



Recent updates in di-electron measurements with MPD experiment

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- Optimization of the acceptance and underestimated reconstructed signal
- A look at the Low B sample.
- Alternative approach for dielectron analysis [Yonghong].
- Conclusions

Analysis Strategy

- \Rightarrow Three electron pools:
- \to Pool-1 fully reconstructed tracks^(*) in fiducial area (| $\eta|<$ 0.7) $p_{\rm T}\gtrapprox$ 110 MeV/c
- \to Pool-2 fully reconstructed tracks in veto area $0.7 < |\eta| <$ 1.0 $p_T \gtrapprox$ 110 MeV/c.
- $\rightarrow\,$ Pool-3 with tracks reconstructed in TPC.
 - $p_{\rm T}$ <= 110 MeV/c ightarrow not reaching the TOF.
 - $p_{\rm T} > 110~{\rm MeV/c}
 ightarrow$ reaching the TOF.
 - Step 1 No further pairing (NFP): Tagging between Pool 1 and Pool 2.
 - Step 2 Close TPC cut (CTC): Tagging between Pool 1 and 3, and pairs within certain M_{inv} and opening angle are removed.
 - Step 3: Rest of the tracks with $p_{\rm T} > 200$ MeV from Pool-1 are paired among themselves to build ULS and LS pair spectra.

MLP: Reg. 34 (12.1M except Fid. < 0.6: 11.6M) Invariant mass: 0.2-1.5 GeV/c2

| | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. <0.9 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.75 | 0.8 | 0.85 | $ \eta < 1.2$ |
| U | 21491 ± 147 | 30976±176 | 35688±189 | 40566±201 | 45954±214 | 51297±226 |
| В | $20504{\pm}143$ | $29455 {\pm} 172$ | 34026 ± 184 | 38863 ± 197 | 44052 ± 210 | 49267±222 |
| U-B | 987±205 | 1521 ± 246 | $1663 {\pm} 264$ | 1703 ± 282 | $1902 {\pm} 300$ | 2030±317 |
| (U-B)/B | 4.81±0.05 | 5.16±0.04 | 4.89±0.04 | 4.38±0.03 | 4.32±0.03 | 4.12±0.03 |
| ^(†) BFE | 23 | 38 | 40 | 37 | 40 | 41 |
| S | 1359 | 1860 | 2071 | 2314 | 2534 | 2724 |
| S/B | 6.63 | 6.31 | 6.09 | 5.95 | 5.75 | 5.53 |
| BFE | 44 | 57 | 61 | 67 | 71 | 73 |

- B Combinatorial background approximated by like sign pairs.
- Fiducial acceptance was varied from $|\eta| < 0.6$ to 0.9.
- The signal increases with acceptance but the background increases faster and consequently S/B decreases.
- Measured signal is underestimated compared to true reconstructed signal.

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 $^{(\dagger)}$ Background free equivalent signal - signal with same relative statistical error as in background free situation; $BFE = \frac{S^2}{S+2B} \approx \frac{S^2}{2B} (S <<< B)$ Sudhir Pandurang Rode, Yonghong Wang Recent updates in di-electron measurements v April 17, 2025

ULS, LS and Signal: MLP



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MLP: Req. 34 (12.1M except Fid. < 0.6: 11.6M) Invariant mass: 0.65-1.5 GeV/c2

| | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. < 0.9 |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.75 | 0.8 | 0.85 | $ \eta < 1.2$ |
| U | 5485±74 | 8259±91 | 9724±99 | $11212{\pm}106$ | $12941{\pm}114$ | 14874±122 |
| В | 4920±70 | 7406±86 | 8739±93 | $10232{\pm}101$ | $11917{\pm}109$ | $13736{\pm}117$ |
| U-B | 566±102 | $852{\pm}125$ | 985±136 | 980±146 | $1025 {\pm} 158$ | $1138{\pm}169$ |
| (U-B)/B | 11.50±0.23 | $11.51{\pm}0.18$ | 11.27±0.17 | 9.57±0.13 | 8.60±0.11 | 8.28±0.10 |
| ^(‡) BFE | 31 | 46 | 53 | 45 | 42 | 45 |
| S | 562 | 774 | 876 | 971 | 1074 | 1167 |
| S/B | 11.42 | 10.45 | 10.03 | 9.49 | 9.01 | 8.49 |
| BFE | 30 | 38 | 42 | 44 | 46 | 48 |

- B Combinatorial background approximated by like sign pairs.
- Same numbers as previous table but for 0.65 GeV $< m_{inv}^{e^+e^-} < 1.5$ GeV.
- The measured signal and true reconstructed signal are close to each other in this region.

