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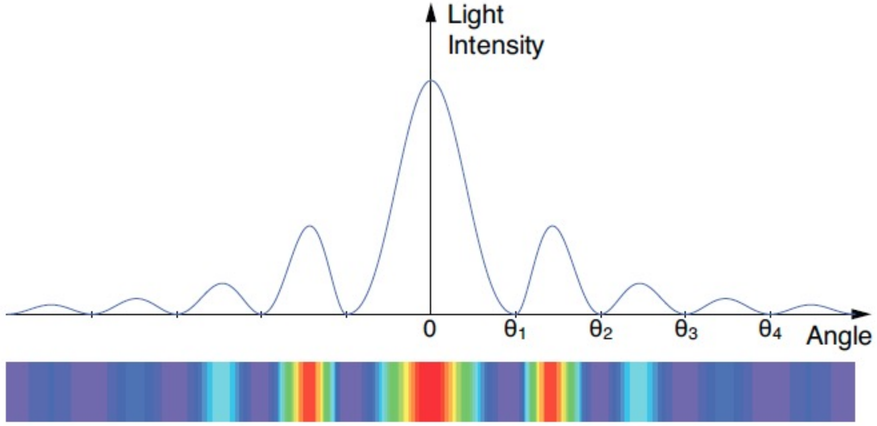

Keywords in this talk:

I. Coherent ϕ with ρ^0 bkg
II. Barrel PID impacts
III. TOF and hpDIRC
IV. …

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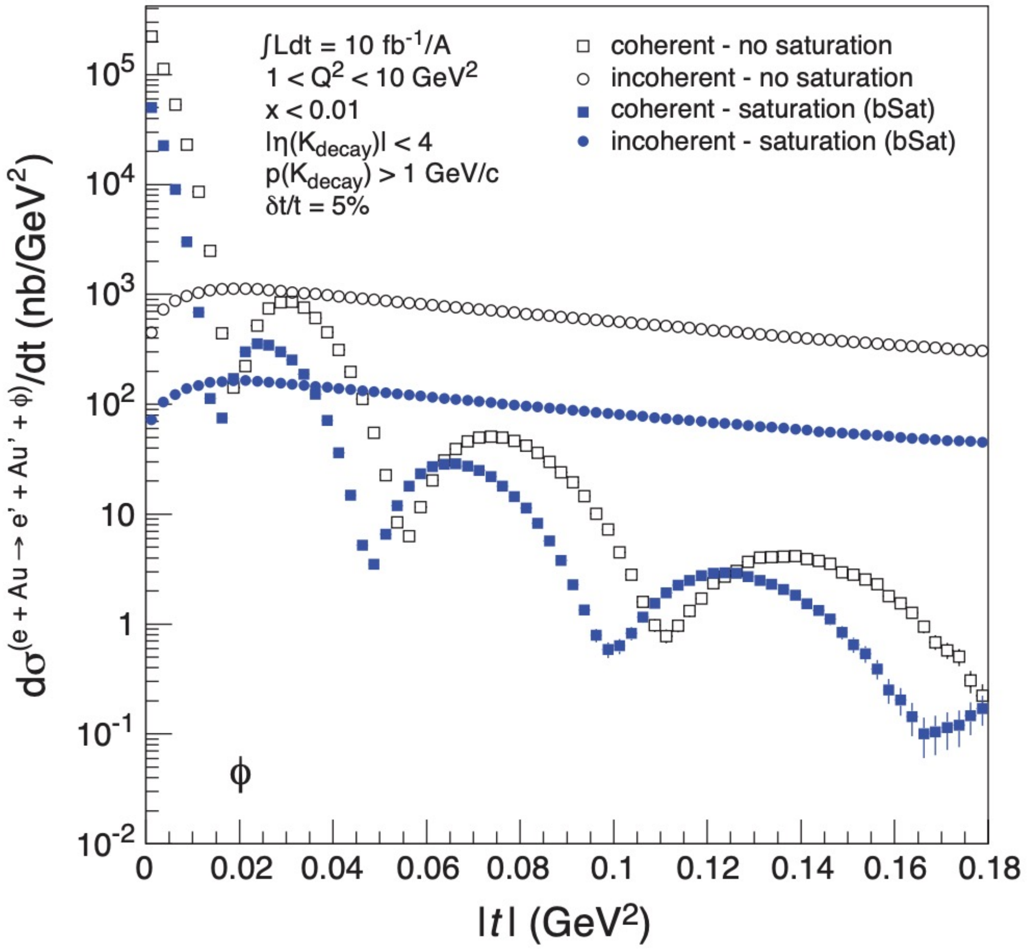

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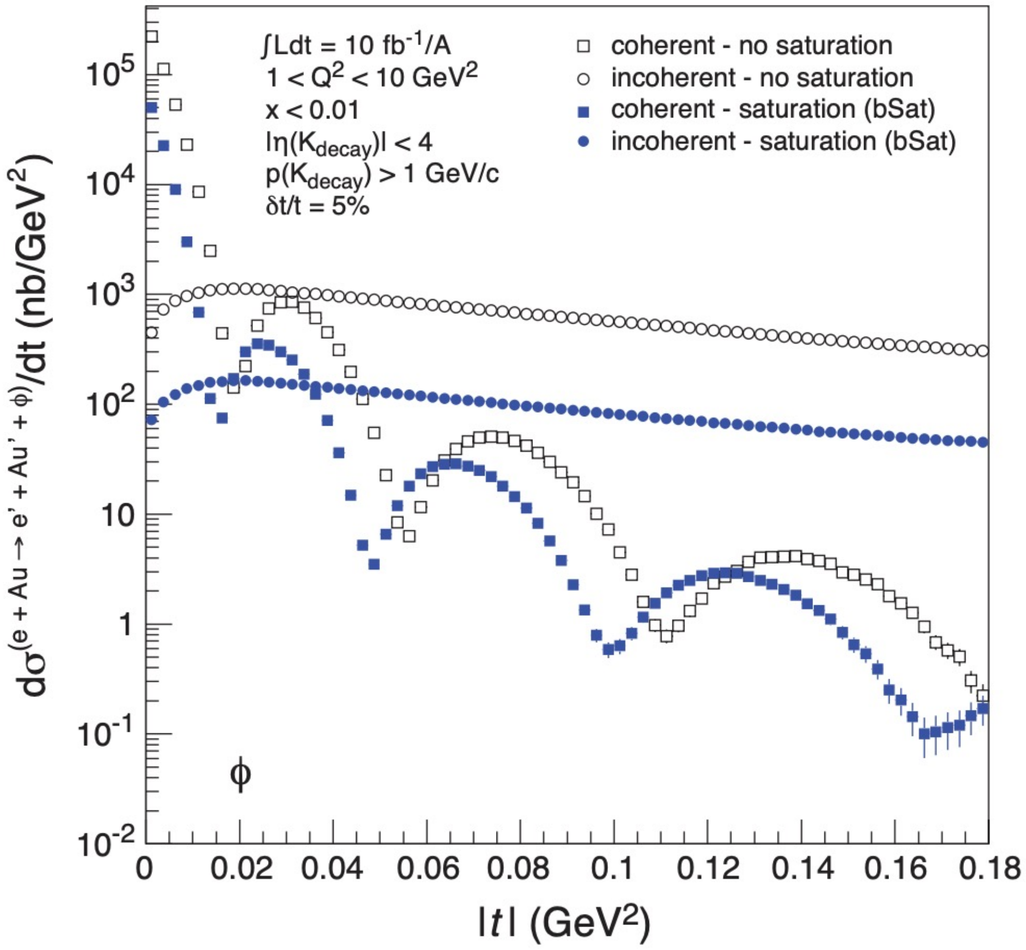


