

STCF vertex and Kinematic fitting algorithms

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01 Motivation

part one

➤ Proposal of next-generation high-luminosity e^-e^+ collider—STCF

- BEPCII/BESIII is expected to complete its mission in 10 years

Achievements in XYZ states, exotics, and charm physics have brought China to the forefront of particle physics

- Further exploration of QCD tests, hadron spectroscopy and new physics beyond the SM

BesIII

peak luminosity: $1 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
center-of-mass energy: $2 \sim 4.6 \text{ GeV}$

STCF

peak luminosity: $0.5 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
center-of-mass energy: $2 \sim 7 \text{ GeV}$

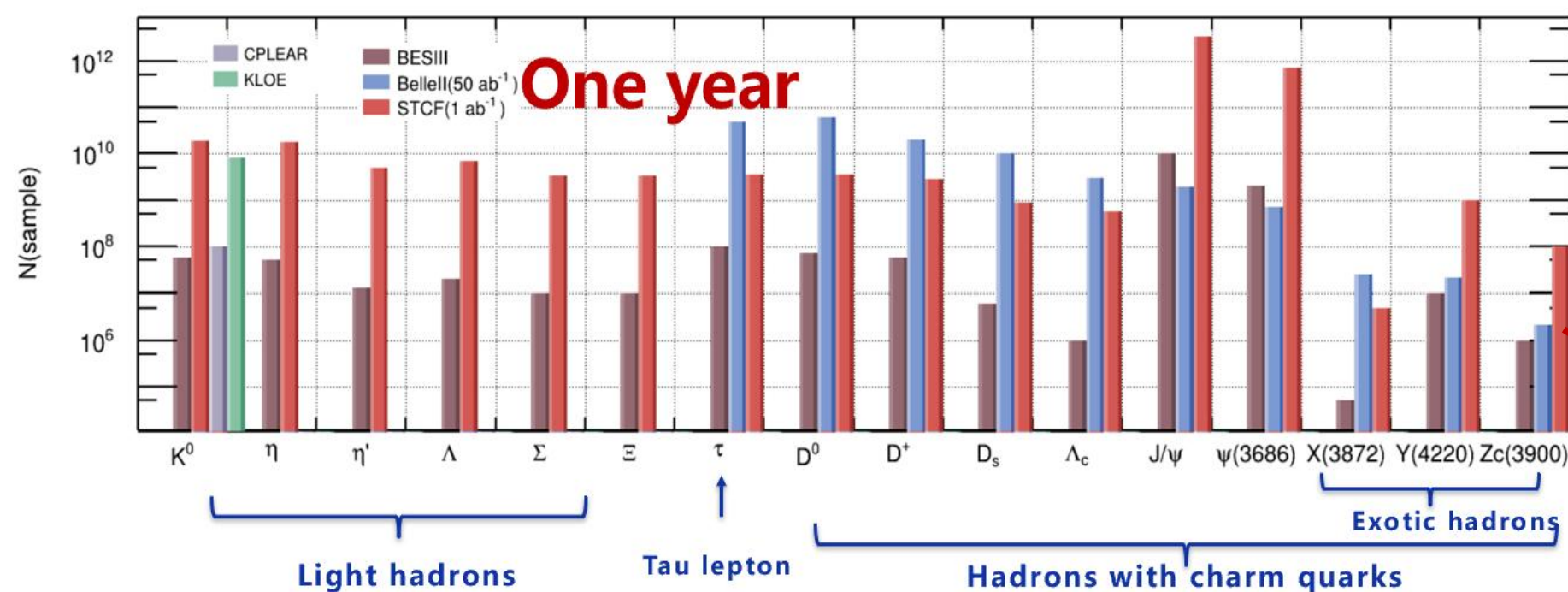


Figure.Expected Data Production at STCF

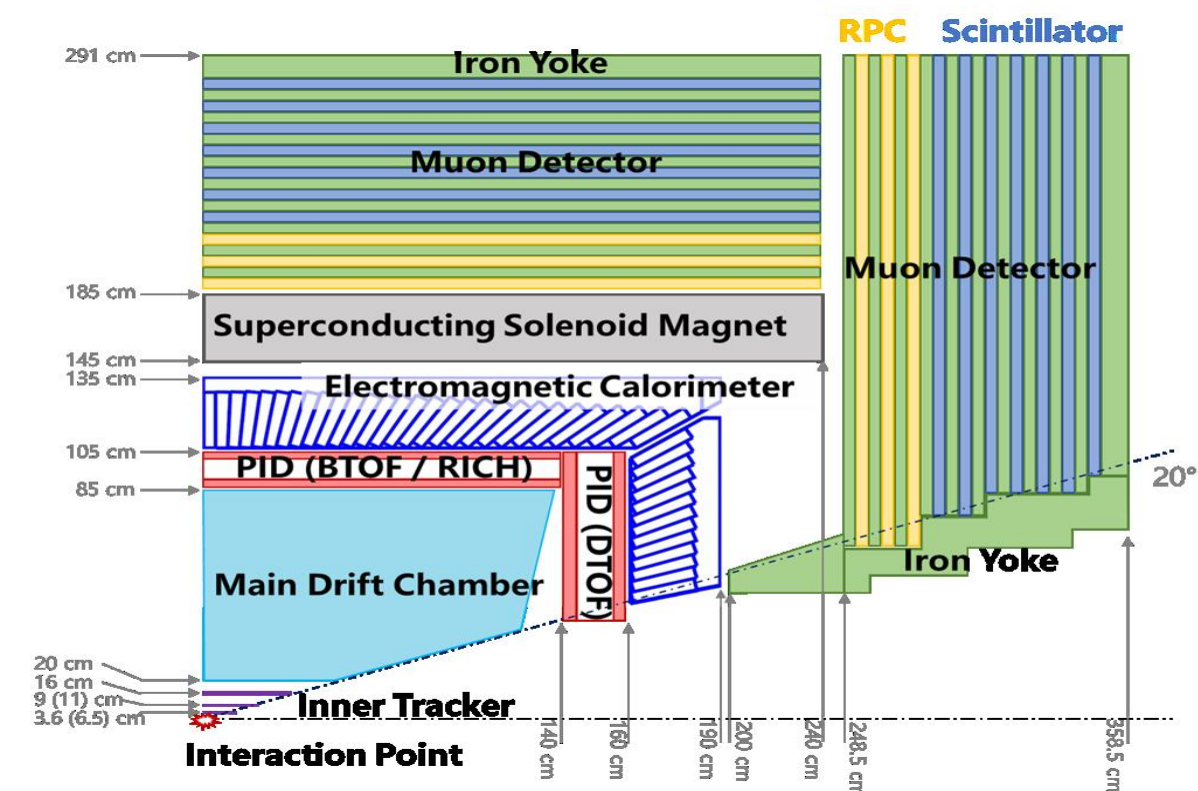


Figure.SuperTau-Charm Facility, STCF

➔ Enable explore a broader range of physical topics and more precise tests

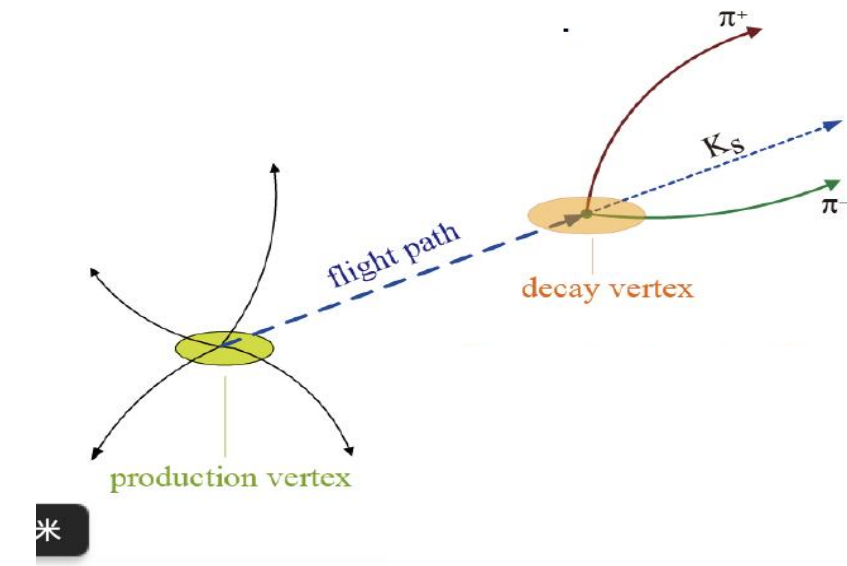
➤ **Key features of STCF**

High-statistics + High-precision + High-background \longrightarrow Challenge for data processing

Accurate signal reconstruction and selection is essential for physical analysis, relying heavily on high performance analysis tools like vertexing and kinematic fitting

➤ **Vertex fit —leaf-by-leaf fitting: plays an important role in event reconstruction**

- **Vertex fit:** Charged tracks from the same parent are constrained to a common vertex
 - ① Optimize track parameters
 - ② Precise reconstruction of intermediate particle
 - ③ Suppress fake tracks in tracking
- **Second vertex fit:** Precision lifetime measurement of intermediate particles
 - ① Optimizes intermediate particle parameter
 - ② Suppresses backgrounds



➤ Kinematic fit

Use physical laws to constraint the decay process

- ① Improve the resolution of particle parameters
- ② Suppresses background

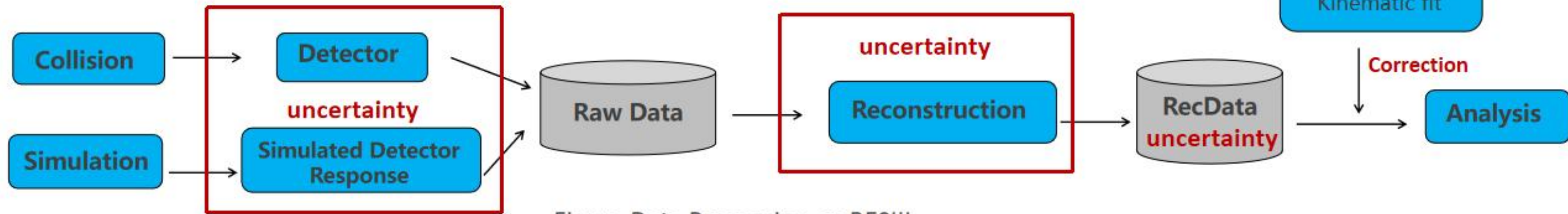


Figure.Data Processing on BESIII

Implemented in BESIII and demonstrate excellent performance !

