

# Feasibility study of radiative decay $\tau \rightarrow \pi\gamma\nu_\tau$ at STCF

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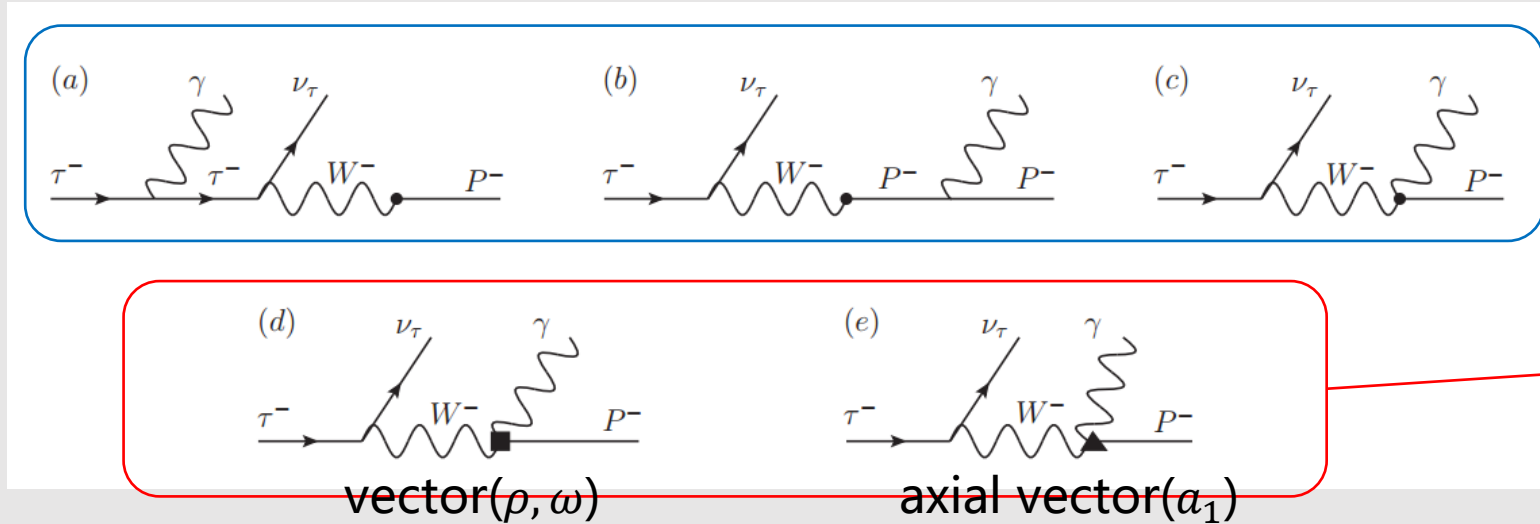
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# Motivation



- None of the radiative tau decays have been measured before.
- Radiative correction becomes crucial for precision tau physics ,such as the lepton universality test in hadronic tau decays, calculation of muon g-2 using tau decays.
- Search for tau radiative decay  $\tau \rightarrow \pi\gamma\nu_\tau$  .
- Challenge : signal has much lower branching ratio than backgrounds  
 $(Br_{(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \gamma \nu_\tau)} / Br_{(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau)}) \sim 10^{-2}$  .
- ML technique is being explored to distinguish signal from backgrounds.



# Signal modelling

- Model DIY
- Theoretical calculation
- Validation



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BesEvtGen-00-03-90

## 4.11 DIY

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**Usage:**

BrFr daughter 1 daughter 2... DIY;

**Explanation:**

The model Doing It Yourself (DIY) is created for user to generate event by supplying decay amplitude. The DIY model is useful for the user to generate event using partial wave analysis results, or implementing coherent effects in decays, or parameterizing the physical quantities in amplitude. The DIY generates events according the decay mode specified by user with pure phase space and passing the four-vector momentum to the amplitude and calculate the decay amplitude. The maximal value of the amplitude is singled out in 20,000 events. Then it uses the reject-accepted sampling method to generate event.



## One-meson radiative tau decays

Zhi-Hui Guo and Pablo Roig

Phys. Rev. D **82**, 113016 – Published 28 December 2010

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma_{IB}}{dx dy} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} f_{IB}(x, y, r_P^2) \frac{\Gamma_{\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau P^-}}{(1 - r_P^2)^2},$$

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma_{SD}}{dx dy} = \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \frac{M_\tau^4}{F_P^2} [|F_V(t)|^2 f_{VV}(x, y, r_P^2) + 4\Re(F_V(t)F_A^*(t))f_{VA}(x, y, r_P^2) + 4|F_A(t)|^2 f_{AA}(x, y, r_P^2)] \frac{\Gamma_{\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau P^-}}{(1 - r_P^2)^2},$$

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma_{INT}}{dx dy} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{M_\tau^2}{F_P} [f_{IB-V}(x, y, r_P^2) \Re(F_V(t)) + 2f_{IB-A}(x, y, r_P^2) \Re(F_A(t))] \frac{\Gamma_{\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau P^-}}{(1 - r_P^2)^2}$$

$$f_{IB}(x, y, r_P^2) = \frac{[r_P^4(x+2) - 2r_P^2(x+y) + (x+y-1)(2-3x+x^2+xy)](r_P^2-y+1)}{(r_P^2-x-y+1)^2 x^2}$$

$$f_{VV}(x, y, r_P^2) = -[r_P^4(x+y) + 2r_P^2(1-y)(x+y) + (x+y-1)(-x+x^2-y+y^2)],$$

$$f_{AA}(x, y, r_P^2) = f_{VV}(x, y, r_P^2),$$

$$f_{VA}(x, y, r_P^2) = -[r_P^2(x+y) + (1-x-y)(y-x)](r_P^2-x-y+1),$$

$$f_{IB-V}(x, y, r_P^2) = -\frac{(r_P^2-x-y+1)(r_P^2-y+1)}{x},$$

$$f_{IB-A}(x, y, r_P^2) = -\frac{[r_P^4 - 2r_P^2(x+y) + (1-x+y)(x+y-1)](r_P^2-y+1)}{(r_P^2-x-y+1)x}.$$

$$F_V^\pi(t) = -\frac{N_C}{24\pi^2 F_\pi} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}F_V}{3F_\pi M_V} \left[ (c_2 - c_1 - c_5)t + (c_5 - c_1 - c_2 - 8c_3)m_\pi^2 \right] \times \left[ \frac{\cos^2\theta}{M_\phi^2} (1 - \sqrt{2}\text{tg}\theta) + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{M_\omega^2} (1 + \sqrt{2}\text{cotg}\theta) \right] + \frac{2\sqrt{2}F_V}{3F_\pi M_V} D_\rho(t) \left[ (c_1 - c_2 - c_5 + 2c_6)t + (c_5 - c_1 - c_2 - 8c_3)m_\pi^2 \right] + \frac{4F_V^2}{3F_\pi} D_\rho(t) \left[ d_3t + (d_1 + 8d_2 - d_3)m_\pi^2 \right] \times \left[ \frac{\cos^2\theta}{M_\phi^2} (1 - \sqrt{2}\text{tg}\theta) + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{M_\omega^2} (1 + \sqrt{2}\text{cotg}\theta) \right].$$

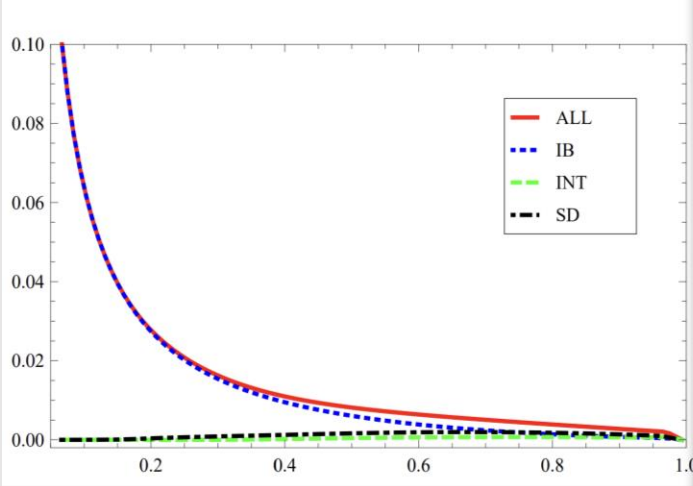
$$F_A^\pi(t) = \frac{F_V^2}{2F_\pi M_\rho^2} \left( 1 - \frac{2G_V}{F_V} \right) - \frac{F_A^2}{2F_\pi} D_{a_1}(t) + \frac{\sqrt{2}F_A F_V}{F_\pi M_\rho^2} D_{a_1}(t) \left( -\lambda''t + \lambda_0 m_\pi^2 \right)$$



