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Dr. Bernardini
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Dear Dr. Bernardini:

Enclosed is a print of the information you requested during our telephone conversation. I hope it will be of value to you. I am also sending the contents of this letter to Dr. Moravcsik so that he likewise will have a clearer understanding of our experiment. The data is preliminary and some improvements will result in our paper presenting our experimental results.

As you will note from the enclosures, the photon beam is introduced along the magnetic axis of symmetry of our spiral orbit spectrometer. The axis of our cylindrical target, which was a high pressure deuterium gas or carbon and CD_2 , was made coincident with the axis of symmetry of the magnetic field. Charged pions created at 90° (in the laboratory system) to the photon beam were magnetically analyzed and counted by a coincidence technique. When quadruple coincidence counting was used, only one sign of the pion was counted at a time. When triple and double coincidence counting was used, both pion signs were counted simultaneously. The magnetic field of the spectrometer was reversed periodically so as to compensate for any geometric effects that might be present in counting the different charged pions. As you are aware, the range of a 10 Mev pion is very small. To measure electronically in this region is not simple. We measure in this region indirectly by using a normalization method. We determine our counter efficiencies for the π^+ in the low energy region by surrounding our target by a hollow copper cylinder that degrades higher energy pions into the low energy region. The ratio for the high energy pions is first measured by a triple coincidence method. Remasuring this ratio after the pions are degraded gives us the proper normalization factor for change in counter efficiency.

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This measure is necessary because in the case of triple or quadruple coincidence the pions have sufficient energy to pass through the counters while a 10 Mev pion stops in the second counter. Because of this the detection efficiency for positive and negative pions is different.

I hope this aids you in understanding our measurements
Should additional information be required, please write me

Yours sincerely,

Walter F. Didziak

cc: Dr. M. J. Moravcsik
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Upton, Long Island, N. Y.

