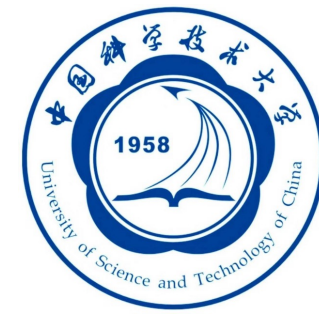




Preliminary Study of Quantum Entanglement in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ under $\sqrt{s}=6$ GeV at STCF

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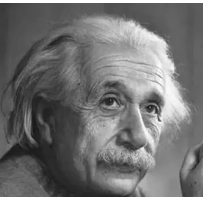
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Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?

A. EINSTEIN, B. PODOLSKY AND N. ROSEN, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*
(Received March 25, 1935)



Albert Einstein, Boris Podolsky, and Nathan Rosen questioned whether QM gives a complete description of reality. They introduced a thought experiment (a.k.a EPR paradox)

1935

1964

J.S. Bell's Theorem Formulated Bell's Inequality: predictions of local hidden variable theories must obey specific statistical limits Provided a testable framework

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J. S. BELL[†]
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Experimental Tests of Realistic Local Theories via Bell's Theorem

Alain Aspect, Philippe Grangier, and Gérard Roger
Institut d'Optique Théorique et Appliquée, Université Paris-Sud, F-91406 Orsay, France
(Received 30 March 1981)



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Alain Aspect's Bell test experiments (1981-1982)
Used polarized photon pairs to test Bell's inequalities

1981-1982

Today

ATLAS, CMS, BelleII test quantum entanglement in high energy particle pairs ($\bar{t}t$, $\tau^+\tau^-$)

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Introduction: Theory



❑ Bit

In classical computing, a bit can only be in one state, either 0 or 1

❑ Qubit

Unlike classical bits, qubits can exist in a superposition.

They can represent both 0 and 1 simultaneously.

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \quad (|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1).$$

❑ Quantum mixed state

Quantum mixed state can be described by a density matrix

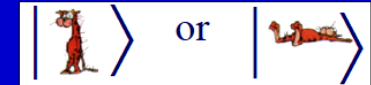
$$\rho = \sum p_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$$

❑ General density matrix for a qubit

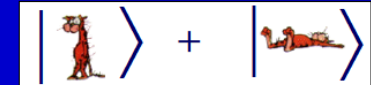
For single bit, $\rho = \frac{I_2 + \sum B_i \sigma^i \otimes I_2}{2}$, where $\mathbf{B}$ is a spin polarization and are Pauli matrices

Quantum Superposition

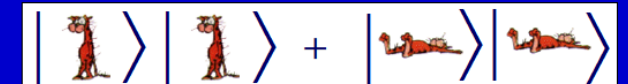
Classical Physics:
"bit"



Quantum Physics:
"qubit"



Entanglement:



Quantum foundations: Bell's inequality, quantum nonlocality...
Quantum information processing: quantum communication,
quantum computation, quantum simulation etc ...

Introduction: Entanglement observables



□ Spin Density Matrix (SDM) for Two-qubit system ($\tau^+ \tau^-$)

- Spin quantum state of a τ -pair is described by the spin density matrix

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} [I \otimes I + \sum_i B_i^+ (\sigma_i \otimes I) + \sum_j B_j^- (I \otimes \sigma_j) + \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} (\sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j)]$$

where B_i^+ / B_j^- is spin polarization of τ^+ / τ^- , C_{ij} is correlation matrix connecting spin of τ^+ / τ^-

□ QE observables based on SDM:

- Concurrence $\mathcal{C}[\rho]$:**

For a bipartite qubit system, an entanglement monotone can be defined as:

no entanglement $0 \leq \mathcal{C}[\rho] = \max\{0, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4\} \leq 1$ maximally entangled

where λ_i are the eigenvalues, in decreasing order, of the matrix

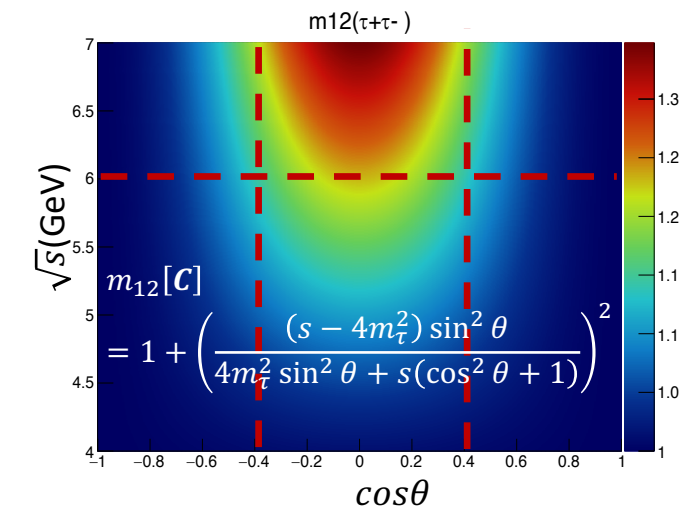
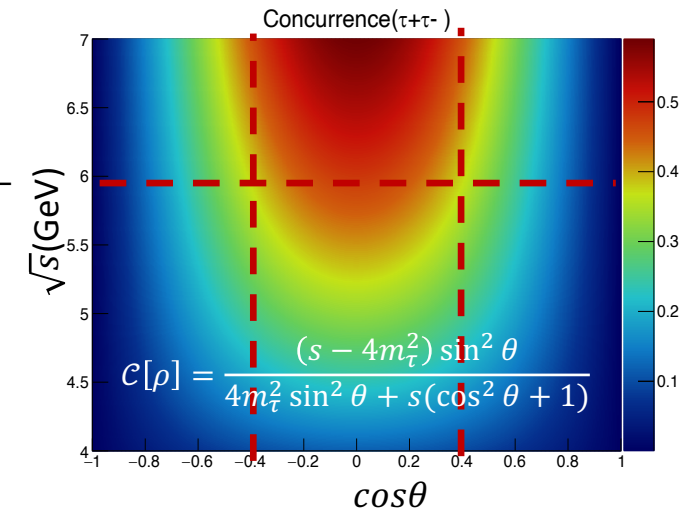
$$R = \sqrt{\sqrt{\rho} \tilde{\rho} \sqrt{\rho}}, \text{ with } \tilde{\rho} = (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2) \rho^* (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2)$$

- Bell-inequality:** an optimized operator $m_{12}[C]$:

$$m_{12}[C] = m_1 + m_2 \quad m_{12}[C] > 1 \text{ Bell-inequality is violated}$$

where $m_1 \geq m_2 \geq m_3$ are the eigenvalues of the positive semi-definite matrix $M = C^T C$

theoretical signal region



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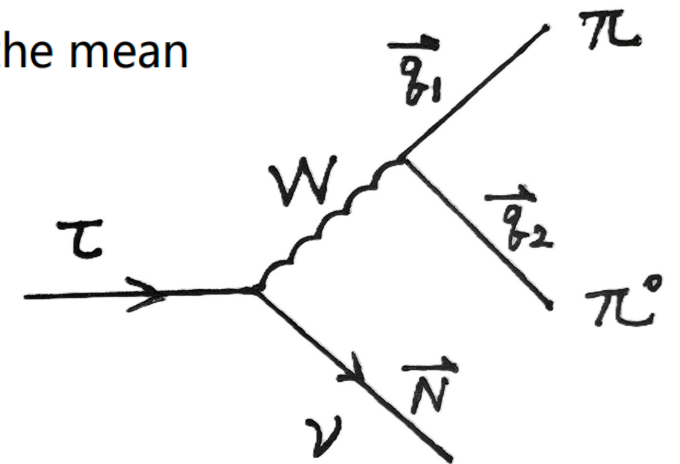
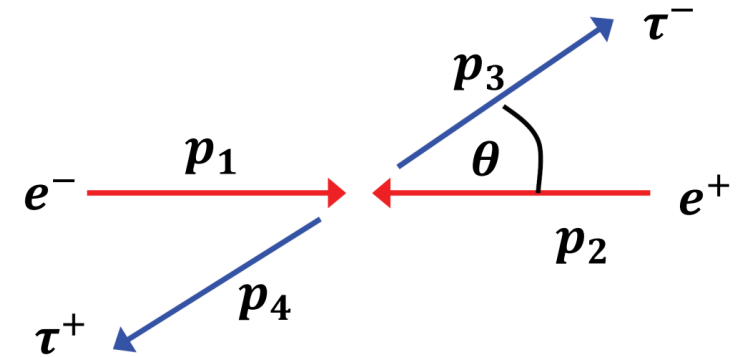
□ B, C

- $\rho = \frac{1}{4} [I \otimes I + \sum_i B_i^+ (\sigma_i \otimes I) + \sum_j B_j^- (I \otimes \sigma_j) + \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} (\sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j)]$, where:

$$B_i^\pm = \frac{3}{\kappa_\pm} \frac{1}{\sigma} \int d\Omega^\pm \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega^\pm} (\vec{h}^\pm \cdot \hat{e}_i)$$

$$C_{ij} = \frac{9}{\kappa_+ \kappa_-} \frac{1}{\sigma} \int d\Omega^+ d\Omega^- \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega^+ d\Omega^-} (\vec{h}^+ \cdot \hat{e}_i) (\vec{h}^- \cdot \hat{e}_j)$$

- $\kappa_\pm = \pm 1.0$, $\vec{h}^\pm$ are polarimetric vectors for $\tau^\pm$.
- So the **key point is to retrieve $\vec{h}^\pm$** , and B, C coefficients correspond to the mean value of $\vec{h}^\pm$ in different directions of $\{\hat{e}_i\} (i = 1, 2, 3)$, usually $\{\hat{n}, \hat{r}, \hat{k}\}$.
- $\vec{h} \propto -[2(q^\mu N_\mu) \vec{q} - (q^\mu q_\mu) \vec{N}]$