Sample, phase space, and magnet

- **Samples**

Sartre generator eAu 18x110 GeV of ρ^0, ϕ, and J/Ψ with **NO** saturation.
(/gpfs02/eic/DATA/sartre/data/bnonsat/sartre_bnonsat_Au_*_.root)

- **Phase space**

$1<Q^2<10$ GeV^2, $x < 0.01$, $|y_{VM}| < 4.0$

- **Magnet**

1.7T (relevant for TOF only in my study later)
All studies are generator level without detector simulations

Mis-identification of final-states w/o PID

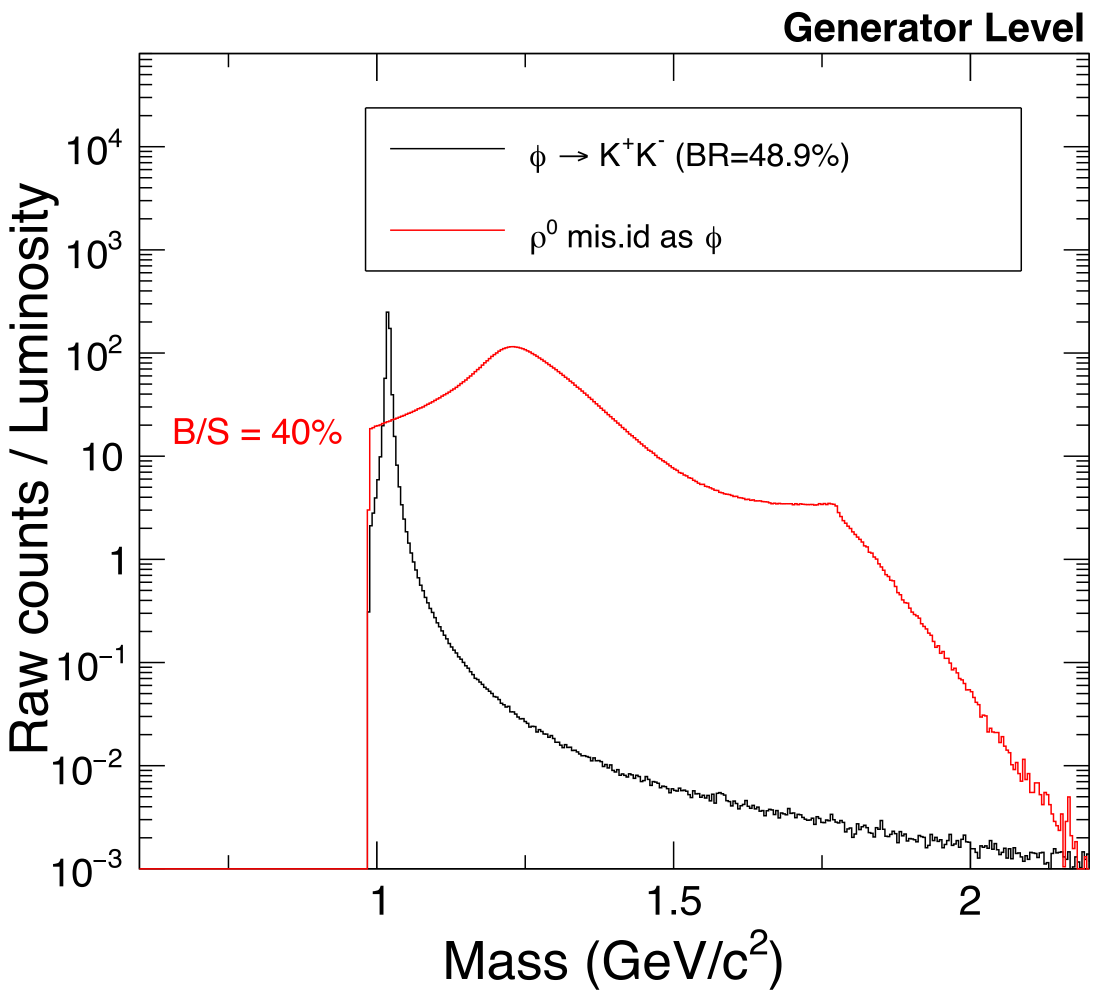
Signal:
e + Au → e' + Au' + ($\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$)

Dominant background:
e + Au → e' + Au' + ($\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$)

Background/Signal (B/S) ~ 40%!

How come?

