

The Ratio $\sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X)/\sigma(\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)$ at
Large Momentum Transfer and Quark-Quark Scattering*

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ABSTRACT

We present a phenomenological "first look" at new Fermilab inclusive data on large $p_{\perp} \pi^0$ production in pp and $\pi^+ p$ collisions at $\theta_{\text{cm}} \approx 90^\circ$. Predictions are made using a simple model in which particles are produced at large transverse momentum by a single, hard, large-angle scattering between quarks ($q + q \rightarrow q + q$). In this model the ratio $R = \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X)/\sigma(\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)$ is determined by the difference in the structure functions of the incident proton or pion. This interpretation is consistent with the new $\theta_{\text{cm}} = 90^\circ$ data and suggests the importance of measuring R at other θ_{cm} values.

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I. Introduction.

One of the most exciting aspects of large transverse momentum hadron reactions is the possibility of probing the simplest constituent structure and the underlying dynamics of hadronic matter at short distances. In the case of deep inelastic lepton scattering, Bjorken scaling implies that a finite fraction of a nucleon's momentum is carried by point like constituents^{1,2} (or quarks). Accordingly, in the case of hadronic collisions, one expects that particles can be produced at large transverse momentum by a single, hard, large-angle scattering involving these constituents³. On the other hand, the fact that large p_{\perp} hadronic cross sections are large (do not fall like $\exp(-6p_{\perp})$) does not in itself verify the constituent nature of hadrons. Other, more conventional (strictly hadronic) descriptions have been used to "explain" the observed production cross sections⁴.

One important and exciting way to investigate the constituent (quark) nature of hadrons is to compare the large p_{\perp} invariant cross sections for $pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X$ and $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X$. Constituent quark models predict definite differences in these processes due to the differing quark distributions within the proton and pion beam and/or due to differing sub-processes.

In this paper we discuss predictions for the ratio $R = \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X) / \sigma(\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)$ based on simple constituent quark ideas. These predictions are compared with preliminary data from Fermilab Experiment #268, obtained at $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$ and $p_{lab} = 100$ and 200 GeV/c. Many of the points presented in this paper do not depend on the detailed mechanism assumed for the interactions between quarks but merely upon the hypothesis that it is the interaction between constituents that is responsible for large p_{\perp} hadronic production. In addition we stress the importance of acquiring data at angles other than 90° .

II. Formalism.

All of the constituent or "hard-scattering" models which have been proposed to describe the hadronic process $A + B \rightarrow C + X$ at large transverse momentum have the common underlying structure illustrated in Fig. 1. In the hard-scattering models the large transverse momentum reaction is assumed to occur as the result of a single large angle scattering $a + b \rightarrow c + d$ of constituents a and b , followed in general by the decay or fragmentation of c into the observed particle C ⁵. Particular models differ in the choice of the basic interaction $\hat{d}\sigma/\hat{d}t(\hat{s}, \hat{t}; a + b \rightarrow c + d)$. For quark-quark scattering this interaction is of course $q + q \rightarrow q + q$, where q is a quark (Fig. 2)^{2,6}. In the constituent interchange model⁷ (CIM), the underlying large angle reaction involves quark-hadron scattering (e.g. $q + \pi \rightarrow q + \pi$). In the multiperipheral type models, the large angle process involves only hadrons (e.g. $\pi + \pi \rightarrow \pi + \pi$)⁸.

The calculation of the cross-section corresponding to Fig. 1 has the following form:

$$E \, d\sigma/d^3p(s, t, u; A + B \rightarrow C + X) = \int_{x_a^{\min}}^1 dx_a \int_{x_b^{\min}}^1 dx_b G_{A \rightarrow a}(x_a) G_{B \rightarrow b}(x_b) H_{c \rightarrow C}(x_c) \frac{1}{x_c} \left[\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\hat{d}\sigma}{\hat{d}t}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}; a + b \rightarrow c + d) \right] \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{s} &= x_a x_b s \\ \hat{t} &= \frac{x_a}{x_c} t \\ \hat{u} &= \frac{x_b}{x_c} u \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

In addition, $\hat{s} + \hat{t} + \hat{u} = \sum m^2 \approx 0$ implies

$$x_c = \frac{x_2}{x_b} + \frac{x_1}{x_a}, \text{ with } x_2 = -\frac{t}{s}, x_1 = -\frac{u}{s}.$$

Also note that $x_2 = \frac{1}{2} x_{\perp} \tan \frac{1}{2} \theta$ and $x_1 = \frac{1}{2} x_{\perp} \cot \frac{1}{2} \theta$, where θ is the center of mass scattering angle⁹. Here $G_{A \rightarrow a}(x_a)$ etc. is the probability for the constituent or fragment a to have fractional longitudinal momentum x_a in a frame where $|P_A| \rightarrow \infty$. For the case where a is a quark the Bjorken scaling function $\nu W_2(x)$ is

$$\nu W_2^A(x) = \sum_q e_q^2 x G_{A \rightarrow q}(x), \quad (2.3)$$

where $x = -Q^2/2mv$.

(i) Power Counting.

Assuming that the differential cross section for $a + b \rightarrow c + d$ behaves like a power at large \hat{s}, \hat{t} ; namely,

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{t}}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}; a + b \rightarrow c + d) \sim \frac{1}{\hat{s}^N} f\left(\frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{s}}\right), \quad (2.4)$$

then (2.1) yields a cross section of the asymptotic form

$$E \, d\sigma/d^3p(s, t, u; A + B \rightarrow C + X) \sim \left[\sum_{abc} \epsilon^f (p_{\perp}^2 + M^2)^{-N} I(x_{\perp}, \theta_{cm}) \right], \quad (2.5)$$

where $\epsilon = 1 - x_{\perp}$

and the "forbiddenness" f is given by

$$f = f_a + f_b + f_c + 2 \quad (2.6)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{A \rightarrow a}(x_a) &\sim (1 - x_a)^{f_a} \\
 G_{B \rightarrow b}(x_b) &\sim (1 - x_b)^{f_b} \\
 G_{C \rightarrow c}(x_c) &\sim (1 - x_c)^{f_c} .
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.7}$$

Thus at fixed x_\perp and θ_{cm} the p_\perp dependence of the invariant cross section is governed by the power dependence (2.4) of $d\hat{\sigma}/d\hat{t}(a + b + c + d)$, whereas at fixed p_\perp and θ_{cm} the ϵ dependence is governed by the distribution functions (2.7).

(ii) Quark-quark Scattering.

In the most naive case the differential cross section for quark-quark elastic scattering (Fig. 2b) is given by

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{t}}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}; qq \rightarrow qq) = 2\pi \left(\frac{g^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 (\hat{s}^2 + \hat{u}^2) / (\hat{s}^2 \hat{t}^2) ,
 \tag{2.8}$$

where we have assumed the exchange of a single vector-gluon with coupling strength $g^2/4\pi$. This cross-section behaves like $1/\hat{s}^2$ for large \hat{s}, \hat{t} , which results [(2.4) and (2.5)] in an invariant cross section which behaves like $1/p_\perp^4$ for fixed x_\perp and θ_{cm} .

Existing data from both FNAL and ISR clearly rule out the presence of such a term as the dominant mechanism for large p_\perp production¹⁰. We are thus left with the following alternatives.

1. We can abandon quark-quark scattering (arbitrarily ignore it) as the dominant mechanism and look for other basic interactions like $q\pi \rightarrow q\pi$ or $q(qq) \rightarrow \pi N^*$ which result in cross section behavior in more agreement with data¹¹, but which are not as esthetically pleasing.
2. We can take the viewpoint that quark-quark scattering is indeed the important mechanism for large p_\perp hadronic scattering but that the

Fixed: x_\perp, θ_{cm} - See power dependence (vary p_\perp)
Fixed: p_\perp, θ_{cm} - See quark distribution functions (vary x_\perp)

above calculations which led to $1/p_{\perp}^4$ behavior were simply too naive. Perhaps the fragmentation of a quark into a pion ("dressing the quark") is more complicated than the distribution $H_{q \rightarrow \pi^0}(x)$ indicates (it may contain non-scaling pieces¹²) or perhaps the basic quark-quark scattering $\hat{\sigma}/\hat{t}$ is not as simple as (2.8). The "effective" coupling constants $g^2/4\pi$ of the gluon may depend on the scattering variables \hat{s} and/or \hat{t} in some way¹³.

