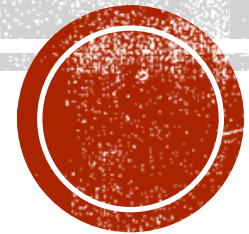


Exclusive Meeting — Deuteron Tagging

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OVERVIEW

- Extraction of deuteron and neutron reduced cross section from HepMC simulation output
 - True MC information, without any beam or detector effects
 - Simulation setup:
 - eD DIS events at $10 \times 130 \text{ GeV}^2$ (simulation by Alex)
 - Scattering on neutron, tagging of protons
 - Goal:
 - Reproduction of deuteron reduced cross section from A. Jentsch, Z. Tu, C. Weiss: [Phys. Rev. C 104, 065205](#)
- Today:
 - Deuteron reduced cross section
 - Overview of online only report from last week
 - Important for context of updates for today
 - Neutron reduced cross section and its extrapolation
 - New for today

VARIABLES

- Scattered electron

- $Q^2 = -q^2 = -(p_{e,beam} - p_{e,scat})^2$

- $x = \frac{Q^2}{2 P \cdot q}$

- Kinematic variables

- $y = \frac{p_d \cdot q}{p_d \cdot p_{e,beam}}$

- $1 - \epsilon = \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2}$

- Light-cone momentum fraction:

- $\alpha_p \equiv \frac{2p_p^+}{p_d^+} = \frac{2(E_p + p_{z,p})}{E_d + p_{z,d}}$

- Proton transfer momentum

- $p_{T,p} = \sqrt{p_{x,p}^2 + p_{y,p}^2}$

- Fine structure constant

- $\alpha_{em} = \frac{1}{137}$

- Luminosity and cross section

- $L_{int} = \frac{N_{events}}{\sigma_{tot}} = \frac{N_{events}}{4.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{mb}}$

- $\text{mb} = 2.568 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

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- Measured reduced cross section

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- $\Delta x, \Delta Q^2, \Delta p_{T,p}^2, \Delta\alpha_p$ are bin widths

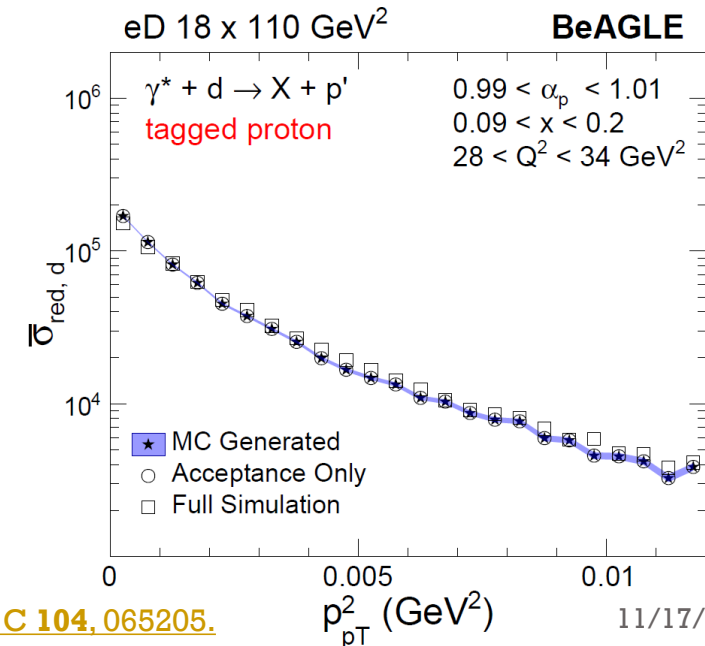
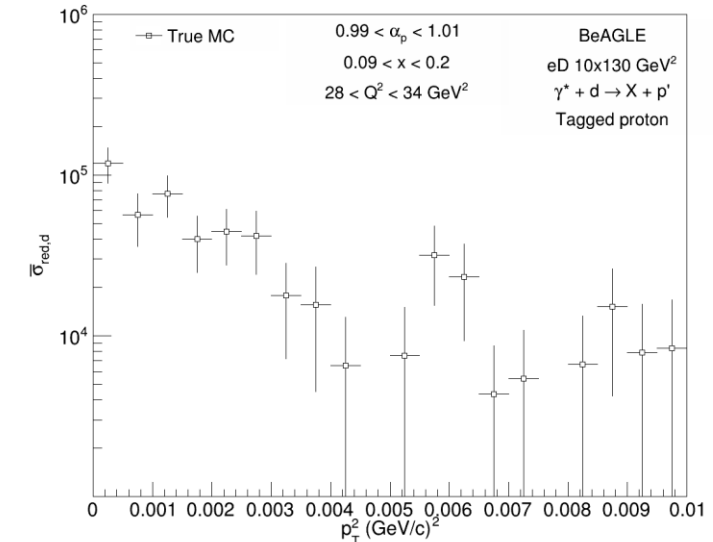
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TRUE MC DEUTERON REDUCED CROSS SECTION

