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π^0 SIDIS MULTIPLICITIES: GAMMA DETECTION EFFICIENCY AT CLAS12



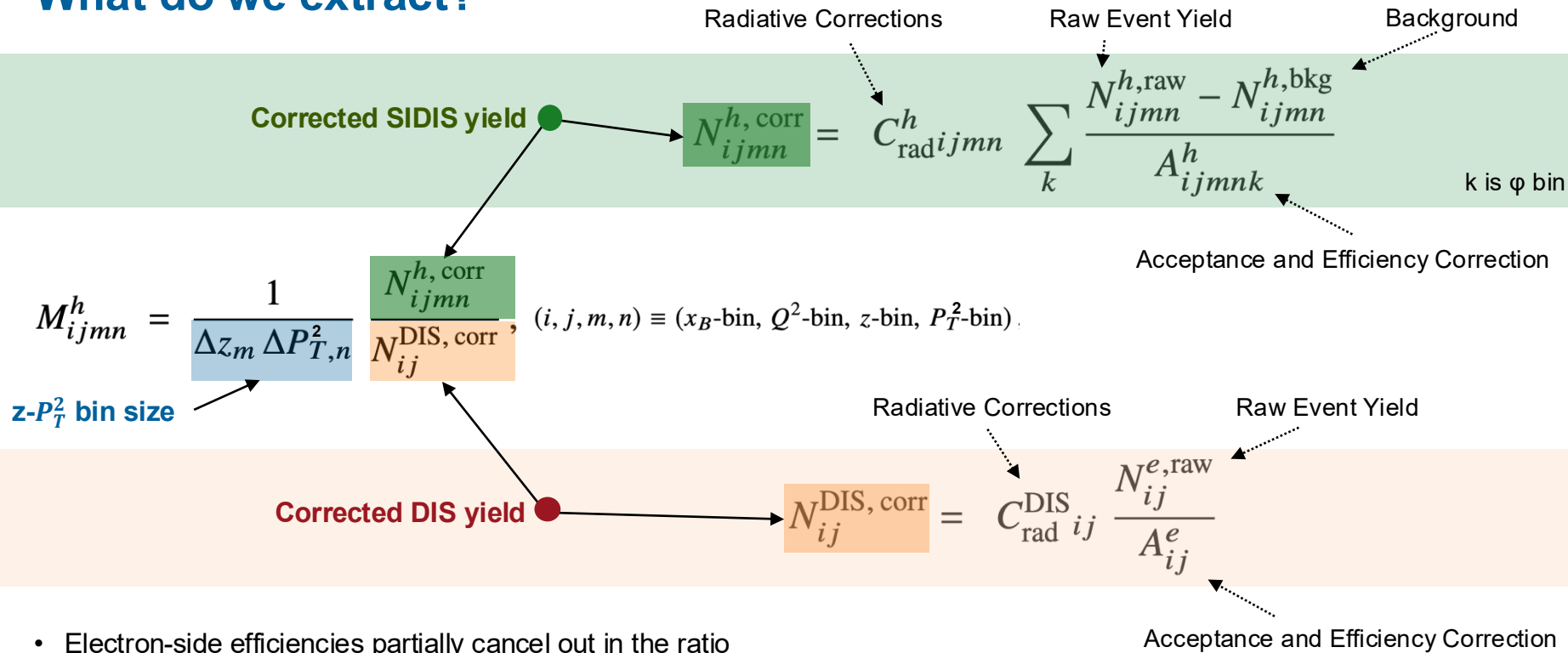
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MULTIPLICITY

What do we extract?



- Electron-side efficiencies partially cancel out in the ratio

STATUS OF THE ANALYSIS

Updated:

- γ/π^0 Efficiency MC/Data studies

To do:

- Estimate systematic uncertainties
- VM contamination studies

On the way:

- Theory predictions with NLO MAP22 model + NN-based global Fit

Completed:

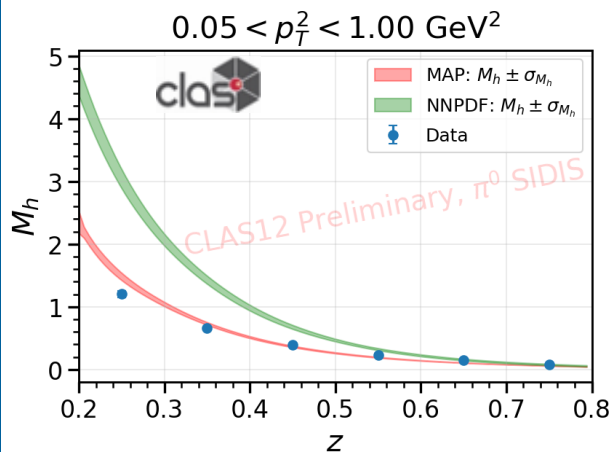
- Particle ID
- Smearing
- Acceptance Corrections
- Radiative corrections

RESULTS

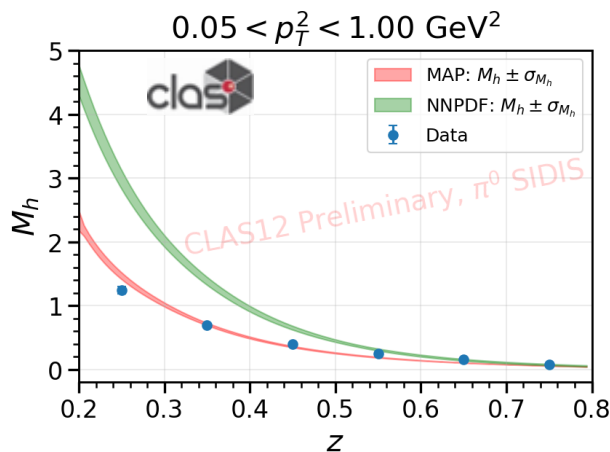
$M_h(z)$ integrated over P_T^2 for selected x- Q^2 bins

P_T^2 integrated multiplicity:

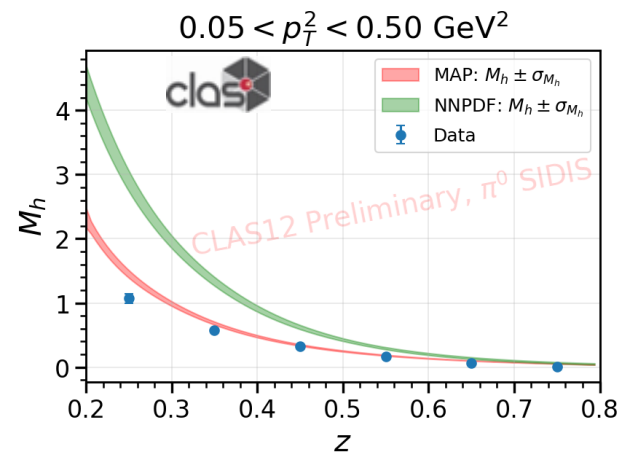
$$M_h = \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 f_q(x) D_q(z)}{\sum_q e_q^2 f_q(x)}$$



