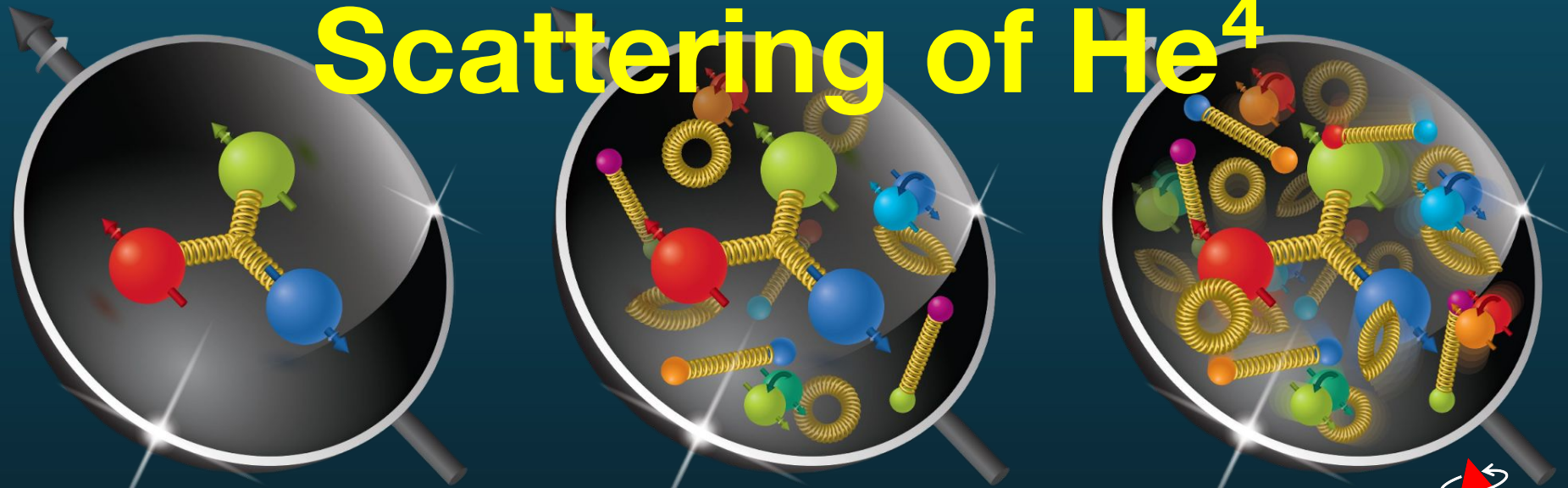


# Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering of $\text{He}^4$



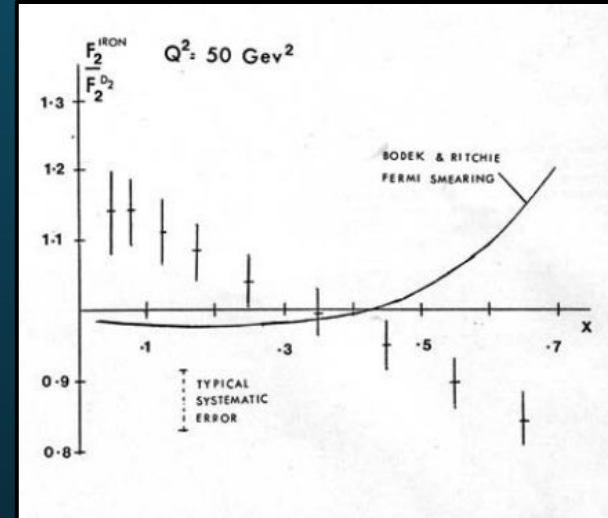
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# History of DVCS and DIS

- ❖ Measurements of  $F_2^{\text{Fe}}/F_2^{\text{D2}}$  in DIS at CERN, 1982
- ❖ Binding Energy of Nucleus  $\ll$  Typical momentum transfer
- ❖ Expect almost constant plot with minor corrections
- ❖ Instead, see clear downward gradient!
- ❖ Dubbed: 'EMC Effect'

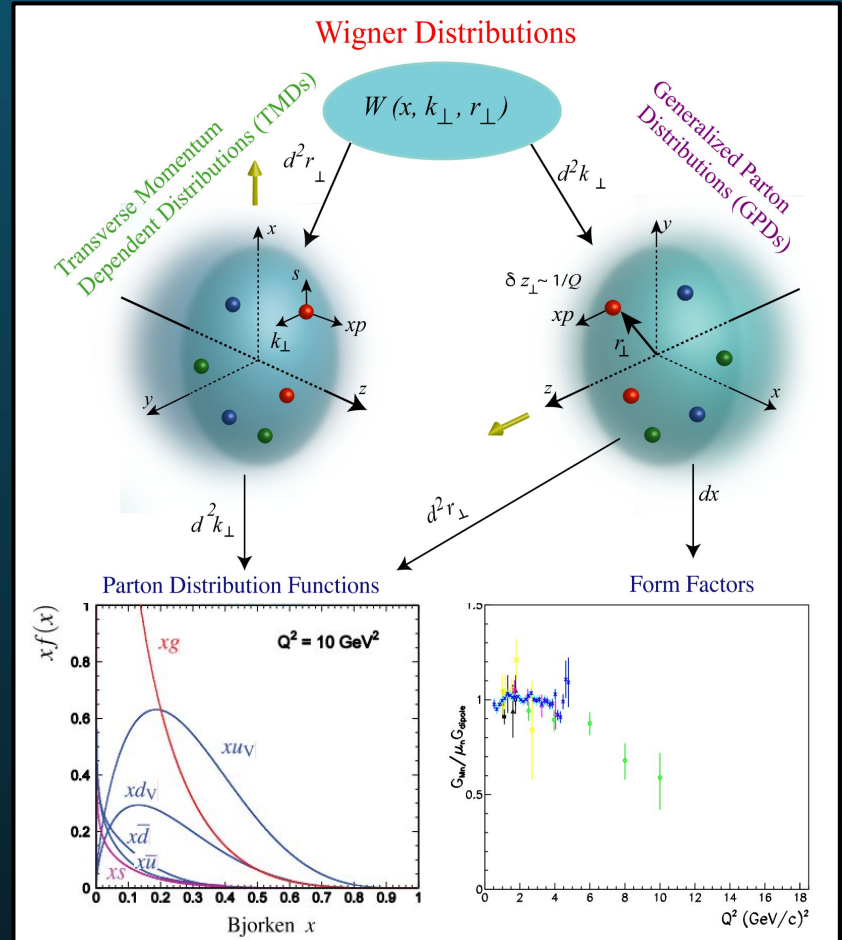
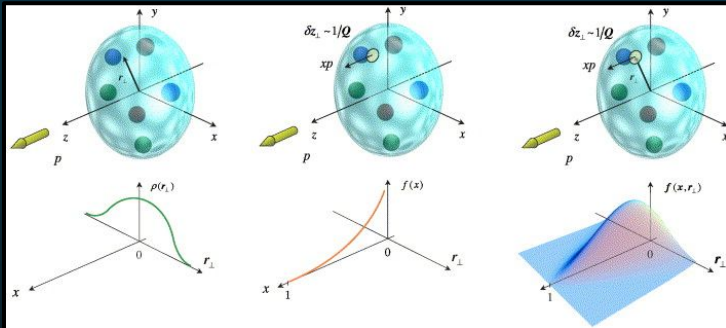


EMC Data, CERN Courier 1982.

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/1734943/files/vol53-issue4-p035-e.pdf>

# Hard Exclusive Processes and 3D Imaging

- ❖ FFs describe 1D transverse distribution, PDFs describe 1D longitudinal momentum, but no correlation!
- ❖ GPDs directly correlate longitudinal momentum and transverse position of partons.



# Generalized Parton Distributions

- ❖ DVCS / TCS allow access to 1+2D GPDs through CFFS.
- ❖ Many ep studies and experiments so far.
- ❖ Recent publication of 12 GeV e-p results, end ( $e^-,d$ ) approved at PAC50
- ❖ However only current  $e^-4\text{He}$  data from CLAS6!  
M. Hattaway, R. Dupre et al.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.07419>

$$\begin{array}{cc} H_q(x, \xi, t) & E_q(x, \xi, t) \\ \tilde{H}_q(x, \xi, t) & \tilde{E}_q(x, \xi, t) \end{array}$$

Combine differently depending on polarization of beam and target (BSA, ITSA, BITSA, tTSA).

