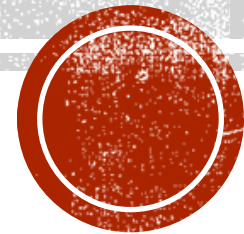


Exclusive Meeting — Deuteron Tagging

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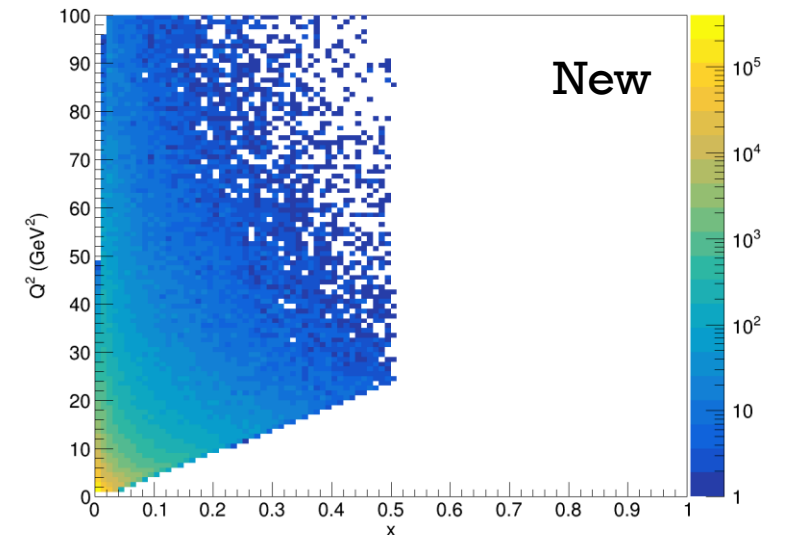
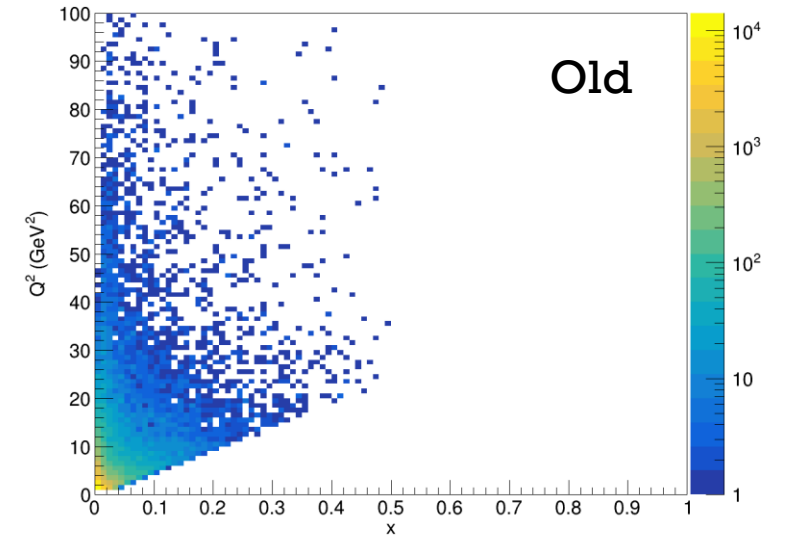


OVERVIEW

- Updated scattered electron finding
 - Both True MC and RC
- Updated spectator finding
 - Both True MC and RC
- Updated systematic uncertainty calculation
- New results
 - Full statistics of official simulation production

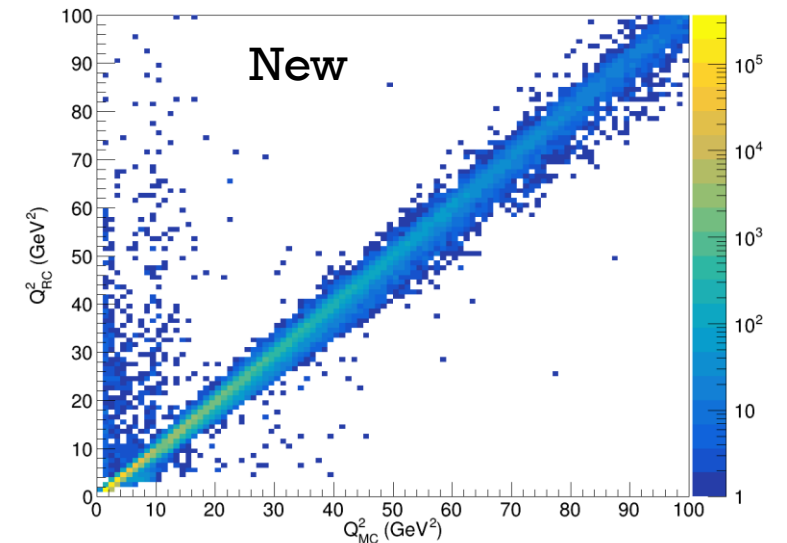
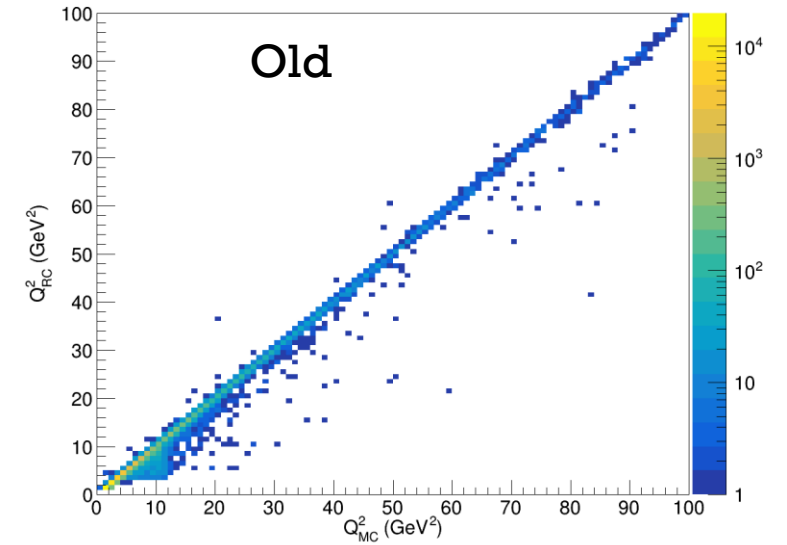
SCATTERED ELECTRON FINDING — MC

- Old:
 - Find electron with highest momentum in the event
- New:
 - Find electron which has the beam electron as a parent
- Not a major change, but ensures that we are really selecting True MC scattered electrons
 - Old version worked well, but new method is better
- Note: New has higher statistics
 - Old: 500k events
 - New: 10M events



