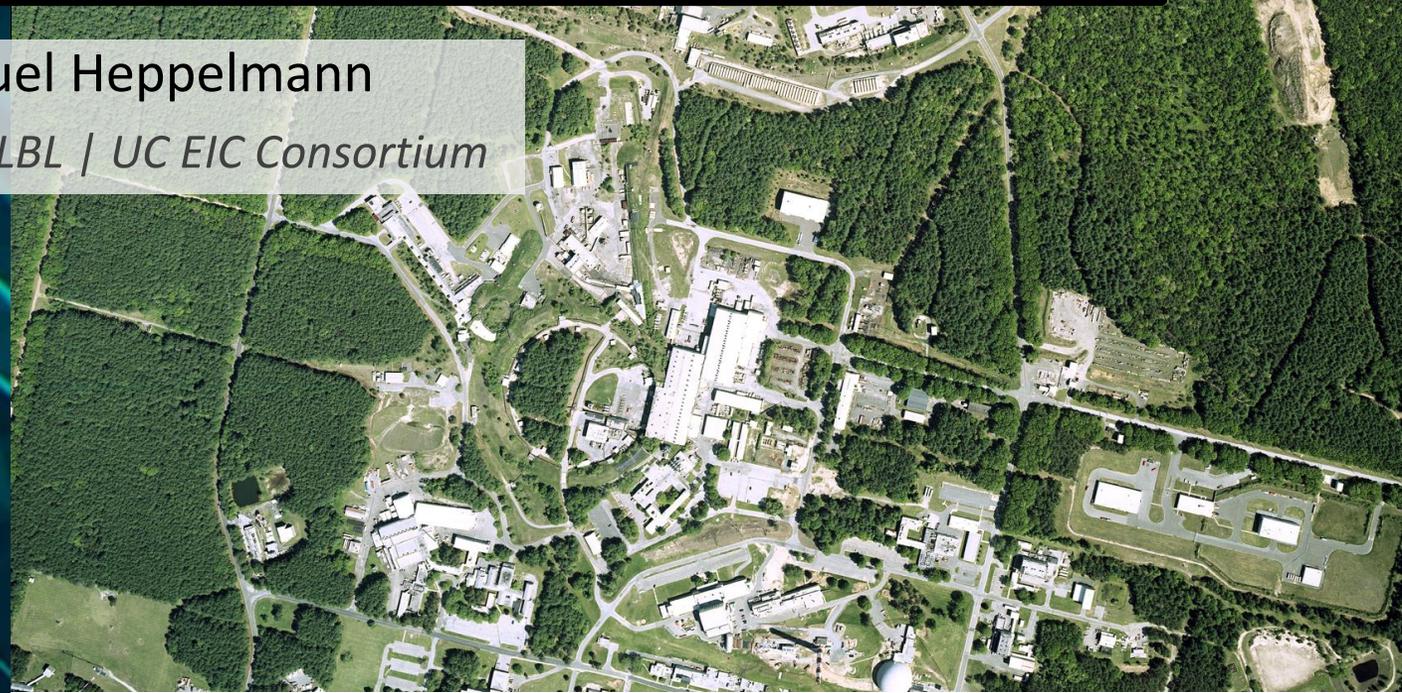
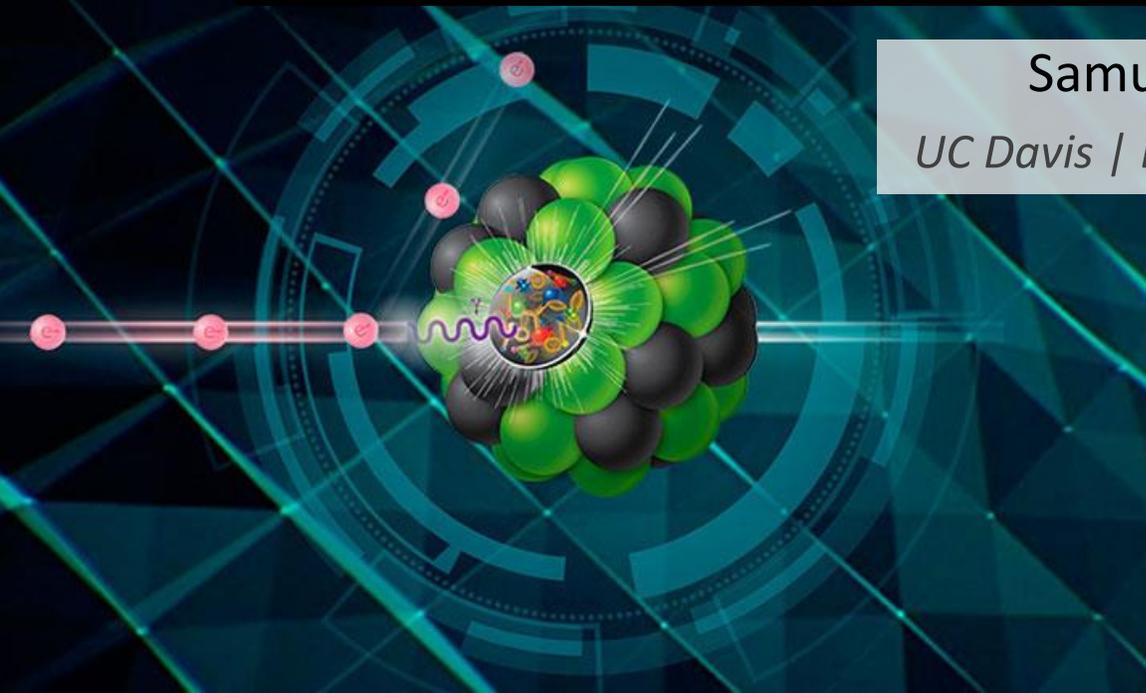


# Photo/electro-production at an EIC

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## Diffractive Physics in an EIC

In coherent Vector Meson production an incident photon fluctuates into a quark-anti quark dipole which scatters elastically off a target and emerges as a real Vector Meson

**Photoproduction:** Nearly real photon ( $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ )

Interaction involves elastic scattering

( large cross section with increasing energy)

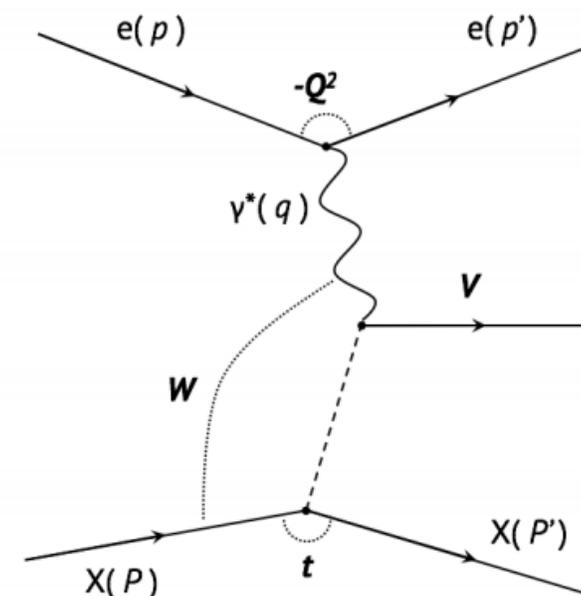
Sensitive to parton saturation physics

**Electroproduction:** Virtual photon ( $Q^2 > 0$ ),

Probe shorter distances and less sensitive to saturation effects

By measuring the outgoing electron, we can fully determine the kinematics

To access lower Bjorken-x regions, in general, we look to forward regions (higher  $\eta$ ) of our acceptance.



Elastic VM electroproduction  $\sigma(eX \rightarrow eVX)$

The Bjorken-x depends on the photon energy where  $x = (M_v c^2)^2 / W^2$ ,  $W^2$  is the photon-nucleon center of mass

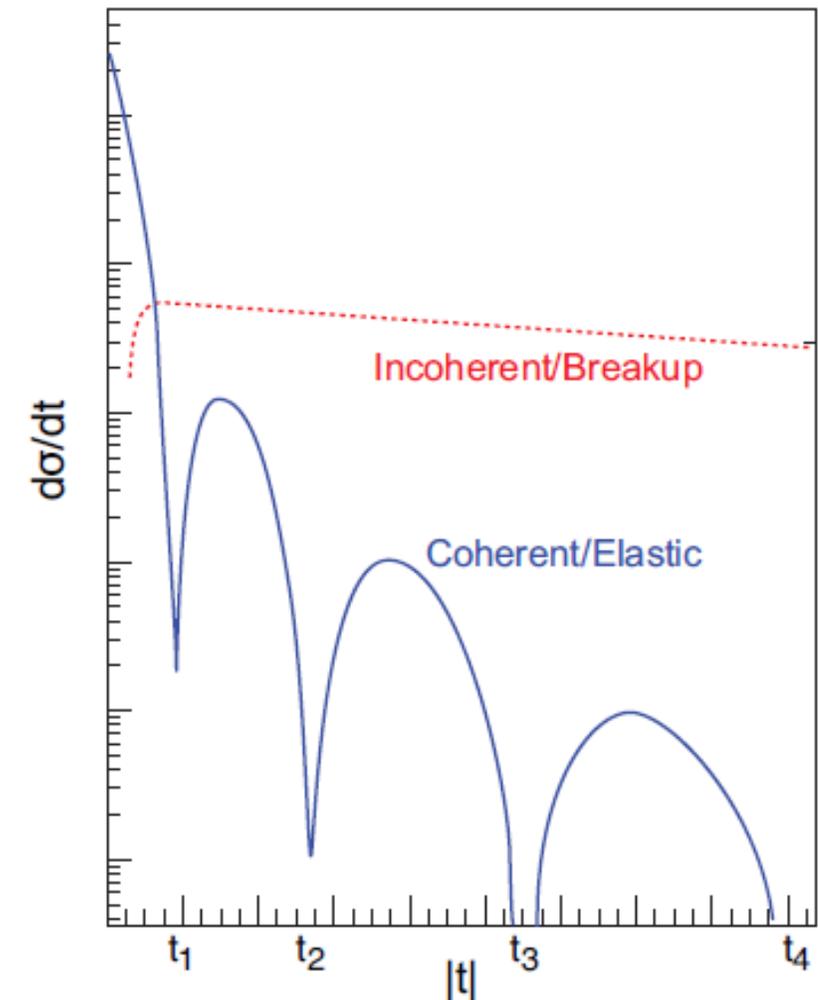
EIC White Paper, arXiv:1212.1701

## Coherent photoproduction

- Sensitive to average gluon distributions
- Access to the transverse distribution for interactions  
( similar to Generalized Parton Distributions for nuclei )

## Incoherent production (*Nuclear Breakup*)

- sensitive to event-by-event fluctuations, including gluonic hotspots ( fluctuations of nucleon position and substructure )
- Experimentally, events are characterized by the empty detector ( rapidity gap )



## Overview of eSTARlight

Coherent photonuclear cross-sections are parameterizations of  $\sigma(\gamma p)$  from HERA/fixed target data or theory

