Data production QA, 32b vs 64b QA, TPC alignment study with st_W Run 22

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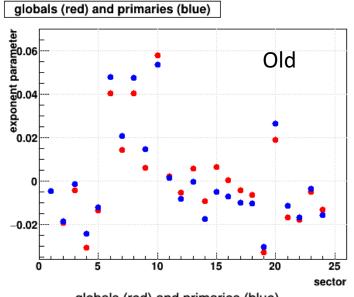


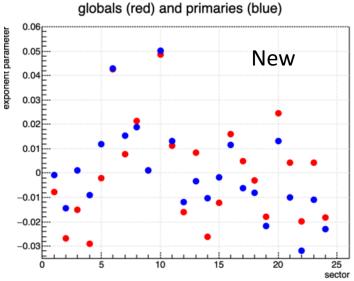


- Management team is looking for volunteers for the following tasks:
 - Data production QA (Run 22-25)
 - Ongoing Run 25 data-taking
 - Large dataset production (Run 22 onward)
 - 2 volunteers from each PWG
 - 32b vs 64b QA
 - Software team is migrating from 32b infrastructure to 64b
 - 20% increase in production speed (Run 22 already being produced with 64b)
 - Expected effects: floating point precision + software infrastructure
 - Initially producing Run 17, st_physics, BHT1, 200M events with 64b
 - Sample production ~1.5 month, can ask more data if needed
- Reach out to conveners if you would like to volunteer



TPC Alignment Study





Gene's TPC alignment study

https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/blog/genevb/h-h-Run-19-196-GeV-new-TPC-alignmen

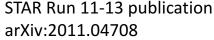
- Run 19, AuAu, 19.6 GeV
- Old vs new alignment software
- Parametrization based on h+/h-
- No significant improvement

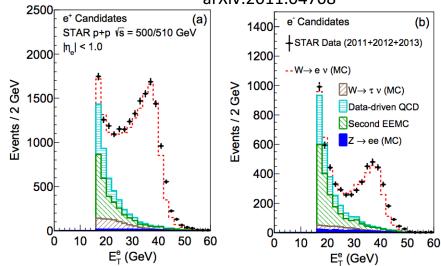
Run 22

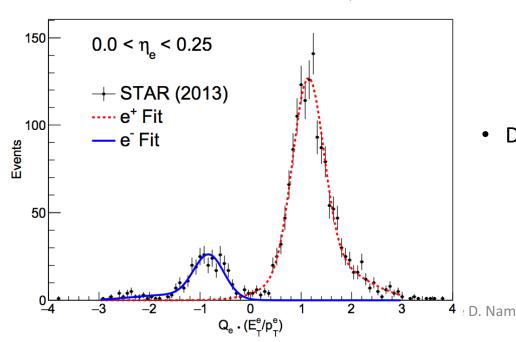
- How does the old TPC alignment perform with Run 22 (compared to previous)?
- Input needed: expected impact on (spin/coldQCD) physics
- For Run 22 st_physics/st_fwd production plan (needed fast)



Strategy



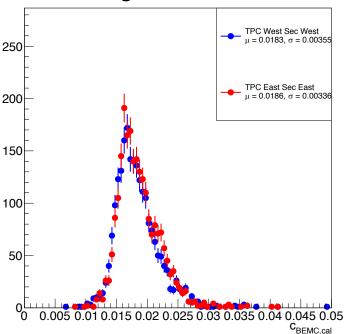




- Reconstructed $W \rightarrow ev$
 - EM final state ($p_T = E_T \sim 40 \; GeV$)
 - "Mostly" free of TPC effect (Only used for charge discrimination, $q \times E_T/p_T$)
 - Clean identification $(B/S < 10\%, \text{ at } E_T > 25 \text{ GeV})$
- Strategy
 - Characterize each TPC sector (or West vs East) by fitting $q \times E_T/p_T$ with 4-Gaus (2 signal + 2 BG) or evaluating moments of distribution
- Dataset
 - All of st_W, Run 22, P23ia (3406 runs, No run QA performed)
 - Latest Run 22 BEMC (prel) calibration /star/u/charlespc99/run_22/BEMC_Cal/electrons/1014/electron.gains
 - TPC Sector 20 masked out (can be taken out)

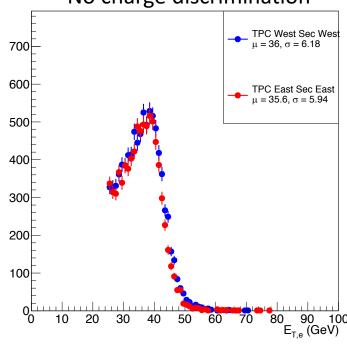
BEMC gain and W signal

BEMC gain West vs. East



- ~1.5% lower BEMC gain in West
- $\sim 1.1\%$ higher $< E_{T,e} >$ in West
- \sim 5.6% wider gain width in West
- \sim 4.0% wider $E_{T,e}$ width in West