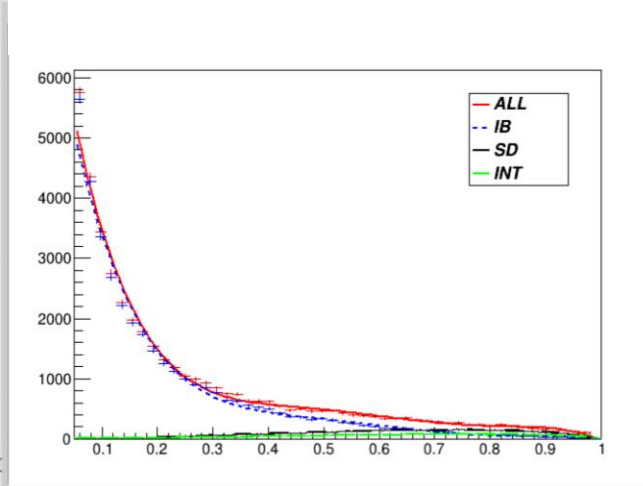
# Model validation



theory predict

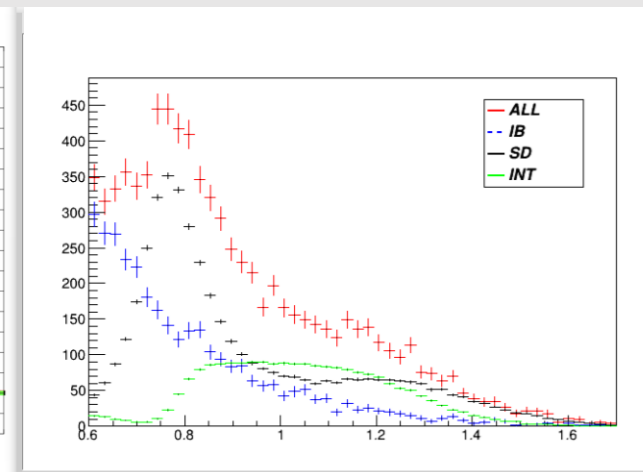
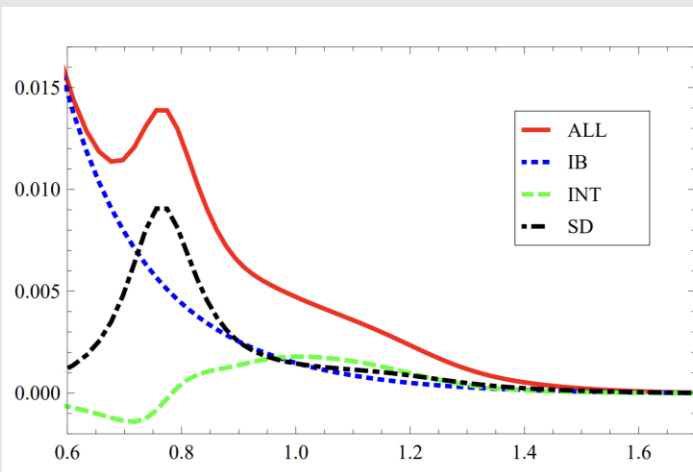


simulation result



$$x := \frac{2p_\tau \cdot k}{M_\tau^2}$$

In the tau rest frame  $x$  is the photon energy  $E_\gamma$



$$t = P^2 = (p_2 + k)^2$$

The variable  $t$  is the invariant mass square of the pion-photon system



# Study of event selection using BESIII detector

- Background processes
- Event selection
- Upper limit



# Inclusive MC sample at BESIII



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$\sqrt{s} = 4.23\text{GeV}$

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## Inclusive sample :

**di-tau** samples : tau pair generated with KKMC  
decay of tau with EvtGen

**di-muon** samples : generated with BABAYAGA

**Hadronic** samples : generated with LUNDARLW

Luminosity( $pb^{-1}$ ) = 1100.91

	$\sigma(nb)$	$N_{exp}(10^6)$
di-tau	9.86	10.85
di-muon	5.18	5.7
hadronic	20.32	22.37
gamma gamma	19.73	21.72
Bhabha	415.41	457.33





# Primary selection



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Tag side :  $\tau^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau \nu_\mu$

Prob side :  $\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \gamma \nu_\tau$

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**Note** : The event selection is studied with BESIII detector for now

## Criteria for selection :

Good Mdc track = 2  
(Interaction Point and Exit Angle)

Total charge = 0

PID two track is pion and muon

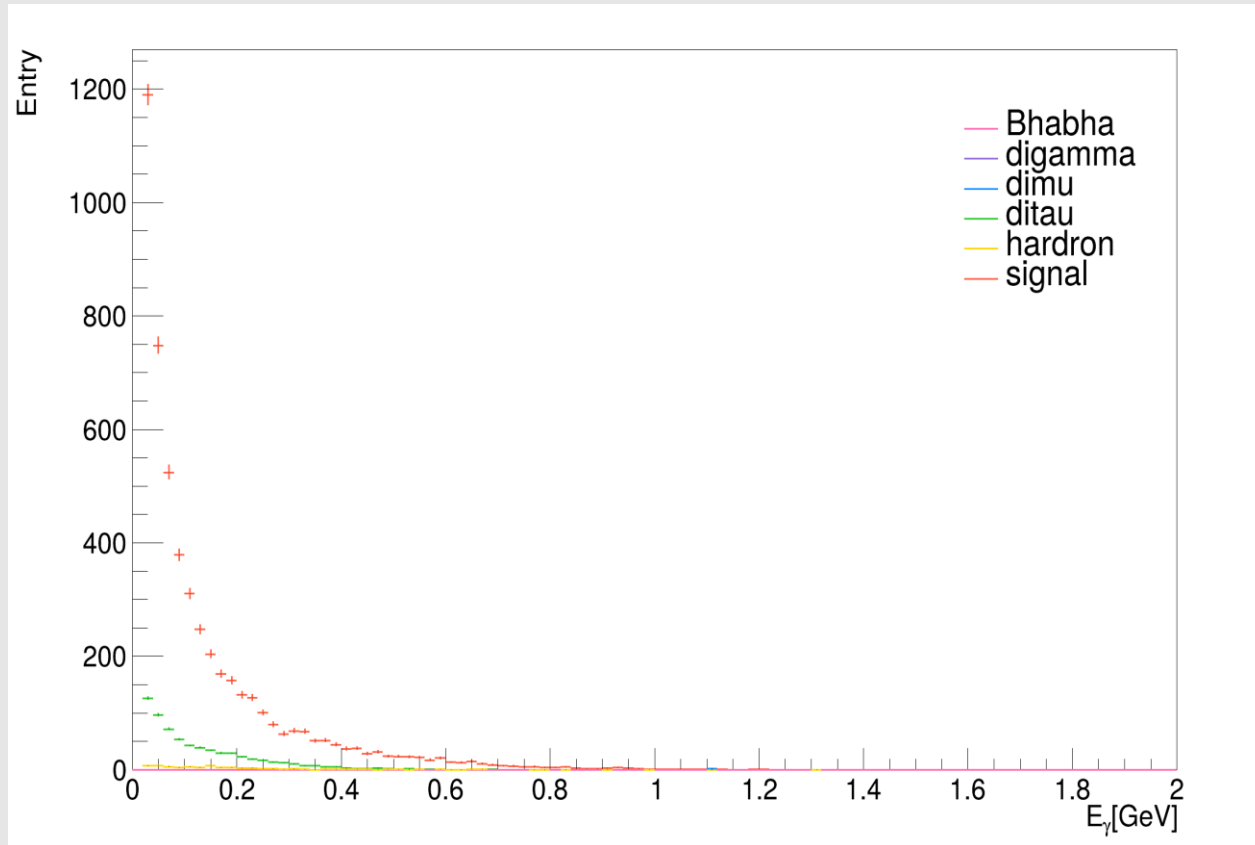
Good Emc track = 2  
(With Valid Shower)



