Coherent Vector-Meson electroproduction in electron-deuteron collisions in ePIC

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Motivation

- Coherent Vector-Meson, photon, charged meson, etc production on light nuclei are sensitive to GPDs and gluonic form factors.
- Light-ions are also interesting because we could polarize them (He3 for ePIC in the baseline design)
- There are certain advantages and disadvantages of deuteron, He3, He4:
  - He3 or He4 and their diffractive 'dips' are sensitive to nuclear shadowing. See recent studies by Guzey et al [**Phys.Rev.Lett. 129 (2022) 24, 242503**]
  - Deuteron, however, is **easy to model and the spectator is by now well understood** in terms of how to tag and access the initial-state physics, and some final-state physics too.
  - Deuteron is **much harder to be polarized** than He3, and we are unlikely to have polarized deuteron on day 1.
- Detecting **coherent scattered light-ion is challenging**, and harder for higher energy configuration, for low-x kinematics.
- One possible way to study coherent, is to **veto the incoherent production** from light-ion breakup.

Model - BeAGLE

- BeAGLE has implemented the Light-cone wavefunction of deuteron based on the Ciofi. et al parametrization.
- Many publications are available [Tu et al (2020), Jentsch et al (2021), …]

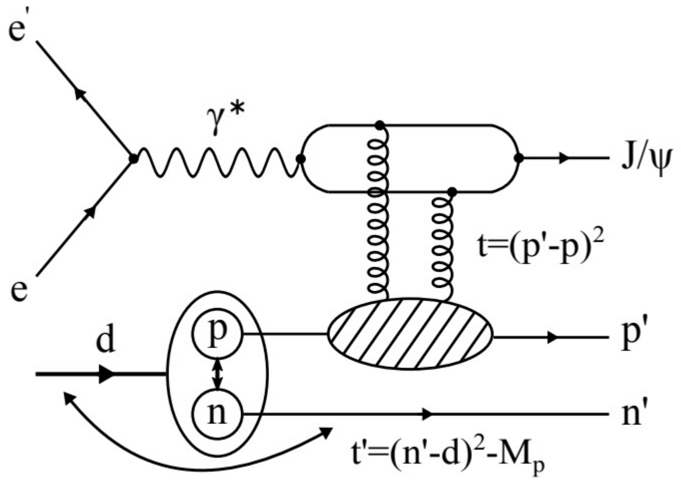
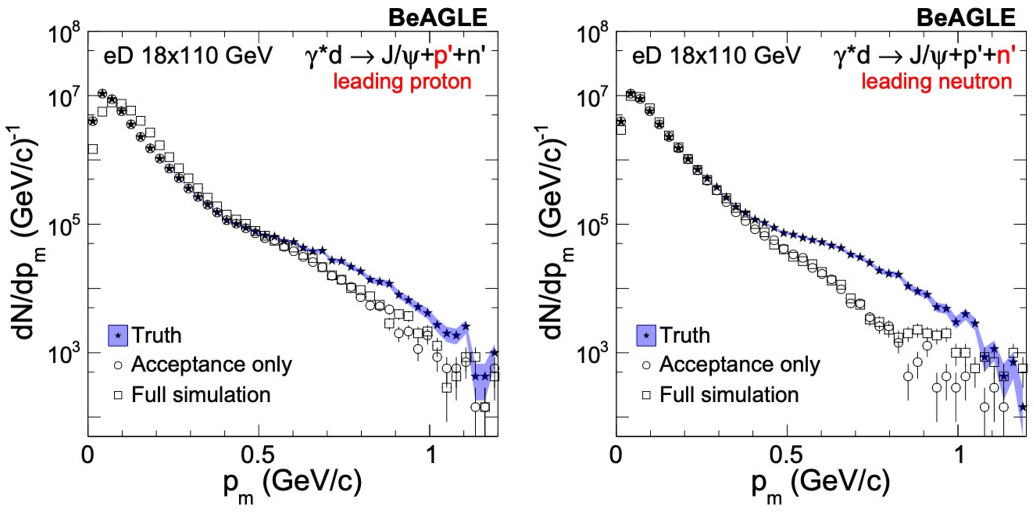


Figure 1: Diagram of incoherent diffractive J/ψ productions in electron-deuteron scattering