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 $^{(\ddagger)}$ Background free equivalent signal - signal with same relative statistical error as in Sudhir Pandurang Rode, Yonghong Wang Recent updates in di-electron measurements v April 17, 2025

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| | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. $<$ | Fid. <0.9 |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.75 | 0.8 | 0.85 | $ \eta < 1.2$ |
| U | $16005 {\pm} 127$ | 22717 ± 151 | 25965 ± 161 | 29354±171 | 33012±182 | 36423±191 |
| В | $15584{\pm}125$ | $22048 {\pm} 148$ | 25287 ± 159 | 28630 ± 169 | $32135{\pm}179$ | 35531 ± 188 |
| U-B | 421±178 | $669{\pm}212$ | 678±226 | 724±241 | 877±255 | 892±268 |
| (U-B)/B | 2.70±0.03 | 3.03±0.03 | 2.68±0.02 | 2.53±0.02 | 2.73±0.02 | 2.51±0.02 |
| BFE | 6 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 11 |
| S | 796 | 1086 | 1195 | 1343 | 1460 | 1557 |
| S/B | 5.11 | 4.93 | 4.73 | 4.69 | 4.54 | 4.38 |
| BFE | 20 | 26 | 28 | 31 | 32 | 33 |

- B Combinatorial background approximated by like sign pairs.
- Same numbers for 0.2 GeV $< m_{inv}^{e^+e^-} < 0.65$ GeV.
- Similar underestimation of measured signal.
- Deficit seems to remain intact even in case of two independent samples: e.g. (Fid < 0.7) and (Fid < 0.9 Fid < 0.7).
- Statistics or systematic?

Production Request 25 (31M): Fid. < 0.7

| | 1D | MLP | 1D | MLP | 1D | MLP |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | 0.2 to 1.5 GeV/c2 | | 0.2 to 0.65 GeV/c2 | | 0.65 to 1.5 GeV/c2 | |
| U | 37561±194 | 79304±282 | 29483±172 | 64071±253 | 9736±99 | 18742±137 |
| В | $36329 {\pm} 191$ | $76174{\pm}276$ | 28767 ± 170 | 61803 ± 249 | $9210{\pm}96$ | $17794{\pm}133$ |
| U-B | 1232 ± 272 | 3130 ± 394 | 716 ± 241 | 2268±355 | 526 ± 138 | $948{\pm}191$ |
| (U-B)/B (%) | 3.39±0.02 | 4.11±0.02 | 2.49±0.02 | 3.67±0.02 | 5.71±0.08 | 5.33±0.06 |
| BFE | 21 | 63 | 9 | 41 | 15 | 25 |
| S | 1647 | 3291 | 1025 | 2130 | 656 | 1244 |
| S/B (%) | 4.53 | 4.32 | 3.56 | 3.45 | 7.12 | 6.99 |
| BFE | 37 | 70 | 18 | 36 | 23 | 42 |
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- B is combinatorial background approximated by like sign pairs.
- Similar numbers from previous results with request 25 production.
- Slight underestimation in case of 1D cuts, but within uncertainties, there is none in case of MLP.
- Hinting towards statistics issue in Request 34: though strong claim to be made after the check with more statstics.

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ULS, LS and Signal: Req 25: 1D and MLP







- The underestimate of the yield in low mass region seems to be statistics.
- Would be interesting to have a new production with higher statistics.
- Similar to ρ, ω and φ decays, enhance η-Dalitz decays by some factor: Not as as large as 20 factor (e.g. 4 or 5).

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Analysis w/ Low magnetic field (B = 0.2T) sample

- Combinatorial background can be suppressed by increasing tagging efficiency of π^0 -Dalitz and conversion pairs.
- It was suggested to use the low B sample in the dielectron analysis.
- As it would help in better reconstruction of low $p_{\rm T}$ tracks.
- Request 28: 10M events.
- New parameterizations were obtained for these studies.