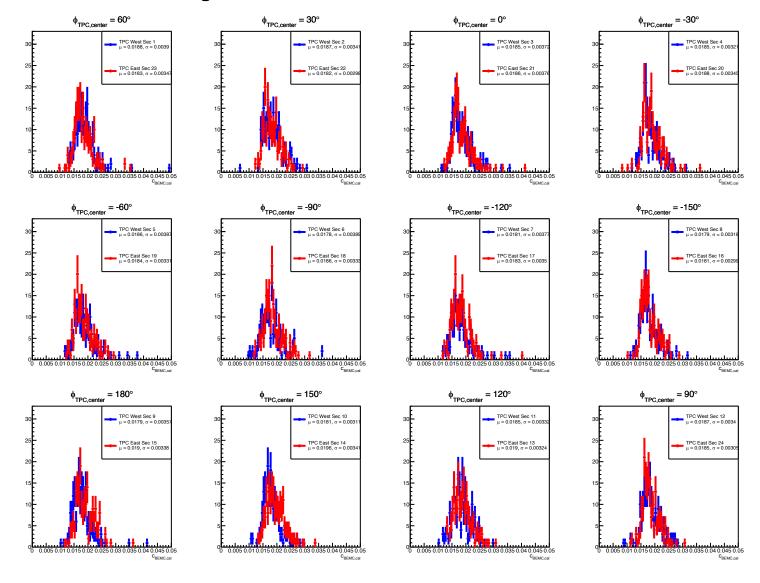
W signal (ET) West vs. East No charge discrimination





Physics signals do not converge; Shift/widening of BEMC gain and $E_{T,e}$ most likely coming from underlying detector effect

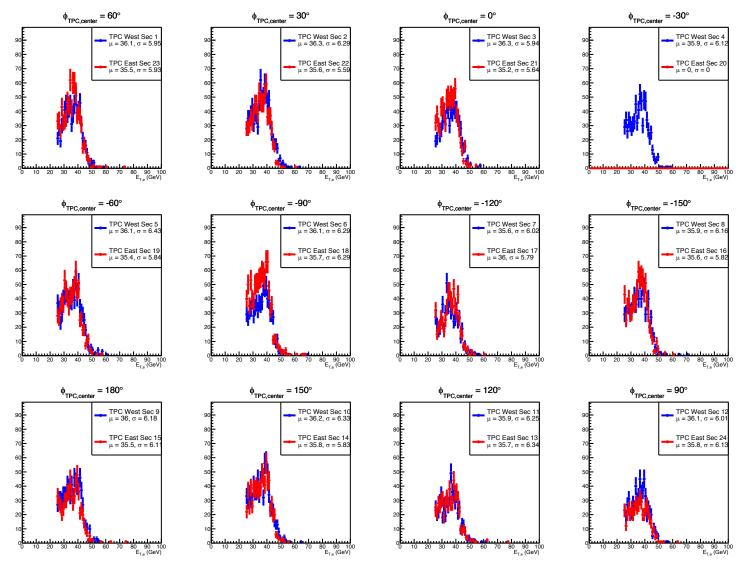
BEMC Gain per TPC sector







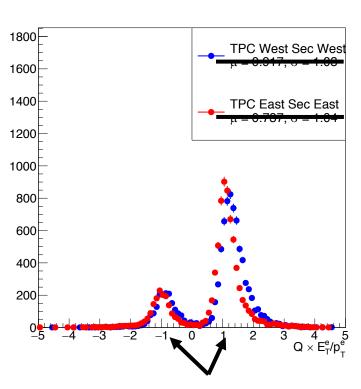
$E_{T,e}~(W ightarrow e u)$ Signal per TPC sector



