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## INTRODUCTION

In the past 10 years advances in the constituent theory of hadrons have been paced by developments in three experimental areas: inelastic lepton-nucleon scattering (using  $e^+$ ,  $\mu^+$ , and  $\nu$ 's),  $e^+e^-$  annihilation, and dilepton production in hadron-hadron collisions:

$$h_1 + h_2 \rightarrow l^+ + l^- + \text{anything.} \quad (1)$$

Reaction (1) has been further exploited to find new massive resonances ( $J/\psi$ ,  $T$ ) in addition to probing the details of hadronic substructure in a manner which is complementary to the scattering approach. This paper is based upon proton-induced-dimuon research carried out at Fermilab in 1977-78. We summarize the previously published results<sup>1-3</sup> and present a final analysis representing a sixfold increase in data. Extended descriptions of the apparatus, systematic effects, and corrections are also given.<sup>4</sup> We concentrate here on the continuum of massive  $\mu^+\mu^-$  pairs produced as in Eq. 1; our final results on the  $T$  family of resonances observed via their decay to the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  final state have been published elsewhere.<sup>5</sup>

The data discussed in this paper are divided into three sets: I. 400 GeV incident proton energy, Summer 1977; II. 200/300 GeV, Fall 1977; III. 400 GeV, Winter 1978 (High Intensity). In addition, we will present some previously unpublished dielectron data taken in 1976-1977.

Analysis of the data from Reaction (1) has been carried out using the Drell-Yan parton-antiparton annihilation model,<sup>8</sup> which was proposed to describe the first such data obtained at the Brookhaven AGS.<sup>9</sup> In this model a quark (antiquark) constituent in a beam nucleon and an antiquark (quark) constituent in a target nucleon annihilate via a virtual photon into a lepton pair. The remaining quarks go off into the "anything" of Eq. 1. This is shown schematically in Fig. 1. Thus the cross section for producing a dilepton of mass  $m$  is proportional to a sum of terms of the form

$$f(x_1) \bar{f}(x_2) \quad (2)$$

where  $f(x)/x$  ( $\bar{f}(x)/x$ ) is the probability to find a quark (antiquark) bearing the fraction  $x$  of the hadron's momentum. Annihilation kinematics give

$$\tau \equiv m^2/s = x_1 x_2 \quad (3)$$

where  $s$  is the nucleon-nucleon center of mass energy squared. The structure functions  $f$  and  $\bar{f}$  also appear in lepton scattering. The dilepton data therefore test the consistency of the model. Moreover, in dilepton production the antiquark distribution (a measure of the quark-antiquark sea) appears as a multiplicative factor in the product rather than as an additive term (as in lepton-nucleon scattering) and so is more sensitively measured. The detailed expression for the cross-section is:

$$m^4 \frac{d\sigma}{dm^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9} \sum_i e_i^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 [dx_b dx_t \{ f_i^b(x_b) \bar{f}_i^t(x_t) + \bar{f}_i^b(x_b) f_i^t(x_t) \} \delta(\tau - x_b x_t)] \quad (4)$$

where  $t \equiv$  target nucleon,  $b \equiv$  beam nucleon, and  $e_f \equiv$  charge of  $f^{\text{th}}$  quark. The sum is over the quark flavors  $u, d, s, c$  etc. except that it is customary to neglect the  $c$  and heavier quarks because of their mass. Equation (4) contains the concept of scaling, i.e.  $m^4 \frac{d\sigma}{dm^2}$  depends only on  $x$ . There is an important factor of 3 decrease in the cross section due to the color degree of freedom. This is one of the very few places where one can "see" this hidden quantum number, and its testing in this reaction could provide an important confirmation of the color concept. The test clearly involves an appeal to the lepton scattering data for normalized structure functions  $f_u \equiv u(x)$ ,  $f_d \equiv d(x)$ ,  $f_s \equiv s(x)$ ,  $\bar{f}_u \equiv \bar{u}(x)$  etc. in the same kinematic regions and a prescription for how to go from spacelike  $Q^2$  to timelike  $m^2$ .

Dilepton production has more recently come in for great theoretical attention because of two observed features which are not included in the Drell-Yan model: i) the dileptons have transverse momenta which are much larger than the typical hadronic  $p_T$  of 300 MeV/c and ii) the nucleon structure functions, measured in muon-nucleon scattering,<sup>10</sup> violate scaling. These developments are understood within the context of Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD), a quantum field theory of quark-quark interactions. In this theory quarks and antiquarks coupled by neutral vector particles (gluons) are the fundamental constituents of the hadrons. The modification of the Drell-Yan model by the additional diagrams of QCD has occupied a substantial fraction of the literature.<sup>11-20</sup> The reason is two-fold: i) dilepton data provide a testing ground for perturbative calculations in the new theory, and ii) the data may

permit an overdetermination of parameters which are not as yet fixed by the theory. We shall return to these issues after a lengthy excursion into experimental matters.

## II. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

### A. General

The experiment measures the vector momenta of two opposite sign leptons emerging from the hadronic collision:  $\vec{P}_+$  and  $\vec{P}_-$ . From this, the relevant kinematical quantities may be deduced.

Assuming  $|\vec{P}_+|, |\vec{P}_-| \gg m_\mu$  ( $m_\mu \equiv$  mass of the muon)

$$m^2 = 2|\vec{P}_+||\vec{P}_-| (1 - \cos(\theta_{+-})) \quad (5)$$

$$y = 1/2 \ln \frac{E^* + P_{||}^*}{E^* - P_{||}^*} \quad (7)$$

where  $\theta_{+-}$ ,  $P_{||}^*$ , and  $E^*$  are the angle between the two muons in the laboratory, the dimuon longitudinal momentum and the dimuon energy in the nucleon-nucleon center of mass (cm) system respectively. The cm rapidity  $y$  is related to the Bjorken  $x$  variables defined in Fig. 1 in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \sqrt{\tau} e^{+y} \\ x_2 &= \sqrt{\tau} e^{-y} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

We note that these relations are strictly valid only in so far as  $m \gg p_T \equiv$  dimuon transverse momentum and  $\sqrt{s} \gg m_n \equiv$  nucleon mass.

### B. Design Criteria

We wished to measure the lepton pair continuum out to the highest possible masses, and also to be sensitive to massive resonances. To improve on previous continuum measurements we needed to be sensitive to cross-sections less than  $10^{-12}$  of the total proton-nucleon cross-section, and therefore to take a large incident beam flux and to withstand high counting rates in the apparatus. Good mass resolution was particularly important for the resonance search; good resolution in other variables minimized corrections to the observed data. Since massive objects tend to be produced at rest or moving slowly in the collision rest frame, we chose to view the collision at  $90^\circ$ , thus avoiding the huge hadronic flux at  $0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ .

We had the choice of detecting muons or electrons. Muons can be distinguished from the copiously produced hadrons by their highly penetrating character; electrons, by their electromagnetic showering properties. The main background in a muon experiment is muons from the decay of pions and kaons produced in the target. To suppress this it is necessary to place material immediately downstream of the target to absorb these particles before they can decay. The advantage over electrons is that the particle flux is in principle lowered by a factor of up to  $10^4$  by the hadron absorber, allowing a corresponding increase in beam intensity. The disadvantage is that scattering of the muons in the hadron absorber



degrades knowledge of their production angles, thus worsening resolution. Electron pairs were detected in the earliest arrangement.<sup>1</sup> A preliminary muon experiment was performed in 1976<sup>2</sup> using an apparatus very similar to that of the electron experiment. Insertion of beryllium hadron absorber for the muon test run lowered counting rates in the apparatus by a factor of about 4, rather than  $10^4$ . Hadronic cascades in both the beryllium and the forward beam dump generated large numbers of low energy muons which contributed random singles rates in all detector planes, preventing a large increase in the proton beam intensity.

The experience gained allowed us to optimize the design of the present experiment, improving both sensitivity and resolution. The crucial regions around the target and beam dump were redesigned to minimize the decay muon flux; this decreased the rate per incident proton by about a factor of ten. We had also noted from the previous experiment that the muon flux did not decrease rapidly with distance from the magnets. Therefore the acceptance was enlarged without increasing counting rates by moving all detectors closer to the target and analyzing magnets. Acceptance was also gained by permitting bends of either sign in each spectrometer arm. These improvements permitted an overall increase in data taking rate of more than a factor of sixty over the previous muon experiment.

### C. Apparatus Overview

The apparatus (shown in Fig. 2) was a two-arm magnetic spectrometer viewing the proton-nucleus collision from opposite sides at  $-90^\circ$  in the proton-nucleon center-of-momentum system (CMS). Each arm covered a solid angle of 0.2 sr. in the CMS and consisted of hadron absorber, two magnets, scintillation counters, and multiwire proportional chambers (MWPC's). The magnets deflected charged particles vertically and in opposite directions, so that if the first (air gap) magnet deflected positive muons up, say, the second (solid steel) magnet deflected them down. Each arm was symmetric about a horizontal plane and accepted both positive and negative muons equally.

To maximize the amount of beam we could accept, we placed no detectors upstream of the air gap magnet where counting rates were at least an order of magnitude higher than downstream. The momentum was computed from the measured trajectory downstream of the air magnet by assuming that the undeflected track pointed back to the target. The inaccuracy of this assumption due to multiple scattering in the hadron absorber resulted in a r.m.s. momentum resolution of 2%.

The spectrometer apertures were wide horizontally and short vertically. The fields in the two air gap magnets were oriented along the long dimension of the gaps. The muon production angles were thus measured primarily in a plane perpendicular to the plane of magnetic deflection. This decoupling of the production angle measurement from the momentum measurement had important advantages

over the more usual magnet design in which the field is oriented along the short dimension. First, the copious low momentum muons were swept out of the spectrometer, rather than being swept across the aperture into the other arm. Second, events originating in upstream vacuum windows or in the beam dump could be rejected by projecting the track back to the target in the horizontal plane.

In order to suppress backgrounds, the apparatus was designed with a considerable amount of redundancy. The momentum of the muon was redetermined to  $\pm 15\%$  by measurement of the deflection in the steel magnet. This helped to reject low energy muons which simulated high momentum muons by traversing the air magnet along strange trajectories involving scattering from pole pieces, return yokes, etc. Another handle on backgrounds was provided by the mid-magnet (MM) MWPC which verified the muon position in the middle of the air magnet. A gas Cerenkov counter filled with nitrogen provided a 4 GeV muon energy threshold, as did the energy loss in the 1.8 m of steel magnet and 1 m of steel further downstream. At full current the magnets provided a 15 GeV threshold for particles traversing all the detectors, but the Cerenkov counter and additional steel were still useful in eliminating certain classes of "junk" triggers such as accidental coincidences of low energy muons upstream and downstream of the steel magnet.

The detector system included both scintillation counters and multiwire proportional chambers (MWPC) at most positions after the analyzing magnets. Counters were used to create the event trigger; matrix logic requirements for counter hodoscopes in both the bend and non-bend planes provided crucial reductions in the trigger rate.

The external beam at Fermilab arrives in bursts (RF buckets) of about 1 nsec duration and separated by 18.9 nsec. Resolution of single buckets is easily achieved with scintillation counters but proportional chambers integrate over two or three buckets. The scintillation counter hodoscopes were therefore also used to eliminate out-of-time chamber hits during the off-line reconstruction.

#### D. Detailed Description

The apparatus is here described in detail proceeding from upstream to downstream.

##### 1. Beam line

The experiment (E288) was performed in the Proton Center pit of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. A small fraction of the extracted primary proton beam was brought to the Proton Center pretarget area by Switchyard and Proton Area magnets mostly not under our control. The protons were steered and focused onto our target by two dipole and five quadrupole magnets which we could control using the MAC beam line computer system. We were able to focus the beam to a spot 0.03 cm by 0.08 cm high (FWHM as measured during the CFS hadron pair experiment<sup>11</sup>). The horizontal and vertical beam profiles .7 m upstream of our target were measured by 0.5 mm spacing separated-wire ionization chambers (SWIC) provided by Fermilab Research Services. A secondary emission monitor (SEM) was used to measure the beam intensity.

## 2. Target box

The target box (Fig. 3) was a large helium-filled enclosure containing ten drawers, on which were mounted the target holder, beam dump, and part of the hadron absorber. The drawers were 1' square in cross-section and were arrayed five across and two deep; they slid in and out on rails. Surrounding the target box was a 16"-thick layer of steel to shield against radioactivity.

## 3. Targets

Four different targets were used. The targets were thin vertical strips of metal with a horizontal width of about 1 mm. This defined the horizontal interaction position precisely and also minimized the scattering of outgoing muons. The vertical size of the interaction region was determined by the natural beam height of about 2 mm. Most of the data were taken with either a 1.87 cm-long platinum target or a 10 cm-long Cu target. These targets were chosen in order to maximize the ratio of signal to single count rates, since the massive lepton pair signal had been measured to have an approximately linear nucleon number ( $A$ ) dependence while the singles rate presumably goes as  $A^{2/3}$  (see Section III B.3b below). During the data taking to measure the  $A$ -dependence, we alternated frequently between the platinum target and a 10 cm-long beryllium target. The fourth target was the 7 cm-long copper target, which was used during a small fraction of the run. The targets were mounted in a holder which could be translated horizontally (transverse to the beam direction) by means of a stepping motor under computer control. Target parameters are given in Table I.

#### 4. Beam dump

Typically 30%-50% of the beam interacted in the target; the rest was absorbed in a water-cooled beam dump. The dump began 210 cm downstream of the center of the target. It consisted of 180 cm of Mallory 1000 Hevimet (90% tungsten, 6% nickel, 4% copper) followed by 6' of steel. A cone of Hevimet extended 90 cm upstream to reduce the decay path for hadrons produced at small angles, but it had a 2.5 cm-square hole in its center to allow the unscattered beam to pass through. Hevimet was used for its short hadronic absorption length (11 cm), which minimizes decay of pions and kaons and also minimizes transverse spread of the hadronic shower and hence leakage of particles out of the dump into the aperture.

#### 5. Targeting monitors

The fraction of the beam intercepted by the target was monitored by two different methods. A 2.5 cm-diameter hole in the steel shielding directly above the target provided a decay space for hadrons emitted upwards, and the resulting muon flux was viewed (after penetration of the concrete pre-target area roof and some dirt) by a four-element scintillation counter telescope called the  $90^\circ$  monitor. This was our main targeting fraction monitor. The  $90^\circ$  monitor was somewhat sensitive to interactions in the dump; typically the ratio of its "target in" to "target out" counting rates was about 4. A second targeting monitor was a single-wire proportional tube counter called the tube monitor; it viewed the target from the large angle side of the aperture in one arm and had a target in/target out ratio similar to that of the  $90^\circ$  monitor.

## 6. Hadron absorber

In the laboratory rest frame each spectrometer arm covered  $\pm 10$  mrad vertically and 45 mrad horizontally. The two arms were centered horizontally on the angles  $\pm (\arctan 0.0725)$ , which correspond to  $\sim \pm 90^\circ$  in the CMS at 400 GeV beam energy. Within the target box the spectrometer apertures were filled with hadron absorber, the first 30cm of which sat on a remotely controlled elevator platform which could be raised or lowered to have copper, beryllium, or no absorber (i.e. helium) in the aperture. Almost all of our data were taken with the copper absorber, as we found that rates in some of the detectors increased by as much as a factor of three with beryllium; the small improvement in resolution with beryllium (see Section E below) was judged not to be worth the accompanying beam intensity limitation. The rest of the absorber consisted of 525 cm of beryllium in the target box and 150 cm of  $\text{CH}_2$  downstream of the target box.

The beryllium was oversized, its coverage being nowhere less than 70 mrad horizontally nor  $\pm 20$  mrad vertically. This provided a buffer zone of low Z material around the nominal aperture so that muons scattering in the Hevimet or steel of the target drawers could not be confused with the muons produced within the aperture. The beryllium was in the form of large precisely cut blocks in order to minimize gaps. Similar precautions extended to the surrounding steel and to the beam dump. The design benefited from our previous experience in the detection of massive muon pairs and from a detailed Monte Carlo study. The effort in careful redesign of the target box was rewarded by a factor of  $\sim 10$  improvement in random singles rates in the downstream detectors.

The  $\text{CH}_2$  was included because of the worry that slow neutrons might be able to penetrate the beryllium in significant numbers and contribute to counting rates. Subsequent running failed to support this view however, and after a few months of running all but 15 cm of the  $\text{CH}_2$  was removed and 138 cm of beryllium installed in its place.

#### 7. Shielding wall

Three feet downstream of the end of the target box was a 210 cm-thick steel shielding wall. The apertures in this wall were slightly oversized. They were tapered horizontally but not vertically. The tube monitor was placed in the downstream end of the down arm shielding wall aperture in the lower large-angle corner.

#### 8. Air gap magnets

Next came the air gap analyzing magnets. They were 300 cm-long dipole magnets centered 11 m downstream from the center of the target. The field was horizontal (deflecting charged particles vertically), and, due to tapering of the gaps, the field decreased in magnitude with increasing distance from the target. The pole pieces were located at 49 and 97 mrad. At maximum current (1500 amperes) the mean value of the field was 13 kg, giving a transverse momentum kick of 1.2 GeV/c. The two magnets were wired in series. Their fields pointed in the same direction, so that if positive particles were deflected up in one arm, negative particles were deflected down in the other; this configuration favors pairs produced at small transverse momentum and thus has larger acceptance than the configuration in which the fields are directed oppositely.



The field integral of each magnet, as a function of the horizontal (x) and vertical (y) coordinates in each arm, was mapped at several currents using a 450 cm-long flip coil connected to a current integrator, and the magnitude of the field at the upstream end near the 49 mrad pole piece was measured continuously to 0.2% by a Hall Effect probe. The magnet current was monitored using a precision shunt which was sensitive to 0.1% current variations. A second current shunt was read back from the power supply via the controls computer system. A further check on the shape and magnitude of the field was the observed mass of the  $J/\psi$  resonance as a function of current and position in the magnet. We also used the  $J/\psi$  resonance to calibrate the field near the pole pieces where flip coil measurements were difficult.

#### 9. Detectors

Table II lists the detectors, in the order traversed by a muon. The first detector in each arm was an MWPC (2 mm spacing horizontal wires) located in the center of the air magnet. These mid-magnet (MM) chambers were designed to operate efficiently at the high counting rates (typically 50 MHz) encountered in that location. Their narrow gaps (1/8") reduced the time spread of pulses from a single track to about 50 nsec, and special deadtimeless amplifier/discriminator cards were used. All MWPC used a gas mixture containing 83% Argon, 17% CO<sub>2</sub>, and .1% Freon 13B1. Most of the chambers were operated at high rates (10-20 MHz/plane) for several years without changes in plateau voltages or need for repairs. The MWPC electronics was of the standard "NEVIS" design,<sup>22</sup> except for the Sippach designed fast amplifier-discriminators mentioned above.

Four stations of detectors were placed between the air magnet and the steel magnet. The first station consisted of a plane of horizontal scintillation counters designated H1, a MWPC containing three planes of wires (2 mm spacing) designated as J chambers, and a vertical scintillation counter hodoscope known as V1. H1 was used in the trigger. The three J chambers (JY, JU, and JV) measured in the  $y$  direction and along two axes at  $60^\circ$  and  $120^\circ$  from the  $y$  axis. V1 consisted of 19 1.4" and 2" wide scintillation counters. It supplemented the MWPC's in measuring  $x$ , and its good time resolution (one accelerator RF bucket) permitted elimination of out-of-time MWPC hits. A second plane of horizontal scintillation counters called H0 was added upstream of H1 after a few months of running. It consisted of five 5 cm-wide strips fit snugly against the downstream face of the magnet iron, restricting the trigger to muons emerging from the magnet aperture and eliminating the roughly 30% of pair triggers due to muons emerging through the coils.

The next station consisted of a single 2 mm spacing MWPC measuring  $y$  and called 1Y. Between it and the third station was a 210 cm-long nitrogen-filled Cerenkov counter. It was the "head" section of a nitrogen Cerenkov counter, C2, used in the previous hadron pair experiment.<sup>21</sup> It was used in the muon experiment primarily for its good time resolution (1 nsec r.m.s.) and also for its insensitivity to slow particles.

The third station was a 3 mm spacing MWPC measuring  $y$  and called 2Y. The fourth station consisted of a vertical hodoscope of 26 1.4" and 2" wide scintillation counters, called V2, and three 3 mm MWPC's (3Y, 3X, and 3P) measuring  $y$ ,  $x$ , and a coordinate ( $p$ ) rotated by  $\arctan(1/8)$  with respect to  $y$ . The preponderance of

chambers measuring  $y$  (and  $p$ , which is highly correlated with  $y$ ) was intended to provide accurate measurement of the magnetic deflection angle even if one or two chambers should be missing due to inefficiency.

#### 10. Steel magnets

Figure 4 shows a steel magnet in detail. Each steel magnet was made of nine 8"-thick steel slabs welded together into a 4' section followed by a 24 inch section, separated by ~ 6 inch space. The coil consisted of 36 turns of hollow 0.825" by 0.625" water-cooled copper. The magnet was run at a current of 1000A, which was sufficient to saturate the steel at approximately 20 kg. and provide a fairly uniform dipole field. The field integral was measured using the muons themselves, studying the distribution in deflection angle as a function of momentum measured by the air magnet. The transverse momentum kick  $p_T$  was thus measured to be 1.14 GeV. The two magnets were wired in series and the current monitored to 0.1% by a precision shunt. Their fields were equal and oriented in the same direction, opposite to the direction of the fields in the air magnets. Muons were thus partially refocused by the steel magnets, allowing downstream detectors to be reduced in size.

The momentum resolution of such a magnet is limited by multiple scattering of the muons as they traverse the steel. The r.m.s. scattering angle is given by<sup>2,3</sup>

$$\theta_{rms}^2 = \left( \frac{.014 \text{ GeV}}{p} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{L}{R} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{9} \log_{10} \frac{L}{R} \right] \right]^2 \quad (9)$$

where  $p$  is the muon momentum,  $L$  is the length of the magnet, and  $R = 1.77$  cm is the radiation length of steel.<sup>24</sup> The magnetic deflection angle  $\theta_{\text{bend}}$  also depends inversely on the momentum and is given in the small angle approximation by

$$\theta_{\text{bend}} = P_T/p = 1.14 \text{ GeV}/p. \quad (10)$$

Thus the r.m.s. momentum resolution is given by

$$\frac{\sigma_p}{p} = \frac{\theta_{\text{rms}}}{\theta_{\text{bend}}} \quad (11)$$

$$= 0.15.$$

This was entirely adequate for the task of rejecting background events (see Section III.D).

#### 11. More detectors

In the space between the two sections of each steel magnet was a plane of horizontal scintillation counters (H2). It consisted of four counters each 8" wide, with the upper and lower of the four angled so that the vertical aperture was larger at large horizontal angles than at small ones. Since low momentum muons were deflected through large angles in the air magnet, they tended to be at the upper and lower edges of H2, so the tapering of H2 provided some rejection of low transverse momentum muons (and hence of low mass pairs).

Following the steel magnet were two 3 mm MWPC's with horizontal wires designated 4Y and 5Y, and a vertical scintillation hodoscope (V3) made of 9 12 cm-wide strips. Following 41" of steel

(to further "harden" the trigger against low momentum muons) were a vertical hodoscope (V4) made of 13 15-cm-wide strips overlapped to give 5 cm resolution, and the final trigger plane, H3, consisting of four 20 cm-wide horizontal scintillation counters.

## E. RESOLUTION

### 1. Calculated Resolution

Each spectrometer arm measured angles to a precision limited by chamber wire spacings and by multiple scattering in the hadron absorber. The contribution of wire spacing to angle measurement error is straightforward. The multiple scattering contribution can be computed from

$$\theta_{rms}^2 = \left[ \frac{0.016 \text{ Gev}}{p} \right]^2 \frac{L}{R} \quad (12)$$

where

- $\theta_{rms}^2$  = projected mean square scattering angle
- $p$  = muon momentum
- $L$  = length of absorber
- $R$  = radiation length of absorber material.

For the sake of simplicity, this formula differs from the formula (9) above in that this is the appropriate form for very thin absorber, for which the logarithmic correction term is negligible. Since, however, it is to be integrated over thick absorbers, the constant has been increased appropriately. Calculation of the resolution in variables of physical interest is complicated because integrations must be done over the actual event distribution in the other variables and also because the resolution varies from event

to event depending on which chambers participate in the reconstructed track. Fig. 5 shows the results of a detailed analytical calculation of the mass resolution. In this calculation, the effects of multiple scattering and MWPC measurement errors are evaluated for their influence on both momenta and opening angles.