# Final event selection



signal is scaled by 100 for better visibility



The energy distribution of photons  
 $E_\gamma > 0.4$  GeV

## Criteria for selection

$$E/p < 0.2$$

$$Angle(\gamma, \pi) < 40$$

$$-140 < \theta_{acop} < 140$$

$$M^2_{miss} > 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

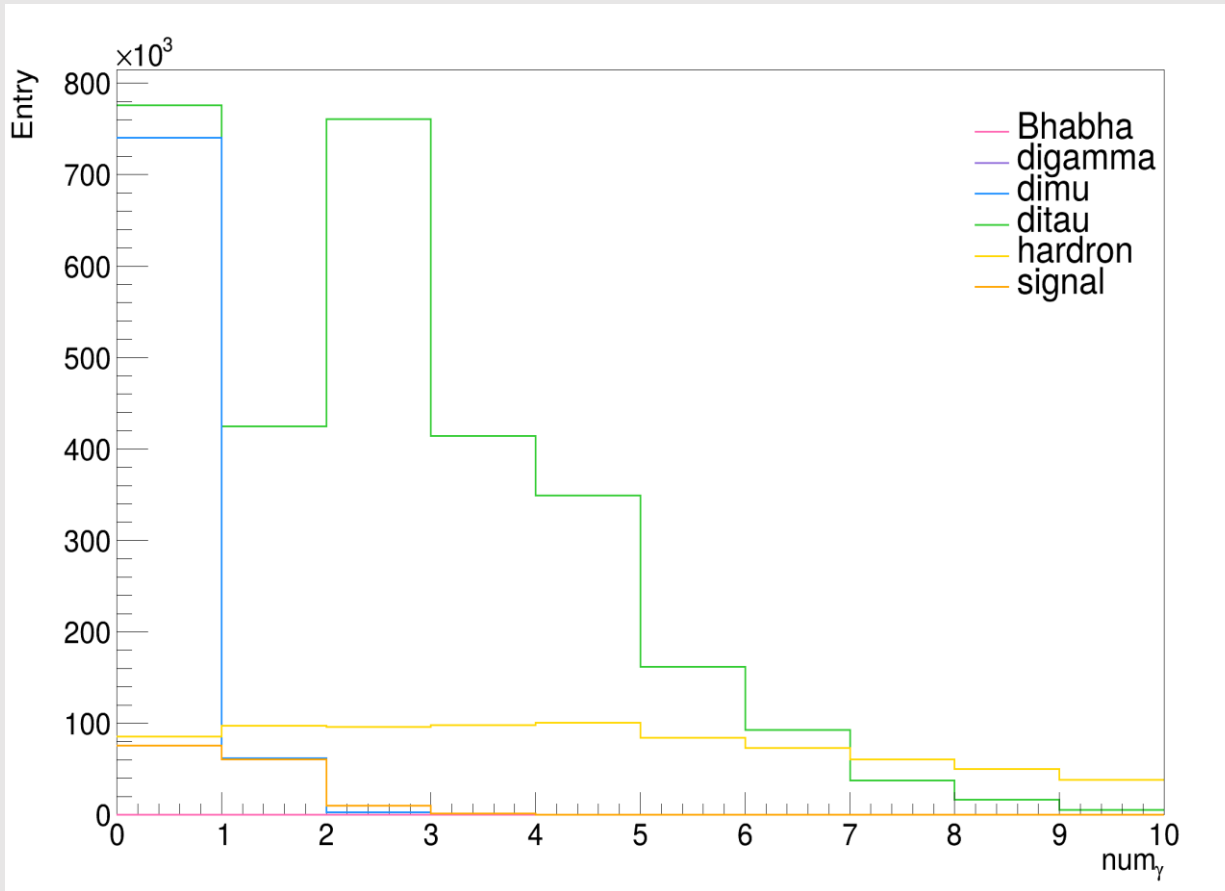
$$N_\gamma = 1$$

$$E_\gamma > 0.4 \text{ GeV}$$

*Not considered conjugate process*



# Photon number constraint



Photon number distribution

Constraint the number of  
photon = 1

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Most of the di-muon  
process, di-tau process and  
hardronic process are  
removed

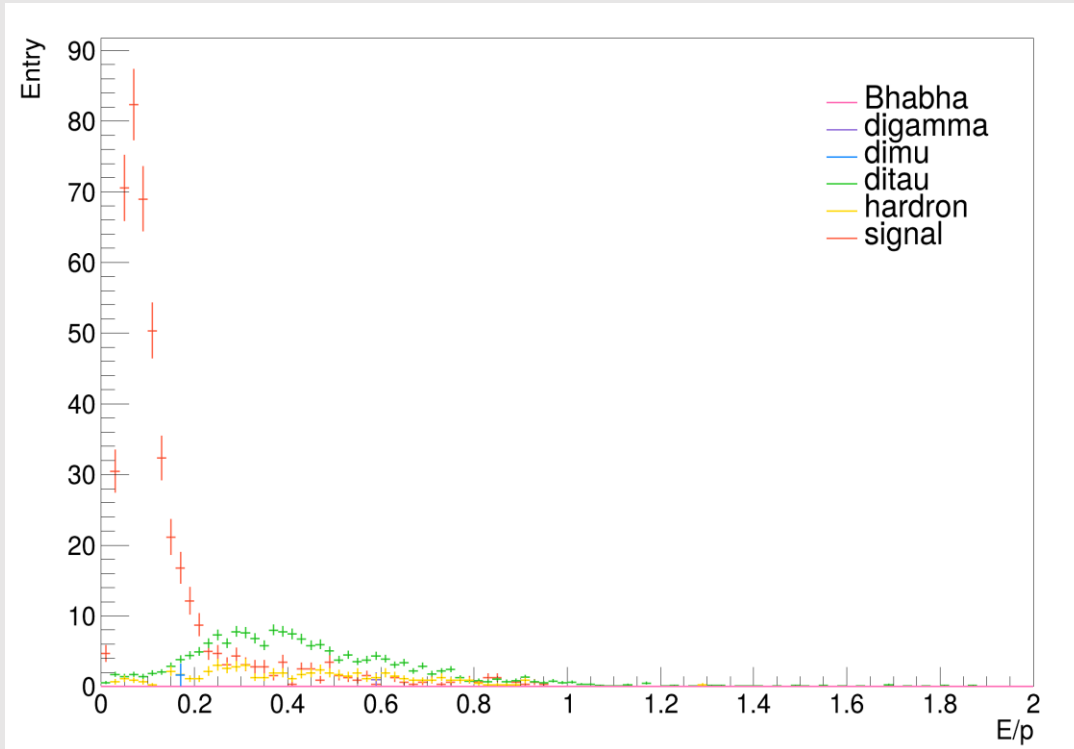
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About half of the signal has  
been removed, and a large  
number of di-tau processes  
are still retained.