Only 1 Chiral even GPD needed to parameterize structure of spinless nuclei:

$$H_A(x, \xi, t)$$

# DVCS of $^4\text{He}$

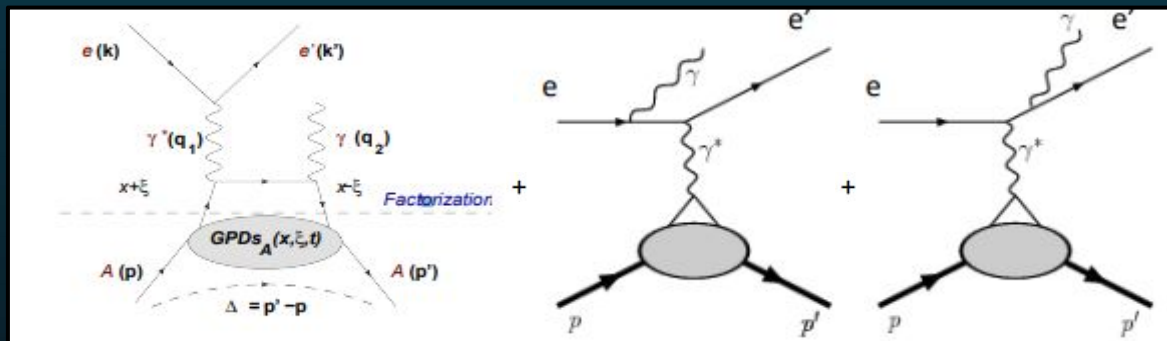
- ❖ Process which can give understanding of EMC effect, and tomographic view of nucleons.
- ❖ Pure DVCS reaction illustrated by 'Handbag Mechanism'.
- ❖ At leading twist order full picture DVCS + Bethe-Heitler:

$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k' - k)^2$ , the virtuality of  $\gamma^*$

$x_B = Q^2/2M\nu$

$t = -\Delta = -(p-p')^2$

$\phi_h =$  angle between leptonic and hadronic scattering planes.



Handbag approximation of coherent DVCS of  $^4\text{He}$   
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1910.07458.pdf>

# DVCS $\text{He}^4$ with ePIC

# Setup

- ❖ **Topeg Generator**

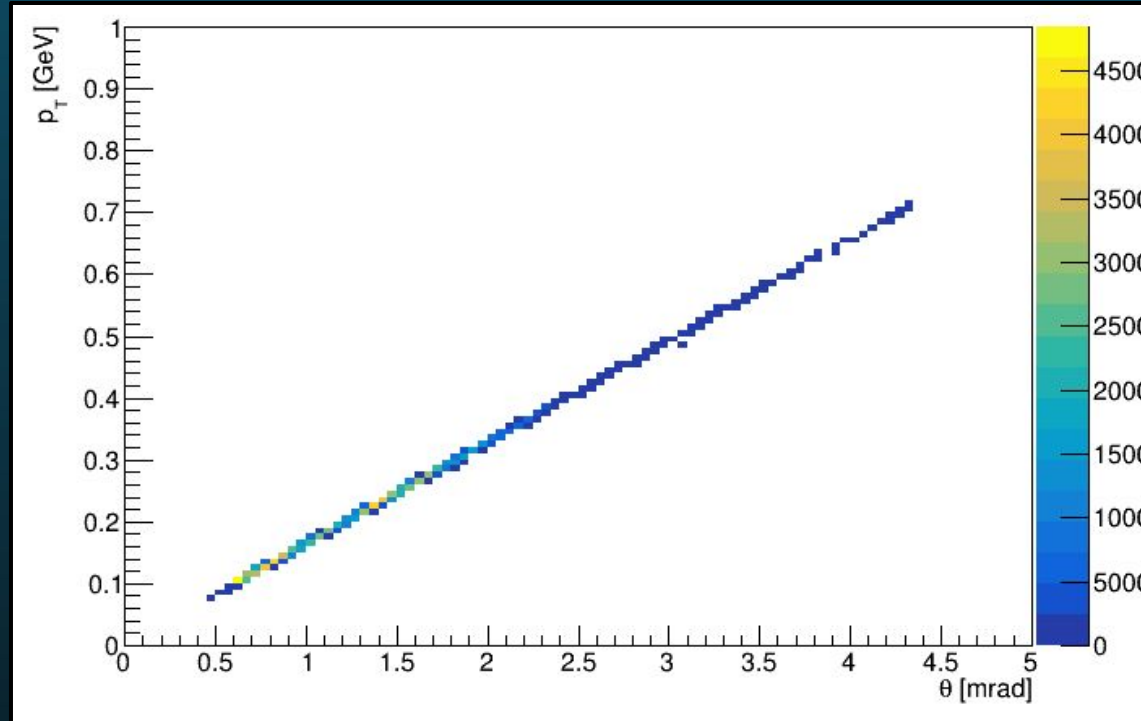
<https://gitlab.in2p3.fr/dupre/nopeg>

- ❖ **5 GeV  $e^-$**

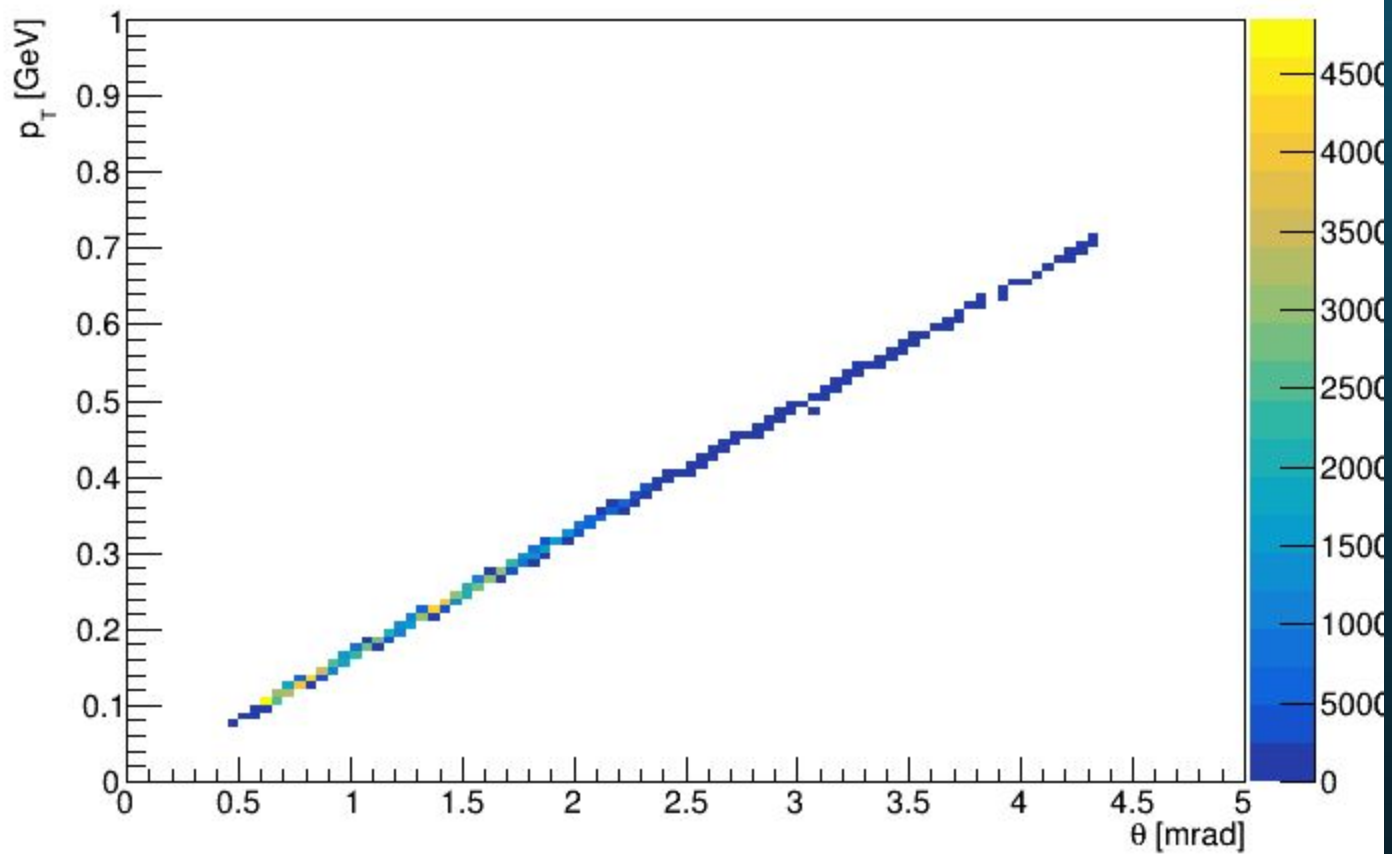
- ❖ **41 GeV/u = 164 GeV  $\text{He}^4$**