In this paper we adopt the second viewpoint and "doctor up" the quark-quark interaction $\hat{\sigma}/\hat{t}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}; q + q \rightarrow q + q)$ to yield the observed $1/p_{\perp}^{12}$ behavior seen at FNAL¹⁴. Many of our results will not depend greatly on the details of how one modifies the quark-quark interaction but instead depend on the more general hypothesis that quark-quark scattering is indeed the important mechanism. In particular the ratio R will now be simply a consequence of the difference in the structure functions for the pion and proton beam. In Sec. IV we discuss briefly the results of other approaches.

(iii) Quark Distributions $G_{p \rightarrow q}(x)$, $G_{\pi \rightarrow q}(x)$.

The quark distributions within a proton are fairly well known from the deep inelastic electron proton ($\nu W_2^p(x)$) and electron neutron ($\nu W_2^n(x)$) scattering structure functions. From (2.3) we have

$$\nu W_2^p(x) = \frac{4}{9} x \left[u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x) \right] + \frac{1}{9} x \left[d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x) \right] + \frac{1}{9} x \left[s^p(x) + \bar{s}^p(x) \right] \quad (2.9a)$$

$$\nu W_2^n(x) = \frac{4}{9} x \left[d^p(x) + \bar{d}^p(x) \right] + \frac{1}{9} x \left[u^p(x) + \bar{u}^p(x) \right] + \frac{1}{9} x \left[s^p(x) + \bar{s}^p(x) \right] \quad (2.9b)$$

Data on the structure functions, together with neutrino nucleon scattering results that imply very little momentum carried by anti-quarks or strange quarks within the proton, leads to the quark distributions shown in Fig. 3a¹⁵

($u^p(x)$ = number of up quarks inside a proton with fractional momentum between

x and $x + dx$; $d^P(x)$ = number of down quarks ... etc.). The distributions $xu^P(x)$ and $xd^P(x)$ shown in Fig. 2a behave like $(1 - x)^3$ near $x = 1$ and $xu^P(x) = xd^P(x) = 0.15$ at $x = 0$. In addition the total fraction of momentum (area under curve) carried by charged quarks within the proton is 55%.

Unfortunately the pion structure function $\nu W_2^{\pi^+}(x)$ is not known and thus the behavior of the quark distributions within a pion are open to some speculation. The most naive use of dimensional counting plus the Drell-Yan relation between the inelastic structure function $\nu W_2(x)$ and the pion form factor yields $\nu W_2^{\pi^+}(x) \sim (1 - x)$ for $x \rightarrow 1$ ¹⁶. Feynman has pointed out that this result in fact neglects the fact that the pion has spin 0 and the quark has spin 1/2. This mismatch in the spins (which does not occur for the spin 1/2 proton) results in a pion structure function which behaves like $\nu W_2^{\pi^+}(x) \sim \text{constant}$ as $x \rightarrow 1$ ¹⁷. For completeness we consider both possibilities as shown in Fig. 3b and 3c¹⁸. In both cases the quark distributions are normalized so that the total fraction of momentum carried by the quarks is similar to that for the proton (about 50%). In addition the behavior at $x = 0$ is related via Regge behavior¹⁹ (Pomeron exchange) to total cross sections by

$$xu^P(x)/xu^{\pi^+}(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} \sigma_{\text{tot}}(pp)/\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\pi p) \approx 3/2. \quad (2.10)$$

III. Results.

Figures 4 and 5 show the preliminary data on $R = \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X)/\sigma(\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)$ versus p_{\perp} at $\theta_{\text{cm}} = 90^\circ$ and $p_{\text{lab}} = 100$ and 200 GeV/c, respectively. At small p_{\perp} the ratio is roughly given by $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(pp)/\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\pi^+ p) \approx 1.5$. As p_{\perp} increases the data at 100 and 200 GeV/c show somewhat different behavior. At 200 GeV/c the ratio R decreases slightly never falling much below one. At 100 GeV/c, on the other hand, R decreases more rapidly yielding a value ≈ 0.4 at $p_{\perp} = 3.0$ GeV/c.

The quark-quark scattering picture predicts that at fixed θ_{cm} the ratio R is a universal function of x_{\perp} (or x_R) independent of p_{lab} . In fact power counting (Sec. II) yields $R \sim (1 - x_{\perp})^3$ for $xu^{\pi^+}(x) \sim \text{constant}$ and $R \sim (1 - x_{\perp})^2$ for $xu^{\pi^+}(x) \sim (1 - x)$. Fig. 6 shows the data for the two energies plotted versus x_{\perp} compared with the universal curve predicted from the quark-quark scattering model (for the solid curve we took $xu^{\pi^+}(x) \sim 0.25$ as in Fig. 3b and the dashed curve represents $xu^{\pi^+}(x) \sim (1 - x)$ as in Fig. 3c). The data do behave qualitatively like the solid curve although there appears to be some scale breaking near $x_{\perp} = 0.2^{20}$. It must be remembered that $x_{\perp} = 0.2$ at $p_{lab} = 100$ GeV/c corresponds to a p_{\perp} value of only 1.3 GeV/c where there is undoubtedly some normal "hadronic background" (non-quark-quark scattering events).

This qualitative success of the simple quark-quark scattering approach is indeed intriguing and warrants further investigation. Particularly interesting quantities to investigate are the average values $\langle x_{\perp} \rangle$ of x 's involved in the quark-quark scattering process shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 7 shows these mean values calculated from the quark-quark scattering model with $xu^{\pi^+}(x)$ as in Fig. 3b. Clearly at a given p_{\perp} $\langle x_a \rangle$ is closer to one for $p_{lab} = 100$ GeV/c than 200 GeV/c (actually at fixed θ_{cm} $\langle x_a \rangle$ is a function of x_{\perp} only). This results in the predicted R being different at a given p_{\perp} for $p_{lab} = 100$ and 200 GeV/c. As we probe the beam closer to $\langle x_a \rangle$ equal to one we see more and more π^0 's being produced by the π^+ relative to the proton beam due to the different quark distributions shown in Fig. 3d. Unfortunately even at $p_{\perp} = 3.0$ GeV/c and $p_{lab} = 100$ GeV/c the average value $\langle x_a \rangle$ is only about 1/2. We would of course like to probe the beam more thoroughly (closer to $\langle x_a \rangle = 1$). This can be accomplished by going to higher p_{\perp} values or by going to a different θ_{cm} value. At $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$ $\langle x_a \rangle = \langle x_b \rangle$; however at $\theta_{cm} = 30^\circ$ $p_{lab} = 200$ GeV/c, for example, $\langle x_a \rangle$ is considerably greater than $\langle x_b \rangle$. At $p_{\perp} = 3.0$ GeV/c, $p_{lab} = 200$ GeV/c and $\theta_{cm} = 30^\circ$ Fig. 7 shows that $\langle x_a \rangle \approx 0.8$! This results in the prediction that $R \approx 0.04$ (see Fig. 8) at this p_{\perp} , p_{lab} and θ_{cm} value.

At any fixed θ_{cm} the quark-quark scattering model predicts that R is a function of only x_{\perp} (or x_R). Fig. 9 shows the predictions at $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$ and 30° together with the ranges covered for data taken with $0.5 \leq p_{\perp} \leq 4$ GeV/c and $p_{lab} = 200$ GeV/c, $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$ and 30° ; and $p_{lab} = 100$ GeV/c, $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$. Clearly data at $\theta_{cm} = 30^\circ$ is crucial in verifying the high x_R tail of the predicted R .