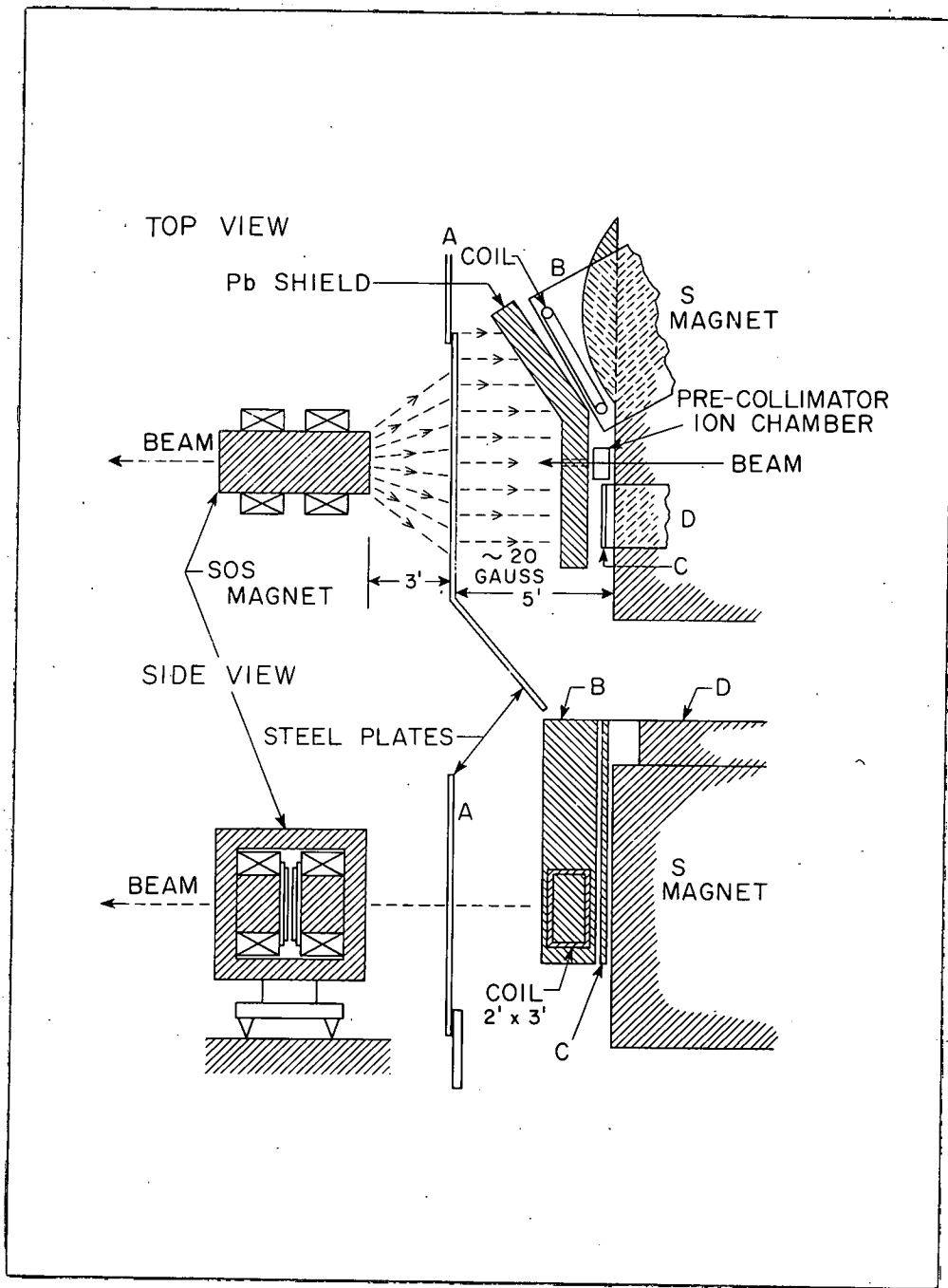


Fig. 1.