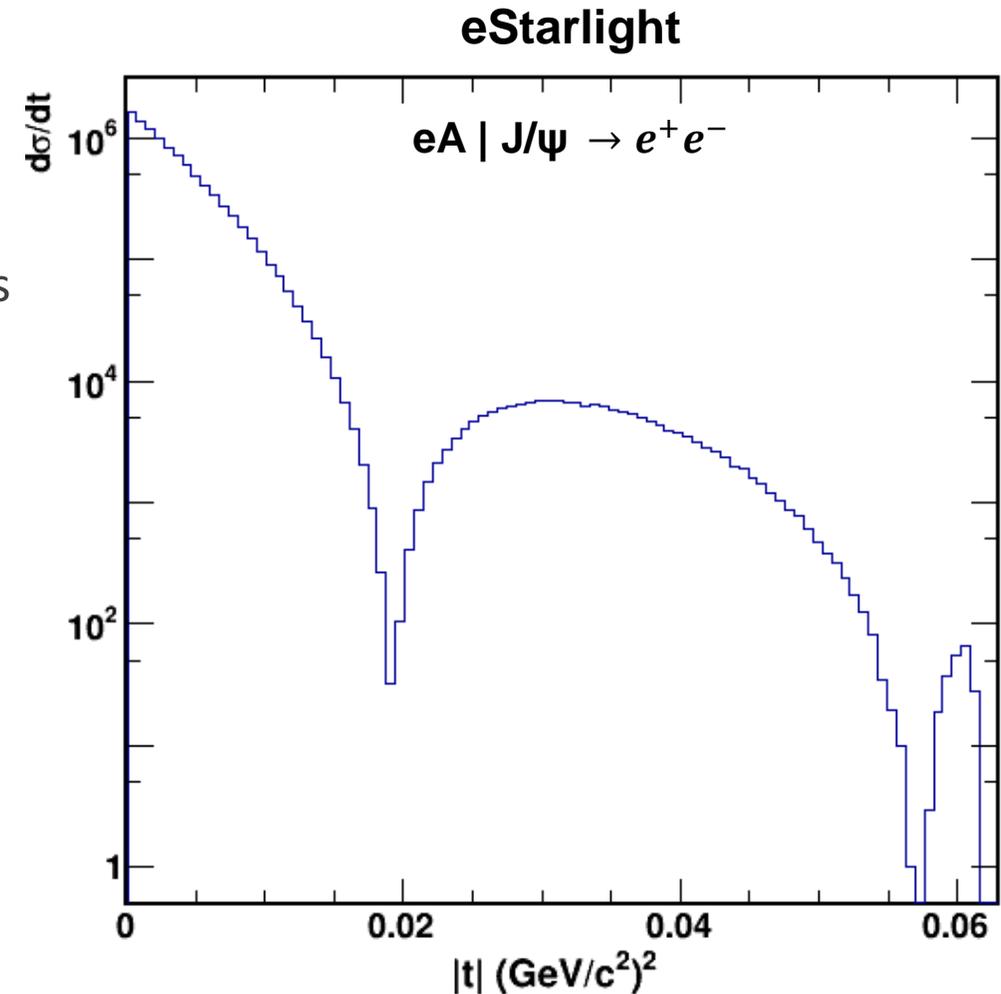
Convolution of photon flux from electron with  $\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow V p)$

- Both depend on  $Q^2$

Nuclear targets included with a Glauber calculation

Vector mesons retain the photon spin

- For  $Q^2 \sim 0$ , transversely polarized
- As  $Q^2$  rises, longitudinal polarization enters
- Spin-matrix elements quantified with HERA data



## Systems studied:

## Collider configurations:

Electron (18 GeV) on Au (100 GeV) for and

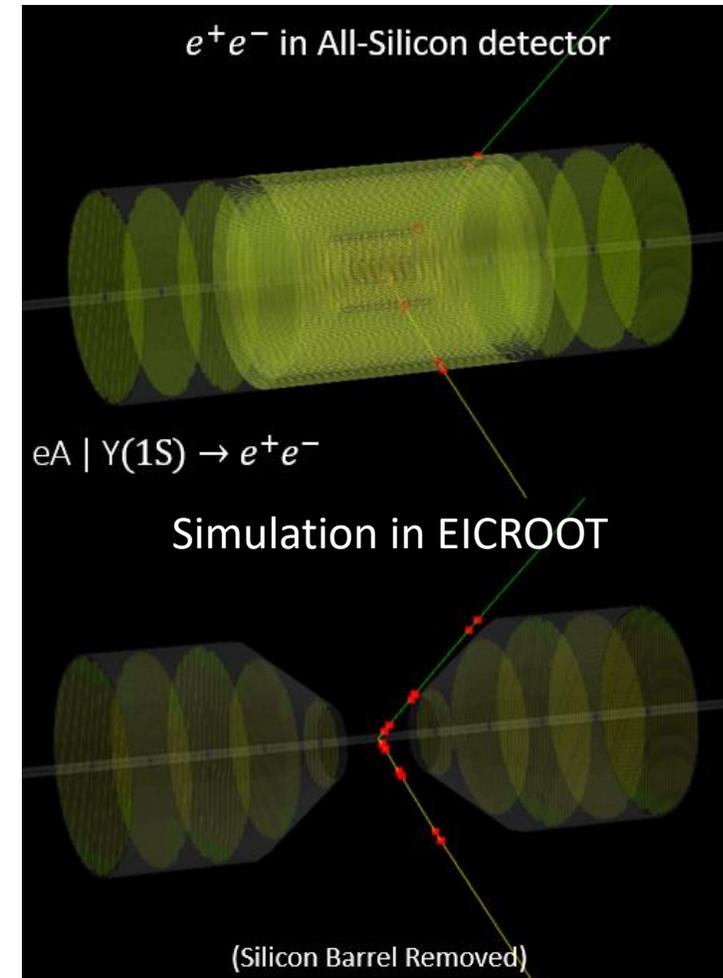
Electron (18 GeV) on protons(250 GeV)

Electron (18 GeV) on protons(100 GeV)

## Vector Mesons:

 $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$  $\Upsilon(1S), \Upsilon(2S), \Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow e^+e^-$  $\rho \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ 

## Rapidity Beam Convention



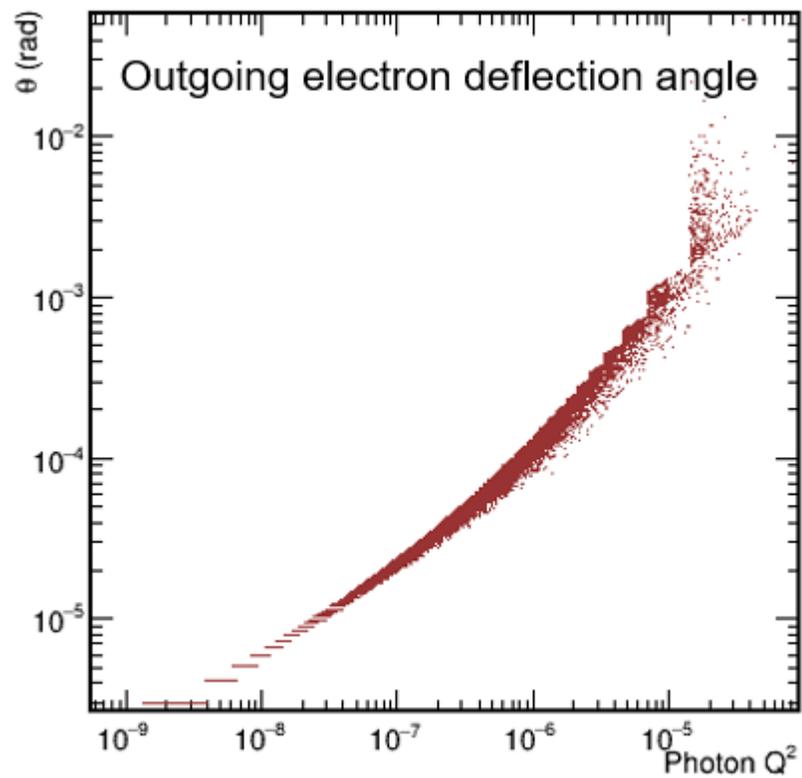
## LBNL All-Silicon Detector

(Developed by LBNL's eRD16 generic EIC detector project)

- Silicon Tracker 6 layers
- Silicon Endcap Disks 5 disks

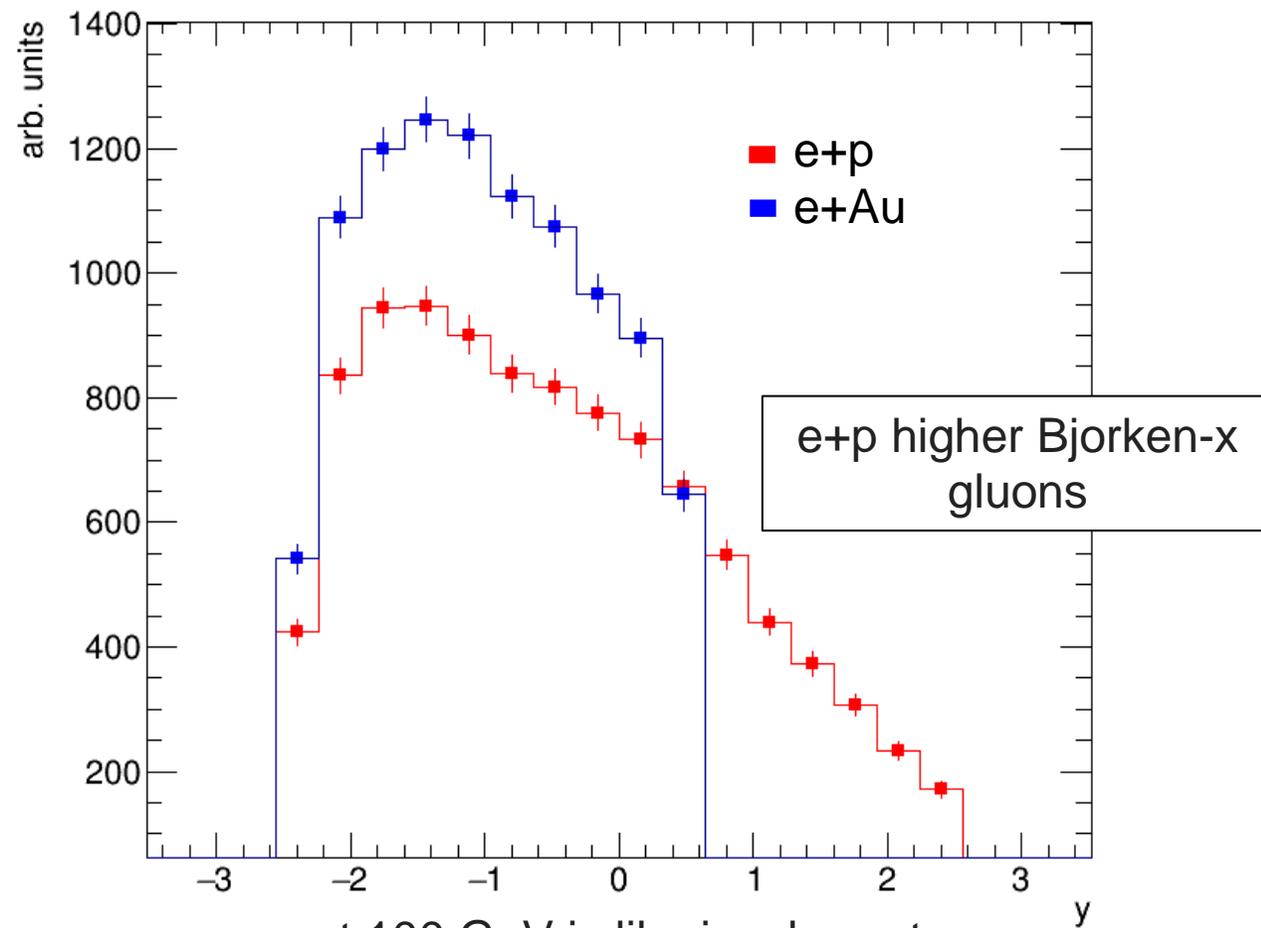
$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

Electron (18 GeV) on Au (100 GeV)  
 Electron (18 GeV) on protons(100 GeV)



At low  $Q^2$ , the scattered electron is less than 1 radian

For VM Production, a larger target has narrower rapidity range.

