

# QUASI-REAL QED COMPTON AT HERA

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## INTRODUCTION

This note is divided as follows :

In the first part we will give the main definitions and some general remarks about the quasi-real QED Compton process and its experimental interest.

In the second part we will first discuss this process initiated by a Dirac particle (namely  $ee \rightarrow (e)e\gamma$ ). This corresponds to a pure QED process exactly computable and which provides us with some general features.

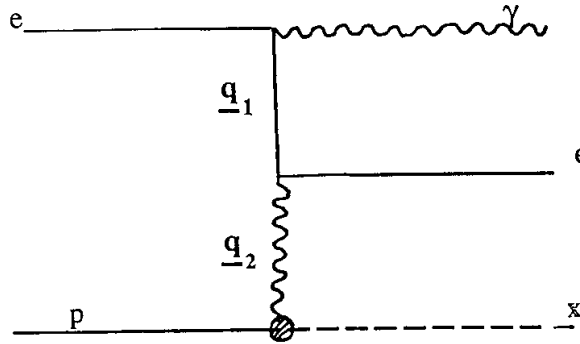
Then in the third part we will study the Compton process at HERA describing in some details the various contributions and the underlying assumptions.

In the last part, we will try to show in a very clear way, the main characteristics and their main corrections.

All those discussions will be illustrated by figures obtained through the Monte-Carlo generator.

## I - DEFINITIONS AND REMARKS

Considering the reaction  $ep \rightarrow e\gamma X$  corresponding to the diagram



one gets, a priori\*

$$ds \approx \frac{dq_1}{q_1^2 - m_e^2} \cdot \frac{dq_2}{q_2^2}$$

It results that the cross section is largely dominated by both  $q^2$  close to zero. But in this case the outgoing electron and photon, as well as the hadronic system, go along the beam axis and escape the main detector. This configuration corresponds to the so-called **Bremßstrahlung**. It leads to a large counting rate, but only in a specific detector for low angles.

Looking for particles at finite angles inside the detector requires at least that one of the two  $q^2$  takes finite values not too close to zero. Then the cross section will be dominated by the other  $q^2$  close to zero. One shall thus consider two different configurations :

i)  $q_1^2 \rightarrow 0$  ,  $q_2^2$  finite : then the photon goes straightforward along the incident electron direction, and we observe in the detector the electron and the hadronic system. This corresponds to the so-called **radiative correction** .

ii)  $q_2^2 \rightarrow 0$  ,  $q_1^2$  finite : then the hadronic system goes straightforward, and we observe in the detector the electron and the photon . This corresponds to the so-called **quasi-real Compton process**.

Those various configurations are shown schematically in the following Table.

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\* Let us note that in practice the pole in the propagator of the exchanged photon vanishes when both vertices  $e\gamma e$  and  $p\gamma X$  are inelastic

	experimental configuration	observed at large angle	so call
$q_1^2 \rightarrow 0$ $q_2^2 \rightarrow 0$			Bremßstrahlung
$q_1^2 \rightarrow 0$		e X	radiative correction
$q_2^2 \rightarrow 0$		e gamma	quasi real compton

We call quasi-real QED COMPTON those experimental events that involve one electron and one photon observed in the detector (at finite angle  $\gamma$ ) since they are dominated by small  $q_2^2$  and thus they involve the scattering of a quasi-real  $\gamma$  with the incident electron. Notice that small  $q_2^2$  actually means small with respect to  $W^2$  where  $W$  is the invariant mass of the  $e\gamma$  system. A priori one selects events with  $|q_2^2| \ll W^2$  by looking at coplanar  $e\gamma$  events observed within the detector.

Thus assuming "HEAD-ON  $e\gamma$  COLLISIONS"  $|\Sigma \vec{P}_i| = 0$  it results the following consequences :

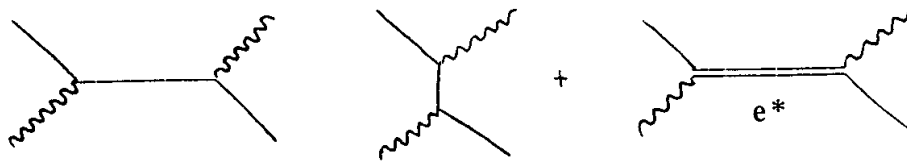
There are only 3 free parameters e.g. :  $E_\gamma$ ,  $\cos\theta^*$ ,  $\phi^*$  where  $E_\gamma$  is the energy of the quasi-real photon in the Lab. frame and  $\theta^*$   $\phi^*$  the orbital and azimuthal angle of the outgoing photon in the C-of-M frame.

There are 6 measured quantities  $(E' \Theta \phi)_e$   $(E' \Theta \phi)_\gamma$  where  $E'$  are the energies and  $\Theta$ ,  $\phi$  the orbital and azimuthal angles of the outgoing particles ( $e$ ,  $\gamma$ ) in the lab. frame.

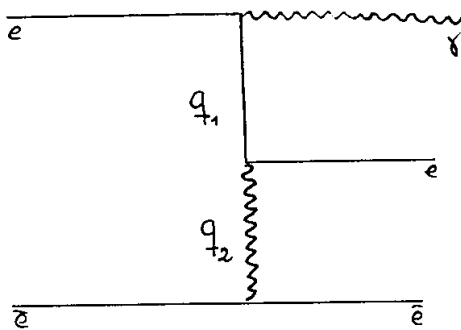
Therefrom one gets very strong constraints, and those constraints make this process very well suited for electromagnetic calibration of the detector

Moreover those events appear with a fairly large counting rate ; they can be very easily separated from any background and they involve large visible Energy ( $E_{vis} > E_e$ ). All this makes them suited, as well, for measurement of the luminosity within the detector.

It should also be noticed that the quasi-real Compton process has a very good sensitivity to a possible excited electron  $e^*$  created in the s channel<sup>[1]</sup>.



The same process exists as well in  $e^+e^-$  collisions, i.e.  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- \gamma$ :



$q_1^2, q_2^2 \rightarrow$  Bremsstrahlung.

$q_1^2 \rightarrow 0$  radiative Bhabha

$q_2^2 \rightarrow 0$  "quasi-real Compton"

It has been already observed many years ago at ACO<sup>[2]</sup>. Since then, it has been studied experimentally in order to provide limits on the coupling of a possible  $e^*$  at PEP<sup>[3]</sup>, PETRA<sup>[4]</sup> and TRISTAN<sup>[5]</sup>. In addition, there exists new results from LEP up to invariant masses around 100 GeV. This is a pure QED process. We have provided exact Monte-Carlo generator for that process many years ago<sup>[1-3]</sup>.

But  $pe \rightarrow Xe\gamma$ , at HERA, involves important difference :

- i) There is only one electron beam
- ii) The proton mass is 200 times the mass of the electron
- iii) The energies of the incident beams are different  $E_p \approx 30 E_e$
- iii) The proton is not a pointlike Dirac particle : it has an anomalous magnetic moment, electromagnetic form factors, and inelastic contributions. Therefore the computations are partly model-dependant, and exact expression of the cross section cannot be provided.

This model-dependence entails two main consequences :

- i) for luminosity measurements, where great precision is required, experimental cuts must be defined in order to minimize possible inaccuracies.
- ii) on the other hand, it is particularly interesting to study those kinematic regions where uncertainties due to the theoretical models used are large ; experimental measurements will thus provide us with a test of those models, and actually with the "photon structure of the proton".

For simplicity, we will first discuss Compton process initiated by a pure Dirac particle, i.e. the corresponding configuration of  $e\bar{e} \rightarrow (e)\bar{e} \gamma$  which will provide us with some general features. We will then go over to the Compton process at HERA, (i.e. for  $ep \rightarrow (x) e\gamma$ ), which is somewhat more complicated.

## II - COMPTON SCATTERING IN $e^+e^-$ COLLISIONS

Using an exact computation based on helicity amplitudes one gets :

$$\frac{d\sigma^{e\bar{e} \rightarrow e\gamma e}}{dy dQ^2 d\Omega^*} = f_{\gamma^*/e}(y, Q^2) \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* e \rightarrow \gamma e}}{d\Omega^*}$$

$$f_{\gamma^*/e}(y, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi y} \left[ (1-y+y^2/2) \frac{1}{Q^2} - (1-y) \frac{Q_{\min}^2}{Q^4} \right]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* e \rightarrow \gamma e}}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{d\sigma_T}{d\Omega^*} + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_L}{d\Omega^*} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(1+\varepsilon)} \frac{d\sigma_{TL}}{d\Omega^*} \cos(\varphi^*) + \varepsilon \frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{d\Omega^*} \cos(2\varphi^*)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4(W^2+Q^2)} \left[ \frac{4W^2}{(W^2+Q^2)(1+u^*+\eta)} + \frac{(W^2+Q^2)(1+u^*)}{W^2} + \frac{4Q^2}{W^2} \frac{(1-u^*)}{(1+u^*-\eta)} + \frac{2Q^2(1-u^*)}{W^2+Q^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{\alpha^2}{W^2+Q^2} \left[ \frac{Q^2(1-u^*)}{W^2+Q^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{TL}}{d\Omega^*} = -\frac{\alpha^2}{W^2+Q^2} \frac{QW}{2(W^2+Q^2)} \left[ \sqrt{1-u^*} + \frac{Q^2}{W^2} \frac{1-u^*}{1+u^*+\eta} \right]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{TT}}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{\alpha^2}{W^2+Q^2} \frac{Q^2}{2(W^2+Q^2)} (1-u^*)$$

with :

$$y = \frac{W^2 + Q^2}{s} \quad \varepsilon = \frac{1 - y}{1 - y + y^2/2} \quad \eta = \frac{2 m_e W^2}{(W^2 + Q^2)^2}$$

where  $Q^2$  is the absolute values of the four momentum squared of the virtual photon  $\gamma^*$ ;  $W$  is the invariant mass of the outgoing  $e\gamma$  System ;  $s$  is the total energy squared of the overall reaction  
 $u^* = \cos \theta^*$   $d\Omega^* = d\cos \theta^* d\varphi^*$  are defined in the  $\gamma^*e \rightarrow \gamma e$  center of mass frame.

### Equivalent photon approximation (E.P.A.).

For  $Q^2 \ll W^2$ , neglecting terms in  $Q^2/W^2$ , we still remain with :

$$\frac{d\sigma^{e\bar{e} \rightarrow e\gamma e}}{dy dQ^2 d\Omega^*} = f_{\gamma^*/e}(y, Q^2) \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*e \rightarrow \gamma e}}{d\Omega^*}$$

$$f_{\gamma^*/e} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi y} \left[ (1 - y + y^2/2) \frac{1}{Q^2} - (1 - y) \frac{Q_{\min}^2}{Q^4} \right]$$

but the expression of  $\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*e \rightarrow \gamma e}}{d\Omega}$  is considerably simplified, i.e. :

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*e \rightarrow \gamma e}}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ \frac{4}{1 + u^* + \eta} + 1 + u^* \right]$$

while the expressions of  $y$  and  $\eta$  are simplified as well :

$$y = \frac{W^2}{s} = \frac{E_\gamma}{E_{\text{inc}}} \quad \eta = \frac{2m_e^2}{W^2}$$

Let us emphasize the following :

E.P.A. is only a dynamic approximation, that allows for a factorization of the cross section by neglecting certain terms ; but the distributions of all parameters ( $Q^2, W, u^*, \varphi^*$ ) remain defined. It is very different from the approximation historically known as the "Williams-Weizsäcker formula", which contains an integration over  $Q^2$  and assumes the quasi-real photon to be emitted at  $0^\circ$ .

Thus the events can be fully generated according to the E.P.A. and afterwards corrected by comparing the real exact differential cross section to the E.P.A. expression used in the generation. This allows us to provide an exact Monte Carlo over the whole space phase.

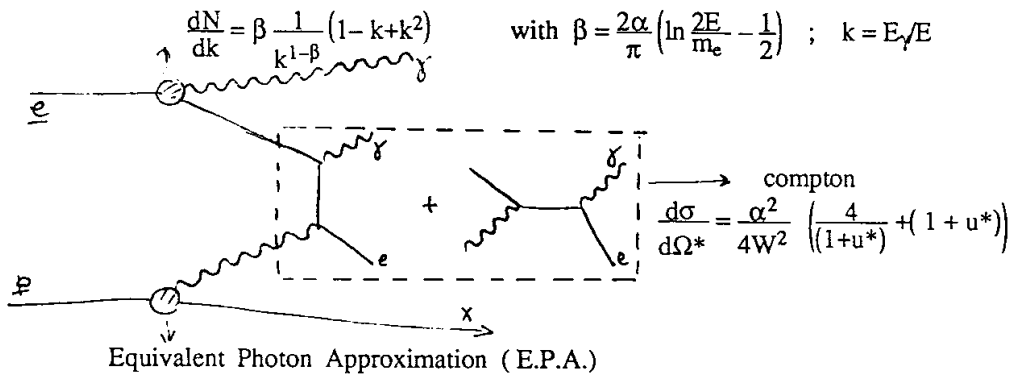
However the "weight" of the generated events becomes as much large than the  $Q^2/W^2$  increases. Thus, in practice, we have advantage to limit the range of  $Q^2/W^2$  of the experimental and generated events.