0.18 < x < 0.21, 2.0 < Q² < 2.66 GeV²



0.24 < x < 0.28, 2.66 < Q² < 3.63 GeV²



0.39 < x < 0.62, 3.63 < Q² < 5.12 GeV²

- M_h was integrated over the P_T^2 range that preserves full z coverage
- The theoretical curves were computed with CT10nlo PDFs using two fragmentation-function sets:
 - **NNFF**, fitted only to single-inclusive hadron production in e^+e^- annihilation
 - **MAPFF**, which additionally includes charged-hadron multiplicity data from HERMES and COMPASS
- After integrating over P_T^2 , **multiplicities** vs. z follow the trend of LO predictions using MAPFF FF and CT10nlo PDFs



GAMMA DETECTION EFFICIENCY

PROCEDURE

Correction factor

1. Objective is to have photon detection efficiency as a function of P , θ and ϕ
2. Select $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma X$ using Event Builder
3. Use exclusivity cuts to isolate events consistent with $ep \rightarrow ep\pi^0$ topology
4. Reconstruct the missing photon momentum from conservation laws (X in $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma X$)
5. Search for the missing photon in the $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma\gamma$ topology (subset of $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma X$)
6. Determine the reconstruction rate using a 3σ cut on ΔP :

$$\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ Detected photons} \longrightarrow \frac{ep \rightarrow ep\gamma\gamma}{ep \rightarrow ep\gamma X} \\ \# \text{ Expected photons} \longrightarrow \end{array}$$

7. Repeat the study for both MC and data
8. Extract the photon efficiency correction from the data/MC ratio

$$\text{Eff} = \frac{\text{Data}(\#ep\gamma\gamma)}{\text{Data}(\#ep\gamma X)} \cdot \frac{\text{MC}(\#ep\gamma X)}{\text{MC}(\#ep\gamma\gamma)}$$

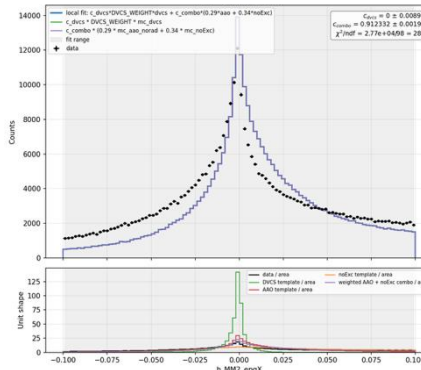
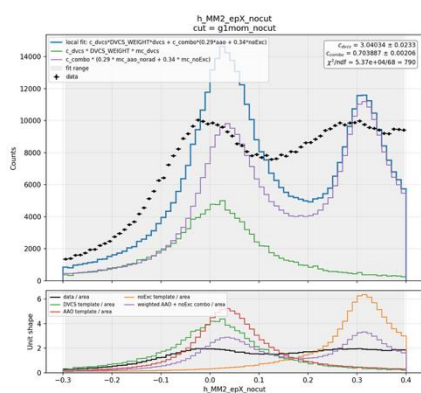
SAMPLES PREPARATION

- Realistic efficiency estimates require realistic MC simulations
- MC samples:
 1. Exclusive topology ($ep \rightarrow ep\pi^0$): **AAO_noRad**
 2. SIDIS background: **CLASDIS** with generated-level cut
 3. DVCS background: **DVCSgen**
- Momentum corrections used:
 1. Electron Task Force Group Corrections
 2. Additional Pierre corrections from the (J/psi) analysis
- Smearing:
 - Electron smearing from Richard Capobianco's charged-pion SIDIS study
 - Proton smearing developed from MC resolution studies
- Normalization:
 - Template fits

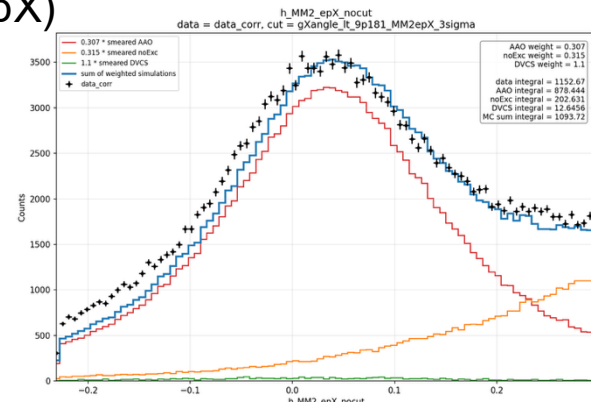
SMEARING AND MOMENTUM CORRECTIONS

- Momentum corrections follow Pierre's J/psi analysis
- Smearing is based on MC resolution
- dP(rec-gen) was fit in theta bins to estimate MC resolution
- The smearing factor was tuned to match data and MC
- Momentum smearing was applied as follows:

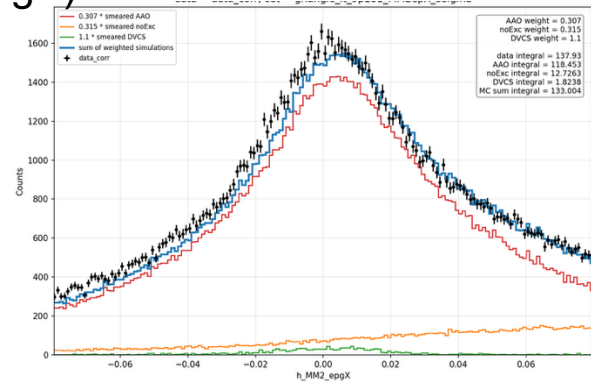
$$P_{\text{new}} = P_{\text{rec}} + F * \text{gaus}(0, 1) * \sigma(\theta)$$



MM²(epX)

