

## Electron Scattering at very low Q<sup>2</sup>

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The ep cross section at very low q<sup>2</sup> is expressed as the photon cross section (virtual, considered real, and therefore, keeping only the transversal component) times *a virtual photon flux*.

$$d^2\sigma_T(ep) = \sigma_T(\gamma p) d^2F$$

The virtual photon flux is expressed (by its kinematical dependences) as:

$$d^2F = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{1 + (1-y)^2}{yQ^2} dy dQ^2$$

where

$$\nu = E - E' ; \quad y = \frac{\nu}{E}$$

$$Q^2 \approx EE'\theta^2$$

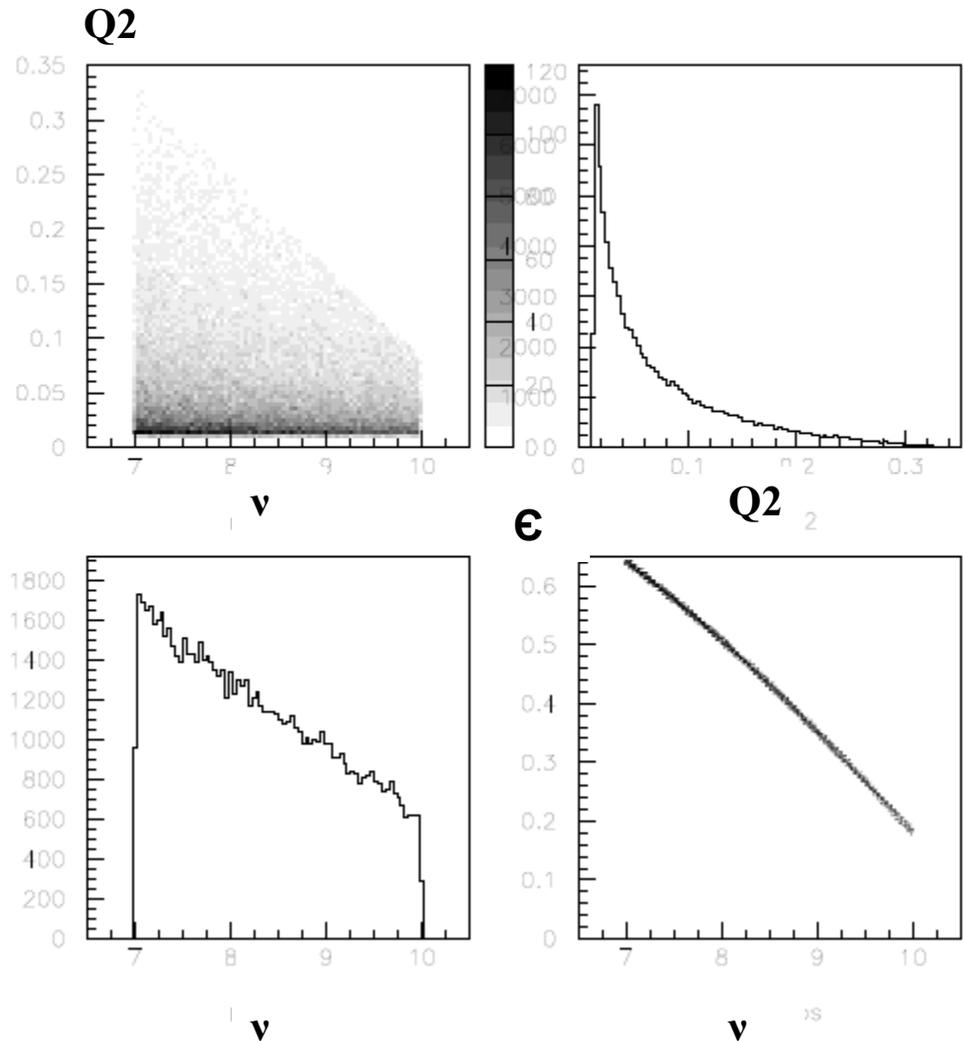
The photon polarization is given by:

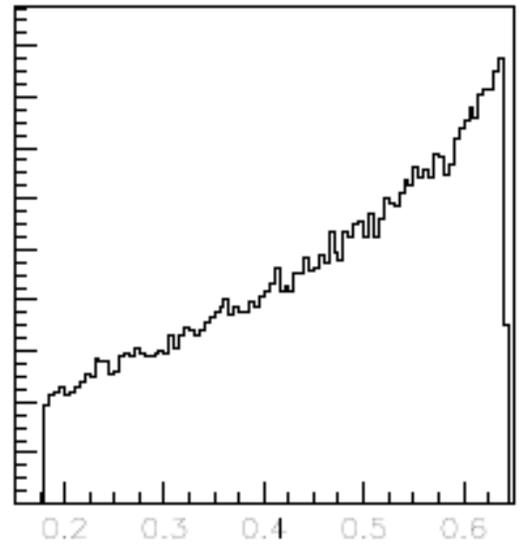
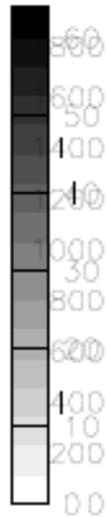
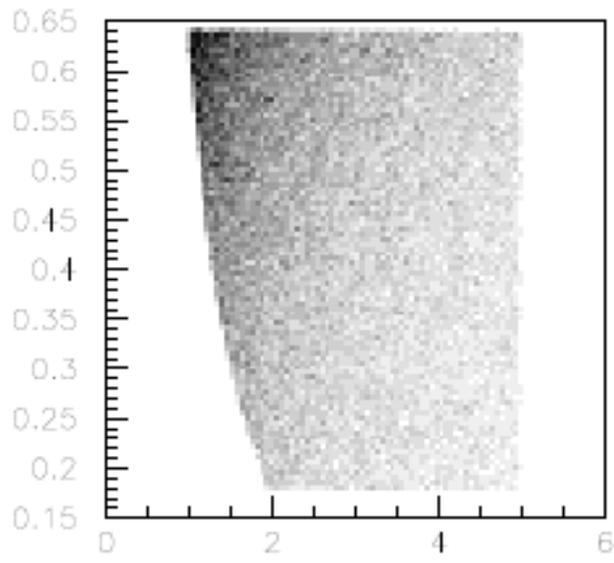
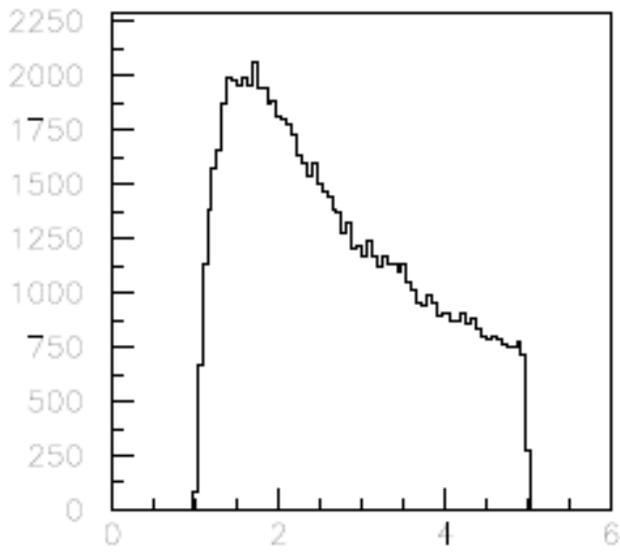
$$\varepsilon \cong \left\{ 1 + \frac{(Q^2 + \nu^2)}{2Q^2} \theta^2 \right\}^{-1}$$

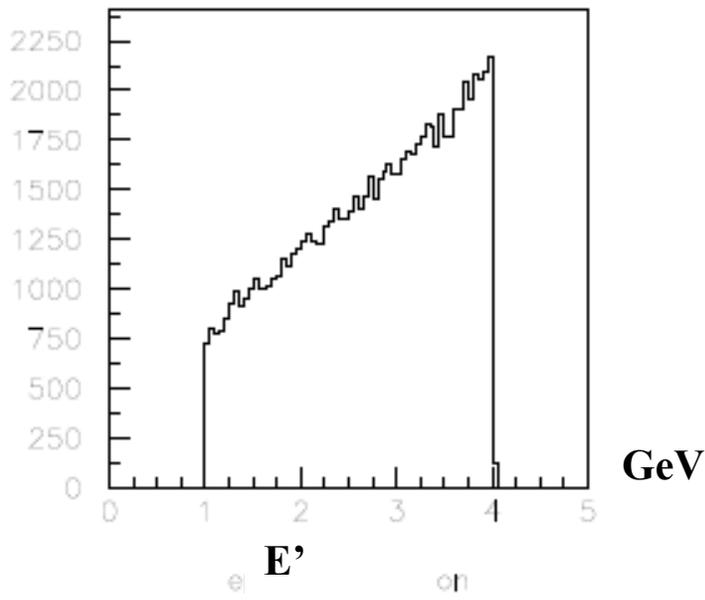
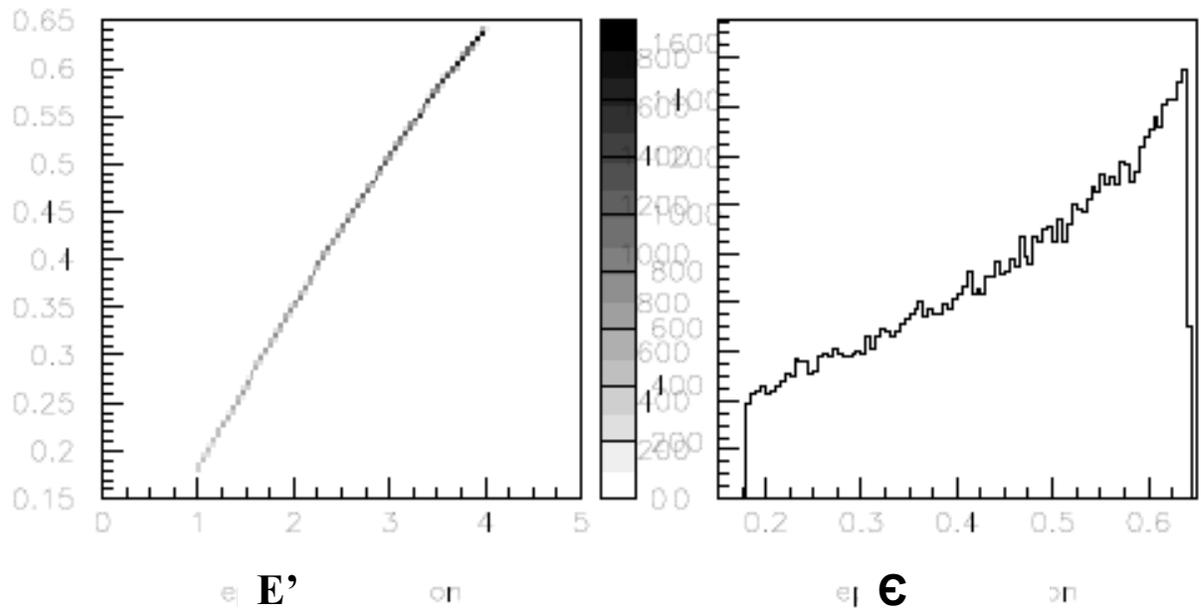
Therefore, the kinematics dependence is only through  $E'; \theta$ .  $\Phi$  is used to create the four-momentum and it is produced with a flat distribution between  $(0, 2\pi)$ . Values were taken in the ranges:  $1 \text{ GeV} < E' < 4 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $1 < \theta < 5 \text{ degrees}$  and  $0 < \Phi < 360 \text{ degrees}$ .