IV. Summary and Conclusions.

We make the following comments and conclusions:

1. The simple $q + q \rightarrow q + q$ scattering picture shown in Fig. 2a predicts that the ratio R is only a function of x_{\perp} at fixed θ_{cm} . If instead the basic constituent scattering process is not $q + q \rightarrow q + q$ but something more complicated like, for example, $q + p \rightarrow q + B^*$ (and $q + \pi^+ \rightarrow q + \pi^*$) then $pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X$ and $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X$ would have different p_{\perp} dependences (at fixed x_{\perp} , θ_{cm}).
2. The experimental values of R shown in Fig. 6 rule out the possibility that anti-quarks within the proton play an important role at these energies. Terms like $\bar{q}q \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$ result in many more π^0 's being produced by the π^+ beam than by the proton beam (see Fig. 6). Anti-quarks carry a much greater fraction of the momentum in the π^+ than in the proton (see the distributions in Fig. 3).
3. In the $q + q \rightarrow q + q$ scattering picture the value of $R \approx 1.5$ seen at small x_{\perp} (Fig. 6) is a natural consequence of (2.10). The pion and proton structure functions are assumed to have Regge behavior¹⁹ near $x = 0$ and are related at $x = 0$ by $\sigma_{tot}(pp)/\sigma_{tot}(\pi^+ p) \approx 1.5$. Once other terms with different structure functions are allowed this behavior might not be as natural.
4. It must be remembered that we did not perform any fitting to the data in this paper. The predictions made are natural consequences of a $q + q \rightarrow q + q$ scattering picture. The pion structure function and/or

the modifications of $\hat{d\sigma}/\hat{dt}$ could be varied slightly to make agreement with the data perfect.

5. Independent of whether or not the simple quark-quark scattering picture is correct the kinematics shown in Fig. 7 indicate that it is crucial to measure R at smaller θ_{cm} values in order to probe the beam closer to $\langle x_a \rangle = 1$.

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18. The distribution $H_{q \rightarrow \pi}(x_c)$ for a quark materializing into a cloud of hadrons containing one π^0 with momentum fraction x_c is in general not equal to the reverse distribution $G_{\pi \rightarrow q}(x)$. We assume, however, that the behavior near "threshold", $x_c = 1$, of the probability that a quark is one hard hadron (+two hadrons) is very similar to the behavior of the probability that the same hadron is one hard quark (+two quarks). In fact, since the calculations are sensitive to $H_{q \rightarrow \pi}(x_c)$ only near $x_c = 1$ (see mean values in Fig. 7), we assume for simplicity that $H_{q \rightarrow \pi}(x) = G_{\pi \rightarrow q}(x)$. In principle $H(x)$ can be measured in the leptonic process $\ell p \rightarrow \ell + \pi + X$, where the π is in the so-called current fragmentation region or by measuring the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi + X$. Data, however, exist only for $x_c \leq 0.8$ and as mentioned above the calculations are sensitive to $x_c \geq 0.9$.
19. In deep inelastic electron scattering the structure function $vW_2(Q^2, \nu)$ is related to the total cross section for virtual photon (γ_ν) proton scattering where ν is the photon energy and Q^2 is the photon "mass". This cross section is related via the optical theorem to the imaginary part of the virtual photon proton elastic amplitude. In the scaling region where $vW_2(x)$ is a function of only $x = Q^2/2m\nu$, the limit $x \rightarrow 0$ implies keeping Q^2 fixed and increasing the energy ν , which is just the Regge region for the virtual photon proton elastic scattering amplitude. Assuming Pomeron exchange yields $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\gamma_\nu p)/\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\gamma_\nu \pi^+) = \sigma_{\text{tot}}(pp)/\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\pi^+ p) \approx 3/2$.

20. Some scale breaking is expected even from the quark-quark scattering model. This is due to the fact that the structure functions $\nu W_2(Q^2, \nu)$ and hence the quark distributions (2.9) are in general functions of both Q^2 and ν . Only when Q^2 and ν are large does one expect scaling (i.e. $\nu W_2(x)$). Perhaps the quark distributions have a slight dependence on the proton momentum (i.e. p_{lab}) and that the small scale breaking seen in the data will disappear with increasing energy.

Figure Captions

Fig. 1: Illustration of the common underlying structure of constituent or "hard-scattering" models. The large transverse momentum reaction $A + B \rightarrow C + X$ is assumed to occur as a result of a single large angle scattering $a + b \rightarrow c + d$ of constituents a and b , followed in general by the decay or fragmentation of c into the observed particle C .

Fig. 2:

- (a) Illustration of the quark-quark scattering model for $p(\pi^+) + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + X$, where $u^{p,\pi^+}(x_a)$ is the probability for the quark q (up quark) to have fractional longitudinal momentum x_a of the beam (proton or π^+).
- (b) Illustration of the gluon exchange mechanism for producing large angle $qq \rightarrow qq$ scattering $d\sigma/dt(\hat{s}, \hat{t})$.

Fig. 3:

- (a) The quark distributions $xu^p(x)$, $xd^p(x)$ and the anti-quark distribution $x\bar{u}^p(x)$ within a proton, where u = up quarks, d = down quarks, and \bar{u} = anti-quarks (taken from Ref. 15).
- (b) The quark distributions $xu^{\pi^+}(x) = x\bar{d}^{\pi^+}(x)$ within a π^+ , where it is assumed that $vW_2^{\pi^+}(x) \sim 0.25$ for $x \rightarrow 1$.
- (c) Same as (b) but $vW_2^{\pi^+}(x) \sim (1 - x)$ for $x \rightarrow 1$ (taken from Ref. 15).
- (d) Comparison of the quark distributions for a proton $(xu^p(x) + xd^p(x))/2$ and a π^+ ($xu^{\pi^+}(x) = x\bar{d}^{\pi^+}(x)$).

Fig. 4: The ratio R of the 100 GeV/c invariant cross sections at 90° for $pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X$ and $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X$, plotted as a function of p_\perp . The data are preliminary results from Fermilab Experiment #268 (BNL/LBL/CIT collaboration).

Fig. 5: The ratio R of the 200 GeV/c invariant cross sections at 90° for $pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X$ and $\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X$, plotted as a function of p_\perp . The data are preliminary results from Fermilab Experiment #268 (BNL/LBL/CIT collaboration).

Fig. 6: Shows the ratio $R = \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X) / \sigma(\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)$ at $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$ plotted versus x_\perp , together with the predictions of the quark-quark scattering model (Fig. 2a), where the π^+ structure function is assumed to behave like $vW_2^\pi(x) \sim 0.25$ (Fig. 3b, solid curve) and like $vW_2^{\pi^+}(x) \sim (1 - x)$ (Fig. 3c, dashed curve). These models predict that R is a function of only x_\perp at fixed θ_{cm} . Also shown (dotted curve) is the predicted R for anti-quark-quark scattering, where the proton anti-quark distribution is shown in Fig. 3a and $xd^{\pi^+}(x) \sim 0.25$ as in Fig. 3b.

Fig. 7:

- (a) Shows the mean value $\langle x_a \rangle$ of the proton and π^+ beam at $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$, $p_{lab} = 100$ GeV/c versus p_\perp . Note that at $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$ $\langle x_a \rangle \approx \langle x_b \rangle$. The error bars correspond to the calculated root-mean-square deviations of x_a .
- (b) Similar to (a) but for $p_{lab} = 200$ GeV/c.
- (c) Similar to (a) but for $p_{lab} = 200$ GeV/c and $\theta_{cm} = 30^\circ$. Notice that $\langle x_a \rangle_{beam}$ no longer equals $\langle x_b \rangle_{target}$ and that for a given p_\perp one is probing $\langle x_a \rangle$ closer to one than at 90° .
- (d) Shows the mean value $\langle x_c \rangle = \langle p_{\pi^0} / p_{quark} \rangle$ of the observed π^0 at 100 GeV/c, $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$ versus p_\perp . In contrast to $\langle x_a \rangle$ this quantity is very close to one. At $p_\perp = 2.0$ GeV/c the observed π^0 is carrying 90% of the momentum of the quark from which it came.

Fig. 8: Predictions for the ratio $R = \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X) / \sigma(\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)$ versus p_\perp from the quark-quark scattering model shown in Fig. 2a and

where we have assumed $vW_2^{\pi}(x) \sim 0.25$ as shown in Fig. 3b.

Notice the rapid variation of R with center of mass scattering angle θ_{cm} .

Fig. 9: Shows the predicted values for $R = \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X) / \sigma(\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)$ at $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$ and $\theta_{cm} = 30^\circ$ versus x_R ($x_R^2 = x_\perp^2 + x_{||}^2$) from the quark-quark scattering model shown in Fig. 2a and where we have assumed $vW_2^{\pi^+}(x) \sim 0.25$ as shown in Fig. 3b. The model predicts that R is a function of only x_R at fixed θ_{cm} . Also shown are the kinematic ranges covered by experiments with $0.5 \leq p \leq 4.0$ GeV/c and (i) $p_{lab} = 100$ GeV/c, $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$; (ii) $p_{lab} = 200$ GeV/c, $\theta_{cm} = 90^\circ$; (iii) $p_{lab} = 200$ GeV/c, $\theta_{cm} = 30^\circ$.