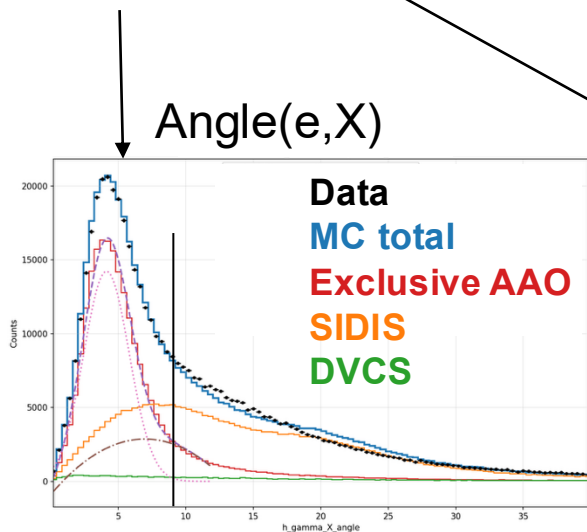


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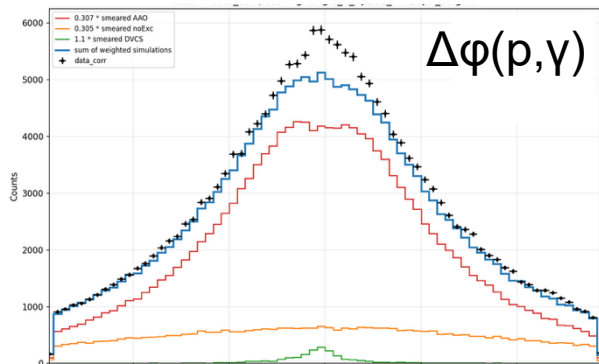
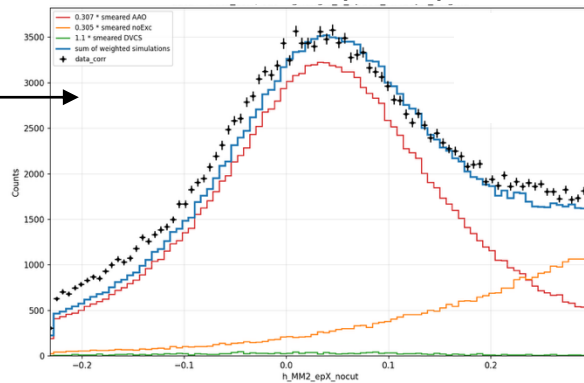


EXCLUSIVITY CUTS

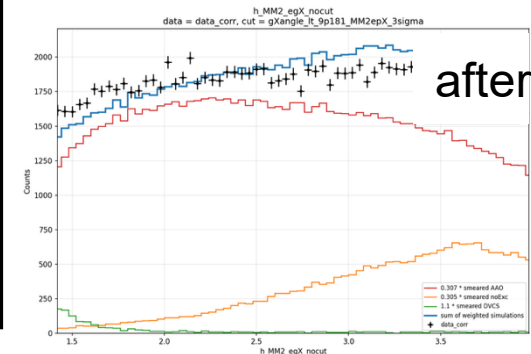
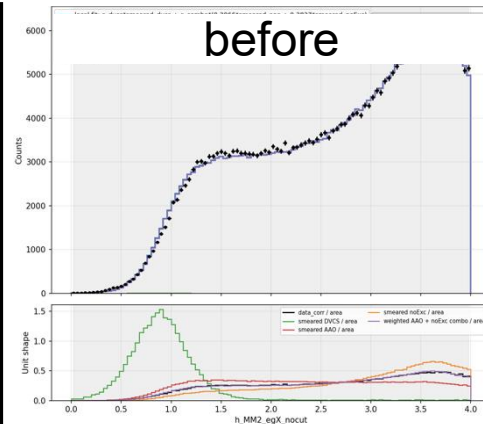
- $-0.231 < MM^2(epX) < 0.309 \text{ GeV}^2$
- $MM^2(e\gamma X) > 1.4 \text{ GeV}^2$
- $-5.7 < \Delta\phi(p,\gamma) < 5.7$
- $\text{Angle}(e,X) < 9.2^\circ$



$MM^2(epX)$



$MM^2(e\gamma X) > 1.4 \text{ GeV}^2$

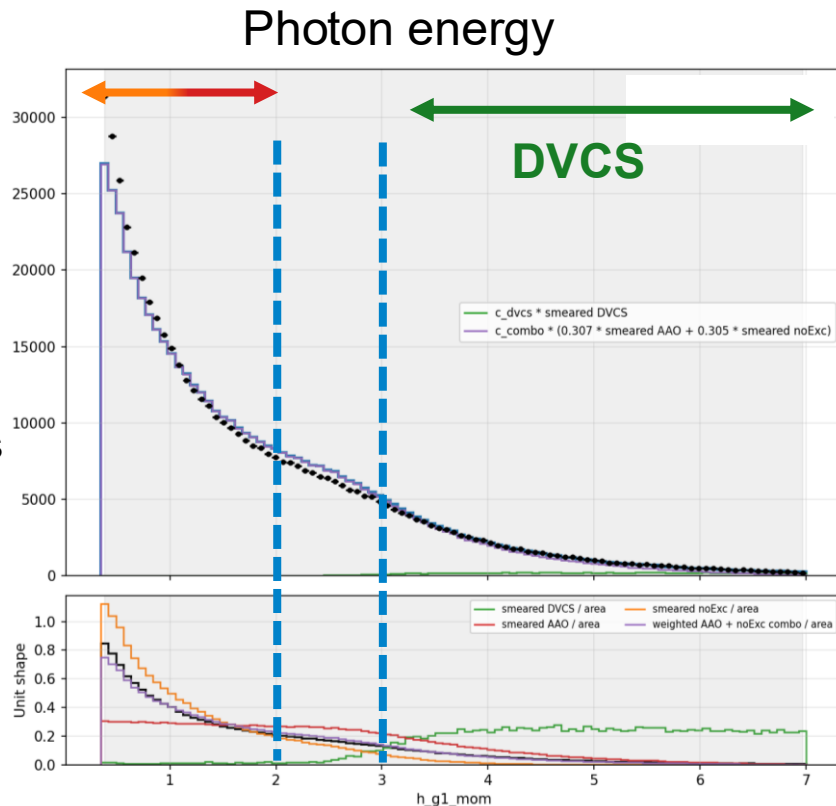


NORMALIZATION

Exclusive and SIDIS normalization

- Energy of **DVCS photons** > 2 GeV , which allows us to separate regions dominated by **Exclusive/SIDIS** form **DVCS**
- Normalize the **exclusive** and **SIDIS** contributions at $E_\gamma < 2$ GeV where **DVCS** can be ignored.
- After fixing the **exclusive** and **SIDIS** normalization **DVCS** can be normalized at $E_\gamma > 3$

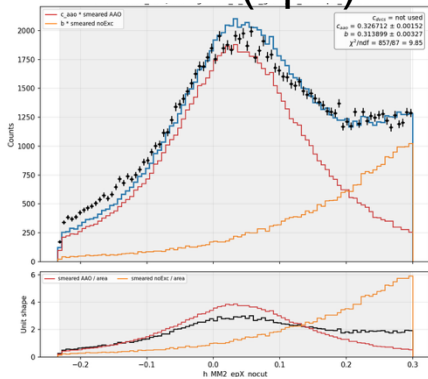
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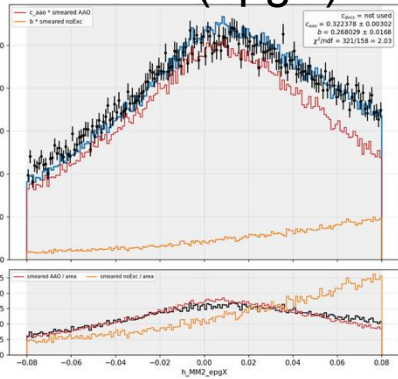
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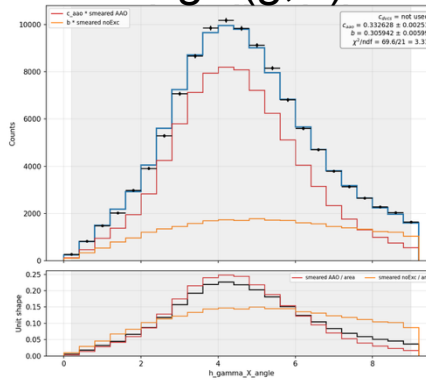
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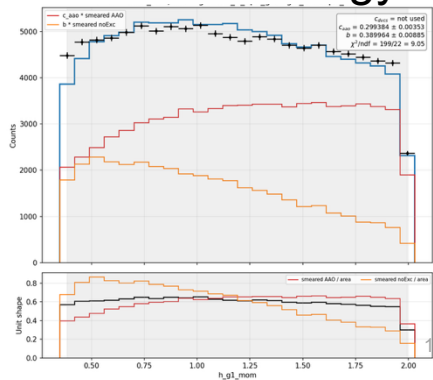
MM²(epgX)



