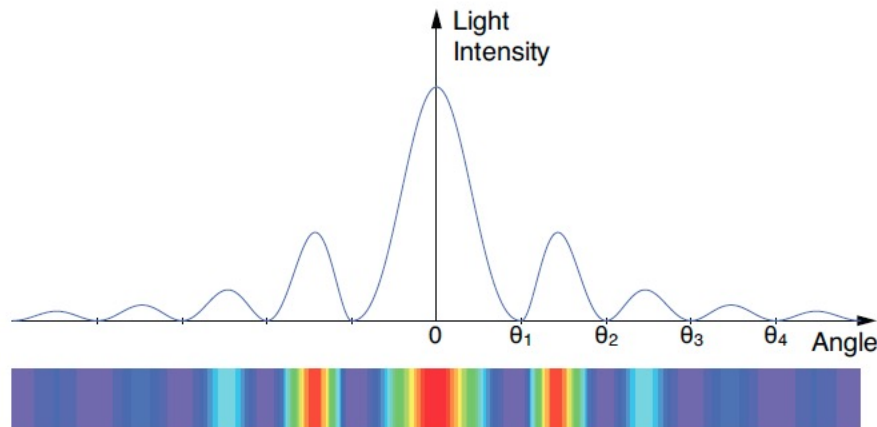


VM program in eA at the EIC – ATHENA



Series of study

- I. Baselines and setups
- II. PHP, t reco, and mass
- III. Preliminary proposal of ϕ

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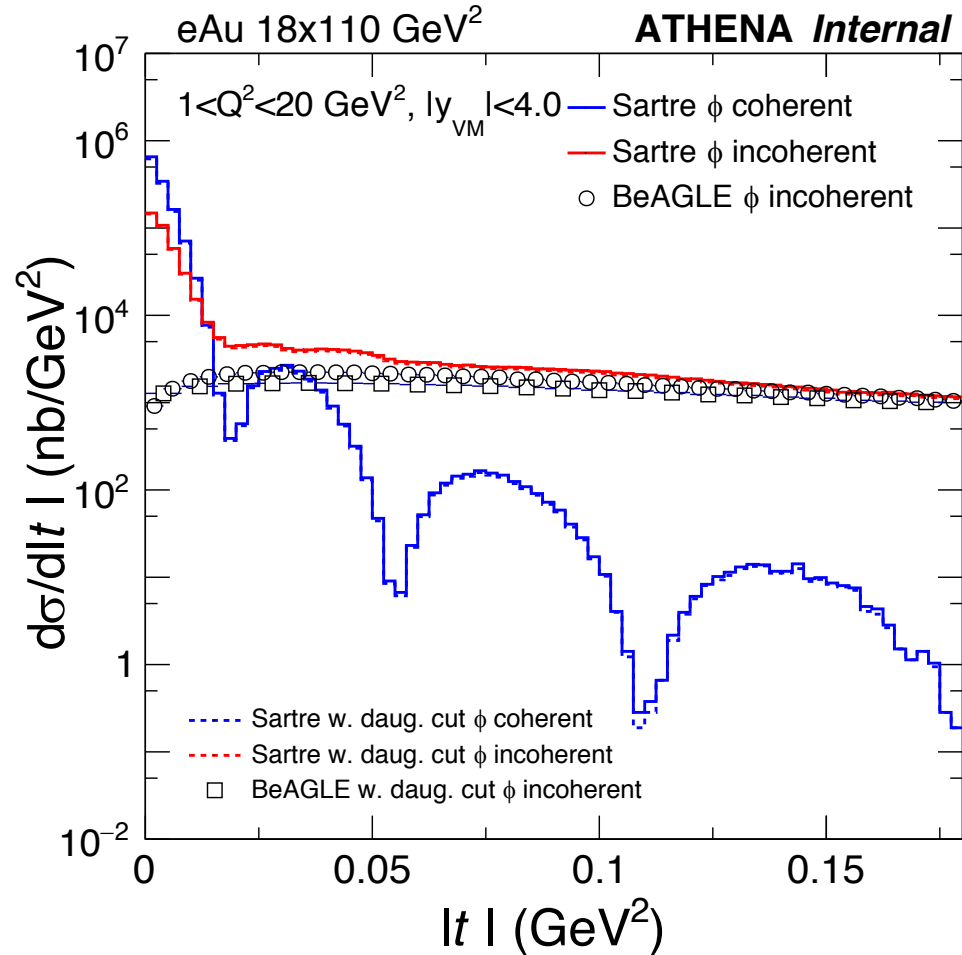
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Corrections to [2021-08.20]