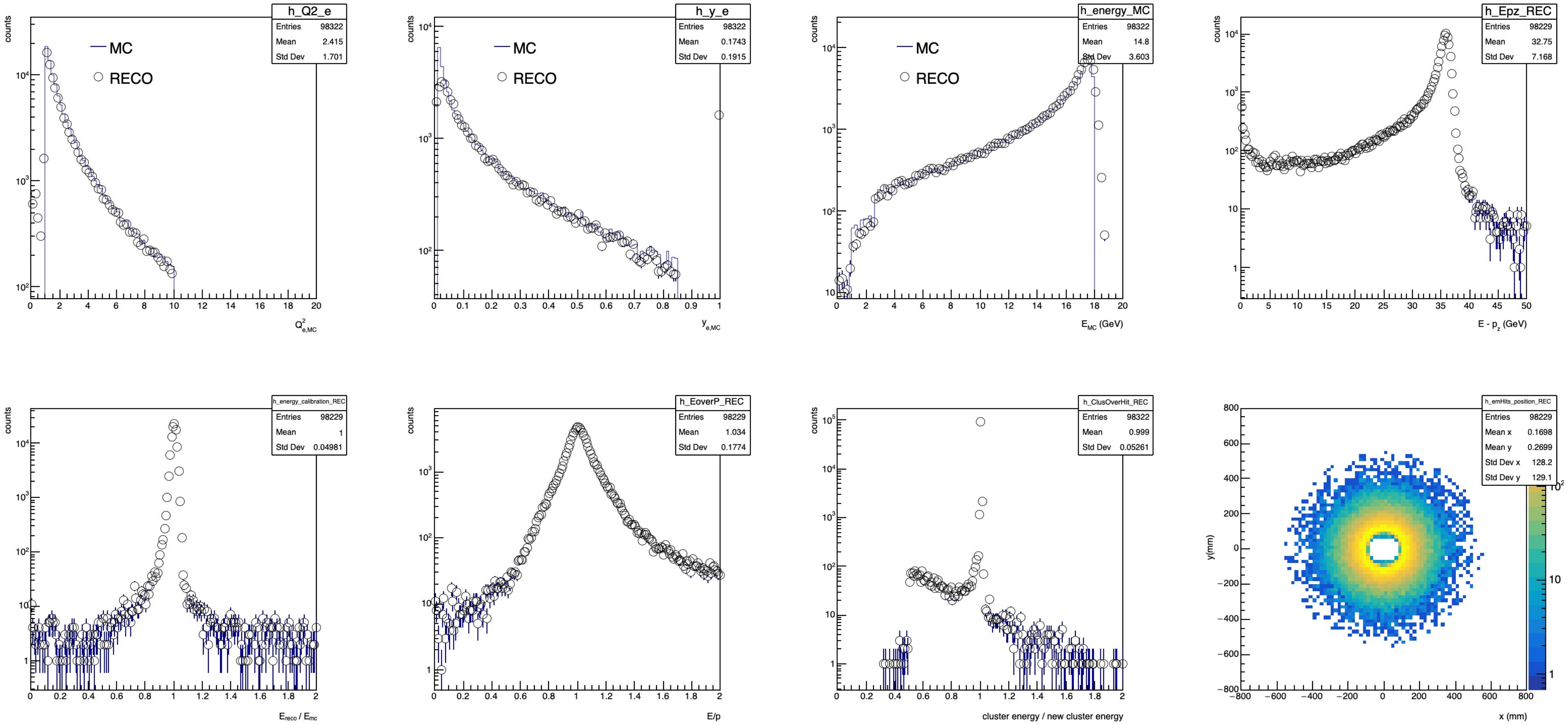


- The question is: how to access the coherent *ed* scattering?

Veto exercise on deuteron breakup

- BeAGLE ed simulation 18x110 GeV, simulated through ePIC.
- We can simulate rho, phi, and Jpsi. Here we specify BeAGLE to produce phi only. (Cross section will be slightly wrong, but we don’t care about the absolute cross section now)
- BeAGLE events are “burned” with the crossing angle, beam effects after-burner.
- FF detectors are all included (B0, OMD, RP, and ZDC), to veto on their hits. The current algorithm is simple, **if there’s more than zero hit, this event is vetoed.**
- Because of the magnet setting, we have to apply the FieldScaleFactor = 220/275.