SCATTERED ELECTRON FINDING — RC

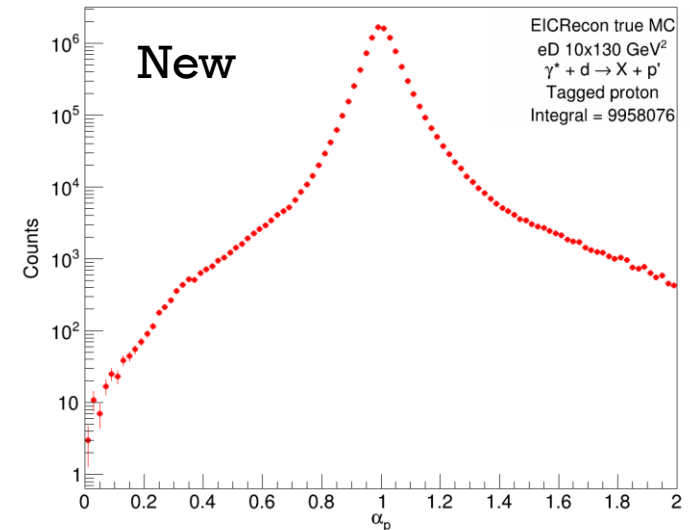
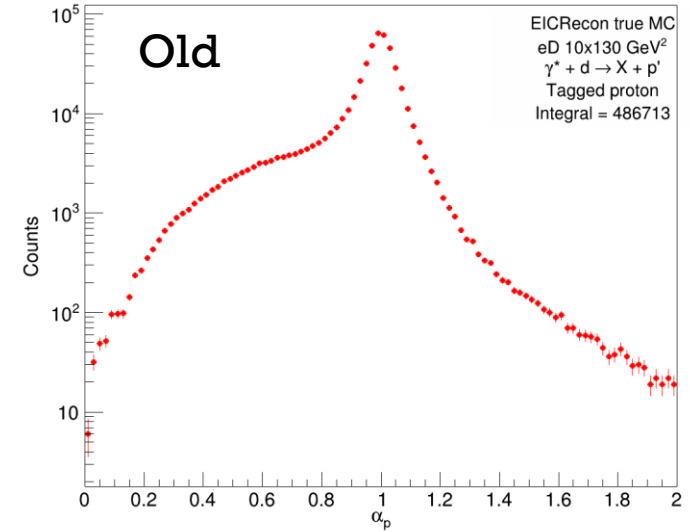
- Old:
 - Direct RC to True MC matching
- New:
 - Find negative charged track with well matched nECAL or bECAL cluster with $0.8 < E/p < 1.2$
 - If more such cluster-track pairs are found, select the one with the highest momentum
 - Correct momentum magnitude using energy deposition in ECAL
 - Verified that this method provides better (x, Q^2) distribution and MC vs. RC for scattered electron kinematics
 - Main source of efficiency drop in final cross sections
 - Worse performance, but that is expected



SPECTATOR SELECTION — MC

- Old:
 - Find True MC proton/neutron with $\eta > 5.5$
 - Issue: Some events have 2 such protons/neutrons
 - One is the spectator
 - Second one is from DIS process – don't want this one
 - Was accepting wrong spectator causing contamination of MC
 - Shoulder at low α_p
- New:
 - If 2 MC spectator candidates are in one event, take the one with larger η as spectator
 - Based on MC and MC vs. RC η distributions (see next slide)

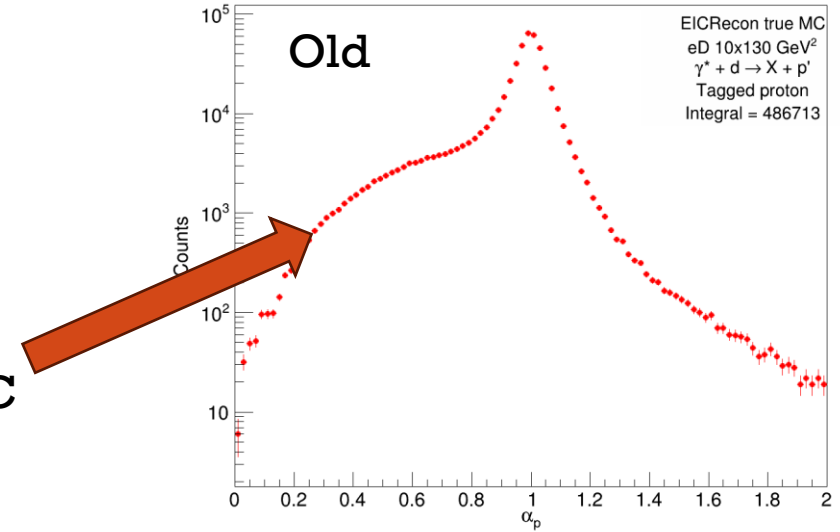
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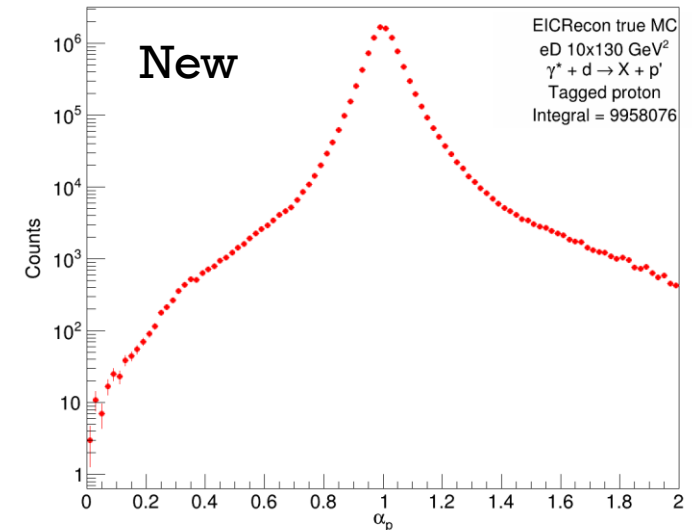
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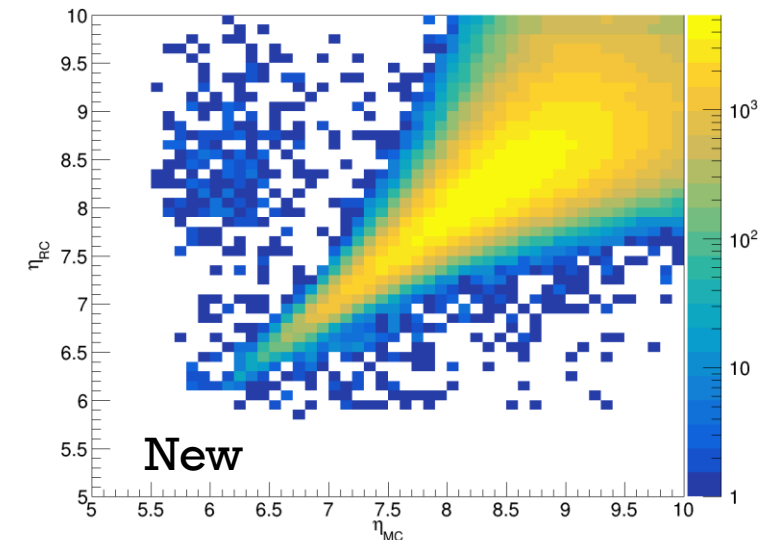
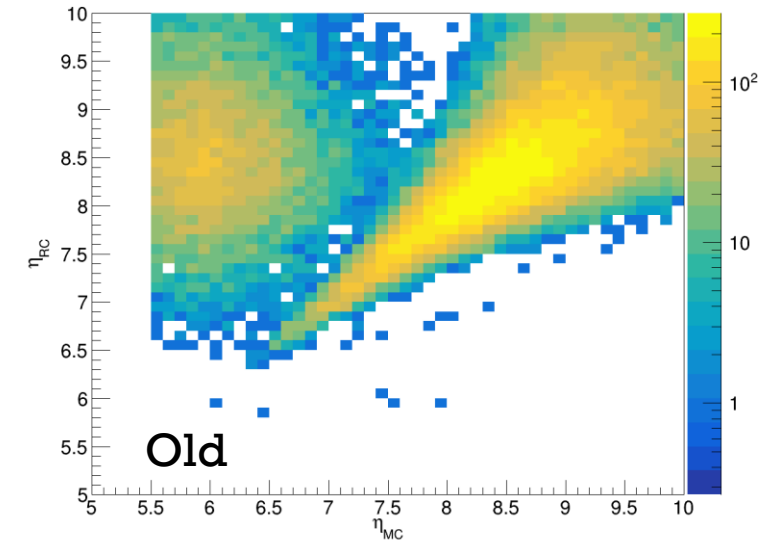
- New:
 - If 2 MC spectator candidates are in one event, take the one with larger η as spectator
 - Based on MC and MC vs. RC η distributions (see next slide)
 - Shoulder gone