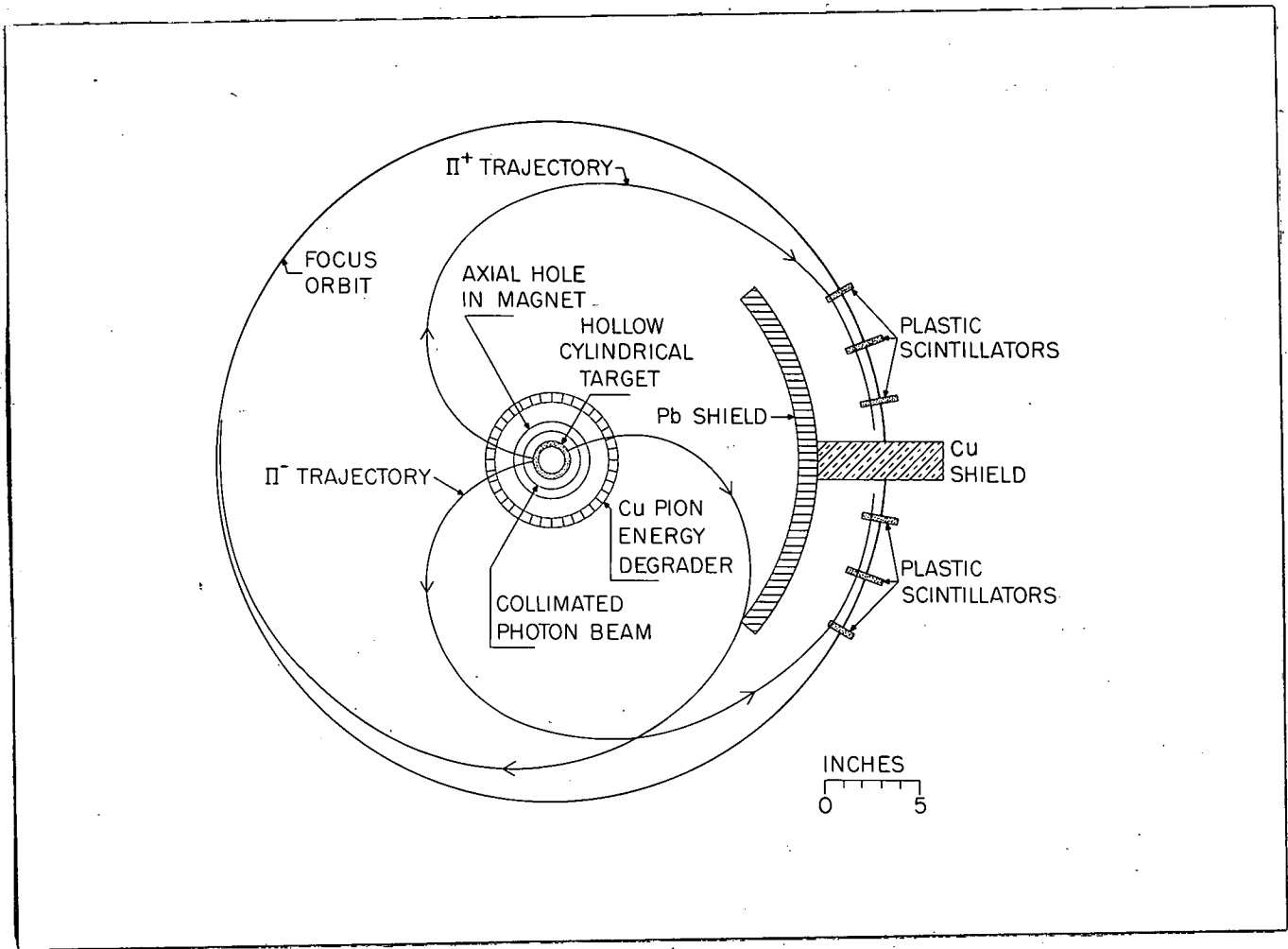


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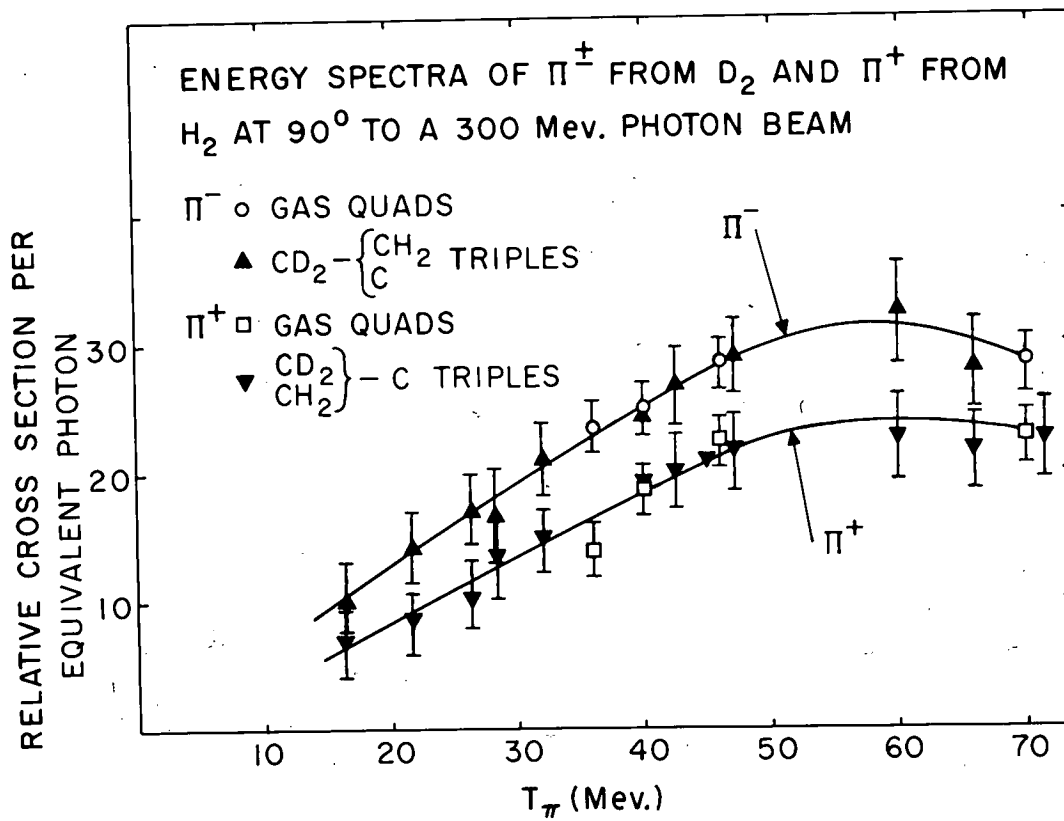