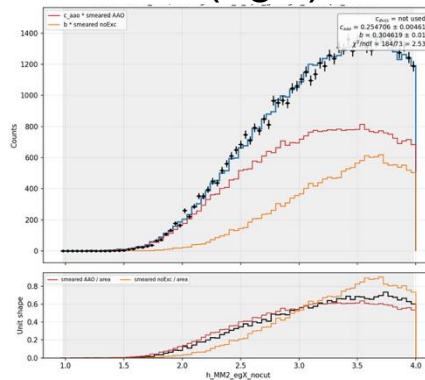
Angle(g,X)



Photon energy



MM²(egX)



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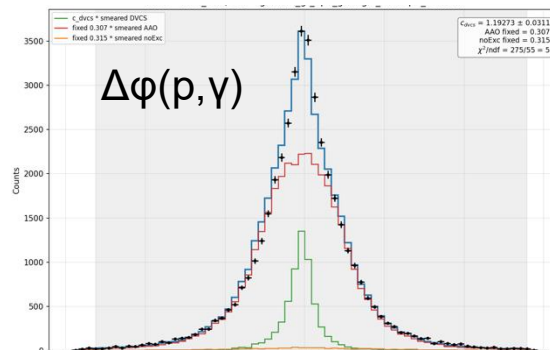
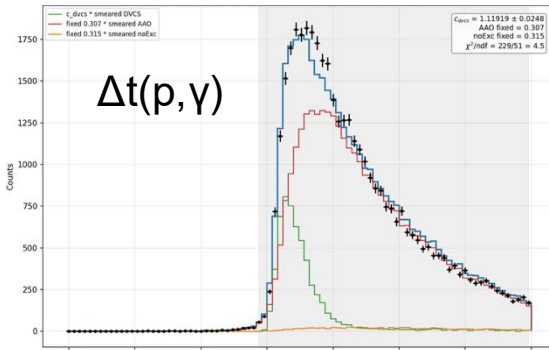
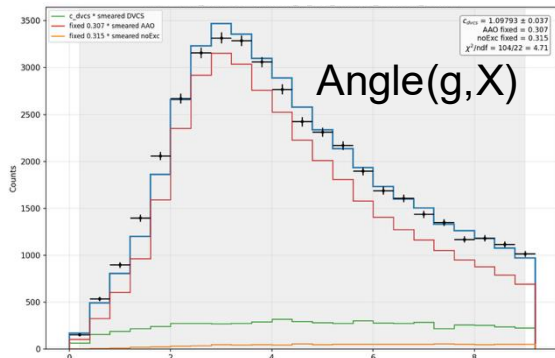
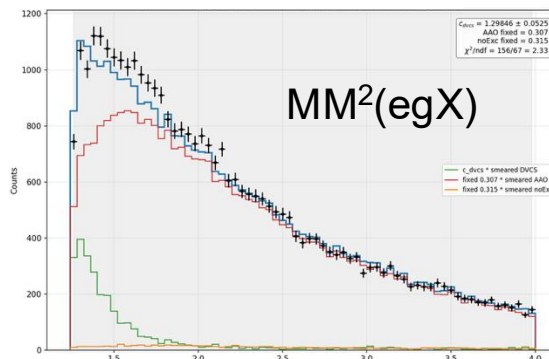
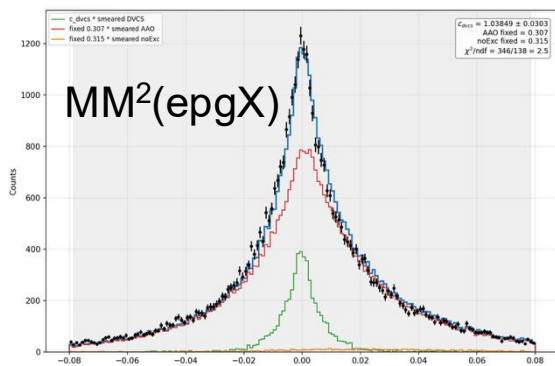
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AAO: 0.25 - 0.33
SIDIS: 0.27 - 0.39

NORMALIZATION

DVCS normalization

DVCS: 1.1
Range: 1.0 – 1.2



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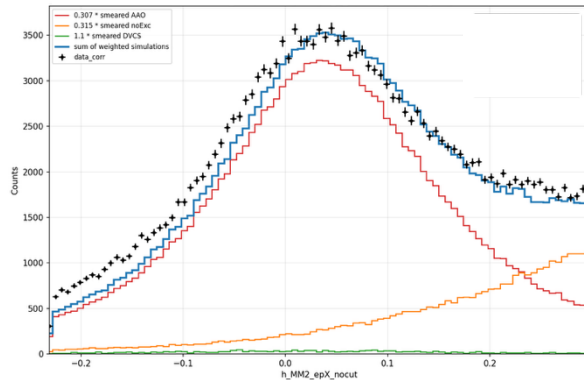
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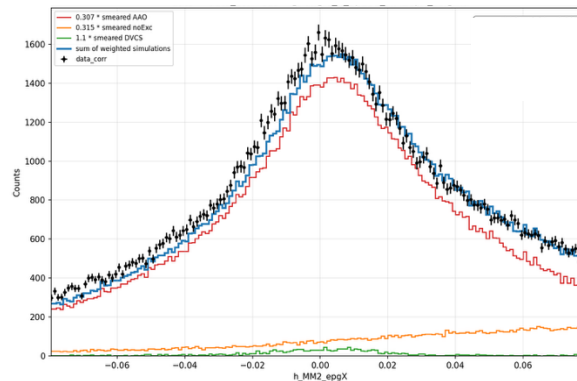
Final Normalization

- Reasonable agreement between Data and MC was achieved in $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma X$ topology
- The efficiency was calculated using both average normalization factors and the most deviated correction factors
- The difference was assigned as the systematic uncertainty