Some DIS control plots



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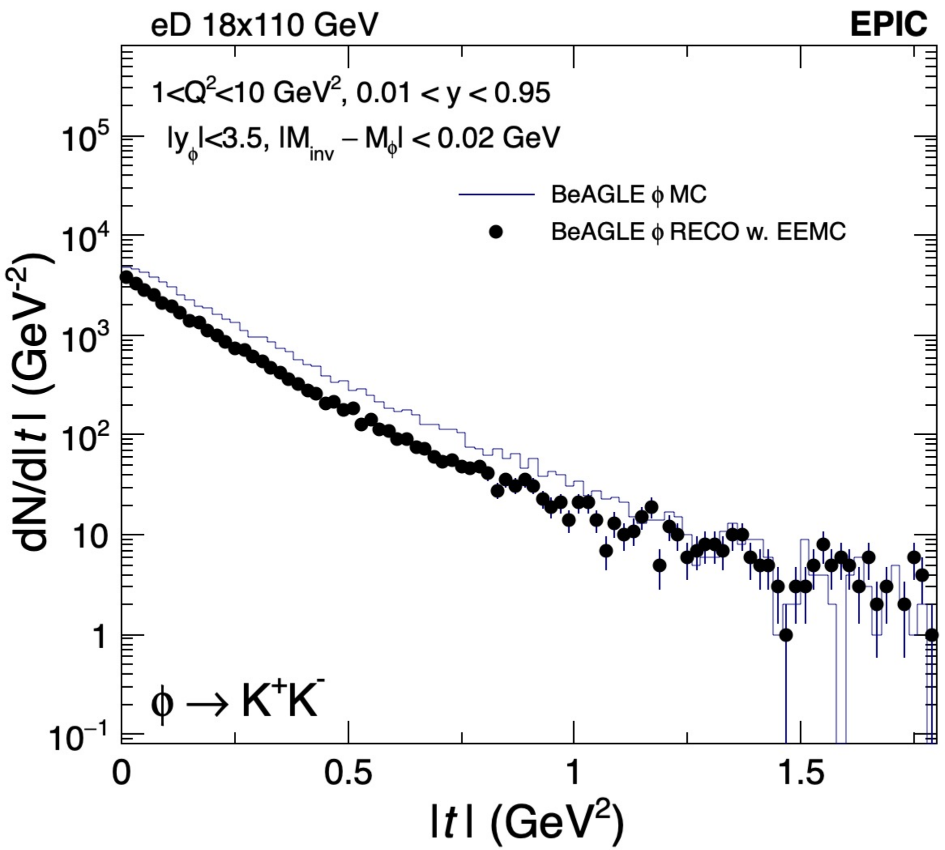

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The difference is because the selections were applied:

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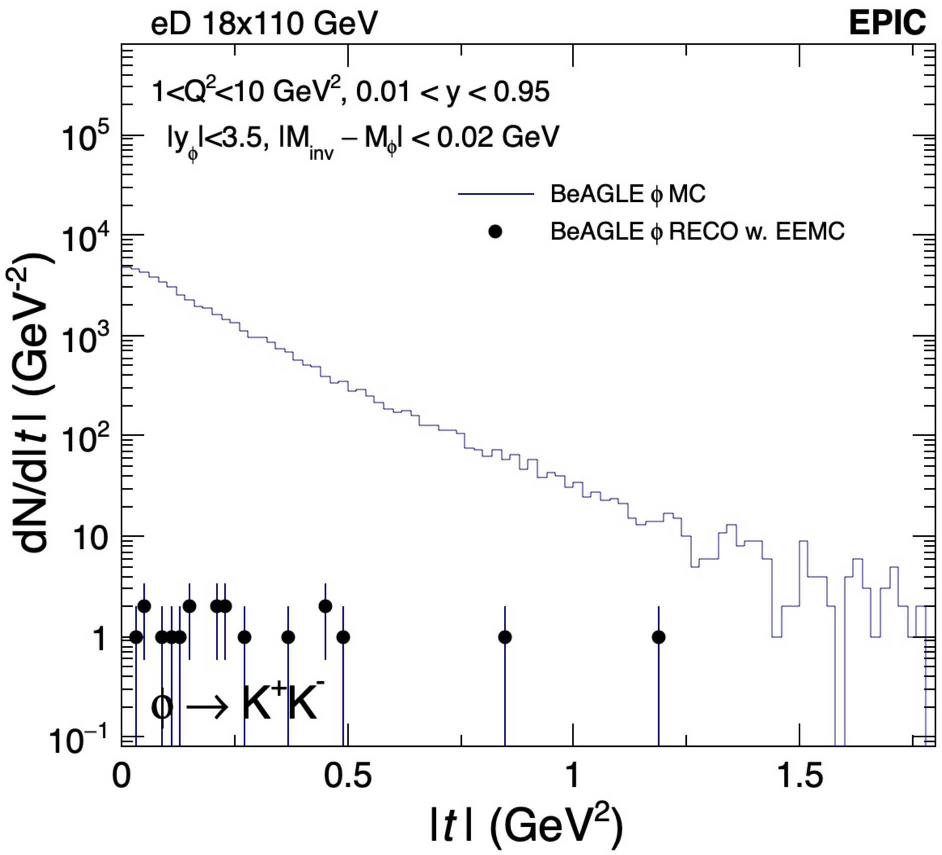

