GeV}$$



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Fig. 3

$\sigma_T^{\text{Tot}} + \epsilon\sigma_L^{\text{Tot}} (\mu\text{b})$

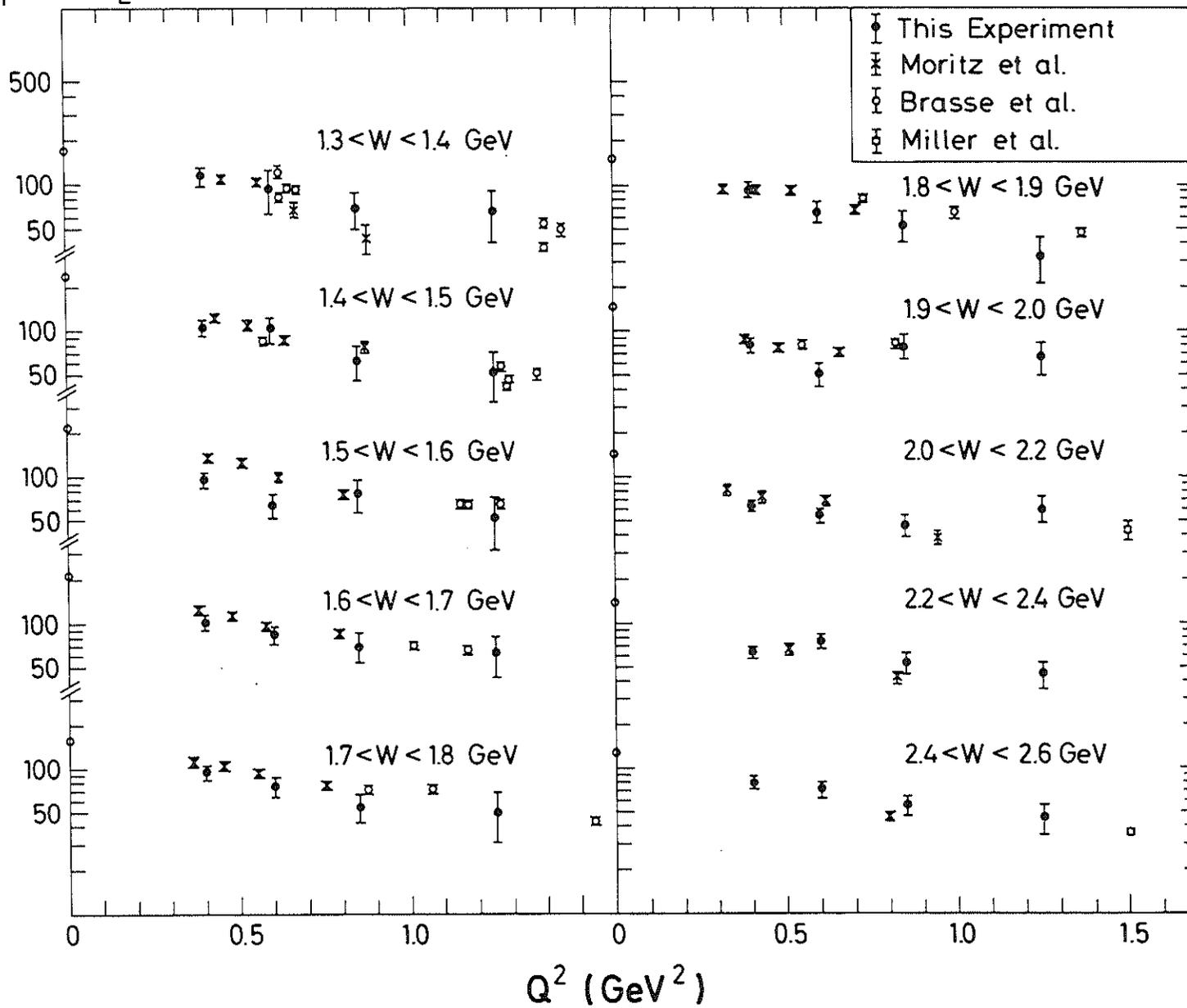


Fig. 4

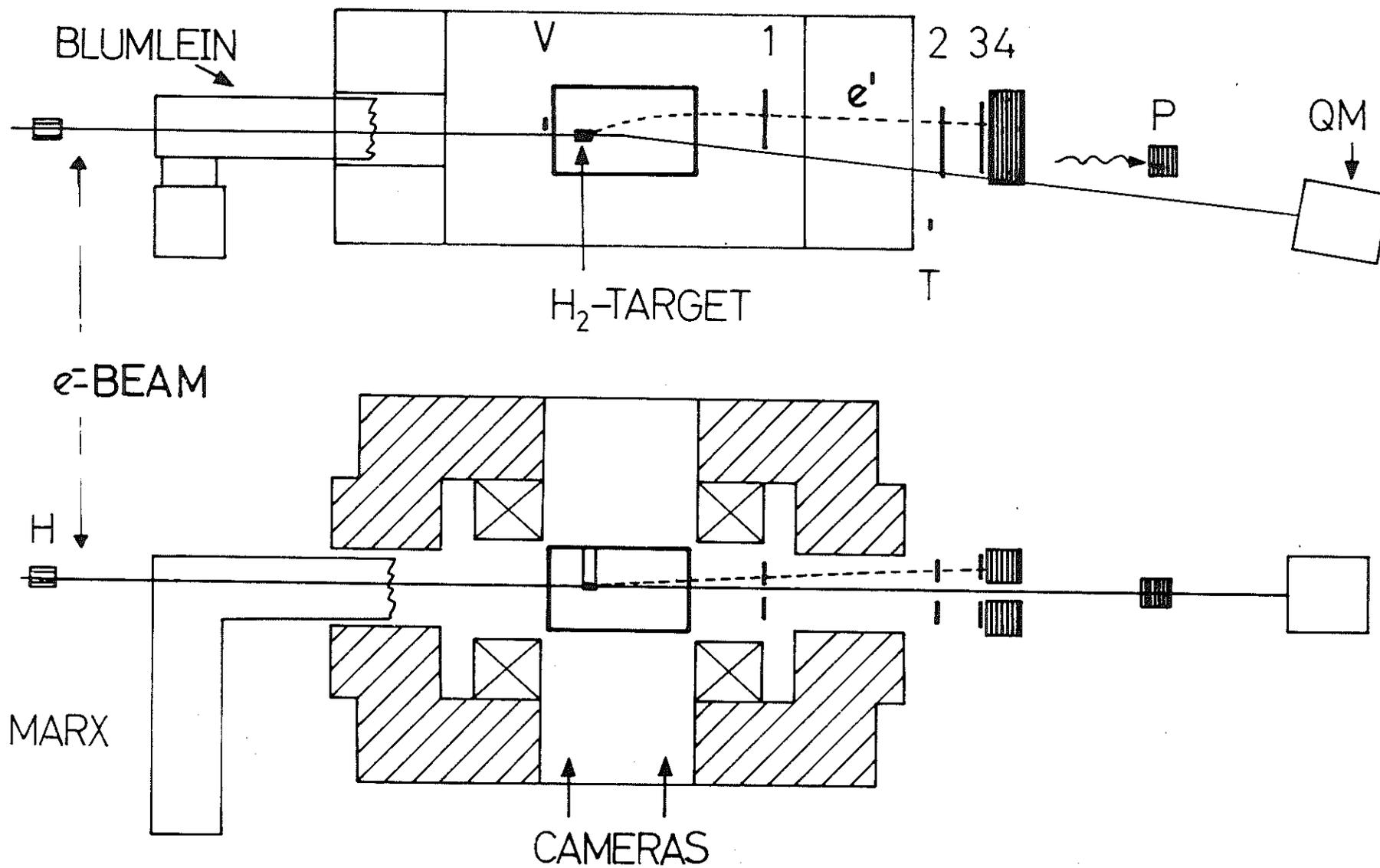


Fig. 5



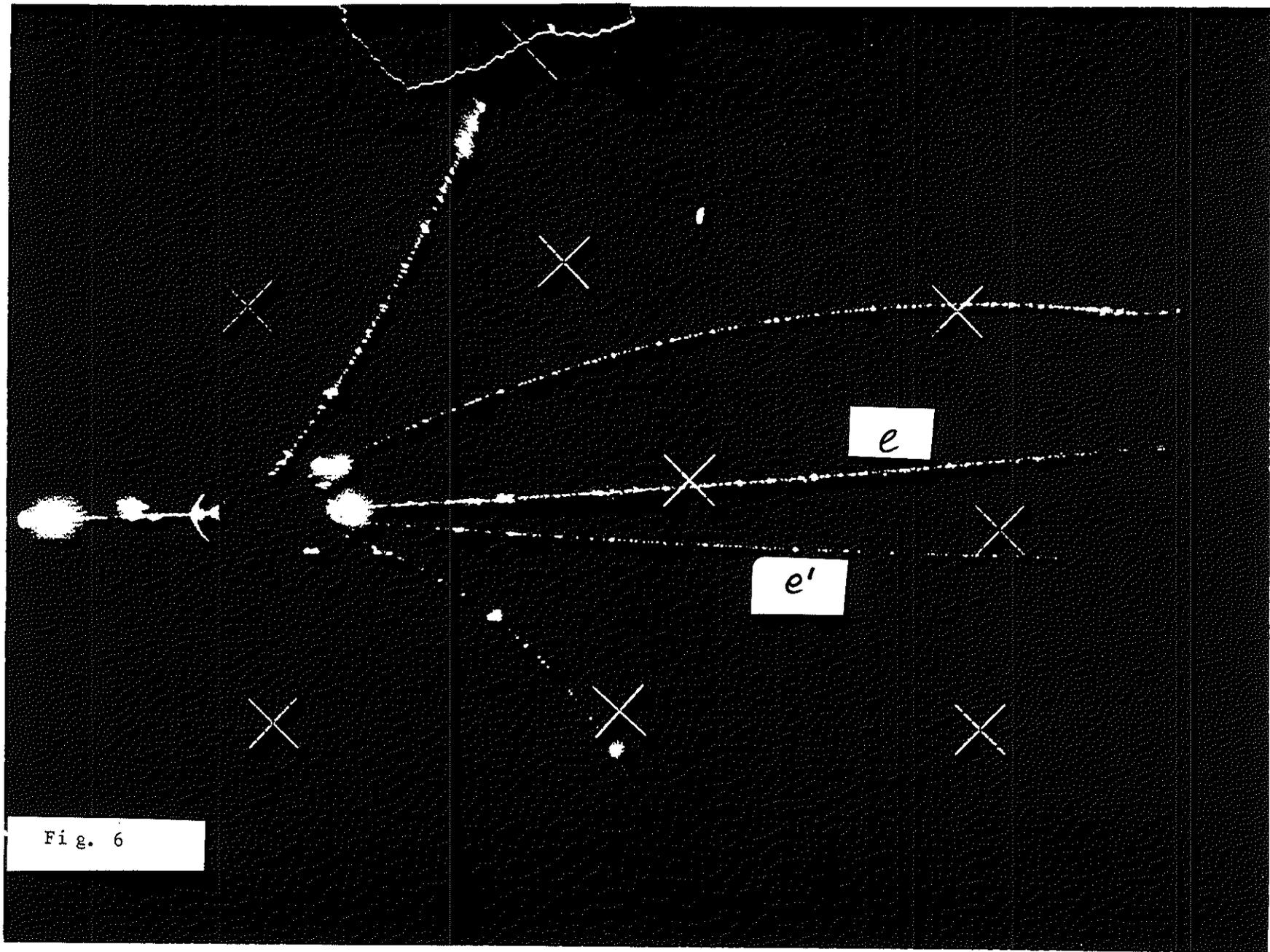


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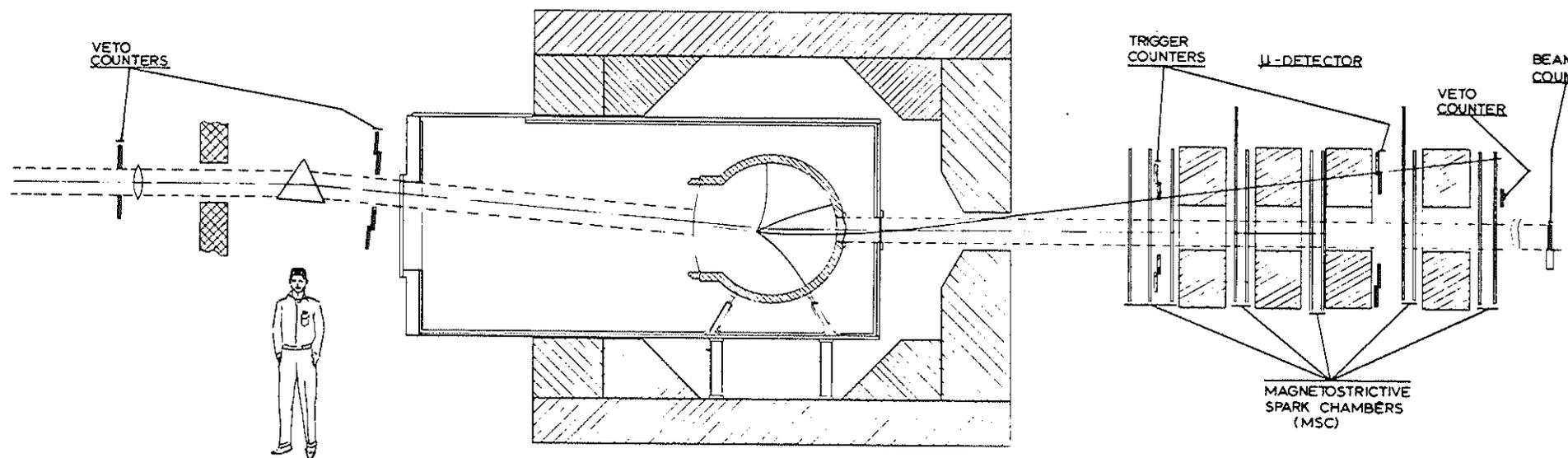
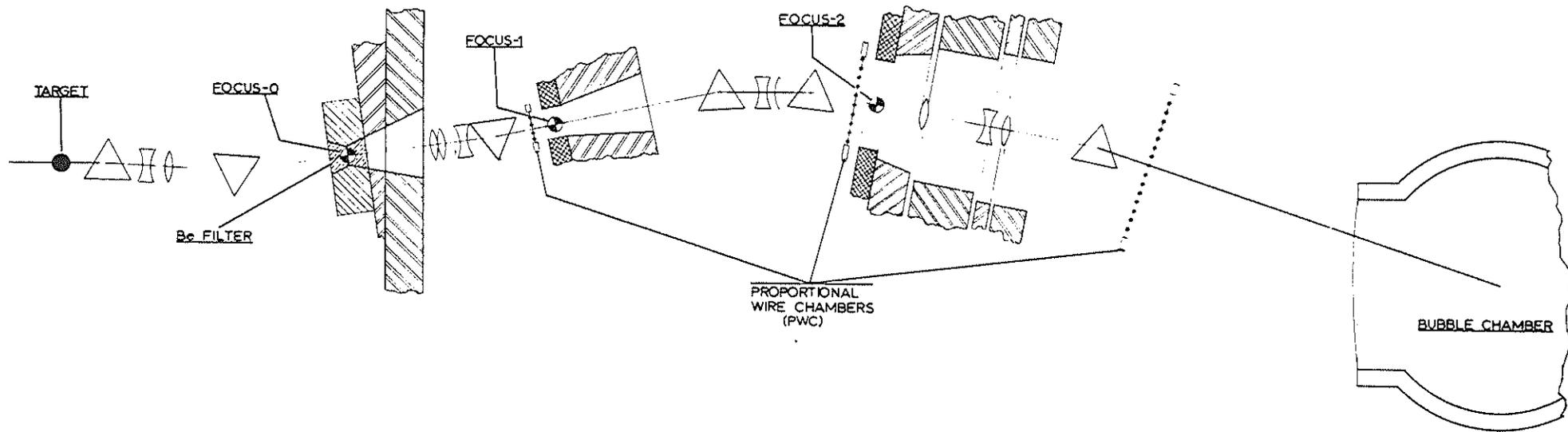