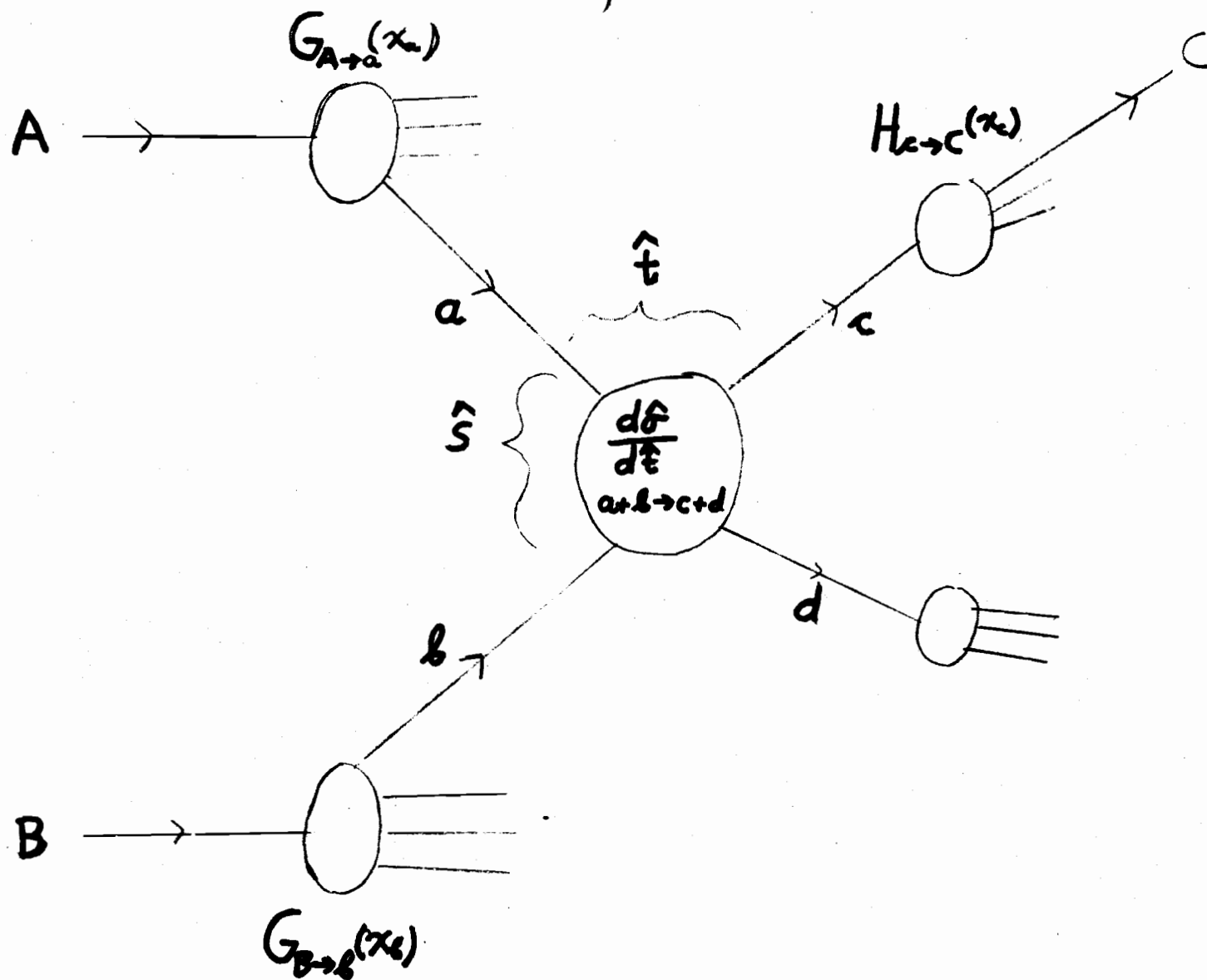


Fig. 1 $A + B \rightarrow C + X$

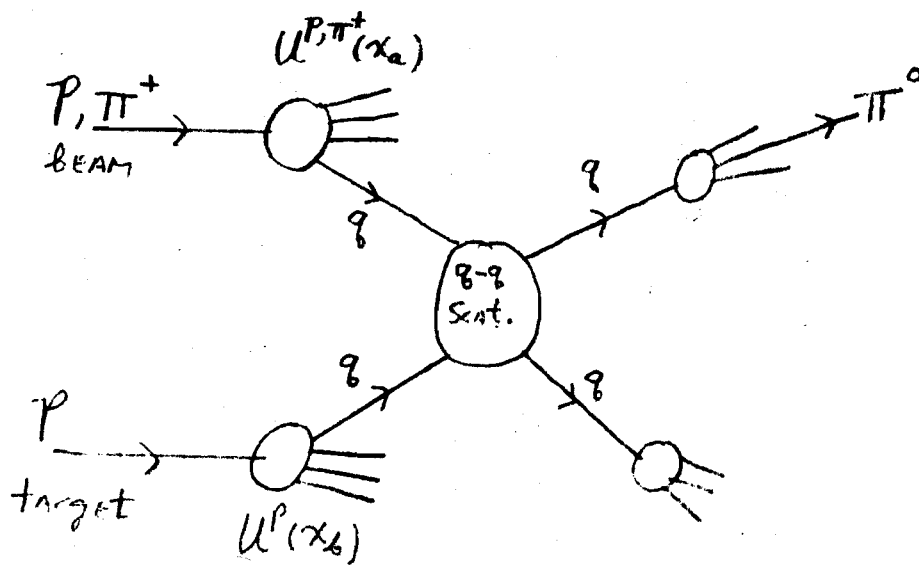


Fig. 2a

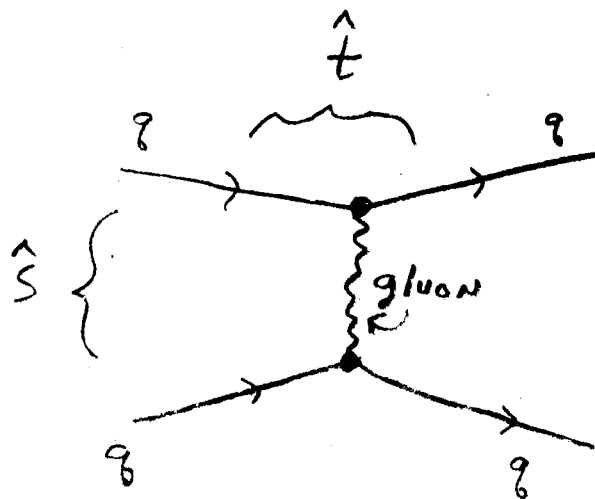
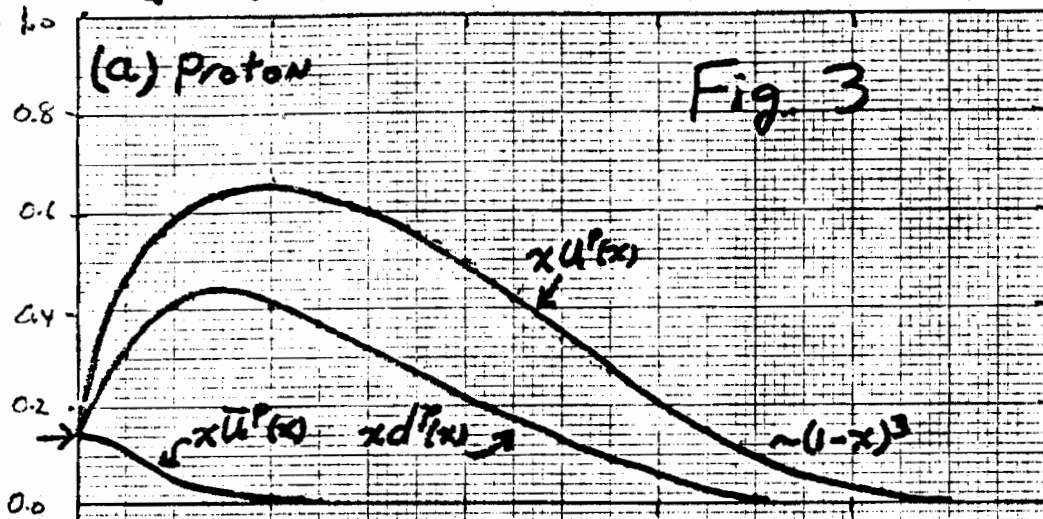