- Extracted deuteron reduced cross section using tagged protons
 - (top) This study
 - (bottom) Published
 - Both in the same kinematic bin for comparison
- Simulation in this study has much lower statistics (ca. 500k events), so not many events fit in the same kinematic bin (ca. 90 evens pass)
- Results seem to be reasonably consistent
- Published results and this study are at a different energy
 - Comparison needs to be done with some caution



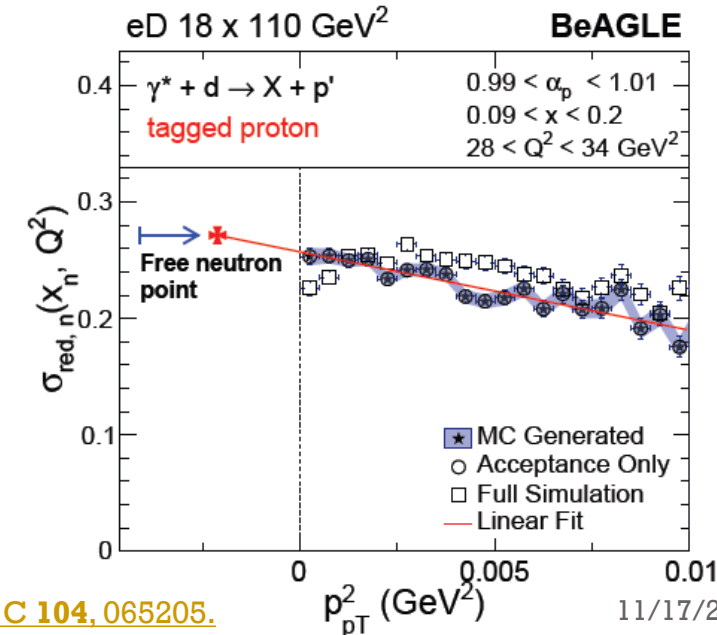
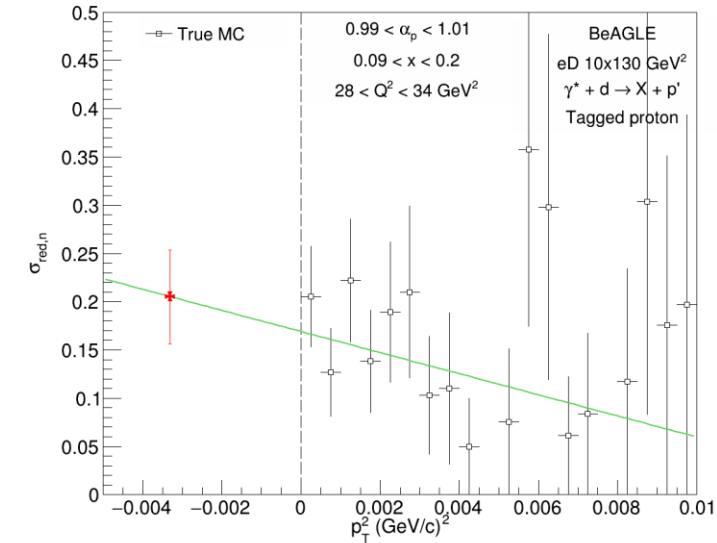
POLE EXTRAPOLATION METHOD

- $\sigma_{red,n} = \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{red,d}(x, Q^2)}{[2(2\pi)^3]S_d(p_{pT}, \alpha_p)[pole]}$
- $\bar{\sigma}_{red,n}$ at the pole corresponds to a free n
 - $p_{pT}^2 \rightarrow -a_T^2$ which means negative (unphysical) p_{pT}^2
- Solution is to experimentally measure $\sigma_{red,n}$ as a function of p_{pT}^2 for small positive values and extrapolate to the pole
 - We are using DIS on bound n to extract F_2 of free n
- Same measurement can be done for p
 - Cross check with proton F_2 extracted with traditional method
 - Can be used to select optimal deuteron spectral function
- We can measure/calculate this
- External input from model/experiment
- Deuteron spectral function
 - $S_d(p_{pT}, \alpha_p)[pole] = \frac{R}{(p_{pT}^2 + a_T^2)^2}$
 - Position of pole
 - $a_T^2 = m_N^2 - \alpha_p(2 - \alpha_p)\frac{M_d^2}{4}$
 - Extrapolation done for $\alpha_p = 1$
 - Residue of spectral function
 - $R = 2\alpha_p^2 m_N \Gamma^2 (2 - \alpha_p)$
 - $\Gamma^2 = 0.007885 \text{ GeV}$

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TRUE MC NEUTRON REDUCED CROSS SECTION

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SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

- Implemented first version of framework for extraction of deuteron **and neutron** reduced cross section from HepMC simulation output
- Implemented extrapolation method to evaluate free neutron cross section
- Result appears consistent with previously published result
 - Published result from A. Jentsch, Z. Tu, C. Weiss: [Phys. Rev. C 104, 065205.](#)
 - Notes:
 - This study and published results at different energy
 - Statistics of current MC is low
- To-do/outlook:
 - Start implementing the same framework on EICRecon output
 - First just for MC, using MCParticles
 - RC level information
 - Later, as it likely requires full efficiency and acceptance correction