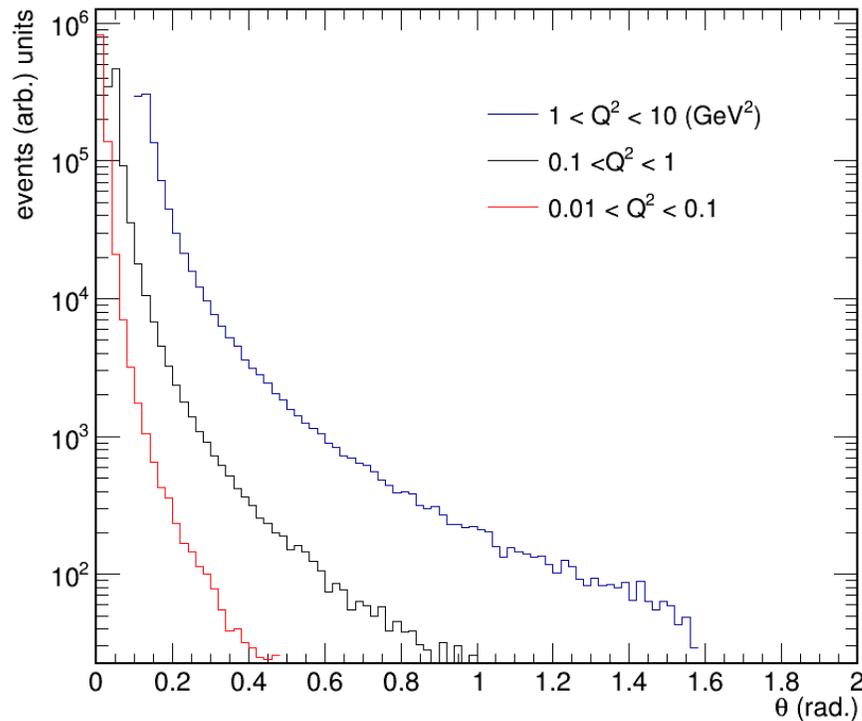


$e+p$  at 100 GeV is like incoherent photoproduction in  $e+A$

$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

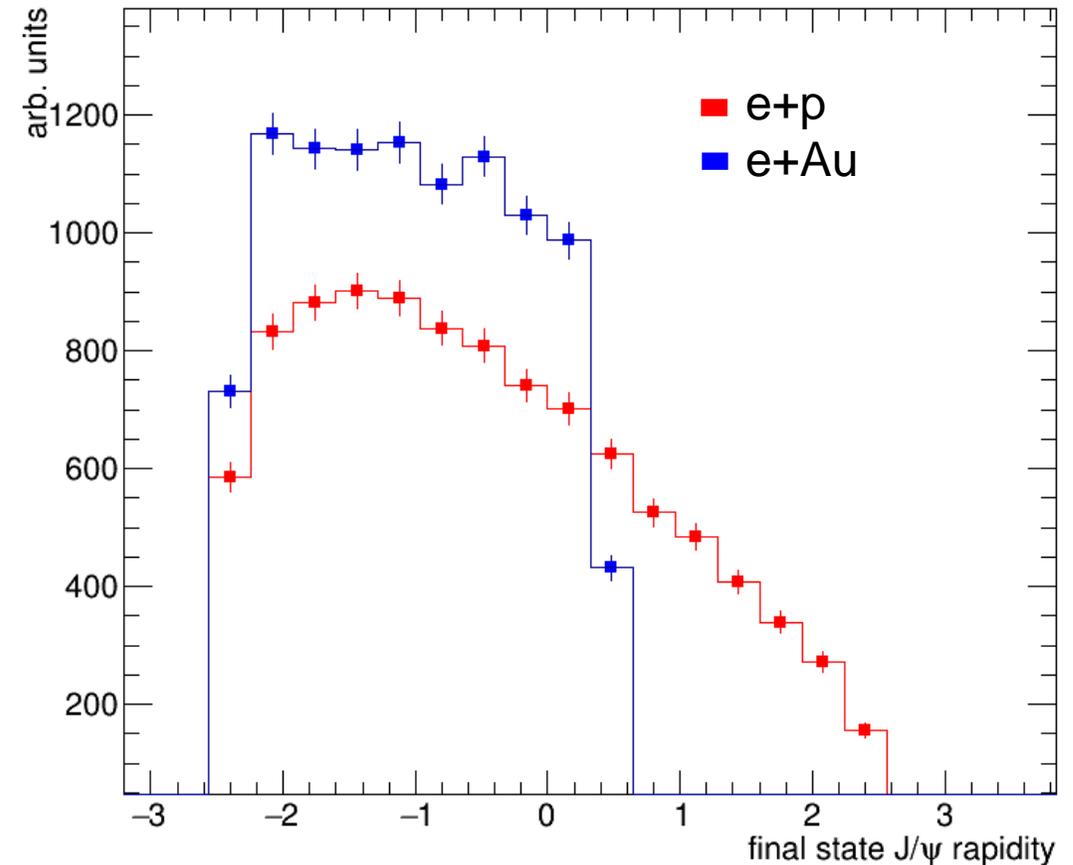
Electron (18 GeV) on Au (100 GeV)

Electron (18 GeV) on protons(100 GeV)



As we push to higher  $Q^2$ , easier to measure the scattered electron

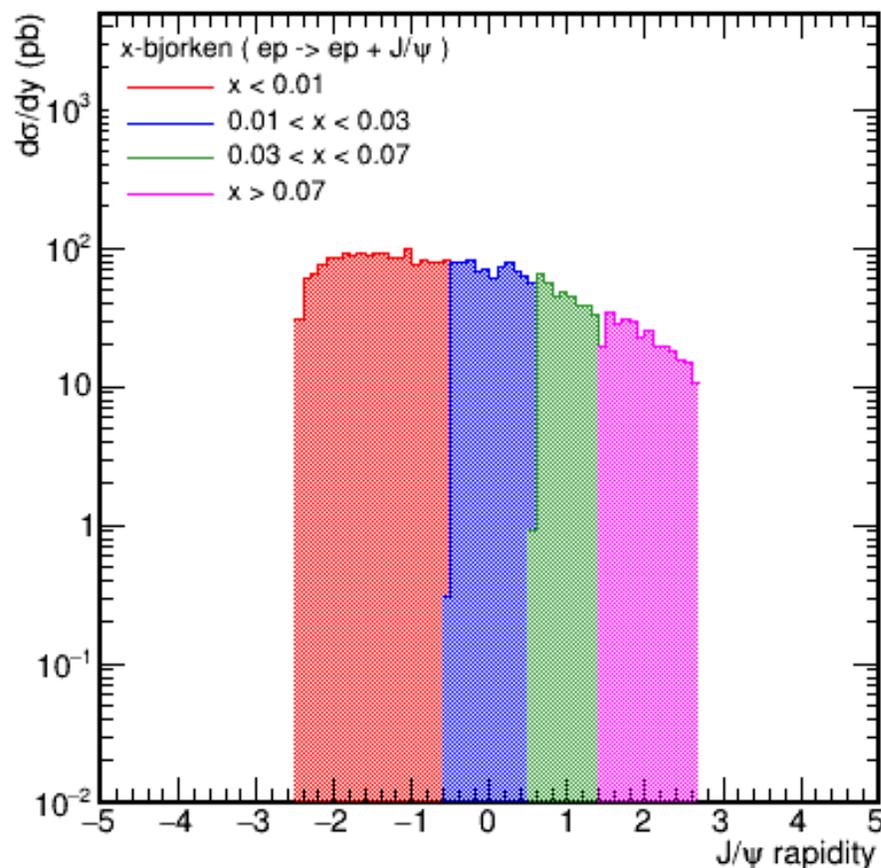
Similar Rapidity distribution for higher  $Q^2$



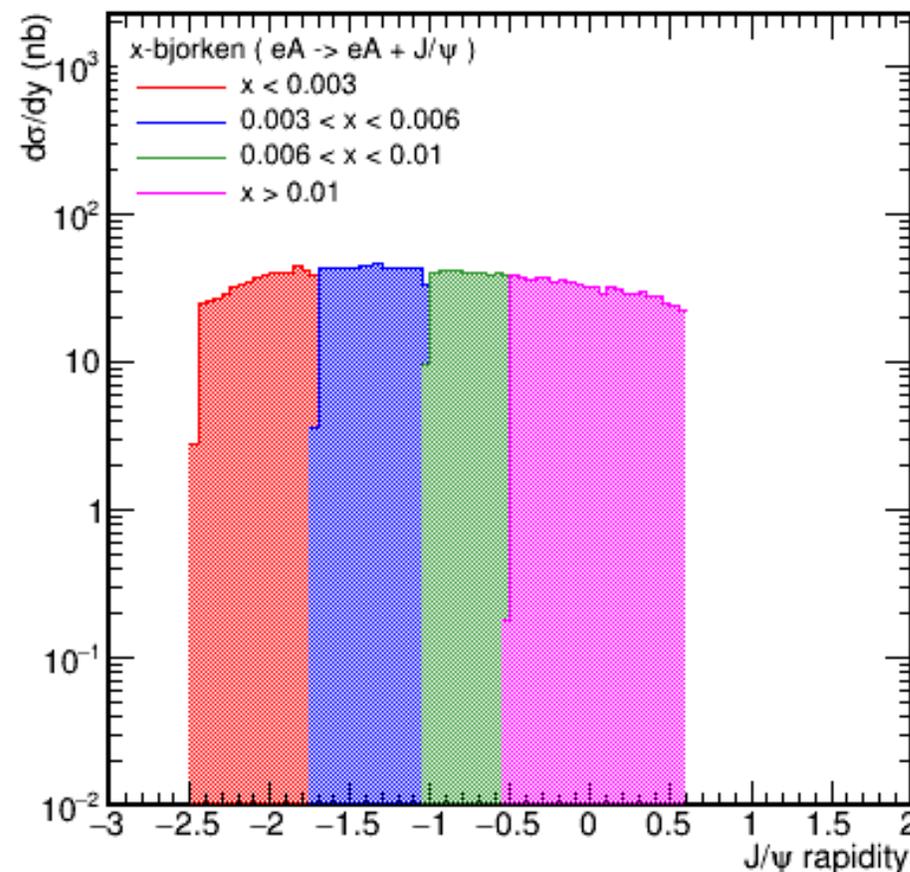
Events generated with eSTARlight

Narrow range of rapidity (Bjorken-x) for coherent vector meson production

Electron (18 GeV) on Proton (100 GeV)