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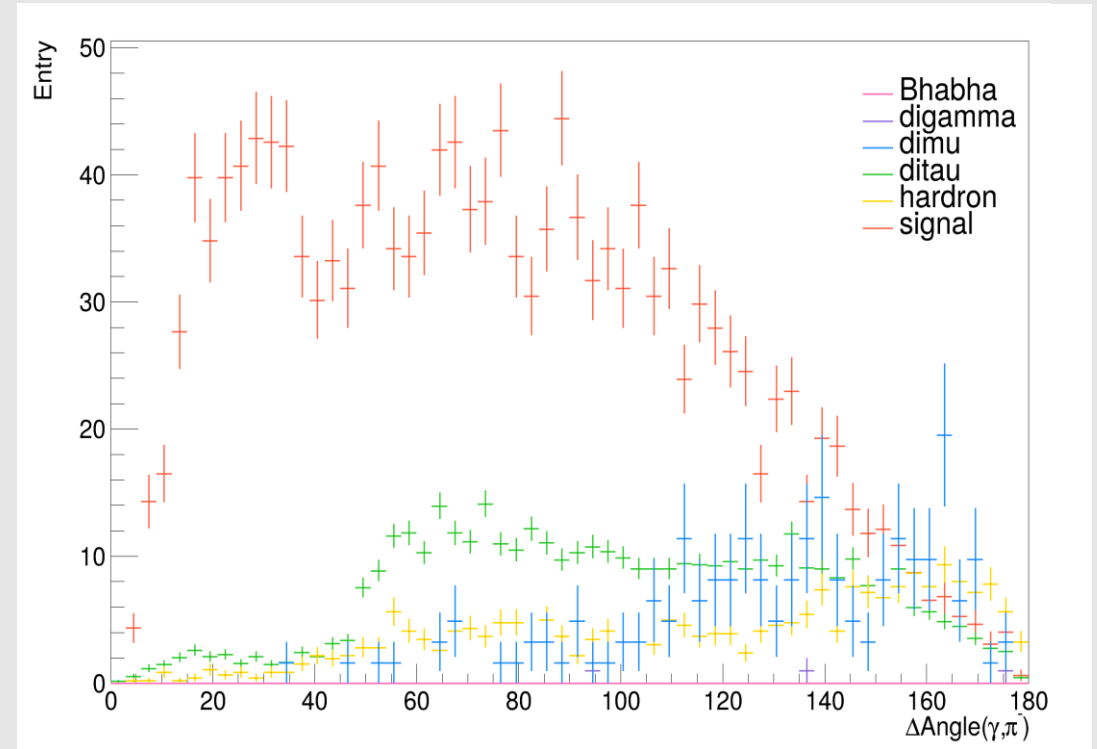


# Parameter about $\pi^-$



$E/P$  of prob  $\pi^-$  (  $E$  is the deposited energy in  
EMC and  $p$  is the momentum of the track)

$$E/p < 0.2$$

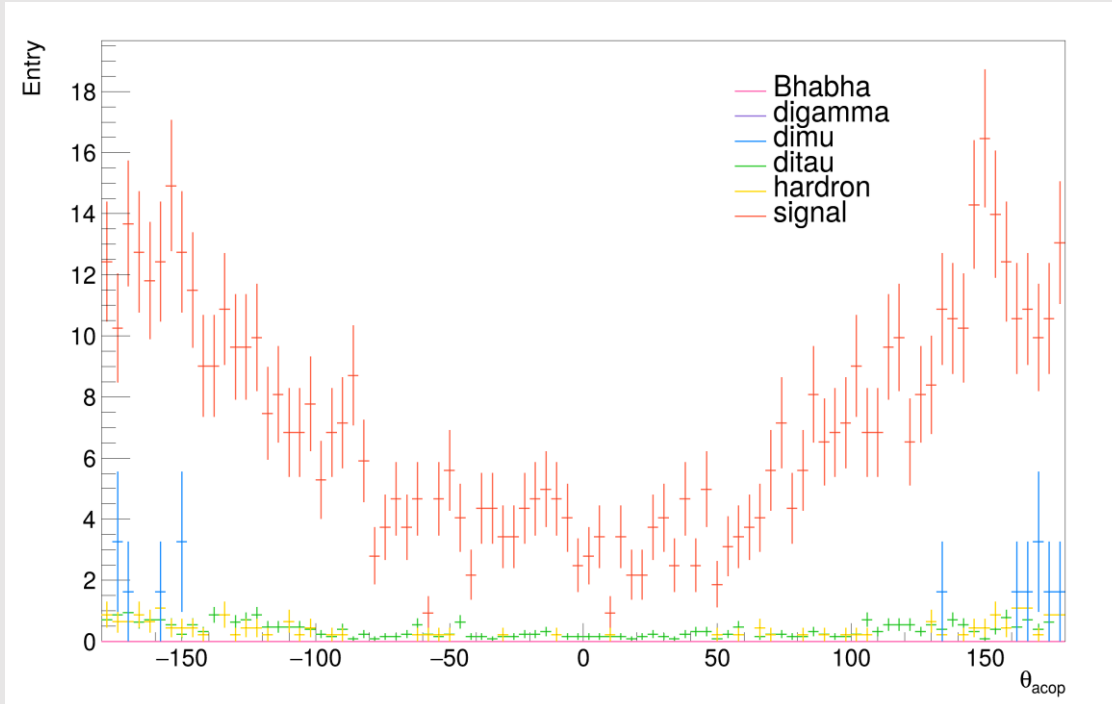


Angle between  $\gamma$  and prob  $\pi^-$

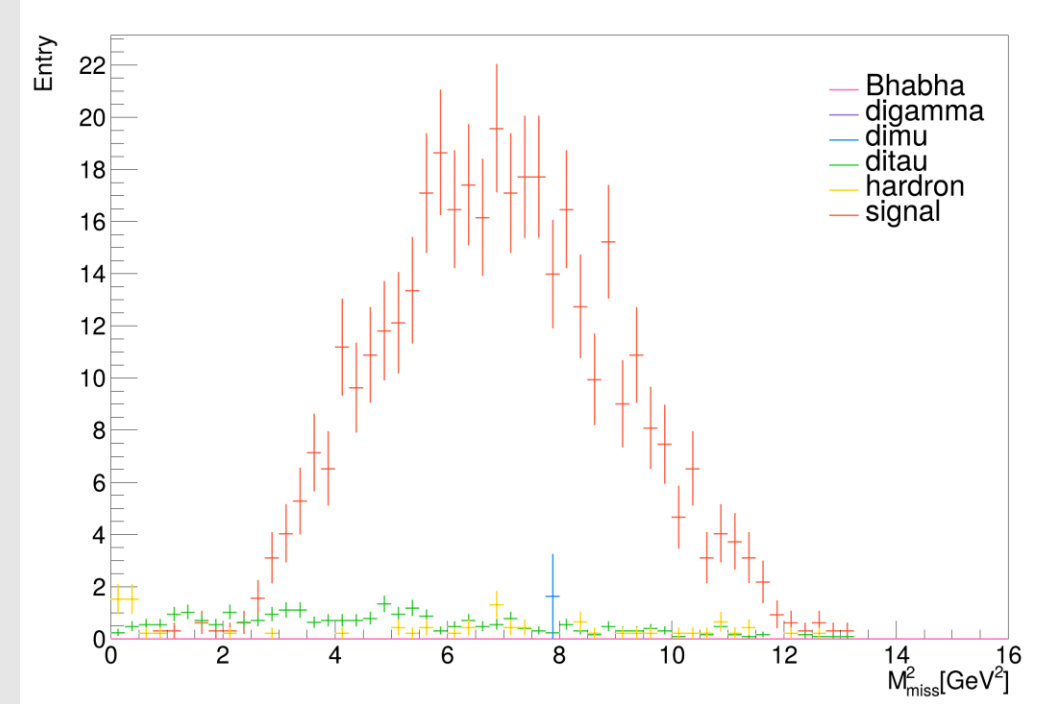
$$\text{Angle}(\gamma, \pi) < 40$$



# Parameter about system



Acoplanarity angle (the angle between the planes formed by the momenta of two particles involved in the interaction.)  $-140 < \theta_{acop} < 140$



Missing mass squared

$$M_{miss}^2 = (\sum E_{initial} - \sum E_{final})^2 - (\sum \vec{p}_{initial} - \sum \vec{p}_{final})^2$$
$$M_{miss}^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$



# Expected upper limit



Theoretical articles give relational formulas :  
( PHYSICAL REVIEW D 103, 056017(2021) )

$$\frac{\Gamma_{(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \gamma \nu_\tau)}}{\Gamma_{(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau)}} = (1.61 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-2}$$

The branching ratio of non-radiative process can be quoted from PDG:

$$Br_{(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau)} = (10.82 \pm 0.05)\%$$

So upper limit on the signal can be calculated by :

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{sig}^{up} &= Br_{(measured)} / Br_{(theoretical)} \\ &= Br_{sig}^{up} / (Br_{(\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau)} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-2}) \end{aligned}$$

$\mu_{sig}^{up}$  is the signal strength



# Physics potential at the STCF



An STCF operating at CMEs ranging from 2 to 7GeV would be of great importance to the entire field of elementary particle physics.

It would address a very broad range of physics topics, including QCD tests, hadron spectroscopy, precise tests of the electroweak sector of the SM, and searches for new physics beyond the SM.