We found the problem of too much vetoing… and Alex has found that it may relate the world material = "Air"

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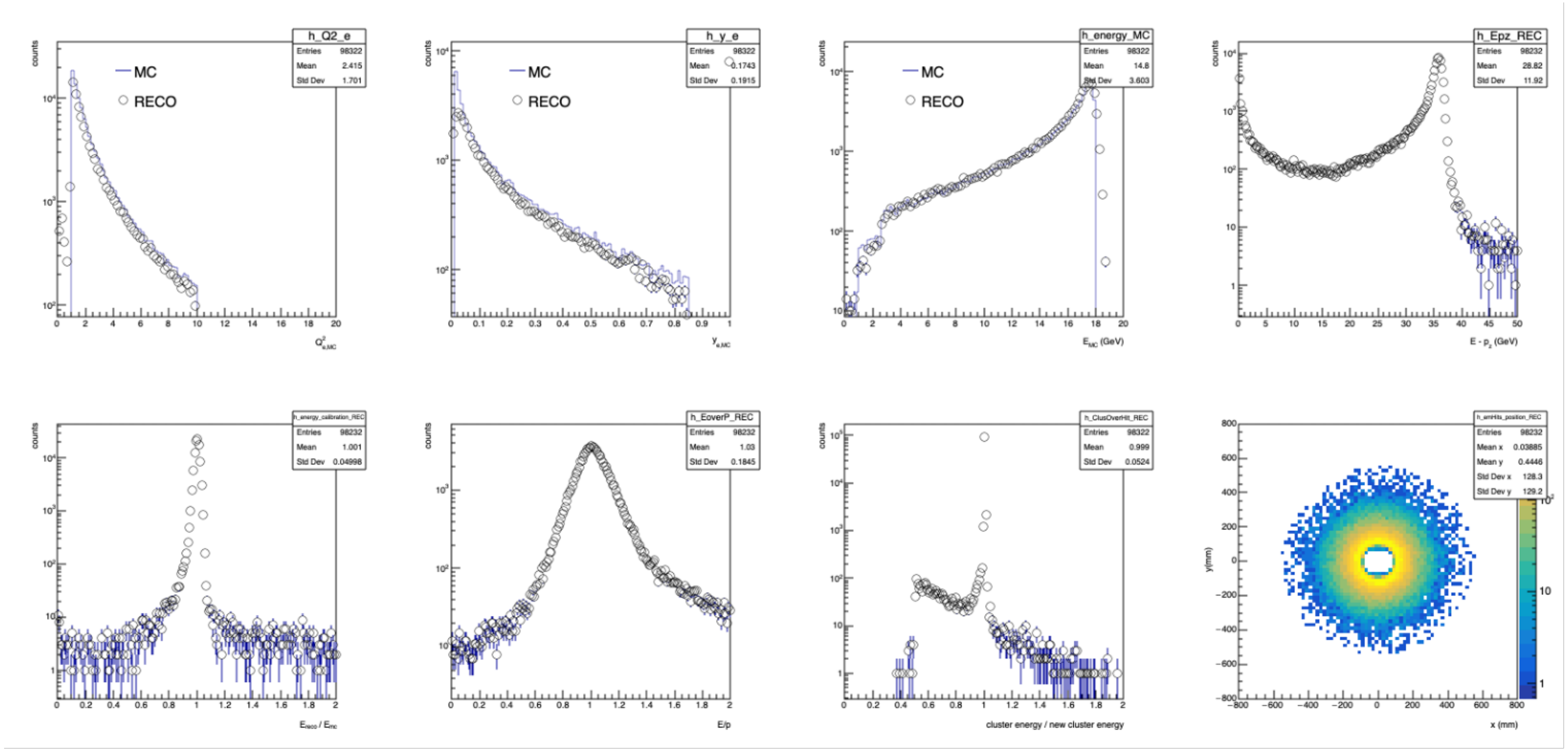
ePIC full simulation [Aug 14 2023]

- The previous geometry was based on Brycecanyon, which shouldn't be so much different for things we are interested here.
- In this simulation, I used the epic_full instead.
- Most importantly, I changed "world material" from [Air] to [Vacuum]

Some DIS control plots [Aug 14]