Fig. 7

# DESY

$\sigma_T + \epsilon\sigma_L$  ( $\mu\text{b}$ )

$e p \rightarrow e p \pi^+ \pi^-$

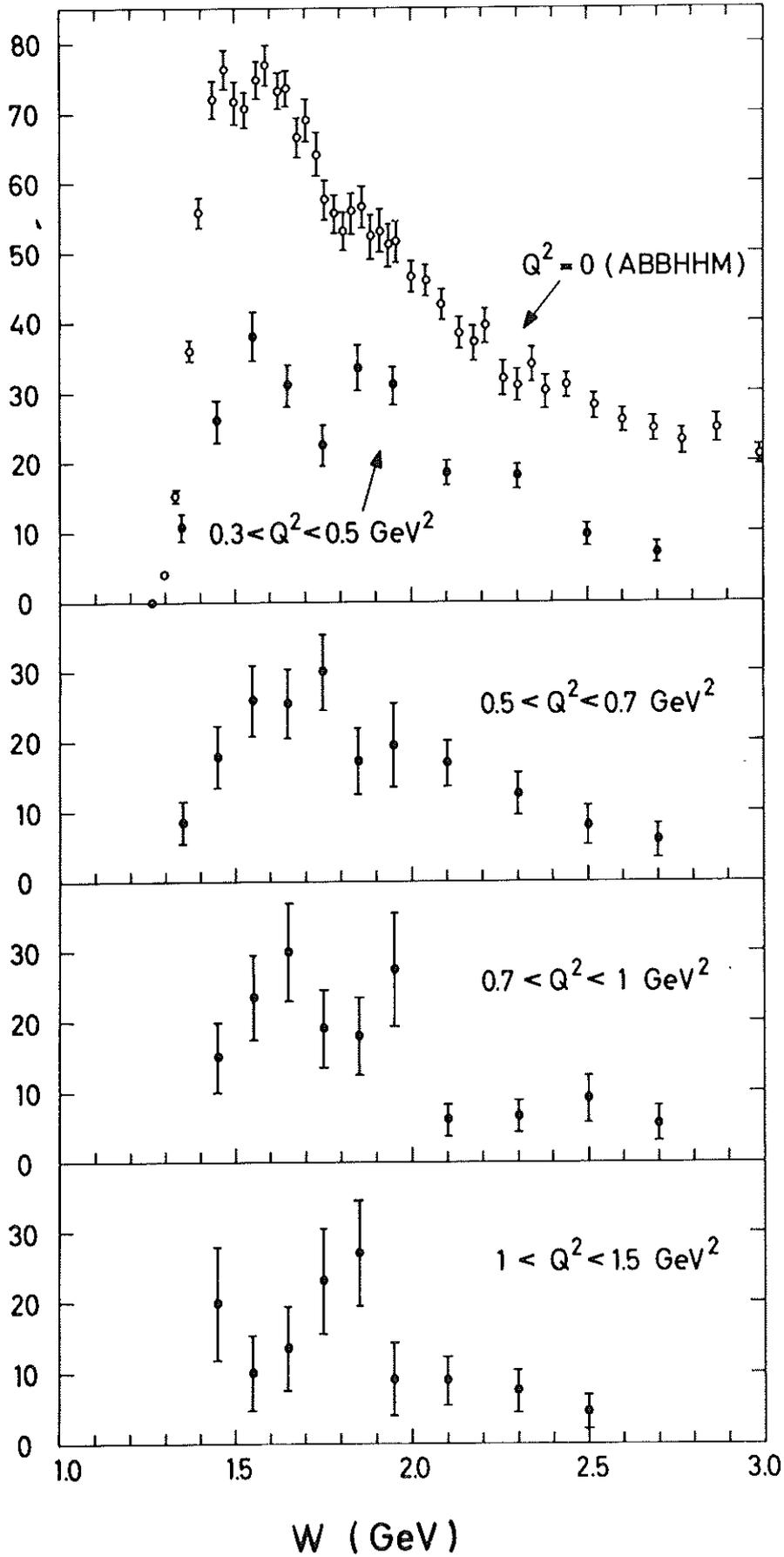


Fig. 8

DESY

$ep \rightarrow e p \pi^+ \pi^-$

$\sigma_T + \epsilon \sigma_L$  ( $\mu\text{b}$ )