The proposed luminosity of the STCF is above  $0.5 \times 10^{35} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , at this level, it is expected to deliver more than  $1 \text{ab}^{-1}$  of data samples each year.

CME (GeV)	Lumi ( $\text{ab}^{-1}$ )	Samples	$\sigma(\text{nb})$	No. of Events	Remarks
4.230	1	$J/\psi\pi^+\pi^-$ $\tau^+\tau^-$ $\gamma X(3872)$	0.085 3.6	$8.5 \times 10^7$ $3.6 \times 10^9$	

Compared with BESIII, the luminosity of STCF is increased by nearly three orders of magnitude, and although the cross-section is one-third of BESIII at the central mass of 4.23 GeV, the number taken is about 300 times that of BESIII



# Expected upper limit



$\mu_{sig}^{up}$  and luminosity have such a relationship :

$$\mu_{sig}^{up} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{L}}}$$

	Lumi(4.23Gev)	$\mu_{sig}^{up}$ @95% C.L	$Br_{sig}^{up}$ @95% C.L	Expected signal significance
BESIII	1100.81 $pb^{-1}$	3.357	$5.82 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.6\sigma$
STCF(Assuming the same detection efficiency as BESIII)	1 $ab^{-1}$ (expected)	0.108	$1.94 \times 10^{-3}$	$19.7\sigma$

A Bayesian-based maximum likelihood estimator, extended from the profile likelihood approach, is used to determine the upper limit of the signal strength. Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A 551, 493–503(2005), arXiv:physics/0403059





# Event selection optimization using CNN

- Sample generation
- Traditional selection
- CNN method

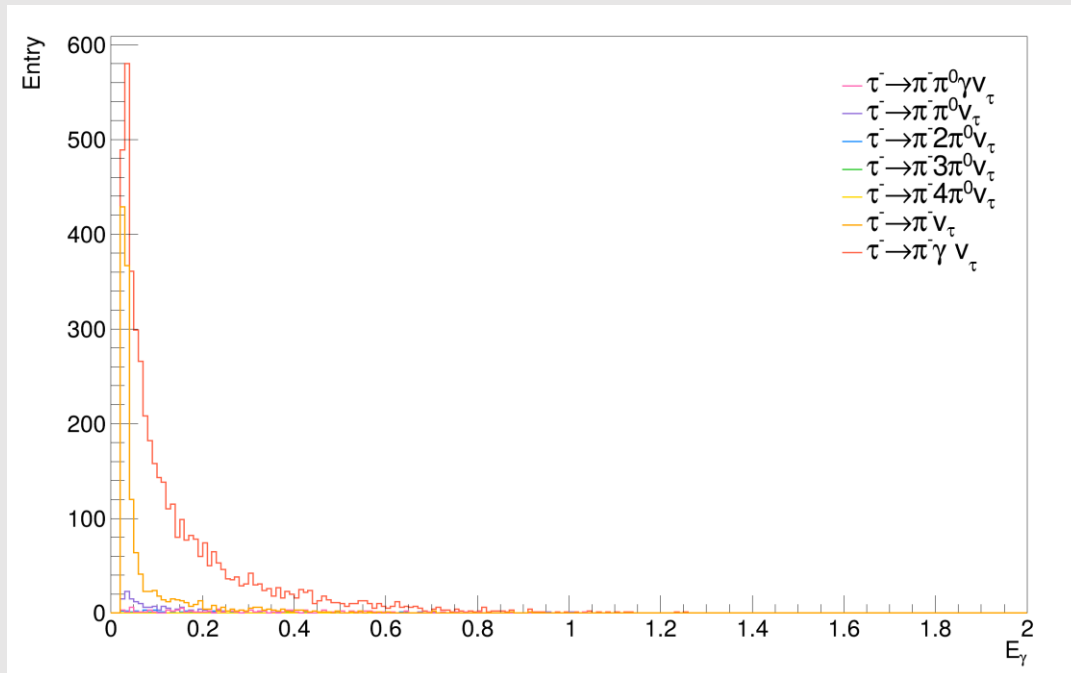


# Tau decay mode

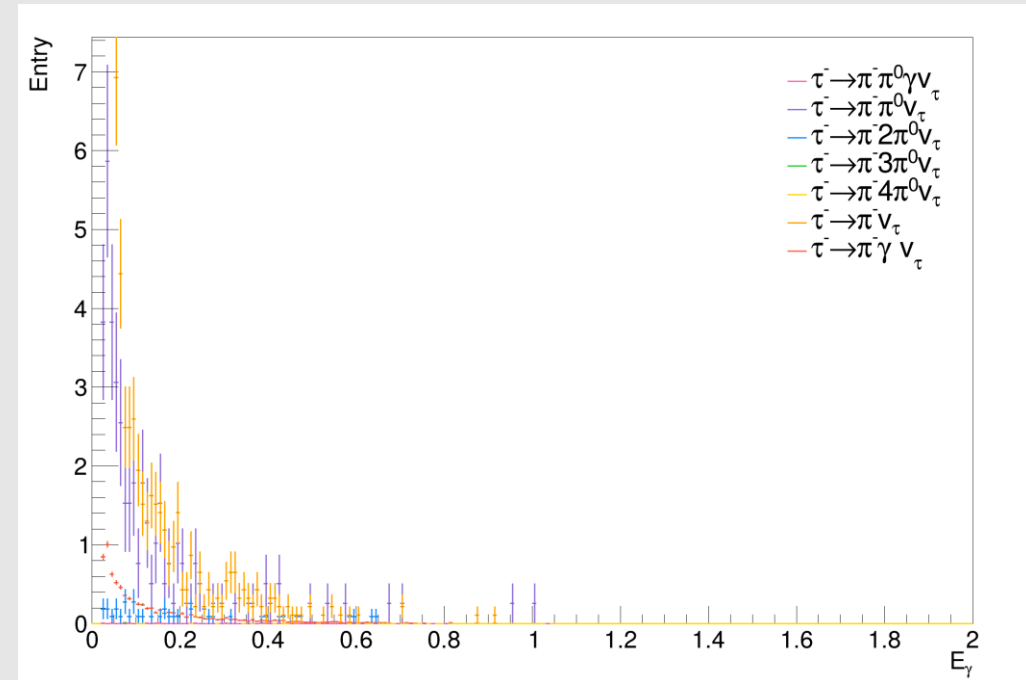


Modes with one charged particles	Branch ratio		
$\mu\bar{\nu}_\mu\nu_\tau$	$(17.39 \pm 0.04)\%$	$\pi^- 2\pi^0\nu_\tau$	$(17.39 \pm 0.04)\%$
$\mu\bar{\nu}_\mu\nu_\tau\gamma$	$(3.67 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-3}$	$K^- 2\pi^0\nu_\tau$	$(6.5 \pm 2.2) \times 10^{-4}$
$e\bar{\nu}_e\nu_\tau$	$(17.82 \pm 0.04)\%$	$\pi^- 3\pi^0\nu_\tau$	$(1.04 \pm 0.07)\%$
$e\bar{\nu}_e\nu_\tau\gamma$	$(1.83 \pm 0.05)\%$	$h^- 4\pi^0\nu_\tau$	$(1.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$
$\pi^-\nu_\tau$	$(10.82 \pm 0.05)\%$	$a_1(1260)\nu_\tau \rightarrow \pi^-\gamma\nu_\tau$	$(4.0 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-4}$
$K^-\nu_\tau$	$(6.96 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-3}$		
$\pi^-\pi^0\nu_\tau$	$(25.49 \pm 0.09)\%$		
$K^-\pi^0\nu_\tau$	$(4.33 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-3}$		

The same number of main process events were generated with KKMC and decay of tau with EvtGen.  
The distribution of photon energy is plotted using the same selection conditions as before.