Let us note that when  $Q^2/W^2$  increases, the main correction proceeds from the 2 terms which were initially neglected in  $d\sigma_T/d\Omega^*$ .

### QED Monte-Carlo for $ee \rightarrow (e) e \gamma$ .

In a first step events are generated according to E.P.A. with radiative correction as schematically shown just below.

Radiative correction[6]



$$\frac{dN}{dy dQ^2} = \frac{a}{\pi y} \left[ (1-y+y^2)/2 \frac{1}{Q^2} - (1-y) \frac{Q_{\min}^2}{Q^4} \right] \quad \text{with } y = W^2/s$$

The generation is performed over the whole experimentally available phase space that we must first determined. Thus we generate the Energy of the radiatif photon and deduce  $E_e$  the effective value of the Energy of the incident electron involved in the compton scattering. Then  $W$ ,  $Q^2$ ,  $\Theta^*$  and  $\varphi^*$  are easily generated according to  $dW/W^3$ ,  $dQ^2/Q^2$ ,  $du^*/(1+u^*)$  and  $d\varphi^*$ , and slightly corrected. All kinematic parameters are derived and taken into account in an exact way.

One event being generated with all defined parameters one compares the real differential praobability of that event with the probability used in the first step of the Monte Carlo. Such Monte-Carlo is absolutely normalized.

### III - QED COMPTON SCATTERING AT HERA : $e p \rightarrow e \gamma(X)$

In 1984, we used the Dirac approximation (treating the proton as a Dirac particle), with a sharp cut on  $|\Sigma \vec{P}_t|/W$ . We assume indeed that at least for  $Q^2$  not too large, the inelastic contribution compensates more or less the drop in the elastic one, due to the electromagnetic form factors. This procedure provides the correct order of magnitude.

In 1990, we perform a complete Monte-Carlo. The elastic contribution makes no problem using conventional expressions of the electromagnetic form factors. However the inelastic contribution is somewhat model-dependent (see hereafter).

That Monte-Carlo was run early in 1990 and put into H1 shape by T. Carli. It performs an analytic integration over  $x$  (i.e. over the hadronic masses).

In 1991, a new version of the Monte-Carlo (not yet in H1 shape) includes as well the generation of  $x$  (resp.  $W_H$ ). Actually it makes no difference with the previous one and does not present a real advantage as far as H1 is concerned.

1. For the elastic contribution  $e p \rightarrow e \gamma(p)$ , one gets :

$$\frac{d\sigma^{ep \rightarrow e\gamma(x)}}{dy dQ^2 d\Omega^*} = f_{\gamma^*/p}(y, Q^2) \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*e \rightarrow \gamma e}}{d\Omega^*}$$

$$f_{\gamma^*/p} = \frac{a}{\pi y} \left[ (1-y) \frac{Q^2 - Q_{\min}^2}{Q^4} \left[ \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} \right] + \frac{y^2}{2} \frac{1}{Q^2} G_M^2 \right]$$

$$\text{with } G_E = \frac{G_M}{2.79} = \left[ 1 + \frac{Q^2(\text{GeV}^2)}{0.71} \right]^{-2}$$

$$\text{and } \tau = Q^2 / 4 M_p^2$$

with :

$$Q_{\min}^2 = \frac{y_0^2}{1 - y_0} M^2 \quad \text{with } y_0 = \frac{W^2}{s} = \frac{E \gamma}{E_p}$$

$$y = \frac{W^2 + Q^2}{s} \quad \text{with } s = 4 E_e E_p$$

$$\text{let us note : } y = \frac{W^2 + Q^2}{s} = \frac{e \gamma}{e \vec{p}}$$



Remember that for a Dirac particle, one has :

$$f_{\gamma^*/p} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi y} \left[ (1-y) \frac{Q^2 - Q_{\min}^2}{Q^4} + y^2/2 \frac{1}{Q^2} \right]$$

so that at small  $Q^2$  the elastic contribution remains the same as the one given by the DIRAC approximation. That contribution is practically confined in the range :

$$\frac{W^4}{s} \frac{M^2}{s - W^2} \leq Q^2 \leq 1 \text{ GeV}^2$$

2. For the inelastic contribution  $e p \rightarrow (H) e \gamma$

Assuming  $\sigma_L = Q^2/v^2 \sigma_T$  with  $v = \frac{W_H^2 - M_p^2 + Q^2}{2 M_p}$  where  $W_H$  is the hadronic mass produced, one gets :

$$\frac{d\sigma^{pe = He\gamma}}{dx dy dQ^2 d\Omega^*} = [F(x)/x] [f_{\gamma^*/p}(y/x, Q^2)] \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*e \rightarrow \gamma e}}{d\Omega^*}$$

$$\text{where } x = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + W_H^2 - M_p^2} \quad y = \frac{W^2 + Q^2}{s} \quad (s = 4 E_e E_p)$$

$$f_{\gamma^*/p} = \frac{\alpha x}{\pi y} \left[ (1 - y/x) \frac{Q^2 - Q_{\min}^2}{Q^4} - \frac{y^2}{2 x^2} \frac{1}{Q^2} \right]$$

$$Q_{\min}^2 = M_p^2 \frac{y^2}{1 - y/x}$$

That inelastic contribution can be derived directly from the quark parton model (with  $F(x) = F_2^p(x)$  the classical  $F_2$  structure function of the proton). However that model is valid only for somewhat large values of  $W_H$  and  $Q^2$ .

On the other hand, we know that there exists an inelastic cross section due to real photoproduction ( $\gamma p \rightarrow H$ ) the experimental values of which are well known, as well as the electroproduction cross section of the 3 first resonances. Thus the inelastic contributions were derived considering various regions of  $W_H$  and  $Q^2$ .

b.1 - For  $(M_p + m_\pi) \leq W_H \leq 2 \text{ GeV}$ , i.e. for :

$$\frac{Q^2(\text{GeV}^2)}{Q^2(\text{GeV}^2) + 3} \leq x \leq \frac{Q^2(\text{GeV}^2)}{Q^2(\text{GeV}^2) + 0.3}$$

we know from photoproduction and electroproduction that this region is essentially saturated by the production of the three resonances  $\Delta$  (1236),  $N^*$  (1520) and  $N^*$  (1688) . Then we set \*

$$F(x) = \sigma_t \frac{Q^2}{4\pi^2\alpha}$$

$$\sigma_t = \sigma_0 \frac{W_R^2 \Gamma^2}{(W_H^2 - W_R^2)^2 + W_R^2 \Gamma^2} \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{Q_t^2}\right)^2$$

where we use the following experimentally known values for the various parameters.

	$\Delta$	$N^*$	$N^*$
$W_R$ (GeV/c)	1236	1520	1688
$Q_t^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	2.5	3.0	3.0
$\Gamma$ (GeV)	0.12	0.12	0.12
$\sigma$ ( $\mu\text{b}$ )	550	280	220

\* Let us note that the relations  $\sigma_L = (Q^2/\nu^2) \cdot \sigma_T$  is not here justified, so that a correct determination from the experimental known results must be slightly different.

b.2 - For  $W_H \geq 2 \text{ GeV}$ , i.e. for :

$$\frac{W^2 + Q^2}{s} \leq x \leq \frac{Q^2(\text{GeV}^2)}{Q^2(\text{GeV}^2) + 3}$$

we proceed as follows :

i) for  $Q^2$  large enough, we assume the quark-parton Model to be valid, so that one has  $F(x) = F_2^p(x)$

ii) for  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$   $F(x)$  is derived from the experimental total photoproduction cross section which is known to be approximately constant ( $\sigma_{\gamma p} \approx 120 \mu\text{b}$  for  $W_H > 2 \text{ GeV}$ ), then one gets :

$$F(x) = \frac{Q^2}{4 \pi^2 \alpha} \sigma_{\gamma p} \sim Q^2(\text{GeV}^2)$$

iii) for the whole  $Q^2$  range ; one assumes some continuity between the two  $Q^2$  regions. Thus we perform an interpolation in the intermediate range using in the whole range the following expression :

$$F(x) = F_2^p(x) \frac{Q^2(\text{GeV}^2)}{Q^2(\text{GeV}^2) + F_2^p(x)}$$

so that :

when  $Q^2(\text{GeV}^2) \gg F_2^p(x)$ ,  $F(x)$  tends to  $F_2^p(x)$

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Noticing that in the  $x$  range involved ( $F_2^p(x)$  remains of the order of 0.2.

The overall results from the Monte-Carlo within some "typical" conditions (namely  $3.6 \leq \Theta \leq 176$  degrees ;  $|\pi - \Delta\phi| \leq 45$  degrees ;  $E'_\gamma, E'_e < 1 \text{ GeV}$  ;  $E_g + E_e > 20 \text{ GeV}$  ;  $|\Sigma \vec{P}_T| < 100 \text{ GeV}$ ) are shown in Table 1 and figures 1 to 4. The influence of cuts and the very different "regime" of this process in various domains will be discuss and illustrate hereafter.

## IV - MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

### - KINEMATIC

In first approximation, for  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$  there are head on  $\gamma e$  collisions and thus neglecting the transverse momentum of the  $e\gamma$  system, radiative correction and Masses of particles (i.e. using the W.W. Approximation ), one gets :

$$E_{vis} = E_e + E_\gamma$$

$$W^2 = 4.E_e.E_\gamma$$

$$\beta = (E_\gamma - E_e)/(E_e + E_\gamma)$$

where  $E_e$  is the well known energy of the incident electron ;  $E_\gamma$  the energy of the quasi real photon which is the only free parameter, let us note that :

$$\begin{aligned} \beta < 0 \text{ i.e. } \vec{\beta} \text{ parallel to the incident electron} & \text{ for } E_\gamma < 30 \text{ GeV } W < 60 \text{ GeV} \\ \beta = 0 & \text{ for } E_\gamma = 30 \text{ GeV } W = 60 \text{ GeV} \\ \beta > 0 \text{ i.e. } \vec{\beta} \text{ parallel to the incident proton} & \text{ for } E_\gamma > 30 \text{ GeV } W > 60 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, calling  $E'_e, E'_\gamma$  the energies of the outgoing particles, one has :

$$E_{vis} = E'_e + E'_\gamma$$

$$W^2 = 2E'_e E'_\gamma (1 - \cos(\Theta_e + \Theta_\gamma))$$

$$\beta = \sin(\Theta_\gamma + \Theta_e) / (\sin \Theta_e + \sin \Theta_\gamma)$$

$$\cos \Theta_e = (\cos \theta^* - \beta) / (1 - \beta \cos \theta^*) \quad ; \quad \Theta_e = \pi + \varphi^*$$

$$\cos \Theta_\gamma = (\beta - \cos \theta^*) / (1 + \beta \cos \theta^*) \quad ; \quad \Theta_\gamma = \varphi^*$$

where  $\theta^*, \varphi^*$  and  $\Theta, \varphi$  are the orbital and azimuthal angles of the outgoing  $e\gamma$  respectively in the C-of-M frame and in the Laboratory.

Therefrom, we get the following constraints :

$$E_\gamma / E_p = W^2 / S = (E_{vis} - E_e) / E_p = [(1 - \beta) / (1 + \beta)] . E_e / E_p$$

$$E_e / \sin \Theta_\gamma = E_\gamma / \sin \Theta_e = 2 E_e / (\sin \Theta_e + \sin \Theta_\gamma - \sin (\Theta_e + \Theta_\gamma))$$

$$\Delta(\phi) \rightarrow \pi \quad | \Sigma \vec{P}_T | \rightarrow 0$$

As examples of the accuracy of those approximations; fig. 5 shows the  $\Delta(\phi)$  distribution and the correlations between  $W$ ,  $E_{\nu\gamma}$  and the direction of  $\vec{\beta}$ , obtained from the complete Monte-Carlo (without radiative correction).

### - DYNAMIC

Again, in first approximation the overall differential cross section is the convolution of

- i) the radiated photon spectrum  $\propto (dE_\gamma/E_\gamma) (dQ^2/Q^2)$
- ii) and the  $e\gamma \rightarrow e\gamma$  cross section  $\propto (1/W^2) (du^*/(1+u^*))$ .

One concludes :

- i) Regarding the  $W$  dependence since  $W^2 = 4E_e E_\gamma$  one gets,  $dE_\gamma/E_\gamma = dW/W$  or  $1/W^2 = 1/E_\gamma$ , thus  $d\sigma \propto dW/W^3 = dE_\gamma/E_\gamma^2$ .
- ii) Regarding the  $Q^2$  dependence, we notice that in practice, the elastic and the inelastic contribution are very different, the pole on  $Q^2$  disappears for the inelastic contribution when the elastic contribution vanishes for  $Q^2$  above  $1 \text{ GeV}^2$ .
- iii) Regarding the  $u^*$  dependence, we notice the backward pole in the Compton scattering.