- ❖ **1M events generated**

Right: MC  $p_T$  vs polar  $\theta$  of scattered  $\text{He}^4$

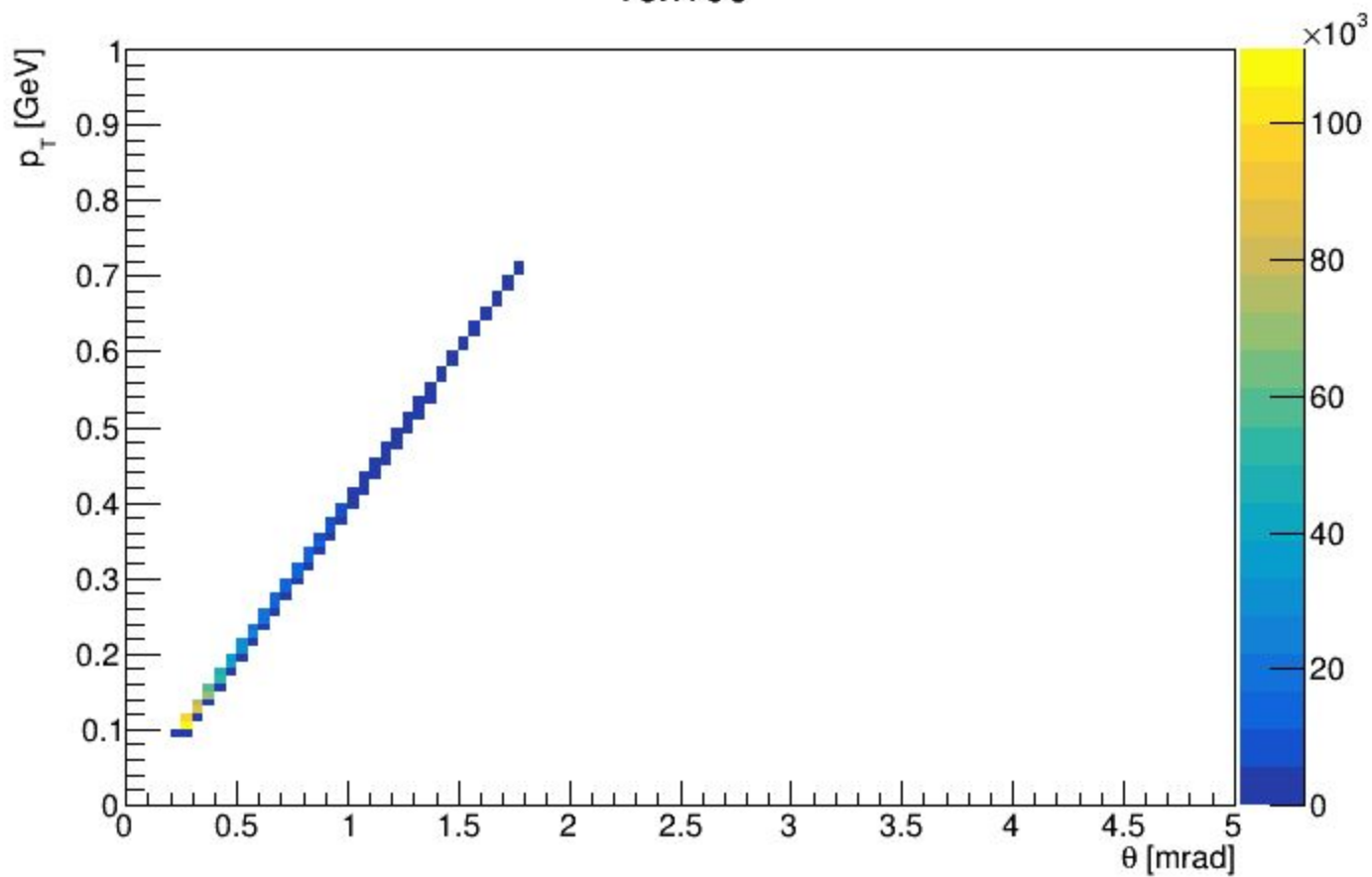


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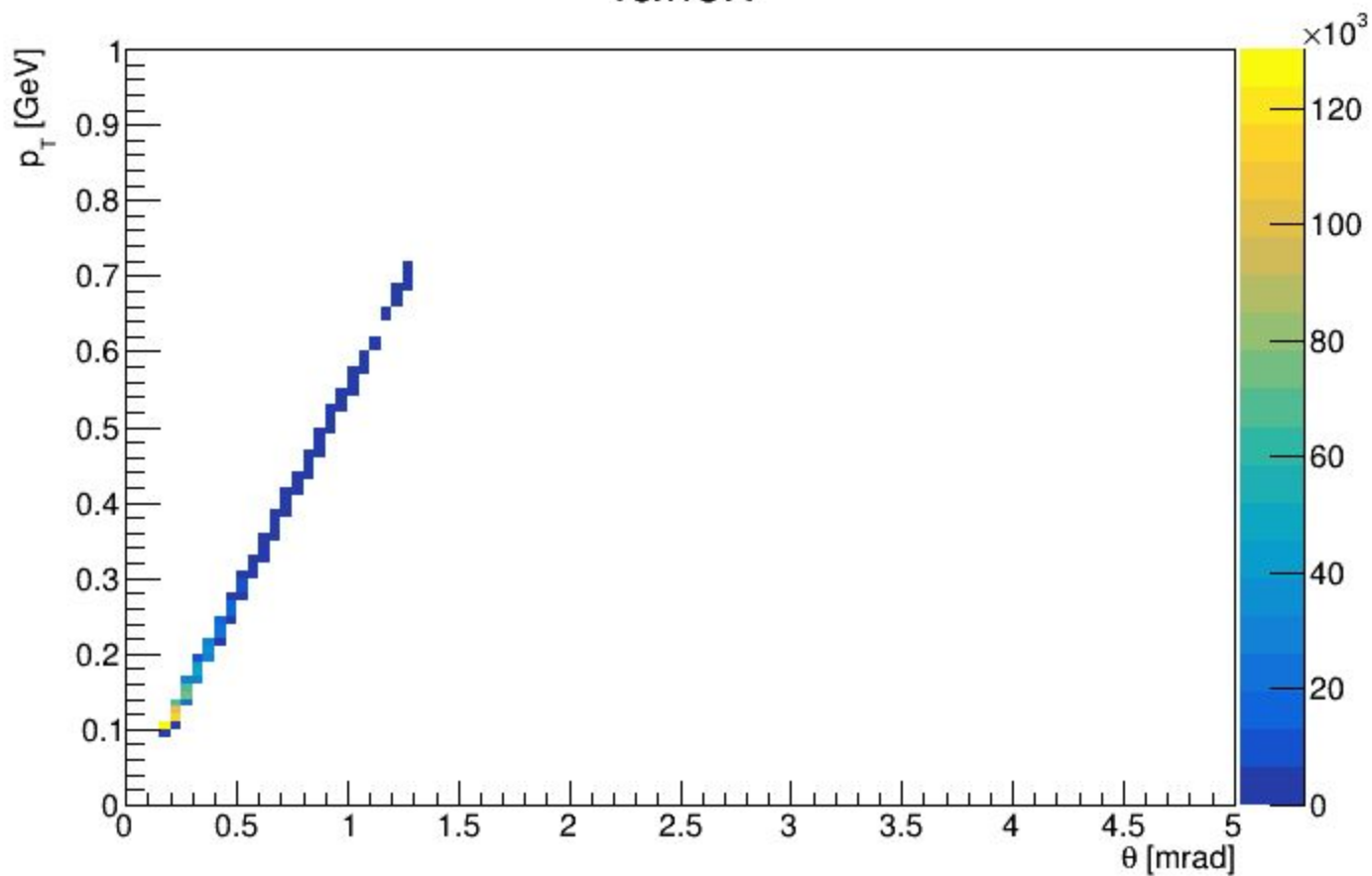