Before scale

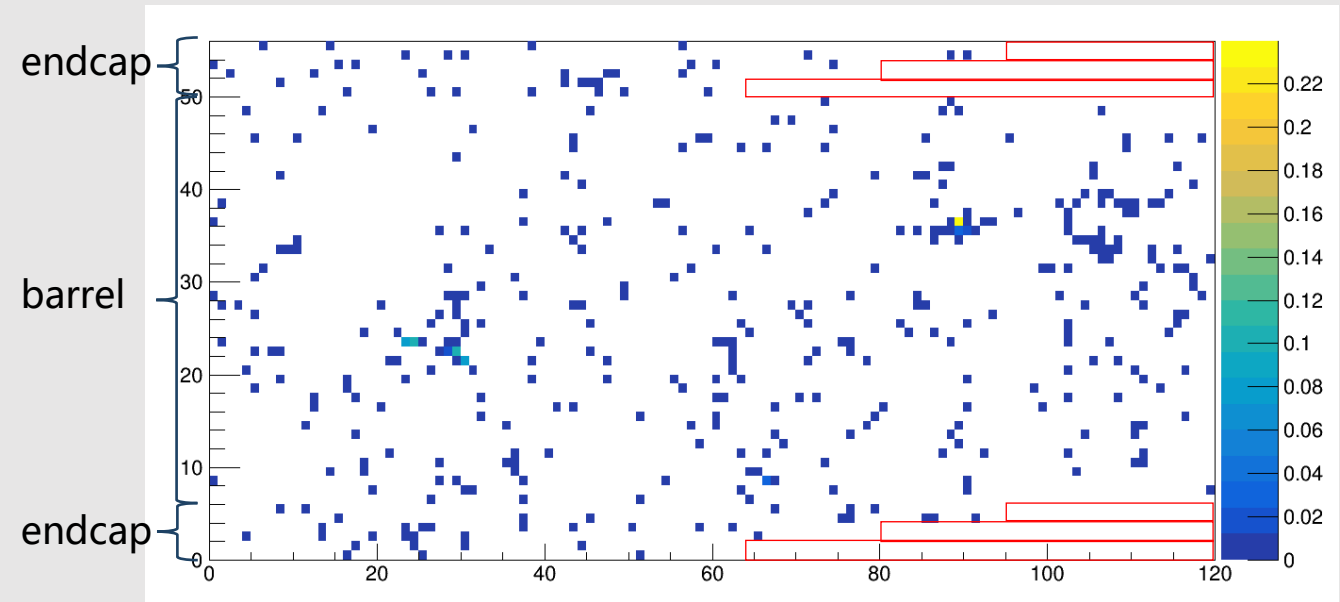
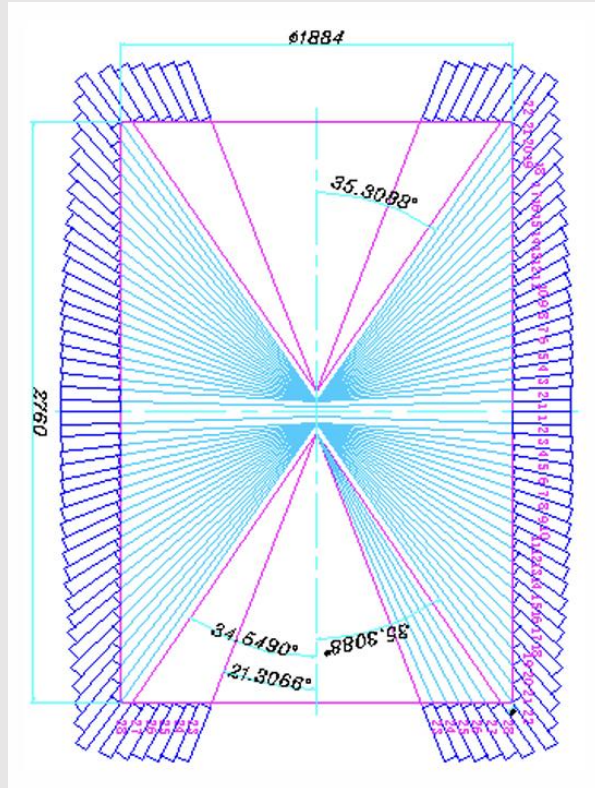


Scale by branch ratio

# Event selection using cuts to variables



	$N_{gen}$	$N_{reco}$	$Br$	$eff = N_{reco}/N_{gen}$	$ratio = eff_{sig}/eff_{bkg}$	$scale - factor$	$N_{scale}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \gamma \nu_\tau$	100000	4551	0.0017	0.04551	1	0.0321	146.04
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	100000	158	0.2549	0.00158	28.8	4.8116	760.25
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma \nu_\tau$	100000	98	0.0014	0.00098	46	0.0264	2.58
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- 2\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	100000	41	0.0926	0.00041	111	1.7480	73.42
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- 3\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	100000	2	0.0104	0.00002	2275	0.1963	0.39
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- 4\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	100000	0	0.0016	0	0	0.0302	0
$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau$	100000	1247	0.1082	0.01247	3.65	2.0424	2549.96



The EMC is divided into a barrel part and two endcaps

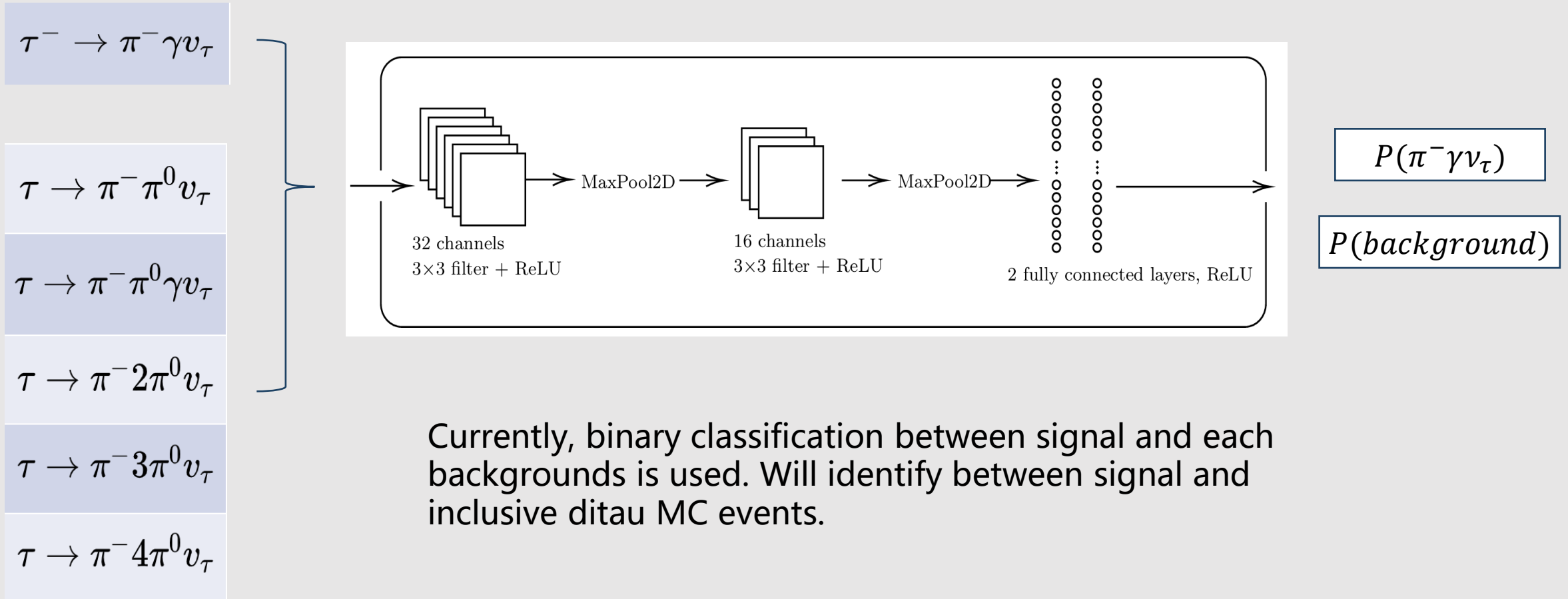
barrel :  $120 \times 44 = 5280$ , endcap :  $2 \times (96, 96, 80, 80, 64, 64) = 960$



# CNN model



The signal and one of the backgrounds are mixed



Currently, binary classification between signal and each background is used. Will identify between signal and inclusive ditau MC events.