### - SOME NUMERICAL VALUES

When  $E_\gamma < E_e$ , i.e.  $\beta$  along the incident electron direction, if  $E_\gamma$  decreases,  $|\beta| = (E_e - E_\gamma)(E_e + E_\gamma)$  increases while  $\Omega^*$  the angular acceptance in the C-of-M frame decreases. Thus the maximum value of  $|\beta|$  is given by the limitation on  $\Omega^*$  and one has :

$$|\beta|_{\text{MAX}} = |\cos \Theta_0|$$

where  $\Theta_0$  is the maximal angle of the experimental acceptance of the detector in the LAB system. Therefrom one gets :

$$E_\gamma \geq (E_\gamma)_{\text{MIN}} = \frac{1 - |\cos \Theta_0|}{1 + |\cos \Theta_0|} E_e$$

and, for  $\Theta_0 = 176$  degrees,  $E_e = 30 \text{ GeV}$  and  $E_p = 820 \text{ GeV}$ , one obtains :

$$(E_\gamma)_{\text{min}} = 0.036 \text{ GeV} \quad (E_\gamma)_{\text{min}}/E_p \sim 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$W_{\text{min}} \sim 4 (E_\gamma)_{\text{min}} E_p \approx 2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$Q_{\min}^2 \sim \frac{W_{\min}^4}{S} \frac{M_p^2}{S - W^2} \approx 10^{-9} \text{GeV}^2$$

Some correlations and order of magnitudes of numerical values for an angular acceptance given in the Lab. by  $|\cos\Theta| \leq 0.997$  are shown in the following table.

W(GeV)	2	10	60	100	200
$E_\gamma(\text{GeV})$	0.036	0.83	30	83	333
$1/W^3$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-3}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-7}$
$\beta$	-0.997	-0.946	0	0.47	0.83
$ \cos\theta^* $	~0	0.897	0.997	0.991	0.961
$Q_{\min}^2$	$10^{-9}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-2}$	0.16
$\int_{Q_{\min}^2}^1 dQ^2/Q^2$ "elastic"	21	15	9	5	2

The various contributions and distributions, actually observed through the Monte-Carlo, in the various range are shown in figures 6 to 11.

### - MAIN CORRECTIONS

There are two significant corrections to the previous main characteristics which are even very important at low W.

i) The first one is the radiative correction. This correction is mainly due to the radiation from the incident electron which reduces its effective incident energy  $E_e$ . High energy radiation has low probability by itself, but this low probability may be compensated by a large increase of the cross section due mainly to the decrease of W and to the change in  $\beta$ . Such effects are shown in figure 12 where the cut on the visible energy was relaxed in the Monte-Carlo. However we observed that actually the high energy radiation events can be eliminated through a cut on the visible energy as  $E_{\text{vis}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$  for example ; but then the observed cross section is significantly changed and it still remains some kinematical effects as observed for example when comparing figure 5 and figure 13.

ii) The second important correction is involved by the tail of  $Q^2$  values above  $Q^2_{\min}$ .  
Actually the exact kinematic leads to :

$$W^2 = 4E_e E_\gamma - \left(1 - \frac{E_e}{E_p}\right) Q^2 \approx 4E_e E_\gamma - Q^2$$

$$(\Sigma \vec{p}_t)^2 = Q^2 \left(1 - \frac{W^2 + Q^2}{sX}\right) \approx Q^2$$

It results that, as  $Q^2$  increases

i)  $W^2$  increases

and, a fortiori,

ii) the virtuality  $Q^2/W^2$  and thus the cross section increases,

iii) the  $|\Sigma \vec{p}_t|/W$  ( $\sim Q/W$ ) and thus the acoplanarity angle between outgoing  $e, \gamma$  increases.

Therefore a large amount of events at very small  $W$  comes from events where the value of  $Q^2$  cannot be neglected with respect to  $4E_e E_\gamma$ . Let us note that this can already occur at small  $Q^2$ . As an example, a  $Q^2$  of the order of  $1 \text{ GeV}^2$  shifts the previous minimal value of  $W$  from  $2 \text{ GeV}$  to  $1 \text{ GeV}$ .

However those events are characterised by a large acoplanarity and a cut on this quantity is very efficient in the low masses range, which contributes to the largest part of the cross section. One can select low  $Q^2$ , rejects "virtual" events of small  $W$  and a large fraction of inelastic contributions. (see figures 14 - 15).

In conclusion, I want to emphasize the fact that this process has two strong different "regime".

In the low mass range defined by the detector angular acceptance, ( $w \leq 10 \text{ GeV}$  for H1), one observes the following characteristics :

- i) the counting rate is large ;
- ii) the  $e\gamma$  velocity in the Lab. is large, practically along the electron direction ;
- iii) therefore, the angular acceptance in the C-of-M is limited around  $\cos \theta^* \sim 0$ ;

iv) and the outgoing electron and photon are strongly backward in the Lab. System (generally both in the BEMC).

v) there is a large amount of acoplanar events with small  $w$  corresponding to values of  $Q^2$  which are not small with respect to  $(E_\gamma/E_p)$ .

It results that, in this range, a cut of acoplanarity is required in order to select quasi-real events and is very efficient to improve the ratio between elastic and inelastic contribution for luminosity measurement.

In higher mass range above 20 GeV, one notices that :

- i) the counting rates strongly decrease
- ii) the velocity becomes smaller, charges of direction and increases only slightly, so that
- iii) the angular acceptance in the C-of-M increases and  $\cos\theta^*$  becomes closer to the backward pole and
- iv) the outgoing photon and electron tends to be more collinear (and coplanar) in the Lab. System with the photon in the backward direction.

*I want also notice that this work would not have been possible without the help of my friend P. Kessler.*

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MONTE CARLO FOR QED COMPTON AT HERA  
WITH RADIATIVE CORRECTIONS

INTEGRATED LUMINOSITY LUM= 1.0 PICO-BARN-1  
ELECTRON BEAM ENERGY EE= 30.0 GEV  
PROTON BEAM ENERGY EP= 820.0 GEV  
POLAR ACCEPTANCE 3.6 < TETA < 176.0 DEGREES

VARIOUS CUTS :

TR. MOMENTUM : SUM(PT) < 100.00 GEV  
ACOPPLANARITY : | $\pi - D(\text{PHI})$ | < 45.00 DEGREE  
ELECTRON ENERGY : E(EL) > 2.00 GEV  
PHOTON ENERGY : E(PH) > 2.00 GEV  
VISIBLE ENERGY : E(EL)+E(PH) > 20.00 GEV

CROSS-SECTIONS

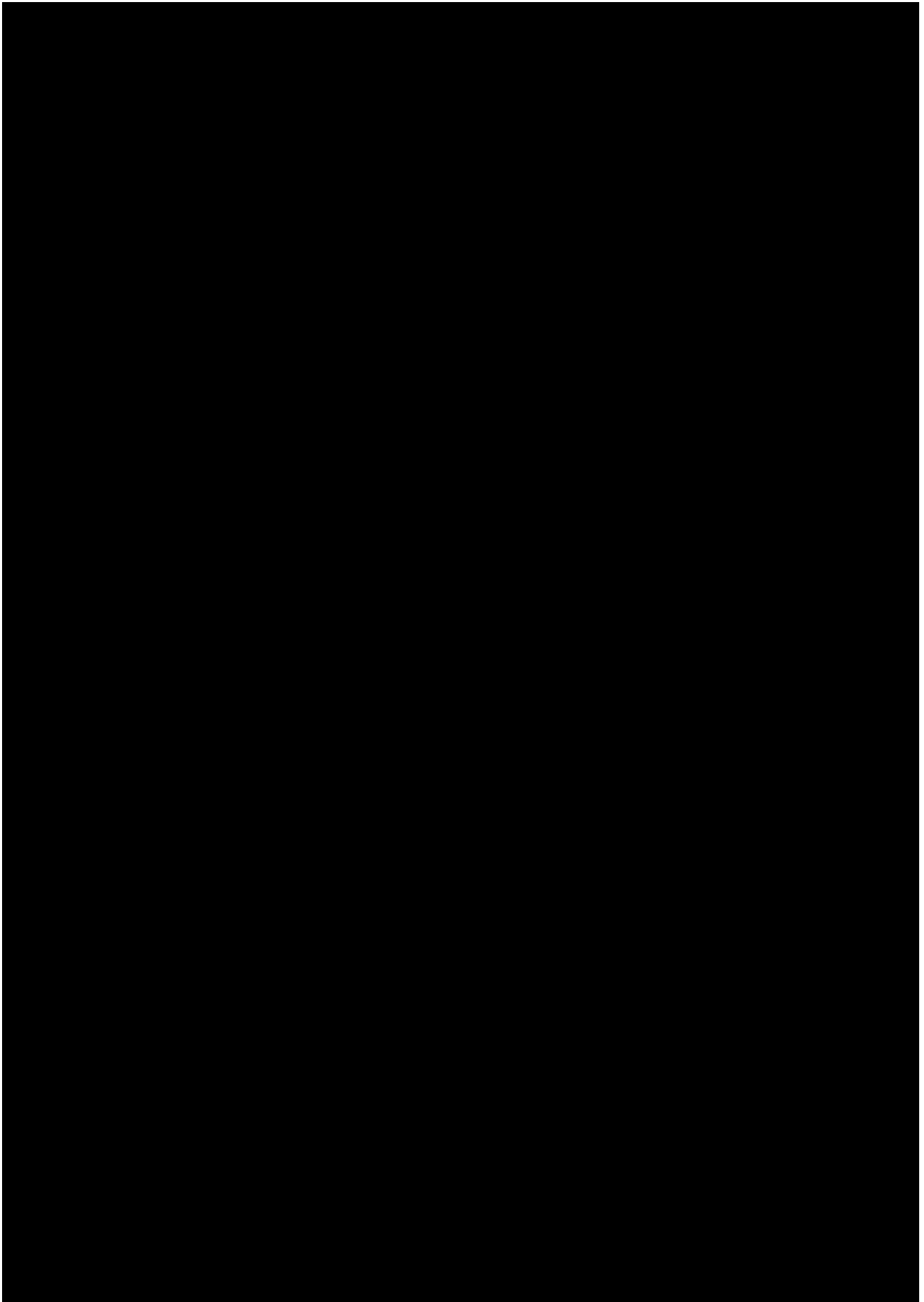
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CROSS SECT CONFIGURATION (PICOBARN)

		PHOTON								
		IFE	FB2	FB1	CB3	CB2	CB1	BBE	BEMC	
E	IFE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.77	2.06	0.05	0.07	6.56	9.51
L	FB2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.22	0.26	2.75	3.23
E	FB1	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.01	0.21	0.58	0.39	8.85	10.53
C	CB3	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.23	0.57	0.98	0.75	23.13	25.94
T	CB2	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.36	1.24	3.31	2.05	57.05	64.20
R	CB1	0.02	0.16	0.10	0.48	1.36	3.06	4.24	92.32	101.74
O	BBE	0.06	0.00	0.12	0.37	1.18	3.12	3.11	82.73	90.69
N	BEMC	0.22	0.14	0.42	2.79	12.35	28.13	38.83	1420.55	1503.44
		0.31	0.78	1.10	5.02	18.99	39.44	49.70	1693.93	1809.7

		IFE	FB2	FB1	CB3	CB2	CB1	BBE	BEMC
E	IFE								
L	FB2								
E	FB1								
C	CB3				32.44				273.38
T	CB2								
R	CB1								
O	BBE								
N	BEMC				82.90				1420.55