---  $\sim \sigma_{T+L}^{\text{Tot}}$

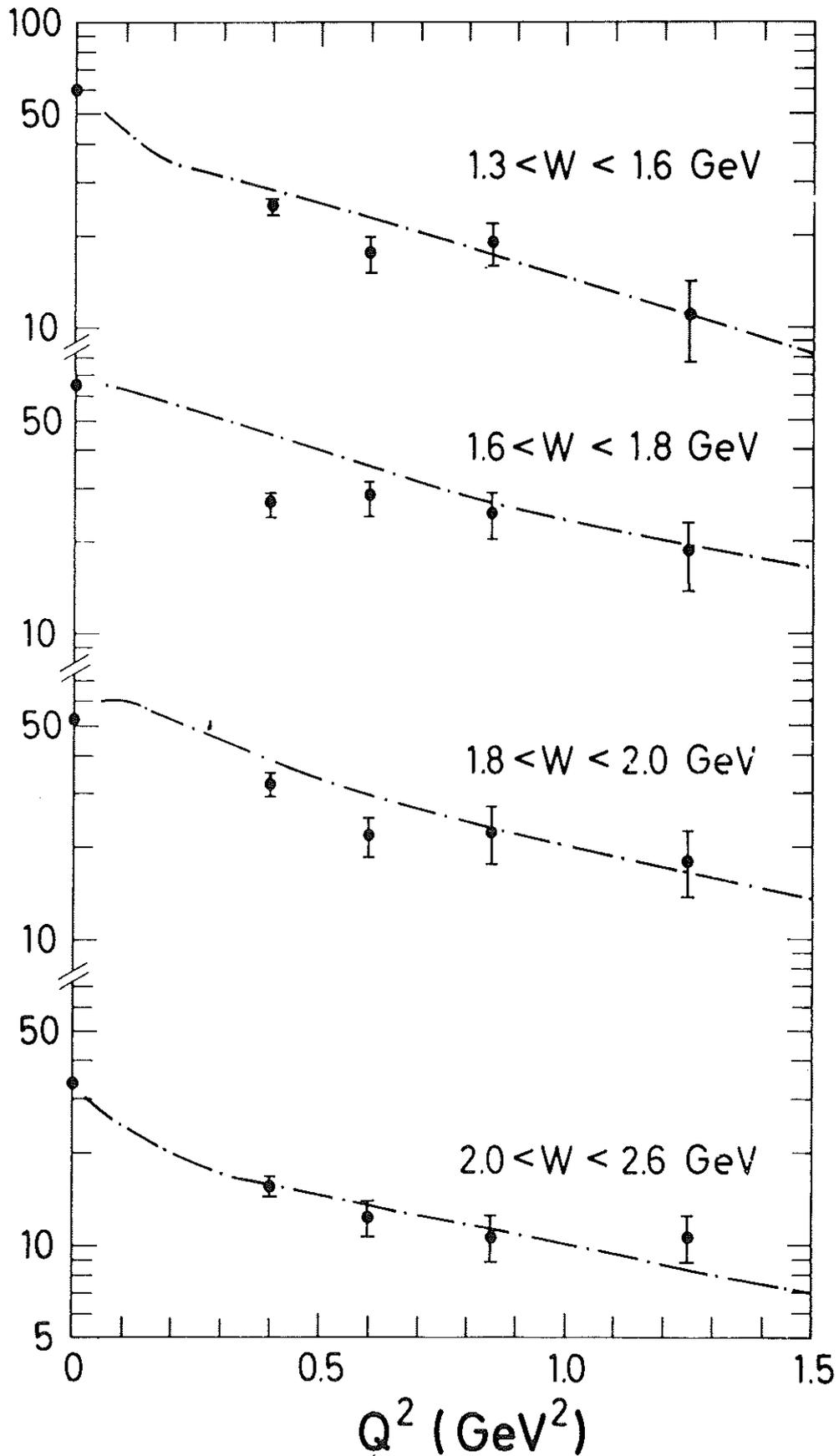


Fig. 9

# DESY

$$e p \rightarrow e p \pi^+ \pi^-$$

$$1.3 \text{ GeV} < W < 1.7 \text{ GeV}$$

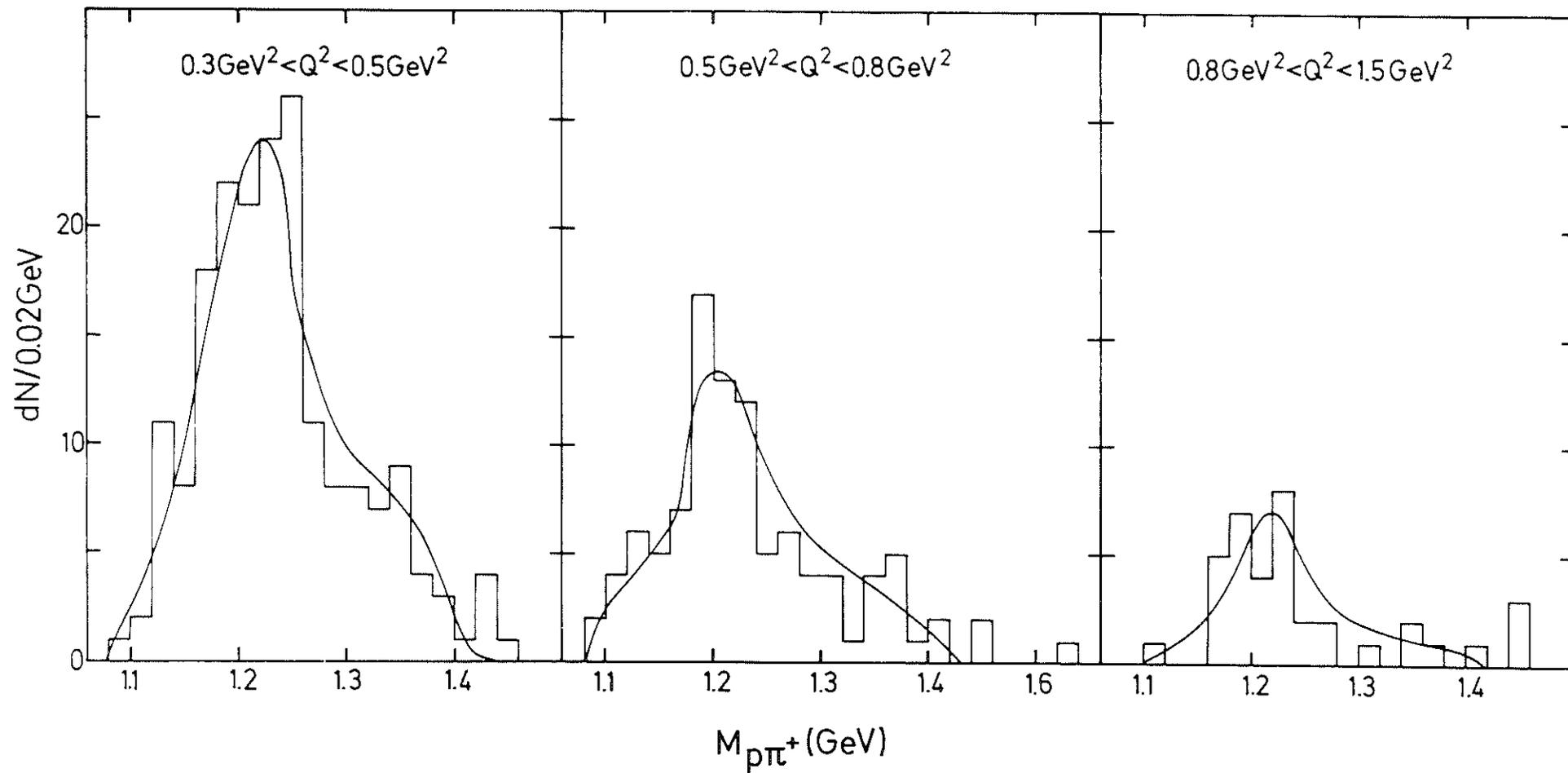


Fig. 10

# DESY

$ep \rightarrow ep\pi^+\pi^-$

$1.7 < W < 2.0 \text{ GeV}$

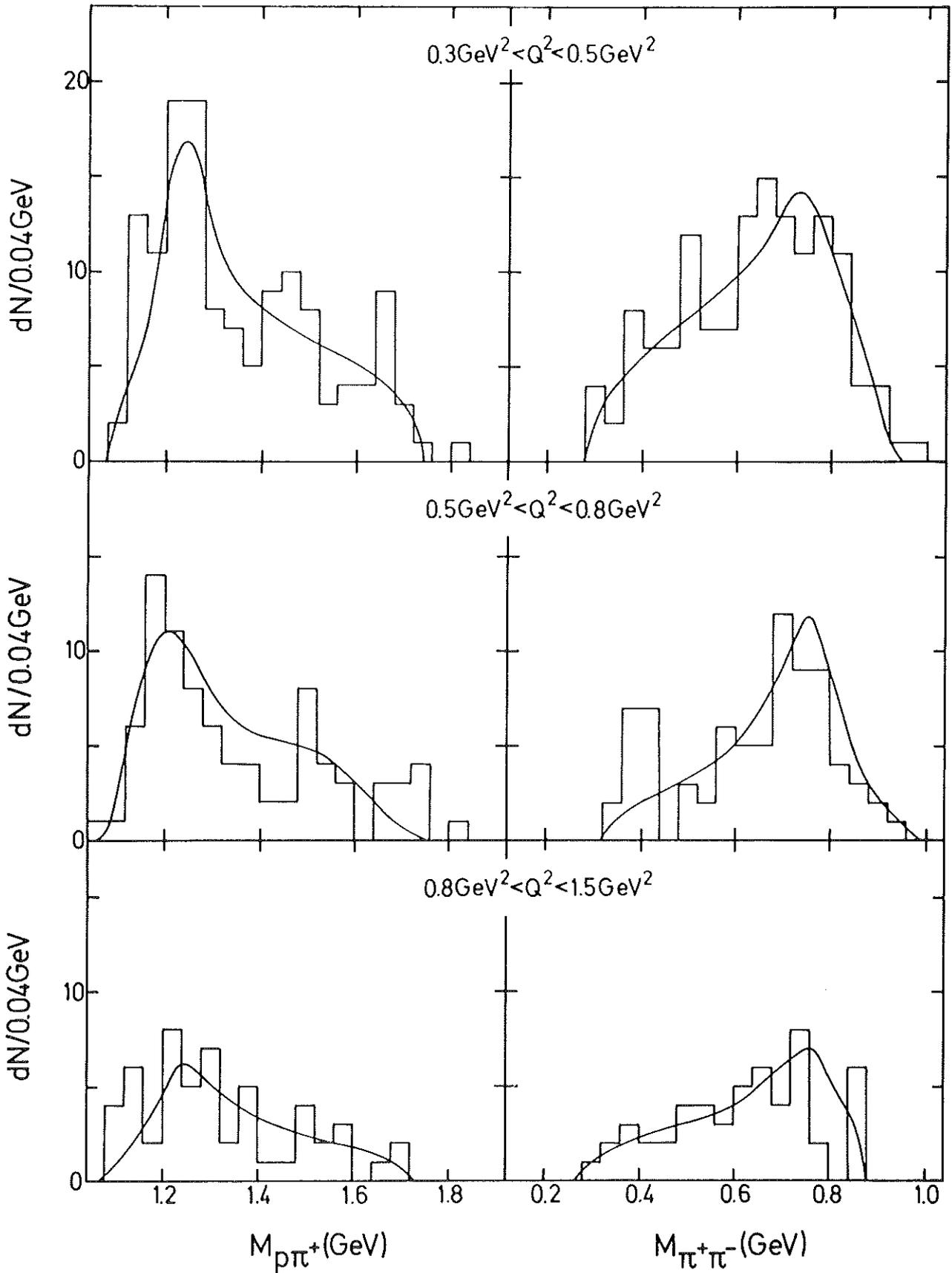


Fig. 11

# DESY

$ep \rightarrow ep\pi^+\pi^-$

$2.0 < W < 2.7 \text{ GeV}$

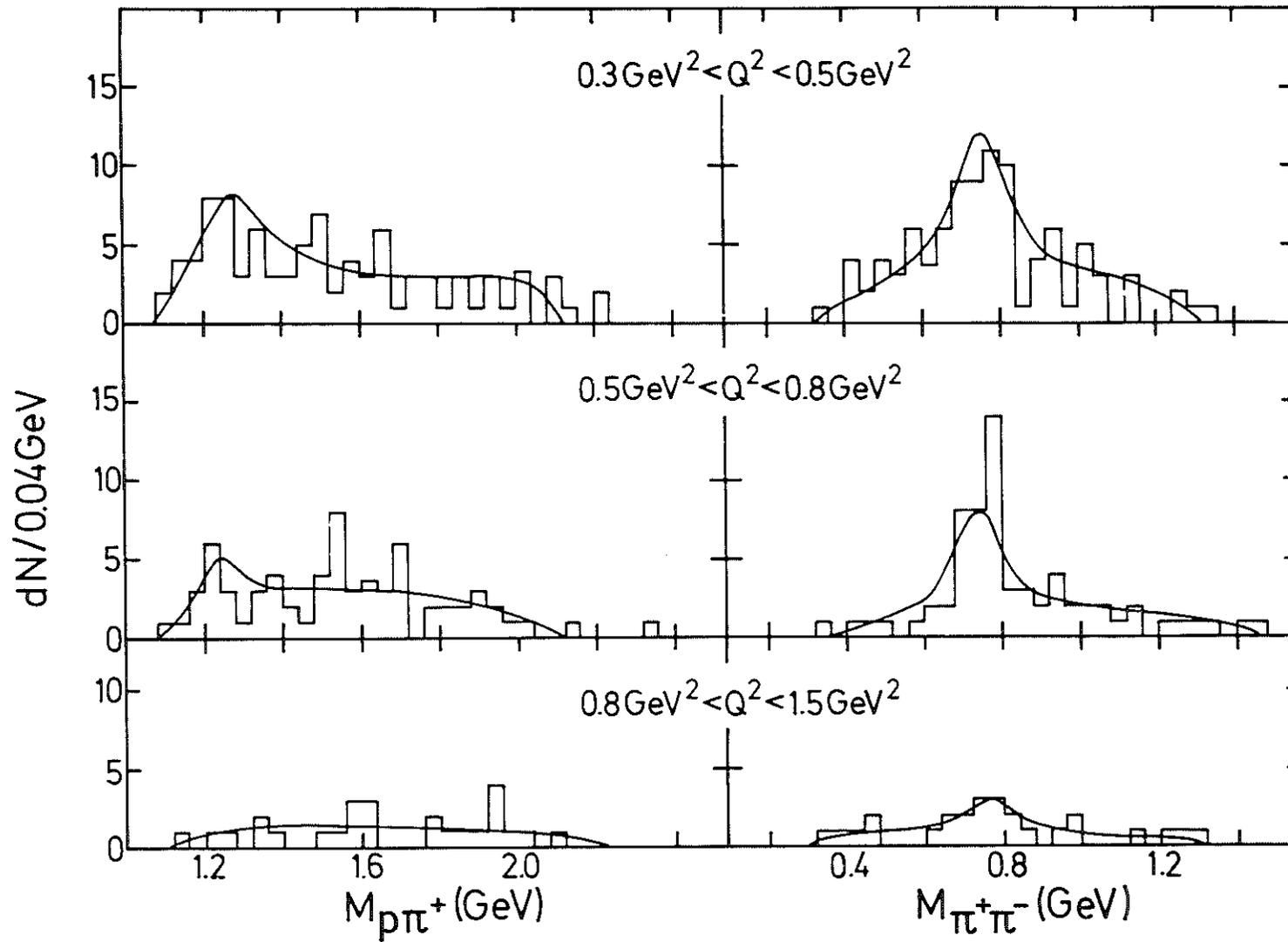


Fig. 12

# SLAC

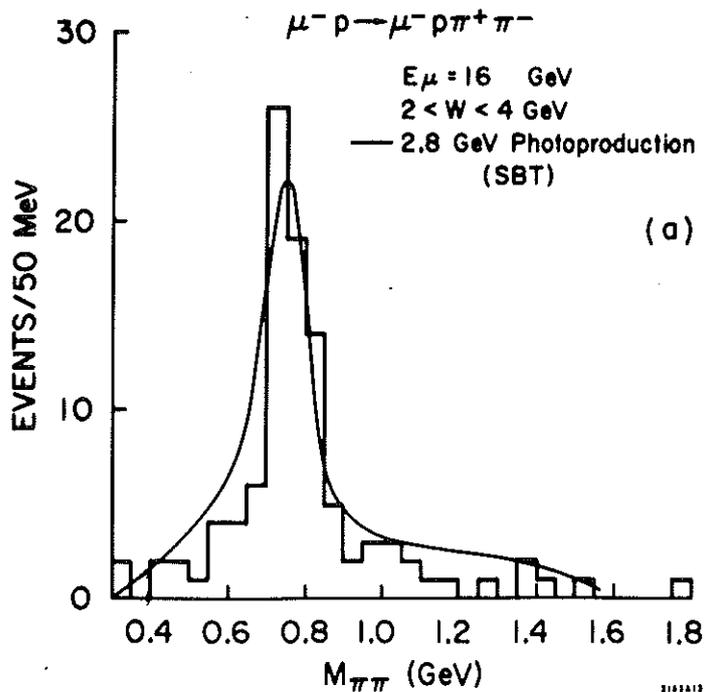


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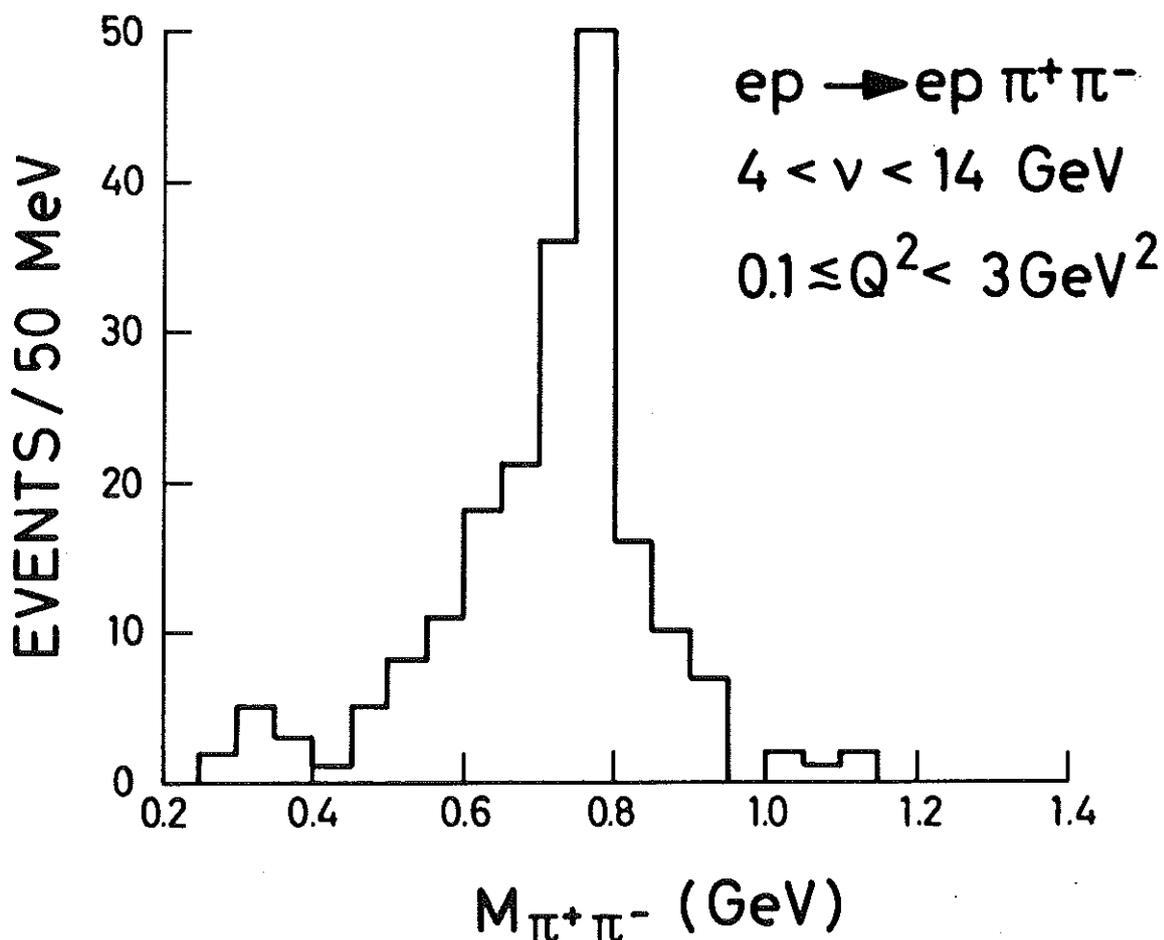


Fig. 14



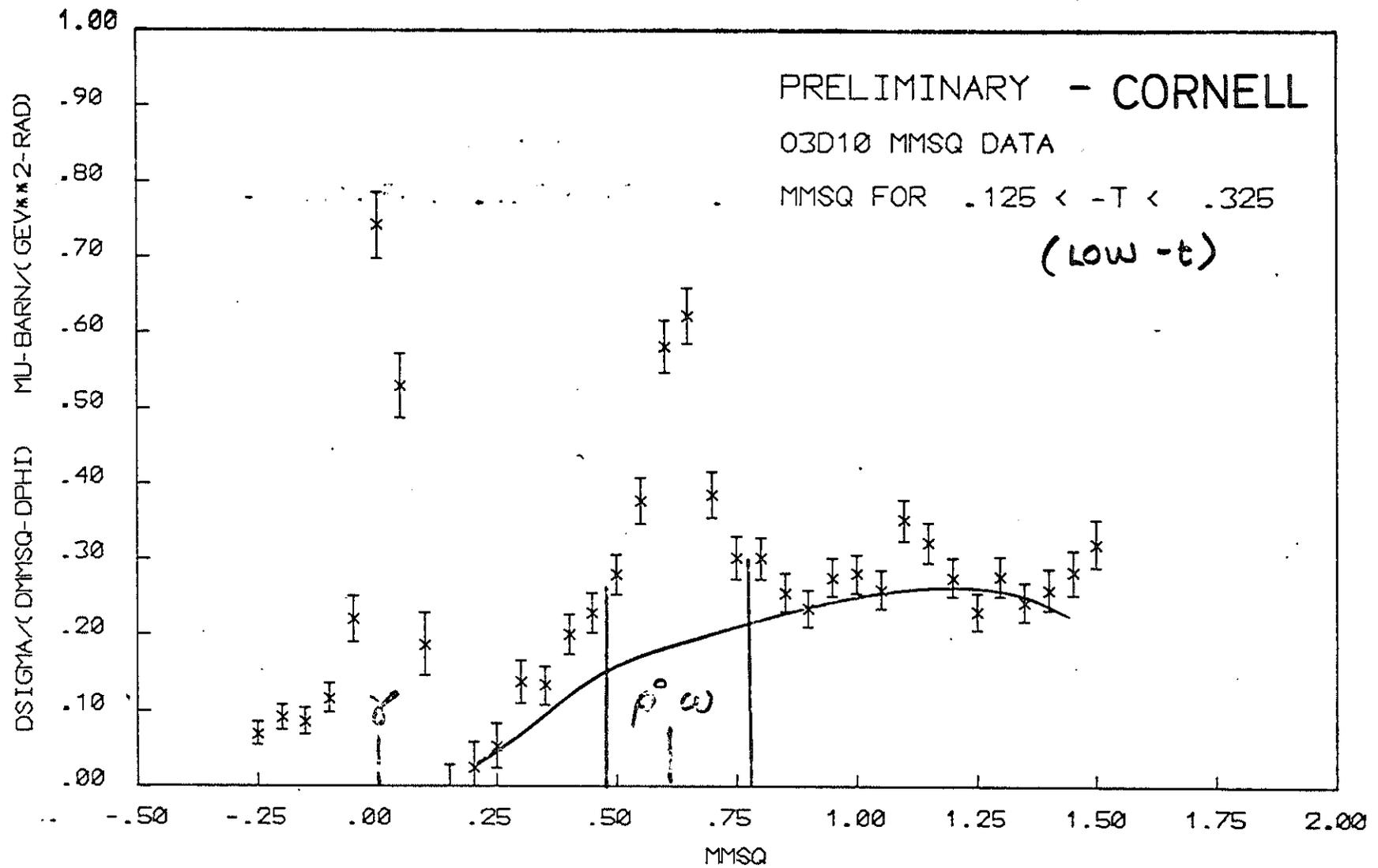


Fig. 15

DESY

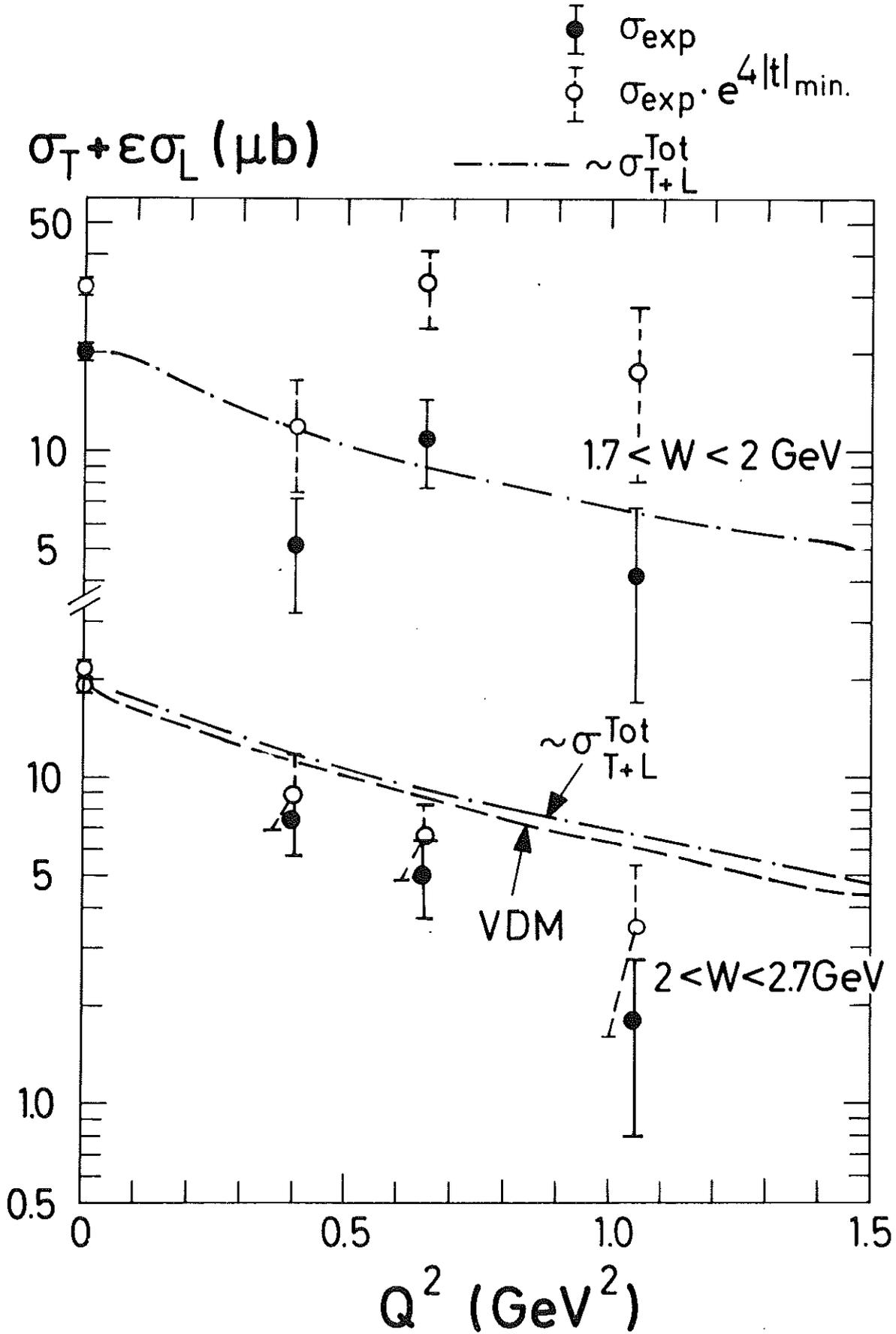
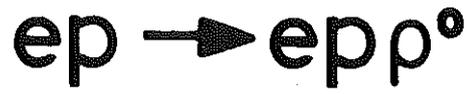