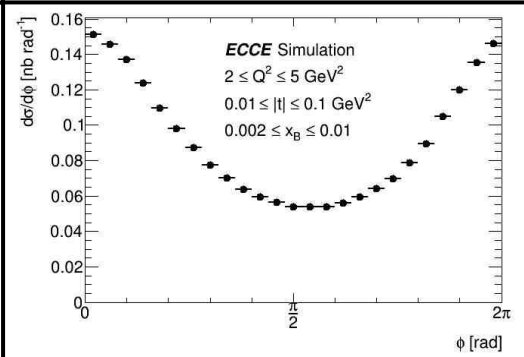
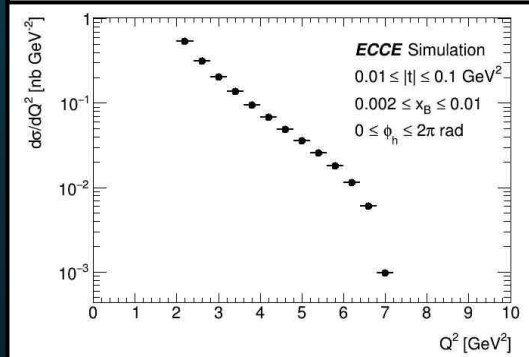
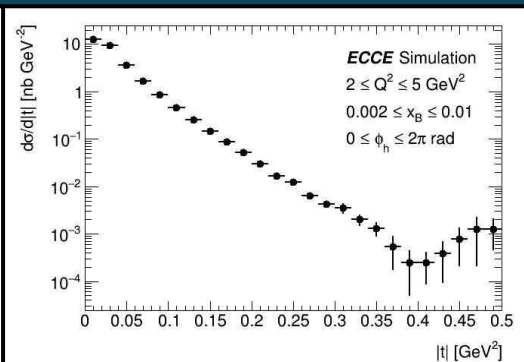
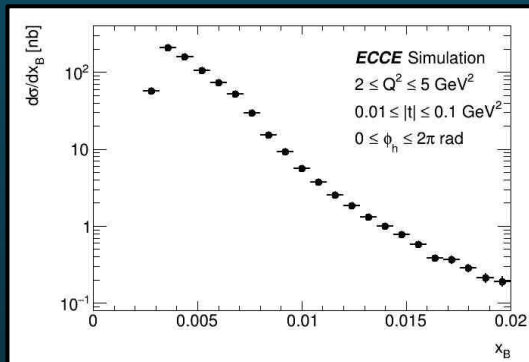
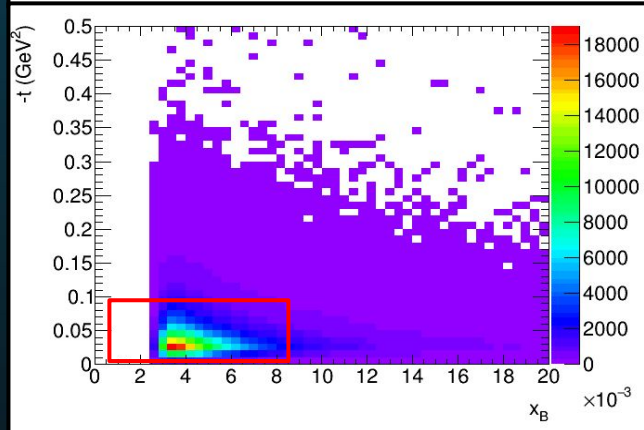
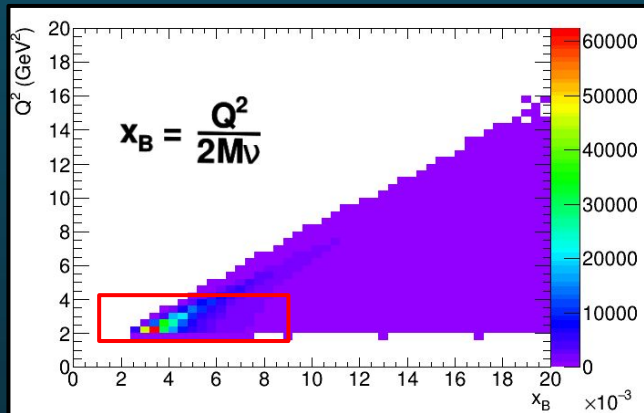
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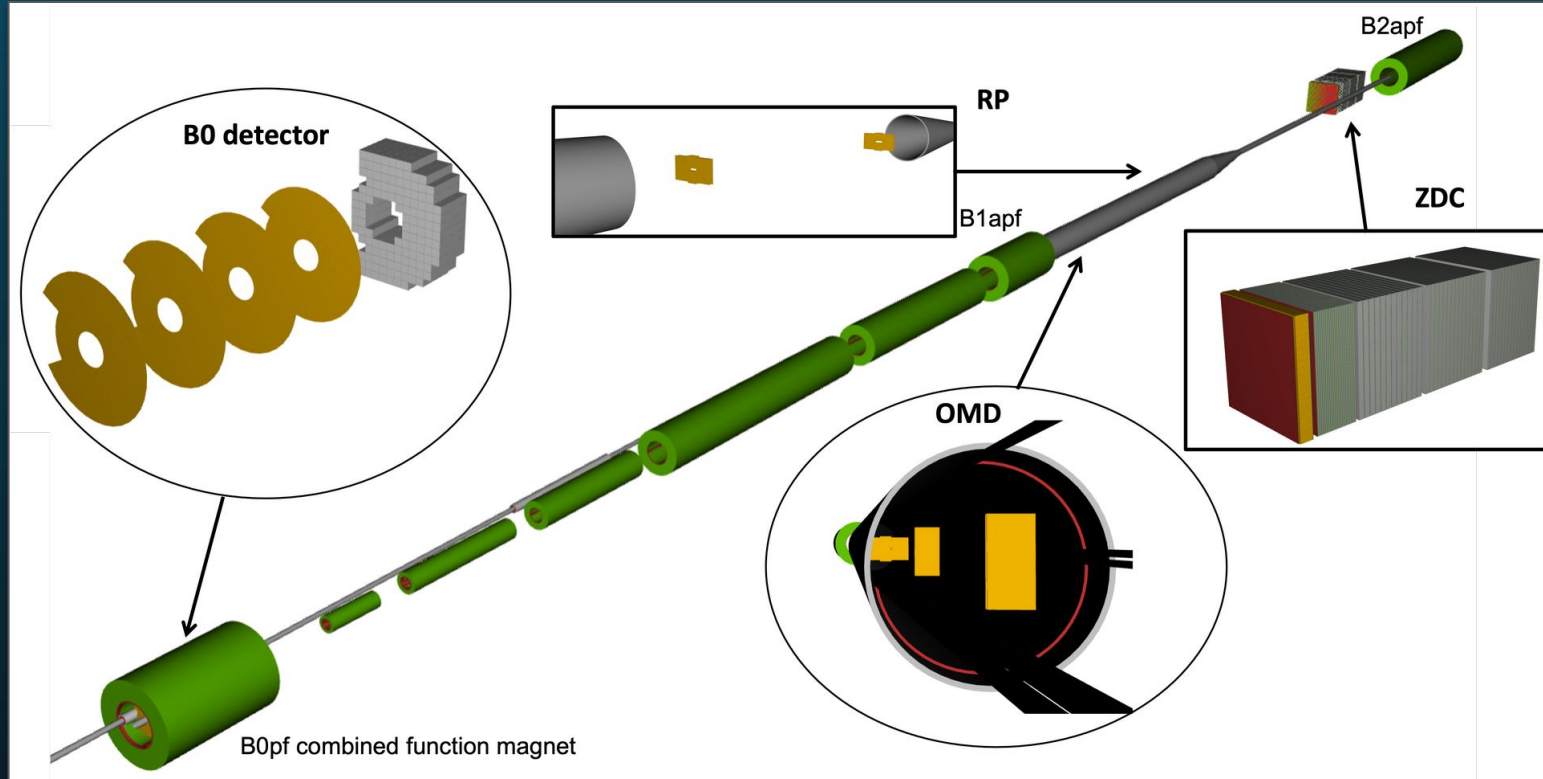
18x137.



# ECCE Results



# Forward Detection for Exclusive Channels



# Scaling Forward Magnets to 41 GeV/u He4

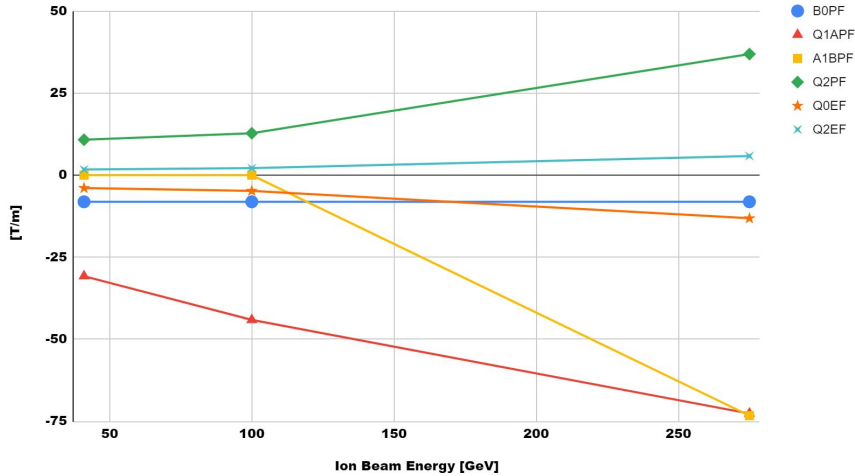
Need to correctly steer the ion beam through the beam pipe and centre of forward detectors (B0 Calorimeter, Roman Pots).

“Effective” scaling of 82 GeV required - 2 protons in He4!

Initial attempts were unsuccessful, but most recent attempt looks to be working.