		IFE	FB2	FB1	CB3	CB2	CB1	BBE	BEMC
E	IFE								
L	FB2								
E	FB1								
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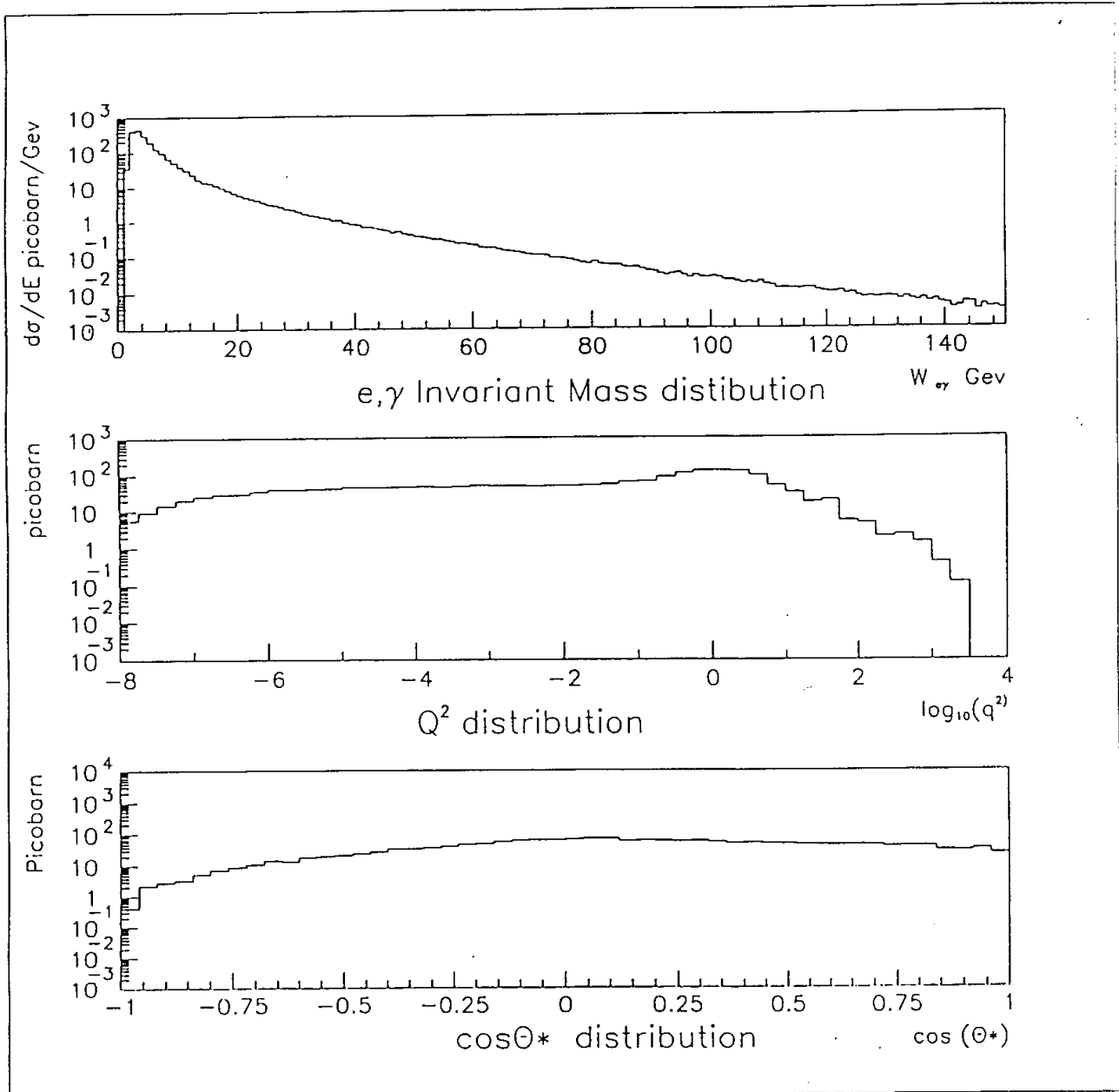


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$|\pi - \Delta\phi| \leq 45$  degrees

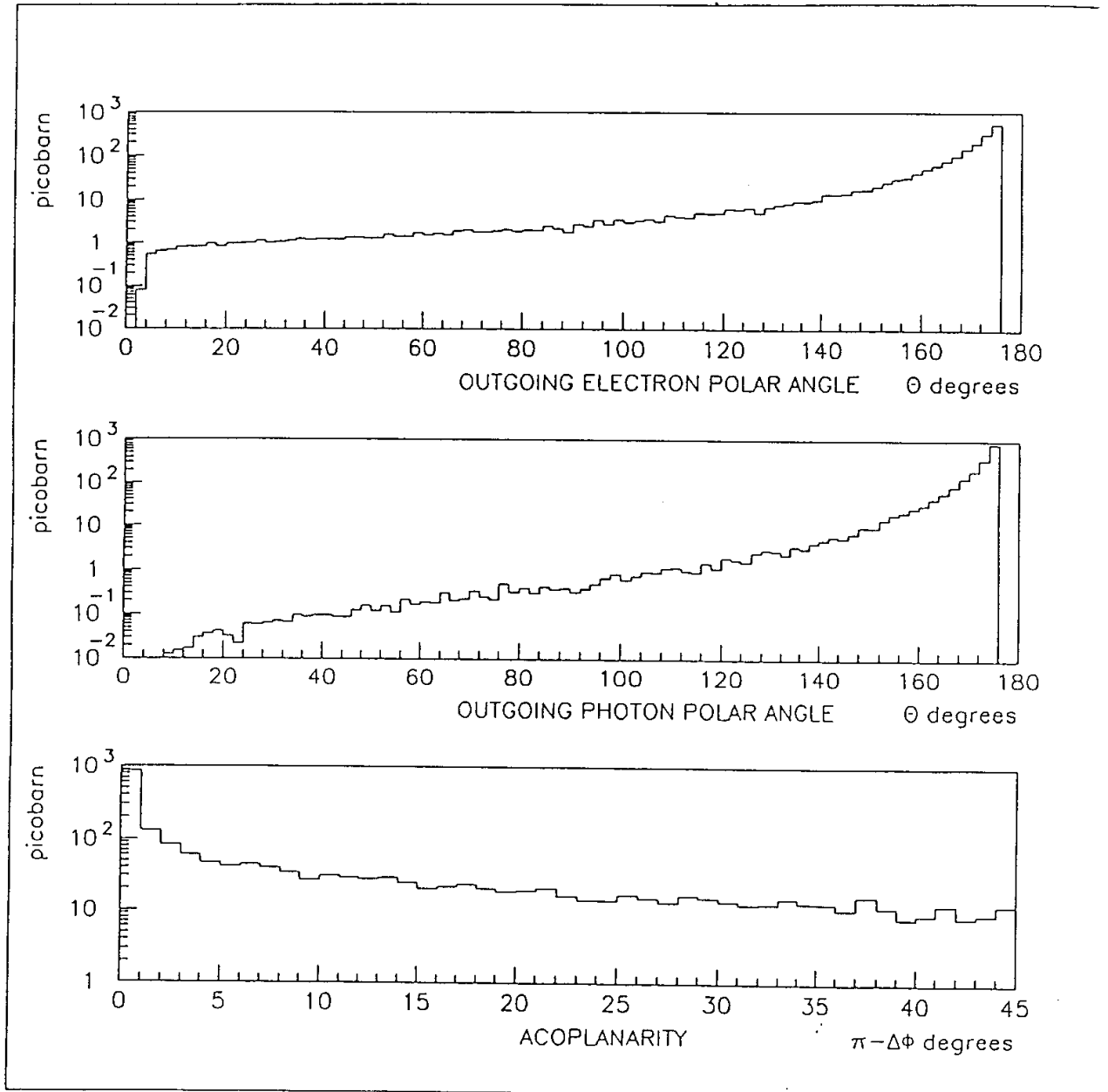
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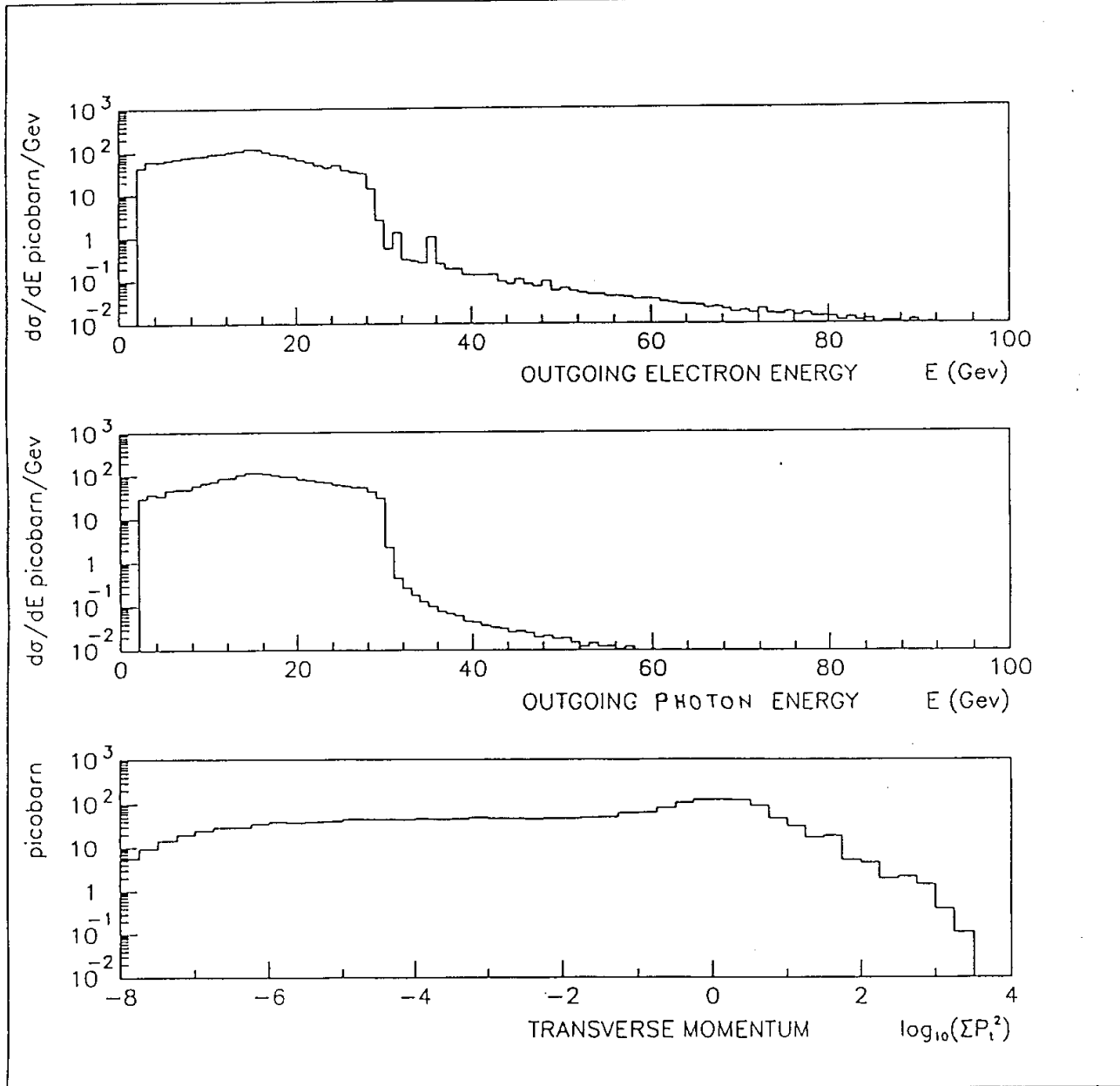
- Figure 1 -