Fig. 16

# DESY

$$ep \rightarrow epp^{\circ}$$

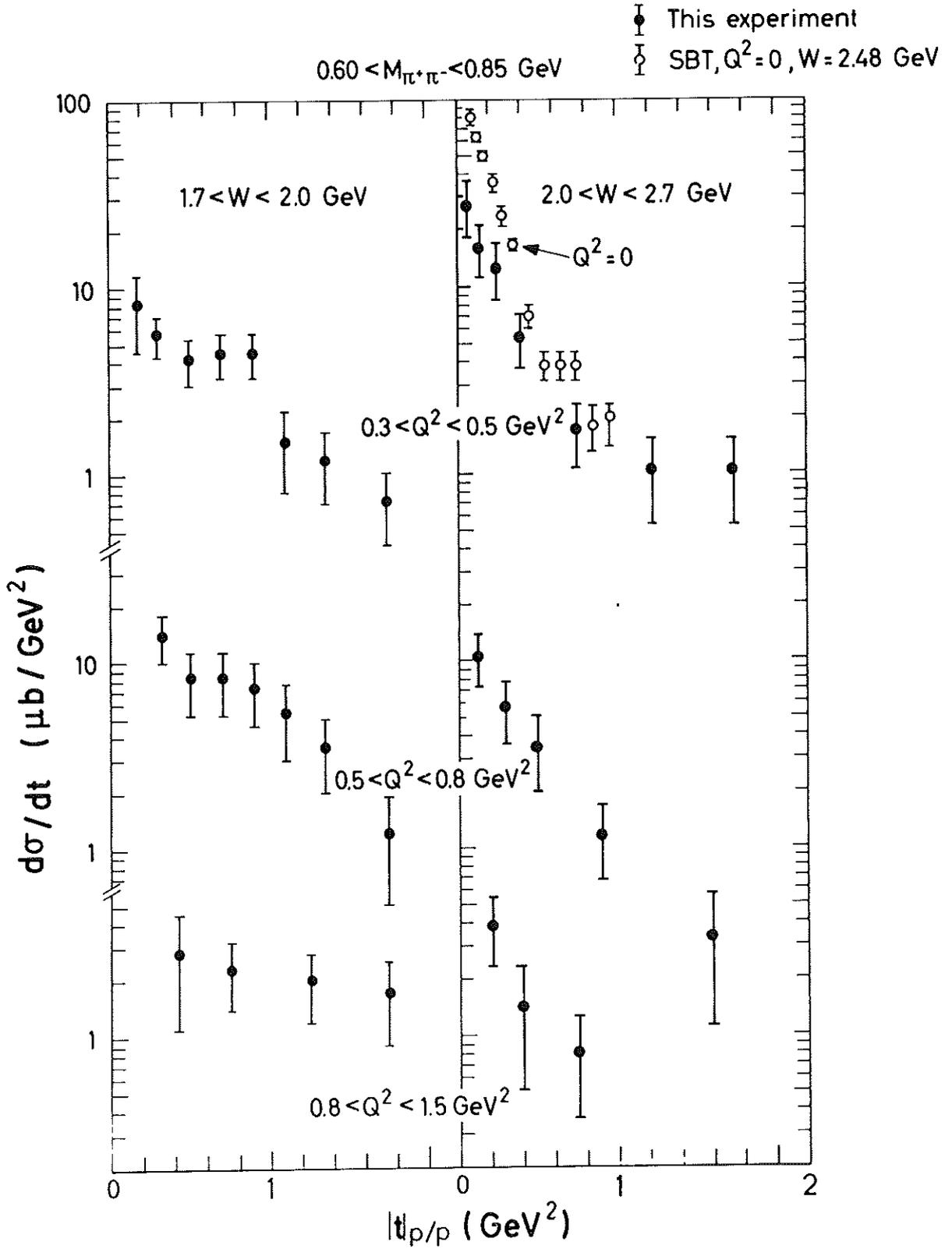


Fig. 17

SLAC

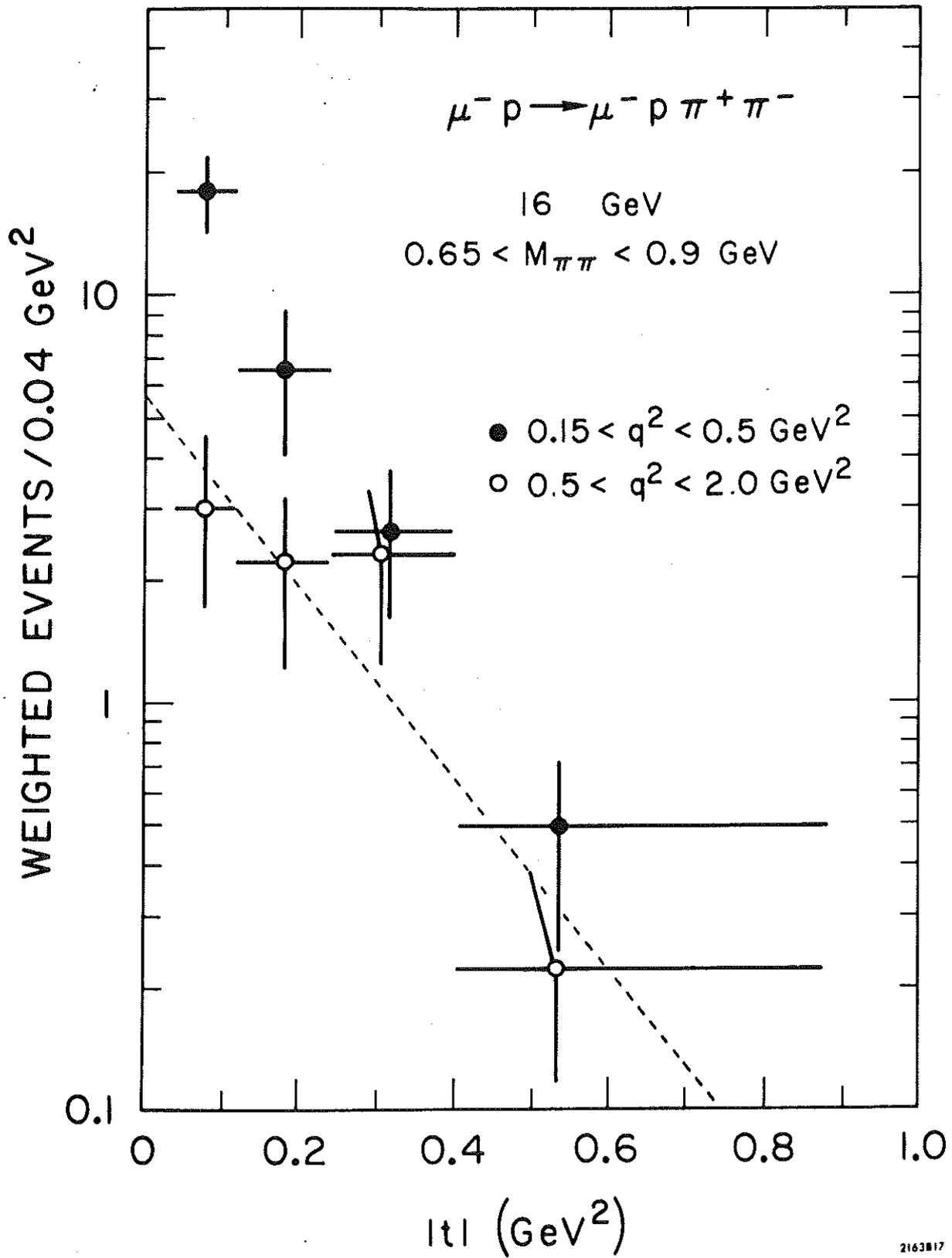


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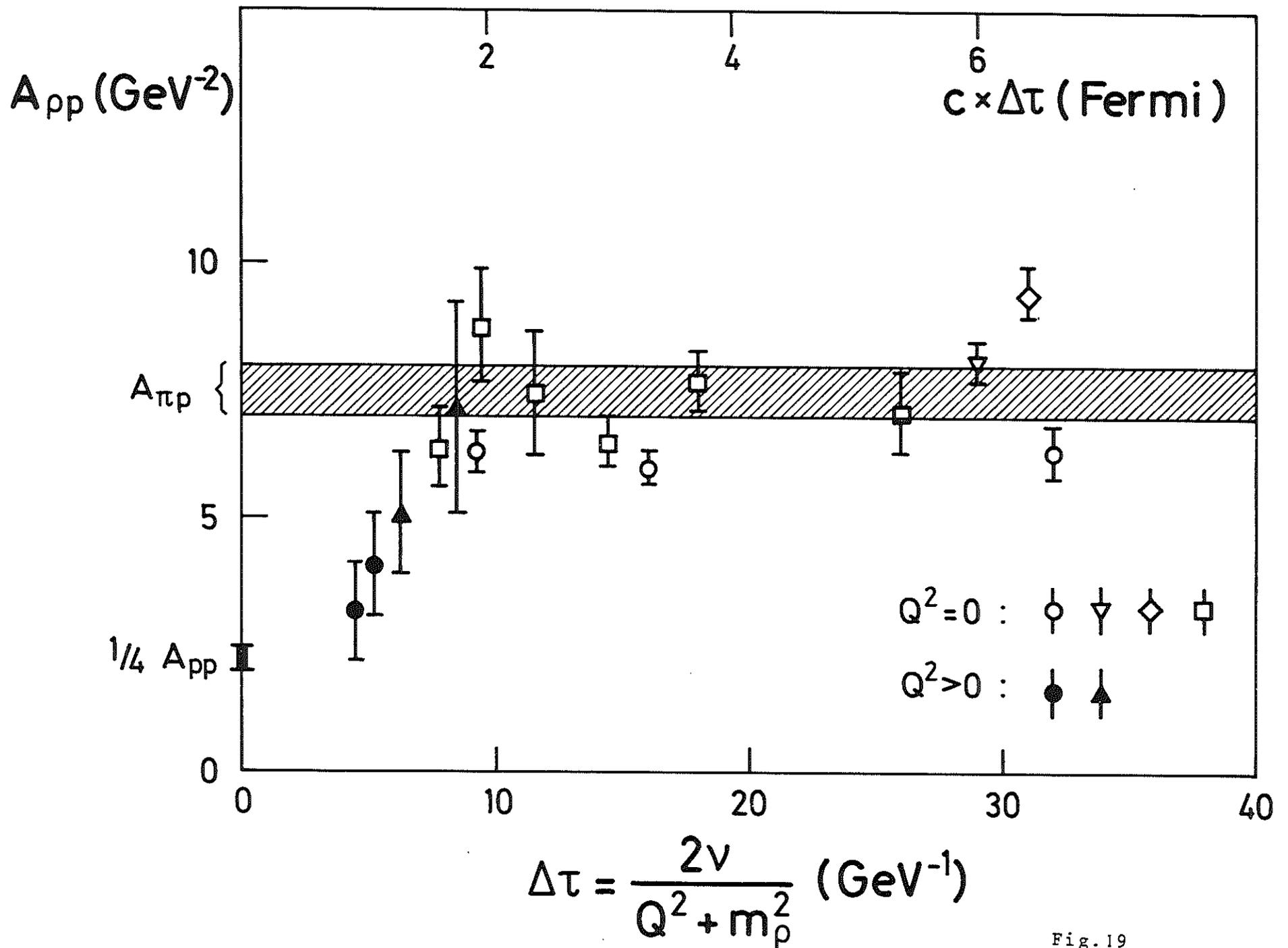


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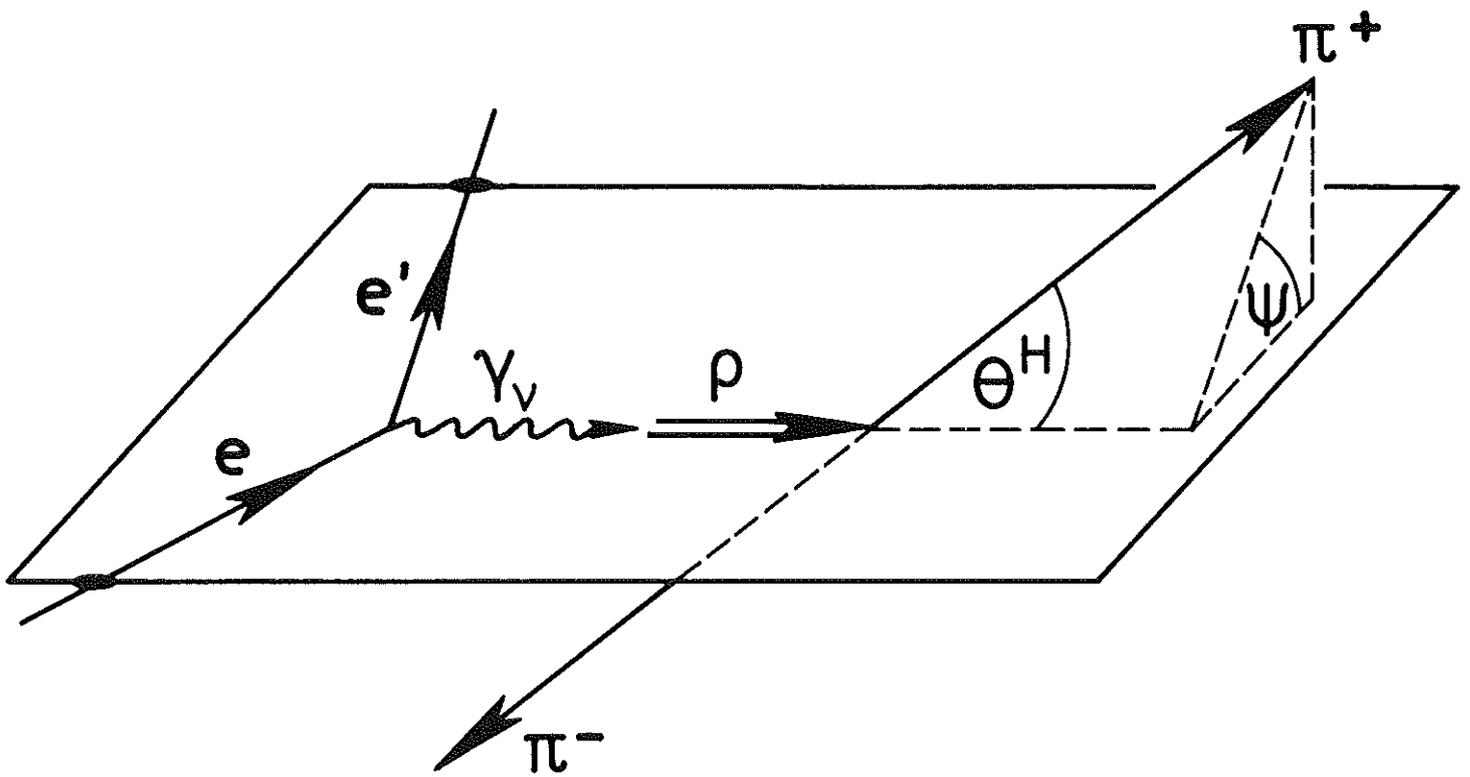
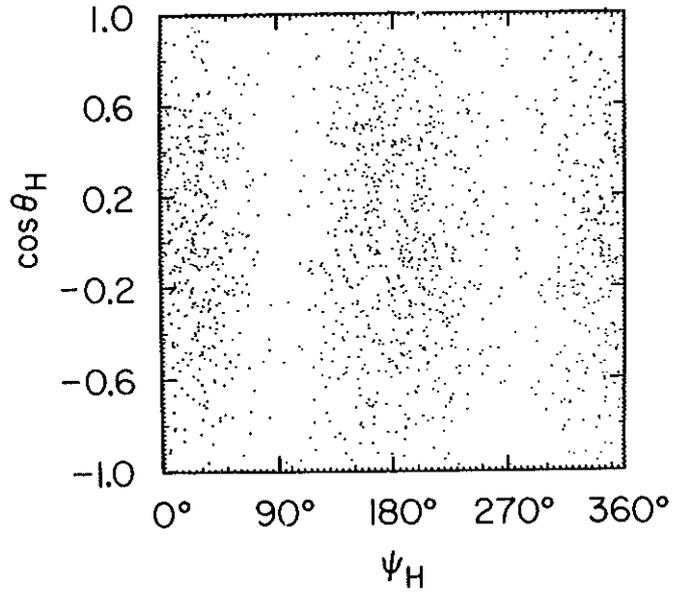
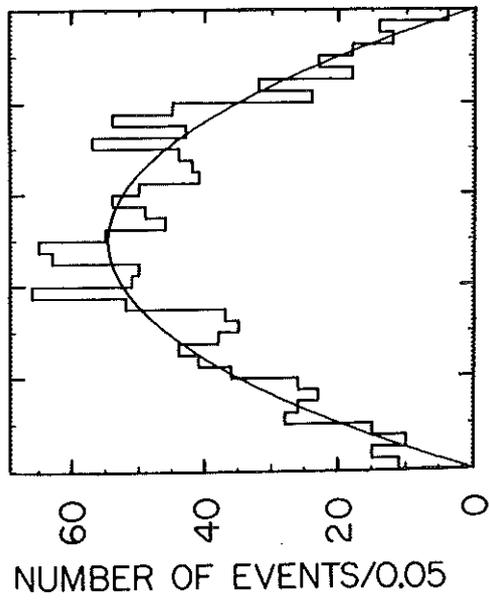