## 2. Mass Resolution from Data

The expected mass resolution can be computed more exactly using the events themselves, since then the distribution of events in the apparatus and chamber inefficiencies are taken correctly into account. The analysis program propagates errors through the track reconstruction and mass calculation, yielding the expected mass error for each event. The points shown in Fig. 5 represent the 1500A mass resolution thus computed, averaged over 1 GeV mass intervals. It is seen to agree with the analytic calculation given above within 5%.

We have verified that these resolution calculations are correct by studying the  $J/\psi$ . For this purpose, we took special runs at air magnet currents of 750, 1000, and 1250A, since the  $J/\psi$  has too low a mass to be accepted significantly by the spectrometer at a current of 1500A. For these runs we used beryllium as the first foot of absorber. The mass distributions are shown in Fig. 6. Table III compares the calculated mass resolution with the observed width of the  $J/\psi$ . The agreement is good at all three currents.

This agreement tests the multiple scattering component but, because of the low momenta, does not adequately test the measuring error. Here we appeal to data on target size as obtained from reconstructed tracks. This is shown in Fig. 7 in various mass bins where the data are contrasted with the expected distribution obtained from a Monte Carlo program. The agreement is convincing evidence that our resolution is well understood.

#### F. TRIGGER

In data sets I and II, the trigger for each arm consisted of the coincidence of H0, H1, H2, H3, V2 and the matrix V1 x V4. This matrix formed rough roads selecting muons coming directly from the target in the horizontal plane. In data set III, matrices H0 x H9 and H2 x H3 (forming roads in the vertical plane) were added to the coincidence requirement. For the high intensity runs of set III we also required that less than 4 hits occur in the V2 hodoscope. This served to veto accidental coincidences generated by large fluctuations in beam intensity. In addition to these primary triggers, prescaled study triggers were simultaneously taken in order to monitor the efficiency of the system. Typically a study trigger did not require some element and a comparison of the study trigger and the event trigger yielded the efficiency of the element in question. The data taking rate of the study triggers was carefully chosen to allow the entire surface of all detector elements to be tested with good statistical accuracy. The overall trigger efficiency averaged 90%.

Intensities of the incident proton beam were adjusted so that in general singles counting rates in the most burdened detector (typically less than 20 MHz) did not result in dangerous inefficiencies. Triggers were refined until the rates were 100-200 per machine pulse. The vast majority of triggers were arm-to-arm accidentals and so the quality of the data was highly dependent upon the performance of the accelerator. The quality of the micro and macro structure of the Fermilab accelerator spill was continually evaluated by the on-line computer and fed back to the accelerator control room as a television display. The details of the data acquisition system are presented in Appendix A.

### III. DATA REDUCTION

#### A. General, Efficiencies

The first stage of the analysis was data compression. Its aim was to reduce some 1000 data tapes to a manageable number in a reasonable amount of computer time. There were four levels of compression, called, A, C, D, and E. In the A level, a simple track finding algorithm was used to compute the invariant mass of the muon pair. Events failing this algorithm were eliminated. All subsequent analysis used the more complicated "standard" track reconstruction algorithm.

Subsequent levels of compression eliminated events failing the standard reconstruction algorithm or failing a progressively more stringent series of requirements which were intended to eliminate background events while retaining good efficiency for genuine massive muon pairs. Events were required to pass track quality, fiducial volume, and muon cuts.



Track quality cuts included requirements on the confidence level of the least squares fit to the track and on the number of chambers participating in the fit.

The muon cuts used information from the detectors behind the steel magnet to confirm the muon momentum as measured by the air magnet. Since hadrons and electrons had been suppressed by a factor of over  $10^8$  by the 18.5 hadronic absorption lengths of material in the target box, the major remaining background was low momentum muons appearing to have high momentum due to traversal of the air magnet along unorthodox paths. The reconstructed track was extrapolated through the steel magnet using the momentum measured in the air magnet. At each of 4Y, 5Y, H2, H3, V3, and V4, the distance of the extrapolated track from the nearest active hodoscope element or MWPC wire was computed and compared with the expected r.m.s. deviation due to multiple scattering in the steel (and MWPC measuring error in the case of 4Y and 5Y). If the distance was less than three standard deviations the cut was passed. Events were required to pass five out of the six muon cuts. The complete set of cuts as applied to the final sample of events is listed in Tables IV and V. The cuts used and the resulting compression factor at each level of compression are given in Table VI.

The final stage of compression was the writing of a "data summary tape" (DST) of events from the E level compressed tape. The final event sample included events missing up to two chambers and failing any one muon cut, so the efficiency of each chamber and each muon cut could be determined. Events satisfying the study triggers but failing the event trigger allowed determination of the trigger efficiency.

The compression efficiency was found to be (96±1)%. The reconstruction efficiency was determined by combining the measured individual plane inefficiencies with the reconstruction requirements and found to be (94±2)%. The overall efficiency was (77±6)%. See Table VII for a summary of inefficiencies in the A-dependence data.

**B. Normalization and Corrections**

**1. General**

To convert these spectra to differential cross-sections, we need to know the apparatus acceptance and efficiency and the total flux of incident protons. The acceptance is defined as the fraction of muon pairs emerging from the target which traverse the spectrometer. The efficiency is the fraction of pairs traversing the spectrometer which are recorded by the electronics and pass the various analysis cuts. The differential cross-section in a bin  $\Delta m$ ,  $\Delta y$ , of mass and rapidity is then given by

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dm dy} \cong \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\Delta m \Delta y} = \frac{N_{ev}}{N_{inc}} \frac{A}{N_o \rho L_{eff}} \frac{1}{\epsilon \eta} \frac{1}{\Delta m \Delta y} C \quad (13)$$

- where
- $N_{ev}$  = number of events in the bin  $\Delta m, \Delta y$
  - $N_{inc}$  = number of incident protons
  - $A, \rho, L_{eff}$  = atomic weight, density, effective length of target
  - $N_o$  = Avogadro's number
  - $\epsilon$  = efficiency
  - $\eta$  = acceptance in the bin  $\Delta m, \Delta y$ .
  - $C$  = correction factors for nuclear and radiative<sup>29</sup> effects.

The effective length of the target is the length corrected for absorption of the incident beam; it is thus given by

$$L_{\text{eff}} = \lambda (1 - e^{-L/\lambda}) \quad (14)$$

where  $\lambda$  = hadronic absorption length of target material  
 $L$  = length of target

The remainder of this section discusses the factors which enter into Eq. 13.

### 2. SEM Calibration

The number of incident protons was measured by a secondary emission monitor (SEM). The SEM was calibrated by inserting copper foils into the beam line and measuring the yield of  $^{24}\text{Na}$  per SEM count. Using a  $^{24}\text{Na}$  production cross-section of 3.5 mb per Cu nucleus,<sup>25</sup> the SEM calibration constant was found to be  $(1.01 \pm 0.02) \times 10^8$  protons per SEM count.

### 3. Nuclear Effects

Equation (13) gives the cross-section per atomic nucleus of target material. To get the cross-section per nucleon we might divide by  $A$ , but this is not necessarily the cross-section that would be observed on hydrogen for three reasons: 1) our targets contain neutrons, 2) the target nucleons are not at rest within the target, and 3) the cross-section might not depend linearly on  $A$ . The mix of neutrons and protons is handled by defining an average "nucleon" which, in the case of copper is 60% neutron and 40% proton. In the detailed evaluation of structure functions, use is made of SU(2) symmetry in unfolding the neutron and proton contributions. Below, we discuss the remaining nuclear effects.

a) Fermi Motion

Nuclear motion modifies the dimuon yields because of the strong energy dependence of the cross-section. Some proton-nucleon collisions have more energy in the CM and some have less. The form of the energy dependence is such that cancellation is imperfect and a small correction results. Corrections were made by a Monte Carlo calculation. A simple Fermi gas model<sup>26</sup> with a maximum momentum of 260 MeV was used and the sensitivity checked by also using an experimentally determined Fermi momentum distribution.<sup>27</sup> The results were similar in the two cases. The major effect of the Fermi motion is a mass dependent correction to the spectrum which can be expressed (averaged over the rapidity ( $y$ ) acceptance)

$$\frac{\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\sqrt{s}dy}\right)_{\text{corr}}}{\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\sqrt{s}dy}\right)_{\text{uncorr}}} = .901 + .827 \sqrt{\tau} - 2.54 \tau \quad (15)$$

The rapidity,  $y$ , dependent correction is presented in Table VIIIa. Another effect of nucleon motion is to shift the observed  $y$  distribution by an amount  $\Delta y = 0.1 \sqrt{\tau}$ , where

$$E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \Big|_y (\text{corr}) = E \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \Big|_{y+\Delta y} (\text{uncorr}) \quad (16)$$

This is accompanied by a slight loss of resolution in  $y$  (0.02 units, rms) and in  $p_T$  (0.03 GeV, rms). These latter effects are not significant.

b) A-dependence

An A-dependence given by  $\sigma = A^{2/3}$  would be expected (and has been observed)<sup>27</sup> for the bulk of hadronic scattering cross-sections; these are the "soft" collisions in which little momentum is transferred from the beam particle to the target particle. Such a dependence can be understood in terms of "shadowing" of nucleons inside the nucleus by nucleons on the surface: the incident hadron does not penetrate very far into the nucleus (note that a platinum nucleus is about 3 nuclear collision lengths thick) and so doesn't see the nucleons in the interior.

What has been said above implies that all hadronic scattering cross-sections should have an  $A^{2/3}$  dependence. However, faster A-dependences may occur if (as seems to be the case) hadrons have internal structure. Then some components of hadrons (the ones responsible for soft collisions) might interact before reaching the interior of the nucleus, while other components which interact less strongly might see all of the nucleons and interact with linear A-dependence. In the parton model, soft processes are due to the interaction of "wee" partons. Wee partons carry a tiny fraction of the momentum of their hadrons, so wee partons from the beam and target move slowly with respect to each other and interact with large probability and  $A^{2/3}$  dependence. By contrast, within this model, particles of large transverse momentum and pairs of large mass are produced in collisions of "hard" partons, which carry significant fractions of the momenta of their hadrons. Hard partons from the beam and target move very rapidly with respect to each other in high energy collisions and so interact rarely. Their interactions should thus exhibit linear A-dependence.

Stronger than linear A-dependence has also been observed, both for the production of single hadrons at large  $P_T$ ,<sup>28</sup> and for hadron pair production at large mass.<sup>29</sup> The mechanisms responsible for this are not understood. There is then the possibility that A-dependence reflects some subtle and possibly interesting physics involving the behavior of quarks inside a nucleus.

To investigate the A-dependence we took a set of data runs using both platinum and beryllium targets, switching targets every few runs. We parametrize the A-dependence by the functional form

$$\sigma = A^\alpha \quad (17)$$

and determine the exponent  $\alpha$  according to the formula

$$\alpha = \frac{\ln \frac{\sigma_{Pt}}{\sigma_{Be}}}{\ln \frac{A_{Pt}}{A_{Be}}} \quad (18)$$

The relative normalization of the two data samples depends only on the amount of incident flux in each data sample and the targeting fractions for the Pt and Be targets. All other factors cancel since the two samples were taken with the same apparatus and during the same period of time.

The beam targeting efficiencies for the two targets were carefully measured by observing the ratio of the 90° monitor counts divided by the SEM as a function of horizontal target position. The beryllium target was sufficiently wide to intercept all of the beam. The platinum targeting fraction was  $0.927 \pm 0.073$ .

The incident flux was measured by the SEM. The flux factor for each data sample is (from Eq. 13)  $N_{inc} L_{eff}$ . The flux calculation is summarized in Table VIIIb.

The values for  $\alpha$  versus mass and transverse momentum are given in Table IX and Fig. 8. The data are consistent with a constant value of  $\alpha$  in our mass and transverse momentum range. Averaging over mass and transverse momentum, we obtain

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = 1.007 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.028 \quad 5 < m < 11 \text{ GeV} \quad (19)$$

where the first error is statistical and the second is systematic (due chiefly to the uncertainty in the platinum targeting fraction).

#### 4. Radiative Corrections

Radiative corrections change the shape and the normalization of the continuum mass spectrum. This takes place through the emission of photons and the consequent reduction of the mass of the muon pair. We follow the calculations of Soni<sup>10</sup> and find that we can parameterize the result by the form:

$$\frac{\frac{d^2\sigma}{dm dy}_{\text{corr}}}{\frac{d^2\sigma}{dm dy}_{\text{uncorr}}} = e^{-0.0046(m+0.95 \text{ GeV})} \quad (20)$$

#### C. Acceptance

The horizontal acceptance of each arm extended from 50 to 95 mr in the lab (0 mr being the beam direction). For light particles and 400 GeV beam energy this corresponds to 70° to 110° in the proton-nucleon center of mass. For lower beam energies the acceptance moves forward in the center of mass frame. The vertical acceptance was a function of momentum, approaching ±10 mr at high momenta. At 72.5 mr horizontal angle this corresponds to an azimuthal acceptance of ±138 mr in the center of mass.

The pair acceptances are calculated by integrating over irrelevant variables by the Monte Carlo method. In calculating the acceptance for the invariant cross section  $E d^3\sigma/dp^3$  at fixed mass, the only non-trivial variables are the muon pair decay (spherical) angles  $\theta_D$  and  $\phi_D$ . In general the decay angle distribution can depend on four density matrix elements each of which is a function of four invariants.<sup>11</sup> For some processes and for appropriate choice of reference frame orientation the distribution reduces to the form

$$W(\theta_D, \phi_D) = 1 + \delta \cos^2 \theta_D . \quad (21)$$

For example in the Drell-Yan model the distribution is  $1 + \cos^2 \theta_D$  in the frame whose z axis lies along the directions of motion of the (colinear) quark and antiquark (the "quark-antiquark frame"). This presumably is modified somewhat by QCD corrections. If on the other hand the intermediate state were an unpolarized particle the decay would be isotropic.

Detailed discussions of the decay angular distribution can be found in the literature.<sup>12</sup> For the continuum analysis we have assumed that the Drell-Yan prediction is correct. This has been shown to be true in the experiments of S. Childress et al.<sup>13</sup> and G. E. Hogan et al.<sup>14</sup> in a kinematic range relevant to this experiment. In our experiment, in the quark-antiquark or any closely related frame the acceptance is restricted to a small range of  $\cos \theta$  near 0. Therefore the acceptance ambiguity introduced by uncertainty in  $\delta$  cannot be resolved within this experiment but is just one of overall normalization. For simplicity we have chosen



to do our calculation in the frame determined by the incident proton (the "Gottfried-Jackson" frame of our previous publications, also called the t-channel helicity frame); such a choice avoids the ambiguity of specifying a partition of  $p_T$  between the quark and antiquark as is required to define the quark-antiquark frame. For reasonable partition assumptions the acceptance thus calculated is the same to within a few percent as the acceptance calculated in the quark-antiquark frame. The acceptance calculated using a  $1 + \cos^2\theta_D$  distribution is 0.78 of that calculated using an isotropic distribution, independent of  $y$  and nearly independent of  $p_T$ .<sup>15</sup> The acceptance vs.  $p_T$  for data sets I and II under the assumption of  $1 + \cos^2\theta_D$  decay is shown in Fig. 9a.

To obtain the acceptance for the cross section  $d^2\sigma/dm dy$  it is necessary to integrate over the  $p_T$  of the pair. We did so using the  $p_T$  distribution determined from our measured invariant cross-sections. These were fit with the form

$$\Sigma \frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3} \propto \frac{1}{[1 + (p_T/p_0)^2]^6} \quad (22)$$

A typical value for  $p_0$  was 2.8 GeV. This form was also used to extrapolate to  $p_T$ 's for which we had no data. The fraction of the integral in this region was typically 1%. Detailed fits using this form have already been presented in Ref. 5. We discuss this further in Section E.

The acceptance vs. center of mass rapidity ( $y$ ) is shown in Fig. 9b. The  $y$  acceptance for 3 energies is shown in Fig. 9c. Note that the acceptance peaks near  $y = 0$  for 400 GeV incident protons and shifts to forward  $y$  for lower energies. Since the  $y$  acceptance is narrow we present cross-sections differential in rapidity evaluated at the mean rapidity of the acceptance,  $\langle y_{acc} \rangle$ . The values of  $\langle y_{acc} \rangle$  for the three beam energies are indicated in Fig. 11. The observed rapidity interval at each energy is  $\langle y_{acc} \rangle \pm 0.3$ . The acceptances vs mass calculated for these intervals are shown in Fig. 9d. All figures show "observed"  $y$ , uncorrected for Fermi Motion.

#### D. Backgrounds

Having evaluated all the terms in Eq. 13, we now discuss the background events included in the accepted data sample. Backgrounds can come from directly produced muons from two different interactions in the target (accidentals) or from the decays of hadrons. The latter can be from the same or different interactions. We estimate most of these backgrounds with our simultaneous measurement of the  $\mu^+\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-\mu^-$  rates. If the backgrounds are of accidental origin, whether directly produced or from hadron decays, they obey the relation

$$N_{+-}^{back} + N_{-+}^{back} = 2\sqrt{N_{++}N_{--}}. \quad (23)$$

Since in our case  $N_{++} \approx N_{--}$  this simplifies to

$$N_{+-}^{back} + N_{-+}^{back} \approx N_{++} + N_{--}. \quad (24)$$

We observed that  $(N_{++} + N_{--}) / (N_{+-} + N_{-+})$  was proportional to beam intensity in our data. This implies that indeed most of  $N_{++} + N_{--}$  has an accidental rather than a physics origin.

We can also use the same sign events to estimate non-accidental backgrounds. If the two-particle correlations (R) of the parent hadrons are independent of particle type and satisfy  $R_{+-} = \sqrt{R_{++} R_{--}}$  then formula (23) given for accidentals also holds for correlated pairs. The above premise has been shown to be true at the 50% level for ordinary hadrons.<sup>21</sup> Thus since  $N_{++} + N_{--}$  is mostly accidental, we conclude that the same sign pairs give a good estimate of our backgrounds due to accidentals and decays of ordinary hadrons.

The equal correlation premise is not, however, necessarily true for charmed particles. While reasonable models of charm production do not predict a significant background, not enough is known about charm production (particularly at high  $p_T$ ) to rule it out.

A final possible source of background at high mass is mis-measured real muon pairs of lower mass. These were effectively eliminated by remeasurement of the muon momentum using the steel magnet.

Figure 10a shows our mass spectrum for unlike and like sign pairs from data set I at 400 GeV. We see that background is less than 10% for  $M_{\mu^+\mu^-} \geq 5$  GeV and drops rapidly at higher masses. We handle this small background by subtracting the spectrum of same sign pairs from that of opposite sign pairs. Since, however, the  $p_T$  acceptance of same sign pairs is broader than that of opposite sign

pairs, some care must be taken in order not to bias the  $p_T$  distribution at the lowest masses. We therefore use a technique to correct for the difference in same-sign vs. opposite-sign  $p_T$  acceptance<sup>16</sup>. Before calculating the  $p_T$ , rapidity, and mass of a same sign pair we reflect one of the muons through the horizontal mid-plane of the apparatus. In general this changes the mass and  $p_T$  of the pair, but if it is an accidental the reflected pair has the same production cross section as the original pair, and if it is from correlated hadron pair decay the cross sections are approximately the same.

#### IV. RESULTS

##### A. Data Presentation

Figure 11 shows the differential cross sections  $d^2\sigma/dm dy|_{\langle y \rangle}$  for data sets I and II.<sup>17</sup> The overall systematic normalization uncertainty of all the data can be assumed to be less than  $\pm 25\%$ . Figure 10b shows the highest mass  $\mu^+\mu^-$  pair data (data set III, 400 GeV high intensity).

Invariant cross sections vs.  $p_T$  at 400 GeV are presented in Table XII and shown in Fig. 12. In Fig. 13 we give the moments  $\langle p_T \rangle$  and  $\langle p_T^2 \rangle$  vs. mass. In all cases the moments were calculated directly from the data. The variation of the cross-section vs.  $y$  for various mass bins at 3 different incident proton energies is shown in Figure 14 and presented in Table XI. We use the scaling form  $s d^2\sigma/d\tau dy$  for convenience.

### B. Scaling

The Drell-Yan model Eq. 4 embodies scaling and we have already published a scaling comparison<sup>3</sup> in some detail. The exponential scaling fit<sup>17</sup> to the data is:

$$\left. \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\sqrt{s}dy} \right|_{y=0.2} = (42 \pm 2 \pm 11.) \exp[-(25.1 \pm 1 \pm 6)/\sqrt{s}] \text{ ub GeV}^2 \quad (25)$$

The scaling data and the fit are shown in Fig. 15. Also shown is a Drell-Yan model fit which is discussed in detail in Section C. In Fig. 16, we compare the exponential fit and the Drell-Yan model fit to our data with preliminary pp data from the CERN ISR.<sup>38</sup> We note that the CERN data is all at lower values of  $\sqrt{s} = x$  and that the higher  $s$  data agrees with the extrapolation of our data within the statistical errors.

It remains to discuss the question whether or not the agreement with scaling is too good, in view of the scaling violations observed in deeply inelastic  $\mu N$  scattering<sup>19, 20</sup> and in neutrino charged current interactions.<sup>21-23</sup>

In Fig. 17a we present the scaling plot as computed using the QCD calculation of Owens and Reya.<sup>31</sup> It is seen that in the region  $\sqrt{s} = .15$  to  $.45$  the predicted QCD scale breaking effects are small. The data has insufficient statistics to see such a small variation. The most dramatic evidence for QCD effects is seen in the  $p_T$  behavior discussed in Section E.

C. Extraction of Nucleon Sea:

Equation 4 can be differentiated with respect to rapidity to give the form:

$$s \frac{d^2\sigma}{d^2y} = \frac{8\pi\alpha^2}{9\tau^{3/2}} \sum_{u,d,s} e_i^2 \left[ f_i^b(x_b, m^2) \bar{f}_i^t(x_t, m^2) + \bar{f}_i^b(x_b, m^2) f_i^t(x_t, m^2) \right] \quad (26)$$

Here we follow the usual procedure of neglecting the heavier (c, b, ...) quarks. The f's are the quark structure functions which can be expressed as

$$f_u(x, m^2) \equiv u_v(x, m^2) + u_s(x, m^2) , \quad (27)$$

taking explicit notice of the fact that the u quark in the proton for example has a large component which is due to the presence of u valence quarks and a small piece which comes from the sea of  $u\bar{u}$  quark pairs. The f's are defined such that

$$\int_0^1 f_i(x) dx$$

is the fraction of the proton's momentum carried by the quark of flavor i. We assume the SU(2) symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} u^p(x, m^2) &= d^n(x, m^2) \\ u^n(x, m^2) &= d^p(x, m^2) \end{aligned}$$

where p  $\equiv$  proton and n  $\equiv$  neutron.

In principle, sufficient dilepton data over a large enough domain of  $y, m^2$  could be used to unfold the structure functions. Because our data is concentrated near  $y = 0$ , we cannot perform this unfolding without additional knowledge or assumptions. To proceed further, we substitute data from inelastic lepton scattering for the quark distributions  $f_i(x, m^2)$ . Inelastic electron or muon scattering measures:

$$vW_2^P(x, Q^2) = \sum_i e_i^2 \left[ f_i^P(x, Q^2) + \bar{f}_i^P(x, Q^2) \right]. \quad (28)$$

QCD calculations of the underlying sub-processes contributing to lepton scattering and dimuon production<sup>11, 45</sup> suggest the identification of

$$|Q^2| \leftrightarrow |m^2|$$

Furthermore, the QCD diagrams of these processes, to order  $\alpha_s^2 \log Q^2$ , amount to the use of  $Q^2$ -dependent structure functions. We thus use a  $Q^2$ -dependent fit to the data<sup>6</sup> on electron-nucleon and muon-proton scattering to provide  $vW_2^P$ . We use a fit<sup>6, 7</sup> suggested by low  $Q^2$  SLAC data for  $vW_2^n$ .

$$\frac{vW_2^n}{vW_2^P} = 1.0 - 0.8x \quad (29a)$$

We parameterize the antiquark distributions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{d} &= A(1-x)^N \\
 \bar{u} &= A(1-x)^{N+\beta} \\
 \bar{s} &= (\bar{u}+\bar{d})/4.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{29b}$$

The inequality of  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{d}$ , originally suggested by an argument of Feynman and Field,<sup>10</sup> has recently been discussed within QCD.<sup>11</sup> The  $\bar{s}$  suppression is suggested by neutrino scattering;<sup>1,10</sup> but it has a small effect on the predicted dimuon rate and the results of our fits. We assume that these antiquark distributions are independent of  $Q^2$  over the observed  $x$ -range. A QCD analysis<sup>11</sup> suggests that this should be true to the level of -10% for  $x > 0.2$  and  $10 < Q^2 < 300$  ( See Fig. 17b).