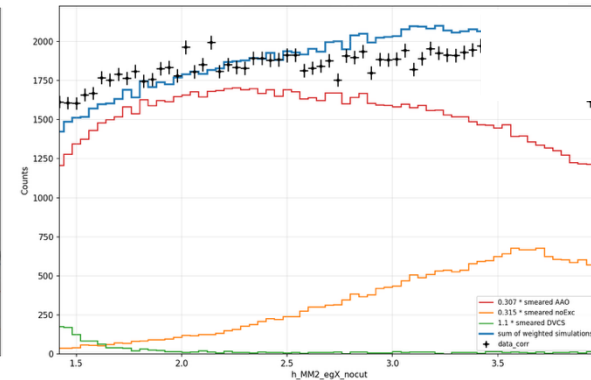
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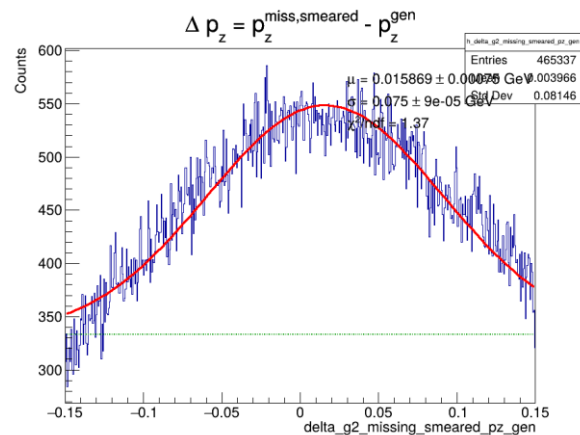
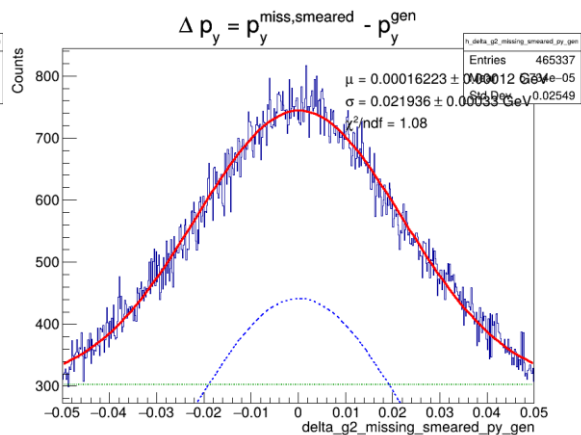
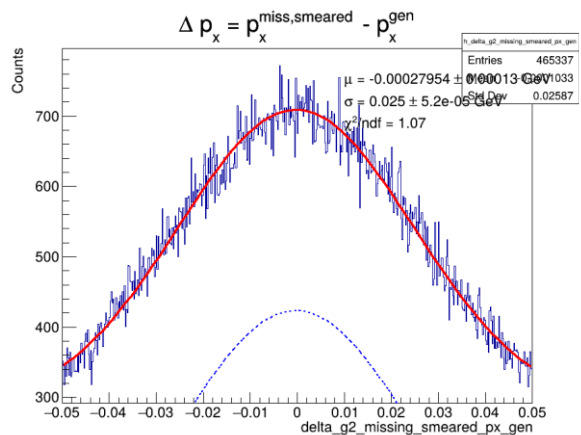
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RESOLUTION

Photon matching

- Resolution estimated as ΔP between missing photon X from $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma X$ and true photon
- Exclusive AAO sample is used
- Electron and proton smearing was applied
- Resolution: 25 MeV for P_X and P_Y and 75 MeV for P_Z
- 3σ cut: : 75 MeV for P_X and P_Y and 225 MeV for P_Z

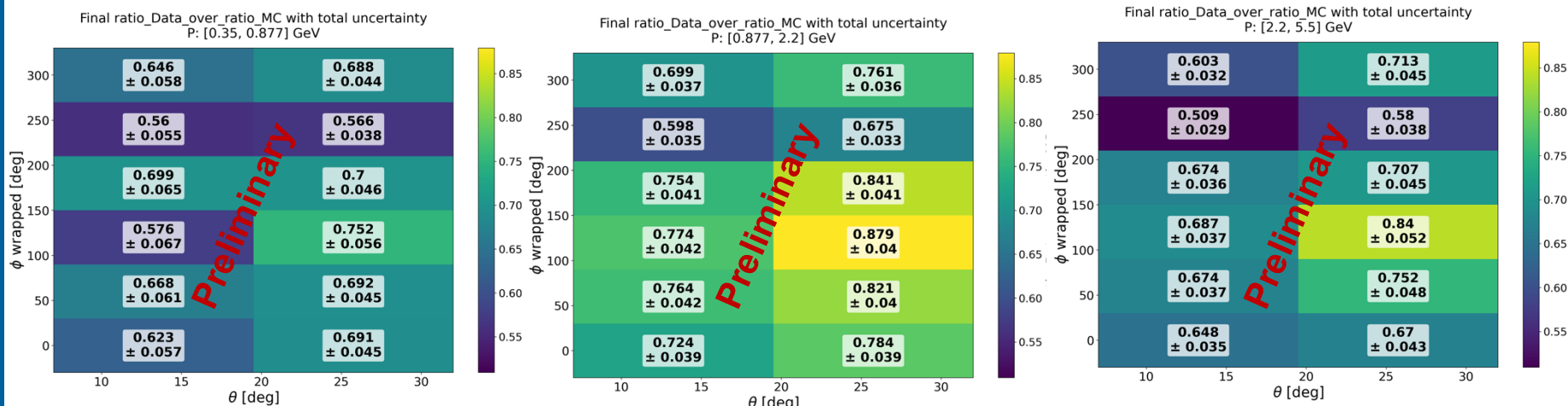


GAMMA DETECTION EFFICIENCY

Data/MC ratio

$$\text{Eff} = \frac{\text{Data}(\#ep\gamma\gamma)}{\text{Data}(\#ep\gamma X)} \cdot \frac{\text{MC}(\#ep\gamma X)}{\text{MC}(\#ep\gamma\gamma)}$$

- Efficiency was estimated in three momentum bins, two theta bins and for each sector
- The efficiency lays in rage of 60% - 85%
- Total uncertainty is less than 10%
- **The optimal X-y matching method is still under investigation.**



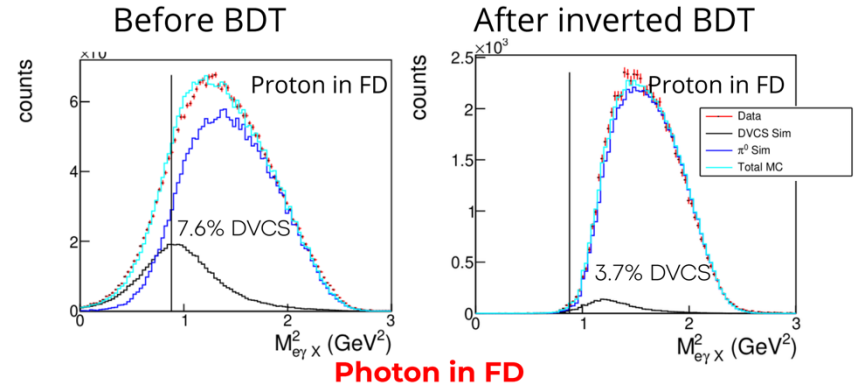
CROSS CHECK

Previous estimations

By inverting the BDT cut

- we select exclusive π^0 events with one photon detection
- We can compute the direction of the missing photon
- If two photons in FD
 - Proton in the FD
 - Photon1 > 2 GeV in FD
 - Similar to DVCS selection
 - Photon2 > 0.35 GeV
 - Within CLAS12 detection threshold

$$ep \rightarrow ep\pi^0 \rightarrow ep \gamma(\gamma)$$



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FD Sector 3	(78.11 \pm 0.81 (stat) \pm 0.01 (sys))%
FD Sector 4	(75.62 \pm 0.81 (stat) \pm 1.14 (sys))%
FD Sector 5	(81.68 \pm 0.88 (stat) \pm 0.74 (sys))%
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FT	(120.79 \pm 1.46 (stat) \pm 5.91 (sys)) %