SPECTATOR SELECTION — RC

- Old:
 - Accept only events with strictly one RC spectator candidate in OMD or ZDC
 - Region at $\eta_{MC} \approx 6$ and $\eta_{RC} \approx 8.5$ caused mainly by bad MC selection (see previous slide)
- New:
 - If 2 candidates are found (rare), use the one with larger η as spectator
 - Region at $\eta_{MC} \approx 6$ and $\eta_{RC} \approx 8.5$ still has some events, here more likely contamination when the “wrong” DIS proton is the only particle reconstructed by the OMD or ZDC

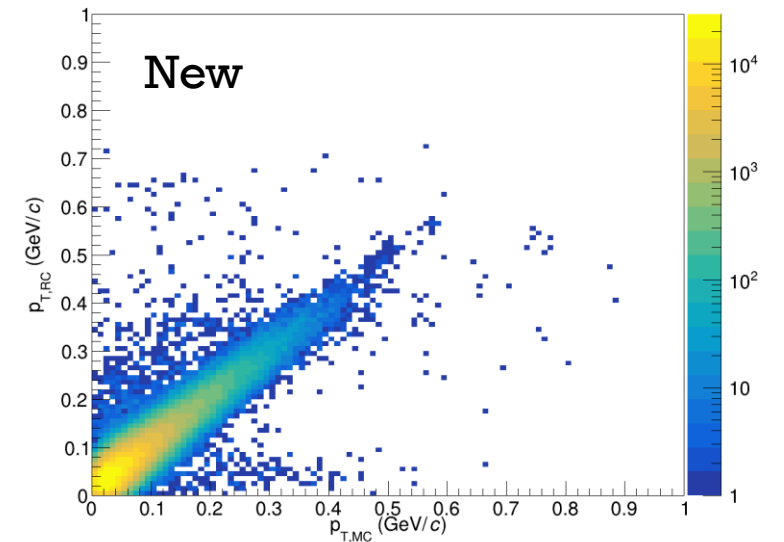
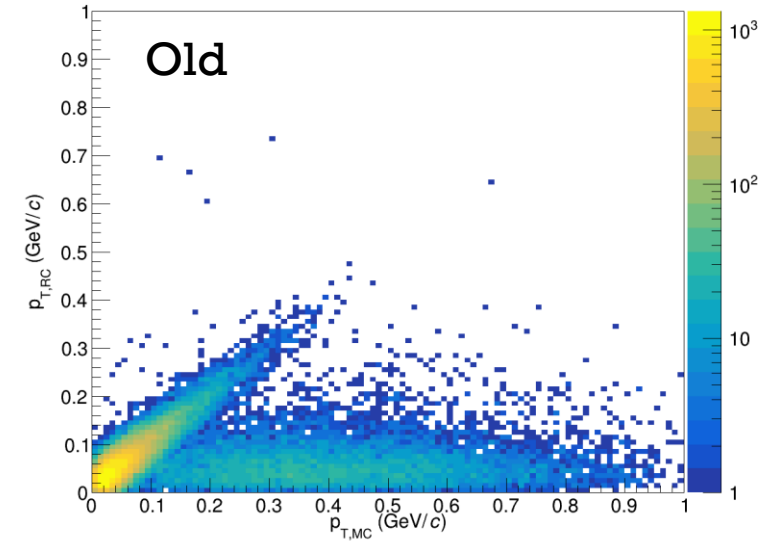
Tagged proton



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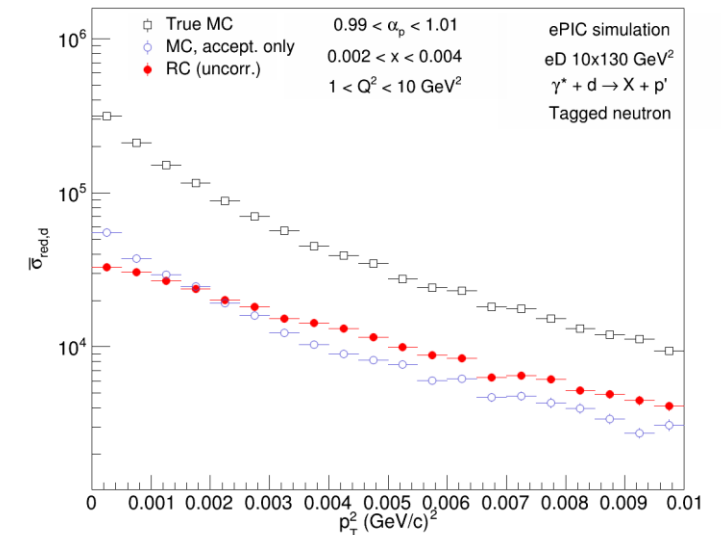
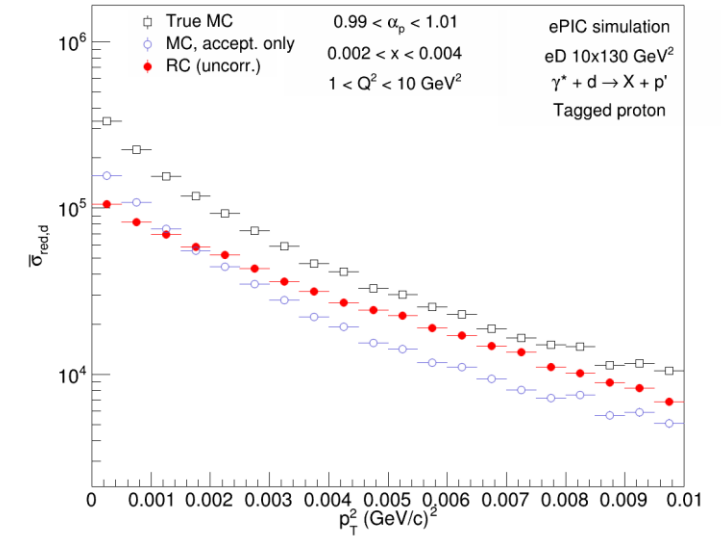
- Old:
 - Accept only events with strictly one RC spectator candidate in OMD or ZDC
 - Shoulder at low $p_{T,RC}$ caused mainly by bad MC selection (see slides 5 and 6)
- New:
 - If 2 candidates are found (rare), use the one with larger η as spectator
 - Shoulder eliminated
 - Contamination in η comes from DIS protons which have very low p_T and are thus harder to differentiate from real spectators