Fig. 20

# SLAC - LBL-TUFTS



(b)  $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^-$

$E_\gamma = 4.7$  GeV

$0.60 < M_{\pi\pi} < 0.85$  GeV

$0.02 < |t| < 0.4$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

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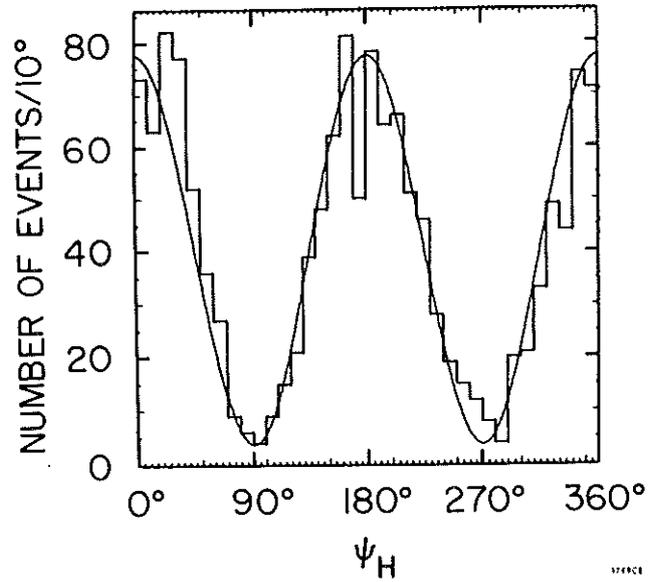
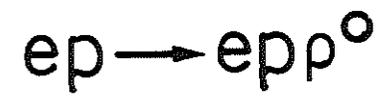


Fig. 21

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$$0.65 < M_{\pi^+\pi^-} < 0.84 \text{ GeV} \quad 0.3 < Q^2 < 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$2.0 < W < 2.7 \text{ GeV}$$

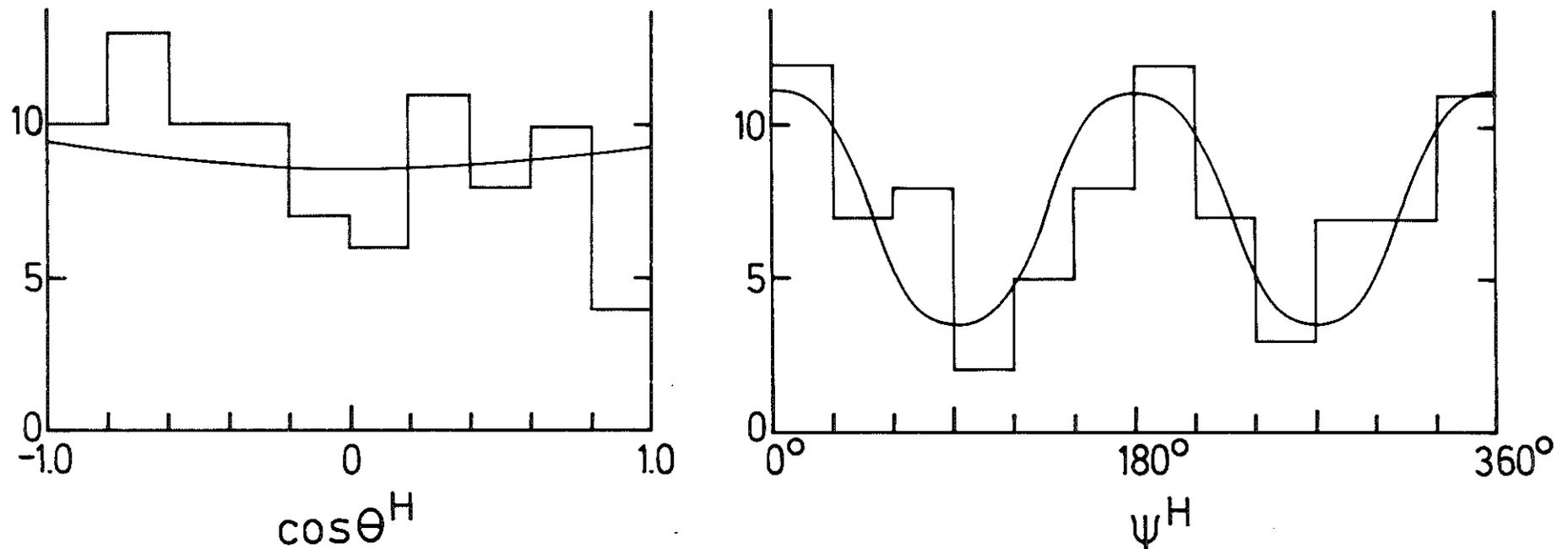
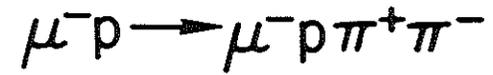


Fig.22

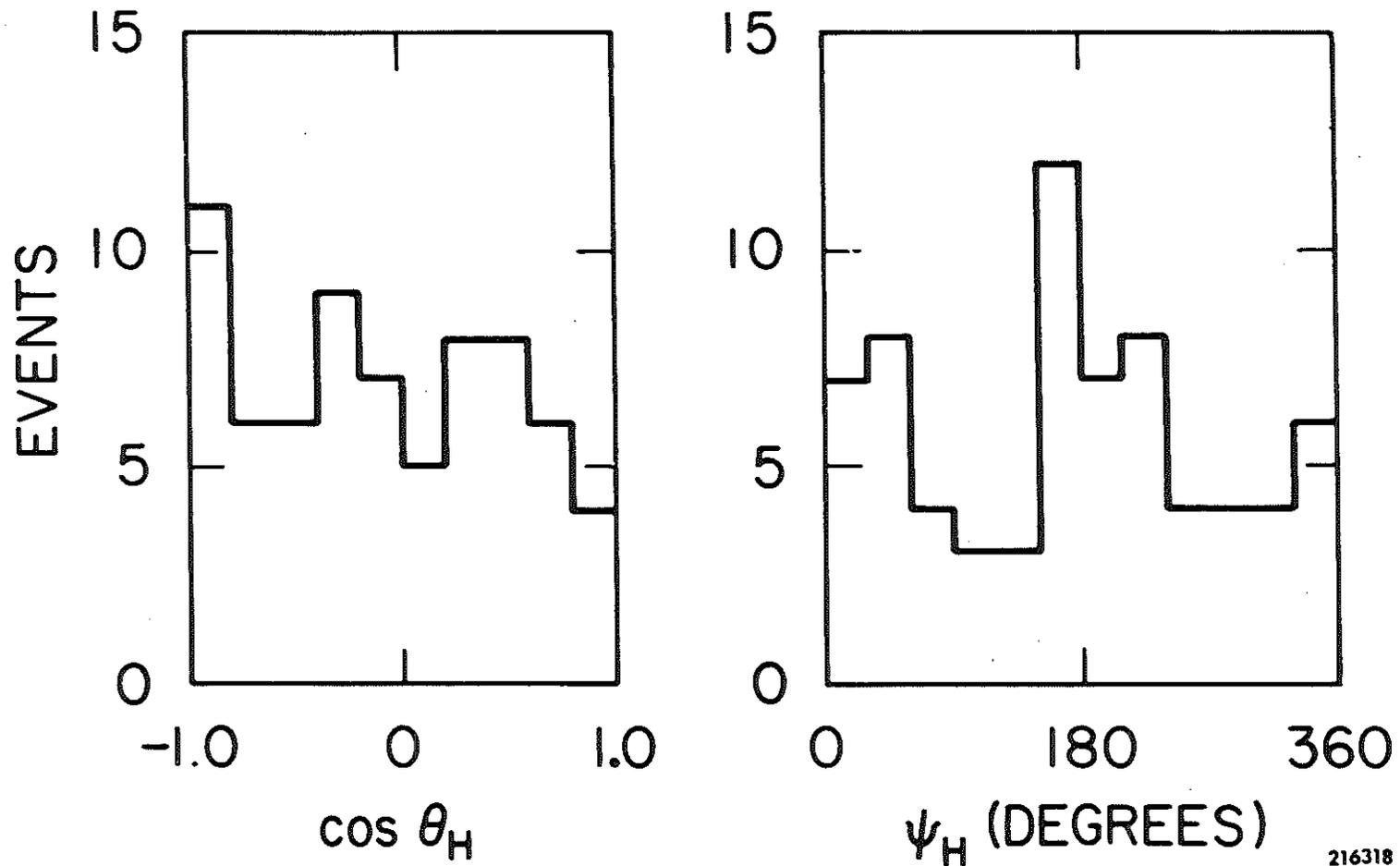


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$0.65 < M_{\pi\pi} < 0.9$  GeV 16 GeV

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Fig.23

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 $\gamma_V p \rightarrow p \omega$

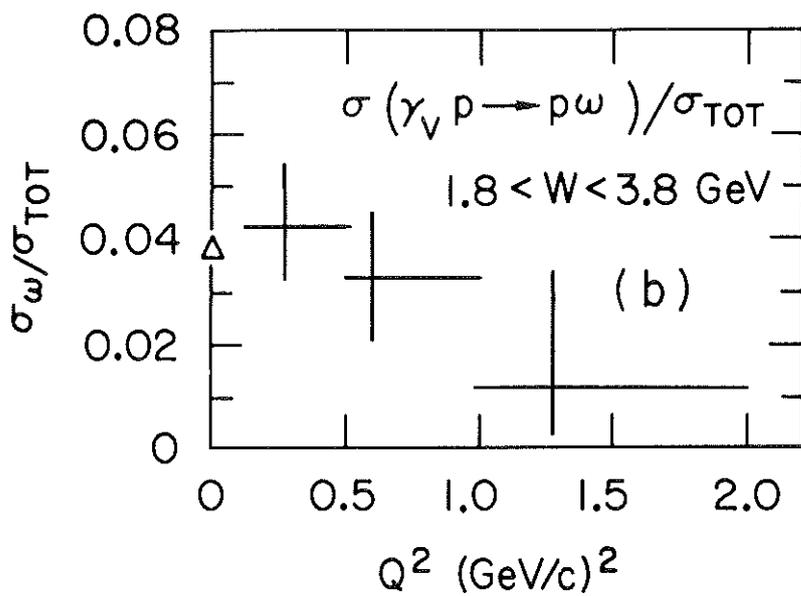
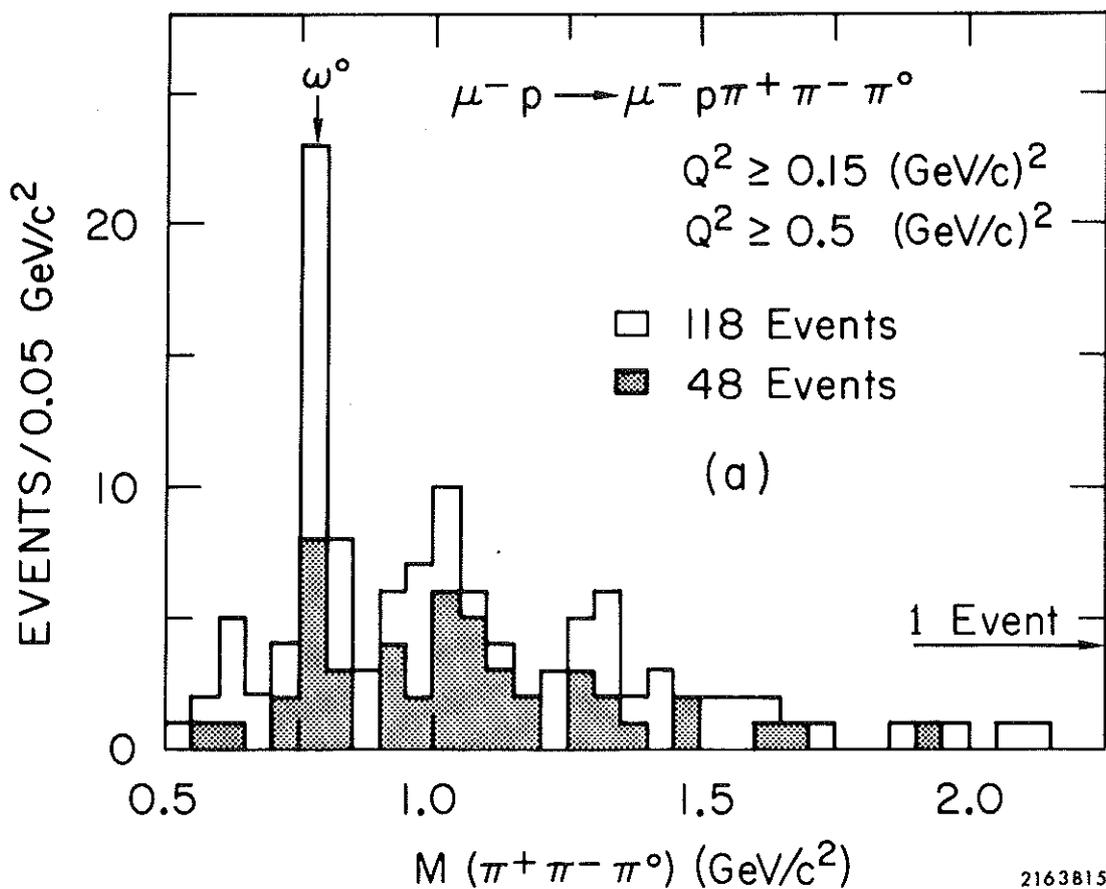


Fig. 24

$\gamma_V p \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

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- ◆ SLAC HBC
- SLAC-LBL-TUFTS
- ◇ LBL