- A few issues were found.
 1. Q^2 limits in Sartre and BeAGLE were not consistent for photoproduction.
 2. Sartre tables for photoproduction are still under investigation.
 3. BeAGLE photoproduction veto had a bug. Veto on photoproduction has been found to be slightly better, but not significantly better.
- One validation was performed against UPC data on J/psi photoproduction off Au nucleus. A good agreement has been found! [not talk about it today.]
- Today, only focusing on electroproduction of phi.

ϕ meson

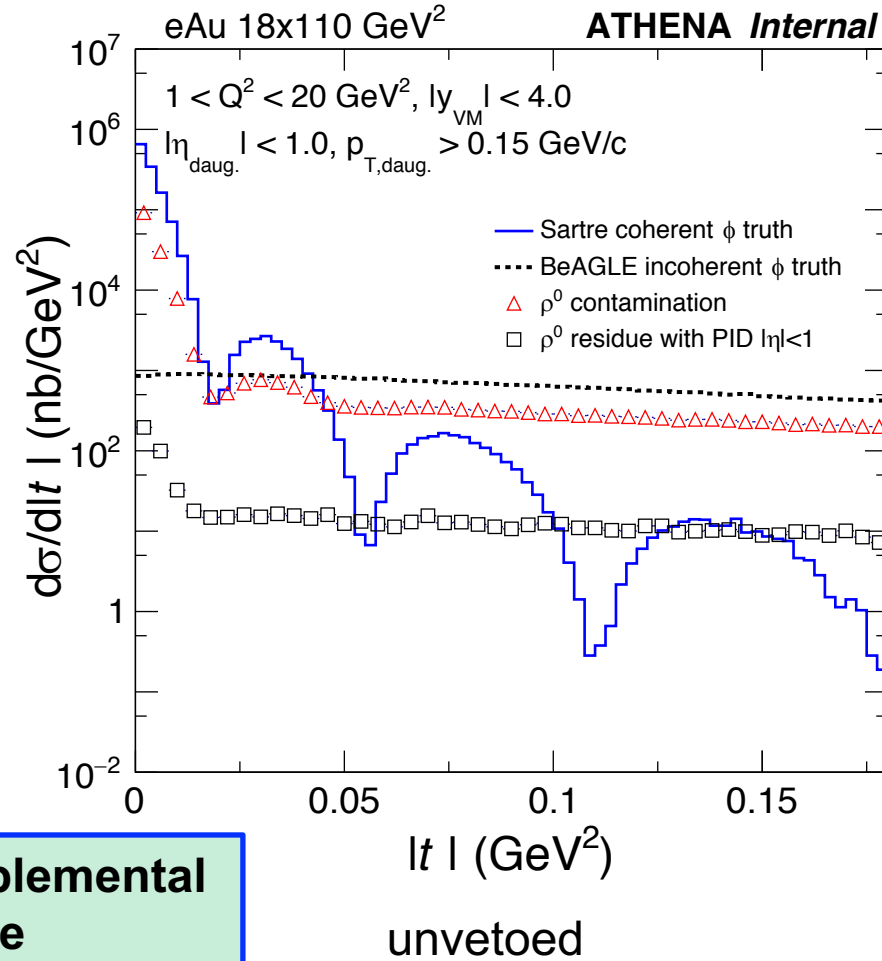


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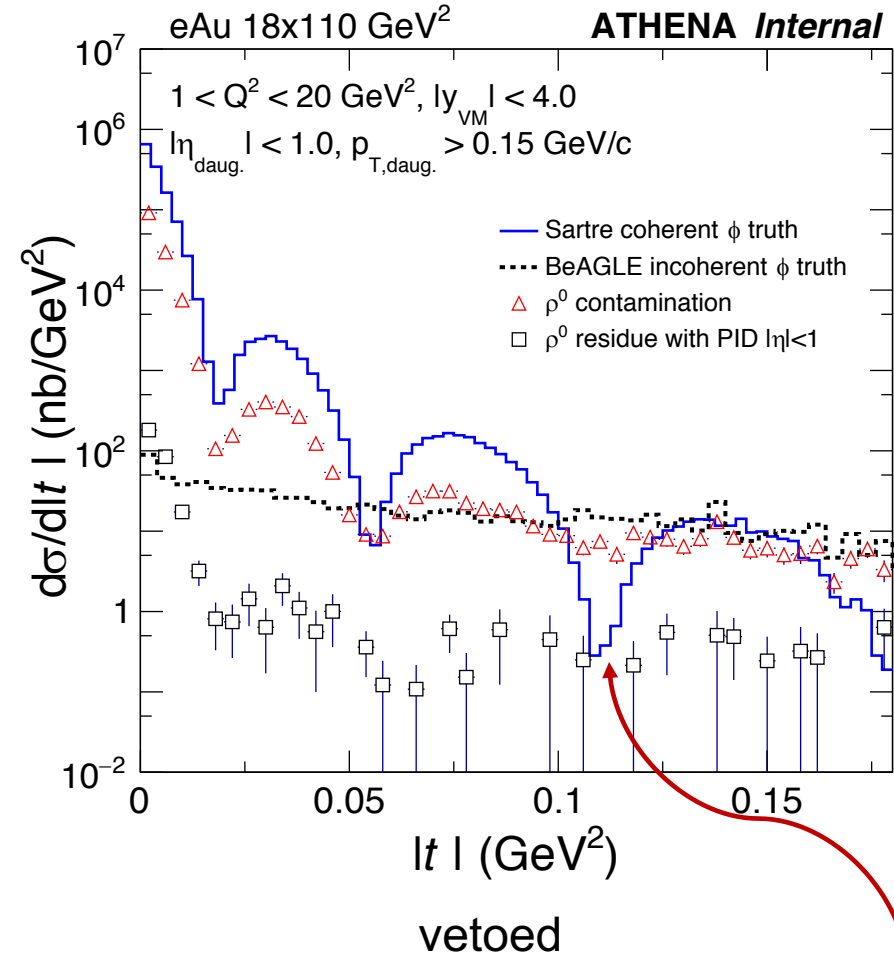
- Effects from PID within $|\eta| < 1.0$, to suppress ρ contributions;
- Effects from incoherent productions and their vetoing. How to deal with residue?
- Smearing from beam and detector effects, reconstruction of t and mass, and combine everything to the final measurement.