Fig. 2b

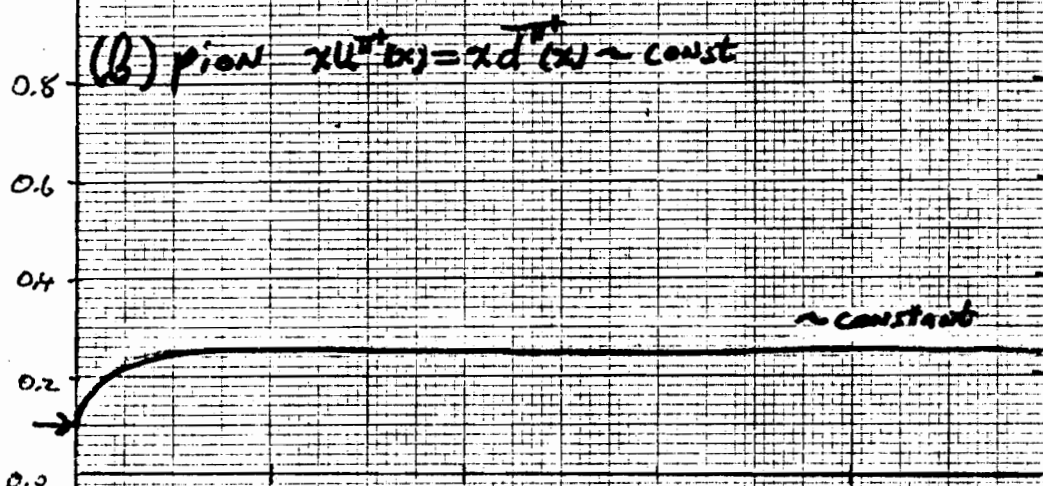
QUARK DISTRIBUTIONS $G(x)$

Fig. 3

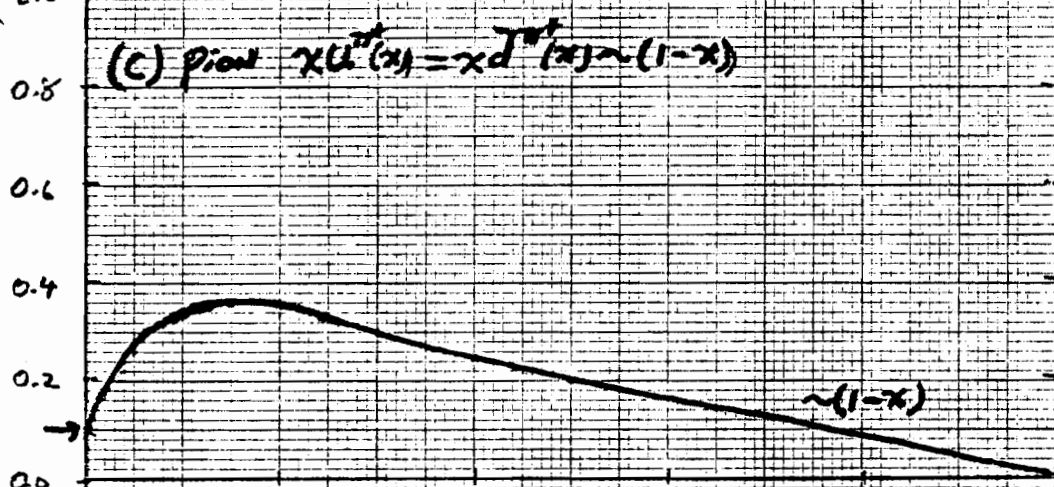
(a) proton



(b) pion $x u^{\pi^+}(x) = x d^{\pi^+}(x) \sim \text{const}$



(c) pion $x u^{\pi^-}(x) = x d^{\pi^-}(x) \sim (1-x)$



(d) p- π^+ comparison

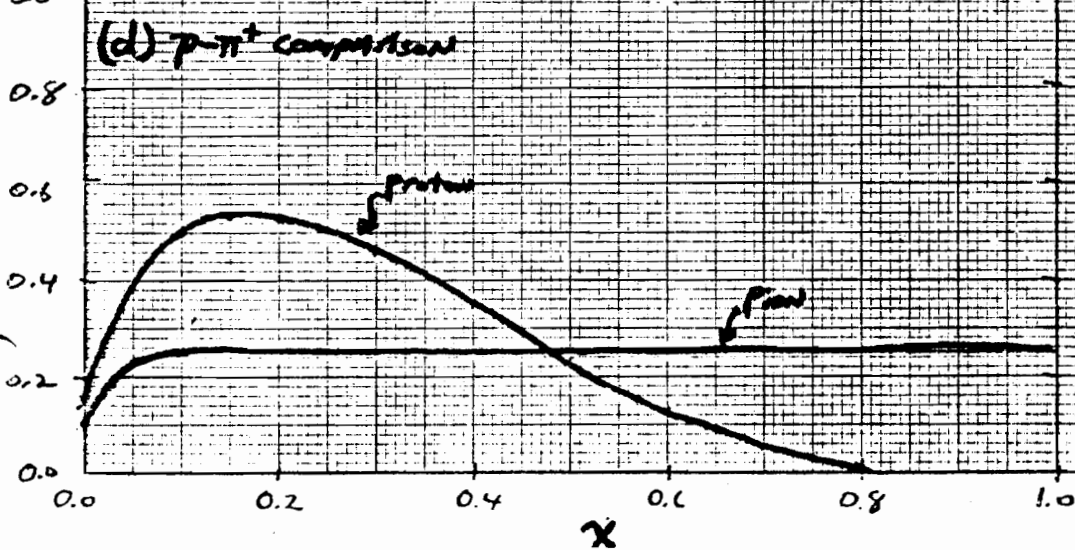


Fig. 4

RATIO $\frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X)}{\sigma(\pi^+p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)}$ at 100^+ GeV/c , $\theta_{cm} \sim 90^\circ$ E268
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(Combined Trigger Samples)
PRELIMINARY