➤ Limitations of VertexFit Package

- Leaf-by-leaf vertex fit is not applicable for neutrals
- Each decay vertex is fitted separately
- Separate steps for vertex fit and kinematic fit

(Long-Lived Particles) $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow P\gamma$

(assumed to originate from the collision point)

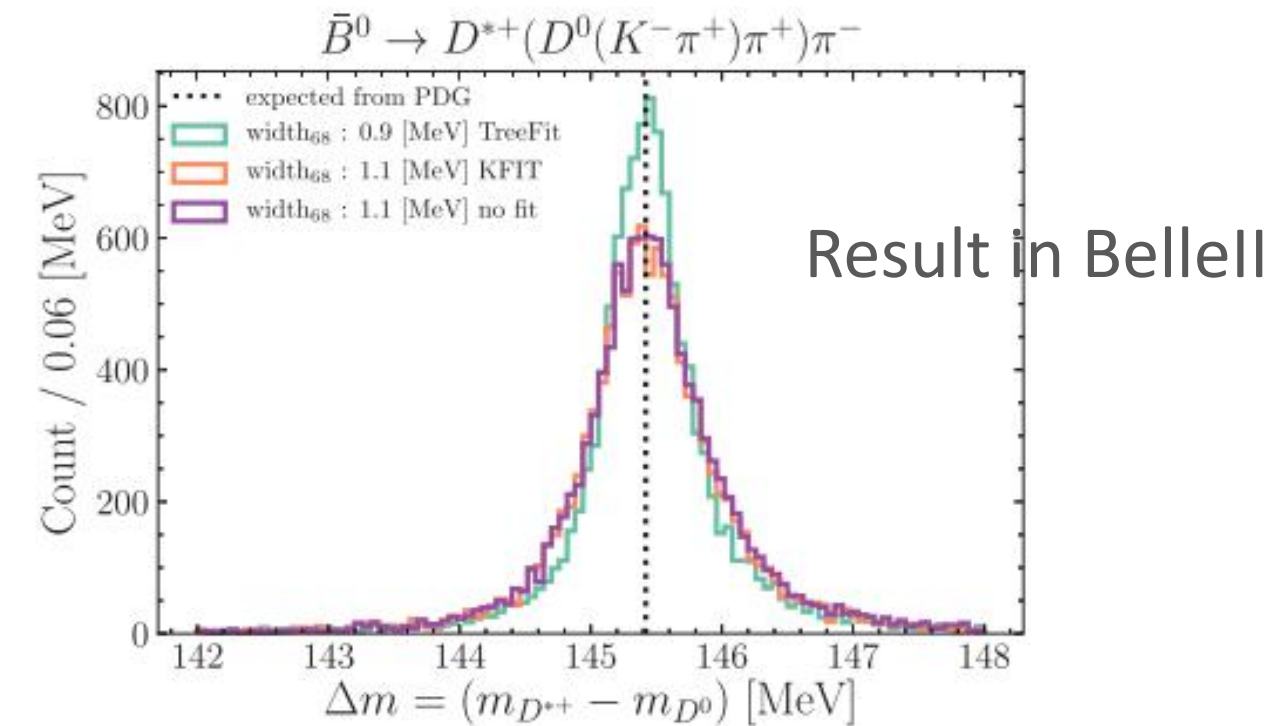
➤ Global Vertex Fit in Belle II

Developed based on Kalman filter

- Construct a global state vector
- Perform vertex fit and kinematic fit simultaneously

➤ Vertexing and kinematic fitting tools in STCF

Both are indispensable component for physical analysis



(KFit: Leaf-by-leaf vertex fit & kinematic fit; TreeFit: Performs global vertex fit)

Tool(implemented)		Method	Ref
offline/Analysis/VertexFit	Vertex fit	Lagrange multipliers	BESIII
	Kinematic fit	Lagrange multipliers & Kalman Filter	BESIII
offline/Analysis/GlobalVertexFit	Global vertex fit	Kalman Filter	BelleII

Do some modifications, but core methods remain unchanged !

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Method

part two

➤ **Main objectives of VertexFit & Global vertex fit is to find the optimal set of physical parameters**

- **Least Squares Method**

Estimate parameters by minimizing the sum of squared differences between measured values and theoretical predictions.

$$\chi^2 = (X - X_0)^T V^{-1} (X - X_0) = \min$$

(X – measured values)
(X_0 – theoretical predictions)

The Method cannot handle constrained cases

- **The Constrained Least Squares Method**

- Lagrange multipliers method
- Kalman filter method

Incorporating constraints into the least squares method, both of them demonstrates excellent performance in constrained problems

- Use Lagrange multipliers (λ) to convert a constrained least squares problem (n variables, m constraints) into unconstrained one with (n + m) variables.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \chi^2 = (X - X_0)^T V^{-1} (X - X_0) = \min \\ h(X) = 0, \text{ where } h = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m) \end{array} \right\} \chi^2 = (X - X_0)^T V_0^{-1} (X - X_0) + 2\lambda^T h(X) = \min$$

(V^{-1} : Covariance Matrix of Parameters)

($h(X)$ – constraint equations)

- **State vector solution**

- Minimizing the Chi-Square

Differentiate χ^2 with respect to X and λ

$$\frac{d\chi^2}{dX} = 0, \quad \frac{d\chi^2}{d\lambda} = 0$$

$X_0 \rightarrow X(\text{optimal parameter})$

- **Nonlinear constraints complicate the solution; Taylor expansion is applied to linearize them**

Iteration

$$h(X) = h(X_{\alpha-1}) + H(X - X_{\alpha-1}), \quad H = -\frac{\partial h(X)}{\partial X}$$

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$$\frac{d\chi^2}{dX} = (X_\alpha - X_{\alpha-1})^T V_{\alpha-1}^{-1} (X_\alpha - X_{\alpha-1}) + 2\lambda^T h(X_\alpha) = 0$$

- **Solution of state vector**

$$X_\alpha = X_{\alpha-1} - V_0 H^T \lambda, \quad \lambda = V_D h(X_\alpha)$$

$$V_D = (H V_0 H^T)^{-1}$$

(Large state vector directly leads to high computational cost)

- **Recursive estimation of particle states under uncertainties and constraints, with optimal parameters and error matrix output.**

$$\chi^2 = (X_\alpha - X_{\alpha-1})^T C_{\alpha-1}^{-1} (X_\alpha - X_{\alpha-1}) + (m - h(X_\alpha))^T V_m^{-1} (m - h(X_\alpha)) = \min$$

($C_{\alpha-1}^{-1}$: Covariance Matrix of Parameters) (V^{-1} : Measurement covariance matrix) ($m - h(X_\alpha)$: Residual)

Matrix inversion depends on the constraint dimension, greatly reducing the computational cost

- **State vector solution**
- Minimizing the Chi-Square
Differentiate χ^2 with respect to X

$$\frac{d\chi^2}{dX} = 0$$

$X_0 \rightarrow X(\text{optimal parameter})$

- **Linear approximation:**

$$h(X) = h(X_{\alpha-1}) + H(X - X_{\alpha-1})$$

$$(X_\alpha - X_{\alpha-1})^T C_{\alpha-1}^{-1} (X_\alpha - X_{\alpha-1}) + (m - h(X_\alpha))^T V_m^{-1} (m - h(X_\alpha)) = 0$$

- **Solution of the state vector**

$$X_\alpha = X_{\alpha-1} - K_\alpha r_\alpha,$$

($K_\alpha = C_{\alpha-1} H_\alpha^{-1} R_\alpha^{-1}$ – Kalman gain matrix)

($r_\alpha = m - h(X_\alpha)$ – Residual)

($R_\alpha = V + H_\alpha^{-1} C_{\alpha-1} (H_\alpha^{-1})^T$ – residual covariance matrix)

Iteration

➤ Two feature of Kalman Filter in Global Vertex Fit

• Global state vector:

Incorporate all particles' information

improving stability and accuracy of the fit

Final-state particle: (p_x, p_y, p_z)

Intermediate particle

Resonance: (p_x, p_y, p_z, E)

Long-lived: $(x, y, z, \theta, p_x, p_y, p_z, E)$

• Sequential Constraint Integration

During each iteration, constraints are applied in a predefined sequence

$$\chi_\alpha^2 = \sum_k \chi_k^2, \quad (\alpha: \text{the } \alpha\text{-th iteration, } k: \text{the } k\text{-th constraint})$$

$$\chi_k^2 = (X_k - X_{k-1})^T C_{k-1}^{-1} (X_k - X_{k-1}) + (m_k - h_k(X_k))^T V_k^{-1} (m_k - h_k(X_k))$$

Vertex constraint and kinematic constraints can be performed simultaneously within one iteration.

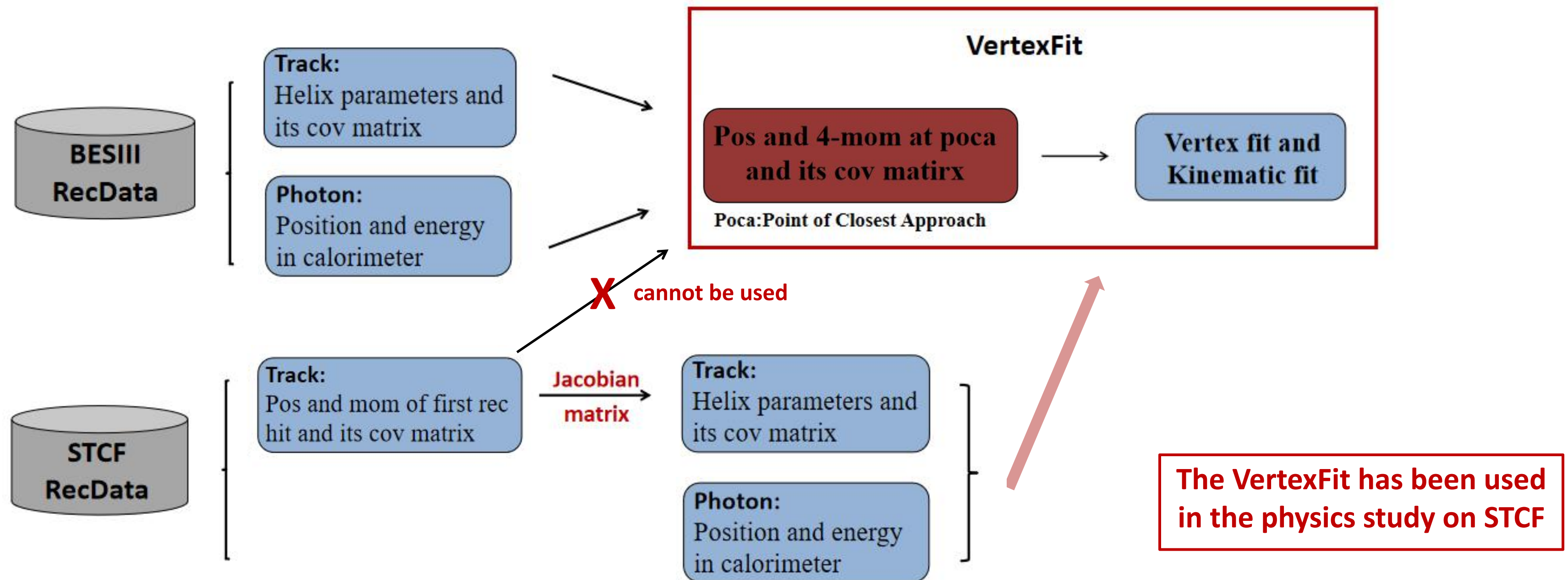
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part three