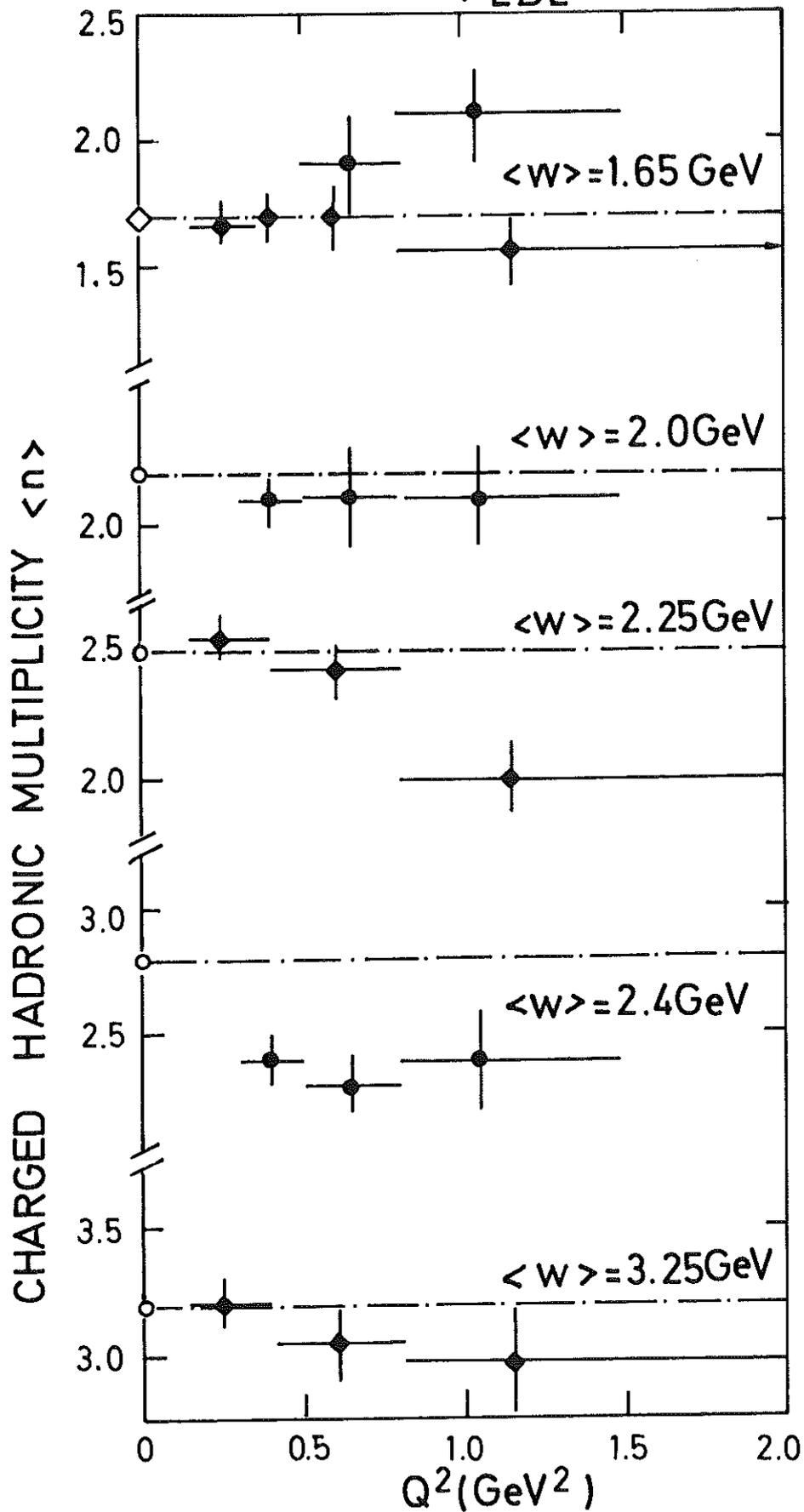


Fig. 25

# DESY

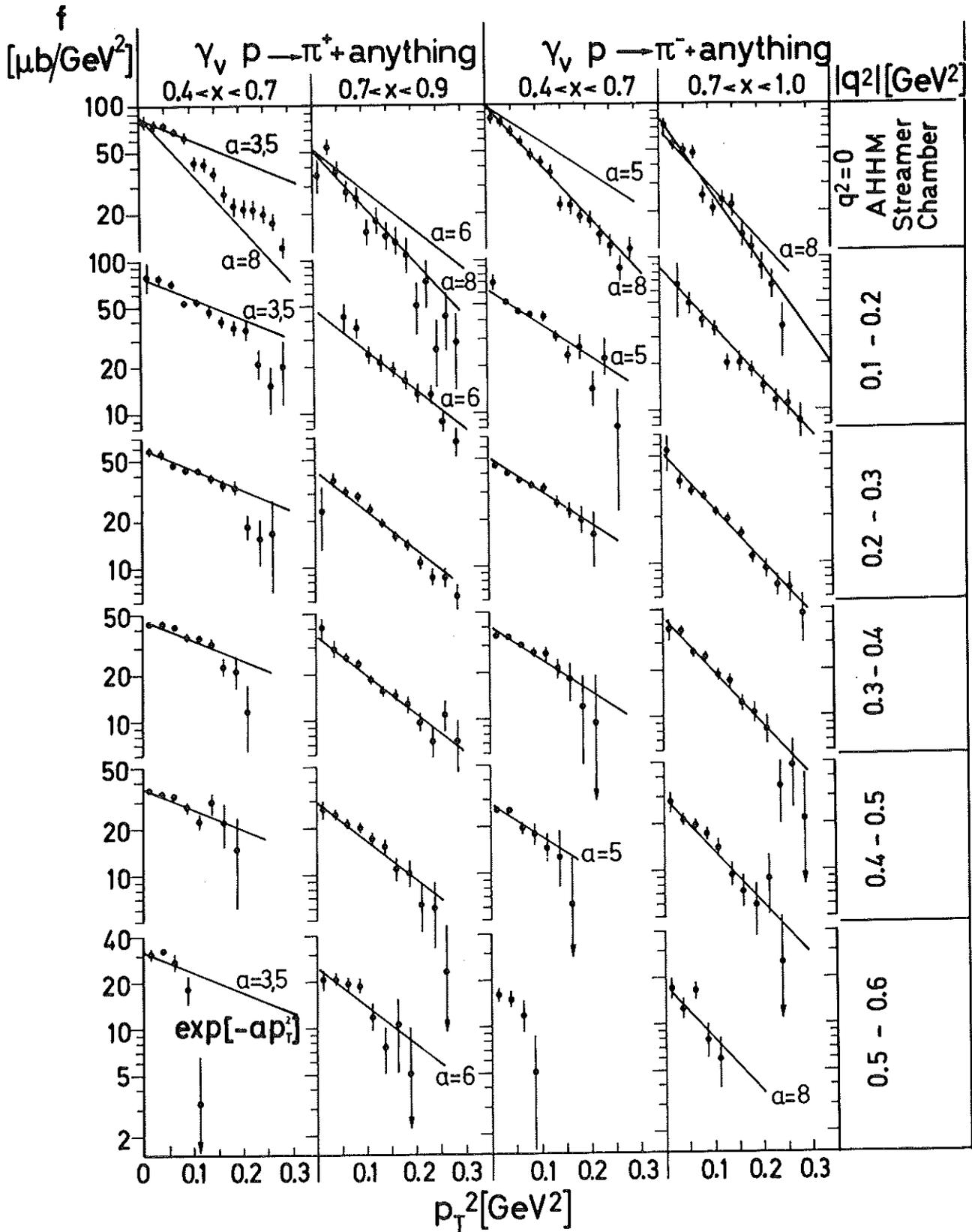


Fig. 26

# CORNELL (Lazarus et al.)

$\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \pi^+ X$

$W = 3 \text{ GeV}$

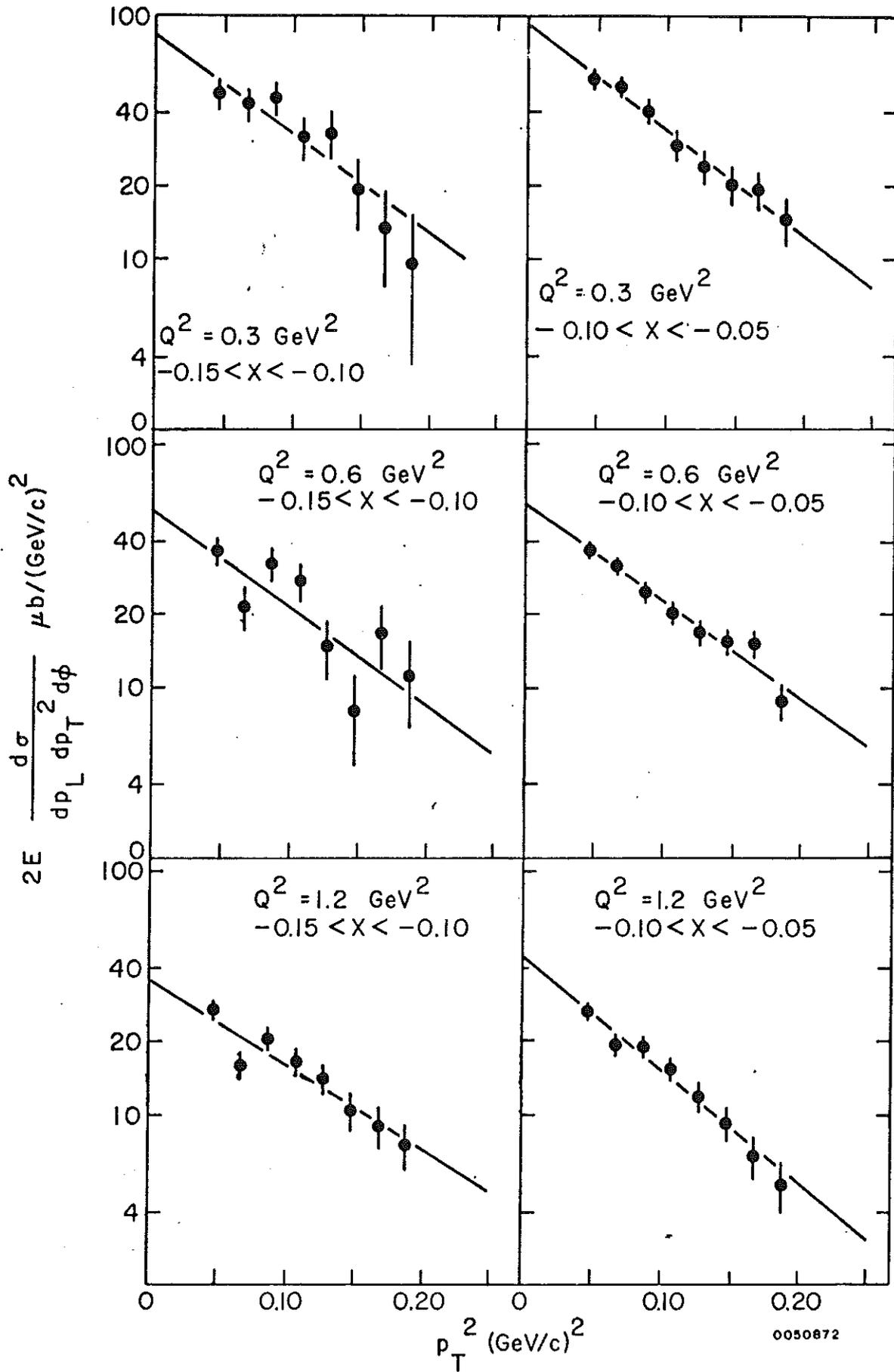


Fig. 27

DESY