- Cross section of ρ^0 is ~ 10 times higher than ϕ;
- BR is only 48.9% for $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ but ~ 100% for $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$
- Tail contribution under the ϕ mass peak (1.019 +/- 0.02 GeV)



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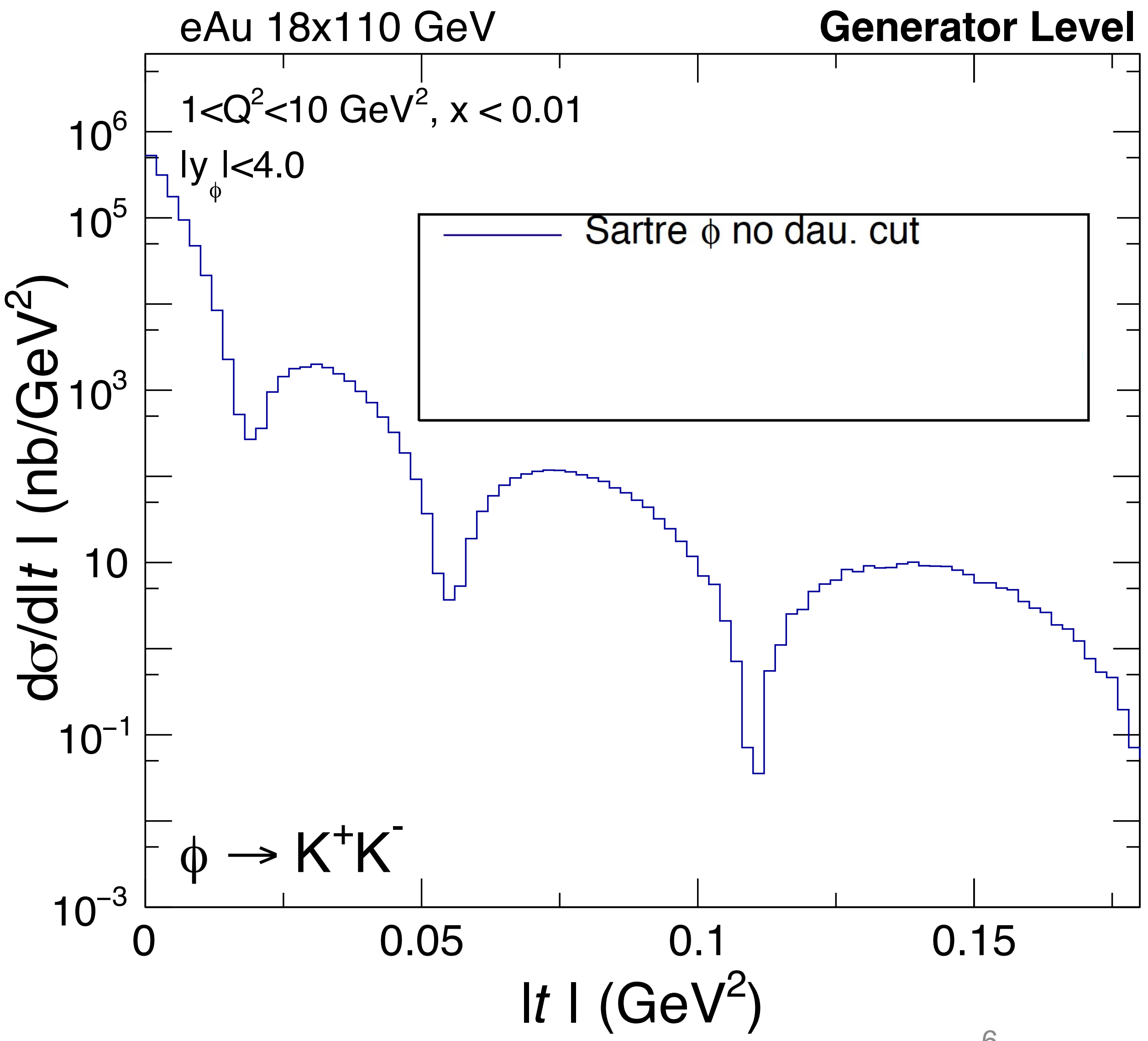

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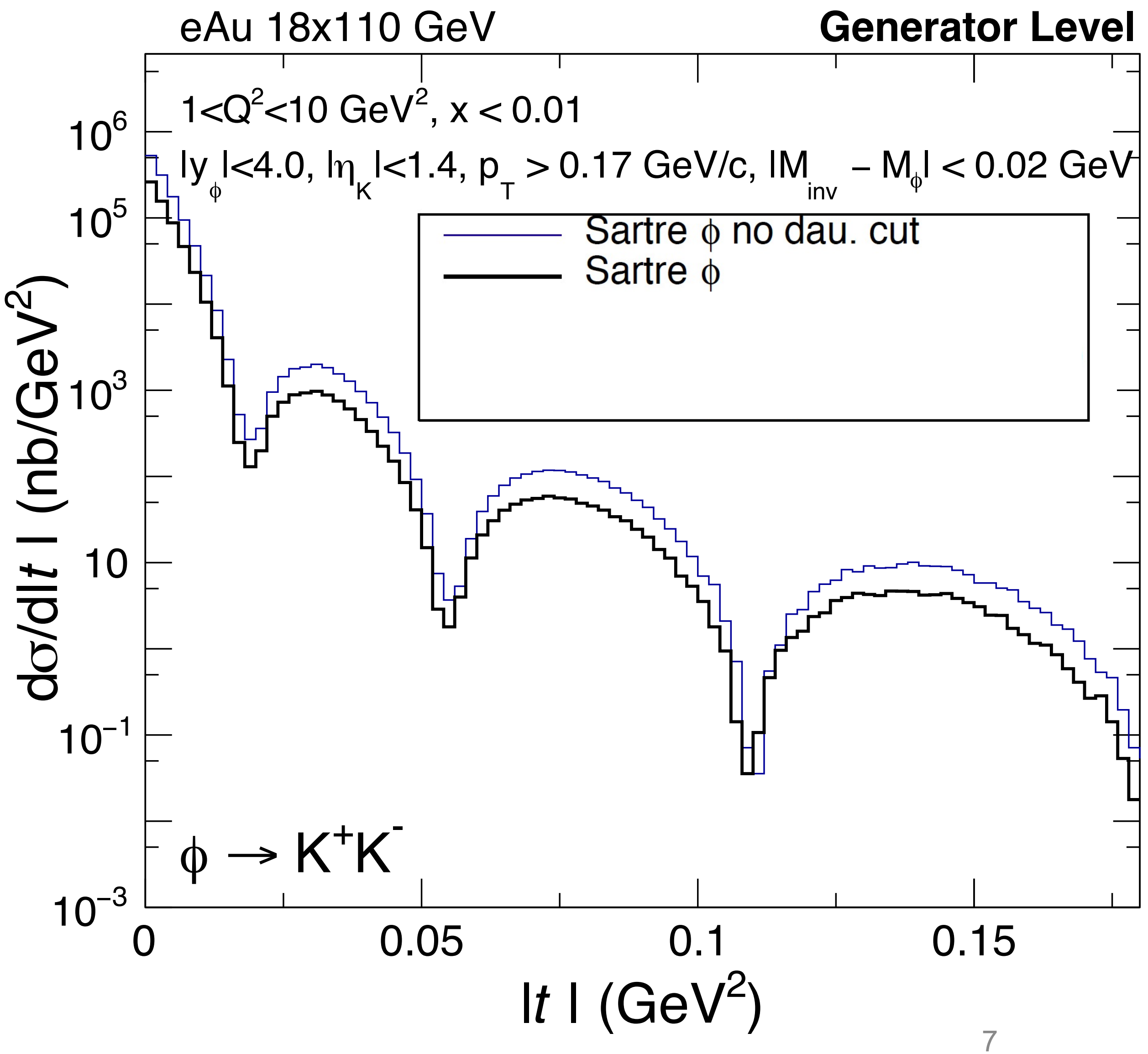