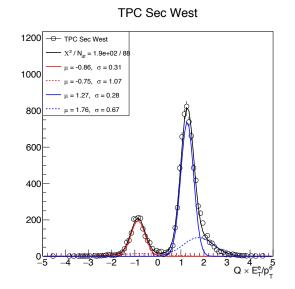


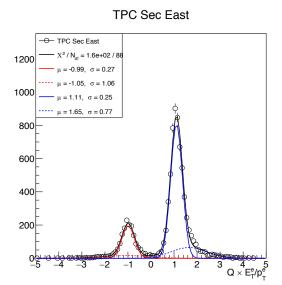


Charge Discrimination



Shift in $q \times E_T/p_T$ observed



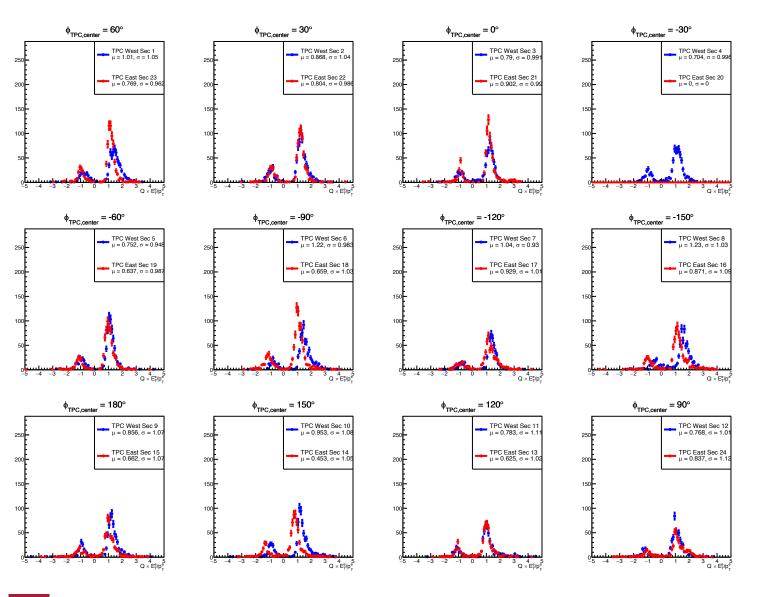


Fitting performed with

- 4 Gaussian, Log-likely, Range = -5 < x < 5
- Width < 0.5 for signal, > 0.5 for BG
- Centroid > 0.75 (< -0.75) to avoid one Gaussian fitting to $\mu{\sim}0$
- No (signal) centroid fixing, final BEMC calib based on MC
- Poor description of background without help from MC
 - Expectation = Remaining background mostly charge symmetric (QCD-dijet + $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$ (80%) vs $W \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow e$ (20%))
 - → Evaluate different moments of distribution for now

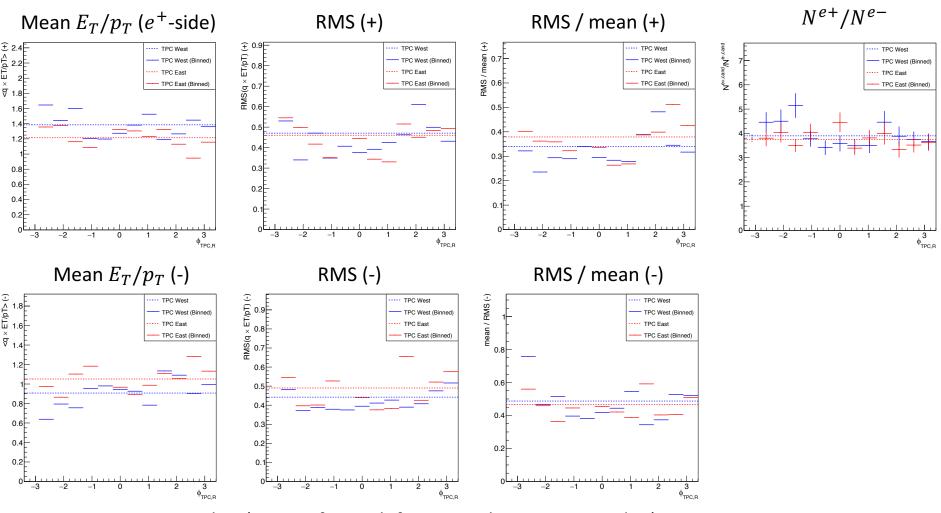


Charge distributions



- Large
 mismatches
 seen in some
 sectors/phi
 regions
- Shifts in West sectors

Moments of $q \times E_T/p_T$ Dist.