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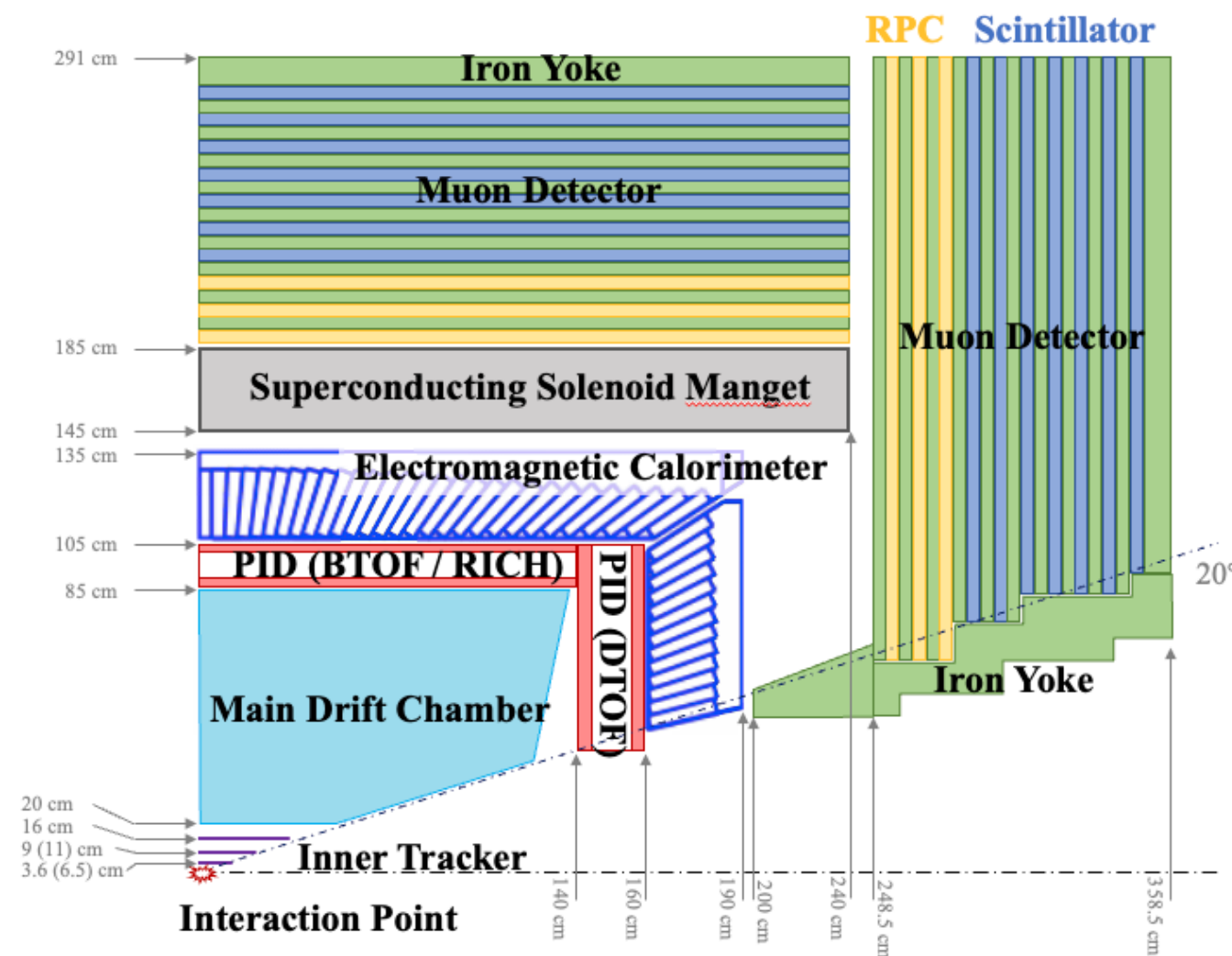
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STCF Detector



- ❑ **ITK:** Inner Tracker
 - ITKW: cylindrical MPGD
 - ITKM: CMOS M-MAPS
- ❑ **MDC:** Main Drift Chamber, Central tracker
 - π^+/π^- track Reconstruction
- ❑ **PIDE:** Particle Identification-Endcap
 - DToF: DIRC-like TOF
- PIDB:** Particle Identification-Barrel
 - RICH: Ring Imaging Cherenkov detectors CsI-MPGD
 - BTOF: Barrel-TOF
 - π^+/π^- Identification
- ❑ **ECAL(EMC):** Electromagnetic Calorimeter pure CsI + APD
 - π^0 Reconstruction
- ❑ **MUD:** Muon Detector RPC + scintillator

τ -pair Production on STCF



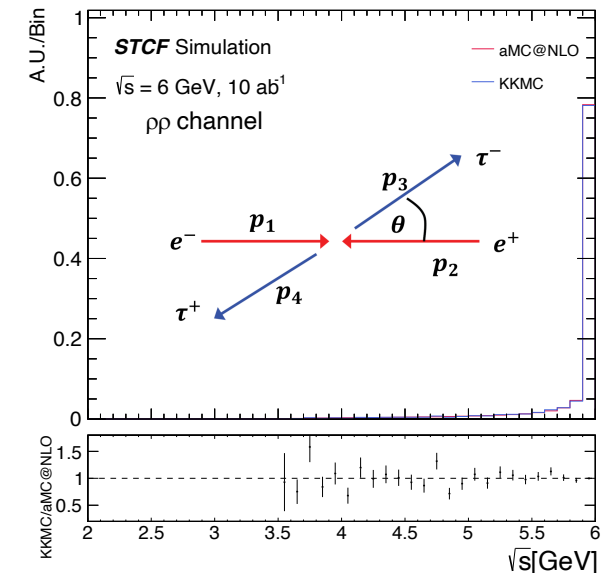
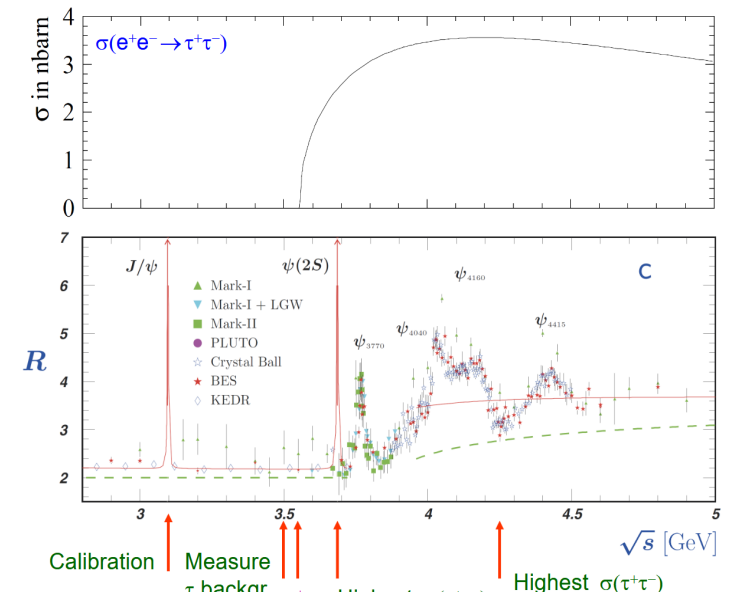
□ τ -pair Production on STCF

- STCF: 2-7GeV event rate: $3.5 \times 10^9 / y (4.26 \text{ GeV})$
- $E_{cm} = 4.26 \text{ GeV}$: highest $\sigma(\tau^+\tau^-)$
- $E_{cm} = 6.0\text{--}7.0 \text{ GeV}$: higher significance of Quantum Entanglement
- Decay channel: $\tau \rightarrow \pi \nu_\tau$, $\tau \rightarrow \rho \nu_\tau$, $\tau \rightarrow a_1 \nu_\tau$, $\tau \rightarrow e \nu_e \nu_\tau$, $\tau \rightarrow \mu \nu_\mu \nu_\tau$

□ Tau pair production on **Oscar 2.6.2** (Fullsim + digi + reco):

- ✓ $\sqrt{s} = 6 \text{ GeV}$, 10 million events $\sim 0.0042 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ with ISR
- ✓ Matrix element (LHE) simulated via aMC@NLO
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□ Background Simulation: Considered different tau decay channel



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Reconstruction



□ Signal decay: $\tau^+ \tau^- \rightarrow \rho^+ \rho^- \nu \bar{\nu}$

main background: $\tau^+ \tau^- \rightarrow \rho \pi \pi^0 \pi^0, \tau^+ \tau^- \rightarrow \pi \pi \pi^0 \pi^0, \tau^+ \tau^- \rightarrow \rho K^*, \text{etc}$

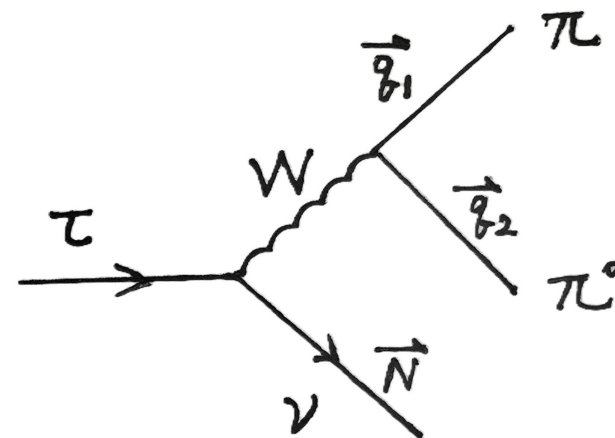
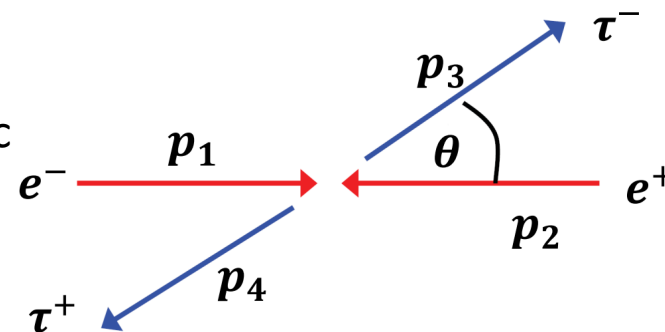
□ Selection criteria:

γ energy $E > 0.05 \text{ GeV}(\text{endcap}), E > 0.025 \text{ GeV}(\text{barrel})$

geometric acceptance: $20^\circ < \theta < 160^\circ$

□ Reconstruction step:

0. Number of $\pi^+ = 1$, Number of $\pi^- = 1$
1. Passed γ -level machine learning selection, Number of $\gamma = 4$ (separate signal from bkg)
2. Passed pairing of γ , Passed pairing of π^0 and π^+ / π^-
3. Passed event-level machine learning selection



Step1: π^0 gamma Reconstruction



- ❑ Beam background gamma: cut by ECAL(~ 200 ps)
- ❑ ISR feature: **low energy, relatively forward**
- ❑ Use BDTG to Select π^0 gamma from other gamma(ISR gamma)
- ❑ Input train variable

E_{seed} : energy deposited in the center crystal of the shower

E_{total} hits $\cos(\theta)$

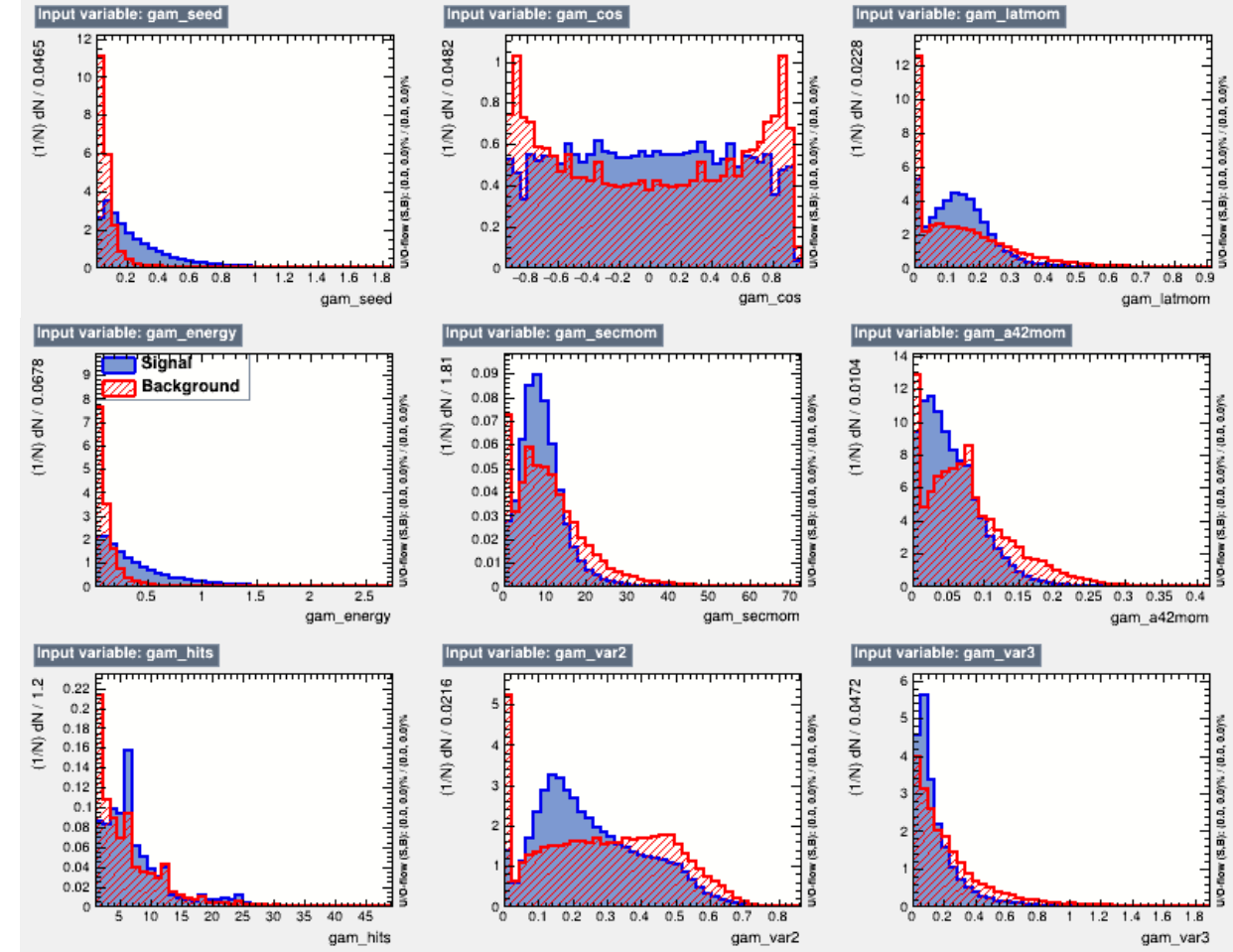
secondary moment: $\sum E_i r_i^2 / \sum E_i$

Lateral moment: $\sum_{i=3}^n E_i r_i^2 / (E_1 r_0^2 + E_2 r_0^2 + \sum_{i=3}^n E_i r_i^2)$

A_{42} moment: $\sum \frac{E_i}{E_{tot}} f_{4,2} \left(\frac{r_i}{R_0} \right) e^{im\phi}$

Variable2 = $1 - \frac{E_{seed}}{E_{3x3}}$

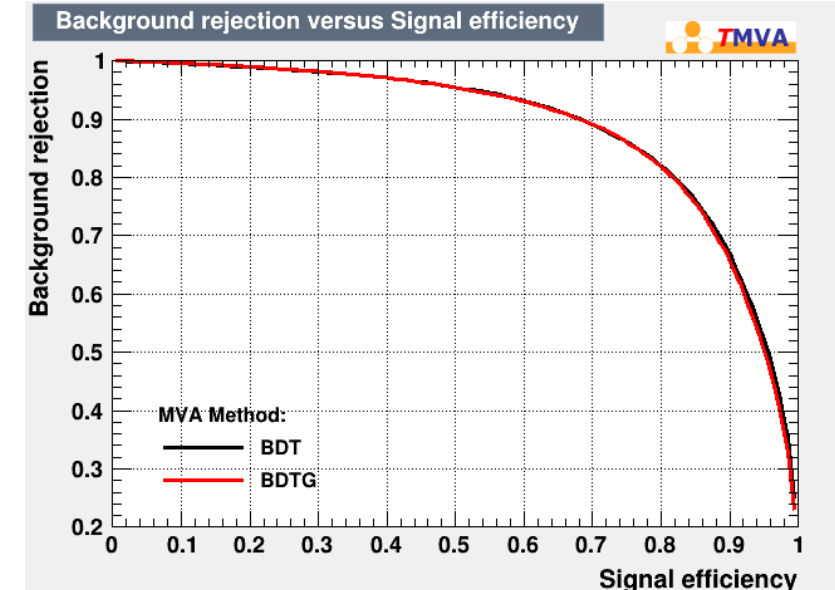
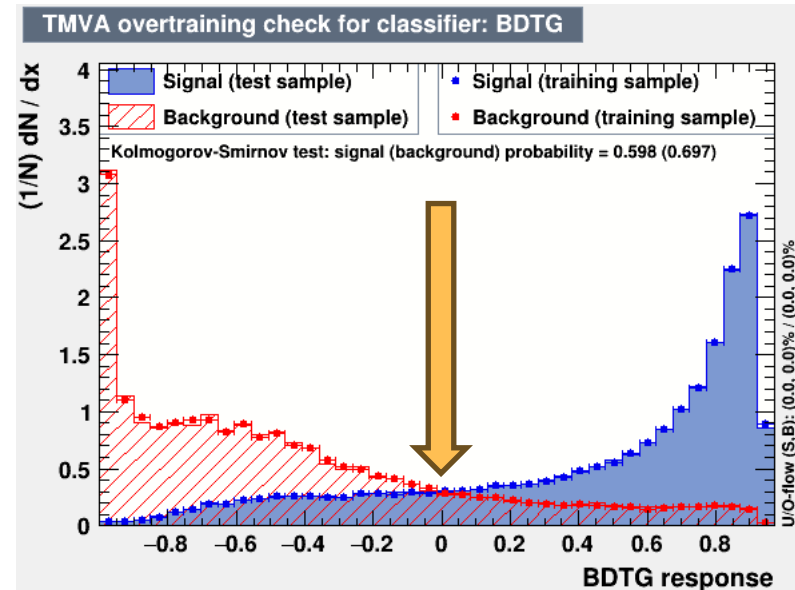
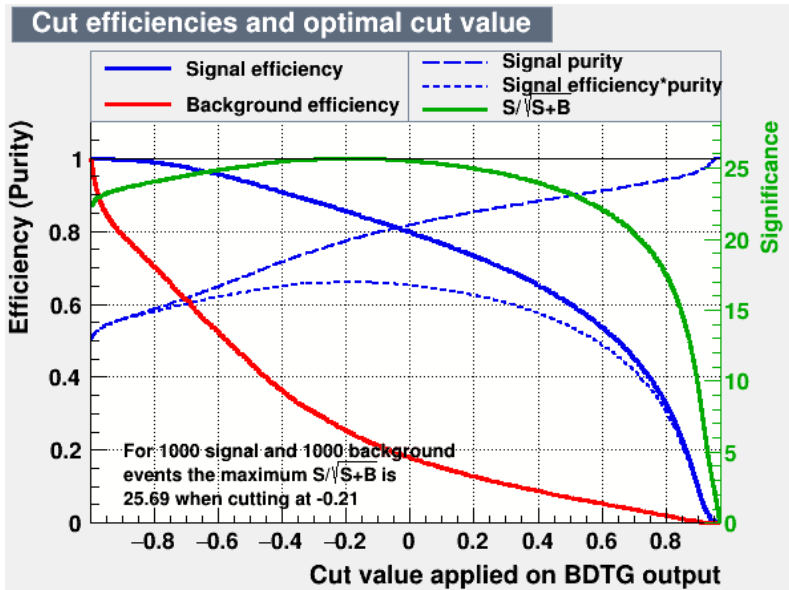
Variable3 = $\begin{cases} 0, & hits = 1 \\ (\frac{E_{tot}}{E_{seed}} - 1) / (hits - 1), & hits > 1 \end{cases}$