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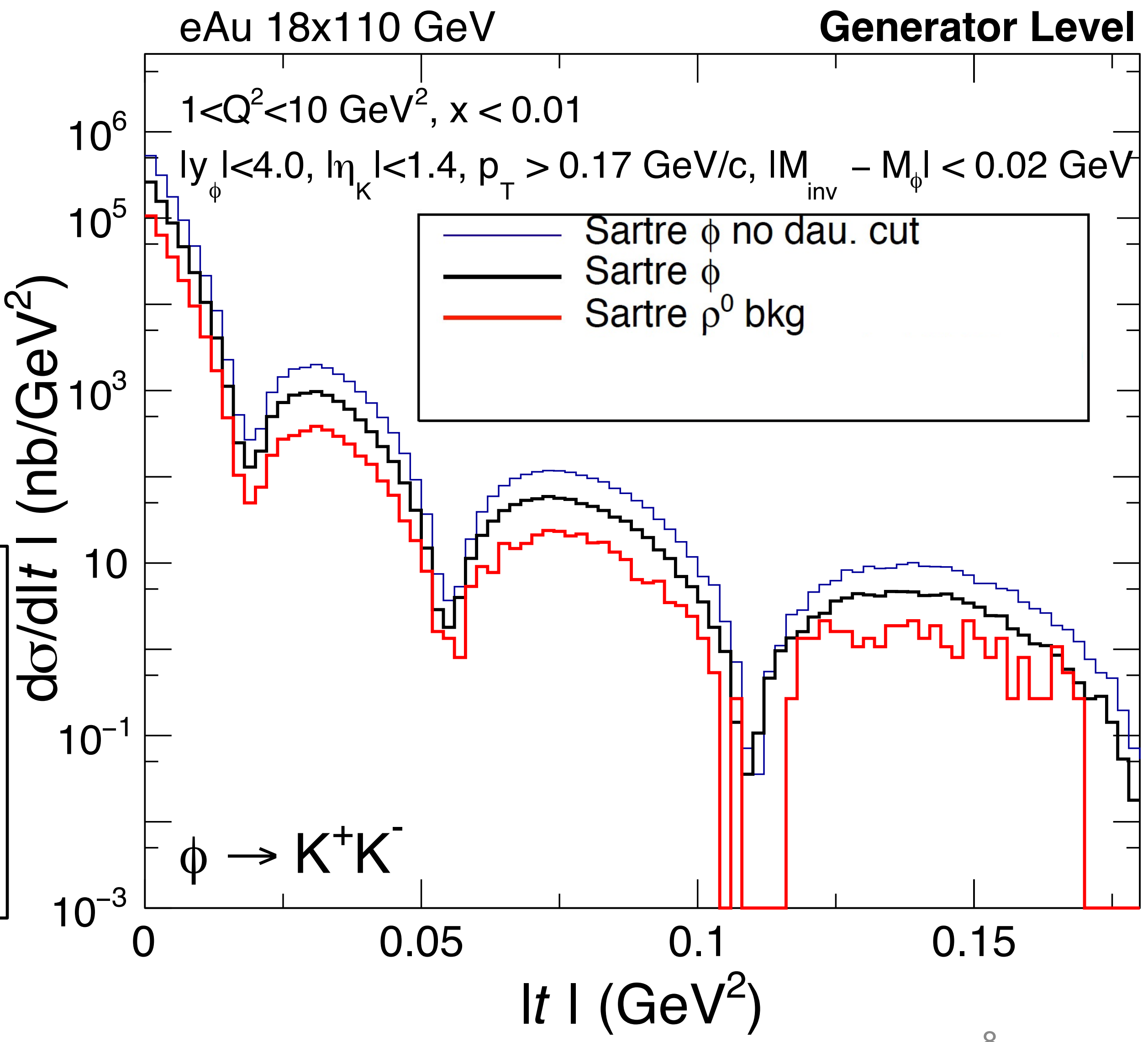
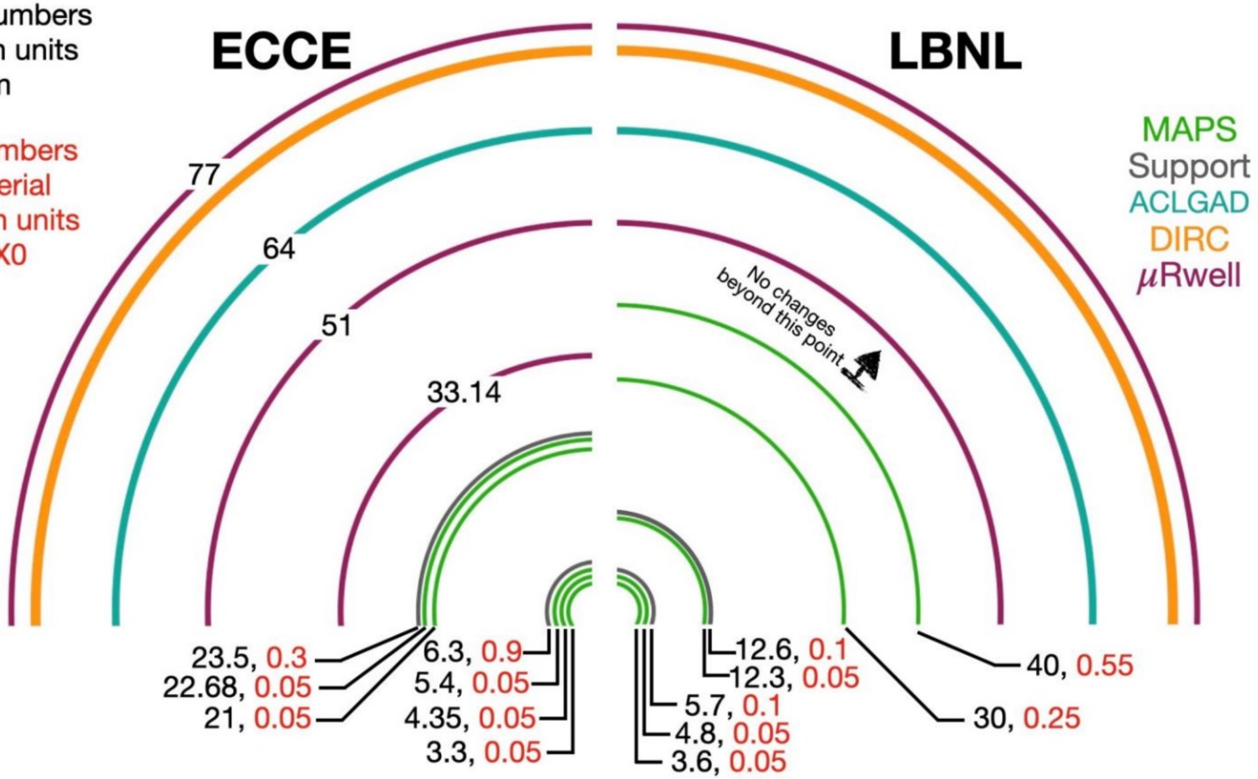
3) Background from ρ^0 within ϕ mass window