Low B: Minimum $p_{\rm T}$ to enter or exit the TPC



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Cut-offs to enter or exit the TPC decreased with low B sample ($|\eta| \approx 0$).

- 30 MeV/c \rightarrow \approx 10 MeV/c.
- 90 MeV/c \rightarrow \approx 35 MeV/c.

• 110 MeV/c
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 45 MeV/c.



Parameterizations: extended acceptance in $p_{\rm T}$



Efficiency and Purity: Low (Req. 28) and Normal (Req. 25) B



Conversion rejection: Low (Req. 28) and Normal (Req. 25) B



This would lead to significant increase in combinatorial background. Conversions at large production radii are not rejected despite applying tight DCA selections.



Low and Normal B: DCAx distributions (Electrons within $|\eta| < 1.2$)



I. Secondaries (here, conversions electrons) have wider DCA in Low B compared Normal B.

II. Shape of primary electrons (all electrons except conversions) have similar shapes.

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1D cuts (Fid. < 0.7)

Req. 25: B = 0.5T (7.7M), Req. 28: B = 0.2T (8M) Invariant mass: 0.2 to 1.5 GeV/c2

Bef. No Further Pairing Aft. No Further Pairing Aft. Close TPC Cut

| Invariant Mass in MeV | - | 120 | 80 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Opening Angle in degrees | - | - | 10 (5) |
| U | 28178±168 | 21690±147 | 9129±96 |
| U | 82708±288 | 56495 ± 238 | 26610 ± 163 |
| В | $28054{\pm}167$ | $21558{\pm}147$ | $8935{\pm}95$ |
| В | 82329±287 | 56345 ± 237 | $26304{\pm}162$ |
| U-B | 125 ± 237 | 131 ± 208 | $194{\pm}134$ |
| U-B | 379±406 | 149 ± 336 | 306±230 |
| (U-B)/B (%) | $0.44{\pm}0.00$ | $0.61{\pm}0.01$ | 2.17±0.03 |
| (U-B)/B (%) | 0.46±0.00 | 0.27±0.00 | $1.16{\pm}0.01$ |
| BFE | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| BFE | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| S | 404 | 395 | 347 |
| <u>S</u> | 359 | 329 | 300 |
| S/B (%) | 1.44 | 1.83 | 3.89 |
| S/B (%) | 0.44 | 0.58 | 1.14 |
| | | | |
| BFE | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| BFE | 3 1 | 4 1 | 7 2 |

• B - Combinatorial background approximated by like sign pairs.

ULS, LS and Signal: 1D cuts



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Alternative approach for dielectron analysis by Yonghong

- The dielectron measurements are complex in nature.
- An alternative approach is being developed by Yonghong.
- Similar basic philosophy as Close TPC Cut analysis: to remove the combinatorial background from pi0-Dalitz and conversions by increasing tagging efficiency.
- This method is based on linear selection cuts (No ML).
- Pairs from conversions (PCM) and pi0-Dalitz are rejected by tagging partner with loose cuts.
- Results are compared with Close TPC cut analysis method.

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Track reconstruction and eID

- \bullet event cut: zvertex < 80cm \rightarrow 11M in total
- Track cut: $|\eta| < 1$; nhits > 39; dca $|n\sigma| < 2.5$; $p_{\mathrm{T}} > 0.2$ GeV/c;
- PID cut:
 - TPC e-ID: $|n\sigma_{\pi}|>2:$ if p<0.7 GeV/c, (1.67×p 2.167) < $n\sigma_{e}<2:$ if p>0.7 GeV/c, -1 < $n\sigma_{e}<2$
 - matched to TOF (3 σ in dphi, 2 σ in dzed); TOF e-ID: $|\sigma_{\beta}| < 2$
 - matched to ECal (2σ in dphi and dzed); ECal PID



Combinatorial background: Invariant mass spectra



FG True e+e-Conversion Dalitz True signal

- Most of combinatorial background are from pairs:
 - where at least one electron is from pi0 Dalitz decay.
 - where at least one electron is from photon conversion.