Tagged proton



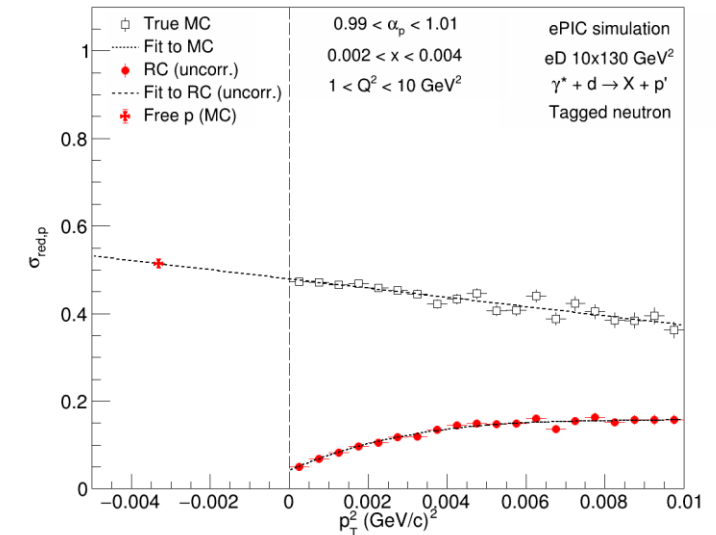
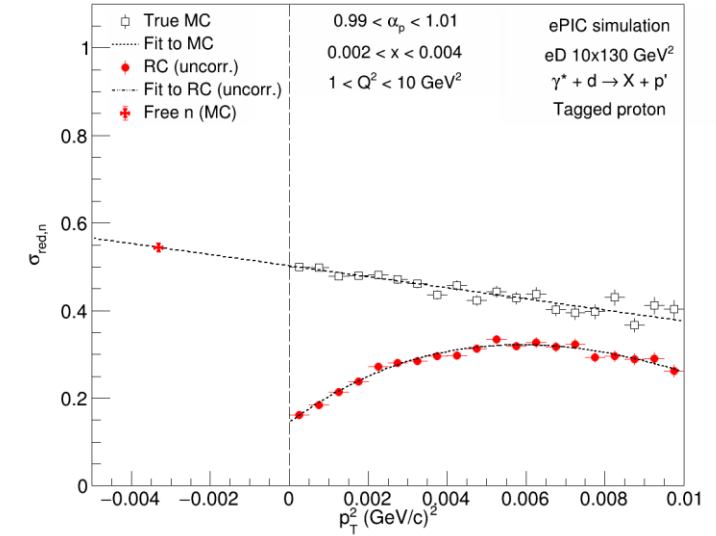
DEUTERON REDUCED CROSS SECTION

- (top) Deuteron reduced cross section in EICRecon calculated using **tagged protons**
- (bottom) Deuteron reduced cross section in EICRecon calculated using **tagged neutrons**
- Comparison of True MC (black), acceptance only MC (blue), and RC (red)
 - Acceptance only = MC distribution for acceptor RC events
 - Reflects only efficiency loss, but not bin migration that changes p_T^2
 - Acc. Only/True MC largely p_T^2 independent, within statistical precision
- More substantial overall efficiency loss dominated by new electron finding algorithm
- Full simulation statistics



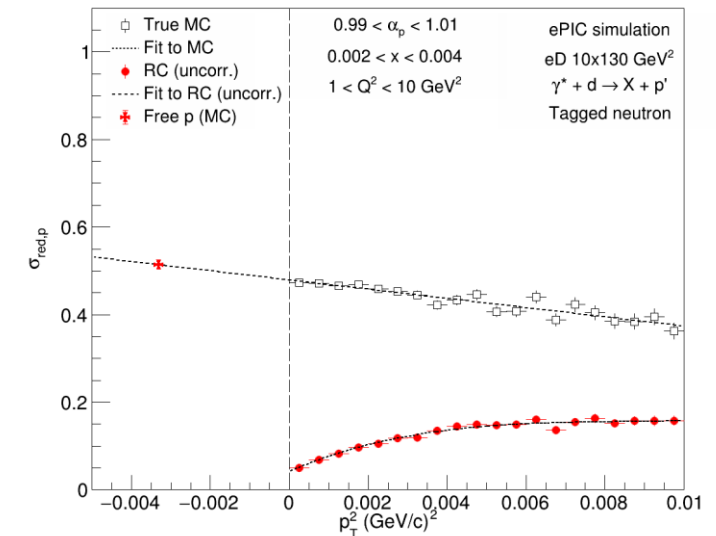
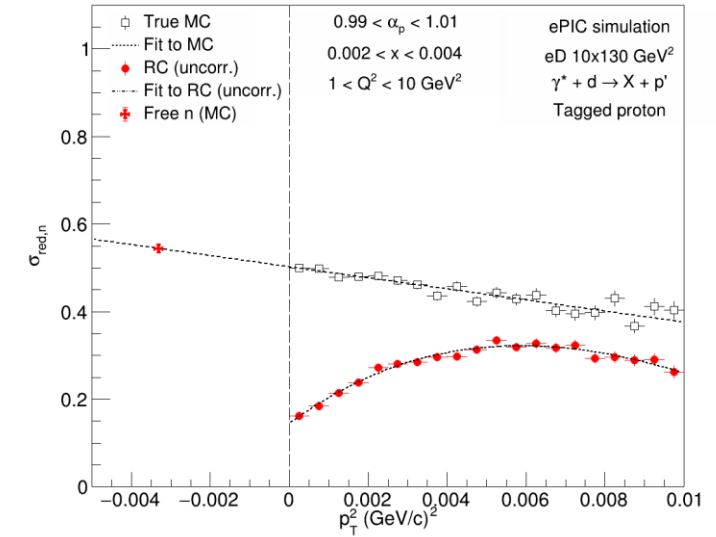
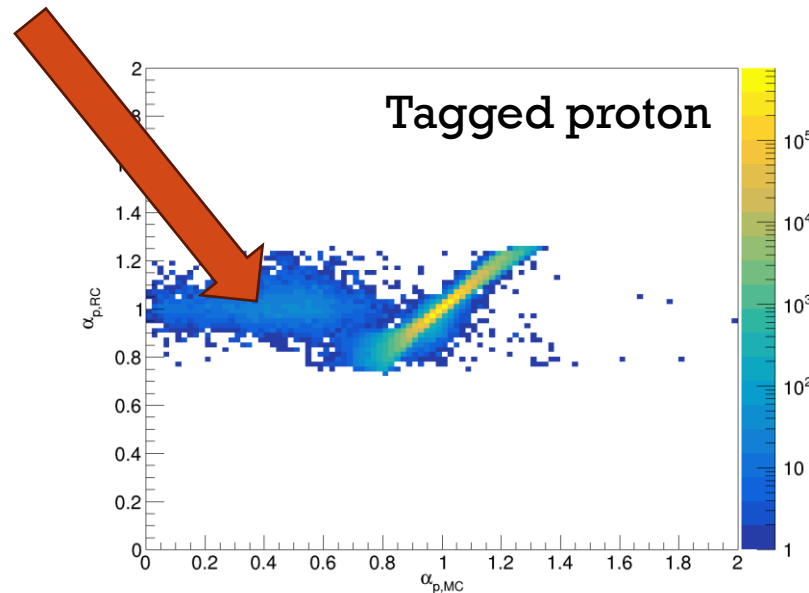
NUCLEON REDUCED CROSS SECTION – UNCORRECTED

