

Diffractive ϕ Analysis Update

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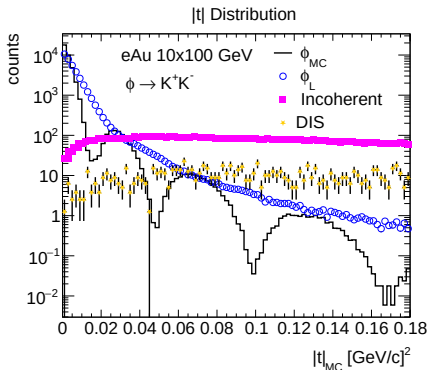
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Introduction

Crucial aspect of program $\rightarrow$ ability to study gluons

Critical measurement: exclusive vector meson (VM) production

- Probe to gluon density $\rightarrow$ precisely see structure $\rightarrow$ **saturation**
- Distribution of momentum transfer (t):
 - ▶ Fourier conjugate to impact parameter
 - ▶ Gluon imaging



- **Limited resolution in measuring t**
 - ▶ Mainly momentum resolution of outgoing electron (**blue circles**)
- **Overwhelming background**
 - ▶ Incoherent (**magenta squares**)
 - ▶ DIS (**orange stars**)

Status

Kinematic reconstructions	quantity	Reco	Truth	Response (2D)	Purity/bin migration	detector acceptance-only corrected	Unfolding/full correction
(electron, J_B , DA , σ , e - σ)	Q_2	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	x	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	y	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	dQ_2/Q_2	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	dx/x	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	dy/y	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	e' energy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	e' theta	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	HFS (E_{pz})	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Event level	HFS (p_T)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	E_{pz} ($e' + \text{HFS}$)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	E/p for calorimeter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Calo clusters	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Observable of interest		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	e.g., t_u , etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Detector specific variables	Depends	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PID quantities:	Add when it comes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

- Finalized analysis with QA plots
- Implement AI (PyTorch) for unfolding

eAu 10x100 GeV Diffractive ϕ Production

- Sartre1.39-1.0:
 - ▶ Coherent exclusive ϕ production
 - ▶ CraterLake 25.06.1
- BeAGLE1.03.02-1.0:
 - ▶ DIS (background study)
 - ▶ CraterLake 25.06.1

Branches Used:

- "MCParticles" → MC truth particles
- "EcalEndcapNClusters" and "EcalEndcapNRecHits" → EMcal cluster info
- "EcalEndcapNClusterAssociations" → rec and sim ID mapping
- "_CalorimeterTrackProjections_points" → calorimeter tracks
- "ReconstructedChargedParticles" → charged particles
- "ReconstructedFarForwardZDCNeutrals" → ZDC hits
- "ForwardRomanPotRecHits" → RP hits
- "ForwardOffMTrackerRecHits" → OMD hits

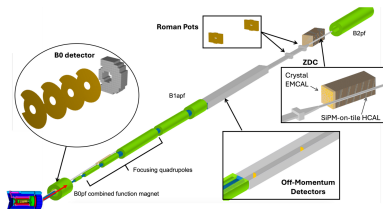
Code Logic

Remove incoherent events:

- Reject hits in: OMD, RP, ZDC
- Cut on $|\eta| > 3.5$

Identify e' :

- Find highest energy cluster
- Build 3x3 cluster within 70 mm
- Weighted average of position
- Match cluster to track

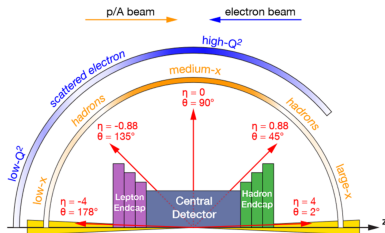


Build HFS:

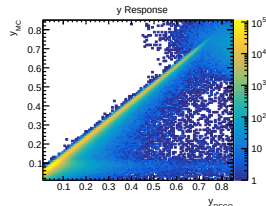
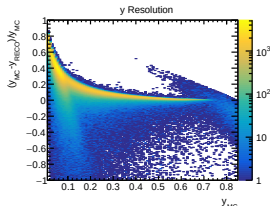
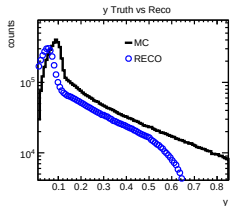
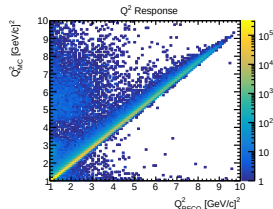
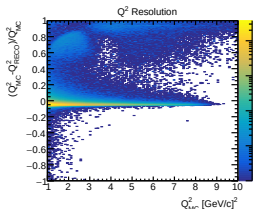
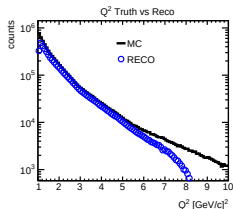
- Use all tracks except e'
- $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$
- Veto if $\text{HFS} > 2$

Calculate $|t|$:

- Extract $|t|$ from ϕ kinematics



Cuts: Q^2 and y



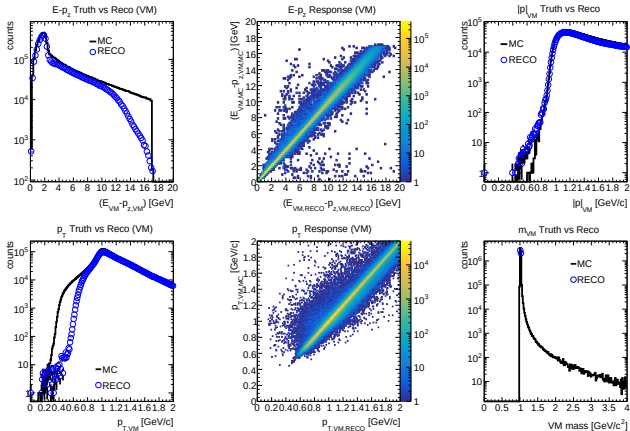
$$1 < Q^2 < 10 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$

- Ensure photon hard enough
- Avoid poor resolution

$$0.01 < y < 0.85$$

- Avoid where e barely interacts
- Avoid where e loses almost all energy

Cuts: VM



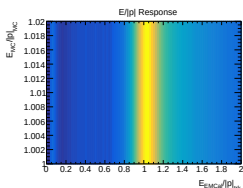
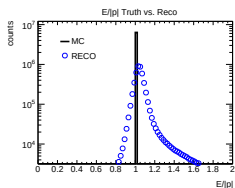
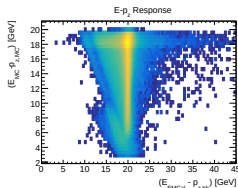
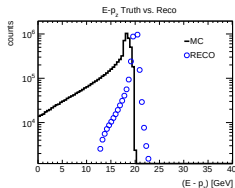
$$|\text{Rapidity}| < 3.5$$

- Centrally produced
- Distinct diffractive event

$$|m_{VM} - 1.02| < 0.02 \text{ (GeV/c}^2\text{)}$$

- Ensure ϕ selection

Cuts: $E - p_z$, E/p



e'_{RECO} :

- Use EMcal cluster energy $\rightarrow$ get p
- Use reco track $\rightarrow$ get η , ϕ , θ

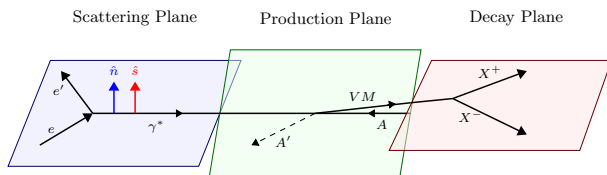
$$15 < E - p_z < 25 \text{ (GeV)}$$

- Complete final state
- Ensure exclusivity

$$0.8 < E/p < 1.18$$

- Confirm EMcal matches track
- Select true electrons

Cuts: $\theta_{\max}$



- Find region where P_{VM} dominates

Decompose t :