Step1: π^0 gamma Reconstruction



- ❑ Main background: ISR gamma
- ❑ Set BDTG cut = 0
- ❑ retaining about 80% pi0 gamma and 20% other gamma(ISR)
- ❑ Efficiency : $\rho\rho$ decay channel(25.2%), all channel(7.3%)



Step2: Event Pairing



- ❑ Loop all pairing schemes and select
- ❑ Kalman Kinematic Fit (BES)

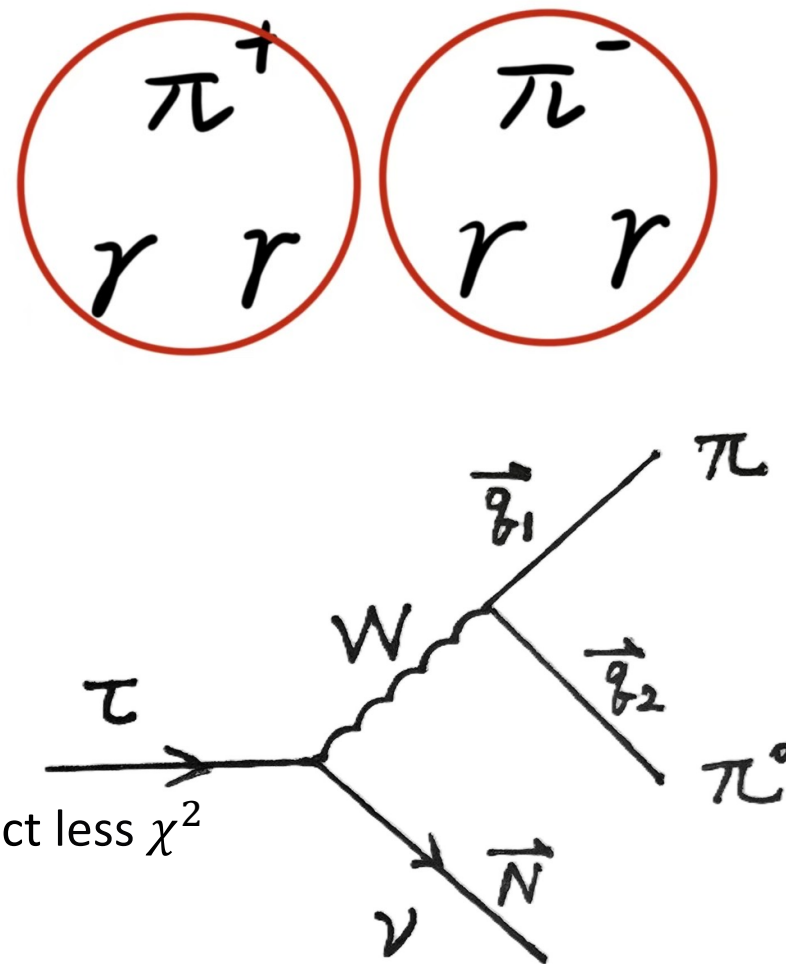
Pairing gamma

- Using **mass constraints of π^0**

Pairing π^0 with π^+/π^- , Solve the ν energy-momentum $p_{\nu(1)}, p_{\nu(2)}$

- Add Missing Momentum ν_1, ν_2 (6 unknown quantities)
- Add Energy-momentum conservation (4 equation)
- Add Mass constraints of τ (2 equation)

- ❑ passed the pairing cut: $\chi^2 < 10$ & $p_\nu = p_{\nu(1)} + p_{\nu(2)} < \frac{E_{total}}{2}$ and select less χ^2
- ❑ Efficiency : $\rho\rho$ decay channel(**45.9%**), all channel(**22.4%**)
- ❑ For $\rho\rho$ decay channel: true pairing: **98.25%** , wrong pairing: **0.92%** , include ISR: **0.83%**



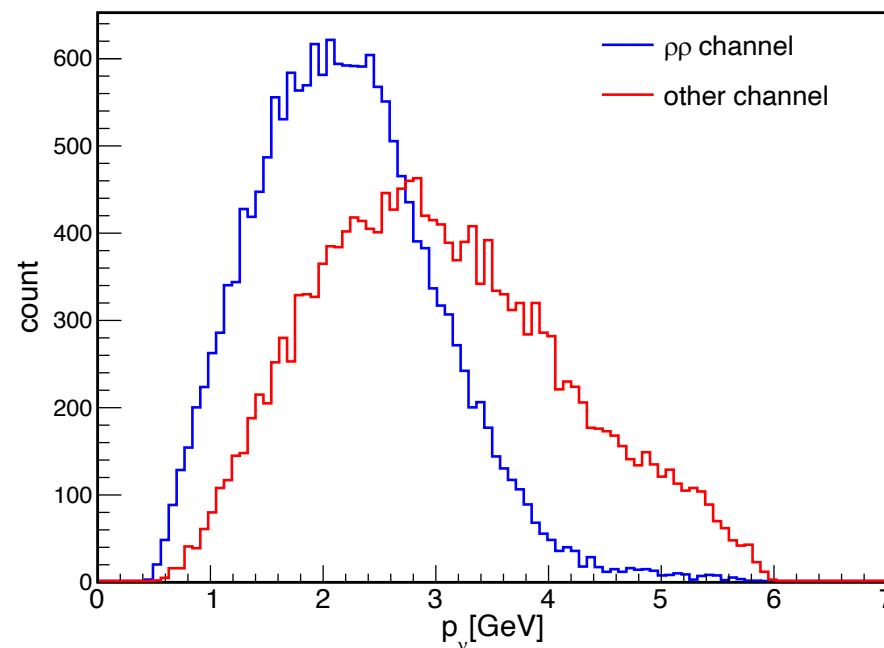
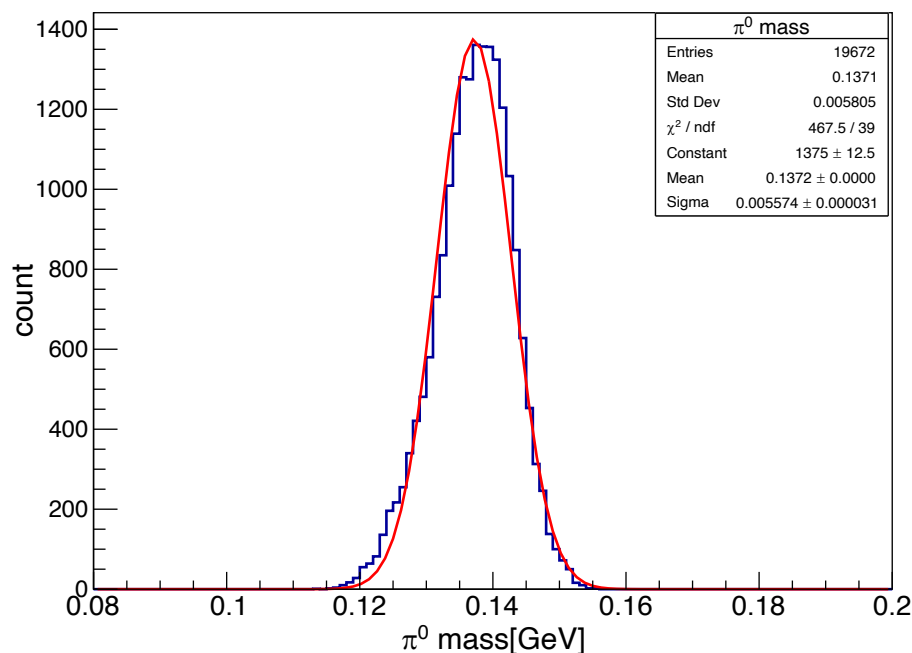
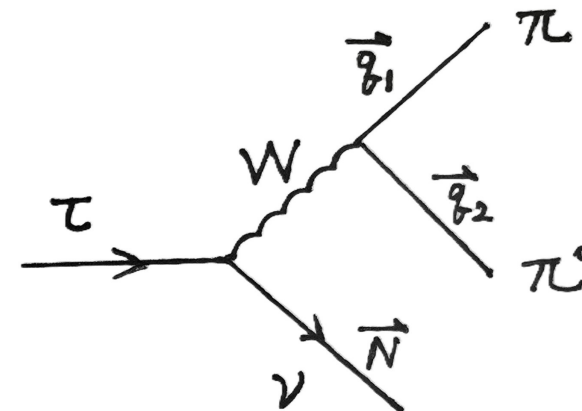
Step2: Event Pairing



□ mass constraints of π^0

□ pairing cut $p_\nu = p_{\nu(1)} + p_{\nu(2)} < \frac{E_{total}}{2}$

- Ensure $p_{\nu(1)} < E_\tau$
- Input p_ν to Event-level ML selection to select $\rho\rho$ channel