- (left) **Neutron** reduced cross section in EICRecon
- (left) **Proton** reduced cross section in EICRecon
- Not showing acceptance only
 - Pole removal for acceptance only is difficult for matched MC events, as matching $\alpha_{p,MC}$ is not constrained due to contamination



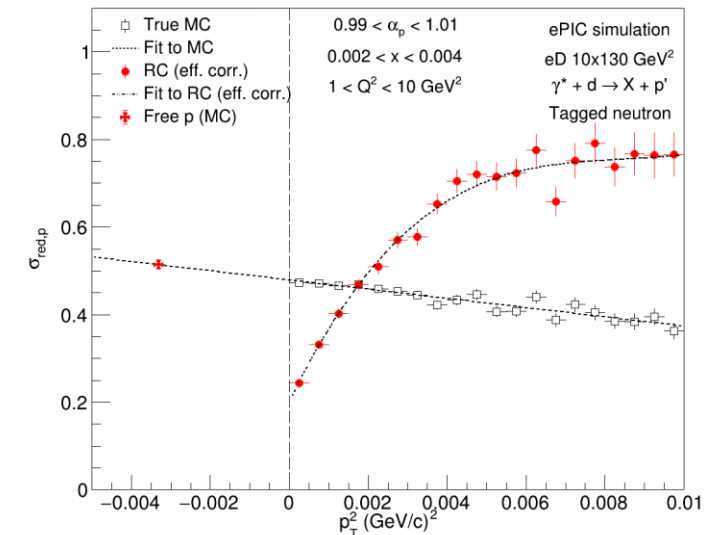
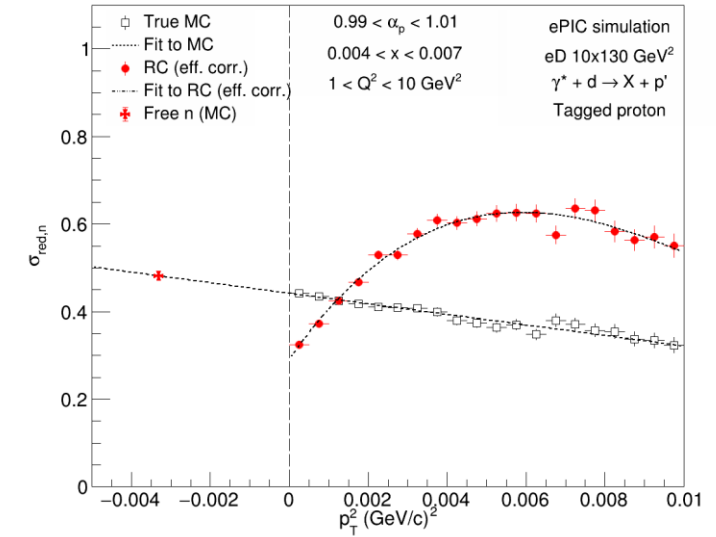
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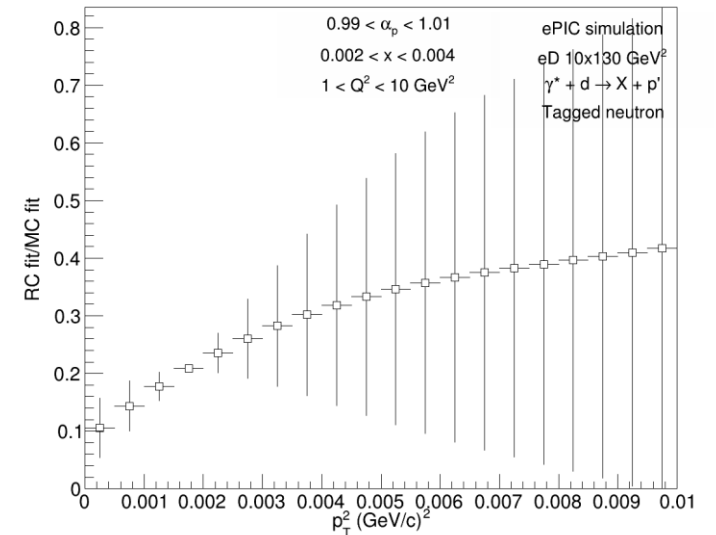
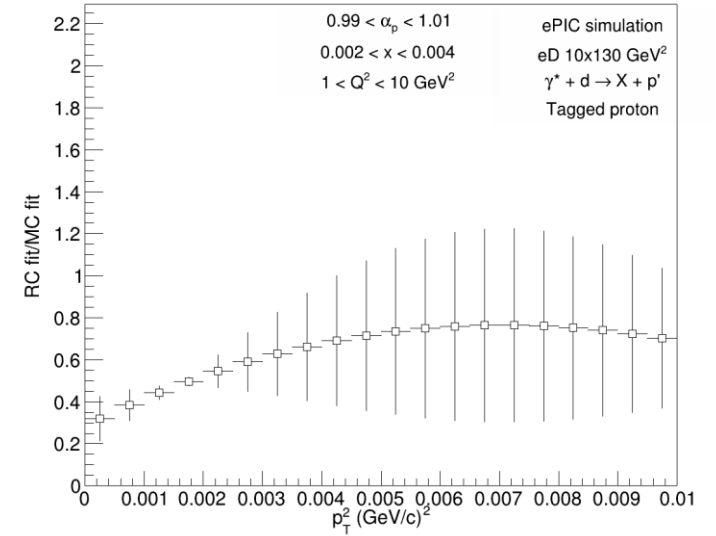
NUCLEON REDUCED CROSS SECTION — CORRECTED

- (top) Efficiency corrected **neutron** reduced cross section in EICRecon
- (left) Efficiency corrected **proton** reduced cross section in EICRecon
- Efficiency correction only, no bin migration correction
 - Efficiency calculated from integrals of deuteron deduced cross sections (Slide 9) for Acceptance only and True MC
 - $$Eff. = \frac{I_{acc.only}}{I_{TrueMC}}$$
- The systematic uncertainty is now calculated using the relative shift of the eff. corrected RC to True MC
 - Using difference between the fit functions
 - The systematic uncertainty only accounts for the bin migration and not for the overall efficiency loss



EFFICIENCY AND ACCEPTANCE

- Efficiency and bin migration correction using ratio of MC and RC **fit functions** to nucleon reduced cross section
 - RC/MC
 - Functions evaluated at histogram bin centers
- New associated relative systematic uncertainty:
 - $|Acc. Only - MC|/MC$
 - Added in quadrature to statistical uncertainty for final results (shown later)