$(\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^- + \dots)$

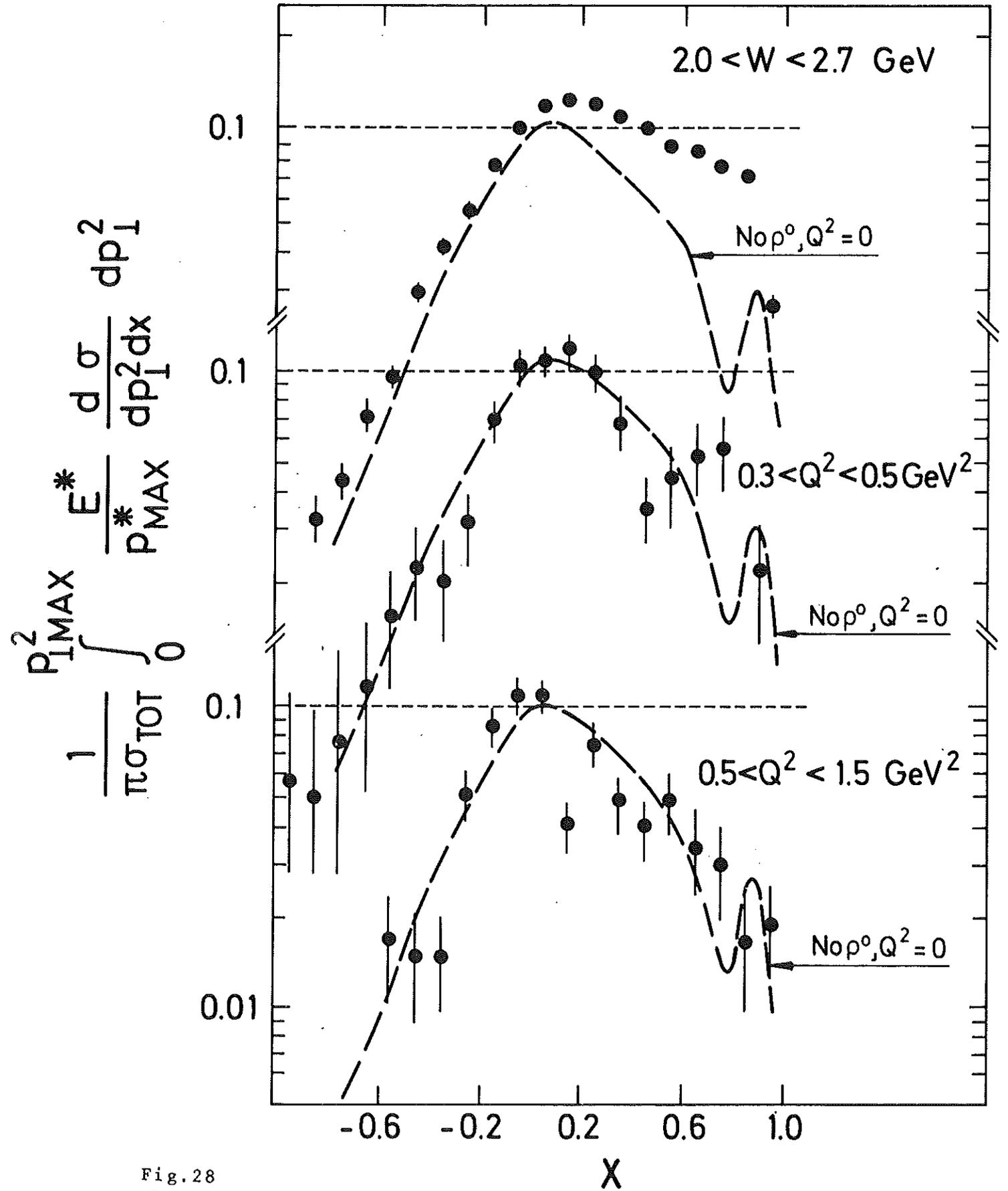


Fig. 28

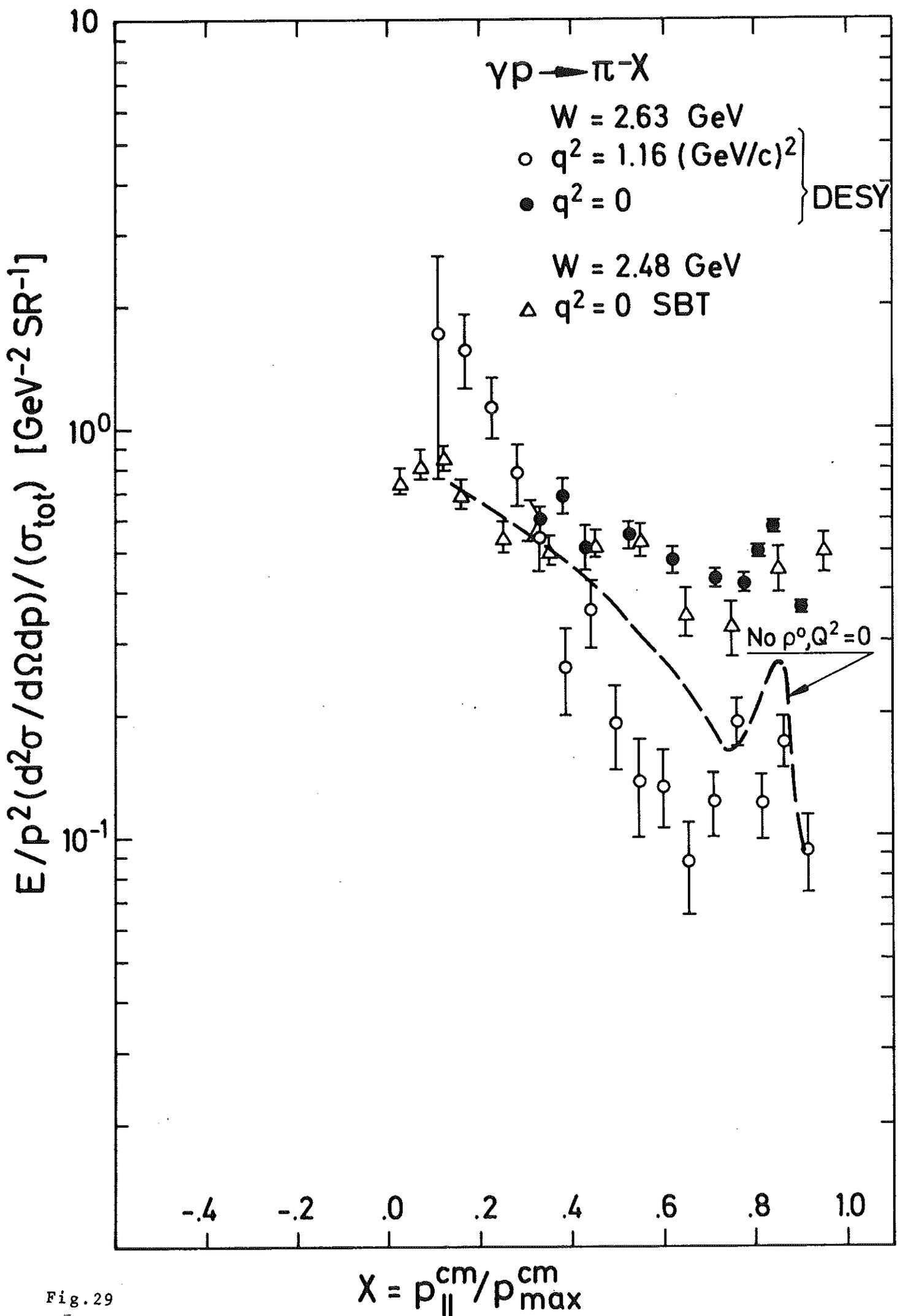


Fig. 29

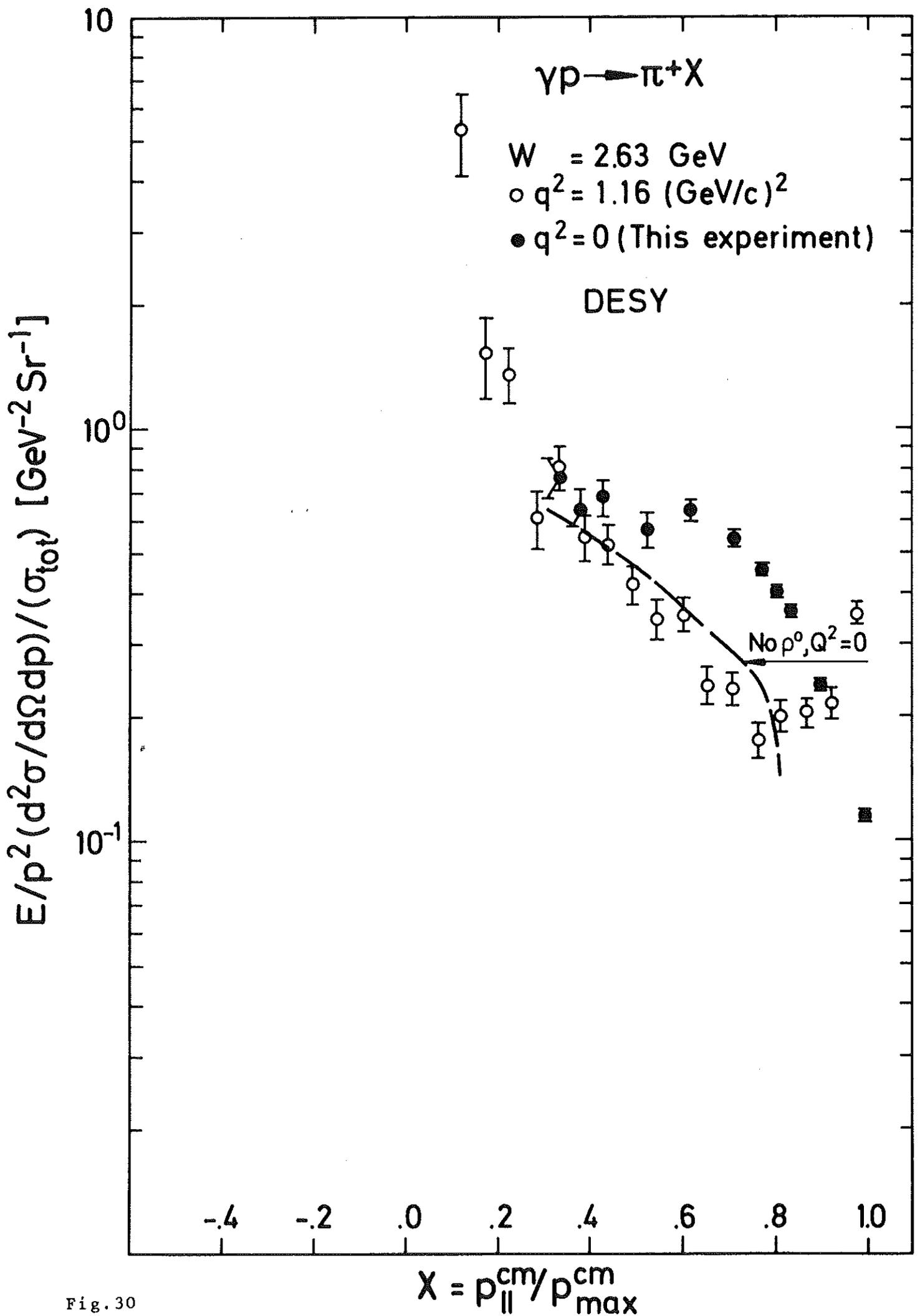


Fig. 30



# DESY

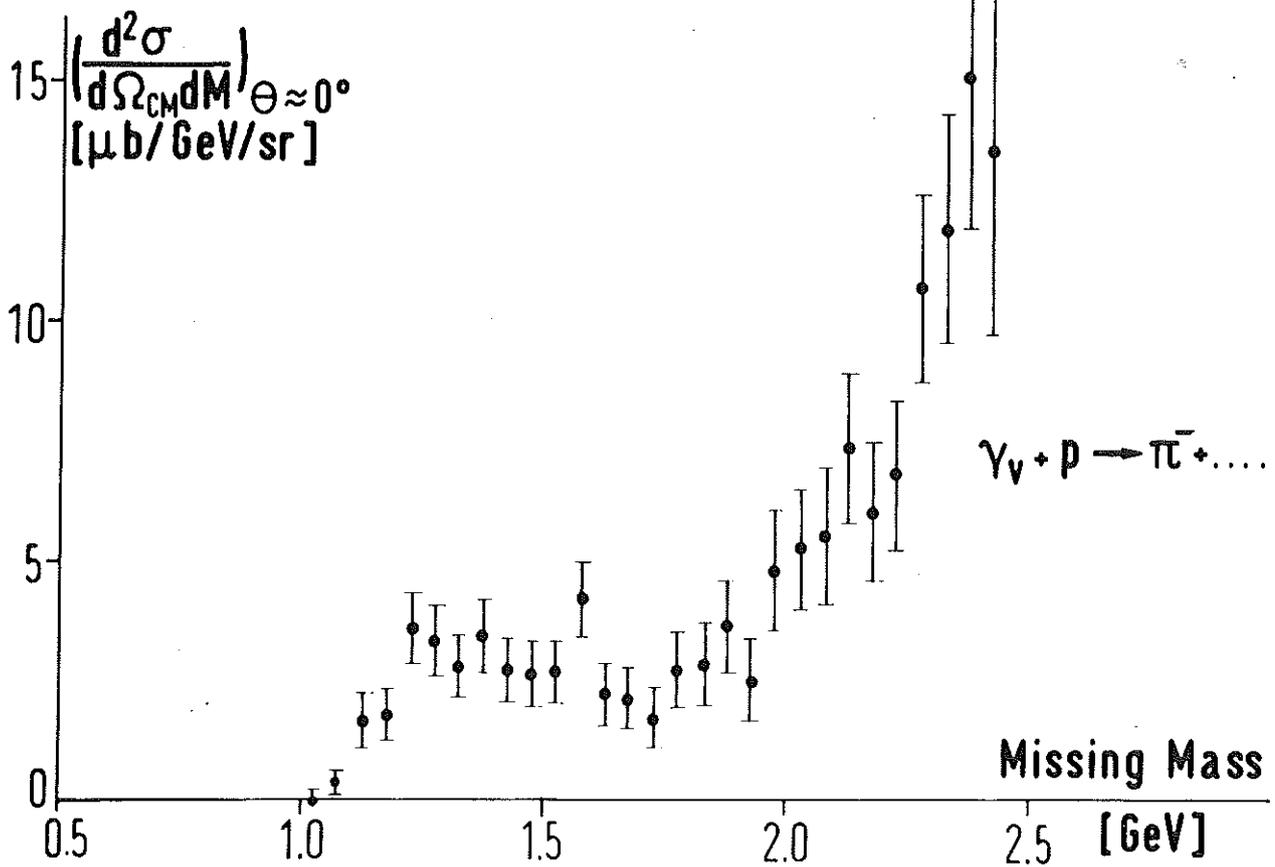
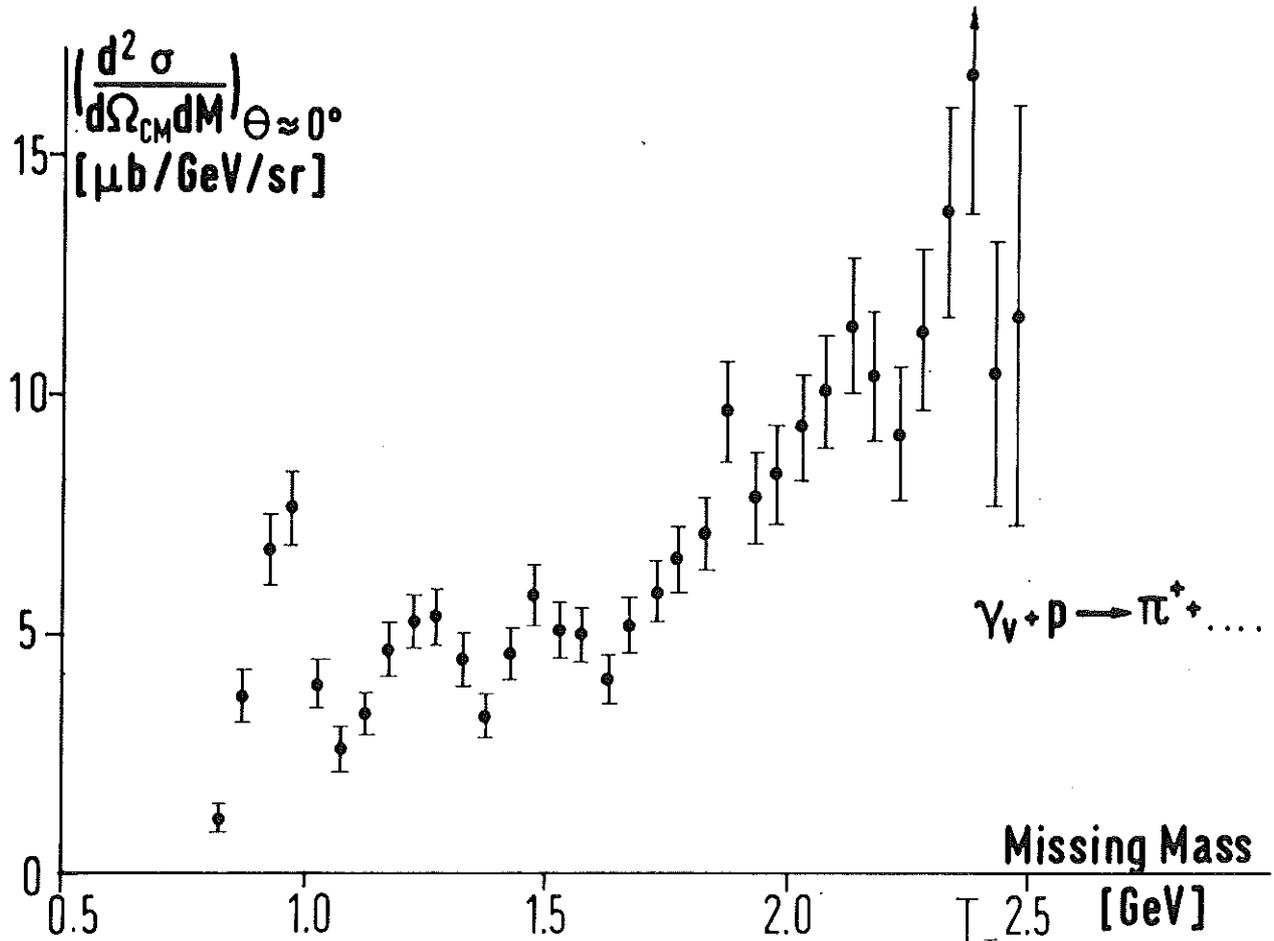