Implementation in STCF

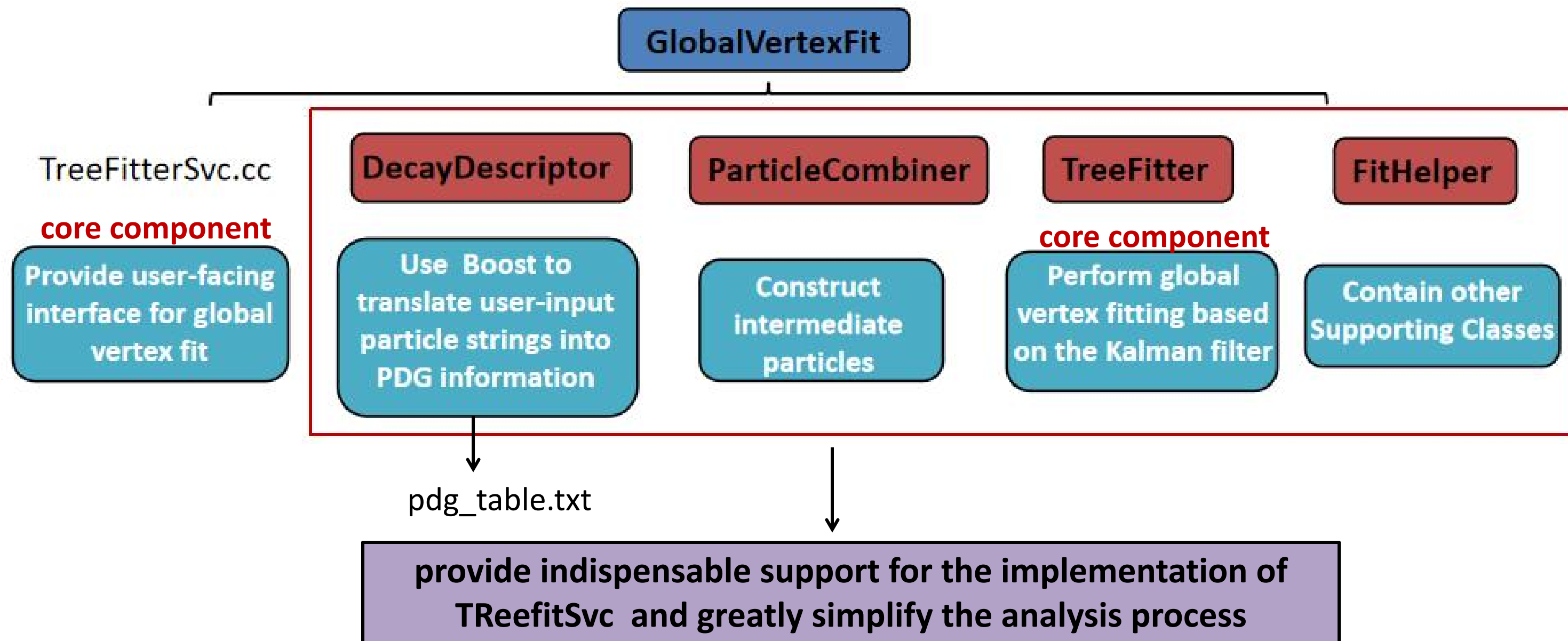
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04 Performance

part four

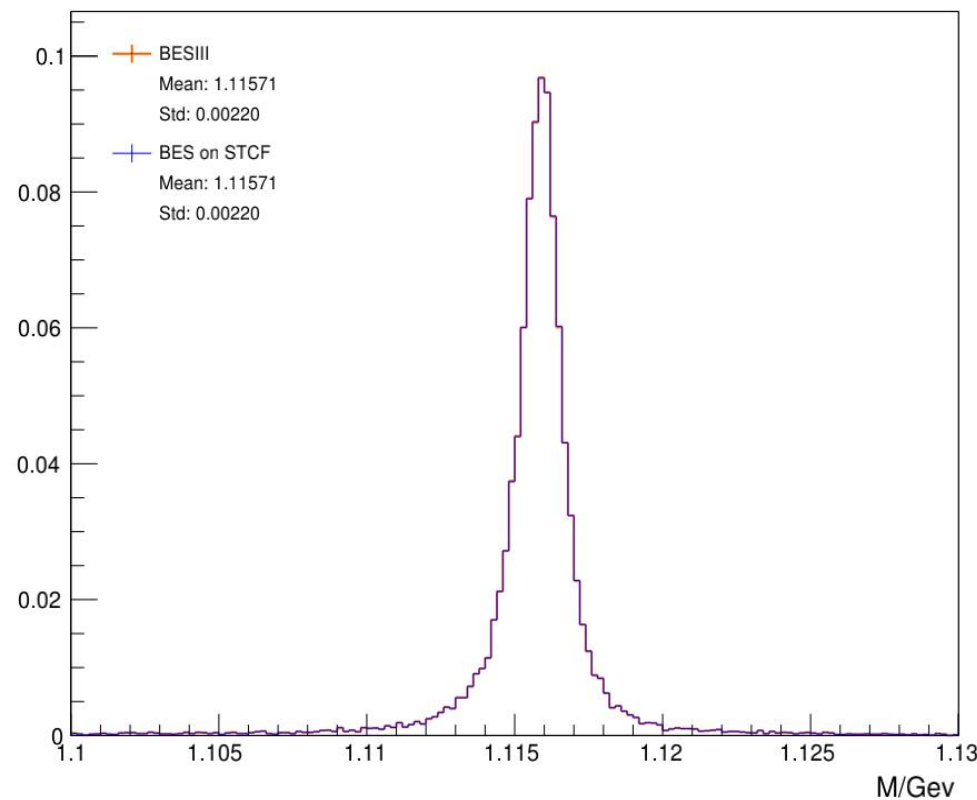
➤ VertexFit performance

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow (p\pi^-)(\bar{p}\pi^+)$$

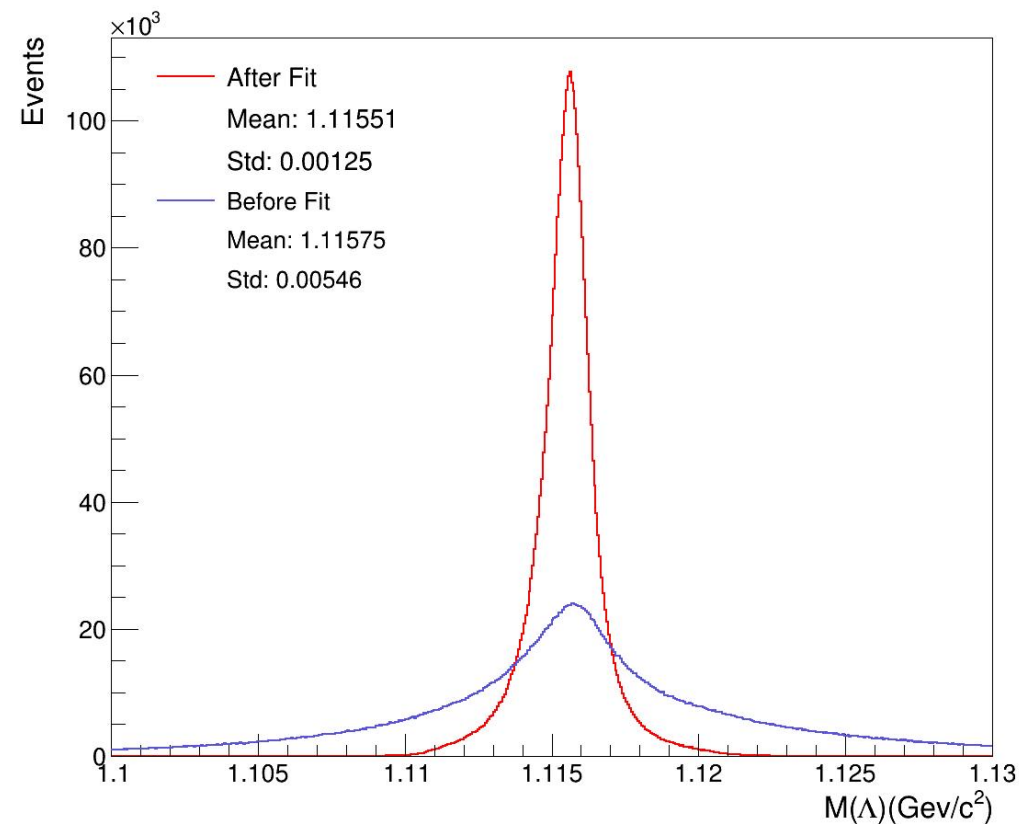
Proves a successful
migration of our algorithm.

- To confirm the accuracy of migration:
Data that successfully fitted in BESIII are input to STCF---consistent result
- VertexFit algorithm shows good performance on STCF

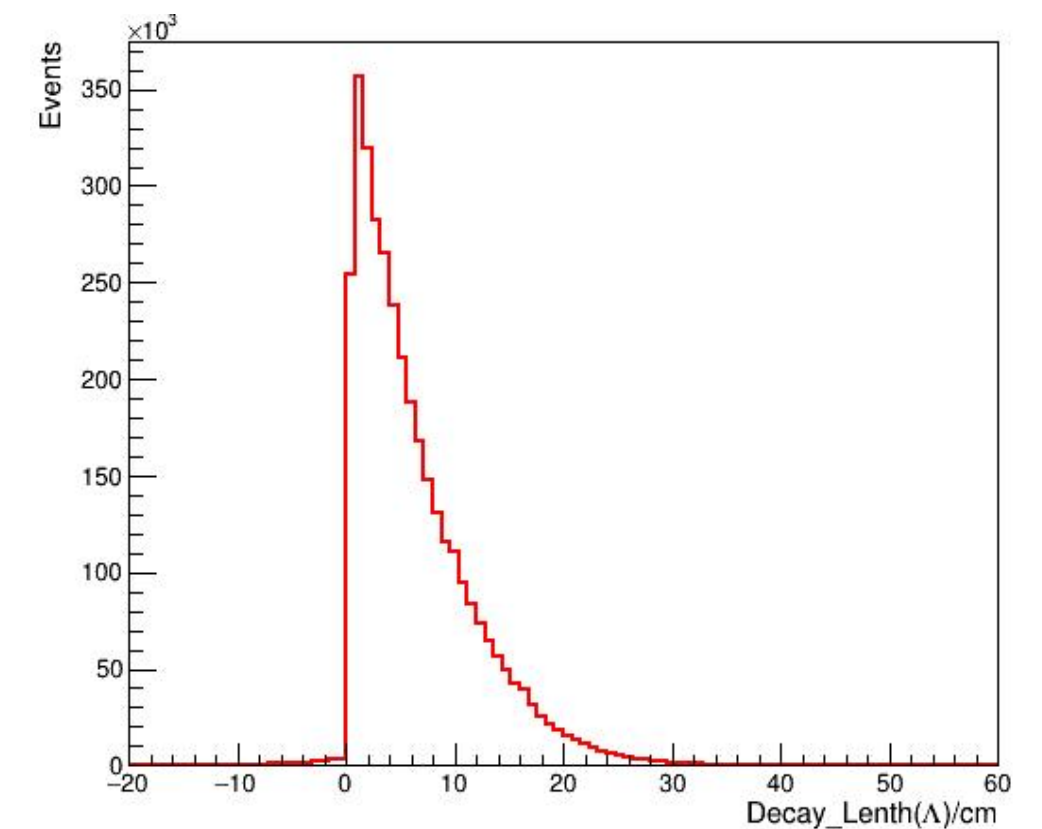
➤ Invariant Mass of Λ (use BESIII data)