We use  $\nu W_2$  measurements as input and use the muon pair data to fit the parameters  $A$ ,  $N$  and  $\beta$ . The results are given in Table Xa both for the assumption  $\bar{u}=\bar{d}$  and for the case where the value of  $\beta$  is determined by the fit. The data clearly favor  $\bar{u}\neq\bar{d}$ .

For the results in Table Xa we assumed no  $Q^2$  dependence in equation 29a. The QCD calculation of Owens and Reya<sup>11</sup> can be used to obtain an estimate for the expected  $Q^2$  dependence of the ratio. Using the data of Bodek et al.<sup>7</sup> in the range  $.2 \leq x \leq .6$  and correcting the data to  $m^2$  appropriate for our 300 GeV data we obtain

$$\frac{\nu W_2^n}{\nu W_2^p} = 0.507 - 0.535 x
 \tag{29c}$$



The result of the fit using equation 29c is shown in Table Xb. The data still favor  $\bar{u} \neq \bar{d}$ .

We can avoid parameterizing the antiquark distributions and extract them directly if we assume a relationship between the flavors of antiquark, e.g. the floating fit of Table Xa:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}(x)/\bar{d}(x) &= (1-x)^{3.48} \\ s(x) = \bar{s}(x) &= (\bar{u}(x) + \bar{d}(x))/4\end{aligned}$$

To do this we take data pairs at symmetric  $y$  values, the  $\nu W_2^p$  measurements, and equation 29a for  $\nu W_2^n$  at the corresponding  $x_b = \text{beam}$  and  $x_t = \text{target}$ . We then have a system of 6 measurements and 6 unknowns:

$$\begin{array}{ll}u(x_b) & sd^2\sigma/d\tau dy \quad (+y, \sqrt{\tau}, m^2) \\ u(x_t) & sd^2\sigma/d\tau dy \quad (-y, \sqrt{\tau}, m^2) \\ d(x_b) & \nu W_2^p(x_b, m^2) \\ d(x_t) & \nu W_2^p(x_t, m^2) \\ \bar{d}(x_b) & \nu W_2^n(x_b, m^2) \\ \bar{d}(x_t) & \nu W_2^n(x_t, m^2)\end{array}$$

Most of the 400 GeV data and one third of the 300 GeV data provide us with suitable data pairs.

Fig. 18a shows the results for  $\bar{u}+\bar{d}$ , the sea combination most independent of our assumptions about relative antiquark strengths. It is also possible to form the quantity  $\bar{q}(x)+\bar{s}(x)\equiv \bar{u}(x)+\bar{d}(x)+2\bar{s}(x)$ . In Fig. 18b we compare our values of  $\bar{q}(x)+\bar{s}(x)$  to those measured in inelastic neutrino scattering at CERN<sup>11</sup> and at Fermilab.<sup>12</sup>

The comparison involves the explicit factor of 3 for color in dilepton production and also the QCD prediction that  $Q^2 \leftrightarrow m^2$ . Our values of  $\bar{q}(x)+\bar{s}(x)$  appear to lie about 50% higher than the neutrino data in the vicinity of  $\sqrt{\tau}=0.2$ . Note however that for the same  $\sqrt{\tau}$  the average  $Q^2$  for the neutrino data is lower than that for the dilepton data; a correction computed using the results of Owens and Reya<sup>14</sup> (Fig. 17b) would slightly lower the neutrino points at  $\sqrt{\tau}=0.2$ , increasing the discrepancy.

We therefore observe a dilepton production rate larger than would be predicted by the Drell-Yan model using the  $F_2(x, Q^2)$  from muon scattering and  $\bar{q}(x)$  from neutrino data. Recent results from experiments at the CERN SPS indicate that dimuon production for  $\pi$ -nucleon collisions is larger than the Drell-Yan calculation by approximately a factor of 2.<sup>13</sup> This discrepancy was not observed in an earlier measurement made at Fermilab.<sup>14</sup>

Several recent calculations of QCD contributions of next order (beyond leading logarithm) for both deep inelastic scattering and dilepton production have the effect of increasing the theoretical dilepton yields by about a factor of two.<sup>35, 36</sup> This factor is independent of  $x$  for  $x < 0.5$ . However, lacking calculations or estimates of contributions from yet higher orders, the consistency of experiment and theory must be taken as somewhat fortuitous. Taking a broader view, agreement of the dilepton data with the neutrino scattering data within a factor of 2 represents a substantial success for the quark-parton model.

D. Slope at Zero Rapidity

The difference in the  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{d}$  content of a proton, which was considered in the previous section, also manifests itself in the slope of the data in Fig. 14a near  $y=0$ . We assume that the higher order corrections mentioned in Section C are not  $y$  dependent. The doubly differential cross section:

$$s \frac{d^2\sigma}{d^2\tau dy}$$

must be symmetric relative to  $y=0$  for pp collisions. However the QPM favours a positive slope in  $y$  for pn collisions and therefore also p-Cu collisions since the "nucleon" in Cu is 40% proton and 60% neutron. This slope near  $y=0$  is the result of several features of the model; first, the larger number of  $2/3$ -charged  $u$  quarks in the proton, second, the increase of  $u/d$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$  observed in electron scattering, and third, the possible SU(3) violating dominance of  $\bar{d}$  over  $\bar{u}$  quarks in the proton

$$\bar{u}(x) - \bar{d}(x) < 0 \quad (30)$$

which is mirrored as a dominance of the  $\bar{u}$  sea in the neutron. It is interesting that this same quantity appears in the QPM interpretation of the Adler sum rule<sup>5,21,57</sup>

$$\Delta \equiv \int_0^1 (vW_2^{ep} - vW_2^{en}) \frac{dx}{x} - 0.33 = \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 (\bar{u} - \bar{d}) dx$$

The negative value of  $\Delta$  derived from experiment motivated Feynman and Field<sup>4</sup> to propose the relation

$$\bar{d} = \bar{u}(1-x)^3 \quad (31)$$

Figure 14b plots versus  $1/\tau$ , the slope

$$\frac{d}{dy} \left[ \ln \left( s \frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\tau dy} \right) \right]_{y=0} \quad (32)$$

obtained by fitting the data in Fig. 14a near  $y=0$ . The slopes are larger than the Drell-Yan model fit which assumes asymmetries only in the valence  $u$  and  $d$  distributions (solid curve). Thus the data favours a surplus of  $\bar{d}$  quarks over  $\bar{u}$  quarks in the proton. This has been examined recently in QCD theory by Ross and Sachrajda.<sup>58</sup> They evaluated QCD diagrams which contribute to the structure functions derived in lepton scattering. This enables them to calculate a

contribution to Eq. 30 and to show that it is indeed negative but perhaps a factor of 5 smaller than implied by the Adler sum rule. The connection between the Adler difference and Eq. 30 is also discussed by Contogouris and Papadopoulos.<sup>37</sup> We note that whereas the dilepton data establishes the symmetry breaking for  $x > 0.2$ , the Adler integral is dominated by the small  $x$  region.

### E. Transverse Momentum of Lepton Pairs

The simple application of the quark model for dilepton production predicts very small transverse momentum for the dileptons. The observation of average dilepton transverse momentum of the order of 1 GeV and larger provided qualitative support for QCD descriptions of dilepton production. The large  $\langle p_T \rangle$  comes about because of the probability (order  $\alpha_s$ ) of one of the colliding quarks to radiate a hard gluon and recoil to large  $p_T$ . Figure 19 shows the experimental results plotted vs  $\sqrt{s}$  for this experiment, another FNAL experiment,<sup>38</sup> and ISR experiments.<sup>39</sup> The increase of average  $p_T$  with  $\sqrt{s}$  is a direct prediction of QCD.<sup>16, 17, 40</sup>

We find for  $\sqrt{\tau} = 0.21$ , using our 300 and 400 GeV data and the ISR<sup>38</sup> data

$$\langle p_T \rangle = (.028 \sqrt{s} + .37) \text{ GeV} \quad (33)$$

in approximate agreement with the predictions of QCD. Note that the slope is calculable from perturbation theory whereas the intercept (intrinsic  $p_T$  of the quarks) is related to the confining force. Eq. 33 is the most dramatic confirmation of QCD (gluon effects) as applied to dilepton production.

#### F. Explicit QCD Contributions

It is of further interest to see if a Drell-Yan calculation including explicit contributions from QCD diagrams involving gluon emission and absorption can be accommodated by the data. Ignoring higher order corrections, Altarelli et al.<sup>17</sup> and Kajantie and Raitio<sup>18</sup> have presented such calculations. They remove the divergence of the gluon propagator at small momenta by assigning a constant exponential "intrinsic" momentum to the bound-state quarks within a hadron. The fit then involves a time-consuming folding over the intrinsic Fermi momentum,  $k_T$ , of the quark at each data point. In addition to the parameters  $A$ ,  $N$ , and  $\beta$  introduced above to describe the antiquark distributions, we introduce  $g(x) = B(1-x)^m$ , the gluon distribution within a nucleon,  $f(k_T) = e^{-ak_T^2}$ , the intrinsic "Fermi motion" of the quarks bound in the nucleon, and  $\alpha_s$ , the strong coupling constant at the gluon-quark vertex. We then fit all the data in bins of  $m$ ,  $y$ , and  $p_T$  at the three energies 200, 300, and 400 GeV simultaneously. Again we assume no explicit  $Q^2$  dependence of the parameters in the limited range of our fit. The results are given in Table XIII. Note that the fit is quite good and that the parameters have reasonable values. No detailed study has been made of the error matrix because we believe that systematic errors may well dominate.

#### G. Muon-Electron Universality

As a final topic we present data on muon-electron universality. Figure 20 shows the data obtained in 1975 - 1977 on the dielectron continuum. Superimposed in the insert is the muon data. It appears that  $\mu$ e universality holds (to 50% or better) in the production of massive lepton pairs near  $\langle Q^2 \rangle = 40 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

## B. Conclusions:

In summary, we find a linear nucleon number dependence for the dimuon production cross section using Be and Pt targets. The dimuon continuum cross sections scale over the energy and mass range studied by this experiment. In addition, fits to our data using the Drell-Yan model<sup>8</sup> are in good agreement with the ISR data<sup>9</sup> when extrapolated to their range of  $\sqrt{s}$ .

The sea quark distribution as measured by this experiment is about a factor of 1.5 above the sea distribution determined from neutrino experiments. The fits to our data indicate that the  $\bar{u}$  distribution in the proton is suppressed relative to the  $\bar{d}$  distribution.

We can obtain a good fit simultaneously to the  $y$ ,  $p_T$ , and mass dependence of the dimuon cross section using the model of Altarelli et al.<sup>17</sup> and Kajantie et al.<sup>18</sup> The gluon distribution determined by the fit is  $g(x)=2.55(1-x)^{4.1}$  and the value  $\alpha_s=0.27$ .

Scaling violations as expected from QCD calculations are observed in the dependence of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  with  $\sqrt{s}$  at fixed  $\sqrt{\tau}$ .

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TABLE I  
Target Properties

Material	Length (cm)	Width (mm)	A	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Abs. Lengths	Effective Length (cm)
Pt	1.87±.04	.660±.013	195.09	20.65 ±.40	.2	1.70±.04
Be	10.38±.10	1.65±.013	9.01	1.835±.014	.28	9.04±.09
Cu	7.62	.889	63.54	8.96	.52	5.94
Cu	10.16	.889	63.54	8.96	.69	7.35

Note: Length of Pt target is given as measured after run. Widths and densities of Pt and Be were measured using leftover pieces from the same sheet metal stock.

TABLE II  
Detectors

Name	Type	z position (inches)	
		Up Arm	Down Arm
MM	MWPC	440.0	440.0
BO	hodoscope	500.0	500.0
H1	hodoscope	529.0	529.0
JV	MWPC	537.6	537.9
JY	MWPC	538.6	538.9
JU	MWPC	539.6	539.9
V1	hodoscope	558.8	555.6
1Y	MWPC	588.1	588.1
C	Cerenkov		
2Y	MWPC	688.0	688.0
V2	hodoscope	724.0	724.0
3X	MWPC	745.1	745.2
3P	MWPC	750.6	750.7
3Y	MWPC	756.1	756.2
H2	hodoscope	817.0	817.0
4Y	MWPC	875.0	875.0
V3	hodoscope	893.0	893.0
5Y	MWPC	990.6	990.6
V4	hodoscope	1056.5	1053.0
H3	hodoscope	1173.0	1173.0

TABLE III  
J/ $\psi$  Resolution

Current (A)	Predicted (GeV, FWHM)	Observed
750	0.275	0.277
1000	0.227	0.251
1250	0.195	0.204



TABLE IV

Sample Selection Requirements

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1. 1 track found in each arm
  2.  $\geq 6$  chambers participating in each track
  3. Track confidence level cut:
    - If 6 chamber track C. L.  $\geq 0.021$
    - If 7 chamber track C. L.  $\geq 0.011$
    - If 8 chamber track C. L.  $\geq 0.001$
  4. Fiducial cuts
  5. Muon cuts:  $\geq 5$  out of (4Y, 5Y, H2, H3, V3, V4)  
within  $3\sigma$  of extrapolated track
  6. Target cut: projected horizontal position at target  
 $\leq 0.3^\circ + 20 / p$
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TABLE V  
Fiducial Cuts<sup>a</sup>

Position	x limits	(inches)	y limits	(inches)
Mag. entr.	-8.80	8.80	-5.00	5.00
Mag. exit	-11.80	11.80	-5.00	5.00
H1	-12.50	12.50	-5.90	5.90
JY	-12.25	12.25	-6.30	6.30
V1	-13.15	14.05	-7.50	7.50
Y1	-14.00	14.00	-7.56	7.56
Y2	-16.00	16.00	-11.34	11.34
V2	-18.63	19.13	-16.50	16.50
3Y	-18.00	18.00	-14.17	14.17
H2	-19.00	19.00	-17.00	17.00
Y4	-22.50	22.50	-16.54	16.54
V3	-24.13	24.13	-16.50	16.50
Y5	-27.00	27.00	-17.00	17.00
V4	-27.00	27.00	-16.50	16.50
H3	-28.00	28.00	-17.00	17.00

<sup>a</sup> For data sets I and II

TABLE VI  
Levels of Compression

Level	Requirements <sup>a</sup>	Comments	Compr. Factor
A	Crude reconstr. prescale $m < 3.8$ GeV	800 BPI to 1600 BPI	7
C	Standard reconstr. # chamb. $\geq 6, y_{\max} < 5.4''$		5
D	$m > 4.8, CL > 10^{-5}$ if 6 chamb.	Scalers to 25 words	3
E	$y_{\max} < 5.2''$ , 4Y or 5Y within $3\sigma$	Scalers to 7 words	3

<sup>a</sup>  $y_{\max}$  is the maximum vertical excursion of the track in the air magnet.

TABLE VII  
Efficiency Summary  
(A-dependence Data)

	Pt target	Be target
Trigger	.884±.051	.933±.038
Compression	.956±.014	.963±.013
Reconstruction	.937±.021	.951±.019
Muon cuts	.990±.002	.987±.002
Target cut	.988±.005	.972±.008
Track C.L.	1.000±.002	1.000±.003
One track	.990±.004	.993±.003
Combined	.767±.057	.814±.045
<u>Average</u>		.796±.035

TABLE VIIIa  
Fermi Motion Correction

$$\frac{\left(\frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\sqrt{s} dy}\right)_{\text{corr}}}{\left(\frac{d^2 \sigma}{d\sqrt{s} dy}\right)_{\text{uncorr}}} = B_0 + B_1 y + B_2 y^2 + B_3 y^3$$

$\sqrt{s}$	$B_0$ ( $\times 10^{-4}$ )	$B_1$ ( $\times 10^{-4}$ )	$B_2$ ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )	$B_3$ ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )
.547 - .620	5949	1774	-1280	-2071
.500 - .547	6831	1652	- 659	-1546
.450 - .500	7506	1711	- 225	-1760
.386 - .450	8199	1060	- 68	- 944
.332 - .386	8701	712	- 5	- 519
.300 - .332	8973	519	26	- 353
.250 - .300	9218	375	36	- 231
.211 - .250	9407	266	34	- 147
.185 - .211	9517	199	36	- 110
.168 - .185	9582	164	29	- 81

TABLE VIIIb  
A-dependence Flux Calculation

	Pt target	Be target
SEM counts	12667101	23516602
90° mon counts	1808764	1698489
90° live-time gated	1721082	1634927
Live-time	.9515	.9626
Incident protons	$1.217 \times 10^{15}$	$2.286 \times 10^{15}$
Flux factor	$4.274 \times 10^{16}$	$3.793 \times 10^{16}$
Pt/Be flux ratio	1.126±.035	

TABLE IXa  
A-dependence vs. Mass

Mass (GeV)	No. events Pt		No. events Be		$\alpha$
	0	2	0	2	
5.0- 5.4	146	8	142	4	.986 ± .041
5.4- 5.8	120	2	115	0	.994 ± .043
5.8- 6.2	95	0	95	2	.993 ± .048
6.2- 6.6	87	0	68	0	1.066 ± .053
6.6- 7.0	67	0	63	0	1.006 ± .057
7.0- 7.4	44	0	44	0	.986 ± .069
7.4- 7.8	35	0	34	0	.995 ± .078
7.8- 8.2	23	0	24	0	.972 ± .095
8.2- 8.6	20	0	9	0	1.246 ± .131
8.6- 9.0	11	0	7	0	1.133 ± .157
9.0- 9.4	24	0	18	0	1.079 ± .101
9.4- 9.8	20	0	19	0	1.003 ± .104
9.8-10.2	9	0	8	0	1.024 ± .158
10.2-10.6	2	0	9	0	.497 ± .254
10.6-11.0	3	0	4	0	.892 ± .248

Note: Errors are statistical only. There is an additional .028 systematic error at all masses.

TABLE IXb  
A-dependence vs.  $p_t$

$p_t$ (GeV)	No. events Pt		No. events Be		$\alpha$
	0	2	0	2	
0.0- 0.2	35	0	49	1	1.089 ± .073
0.2- 0.4	120	2	107	1	.951 ± .044
0.4- 0.6	127	2	124	1	.981 ± .042
0.6- 0.8	105	1	102	0	.980 ± .046
0.8- 1.0	90	0	93	1	.993 ± .049
1.0- 1.2	69	1	84	4	1.039 ± .055
1.2- 1.4	44	0	50	0	1.027 ± .067
1.4- 1.6	28	0	37	1	1.068 ± .083
1.6- 1.8	17	0	26	2	1.098 ± .107
1.8- 2.0	10	0	12	0	1.045 ± .139
2.0- 2.2	8	0	9	0	1.024 ± .158
2.2- 2.4	4	0	6	0	1.118 ± .210
2.4- 2.6	5	0	2	0	.688 ± .272

Note: Errors are statistical only. There is an additional .028 systematic error at all transverse momenta.



TABLE Xa

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PARAMETERS FOR NUCLEON SEA FIT <sup>a</sup>

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$$\begin{aligned}\bar{d} &= A(1-x)^N \\ \bar{u} &= A(1-x)^{n+B} \\ \bar{s} &= (\bar{u} + \bar{d})/4\end{aligned}$$

A.      Fix =  $\bar{u} = \bar{d}$

$$\begin{aligned}A &= .476 \pm .011 \\ N &= 6.62 \pm .08 \\ \frac{\chi^2}{DF} &= 300/154\end{aligned}$$

B.      Allow  $\beta$  to float

$$\begin{aligned}A &= .548 \pm .002 \pm .17 \\ \beta &= 3.48 \pm .25 \pm 1.2 \\ N &= 7.62 \pm .08 \pm .38 \\ \frac{\chi^2}{DF} &= 211/156\end{aligned}$$

<sup>a</sup>The first error is statistical and the second when given is systematic.

TABLE Xb

Parameters for Nucleon Sea fit  
Using  $Q^2$  correction for  $\nu W_2^n$

$$\bar{d} = A(1-x)^N$$

$$\bar{u} = A(1-x)^{N+\beta}$$

$$\bar{s} = (\bar{u} + \bar{d}) / 4$$

A. fix  $\bar{u} = \bar{d}$

$$A = .504 \pm .011$$

$$N = 8.69 \pm .08$$

$$\frac{\chi^2}{DF} = 249/154$$

B. Allow  $\beta$  to float

$$A = .536 \pm .016$$

$$\beta = 2.51 \pm .39$$

$$N = 7.77 \pm .11$$

$$\frac{\chi^2}{DF} = 208/155$$

TABLE XI

Cross section verses rapidity ( $y$ ) for bins of  $\sqrt{s} = m/\sqrt{s}$ . Nucleon motion and radiative corrections have been applied to the cross sections as described in the text.

$\sqrt{s}$	$y$	$S \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\sqrt{\tau}dy}$ (cm <sup>2</sup> -GeV <sup>2</sup> -nucleon <sup>-1</sup> )		
		400 GeV	300 GeV	200 GeV
.198	-.189	2.59 ± .28 x 10 <sup>-31</sup>		
	-.099	2.88 ± .11		
	.021	2.86 ± .08		
	.141	3.20 ± .08		
	.231	3.37 ± .17		
.229	-.187	1.11 ± .10 x 10 <sup>-31</sup>		
	-.097	1.10 ± .04		
	-.067	-	1.61 ± .29 x 10 <sup>-31</sup>	
	.023	1.16 ± .03		1.29 ± .08
	.143	1.33 ± .04		1.33 ± .05
	.233	1.40 ± .07		-
	.263	-	1.48 ± .06	
.353	-	1.38 ± .09		
.273	-.184	3.61 ± .16 x 10 <sup>-32</sup>		
	-.094	3.63 ± .07		
	-.064	-	4.55 ± .64 x 10 <sup>-32</sup>	
	.026	3.98 ± .05		4.66 ± .26
	.146	4.25 ± .06		4.54 ± .17
	.176	-	-	5.05 ± .74 x 10 <sup>-32</sup>
	.236	4.45 ± .13		-
	.266	-	4.64 ± .17	
	.356	-	4.60 ± .32	
	.386	-	-	5.02 ± .21
.506	-	-	5.02 ± .21	
.596	-	-	4.35 ± .43	
.315	-.180	1.27 ± .09 x 10 <sup>-32</sup>		
	-.090	1.27 ± .04		
	-.060	-	1.11 ± .32 x 10 <sup>-32</sup>	
	.030	1.33 ± .03		1.46 ± .15
	.150	1.46 ± .04		1.76 ± .12
	.180	-	-	1.89 ± .30 x 10 <sup>-32</sup>
	.240	1.51 ± .08		-
	.270	-	1.63 ± .11	
	.360	-	1.94 ± .23	
	.390	-	-	1.60 ± .09
	.510	-	-	1.60 ± .10
.600	-	-	.92 ± .16	

TABLE XI (Cont'd)

$\sqrt{\tau}$	y	$S \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\sqrt{\tau}dy}$ (cm <sup>2</sup> -GeV <sup>2</sup> -nucleon <sup>-1</sup> )		
		400 GeV	300 GeV	200 GeV
.357	-.057		4.72 ± 1.44 × 10 <sup>-33</sup>	
	.033		5.14 ± .59	
	.153		6.07 ± .46	
	.183		-	7.12 ± 1.19 × 10 <sup>-33</sup>
	.273		6.01 ± .49	6.20 ± .49
	.363		5.48 ± .81	-
	.393		-	5.83 ± .36
	.513			4.74 ± .35
	.603			4.92 ± .85
.414	-.170	.70 ± .10 × 10 <sup>-32</sup>		
	-.080	1.00 ± .06		
	.040	1.01 ± .05		
	.160	1.13 ± .06		
	.190			1.29 ± .35 × 10 <sup>-33</sup>
	.250	.96 ± .12		
	.280			1.16 ± .14
	.400			.78 ± .09
	.520			.53 ± .08
.610			.32 ± .15	
.473	-.163	1.28 ± .47 × 10 <sup>-34</sup>		
	-.073	1.33 ± .20		
	-.043		1.66 ± 1.67 × 10 <sup>-34</sup>	
	.047	2.12 ± .21	.87 ± .50	
	.167	1.85 ± .23	2.11 ± .59	
	.257	1.82 ± .49	-	
	.287		2.47 ± .67	
	.377		3.90 ± 1.61	
.522	-.157	3.08 ± 2.19 × 10 <sup>-35</sup>		
	-.067	2.87 ± 1.00		
	.053	3.42 ± .90		
	.173	4.57 ± 1.19		
	.263	3.93 ± 2.28		



Table XIIb

Invariant Cross Section ( $\frac{d^3\sigma}{dp^3}$ ) evaluated at  $\langle y \rangle = .21$ , with 300 GeV incident protons, in units of  $10^{-39} \text{ cm}^2\text{-GeV}^{-2}\text{-nucleon}^{-1}$ , with nucleon motion and radiative corrections

applied to the cross section as described in the text.