Proposal of ϕ meson. without Machine/Detector/Beam effects

“Proposal figure candidates” - PID



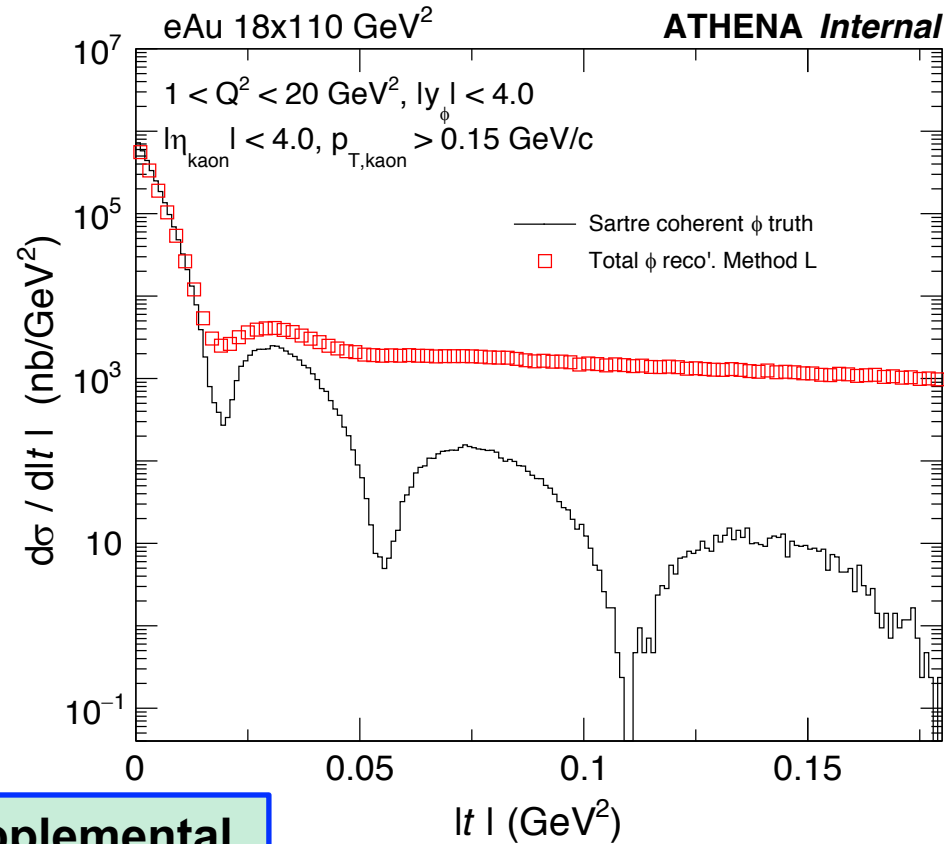
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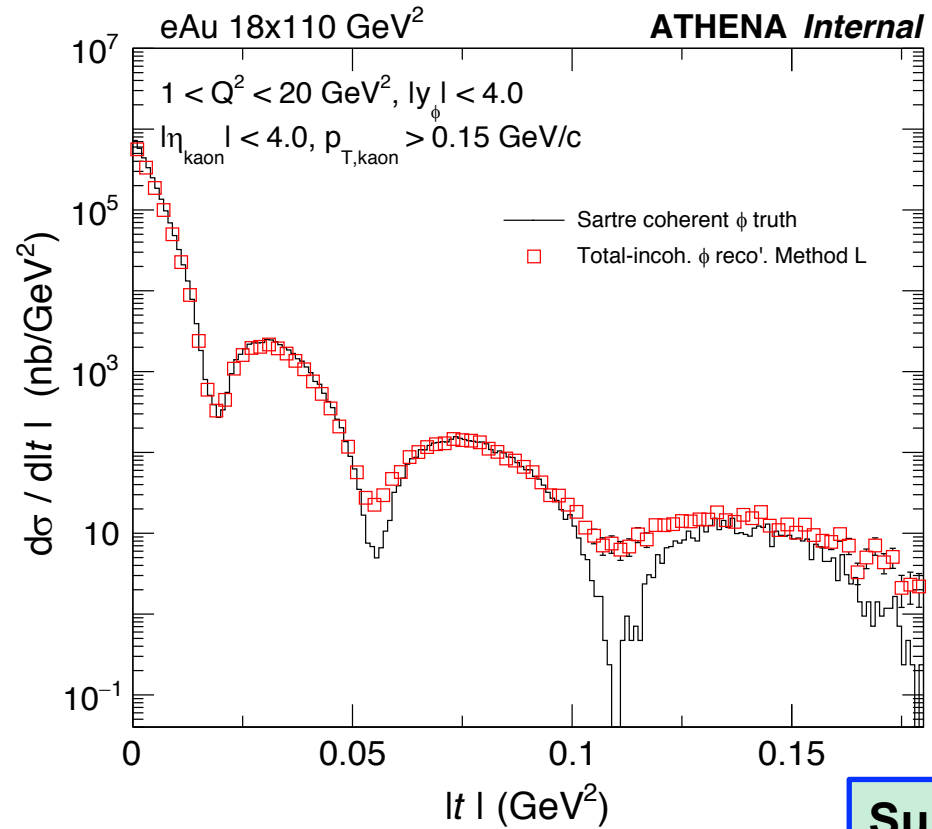
This is to show by having PID, the uncertainty arising from rho VM (incoherent dominant) is eliminated.
 [Note, all daughters $|\eta| < 1.0$]