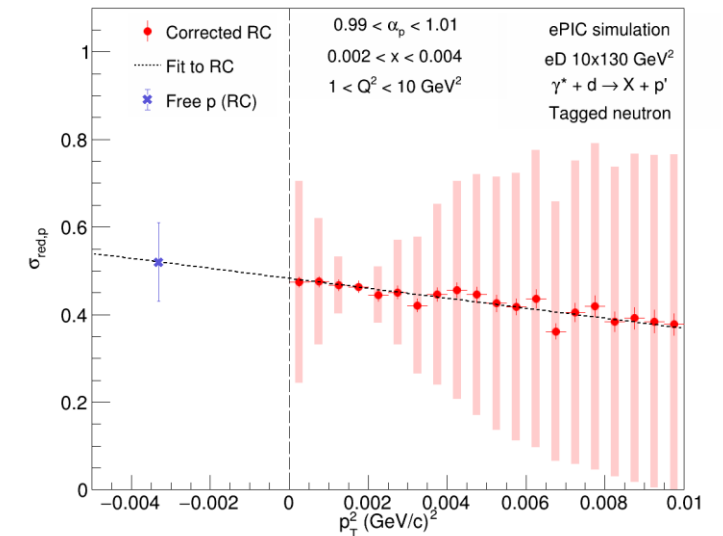
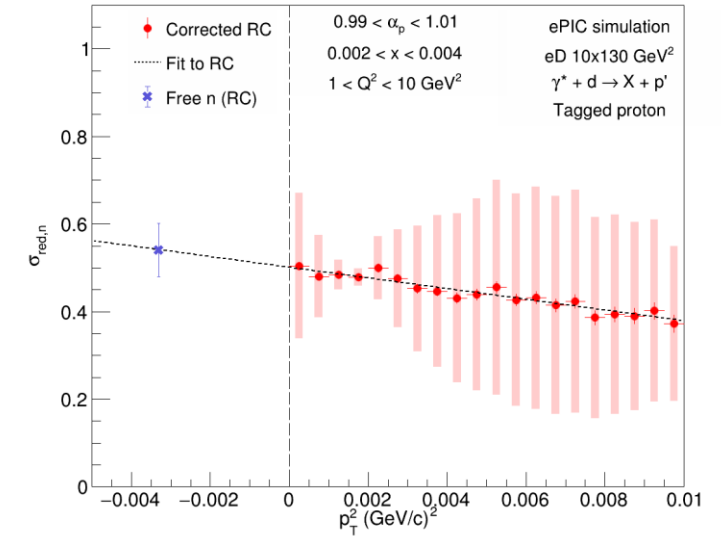


NUCLEON REDUCED CROSS SECTION — CORRECTED

- (top) **Neutron** reduced cross section in EICRecon
 - Corrected
- (bottom) **Proton** reduced cross section in EICRecon
 - Corrected

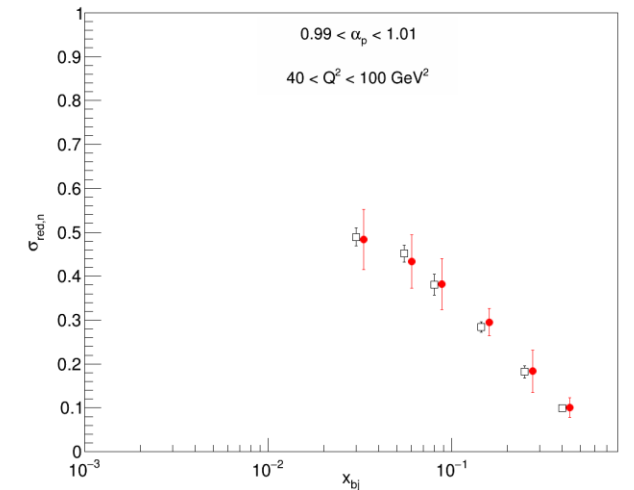
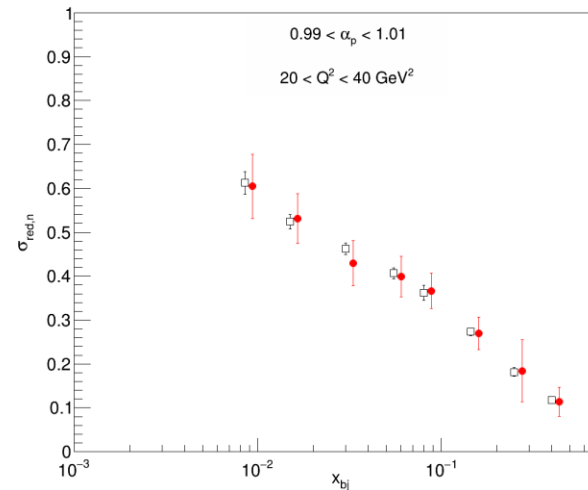
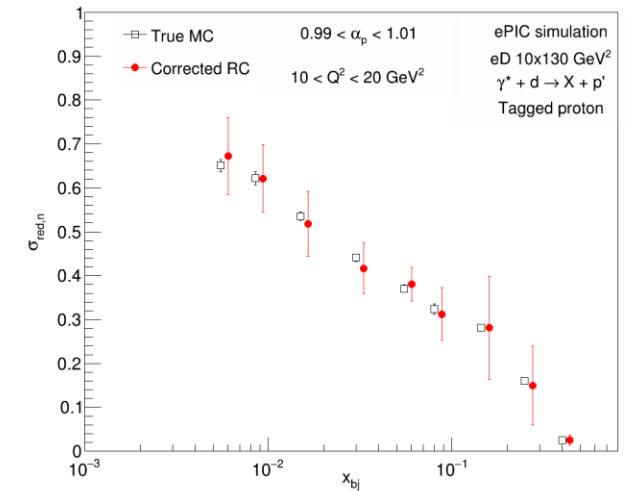
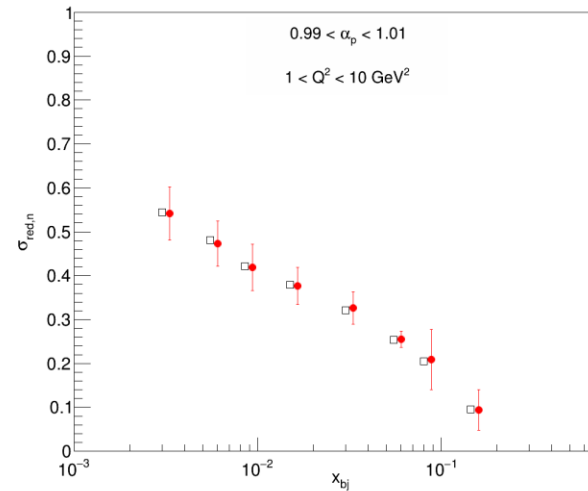
- New corrected cross sections using updated efficiency
- Now plotting statistical and systematic uncertainties separately
 - Stat. – error bars
 - Sys. – shaded bands