Fig. 31

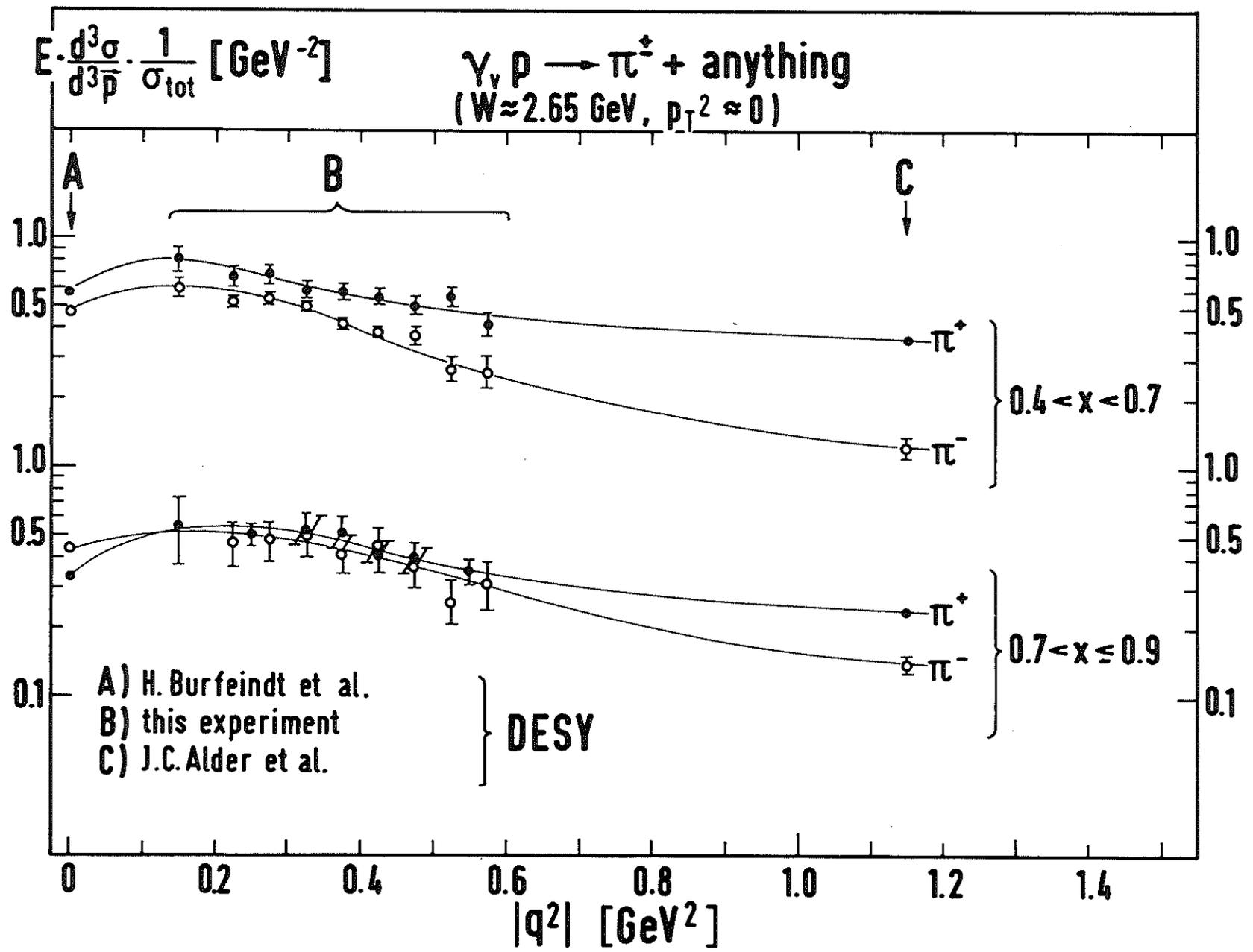


Fig. 32

DESY

$\gamma + p \rightarrow K^+ + X$

$W = 2.63 \text{ GeV}$

○  $q^2 = 1.16 \text{ GeV}^2$

●  $q^2 = 0$

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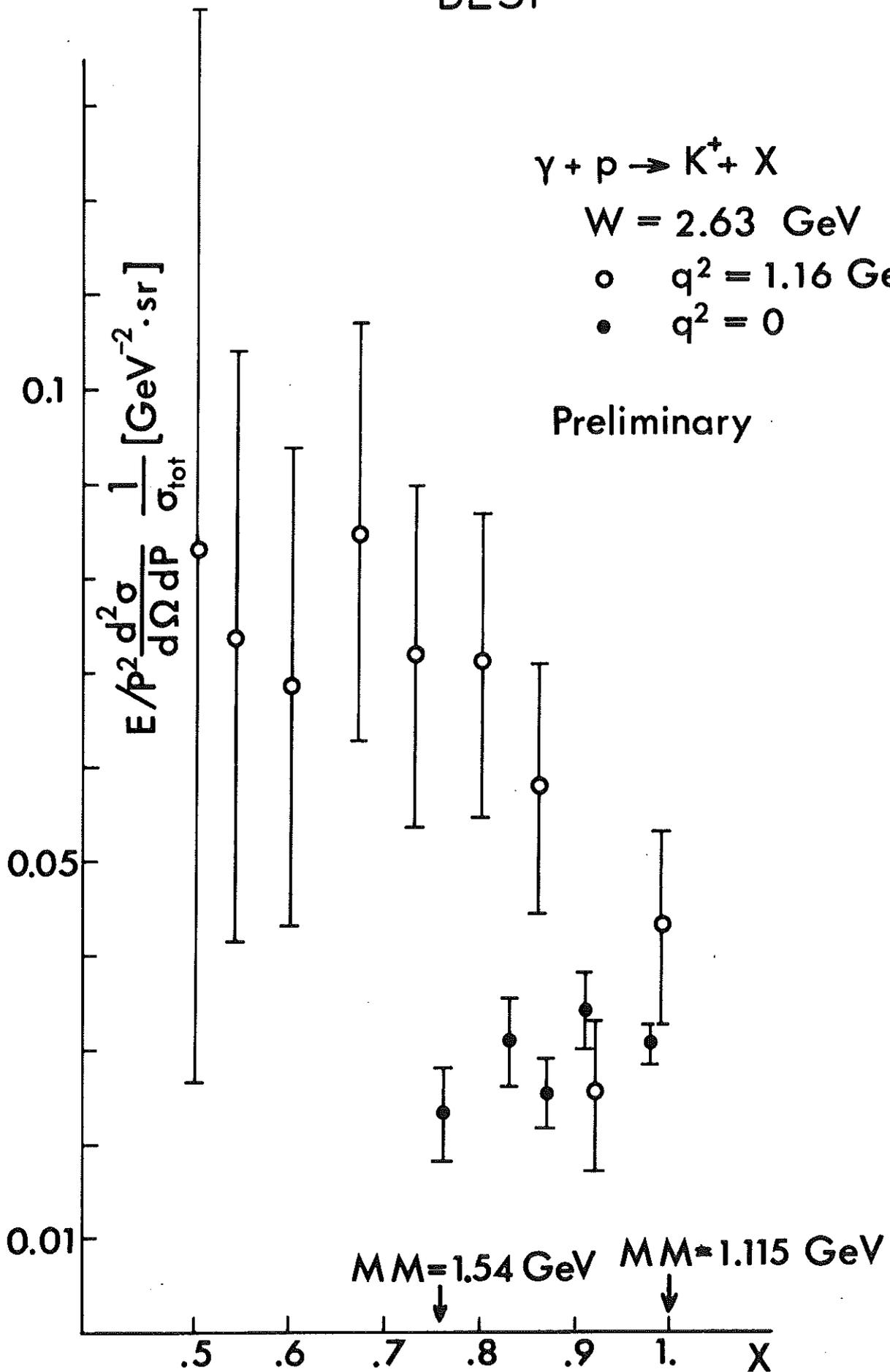


Fig. 33

DESY

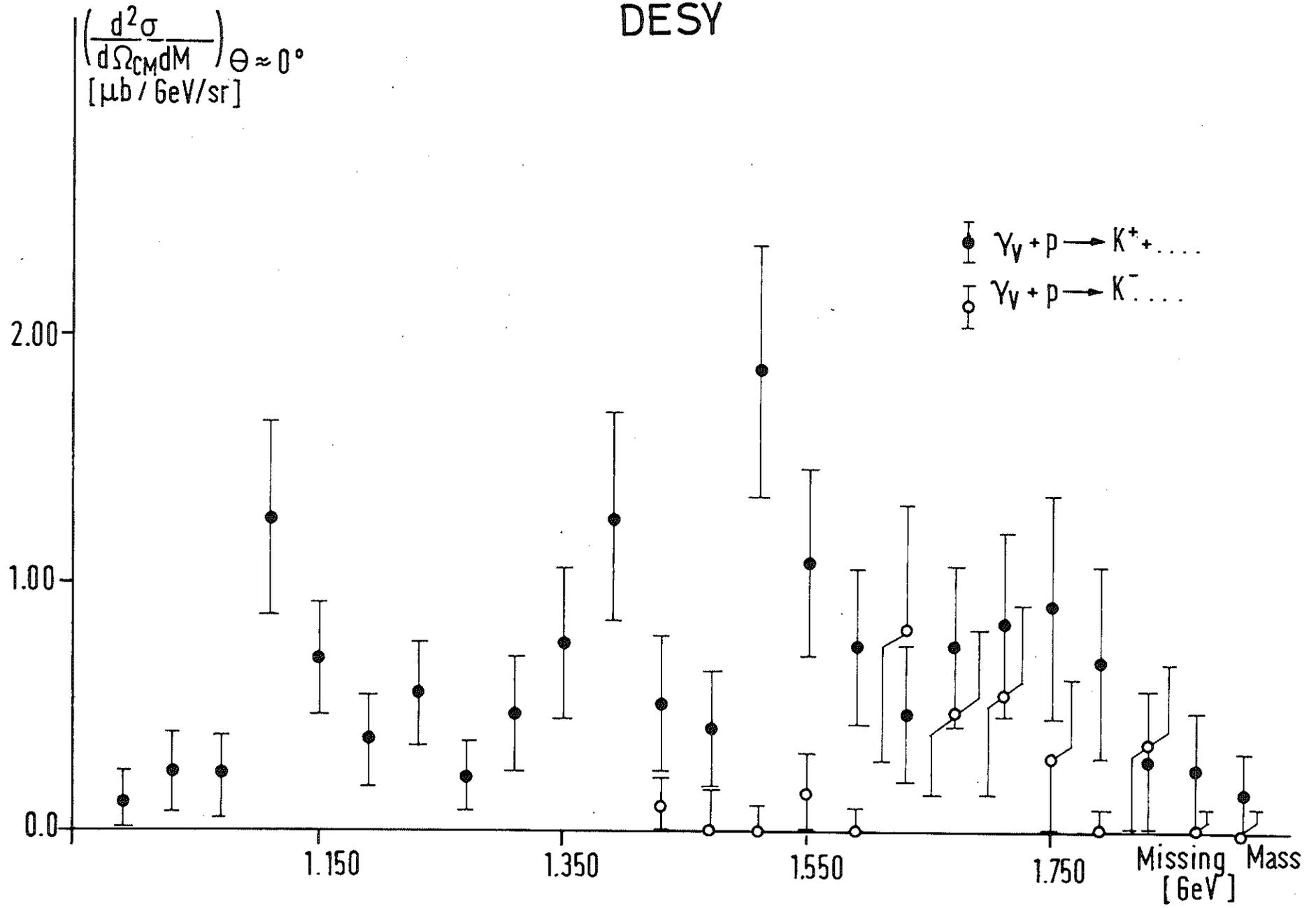


Fig.34

# SLAC

$\gamma_V p \rightarrow p + (\text{anything})$

$2.5 < W < 4.0 \text{ GeV} \quad \langle W \rangle = 3.1 \text{ GeV}$

— x elastic  $\rho^0$  and  $\omega$  excluded

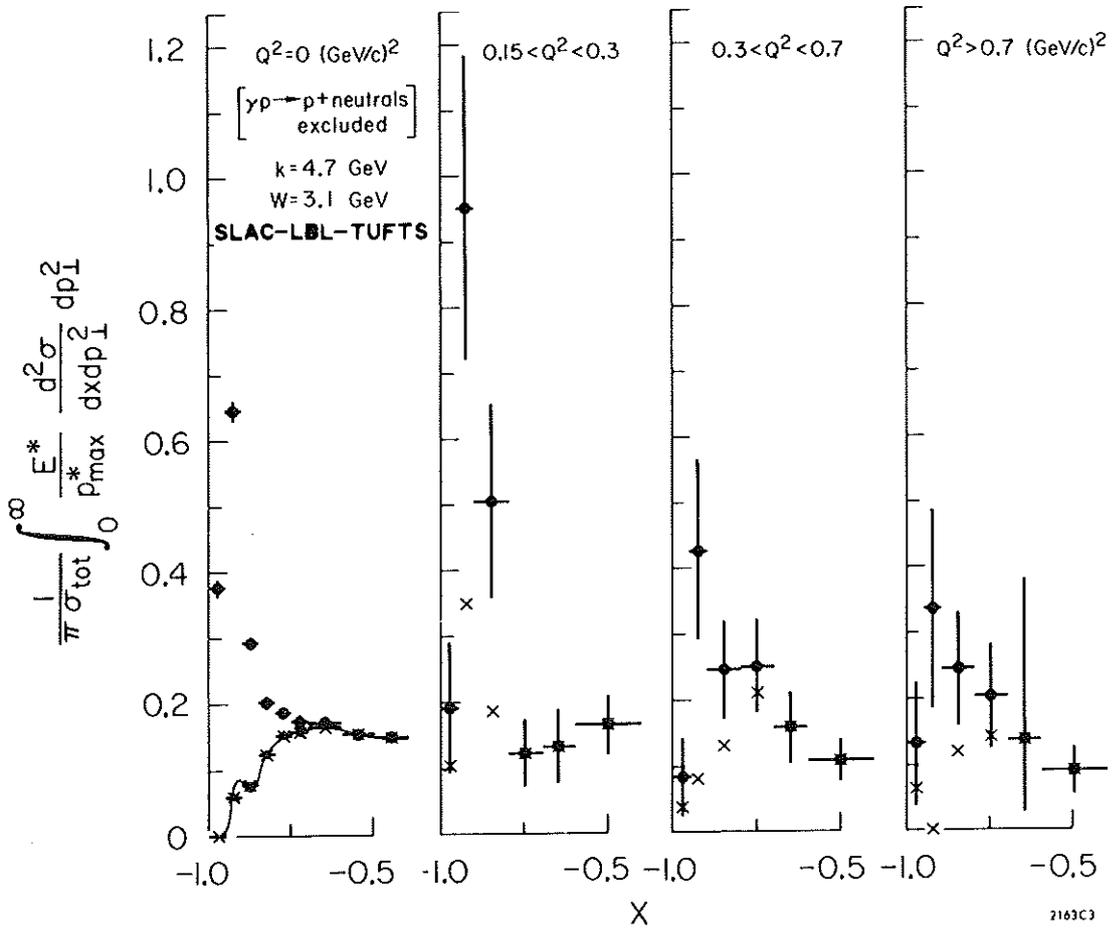


Fig. 35

# DESY

( $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \dots$ )

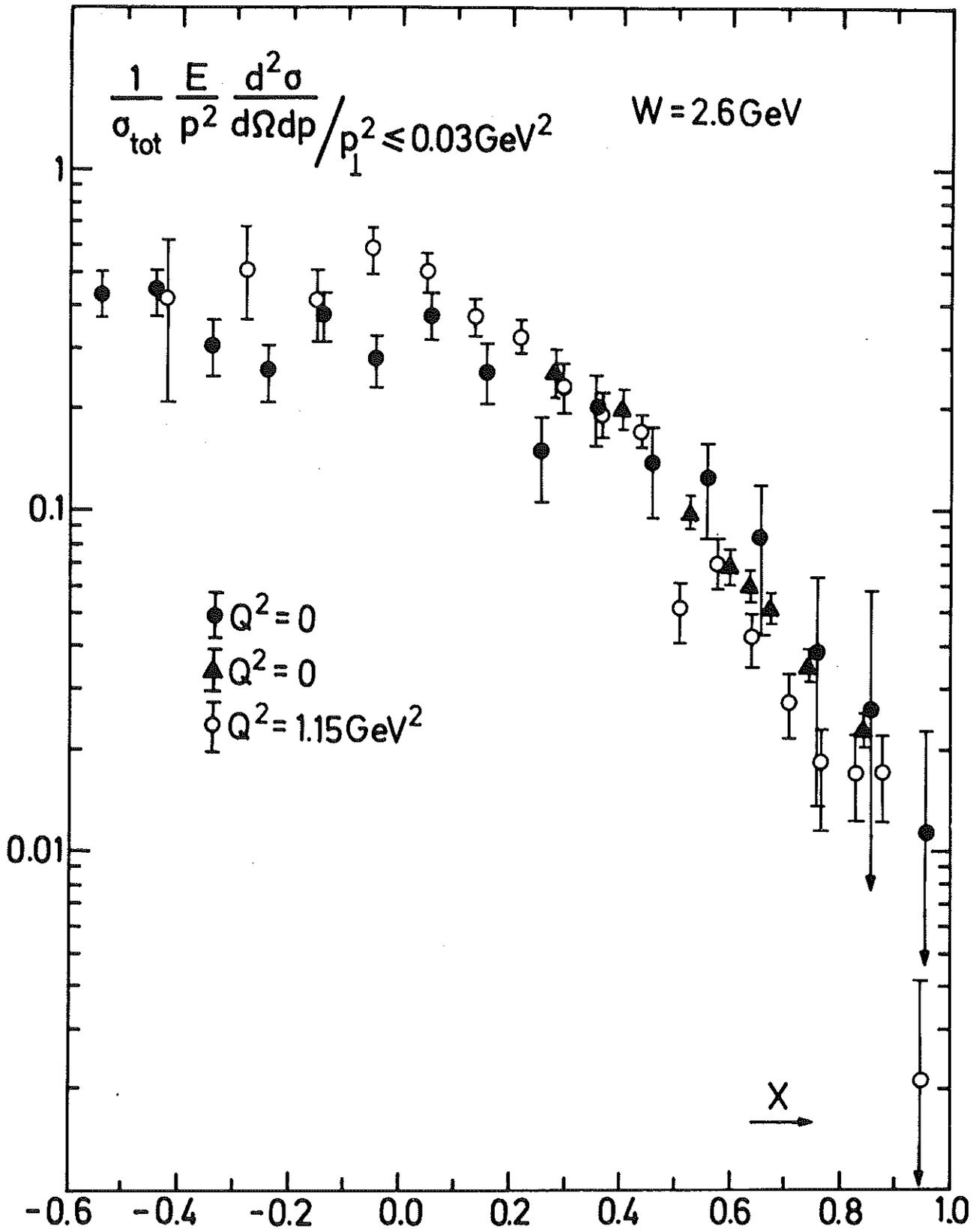


Fig. 36