“Proposal figure candidates” - vetoing



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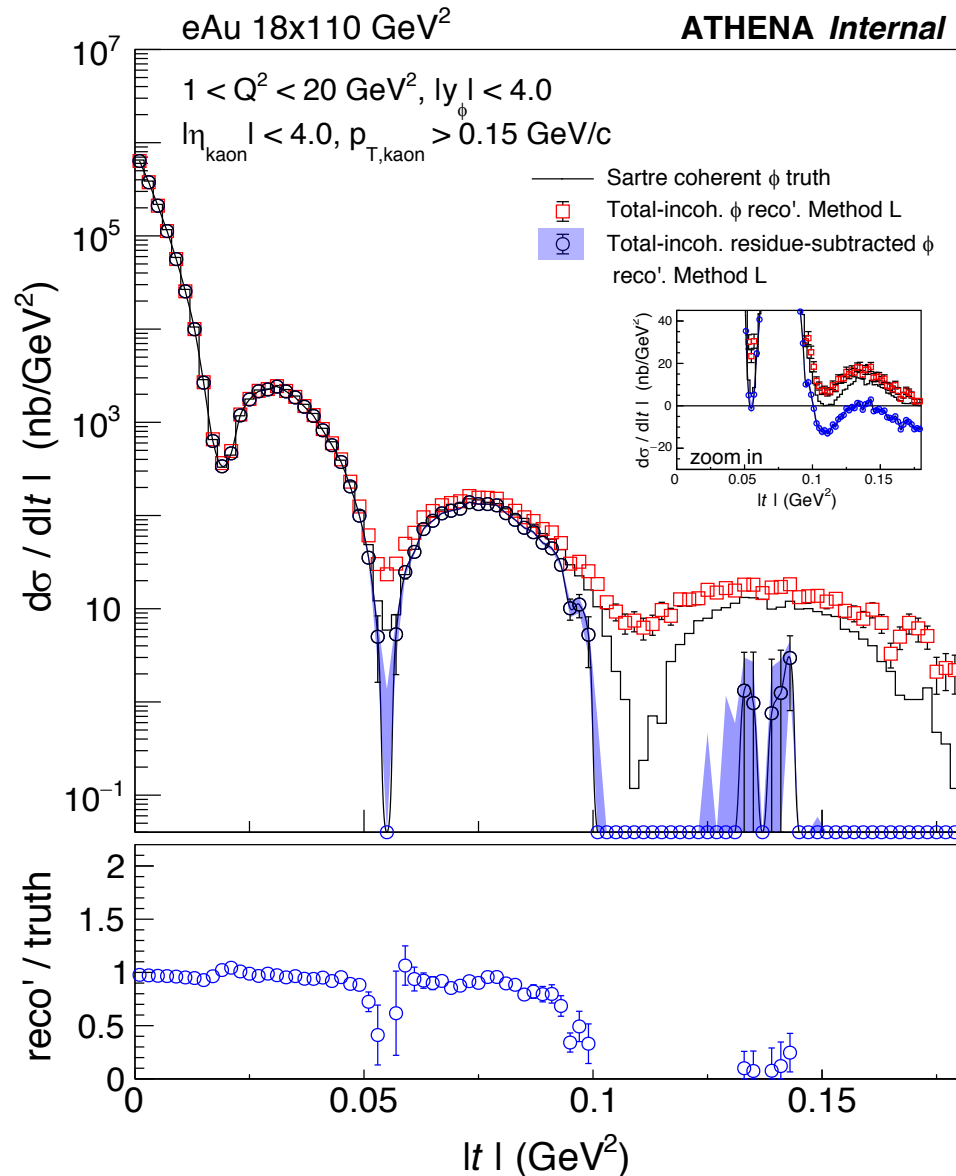


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This is the full phase space for VM daughters.