- Linear fit done to distribution with total uncertainties



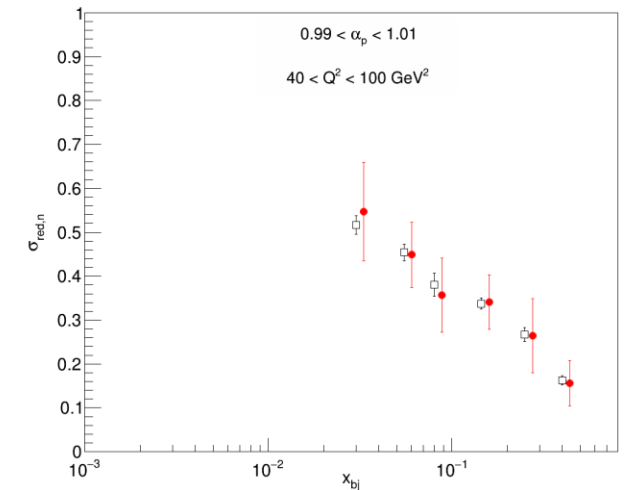
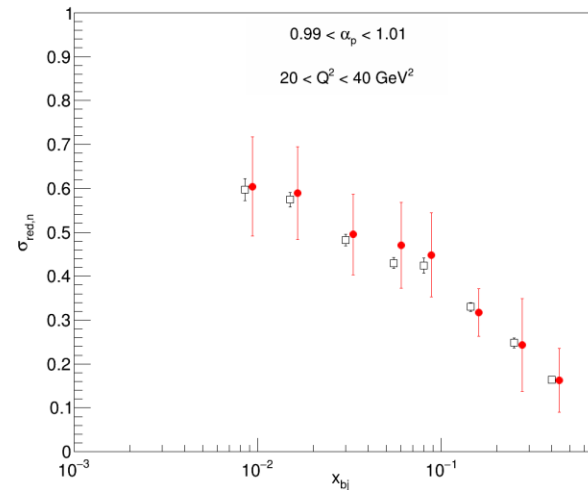
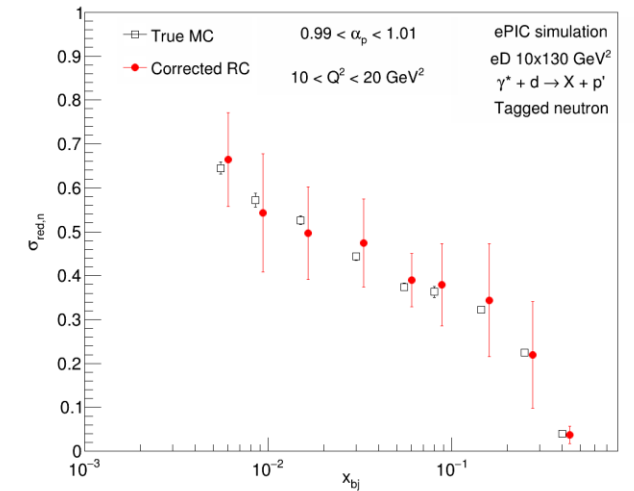
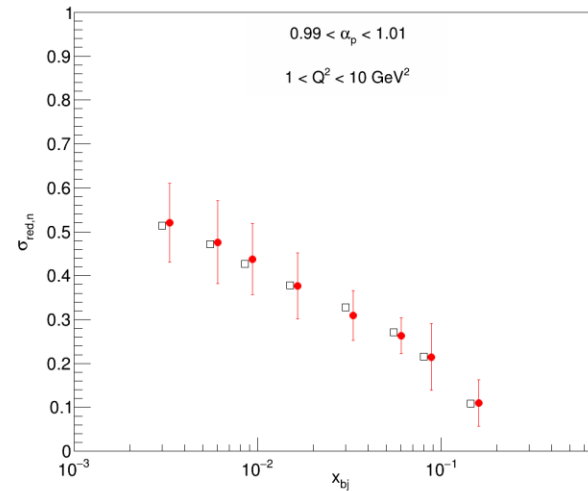
REDUCED CROSS SECTION VS. x_{bj} (eN)

- Comparison of the MC and RC **neutron** reduced cross sections
- Reasonably consistent result
- Uncertainties dominated by systematics



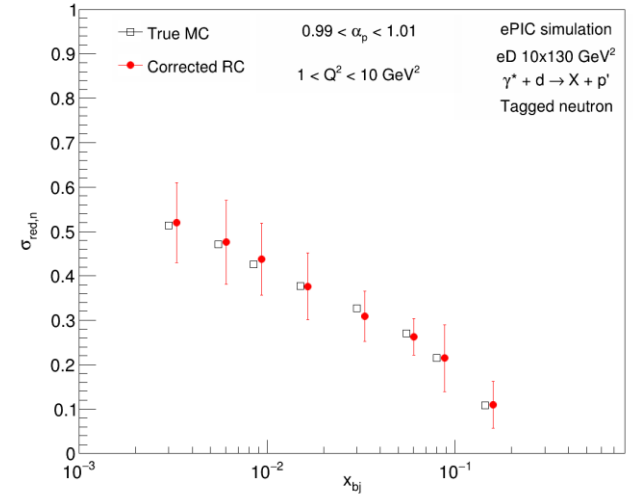
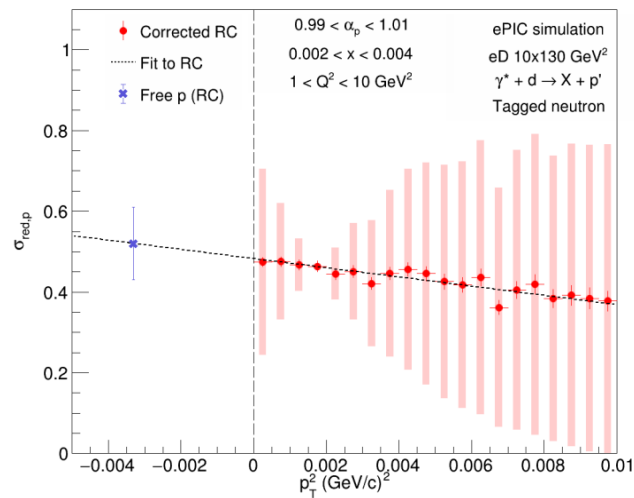
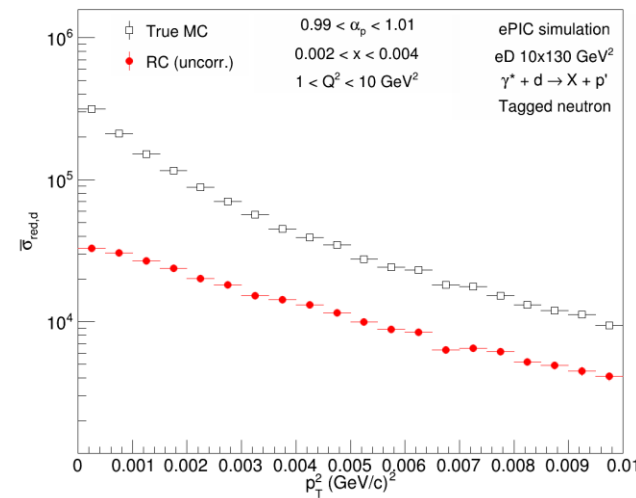
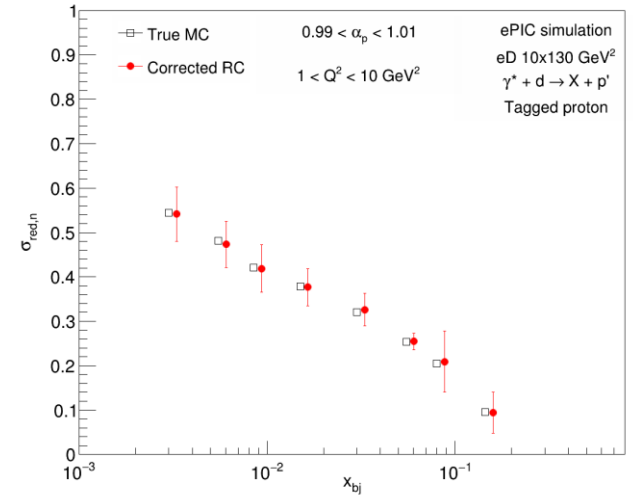
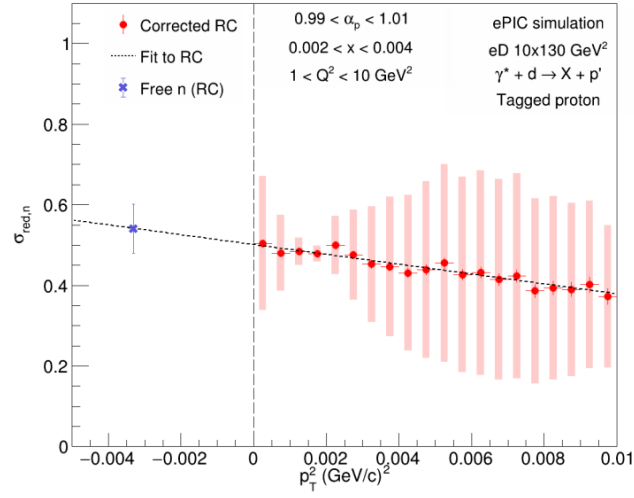
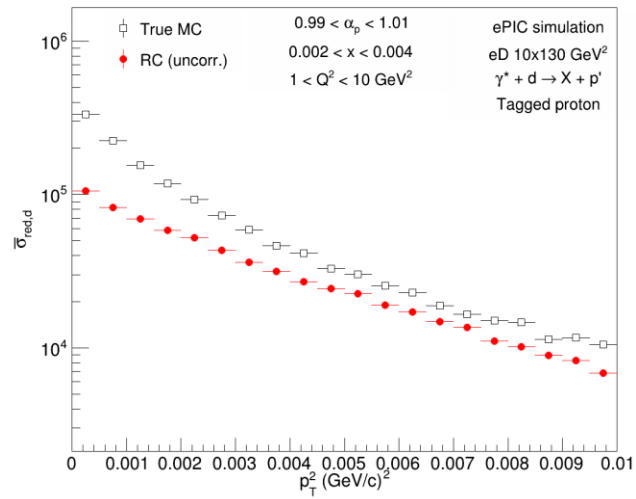
REDUCED CROSS SECTION VS. x_{bj} (eP)