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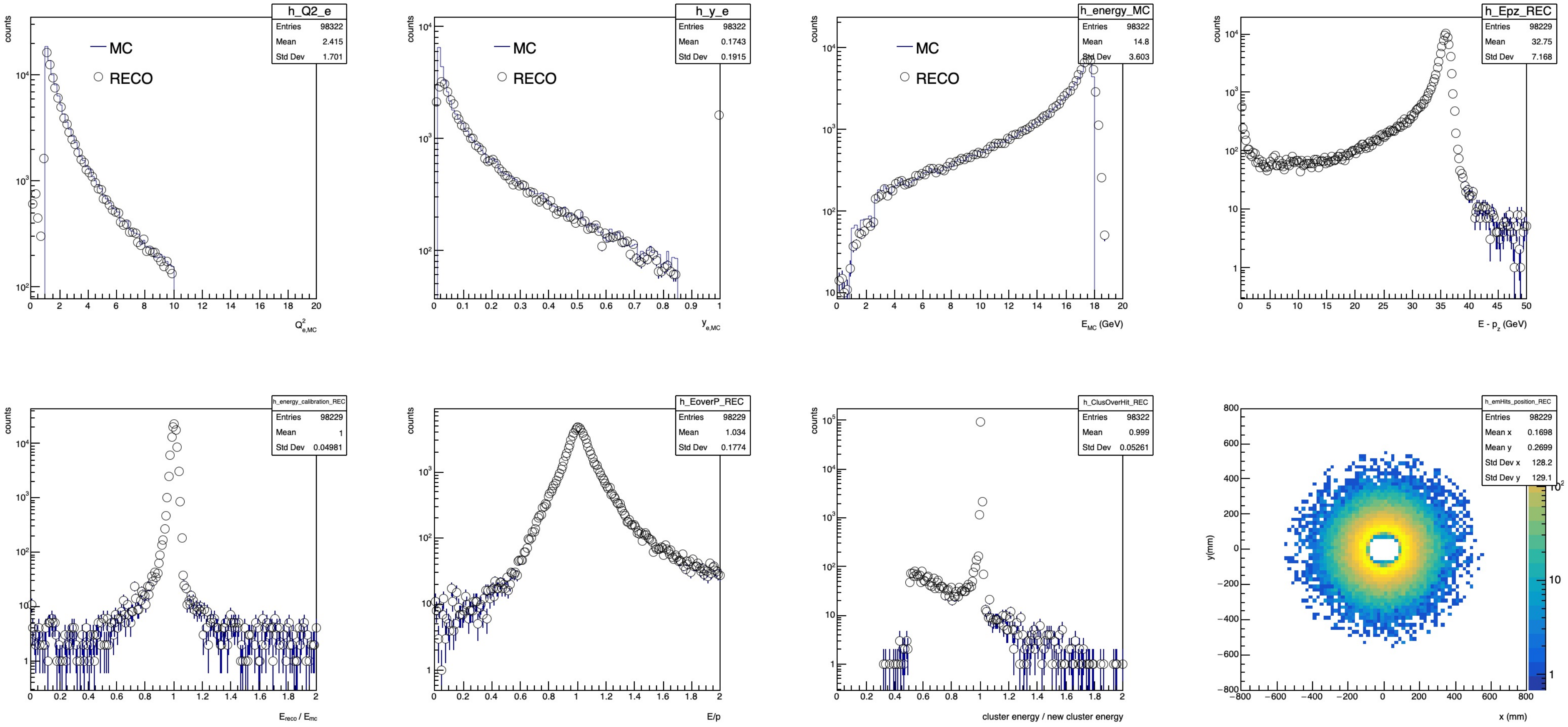
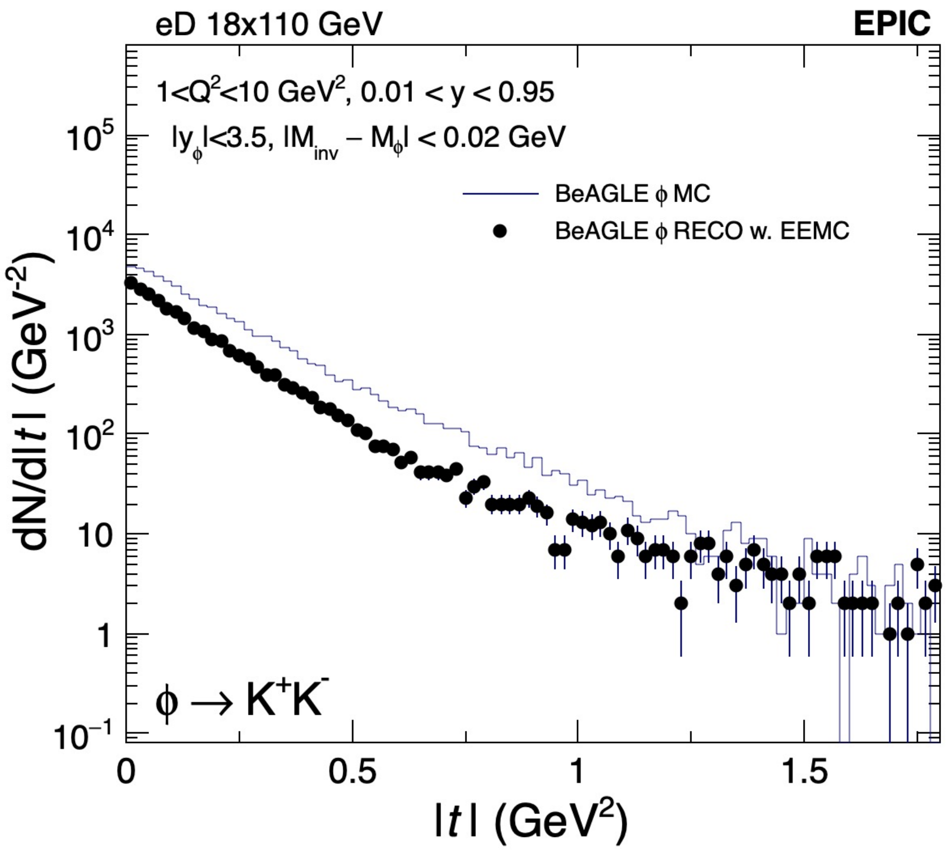