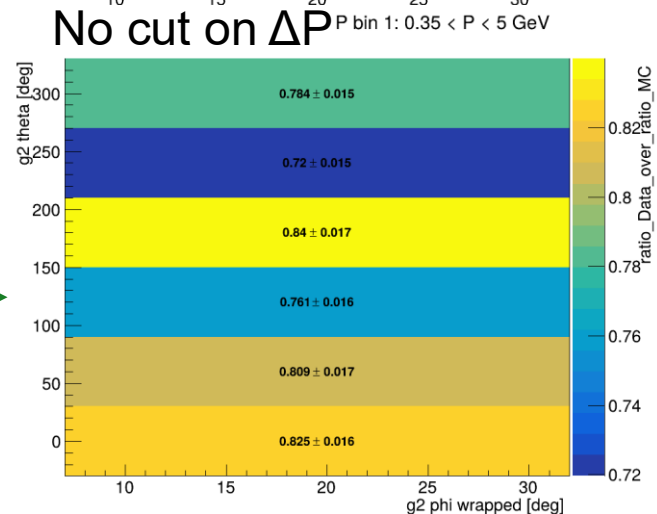
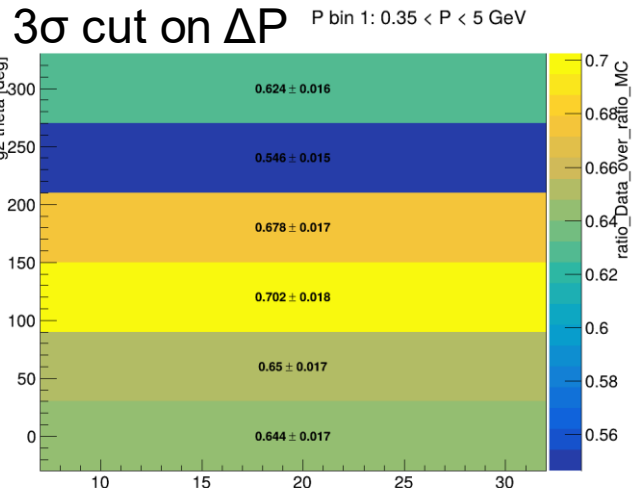
By Juan Sebastian Alvarado: presentation

CROSS CHECK

Simplified estimation

- Detected photon energy > 2 GeV in: $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma X$
- Momentum of $X > 0.35$ GeV
- No SIDIS background
- New normalization factors for DVCS and Exclusive contributions
- Only statistical uncertainty is shown
- Both approaches agree within systematical uncertainty

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CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

Results:

- Photon detection efficiency was estimated
- Preliminary Neutral pion SIDIS Multiplicities (x_B , Q^2 , z , P_T^2) at CLAS12 are available
- After integrating over P_T^2 , multiplicities vs. z follow the trend of LO predictions using MAPFF fragmentation functions and CT10nlo PDFs
- The data will provide new constraints on unpolarized TMD PDFs and fragmentation functions (FFs) and enabling tests of isospin symmetry in FFs

In progress:

- Finalize systematic uncertainties
- VM contamination studies



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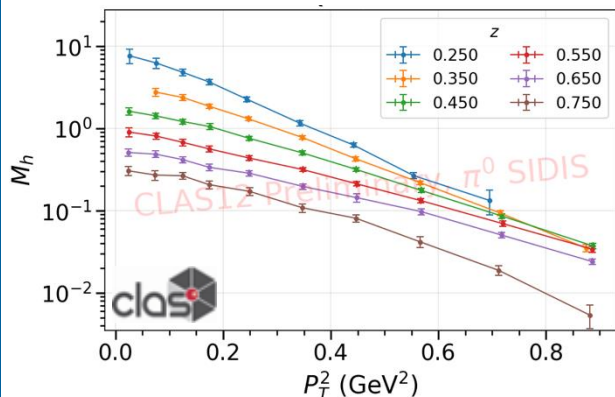


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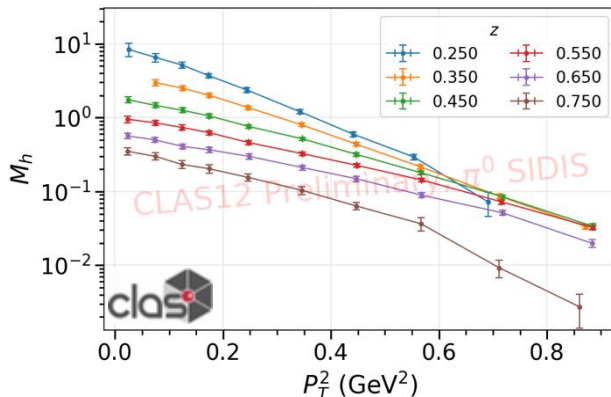
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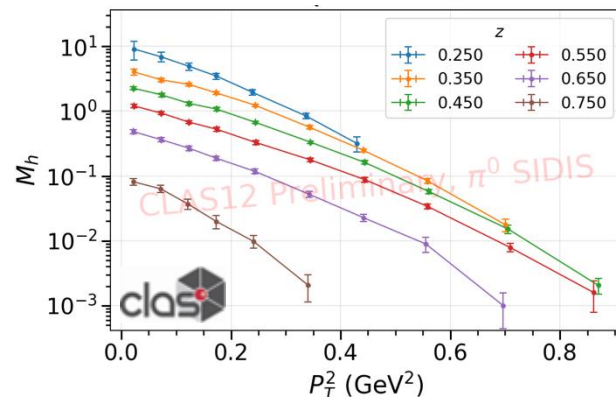
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- LO, gaussian approximation:

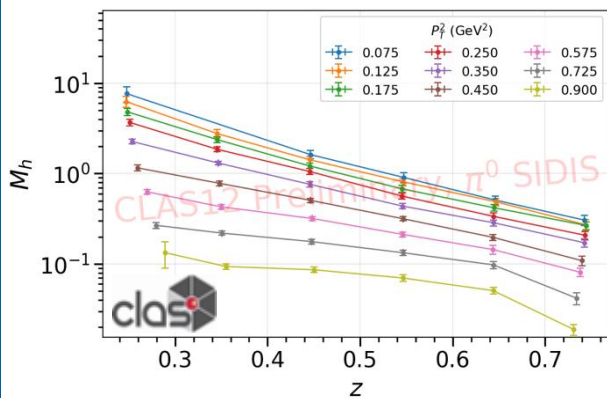
$$\frac{d^2 M^h}{dz dP_T^2} = \left(\frac{d^4 \sigma}{dx dQ^2 dz dP_T^2} \right) / \left(\frac{d^2 \sigma^{\text{DIS}}}{dx dQ^2} \right) = \frac{N}{\pi \langle P_T^2 \rangle} \exp\left(-\frac{P_T^2}{\langle P_T^2 \rangle}\right)$$

- The behavior is consistent with an LO Gaussian model, except for a high- P_T^2 downturn attributable to the phase-space restriction $M_x > 1.5 \text{ GeV}$
- Only statistical uncertainties are shown

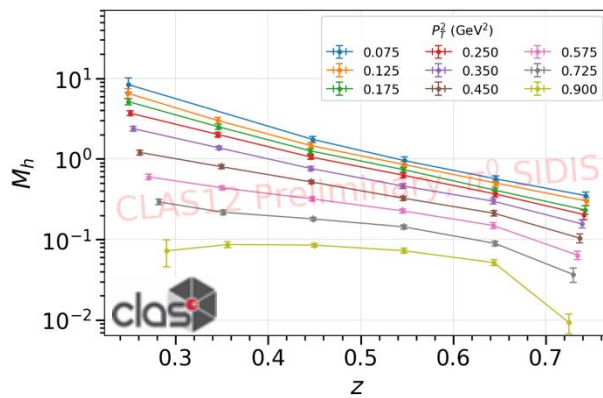
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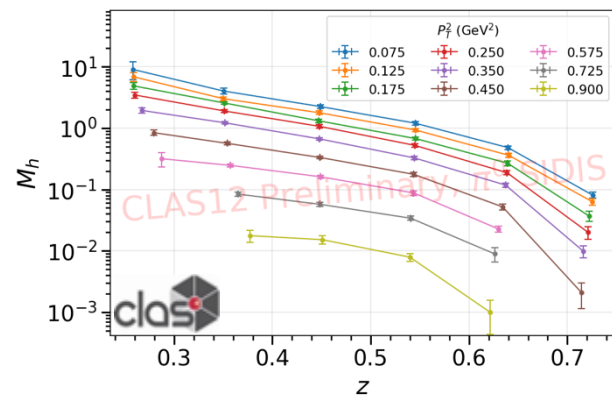
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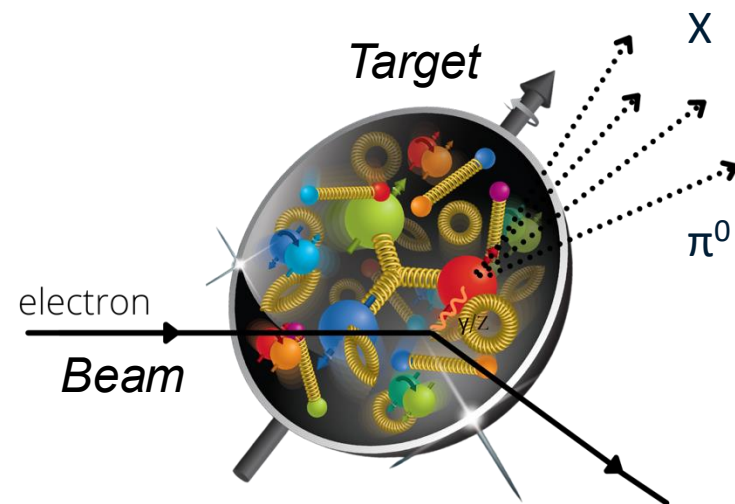
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- $\ln(M_h(z))$ is approximately linear, but drops at large z due to the $M_x > 1.5$ phase-space cut
- Only statistical uncertainties are shown

MOTIVATION

- Neutral pion Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering Multiplicities measure the probability of producing a hadron (π^0) per DIS event
- Multiplicity measurements uniquely link hadronization with the proton's internal transverse motion, advancing both FF determinations and our 3D understanding of proton structure
- The z - dependence constrains **fragmentation functions (FFs)**: how colored partons turn into color-neutral hadrons
- The P_T^2 - dependence directly probes the unpolarized **TMD PDFs** revealing the proton's intrinsic transverse momentum dynamics
- It also allows to study isospin invariance as the neutral pion fragmentation function is thought to be dependent on the charged pion fragmentation functions

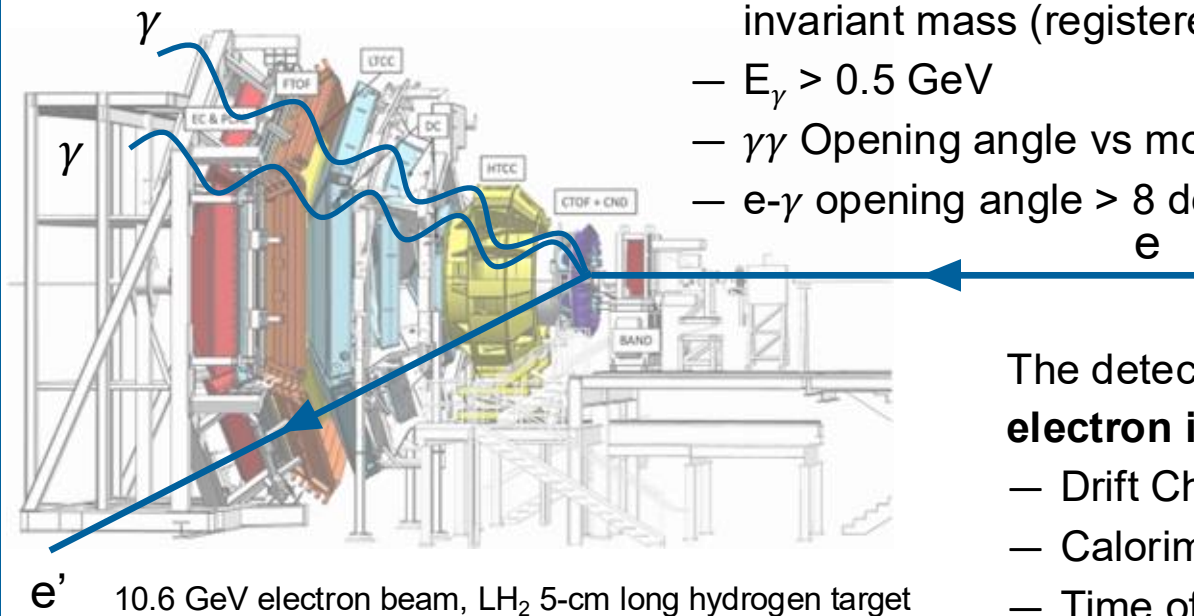


$$\frac{d^2 M_h}{dz dP_T^2}(x_B, Q^2, z, P_T^2) = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_h \frac{d\sigma^{SIDIS}}{dx dQ^2 dz dP_T^2 d\phi_h}}{\frac{d\sigma^{DIS}}{dx dQ^2}}$$