➤ Invariant Mass of Λ



➤ DecayLength of Λ



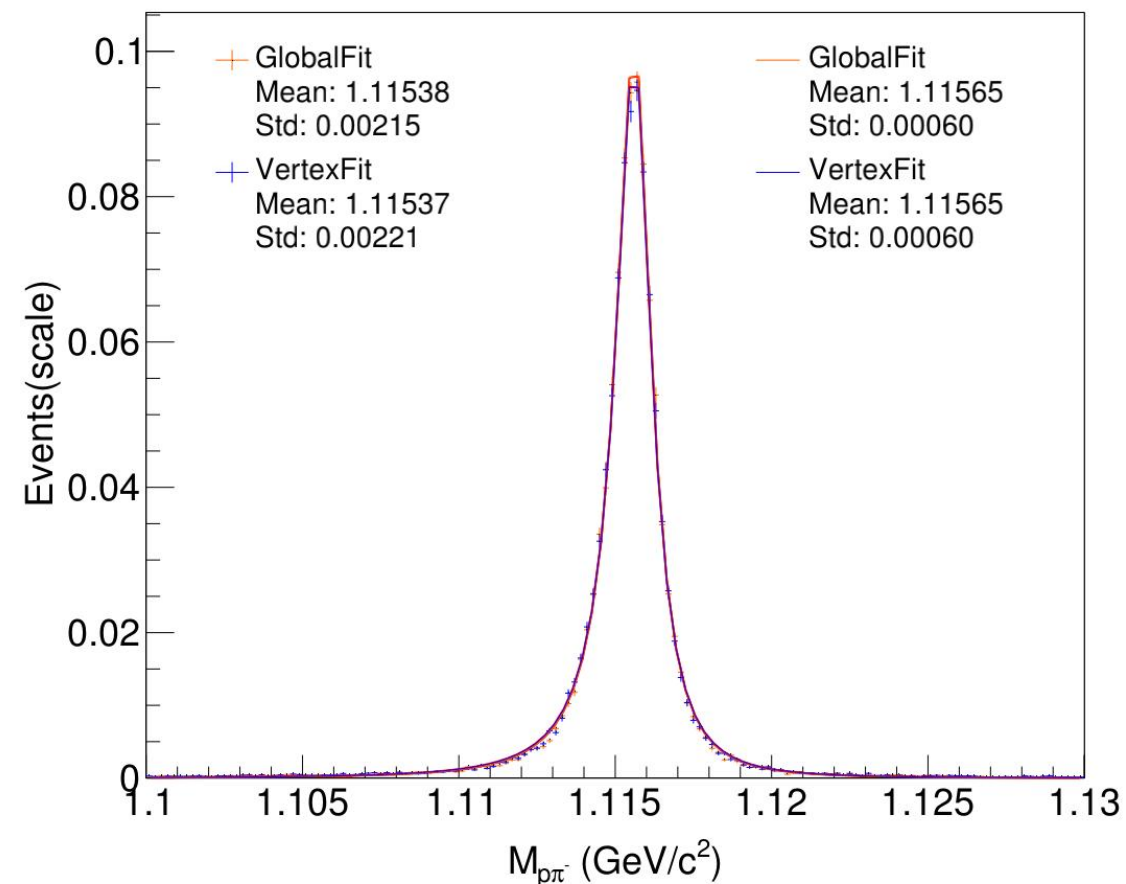
➤ GlobalVertexFit performance based on different physics processes

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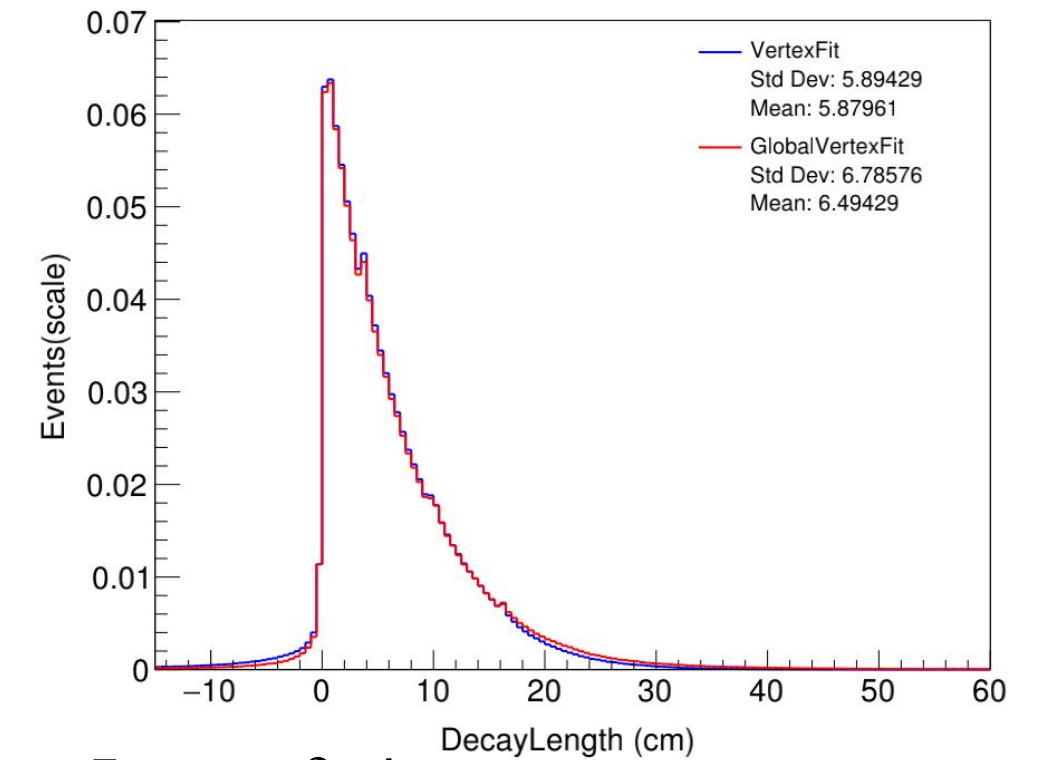
VertexFit: 42.922% vs GlobalVertexFit 44.079%

slight improvement in the mass resolution and 1% increase in efficiency

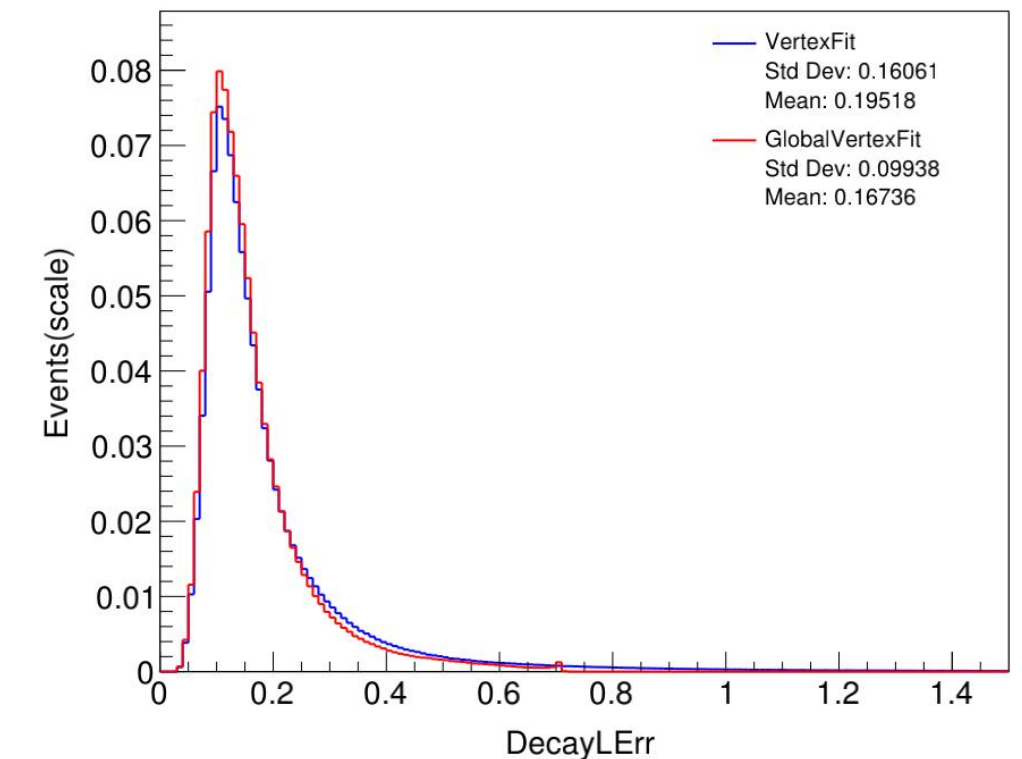
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➤ DecayLength of Λ



➤ DecayLerr of Λ



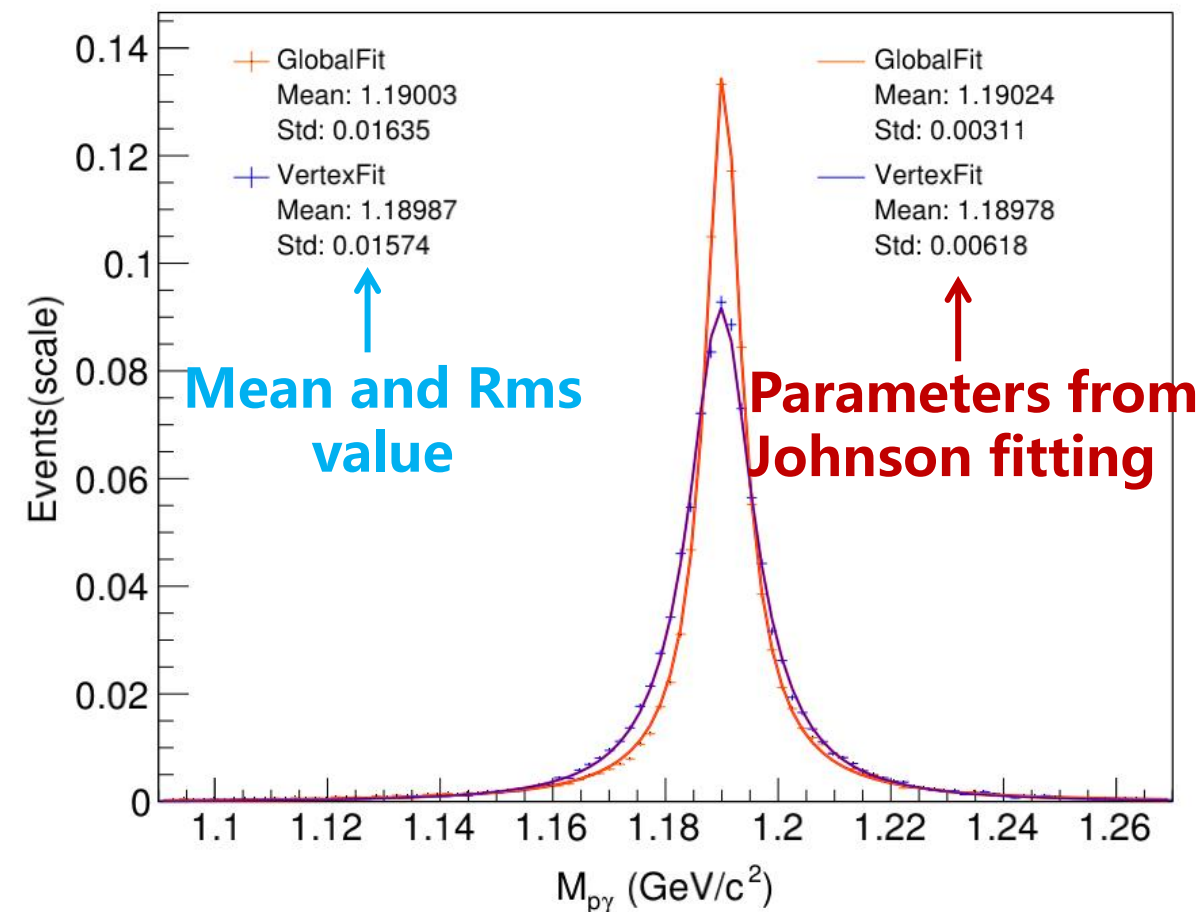
➤ Global Vertex Fitting performance based on different physics processes