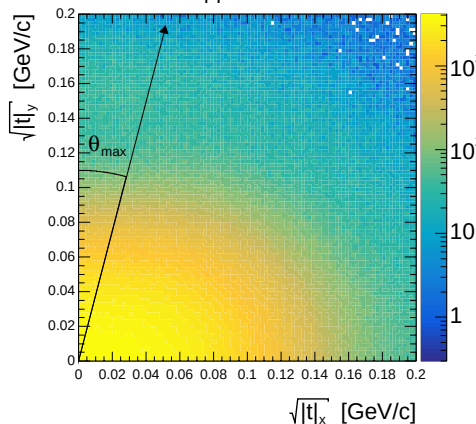
$$\begin{aligned}
 t &= t_{\perp} + t_{//} \\
 t_{\perp} &= t_x + t_y \\
 &= q_x^2 + q_y^2 \\
 t_{\perp} &= q_{\perp}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Parameterize $q_{\perp} = \pm\sqrt{|t_{\perp}|}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_x &= q_{\perp} \sin(\theta) \\
 q_y &= q_{\perp} \cos(\theta) \\
 \theta_{\max} &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{q_x}{q_y} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Cuts: $\theta_{\max}$

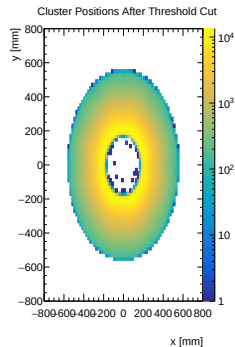
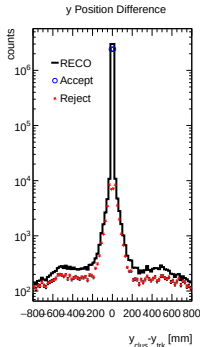
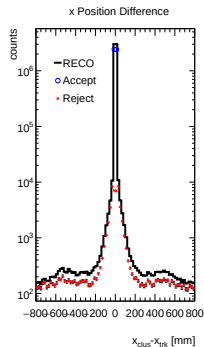
2D $|t|$ Distribution



- Define $q_x = \sqrt{|t_x|}$ to be in $\hat{x} = \hat{n} \times \hat{p}_e$ direction
- Cut wedge of angle $\theta_{\max}$ from $\hat{n}$ -direction
 - ▶ $q_y \rightarrow$ projected VM
- Eliminates most of the q_x component

$$\theta_{\max} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{q_x}{q_y}\right)$$

Cuts: Geometric



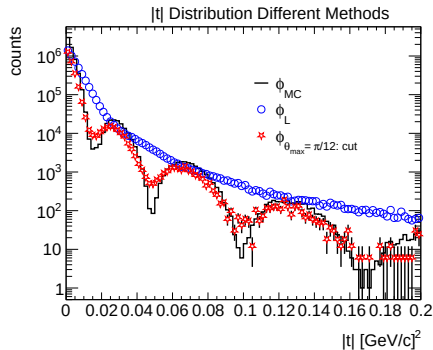
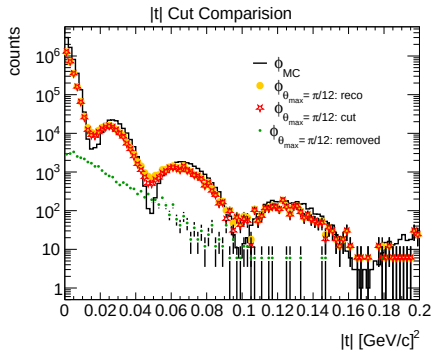
$$|x_{clus} - x_{trk}| < 20 \text{ mm}$$
$$|y_{clus} - y_{trk}| < 20 \text{ mm}$$

- Improve e' reconstruction

$$r < 550 \text{ mm}$$

- Ensure electron is within detectors sensitive region

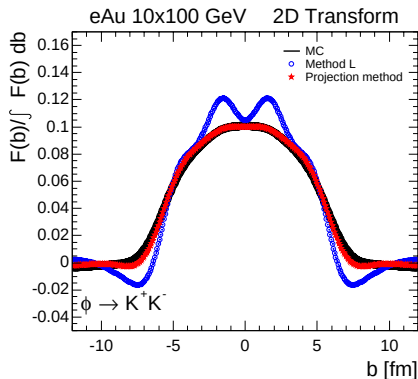
Reconstruction Methods: $|t|$



$|t|$ Distribution:

- **Method E:** $|t|_{MC} = (P_{VM} + P_{e'} - P_e)^2$
- **Method L:** $|t|_L = (P_A - P_{A'}^{\text{corr}})^2$
- **Projection method:** $t_{\text{proj}} = (t_x, t_{\hat{n}}, t_z, t_E)$, $|t|_{\hat{n}} = (P_{VM} \cdot \hat{n})^2$

The Transformation



Import $|t|$ distribution:

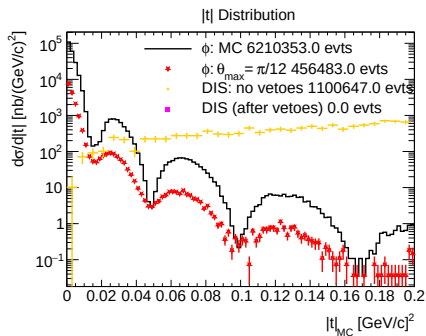
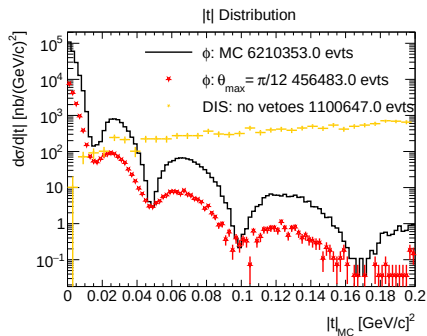
- Based on diffractive minima of $|t| \rightarrow$ apply sign flips
 - Maintain oscillatory structure

Fourier-Bessel Transformation

$$F(b) \propto \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \sqrt{\frac{d\sigma}{dt}} J_0(bq_T) q_T dq_T$$

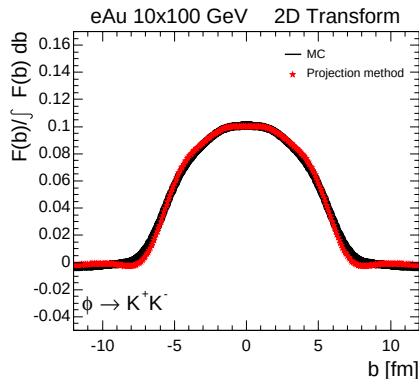
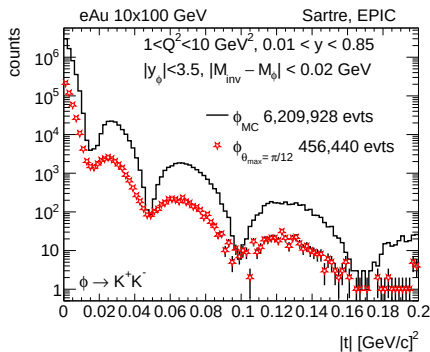
- $\sqrt{\frac{d\sigma}{dt}}$: Amplitude of scattering
- $J_0(bq_T)$: Bessel function $\rightarrow$ radial symmetry in transverse plane
- $q_T = \sqrt{|t|}$

DIS Background



- Combine all cuts → remove all background

Results



Substantial improvement!

- Refined diffractive pattern
- Obtained spatial profile
- **Con:** loss of statistics

Summary

- *What has been done:*
 - ▶ DIS background study
 - ▶ Recovered diffractive structure
 - ▶ Mapped gluon density distribution
- *What still needs to be done:*
 - ▶ For preTDR: redo analysis with eAu 18x110
 - ▶ **Add incoherent** for both eAu 10x100 and 18x110
 - ▶ Statistically remove incoherent, AI unfolding
 - ▶ Add ρ background
 - ▶ Add DIS and incoherent to analysis note
- *What simulations still need to be ran:*
 - ▶ Need eAu 18x110 and 10x100 BeAGLE (exclusive incoherent diffractive ϕ) files
 - ▶ Need diffractive ρ coherent/incoherent 10x100 files