Step3: $\rho\rho$ event Reconstruction



❑ Main background event: $\rho a(\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi^0, a \rightarrow \pi\pi^0\pi^0)$, etc

❑ Use BDTG

❑ Input train variable

momentum $p_{\nu(1)}, p_{\nu(2)}, p_{\pi^+}, p_{\pi^-}, 4 p_\gamma$

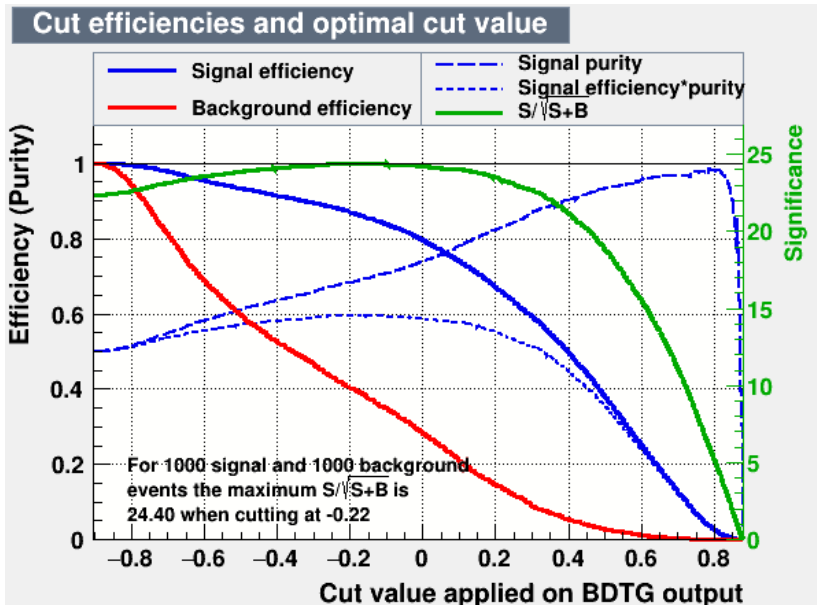
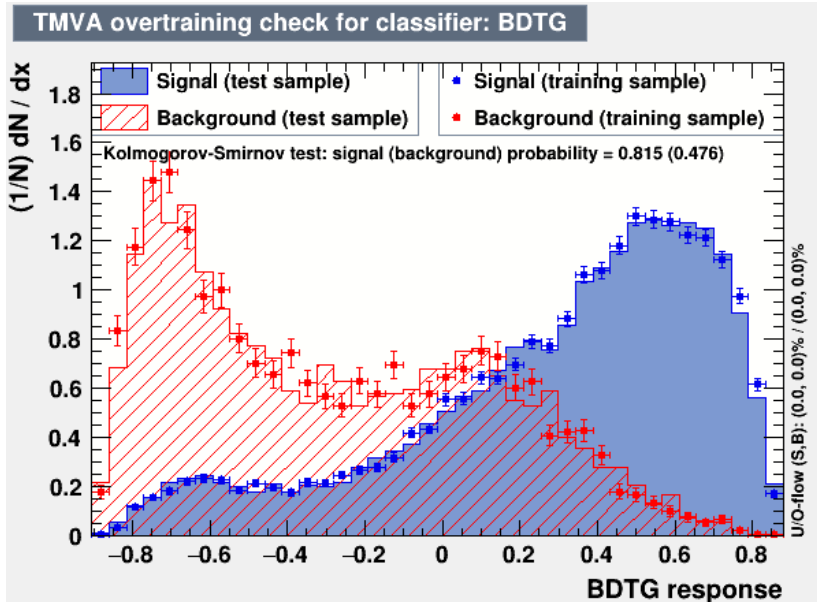
Pairing χ^2, p_ν

PID: probPi, probMu, probK

nGamma before gamma-level BDTG cut

❑ Set BDTG cut = -0.2 , retaining about 87% signal event
and 40% other event

❑ Efficiency : $\rho\rho$ decay channel(87.5%), all channel(78.8%)



Reconstruction: cutflow



□ $\rho\rho$ decay channel (1000W events test)

step	Percentage of previous step		Signal purity
	Signal + BKG	Signal	
Total events	-	-	6.9%
Number of charged tracks = 2, total charge = 0	65.4%	78.9%	8.3%
Number of photons = 4	7.3%	25.2%	28.8%
Number of π^+ = 1, Number of π^- = 1	51.8%	72.3%	40.1%
Passed the particle pairing	22.4%	45.9%	82.0%
Passed event-level machine learning selection	78.8%	87.5%	91.1%
Passed the τ momentum reconstruction	85.3%	85.4%	91.2%

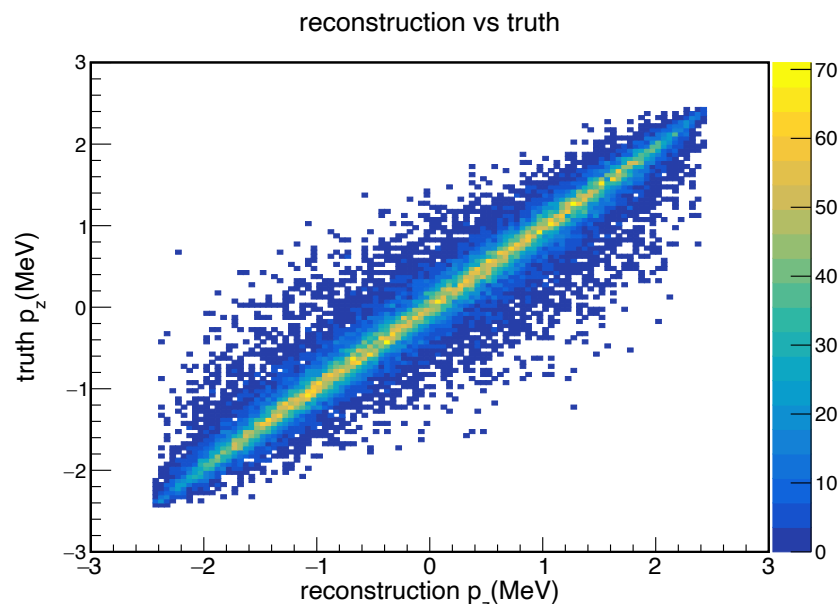
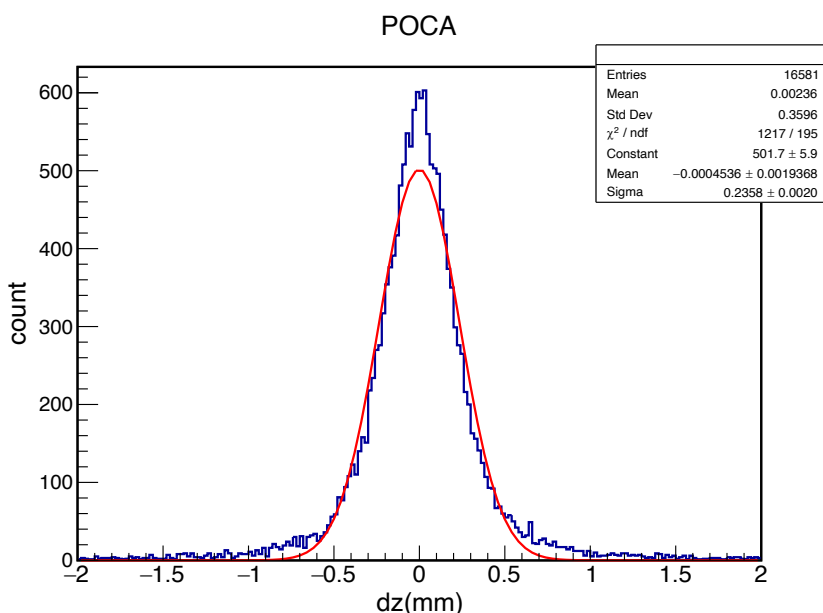
Overall efficiency: 0.37% , Signal efficiency: 4.9% , Signal purity: 91.2%

Signal region: true pairing: 89.56% , $\rho\rho$ wrong pairing: 0.84% , include ISR: 0.76% , Background event: 8.83%

Reconstruction: P_τ



- ❑ P_τ reconstruction: solving a set of analytic equations
- ❑ Existing problem:
 - Because of two missing ν , the τ flight direction is calculated with a two-fold ambiguity
 - Vertex resolution/POCA point resolution ($\sigma_z \sim 235\mu\text{m}$, $\sigma_T \sim 80\mu\text{m}$)
- ❑ Assuming higher resolution ($\sigma'_z \sim 80\mu\text{m}$, $\sigma'_T \sim 27\mu\text{m}$)
 - Replace reconstruction vertex by smearing vertex
 - We can solve the two-fold ambiguity and reconstruction P_τ