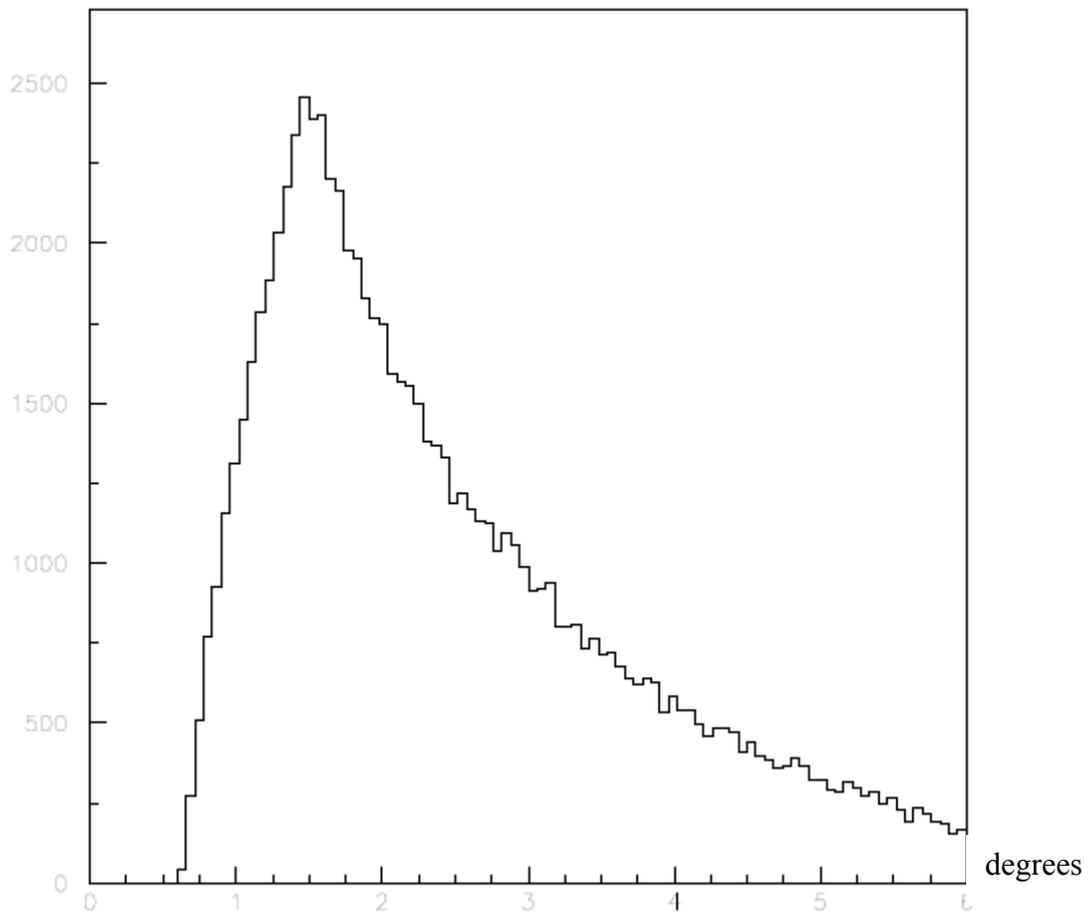
A flux of virtual photons [including each photon's four momentum and polarization ( $\epsilon$ )] was generated to be included as input to our current simulation of real photon cross sections and angular distribution of hadronic production from the proton.

The following plots show some kinematical distributions of these generated virtual photons.



**ε****θ****ε****θ** $s$





$\theta$  of virtual photon