t-distribution with ePIC_full [Aug 14 version]



- All cuts are the same as previous slide.
- This is before veto.
- The reco part seems to be shifted a little lower, which should be related to our E-pz cut.

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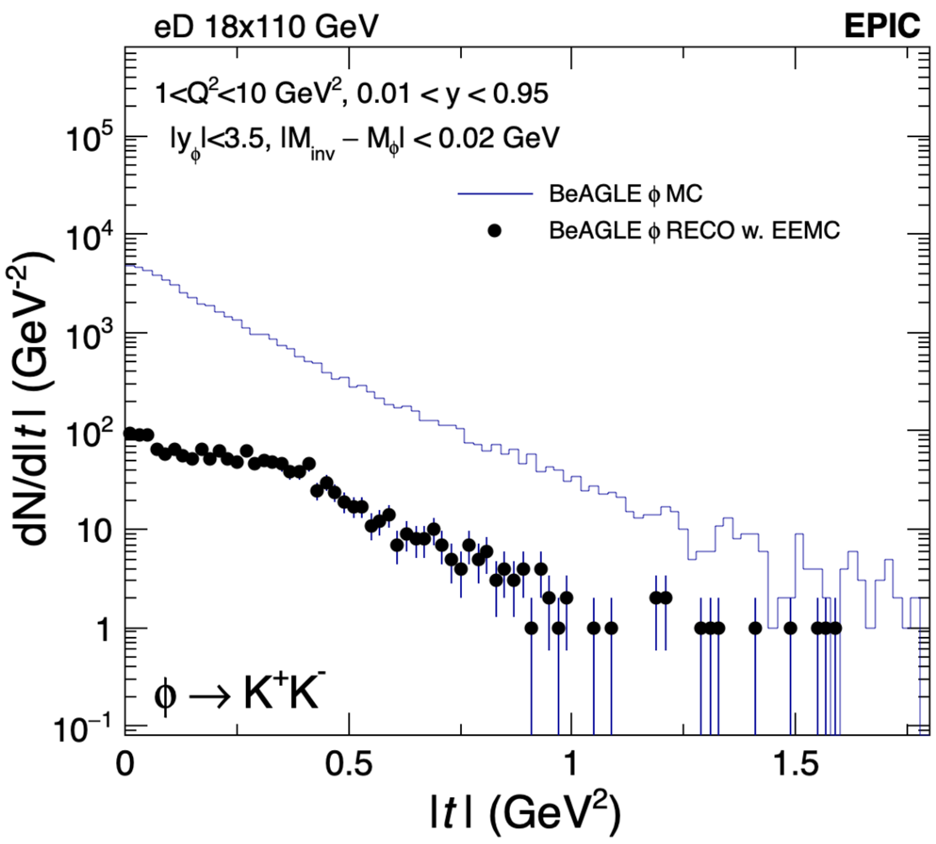
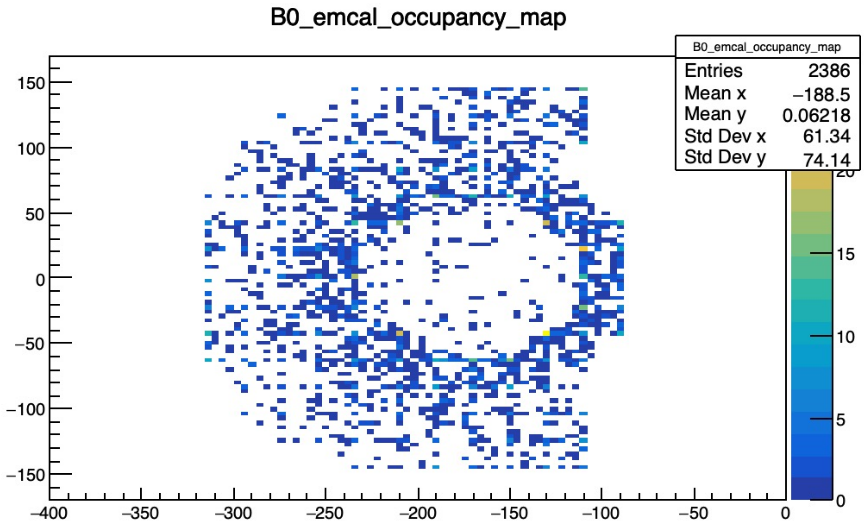