Electron (18 GeV) on Au (100 GeV)

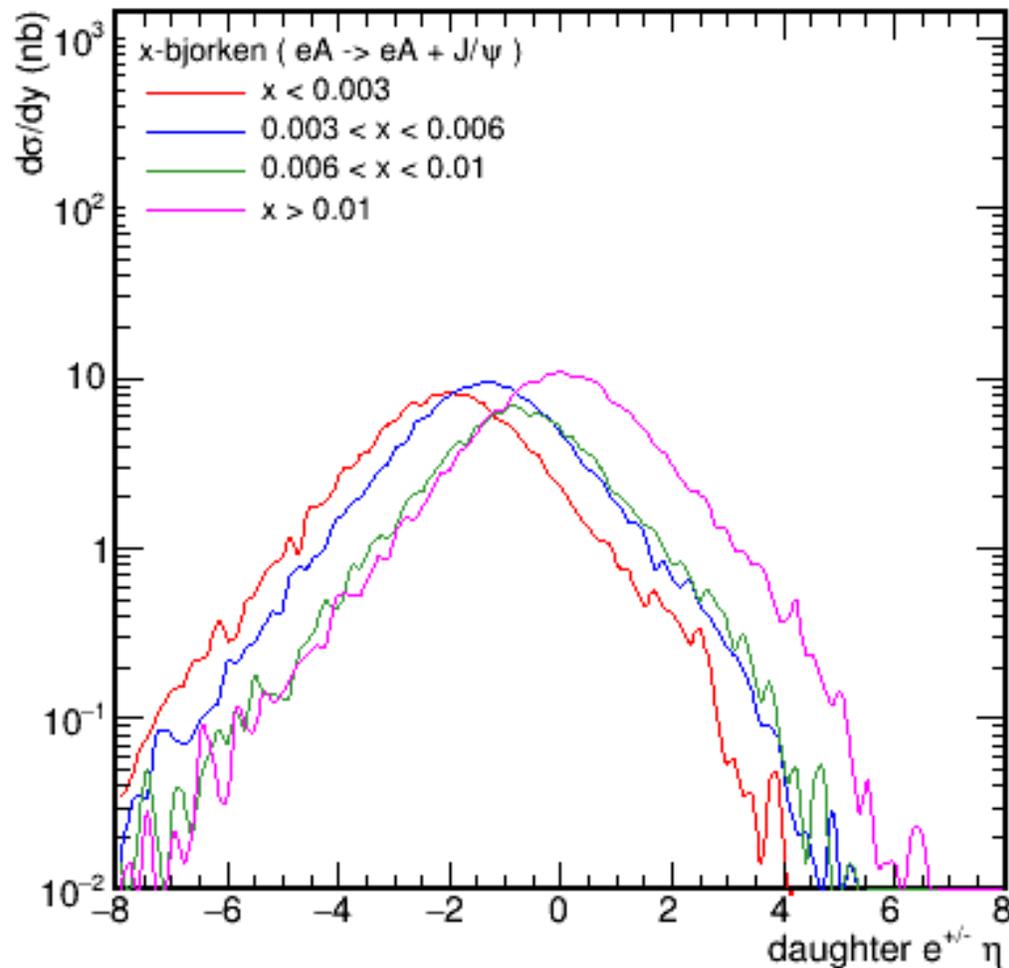
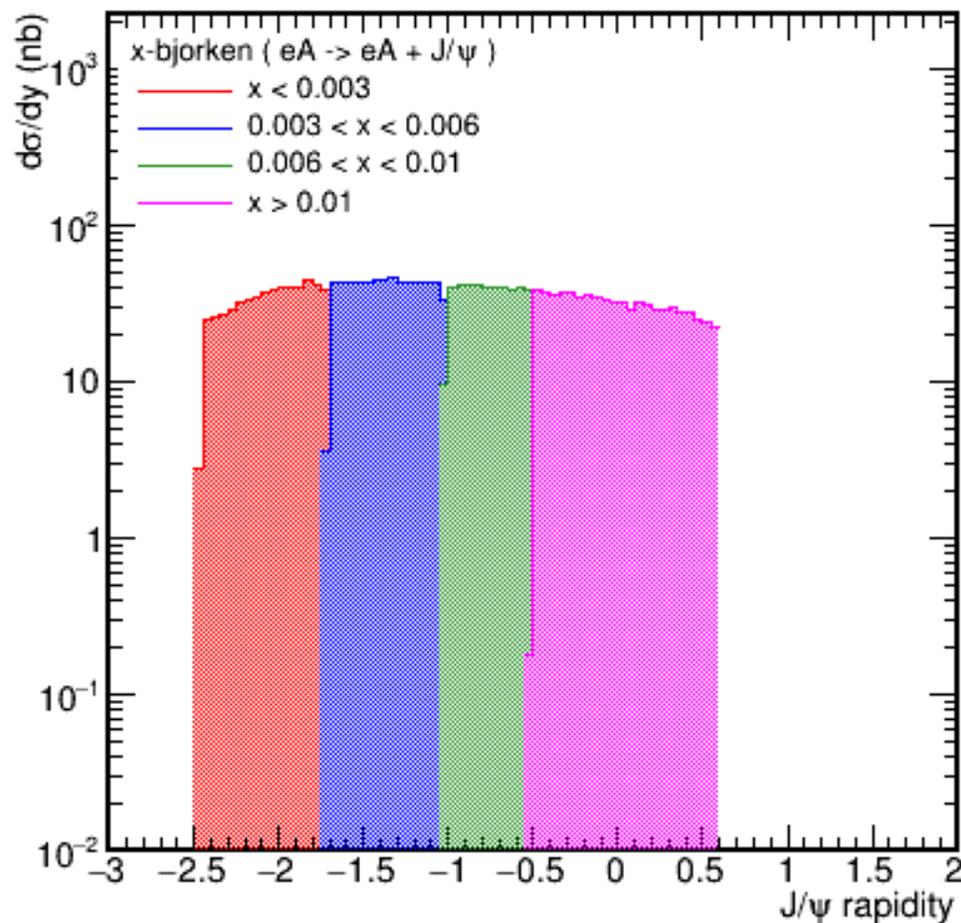


*Larger  $m_V$  corresponds to tighter rapidity range*

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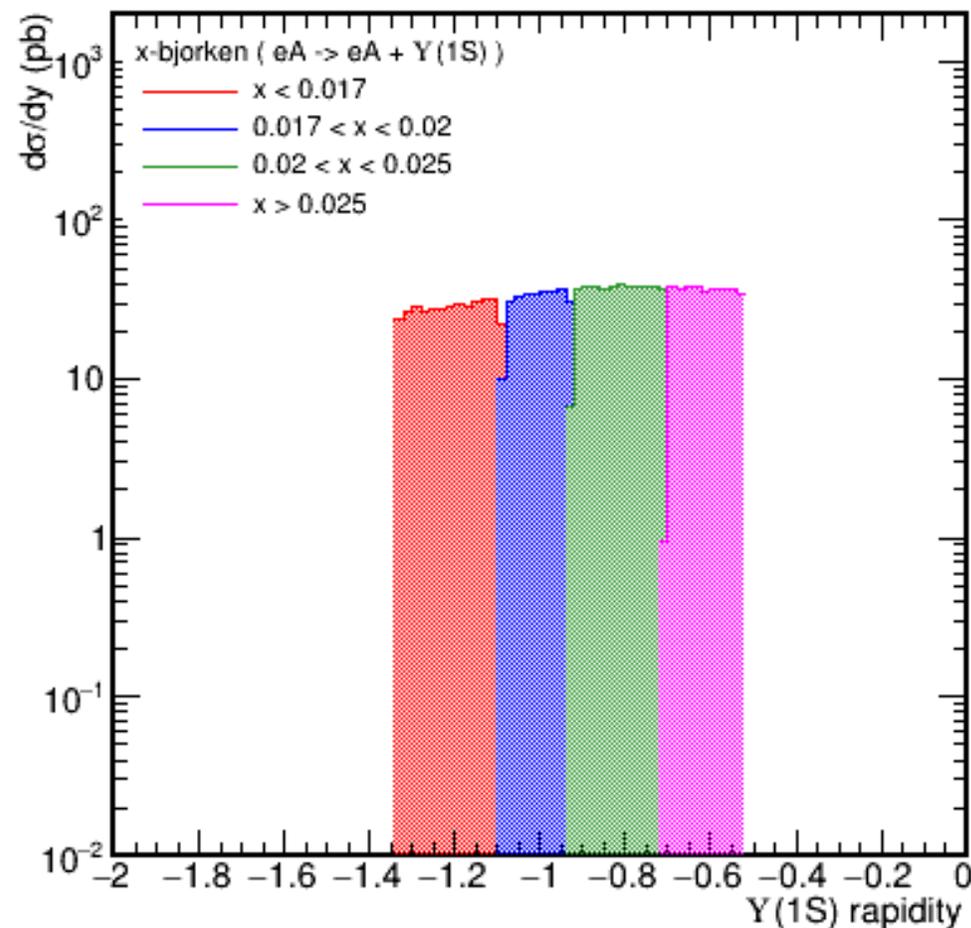
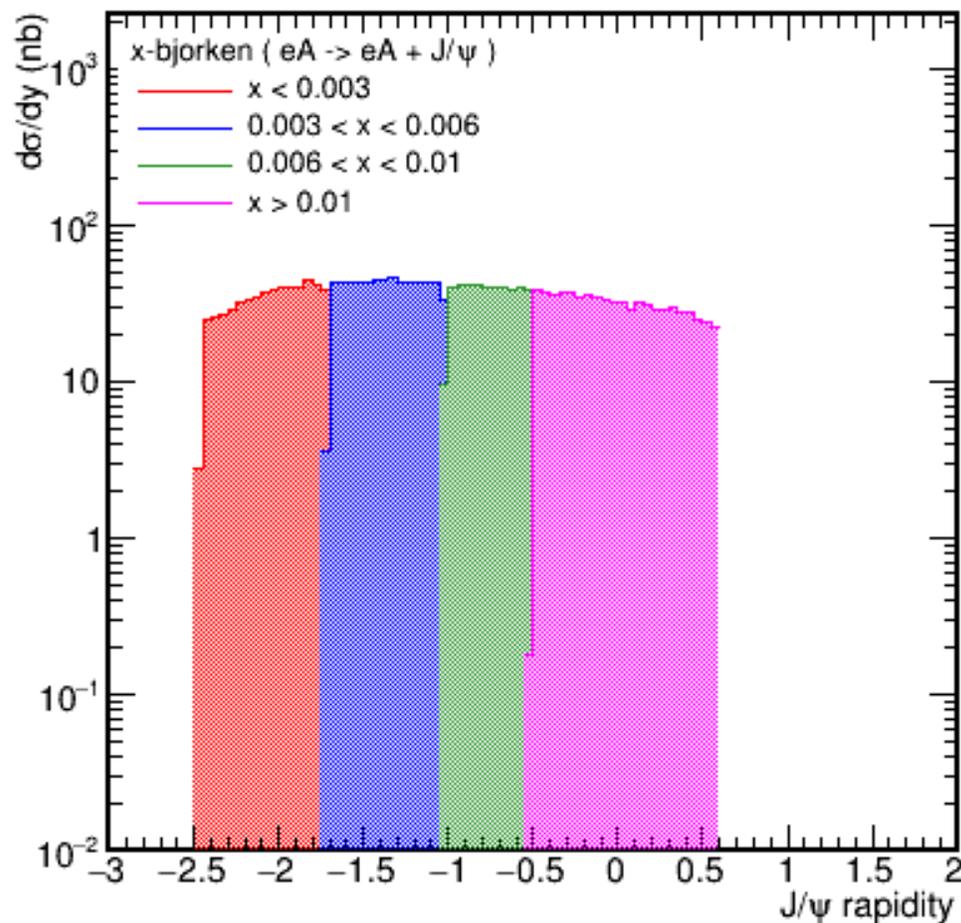
Detector Acceptance requirements