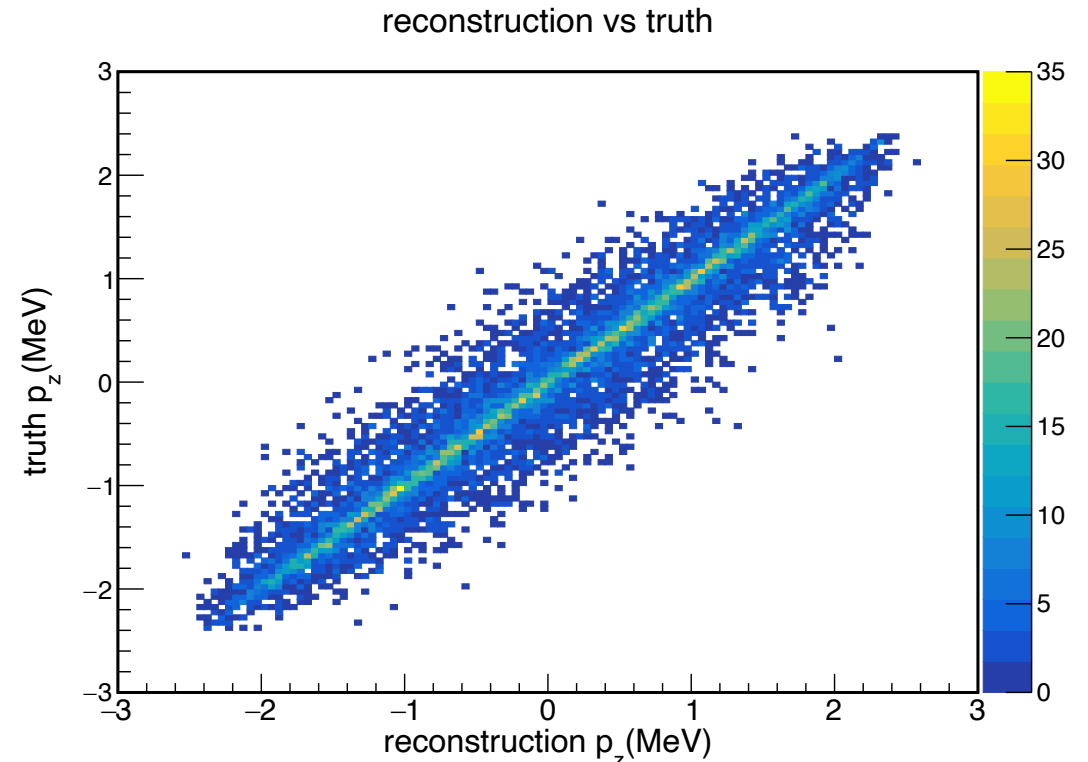
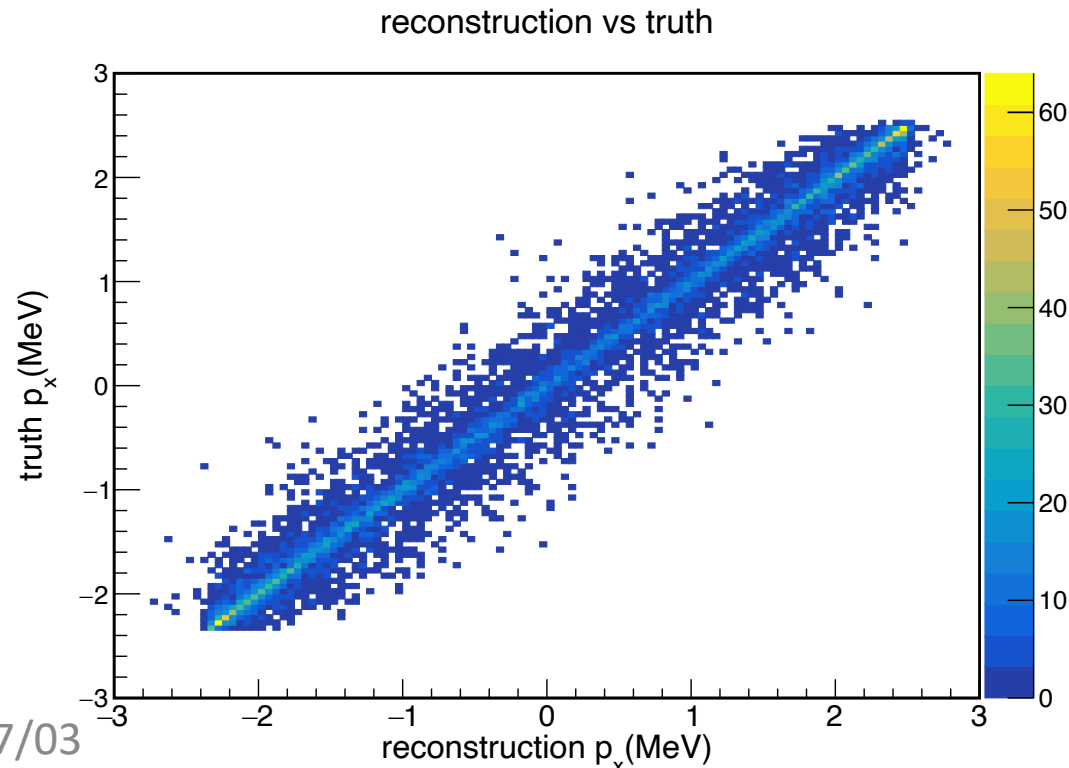
Reconstruction validation: based on truth P_τ



□ P_τ reconstruction: Kalman Kinematic Fit (BES)

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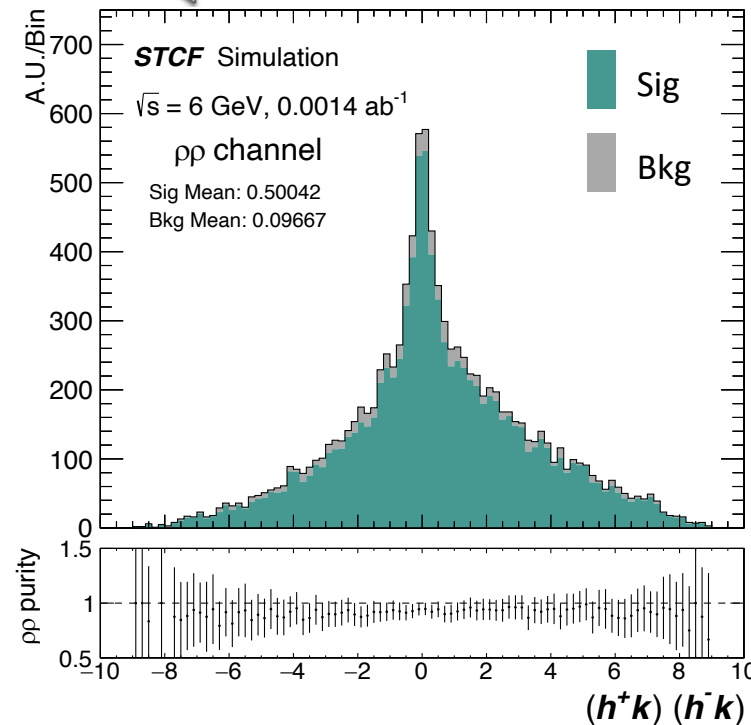
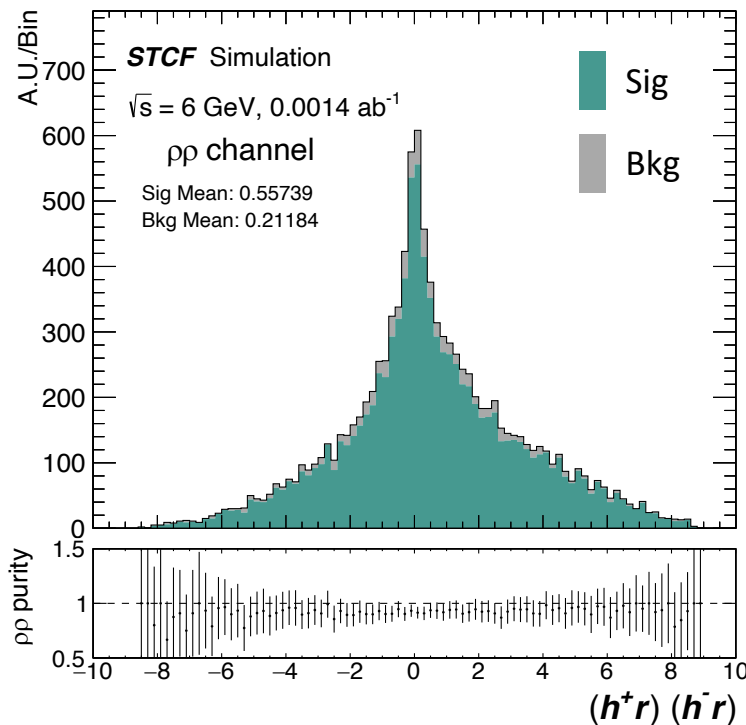
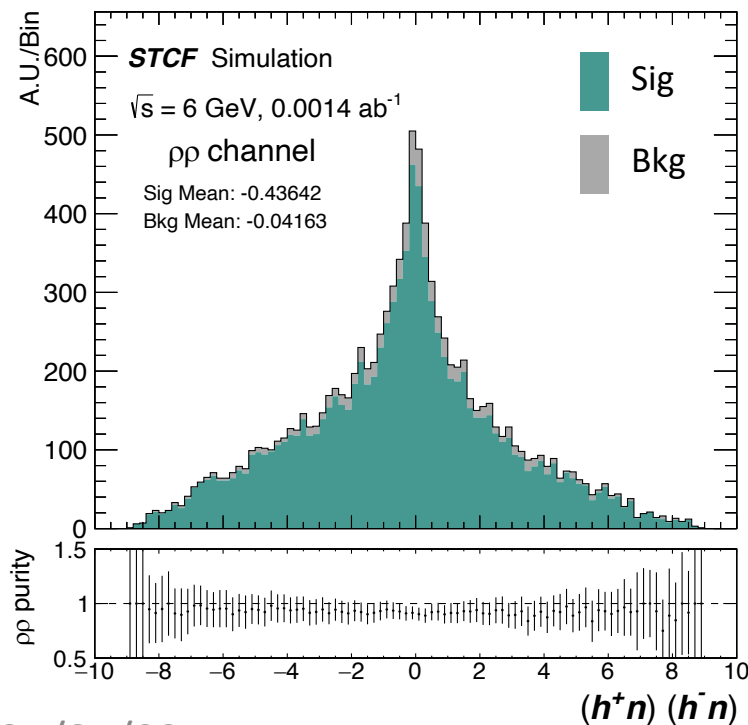
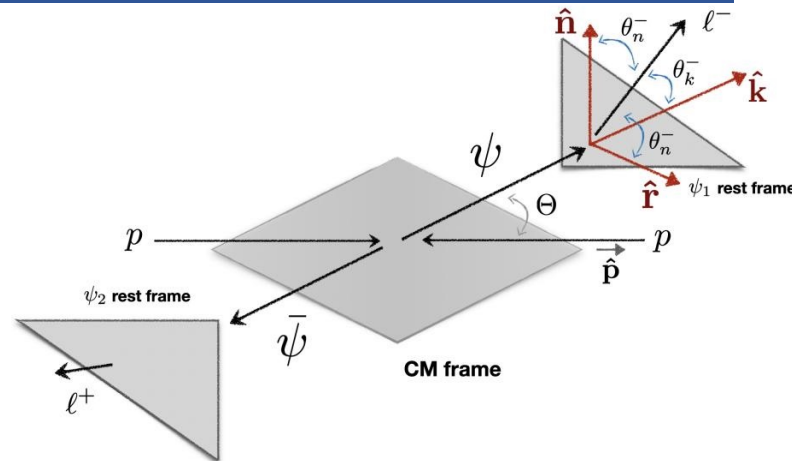
SDM Reconstruction