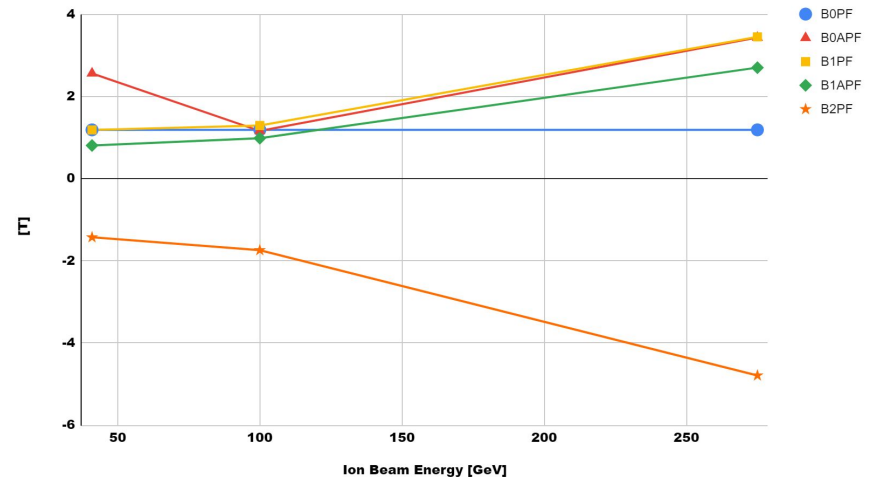
# Default Far Forward Field Gradient and BMax values

Gradient Max



Forward steering values show near linear interpolation between kinematic settings.

B Max

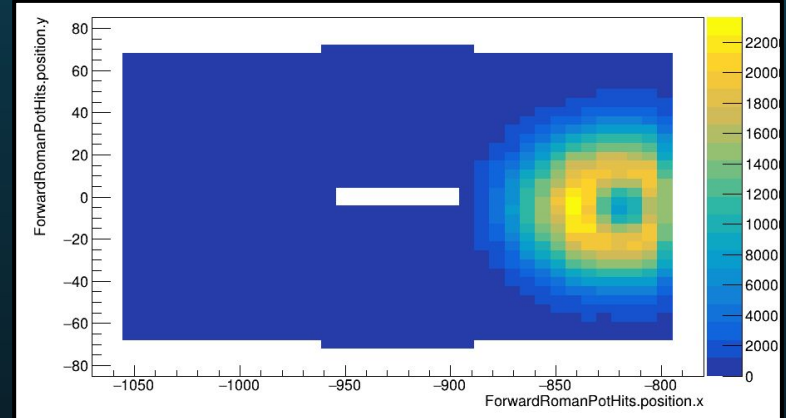
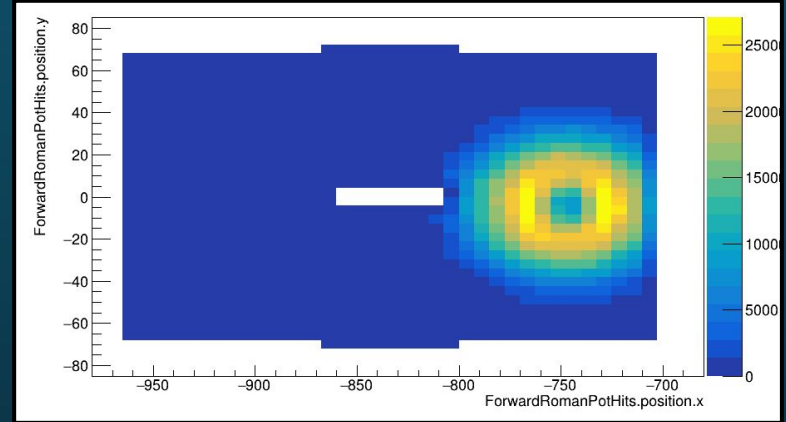
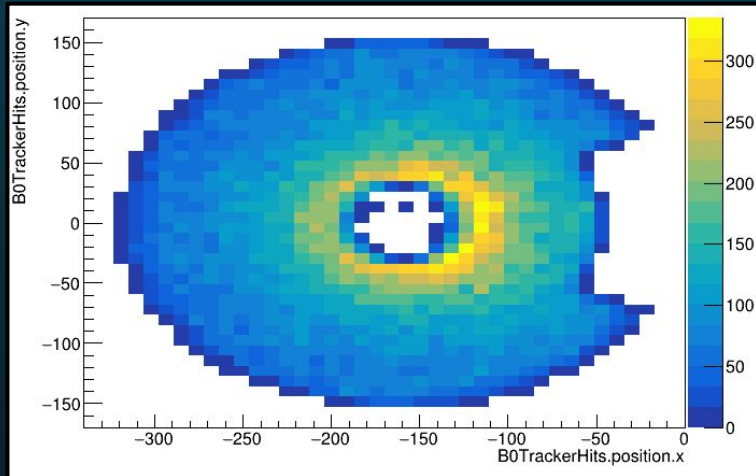


# ePIC 41GeV Steering He4

Config: epic\_5x41 (default)

Version: epic-nightly

Build date: June 28-30 2023

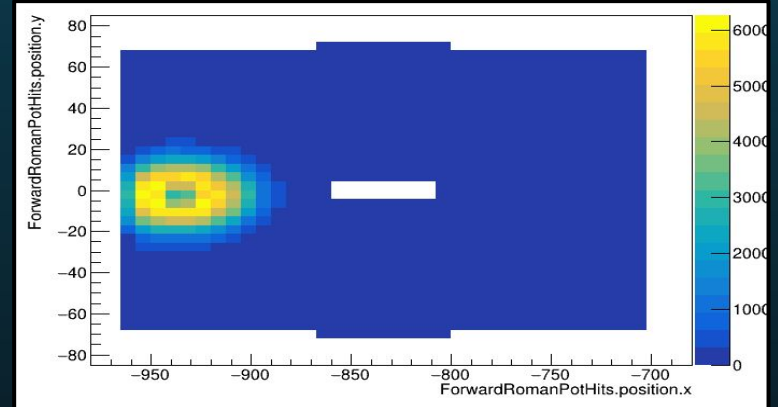
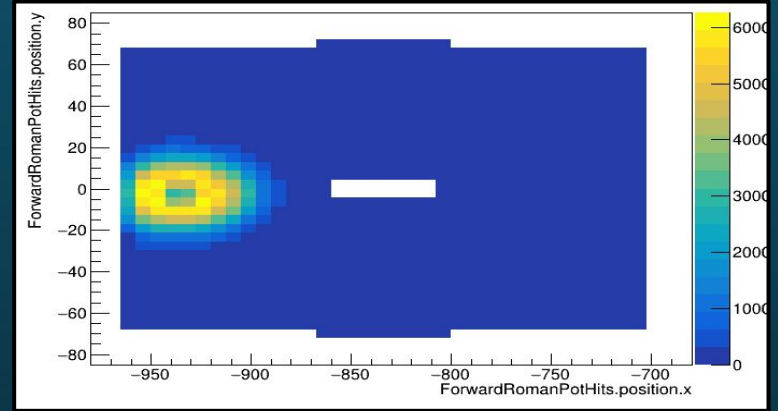
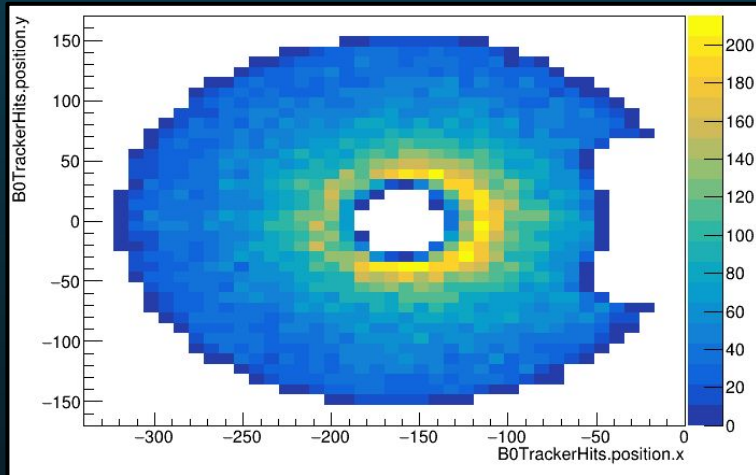


# ePIC 82GeV Steering He4

Config: epic\_5x164 (custom - 5x100 with forward magnets scaled by 0.82)