The problem therefore is:

If the ρ^0 distribution shifts left or right (Saturation, etc), the signal will be largely smeared, e.g., the dip position



Barrel PID detectors at low momentum



- ➢ hpDIRC can separate pi vs nonpi above 0.25 GeV/c in barrel except a gap +/- 0.15. (See s10 in Joe Schwiening's talk)
- ➢ ACLGAD (TOF) can go down to lower tracking limit p_T ~ 0.17 GeV/c (and assume 25ps resolution)

- hpDIRC: we assume 3σ separation between pi and nonpi, given the above phase space;
- TOF: @64cm, 1.7T field, 25ps resolution, and 30ps start time resolution. (Toy study done by Zhangbu Xu)

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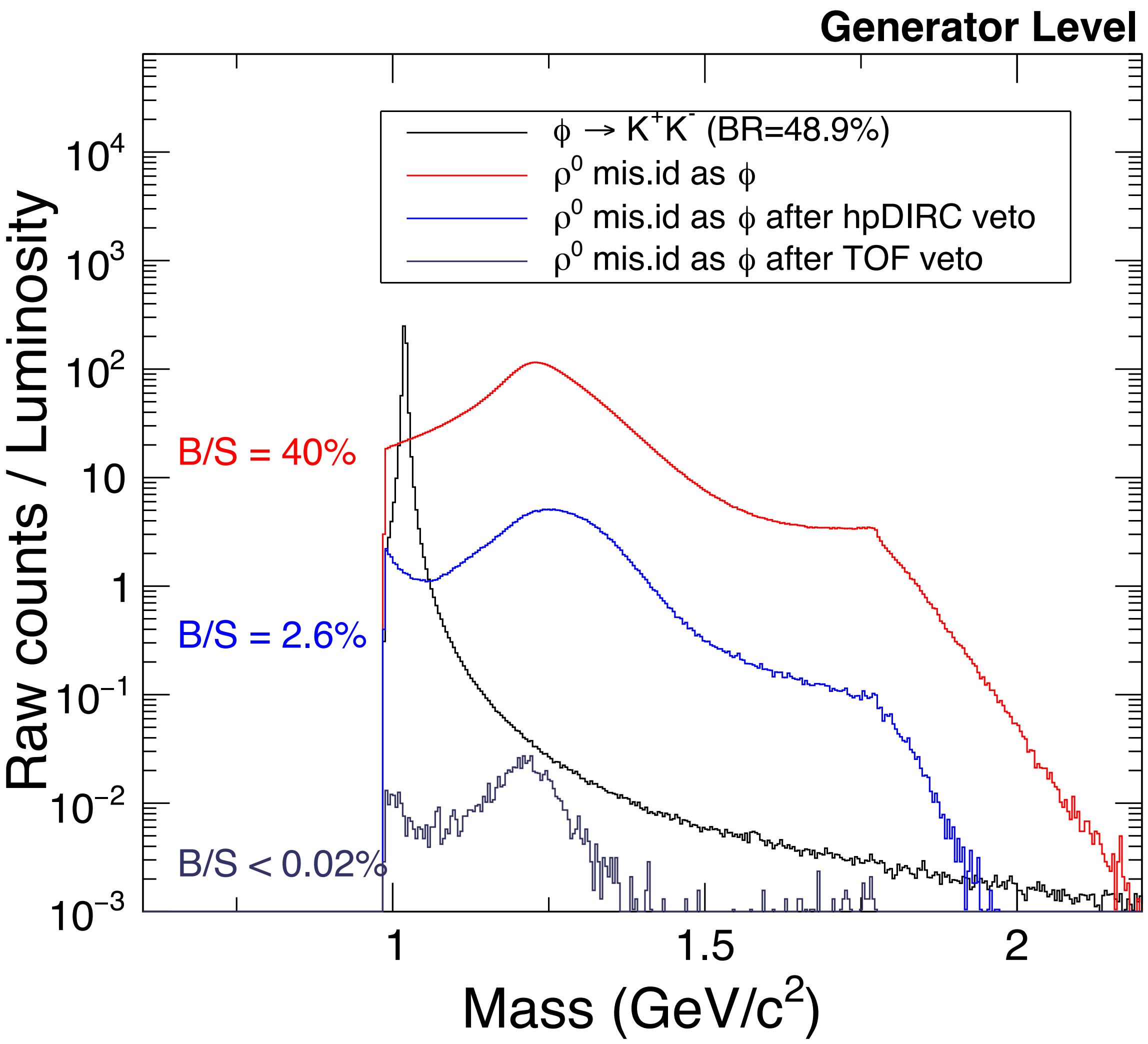
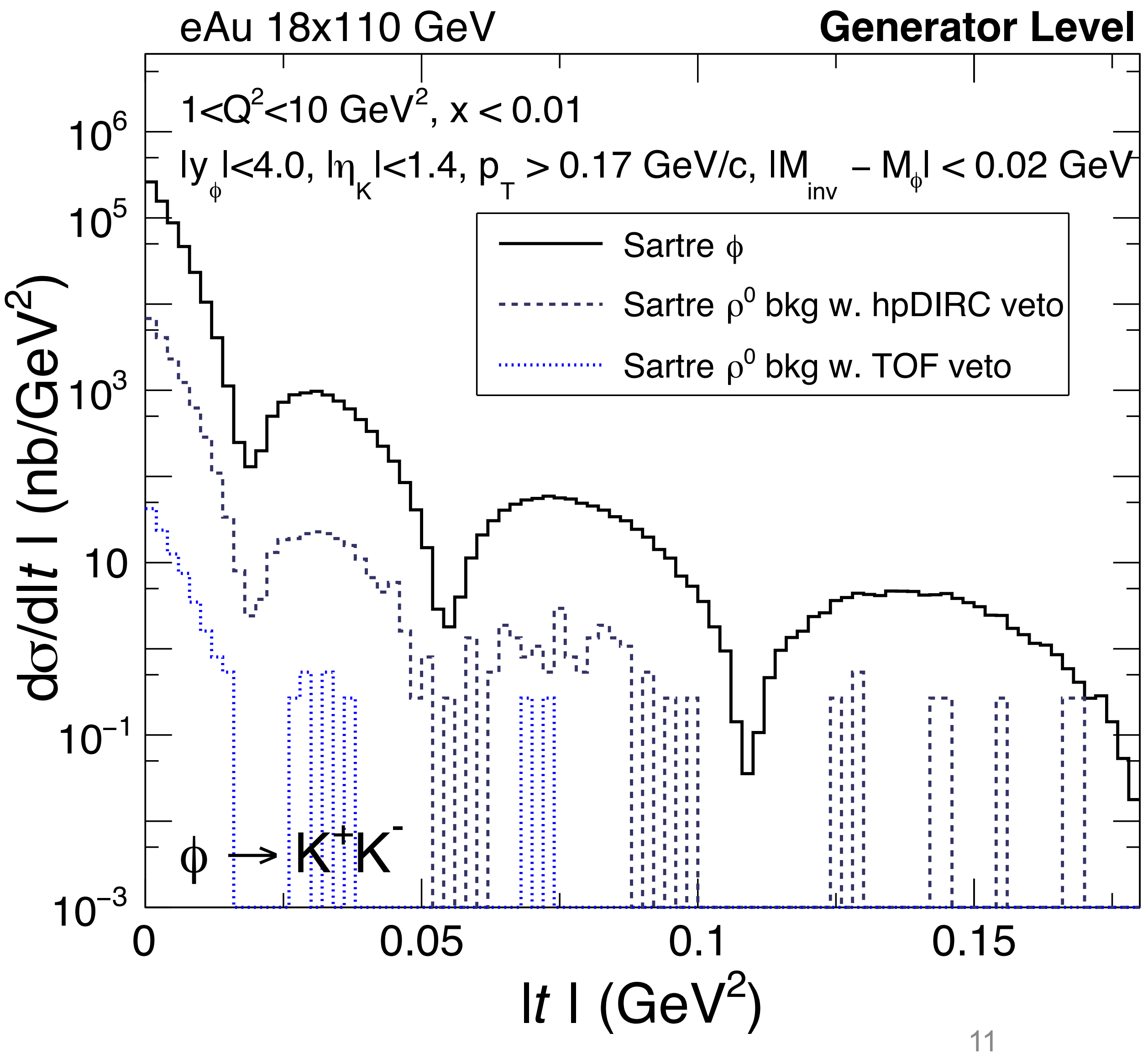
B/S ~ 40% → 2.6% → 0.02%