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^+(Pr)\bar{\Sigma}(\pi_0(rr)\bar{P})$$

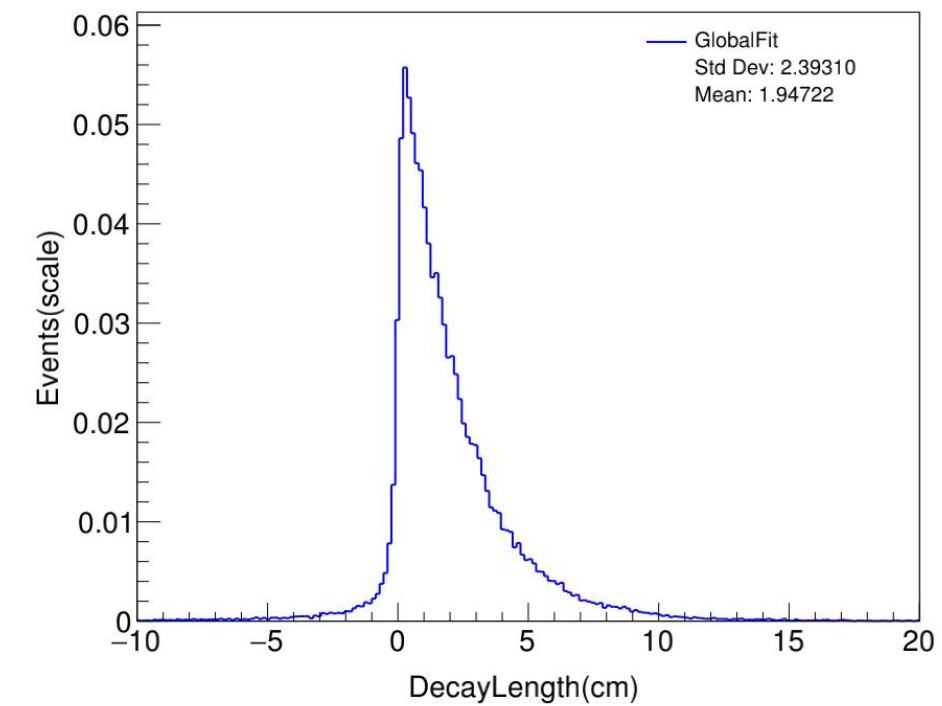
VertexFit: 66.64% vs GlobalVertexFit 69.44%

significant improvement in both mass resolution and efficiency(3%)

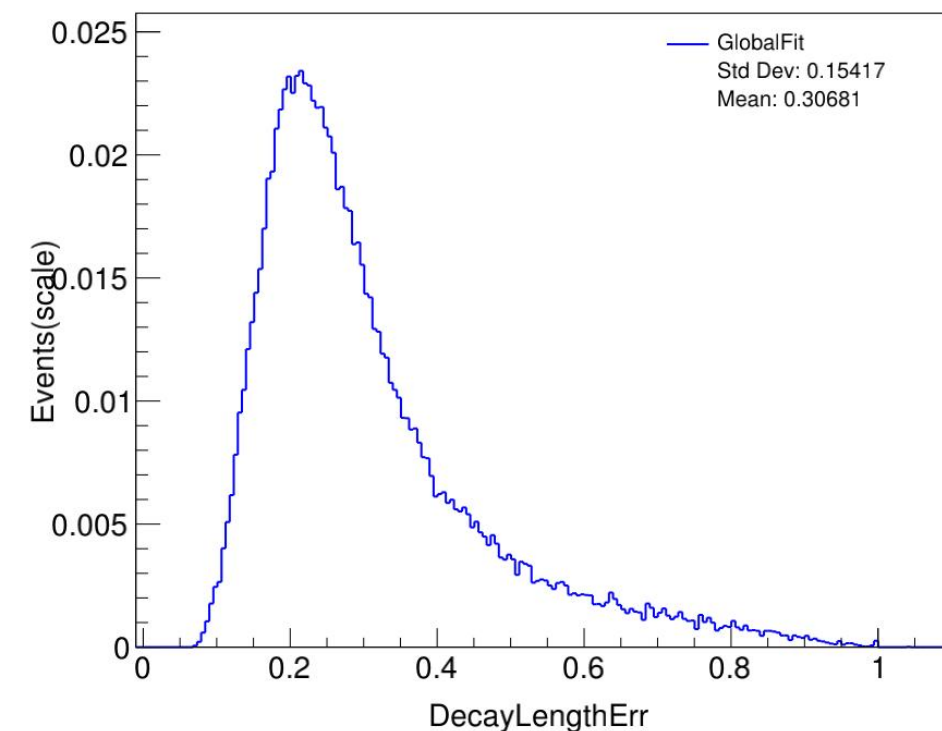
➤ Invariant Mass of Σ^+



➤ DecayLength of Σ^+



➤ DecayLerr of Σ^+



VertexFit cannot achieve this

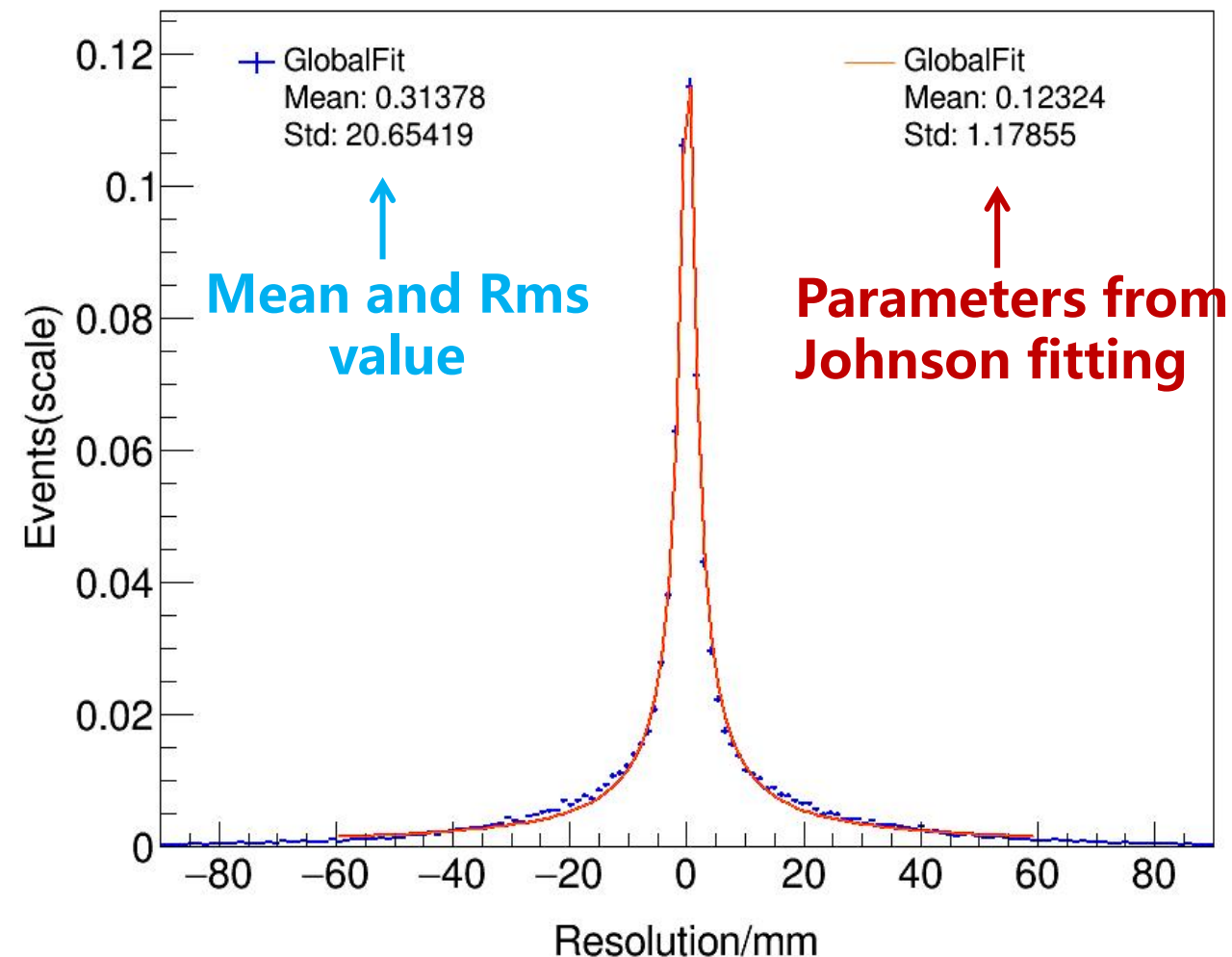
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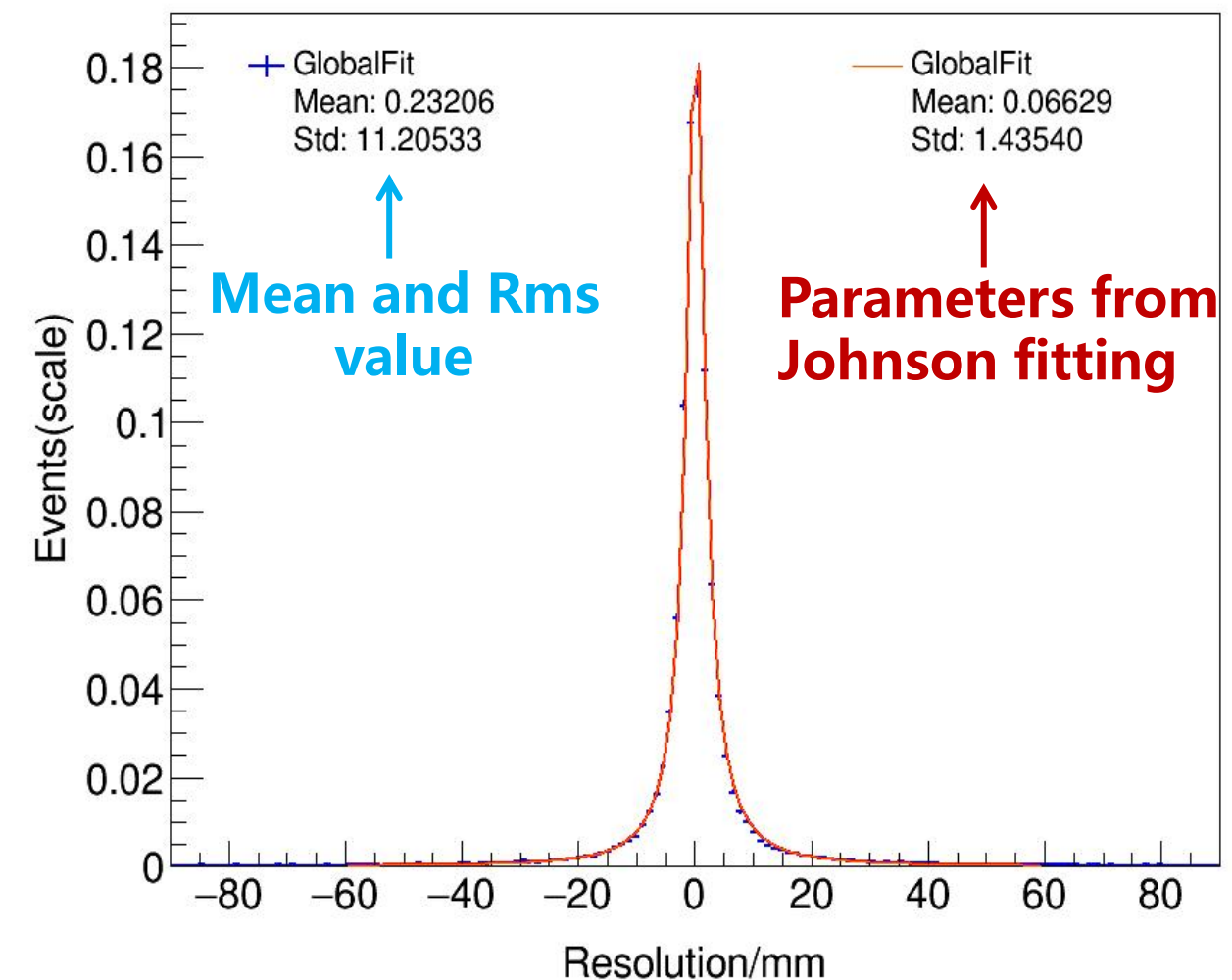
- To test the accuracy of fitted DecayL:
Compare it with MCTruth (MC - Fitted)