Version: epic-nightly

Build date: June 15/16 2023



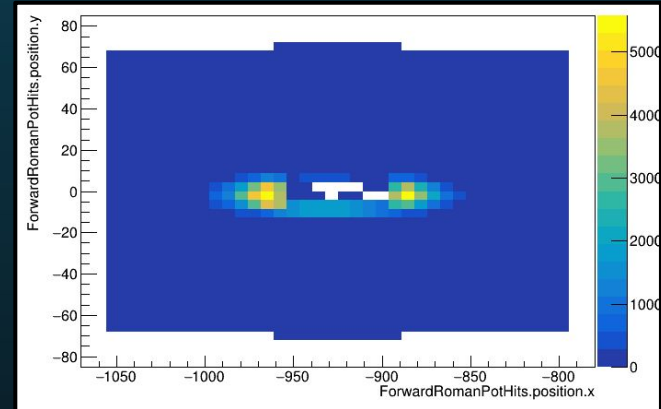
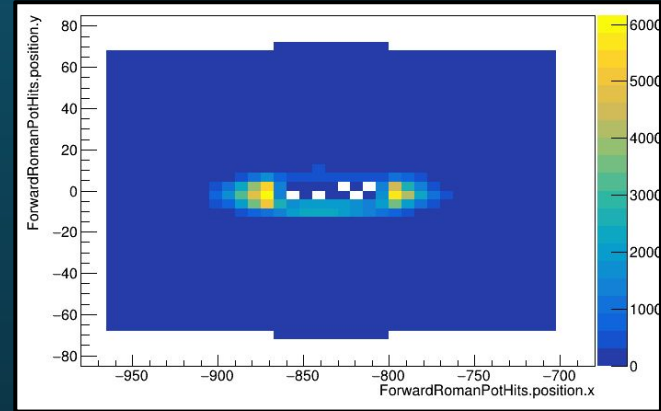
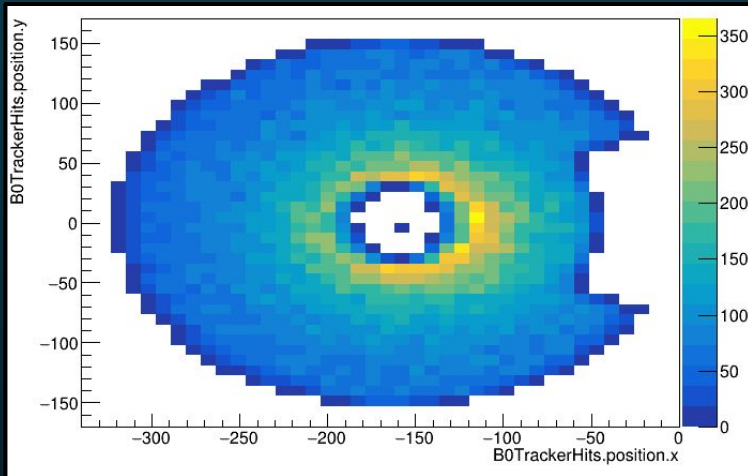


# New 82GeV Steering He4

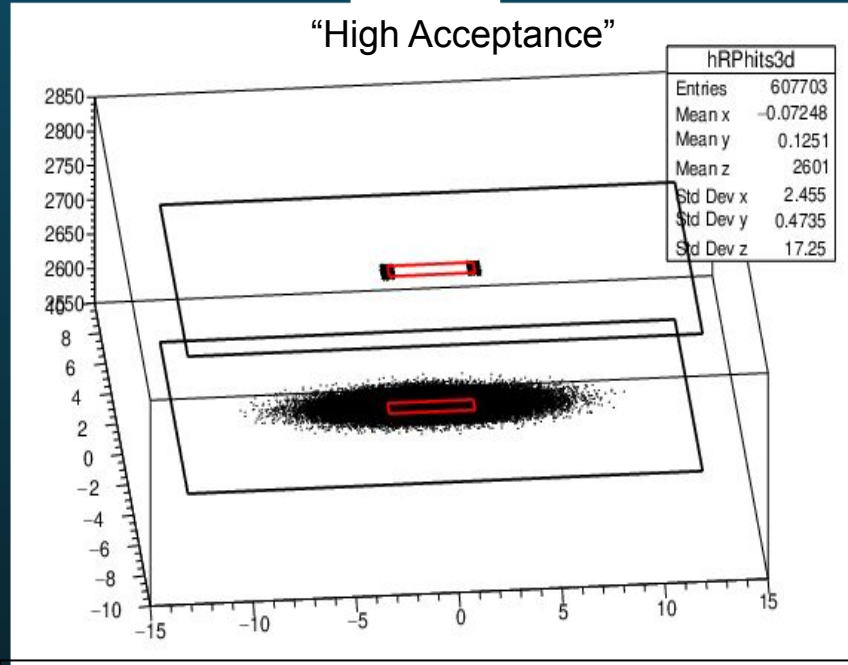
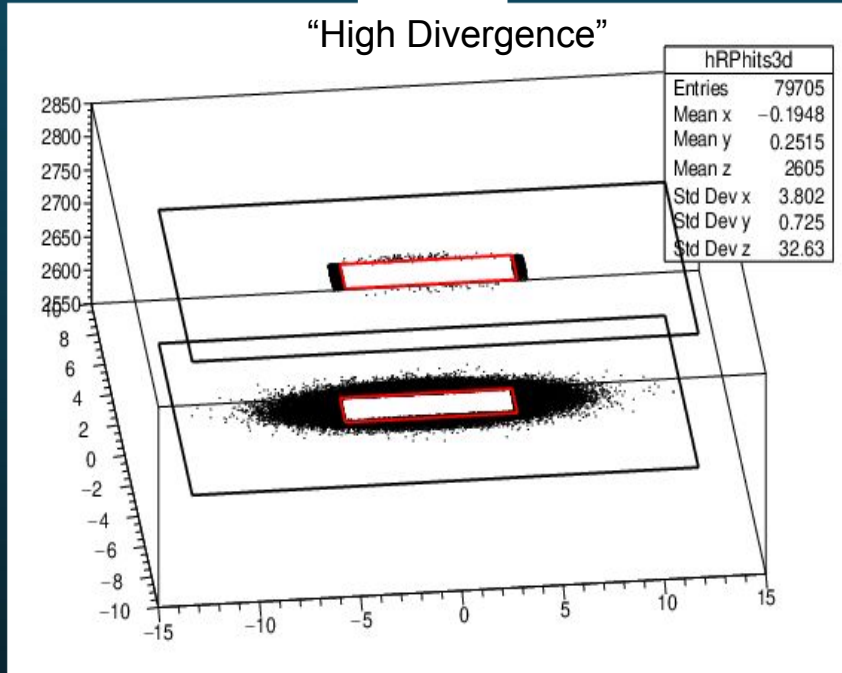
Config: epic\_5x164 (custom - 18x275 with forward magnets scaled by 82/275)

Version: epic-nightly

Build date: July 3rd/4th 2023

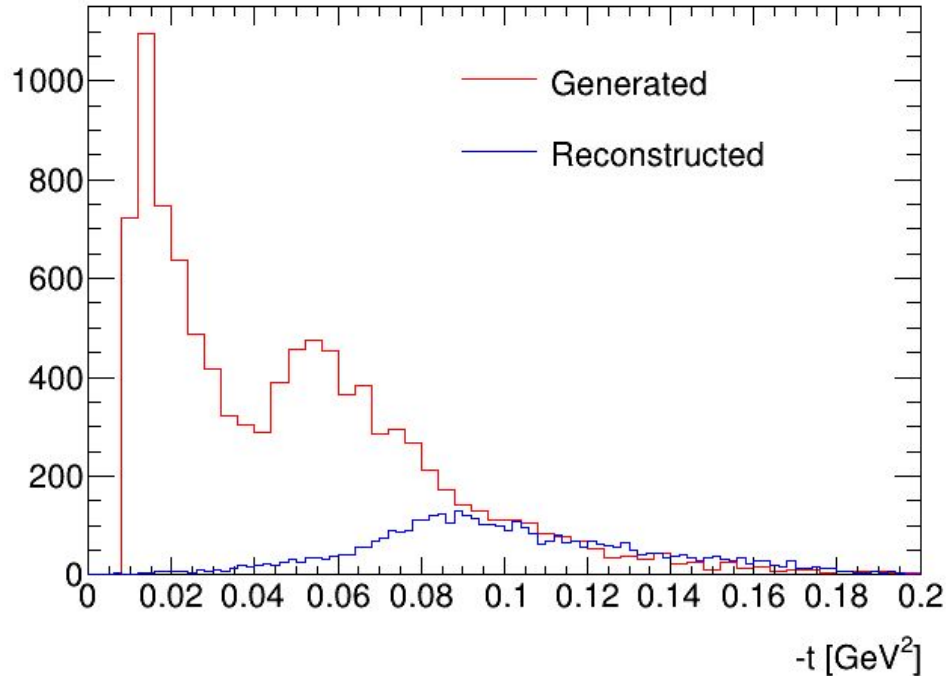


## c.f. Old ECCE Results



Actual simulation parameterisations were identical at this point. The size of central hole was changed to simulate as close to the 2 as possible.