- Comparison of the MC and RC **proton** reduced cross sections
- Somewhat worse performance than for neutron deduced cross section
 - Caused likely by worse ZDC resolution compared to OMD in current implementation of EICRecon
- Uncertainties dominated by systematics



UPDATED PAPER FIGURES

- To demonstrate the procedure, we will focus only on the first Q^2 bin



SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

- All technical details of analysis should now be resolved
- Implemented all comments from Stephen to analysis itself and the analysis note
- Results and note should be ready for approval by WG and later by the Collaboration
- Outlook:
 - Analysis note approval
 - New version will be sent later today after updating all figures
 - Update figures and address comments to my section of early science paper
 - Later this week
 - Scheduling of Physics Forum for results approval



THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION



BACKUP

NEW SIMULATION PRODUCTION

- Generated in BeAGLE
- First pass of main simulation production:
 - 40M events of eD $10 \times 130 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - 20M of en and 20M of ep
 - 20M total (10M+10M) submitted for official simulation campaign
- Luminosity and cross section:
 - en : $\sigma_{tot} = 3.538 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mb}$, $L_{int} = N_{evt} / \sigma_{tot} = 20\text{M} / (3.538 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mb}) = 20\text{M} / (3.538 \cdot 10^8 \text{ fb}) = 0.056 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 - ep : $\sigma_{tot} = 3.707 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mb}$, $L_{int} = 0.056 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ (same as en after rounding)
 - Total integrated luminosity (true MC only): $L_{int} = 0.112 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 - Total integrated luminosity (EICRecon): $L_{int} = 0.056 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 - Expected luminosity for year 2: $L_{int} = 11.4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Produced additional 40M BeAGLE for true MC studies

VARIABLES

- Scattered electron

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

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

- $x_{nucleon} = \frac{Q^2}{2P_{nucl} \cdot q} = \frac{x}{2 - \alpha_p}$

- 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

- $L_{int} = \frac{N_{events}}{\sigma_{tot}}$

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

- Results from paper: A. Jentsch, Z. Tu, C. Weiss: [Phys. Rev. C 104, 065205](#).

- $\sigma_{tot} = 4.5 \cdot 10^{-5} mb$

- For new simulation production (10x130 GeV²):

- $\sigma_{tot} = 3.538 \cdot 10^{-4} mb (en)$

- $\sigma_{tot} = 3.707 \cdot 10^{-4} mb (ep)$

- Test sample (18x110 GeV²):

- $\sigma_{tot} = 3.869 \cdot 10^{-4} mb (en)$

DEUTERON REDUCED CROSS SECTION

- Differential cross section on d can be written in terms of deuteron reduced cross ($\sigma_{red,d}$) section and photon flux:

$$\bullet d\sigma_d = Flux(x, Q^2) \times \sigma_{red,d} \times dx dQ^2 \frac{d\phi_{e'}}{2\pi} [2(2\pi)^3]^{-1} \frac{d\alpha_p}{\alpha_p} \frac{dp_{T,p}^2}{2} d\phi_p$$

- Photon flux:

$$\bullet Flux(x, Q^2) = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{em}^2 y^2}{Q^4(1-\epsilon)x} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{em}^2 [1+(1-y)^2]}{Q^4 x}$$

- Deuteron reduced cross section

$$\bullet \sigma_{red,d} = \frac{1}{Flux} \frac{d\sigma_d}{dx dQ^2 (d\phi_{e'}/2\pi) d\Gamma_p}, \text{ where } d\Gamma_p = [2(2\pi)^3]^{-1} \frac{d\alpha_p}{\alpha_p} \frac{dp_{T,p}^2}{2} d\phi_p$$

- Measured reduced cross section (integrated over $d\phi_p$)

$$\bullet \bar{\sigma}_{red,d} = \left(\frac{2.568}{L_{int}} \right) \frac{Q^4 x}{2\pi\alpha_{em}^2 [1+(1-y)^2]} \frac{[4(2\pi)^3] \alpha_p}{\Delta\alpha_p} \frac{dN}{\Delta x \Delta Q^2 \Delta p_{T,p}^2 2\pi}$$

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

- Scattered electron
- Spectator proton + struck deuteron
- Photon flux

A. Jentsch, Z. Tu, C. Weiss: [Phys. Rev. C 104, 065205.](#)
M. Strikman and C. Weiss: [Phys. Rev. C 97, 035209.](#)
C. Weiss and W. Cosyn: [Phys. Rev. C 102, 065204.](#)

- Full azimuthal coverage for electron
 - $(\Delta\phi_{e'}/2\pi) = 2\pi/2\pi = 1$
- Full azimuthal coverage for spectator
 - $\Delta\phi_p = 2\pi$

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
- 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
 - $R = \alpha_p^2 m_N \Gamma^2 (2 - \alpha_p)$
 - $\Gamma^2 = 0.007885 \text{ GeV}$