“Proposal figure candidates” - vetoing



Incoherent residue subtraction

[Conclusion]

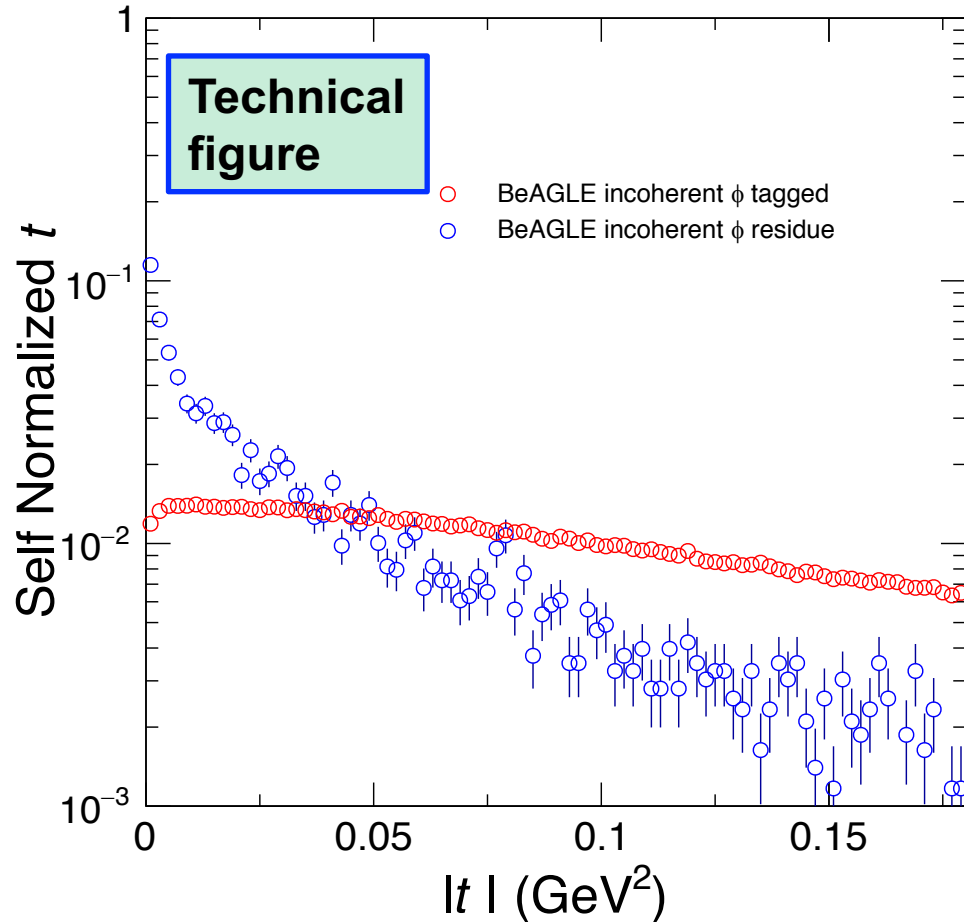
- Works well for the second minimum
- Doesn't work for the third.

[Method]

- Only the tagged incoherent distribution is known,
 → Incoherent = residue + **tagged**.
- Use theory/model to estimate the total cross section
 (?) → estimate the residue cross section.
- Further subtract *tagged (distribution) scaled by residue cross section (theory/model)*
- Color band is for +/-10% uncertainty on total cross section.

Supplemental figure

Residue subtraction



- The reason it works for the 2nd minimum is because the two distributions cross around $-t = 0.05$ – BeAGLE model dependent
- We use the residue cross section to scale up the “tagged” distribution, which is wrong to start with.
- (alternatively, one can use theory/model input on the *shape* as well for incoherent, then it might work better)

Proposal of ϕ meson. with Machine/Detector/Beam effects

Beam effects:

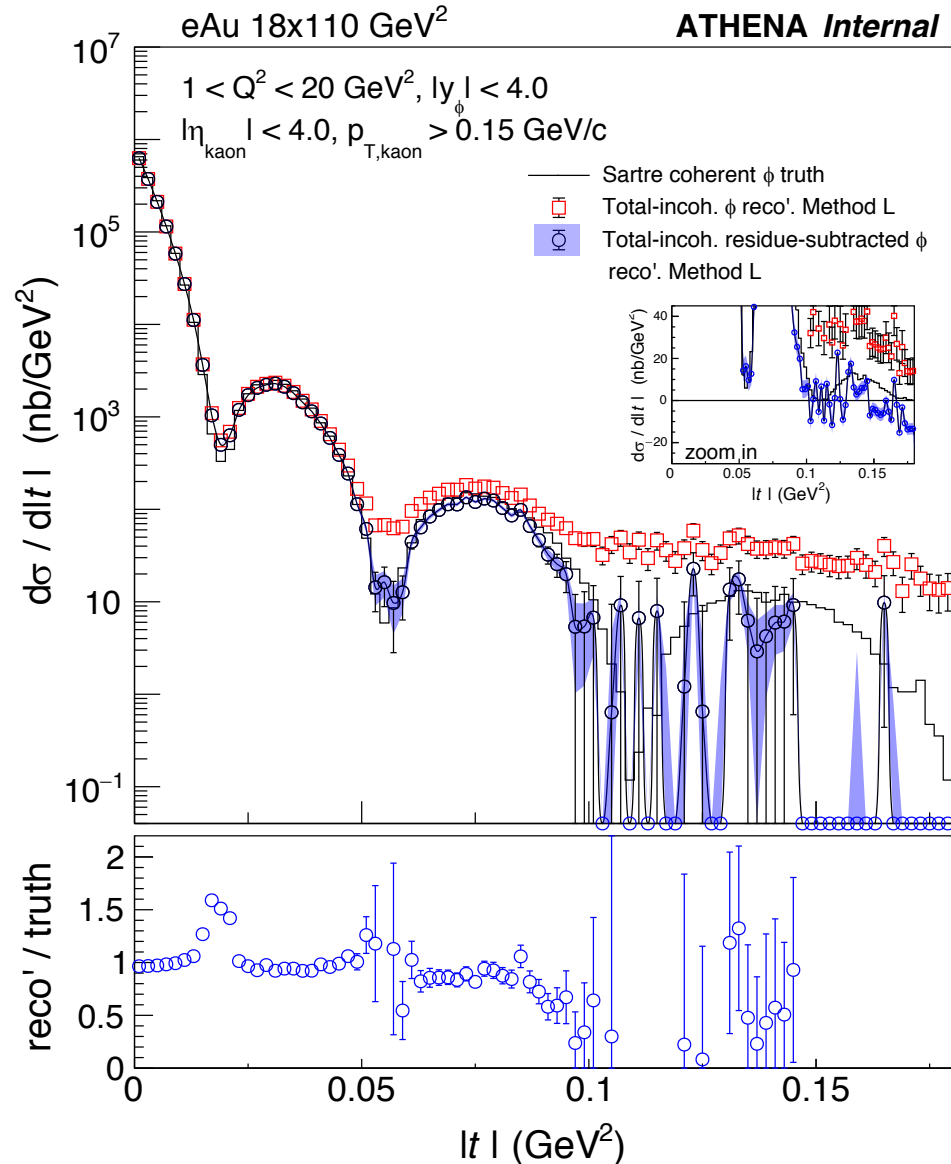
1. Angular divergence e, Au
2. Momentum spread e, Au
(CDR numbers)

**Crossing angle (Not yet implemented)*

Detector effects:

1. Tracking pt resolution on VM daughters
 1. 0.05%pt+0.5% $|\eta|<1$,
 2. 0.1%pt+0.5% $1<|\eta|<4$
2. *Efficiency (Not yet implemented)*
3. Beam pipe for the far-forward region
(Use ratio from [arXiv:2108.01694](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.01694))

“Proposal figure candidates” – final (1)