# Initial Look at ePIC acceptance

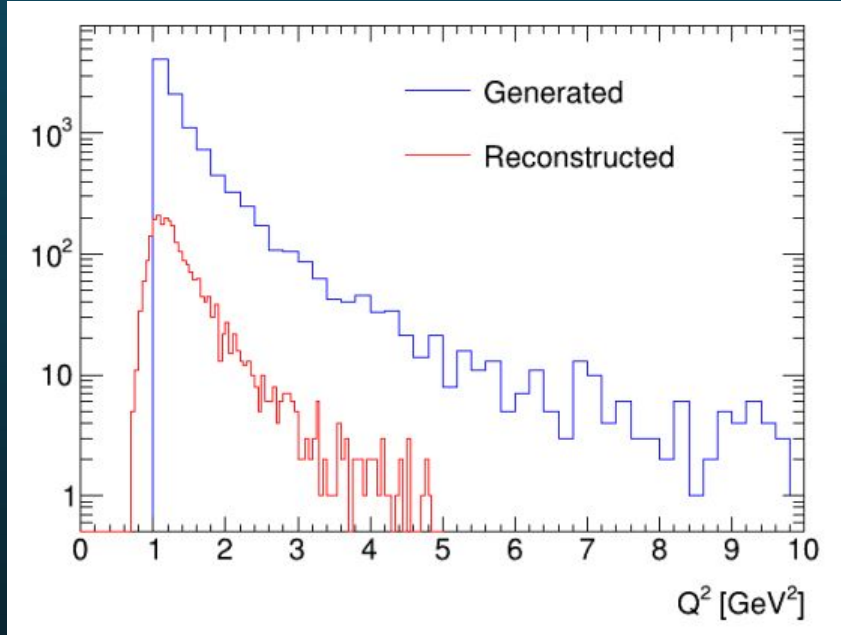


**Very early look at ePIC reconstruction (10K events).**

**Current efforts focused on developing correct optics model for He4.**

**Reconstruction currently performed with proton model.**

# Scattered Electron Selection



Reconstructed Charged Particles branch of eicrecon / ddsim

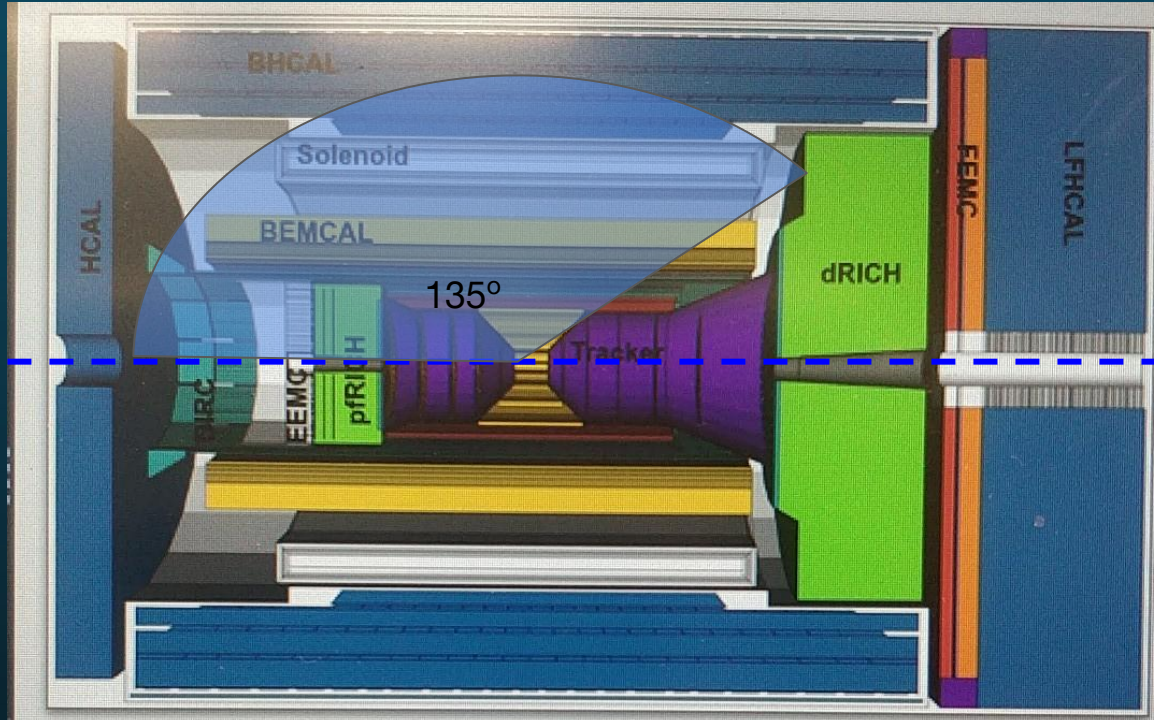
Uses tracker + calorimeter information

Use PDG and PID cuts to ensure electron.

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k' - k)^2$$

Observing low  $Q^2$  smearing

# DVCS Electron & Photon Selection



Expect most/all photon and electron clusters in EEMC, BEMCAL ( $-3 < \eta < 1$ ).

As expected only low energy noise in all 3 HCals.

Forward EMC empty.

Need to separate charged and neutral clusters with track matching.

# Exclusive Analysis Status

## Global Cuts

- ❖ Roman Pot Tracks  $> 0$   
(He<sup>4</sup> condition)
- ❖ Reconstructed Charged Particles  $> 0$   
(e<sup>-</sup> condition)
- ❖ EEMC + BEMC clusters  $> 0$   
(photon condition)

**26%** of 10K events pass these 3 cuts.

Identification of correct photon cluster and calibration of energy is one of the next steps

Neutral particle reconstruction discussed at collaboration meeting in August. Need to revisit the recon code written since.

# Summary and Ongoing Work

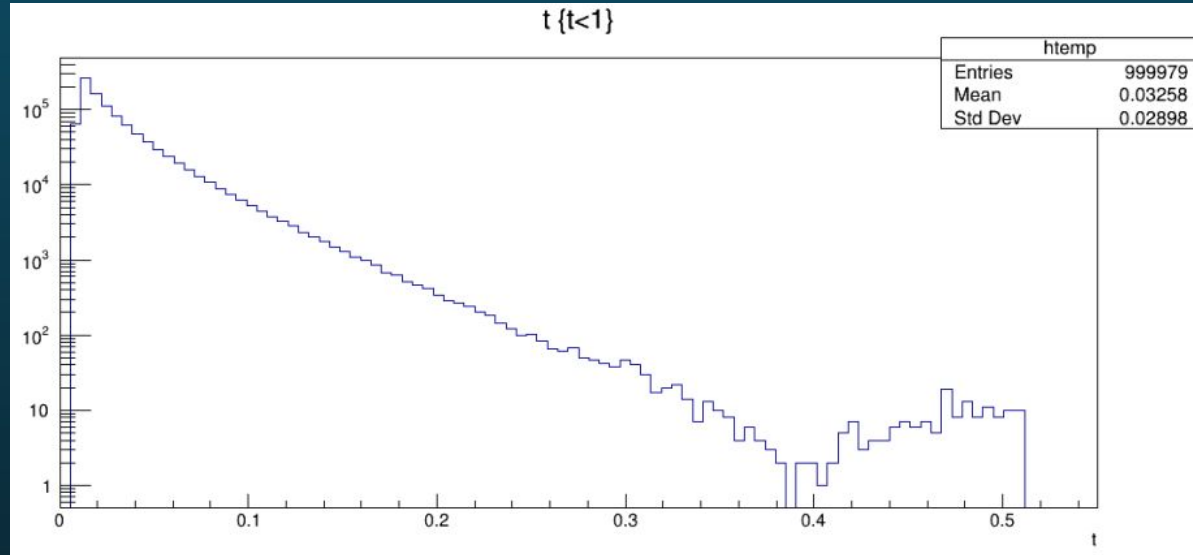
- ❖ **DVCS on He4 is an interesting channel but little data exists so far.**
  - **EIC is an excellent opportunity to study it further**
- ❖ **ePIC detector looks to be well suited to the channel**
- ❖ **Lots of (ongoing) work for intermediary analysis steps:**
  - **Afterburner non-nominal beam energy debugging**
  - **Determine correct forward optics model for He4.**
  - **Benchmark Script for EDT Processes**
  - **Overlapping benchmarks with working group.**
  - **ePIC Physics comparison plots**
  - **Background studies**