GlobalVertexFit shows good performance on STCF and demonstrate its unique advantages in integrating particle informations

➤ DecayLength Resolution of Σ^+



➤ DecayLength Resolution of $\bar{\Sigma}$



05 Summary

part five

- Vertexing and kinematic fit are very important tools for physics analysis
 - We have implemented both vertexing and kinematic fitting algorithms for STCF by learning from BESIII and BelleII
 - VertexFit---BESIII:
Lagrange multiplier/Kalman filter-based Vertex fit and Kinematic fit
 - GlobalVertexFit---BelleII:
Kalman filter-based GlobalVertexFit
- Dedicated performance study have been done, the results show they are in good shape
- Further study and optimization is ongoing



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➤ Global Vertex Fit Strategy for Neutral Particles

$$\underbrace{(p_x, p_y, p_z)}_p, \underbrace{(p_x, p_y, p_z)}_\gamma, \underbrace{(x, y, z, \theta, p_x, p_y, p_z, E)}_{\Sigma^+}$$

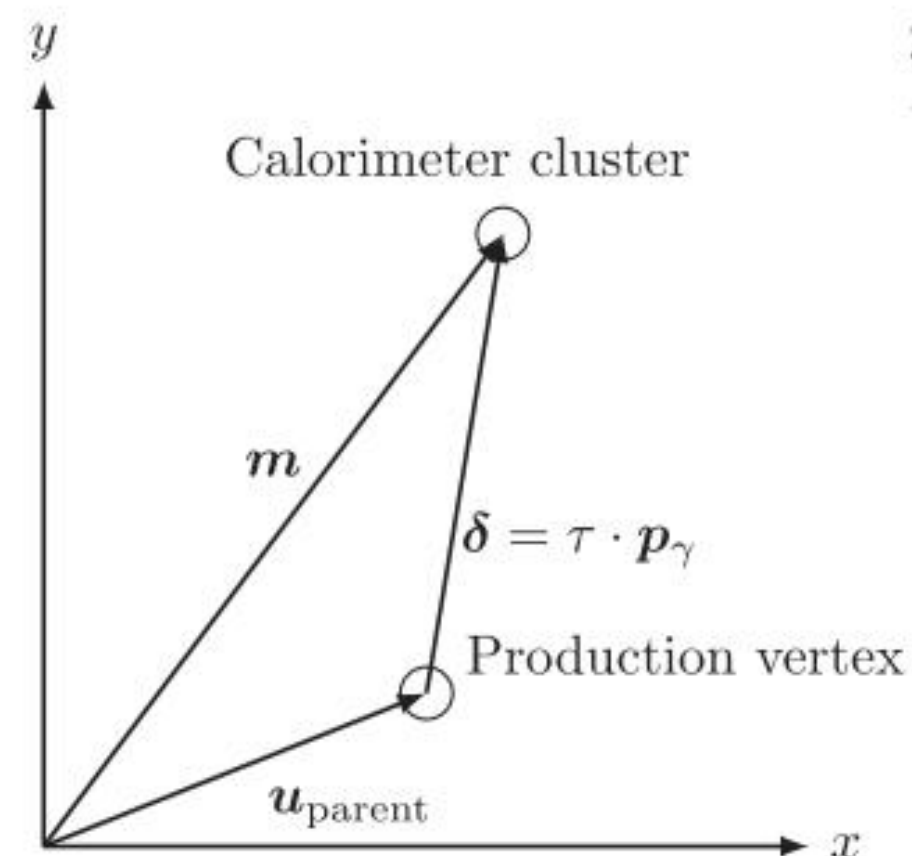
• Constraint Application Order

① track

Update the momentum and vertex position of charged particles based on reconstructed track information

② photo

Update the photon momentum using the vertex information refined by the track update..



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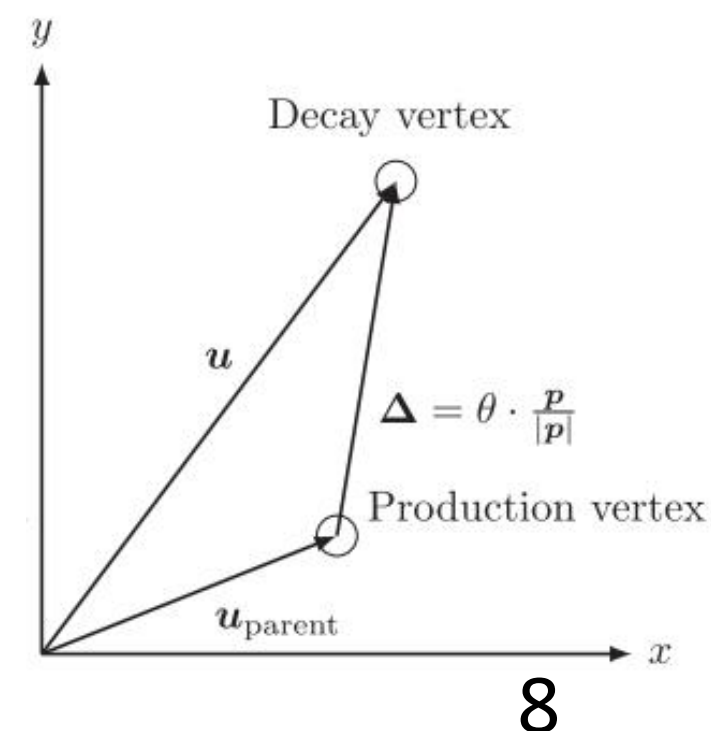
- **Decay Vertex:**

Global vertex fitting uses a geometric method to compute the initial decay vertex:

- If two or more charged tracks exist, the two with highest momentum are selected, and their point of closest approach in 3D space is calculated as the initial decay vertex.
- This vertex is further refined during fitting with additional constraints.

- **decay length θ**

The decay length is extracted using a vector triangle based on the decay geometry.



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➤ Equations of Helical Motion for charged particles

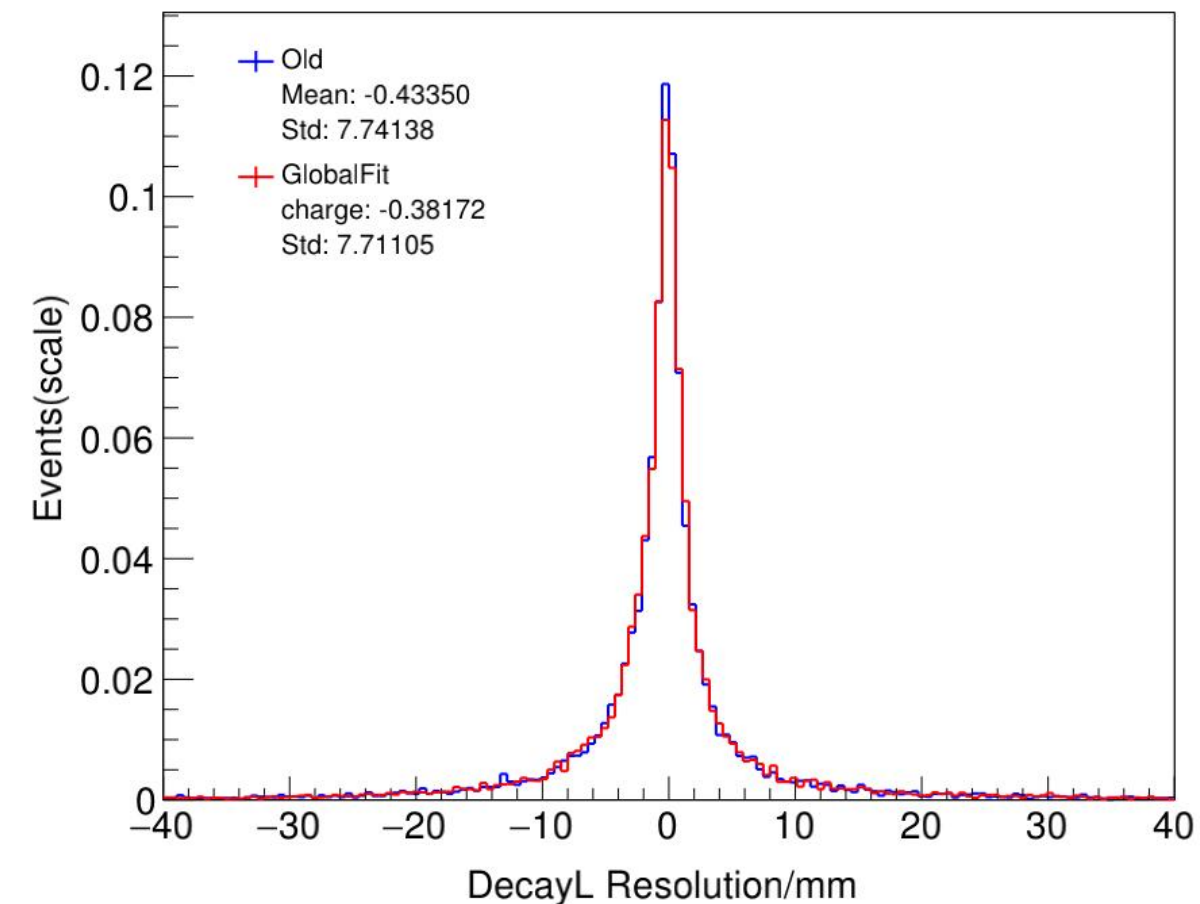
$$J/\psi \rightarrow \Xi^- (\Lambda(p\pi^-)\pi^-) \bar{\Xi}^+ (\bar{\Lambda}(\bar{p}\pi^+)\pi^+)$$

带电粒子是螺旋线运动方程:

$$\begin{aligned} x_p - x_d + \frac{p_x}{a} \sin(a c \tau / m) + \frac{p_y}{a} (1 - \cos(a c \tau / m)) &= 0, \\ y_p - y_d + \frac{p_y}{a} \sin(a c \tau / m) - \frac{p_x}{a} (1 - \cos(a c \tau / m)) &= 0, \\ z_p - z_d + \frac{p_z}{m} c \tau &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

GlobalVertexFit algorithm

➤ DecayLength Resolution of Ξ^-



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1.2.1 Include necessary headerfile

```
#include "GlobalVertexFit/TreeFitterSvc.h"
```

1.2.2 Create TreeFitterSvc and Initialize

```
SniperPtr<TreeFitterSvc> _svc(getParent(), "TreeFitterSvc");  
m_TreeFitterSvc = _svc.data();
```

```
//create final state particlelist
```

The input string is passed in the form of "name:label", the name must match the definitions in the ROOT `pdg_table.txt`, and the label can be named arbitrarily

```
m_TreeFitterSvc->fillParticleList("pi+:loose");
```

```
//create intermediate-state particlelist
```

The second string describes the decay process you want to construct, and the daughter particles' particlelist must be constructed before.