What's the impact on -*t*

- PID detectors have significant improvement on suppressing background from ρ^0
- hpDIRC seems to be sufficient, because incoherent ϕ background will dominate, except for $-t < 0.02$. (Go to backup to see why)
- Of course, TOF will kill this problem entirely; bottle neck then will be the first 2 challenges on page 2.



Summary

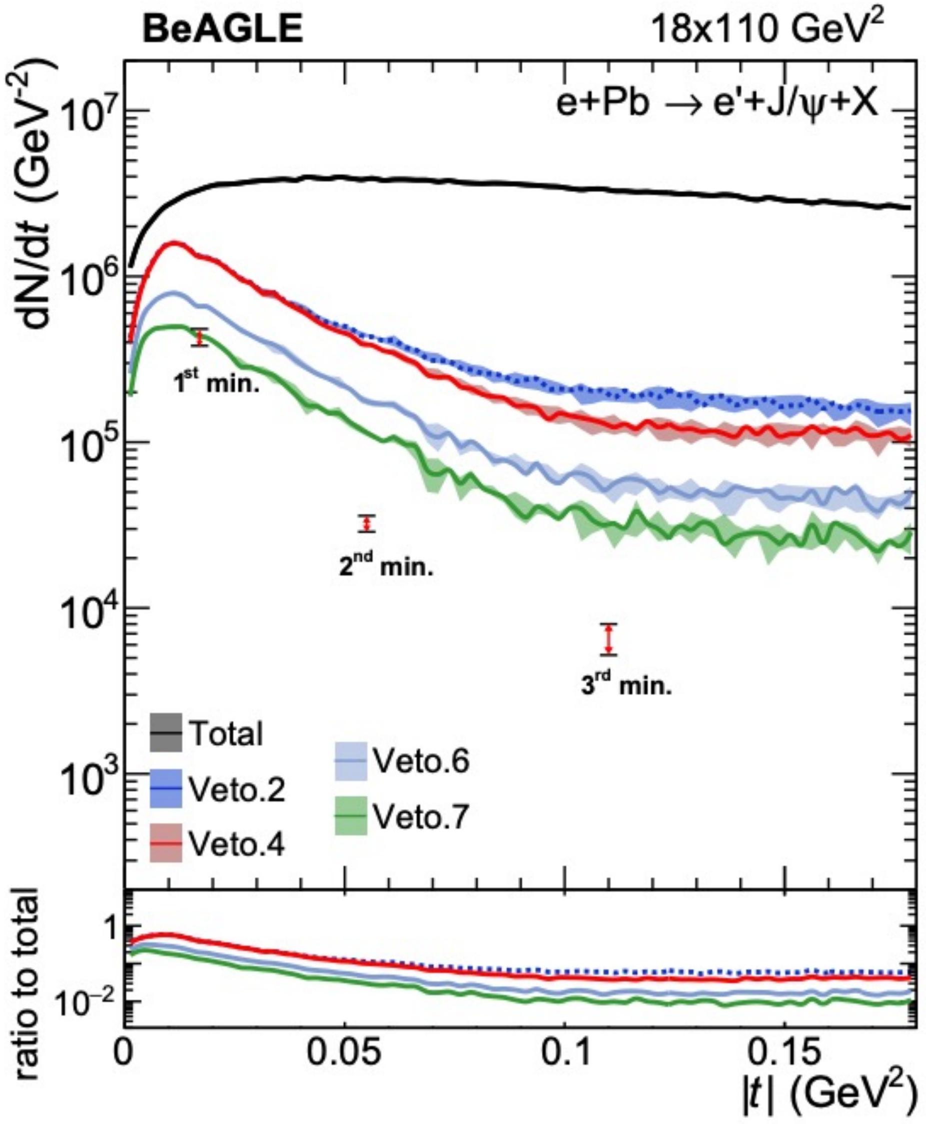
- Impact study on diffractive ϕ from ρ^0 background for $Q^2 > 1$:
  - What about $1 > Q^2 > 0.1$?
  - $Q^2 << 1$ photoproduction is extremely difficult, but if only w. inner layers of tracking? (STAR @RHIC can do this easier in UPC)
- The improvement on qualitative level can be already seen by having low momentum PID capability.
- However, this study is not intended to replace studies based on full simulations; will need to be revisited;
  - For example, hpDRIC efficiency. Important for the veto mode.