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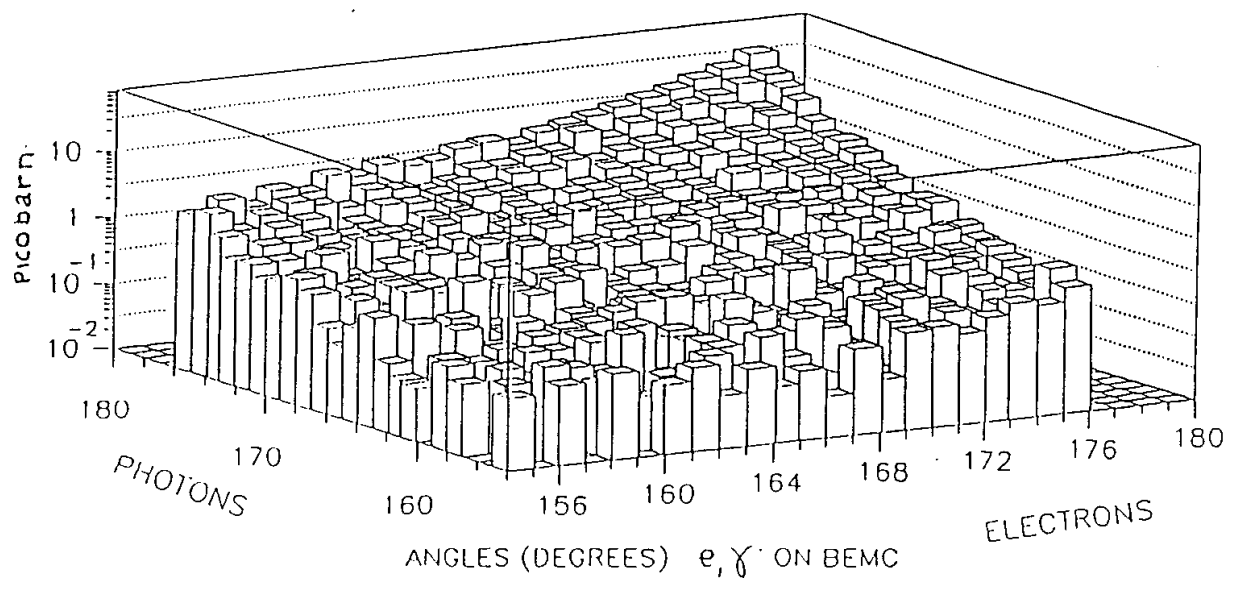
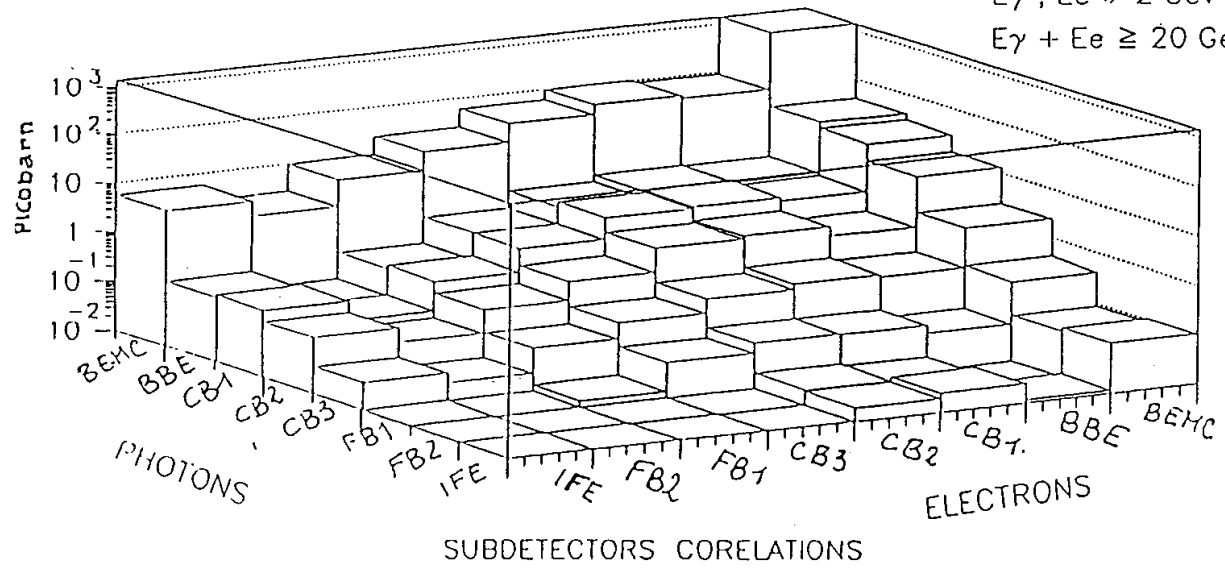
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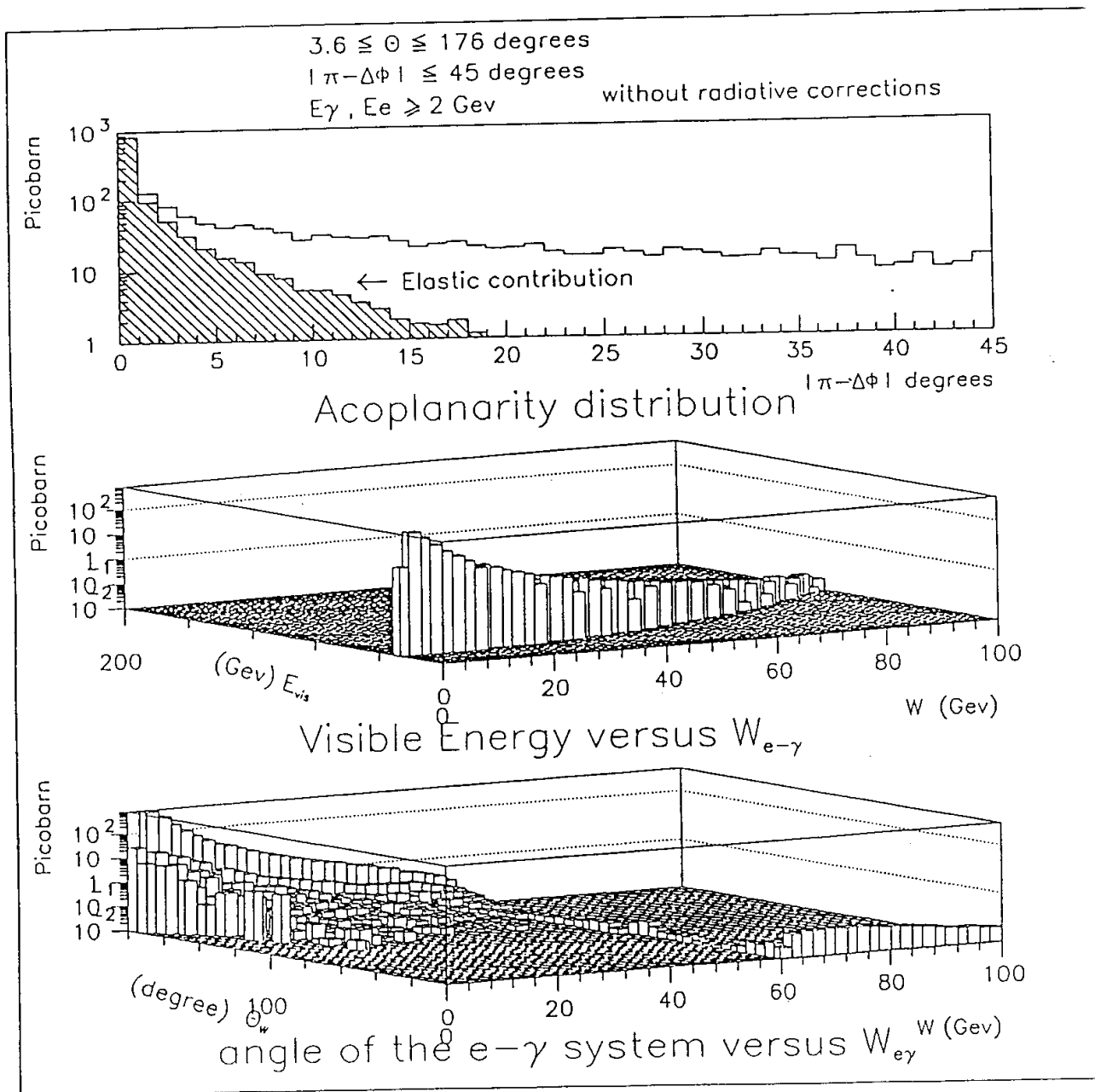


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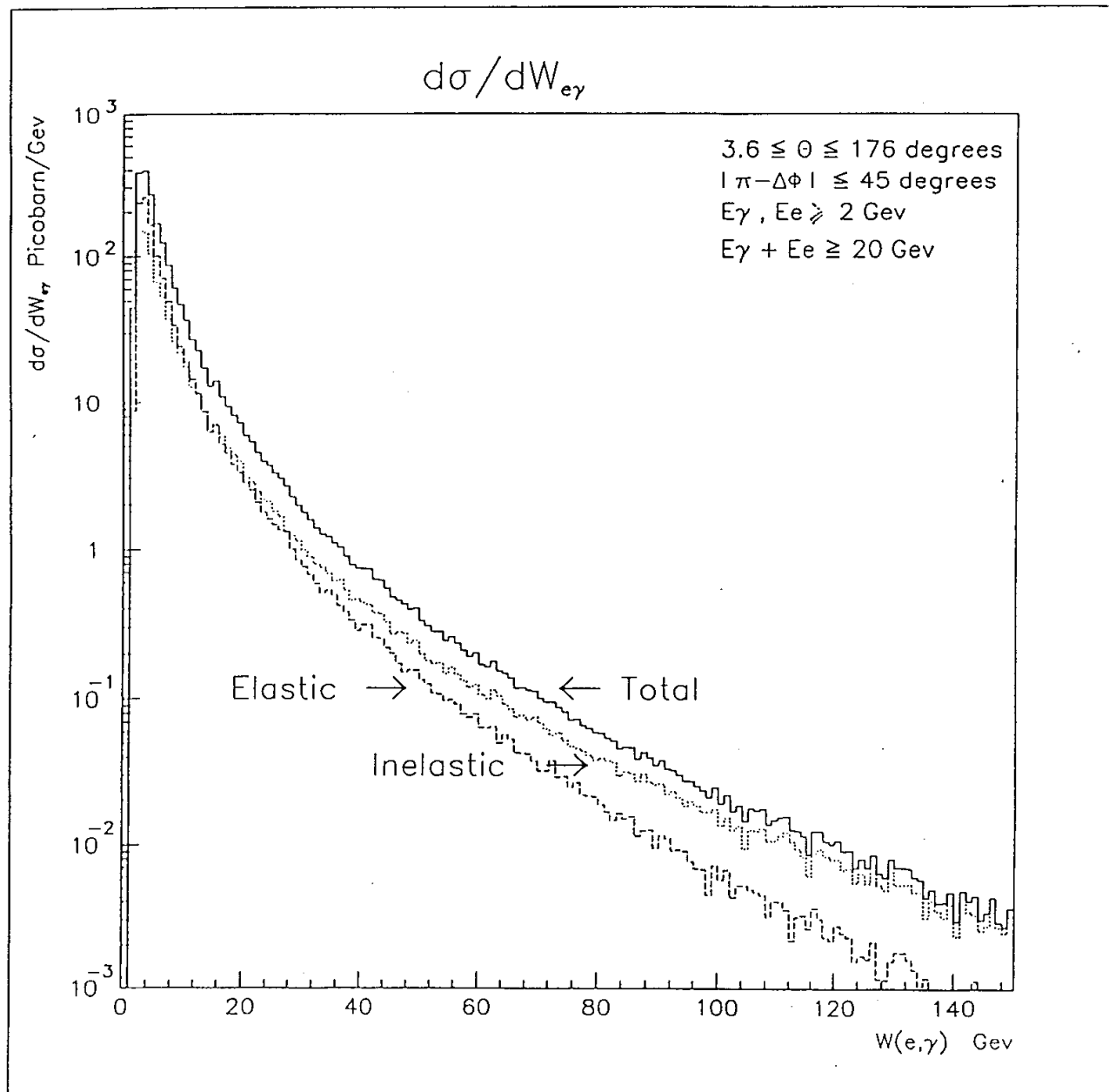
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- Figure 4 -