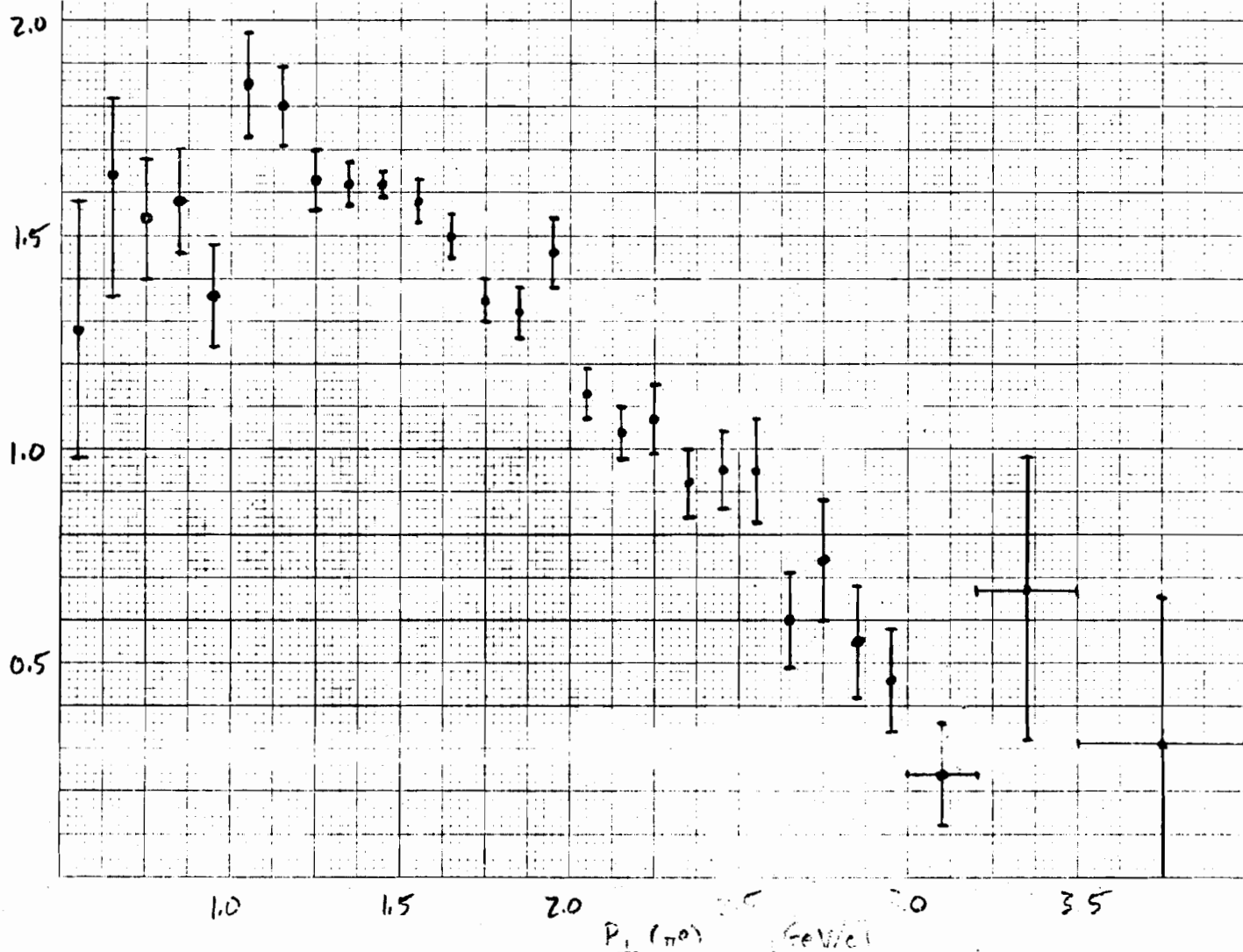


Fig 5

RATIO $\frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X)}{\sigma(\pi^+p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)}$ at 200^+ GeV/c , $\theta_{cm} \approx 90^\circ$ E268
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PRELIMINARY

2.0

1.5

1.0

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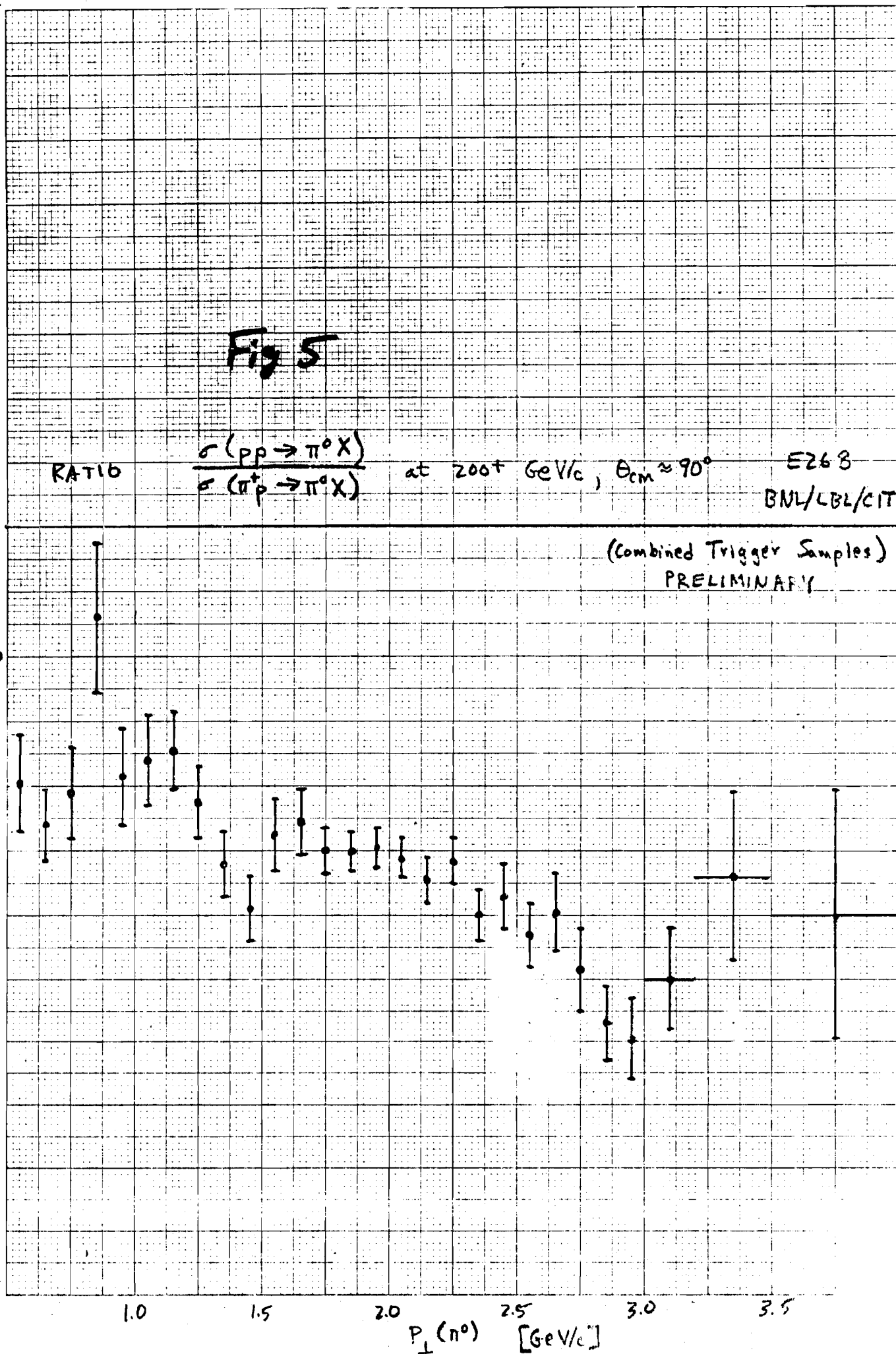
 $P_\perp (n^\circ)$

[GeV/c]

2.5

3.0

3.5



RATIO $\frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X)}{\sigma(\pi^+ p \rightarrow \pi^0 X)}$