$\frac{P_T}{\text{Mass}}$ (GeV)/(GeV)	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12
.0-.2	9160±420	2570±160	849±70	286±39	96±20	91±21	18.7±7.2	2.71±2.72
.2-.4	7650±300	2300±100	783±43	253±22	70±11	66±10	16.6±4.0	.79±.79
.4-.6	5610±300	2070±100	655±35	237±19	70±9	66±8	12.1±2.6	1.01±.72
.6-.8	5580±300	1820±110	540±33	197±16	73±9	69±9	10.1±2.2	1.00±.58
1.8-1.0	3910±270	1130±80	414±30	145±14	53±7	50±7	6.2.4±1.6	.68±.48
1.0-1.2	2730±230	872±73	286±24	110±12	52±8	50±7.7	6.6±1.7	1.18±.60
1.2-1.4	1850±200	635±61	187±19	78.1±9.8	32±6	30±5.6	2.3±.9	.26±.26
1.4-1.6	1580±200	384±42	182±20	38.0±7.2	18±4	16.6±4.0	3.7±1.2	.54±.38
1.6-1.8	838±155	260±38	110±14	46.4±9.2	10.2±3.4	9.7±3.3	4.6±1.4	.35±.35
1.8-2.0	503±136	124±25	72±13	19.2±4.9	2.3±1.3	2.2±1.3	.75±.53	---
2.0-2.2	397±102	103±22	40.8±9.9	25.0±6.0	7.0±3.0	6.7±2.9	.47±.47	---
2.2-2.4	189±84	79±23	21.9±6.8	11.8±4.1	1.6±1.2	1.55±1.12	---	.29±.30
2.4-2.6	58±101	32±13	19.0±6.5	5.2±2.7	.88±.89	.84±.84	---	---
2.6-2.8	212±194	14±12	7.9±4.0	---	---	---	.37±.37	---
2.8-3.0	-139±108	6.6±1.5	11.0±5.0	1.1±1.1	---	---	.44±.44	---
3.0-3.2		5.5±9.6	1.9±1.9	1.2±1.2	1.0±1.0	.96±.98		
3.2-3.4		---	2.3±2.3	---	---	---		
3.4-3.6		---	---	---	---	---		
3.6-3.8		---	2.8±2.9	---	---	---		
3.8-4.0		13.3±13.8	---	---	---	---		
4.0-4.2				1.7±1.7				
4.2-4.4				---				
4.4-4.6				1.7±1.7				

Table XIIC

Invariant Cross Section ( $\Sigma d^3\sigma/dp^3$ ) evaluated at  $\langle y \rangle = .40$  with 200 GeV incident protons, in units of  $10^{-39} \text{ cm}^2\text{-GeV}^{-2}\text{-nucleon}^{-1}$ , with nucleon motion and radiative corrections applied to the cross section as described in the text.

$P_T$ / Mass (GeV) / (GeV)	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11
.0-.2	6290±320	1630±110	399±43	94.5±18.8	22.2±7.5	15.8±6.1	2.09±2.12
.2-.4	5880±240	1440±80	342±25	90.1±11.1	16.5±3.8	1.86±1.08	1.23±.88
.4-.6	4750±230	1190±70	333±22	70.2±8.4	13.4±2.9	4.28±1.45	.42±.42
.6-.8	3690±220	1040±70	255±20	52.2±6.9	10.0±2.3	2.27±.94	.32±.33
.8-1.0	2930±220	601±51	181±17	41.1±6.1	6.1±1.7	4.37±1.35	.26±.27
1.0±1.2	1680±160	441±43	130±14	29.7±5.4	5.2±1.6	1.22±.62	.71±.42
1.2-1.4	1260±140	248±30	73±11	16.4±3.8	6.0±1.8	2.20±.92	.31±.31
1.4-1.6	678±124	255±36	45±8	9.5±2.9	1.7±1.0	.35±.35	.36±.36
1.6-1.8	598±102	159±28	35±7	6.9±2.5	1.05±.75	-.37±.37	-.61±.46
1.8-2.0	59±67	63±15	20±6	3.7±1.7	1.05±.75	-.42±.43	-.38±.39
2.0-2.2	176±62	44±16	8.3±3.7	3.2±1.9	.58±.58	-.42±.43	-.38±.39
2.2-2.4	-33±55	50±16	9.4±4.3	1.6±1.2	-.53±.53	-.42±.43	-.38±.39
2.4-2.6	105±56	8.1±8.3	5.3±3.1	-.53±.53	-.53±.53	-.42±.43	-.38±.39
2.6-2.8	-73±75	11.8±8.7	1.8±1.8	-.53±.53	-.53±.53	-.42±.43	-.38±.39
2.8-3.-	-.53±.53	4.2±4.2	-.53±.53	-.53±.53	-.53±.53	-.42±.43	-.38±.39
3.0-3.2	-.53±.53	-.53±.53	-.53±.53	1.1±1.2	-.53±.53	-.42±.43	-.38±.39
3.2-3.4	-.53±.53	-5.0±5.1	-.53±.53	-.53±.53	-.53±.53	-.42±.43	-.38±.39

Table XIII  
Explicit QCD Fit Parameters

$\bar{d}$	=	$\Lambda(1-x)^N$
$\bar{u}$	=	$\Lambda(1-x)^{N+\beta}$
$\bar{s}$	=	$(\bar{u} + \bar{d})/4$
$g$	=	$B(1-x)^m$
$f$	=	$e^{-ak_T^2}$
$\Lambda$	=	$0.56 \pm 0.01$
$N$	=	$8.1 \pm 0.1$
$\beta$	=	$2.6 \pm 0.3$
$B$	=	$2.55$ (fixed by $\int g(x)dx = 0.5$ )
$m$	=	$4.1 \pm 0.2$
$a_s$	=	$0.27 \pm 0.01$
$a$	=	$1.14 \pm 0.02 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$
$\chi^2/DF$	=	$805/876$



FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Fig. 1:** Basic Drell-Yan process; a parton-antiparton pair annihilate via a virtual photon into a pair of leptons.
- Fig. 2:** Schematic plan view of the two magnetic spectrometers used to measure the yield of muon pairs. The various detector stations are described in the text.
- Fig. 3:** Target shielding box containing ten removable carriages on which were housed the target, beam dump and aperture defining beryllium channels.
- Fig. 4:** Detail of solid steel magnets used to re-analyze the muon momentum and harden the trigger.
- Fig. 5:** Mass resolution of the dual spectrometers at full excitation. The various calculated contributions to the resolution are explained in the text along with the event by event resolution calculated from the data.
- Fig. 6:** Mass resolution plots in the region of the  $J/\psi$  resonance taken at lower magnet excitation.
- Fig. 7:** Reconstructed target distribution in a coordinate perpendicular to the beam for a) all masses b) masses from 7-8 GeV c) masses 9.2-10 GeV and 10.5-14 GeV.
- Fig. 8:** A-dependence power,  $\alpha$ , derived from the platinum and beryllium target data runs. a) A-dependence of the dimuon yield on mass (integrated over all  $p_T$ ). b) A-dependence versus  $p_T$  (integrated over all masses).

**Fig. 9:** Dimuon acceptance of the apparatus calculated on the assumption of a  $1+\cos^2\theta$  decay angular distribution with respect to the beam axis and a phenomenological  $y$  and  $p_T$  production distribution which approximates the data. a) acceptance for data set I versus  $p_T$  of the dimuon pair, at 400 GeV b) acceptance for data set I versus center-of-mass rapidity  $y$  of the dimuon pair, at 400 GeV c) acceptance for data set I and II versus cm rapidity  $y$  of the dimuon pair for 3 energies d) acceptance versus mass for the different incident energies.

**Fig. 10:** a) Dimuon yield for data set I, 400 GeV protons incident. The like-sign pairs are a measure of the contributions from accidentals and pion decay. b) Dimuon yield for data set III, 400 GeV protons incident. The cross sections in a) and b) do not have nucleon motion or radiative corrections. Symbols  $\cdot = \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $\Delta = \mu^+ \mu^+ + \mu^- \mu^-$ .

**Fig. 11:** Yield of dimuon pairs versus mass for incident proton energies of 200, 300 and 400 GeV. Like-sign pairs were subtracted to correct for accidentals and hadron decays. The cross-section per standard nucleon (60% neutron, 40% proton) is defined in the text. The cross sections do not have nucleon-motion or radiative corrections.

**Fig. 12:** Invariant yield of dimuons as a function of the transverse momentum,  $p_T$ , of the muon pair for 400 GeV incident protons.

**Fig. 13:** The average value of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  and  $\langle p_T^2 \rangle$  for the observed dimuon pairs.

Fig. 14: a) Yield of dimuons versus the center-of-mass rapidity,  $y$ , of the pair of muons  $\sqrt{s} \cong 400$  GeV,  $\Delta \cong 300$  GeV and  $\sqrt{Q^2} \cong 200$  GeV. b) Slope of the rapidity distribution evaluated at  $y=0$ . The solid line is the Drell-Yan model fit to the data with  $\bar{u} = \bar{d}$  and the dotted line is the fit with  $\bar{u} \neq \bar{d}$ .

Fig. 15: Scaling form of the cross section for 200, 300, and 400 GeV data with the exponential scaling fit defined in text. The dotted line is the exponential fit described in the text. The solid line is the Drell-Yan model fit to the data for  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{d}$ .

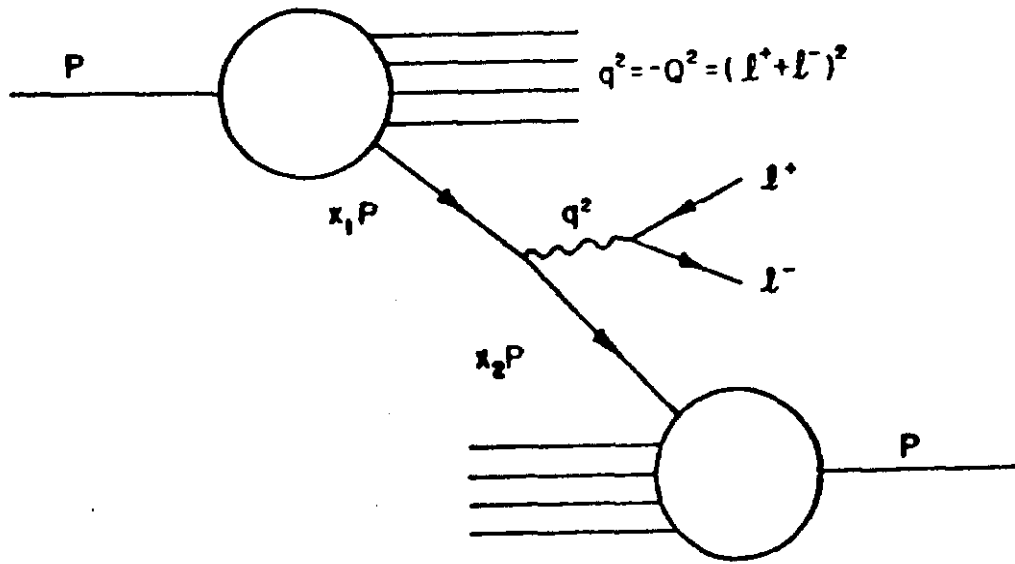
Fig. 16: CERN ISR<sup>30</sup> dilepton data. The dotted line is the exponential fit defined in the text and the solid line is a Drell-Yan model fit to this experiments dimuon data, taking into account the fact the CERN data are proton on proton and our data is proton on nucleon.

Fig. 17: a) Cross section vs  $\sqrt{\tau}$  at 3 different beam energies computed following a QCD calculation by Owens and Reya<sup>31</sup> b) Sea distribution using the QCD calculation by Owens and Reya .

Fig. 18: a)  $\bar{u} + \bar{d}$  distribution for this experiment for various  $Q^2$  bins. b) Sea distribution for this experiment for various  $Q^2$  bins. Also shown are data points from CDHS<sup>31</sup> and BPWFOR<sup>32</sup>. The dotted line is the fit with  $\bar{u}=\bar{d}$  and the solid line is the fit with  $\bar{u}=\bar{d}(1-x)^{3.48}$ .

Fig. 19: Average  $p_T$  verses  $\sqrt{\tau}$  for this experiment compared with Fermilab<sup>33</sup> and ISR<sup>30</sup> data.

**Fig. 20:** Dielectron yield for 400 GeV incident protons from a previous CFS experiment. Shown in the inset with wider binning is the dielectron spectrum compared with the dotted line which is a fit to the dimuon data from this experiment.



**PARTON-ANTIPARTON ANNIHILATION**

**Fig. 1**

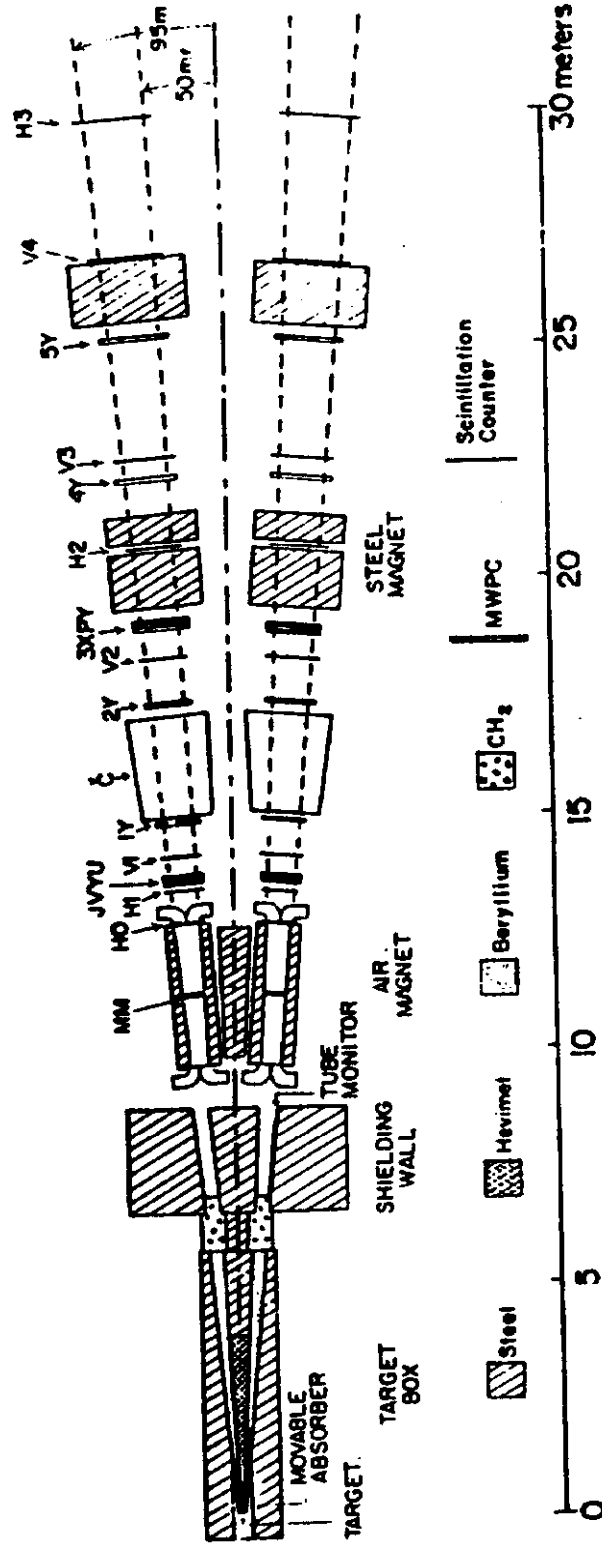


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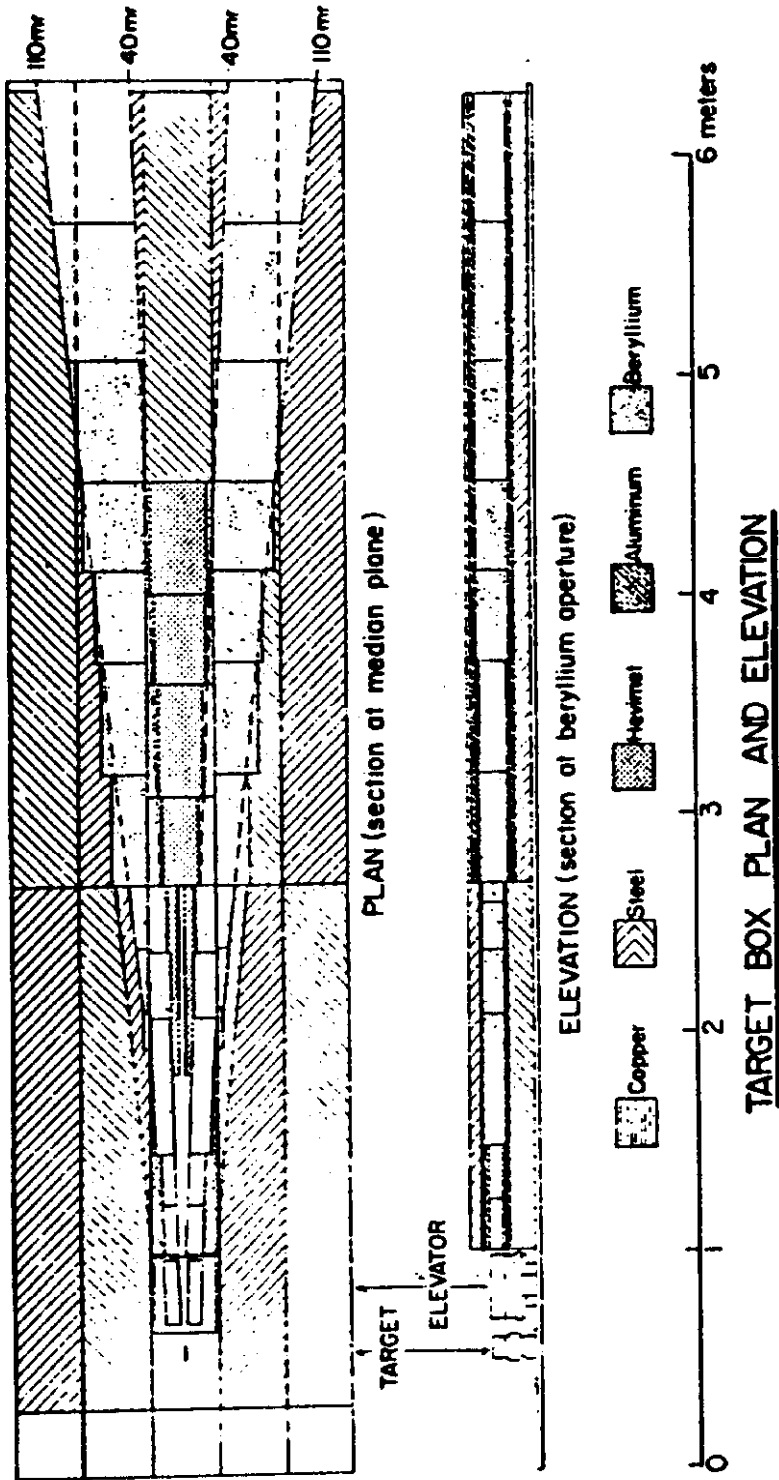
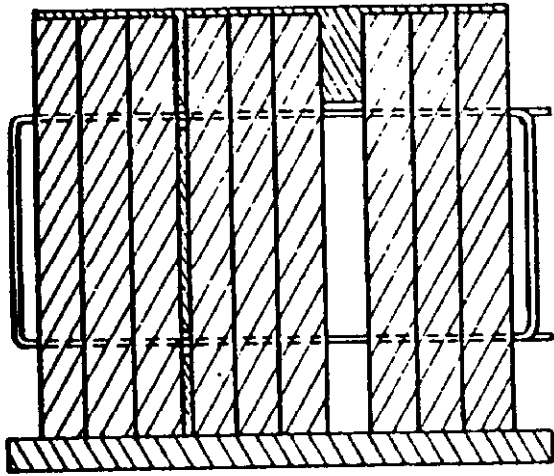
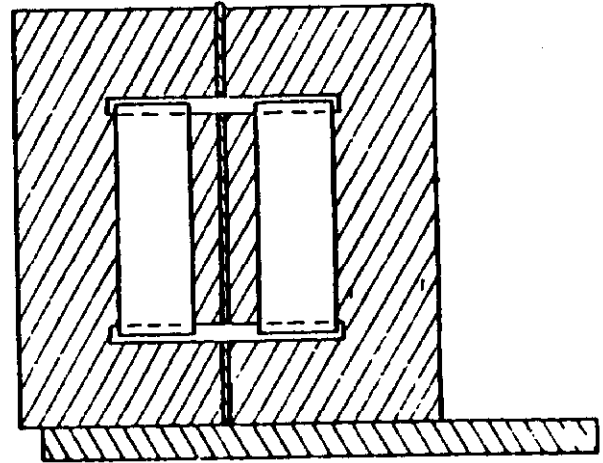