CLAS12

Selection of the $ep \rightarrow e\pi^0 X$ reaction with Forward Detector

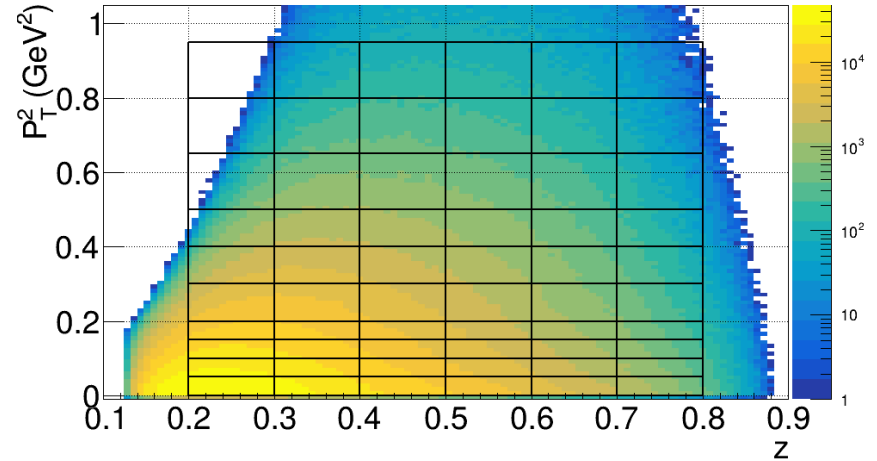
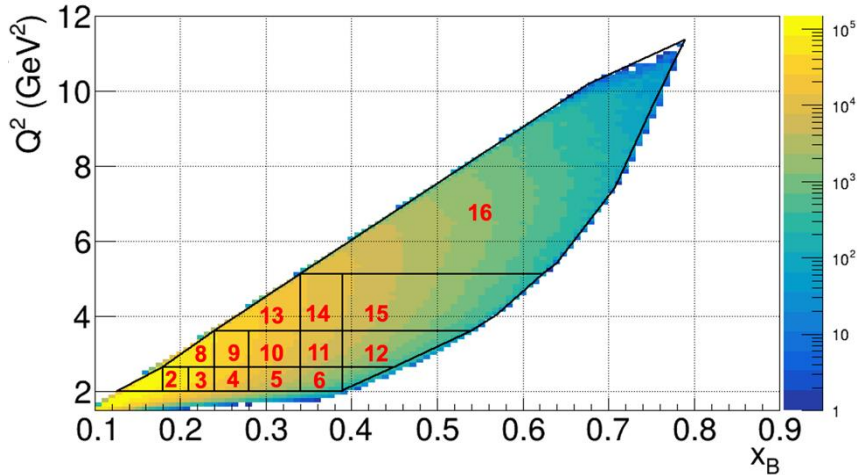
- π^0 candidates are reconstructed from photon pairs invariant mass (registered in Calorimeters)
- $E_\gamma > 0.5$ GeV
- $\gamma\gamma$ Opening angle vs momentum cut
- $e\text{-}\gamma$ opening angle > 8 deg



The detector subsystems used for **electron identification:**

- Drift Chambers (track)
- Calorimeters (EM shower)
- Time of Flight (PID)
- Cherenkov counters (PID)

KINEMATICS AND BINNING



- Large CLAS12 acceptance together with large statistics allow for multidimensional binning
- Semi-Inclusive DIS events selected with following kinematic cuts:

- $W > 2 \text{ GeV}$
- $Q^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2$
- $y < 0.75$
- $x_F > 0$ [$x_F = 2P_{h,L}/\sqrt{s}$]:
current fragmentation region
- $M_x > 1.5 \text{ GeV}$

Number of bins:

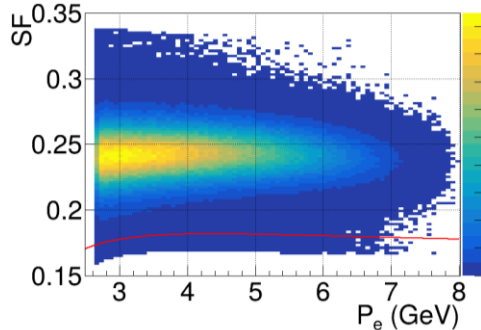
- X - Q^2 - 16
- Z - 6
- P_T^2 - 9
- Φ_h - 8

PID AND EVENT SELECTION

Starts with CLAS12 reconstruction algorithm

▪ Electron

- $2 < p_e < 8$ GeV
- $y < 0.75$
- Z-Vertex cut
- DC and PCAL fiducial
- Sampling Fraction

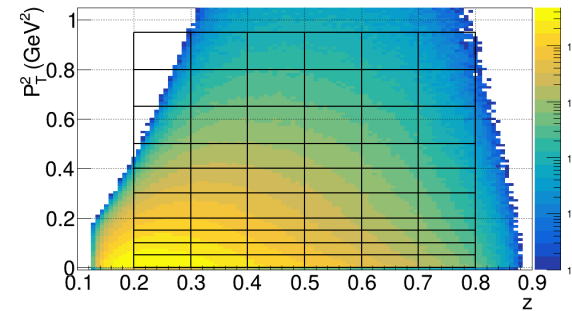
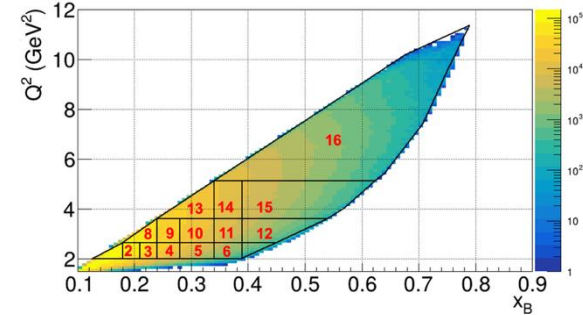


▪ Photon

- $E_\gamma > 0.5$ GeV
- e- γ opening angle > 8 deg
- $0.9 < \beta < 1.1$

▪ π^0

- Candidates are reconstructed from photon pairs
- $x_F > 0$ [$x_F = 2P_{h,L} / \sqrt{s}$]: current fragmentation region
- $M_x > 1.5$ GeV
- $\alpha_{\pi\pi} > 6 \cdot \text{Exp}(1 - p_\pi) + 0.5$ deg



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Event Generator used for the Acceptance

- CLASDIS-EG built on LEPTO
- Lund string model as in PYTHIA/JETSET
- LO electroweak DIS (arbitrary lepton polarization); $O(\alpha)$ matrix elements for boson–gluon fusion and gluon radiation; higher-order QCD via parton showers
- QED radiation is not included in the current MC sample
- Hadronization parameters tuned to CLAS12 semi-inclusive data ($Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$, $W > 2 \text{ GeV}$)