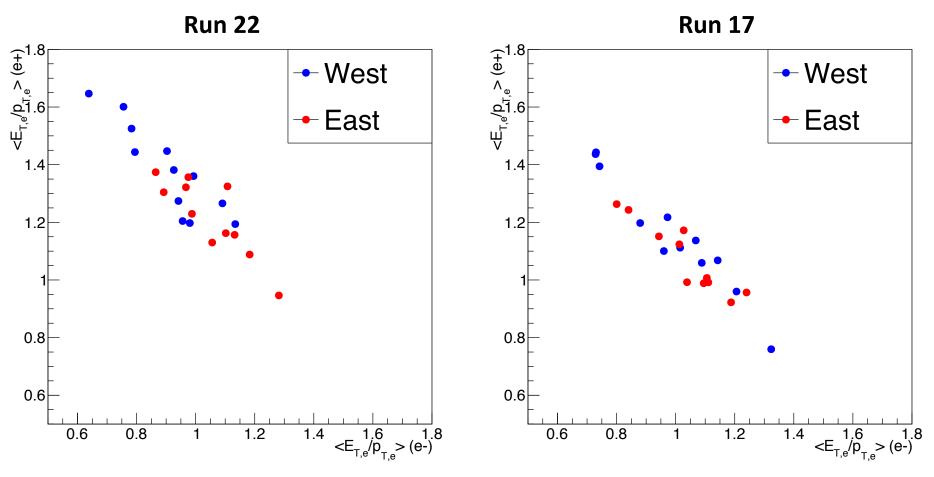


- East seems okay (no significant shift in mean between e+ and e-)
- Large shift in mean E_T/p_T in West





Comparisons with Run 17



- Run 17: Some broadening in West, but both East and West symmetric about mean(e-, e+) = (1, 1)
- Run 22: East behaves like Run 17, West is skewed towards low e- and high e+



Summary

Potential TPC effects in Run 22 BEMC calibration identified

• $q \times E_T/p_T$ seems to be systematically shifted in the west side, which is not observed in Run 17

- Suggestions? Other observables? Physics implications?
- Key points
 - Using new alignment increases production time by $\sim 50\%$
 - New alignment also is imperfect; improvement not clear
 - Producing a test sample will take > 1 month
 - Post-reconstruction momentum correction by Emmy Duckworth https://drupal.star.bnl.gov/STAR/system/files/presentation_2024-12-18.pptx





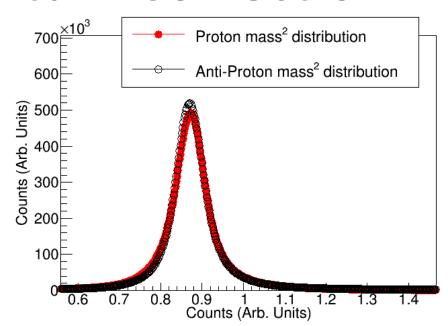
Post-recon Momentum Correction

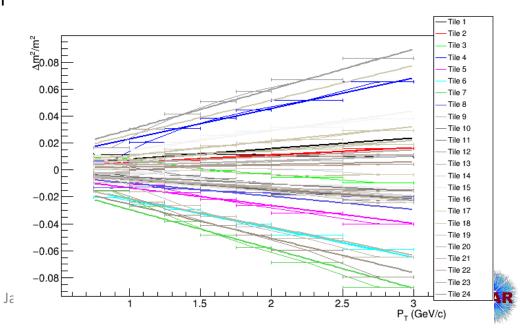
- Study performed with Run 18 Heavy Ion collisions
- Using ToF mass to correct TPC tracking

$$P_{orig} \rightarrow P_{corrected} = bP_{orig}$$

$$\left(P_{orig}\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{\delta m^2}{m^2}\right) = \left(bP_{orig}\right)^2$$

- Can be performed with tracks traversing in only one or multiple TPC sectors
- Clearer correlation with Gene's parametrization (based on h+/h-) than this (W) study

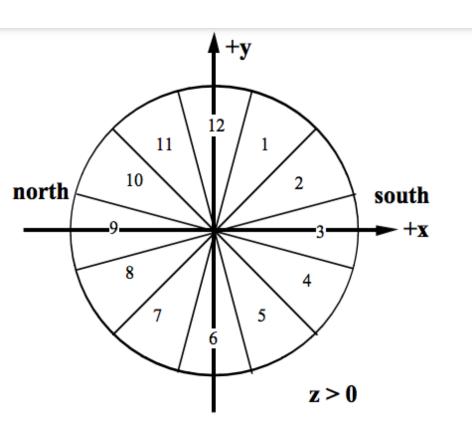


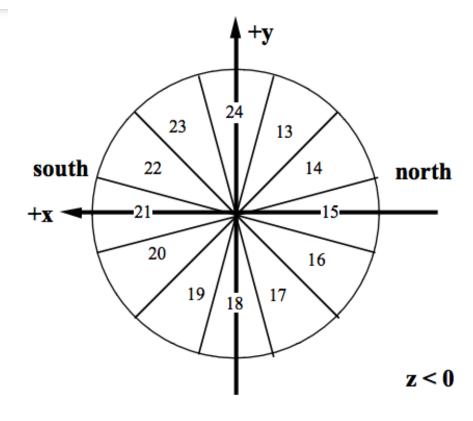




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TPC Geometry





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