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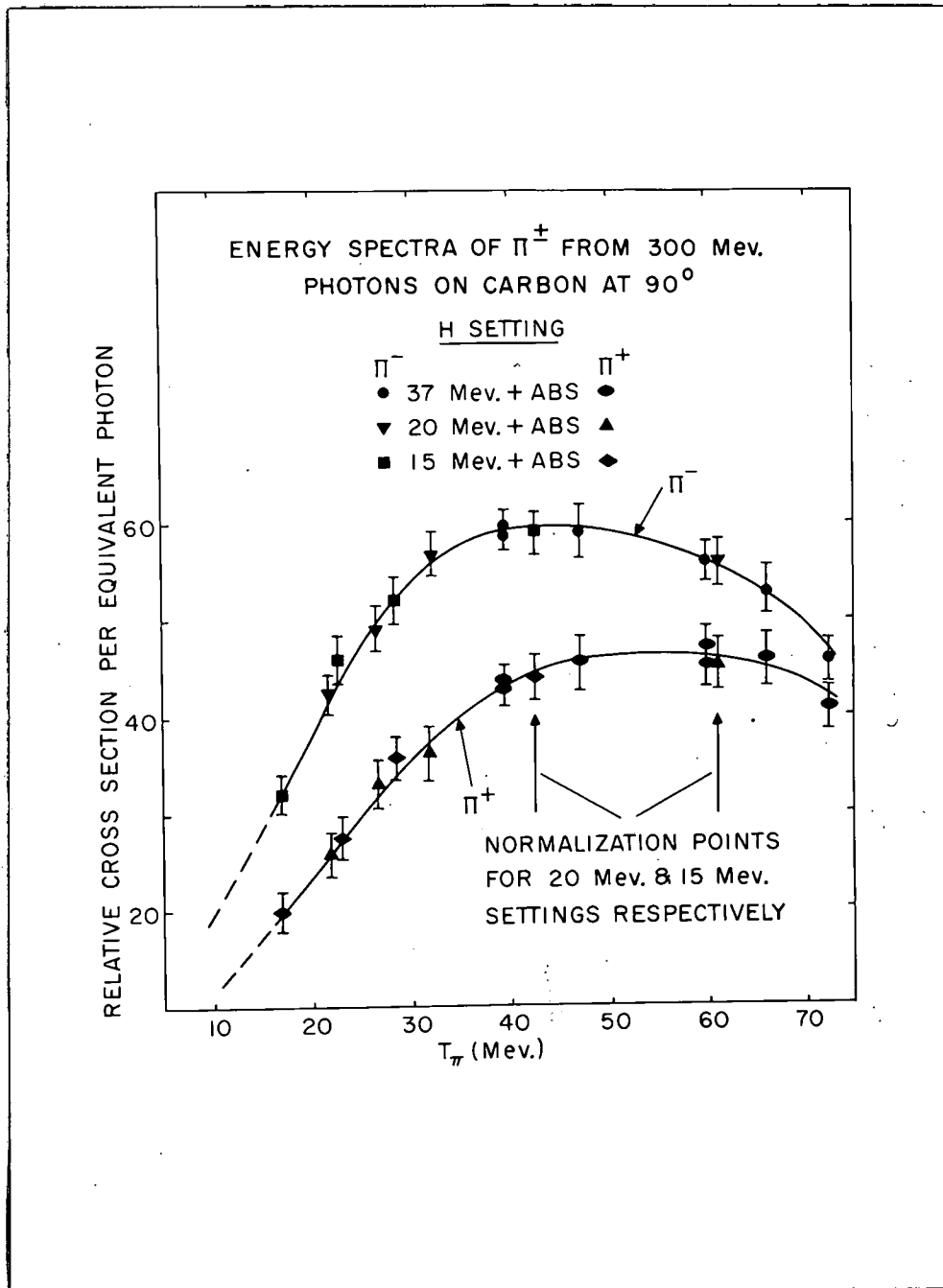


Fig. 4.

π^-/π^+ RATIOS AT 90° TO A 300 MeV PHOTON BEAM

Mean Pion Energy T π (MeV)	Carbon		Deuterium	
	Emulsion	Counters (Triples)	Triples	Quads
72		1.1 ± 0.1		
70				1.25 ± 0.15
66		1.12 ± 0.1	1.18 ± 0.2	
60		1.26 ± 0.1	1.28 ± 0.2	
57	1.2 ± 0.1			
53		1.29 ± 0.15		
47	1.2 ± 0.1	1.30 ^{***}	1.30 ± 0.2	1.27 ± 0.15
42.5		1.3 ± 0.1	1.30 ± 0.2	
40		1.36 ± 0.1	1.28 ± 0.2	1.31 ± 0.15
36	1.4 ± 0.15			1.36 ± 0.15
32		1.48 ± 0.12	1.35 ± 0.2	
28		1.45 ± 0.12		
26.3		1.4 ± 0.15	1.5 ± 0.3	
22	1.4 ± 0.12	1.66 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.3	
16.5		1.68 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.3	
15.5		1.67 ± 0.2		
12.5	1.62 ± 0.2			

*** Normalization