- Question: is it necessary (aka. worth the cost) to have PID between 0.15-0.25 GeV/c in the barrel?
- Answer: definite answer needs full sim. and more studies.

BACKUP

Incoherent veto

- 1ST min. in the figure, is the first minimum position from VM's coherent distribution (when no saturation, all VMs are predicted to be the same);
- the FF detectors can veto incoherent background, best scenario indicated by the green curve
- Below the 1st min., incoherent contribution is very insignificant comparing to coherent.



https://arxiv.org/pdf/2108.01694.pdf

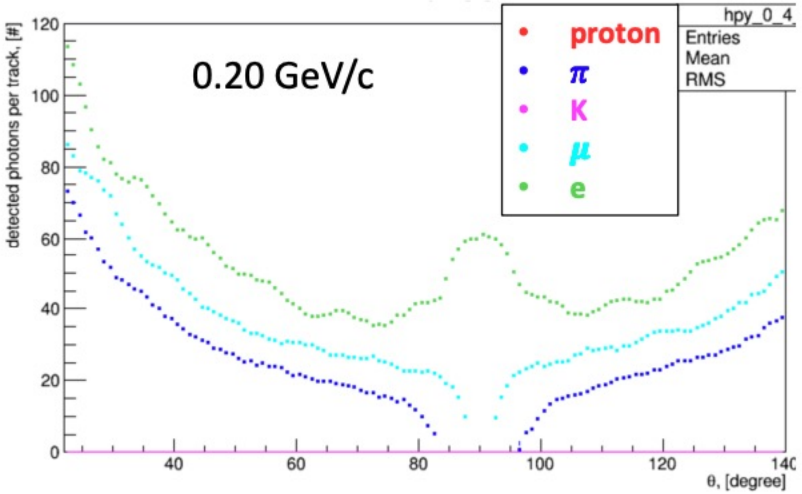
hpDIRC Veto Mode

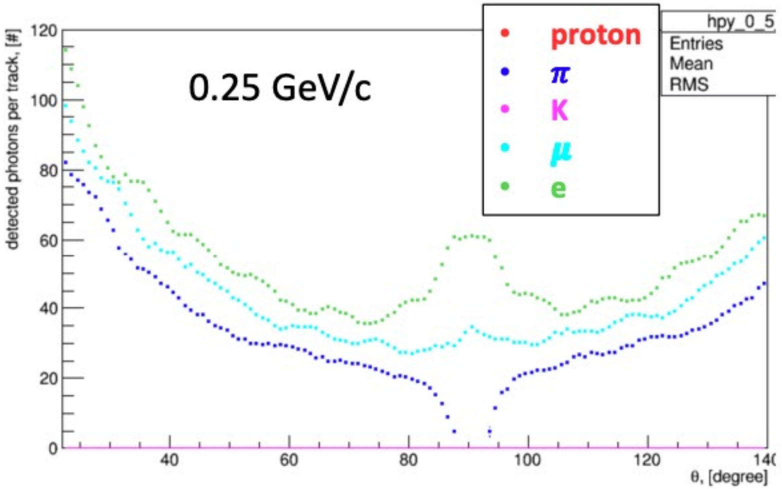
Useful π/K threshold mode contribution (with gap) possible as low as 0.2 GeV/c

pion N_{pe}>10 for polar angles <80° and >100°

π/K coverage gap at 0.25 GeV/c: pseudorapidity –0.15 … +0.15

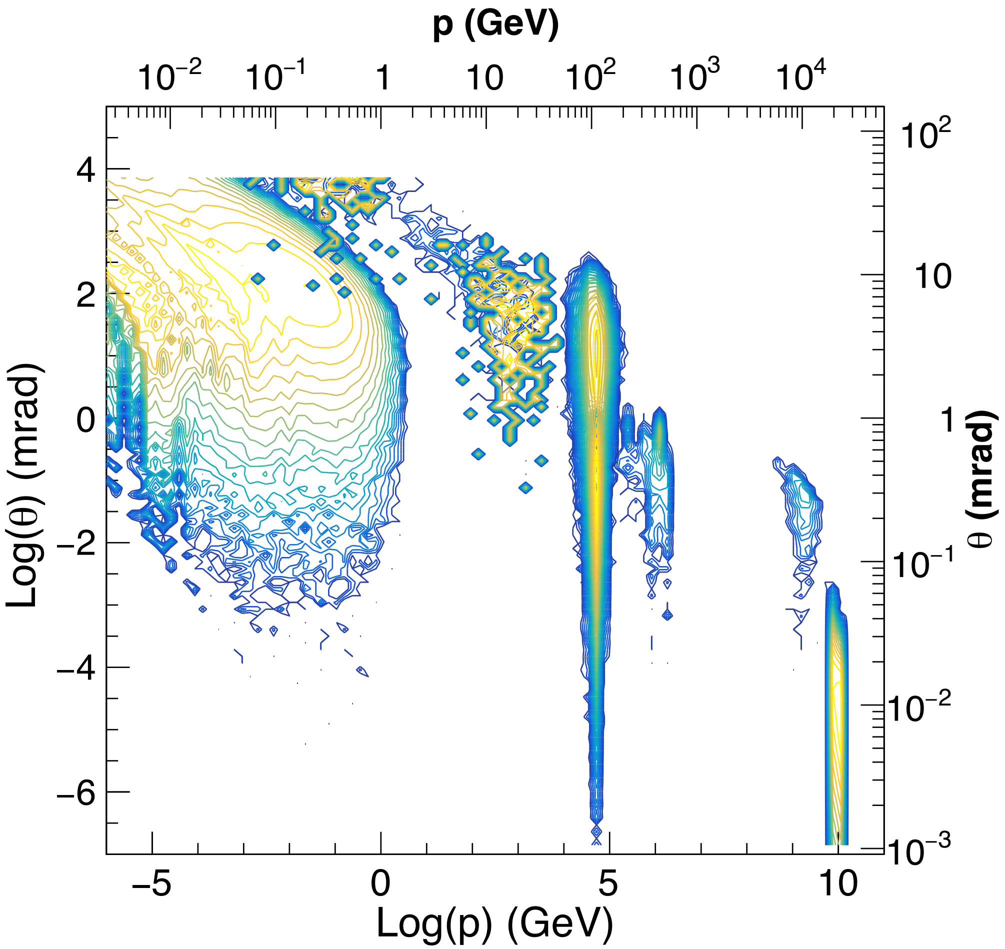
Please remember that this simulation was performed without a magnetic field, all tracks can reach the DIRC radius