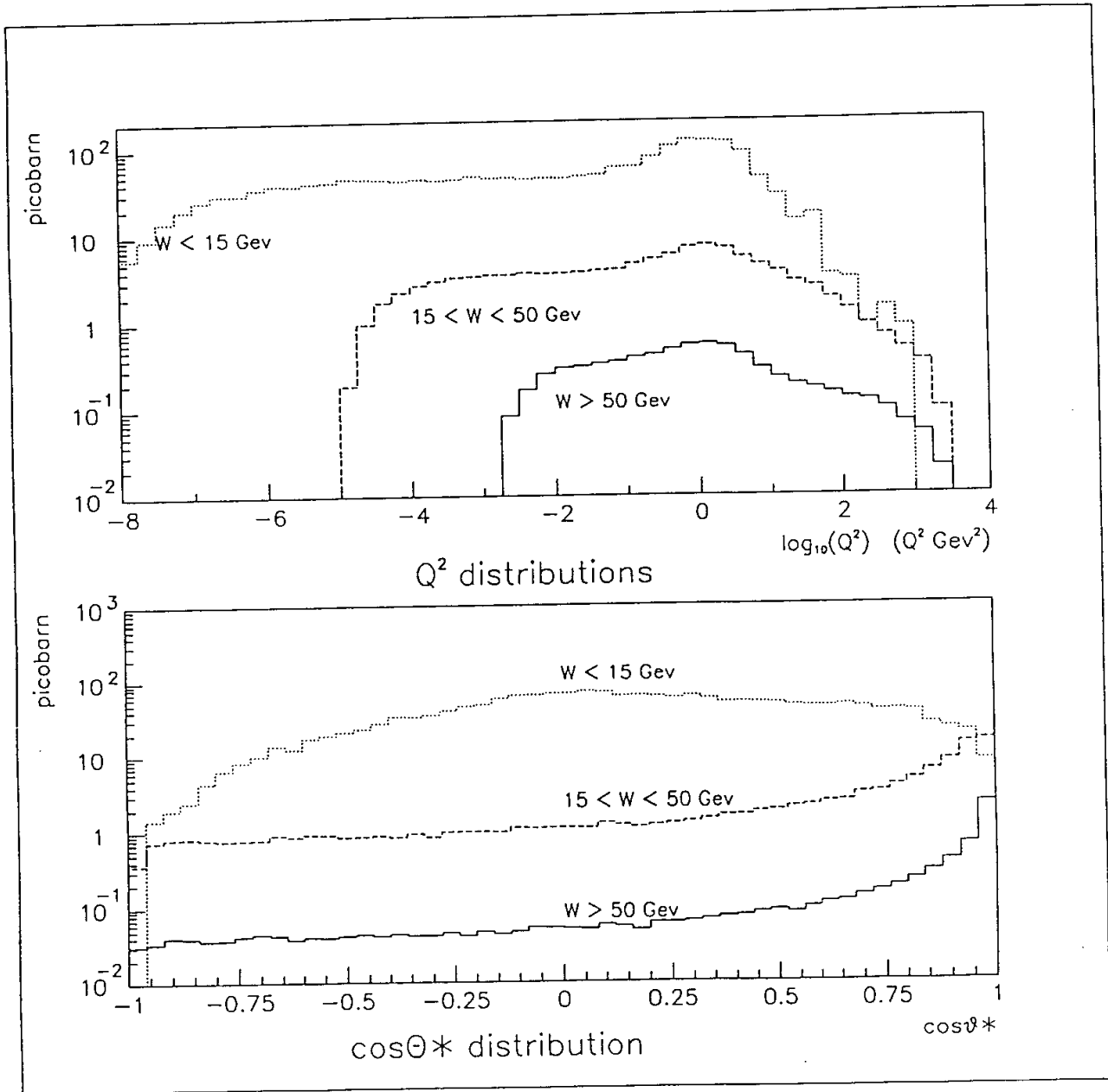
- Figure 5 -



- Figure 6 -



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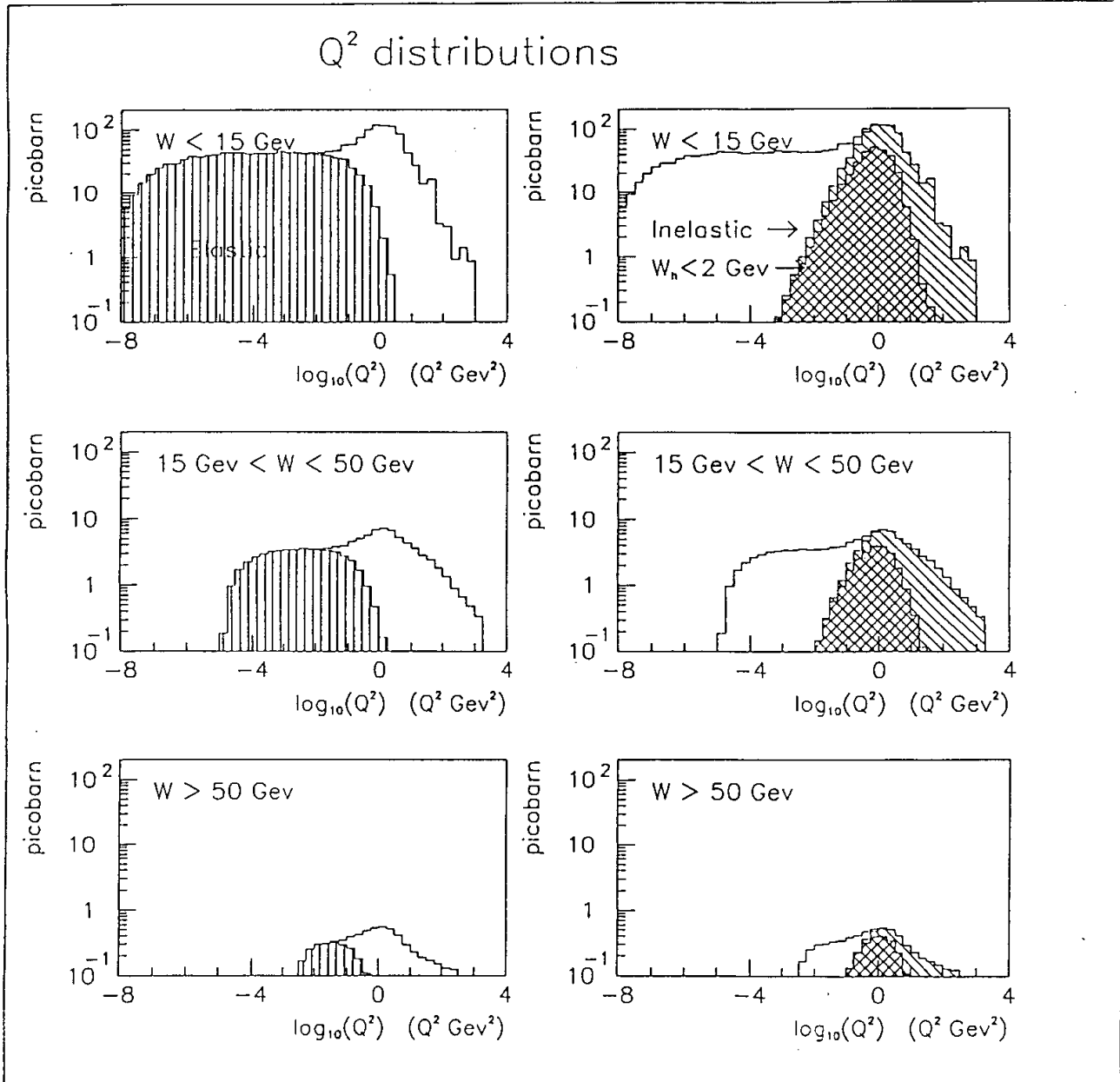
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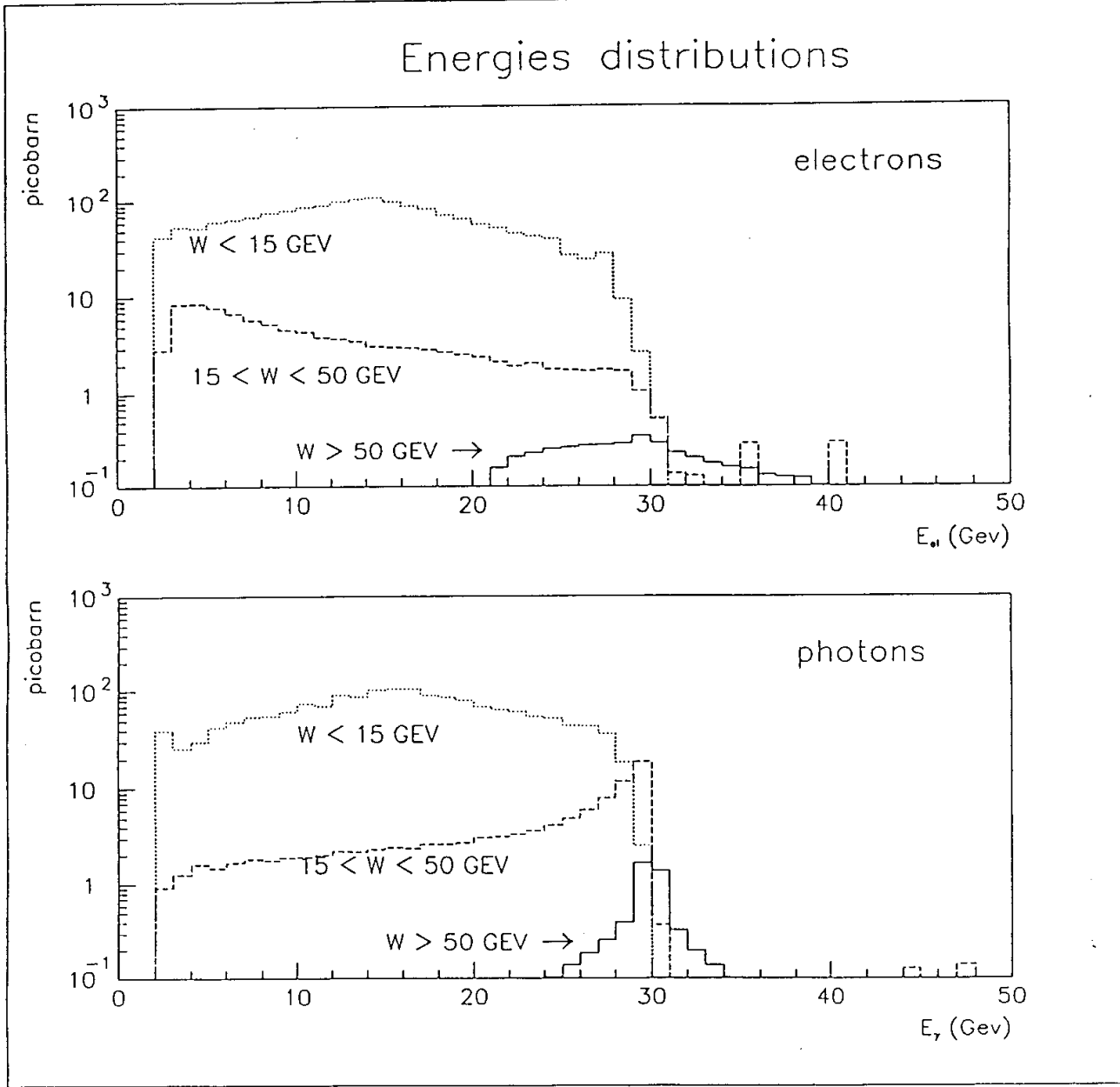
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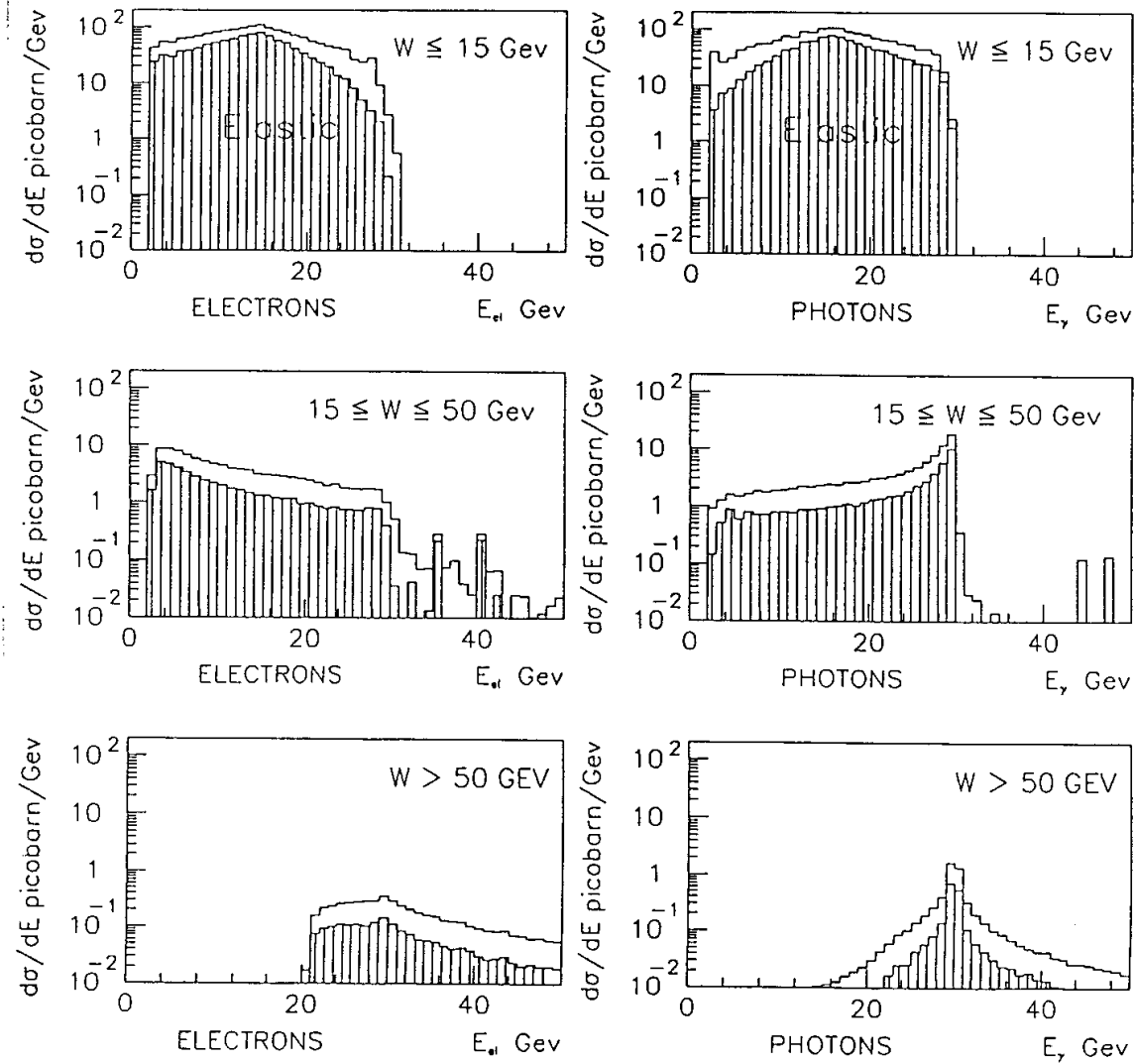
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- Figure 9 - a)