# Comparison with traditional methods



	$ratio_{trad}$	$N_{scale}^{trad}$	$ratio_{CNN}$	$N_{scale}^{CNN}$
$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \gamma \nu_\tau$	1	146.04	1	229
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$	28.8	760.25	7.61	16018
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \gamma \nu_\tau$	46	2.58	178.19	3.83
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- 2\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	111	73.42	459.92	92.99
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- 3\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	2275	0.39	1195.32	5.57
$\tau \rightarrow \pi^- 4\pi^0 \nu_\tau$	0	0	1314.54	0.82
$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau$	3.65	2549.96	NA	NA

CNN can suppress the backgrounds with  $\geq 3$  photons more effectively.

Therefore, we want to use more means to improve the classification ability



- The event selection of radiative decay of  $\tau \rightarrow \pi\gamma\nu_\tau$  is studied at BESIII
- The ditau backgrounds are difficult to remove due to very similar signature as signal.
- The expected upper limit of branch fraction of  $\tau \rightarrow \pi\gamma\nu_\tau$  is derived at BESIII and STCF (currently using the event selection at BESIII). Expected measurement in STCF is  $Br_{sig}^{up} @ 95\% C.L = 1.94 \times 10^{-3}$ .
- Simulation and reconstruction using STCF detector will be performed
- Machine Learning technique is being explored to improve the background rejection
- Need to reproduce the inclusive MC samples with EMC hit map info





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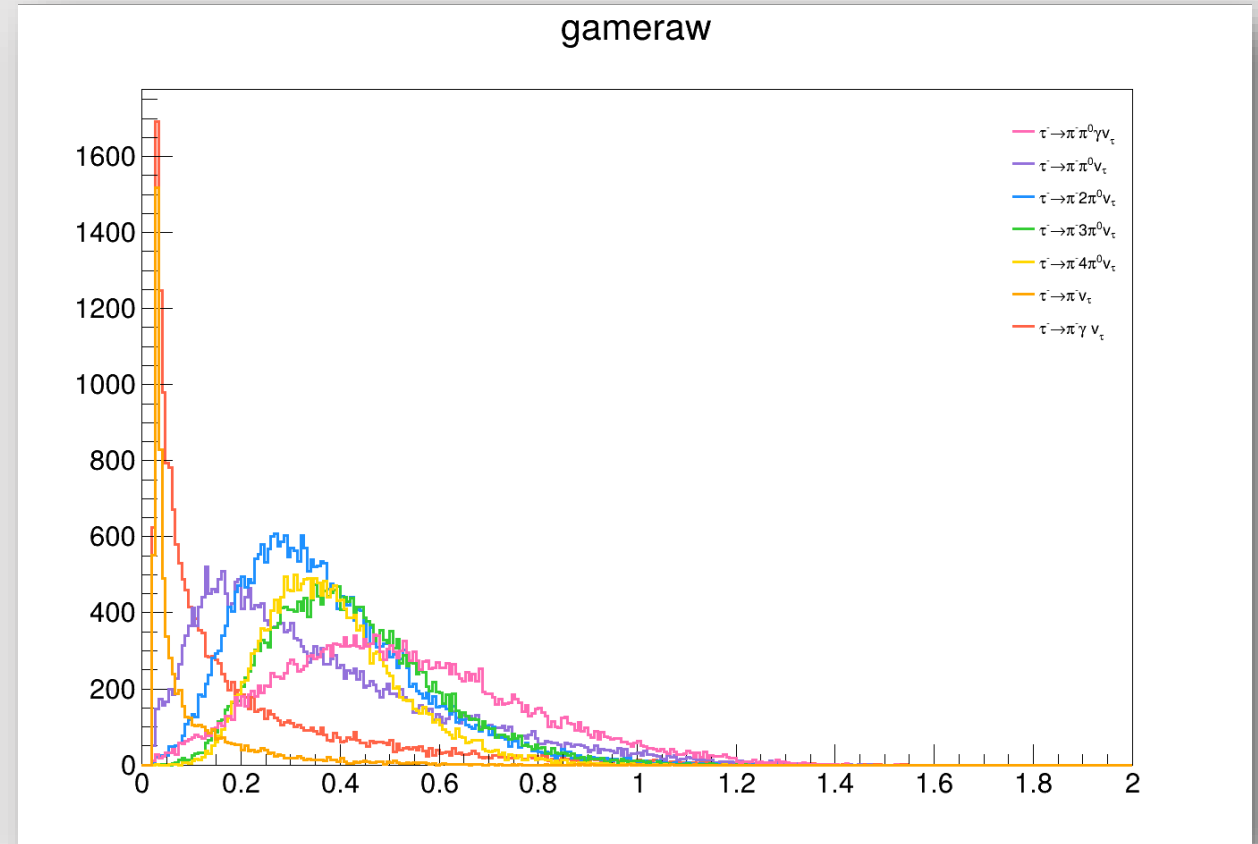


# Backup



	Ngen	Nreco
di-tau	50,031,418	5,471,656
di-muon	3,503,867	1,464,702
hadronic	103,054,340	1,579,726
gamma gamma	21,532,505	394
Bhabha	3,794,461	770
signal	380,000	152,358

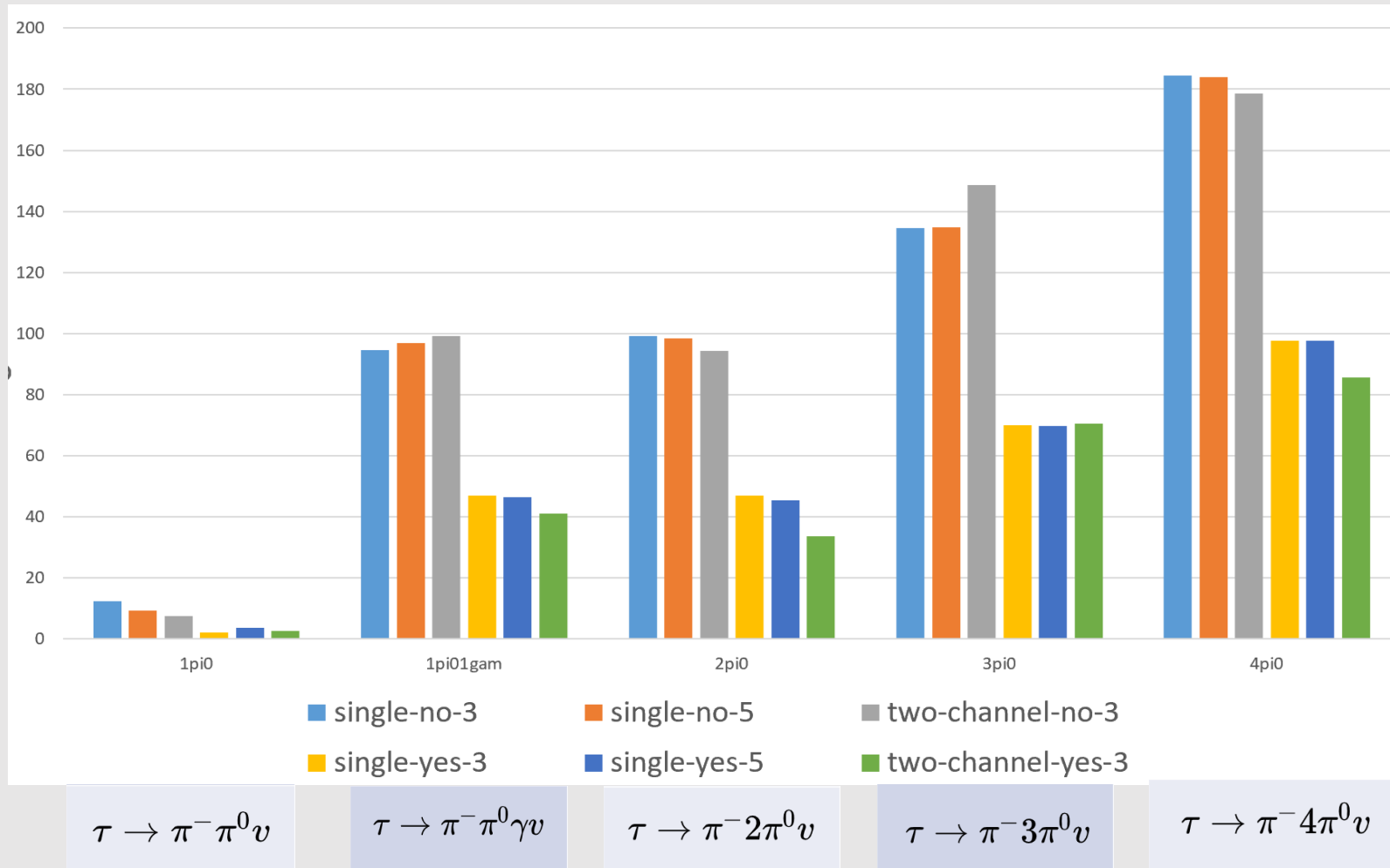
Primary efficiency



di-tau sample gamma energy



# Data Cleansing



Generate samples via SingleParticleGun to remove the effect of tag side.