Fig. 3



SIDE VIEW



FRONT VIEW

STEEL MAGNET

Fig. 4



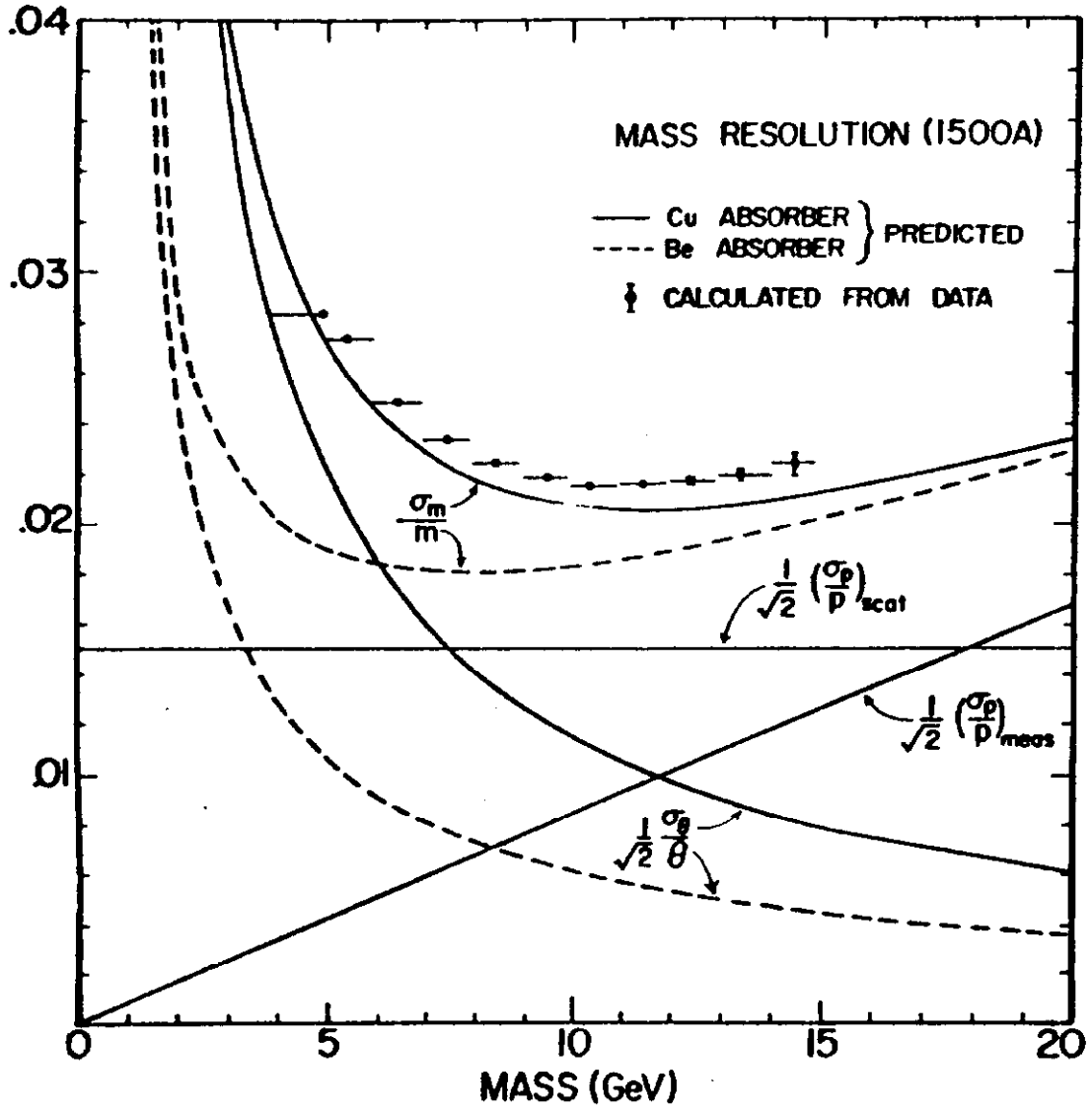


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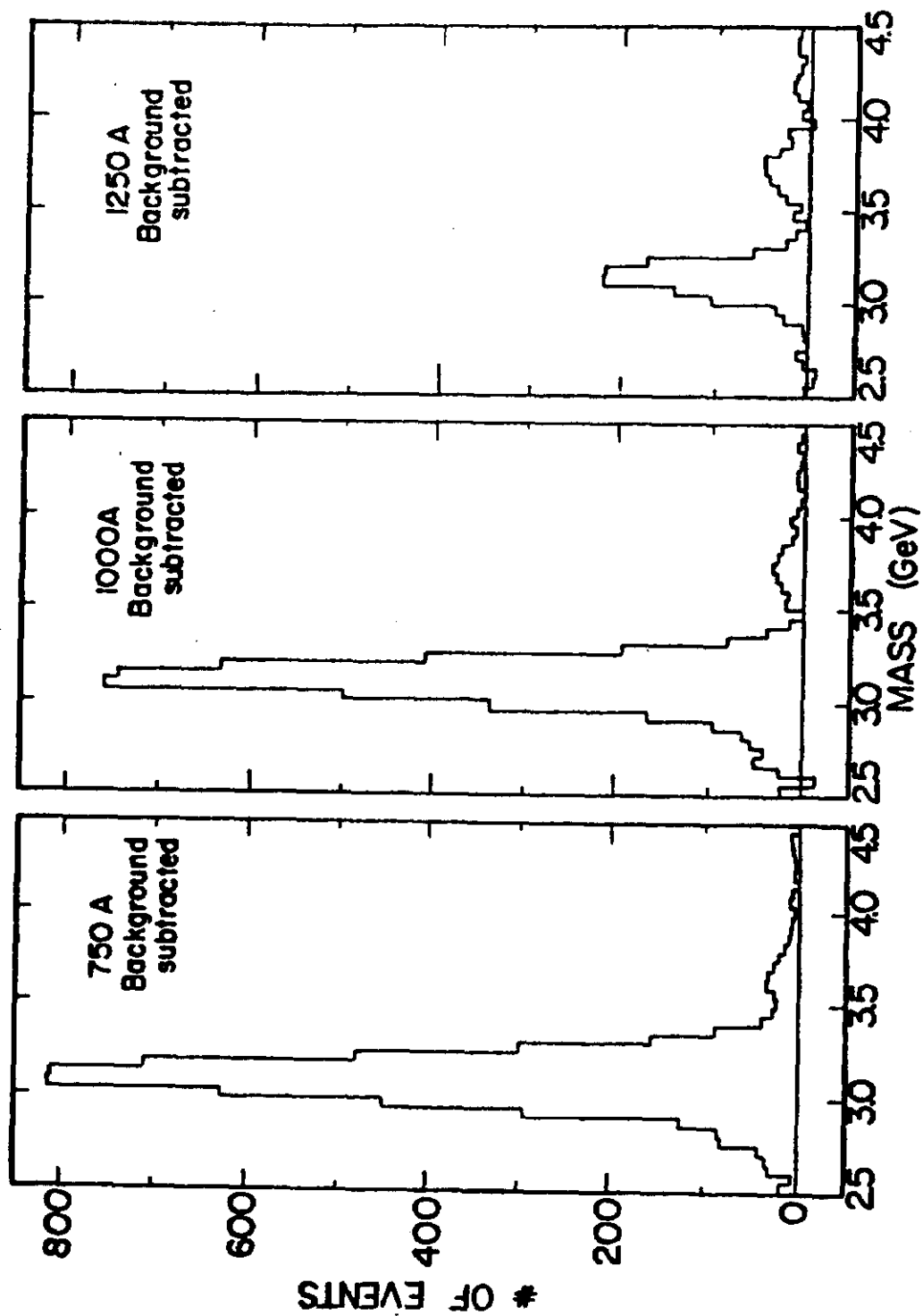


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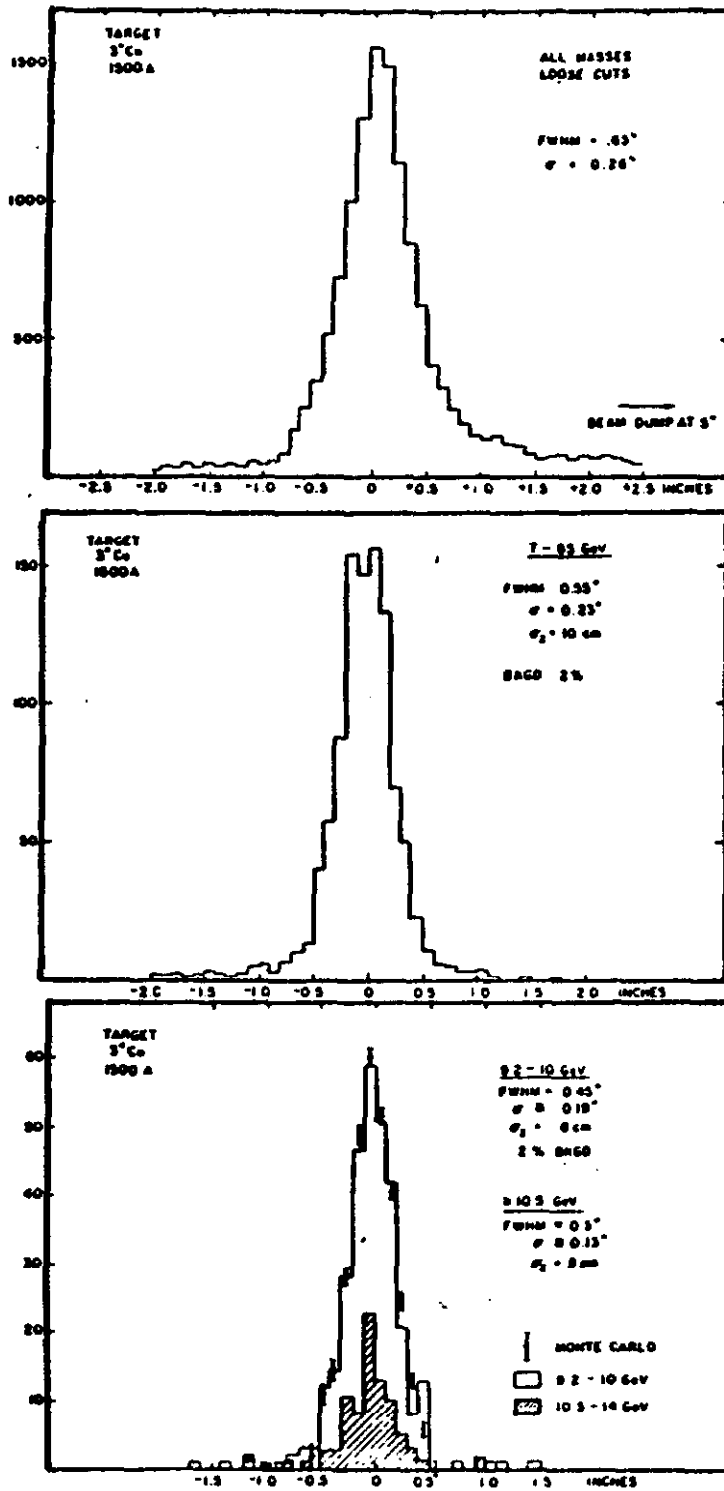


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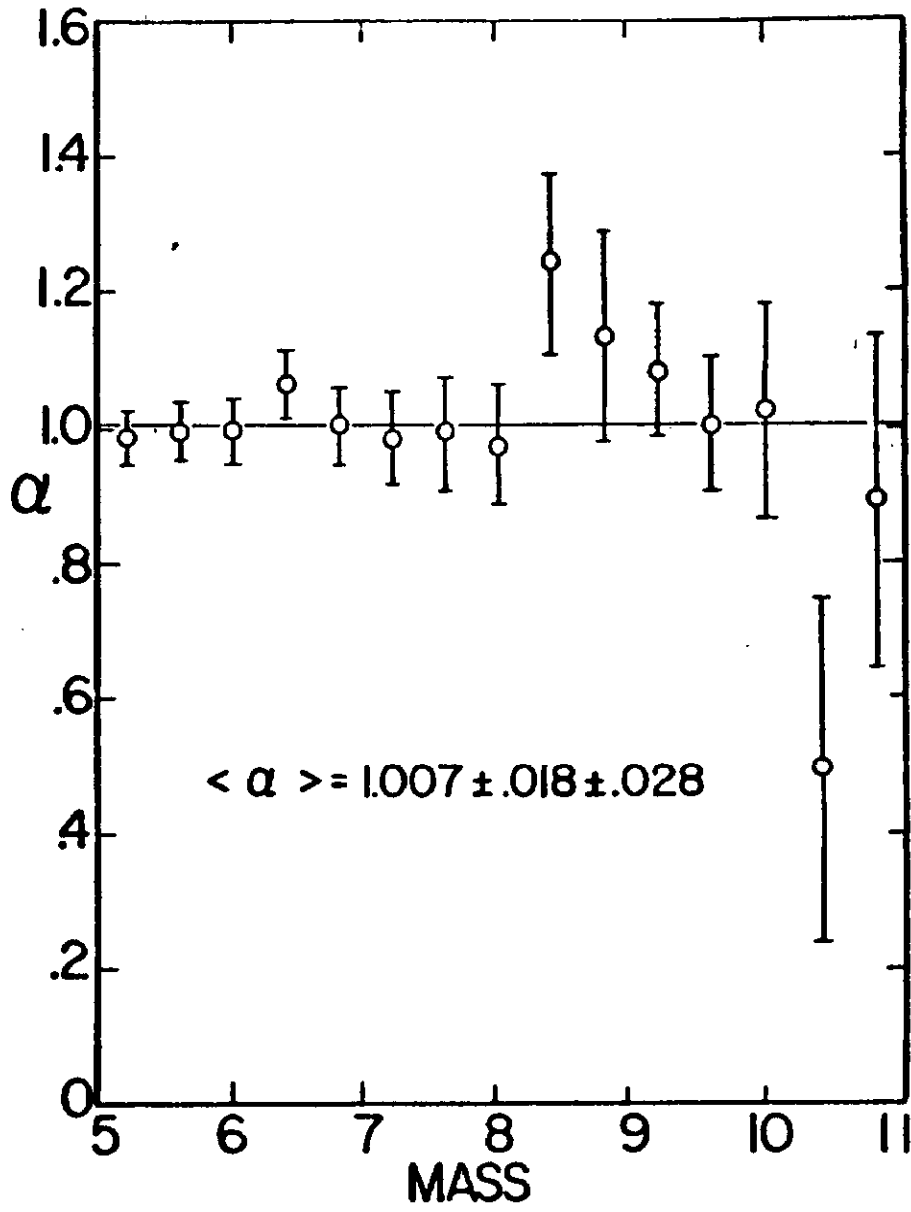


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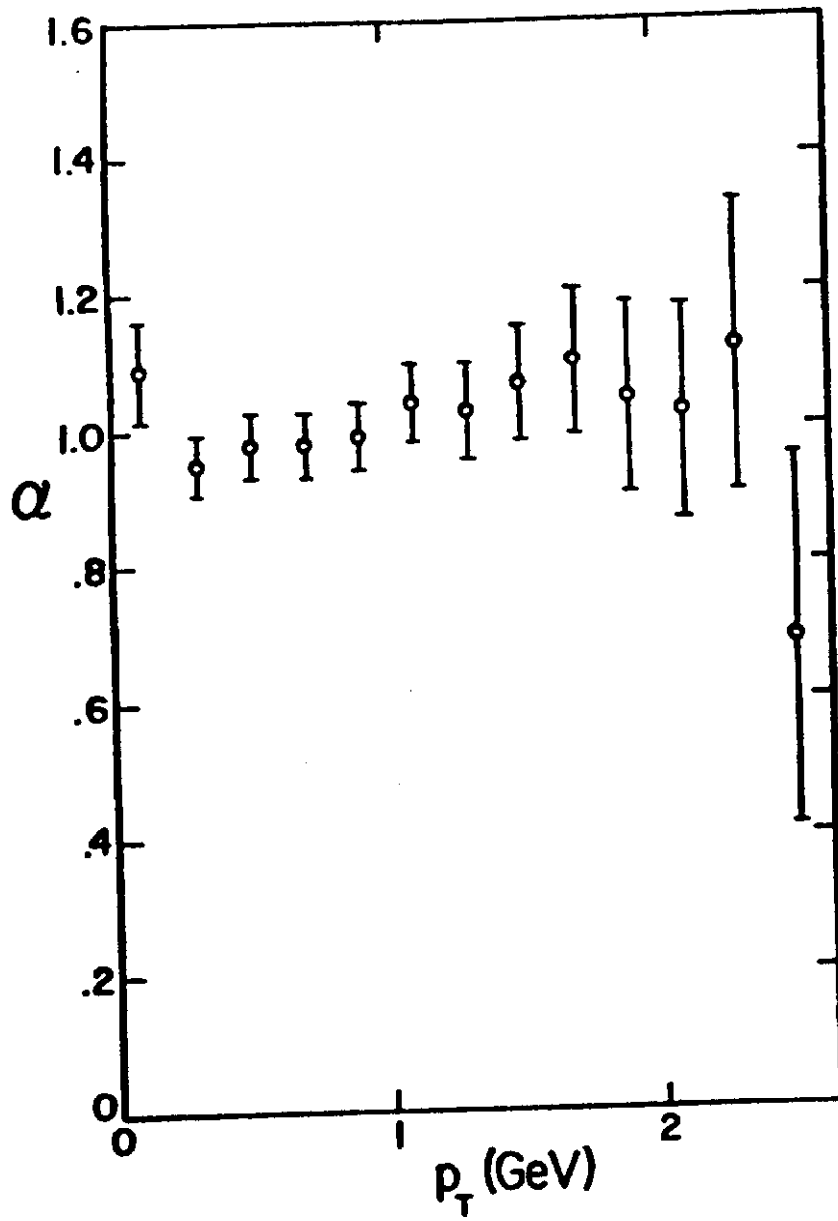


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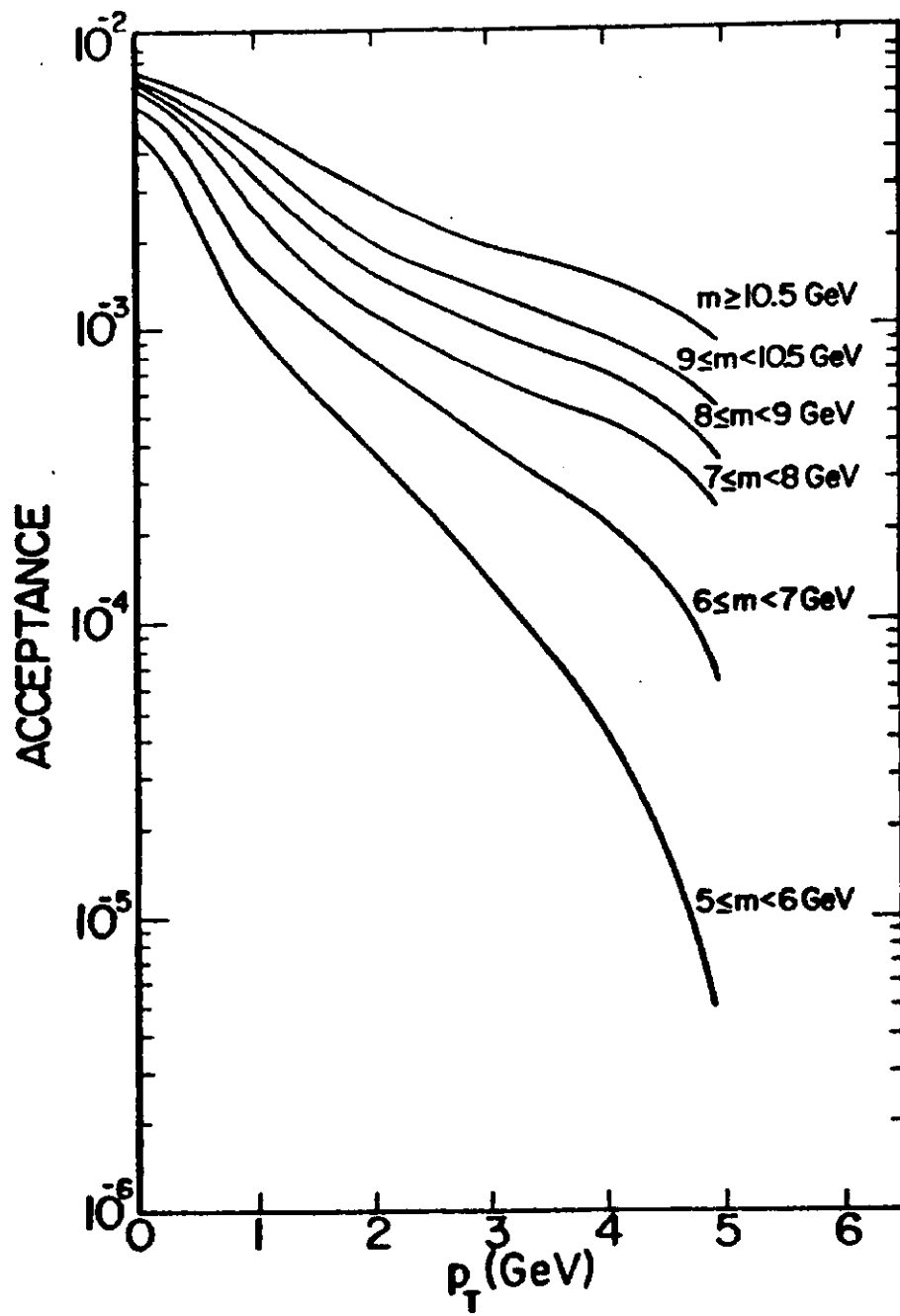


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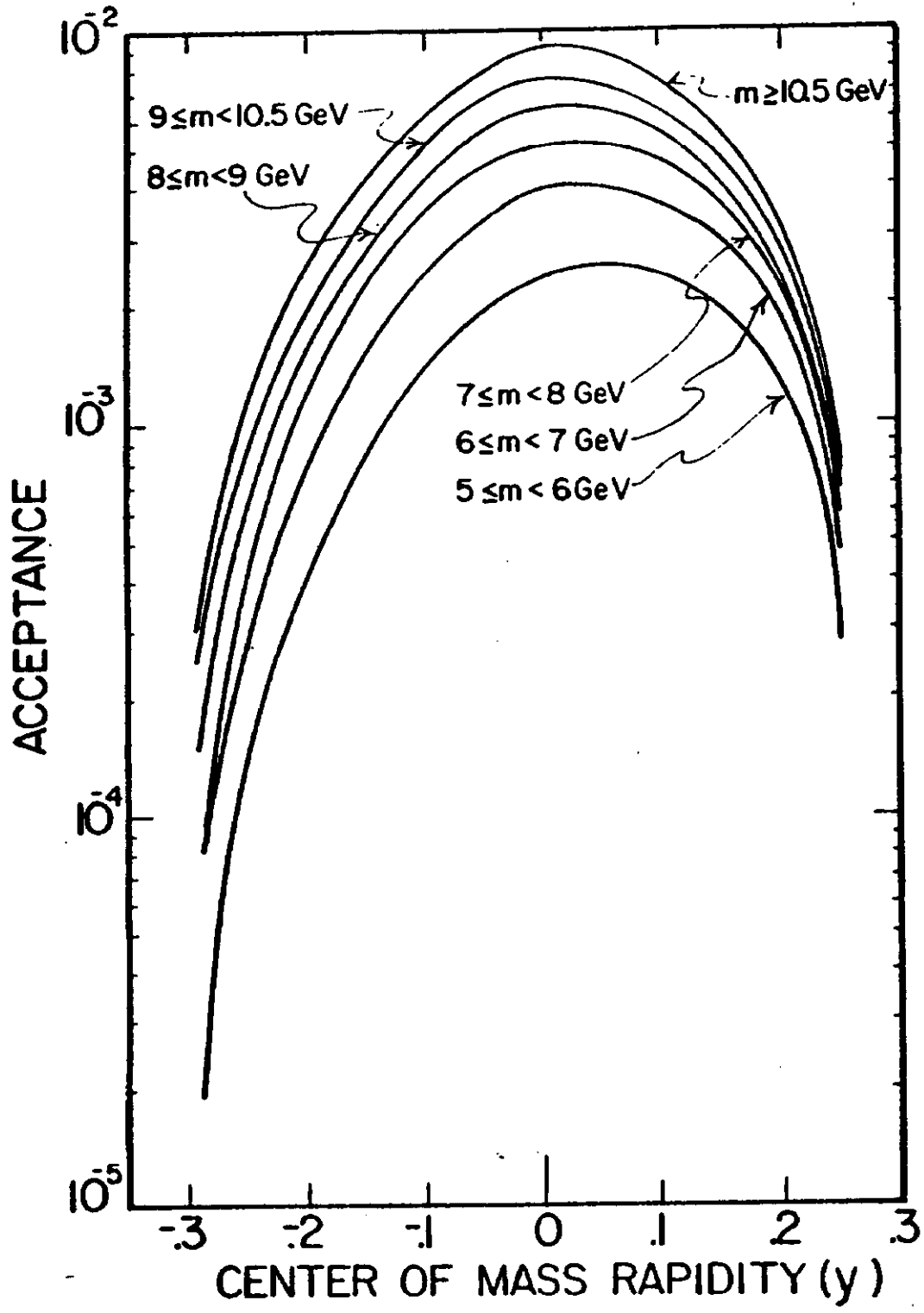


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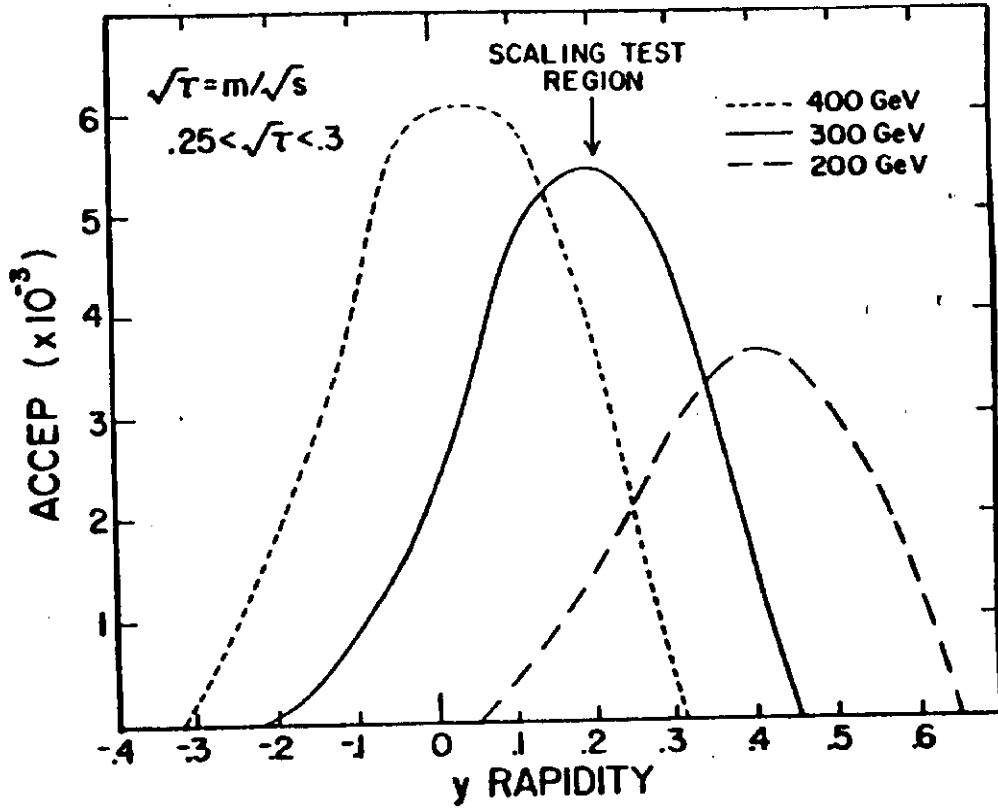