The third parameter specifies the mass cut to be applied to the intermediate particles before fitting, and it can be an empty string.

The last parameter indicates whether to construct its antiparticle.

```
m_TreeFitterSvc->reconstructDecay(0,"Lambda0:ppi->proton:loose1pi+:loose", "0.9<M<1.32",  
true)
```

1.2.3 Start GlobalVertexFit

```
//The reconstruction information is stored in the form of (ReconstructedParticle,  
PDGCode)
```

```
m_RPar.clear();  
m_RPar.emplace_back(ReconstructedParticle,PDGCode);
```

```
//Start GlobalVertexFit  
m_TreeFitterSvc->init();
```

```
m_TreeFitterSvc->setCustomOrigin(0,0,0);//set vertex and err  
m_TreeFitterSvc->setCustomOriginCovariance(a,b,c);  
m_TreeFitterSvc->transtoParticle(m_RPar);
```

```
m_TreeFitterSvc->constructParticle(i);//construct intermediate particle
```

```
bool okfit = m_TreeFitterSvc->treeFit();//GlobalVertexFit  
if(!okfit) return true;
```

1.2.4 Other method in GlobalVertexFit

```
//Get all particles in decaytree
```

```
const std::vector<Particle> Particles = m_TreeFitterSvc->getParticle();
```

```
//Get Headparticle List(like jpsi),it store the index of head particle in Particles
```

```
const ParticleList* Headlist = m_TreeFitterSvc->getHeadList();
```

```
/*headpar is the head of decay chain like jpsi*/
```

```
/*The headpar and particle mentioned below are both objects of the Particle class*/
```

```
//Get chisq after fit
```

```
double chi = headpar.getExtraInfo("chiSquared");
```

```
//Get daughter i or get daughter index
```

```
const Particle* daughteri = particle.getDaughter(i);
```

```
const std::vector<int>& daughterindice = particle.getDaughterIndices();
```

```
//Get 4mom
```

```
ROOT::Math::PxPyPzEVector mom4 = particle.get4Vector();
```

```
//Get decaylength and err
```

```
double decayl = particle.getExtraInfo("decayLength");
```