at $\theta_{cm} \approx 90^\circ$

versus $x_\perp = \frac{2P_\perp}{\sqrt{s}}$

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Fig. 6

● 100 GeV/c
○ 200 GeV/c

PRELIMINARY

— $x U^{\pi^+}(x) \sim 0.25$ 88→88

--- $x U^{\pi^+}(x) \sim (1-x)$ 88→88

2.0

1.5

1.0

0.5

.1

.2

.3

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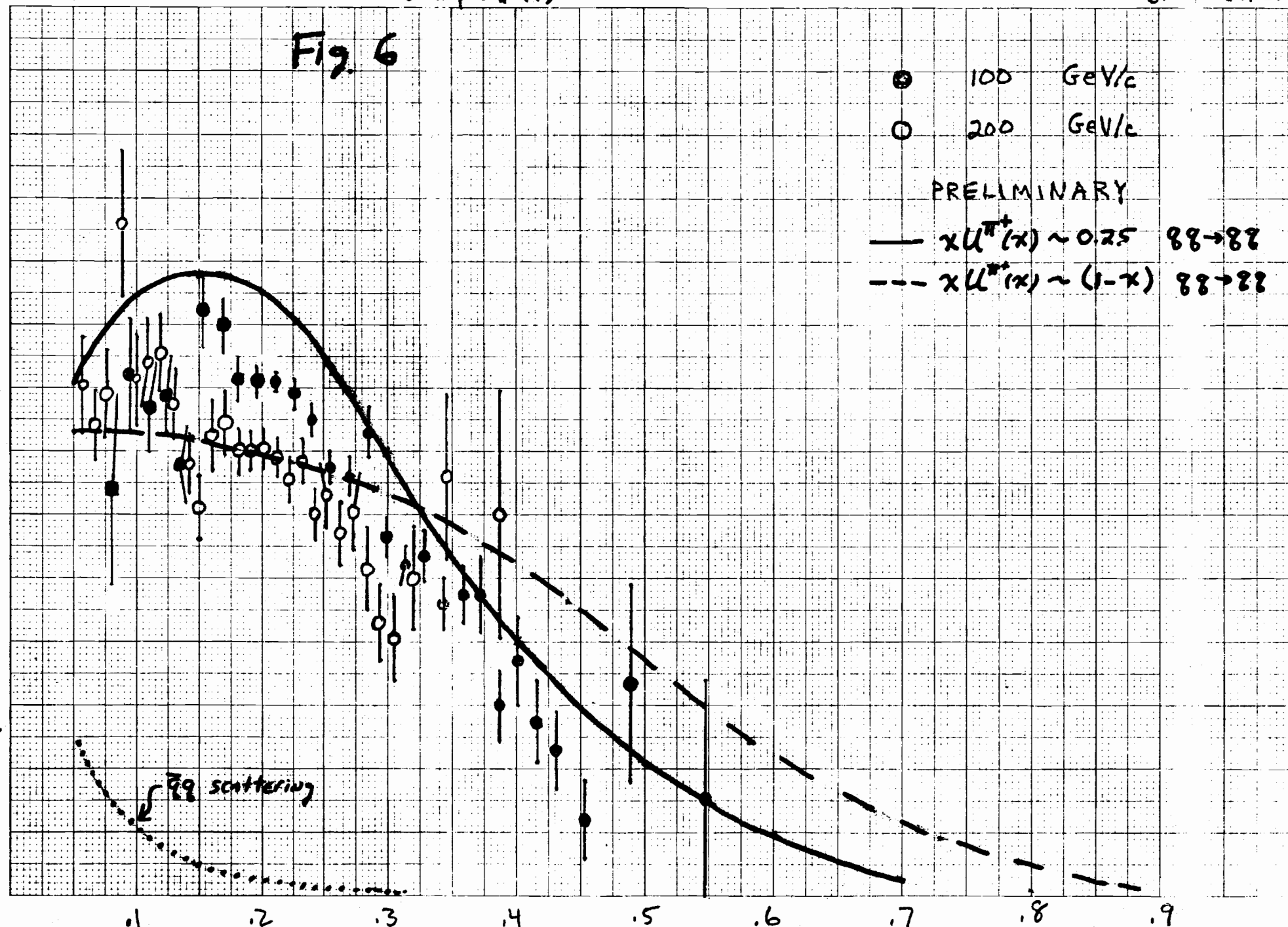
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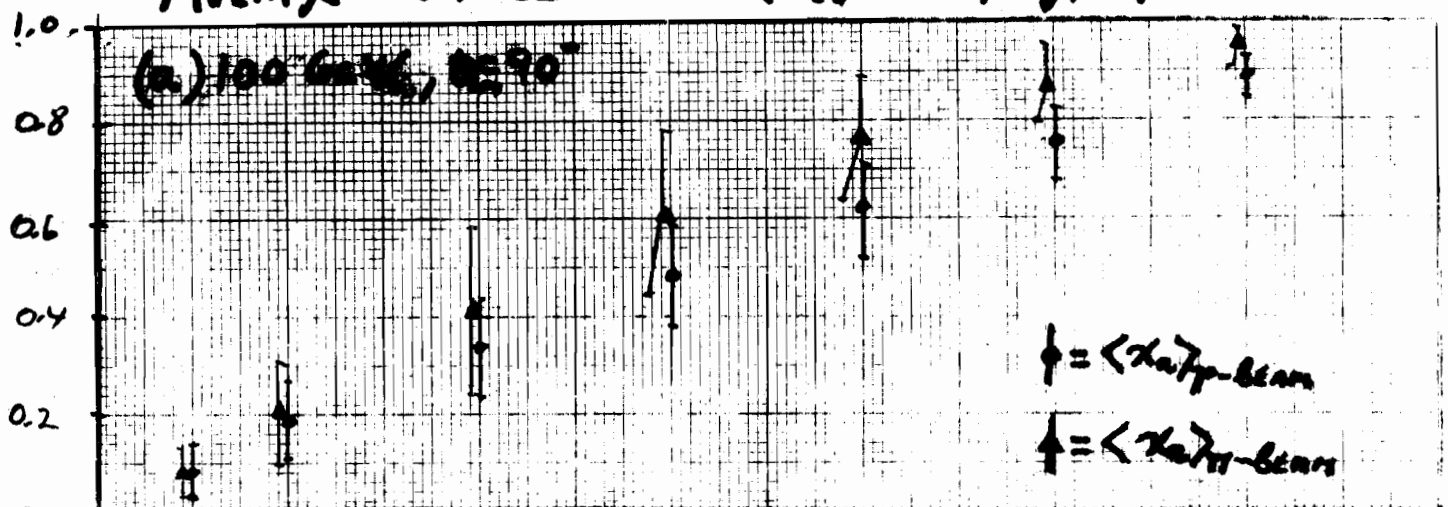
pp scattering



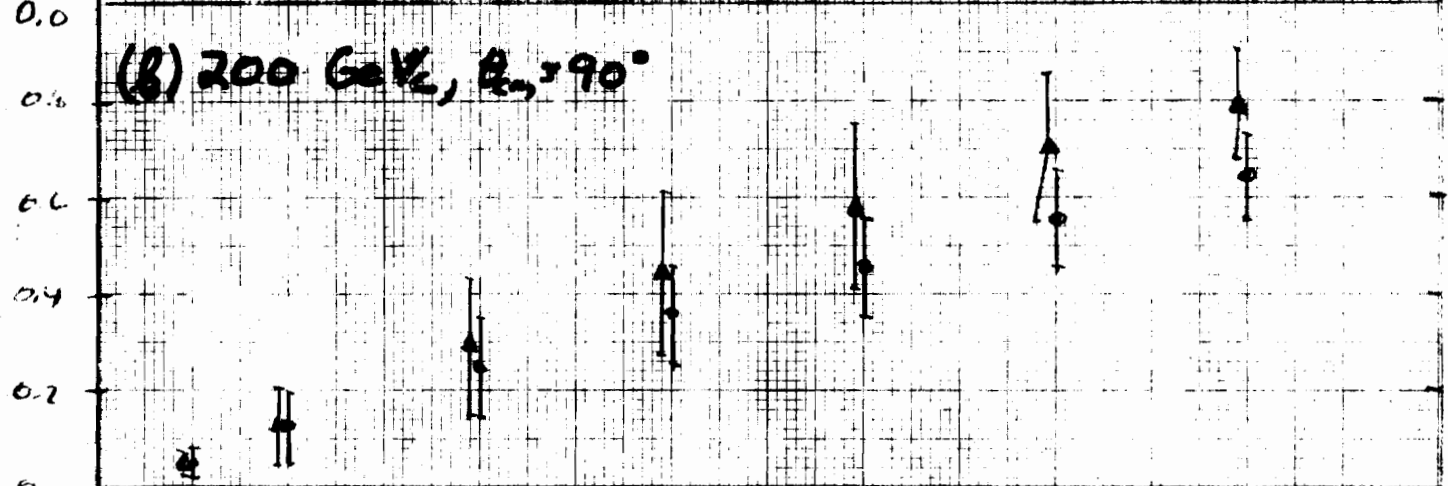
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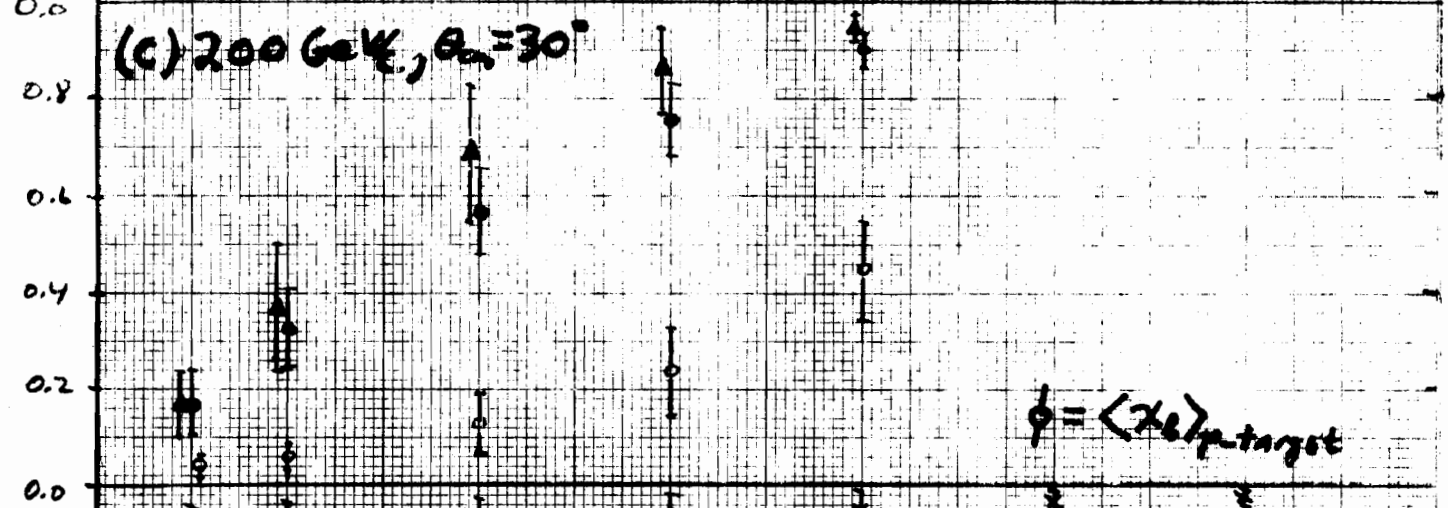
(a) 100 GeV, $\theta_n = 90^\circ$