**THANKS!**

# Backup



# New Problem: -t Curve Shape!

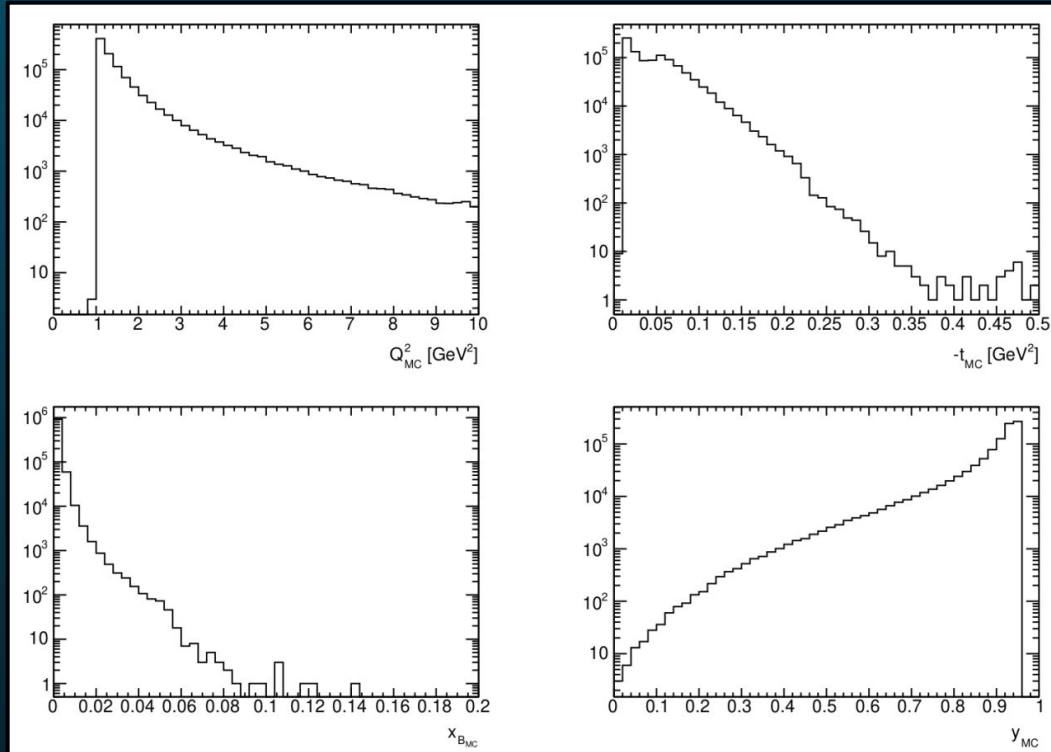


TOPEG: Generator Level  $|t|$  curve. Note minima around 0.4

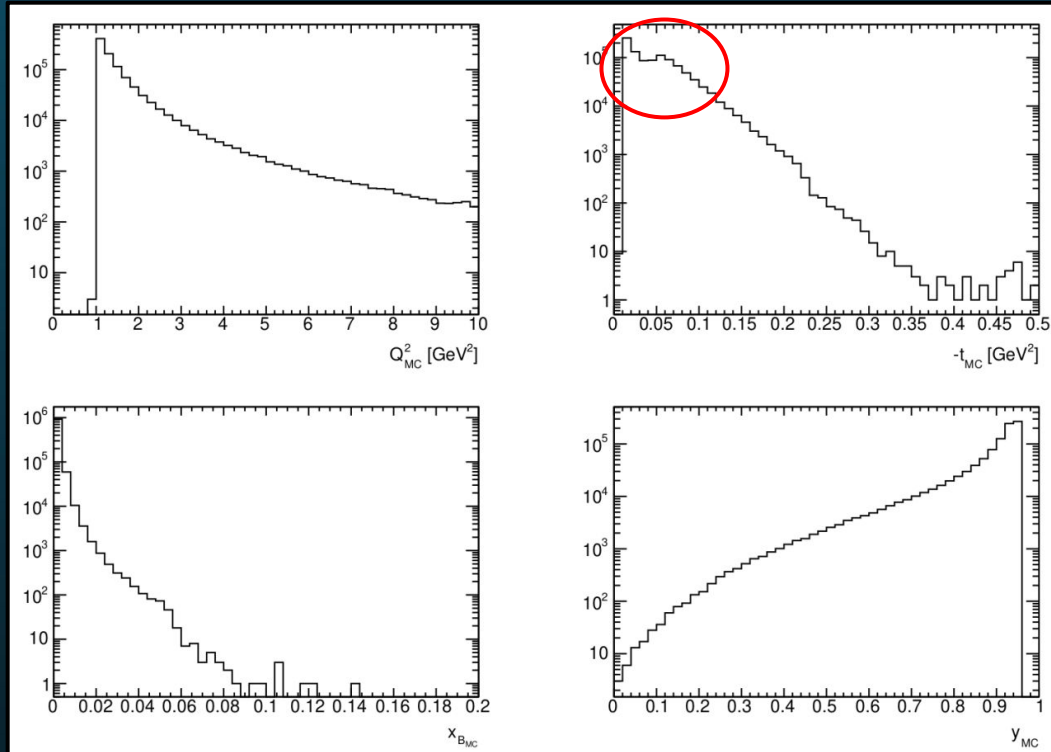
C.f. ePIC results, minima around 0.04, drop off at 0.2.

Statistical or recon issue?

# DDSIM “MCParticles” Kinematics

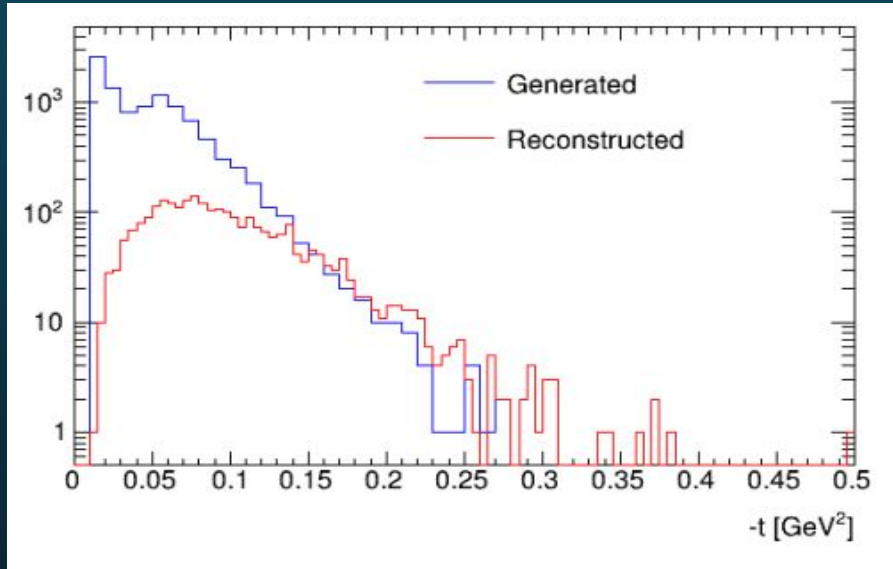


# DDSIM “MCParticles” Kinematics



Minima slightly visible with current binning

# DDSIM Beam Values



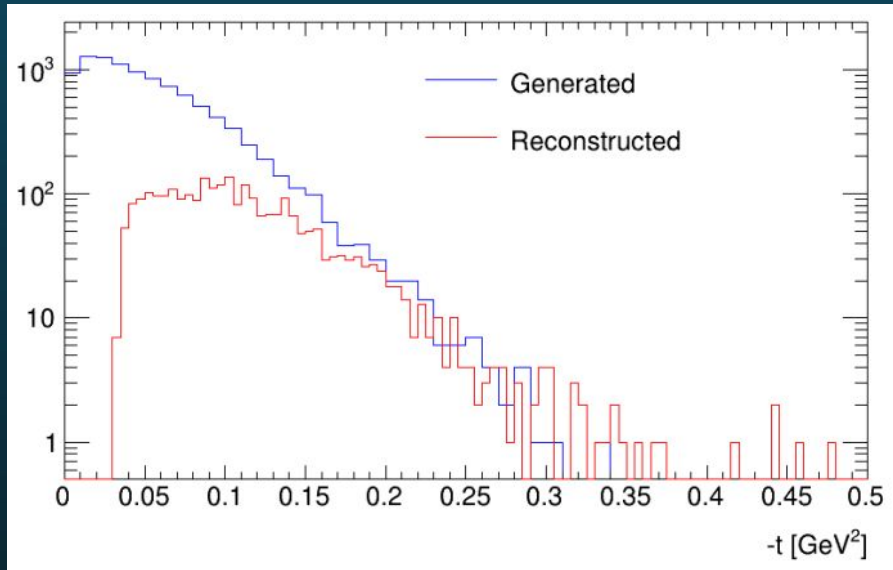
```
Ebeam: 0.000267995, 0.000772889, -4.99961  
Hbeam: -4.09861, 0.000514387, 163.974
```

Beam has a  $p_x$  component due to crossing angle.

$t$  is invariant, so scattered particle 4vector need not be

Only reconstructed He4 4vector corrected for crossing angle.

# Generator Beam Values



```
Ebeam: 0, 0, -5  
Hbeam: 0, 0, 163.958
```

Reverse:

By resetting beams  $p_x$   $p_y$  to 0, we effectively correct the crossing angle. Hence, the scattered particle now needs to be corrected, but the reconstructed particle does not.

These should be equivalent techniques, and yet the distributions are **different!**