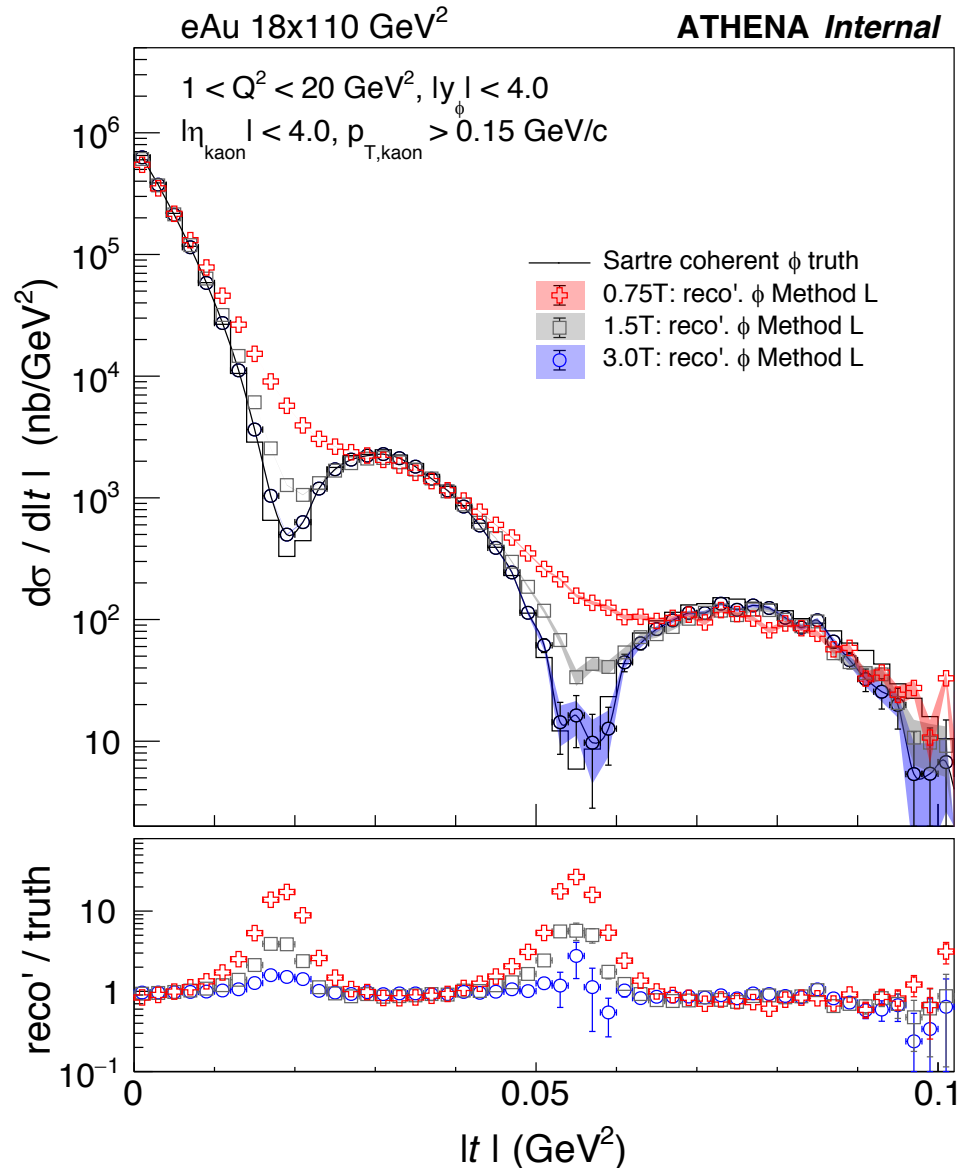
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“Proposal figure candidates” – final (2)



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Proposed figure

Comparisons to (1.5T, 0.75T) field configuration. (e.g., all pt resolution (x2, x4) w.r.t to slide 9)

Summary

- Diffractive ϕ meson in eAu electroproduction can be (better) achieved with ATHENA.
 - With theory/model input, 2 minima can be seen.
 - 3T field is optimal and/or even necessary.
 - All effects are studied in a “Toy” detector except:
 - Tracking efficiency (detectors);
 - Crossing angle (machine).
 - Next step: ATHENA simulations.
- (Do we really need “real” simulations, if the dominant beam effects, crossing angles, etc. are studied by after-burner anyway?)