$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$



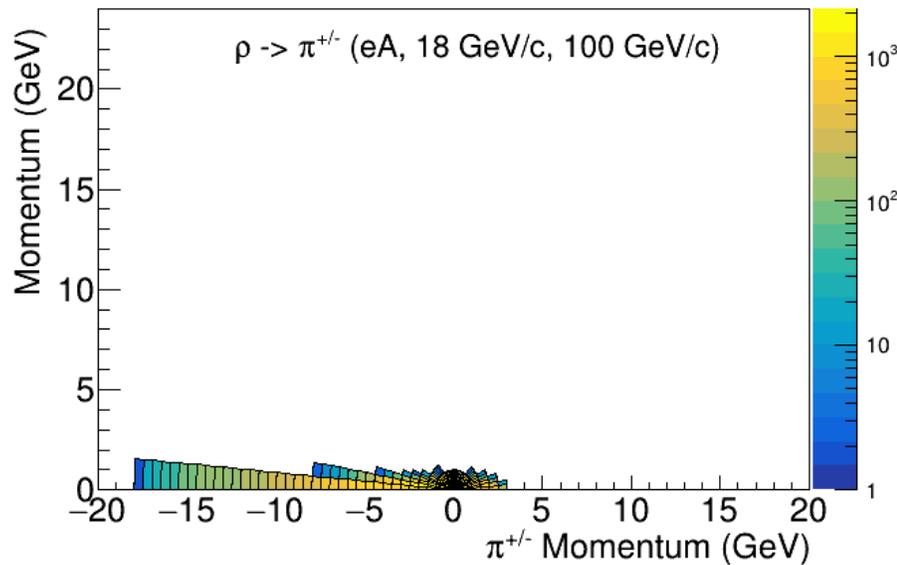
Electron pair's pseudorapidity important for detector acceptance

Events generated with eSTARlight



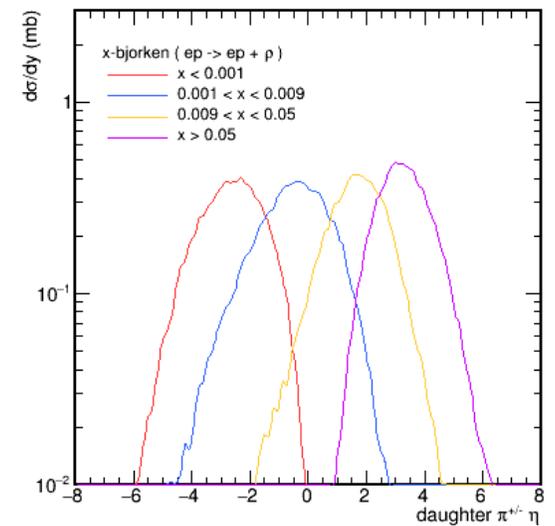
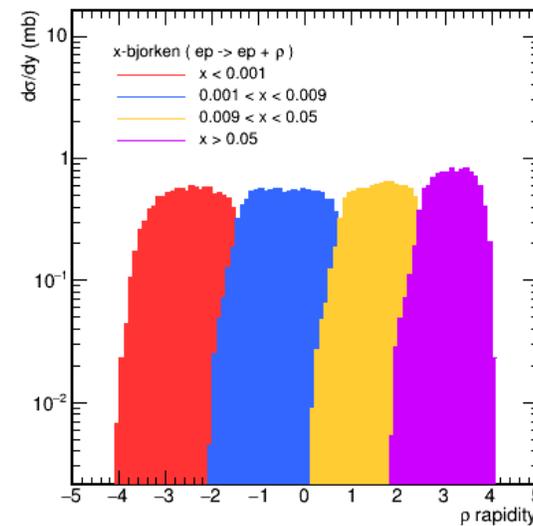
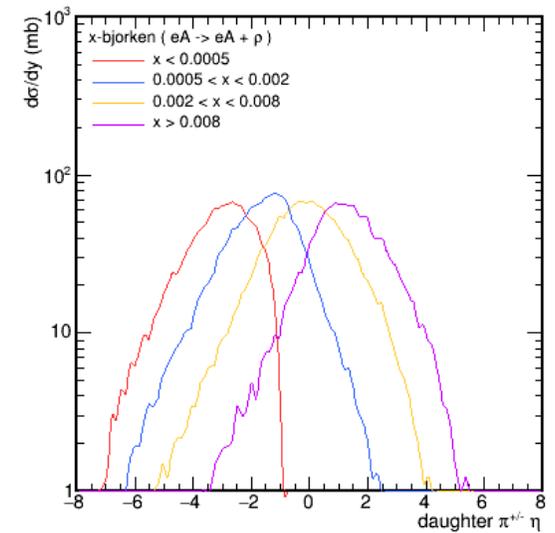
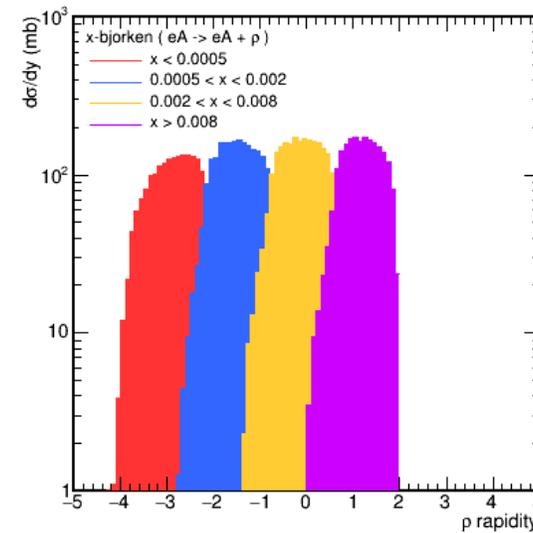
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(ep and eA, 18 GeV, 100 GeV)

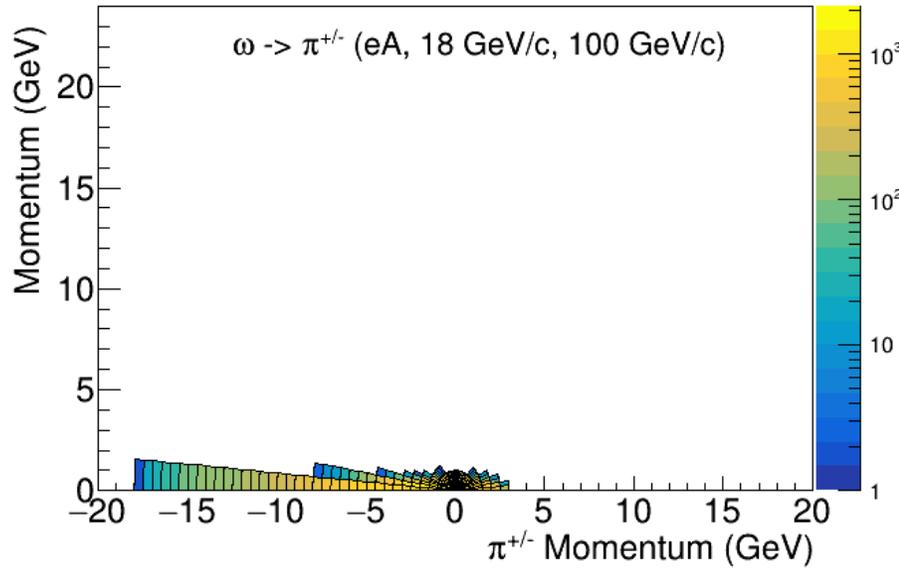


The  $\rho$  production at mid-rapidity, is primarily low momentum  $\pi^{+/-}$

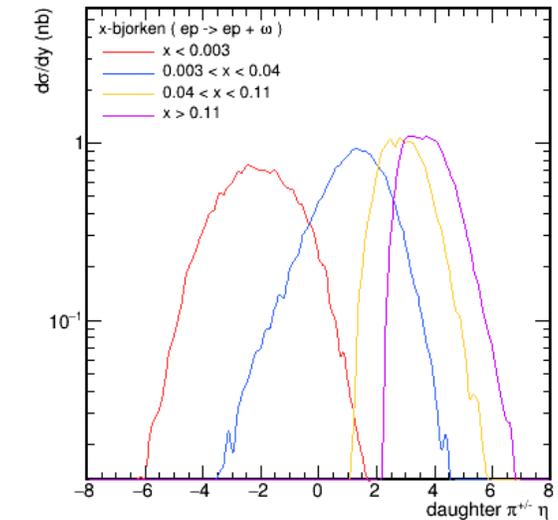
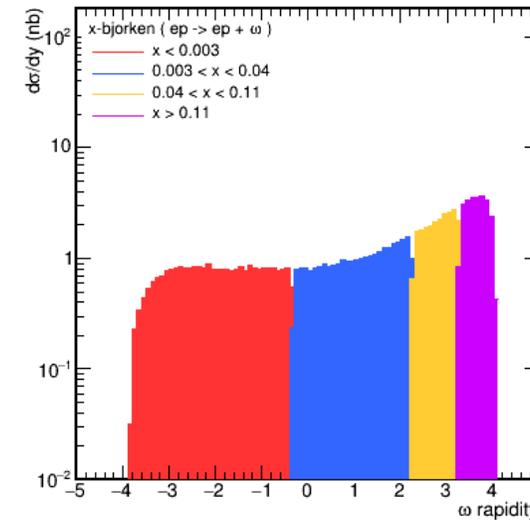
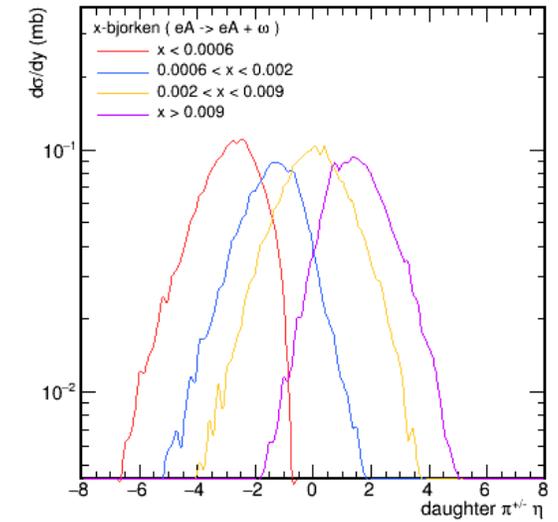
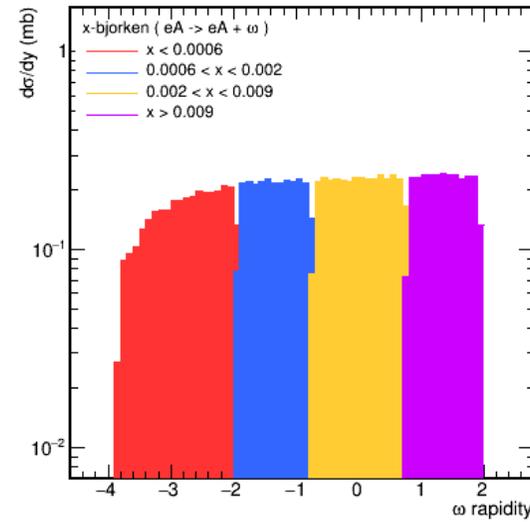
To reconstruct  $\rho$  requires forward reconstruction