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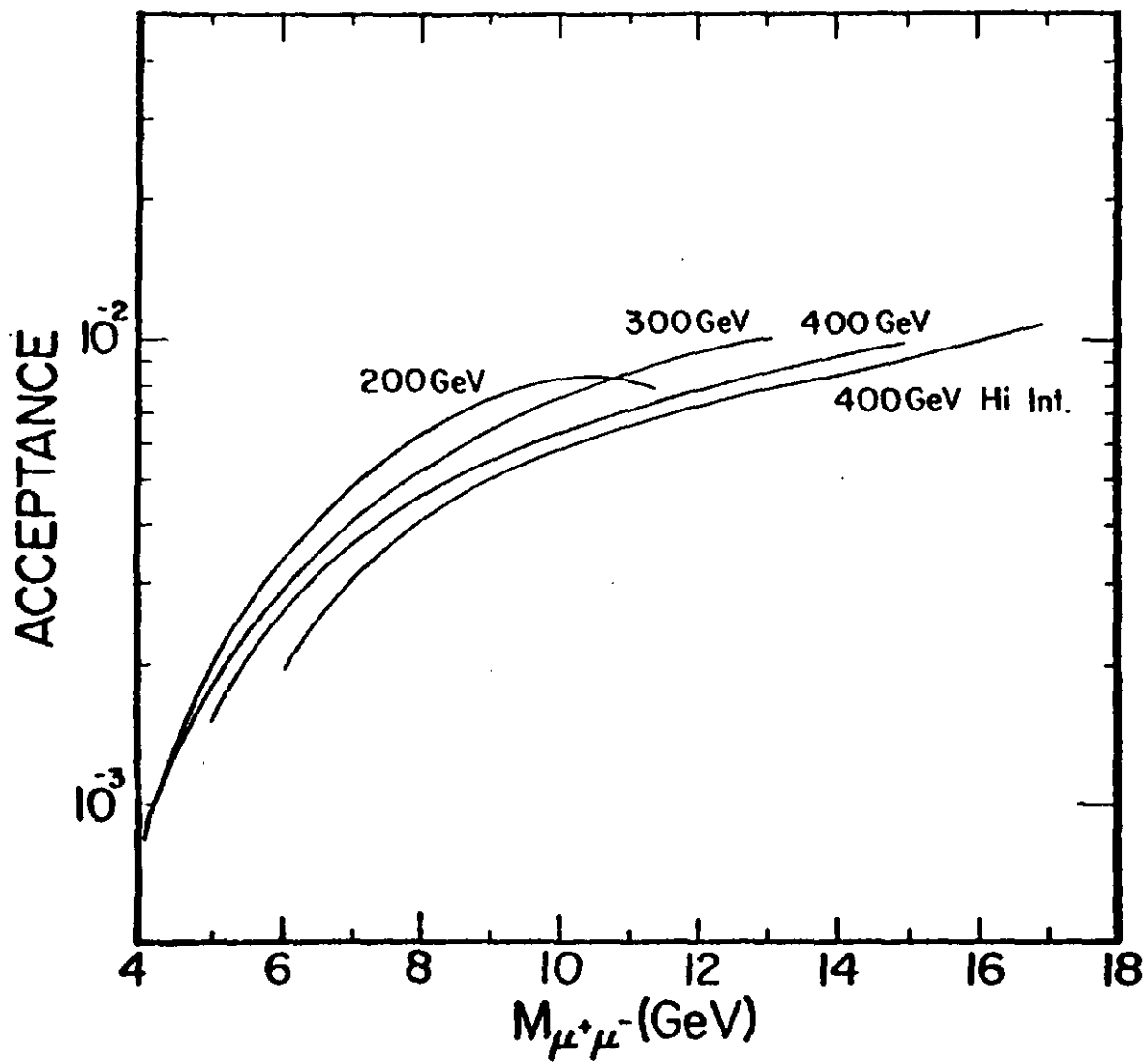


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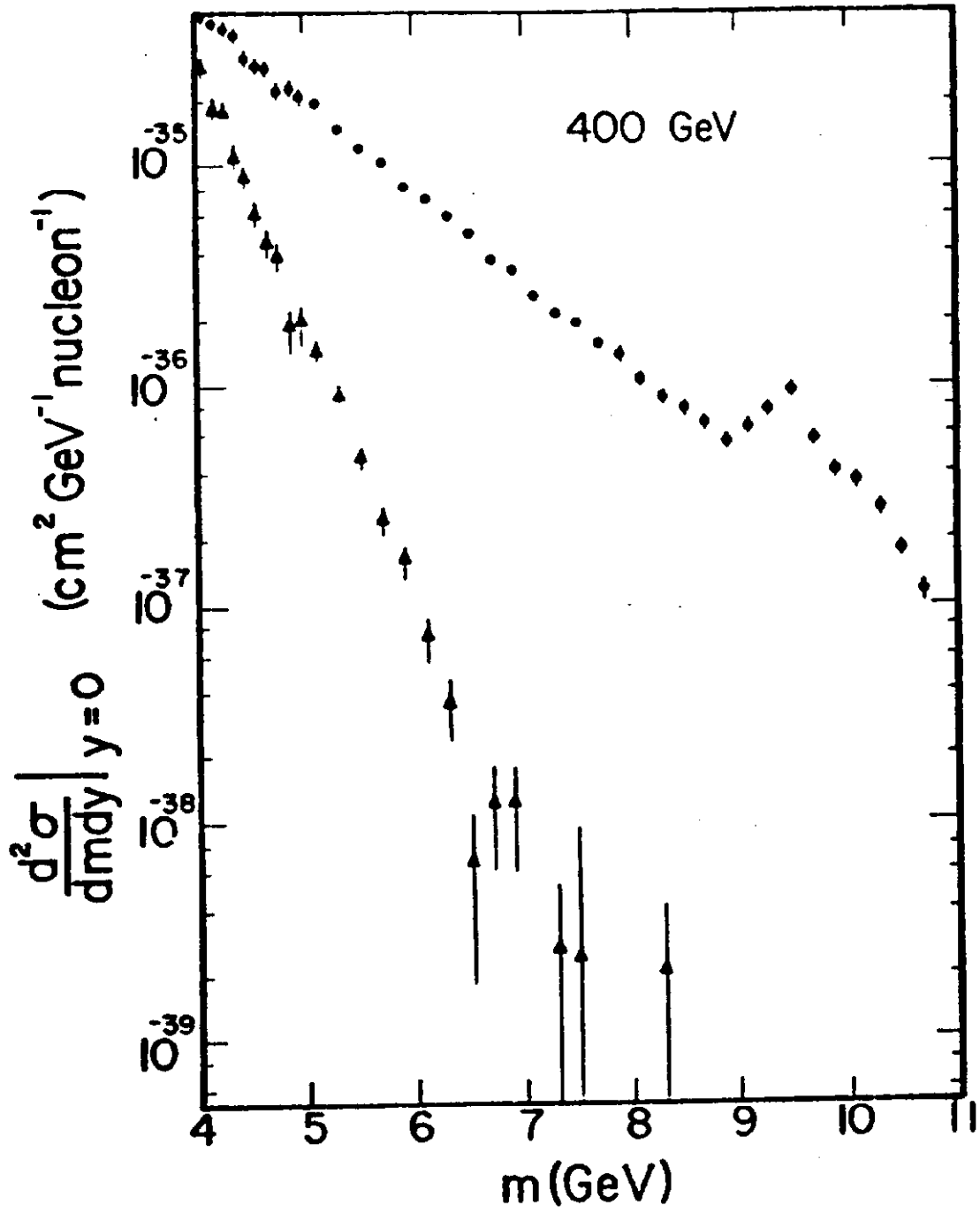


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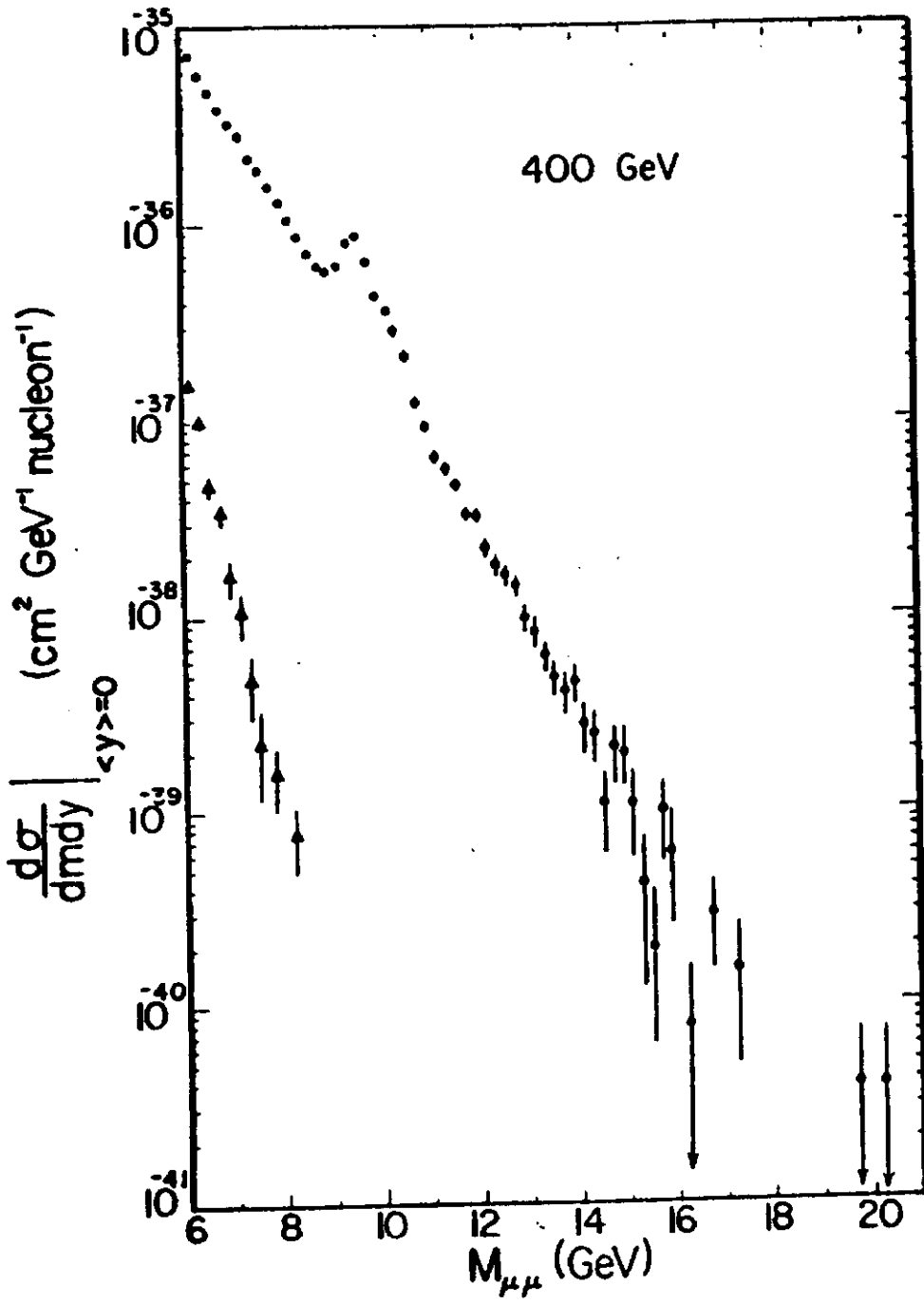


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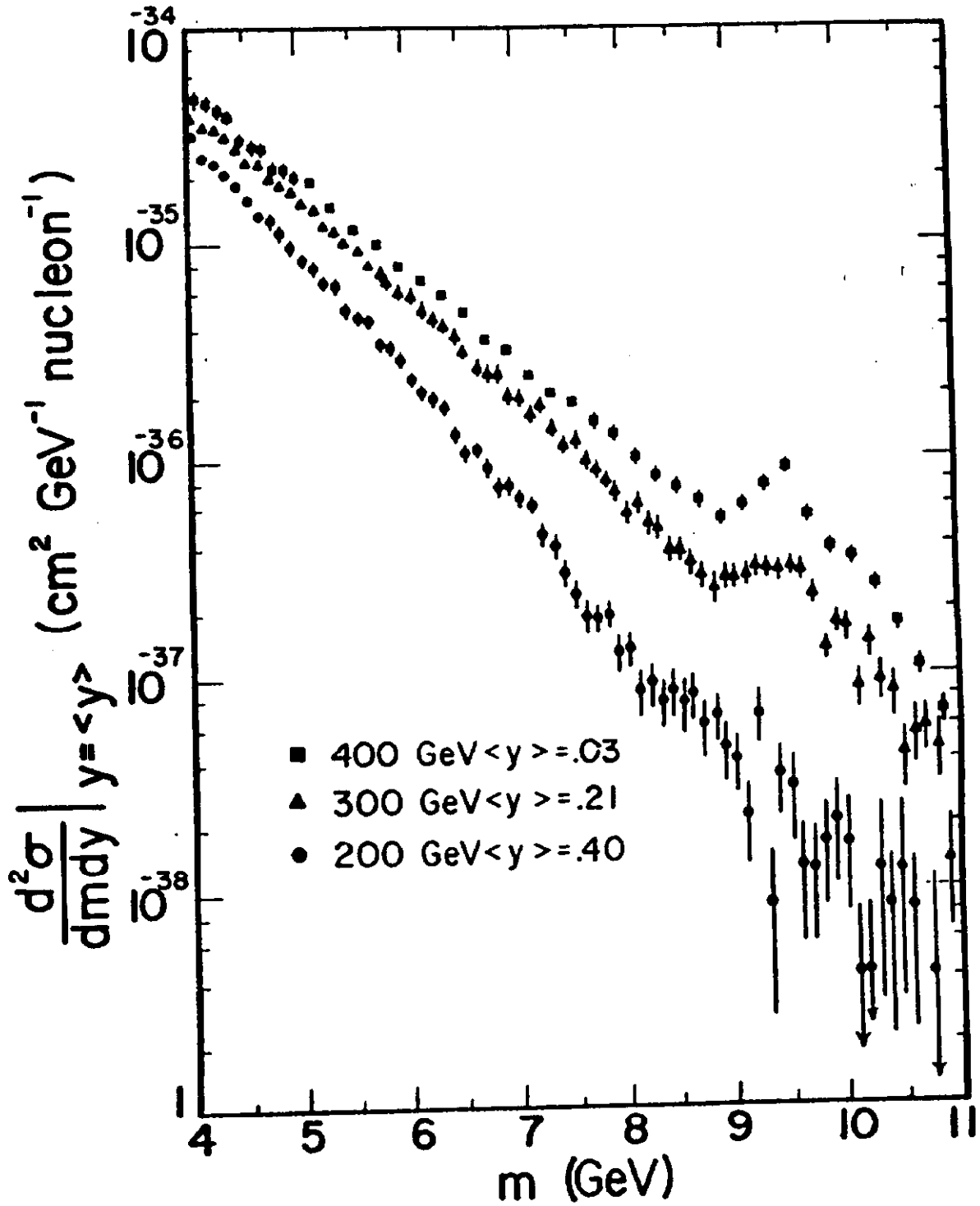


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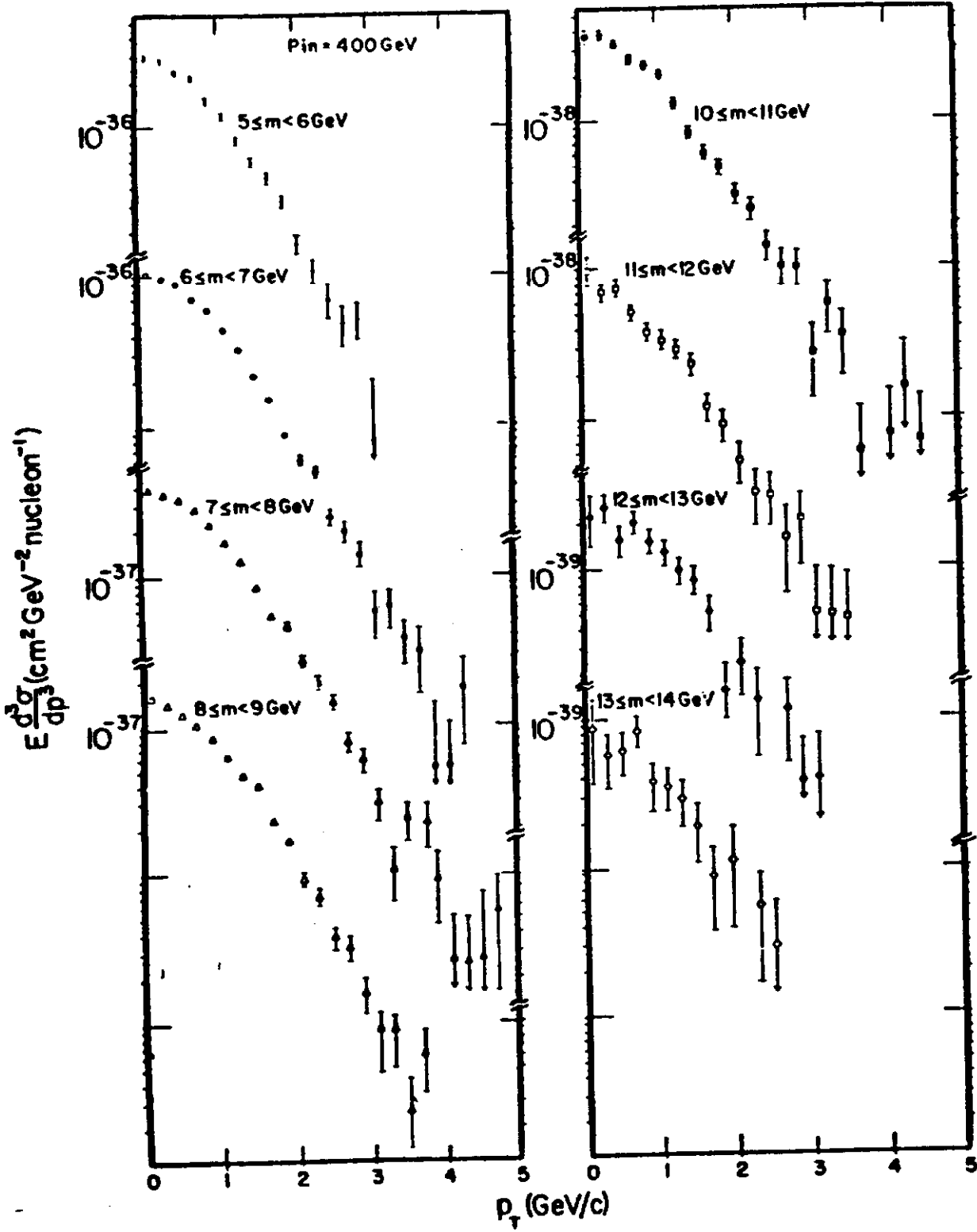


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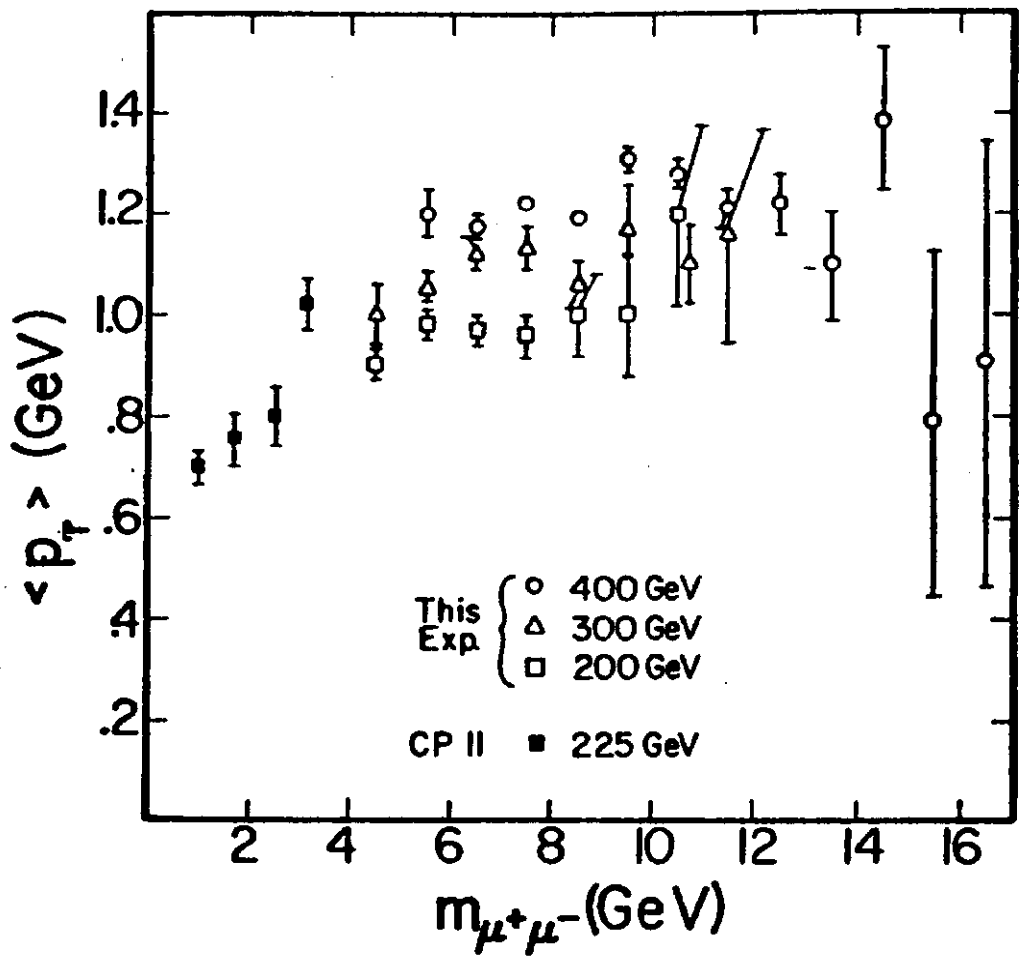


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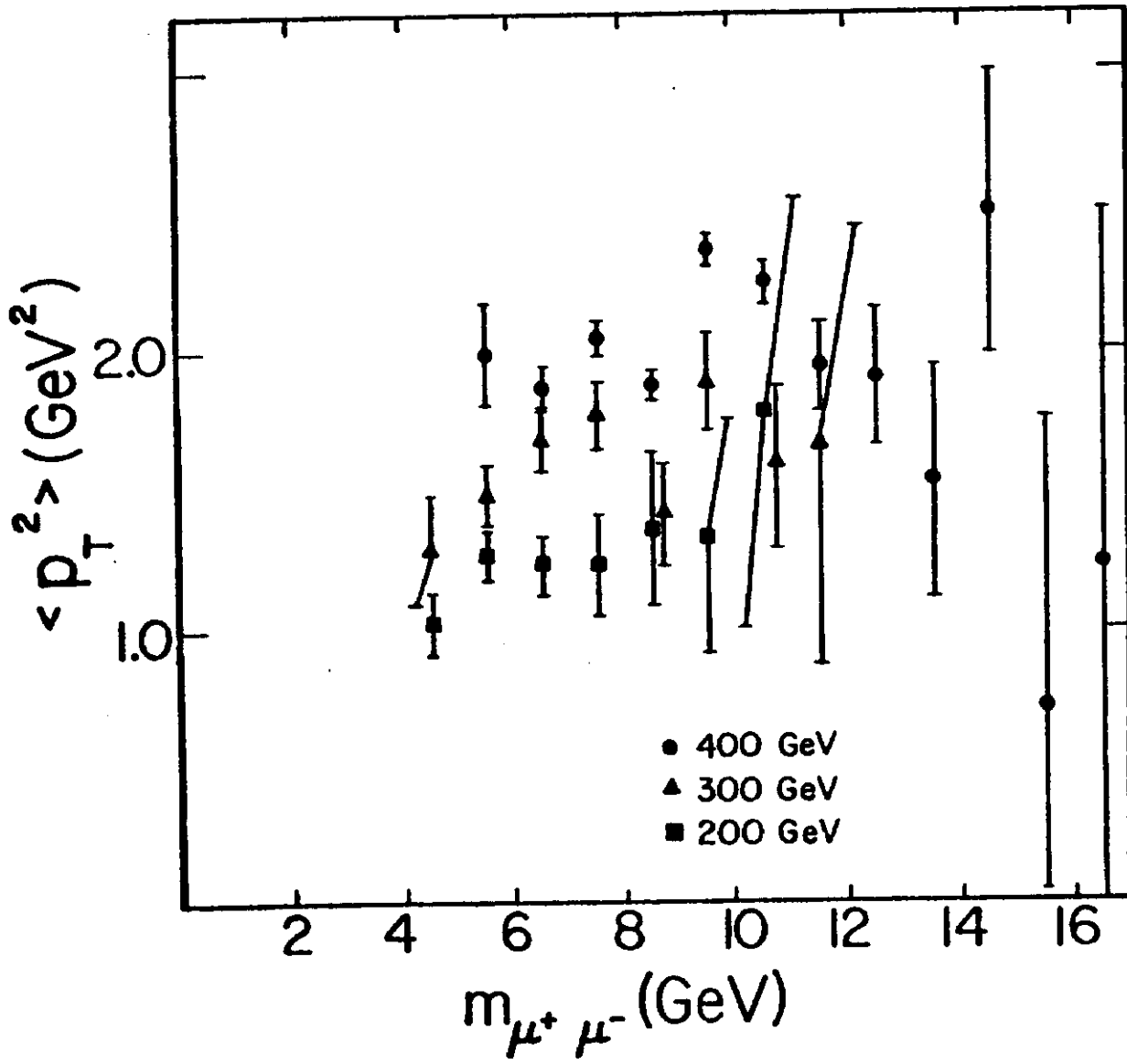