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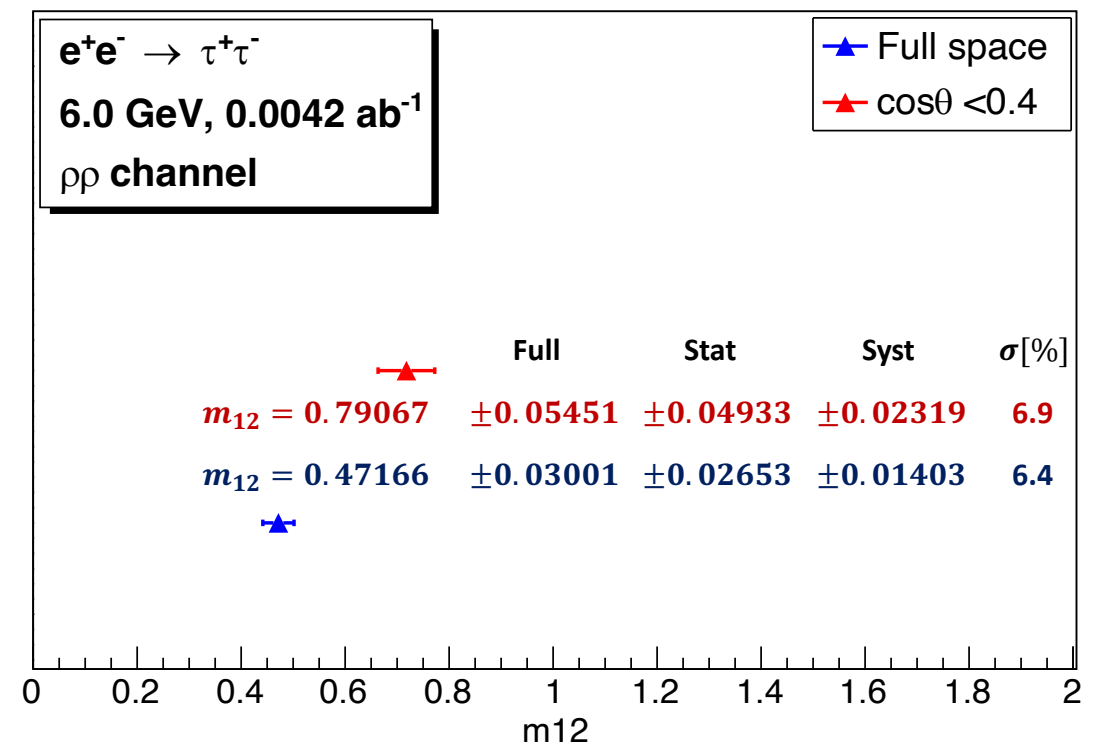
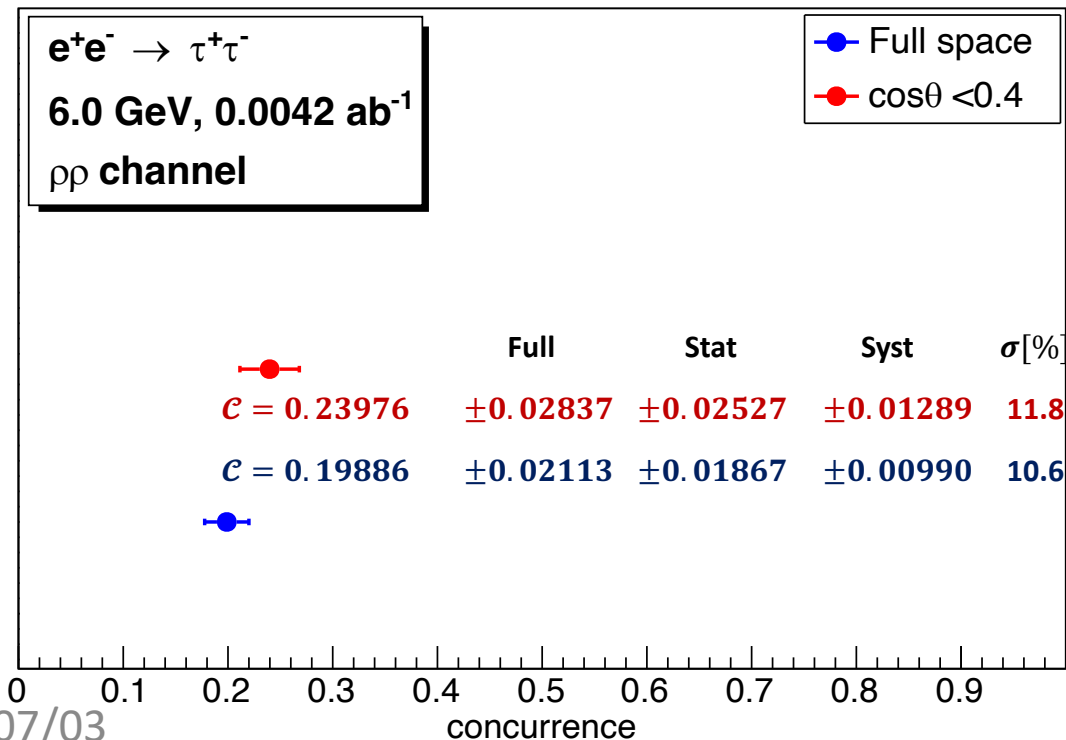
B_i^+ / B_j^- is spin polarization of $\tau^+ \tau^-$, C_{ij} is spin correlation matrix



Uncertainties and Systematics



- ❑ A sample of 10 million MC events with ISR under **Oscar** full detector simulation
- ❑ For systematics, we simulate the experimental resolution by randomly varying (“**smearing**”) the four-vectors of the charged and neutral particles produced in the τ decays before applying kinematic cut and fit
- ❑ We evaluated the statistical uncertainty via bootstrap method. Extend the sample to 100 million, the uncertainties σ will reaches **5%**



- ❑ The prospective value for tau pair concurrence under the STCF luminosity :

$$\mathcal{C} = 0.23976 \pm 0.02527[stat.] \pm 0.01289[syst.]$$

Promising for an witness ($>5\sigma$) of the entanglement

- ❑ For the **witness** m_{12}

$$m_{12} = 0.79067 \pm 0.04933[stat.] \pm 0.02319[syst.]$$

Still not enough to support violation of Bell's Inequality, we need:

- Higher event vertex resolution
- Higher reconstruction accuracy

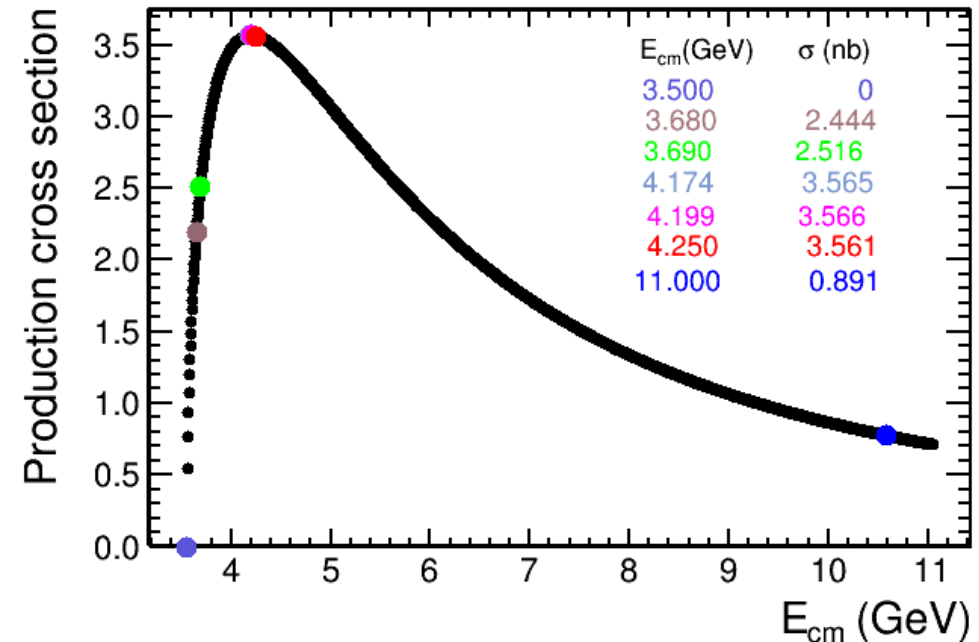
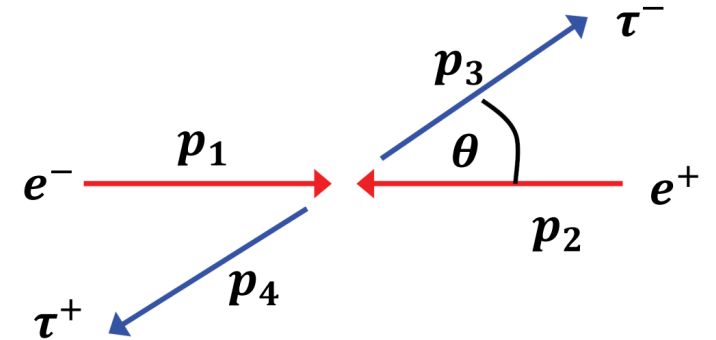
- ❑ **Use entanglement witness for search of tauonium**