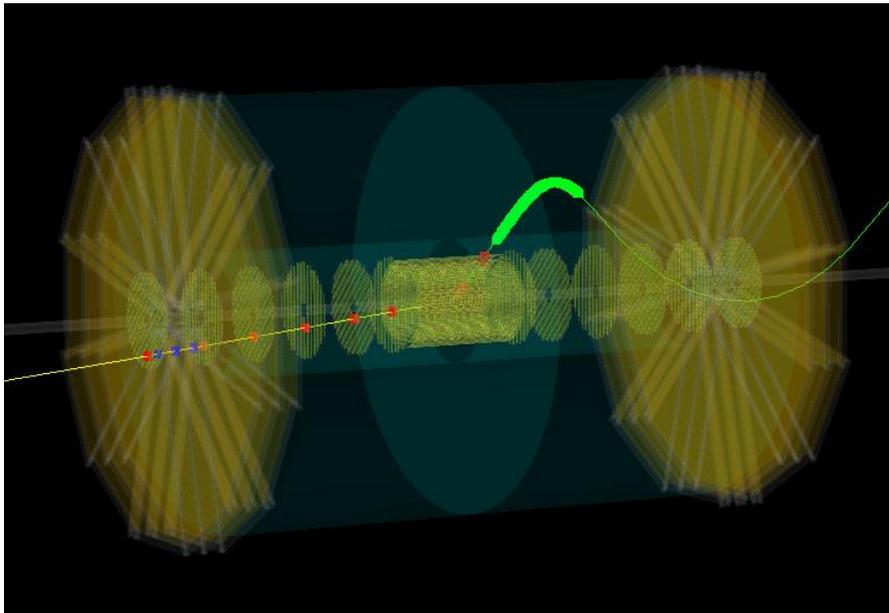
( ep and eA, 18 GeV, 100 GeV )



The  $\omega$  production at mid-rapidity has similar acceptance to the  $\rho$



## Full Detector Simulation & Reconstruction



### BeAST Detector (Brookhaven eA Solenoidal Tracker)

- **Silicon Tracker**

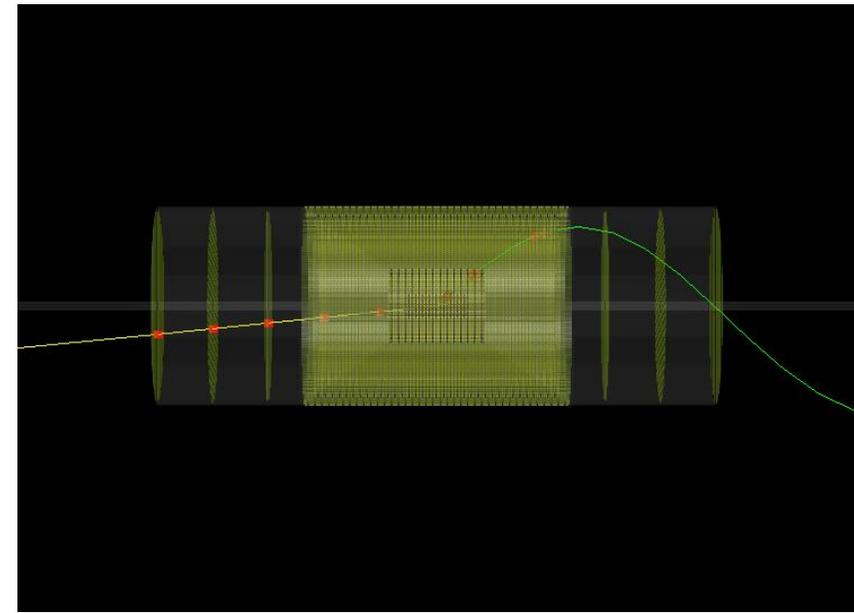
4 layers with 0.3%  $X_0$  each

- **TPC**

2 m long, Gas: Argon:Freon:Isobutane(95:3:2)

- **Silicon Endcap Disks**

6 disks (each side)



### LBNL All-Silicon Detector

(Developed by LBNL's eRD16 generic EIC detector project)

- **Silicon Tracker**

6 layers

- **Silicon Endcap Disks**

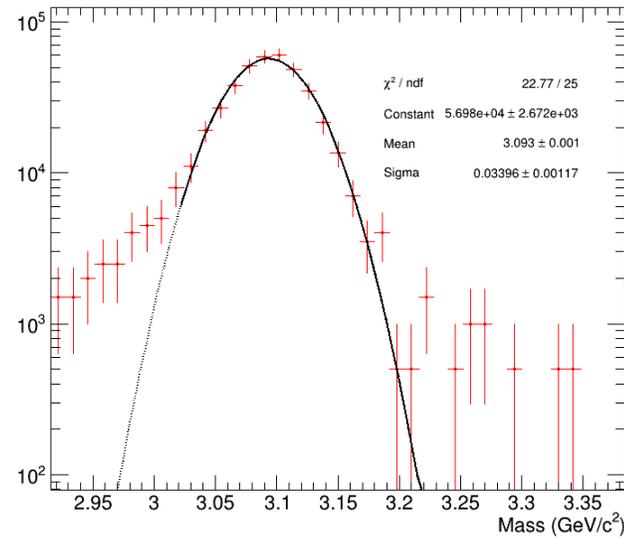
5 disks (each side)

## BeAST Detector

Electron  $\eta < 4$

All Events  
normalized to  
 $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}/179$

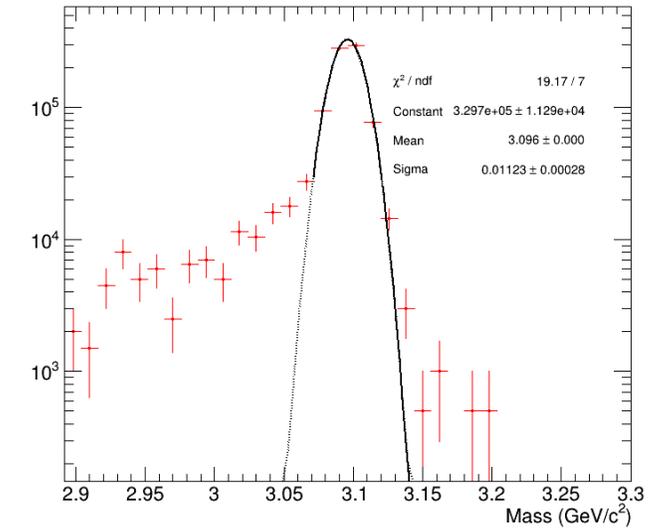
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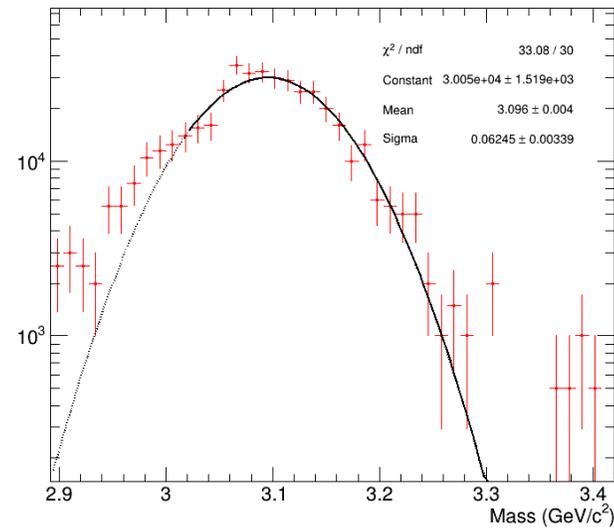
## All Silicon Detector

Electron  $\eta < 4$

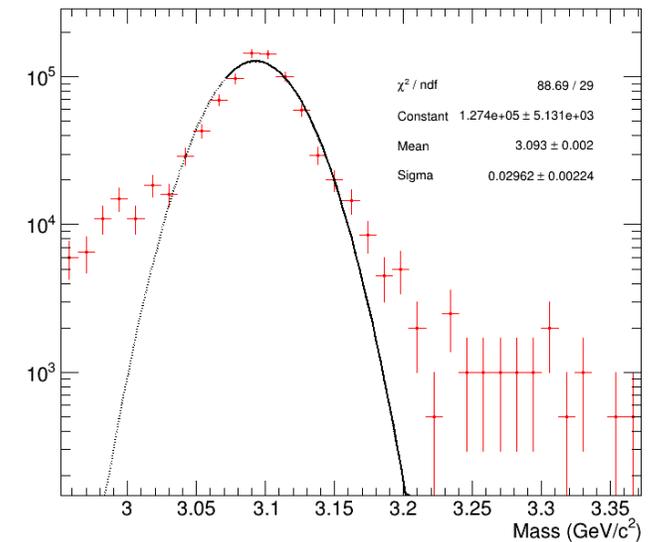
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1.5 Tesla Field