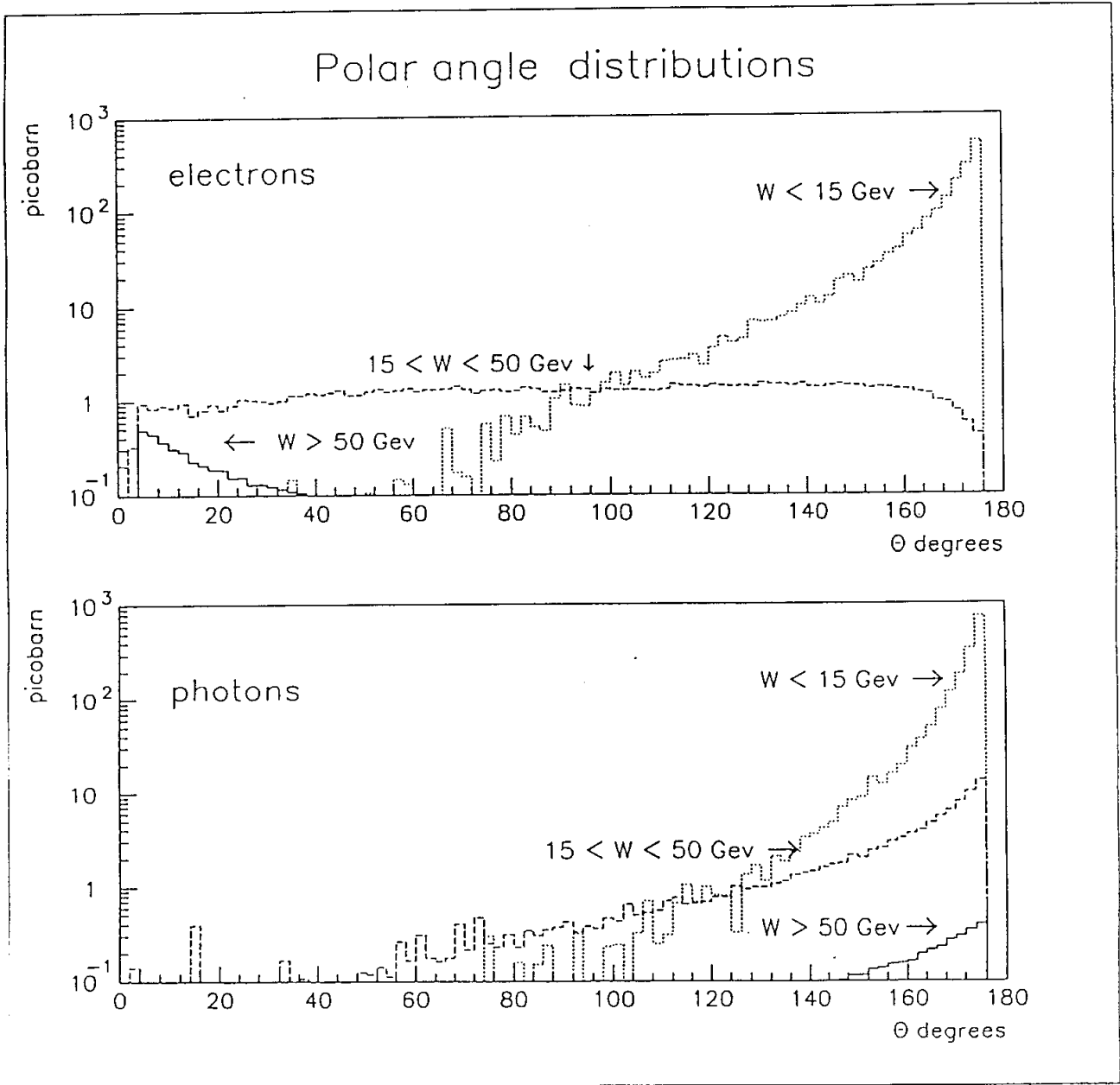
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### Energy Distributions



- Figure 9 -b)

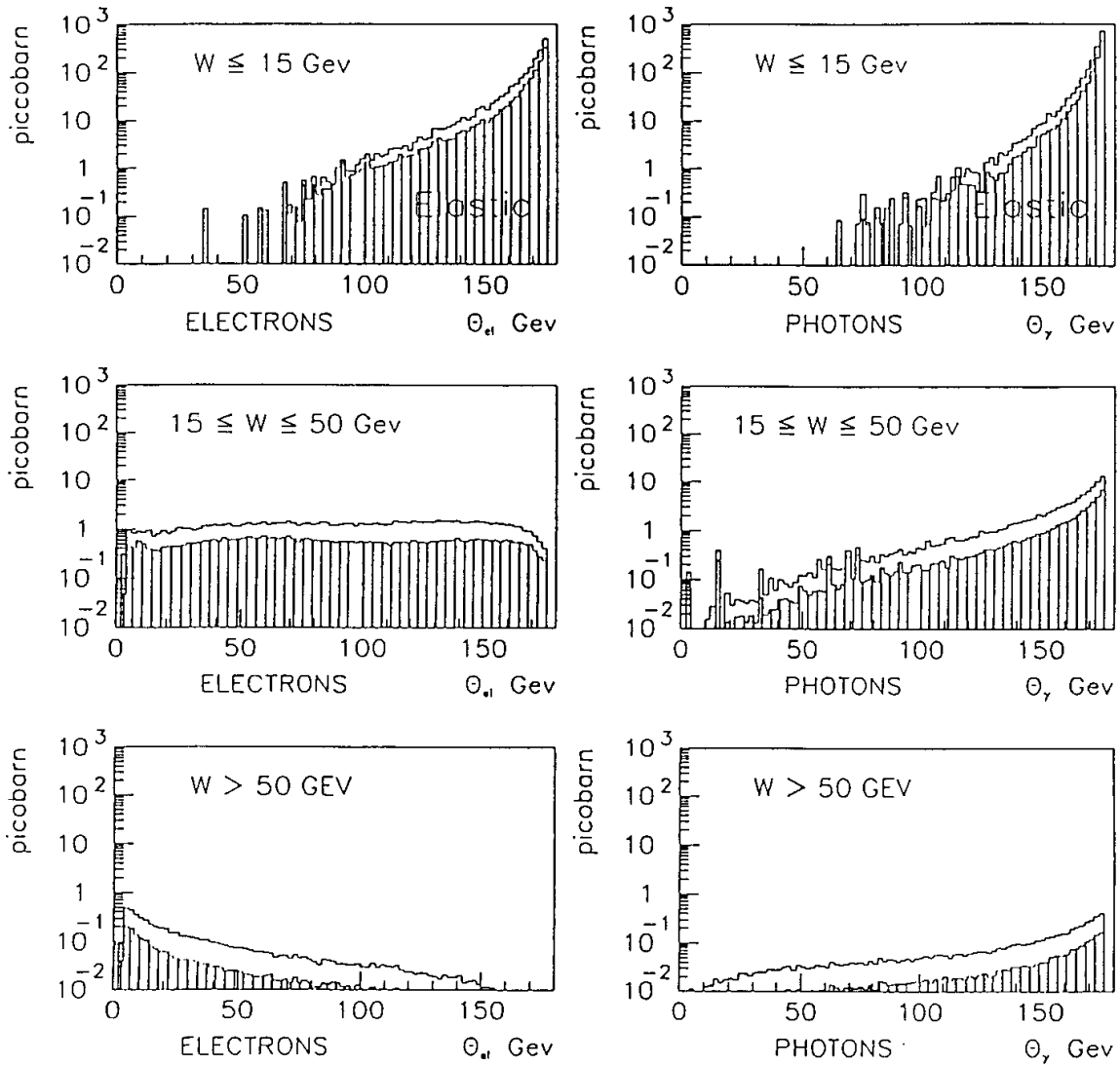
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- Figure 10 - a)

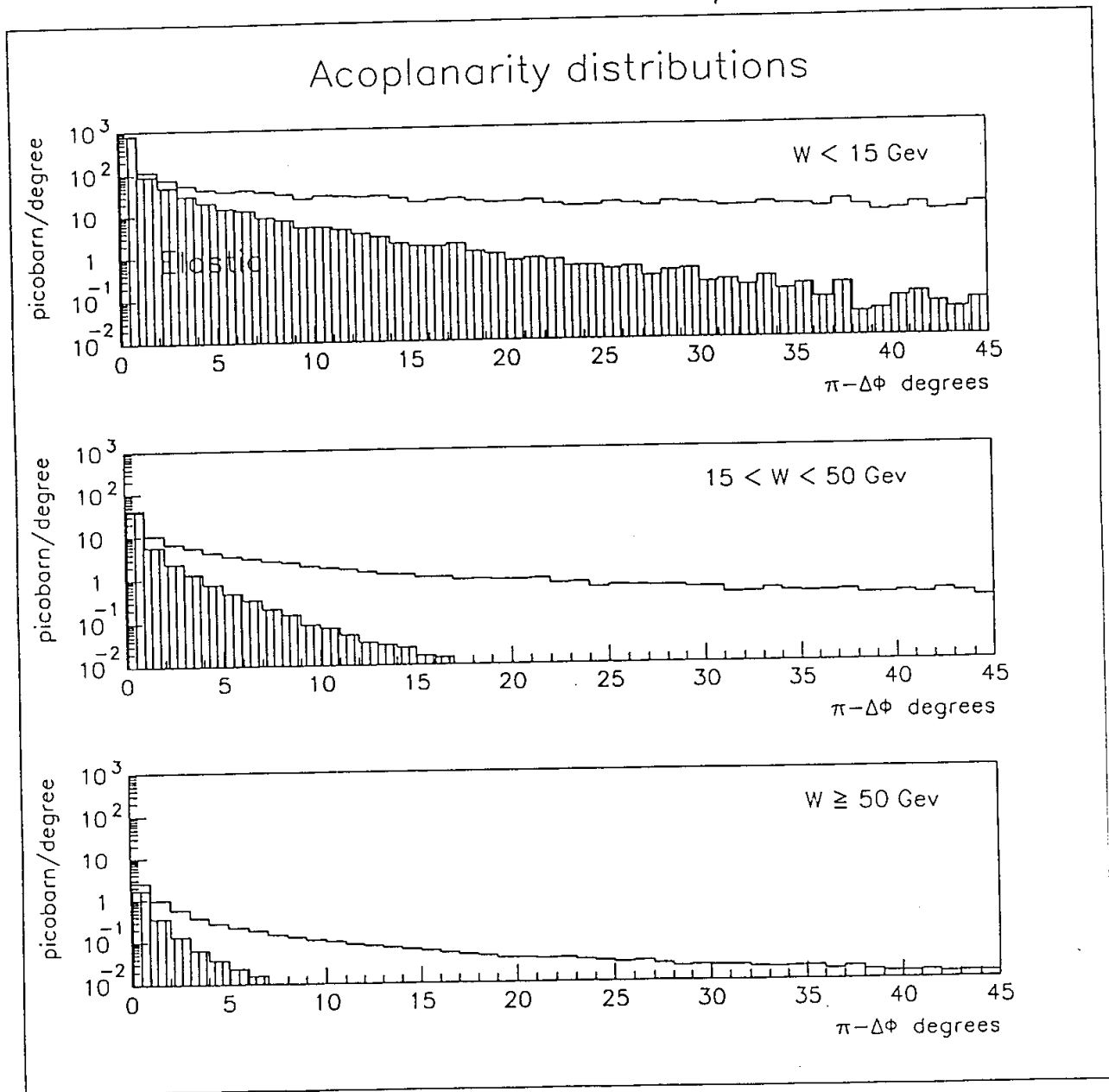
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### Polar angle Distributions



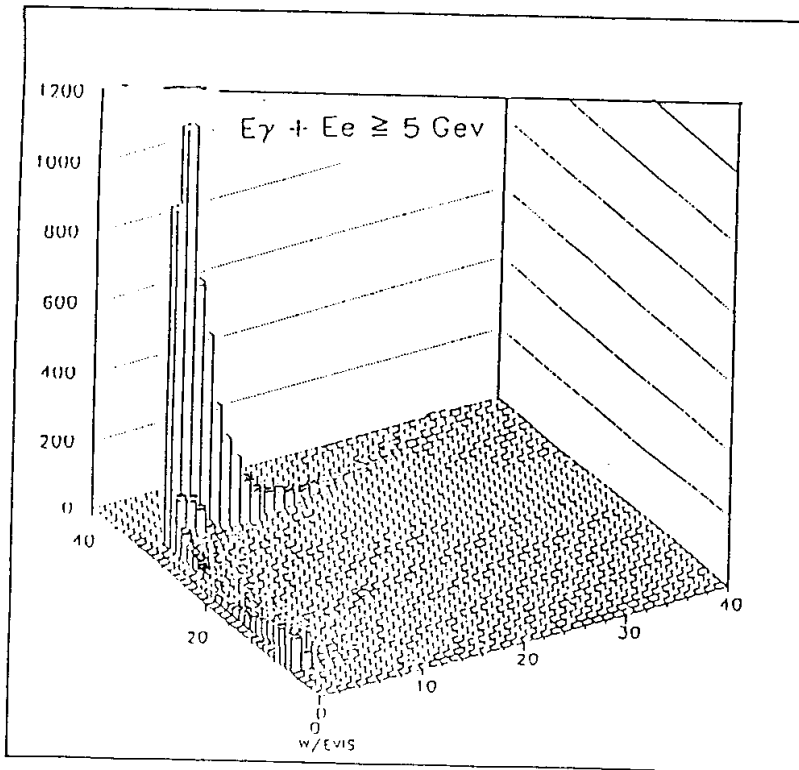
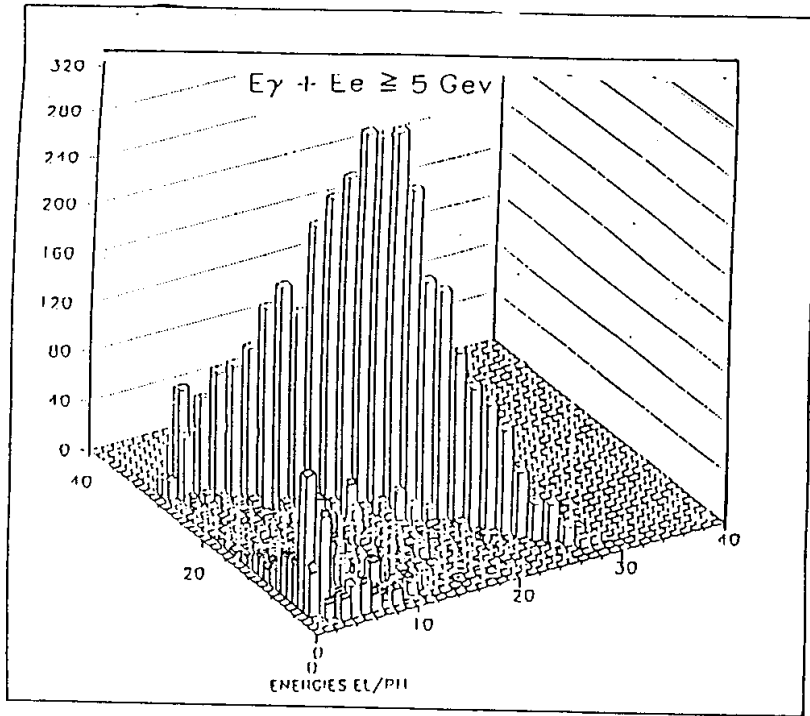
- Figure 10 - b)