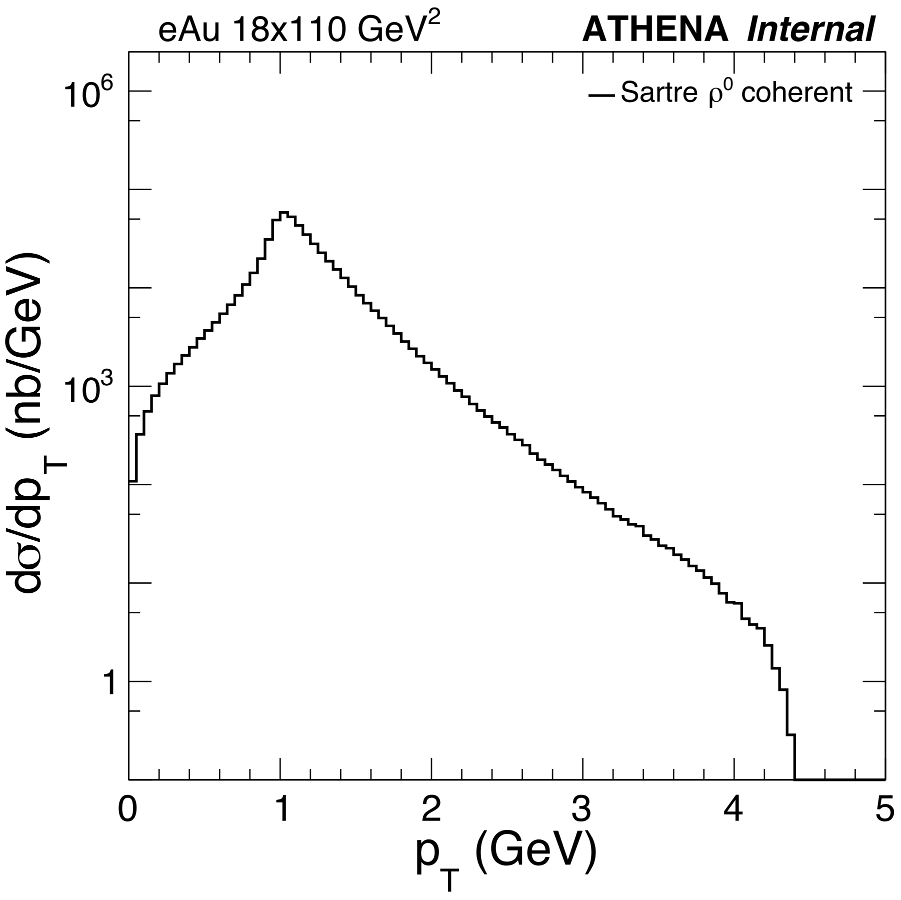
ϕ meson

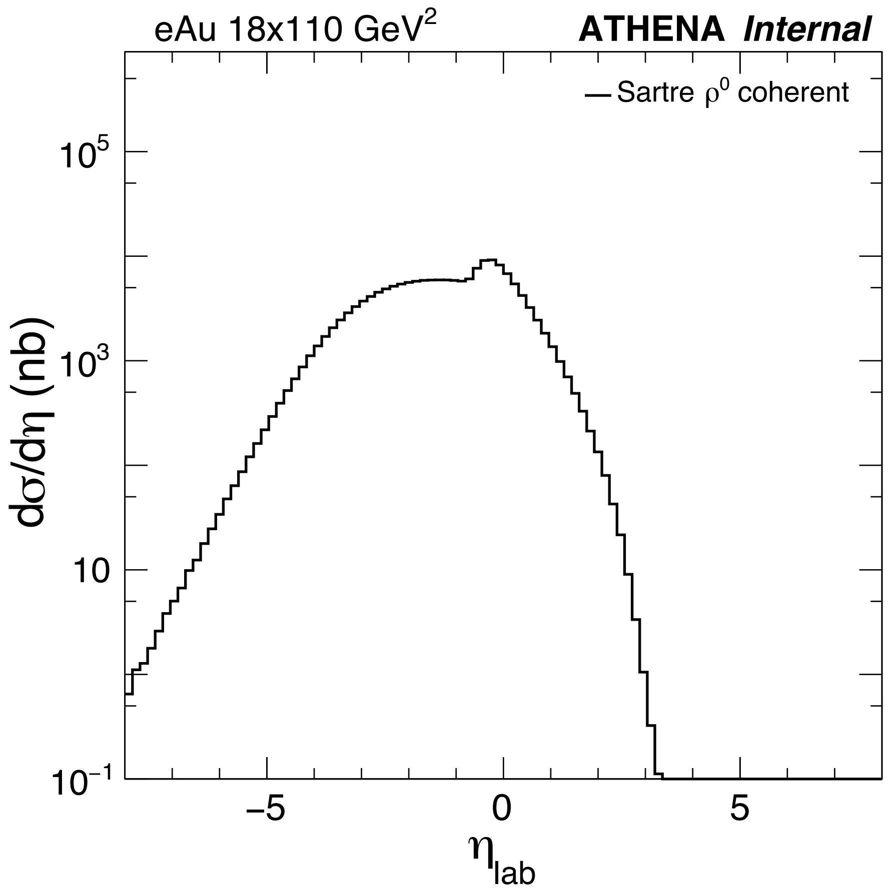
- Breakup particles BeAGLE (incoherent)
- Separate them into protons, neutrons, photons, pions, kaons, electrons, muons, nuclei.



Sartre (coherent)

ρ^0 meson





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