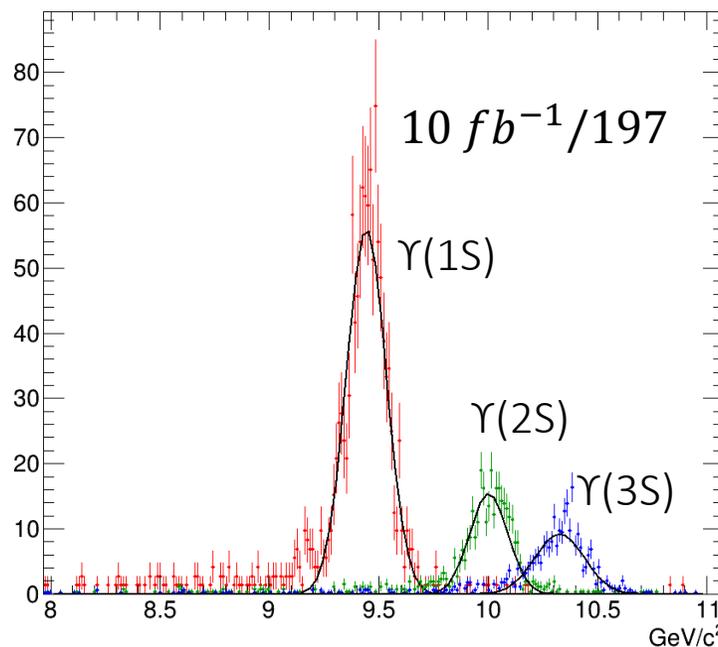
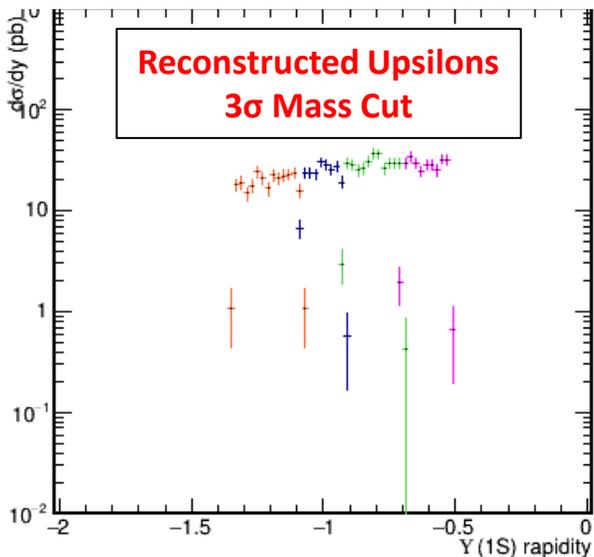
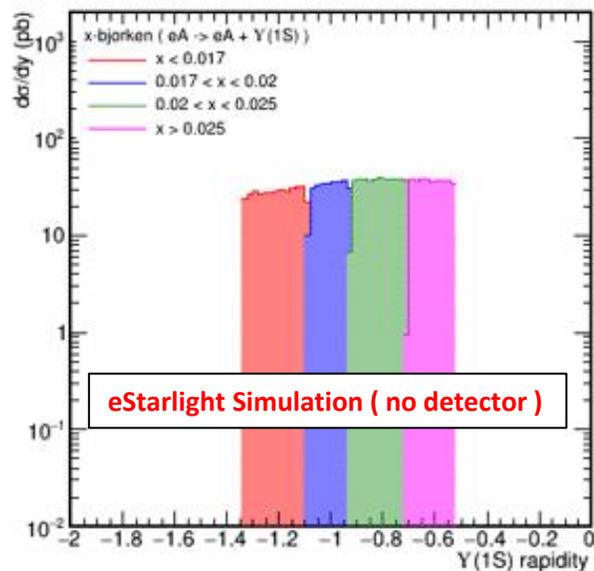


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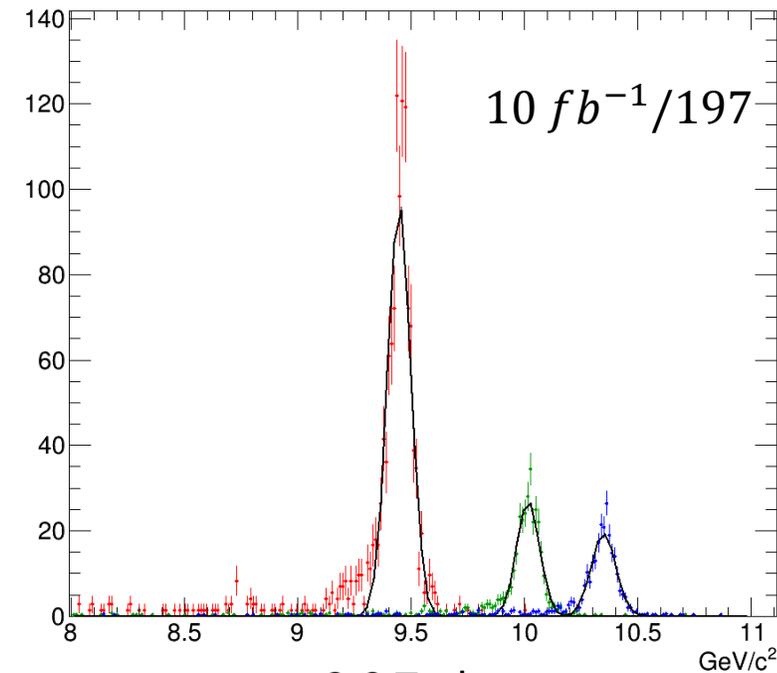


## eSTARlight & All-Silicon Detector

Separating upsilron peaks should be a detector requirement



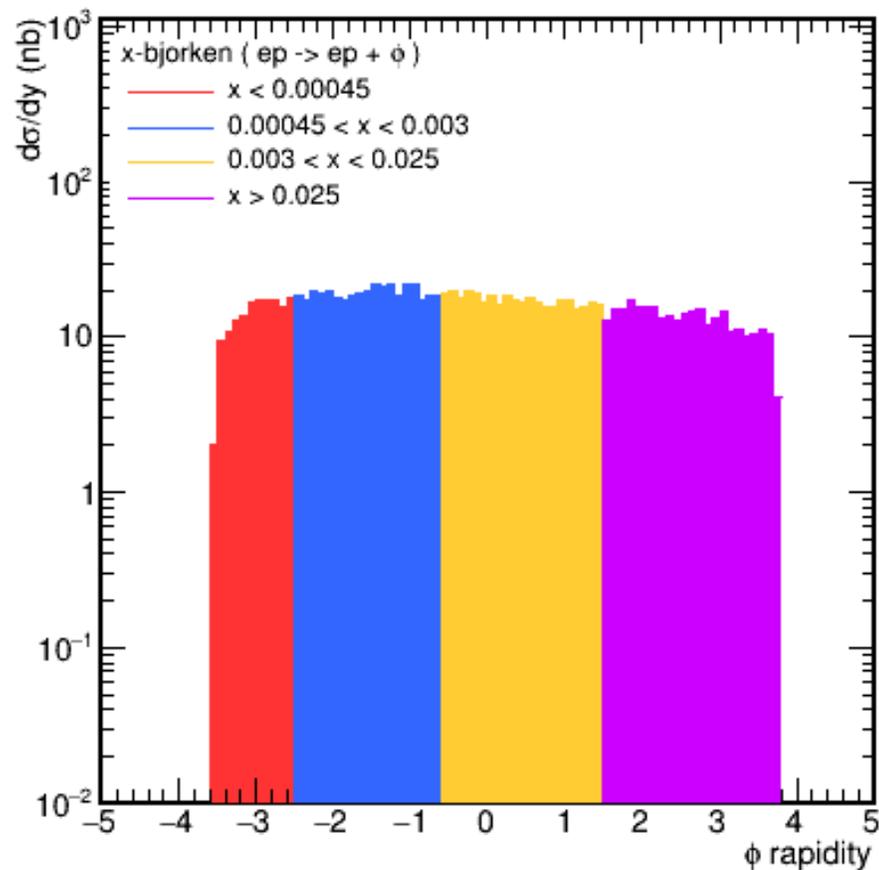
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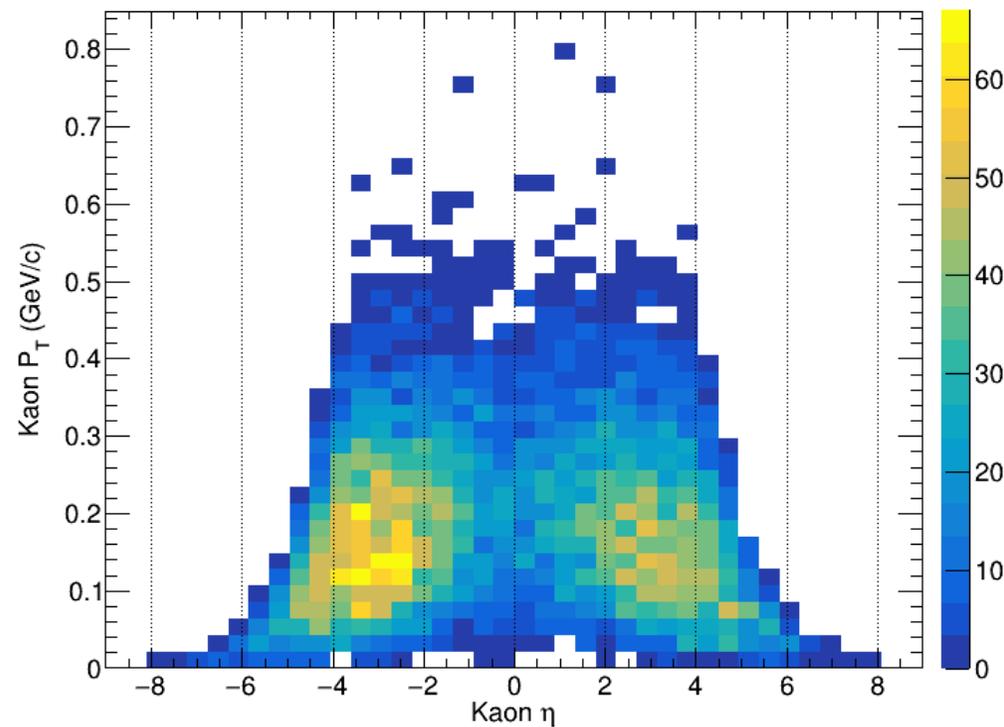
3.0 Tesla

*The All-Silicon detector provides enough energy resolution to distinguish the three upsilron states with either a 1.5 or 3 Tesla field*