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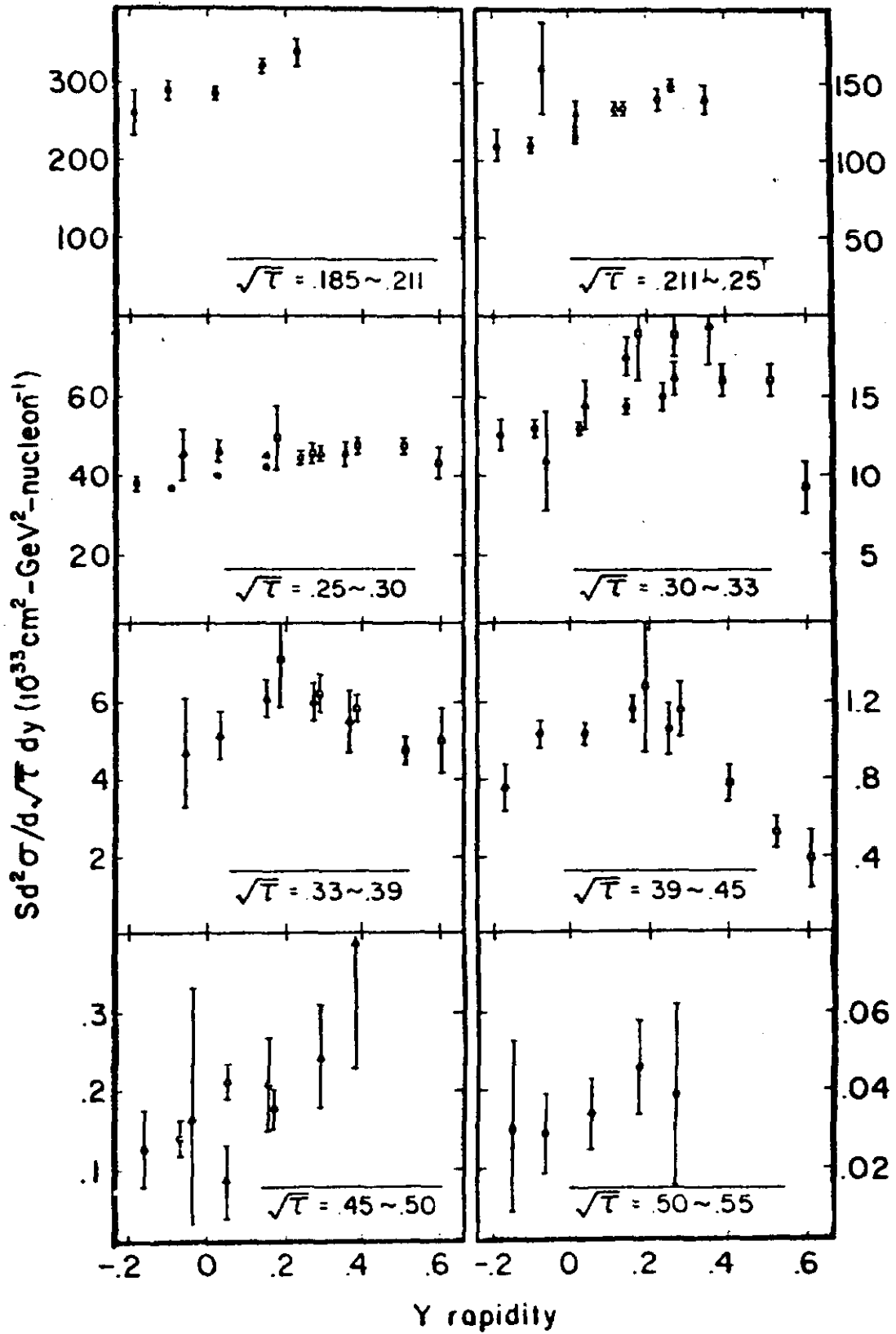


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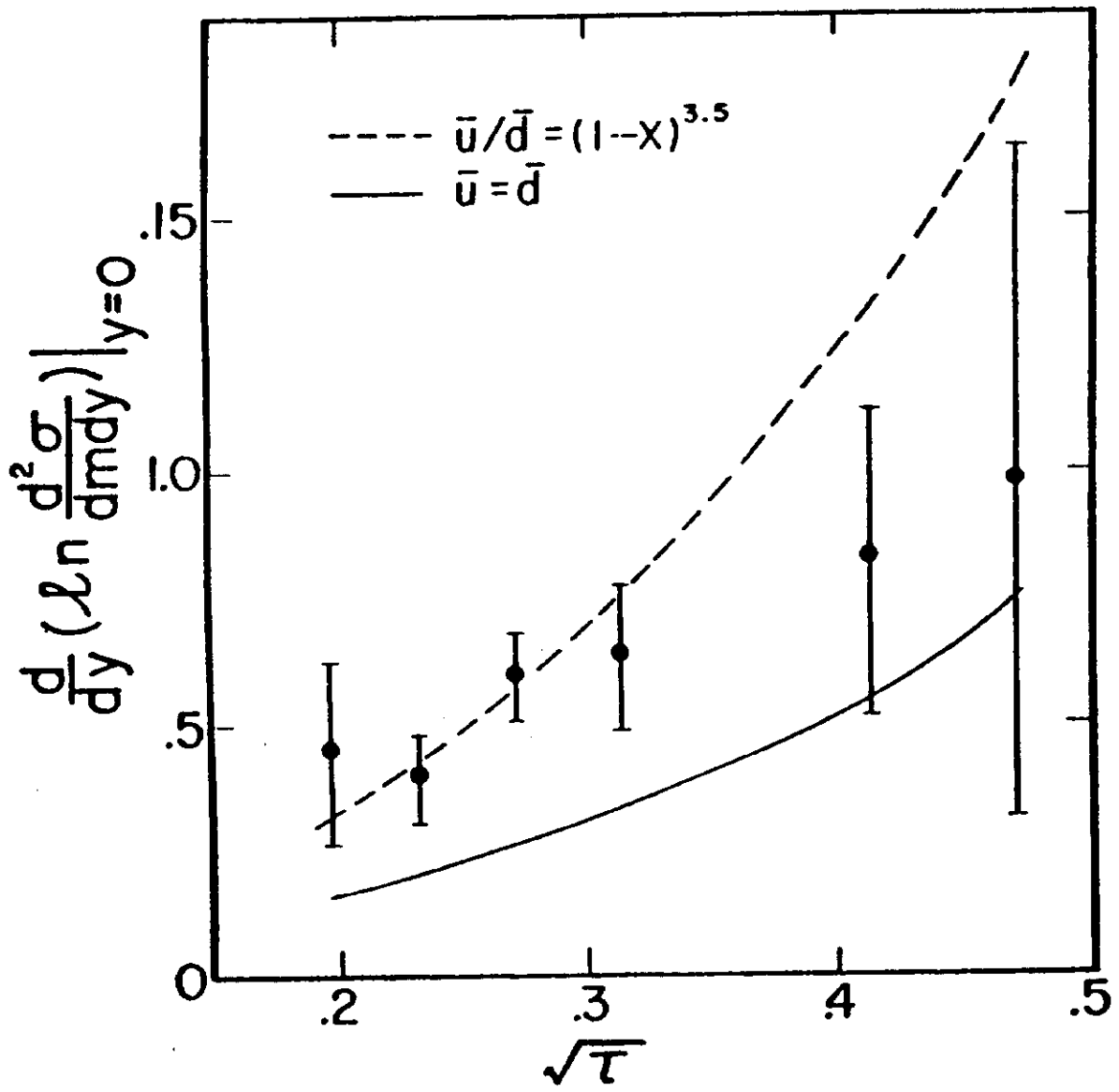


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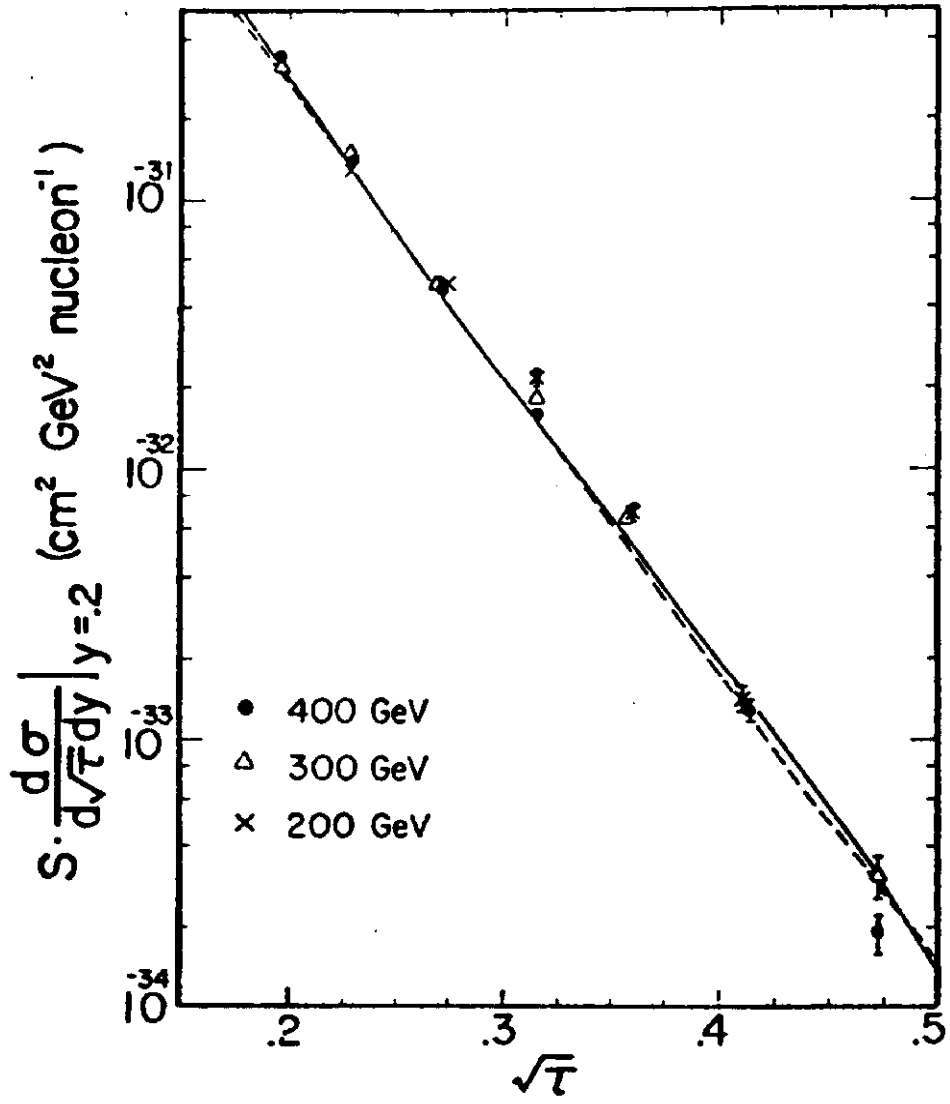


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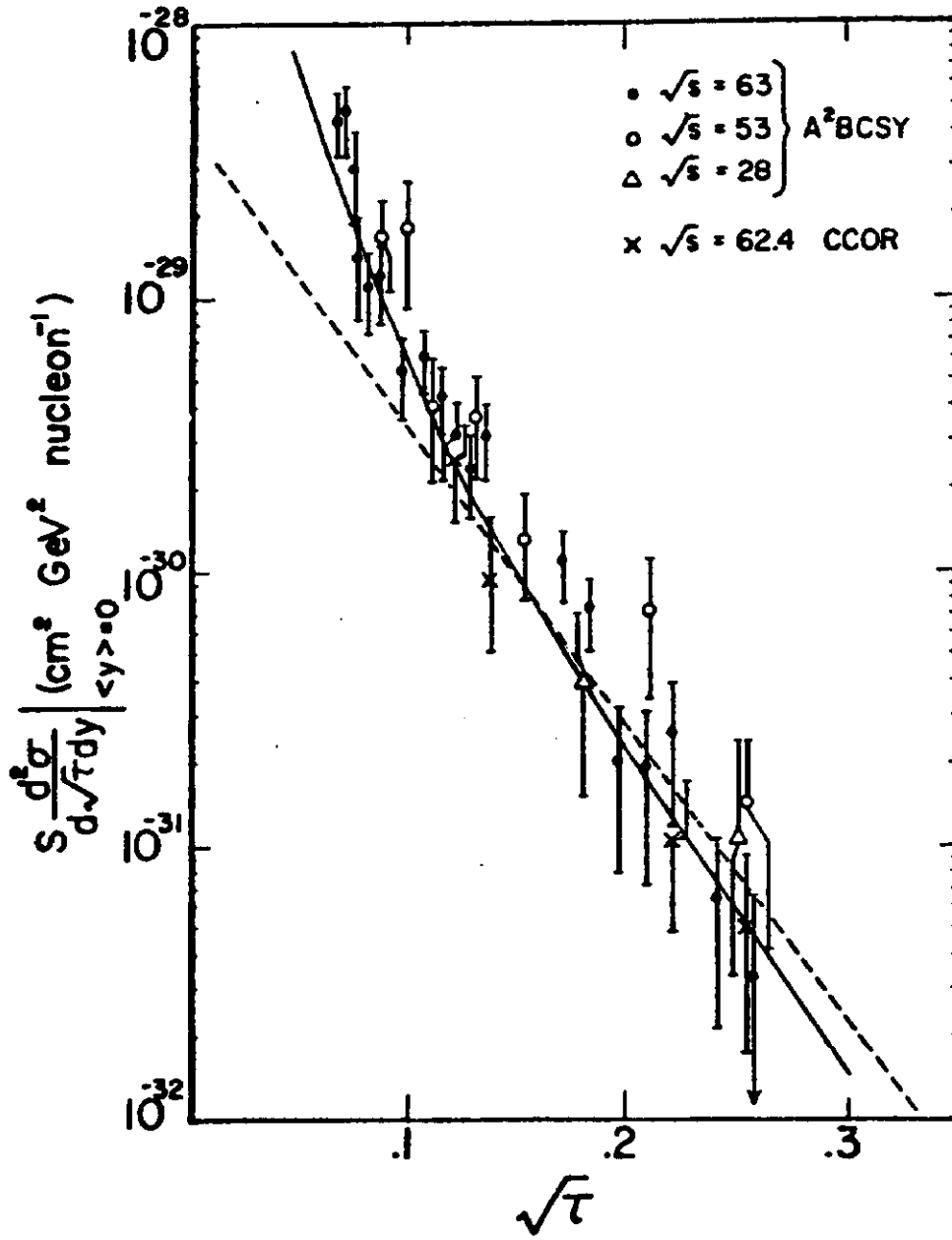


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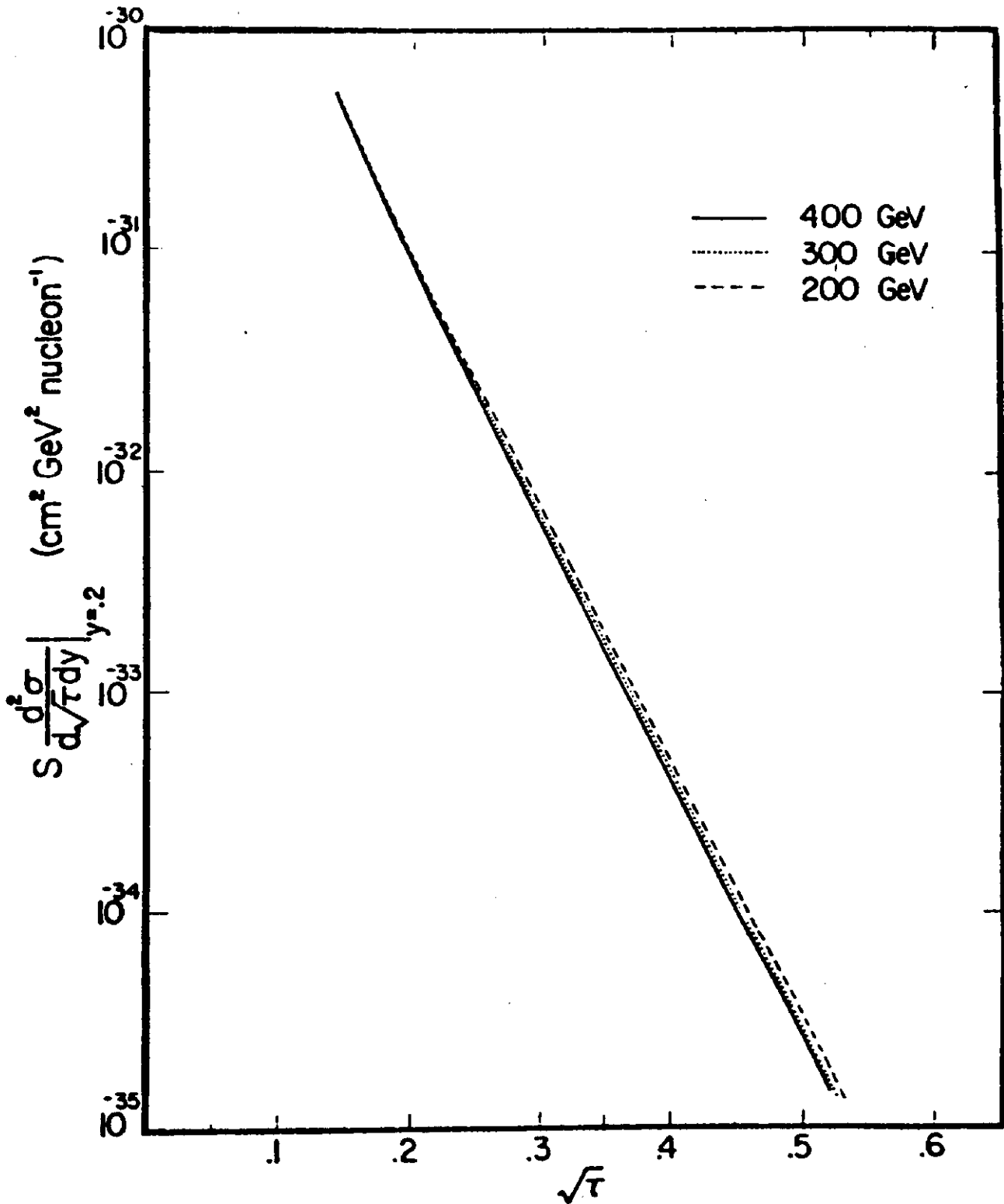


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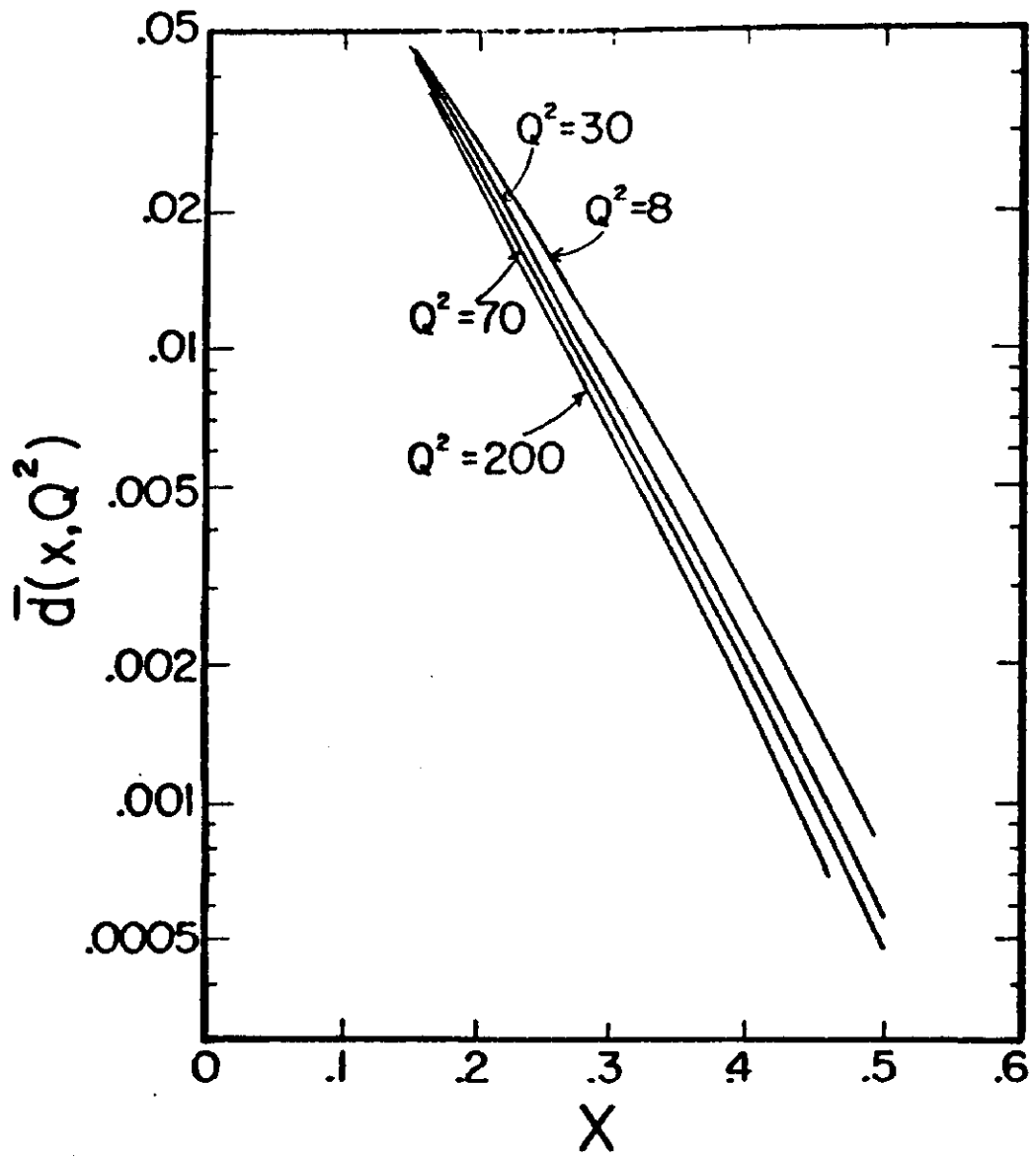