- All cuts are the same as previous slide.
- This is with veto.
- Finally, the vetoing performance seems to make sense now.
- We have about 15 to 10 times of reduction power, starting from low to high t.

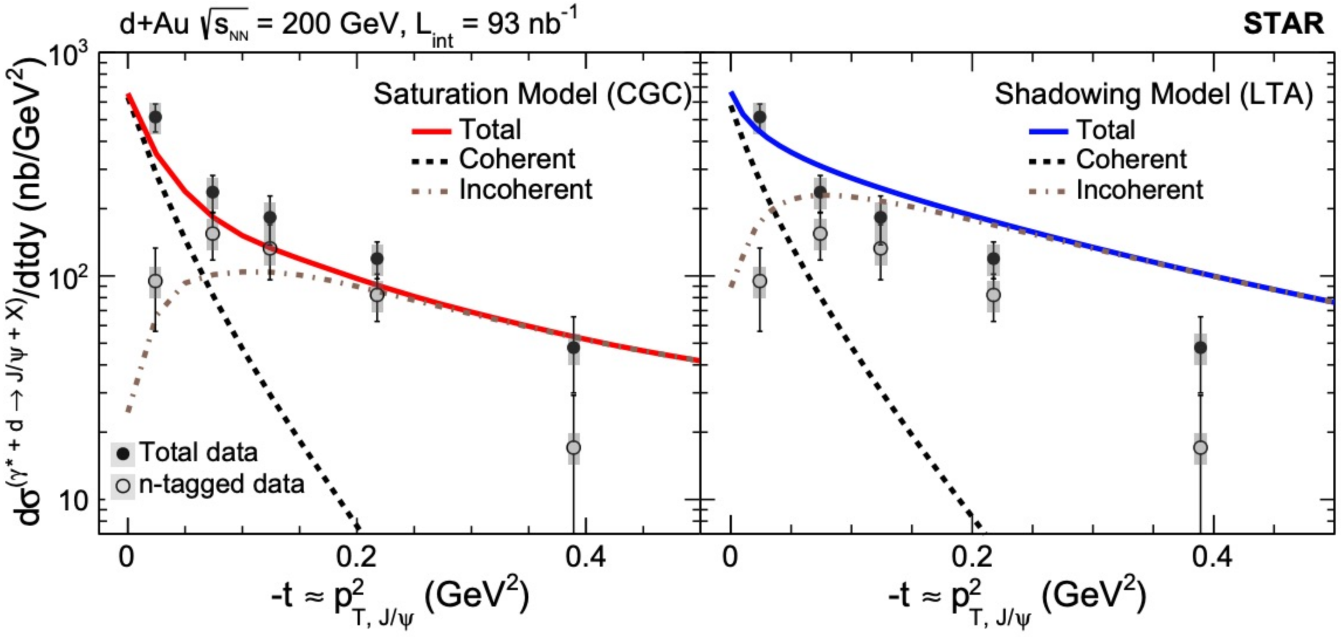
Technical details:

- RP and OMD still do not have hits. [out of 5k events]
- B0 and ZDC have hits.