18 GeV Electron  
100 GeV Proton

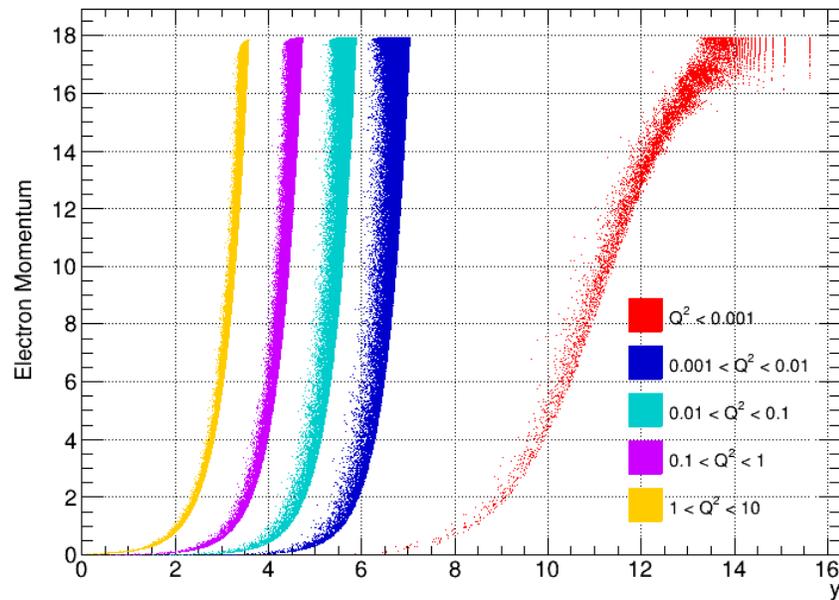
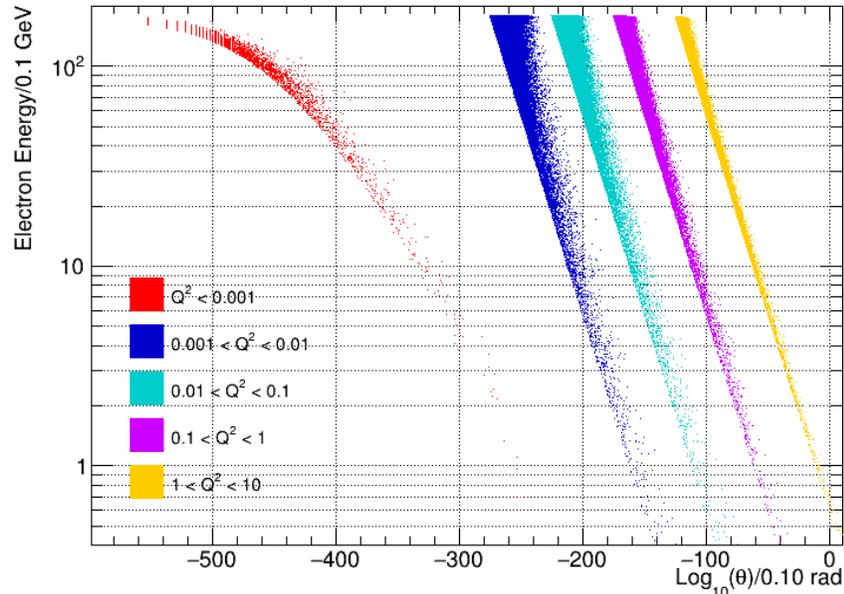


Electron (18 GeV) on Proton (100 GeV)  
( $0 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ )



Forward/backward decay of the Kaons

18 GeV Electron  
100 GeV Au



Plots from Jaroslav Adam

Figure: Tagger 2

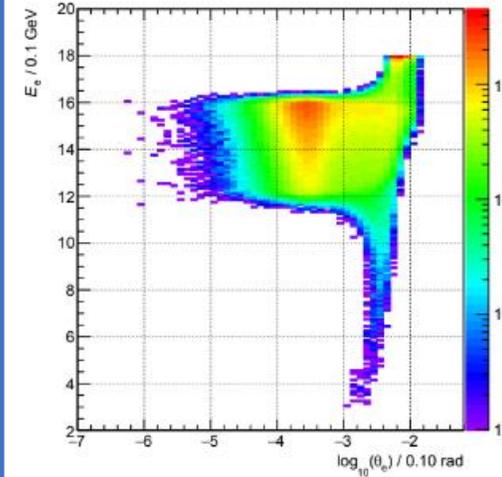


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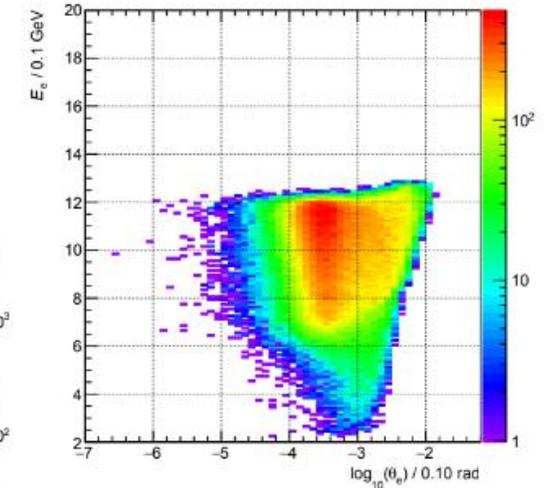
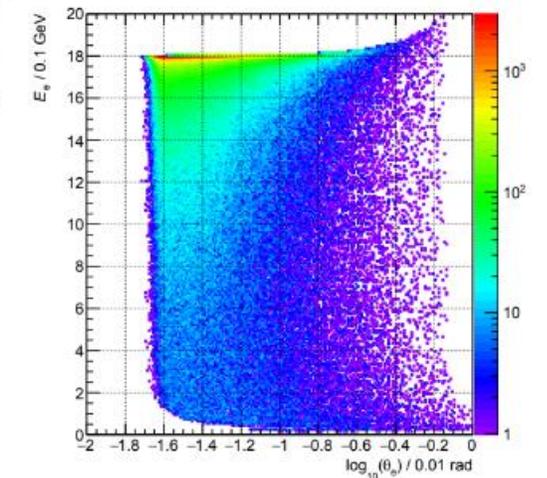


Figure: ECAL



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

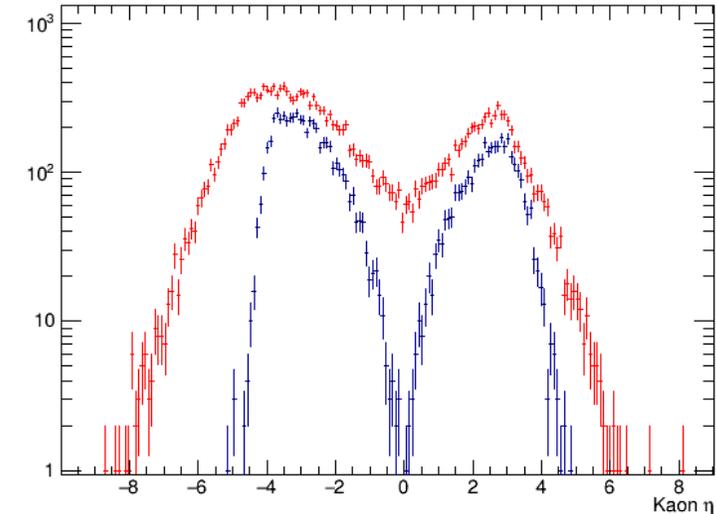
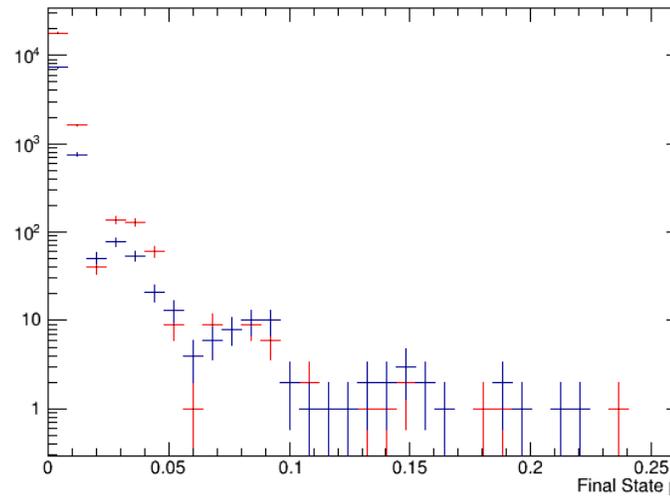
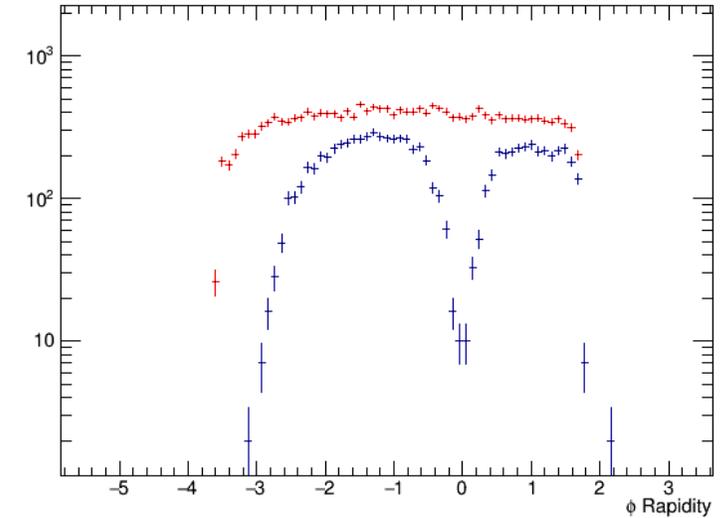
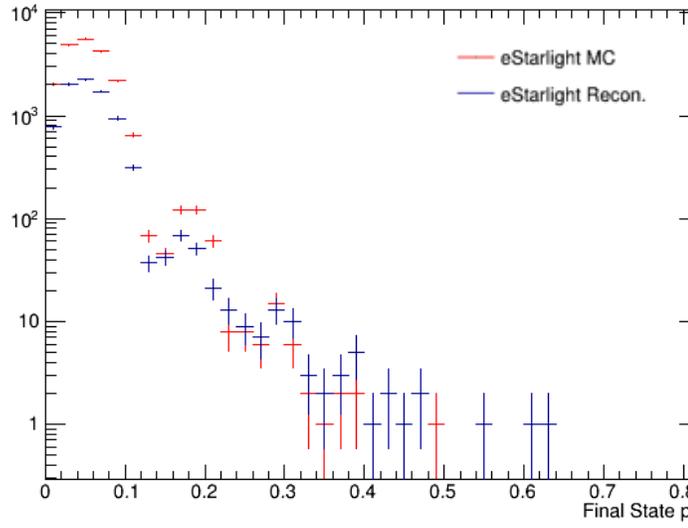
40% Efficiency

18 GeV Electron  
100 GeV Au

Two peak structure causes drop in acceptance at  $\eta=0$

Structure arises from linear photon polarization and Clebsch-Gordon coefficients

Scanning beam energies will shift rapidity acceptance, allowing full probe of low  $Q^2$



**eStarlight** now supports HEPMC3 and is integrated into the EIC software hub.  
<https://github.com/eic/estarligh>

HEPMC3 integration allows compatibility with EIC-Smear and Fun4All

## Future projects:

- Comparisons of Fun4All and EICROOT performance
- Include backward production of vector meson production

## eSTARlight simulations for photoproduction & electroproduction

### Systems studied:

Collider configurations:

Electron (18 GeV) on Au (100 GeV) for and

Electron (18 GeV) on protons(100 GeV)

### Vector Mesons:

$\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$

$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

$\Upsilon(1S), \Upsilon(2S), \Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Acceptance /Bjorken-x distributions of the  $J/\psi$  and  $\Upsilon(1S)$ .

## Studies with eStarlight in EICROOT ( BeAST & LBNL All-Silicon Detectors )

- Reconstruction efficiency
- Detector resolution for different field strengths and acceptance cuts

### Outlook

- eStarlight recently integrated with the EIC software framework and HEPMC3
- Future studies with eic-smear and Fun4All
- Forward/Backward production of baryons