BACKUP

τ -pair Production on STCF



- ❑ Cross section of τ -pair Production
- ❑ STCF: 2-7GeV event rate: $3.5 \times 10^9/y(4.26\text{GeV})$
- ❑ E_{cm}
 - 4.26GeV: highest $\sigma(\tau^+\tau^-)$
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τ -pair MC simulation



□ Tau pair production on STCF

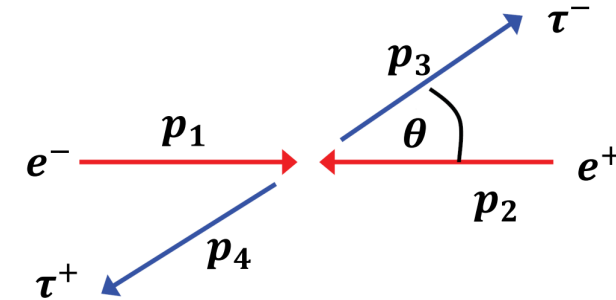
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□ Detector simulation (Fullsim + digi + reco)

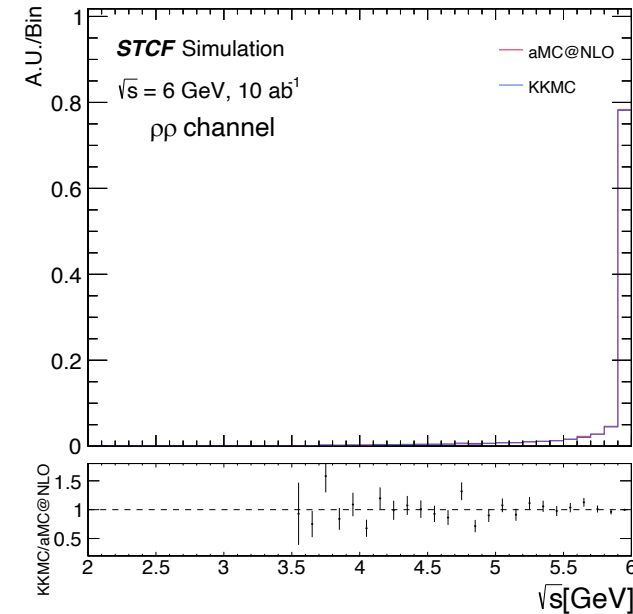
- **Oscar 2.6.2**

□ Background Simulation

- Considered different tau decay channel



$\tau^+\tau^-$ CME with ISR



τ -pair Production



□ Tau pair production on STCF

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- ✓ Considered ISR
- ✓ $\sqrt{s} = 6\text{GeV}, 0.0042\text{ab}^{-1}$

□ Considered ISR

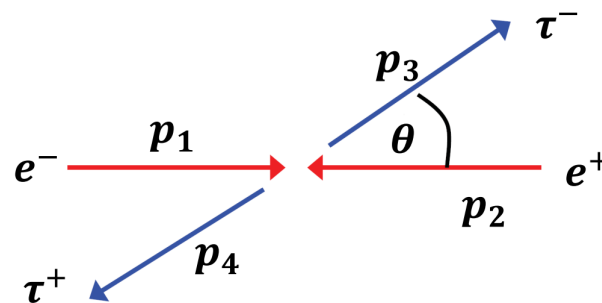
$\sqrt{s}$ (KKMC generator) Ratio: KKMC / aMC@NLO

□ Concurrence:

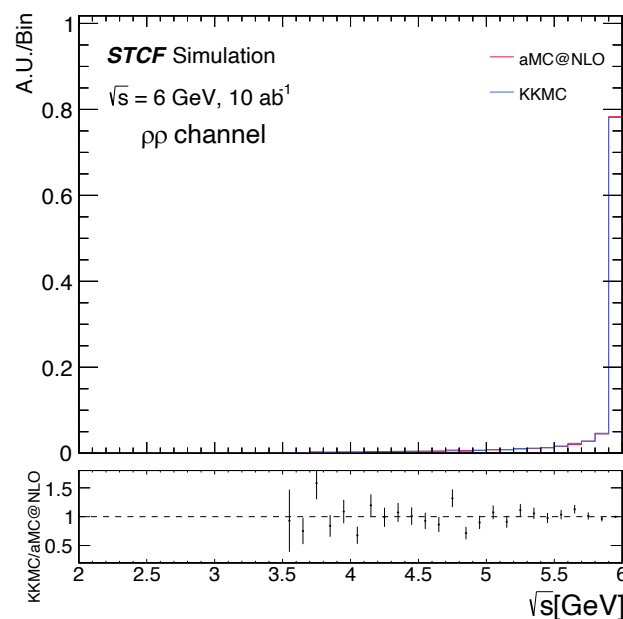
$$\mathcal{C}[\rho] = \frac{(s - 4m_\tau^2) \sin^2 \theta}{4m_\tau^2 \sin^2 \theta + s(\cos^2 \theta + 1)}$$

□ $m_{12}[C]$:

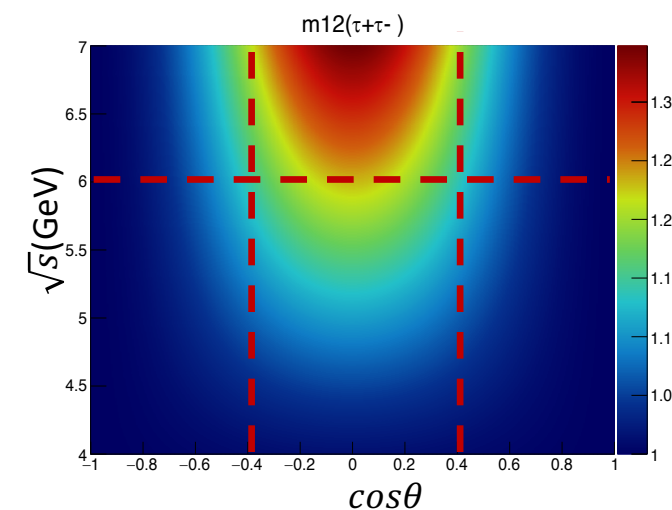
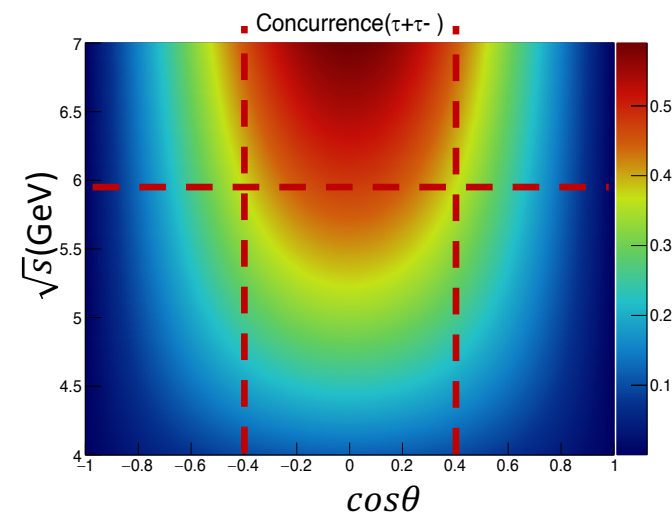
$$m_{12}[C] = 1 + \left(\frac{(s - 4m_\tau^2) \sin^2 \theta}{4m_\tau^2 \sin^2 \theta + s(\cos^2 \theta + 1)} \right)^2$$



$\tau^+ \tau^-$ CME with ISR



theoretical signal region



□ From Bo Wang

619 E.1 Input Variables

620 The input variables considered to distinguish γ from K_L^0 are listed:

- 621 • N_{hit} : the number of hitting crystals in EMC.
- 622 • E_{seed}/E_{3x3} : the ratio of energy deposited in the center crystal of the shower and energy deposited
623 in the 3x3 crystal around the center of the shower.
- 624 • E_{3x3}/E_{5x5} : the ratio of energy deposited in the 3x3 crystal and 5x5 crystal around the center of the
625 shower.
- 626 • A_{20} moment and A_{42} moment: the Zernike moment A_{nm} is defined as:

$$A_{n,m} = \left| \sum_i \frac{E_i}{E_{tot}} f_{n,m}(r_i/R_0) e^{im\phi} \right| \quad (3)$$

627 with $f_{2,0} = 2x^2 - 1$ and $f_{4,2} = 4x^4 - 3x^2$, i denotes the different crystals, E_i is the energy deposited
628 in the crystal and r_i is its distance from the shower center.

- 629 • secondary moment, which is defined as: $\sum_i E_i r_i^2 / \sum_i E_i$
- 630 • lateral moment, which is defined as: $\sum_{i=3}^n E_i r_i^2 / (E_1 r_0^2 + E_2 r_0^2 + \sum_{i=3}^n E_i r_i^2)$

631 The variables with low correlation coefficient as shown in Fig. 83 are chosen as the input parameters
632 such as N_{hit} , E_{seed}/E_{3x3} , E_{3x3}/E_{5x5} and A_{42} moment.