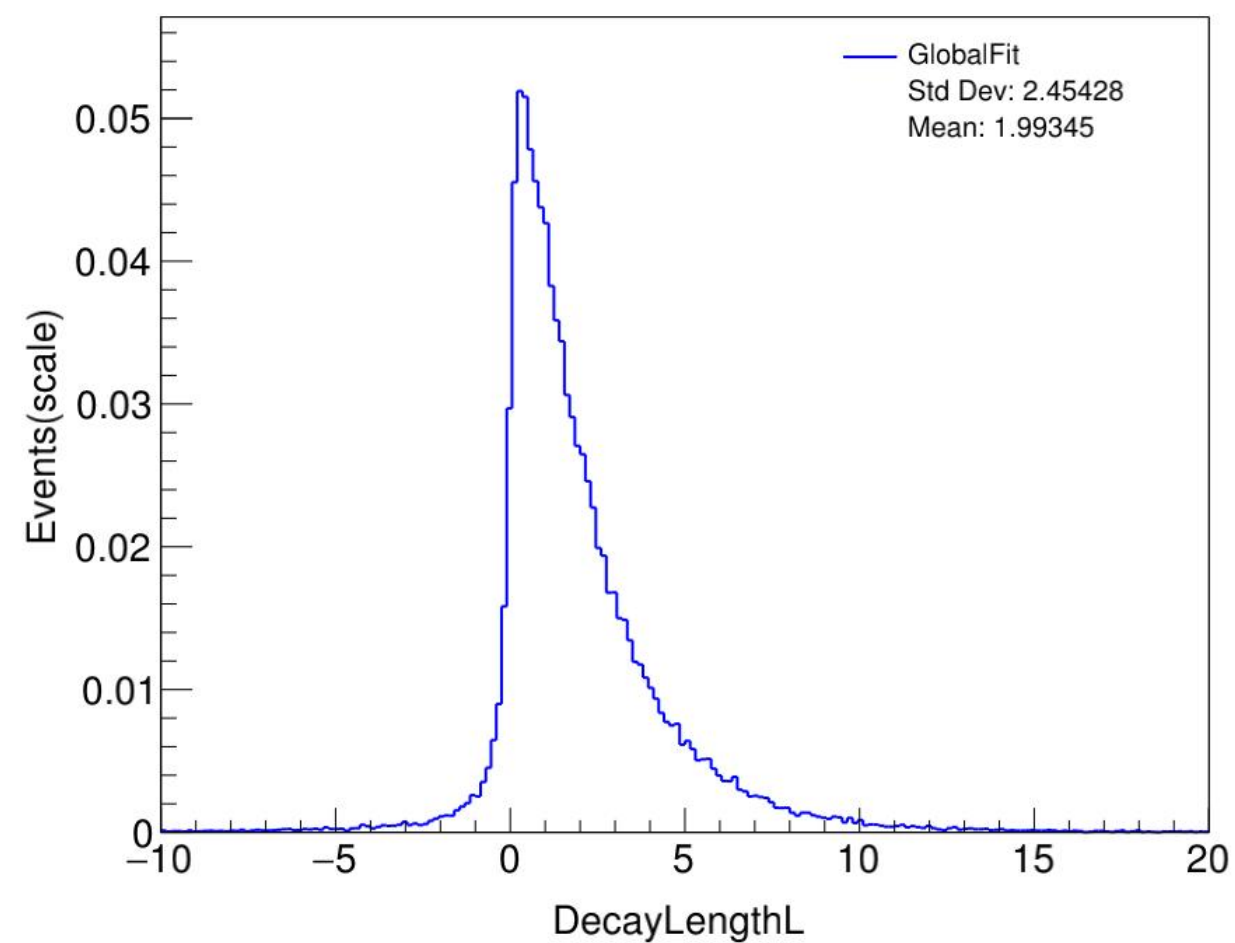
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double decaylerr = particle.getExtraInfo("decayLengthErr");
```

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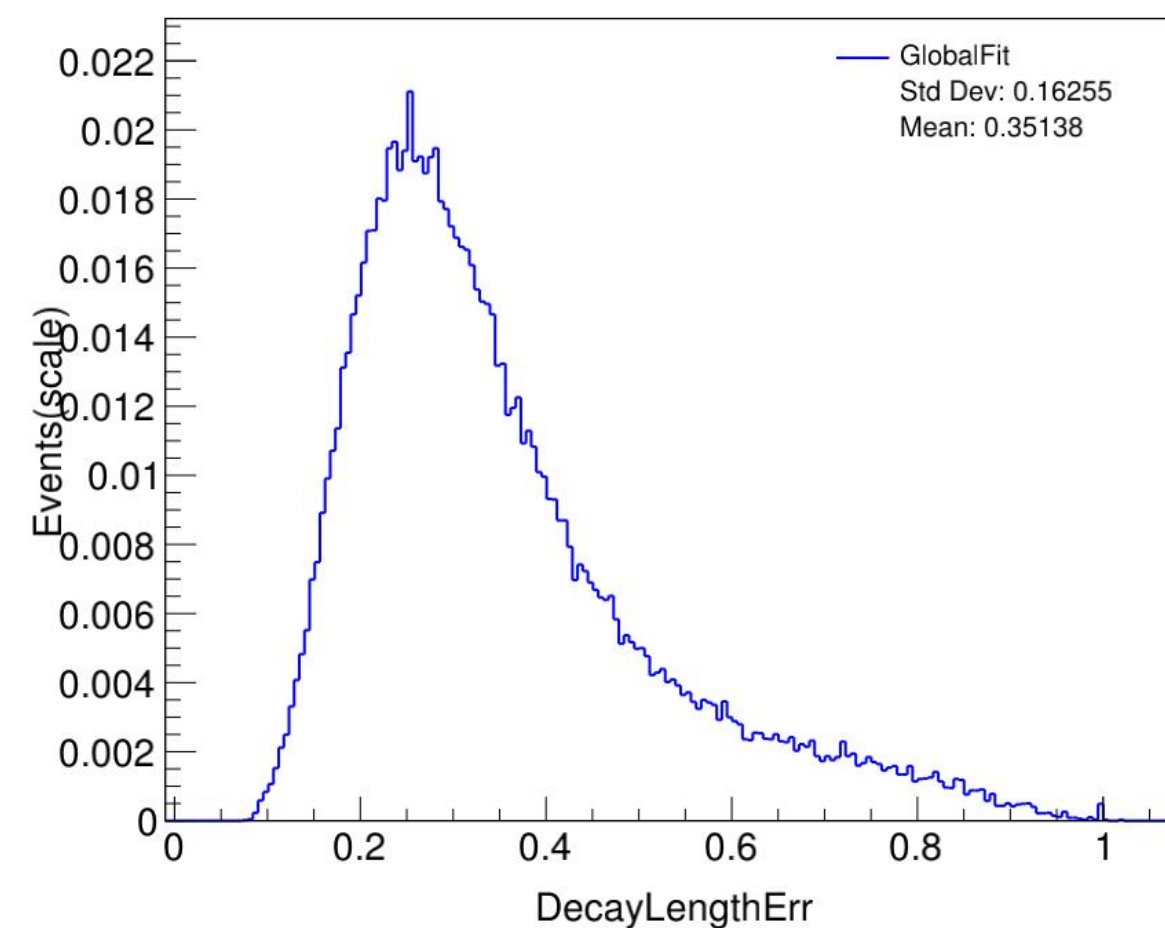
➤ performance of GlobalvertexFit after 4c

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \Sigma^+(Pr)\bar{\Sigma}(\pi_0(rr)\bar{P})$$

➤ $\bar{\Sigma}$ decayLength distribution



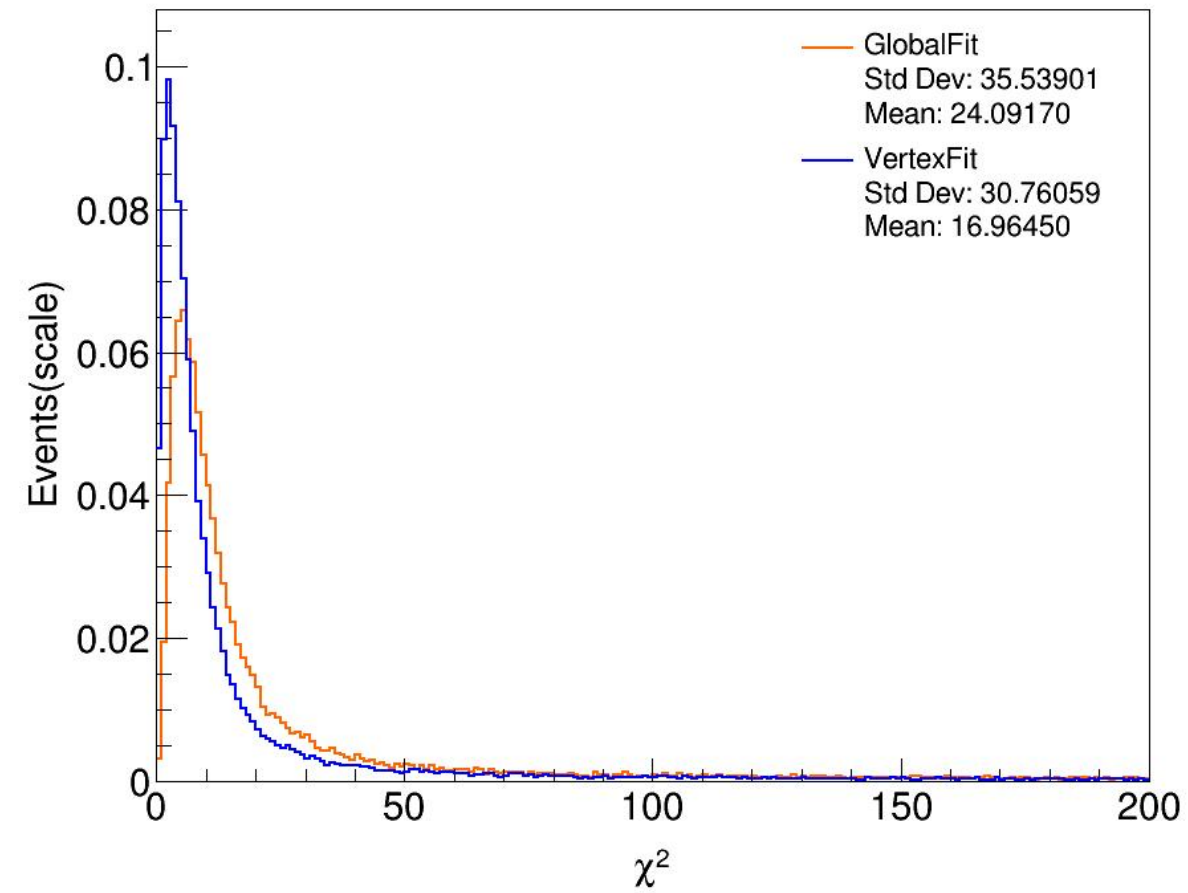
➤ $\bar{\Sigma}$ distribution of decayL err



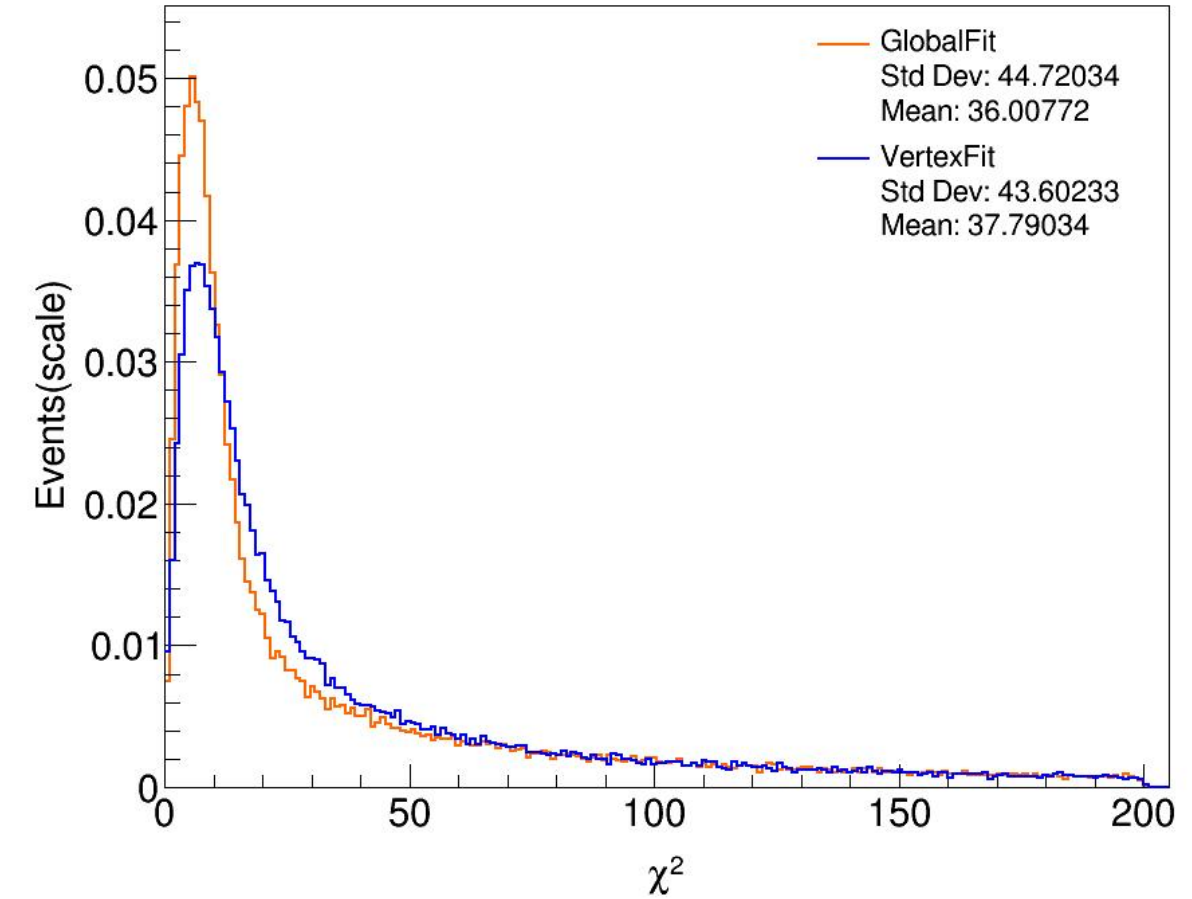
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➤ Chisq distribution

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow (p\pi^-)(\bar{p}\pi^+)$$



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➤ User guide

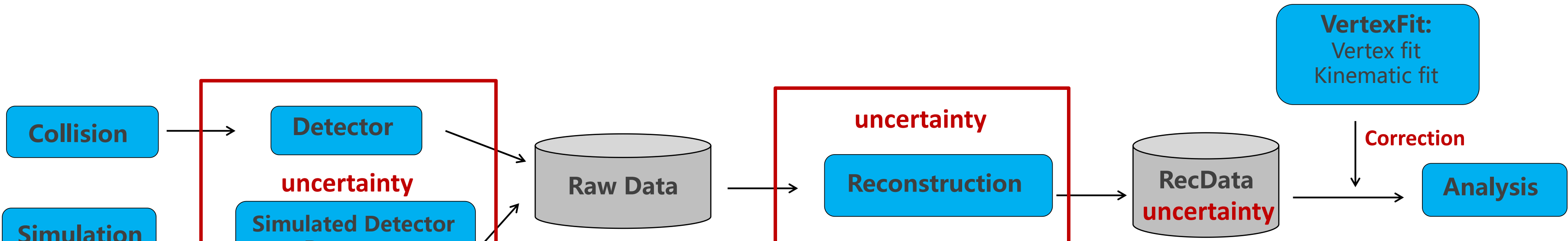
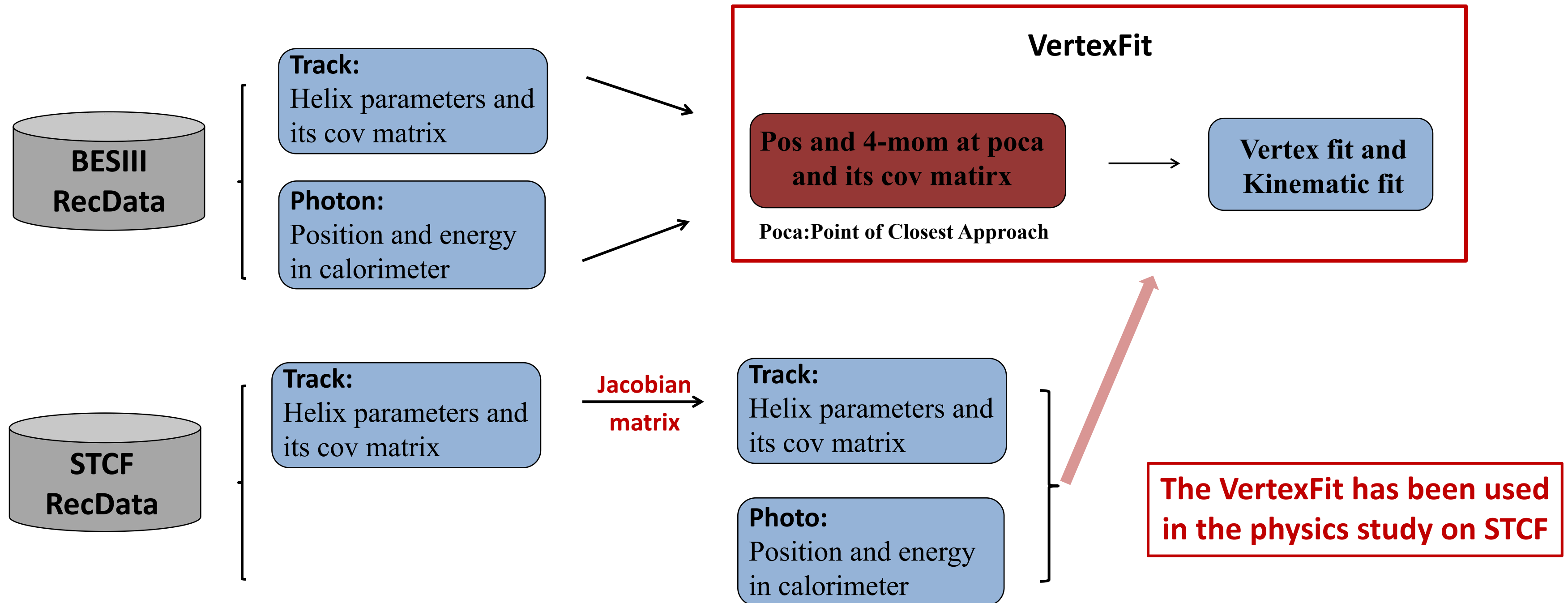


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