Record the center position of the charged track in the EMC, and remove the hit information of the surrounding 3x3 cells

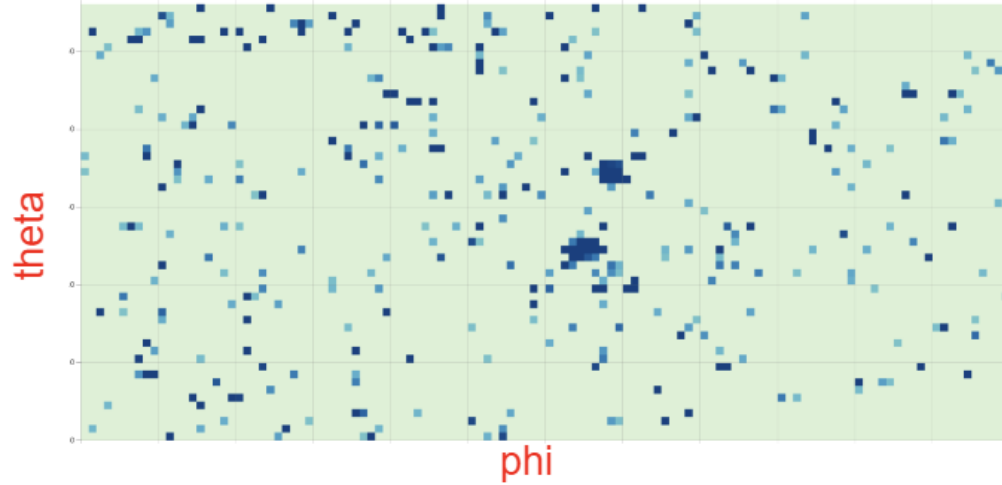
Constraint the number of photon > 0



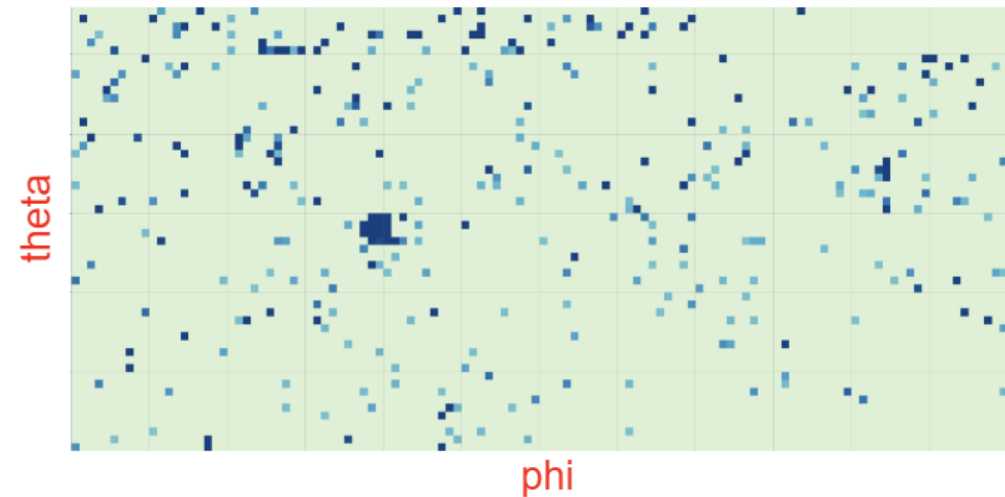
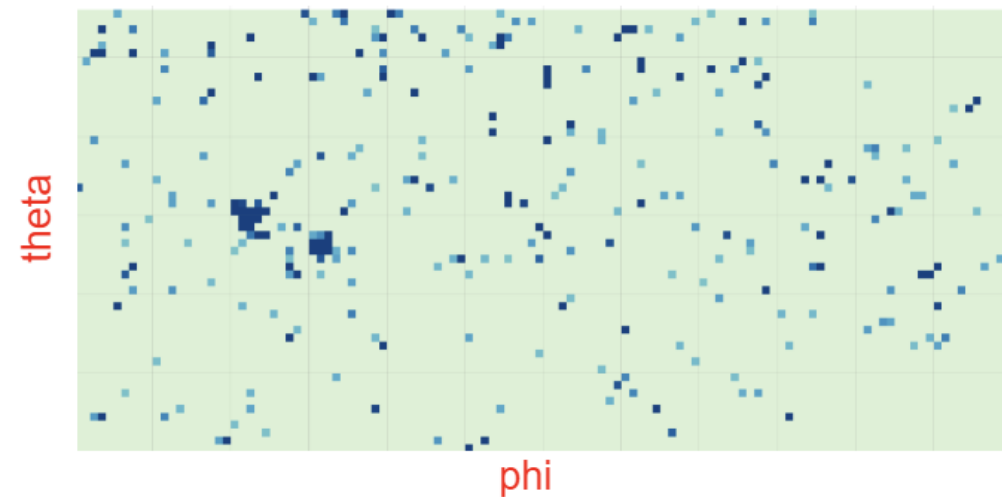
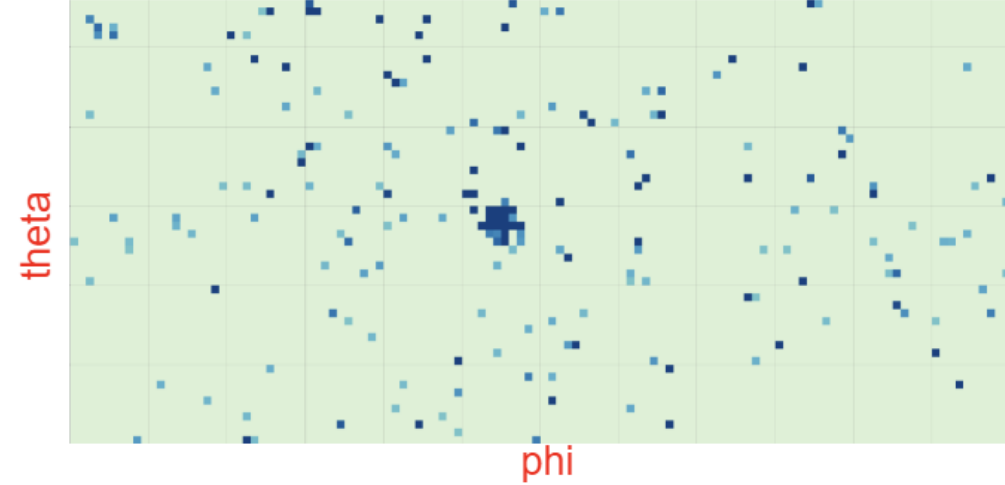
# Pi0 and gamma binary separation



pi0 -> gam gam,  $p_{T\pi0} = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$



gam,  $p_{T\text{gam}} = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$





# Possible backgrounds



di-tau:

$\tau^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\tau \gamma$	$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau$	signal photon is misidentified from radiative photon of tag side
$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \bar{\nu}_\tau$	$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$	$\pi^0$ not successfully reconstructed and the daughter photons are regarded as signal photon (ditau process)
$\tau^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\tau \gamma$	$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$	one muon is misidentified as signal pion
$\tau^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \bar{\nu}_\tau$	$\tau^- \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau$	one pion is misidentified as tag muon

di-mu with ISR:

$$\mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$$

one muon is misidentified as tag pion, signal photon is misidentified from radiative photon (dimu process)

hadronic:

$$\pi^+ \pi^- + (\geq 1) \pi^0$$

signal muon is misidentified from charged pion and  $\pi^0$  not successfully reconstructed (hadronic process)