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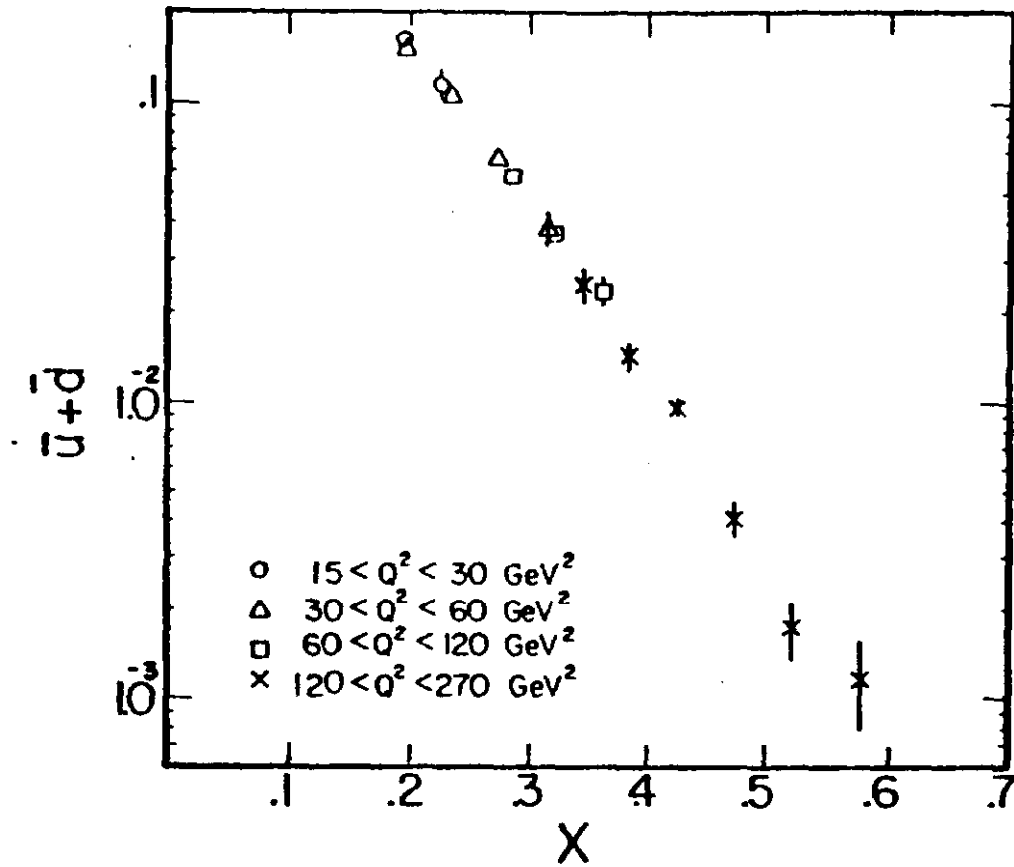


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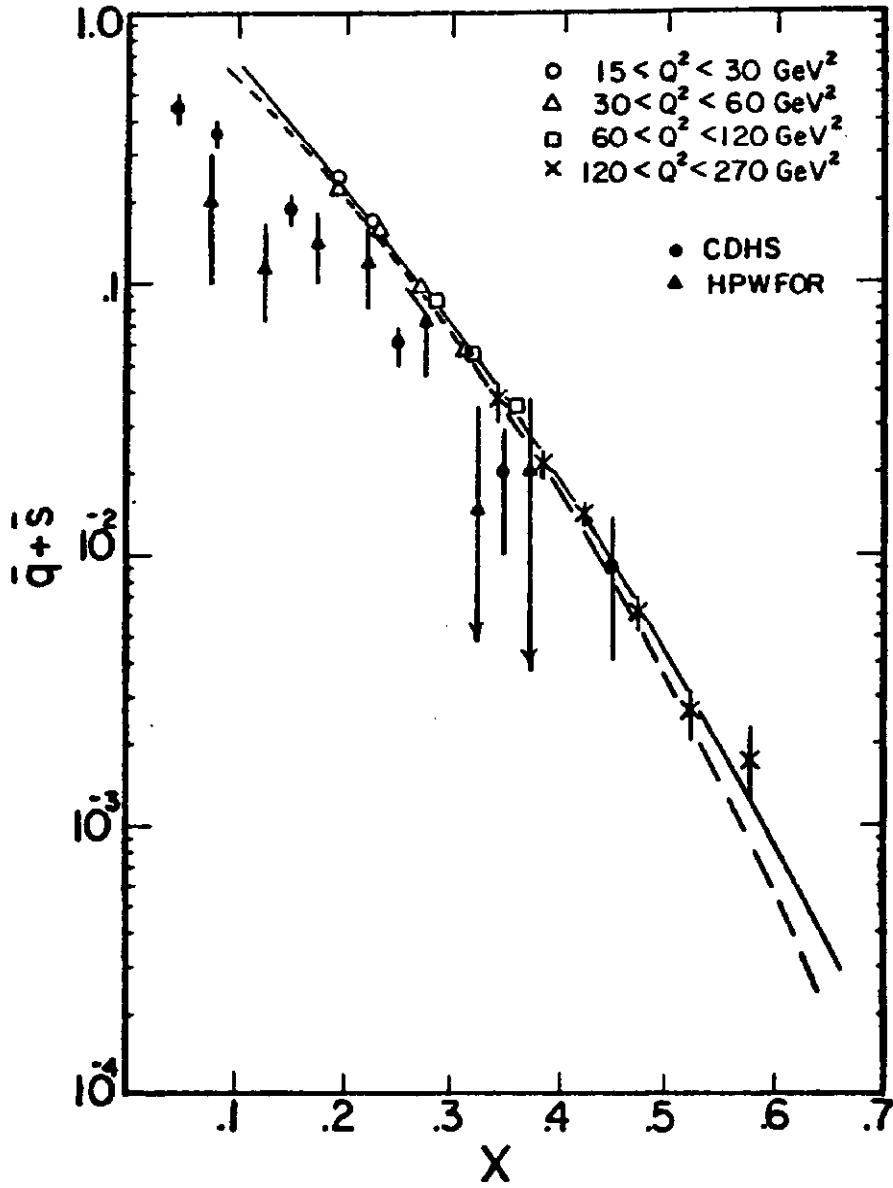


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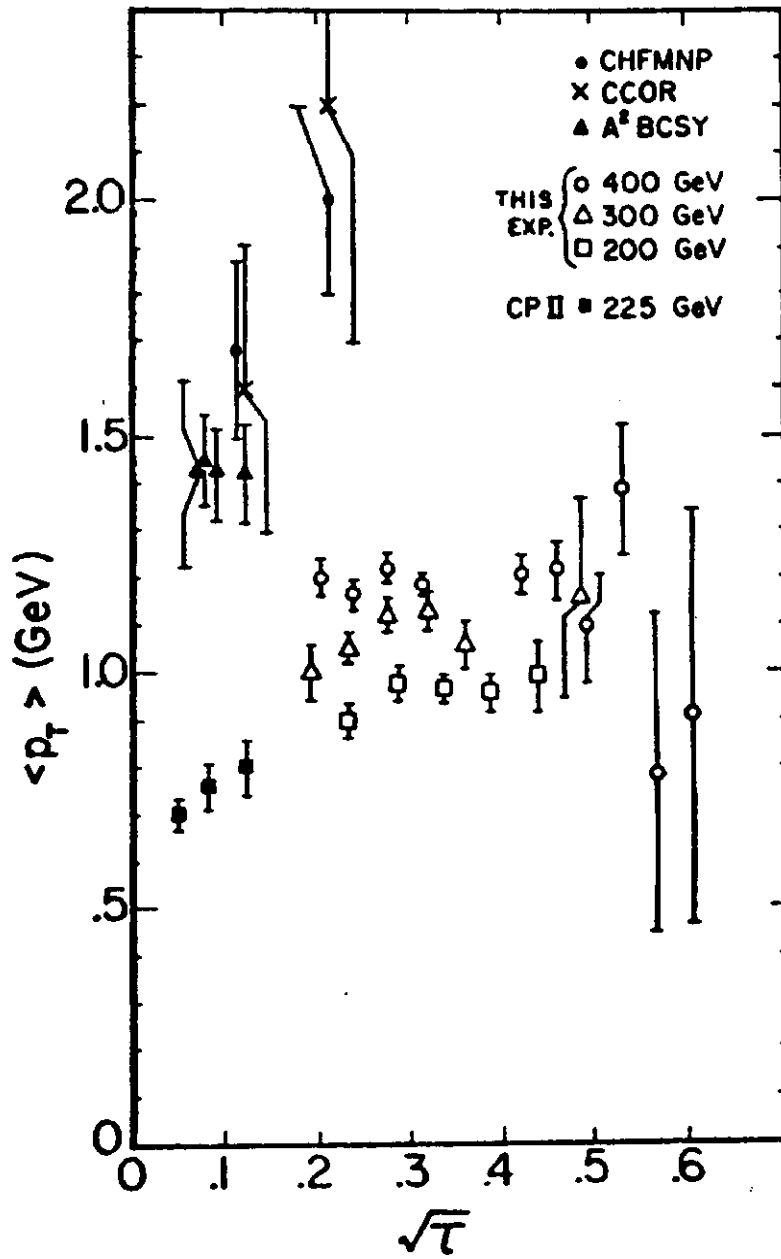


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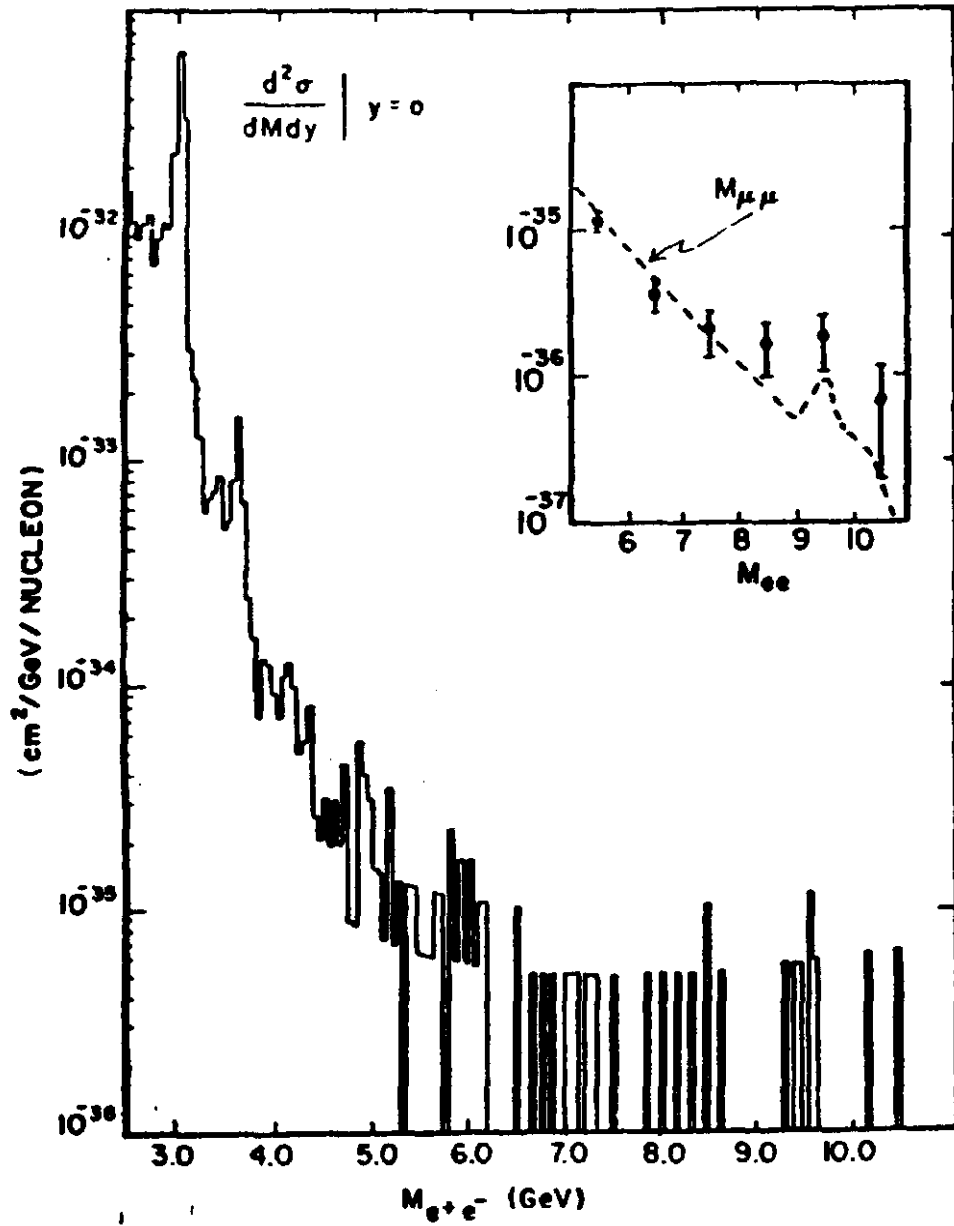


Fig. 20

APPENDIX I  
THE DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM

Figure A1 is a block diagram of the data acquisition system. The system is very flexible and allowed the trigger requirements to be studied and modified as the data taking progressed.

A. Fast Trigger Logic

Figure A2 is a diagram of the fast logic. The first stage triggering decision was made by a LeCroy model 380 Multiplicity Logic Unit for each arm, set to require four out of five of H1, C, H2, H3, and V4. This crudely defines a track traversing the entire length of the arm. This signal was called T:

$$T = (H1, C, H2, H3, V4) 4/5$$

We used a multiplicity trigger rather than a coincidence of all five counters so that events could be recorded in which one of the counters failed to fire, allowing us to monitor the efficiencies of the trigger counters. Typical T rates were 100 kHz; individual trigger counter rates ranged from 0.5 to 5 MHz.

The loose muon pair trigger was formed from the T signals of both arms by a LeCroy 364 Majority Logic Unit (which is capable of 150 MHz operation) set to two-fold coincidence:

$$TUD = TU \cdot TD$$

where U refers to one arm and D refers to the other.

Also formed was the out-of-time coincidence

$$\text{TUDAX} = \text{TU} \cdot \text{TD delayed}$$

used to monitor accidental coincidence rates; TD delayed was delayed by 57 nsec (three accelerator RF buckets) relative to TU by the insertion of extra cable. The TUD rate was about 1 kHz, the TUDAX rate roughly half that. The TUD rate was dominated by accidental two-arm coincidences. It counted more than TUDAX because the RF buckets did not all contain the same number of protons; rather, occasional buckets containing several times more than the average made the probability of generating a TUD higher than the probability of generating a TUDAX. TUD and TUDAX together enabled us to monitor the RF structure of the beam, and TUDAX together with TU and TD enabled monitoring of beam structure on a slower time scale.

The TU and TD signals prescaled by 128 and the TUD signal generated a Trigger Fan In (TFI) gate for the MWPC coincidence registers (CR's) and triggered the DC logic.

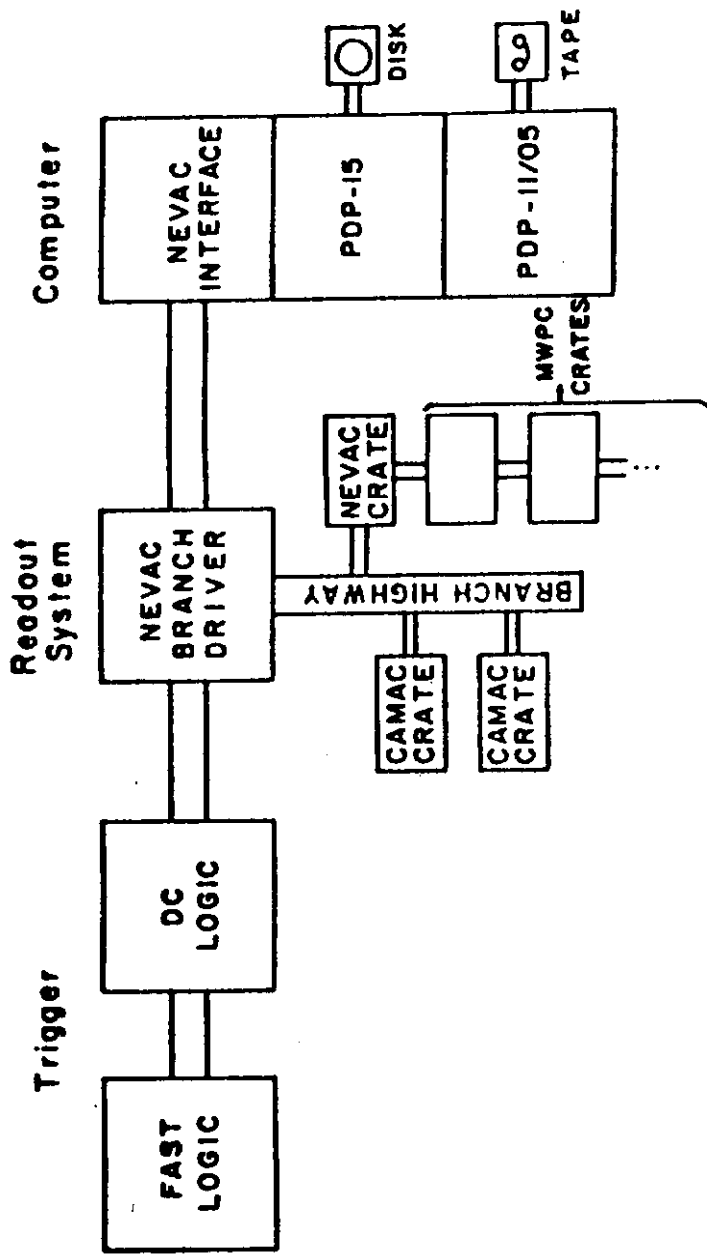
#### B. DC Logic

The DC logic (Fig. A3) was a sophisticated and flexible general-purpose triggering system designed by H. Cunitz and W. Sippach at Columbia University's Nevis Laboratories. Input signals were strobed by the TFI signal and latched, so that further processing could be done with DC levels without worrying about timing. Two 16-bit "logic bus" crates containing logic modules had

these DC signals bussed along their backplanes and available to every module. Each module formed the "and" of any of the 16 bus signals or their complements (selectable by the insertion of pins) as well as an optional input signal from some other module. The outputs included a "trigger" signal and complementary logic signals which could be connected to other logic module inputs, as well as an "inhibit" input for prescaling and scaler outputs with and without deadtime. The DC logic could be run with as little as 100 nsec deadtime per TFI, but since our TFI rate was so low we set it to 400 nsec to simplify timing and to cover deadtimes in the readout system.

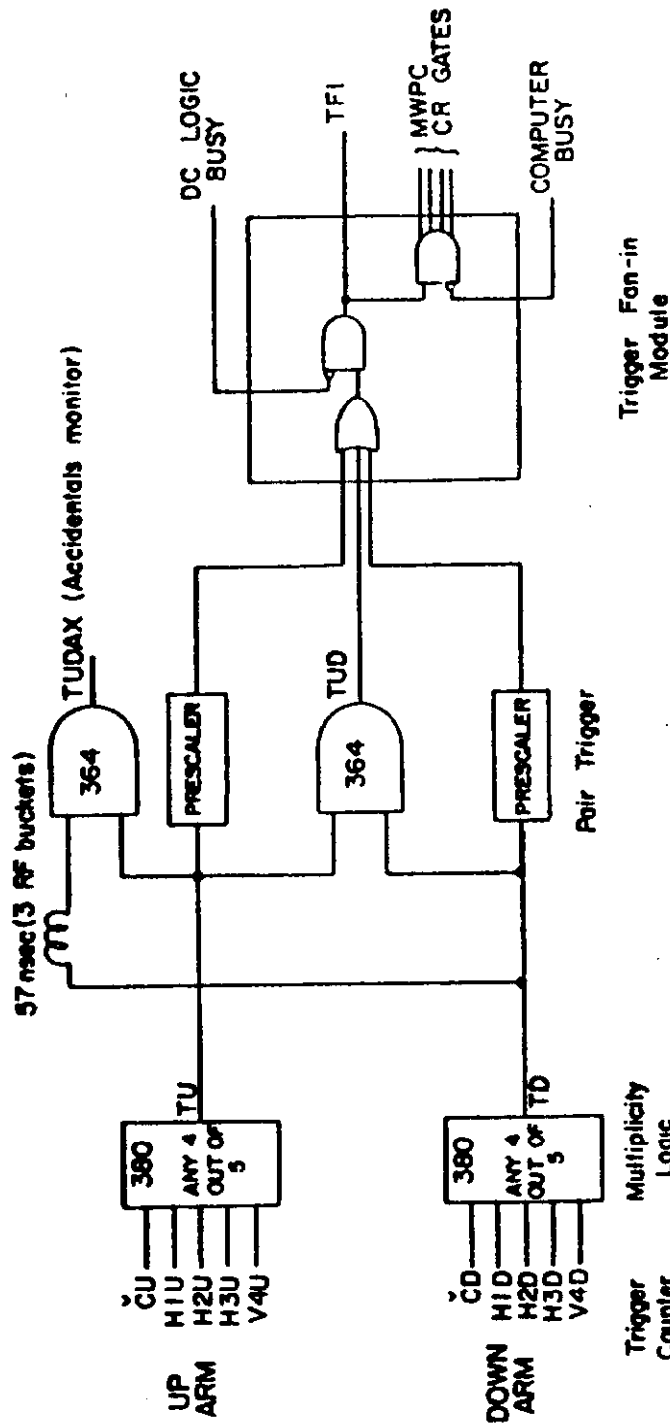
The TFI signal from the fast logic came to the Trigger Generator Input (TGI) module which strobed the logic bus and hodoscope CR's and started the DC logic decision cycle. A "matrix unit" for each arm was used to discriminate against tracks originating upstream of the target in vacuum windows etc. or downstream in the shielding. It looked for pairs of hodoscope elements of the form  $(V1_i, V4_j)$  which lay near the diagonal of the V1-V4 matrix (if no such pair of elements fired the track did not point back to the target) and set a logic bus bit (called M) if one was found.

We used the DC logic to implement one main muon pair trigger and four study triggers, two pair and two single-arm. The pre-scaled study triggers required only subsets of the main muon pair trigger requirements in order to check the efficiency of the various trigger elements.



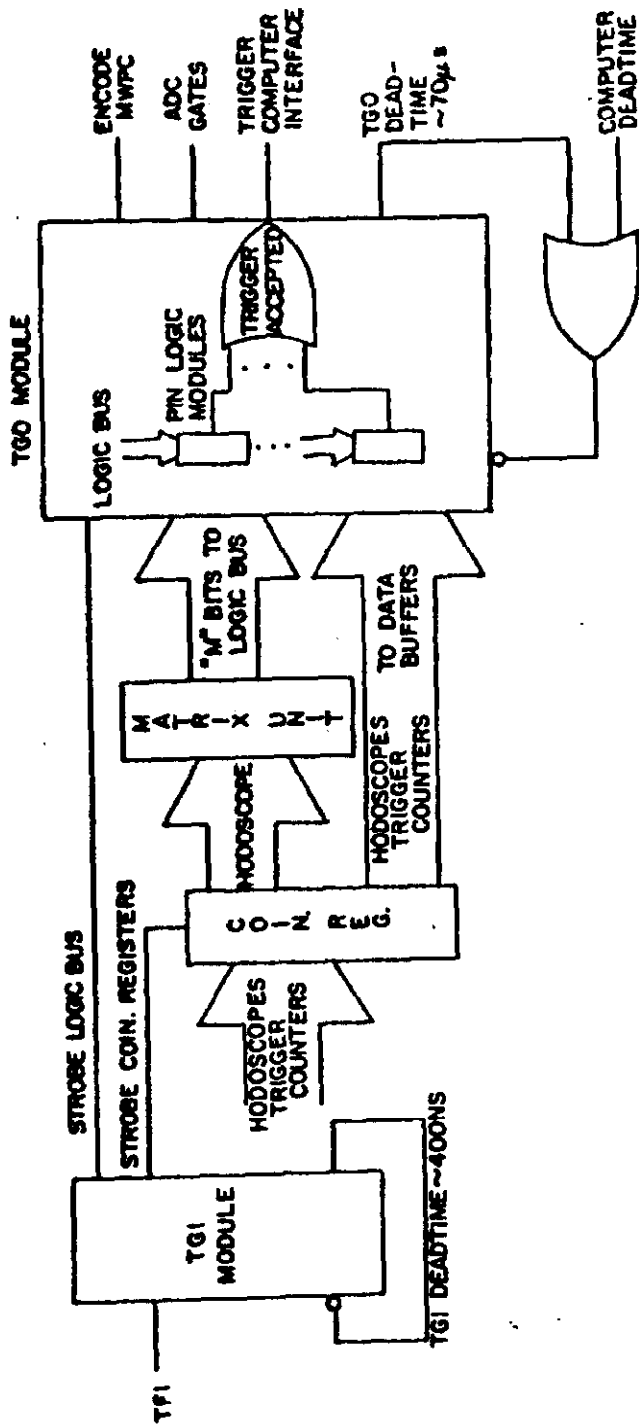
BLOCK DIAGRAM OF DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM

Fig. A1



**FAST TRIGGER LOGIC**

Fig. A2



DC LOGIC

Fig. A3