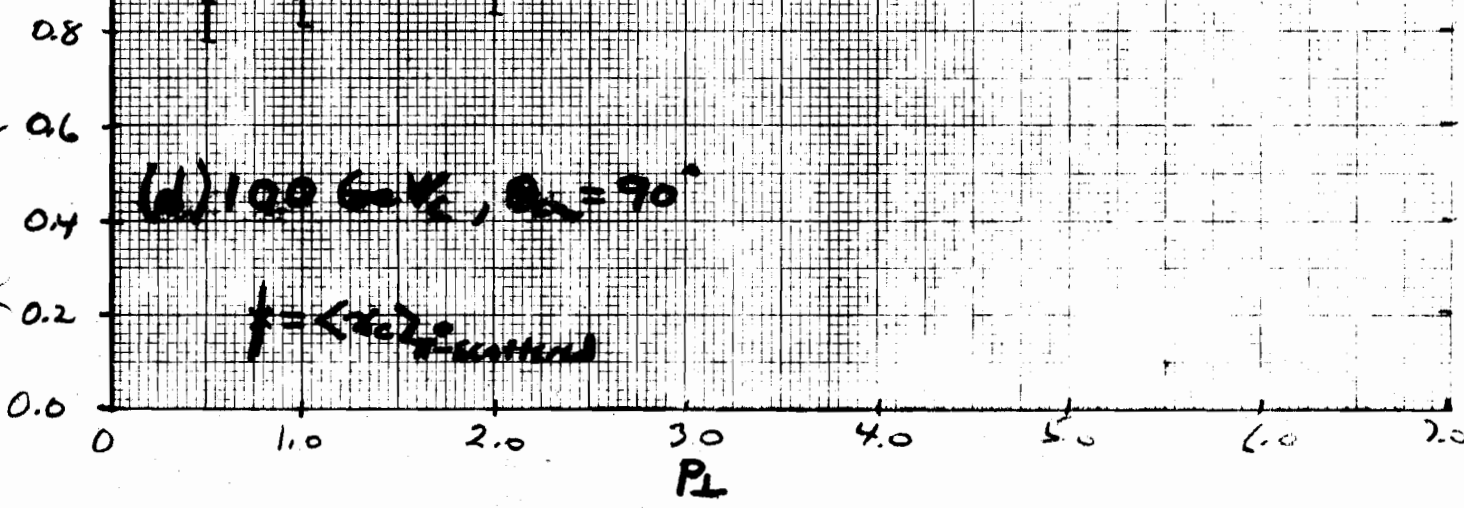
(b) 200 GeV, $\theta_n = 90^\circ$



(c) 200 GeV, $\theta_n = 30^\circ$



(d) 100 GeV, $\theta_n = 90^\circ$



$R = \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^+ X) / \sigma(\pi p \rightarrow \pi^+ X)$ vs. P_L

Fig 8

$P_{L0} = 100 \text{ GeV}$

30°

60°

90°

$P_{L0} = 200 \text{ GeV}$

30°

60°

90°

0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 6.0

P_L

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K&E 10 X 10 TO 4 INCH 7 X 10 INCHES
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$R = \sigma(\pi r \rightarrow \pi x) / \sigma(\pi r \rightarrow \pi x)$ vs x_R

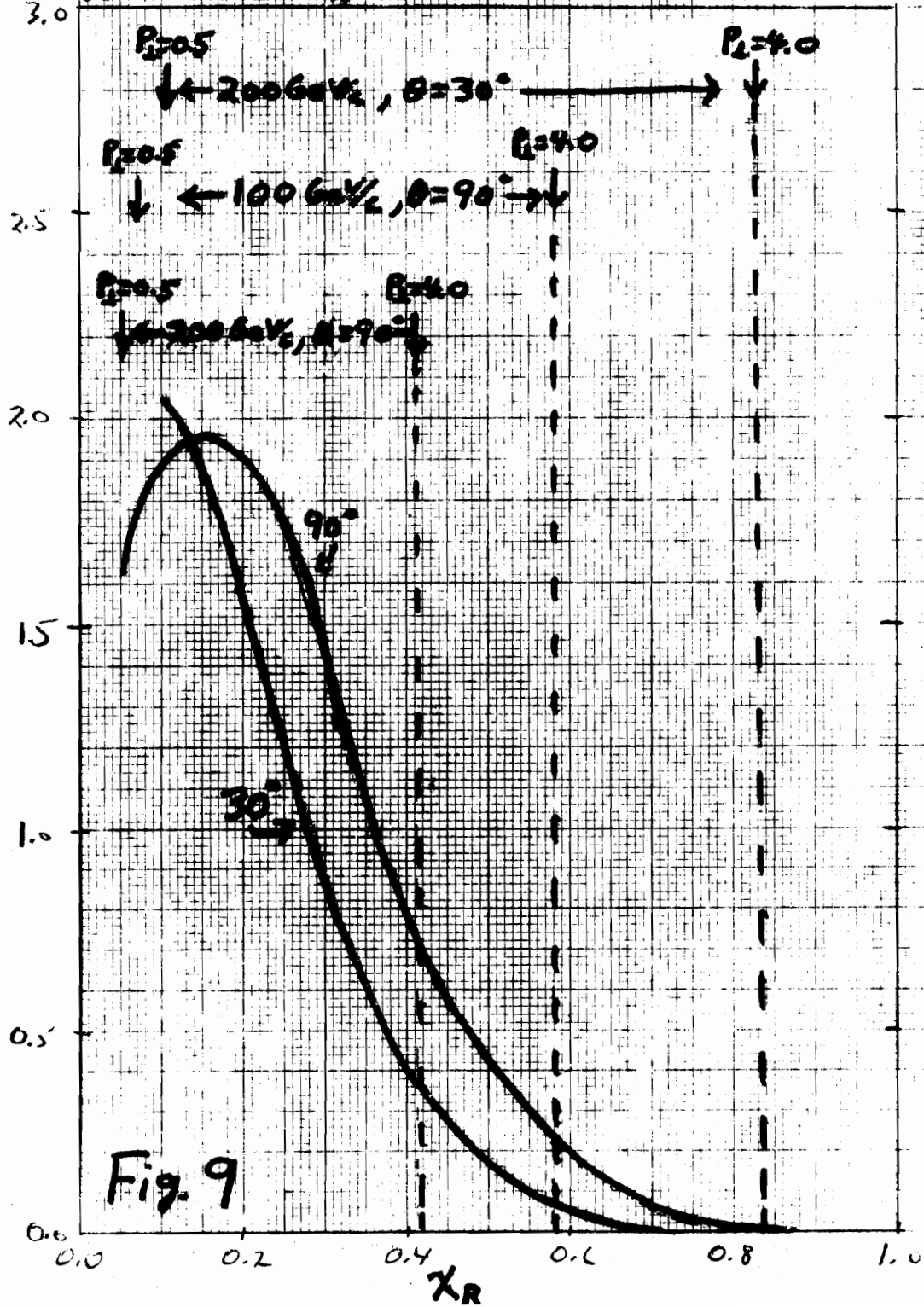


Fig. 9