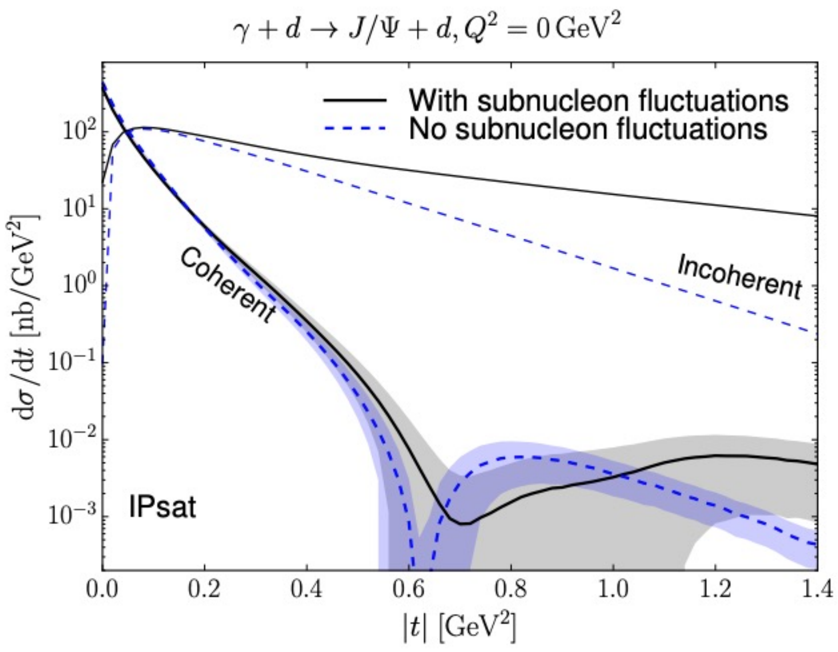
- Something could be still off about OMD, or the magnet scaling does work perfectly?

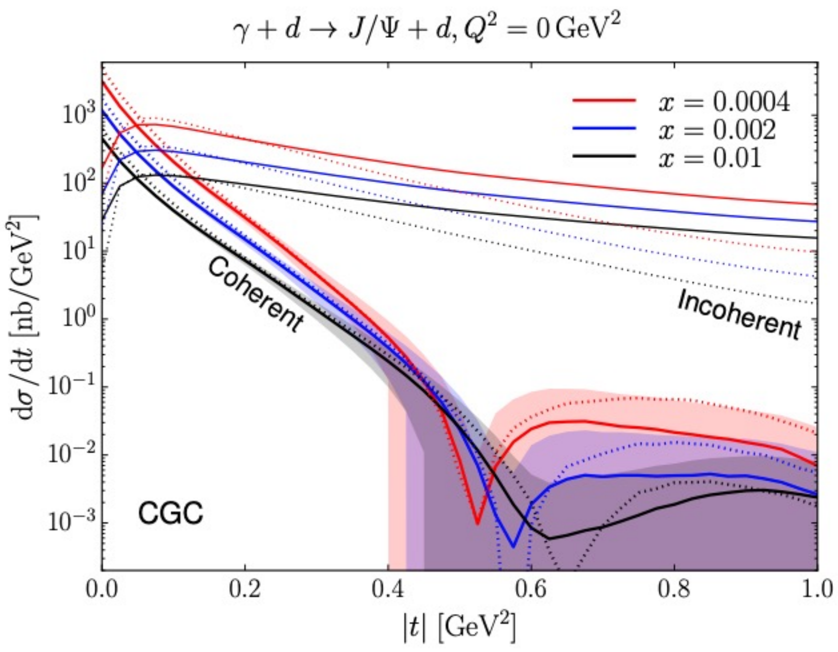
How much do we need?



- At about -t ~ 0.2 GeV^2 , one needs about > 10 in reduction power.
- It seems like we can cover the low-t part of the coherent measurement via incoherent vetoing?

Predictions at the EIC





For the smallest and simplest nuclei - deuteron:

- t = [0 - 0.25] GeV^2, incoherent vetoing
- t = [0.25, 1.0] GeV^2, coherent tagging?

This structure ('dip') moves to the left as A increases, so the requirement of incoherent vetos and coherent tagging changes. And it strongly depends on x.

Summary

- In this study, I have done a first look at how deuteron breakup can be vetoed using the ePIC detector.
- Similar studies are being done by Eden on the heavy nuclei, and maybe there are other studies.
- We can have people who want to do some other nuclear species, e.g., medium A to see the performance.
- This, in my opinion, can be one of the papers I proposed last week– "*A general veto program at ePIC for exclusive physics*"