Tagging electrons from conversion using PCM

- Pair tightly identified electrons with loosely reconstructed and identified oppositely charged electrons with following cuts:
- $p_{\rm T}>$ 50 MeV/c; nhits > 10; $|\eta|<$ 2.5; TPC 2 σ elD or (TPC 2 σ and TOF 2 σ) elD if matched to TOF.



 \approx 80% of pairs from the PCM are selected for tagging with the applied cuts.

Tagging electrons from conversion using PCM: Invariant mass spectra



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Tagging electrons from Dalitz

- Pair tightly identified electrons with loosely reconstructed and identified oppositely charged electrons with following cuts:
- $p_T > 50 \text{ MeV/c}$; nhits > 10; $|\eta| < 2.5$; TPC 2 σ elD or (TPC 2 σ and TOF 2 σ) elD if matched to TOF: DCA < 5 σ : Mee < 0.1 GeV/c2.



Best results so far and comparison with CTC analysis

Results are close to those from CTC analysis with ML approach. Similar cuts should be applied for apple-to-apple comparison: further optimization is foreseen.

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Conclusions

- Optimization of fiducial and veto region is studied: more checks are needed.
- Reconstructed signal between 0.2 to 0.65 GeV/c is underestimated: seems to be due to statistics.
- Enhancement of η -Dalitz decays might help reconstructing the signal in the region.
- Low magnetic field provides better efficiency at low $p_{\rm T}
 ightarrow$ poor conversion rejection.
- S/B ratio is worse than Normal B scenario (Request 25) due to large CB from conversions: however, optimization of the pair reconstruction cuts and Machine learning could bring some improvement.
- Alternative analysis approach is being developed by Yonghong: CB rejection is performed using PCM and Dalitz tagging.
- first results are comparable with CTC analysis: apple-to-apple comparison needs to be performed → similar cuts, weighing procedure etc.

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Low and Normal B: DCAz distributions (Electrons within $|\eta| < 1.2$)

I. However, z-component of DCA has similar shapes in both Low B and Normal B.

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Low (Req28) and Normal (Req25) B: Momentum resolution

Low (Req28) and Normal (Req25) B: Mass resolution

I. Along with momentum, mass resolution also gets worse with low magnetic field.

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TOF Matching cut

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Track selection - 1D cuts analysis

- ightarrow Pool-1 fully reconstructed tracks $^{(\S)}$ in fiducial area $(|\eta| < 0.7)$
 - NHits > 39, DCA < 3σ , TPC dEdX (p dep. (p < 0.8) and -1 to 2σ (p > 0.8)), TOF Matching (d ϕ and dz < 3σ), TOF (-2 to 2σ), ECal PID (p dep. < E/p < 1.5 and m² < 2σ), ECal Matching (< 3σ).
- ightarrow Pool-2 fully reconstructed tracks in veto area (0.7 < $|\eta|$ < 1.0) (Same cuts.).
- \rightarrow Pool-3 with tracks reconstructed in TPC.
 - $p_T <= 110 \text{ MeV/c} \rightarrow \text{not matched in TOF and ECal} (|\eta| < 2.5, \text{ NHits} > 10, \text{DCA} < 5\sigma, \text{TPC dEdX} (-4 \text{ to } 4\sigma)).$
 - $p_T > 110 \text{ MeV/c} \rightarrow \text{not matched in TOF but matched in ECal} (|\eta| < 2.5, \text{NHits} > 10, \text{DCA} < 5\sigma, \text{TPC dEdX} (-3 to 3\sigma), \text{ECal} (p dep. < E/p < 1.5 and m² < 2\sigma, \text{ECal Matching (< 3\sigma)}).$
 - $p_T > 110 \text{ MeV/c} \rightarrow \text{not matched in ECal but may or may not in TOF} (|\eta| <2.5, NHits > 10, DCA < 5\sigma, TPC dEdX (-1 to 2<math>\sigma$), TOF PID (if matched).
 - No further pairing (NFP): $M_{\rm inv} < 120 \text{ MeV}/c^2$.
 - Close TPC cut (CTC): $M_{\rm inv} < 80 \ {\rm MeV}/c^2$ and opening angle $< 10 \ {\rm or} \ 5^o$.

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