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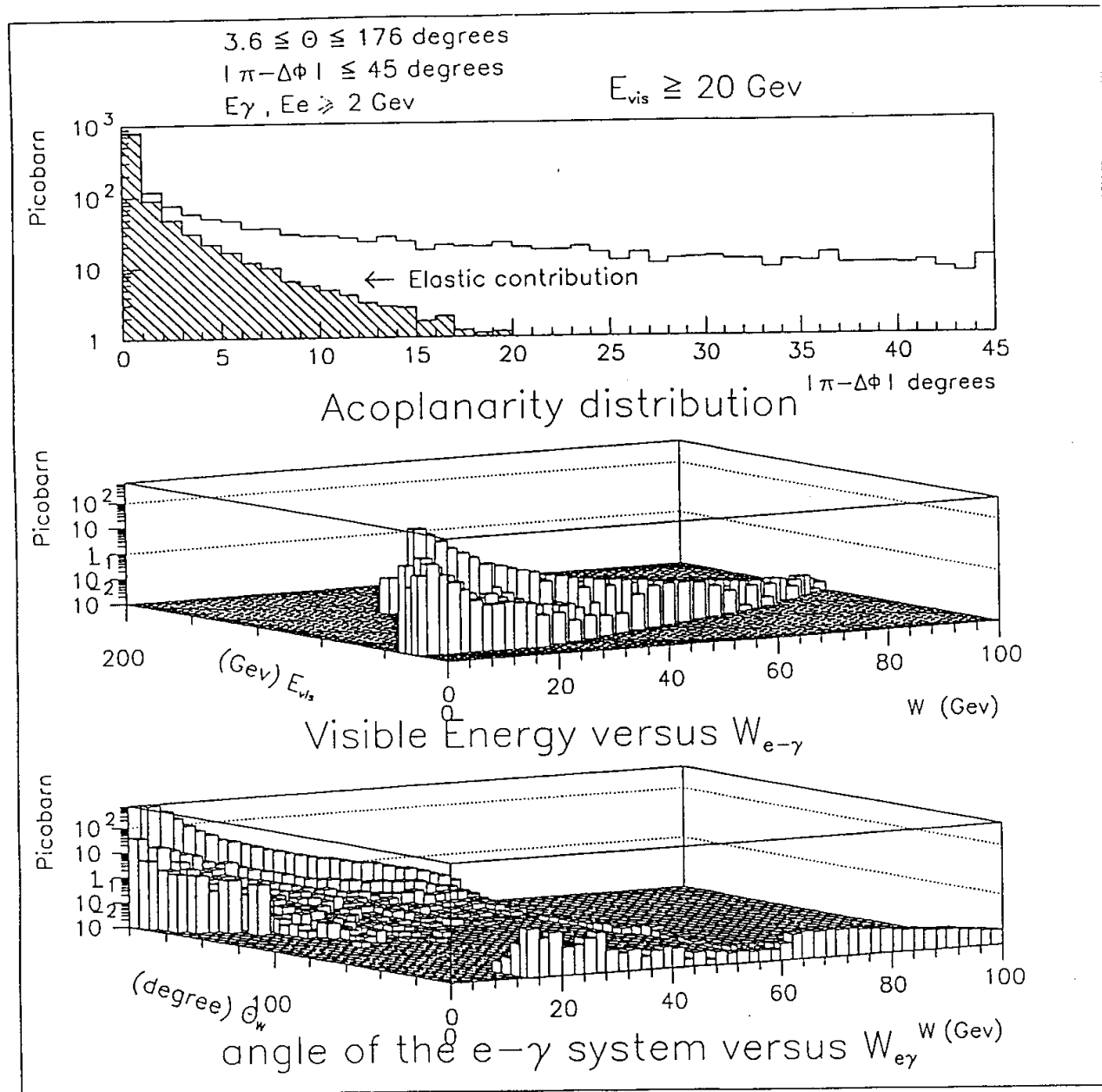
- Figure 11 -

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- Figure 12 -



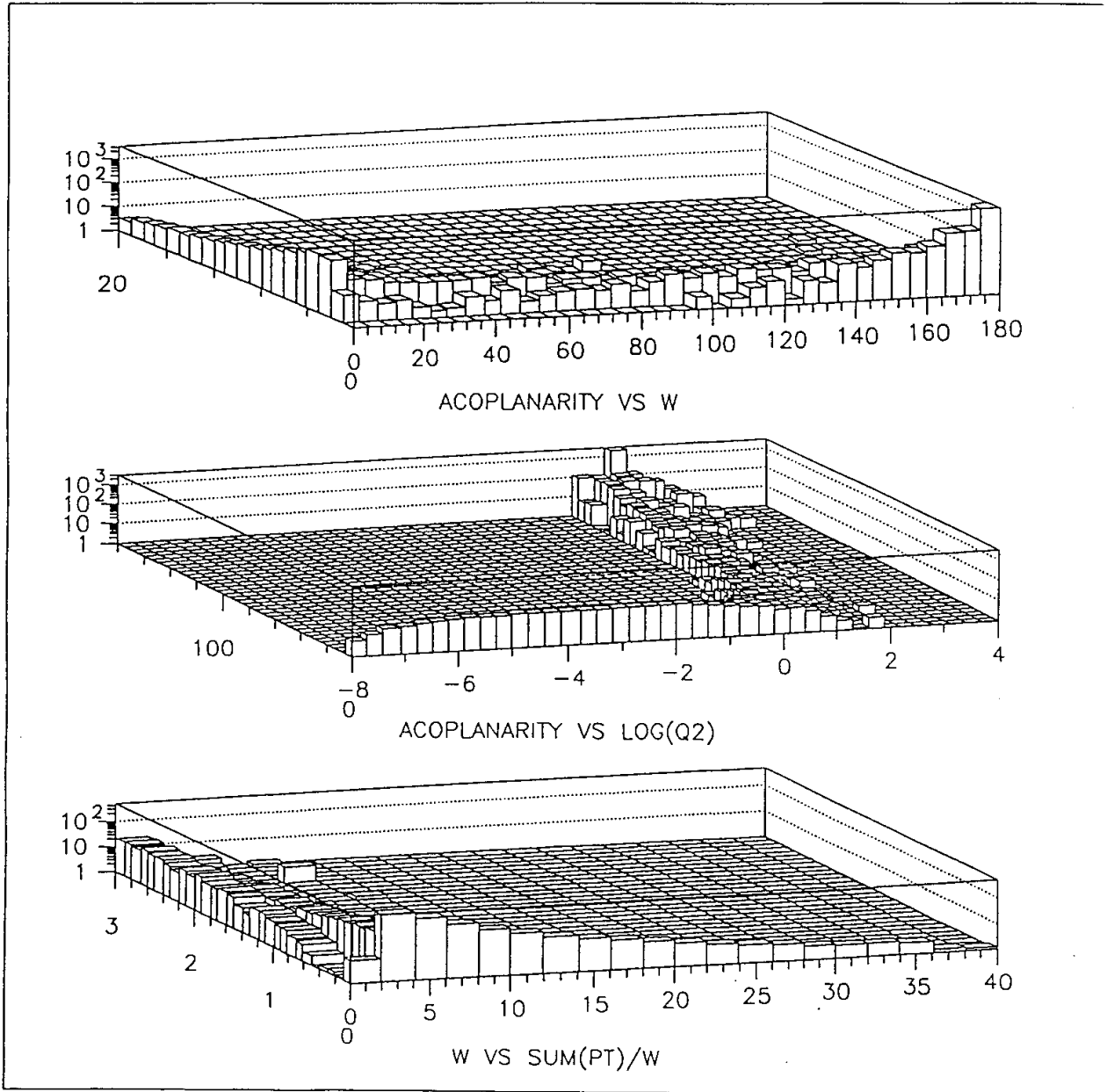


- Figure 13 -

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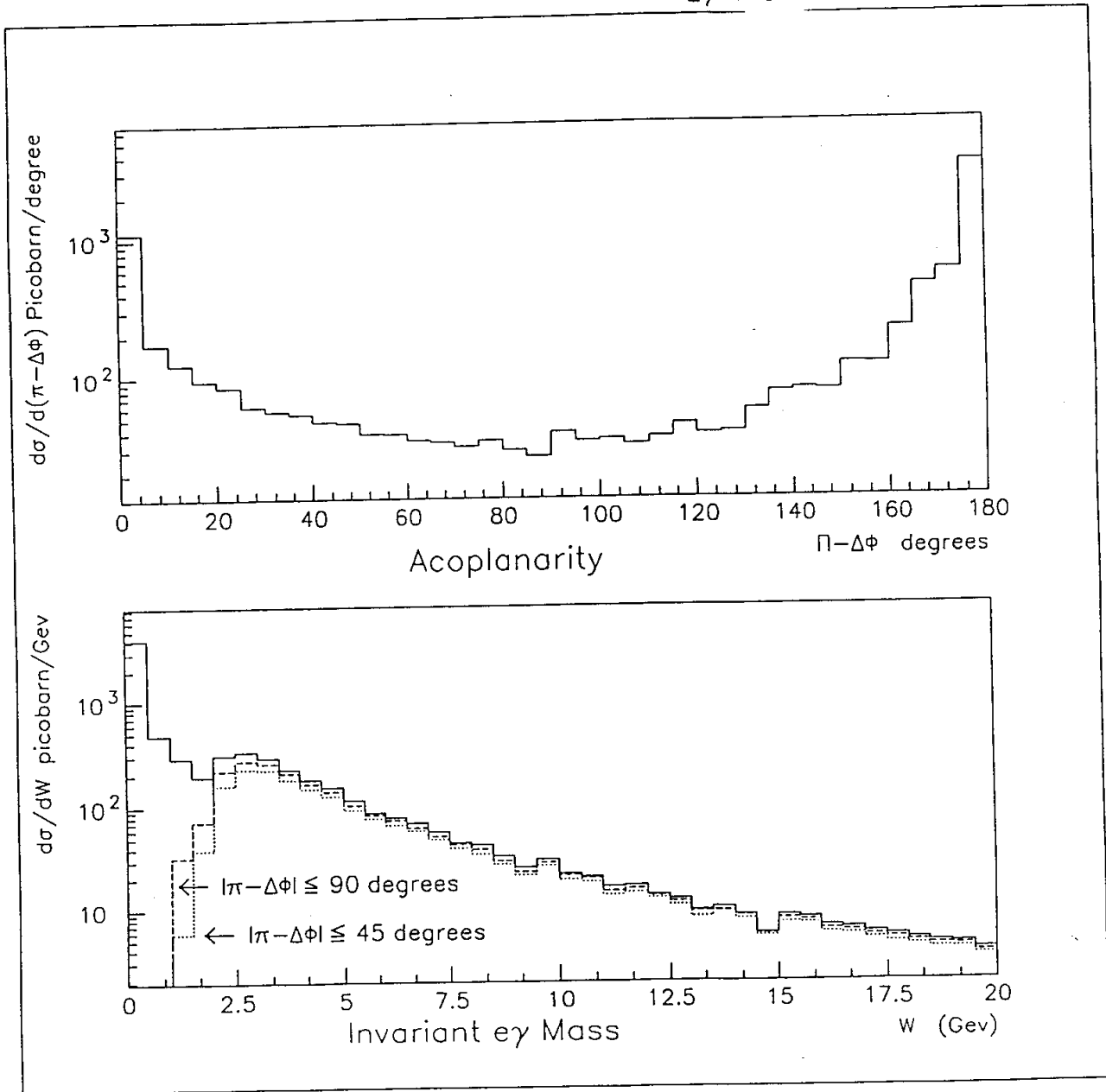


- Figure 14-

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- Figure 15 -